

Superforts Bomb Tokyo in Daylight Raid

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Der Autobus geht schneller.
Der Outabooks gayt shneler.
The bus goes faster.

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7th Army in Strasbourg

Jap Capital Hit by New B29 Outfit

Superfortresses of a new 21st Bomber Command based in the Marianas Islands bombed Tokyo by daylight yesterday.

This first blow by the big B29s against the Japanese capital marked the opening of a campaign to soften up Japan itself "for ultimate invasion by the combined United Nations' land, sea and air forces," said Gen. Henry H. Arnold, USAAF chief and commander of the 20th Air Force, which operates the Superforts, in a report to President Roosevelt.

"This won't be accomplished in a short time," Arnold reported. "The battle is just beginning. But today we opened against Tokyo an attack which will be carried on relentlessly from the air until the day of the land invasion."

Simultaneously, Washington disclosed that the bomb load of a Superfortress, hitherto a top military secret, is at least ten tons, as compared with a Flying Fortress's normal maximum load of three tons. Some B29 missions have included 100 planes.

The raid, carried out at noon and lasting, by Tokyo accounts, for two hours, was directed at industrial targets in the Japanese capital. For days beforehand the crews had been specially briefed to avoid hitting the imperial palace and religious shrines.

Maj. Robert Morgan, who piloted the renowned B17 Memphis Belle in the ETO, was at the controls of the first B29 over Tokyo.

Washington announced that two planes out of the "sizable task

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Primed for Action



Danielle Darrieux, French film queen, announced last night in Paris that she would return to the screen, provided that someone furnishes her with a "good scenario." She had retired to southern France during the occupation by the Germans.

Nazi Pooch Barks Up the Wrong Tree



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo.
Sgt. Harold Jahnki (right), of Chicago, an interpreter, and Sgt. John Slavin, of Nashville, Tenn., prepare to read the note sent over with this dog from the German lines. The enemy has been using this type of communication to ask the Americans to surrender.

Lone Tank Annihilates 125 Nazi Vehicles in Six Hours

WITH THE THIRD ARMORED DIV. — When 1/Lt. Vernon G. Dingley turned his Sherman tank, the "Eliminator," loose on a 125-vehicle German column in a six-hour onslaught recently, he not only "eliminated" the column—he annihilated it!

Phone Strikers Return to Jobs

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (ANS).—Telephone operators who had quit their jobs in 29 Ohio cities, Washington and Detroit were back at their switchboards today.

It soon will be up to the War Labor Board to adjust differences between the ex-strikers and their employers.

The National Telephone Workers Federation, an unaffiliated union, had not heeded the WLB pleas to return to work, but in the face of prospects of government operation of the telephone companies, it called the strike off.

Overseas-Bound Smokes Stolen; 3 Nabbed by FBI

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—The theft of 200 cartons of cigarettes from a North River pier where they were awaiting shipment to troops overseas led to the arrest yesterday of two longshoremen and a truck driver on charges of stealing government property.

The FBI and police said they caught William P. Dowd Jr. and Fred F. Monti ripping open wooden cases of cigarettes and that the truck driver, James F. Reaney, had agreed to sell them for \$1 a carton.

P. G. Wodehouse Released

The Paris police reported yesterday that P. G. Wodehouse, British author, has been released.

Dingley, with the support of one other tank, had been ordered to intercept and destroy the fleeing enemy convoy, while the rest of the Third Armored went on to knife through the Nazi lines. Moments after he left his unit, he spotted the Jerry column, and, under the cover of the second tank, ripped up and down the road until the breach of the tank cannon was blistering hot, firing with everything he and his crew had.

When Nazi resistance ceased, almost six hours later, the road looked like Hell's main highway. Tallying his kill, Dingley found that the "Eliminator" had smashed five 170mm artillery pieces, an 80mm high-velocity gun, and more than 100 other vehicles. Some of the Germans manning the convoy had escaped, but most of them lay sprawled dead, along with their artillery horses, beside their smoking vehicles.

Long, Long Trail Winds Up For U.S. Red Ball Highway

The famous Red Ball Express Highway, its job done, has been discontinued.

This was announced yesterday by U.S. Army Transportation Corps authorities, who said trucking units that rolled over the 700-mile highway from the French coast to the front are now being rushed to points farther east.

Red Ball carried over 500,000 tons of supplies in 81 days. At its peak

Patton Crosses Saar; Allies Move On Cologne Plain

U.S. Seventh Army troops held virtually all of Strasbourg, France's great eastern anchor, yesterday and front dispatches quoted unverified reports that advance elements had crossed the Rhine into Germany.

These elements, front reports said, apparently were reconnaissance forces and not necessarily spearheads of a major drive across the river. The Allied force would be the first to cross the river since the last world war if reports are confirmed.

Northward in Lorraine, U.S. Third Army troops smashed southward and crossed the Saar River near Postroff and Kirrberg, 26 miles south of Saarbrücken, and drove on two miles, Reuter reported from the front.

Draftees Must Serve Abroad, Canada Rules

OTTAWA, Nov. 24.—The Canadian government, after fighting five years of war by sending only volunteers abroad, abandoned the policy last night under a wave of opposition which threatened to put the veteran Prime Minister Mackenzie King out of office.

Before a tense House of Commons meeting to debate the crisis arising out of the immediate need for reinforcements on the Western Front, the Prime Minister announced that partial conscription for overseas service had been effected by an order in council and that 16,000 men were available for overseas.

Mackenzie King disclosed yesterday he had written earlier this month that he believed conscription for overseas duty would almost inevitably bring a general election and risk national dissension and perhaps weaken Canadian unity and strength "for generations to come."

The government's new course resulted in at least one Cabinet resignation, that of Air Minister C. O. Power, of Quebec.

Russians Drive Enemy From All of Esthonia

An order of the day from Marshal Stalin last night announced that the Germans have been eliminated from Oesel Island, which dominates the entrance to the Latvian port and capital of Riga.

"With the liberation of the island of Oesel, the whole territory of the Soviet Esthonian Republic has been freed of the enemy," the order said.

Advance on Cologne Plain

The Stars and Stripes Correspondent Earl Mazo with Third Army said that 3,125 Germans still held out five encircled forts outside of Metz.

In Germany meanwhile, three other Allied armies—the U.S. First and Ninth and British Second—crawled through November fogs toward the Cologne plain and battled savage German counter-attacks which threw the British back a half-mile out of Hoven in the Geilenkirchen sector.

Some Street Fighting

Orderly crowds of civilians lined the streets of liberated Strasbourg, cheering and waving flags, front dispatches said, as French armor took up positions in squares to fire into Germany.

The three Rhine bridges east of the city, only permanent spans between Strasbourg and the Swiss frontier, were reported intact by the dispatches, but Germans held a perimeter around each of them

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ETO Veterans May See China

CHUNGKING, Nov. 24 (ANS).—Maj. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer said today that U.S. troops eventually will be used in China for a continental campaign against Japan and indicated that soldiers from the ETO would be included.

Wedemeyer, who succeeded Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell as head of U.S. forces in China and chief of staff to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, told a press conference:

"When the war in Europe ends I want to be ready to tell Gen. Marshall, 'We can use certain forces and supplies for a definite purpose.' You can be sure such plans are being made."

8th Spans Cosina River, Sets Up 5 Bridgeheads

ROME, Nov. 24.—British Eighth Army troops crossed the Cosina River three and a half miles southeast of Faenza and established five small bridgeheads on a front two and a half miles wide. Allied Headquarters announced today.

Heavy fighting raged there and on a sector to the west where Polish troops advanced half a mile.

THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

Servants of the People

I read where a House Military Affairs Committee junket is coming our way. Chairman May of this outfit is the guy who predicted the war would be over in 1942. These jokers talk too much when they get home.

I suggest they be given something worthwhile to talk about.

Let them come over the way replacements do. Port of Embarkation for 10 days, packed in a troop transport like slabs of mackerel... replacement center in UK where they will stay for about five weeks doing details every day until somebody in GFRS discovers they belong somewhere.

From there let them cross the channel on an LST or LCI... sleeping (am I kidding?) where they can. Then the piece de resistance. The four-day trip on the 40-and-8s around France. A lovely sightseeing tour. It'll beat hell out of the guys at the Willard Bar! Oh, lovely day! They finally arrive—at another replacement depot. Two weeks there in the mud.

By this time they don't give a damn whether they replace anybody or not. They just want to go back to the House Military Affairs Committee. Who wouldn't? — Pvt. J. W.

Fire! Fire!

With winter starting to set in, GI Joe finds it necessary to use many means to keep warm. His first impulse is to build a fire, not being very much concerned where he builds it. In the past week this careless GI has cost the government several hundred thousand dollars in this vicinity alone. Every piece of equipment that is lost, every drop of gas that is burned up is depriving the men on the front line of the necessities it takes to beat the Jerry.

It is every GI's job to prevent fires and not to start them. Few know what to do in the event



of a fire. Let me tell you. First, try to extinguish it with the nearest fire appliances; second, send someone to contact the nearest fire fighting outfit.

We find that most GIs wait until the fire is out of control before they contact the fire-fighting section. Being a fireman, I can promise you that in case the fire is out when the firemen arrive you can look forward to a heartfelt "Merci beaucoup" from them.—S/Sgt. E. Boone and crew.

Professional Soldier

This is a Regular Army enlisted man's point of view:

We all understand that there must be an army of occupation in Germany. For the people of Germany to adhere strictly to its directives and regulations, it would be necessary for it to be made entirely of men who have designated the army as their career. The man who has designated the army as his life's profession will undoubtedly take great pride in the personal and collective action that he takes in helping the people of Germany forget the ruthless rule and insidious doctrines of the Nazi party.

The army as a career is equal to any other profession that man is able to follow in civilian life to make his or others' stay on earth

more comfortable or profitable. On second thought, it seems to me that the career of a professional soldier reaches a height that a civilian profession rarely attains. Here are a few comparisons:

The doctor spends his life administering to others' ills; it is a noble undertaking, but long hours and very little pay in many cases. His patients, a small fraction of the ill people of the world, who in turn make up a small fraction of the world's peoples. The same things holds true with the career of a lawyer.

The professional soldier is head and shoulders above these two career examples inasmuch as he represents the entire people of a nation and must uphold the traditions and the respect of that nation to all the other nations of the world, and their peoples. Therefore, I say that only the man who wants to make the army his career, as other men want to become lawyers, doctors and engineers, should be considered for the Army of Occupation of Germany.

For myself, you ask? Well, just reserve the top of the list for me. —Sgt. C. A. Harner, Engr.

Gun's Eye View

The peace terms to be imposed on Germany should be decided by the men who have fought the Nazis, and not by civilian politicians who are influenced by various considerations at home, such as trying to please certain pressure groups, etc.

Are not the men who fight the Germans more qualified to know what type of mentality their enemies possess, than people whose main contact with the foe has been in drawing-rooms; embassy balls and books?

A person who fought the enemy and has watched his own comrades die, will impose peace terms harsh enough to prevent another World War. He will see to it that Germany is incapable of tossing the whole world into another bloody conflict in the future. Then, perhaps, we will have "peace in our time"... Pfc. P. L., Inf.

Liberté, Egalité...

The sign "Off Limits to EMs and Other Ranks" appears above many of the best public places. What does this mean?

Why, in a foreign country, should there be a differentiation between EMs and officers in "public places"?

In a country like ours these things are not natural to our mode of living. Here officers and EMs alike shed their blood on the same field of battle.

This may be France, but is it still "Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité"? — J. H. Lefgren & Pvt. D. Kirschenbaum, Harbor Craft Co.

Hash Marks

The "Guys in Cozy Corner Apartments" of an Ordnance outfit vouch for this one. A sergeant with a radio under his arm was approached by a lieutenant who asked what he had there. "A French radio," replied the sergeant. "Too bad," murmured the lieutenant. "None of us understands the language."

Sign in a cigarette-less PX—"No Ifs, Ands or BUTTS."

The fellow who said this must have been a hen-pecked Pfc whose wife is a WAC corporal. "When a



man and a girl get married, they become one. Then they discover which one."

We liked the recent Punch cartoon which showed two British tanks moving into a town. One driver quips, "If we hurry we should be able to capture it in time for the nine o'clock news."

Guys named Herman get no sympathy from one MP lieutenant when they complain about newspapers referring to the Nazis by this name. The lieutenant is George Jerry, Jr.

A GI was either reminiscing or making plans for the future the



other day. He was heard to mutter over and over:

"Oh, how I envy the shoe store clerk, Who tries shoes on women, And gets paid for his work."

A private was taking a nap in back of an officers club at an ETO airfield one afternoon when he was awakened by a none-too-gentle shove. Still in a daze he demanded, "Who are you?" "I'm the lieutenant in charge of this club," was the answer. "Well, si' that's a helluva way to get new members," said the GI popping to attention.

Sign in an ammo depot. "If you must smoke, do so. Then leave by the exit that will suddenly appear in the roof."

War on 2 Fronts



The whole Western Front erupted during the past week from the British sector in Holland to the French sector along the Swiss border. Principal activity on the Eastern Front found the Soviets improving their positions in northeastern Hungary. Allied armies in the west (near Duren) were 301 miles from Berlin. In the east, the Russians (north of Warsaw) were 304 miles from the German capital.

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE

It Wasn't Hans

"Hans, is that you?" the German guard asked when Lt. Lawrence W. Miller, Bowling Green, Mo., stumbled into a German outpost at night. Miller, reconnaissance platoon leader of the 28th Inf. Div.'s 630th TD Bn., said nothing, but captured the guard and Hans.

The guard's comment: "The trouble with the American soldier is that he talks too much and gives away his position. He can be heard from great distances."

Surgeon Leads Men

Infantry battalion surgeons aren't supposed to carry litters, but Capt. Donald Trees, of Winkfield, Kan., set a precedent that easily might have cost his life. When a number of 35th Div medics were wounded while aiding casualties, Trees personally led a litter team on five trips.

Turned Nazi Trick

It was 5 AM in Germany when two 634th TD Bn. soldiers, Sgt. Gordon S. Grow, of Princeton, Minn., and Cpl. John P. Sauer, of Chicago, heard tracked vehicles approaching. Then a voice called out: "Hullo, hullo."

Suspecting a German trick, Sauer yelled back: "Was ist da?" In the silence that followed, Grow made sure they were really Nazis. Then he fired one shot. Explosions and flames marked the spot where there had been two enemy half-tracks.

Bridge of Cees

XV Corps Engineers, tired of erecting signs warning of dangerous curves and slippery roads, put this one up at a bridge threatened by floodwaters:

The Bridge Ahead Is Pretty Good If You Drive As Slow As You Should Eat C Rations.

Composer in 47th

Frank Sinatra Dept.—Pfc Sol Peskin, of the Ninth Inf. Div.'s 47th Reg., is co-author of Frankie's theme song, "This Love of Mine," which he wrote under the pen name of Parker.

Needs His Choppers

Pfc William C. Lewis, of Newport, Wash., says he had a lousy Thanksgiving dinner. Lewis, of the 83rd Inf. Div., lost his false teeth during an artillery barrage, when an enemy shell lifted him from his foxhole. He couldn't find the GI denture, but otherwise he was unscathed.

and dehydrated vegetables," Lewis moans. "Hope my new china choppers are ready by Christmas."

They Didn't Walk

Two 36th Div. soldiers, 2/Lt. Herbert Etier, of Herbert, La., and Pfc John P. Howard, of Chicago, went on patrol to see if the Germans had evacuated a stronghold. They found them gone, leaving behind propaganda leaflets and a walking-stick.

Luck of the Irish

Sgt. Herb Wayne, of Eighth Infantry Division Special Service Office, called at a HQ in his jeep. At the gate, white-helmeted MPs demanded credentials. Wayne



possessed no identification and was at loss, until seized by a bright thought. He passed through unhindered when he flourished an "early chow" ticket dating back to Northern Ireland.

Chew 'em, Captain

A battalion commander in the 35th Inf. Div. received a report that two of his men who had gone on pass to an on-limits city had missed the truck for the return ride.

"What should I do?" he asked. "Take the caramels out of their K rations."

We Get the Idea

Wanting to show his men how it's done, Capt. James T. Corbett Jr., of the Third Armored Div. and Woonsocket, R.I., approached a house suspected of harboring Germans, selected a grenade, pulled the pin and let go. For a moment, after the smoke and dust cleared, nothing happened. Then, out of the front door strutted a hen and three chicks.

Births

Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Sir Stock's Arrival: CPL. Al Chardis, Bronx—Sharon Lynn, C. Oct. 26; Lt. John J. Doherty Jr., Long Island—(boy), Nov. 9; Lt. William E. Fanning, Hawthorne, N.J.—Maureen Anne, Nov. 14; Sgt. Tom Harris, St. Petersburg, Fla.—Thomas Randall, Nov. 15; Lt. Raymond C. Hatfield, San Antonio, Tex.—Barbara Jo, Oct. 9; Pvt. Gerald Hennehan, Canadaigua, N.Y.—Jo Ann, Oct. 27; Pfc John Hechinger, Brooklyn—Sonja Carol, Nov. 13; Lt. Robert F. Hubbard, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.—John Maxwell, Nov. 9.



"I wonder how you say 'Eau-de-Cologne' in French?"

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Buckeyes Play Wolves for Big Ten Title

Wake Forest On Top, 19-13, In Holiday Tiff

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Nov. 24.—The Deacons of Wake Forest turned in their eighth victory in nine 1944 starts when they downed South Carolina, 19-13, here yesterday before 9,000 fans at Memorial Stadium.

South Carolina assumed an early advantage by marching 34 yards to a touchdown in the second period. After Fullback Mack Erwin and Halfback Dan Aharalson picked up most of the yardage on line bucks, Curly Kuldell pitched a touchdown pass to Tim Hunnicutt, and Johnny Tominack converted.

Rock Brinkley counted for the Deacons to culminate an 85-yard march that got under way on the kickoff, and Nick Sacrinty intercepted a pass in the same period to score again for Wake Forest.

Kuldell connected with Pat Thrash just before the half to again knot the count, the pass covering 20 yards and Thrash going 13 more to cross the goal-line.

The Deacons clinched their victory in the third period when Brinkley plunged across from the three after he and Sacrinty had sparked a long downfield march.

Missouri Blasts Kansas, 28-0

KANSAS CITY, Nov. 24.—With Fullback Jim Kekeris, a converted tackle, leading the way, Missouri showed unexpected power here yesterday to bewilder Kansas, 28-0, before 20,000 fans in their 53rd annual game.

Kekeris, who weighs 273, tallied 16 points on two touchdowns and four conversions. Other touchdowns were scored by Cliffe and Robinson.

Tulsa, in Bowl Tuneup, Batters Arkansas, 33-2

TULSA, Nov. 24.—Tulsa's Golden Hurricane, striking furiously in the first half, roared to a 33-2 victory over Arkansas here yesterday in a warmup for its Orange Bowl game against Georgia Tech in Miami.

Coach Henry Fmka ordered his club to kick on first down throughout the second half, which didn't please the crowd but gave Tulsa a chance to brush up on its notoriously weak pass defense. Arkansas managed to complete only ten of 40 passes, however.

Bucknell Shades F-M, 6-0

LANCASTER, Pa., Nov. 24.—A ten-yard touchdown pass from Ed Netski to Cal Killeen in the second quarter enabled Bucknell to pull out a 6-0 victory over Franklin and Marshall before a Thanksgiving Day throng of 6,000.

Kelly Wins Berwick Run

BERWICK, Pa., Nov. 24.—Johnny Kelly, of Acton, Mass., won the Berwick Marathon for the third straight time here yesterday, defeating the five-time winner, Robert "Scotty" Rankin of the Royal Canadian AF, over the nine-mile course.

'Leading Lady' By Pap



Snead's 70 Gives Him Lead In \$15,000 Portland Open

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 24.—Sammy Snead, playing in his first tournament since receiving a medical discharge from the Navy, clubbed a sub-par 70 over the rain-soaked course here yesterday to take an early lead in the \$15,000 Portland Open golf tourney.

Sammy, clicking equally as well on the fairways and greens, covered the front nine in a sizzling 33, but ate up 37 strokes on the way back to the clubhouse.

Mike Turnesa, of White Plains, N.Y., was close behind Snead with 71, while Zell Eaton, of Los Angeles; Willie Goggin, of White Plains, and Harold West, Portland bus driver carded 72s.

PGA Champion Bob Hamilton buckled down on the back nine for a 36 to come in with a respectable 75. Jug McSpaden also shot 75 while Johnny Robbins, of Portland, headed amateur entrants with 74.

Rafferty of NYAC Sets 10,000-Meter Record

BALTIMORE, Nov. 24.—Jimmy Rafferty of the New York Athletic Club won the annual 10,000-meter National AAU championship run in the record time of 31:38 minutes here yesterday, clipping 2:14 minutes off the existing mark.

Curran Dempsey and Walt Berry of the U.S. Naval Academy clasped hands and finished in a dead-heat for second place. Bill Hulise, stationed in Florida with the Navy, was unable to defend his title.

Okana Takes \$25,000 Argonaut Handicap

INGLEWOOD, Cal., Nov. 24.—Okana, three-year-old gelding, yesterday galloped to victory in the \$25,000 Argonaut Handicap, finishing one length ahead of Charles Howard's Lu Bro, with Paper Boy third. Okana paid \$9.50 to win.

Marriage, the favorite, finished seventh.

Army May Let Beau Jack Out

FT. BENNING, Ga., Nov. 24.—Now that Pvt. Sidney Walker has learned how to read and write, he may be headed back to civilian life, the Army disclosed today.

Sidney Walker happens to be Beau Jack, the Augusta, Ga., bootblack who at one time held the New York State version of the lightweight boxing diadem. With his GI education, the Beau now will be able to keep tab of his ring earnings.

Col. John P. Ederly, CO at the reception center here, said a knee condition, from which Jack suffered prior to induction, has not responded to treatment as well as expected.



Beau Jack

FOOTBALL SCORES

- Wake Forest 19, South Carolina 13.
- Tulsa 33, Arkansas 2.
- Bucknell 6, Franklin & Marshall 0.
- Missouri 28, Kansas 0.
- Wichita 13, Drake 12.
- Utah 47, Utah State 0.
- Colorado 16, Denver 14.
- Presbyterian 6, Newberry 0.
- Pacific 14, Fresno State 6.
- West Texas St. 41, Abilene All-Stars 6.
- Tuskegee 30, Alabama State 12.
- Kemper Military 28, Wentworth Military 13.

Grid Winners to Clash In Paris Tomorrow

The Second AADA Thunderbolts will meet the Engineer Raiders in a football game tomorrow at the Stadium of the Athletic League of Paris (Stade de la Ligue Parisienne d'Athletisme). The game will start at 2 PM.

The Thunderbolts defeated Ninth AF Headquarters a week ago, 6-0, while the Raiders topped the Engineer Maroons, 7-0, Thursday.

Montreal Slips Into NHL Lead

DETROIT, Nov. 24.—Despite a 3-3 tie with the Detroit Red Wings last night, the Montreal Canadiens ousted the Toronto Maple Leafs from first place in the National Hockey League.

Goals by Toe Blake, Maurice Richard and Dutch Hiller gave Montreal a 3-2 edge with six minutes to go, but Flash Hollett rammed home the tying marker at that stage. Carl Liscombe and Steve Wochy netted the other Wing goals.

Short-Handed Leafs Bow

BOSTON, Nov. 24.—The Toronto Maple Leafs, with only 11 players in uniform, because of an epidemic of injuries, dropped a 5-1 decision to the Boston Bruins before 12,000 fans here last night. Lorne Carr racked up Toronto's only score midway in the final period, while Herb Cain tallied twice and Pat Egan, Dit Clapper and Bill Cowley scored once apiece for the Bruins.

Hawks Tie Rangers, 4-4

CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—Pete Horeck's goal with five minutes to play enabled the Chicago Blackhawks to tie the New York Rangers, 4-4, last night. Clint Smith, Bill Mosienko and Bill Thoms got the other Blackhawk goals. Ranger tallies were racked up by Al Shack, Ab DeMarco, Fred Thurrier and Ott Heller.

Hockey Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE						
	W	L	T	Pts	G	OG
Montreal	8	2	1	17	44	26
Toronto	8	3	0	16	49	38
Detroit	5	3	2	12	44	29
Boston	3	6	1	7	35	46
Rangers	1	5	3	5	28	45
Chicago	1	7	1	3	36	53

AMERICAN LEAGUE						
Last Night's Scores						
Providence 4, Indianapolis 2						
EASTERN DIVISION						
	W	L	T	Pts	G	OG
Buffalo	7	5	2	16		
Hershey	7	5	1	15		
Providence	3	6	2	8		

WESTERN DIVISION						
	W	L	T	Pts	G	OG
Pittsburgh	8	6	1	17		
Indianapolis	6	5	5	17		
Cleveland	6	6	1	13		
St. Louis	2	5	2	6		

GI Football Teams To Meet in Holland

TAC HQ, Holland, Nov. 24.—The 29th TAC football team will encounter Col. Carroll W. McColpin's P47 eleven Sunday in one of the first grid-clashes in Holland since Allied troops reached the country.

This is the first game for the P47 squad, while the TAC huskies pummeled the Ninth AAF Headquarters team, 23-0, last week.

Ohio Staters Hope to Lure Rose Bowl Bid

By Andy Rooney

STARS AND STRIPES U.S. BUREAU. NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Most of the nation's football enthusiasts are looking over the tops of their bifocals to next week's Army-Navy game in Baltimore, but for a short time tomorrow they will be peering down at the games on hand.

Out at Columbus, Ohio, Carroll Widdoes' unbeaten Buckeyes of Ohio State and Michigan will do business tomorrow for the "civilian football championship of America." There are only a few observers in the country who wouldn't concede that title to the Buckeyes if they trim the Wolverines—and most of these diehards are Yale alumni who are watching the first undefeated Yale team since 1923.



Carroll Widdoes

Yale meets high-powered Virginia tomorrow in its last game of the season. Anticipating victory, Bulldog officials already have turned down bowl offers they hope to get, if they win.

Like Yale, Ohio State lives in a league where post-season games are frowned on, but it is expected the Buckeyes may be able to accept a Rose Bowl bid from the winner of tomorrow's UCLA-Southern California game on the coast. Big Ten athletic directors are slated to settle the post-season question Sunday at a special session requested by Ohio State.

The southern spotlight will shine on Atlanta, Ga., where Notre Dame's disillusioned eleven will strive to upset Georgia Tech and remove a slice of luster from the Orange Bowl affair at Miami. Tech is scheduled to oppose Tulsa in that New Year's Day spectacle.



GRID GUESSES
EAST
DAN PARKER PICKS.—Yale over Virginia, Penn over Cornell, Holy Cross over Boston College, Dartmouth over Columbia, Penn State over Pittsburgh.

MIDWEST
ARCH WARD PICKS.—Illinois over Northwestern, Iowa Pre-Flight over Iowa, Minnesota over Wisconsin, Indiana over Purdue, Ohio State over Michigan.

SOUTH
OSCAR FRALEY PICKS.—Notre Dame over Georgia Tech, Duke over North Carolina, Tennessee over Kentucky, Mississippi State over Mississippi, Auburn over Miami, Georgia over Clemson.

SOUTHWEST
WELDON HART PICKS.—Texas Christian over Rice, Texas Tech over Southern Methodist, Randolph Field over Amarillo AAF.

FAR WEST
BILL LEISER PICKS.—Southern California over UCLA, St. Mary's Pre-Flight over California, El Toro Marines over Coast Guard Pilots, March Field over Second AAF (Sunday game).

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, The Stars and Stripes, Paris, France, APO 887.

APOs WANTED

PVT. Julius Schapiro, 32888265; Clarence Schultz, Guttenberg; Sgt. David Sexton, Glens Falls, N.Y.; S/Sgt. Harry B. Silva Jr., 34161009; Pvt. Francis M. Smith, Denver, Colo.; Pvt. Roger Smith, Denton, Tex.; Pvt. Lloyd Swenson, Bay Ridge; John Tiller; Lt. James M. Unland; Pfc James W. Vaughn, 35220856; Lt. Johnnie Verstraet, Ord, Neb.; S/Sgt. W. G. West, Dallas; Joseph C. Willardson, Mayfield, Utah; T/Sgt. August Williams; Lt. Lou Ann Winkelman, Foley, Minn.; John Russell Wolf, Chicago; Pvt. Clarence A. Wright; Sgt. John W. Yancey, 20422634.



FDR Proposes Lease Program End With War

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—President Roosevelt told Congress today that "lend-lease and reverse lend-lease should end with the war."

His flat statement, apparently ending rumors that the system might be extended into peacetime, was made in a letter accompanying a report on reverse lend-lease which said that without Britain's contributions "we would surely have been forced to delay the invasion of France for many months."

"Lend-lease and reverse lend-lease are not two sides of a financial transaction," the President wrote. "We are not losing money under lend-lease. We are not receiving payments on account under reverse lend-lease."

'Combined War Supply'

"Instead, the lend-lease system is a system of combined war supply whose sole purpose is to make the most effective use against the enemy of the combined resources of the United Nations, regardless of the origin of the supplies or which of us uses them against the enemy."

In London at the same time the British reported that 865,000 U.S. troops were carried across the Atlantic in British ships up to last June, with the Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth carrying 325,000.

A report on mutual aid to the Allies, Britain's term for her lend-lease, also showed:

Air bases, port facilities and military installations supplied to the U.S. cost British taxpayers \$670,400,000, and 100,000 workmen were supplied to build them. The airfields numbered 133. Hospitals with 100,000 beds also were provided.

Nearly \$4,500,000,000 worth of goods and services were supplied by Britain to her allies, of which nearly \$2,500,000,000 went to the U.S.

Royalty Steps Aside for GI

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 24.—A GI's travel priority bumped royalty off a commercial airliner last night. Former Archduke Felix of Austria had to yield his seat on the plane from Salt Lake City to T/Sgt. John F. Ward, aerial engineer of Long Beach, Calif.

War on the Home Front

CANBY, Minn., Nov. 24 (ANS).—The city council has declared war on a gang of "junior commandos" who have been cutting telephone communications. More than a score of rural lines were put out of commission in one "raid" and all phones in the northeast section of town in another.

Heeds FDR's Request

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24 (ANS).—Leo T. Crawley yesterday submitted his resignation as foreign economic administrator, but at President Roosevelt's request agreed to remain until Germany is defeated.

Seven Eschweiler Victors Sent To Showers and On to Paris

By Russell Jones
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

ESCHWEILER, GERMANY, Nov. 24.—The Army today paid off seven of the guys who captured this town Wednesday by giving them first showers in more than a month, clean clothes, a pay day and a trip to Paris. One of them was 1/Lt. Jerry Hooker, of Eugene, Ore., who led his C company in the second night attack on the front.

The battalion commander's direct orders put Hooker on the list. The six other names, drawn from a captured silk hat, were: S/Sgt. J. Powell, Pfc Emanuel Prockman, Sgt. Milton Lyer, S/Sgt. Piers Reis, Pfc Arlan Peters and Pfc Raymond Carroll.

They left their outfit on the north edge of Eschweiler today. Their passes are good until Nov. 28, so they will have two days in the French capital, plus traveling time.

Not so fortunate as the Paris-bound seven, the rest of the company, however, had a pretty good reason to celebrate Thanksgiving

WAC Heroine



Cpl. Grace Sharkey has been recommended for the Soldier's Medal. Kicking out the Plexiglass nose of a crashed and burning Liberator in which she rode as observer during a test flight, the Philadelphia WAC saved the lives of crew members whom she helped to safety seconds before explosions destroyed the bomber.

Seventh Army In Strasbourg

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on the French bank where mortar and machine-gun fire restricted movement in the city.

Some street fighting was continuing in the eastern section, front reports said, as French tanks and American infantry strove to seize the bridges. Allied control of the two highway and one railroad bridges would leave to an estimated 70,000 German troops in Alsace, three pontoon bridges and improvised ferries as escape routes across the Rhine.

At 1630 yesterday, United Press reported, the French flag flew from the great cathedral of the ancient Rhenish city.

In the Vosges, south of the Saverne Gap, out of which the French burst into Alsace Wednesday, the Seventh Army's Third Division drove into the mountain town of Saales in a night attack and entered the Saales pass, another road toward the Rhine.

On the U.S. First Army front, infantry fought to Weisweiler, two miles east of captured Eschweiler, late yesterday, beating down fierce house-to-house resistance, front dispatches said.

Ex-Premier of France Dies

Joseph Caillaux, 81, former French premier, died Wednesday.

Big 3 Reported In Agreement On Occupation

LONDON, Nov. 24 (AP).—A reliable source today reported that the U.S., Russia and Great Britain last week signed agreement here on the occupation of Germany. Details were not immediately known. The source is considered one of the best-informed persons on European diplomatic affairs in London, but requested anonymity.

Under the agreement, it was understood, machinery would be set up for the control of Germany during the period in which she would be filling the Allies' terms of unconditional surrender.

Unanimity Rule

The most important provision of the agreement was said to be unanimity rule, which means that all major decisions of the Big Three on supreme allied control of Germany would have to be reached unanimously. It would rule out any two of the powers voting against the third.

It was understood that France did not sign the agreement because Rene Massigli, French ambassador to Great Britain, has not taken his seat on the European advisory commission. One source said, however, that France would not be excluded from participating in the arrangements for the occupation.

Tokyo . . .

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force" were lost. Tokyo put the number of Superforts making the raid at 70.

The planes flew from new bases at Saipan in the Marianas, about 1,500 miles southeast of Tokyo, captured from the Japanese only five months ago. The 21st Bomber Command based there, directed by Brig. Gen. H. S. Hansell Jr., constitutes a separate force from the 20th Bomber Command, which has been operating from China and India, both under the 20th Air Force. The existence of the 21st had not previously been revealed.

"Tokyo's war industries have been badly hurt by the blow made possible by the Americans who fought and died for the Marianas," Arnold's statement continued. "Now, as American factories feed the voracious appetite of our B29s with replacements, bombs will pound the Japanese war machine out of existence."

Lone Recon Flights

The raid, led by Brig. Gen. Emmett "Rosie" O'Donnell Jr., followed three reconnaissance flights over Tokyo made by a lone Superfort named Tokyo Rose, piloted by Capt. Ralph Steakley, which obtained clear pictures of the vital war plants the Japanese had guarded carefully for years. Intelligence officers said the pictures were the best ever taken of enemy targets.

O'Donnell, 38-year-old combat pilot from Jamaica, N.Y., is a former West Point football coach.

It was the first time Tokyo had been hit by land-based bombers, and the first raid on the capital since the Mitchell bomber raid led by Maj. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle on Apr. 18, 1942, which was launched from the aircraft carrier Hornet.

French Admiral Killed

ALGIERS, Nov. 24 (Reuters).—Rear Adm. Tranier, commander of French naval forces at Casablanca, has been killed in a motor accident near Rabat, Morocco. His wife and two others also were killed.

Log Cabin in the Vosges



In a windy defile of the Vosges Mountains near St. Die, Pvts. Ernest Madders (left) and Edward Wade, of a Seventh Army field artillery battery, started swinging their axes before snow fell and built this snug log house.

Capt. Dick Grace, Stunt Ace, Back On German Bomb Run

AN EIGHTH BOMBER BASE, England, Nov. 24.—One of Hollywood's highest-priced stunt fliers, Capt. Dick Grace, who bombed Germany in World War I, today is doing the very same thing.

Flying with airmen who were too young to go to the movies when he smashed planes in "Wings" and "Hell's Angels," Grace, now 46, re-

lived his past by taking part in an attack on Heligoland. In the last war he heaped fragmentation bombs on that same island fortress.

Grace rejected a direct USAAF commission and a desk job, and received special permission to take aviation cadet training. "The kind of life I've lived," he said, "makes me more suited to combat flying than anything else."

Jap Mine Is Carried 6 Hours by Cruiser

CANBERRA, Nov. 24 (AP).—The Australian cruiser Shropshire carried a Japanese mine in her paravane 15 feet from the ship's side for six hours during the Philippines invasion, Navy Minister Makin told the House today. The mine was picked up at midnight approaching Leyte Island. To preserve the surprise element of the attack no attempt was made to destroy it.

V2 Factory Hit By Fortresses

Eighth Air Force officials, thumbing through three-month-old files, yesterday revealed that 130 Fortresses almost completely destroyed a Nazi V2 components and assembly factory near Weimar, Germany, Aug. 24.

The attack, opposed by 50 enemy interceptors and heavy flak, destroyed seven and severely damaged three of ten major buildings, and wrecked 18 Gestapo and Storm Troopers buildings adjacent to the factory, it was announced.

Television Programs Sent by Phone Wire

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 24 (ANS).—Homer E. Caphart, manufacturer, announced today a process for transmitting television over ordinary telephone facilities.

The method was demonstrated at a plant here with televised images being transmitted 12 miles to a radio station by wire and then back onto a small screen in the plant.

Sergeant Wins Medal of Honor

By G. K. Hodenfield
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

WITH FIRST INF. DIV., GERMANY.—S/Sgt. Walter D. Ehlers, of St. George, Kan., has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for gallantry in action while leading his squad during the invasion and the expansion of the beachhead.

During an attack, Ehlers advanced through several hedgerows, accounting for a number of Germans, and then sneaked along a dead flank of an enemy machine-gun nest.

He rushed the nest with his bayonet and cleared it out in hand-to-hand fighting. He next led his squad in attacking two light mortar positions manned by about 15 men. When about ten feet from the position, he again rushed the Jerries with bayonet fixed.

The following day he continued this type of fighting and, although wounded in the back, carried other wounded members of his squad to safety and returned to the battle.

5 U.S. Fliers Are Shot By Nazis, Swiss Claim

BERNE, Switzerland, Nov. 24 (AP).—The Thurgau newspaper Arbeiter Zeitung reported today that five U.S. fliers who parachuted from their damaged bomber at Friedrichshafen, Germany, had been shot by SS troops despite protests of the local population.

The five were said to have been buried in a common grave at Friedrichshafen. (Thurgau in Switzerland is just across Lake Constance from Friedrichshafen).

Terry And The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate.

By Milton Caniff



Saturday, Nov. 25, 1944

Strangers on the Road May Be

Phoney GI's



Jerry Troops Wear Stolen GI Garb To Trap Unwary Joes as Big Attack Starts

FOUR great American armies, the First, Third, Ninth and Seventh, together with the British Second and the French First, have started their winter drives to crush the outer defenses and force the door to Hitler's home grounds. From Holland south to the Belfort Gap our men are on the move and, as this is written, are fighting on German territory at many points.

These simultaneous attacks came after a waiting period in which we built up reserves of food, ammunition and clothing and during which replacements poured in to bring combat units up to fighting strength. All through this build-up period the Germans sought frantically for information. They were so hungry for facts along the whole 400-mile battle front that rewards in cash and furlough time were offered to German troops who could bring in American prisoners.

The re-grouping of our forces and other evidences of preparation for a large-scale attack had the Krauts plenty worried. They had a pretty good idea of what was coming—but they didn't know when or where the blow would fall.

The result of this condition was a constant series of ambushes, guerrilla attacks and undercover activity along, in and even sometimes behind our own front lines.

No army could have had more favorable conditions for this kind of information-gathering than did the Wehrmacht, in the days just before the signal for the multi-pronged attack. They were fighting on ground they knew like a book—and with the help of local civilians.

Civilians Are Dangerous

These enemy civilians harbor German patrols, provide them with information and serve as decoys to lure unwary GIs into the hands of small enemy kidnaping gangs. Amid the confused and disorganized stream of civilians and "displaced persons" which flows into our lines, German soldiers in civilian clothes are sometimes able to escape detection long enough to secure the information they are seeking.

Sometimes they even disguise themselves as American soldiers,

wearing outer clothing taken from dead or captured GIs.

The disappearance of lone jeeps became almost commonplace, during the stalemate before the big attacks started. This looked, at first, like ordinary ambushing or surprise road blocks—something to be expected in thinly-held sectors of the line.

Then the evidence began to pile up, much of it coming from civilian sources, that the Germans were using carefully thought out systems of deception and subterfuge to

forced the driver to turn up a side road and then took over. One of our men escaped, during a gunfight which developed, but the truck was never seen again. Presumably it was driven into the German lines, via back roads.

The way to avoid such traps is, of course, to suspect all "civilians" and to ignore their signals. If they think a driver is going to run them down, they'll jump for the ditch.

Not so easy to detect—and therefore more dangerous—are traps set by German troops in GI uniforms. That's the method which the pictures on this page serve to illustrate. Those aren't GIs—they're Germans wearing our uniforms which they took from the bodies of a captain and a tech sergeant they had previously ambushed and killed.

The Baited Trap

The officer and the non-com belonged to an engineer battalion attached to an outfit near Metz. They left their CP, with two privates, for a jeep trip to another headquarters. Just how the four men were waylaid and killed, only the Germans who did it can explain. One hour later, wearing the clothing of the men they had killed, the Germans tried their second ambush.

This time they parked their captured jeep on the side of the road and stood grouped around it, when another car of ours came down the road. In the second jeep were two lieutenant colonels of an 8th Division outfit and an enlisted driver.

As they rounded a turn in the road they came upon what looked like a typical roadside scene, an American jeep, an officer and some enlisted men, lost and in need of directions. The "Captain," who was standing beside the stalled car, waved at the on-coming jeep. Its driver slowed down and stopped. The Germans, in GI clothing, stepped forward.

It was, perhaps, one of the



strangest of many strange scenes this war has produced. The American officers were friendly, curious and anxious to help. The Germans, striding forward, must have been jittery. They were in enemy territory—behind our advance lines. They were wearing the uniform of our troops. That, in itself, constituted a military crime.

The first part of their deception had worked. Would the rest go as well?

They must have been very conscious of their grey-green trousers and black boots. At any second the Americans might detect the masquerade—and open fire.

Then came one of those unexplained and inexplicable things. Perhaps it was nervousness, perhaps just Nazi bravado. Whatever it was, one of the Germans made the fatal error of saying something to one of his companions, in German.

With a lightning-fast reflex, one

of the American officers in the second car, drew his pistol and opened fire. Germans, concealed in the brush at the side of the road, tossed a hand grenade. In the general gunfight which followed, one of the American officers was killed. The driver was captured but the second officer escaped.

Moral: Trust No One

He, too, might have been killed, except for the appearance of another American vehicle. With the scales tipped against them, the Germans gave up the fight and fled, leaving behind them some of their own men. They are the ones whose pictures accompany this story—incontrovertible evidence of another trick in the German bag.

It's an easy one to trump, though, for men who just remember that it isn't healthy to stop for civilians, even "American" troops. They may be phonies—Germans in GI clothing.

By
John Christie
Warweek Combat Correspondent

capture or kill small groups of American troops.

One of the favorite tricks, which will be encountered more and more frequently the further into Germany we go, is to use civilians as decoys. Here's how they do it:

One or two civilians, standing in the road at a point where motor traffic is forced to slow down for, say a sharp curve or a bridge, will wave down an advancing jeep on some pretext or another. If the driver stops, German troops, hidden in the bushes, open fire with light automatic arms. The scheme has variations. Here's one of them, which recently resulted in the loss of a two-and-a-half ton truck, its crew and its cargo, on a road in Luxembourg.

Civilians waved the truck to a stop. Armed German soldiers



Hitler Has Doomed These German Towns

Munich



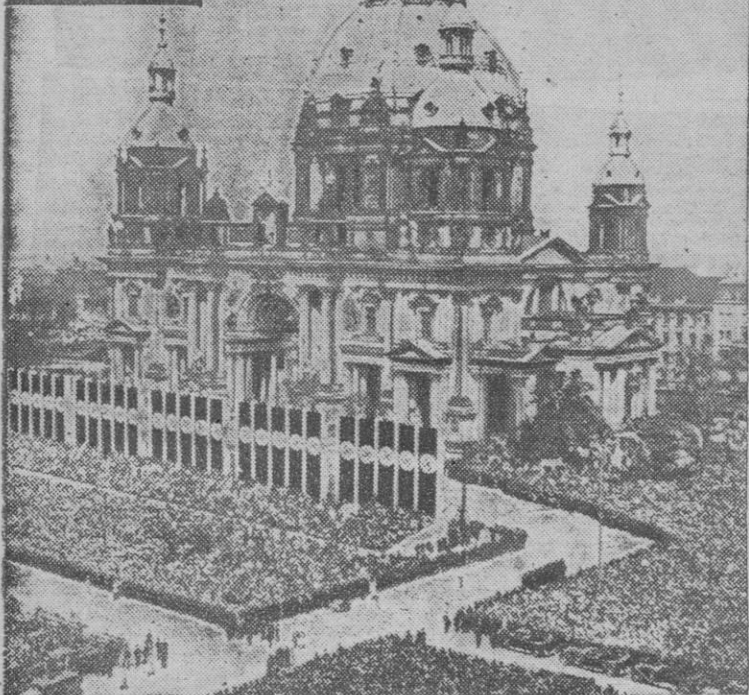
MUNICH, NAZI SHRINE, was often the scene of ceremonial parades like this, in 1938. Hitler shows the city to Mussolini after he bluffed the rest of Europe to carve up Czechoslovakia.

Cologne



REOCCUPATION of the Rhineland, demilitarized under the Treaty of Versailles, was one of the Führer's first coups. His troops rumbled through Cologne to take up stations.

Berlin



NAZI CAPITAL is the final objective of all Allied drives. This shot of Berlin's famous Lustgarten shows a May Day celebration. Holiday has lost its labor character in the Reich.

Nazi Cities

Aachen was the first of Hitler's doomed cities to be blasted into rubble—then occupied by our troops—in spite of anything the "Master Race" representative there could do about it.

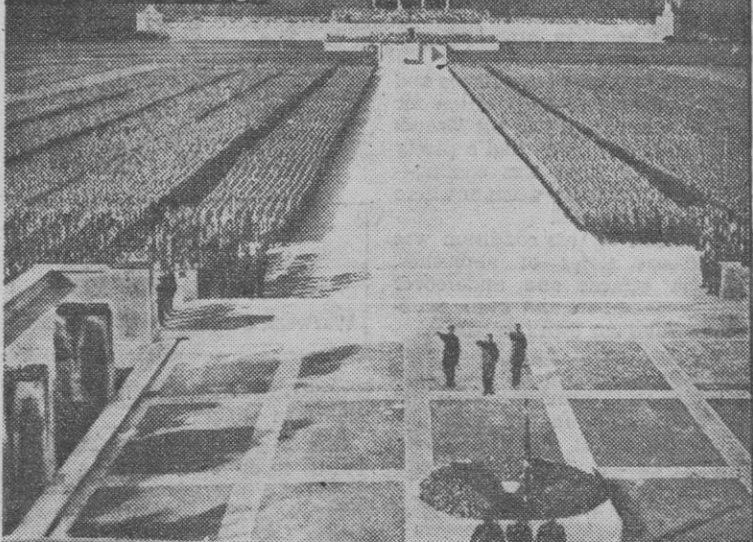
Aachen was the first. There are others.

Some of them are pictured on this page. These photographs, taken when the Nazis were riding high, give an indication of what the German cities looked like then. By the time the last Wehrmacht soldier in each one is either dead or captured, they'll probably look like the picture of Aachen, in the lower right hand corner of the page.

Hitler knows what's coming. He's had his warning—in bombed, shelled and captured Aachen.

Now a great offensive is getting under way. A look at the map reveals that Cologne, big rail and industrial center, may be the next objective. After Cologne will come other cities of the Nazi Reich.

Nuremberg



REPRESSIVE LAWS against German Jews were named after the city of Nuremberg. Here's a typical Nazi celebration there, with all the tricks of combined Hollywood-Circus presentation in use.

Trier



FIFTH COLUMN of Nazis, which aided in the capture of Holland and other countries, had its origin in "Union of Germans Abroad." Here the organization parades through ancient Trier.

Aachen



DEATH of Nazi hopes is typified by this shot of a street in Aachen. Forlorn Nazi prisoners, their flags and bands missing, make their exit from the Greater Reich, en route to prison camp.

These Yanks Know About HOUSE-TO-HOUSE COMBAT

That's What They Call It When
The Objective Is Smoking Rubble
Hiding Nests of Machine-Gun Fire;
Then the Joes Really Go to Town

By **Ralph Harwood**
Warweek Staff Writer



If the Germans are determined to fight this war out through the houses and streets of every town and city all the way across the Reich, that's the way they can have it. If they wish to see a succession of smoldering ruins in the image of Aachen, the American Army is ready to oblige them.

There isn't any department of war in which American troops have improved more than in street fighting since the days of Carentan and Sainte-Mère-l'Eglise, behind the beaches. They have learned the Boche's tricks—and he has a hatful—and they have developed counter-techniques of their own through trial and error, commonsense and military ingenuity.

Lessons from Brest

Whenever and wherever veteran Yanks get together now to shoot the breeze, the conversation almost invariably turns at some point to the business of chasing the Heinies out of town—any town. Just such a bull session took place recently at the CP of a 2nd Infantry Division battalion which had a big hand in the vicious street fighting

at Brest, and has since moved up to bring the Krauts further grief in their own backyard.

It's a shame all the green soldiers in the army couldn't have been present, for here, mixed in with the razzing and laughs, was the sum and substance of real battle wisdom.

It all started when a buck sergeant looked up from the tattered newspaper he was trying to read by the feeble glimmer of a small candle and wondered aloud, "I can't understand why they always refer to fighting in towns as street fighting. Hell, the street's the one place where you very often don't do any fighting. We'd have been duck soup for those corner pillboxes in Brest if we had tried to work right down the street, not to mention the damned riflemen and machine-guns they had in every upstairs and basement with a window in it."

"That's right," agreed a Staff who was stretched out in the blankets over in the corner. "It ought to be called house-to-house fighting rather than street fighting, all right. On one stretch there in

Brest my squad moved up two blocks without ever setting foot in the street except to cross from one square into the next, and the only way we could make it across that open space was by using smoke grenades.

"We must have bored our way through at least fourteen or fifteen straight houses," he continued. "We used dynamite charges the engineers prepared for us part of the time, and if that wasn't possible, we'd knock a hole in the wall of the next house with bazookas I'd have half the squad set and ready, and the second of the explosion they'd be on their way, hellbent with tommy guns and grenades.

BAR Provided Cover

"The rest of the squad, including the BAR man, covered them, and if the open space to be crossed was very great and there was danger of fire from the flanks, we would lay smoke ahead with grenades. It pays to follow in quick on the blast. My assault team pulled five Krauts out of one house while they were still so dizzy from the shock that they weren't able to put up any resistance. A couple of minutes delay on our part, and it might have been different. They had machine pistols and plenty of grenades of their own."

A corporal in the room who had been in on the same action mentioned that it was often best to enter a building through the roof, or a hole or window in the top floor, and then to clean it out room by room from the top down.

"Scaling ladders are very handy in house-to-house fighting," he insisted. "They can mean the difference sometimes between cracking into a place the easy way through a high window, or having to take bigger chances by some other entrance."

White Phosphorous Good

A platoon tech sergeant spoke up with a word of praise for white phosphorous as an aid in "house-cleaning."

"You can't beat it for driving



CLOSE QUARTERS is the way to describe fighting in Hitler's cities. Every window hides a sniper, machine-guns chatter from half-ruined dwellings. Accurate fire, plenty of movement is success formula.

the enemy out of basements or, for that matter, whole buildings. We had some 4.2 chemical mortars in support and several times called for WP. They could lay it in as close as 100 yards ahead of us, and it usually brought some Germans out where we could get at them with rifle and BAR fire."

"Speaking of mortars, though," said a Joe who had been ramming an oily patch through the bore of an M-1 rifle for some minutes, "you've got to admit that that little 60 mm. job is a honey in town. The beauty of it is that you can use it on such close-in targets. There's nothing like it for keeping snipers off the rooftops and out of the upper-story windows just ahead of where you're working. It's a great little weapon."

"Of course," he added, "if you really want to take a building clear out, and you can't get at it with direct artillery fire, then the 81 mm. and 4.2 mortars are the ticket. They can sure make the joint unfit for human habitation in an awful hurry."

"What's the best weapon of all for this fighting through towns?" asked a young kid who had been taking it all in.

Rifle for Long Shots

"There isn't any single weapon which you can say is best, kid," answered the platoon sarge. "It all depends on the situation or the job that's to be done at the moment. For instance, if you spot a slightly exposed sniper 200 yards away, the best weapon in the world to use on him is a carefully aimed rifle. If, on the other hand, you saw hal'-a-dozen Heinies trying to sneak across an opening between two buildings a good distance away, the BAR would be the ideal weapon with which to make things hot for them."

"For assaulting through a break in a building," the sergeant explained further, "it's best to have a lot of fast, spraying fire. The Thompson gun and the carbine

that's been modified for automatic fire are good for this kind of close, speedy work. Everybody knows, too, how important grenades are in town, both fragmentation and smoke hand grenades, as well as rifle grenades. There are plenty of times when you cannot bring direct fire to bear on an enemy nest when a little squirt of flame will bring him out tearing his hair.

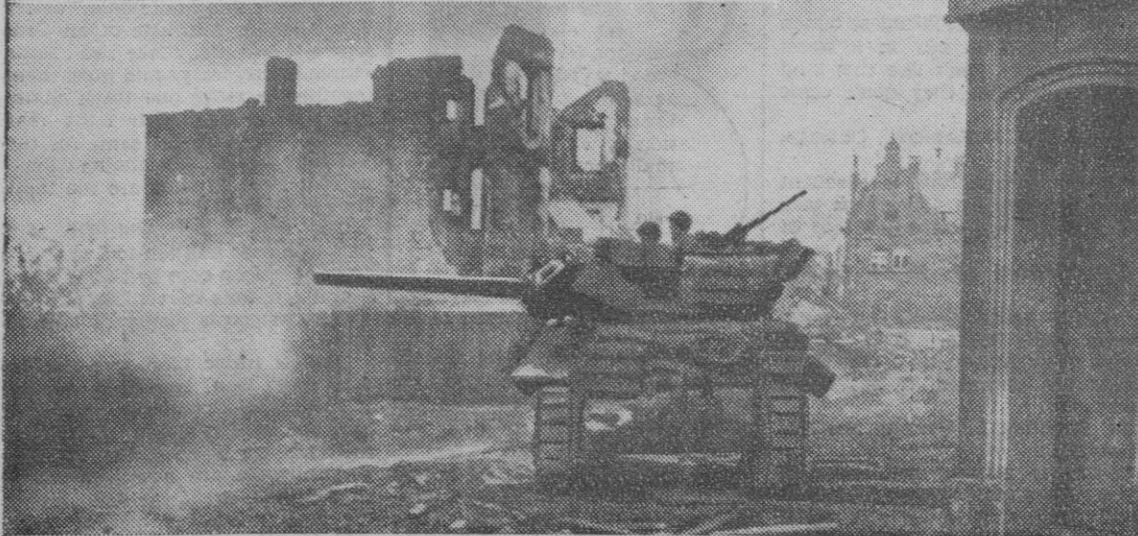
"True," the sergeant concluded, "some weapons are not particularly suited to operations in towns. Heavy machine-guns, for example, usually do better in the open where they have a longer, unobstructed field of fire. That doesn't mean that they are a dead loss in town, though. Where they can be set up in good positions they can give a lot of protection to your flanks. Or if you can bring an MG to bear on a stretch of street, you can cut the cross-traffic a way down."

Too Close for Howitzers

"The same thing is true of the heavier stuff," still another sergeant chimed in. "The howitzers are not so much help where you are in close contact with the enemy, especially if the buildings are very high and close together. They can play hell, though, with targets some distance ahead of you, really messing up the enemy's movements."

"Tank destroyers and 155 mm. self-propelled guns," the sergeant continued, "are tops in my estimation for taking out enemy strong points in town—pillboxes, heavily defended buildings or anything else that may be holding the infantry down. For my dough, there's nothing better than a couple of TD's to open up walls or other avenues of advance for an infantry platoon. I know, because we had them doing it for us at Brest, and it saved a lot of time and trouble for the doughs. They're more than worth the protection you have to

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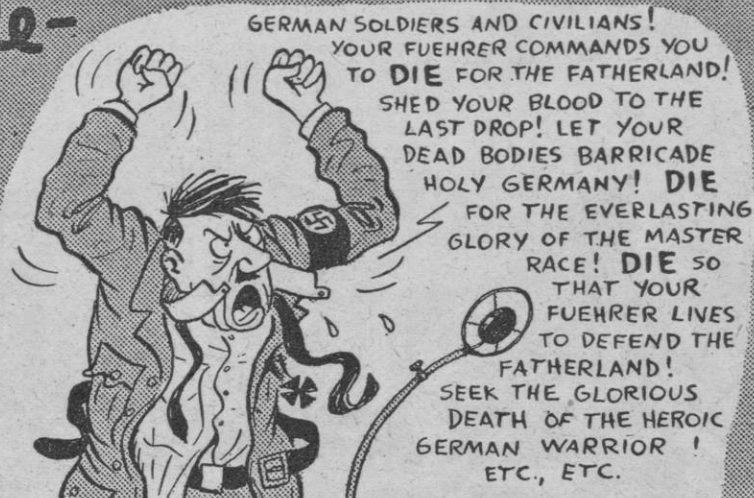
MACHINE GUNS and artillery provide fire power in house-to-house combat but, more often than not, the assault platoons have to rely on the weapons they are able to carry in their hands.

GI JERRY

by Lt. Dave Breger

Nazi Guide-
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GERMAN SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS!
YOUR FUEHRER COMMANDS YOU
TO DIE FOR THE FATHERLAND!
SHED YOUR BLOOD TO THE
LAST DROP! LET YOUR
DEAD BODIES BARRICADE
HOLY GERMANY! DIE
FOR THE EVERLASTING
GLORY OF THE MASTER
RACE! DIE SO
THAT YOUR
FUEHRER LIVES
TO DEFEND THE
FATHERLAND!
SEEK THE GLORIOUS
DEATH OF THE HEROIC
GERMAN WARRIOR!
ETC., ETC.

"We greet the Fuehrer in the morning and thank him at night for having given us new will to life and new hope for living."
ROBERT LEY, MAY 1, 1938

FRIEDA! IT BEGINS TO LOOK DAMN FISHY TO ME—OUR SON TWICE AS SMART AS US AND INTERESTED ONLY IN PEACE AND BROTHERHOOD AND FREEDOM AND REFUSING TO LEARN HOW TO KILL, LIKE ALL LITTLE GERMAN BOYS DO...!



"A man in Chemnitz has been granted a divorce on his plea that when he married his wife in 1933 he did not know that the father of her illegitimate child, born in 1915, had been a Jew."
"ANGRIFF" MAR. 7, 1938



"The only thing that matters is: do you have confidence in the Fuehrer or not? If you have, no discussion is possible about the actions of the National Socialist Government." "VÖLKISCHER BEOBSACHTER," SEPT. 7, 1934

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ITALY! RUSSIA! FRANCE!
BELGIUM! RUMANIA!
FINLAND! BULGARIA!
JUGO-SLAVIA! GREECE! AND NOW
HOLLAND! SOON HUNGARY, POLAND,
NORWAY, DENMARK, CZECKO-SLOVAKIA
AND AUSTRIA! THEN MAYBE OUR FUEHRER
WILL LET US PRACTICE WHAT HE
PREACHES!



"All responsible statesmen should mind their own business and not meddle all the time with the problems of other countries."
ADOLF HITLER, OCT. 9, 1938

More About

STREET COMBAT



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give them against enemy anti-tank stuff."

"They draw a lot of fire, though, don't they?" the kid inquired.

"Some, sure," replied the sergeant, "because they are noisy. But a lot can be done to conceal their movements with artillery and mortar fire. Incidentally, everybody working in the neighborhood should be told about it when the TDs or SP155's are going to fire, if at all possible. Saves confusion."

"I'll tell you one mistake our outfit made one time," said the corporal who had spoken earlier. "We were moving forward pretty steadily in the group of buildings assigned to us, and I guess the squads on our flanks were moving in on their objectives the same way. Everything was OK except that we kept going right up to dark, and then we couldn't make contact with these other guys to the sides. The Jerries must have sensed the situation, because they drifted back in between us in the night, and we had a hell of a time routing them out all over again in the morning. You've got to consolidate toward night, or they'll infiltrate you every time."

Here is a list of assorted tips from experienced town fighters, men who've learned their lesson the hard way. They're repeated in the dot-dash style in which they

were jotted down, under fire, by Warweek reporters at the front:

Pfc Martin O. Merrill, an extraordinary BAR man from Milnerville, Kansas:

"Dusk is the best time to start a street fight—if you feel you have a good chance of getting through by dark. The Germans don't like to fight at dusk or in darkness."

"You can see a man's form very well on the skyline at dusk. The Germans who were not in buildings hugged the sides of them. Sometimes I had to slow down and do the same."

"Be careful of Krauts who 'blow their tops' and come running out of houses for suicide fight. I've seen them do damage before they were eliminated."

S/Sgt. Ralph W. Hartinger, Dickinson, N. Dakota:

"It's hard to keep from bunching up in this kind of a fight—but you can't afford to do it. Another thing, leaders must yell instructions. The men who need advice, look for it in a wild scrap. Above all keep your head about you."

S/Sgt. Hollis H. Jordan, Mayville, Georgia:

"Heinies will have a machine gun at the end of the street if they have time to put it there. A BAR man can usually get the gun unless it has exceptional cover. Then you use a rifle grenade, a bazooka, or send men through backyards to outflank it. Get ma-

chine guns out of there in a hurry. Sweeping the street they can cause many casualties.

"Germans have been fighting like hell till they felt that there was too much fire power for them—that's why we have poured a helluva lot of lead at them in a helluva hurry. The psychological reaction on the Krauts was obvious. Noise has made some of them quit. Some wait until their ammo is exhausted then yell 'Kamerad. Be careful when a Hun yells 'Kamerad.' He may still fire. Make him come out with his hands behind his head."

S/Sgt. Melvin K. Behnke, Waco, Texas:

"Company should operate by platoons covering both sides of the street. BAR man is best placed at the head of the column. Automatic weapons must be forward. Rifle grenade launchers should follow, split up on either side of street. Bazooka men are sprinkled throughout the column. Machine guns are in the rear throwing out a protective cover. Sometimes this order gets scrambled—then you've got to use your head. Sometimes we move down the street at a fast pace (when the enemy is defending from every house); other times we go more slowly (when the job is one of cleaning out snipers and rearguard defenders)."

Pfc Charles A. Davis, Youngstown, Ohio:

"Yanks are the fightingest bunch of guys you ever saw in a street fight. Heinies don't like this kind of fight—because they don't come out alive."

T/Sgt. Leo F. Kaniecki, Chicago, Ill. ("I" Co.):

"White phosphorus is excellent for street fighting. It screens you, burns Jerry, scares the hell out of him, too."

Sgt. Edward M. Tighe, Dallas, Tex.:

"Mopup squad should hit every house, every room. If a Kraut wants to surrender, take him if he comes out unarmed, if not shoot him."

Lt. Marshall L. Gordon, Los Angeles, Cal.:

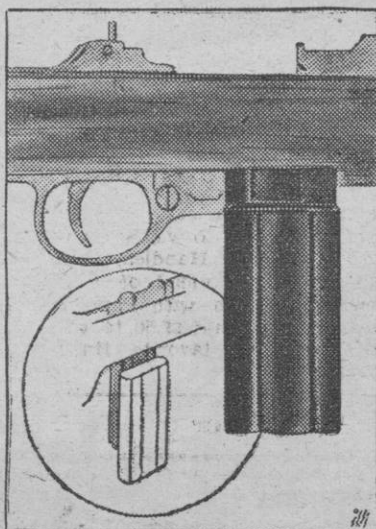
"Jerry is playing hit and run game. He wants to play nine innings. We'll slug it out and get it over in first inning. Jerry doesn't like fire power, in or out of street. He'll run like hell."

THE OLD SERGEANT'S
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Every amateur gunsmith in the ETO seems to be dreaming up new dodges for improving the Carbines, Cal. 30, M1 and M1A1. Many of these ideas siphon through the Old Sergeant's mail box for a check with Ordnance before publication here.

One of the most recent—although it's old stuff to the jumpers of the 82nd Airborne, who claim to have invented it—is to tape, solder or spot-weld two carbine clips together in such a way that the lower or closed ends overlap a couple of inches.

Both clips can be loaded and one end of the two-way magazine is inserted in the weapon, the other pointing downward. When a man



has fired six or eight of the 15 rounds in the clip he can then reload fully by simply pressing the release catch and turning his double clip end for end.

This gag looked very good to this department but the Ordnance technicians weren't impressed. They said that mud, dirt or snow could easily get into the open end of the lower clip and that the vibration

of firing might cause the reserve cartridges to jar out.

Old Sergeant's solution:

Cover the open clip-end with a piece of tape in any but good weather.

Back home we'd ask the man in the street for info about the guy in the street. That's why Old Sergeant thought best to turn to the Joe in the mudhole for answers to his pet gripe. "What to do about mud?" The damned stuff is a helluva sight more effective in slowing down the Allied steamroller drive on Berlin than Adolf's best secret weapon.

One Joe in particular, with an anxious eye on an earlier trip back home, came forth with a suggestion for improvising half-tracks on dual-wheeled vehicles up to and including the 2 1/2-ton 6x6. Old Sergeant thinks it's well worth passing on to you guys bogged down up front. "When you get into a spot where your wheels won't take hold," writes T/5 Allen A. Alldridge of an Ordnance H.A.M. Co., "take two chains (three if necessary) and hook them together to make one track chain. Put this around both right rear wheels. Then do the same for the left rear wheels. The chains should be real loose. If they are too tight they will break."

The resourceful Alldridge said he's seen 6x6s pull ten-ton wreckers from axle-deep ooze by this method—and ten tons of vehicle plus its weight in goo is plenty of load to pull.

The Alldridge plan was put before Maj. Gen. Henry B. Saylor, ETO chief of Ordnance. His office said the idea is a good emergency measure. GI track chains for this very purpose are now being used in the ETO, but if you drivers ever do find yourselves bogged down without the GI wherewithal, it may be wise to keep the emergency idea in mind.