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## Yanks Gain 3 Mindoro Footholds

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (ANS).—A huge 20-mile long American warship convoy, moving 600 miles among Japanese-held islands of the central Philippines while carrier aircraft knocked out more than 300 enemy aircraft, has landed mechanized troops on Mindoro Island, 150 miles from Manila, Gen. MacArthur disclosed late last night.

The American troops swarmed ashore with little loss of life "in the boldest stroke of the Pacific war, unlocking the sea approaches to China" by crossing to the western side of the archipelago from Leyte, 200 miles southeast, the communiqué added.

Late dispatches said tonight that three beachheads had been secured on southern Mindoro without opposition by troops of Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger's Sixth Army, the Japanese having fled inland after



a two-hour bombardment by rocket-firing warships.

At the same time, Gen. MacArthur disclosed that Filipino guerrillas, in a co-ordinated attack with the landings, had seized strategic airfields and ports on the islands of Panay, Cebu and Bohol, which are located between Mindoro and Leyte.

The guerrillas, some of whom fought on Bataan, did their work so well that the huge convoy was able to steam within sight of the island's rugged coastlines without opposition from Jap shore installations.

More than 300 enemy planes were knocked out in raids which began the day before the Mindoro landings. The bulk of the Jap planes destroyed were trapped on the ground, but 27 were shot down while coming in from Formosa in an effort to meet the emergency.

## Rotation Plan Speedup Promised by Stimson

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (ANS).—Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers (R.-Mass) said today that War Secretary Stimson promised to attempt to establish a more efficient method of returning soldiers with long overseas records to the U. S.

## Mickey Keeps Up With Ike: Adds Stripes—by Marriage

### Veteran Chauffeur Weds WAC Corporal He Met in Africa

By Charles White  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer  
M/Sgt. Michael "Mickey" McKeogh, Gen. Eisenhower's veteran driver, used to get a new stripe every time the general added a new star. Yesterday morning Mickey celebrated Star No. 5 by adding two stripes; he was married to WAC Cpl. Pearl Hargrave, of Pillager, Minn., in the Royal Chapel of a former French palace.

General Ike and Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. W. B. Smith attended the ceremony, and Lt. Col. Ernest R. Lee, San Antonio, the general's aide, gave away the bride. A number of WAC and GI friends of the couple attended. Chaplain John Keegan, of Boston, officiated.

The bride also is attached to Supreme Headquarters. They met in Africa two years ago, and have been engaged one year. Sgt. Margaret Chick, Toledo, Ohio, was bridesmaid and S/Sgt. John Farr, Elmire, N.Y., was best man.

Cpl. Hargrave is the daughter of Mrs. Anna Hargrave, of Pillager, Minn., and M/Sgt. McKeogh is the son of Mrs. Mary K. McKeogh, of 9810 35th Ave., Corona, L.I., New York.

The couple will spend a short honeymoon leave in Paris.

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In her gown designed in Paris, WAC Cpl. Pearl Hargrave, of Pillager, Minn., leaves church after marriage to M/Sgt. Michael (Mickey) McKeogh.

## 100 Fortresses Hit Stuttgart Budapest Nazis Counterattack

Railyards again were the target yesterday as more than 100 Eighth A. Fortresses, escorted by Mustangs, bombed the Kornwestheim marshalling yards in the northern area of Stuttgart.

Yesterday's attack, coupled with an attack on yards just south of the city on Dec. 9, crippled rail communications connecting Stuttgart with the southern flank of the Western Front, and paralyzed supply movement to the front from that area.

Meanwhile Maj. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Ninth AF chief, revealed that since D-Day his planes have flown 190,000 sorties against the Germans, downing 1,407 aircraft of the Luftwaffe and destroying 1,462 tanks and armored cars, and 5,851 trucks.

More than 300 fighter-bombers of the Ninth continued their slugging of close-in German defenses yesterday.

## AAF, ASF Transfers Planned for January

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (ANS).—The WD announced today that it expects the transfer of 80,000 air and service forces personnel to the AGF to be completed during January.

(Com Z headquarters said "no information" was as yet available on the effect of the transfers on ETO troops.)

To provide more troops for the AGF, 55,000 will be shifted from the AF and 25,000 from ASF.

MOSCOW, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—There was a lull in fighting on the Budapest front today except in one sector northwest of the city where German Panzers were counter attacking.

The Germans are dug in along the 32-mile railway embankment running southwest from Budapest to Lake Valenczi. If the Russians can penetrate or break a gap on this line, the fate of the city could be sealed overnight, military observers in Moscow declared.

## Hitler Unaware of Hess Flight, High British Spokesman Says

By Louis P. Lochner  
Ex-chief, AP Berlin Bureau

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Rudolph Hess came to Britain without the knowledge or approval of Hitler on a self-styled "mission of humanity," a high British government source admitted today.

Further comparison of data available to Whitehall, with circumstantial evidence available to American correspondents stationed in Germany at the time of Hess' flight, also established that Hitler's deputy Fuehrer was inspired and backed by Prof. Karl von Haushofer, expert on Geopolitics, and Willy Messerschmitt, builder of Germany's best fighter planes.

Efforts to see Hess, whom I knew well in Germany, failed on the grounds that the Hess chapter is now closed, but authorities

## 7th Army Lunges Toward West Wall On 17-Mile Front

U.S. Seventh Army forces, with elements of three divisions across the Franco-German border, drove toward the West Wall in the Palatinate yesterday on a 17-mile front between the Rhine and the Eifel Mountains. German sources said the Wehrmacht had orders to halt the American advance at the West Wall, whose big guns already were shelling Seventh Army troops.

In the Saar, U.S. Third Army's advance slowed against other Siegfried pillboxes in Dillingen and Saarlautern, where gains were measured in yards.

## Trench Foot Declines 75%, Thanks to GIs

By Arthur W. White  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

U.S. trench-foot casualties on the Western Front dropped 75 percent in the three weeks following Nov. 17, high point of the trench-foot menace, Col. J. E. Gordon, ETO Preventive Medicine chief, revealed yesterday.

Credit for the achievement, he said, belonged largely to the fighting men themselves for persisting in efforts to keep their feet dry and circulation going, usually under most miserable conditions, and to company commanders who "worked like Trojans" getting the disease under control in their outfits.

Simultaneous with the disclosure of the drop—on Dec. 8 the trench-foot rate was 25 percent of the Nov. 17 figure—Gordon cautioned against any let-up in precautionary measures, pointing out that much cold and wet weather are ahead.

He added, too, that the present casualty rate, even though a great improvement, could be reduced considerably. "I think front-line troops have won the major battle

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troops closed up to the River Roer south of Duren as German rear-guards crossed to the east bank, blowing up bridges behind them.

Men of the Seventh Army's 45th and 103rd Divs. crashed across the border Friday north of Klimbach, four miles west of the frontier city of Wissembourg. Troops of the 79th Div. crossed to the east near the border town of Scheibenhart. First official reports said elements of the 45th breached the border nearly an hour before.

Two Cities Taken

Later announcements told that Wissembourg and Scheibenhart had fallen.

Eastward, 79th Div. men smashed into Lauterburg, where the German Palatinate border turns west from the Rhine. There were no indications, however, that Americans in this sector had crossed the Lauter River, which runs along the border.

From Germany, Capt. Ludwig Sertorius, Transocean News Agency military commentator sometimes called the voice of the Wehrmacht high command, said that the German army withdrawing before the American Seventh has been

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## Senate Confirms Army, Navy Heads For 5-Star Ranks



Where shall we put No. 5?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP).—The Senate today unanimously confirmed the nominations of Gens. Eisenhower, Marshall, Arnold and MacArthur to the new five-star rank of "General of the Army," and Adms. King, Nimitz and Leahy to the equivalent rank of "Admiral of the Fleet."

## Bad Weather Delayed Drive, Bradley Says

By Pat Mitchell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 12TH ARMY GROUP, Dec. 16.—The First and Ninth Army offensive toward the Cologne plain was delayed more than a week by bad weather, which prohibited tactical use of Allied air power, Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley revealed today.

In contrast, "very lucky weather following the St. Lo breakthrough" coupled with "close co-operation between air and ground forces" made possible his decision to "sweep north during the Nazis' Mortain counter-attack."

The 12th Army Group commander praised Ninth AF fighters and bombers for their assistance of ground troops.

He said that "on the Ninth and First Army fronts our casualties were less than the number of enemy prisoners taken and enemy dead buried, with the enemy's casualty ratio three, four or five to our one" and emphasized the importance of the air forces in making this ratio possible.

Gave Pilots Credit

Bradley said that "ground commanders hesitate to plan operation without fighter-bomber support. On the First Army front east of Aachen he gave fighters "almost full credit for breaking up a counter-attack with three strafing passes.

Since D-Day the Luftwaffe has made 6,500 sorties over the 12th Army Group sector, Bradley revealed but "mostly at night and with less effectiveness than if made during daylight."

## GIs Nab Nazi CO With Pants Down, Only Dignity Hurt

WITH THE 83rd INF. DIV., Dec. 16.—When nominations are made for the "most surprised German officer of the war" GIs of the First Bn. of the 330th Inf. would like to enter the name of their candidate.

Shortly after the arrival of the 83rd Div. in Germany, the First Bn. was given the job of taking a strategic hill.

Under cover of darkness, the battalion started up the hill and were in the enemy bivouac area before the Germans could crawl into their pants. The CO of the Nazi company proved to be the soundest sleeper and it took several prods with an M1 before he awoke and realized the situation.

Meanwhile, another group of GIs was awakening a slumbering German outpost line. Even after being fully awakened they thought that men from their own company had dressed in American uniforms and were playing a joke on them. When they filed into the main bivouac area, however, and saw their CO doing his best to preserve his official dignity after being caught with his pants down, they realized that this was no dry run.

## GI Today Is Brainier Than War I Doughboy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—American soldiers today have a higher average education than the doughboys of the last war, the Army Office of Education reports.

The present median level is second year of high school compared with sixth grade for the doughboy of World War I. In this war 23.3 percent of the soldiers completed four years of high school and 3.6 percent had four or more years of college. In the last war respective percentages were 3.5 and one.

## Gets Promotion



Brig. Gen. Julian M. Chappell, commander of a Troop Carrier Wing, whose promotion was announced last week. Chappell holds the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Bronze Star Medal.

## French Floods Curtail Coal, Cut Production

Highest flood waters in 30 years have stalled coal deliveries to French industrial plants and curtailed production of reverse lend-lease war material, it was revealed yesterday by Brig. Gen. Wayne R. Allen, ETO General Purchasing Agent.

Coal, needed for the manufacture of tires, GI clothing, electrical and ordnance equipment, is being mined in sufficient quantities to offset current shortages, according to purchasing officials.

However, delivery of coal is being held up because flood waters have swollen rivers and canals so that barges can't pass under bridges.

Set Out Contracts

Mining and delivery of coal to military and industrial users has an importance equal to military operations, it was stated, because contracts have been let for the making of 700,000 radio tubes, 250,000 radio panels, 600,000 fuses, 2,500,000 flashlight bulbs, 1,200 transformers, 2,000,000 jerricans and steel drums, 60,000 tents, 80,000 stoves, 58,000 coils of barbed wire, 90,000 tons of cement and 500,000 drawing instruments.

## Germans Evade Nazi Eviction In Cave Colony

By Ralph G. Martin

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE 90TH DIV., GERMANY, Dec. 16.—In the damp darkness of this huge, kilometer-long cave in the base of Mt. Siersburg, 1,700 Germans—men, women and children—have been living for 40 days in direct defiance of a Nazi order to move into the interior.

Smoke from a hole in the side of the mountain led to their discovery five days ago by 1/Lt. William Gilpin, Lakewood, Ohio, and his I-&-R platoon of the 357th Regiment. Gilpin's cavedwellers are the refugees of eight villages on the west bank of the Saar River. In four other smaller caves, as yet unfound, there are said to be 2,000 more such reluctant Nazis.

Scene in Tunnel

Beds, tables, chairs and unclean dishes—cows, goats, horses and humanity litter the labyrinth-like tunnel. Coming in out of daylight, all you can see are the shadows of faces: an old woman propped up in bed, staring at the ceiling; a young mother nursing her baby; kids running wildly, acting as if they'd lived in the dark all their lives; women crowding around a harmonica player, and a padre talking to an 80-year-old man.

When the local Volkssturm threatened to seal the entrance and bury them alive, the padre appealed to Franz von Papen, former ambassador to Turkey, who lives nearby and has used the caves to grow prize mushrooms. According to the padre, Von Papen intervened and the refugees were permitted to remain.

Laugh at Hitler

Most of these people now laugh at Hitler, but not without misgivings. One woman said she had lost two out of four sons serving with the Nazis. She said the kids are all members of the Hitler Youth; but she told Interpreter Sgt. Theodore Henning, of Verona, N.Y.: "My boy could not get work if he was not a member... What could we do?"

The cave-dwellers have been told by the 90th Division's G-5, Lt. Col. William Russell, of Washington, D.C., that they will be returned to their homes as soon as the war moves on.

## Ordnance Sets Record

WITH SIXTH ARMORED DIV. IN LORRAINE.—In one day, Company C, 128th Ordnance Maintenance Battalion, reconditioned 17 armored vehicles.

## When Will That Mud Freeze?



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo.

Mud—the soft, oozy kind that gets into tank treads and slows down advancing armor—is making the going mighty tough for this American tank moving up on the Ninth Army front.

## Injured GI Captures Patrol, Halftracks While on His Back

By Earl Mazo

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THIRD U.S. ARMY, Dec. 16.—If Cpl. Bill Barrett kept a diary of his tank destroyer activities in Europe his most eventful 24 hours would read something like this:

"Tonight a buddy and I were sleeping side by side when a mortar shell came in, killing him and cutting me

up a little. I did not want the other fellows to come after me because the shells were dropping plenty thick and they might get killed, so I played dead and they let me be.

"Late tonight a German patrol came along, though, and took me in. They put me on a tank which was soon knocked out. So I was carried to a ditch and put alongside a wounded German captain who looked like a sensible guy. He talked English, so I said, 'Look here, Mac, this fighting is over for you birds. You know both you and I would be much better off in American hands!'

"He thought about it for a while, then a report came that our men were moving in this direction and that helped him make up his mind. The captain handed me his luger, called to his men to throw away their guns and told me they were all my prisoners.

"I waved my white undershirt and a bunch of Yanks came over and seemed surprised as hell when I told them that, while lying on my back, I had captured all these Germans and their three half-tracks."

## Traffic Safety Campaign On

Twenty-seven deaths from military vehicle accidents have occurred in Paris since Nov. 1, and Seine Section Provost Marshal's authorities last night announced a safety drive, with strict enforcement of the 20-mile-per-hour speed limit. A permanent summary court has been set up to punish all those found guilty of careless driving.

In November the office received 988 motor delinquency reports, 40 of which resulted in summary trials, according to Lt. Martin F. Turano, Seine Section Traffic Officer. There were 706 accidents in last month involving 20 fatalities.

All traffic negligence will be punished, he said. Signs six feet square are being posted at each of the 16 entries to Paris, warning drivers to drive with caution.

## Act Draws Fire—Mortars Applaud

By Jimmy Cannon

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

IN THE SIEGFRIED LINE WITH THE 4th INF. DIV.—You found out later that the act always draws fire. But now as they rigged the loud speaker that was in a square steel box on a tall-stemmed tripod they were boasting the way actors do before they go on. They let you know they were good at what they did and they didn't want you to miss the punch lines.

The loud speaker was set up on the shell-mutilated fringe of a wood less than a thousand yards away from where the enemy hid in the pillboxes along the ridge across the shallow valley.

The men of the company came out of their holes that are now log-covered ponds in the forest after five weeks of rain. They watched Pvt. Paul Eisler, who clerked in a

San Francisco bank before he escaped from Vienna five years ago, and Pvt. Charles Leveille, a bantering middle-aged truckman from Manchester, N.H., get ready for the curious soliloquy in the forest.

Clamps Microphone

Eisler, a sarcastic and cynical man with a lot of pride in what he does, clamped a lip microphone on his long baggy-eyed face. Leveille set the dials. The generator throbbled gently the way a dog's insides do when it is contented. For a while it was the only sound in the oddly quiet wilderness.

The steel voice that had no human quality told the Germans now they could surrender. It roared the language of the Germans with a solemn and deliberate cadence and the birds flew out of the trees the way they do when a shell goes over.

"Mortars," the infantry sergeant said as the first one came. The mud-filthy black-bearded line soldiers ducked back into the foxholes and they counted eight rounds.

But the monstrous steel voice never faltered in its recitation. Eisler crouched when the first one came but there was no cover for him or for Leveille.

"It was a very successful broadcast," Eisler said later.

"How do you know?" a soldier asked.

"If they hadn't heard me they wouldn't have shot at me. If they don't shoot, I am very disappointed."

The soldier said he knew a lot of actors. But Eisler is the first one who ever demanded that his audience shoot at him.

"Mortars are my applause," Eisler said.

## 1st TAF Wing Leader Promoted to General

FIRST TACTICAL AIR FORCE HQ., FRANCE, Dec. 16.—The appointment of Col. John P. Doyle, of Garden City, New York, as a brigadier general was announced by Maj. Gen. Ralph Royce, commanding general of the new First TAC.

Gen. Doyle commands a U.S. B26 wing of the First TACAF, which in the past 18 months has been participating in operations in the Mediterranean theater.

## XX Corps Head Wins Award

WITH XX CORPS HQ., Dec. 16.—In a ceremony in Metz Maj. Gen. Walton H. Walker, commanding general of XX Corps, was awarded the Legion of Honor, Officer Class, by Maj. Gen. André Dody, Military Governor of Metz.

## 9 Men of Co. I In Combat 365 Days--Still at It

By Ed Clark  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer  
WITH 45TH DIV. IN NO MAN'S LAND, Dec. 13 (delayed).—In the rain-soaked and misty woods between the Maginot and the Siegfried Lines, Co. I had an anniversary tonight, an anniversary of the Division's 365th day of combat.

These had been about three weeks of continuous fighting since Co. I's most recent operation started. 1/Lt. Larry Gubow, of Detroit, was the third CO in the last 48 hours. The men who were left were dog-tired and most had trench foot.

Lt. Gubow believed the anniversary ought to mean something, so he called for the nine veterans of Co. I, men who had been with the 45th from the time it waded ashore at Sicily on D-Day, July 10, 1943.

### Wants to See Baby

Sgt. Clifford Eckhardt, of Mineola, N.Y., with the company three years, said that 365 days of combat ought to qualify him to get home to see his baby, born since he went overseas.

All of the Sicily veterans didn't attend the "party." Some were out on patrol. The veterans are: Sgt. John Kohn, Denver; Sgt. Lloyd Rogers, Reading, Pa.; S/Sgt. Aaron Curtis, Forest City, Ark.; Pfc Jackson Wisecarver, Denver; Cpl. Eugene J. Bunch, Oklahoma; T/Sgt. Charles P. Wilker, Denver; S/Sgt. George Sichler, Albuquerque, and S/Sgt. Joseph E. Charpentier, Rhode Island.

Almost a veteran was S/Sgt. James Payne, Charlottesville, Va., who joined the company during the Sicilian campaign.

Other more recent "old-timers," the fellows from Anzio, were:

Sgt. Donald Rivard, Sanford, Me.; S/Sgt. Ray Burke, Coal Fork, W.Va.; Sgt. Harry R. Kidd, Louisa, Ky.; Pfc Frank Carstone, Hubbard, Ohio; Sgt. John Thomas, Johnstown, Pa.; Cpl. John J. Isele, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Pfc Gaetano De Vito, Bronx; Pfc Frank E. Tinsch, Methuen, Mass.; S/Sgt. Eusubius Bossert, Strasbourg, N.D.; Pfc Edgar L. Savage, Richardson, Tex.; Pfc Robert L. Spinks, Shreveport, La.; S/Sgt. Lewis C. Harrison, Chaptico, Md.; Cpl. George O. Hayth, Jackson, Ohio; Pfc Charles Brown, Augusta, Ga.; Pvt. Russell Crum, Prestonburg, Ky.; Pfc Charles J. Russo, Memphis, Tenn.; Pfc Alvin P. Walker, Minnesota, and Pfc Axel Wiberg, Detroit.

## Snow Jackets Made at Front

By Dan Regan  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer  
WITH THE U.S. FIRST ARMY, Dec. 16.—The early winter snows caused staff officers of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army to seek a hasty solution to the problem of soldiers in dark ODs presenting excellent targets for German guns as they lay against the white snow background.

The job of securing snow-capes was given to Lt. Col. Robert E. Kearney's 602nd Engineer Camouflage Bn. Kearney is a former Hollywood movie director.

In typical movie fashion, within 24 hours a snow-cape had been designed, a local factory requisitioned, white muslin flown from England and local girls hired to sew. Thirty-six hours after the original order, the first cape came off the assembly line.

### Return Nazi Bombs

WITH 35th INF. DIV.—In four days Company H, 134th Infantry, made maximum use of captured Jerry mortar ammunition. Commanded by Capt. Charles E. Hake, of North Platte, Neb., the heavy weaponsmen fired 6,000 rounds of German ammo into enemy concentrations.

## Runner Doubles As Jewish Chaplain

Six days a week Pvt. Morris Lamb, of Brooklyn, is a runner for H Company, 60th Inf. Regt. On Saturday he puts on a prayer shawl and acts as chaplain for Jewish men of the regiment. He has been doing this since the divisional Jewish chaplain was killed during the battle of Mortain.

A Protestant chaplain delivers the sermon. Lamb, who attended Hebrew school in New York, conducts the prayer service.

## Lorient French Pose Political Snag for Army

WITH AEF IN FRANCE, Dec. 16 (AP).—Maj. Gen. Harry J. Malony, whose infantry and artillery have 50,000 Germans bottled in the French ports of Lorient and St. Nazaire, must deal quickly with the explosive political problem of what to do with the thousands of French civilians who are locked in with the Germans.

Under the Geneva Convention, the occupying army is fully responsible for the welfare of the civilian population, but food shortages have placed civilian health in such peril (to say nothing of hundreds killed by artillery) that committees representing every faction of French civil life are pleading leniency.

Since evacuation would work greatly to their advantage, the Germans have made repeated overtures to the Americans, promising complete cessation of hostilities until the civilians are removed.

Malony has two factors to consider. If he plans to liquidate the pockets, then evacuation of civilians would ease the supply strain on the Germans and give them a military advantage.

On the other hand, if only containing action is contemplated, failure to rescue the French would forfeit much of the fine relations between Americans and French civilians in that sector who until now have shown great forbearance and understanding.

Until final decision has been made the current order is "nothing goes in—nothing comes out."

### Van Fleet Promoted

WITH THIRD ARMY, Dec. 16.—Brig. Gen. James A. Van Fleet, 90th Div. commander, has been promoted to major general. He commanded the Eighth Regt., Fourth Div. which landed in France on D-Day and assumed command of the 90th Oct. 18.

## 'All-America' Is Still Champ After Brush With 2 Tigers

WITH SEVENTH ARMORED DIV., France, Dec. 16.—Ordered to protect the left flank of an advancing task force at all costs, S/Sgt. John E. Black, of Manchester, Ga., platoon sergeant of a tank battalion withstood enemy fire for two days and one night and brought his own tank and crew to safety.

As he maneuvered into position the Germans opened fire on his tank, "All-America No. One," and other tanks in the column. His tank knocked out an anti-tank gun. Then he spotted two Tiger tanks and appealed for help.

A TD which came to help him was knocked out and Sgt. Blair was left alone with the two tanks closing in. Again he radioed for help and moved near a building which was set on fire. He backed

## GIs Handle 'Hot' Cargo—Hot for Nazis



Handling artillery ammunition is one of the important tasks of port battalions unloading the huge tonnage streaming into the main Allied ports in Europe. Here three longshoremen of a Negro port unit at Cherbourg load shells for hoisting out of the hold of a ship.

## One-Man Army Bags 29 Nazis

WITH THE SIXTH ARMORED DIV.—When an F3 knocked out his half-track near Bree during his AA battery's advance on Brest, 1/Sgt. John R. Morton, of Booneville, Mo., grabbed his carbine and started after the Germans. His bag for the hunt totalled 29.

Morton first came across a 20mm gun behind a hedgerow and picked off three of the crew. Then he holed up in a ditch as a group of Germans started across the field.

One shot from his hiding place took care of a German ransacking an M8 armored car. The record after that: one machine-gunner, 15 of the infantrymen in the field, picked off one by one; three Germans setting up another machine-gun and three others advancing with fixed bayonets.

That finished the last of Morton's carbine clips. As he crawled away from the spot, he saw a group of Germans climbing a truck. He found an M3 machine-gun near the body of an American tanker and picked off three of the truckload.

Morton was awarded a DSC.

## BAR Man Works Out Technique of His Own

WITH FIFTH INF. DIV., FRANCE.—Pfc Harold A. Estep's specialty as a BAR man is knocking out enemy weapons crews. His buddies keep the Germans occupied with M1 fire while Estep works his way around the flank.

At Pagny, these tactics and Estep's BAR liquidated two heavy mortars and one .88.

## Cherbourg Stevedores Keep Ammo Moving To Front Lines

CHERBOURG, Dec. 16.—With the advance of Allied armies into Europe and the capture and operation of the major ports of France and Belgium, the position of this muddy, murky port city in the general Allied supply picture has become less strategic. Nearly seven months after its liberation by American forces, Cherbourg is now more than 500 miles from the fighting lines, but still one of Europe's busiest ports.

Since the first Liberty ship arrived, longshoremen and technicians of Negro port battalions, working around the clock to discharge acres of vital cargo, have been the guts and working core of the port.

### Men Tonnage-Conscious

"These men are very tonnage-conscious," said 1/Lt. James F. Bianchina, San Francisco, a stevedore supervising officer of one Negro port company that has set unloading records at this port.

A red TC flag is awarded daily by the port commander to the company discharging most tonnage every 24 hours. Once won, it is hoisted by the victorious unit atop the ship it is working, where it flutters as a proud trophy.

"I've handled artillery shells until my arms were numb," said Pfc Elmer Lockhart, a "pusher" from Magnolia, Ark. "But if the boys at the front say they need ammunition, ammunition they'll get. As long as it comes in here, we'll sure take it off and send it up to 'em."

One day recently, Sgt. Joseph S. Collins, a hatch gang foreman from Lakeland, La., took five longshoremen down into the hold of a Liberty and in 12 hours steady heaving took out 151 long tons of 105 and 155 ammunition. Longshoremen participating in that job were: Pvt. Leon Smith, Vicksburg, Miss.; Pvt. Willie Freeman, Charleston, Miss.; Pvt. William Mitchell, Lake Providence, La.; Pfc Aurelie Jim, Eunice, La., and Pfc James Cale, Moylene, Ala.

## Faced 100 Nazi Rifles On Trek Into Cherbourg

WITH THE FOURTH INFANTRY DIVISION IN GERMANY.—The first Allied soldier to enter Cherbourg, Private Leroy Huffstickler, of East Gastonia, N.C., has been awarded a Silver Star. Voluntarily and alone he entered the city while it was occupied by more than 100 German troops and snipers, and later returned to conduct an American reconnaissance party through an arsenal area.

Huffstickler received the surrender of an enemy stronghold in which the 100 Nazis were lodged, in addition to large quantities of small arms. He also assisted in the seizure of a Nazi arsenal and the accomplishment of an important reconnaissance mission.

## Jumpers Make 'Too Little' Do

WITH 82nd AIRBORNE DIV. IN HOLLAND, Dec. 16.—Down to five rounds of ammunition per man, a platoon of the 505th Parachute Inf. was holding "Devil's Hill," just over the German border near Nijmegen, for the fifth day.

Assault after assault by more than 200 SS troopers had used all the rest of the platoon's munitions. Unless they could perform a miracle of marksmanship, it looked as though the paratroopers were doomed to "allay" fighting tactics, and already they had piled rocks by their foxholes, fixed bayonets, and stuck their trench knives near at hand.

The SS troops advanced up the hill again. This time, the platoon held fire until the Nazis were 25 yards away, and then blasted with everything they had. When the shots and screams died out, 90 of the Germans were dead, the rest had fled back down the hill. Supporting units which later attacked past the hill found as many more Germans who had died among the tangled fir trees in the valley.

## 3rd AA Bags 394 in Month

HQ., THIRD U.S. ARMY.—During August, Third Army AA batteries destroyed 271 German planes and probably destroyed 123 others.

Eighty of the Luftwaffe's first-line planes were knocked down in the Avranches area. One AA group shot down 60 planes in two days when the Third Army secured the Seine crossings near Mantes-Gassicourt, northwest of Paris.

## Oh, His Aching Back Ached Just in Time

Way out in front for nomination as the coolest man in the ETO is Cpl. Harry Whisenhut, of Waynesville, N.C. Intent on his job of checking a road in eastern France with a mine detector, the 26th Inf. Div. soldier had moved along a considerable distance when he straightened up to rest his back.

The vehicles parked along the road bore Jerry markings. Around them were German soldiers.

Harry bent down over his detector, turned around, and slowly started back toward American lines. When he got over the crest of the little hill, he dropped the instrument and kept running. Minutes later U.S. artillery scattered the Helms.

This Was America Yesterday:

## Converted Munition Plants Now Making Ersatz Rubber



**HAPPY CHRISTENING**—Smiling broadly, a worker in an Eau Claire, Wis., rubber factory, christens the first synthetic tire to come out of the plant since it was reconverted from making small-arms ammo.

By Joe Fleming  
Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

**NEW YORK, Dec. 16.**—No danger of running out of rubber just yet, it seems. War production people are reconverting a lot of those small arms and munitions plants—not to former civilian products, but for the making of U.S. ersatz rubber which, using new formulas, is about as good as the stuff the Japs snatched. Good enough to get to Berlin on, anyway.

Appointment of Archibald MacLeish to Edward Stettinius' streamlined State Department was confirmed, but not without a parting nasty by William Philip Simms, who said the ex-Fortune writer, ex-Congressional librarian and noted poet, was "on the exotic side," and "would be at home on the Paris left bank." Moral: Don't write poetry.

**BROADWAY** is jumping out of Leap Year into 1945 depending almost entirely on the past for successes. The old Father Time of the great white way is "Life With Father," rollicking comedy of New York manners in the '80s which is rolling along in its sixth year. A challenging newcomer is "The Late George Apley," an adaptation of John P. Marquand's Pulitzer Prize novel. It has Boston's staid Beacon Street in 1912 for a background. On the musical side, "Bloomer Girl" has a New England milltown setting in 1861 when bloomers really were unmentionable. It's rivalling "Oklahoma" at the boxoffice, but it isn't the show that "Oklahoma" is, although Celeste Holm and Joan McCracken of the original "Oklahoma" cast are leading bloomerites.

MGM is planning a sequel to "See Here, Pvt. Hargrove," to be called, "What Next, Cpl. Hargrove?" This leaves the way open for a third picture, as the Army's best known GI is a sergeant.

Pictures of Cpl. Ruby Newell, of Long Beach, Calif., christening the Fortress named "Ruby's Raiders" is carried in papers throughout the nation. Ruby was chosen prettiest WAC in Britain in a Stars and Stripes beauty contest.

Another ETO favorite, Harry Brown, who authored "Artie Green-groin" for the British edition of Yank is in the news. Brown's novel, "A Walk in the Sun," was one of the ten outstanding books of the year chosen by ten of the nation's leading critics. There were, incidentally, 6,819 books published this year. Ernie Pyle's "Brave Men" was one of the "best."

**POINTING** out that where soldiers have tarried they've married, Elsa Maxwell said in the postwar world girls from New Guinea and Leyte can scarcely be asked to wear bathing suits at Jones Beach if bathing suits are contrary to their native customs.

"We mustn't forget," Elsa said, "that we are still custodians of minority rights and the Four Freedoms."

Walter Winchell called "shocking" the fact nations like Spain and Argentina, which always aided Hitler, now are getting better treatment than some nations which always fought Nazism.

Spainful.

And Liberty came out for Christmas with a soldier doing his Yuletide shopping. Benevolent looking veteran, like most magazine warriors, and he



had a variety of ribbons. Only hitch was, he was wearing them on his overcoat.

## War Souvenirs May Be Trap, Navy Warns

**NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (ANS).**—The U.S. Navy warns Americans to be wary of war souvenirs sent home from the battle front. The enemy has taken advantage of the American desire for souvenirs and installed booby-traps in such items as supposedly exploded shells and grenades, the Navy said.

When it learned that a bazooka rocket exploded in a New York apartment, seriously injuring several children, the Navy reported the enemy decided to booby-trap other ordnance which might be used for souvenirs. A typical souvenir was a Jap bomb fuse containing two charges, the serviceman not knowing about the second.

One German adaptation is a potato-masher type of hand grenade, in which Navy officials found a second charge after the first had been removed. The Navy asked that all such souvenirs be turned over to the police.

## Marshall Visits Training Posts

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.**—Army Chief of Staff Gen. George C. Marshall is now on an inspection tour of infantry training centers throughout the United States as part of the effort to keep a steady flow of replacements available for combat units, the War Department disclosed today.

Gen. Marshall returned recently from a tour of the Western Front convinced that the Army's practice of constantly sending replacements to combat units was far superior to replacing entire units.

## Boots Grim Reaper With Oversize Dogs

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.**—Ensign Carl E. Smith, of Houston, Tex., owes his life to his big feet.

When he had to bail out of his Navy fighter plane his chute caught on the cockpit but he kicked himself clear, pulled the ripcord, and waited.

"It wasn't like the book said," Smith relates. "I was jerked by my feet. My harness had been yanked off my shoulders but it miraculously caught around my large brogans."

## 3 Battles Won 800 Miles From Pole

**BOSTON, Dec. 16 (ANS).**—The Navy disclosed today a relentless game of hide and seek, played among icebergs only 800 miles from the North Pole, resulting in three victorious battles in which Coast Guard cutters drove German weather posts and surface craft away from the northeast Greenland coast as recently as last Oct. 26.

Word of the engagements indicated the importance which the Nazi high command attaches to weather information, from the point of origin off the North Atlantic, for the purpose of plotting their own strategy and anticipating that of the Allies.

The battles began Sept. 1, and ended Oct. 26. The first word of the latest Nazi attempt to establish new bases since they were driven out of Greenland in 1941 and 1943, reached the Coast Guard last July when a Danish captain of a Greenland sledge patrol encountered a land station on Cape Sussi, at the northern tip of Shannon Island.

The Navy said one German armed trawler was sunk, another captured and the third found abandoned. Sixty prisoners were taken, the radio stations was captured and destroyed and a German bomber attack was beaten off.

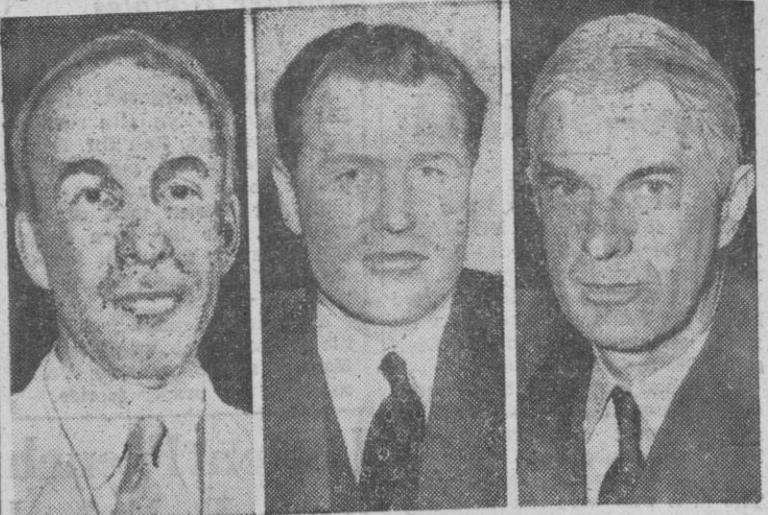
Three Coast Guard cutters were damaged by crushing ice packs. One of the cutters, the Northwind, had to be towed 3,000 miles for repairs.

The climax of the battle through ice floes and along frozen shores came Oct. 16, when the cutters Eastwind and Southwind captured the German armed trawler Externsteine and a crew of four officers and 30 men. Salvo after salvo of shells flashed across ice packs before the Germans were cornered in an ice-floe pocket and forced to surrender.

### Capture Weather Station

Twelve days before this engagement, Capt. Charles W. Thomas, commander of the Eastwind, had landed two platoons of sailors on

## New State Department Appointees



Archibald MacLeish (left), librarian of Congress; Nelson A. Rockefeller (center), Co-ordinator of Inter-American Affairs, and William Clayton (right), Texas cotton manufacturer, were appointed assistant Secretaries of State Friday, after the Senate Foreign Relations Committee passed the President's nominations.

## Two New Uniforms Ready For Army Nurses and WACs

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.**—Two new uniforms for women in the Army—same for both WACs and nurses will be ready for shipment overseas around Jan. 1, the Quartermaster Corps announced.

One is an OD flannel jacket lined with rayon, with trousers to match. It is designed as a liner for the trousers and field jackets already worn for cold or wet weather, but may be worn by itself without the outer garments.

Another is a tropical uniform consisting of cotton khaki slacks and matching shirt. It will supplement the herringbone twill fatigues which women in the Southwest Pacific have been wearing almost exclusively.

## Senate Group Defers Palestine Resolution

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (UP).**—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, on the advice of Secretary of State Edward Stettinius Jr., voted 12 to 8 to defer, at least until the next Congress, action on a resolution advocating opening of Palestine to unlimited Jewish immigration and colonization. The resolution thus will die with the adjournment of Congress this month. The State Department said it considered the passage of the resolution at the present time "unwise from the standpoint of the general international situation."

## Probers 'Solve' Butt Problem

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (ANS).**—Senate investigators are about convinced that the only way to end the cigarette shortage is by winning the war, the AP reported yesterday. Sen. Ferguson (R-Mich.) said as long as the war lasts there's little that can be done to bolster civilian stocks and the crisis will become more acute.

Ferguson told reporters that it "looks as though smokers will have to hurry victory along by putting their money behind soldiers and sailors through bond purchases."

The Army and Navy are getting the bulk of cigarettes manufactured—51 percent of one popular brand—and are calling for more next year. Those manufacturers who have enough leaf tobacco on hand to increase cigarette production haven't the machinery or the manpower to do the job.

## Texas-to-California Gas Pipe-Line Planned

**MIDLAND, Tex., Dec. 16 (ANS).**—Negotiations are under way by the Metropolitan Natural Gas Co. of Midland for construction of a 26-inch gas line from the Permian Basin of Texas to Los Angeles, a distance of approximately 1,100 miles.

Chester A. Ring, junior president of the company, said the project would be a conservation measure for both Texas and Los Angeles. The pipe-line would carry waste natural gas from the Permian Basin to Los Angeles. This gas is used at present in burning flares throughout West Texas. The cost would be forty-million dollars and the pipe-line would have a capacity of 350-million cubic feet of gas a day.

## Record Tobacco Crop

**WEST LIBERTY, Ky., Dec. 16 (ANS).**—Morgan County farmers are busy stripping the biggest crop of burley tobacco ever produced, according to Thomas W. Giles, government tobacco grader of Lexington. He estimated the county has 3,385,000 pounds for market this year.

# Once Over Lightly

By Paul Horowitz  
Sports Editor

NEWS that Lt. Cmdr. James "Sleepy Jim" Crowley has been named commissioner of the newly-formed All-America Football Conference indicates the powers that be in that organization know a "good will" salesman when they see one. Crowley is anything but sleepy, especially when he's called upon to speak at a festive occasion. He's quick on the trigger and a master at repartee.

We remember Jim best as Fordham's football coach, turning out winning elevens and using the off-season to ferret out potential Rams in high schools from Maine to Florida. Crowley would go a thousand miles to get a giant tackle, or a slambang fullback. He did much of his foraging in New Jersey and he tells this story of an experience there.

THE Fordham coach and a rival scout from NYU were hot on the trail of a wonderful quarterback. The boy's parents couldn't speak English very well, but they had been sold the idea of sending their offspring to NYU when Crowley got to them. Jim had an inspiration and delivered the following spiel to the puzzled parents:

"No, no, you don't want to send your boy to New York University! They have boys and girls. And the boys and girls there matriculate together. Not only that, but they use the same curriculum. And worst of all," Crowley continued, "when graduation time comes, the boys and the girls have to show their thesis to the professor!" P.S. The quarterback went to Fordham.

ELMER Layden who, with Crowley, was one of the famous "Four Horse men" at Notre Dame, can't hold a candle to Jim as a smooth speaker. Layden, commissioner of the National Professional Football League, would be the first to admit that the suave ex-Ram coach is a menace to his league. Crowley, using his slick gift of gab, might easily convert some free-lance National Leaguers to his All-America Conference rosters.



Jim Crowley

## Question Box

- To Capt. R. J. Canslin and Chuck Mann.—Tennessee's Bowl record: '39, Orange Bowl, Tenn. 17, Oklahoma 0; '40, Rose Bowl, So. Calif. 14, Tenn. 0; '41, Sugar Bowl, Boston College 19, Tenn. 13.
- S/Sgt. C. C. Nelson.—In old series, beginning 1894, Victorias won six Stanley Cups. Rangers also won six Stanley Cups, first in '16.
- Cpl. Wesley Stickrod.—Notre Dame last played and beat Minnesota in '38, 19-0.
- S/Sgt. Allen Jenkins.—Holy Cross upset Boston College, 55-12, '42.
- Pvt. Barko Alessi.—Four major leaguers have hit four homers in one game, Chuck Klein, Bob Lowe, Ed Delahanty, Lou Gehrig. Babe Ruth hit three against Pittsburgh at Forbes Field.
- Cpl. Ross Scott.—Frank Snavely, playing for Cornell, is Coach Carl Snavely's nephew.
- Lt. John Harwood.—Bump Hadley beamed Mickey Cochran in Yankee Stadium in middle '30s.
- C. A. Burries.—Army-Navy program lists Hal Hamberg's home town as Lonoke, Ark.
- Pfe T. R. Temple.—In '42, Colgate beat Dartmouth, 27-19; beat Cornell, 18-6; beat Syracuse, 14-0.
- Cpl. P. K. Byron.—"Whizzer" White played with Pittsburgh Pirates in pro league '38.
- Wm. Harton.—Ohio State beat Southern Calif., 33-0, '41.
- Sgt. Wm. Papenhausen.—Southern Calif. beat Washington, 38-7, this year.
- No name.—Ed Widseth played tackle for New York Giants. Davis of Army did play in '43 at West Point, but didn't finish season and came back as a plebe. Jimmy Brennan did play for Notre Dame against Navy. Notre Dame beat Ohio State, 18-13, '38. West Texas State beat Abilene, 41-6, Nov. 23, not New Mexico.

## Vols Discuss Rose Bowl Strategy



Just before entraining yesterday for the Coast, these Tennessee University players talk over their trip to the Rose Bowl to meet Southern California's Trojans, New Year's Day. Seated, left to right: E. J. Asbury, Bob Dobelstein, Casey Stephen, Jack Redding, Roy Cross (in bed), Trainer Elmer Hill; standing, John Martin, Gene Huff, Jack Edmonds and Russ Dobelstein.

## Generous George Catches Hell

# GIs, Baseball Moguls Blast Marshall, Redskins' Owner

By Charlie Slocum  
ANS Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—George Preston Marshall, ebullient owner of the Washington Redskins, who was told a few days ago by the major baseball leagues to "stay the hell out of baseball parks until we get damn good and ready to let you in," today was revealed to be about as popular as Chelseas with servicemen in and around the nation's capital.

Marshall was one of the central figures in the majors' ruling this week to bar in the future all professional football from baseball parks until regularly scheduled and post-season games are finished. The Washington laundry magnate had asked why the "baseball people don't get wise to themselves," when the "stay the hell out" edict was passed down.

That setback wasn't bad enough, for in reviewing Marshall's 1944 enterprises, writers brought up the story of the laundryman's generosity in "throwing wide" the gates of Griffith Stadium each Sunday to admit 20-count 'em, 20-wounded servicemen.

Marshall, it was said, let the boys in without charging them a nickel, all 20 of them. Not only that, but he let them sit right down on the playing field in front of the baseball dugout where they couldn't see a thing.

There was an indication that the wounded GIs didn't think so much of Marshall's big-hearted gesture when only 17 took advantage of the free admission to see the Giants wallop the 'Skins last week in the game that settled the Eastern Division.

## Black Sox Pair On Cobb's Nine

GLENBROOK, Nev., Dec. 16.—Tyrus Raymond Cobb, the "Georgia Peach," called by many the greatest ballplayer who ever lived, has picked his all-time All-America baseball team.



Ty Cobb

Included are two players who were barred for life from organized baseball, and one whom he never saw play.

Buck Weaver and Joe Jackson of the famous Chicago "Black Sox" of 1919 are the banned players Cobb picked. Bill Dickey, New York Yankee catcher, is Ty's choice, though he never saw him play.

Ty also named Mickey Cochrane as another catcher, and Walter Johnson, Ed Walsh and Eddie Plank as pitchers. Infielders are George Sisler at first, Eddie Collins at second, Honus Wagner at short and Weaver at third. The outfield consists of Jackson in left, Tris Speaker in center, and Babe Ruth in right field.

# Giants Are Underdogs In Pro Title Encounter

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The National Football League championship will be decided tomorrow in the Polo Grounds between the New York Giants and Green Bay Packers and, as usual, each coach is trying to build up a false sense of security in his opponent.

## Steve Owen Seeking 'Will o' Wisp' Blozis

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Anybody seen a six-foot seven-inch tackle wearing gold bars answering to the name of Al Blozis?

Steve Owen, Giants' coach, is looking for the lineman, who has been declared eligible for the title game with the Packers tomorrow. Blozis played a couple of games with the Giants while on leave, after receiving an infantry commission at Ft. Benning. "The Army may have moved him," Owen said today, "but I think he's close enough to join us."

Steve Owen, Giants' mentor, has drilled several backs as prospective subs for Bill Paschal, who sprained an ankle last week at Washington, but don't be amazed when Paschal starts toting the ball.

Curley Lambeau, who's just as cute as Owen, has let the story out that his ace running back, Lou Brock, will not play. Brock has a trick knee and has been out of action for more than a month.

The Packers are held two-touch-down favorites over the Giants by professional gamblers, who make it their business to ascertain exact conditions of such things as Paschal's ankle or Brock's knee.

Arnie Herber, former Green Bay luminary recalled from retirement by Owen this year, is passing sharply and looks forward with high glee to the opportunity set before him. It's no secret Herber parted company with Packer Coach Lambeau in 1941 on something less than cordial terms.



Arnie Herber

The Packers may uncover a couple of surprises for the Giants in the persons of Roy McKay and Paul Duhart, Florida U. rookie, who compare favorably with the great passing duo of Irv Comp and Don Hutson, whom the Giants vastly respect. Duhart is expected to do heavy duty as a pass receiver, having demonstrated his ability to get downfield faster than anyone on the team with the exception of the inimitable Hutson.

Howard Livingston, who shackled Hutson a month ago when the Giants beat the Packers, 24-0, is being held in reserve by Owen in case Paschal can't play.

## Snead, Walkup In Golf Knot

RICHMOND Calif., Dec. 16.—Slammin' Sammy Snead put on a Merriwell finish with a 20-foot chip shot into the 18th hole yesterday to wind up tied with Jimmy Walkup, of San Antonio, Tex., for the lead at the halfway mark in the \$7,500 Richmond Open golf tournament. Snead's shot gave him a second round score of 69 and a 36-hole total of 139. Walkup, unknown before shooting his opening-round 68, came back with a par 71 yesterday.

Leonard Dodson, of Kansas City, Mo., shot the day's best round with a 68 for a two-round total which tied him for fifth place of 144 with Sgt. Jim Ferrier, Mike Turnesa, of White Plains, N.Y., and Ted Lengworth, of Portland, Ore.

Tied for second with 141 are Ky Lafoon, Chicago veteran, and Ernie Pieper, San Jose, Calif., amateur

## Ruffin, Greco Box Draw in Return Go

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Bobby Ruffin and Johnny Greco battled ten furious rounds to a draw in a return match at Madison Square Garden last night.

Greco dropped Ruffin twice in the second round and had his foe bleeding from nose, eyes and mouth at the end of the fight, but the Astoria boy's boxing skill and sharp left jabs earned the draw decision.

## Bartolo Whips Roache

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—Sal Bartolo, NLA featherweight champ, outpointed "Whistlin'" Willie Roache over the 15-round route here last night. The Boston Italian was smacking Roache without a return punch late in the bout.

## Reds Train at Indiana U.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Dec. 16.—The Cincinnati Reds and Indianapolis of the American Association will share facilities at Indiana U. next year for the third straight time in spring training, Athletic Director Z. C. Clevenger announced today.

## Army Gets Lambert Trophy

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The Lambert Trophy, symbolic of Eastern collegiate football supremacy, was awarded the U.S. Military Academy by unanimous vote of 68 football writers.

## Tops Foul Record In Nat'l Cage Loop

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—The National Basketball League season is only a few weeks old but Leroy "Cowboy" Edwards, of Oshkosh, Wis., is credited with one scoring record, and Mel Reibe, of Cleveland, is on his way to breaking another, league records showed today.

Edwards registered 14 foul shots against the champion Fort Wayne Zollners to erase the 12 made by Benny Stephens of the Akron, O., Goodyears in 1940. Reibe has 73 points in four games for an 18.2 average with 26 games left to beat the 406 points scored by Chuck Chuckovits in 22 games in 1942.

## Mexico First Foreign Team in U.S. Bowl Tilt

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 16.—The University of Mexico today accepted an invitation to play Southwestern U. of Georgetown, Tex., in the 10th annual Sun Bowl football game here Jan. 1 and thereby became the first team from a foreign country to play in an American bowl game. Dr. R. B. Homan, chairman of the bowl committee, said Mexico accepted during a meeting across the border in Juarez, Mexico.

## CAGE RESULTS

- Akron 82, Muskingum 56
- Baldwin-Wallace 42, Rowester 33
- Bunker Hill Naval 50, Kellogg Field 20
- Brooklyn College 64, Fordham 34
- Central Michigan 61, Alma 49
- Detroit 55, Western Ontario 26
- Depauw 78, Earlham 22
- Girardeau Techs. 49, Blytheville AAF 38
- Loras 57, St. Mary's (Minn.) 45
- Marshall 52, Bucknell 49
- Mitchell Field 52, Morehead Techs. 47
- North Carolina 67, Catawba 35
- Murray 76, Arkansas State 21
- Olathe Air Field 57, Missouri Valley 39
- Texas Christian 45, Texas Tech 28

## American Hockey League

Friday Night's score  
St. Louis 2, Providence 0

EASTERN DIVISION				
	W	L	T	Pts.
Buffalo	13	7	2	28
Hershey	11	9	2	24
Providence	7	14	2	16
WESTERN DIVISION				
Indianapolis	12	7	6	30
Pittsburgh	11	6	2	24
Cleveland	10	7	2	22
St. Louis	5	12	2	12

# THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

## Sad Sack Shack

I live with two T/3s and the one I have reference to is the taller one. The other day I chopped three days' supply of wood. That afternoon it was cold and raining. I decided to build a fire in our home-made stove. Said the T/3, "You don't have to build a fire. I'm not cold." The result being I had to warm up in another hut.

The other night his rear was sticking out from under his blanket. I went over to cover him up. Said the T/3, "Go to sleep, don't make so much noise and take your shoes off outside." And this afternoon, I had to take the gum out of my mouth. He claims he can't concentrate with so much noise.

Do me a favor, will you? Get this guy a wife, so that maybe he'll let me alone.—T/4 I. H. Perres, Ord.

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## Stirs Our Tempers

It seems that every GI with a bitch writes to you. We don't mind an occasional bitch now and then, we do it ourselves, but when we read nothing but bitching, griping and complaining, it kind of stirs up our tempers.

You know, one of the main reasons the Army has a Chaplain's Corps is to listen to some of these poor harassed individuals. Why not let the Chaplain take care of it?—Capt. R. S., Tank Bn.

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## Everybody's Got Troubles

I have been in the army almost three years, and overseas for more than two. I have served in various theatres of action; eked out a bare existence on C rations; tried to sleep in pup tents for months on end; waded in mud and puddled around in the water.

The first time I was informed that I had not served in this theatre long enough. But times nos. 2, 3 and 4 take the cake.

My recommendation for promotion went in. Two months later I was informed all promotions were frozen. Chaplain after chaplain who had been in the army less time than I had been overseas came over from the states... all captains. The third effort brought the same response, "Frozen." The fourth attempt was made in England, where I was informed: "When we land in France." We landed all right, but yesterday the report came back, "Frozen."

How about building a fire and try some "thawing" for a change! —Chaplain R. Le Roy Logan, (1st Lt.).

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## France Remembers

Against a red-brick wall in an obscure side street in Orleans, France, lie the rusty remains of an American jeep struck by a German shell. The pile of twisted metal is the only monument to the two fighting doughboys who were manning the jeep when fate overtook them.

Armistice Day comes and goes with its parades and blaring bands, flags, crowds, patriotic speeches honoring the French dead. The monuments and memorial plaques

throughout the central part of the city are bedecked with bunting and piled high with wreaths.

As night steals across the city, its shadows darken the obscure street and caress the pile of twisted, rusty metal which once was a jeep. A little French girl stands silently beside the wreckage, gazing down in the semi-darkness at the cold iron. She stoops and reverently lays something on the pile, straightens, and with a last clinging glance makes her way across the street. Thru a break in the overhanging clouds, the moon quickly appears and for an instant a silvery beam shines on the mound of rusty metal, on which now rests a small bouquet of garden flowers. The clouds join, blocking out the moonlight, and the darkness is complete. Across the street a door quietly closes.

France has remembered the Americans.—Lt. Evan T. Hopkins, Air Corps.

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## 30-Year Man

I'm one who does not agree with —"Maybe, Maybe Not" and 1/Lt. S. P., Inf.

When a man decides to remain in the Army as a career, he has dedicated his life to public service; if you please to become a public servant. He has chosen that life not just to put in a few years for the sake of receiving a pension.

The average old timer who requires a pension from his or her employer, stays with his employer for periods of from 25 years upward.

If the present plan of military service is continued after the war, there will be enough men who really like the service to stay and train the man who does his hitch.

With the dependency benefits for families a man can enjoy life very comfortably and still stay 30 years in the Army; have his home, family, auto and all the other things that Mr. American Civilian enjoys.

I'm drawing 7 years and expect to have to do 23 more, to draw a pension.—Lt. D. N. B., FA.

## An Editorial

# Home Sweat Home

TALKING about rumor, the home front has come in for its share. We've heard about strikes letting the soldier down. About labor lousing up supply. About the boys and gals on the assembly lines goofing off and gold-bricking behind the tool shed. About the night clubs booming, the wives playing, the customers bitching. About ornery no-account 4Fs holding down soft berths and drawing folding dough while we sweat it out over here.

Maybe some of us are building up a fat little grudge against Rosie the riveter, Bill the business man and Fred the farmer. If so, maybe we ought to check the rumors against the truth, and see whether our gripes come out of real life or Joe Goebbels' latrine.

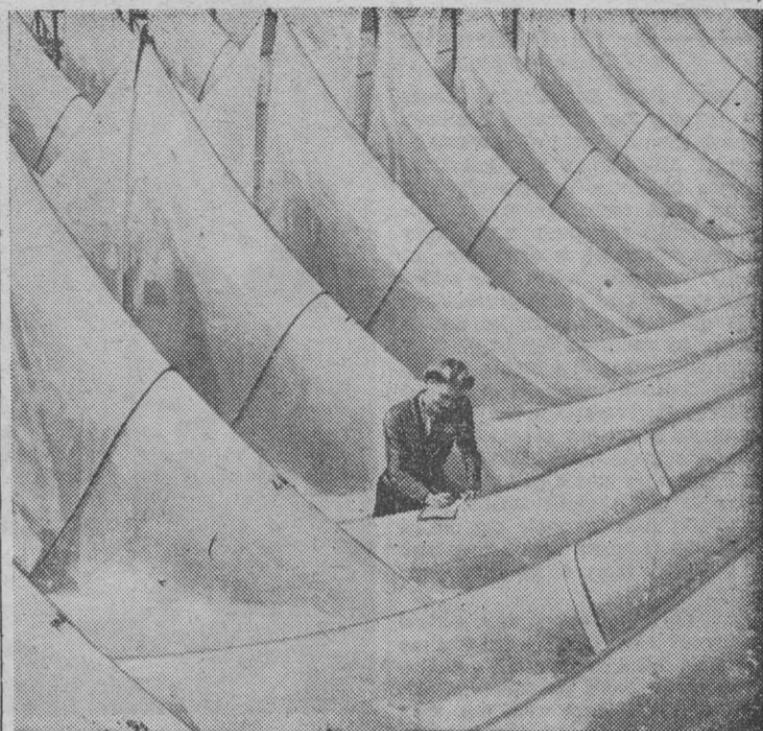
We think the fact are on every road from Cherbourg, Rouen and Antwerp to the front. They're in the air above. They're on the seas. They're out in the open for every fair-minded man to see. In a four-year record of toil and sweat. A record that, stripped of rumor and writing, reads like this:

	More than
Planes .....	250,000
Tanks .....	100,000
Trucks .....	2,000,000
Small arms ammo. ....	40,000,000,000 rounds
Machine guns .....	2,000,000
Rifles and carbines. ....	10,000,000
Sub-machine guns. ....	2,000,000
Aircraft bombs .....	3,500,000 tons
Artillery ammo .....	2,500,000 tons

American farms—manned by a million fewer workers—produced 28 percent more food in 1943 than before the war—and 45 percent more food than farmers produced in World War I.

Shipworkers are producing 22,000,000 tons of ships a year—they've trebled their output since 1942.

Strikers didn't produce the ton of supplies per man per month reported the other day by Gen. Ross, ETO Transportation Chief. Goldbricks didn't turn out the six million long tons of food, weapons, vehicles and ammo discharged in 2,800 cargo ships, according to his report. Night club nifties and lounge lizards didn't help to out-produce the Axis 4 to 1. The 102,000 workers didn't die and 350,000



weren't disabled playing the horses.

The record shows that rumors about the home front are mostly unfounded. That strikes have cost the war effort less than one tenth of 1 percent of the total labor time available since December 7, 1941.

Next time we read about strikes in the paper, let's remember that old newspaper adage—"When man bites dog it's news."

Next time we snipe at the folks at home, let's think for a moment whom we mean. Our fathers and mothers, sisters and brothers, pals and gals. As American as we are. As eager to finish this war. As famished for us as we are for them.

Next time we wind up and let fly at the home front, better duck. Otherwise we're apt to clout ourselves on the jaw.

## SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE

### Fruit Jar Hill

Sgt. Carl L. Wormuth, of Birmingham, N.Y.; Cpl. John Armagast, of Chicago, and Pfc Bernard S. Dobosen, of Gawanda, N.Y., have renamed a knoll in Germany "Fruit Jar Hill."

The three Third Armored Div. men and about 30 German women and children were trapped in a cellar filled with home-canned fruit for three days while the Germans were shelling the area.

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### Class Distinction

Even in death, SS troops, Hitler's élite, are given preference. During a truce granted to pick up dead and wounded, men of K Co., 23rd Inf. Regt., Second Inf. Div. noticed that the German medics picked up only the bodies of the SS men and left the Wehrmacht members for the Americans.

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### Princely Reception

Prince Felix, consort of the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg, had a rough homecoming when he entered one of his castles now occupied by American armored troops. S/Sgt. Paul H. Stutzman, of Wymissing, Pa., seeing a man in a non-American uniform wandering about the halls, put a carbine's muzzle in his ribs and marched off to the security officer, quieting the prince's protests with threats to shoot.

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### Mortar Record?

Mortarmen have loaded so fast they get hurt by fins of the first shell leaving the tube as they drop in the second. When this happened to Pfc Roy Gay, of Valley Head, W. Va., and the 120th Inf., 28th

Div., he decided his outfit needed double-barreled mortars to solve the problem. Gay's section in supporting an attack across the Vire River, expended 1,570 rounds in three hours 20 minutes.

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### Remove Mines

Working under enemy mortar and artillery fire in what is said to be the largest mine field yet encountered on the Western Front, a platoon of an Armored Eng. Bn.



with the Third Armored "Spearhead" Div. has removed more than 1,000 anti-tank mines in less than three days.

Led by 1/Lt. Edmund J. Socha, of Wallington, N.J., the men feel their way along, at times knee-deep in muck.

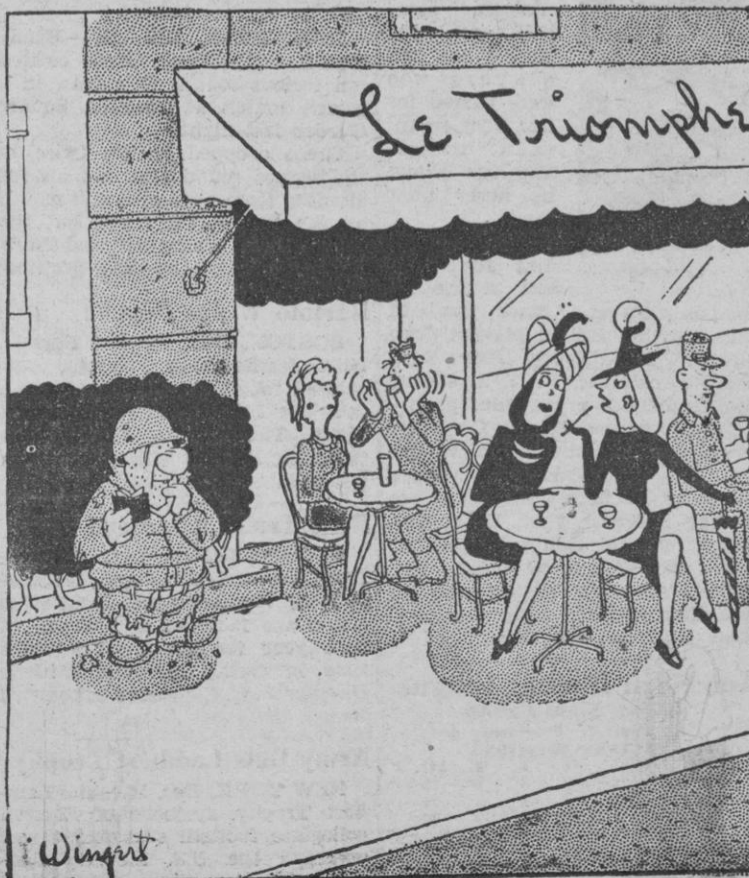
## Births

Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival:

PFC Theron C. Smith, Jacksonville, Fla. —Theron David, Dec. 4; Cpl. Stanley Sherman, Rockaway Beach, N.Y.—Arlene Gail, Dec. 3; Pfc. Charles K. Turner, Princeton, W.Va.—girl, Dec. 5; Cpl. Evilio Vasquez, Bronx—Catherine Marie, Dec. 7; Pfc. Olin T. Vaughn, Camp Croft, S.C.—girl, Nov. 25; S/Sgt. Clinton R. Wetzel, Bronx—boy, Nov. 11.

T/SGT. William E. Regan, Cleveland—Sherry L. Jeanne, Nov. 12; Pvt. Max Rosner, New York—girl, Dec. 7; Pfc Hyman Shalosh, Brooklyn—girl; Sgt. Robert C. Scott, East Orange—Richard Coe, Dec. 5; Pvt. Larry Smiler, Bronx—Gary Martin, Oct. 8; Cpl. Lewis J. Sevestre, Summit, N.J., Dec. 3; M/Sgt. Robert Seidel, Seward, Neb.—Dean Robert, Dec. 7; Pfc Frank G. Sorgatz Jr., Cleveland—boy, Nov. 19; Lt. Lisbon Schmeiske, Binghamton, N.Y.—Elaine, Nov. 14.

## HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"Don't look now, but there's old 'Cooshay Auvce' back in town."

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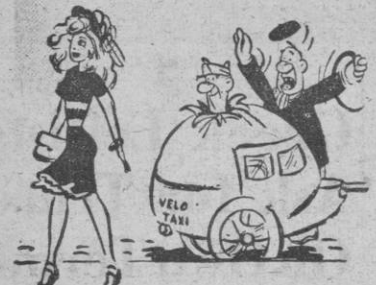


GI Observation. Many a girl can cast a spell over a man with hipnotism.

Pfc Ray Stamm sez he now understands why the French are such great wine drinkers. It rains so much here they hate the sight of water.

How to Win the War. A group of unhappy KPs somewhere in Belgium thinks the Army could get along better if they started sending over dehydrated spuds.

Fashion Note. (Same as for '42 and '43). Young ladies will be



wearing the same thing in sweaters again this season.

Overheard in the blackout. "A sergeant I know should be in the pigeon corps. He's really a bird."

The Little Moron sez he knows how to end the cigarette shortage—make them all King size.

Then there was the fellow who went into marriage with his eyes shut. Her father packed an awful wallop.

"Shades of sitting bull," sez S/Sgt. C. L. McConnell. The men had been at the front for two weeks and a non-com was sent around to ask how many guys



wanted "access to their duffle bags." He put the question to a T/5, who created quite a stir by asking his buddies. "How many of youse guys want axes in your duffle bags?"

Overheard in a bistro. "I was really ashamed when I heard that our ack-ack outfits were getting their ammunition in the flak market." J. C. W.

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

CAMERA EXCHANGE FOR SALE: Busch Press Camera, 2 1/4 x 3 1/4, f-6.3 Wollensak lens, speed 1/200, case, film holders, sunshade, filters, four packs sheet film. Will trade for reflex or folding camera with cash difference. Cpl. Clifford Springer.

FOR SALE: Argus 35mm. camera, f-4.5. Cpl. George Ennen.

WANTED: Leica camera lenses: Summar, 50mm. f-2; Hektor, 73mm. f-1.9; Elmar, 135mm. f-4.5; also Speed Graphic 4" x 5". Lt. C. L. Strubar.

WANTED RADIO, portable, battery operated. M/ Sgt. O. H. Ripper.

REED 16 Harmonica. Sgt. Lulis and his Weary Gun Section.

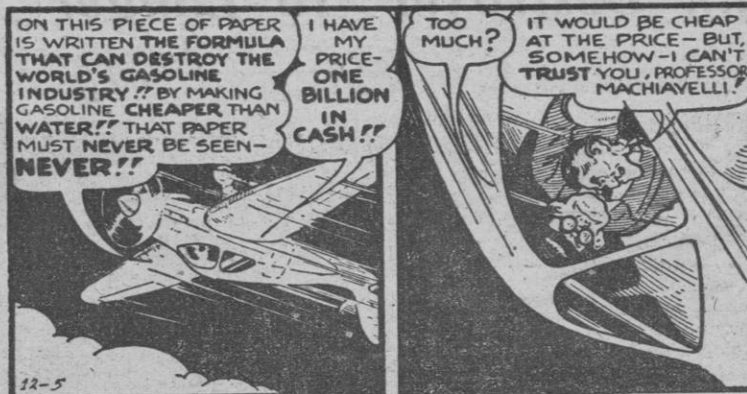
FOUND MUSETTE bag which two officers riding to Paris Nov. 26 left in jeep. Capt. James P. Wilbee.

SAXOPHONE in Paris area about Nov. 1. Lt. Robert J. Reagan.

CIGARETTE case with pictures of young mother and baby probably Sgt. Hendrix's. Sgt. Lester Schick.

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Terry And The Pirates

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Dick Tracy

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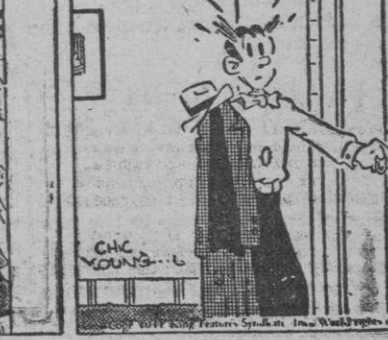
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## Churchill Aide Claims Poland Remark 'Slip'

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP).—One of Prime Minister Churchill's private secretaries told the AP that the Prime Minister had a "lapse of memory" during yesterday's speech on Poland and confused the wording of the Atlantic Charter with the British government's statement of foreign policy drafted in 1940.

Churchill's sensational statement that an insertion, mutually agreed upon by the Big Three, had been made in the Atlantic Charter providing that territorial changes could be settled before peace talks, brought this explanation from one of the private secretaries at Downing Street:

"Mr. Churchill was speaking from memory and just made a slip. The paragraph he attributed to the Atlantic Charter was actually in the British government's statement of foreign policy laid down in 1940. Later during yesterday's debate, Eden pointed out that Churchill had erred."

### Washington Surprised

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (ANS).—Prime Minister Churchill's statement on Poland caught Washington by surprise, the Associated Press reported.

Sen. Taft (R.-Ohio) said: "It looks like the end of the Atlantic Charter and the return of power politics." Sen. Pepper (D.-Fla.), member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, said the situation has brought out the question of what part the U.S. is to play in European affairs.

## MPs Not to Enforce French Dance Ban

American MPs will not aid in the enforcement of the French ban on public dancing in the Paris area, the Theater Provost Marshal declared yesterday. He said the injunction came as "a complete surprise."

Meanwhile the Paris Prefect of Police, stressing the fact that the ban was directed at Frenchmen rather than Allied soldiers, reiterated his statement that dances sponsored by units of American or Allied troops would be allowed to continue.

He said it was his understanding that dancing facilities under U.S. and Allied auspices are sufficient at present to meet the troops' demands.

## Police Close Velez Case; Funeral Plans Pending

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 16 (ANS).—The suicide of Lupe Velez, tempestuous Mexican beauty who took her own life because she was reportedly expecting an illegitimate baby and the "one love" of her life had not been returned, was officially closed today by Hollywood police.

Friends held up funeral arrangements pending word from the actress's aged mother in Mexico City. Mexican Consul Manuel Aguilar said there was a possibility the body might be returned to Mexico for burial.

### Surplus Board Named

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—President Roosevelt has appointed former Gov. Robert A. Hurley of Connecticut and Lt. Col. Edward Haller of San Francisco to the new Surplus Property Disposal Board. Sen. Guy M. Gillette of Iowa is slated to be the third member when his Senate term expires in January.

## A Nazi Tank Destroyer No Longer Self-Propelled



A Ninth Army doughboy carrying a bazooka runs past a German self-propelled tank destroyer, knocked out and burning, near Aldenhoven, Germany. The Nazi TD mounted a 75mm. gun and was destroyed during the battle for Aldenhoven, Nov. 21.

U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

## 7th Smashes To West Wall On 17-Mi. Front

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ordered to make a stand along the Siegfried Line.

He added that Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's troops have been up against delaying actions and predicted that "yard-by-yard warfare" would begin at the Palatinate's West Wall.

The Siegfried forts run two or three miles northeast of Wissembourg in hills which rise steeply north of the town. They continue across rolling country in the Wissembourg gap and run eastward into woodlands north of the border.

Third Army men fought for every yard in the Saar, where the Germans seemed determined to prevent further penetration.

In Dillingen, 90th Div. forces gained up to 300 yards on a 900-yard front. Germans were reported using a big church in the southern part of the city as a strongpoint.

### Smash Through Rubble

At Saarlautern, 95th Div. elements smashed through rubble-littered streets for about 250 yards in the Enseldorf suburb.

Northeast of Sarreguemines, meanwhile, 137th Regt. men crushed a counter-attack of 200 infantry and six tanks in the sector just north of Habkirchen, where Germans resisted fanatically from pillboxes and foxholes.

Stars and Stripes Correspondent Earl Mazo reported that the Nazis were conducting extensive propaganda broadcasts describing how well Americans in German prisoner-of-war camps were getting along.

### Berzbuir Is Taken

In the First Army's advance up the Roer south of Duren, 83rd Div. forces took the town of Berzbuir, four miles below Duren, and advanced 1,000 yards to the river's bank. Working with the 83rd were forces of the Fifth Armored Div.

In the Monschau Forest area, where Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' men are battling both northwest and southeast of the river, resistance was heavy. Americans fought through masses of mines, wire entanglements and pillboxes.

## Pétain and Laval Head 68 on France's Black List

The names of Marshal Pétain and Pierre Laval, officially described as having "fled to Germany," head a black list of 68 former Vichy ministers and officials accused of treason whose cases are now being examined by the French High Court of Justice, Reuter reported yesterday.

## RAF Lands Behind Nazis To Rescue Yank Airmen

LONDON, Dec. 16 (AP).—An RAF crew landed a transport plane behind the German lines in Southern France one night last August and rescued 20 American fliers, the Air Ministry disclosed today.

Eight others had to be left behind because the heavily-

## Trench Foot Declines 75%

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in the trench-foot campaign—and it's a vital one—but there's still a lot of mopping-up to be done."

Charts in the Chief Surgeon's office listing trench-foot rates for divisions of the First, Third, Ninth and Seventh Armies showed that some have reduced their figure to ten percent of what it was a month ago.

"However," Gordon said, "an outfit can easily reduce its rate when it goes to a rest area or if conditions under foot are drier than in other sectors. It's to the men living and fighting in the muck under the worst possible conditions who have managed to cut their trench-foot rate that most credit goes."

loaded plane bogged down in the cabbage-field landing strip. It was thought they were freed five days later by Allied landings on the Mediterranean coast.

The Americans had been shot down during air raids. One fighter escort pilot was badly burned and in need of medical attention.

The British rescue pilot said: "We were so impressed with the behavior of the Americans we had to leave behind that we decided we must have another try to get them out, so the next night we flew over again. But there was only a dummy flarepath laid through woods. We decided our previous trip had resulted in the discovery of our strip by the Germans and they were trying to lure other aircraft to destruction among the trees."

"I never found out what happened to those eight Americans, but as the invasion took place a day or two later it is probable they were sheltered by Maquis until they could be handed over to American landing forces."

## Wedding Cake for Gen. Ike



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

WAC Cpl. Pearl Hargrave, of Pillager, Minn., serves wedding cake to a certain five-star general, following her marriage yesterday to his driver and unofficial aide, M/Sgt. "Mickey" McKeogh, of Corona, L.I. Mickey has worked for General Ike since Texas days; Mrs. McKeogh joined the staff in Africa.

## Greek Leftists Ask for Truce On Own Terms

ATHENS, Dec. 16 (AP).—The left-wing EAM forces today laid down their conditions for ending the two-week-old civil war in Greece in a reply to the truce terms offered by Gen. Ronald Scobie, British commander in Attica.

The insurgents told Gen. Scobie they would evacuate Attica and Athens if a new government was formed to deal with the question of disarmament of guerrillas and if suspected collaborationists were tried.

Gen. Scobie immediately dispatched a reply to EAM, pointing out that the committee had ignored one of his vital conditions, that all ELAS supporters in Athens and Piraeus cease resistance and hand in their arms, the BBC Athens correspondent stated.

### In Agreement on Council

The EAM reply came as British and Greek leaders were reported in agreement on appointment of a regency council, which would create a new government acceptable to both factions.

Shortly before the EAM reply was received, Gen. Plastiras, former Greek leader, told correspondents: "There is now no chance of a negotiated peace and the issue can be settled by force only."

(In Washington Gen. Henry Arnold, chief of the U.S. Army Air Forces, commended American air transport personnel in Athens for carrying on vital work with strict neutrality during the civil struggle.)

## Canadian Troops Gain in Po Valley

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Dec. 16 (Reuter).—Canadian troops of the Eighth Army, in another day of fierce fighting, drove a wedge two miles deep into the German Naviglio Canal line in the Po Valley, today's communiqué announced.

Germans launched repeated counter-attacks across the rain-soaked countryside but were forced to give ground against the Canadians' unbroken drive.

Fierce fighting was reported immediately south of Faenza where British and Polish troops have further enveloped the town by getting foothold on a ridge overlooking the valley road running between Faenza and the next German stronghold town of Casten Bolognese. Only light patrol activity was reported on the Fifth Army front.

In air fighting, more than 1,000 Allied fighter-bombers attacked German positions in the Po Valley.