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Ike Reveals Shortage of Tires Here

Gen. Eisenhower revealed yesterday that American armies fighting along the German border are faced with a critical tire shortage and warned that "unless drastic conservation steps are taken" ten percent of all Army vehicles in the ETO will be tied up by the first week of February.

The Supreme Commander brought the shortage to light in a statement to all officers and men in his command, launching a theater-wide tire conservation program.

"I am not exaggerating when I say that the war will be needlessly extended unless we extract every possible mile from our tires," he declared.

Output Facilities Lacking

The statement disclosed that tire wear since D-Day had "exceeded all pre-combat estimates" and that consequently present supplies of tires arriving from the United States are inadequate to replace those now being expended.

In a further directive to his commanders, Eisenhower cited the shortage of basic production facilities and skilled manpower for the manufacture of tires and tubes in the U.S. and admitted that there was no immediate prospect that even minimum tire requirements can be met.

The drive across France and the Lowlands, combined with the fact that the Germans held the Belgian port of Antwerp, placed a tremendous burden on Army supply forces. Eisenhower's headquarters stated in explaining the shortage. For months the armies which raced up to the front had to be supplied by trucks shuttling hundreds of miles from Cherbourg and the beaches.

Major Shakeup In State Dept.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—A major State Department shakeup following Edward R. Stettinius' elevation to the secretaryship in succession to Cordell Hull was announced yesterday. The changes placed the direction of U.S. foreign policy, except for President Roosevelt's control, almost entirely in new hands.

The new officers, subject to Senate confirmation, are: Joseph Clark Grew, undersecretary; William L. Clayton, assistant secretary in charge of economic affairs; Archibald Macleish, assistant secretary in charge of public and cultural relations, and Nelson Rockefeller, assistant secretary for American republics. Assistant secretaries Adolf A. Berle, Jr., Breckinridge Long and G. Howland Shaw resigned.

Stettinius selected as his fifth and sixth assistant secretaries James Clement Dunn, chief of the office of European affairs and longtime political adviser to Hull, and Maj. Gen. Julian C. Holmes, civil affairs chief on Gen. Eisenhower's staff.

Nazi Hospital Ship Sunk By Mistake Off Venice

ALLIED MEDITERRANEAN HQ., Dec. 5.—A British plane sank the German hospital ship Tuebeningen by mistake in the Gulf of Venice on Nov. 8, it was officially announced today. The announcement said that the sinking was due to faulty identification and that German authorities had been notified. It added that there were no wounded aboard and that casualties among the crew were light.

Counterfeiting Gang Is Seized in Sicily

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (ANS).—Quick work on the part of U.S. military authorities broke up a gang of counterfeiters in Sicily soon after Allied armies overran the island, Frank J. Wilson, chief of the U.S. Secret Service announced today.

The gang had scarcely set up their presses in Palermo and Terrasini before they were apprehended. They were turning out the kind of folding money used by GIs.

Phony Francs Force Recall Of 500s, 1,000s

Circulation of counterfeit supplemental notes—"invasion money"—has prompted the ETO fiscal director to advise all disbursing officers in the theater to replace American-issued 500 and 1,000-franc notes with Bank of France notes.

Although many French merchants are refusing the U.S. 500 and 1,000-franc notes and in Paris some merchants are rejecting all "invasion" money, no rush to dispose of American francs was anticipated as most of the notes are good. Notes lower than 500-franc denomination are not affected.

Bills Badly Printed

The spurious notes, according to Col. M. F. Moriarty, deputy fiscal director in Paris, are badly printed and their serial numbers can be washed off with a sponge. He said most of the counterfeits are 500-franc notes.

Genuine notes will be replaced with regular French currency and paying officers will disburse no more supplemental francs in the two denominations.

A request of the French Ministry of Finance for a recall was denied because of losses which might be incurred by troops at the front.

Marseilles Reports Notes

The first counterfeits appeared about two weeks ago. The Bank of France had about 1,000 bad 500-franc notes in Paris Monday, Moriarty said, and is getting more every day in both denominations. A number also have been received in Marseilles.

Soldiers who have phoney currency are stuck since the Army won't make it good.

When Bank of France notes are not available, it was stated, supplemental notes may be disbursed.

French to Buy U.S. RR Stock

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP).—A French government request to buy 700 locomotives here at a cost of more than \$50,000,000 has been approved by U.S. government agencies, it was announced today.

A Treasury spokesman said the transaction was part of a program under which the French seek \$2,000,000,000 worth of U.S. exports to rebuild their country and represented the first large-scale purchase in the U.S. by a European nation of non-war goods needed for rehabilitation.

Saarbrucken Is Aflame As Yanks Pour In Shells; 2nd Saar Crossing Forced

French Bullets Stop Fleeing Nazis



On the outskirts of Belfort, a wounded German officer lies in a ditch beside an automobile. The car, riddled by French machine-gun fire, was carrying Germans who were attempting to escape from the advance of Gen. Leclerc's First French Army.

Berlin Pounded by Heavies As 5,000 Planes Rip Reich

Five hundred Eighth Air Force Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by 800 P51s and P47s which shot down a reported 80 Nazi interceptors, slammed their bombs into munition and tank factories in Berlin and rail yards at Munster yesterday. The attack climaxed a 48-hour round-the-clock

hammering of Reich strategic and tactical targets by more than 5,000 Allied war planes.

Shortly after the attack on Berlin, last raided in daylight Oct. 6, Spitfire-escorted RAF bombers attacked marshalling yards at Hamm. Monday night, almost 1,000 RAF heavies dumped 3,500 long tons of block-busters on the marshalling yards at Karlsruhe and Heilbronn, which link central Germany with the Seventh and Third Army fronts.

Six hundred Ninth Air Force Raiders, Invaders, Mustangs, Thunderbolts and Lightnings ranged a 170-mile front, attacking rail yards and fortified positions near Duren

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12,000 Reported Killed In RAF Freiburg Raid

RAF bombers which raided Freiburg in western Germany Nov. 27 killed 12,000 to 15,000 Germans, according to eye-witness accounts of travellers entering Switzerland, United Press and Reuter reported yesterday.

Three movie houses, filled with German soldiers, were hit and 3,000 killed, it was said, while rail installations were sufficiently blasted to suspend through traffic three days.

Travelers also reported that university buildings, hit by RAF block-busters, were demolished.

British Break Up Attack in North. By Paratroops

Great fires raged last night in Saarbrucken, industrial capital of Germany's Saar Basin, as American artillery poured shells into the city's railroad yards, bridges, forts and barracks at the rate of 30 a minute, Reuter Correspondent Eric Downton reported from the front.

The Reuter correspondent said that American long-range guns have been pounding the city for the last week and that nearly 6,000 shells have been hurled into it.

U.S. Third Army troops advanced to within sight of the flaming city when the 80th Division captured high ground three miles from Forbach, Stars and Stripes Correspondent Ralph Martin reported from the front.

2nd Saar Bridgehead

Northward, the smaller industrial town of Saarlautern also was burning as 95th Division troops mopped up in the streets and drove into Siegfried Line defenses to the east of it.

Third Army men established their second bridgehead across the Saar River south of Saarlautern where surprise assaults first crossed the river after capturing a bridge intact.

At the northern tip of the west front, meanwhile, British Canadian forces broke up a Nazi paratroop attack which came after the enemy blew up dykes along the Dutch Rhine, flooding the area of the Allied bridgehead above Nijmegen. Elsewhere on the northern front,

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Navy Will Use More Rockets

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (AP).—The Navy is going in for greater use of rockets and soon will be spending \$100,000,000 a month for this type of ammunition, the Office of War Information announced today.

This is as much as the Navy is spending now for all types of ammunition, and compares with the Army's expenditure of \$12,000,000 a month for rocket ammunition, exclusive of the costs of bazookas and other projectors.

The OWI noted that rockets now are used by seven types of U.S. warplanes—Army Lightnings, Airacobras, Warhawks, Thunderbolts and Mustangs, and Navy TBF planes and Bell jet-propelled planes.

Gen. Marshall Hoped For Victory by Fall

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—A special "U.S. at War" edition of the Army and Navy Journal today carried an article written in early autumn by Gen. Marshall, chief of staff, which reviewed the Army's accomplishments and included the observation:

"Before this statement is published, hostilities might have terminated in the European Theater of Operations."

'One of War's Most Noble Deeds'

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The War Department yesterday revealed what it termed "one of the most noble deeds of the war"—the story of four Army chaplains who sacrificed their lives to save the men aboard a sinking troop transport last year.

The chaplains gave away their own life jackets and went among the troops, encouraging them and helping them to safety when the S.S. Dorchester was torpedoed off Greenland, Feb. 3, 1943.

The chaplains—all awarded the Distinguished Service Cross posthumously—were Clark V. Poling, son of Dr. Daniel A. Poling, of New York; John P. Washington, of Newark, N.J.; Alexander D. Goode, of Washington, and George L. Fox, of Chicopee Falls, Mass.

The chaplains issued lifebelts until the last one was gone and then gave their own to the troops.

The last glimpse the survivors had of the chaplains was of four men, arms linked, raising their

voices in prayer as the ship went down. All religions were represented—Poling and Fox were Protestants, Washington a Catholic and Goode a Jew.

"The extraordinary heroism and devotion of these men of God has been an unwavering beacon for thousands of chaplains of the armed forces," Gen. William R. Arnold, chief of chaplains, said. "The manner of their dying was one of the most noble deeds of the war."



This Means You!

Stop trying to pass the buck, S.A.T. I mean your eyewash to the effect politicians were responsible for gumming up the last victory. You and I and millions like us are responsible, S.A.T.

Remember ten years ago when our President and other farsighted men were advocating a strong army and navy? He was called a warmonger, an internationalist; the trouble brewing in Europe didn't concern us. We didn't want to pay the necessary increase in taxes, and we were against serving a year in a peace-time army for training.

In short, you and I didn't support our leaders.

Remember this, S.A.T. You're a citizen of a democracy, and in a democracy the people always get the kind of government and leaders they deserve. Don't pass the buck, and don't gum up the coming victory.—T/5 M. Schwartz.

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He yelps, "I'm not going to gum up the work." It's those "men" in Washington, to which we should like to respond, "Blow it, bud!"

When the framers of our Constitution wrote the words, "We, the people," they placed the responsibility for all future acts of the U.S. squarely on the shoulders of every citizen. "Those guys in Washington" won't wake up and "get on the ball," unless we—and you can italicize that—make them do it. They're our representatives and according to law are supposed to do our bidding.

Our fathers DID mess up the detail back in 1918 by running home and playing ostrich. Fighting for the peace will be as tough as battle, mentally and spiritually, as fighting this war has been. If S.A.T. and the rest of us decide we have done our job by fighting, and permit our representatives to carry out, not OUR wishes, but their own, in the aftermath, we'll be goofing off just as our dads did.

S & S was right, completely, when they said for us not to be softies when we hit Germany, but they didn't go far enough. Let's not be softies when we hit America again. Let's keep our Congress reminded that "We, the people," want no SNAFU this time. Peace can be made and KEPT.—Cpls H. Yanowitz, Z. Grossmann.

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S.A.T. displays a great lack of faith in democracy when, in today's paper, he pushes off the responsibility for a lasting peace to "those guys in Washington."

As long as we live in a democracy, "those guys" will be as good as the people who send them to Washington.

The people who "let our moral and ethical character as a nation fall so low" are those, who like S.A.T., think Washington works independently of the rest of the nation. An electorate interested in the moral fiber of our nation will elect men of moral strength and integrity to government posts.

Yes, our fathers gummed up the last peace after winning the war by coming back and leaving everything to "those guys in Washington."

Our great danger is that we, too, return to the States fed up with everything pertaining to war and army life and leave everything to men elected by an indifferent electorate. We can't relax—we must continue to fight with ballots, or we, or our sons, will be back in the muddy foxholes.

If we Joes get a "mickey," as S.A.T. says, it will be because we stepped up to the bar and asked for it.—Cpl. Sheldon Klein, Rep. Dep.

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Hash Marks

Our spy on the home front sez the armed forces have a new eye test for applicants. If you go for a pretty girl they put you in the Army. Then they put the pretty girl next to a homely girl—and if you go for both types they put you in the Navy.

Read this and be glad you're in the ETO. A guy writes from Bougainville. "We have seen only one white woman in nine months—and that is Lois, the nude tattooed on the chest of Pvt. Albert Herron."

Overheard at a Dispensary. "What's that on your shoulder, soldier?" "That's a birthmark, sir." "Hmm, how long have you had it?"

Once upon a time there was a girl who wondered what a military



objective was. Then she walked past some soldiers on a street corner and found out.

Post War Plans. A certain city in the good old USA sent a questionnaire about postwar plans to its men in the service. The following reply came from one eager Joe, "I'd like to go back to my old job—but first I'm going to get in a lot of hugging and kissing."

The big bomber was limping back to its base when the engineer rushed up to the pilot who was preparing to land and warned, "We're almost out of gas and I just discovered our landing gear has been shot off. The pilot turned to the bombardier and shouted, "Hey, George, better stick your feet out of the bomb bay and run like hell."

Ode to a Woman. "On clothes she spends her legal tender, because this truth she's found—a dress can make a girl look slender and a hundred men look 'round."

A girl once said that her first post-war order would be: "I want a girdle—and make it snappy."

Signs of the Times. A paratrooper CP bears this sign: "The Jerries are glad to die for der Fuehrer and this outfit is doing a damn good job of keeping them happy."

Afterthought. In the Army, when you're ready to turn in—or turn over—someone turns up and tells everyone to turn out.

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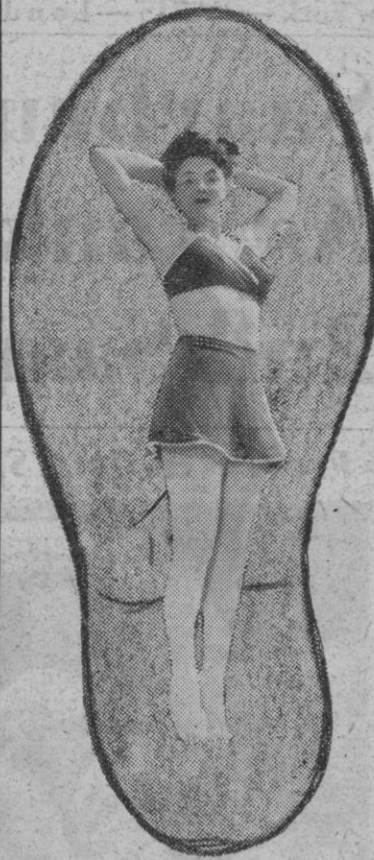
by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"No wonder that town didn't have any. 'Off Limits' Signs!"

An Editorial

No Purple Heart for Purple Foot



To help you finish this war on your feet, we offer this simple, painless, pleasant suggestion. Just cut out these two lallapaloozas along the dotted line and paste them inside your Number Twelves.

Then every day take off your shoes and feast your eyes on these sole mates for at least five minutes. Wiggle your ankles—wriggle your toes with delight. Rub them and drub them until your dogs begin to bark. Don't stop looking—and rubbing—until your blood pressure bulges and your corns cry quits.

Hot-looking pinups won't toast your tootsies. But if they seduce you into doffing your brogans and stirring your stumps—you won't get Trench Foot.

You don't get a Purple Heart for a purple foot. The reason is—Trench Foot can be prevented. It's caused by enemy action. The enemy is carelessness.



SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE



102nd Outfits Praised

Two 102nd Inf. Div. Regiments won praise from a British general for their work with British forces in operations leading to the capture of Geilenkirchen, Siegfried Line key point. The 405th and 407th Inf. Regts. ran smack against elements of three German divisions but pressed forward vigorously in the face of heavy enemy fire.

Bateman Heads ATW

Col. Martin A. Bateman, of Camden, S.C., now is commander of the USSTAF Air Transport Wing, which delivered gasoline to the Third Army during the drive across France.

Dutch Aid FA Men

Ten members of an FA unit with the 101st Airborne Div. have returned to the fold after a long absence. Surrounded by enemy forces, they took shelter in a brush-hidden ditch and remained there for 23 days eating bread, milk and apples brought by the Dutch underground. On the 24th day they took off in broad daylight. They

remained undetected for 12 more days until British forces arrived to chase the Jerries out of town.

Quick Quickie Raid

A patrol of paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Div. was ordered to make a "quickie" raid behind German lines and bring back prisoners. After a brief blast of mortar fire, they sallied out and came back with three prisoners—seven minutes later.

He Has His Doubts

Pfc Theodore Decker, 102nd Inf. Div. soldier from Duluth, Minn., still isn't convinced that it wasn't a booby trap that flattened him and brought a shower of brick and mortar down.

Exploring a shell-torn house, Decker touched the drawer of a bureau just as a dud-exploding crew set off a German shell nearby, sending Decker down for the count.

Correction Dept.

Due to a typographical error, Somewhere in Europe credited the First Army's 49th Anti-Aircraft Brigade with the destruction of "more than 20 planes." It was more than 20. In fact, it was more than 200.

Coincidence 63,245

After setting up his CP in the cellar of a German house an Artillery Commander of an Inf. Div., went upstairs to see the rest of the house. Hanging on one of the walls was a picture of a group of officers taken at the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. In the group were several French and Japanese officers, one Dutch officer—and himself. In those days, he was much lighter and had more hair. But then he was only a first lieutenant, too.

As Day Begins

The Jerries have taken the old phrase of "some days you can't even make a dollar" and changed it to "some days it doesn't even pay to stand reveille."

Pfc Ken Bryan, of Sciota, Ill., and Pfc John Ravert, of Hazleton, Pa., of the Tenth Regt., Fifth Inf. Div., were on a morning reconnaissance when they spied a group of 30 Germans standing reveille at a point not far distant. The pair crept up, managed to filter through

drowsy German sentries and captured the Jerries en masse.

Then Came the Dawn

If it wasn't for Pfc Ruthord LaBounty, of Orleans, Vt., a couple of Germans might even be taking in a GI movie today. LaBounty and his 28th Inf. Div. outfit were being relieved from front-line duty one dark night.



They were loaded on trucks bound for a rest area.

While sprawled on the ground eating K-rations as dawn broke, LaBounty discovered two Germans who had ridden with them, eating. LaBounty let out a yell and the two were sent to a PW cage.

Rush the Growler

The situation is "fluid" around the 90th Inf. Div. The division captured a brewery with 640,000 liters of beer in the vats. Because of the shortage of kegs and bottles, units have been hauling away the suds in water cans.

Pup Leads Dog's Life

Calvados, nondescript pooch belonging to Co. G, 331st Inf., of the 83rd Div. is a sadder and wiser dog today. Calvados disappeared the other day only to show up at headquarters of a nearby FA battalion just in time to join the lineup at the medical tent. Visitor or not, Calvados got a tetanus shot.

Man With a Mission

Sgt. Leo A. Blakeslee is 54, a Texan and in the 90th Inf. Div. He was with the 90th in 1918, when he was wounded by a shell fragment near Metz. "I came back for revenge," Blakeslee said, "for my brother, for Sgt. Nolan and Joda and Nevins. They're lying around here somewhere—killed 26 years ago."

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

L. T. William Chastain Coleman, Omaha—David and Donald, Nov. 1; Maj. H. F. Milton, Willacochee—girl; S/Sgt. Perry A. Prince, El Paso, Ark.—Perry Anderson, Oct. 5; Lt. W. R. Schaffarick, Birmingham, Ala.—boy, Nov. 13; Cpl. N. E. Williams, Bristol—boy, Nov. 22.

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff
Sports Editor

ONE of the world's most lucrative businesses belongs to the back-room gents who manipulate odds and offer points on the weekly football pool cards. Even GIs from the First, Fifth and Ninth divisions, who haven't seen the States for more than two years, probably can remember how they tried to pick from three to ten "sure things," only to have their hopes shot when one game finished in a tie or a favorite was badly mauled.

Somehow, soldiers who sweated out the invasion in England never realized such dastardly goings-on could occur in the land of mild and bitter. In the sophisticated States—yes. But in England—no!

Their illusions can be shattered now, however, because the London sharpies went south, or wherever London sharpies take it on the lam, a couple of weeks ago when uncooperative football teams ran so much to pre-game form, 99 percent of the usually naive clients had winning tickets. The insolvent book-making firm declared the day "Black Saturday" and disappeared from sight—with the money that had been wagered.

THE loudest guffaw in our office when the gamblers' hasty retreat from London was discussed came from a mild-mannered gentleman who migrated from the back-room trade to the Army shortly after Pearl Harbor. He knows all the tricks of the trade, having packed his black suitcase on many a Saturday, only to have a last-minute upset save his face—and bankroll.

"This London deal reminds me of an afternoon back in '36," our pool card refugee began. "We were in a New York hotel room, waiting for the result of the Princeton-Yale game, and sweating plenty 'cause that game wound up thousands of winning cards. Princeton was 3-1 favorite and if the Tigers won, as expected, we'd be in bad shape.

"The table was stacked with cards we would have to pay off. And none of us expected that miracle to happen. I could see the jail bars in front of me, and, brothers, the picture wasn't so happy. If we lost, we'd owe about \$2,000,000 and that ain't hay. What's more we couldn't have raised that kind of dough in a million years.

FINALLY, I couldn't stand it any longer. If I was going to jail or to hop a freight in a couple of hours, I at least wanted to listen to the broadcast of the game. So I took a deep gulp from the bottle and twisted the radio dial. Sure enough, Princeton was out front, 21-0, at the half. So we called the railroad ticket office and made reservations to Walla Walla, Wash., or some joint like that.

"Nothing much happened in the third quarter—so we started to pack our bags. Then this guy from Yale, Larry Kelley, began to run wild. He broke loose in the fourth quarter and the Bulldogs soon trailed only 21-14. But that clock sure was movin' fast. Just then, Kelley caught a touchdown pass as the gun sounded. And when he kicked the point that tied the score, our hotel room was covered with the pool cards we sent sailing through the air."

GI Fights at Reims

REIMS, Dec. 5.—The opening card of ten bouts, under direction of Oise Section, Special Service, will be held in Municipal Circus here Friday night. The first fight will start at 7:30 P.M.

Former pro fighters on the program are Max Hutchins, 182, of Los Angeles, and Nick Willis, 154, of Sacramento, Cal.

Ball Stealing on the Court



INS Photo

With a flick of the wrist, Irv Torgoff, formerly of Long Island University and now of the Philadelphia Sphas, steals the ball from Ed Terzynski of Oshkosh (right) as the pro teams pry the lid off the basketball season at New York's 17th Regiment Armory. College basketball returns to the metropolitan area tonight when CCNY faces Detroit and NYU duels Rochester at Madison Square Garden.

Eastern Loop Pro Gridders Sweat Out 3-Way Muddle

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Confusion dominated the eastern division of the National Football League today, for with only two games left to play, any one of three clubs may wind up as champion or there may be a two-way tie.

The New York Giants will play at Washington and Cleveland will play at Philadelphia next Sunday. If the Giants win, they are champs of the eastern circuit. If they lose and the Eagles win, the Philadelphia team will be champions. If the Eagles and Giants lose, there'll be a tie between the Giants and the Redskins for first place.

The Green Bay Packers, winner of the western division title, will play the eastern champ Dec. 17; that is, if the muddle is cleared by then.

Track Prexy Hits Ban On Motoring Bettors

MIAMI, Dec. 5.—James Donn, president of the Gulfstream Park race track, is all excited about the OPA's threat to crack down on motorists who drive their cars out to his oval to watch the horses run.

Donn said no similar action was taken against horseplayers in the North and he couldn't see why the mean, old OPA was bothering him.

'Big 3' Players Dominate INS All-America Team

NEW YORK, Dec. 5. — Army, Navy and Ohio State dominate the All-America football team picked by the International News Service and released today. As on other "all" teams already published, the Cadets and Middies were well represented along with the undefeated, untied Buckeyes.

Navy Wishes Army Had Missed the Boat

WEST POINT, N.Y., Dec. 5. —The entire corps of 2,300 men, including all officers and instructors of the United States Military Academy, travelled to Baltimore for the Navy game by troopship, it was revealed here last night.

Plans for the unprecedented movement were held secret and it was not until 12 hours after the Cadets returned to West Point that the news was announced. The corps left Friday morning on a former Atlantic luxury liner, whose name was not revealed.

Acclaim Army No. 1 Grid Club

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Army's all-victorious football team is acclaimed the 1944 national gridiron champion, and rightly so. Seldom has a team won the mythical title with fewer dissenting voices. While on the subject of national championships, it will do no harm to pick the 1945 winner. It will be Army.

Of 29 players who operated in the Navy game, eight will be gone next year. Col. Earl Blaik will have Glenn Davis, Felix "Doc" Blanchard and Max Minor in the backfield and ten of 14 men who worked as first and second string linemen this season.

Only backs leaving are Dale Hall, Tom Lombardo and Doug Kenna. Joe Stanowicz, Bob Stonge, Ed Rafalko and Arch Arnold are forwards who are going, and to say they won't be missed is silly.

Holdovers returning from Saturday's starting lineup are Dick Pitzer, Johnny Green and Al Nemetz, linemen; Minor and Bobby Dobbs, backs.



Joe Stanowicz



John Ferraro John Tavener

center; Les Horvath, Ohio State, quarterback; Glenn Davis, Army, and Boris Dimancheff, Purdue, halfbacks; Felix Blanchard, Army, fullback.

Dugger, Whitmire, Stanowicz, Tavener, Chase, Horvath, Davis and Blanchard last week were named on the United Press All-America first team, while Tinsley, Ferraro and Dimancheff were on UP's second team.

Davis Captures Scoring Crown

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Glenn Davis, Army plebe, walked off with the 1944 collegiate scoring title without a close competitor. His 50-yard run against Navy was his 20th touchdown of the year and brought his total to 120 points. 36 more than Tom "Shorty" McWilliams of Mississippi State and Del Cockayne of Drake, who are tied for second.

Final figures show Davis nine points short of the mark hung up last year by Bob Steuber, of DePauw, former Missouri star.

| PLAYER | SCHOOL | TD | EP | TP |
|-----------------------------|--------|----|----|-----|
| Davis, Army | | 20 | 0 | 120 |
| McWilliams, Miss. State | | 14 | 0 | 84 |
| Cockayne, Drake | | 14 | 0 | 84 |
| Tressell, Baldwin-Wallace | | 13 | 2 | 80 |
| Young, Illinois | | 13 | 0 | 78 |
| Brinkley, Wake Forest | | 13 | 0 | 78 |
| Murray, Kentucky St. Tebrs. | | 12 | 2 | 74 |
| Evans, Second AAF | | 11 | 5 | 71 |
| Courcey, Washington | | 11 | 0 | 66 |
| Collins, Missouri | | 11 | 0 | 66 |
| Cromer, Arkansas Ags. | | 11 | 0 | 66 |
| Yates, Texas Ags. | | 9 | 0 | 54 |

Mathewson's Catcher, Bresnahan, Dies at 64

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 5.—Roger Bresnahan, 64-year-old baseball veteran who caught Christy Mathewson from 1902 to 1906 while with the New York Giants, died today. He was credited with inventing catchers' shinguards, which he introduced to the game in 1907.

Bresnahan, called the "Duke of Tralee" in honor of his birthplace in Ireland, started his professional baseball career in 1896 at Lima, Ohio. He entered the big leagues with the Chicago Cubs in 1900 and went to the Giants with John McGraw in '02. He was one of the few catchers ever to hit in the lead-off spot.

Ducky Pond Promoted

ATHENS, Ga., Dec. 5. — Raymond "Ducky" Pond, former Yale football coach now tutoring the George Pre-Flight team, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant commander.

Nelson Annexes Frisco Open



Byron Nelson

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—Byron Nelson came from behind to edge Sgt. Jim Ferrier and take first prize in the San Francisco Open golf tournament here yesterday. A 69 on the final round and 72-hole total of 281 strokes were good enough to give Nelson his second straight Frisco title.

Ferrier was one stroke up on Nelson as they started the second nine. He went 2 up with an eagle 3 on the 469-yard 12th, but Nelson evened the match on the 15th and went ahead when Ferrier got into trouble on the 16th. Ferrier's total was 282.

Sammy Snead, winner of the Portland Open last week, tied with Willie Goggin for third place at 287.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features.



By Al Capp



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Senate Votes Pensions for 1918 Widows

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (ANS).—Government pensions for widows and orphans of World War I veterans were virtually assured today.

The Senate passed yesterday, without debate, an administration bill setting up benefits as high as \$74 monthly for families of deceased veterans of the last war. The House passed a similar bill last May, but still must act on Senate amendments liberalizing the benefits.

Four times previously the House had voted to pension World War I widows, but the present bill was the first that ever came to a Senate vote.

It would provide \$35 monthly for childless widows, \$45 monthly for widows with one child, and \$5 for each additional child. The House figures were \$30, \$38 and \$4. Widows without children having an annual income of \$1,000 would be ineligible, as would widows with children whose income was \$2,500 or more.

Chairman Walter F. George (D-Ga.) of the Senate Finance Committee estimated the cost to the government at \$37,000,000 the first year as against the \$32,000,000 estimated cost of the House bill.

Seek Promiscuity Control

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Members of 25 national women's organizations today called on all American communities to join in studying ways of repressing amateur sexual promiscuity as well as prostitution to control venereal diseases. The appeal was contained in a pamphlet, "Meet Your Enemy—Venereal Diseases," issued by the Federal Security Agency through the National Women's Advisory Committee for Social Protection.

Xmas 'Spirits' Assured

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (ANS). Distilled Spirits Institute announced today that the August liquor "holiday," during which distilleries making alcohol for war purposes were permitted to manufacture liquor, had assured an adequate supply of blended whisky for the holidays.

Sedition Trial Judge Dies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (UP).—The mass sedition trial of 26 alleged Nazi sympathizers, seven months old and still far from reaching the jury, ended abruptly today when Federal Judge Edward C. Eicher died of a heart attack.

Run Special Trains for GIs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (ANS). Railroads today were authorized to operate special trains or extra cars for the next 45 days to take care of holiday travel by members of the armed services.

Double Shock

PORT LEVIS, Wash., Dec. 5 (ANS).—Pvt. Joseph Turkowski, of Chicago, medical corpsman, was in class studying treatment for shock yesterday when he received a telegram: "You are the father of twin girls."

Yank's Boner Boomerangs, So 2 Towns Fall Instead of 1

WITH THE 80th INF. DIV. IN FRANCE, Dec. 5.—"Wrong Way" Corrigan, according to men in the 80th Inf. Division's attached tank battalion, has nothing on their "Wrong Town" Sandusky.

During the current Lorraine offensive, 3-Sgt. Michael Sandusky, leading a tank section that was hacking at German defenses, was ordered to smash into Juville, clearing the German heavy stuff so the infantry could move in.

Sandusky moved his tanks up, tore into the town, and was pounding the Germans, but discovered he needed infantry support—and quickly. He frantically radioed back, "Where the hell are the doughboys?"

The answer, prompt and emphatic, almost blasted his headset off. "Right in the middle of Juville. Where the hell are you?" Sandusky gulped, looked around, and found the answer. He had

GI Brings a Baby Home to His Wife

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5.—After 31 months in Newfoundland, Pfc Arthur Whitehouse came home to his wife on furlough last week bringing a 10-month-old baby girl born of his romance with a French-Canadian nurse there. The Whitehouses, married nine years, were childless.

Whitehouse said the baby's mother meant nothing to him and that she did not want the baby. After thinking the matter over for several days, Mrs. Whitehouse yesterday forgave her husband and agreed to adopt the baby, Geraldine.

"I am the only woman he loves," she said. "He couldn't help making a mistake."

Battles Raging Anew in Athens

Fierce fighting broke out anew between government police and members of the Leftist EAM (National Liberation Front) in strike-paralyzed Athens yesterday. Members of a Rightist organization also took a hand firing on EAM demonstrators with pistols and hand grenades. A United Press report placed the toll so far at 143 persons killed and 250 wounded.

Climaxing the internal dissension in Greece, Premier George Papandreu offered his resignation and suggested that Themistocles Sogoulis, 80-year-old Liberal leader, succeed him. Later reports said, however, that the King refused to accept it and that Sogoulis refused to participate in any new government and ordered other Liberal party members to abstain likewise.

In London, Prime Minister Churchill defended in Commons the British course in supporting Papandreu's government and asserted, "We shall not hesitate to use the considerable British army now in Greece and being reinforced to see that law and order are maintained."

Eighth Army Takes Ravenna

ROME, Dec. 5.—The capture of Ravenna and other important gains in Italy were announced by Allied Headquarters today.

The railroad city of Ravenna, eight miles from the Adriatic coast and 40 miles east of Bologna, fell to the Eighth Army in an encircling move. Canadian units entered the city from the northwest while British troops entered from the south and the Germans withdrew to avoid being trapped.

Other Eighth Army units, in a rapid advance northeast of Faenza, cut the Ravenna-Bologna railroad at Golo and captured the town of Russi on the Faenza-Ravenna highway midway between the two cities.

entered the wrong town. Explaining his mistake, he pleaded for immediate infantry support. A few minutes later the doughs were moving in to support his tanks, and, in addition to Juville, the 80th had taken Moncheux, thanks to "Wrong Town" Sandusky.

'Drang Nach Osten' in Reverse



Stars and Stripes Map by Baird

New offensive in southern Hungary by Soviets' Third Ukrainian Army has made important advances since breaking across Danube River (solid black line at right) a week ago. One spearhead (A) thrusts north toward Budapest while two others (B and C) drive toward the northwest around either end of Lake Balaton in the direction of the Austrian border (dotted line).

West Front...

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gains were slight and opposition was tough.

U.S. Ninth Army forces battled on the west side of Julich, Roer River defense bastion, and consolidated positions on the river's west bank.

Southward, in the Aachen-Duren sector, U.S. First Army tanks roared down a Hurligen Forest road from Brandenberg and captured Bergstein, less than a mile from the upper waters of the Roer, United Press reported from that front. South of Lucherberg, First Army artillery smashed a counter-attack of infantry and tanks before it got fairly rolling.

On the south flank of the front, U.S. Seventh Army troops cleared Diemerling, four miles east of Saar-Union. Other units captured Oberbonn, 21 miles east.

Resistance Stiffens

As Third Army troops moved toward Saarbrucken, German resistance stiffened in what was interpreted at SHAEF as a determined effort to hold Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's men off from the Siegfried forts, east of the burning city.

In Saarlautern, 95th Division troops were meeting machine-gun and mortar fire.

Six miles south of the city, large areas of which were burning, Fifth Division elements gained four and one-half miles, the 80th Division gained two miles toward the Saar River while the Sixth Armored Division reached Tenteling, seven and one-half miles from Saarbrucken.

Adm. Kirk Knighted

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Vice-Adm. Alan G. Kirk, commander of U.S. naval forces in France, was knighted today by King George VI at a noon ceremony in Buckingham Palace. Kirk, the first U.S. naval officer to receive this honor, was made a Knight Commander of the Bath for his "distinguished service in the planning and execution" of the Normandy landings.

2 Red Columns Near Austria

Soviet armor rumbled closer to Austria yesterday, seizing positions in southern Hungary from which to swing around both ends of Lake Balaton, southwest of Budapest.

The western spearhead of the Third Ukrainian Army was reported from Moscow to be moving swiftly toward Nagykanizsa, less than 30 miles from the vital north-south highway between Vienna and Zagreb.

With another column driving northwestward toward the upper end of Lake Balaton, the Germans announced the evacuation of Siofok, railroad and communications center 60 miles southwest of Budapest.

A third column pushed northward toward Budapest itself, seeking to join with the Second Ukrainian Army, already at the city's southeastern gates.

In the wake of these advances huge stores of booty fell to the Russians.

B29 Collided With Jap Plane

One of the Superfortresses which raided Tokyo returned safely to Saipan, 1,500 miles away, on three engines after a collision with a Japanese plane, it was disclosed yesterday.

The enemy plane dropped into the path of a second and both fell in flames. Then the crippled B29 was attacked by ten other fighters and the gunners got three probables.

The story of a Catalina flying boat which picked up 56 survivors of a sunken U.S. destroyer and took off with them to safety after a three-mile run down Ormoc Bay under the guns of Japanese shore batteries also was revealed. With its seven crew members, the plane carried a near record load of 63 men.

Nazi Strength Slashed 35%, French Report

By Richard Lewis

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Since May, when Rommel expressed Germany's confidence in the invincibility of the West Wall and dared the Allies to attack it, the German Army on all fronts has been reduced from 460 to 290 divisions, a 35 percent loss, the French General Staff disclosed yesterday in a special report on Germany.

At SHAEF, meanwhile, it was revealed that six enemy divisions have been lost on the Western Front since Nov. 16. While their remnants may be fighting as special groups or with other units, the divisions themselves no longer exist as formations.

The French Staff report said the Wehrmacht has lost 2,500,000 men on all fronts since March, when it numbered 7,000,000 men.

Report on Manpower

Manpower estimates made by the German High Command at that time, according to the report, listed 19,000,000 men available for total mobilization, but 9,000,000 of them were unavailable for military service.

Approximately 4,000,000 were physically unfit for military duty, the report said, while 5,000,000 more were classified as war industry specialists.

In addition to the regular army strength of 7,000,000, about 2,000,000 men were in the Luftwaffe, according to the report. About 200,000 were SS troops. The French Staff estimated that the Nazis had to keep 70 divisions in the west.

Inferior Troops

They have been able to maintain this strength by replacing casualties with inferior troops, the report stated. These include newly-organized formations of Volksgrenadiers composed of convalescents, Air Force over aged, young recruits and other nationalities in the Reich and Volksturm, the arm-banded People's Army.

The French described the Wehrmacht as "a worn-out instrument" and predicted the High Command would not take German workers from their benches, since that would leave the industrial machine in the hands of foreign slave labor likely to revolt.

5,000 Planes Hammer Reich

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and Saarlautern. Up to a late hour last night, no losses were reported.

Meanwhile, Ninth Headquarters announced that during 26 flying days of November its aircraft had flown 15,500 sorties, its lowest attack figure in the last six months. At a cost of 11 bombers and 119 fighters, the Ninth destroyed 371 enemy locomotives, 87 tanks, 1,167 railroad cars, 107 Nazi planes and cut tracks in 266 places.

Canadian Casualties Hit 5,000 a Month

OTTAWA, Dec. 5 (AP).—Canadian casualties in last summer's fighting ran 5,000 a month instead of the 2,500 which had been expected, Ralph Maybank, Liberal, told the House of Commons today. He did not specify whether they applied solely to the Western Front or also included Italy.

Terry And The Pirates

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By Milton Caniff

