

Man Spricht Deutsch
 Ich hab's eilig.
 Ish habb's ailig.
 I am in a hurry.

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Ici On Parle Français
 Y'a-t-il des droits de douane?
 Yateel day drwah duh dwAN?
 Does it pay duty?

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Biggest Battle Since D-Day

Reich Hurls Its Best Men Into Attack

By Dan Regan
 Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
WITH FIRST U.S. ARMY,
 Dec. 20.—It is apparent to observers at the front that the war might be won if the Allies can smash the current German counter-offensive—an assault designed to snatch victory or at least a favorable peace from what the Germans felt was an Allied steamroller.

The Nazis are using the best troops they have on the Western Front.

German officers are promising their men that they will spend New Year's Eve in Paris; that they will have Antwerp in five days; that Aachen will be given to Hitler for a Christmas present, and other such promises to hypo the Nazi soldiers into fanatical action.

The military consensus is that this offensive was planned and is being directed by "a soldier"—which means that apparently Von Rundstedt, and not Hitler's intuition, is at the helm.

Aim for Supply Dumps

One present aim of the Nazi spearhead will be to grab American supply dumps for the hoped-for German drive through Belgium and France.

These present German drives are salients composed of armored columns, tanks, trucks and armored infantry. The Germans are using the same technique we used in our recent armored spearheads across France with armored units dashing in several directions.

The aim of these spearheads appears to be to cut off our communications and harass our troops.

First Army forces are holding strongly along neighboring sectors of the drive, but the center still is fluid. It is difficult to spot the columns exactly since they are in

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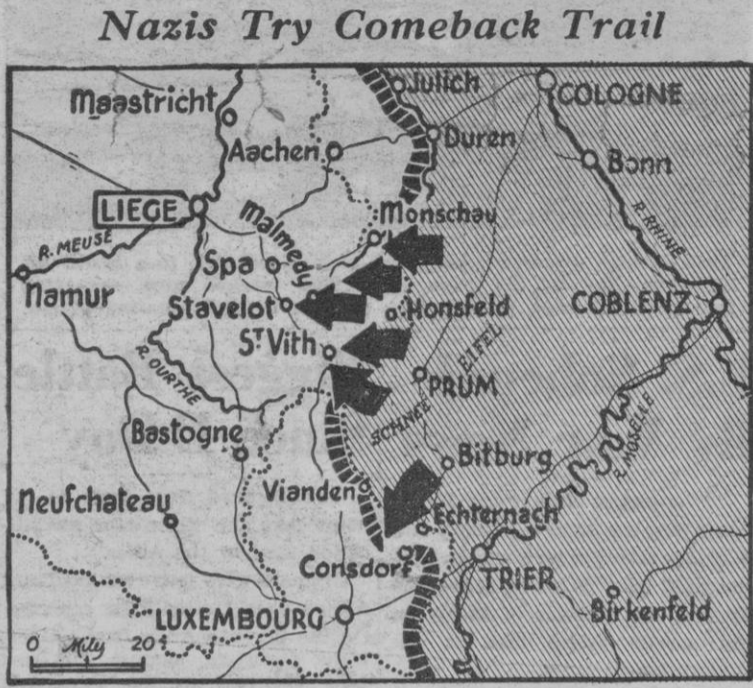
Zizzi Finds Zizzi, Seeks Other Zizzis

Cosmo Zizzi, a sergeant in a FA battalion, got a Christmas package addressed to Cosmo Zizzi. "Well," said Cosmo, "I ate contents of same."

"Later I look at the address," he continued. "It's meant for Cosmo Zizzi all right, but another one."

Cosmo wrote Cosmo explaining what had happened, and now, he says, "all is forgiven." The two Cosmo Zizzis are a couple of pals, happy to share the name of Zizzi.

But what they want to know now is, are there any more Cosmo Zizzis in the ETO? If so, maybe they could start a Cosmo Zizzi Club.



One thrust in the German counter-offensive has been halted at Monschau, but in Belgium and Luxembourg Panzer Divisions spear in the areas of Malmédy, Stavelot, St. Vith and Consdorf.

Headlines Grim Reminder To U.S. War Far from Over

By Carl Larsen
 Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau
 NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Germany's sudden shift to the offensive in Belgium, mounting American casualties on the Western Front and stepped-up draft requirements brought the nation a grim reminder today that the war in Europe is far from over.

British Armada Is Under Nimitz

PEARL HARBOR, Dec. 20 (ANS).—Conferences between Adm. Chester W. Nimitz and the British Pacific fleet commander, Adm. Bruce Fraser, who arrived here with his staff yesterday from Australia, were begun today and their first act was to give Adm. Nimitz command of Fraser's British armada.

As the naval experts conferred, possibly on plans to increase British co-operation in the war against Japan, B29s, based on Saipan, were bombing Tokyo. It was the third superfort raid in the last three days on the Jap mainland. In the Philippines, Yanks on Leyte seized a Jap airfield practically intact and captured Valencia, Jap headquarters on the island, then drove northward in an effort to engage the Japs fleeing into the dense mountains.

British Report Gains Along Faenza Front

ROME, Dec. 20 (UP).—British troops of the Eighth Army made limited gains today north and northeast of Faenza against strong resistance. Polish and Indian troops of the same army virtually cleared all organized enemy resistance south of the Senio River and west of the main Bologna-Rimini highway.

Germans' Assault On 60-Mile Front Is Halted in North

The security veil over the German counter-offensive was lifted partially yesterday to reveal the bloodiest battles since D-Day raging through eastern Belgium and Luxembourg where masses of men and armor were locked in one of the war's decisive struggles.

German armor smashed more than 20 miles into Belgium in the first 48 hours of the Nazi blitz, the like of which has not been seen in Europe since 1940. Exploding Saturday on a 60-mile front from the Monschau Forest to the German-Luxembourg frontier, the offensive penetrated U.S. First Army positions at four points by noon Monday.

Nazi armored strength in the drive was estimated at between five and six Panzer divisions, including an unstated number of SS Panzer divisions. Eight or nine infantry divisions were thrown into the assault, which obviously was planned to kick-off when murky weather would handicap superior Allied air power.

Panzer divisions encountered by Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' battling First Army men included units met and smashed at Caen. These had been re-fitted for battle.

It was predicted the Germans probably will continue to make progress. Counter-measures, it was said, cannot be prepared in a day and it was warned that immediate results cannot be expected.

Only in the north, in the Monschau Forest, has the drive been reported as brought to a halt. There, First Army men smashed enemy forces which entered the town of Monschau. Americans also managed to regain a portion of their old line east of the town where there were still enemy elements to be mopped up.

Feverish German activity was spotted behind the U.S. Ninth and Third Army lines, according to front reports.

Stars and Stripes Correspondent Jules Grad with Ninth Army reported that Ninth Air Force tactical commands Monday blasted the greatest concentration of German military transport seen since the Falaise Gap. He said trucks camouflaged with brown and green

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Foe Employing Tricks Aplenty

WITH THE FIRST U.S. ARMY, Dec. 20.—The counter-attacking Nazis were pulling every rabbit they had out of their helmets yesterday, using old and new ruses in an attempt to bewilder U.S. troops and infiltrate into American positions.

German vehicles were painted to look like those of U.S. units, and some were even emblazoned with white and yellow stars similar to those which distinguish Allied combat vehicles.

Captured U.S. tanks and equipment were being used by the Nazis. In one instance, Germans in an American tank pulled close to U.S. infantrymen and yelled in English:

"Come on over here." When the GIs came over, they were mowed down by the Nazis.

Germans in civilian clothes, or wearing civilian garments over Wehrmacht uniforms were captured filtering into the U.S. lines on missions of sabotage and espionage.

Some Jerries were dressing in GI clothes, complete to U.S. dog-tags, in an effort to work their way back through the lines, using fifth-column tactics reminiscent of 1940.

B17s Bomb Nantes Again-- This Time With Toys, Gifts

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Some 3,000 children will be guests of the 384th Bombardment Group, veteran Flying Fortress unit of the England-based Eighth AF, at a Christmas party in the war-blighted French city of Nantes.

Several B17s will take off with a cargo of presents for the children. The party will be held on New Year's Eve, France's traditional day for exchanging gifts, and the presents include candy, toys, toilet articles and clothing.

The gifts have come from the group's rations, from PX purchases, and from parcels requested

from home. In addition, officers and EM contributed £460 to purchase more gifts for orphanages in Nantes.

Lt. Oscar Picard, of Linwood, Mass., said a party will be held for 300 children in one of Nantes' few undamaged orphanages, and another celebration will be held in the city's windowless market hall for 2,800 schoolchildren.

The 384th, commanded by Lt. Col. Theodore R. Milton, of Washington, D.C., in carrying out 240 operations over Europe, has hit targets at Nantes on several occasions.

Atlantic Charter Exists Only in Notes, FDR Says

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (ANS).—A crossfire of questions dealing chiefly with foreign affairs marked the first press conference after President Roosevelt's return from Warm Springs, Ga., and brought surprise to a lot of people when the Chief Executive revealed

there is no such thing as a formal document called "The Atlantic Charter."

Avoiding controversial queries, the President said in his discussion of the charter that all of the United Nations had agreed on it when its principles were embodied in the United Nations' Declaration Jan. 1, 1942.

Asserting neither he nor Prime Minister Churchill ever formally signed the Atlantic Charter, the President said the nearest thing to an original of the charter is scribbled notes which were given radio operators as a statement to the press. What he and Churchill did when they met in August, 1941, he explained, was to scribble things on many pieces of paper. The result was an eight-point joint declaration of aims later incorporated into the United Nations' declaration, he said.

The conference revolved around four key subjects:

POLAND—He was asked which of the following headlines he preferred on the state department's Monday announcement regarding Poland: The Washington Star's "U.S. Backs Poland in Dispute Over Frontiers" or the Washington Herald's "U.S. Agrees to Partitioning of Poland." Roosevelt replied he much preferred the Star.

GREECE—A reporter told him British Labor Minister Ernest Bevin had said that at Quebec the President initialed the British plan for stabilizing Greece. Roosevelt asked if that hadn't been denied at the State Department and, told it had not, he said that perhaps something more polite was said, but anyway the reporter shouldn't bring that up because it was too contentious.

AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY—A reporter said that some of the President's strongest supporters in Congress as well as some of his strongest opponents were urging that he restate the nation's foreign policy. The President said he didn't think he could comment; that the policy was on the record and he advised the press against trying to restate it.

BIG THREE CONFERENCE—"Do you welcome and do you foresee" an early conference? a reporter asked. Roosevelt replied that this was highly speculative, and added that no definite date had been set.

Discussing the administration's policies, the Chief Executive said that he is going right along edging to the left just as he said he had been doing for more than 11 years,

Irked Chaplin Shouts, Rants In Courtroom

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—A violent Charlie Chaplin—who shouted, "That's a lie, that's not true"—faced a second day of grilling in Joan Berry's suit to have him decreed father of her 14-month-old baby.

Chaplin, acquitted last April of a white-slave charge—that of transporting Miss Berry to New York for immoral purposes—was calm when he addressed the court then. Today, he played another rôle. He twisted and turned in his seat and pounded the witness-box rail as he cried, "I have committed no crime, your honor."

Joan wants the 55-year-old comedian to pay \$2,500 monthly for support of Carol Ann. Her attorney, Joseph Scott, in outlining the case to the jury of seven women and five men, said the evidence would show that Carol Ann was conceived in Chaplin's bedroom Dec. 23, 1942.

Highlights of the testimony:

Scott: "When did you last have sexual relations with Miss Berry?"
Chaplin: "I don't know. I think it was in February, 1942."
Scott: "I'm talking about sexual relations."
Chaplin: "That's what I'm talking about, but the term is so very harsh."
Scott: "Yes, it is very harsh."

Greece Critics Quiz Churchill

LONDON, Dec. 20 (UP).—Breasting a new flood of criticism in the House of Commons on British actions in Greece, Prime Minister Churchill admitted today that there were disagreements among the three great powers on the handling of liberated Europe and said that the British government was doing its utmost to heal the breach.

Mr. Churchill met a barrage of questions during the daily Commons questions period, but he made no formal statement.

ATHENS, Dec. 20 (UP).—The RAF today was dropping leaflets warning that civilians for their own safety must evacuate areas within 500 meters of the ELAS gun emplacements in Athens because these will soon be heavily attacked.

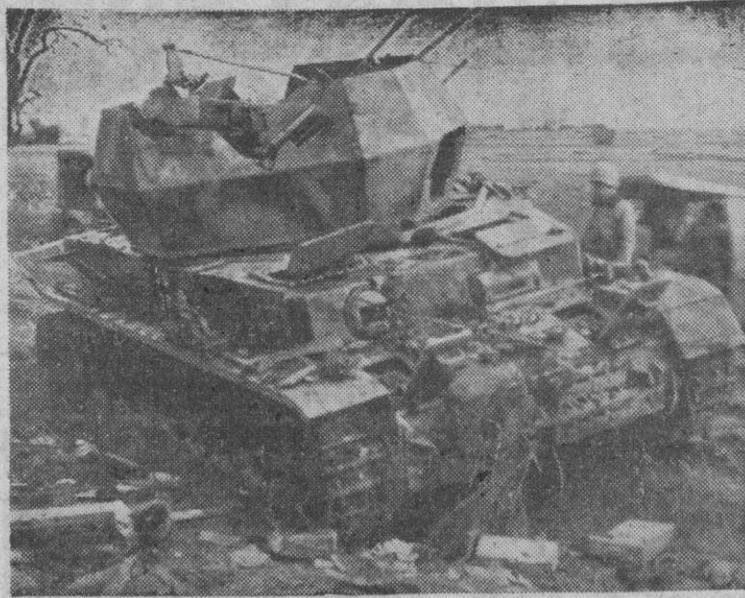
Governor May Review LSU Sex Book Ouster

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 20.—The stormy case of Jeanne Heller, the LSU coed who wrote and distributed a leaflet on "free love," seemed headed today for review by Gov. James H. Davis.

Several hundred students, demanding reinstatement of Miss Heller, marched on the governor's mansion last night after suggestions were made at a student mass meeting to "appeal to a higher authority." LSU's president, W. B. Hatcher, has refused to reinstate her.

Although shouts of "strike" and "We want Heller" were heard at the mass meeting, no definite action was taken. Student leaders opposed a strike "in view of adverse publicity already given our university."

Tracks Stilled, Guns Silenced



This German armored vehicle lost a decisive battle to a Ninth AF fighter-bomber in the Metz area. The tracked unit, mounting four machine guns, was used in convoys to blast strafing planes.

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closed that the Army's January and February selective service calls were increased from 60,000 to 80,000 and stressed the transfer of 80,000 air and service forces men to the ground forces.

Army spokesmen in the capital admitted that the German counter-offensive had struck the weakest part of the Allied line and conceded that some Allied units might have been bottled up as a result. They said the success of the Nazi thrust was due to the wide dispersion of Allied divisions and asserted the sector was lightly held because the terrain in front and behind the line was not considered important.

These sources declined to speculate how far the German offensive might go but said it could go a lot farther without causing serious damage.

The Germans, it was said, threw in a substantial part of their strategic reserves, including at least three Panzer divisions.

"Chances are that Von Rundstedt has made the best possible choice in using his strategic reserve, considering that he has no hope of ultimate victory but is fighting only to gain time," said Maj. George Fielding Eliot, New York Herald Tribune analyst.

Other commentators saw in the counter-drive an effort aimed at bolstering sagging German home morale. Editorially the Times declared that "there is no reason to take the German offensive lightly and there is every reason to throw into battle all the combined resources of all the Allies."

Germany Hurling Its Best Into Battle

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small units and when stopped in one direction they leave a small holding force and take off in another, using secondary roads.

As American rear echelon units withdraw from Belgian towns and as U. S. reserves rush forward, it is strange to observe the people. They gather in groups and gossip, and no longer do they cheer and smile after Joes passing through, for the civilian faces show the fear of a returning and angry conqueror.

Many of them who actively aided and sheltered American troops can now be seen heading westward with their meager belongings on their backs or in carts.

Second Massacre Of Yanks Reported

WITH FIRST U.S. ARMY, Dec. 20 (Reuter).—A second ruthless slaying of helpless prisoners by the Nazis was reported today by an American soldier who feigned death to escape.

Held only a few miles from the scene of the first it copied in every detail its horror. Each time a Nazi officer ordered that prisoners be taken to an open field. There, tank machine guns poured lead up and down their lines until all were lying on the ground.

Other Germans went through the bloody, screaming mass of American soldiers with guns to make sure the men were dead.

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paint bore the white star identification used by the Allies.

Germans were active behind Third Army's lines, United Press reported. On the Seventh Army front, Americans thrusting against Siegfried Line positions in the Palatinate were reported meeting heavy opposition.

Germans pocketed in the vicinity of Colmar, between the Vosges and the Rhine, were reported by United Press front dispatches to be spurred to bolder resistance by the presence of Heinrich Himmler, who told them their hold-out would ease pressure on the Siegfried.

All along the Western Front, from the fogbound British-Canadian sector to the Rhineland, German resistance was not only stiffening in the comparatively static sectors, but offensive preparations seemed to be under way north and south of Von Rundstedt's blazing drive.

Armor Spears Drive

Deepest German thrust in the Ardennes was spearheaded by armor in the vicinity of Stavelot, Belgian town 20 miles west of the border and 22 miles southeast of Liege. This penetration came through the Eifel Forest, a portion of the wooded plateau which extends through eastern Belgium to the Cologne Plain.

Southward, other Nazi Panzers smashed across the Luxembourg border near Echternach and penetrated to Consdorf, five miles to the southwest.

A two-pronged thrust cut into Belgium between the Luxembourg border and Stavelot. Panzers in this area attacked toward the town of St. Vith, seven miles inside the Belgian border.

Nazis threw a pincer around American troops in this sector. One claw drove up from the southeast and reached Maspelt, four miles southeast of St. Vith. The second claw drove in from the east. Infantry and tanks reached a point three kilometers east of St. Vith.

Maldy Claimed Taken

The fourth drive penetrated to the vicinity of Butgenbach, Belgian town eight miles northeast by east of Maldy.

A total of 2,200 German prisoners were taken yesterday, he reported.

The German high command's communiqué, as reported by United Press, said more than 10,000 American troops had been captured, 200 tanks captured or destroyed and 124 planes shot down up to the fourth day of the counter-offensive.

Captive Nurses, Patients Freed In Bold Coup

By Wes Gallagher

Associated Press Staff Correspondent
SOUTH OF MONSCHAU, Belgium, Dec. 20.—In a town south of here German tank columns overran an American field hospital, including nurses, personnel and wounded. German columns pushed on through and a handful of Nazi parachutists were left to guard the hospital. The First Army never expected to see the unit again.

The paratrooper started loading personnel and the nurses on trucks when Lt. Col. Charles Horner, of Doylestown, Pa., Battalion CC in reconnaissance, dashed into the town in a jeep driven by Pvt. William J. Cazara, of Detroit, followed by two halftracks.

"The colonel sized up the situation and started shooting and the parachutists ran for it," said Maj. William R. Washington.

Evacuated Wounded

The hospital and all its wounded were hurriedly evacuated and the doughboys took over the town just in time to shoot up two jeep-loads of Germans who returned to the town in captured American cars, thinking they still held it.

German tanks next appeared and doughboys and TDs slugged it out, with the Nazis on the receiving end for the first time in four days. The town is now firmly held.

It is a front of wild confusion as officers and men, trapped for several days behind German lines, smash through into the First Army side.

Battles are being fought in the rolling wooded mountainous front over roads in which Belgium refugees pedal their bicycles toward the rear while long lines of guns and tanks go the other direction. The ground is snow pocked and a slight thaw sends steamy fog rising out of the trees, making it look like a subdivision in Dante's "Inferno."

Out of the fog comes the whistle and thunder of shells. Out of the low-hanging clouds comes the drone of planes. The pilots don't dare to drop down and strafe the roads because the clouds are right on top of the trees.

Russians Converge On Slovak Town

MOSCOW, Dec. 20 (AP).—Four Russian columns were converging yesterday on Kosice, largest town in eastern Slovakia, and a bitter struggle that began for its approaches weeks ago seemed likely to end soon as pincer pressure from the east, southeast, south and southwest put Red Army artillery within easy range of the railway hub.

Steady progress maintained by co-ordinated infantry thrusts threatened to cut off the German garrisons. Hungarian troops were reported continually deserting under the impact of the Soviet drive.

S&S Shopping Service For GIs Discontinued

The Stars and Stripes Shopping Service, organized to aid combat troops in purchasing and mailing Christmas gifts, has now been discontinued.

The service filled hundreds of requests for perfume and other presents during its existence. Statements covering transactions are being mailed each subscriber. Further inquiries may be addressed to the service at APO 887, U.S. Army.

Once Over Lightly

By Andy Rooney

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—This is the time of the year all sports-writers should curl up and maybe not die, but at least hibernate and turn the space they've been using over to a good comic strip. Football is over, except for bowl games, and the basketball players are taking midyear exams, so few games are scheduled. And Gunder Haegg doesn't start running in the States until Jan. 21.

Here's the latest sports dope, though it can't be regarded as hot news:

WEST POINT officials gave a wristwatch to every coach and player on the Army football team... Bob Hope paired with Olin Dutra to beat Bing Crosby and Willie Hunter, 4 and 3, on the Long Beach, Calif., golf course yesterday... The Mike Delia-Cleo Shans bout was stopped in the seventh round and declared "no contest" in Hollywood night before last because they weren't fighting.

GREEN BAY Packers each got slightly more than \$1,300 as their share of the championship money... Gene Rogers, Columbia student, won the Metropolitan AAU 100-yard freestyle swim title in 53.8 seconds and the 150-yard backstroke in 1:40.6 minutes... Glenn Davis and Dean Sensenbaurer of Army are on the scholastic danger list... Red Grange



Glenn Davis

got the highest salary ever paid to a pro footballer, one hundred grand for signing before he got out of college. Remember "Cash and Carry" Pyle?

John Strzykalski of the Second AAF Superbombers played once before in the Polo Grounds. That was in '42 when he ran 93 yards for a Marquette touchdown against Manhattan... Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, wouldn't let the Brooklyn Tigers of the National Football League accept liquor ads in their programs.

'Ox' DaGrosa Appointed Holy Cross Grid Coach

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 20.—John "Ox" DaGrosa, former Colgate grid star, and a lawyer who wrote a tome on the five-man line in football, today was appointed head football coach at Holy Cross. DaGrosa succeeds Anthony "Ank" Scanlan, who resigned last night.

Question Box

Lt. Col. C. McK. Kemp.—You're right. Tennessee's bowl record also includes a 14-7 victory over Tulsa in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans, 1943.

Capt. W. A. Boatwright, Pfc Roy Terry and Pfc M. C. Cauley.—Still on K-ration and water diet for printing that Sammy Snead is a native West Virginian. Snead's parents live at Hot Springs, Va., where he learned his golf and was reared. For years he represented the White Sulphur Springs (W.Va.) club. Sam Jr. is being groomed for a golf career, too. He's six months old.—(See picture above.—Ed.)

T/4 Herschel A. Cooper.—Primo Carnera won heavyweight title by stopping Jack Sharkey in six rounds at Long Island City, 1933.

Pvt. Anthony Krinich.—Michigan beat Notre Dame, 32-20, in 1942, in the only game played between them in the last five years.

Beaucoup GIs.—Alabama played five Rose Bowl games; '26, Washington, won, 20-19; '27, Stanford, 7-7; '31, Washington State, won, 24-0; '35, Stanford, won, 29-13; '38, California, lost, 13-0.

Cpl. E. J. Helkowski.—West Texas State 19, New Mexico 12; Southwestern 39, South Texas Aggies 0. No North Texas Aggies listed on Southwestern record.

Wings Second In Ice Circuit As Bruins Bow

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—The Detroit Redwings scored four goals in the final period to defeat the Boston Bruins, 6-3, and snag second place in the National Hockey League here last night.

Trailing, 3-2, going into the last frame, Steve Woehy tied the score on a pass from Joe Carveth. Flash Holley provided the margin of victory just before the midway mark and Eddie Bruneteau added a pair of unassisted goals with less than a minute remaining in the game.

Boston went out in front in the first period on Herb Cain's goal, but Don Grossin tied it and Bill Quackenbush put Detroit ahead a few minutes later. Goals by Kenny Smith and Pat Egan gave the Bruins their temporary lead in the second period.

Hockey Standings

National League

	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	13	4	2	28
Detroit	10	5	3	23
Toronto	10	6	2	22
Boston	8	11	1	17
Chicago	2	10	2	8
New York	2	10	4	8

American League

Buffalo 2, St. Louis 2.

EASTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pts
Buffalo	14	6	3	31
Hershey	11	10	3	25
Providence	7	15	2	16

WESTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pts
Indianapolis	13	7	6	32
Pittsburgh	12	12	2	26
Cleveland	11	7	3	25
St. Louis	5	14	3	13

Blake Ousts Cowley In Puck Point Race

MONTREAL, Dec. 20.—Hector "Toe" Blake, Montreal leftwinger, replaced Bill Cowley, Boston center, as the National Hockey League's leading scorer this week by adding seven points to his total, while Cowley made only two. Elmer Lach of the Canadiens also went on a scoring spree, scoring six points to take third place.

Player	Team	G	A	Pts
Blake, Canadiens		15	18	33
Cowley, Bruins		11	21	32
Lach, Canadiens		5	21	26
Richard, Canadiens		19	6	25
C. Smith, Blackhawks		6	16	22
Howe, Redwings		8	16	22

GI Challenger



S/Sgt. Bob Cummings victorious in three main events, this Air Corps provost sergeant has challenged Stan Karolyi, reigning French wrestling champion since 1937, and the bout—pending approval by the Army—will be held in Paris the first week in January. The Milwaukee grappler has had eight years of professional mat experience.

From Navy Blue to Fairway Green



Winner of the Portland and Richmond Open golf tournaments, Slammin' Sammy Snead, of Hot Springs, Va., shows that victory smile. He's pocketed \$4,300 in war bonds since leaving the Navy a month ago. Snead spent 26 months in Uncle Samuel's service.

Bingham Rebukes Colleges Which Changed Grid Rules

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Col. William J. Bingham, Harvard athletic director on military leave, and chairman of the National Collegiate Athletic Association football rules committee, broke his two-year silence last night and replied to critics who have been hurling verbal brickbats at his head without opposition ever since he entered the Army.

Bingham's steadfast refusal to alter the football rules, in order to loosen up college football, has resulted in rebellion by a number of eastern colleges who defied the NCAA and changed the rules anyway.

Cites Pros' Advantages

Bingham blamed the agitation for rules changes on the fact that many college coaches are afraid of professional competition. He pointed out that pro players are physically better able to withstand injuries which result from wide open football, while college players ranging in age from 17 to 21 are likely to suffer.

"When the college game was wide open, as it was in 1931, there were 33 deaths due to injuries in a single season," Bingham told Boston sportswriters. "But from 1940 through 1944, while the rules now under fire were in effect, there was exactly one death in intercollegiate football," he said.

Bingham criticized the rule which allows a defensive player to run with a fumble as "a damn cheap way to get a touchdown."

CAGE RESULTS

- Bates 64, Sanford 36.
- Capital 61, Muskingum 52.
- Colgate 64, Hobart 41.
- DePauw 49, Purdue 48.
- Camp Shelton 50, Camp Perry 41.
- Kansas 47, Rockhurst 28.
- Iowa 60, Denver 41.
- LaSalle 65, Scranton 46.
- Moorehead Techs. 36, Maryville 38.
- North Carolina 51, Morris Field 29.
- North Dakota St. 45, North Dakota 43.
- Oklahoma 44, Phillips 42.
- Olathe Naval 43, Park College 34.
- Notre Dame 91, Loras 44.
- St. John's 53, West Point FA 45.
- Marshall 57, Brooklyn College 41.
- St. Phillips 44, DePaul 17.
- Southern Methodist 54, Dallas Naval 45.
- Virginia 55, Richmond Air Base 45.
- Westminster 71, Arkansas 61.

Army Chosen Team of Year On AP Ballots

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Army's undefeated, untied football team, acclaimed as national champion by everybody except followers of Randolph Field's Ramblers, was selected the "team of the year" in the annual Associated Press poll. The Cadets broke the 12-year hold on first place by major league baseball clubs polling 209 points, twice as many as the nearest competitor, the world baseball champion St. Louis Cardinals.

Sparked by Glenn Davis, the nation's top scorer, and Felix Blanchard, bone-crushing fullback, Army rolled over North Carolina, Brown, Pittsburgh, Coast Guard Academy, Duke, Villanova, Notre Dame, Penn and Navy for its first perfect season since 1916.

The Academy rolled up an astounding total of 504 points in nine games.

The 59 and 62 points Army scored on Notre Dame and Penn on successive weekends were the worst shellackings those two schools ever got.

The Cards netted 104 points, Randolph Field 28, Ohio State 23, St. Louis Browns 21, Montreal Canadiens 6, Utah U. basketball team 5, and Green Bay Packers 4.

Name 96 Nags For Santa 'Cap

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Ninety-six horses have been named for the \$100,000 added Santa Anita Handicap, world's richest race, which will be run at Santa Anita, March 3rd. Among those nominated are 58 stake race winners from every major track in the country.

Happy Issue, winner of the \$75,000 Gold Cup Saturday; First Fiddle, one of the best handicapped horses of the year; Whirlabout, second ranking filly of the year; Georgie Drum, upset winner of the \$50,000 Stars and Stripes at Chicago; Bounding Home, victor over Pensive, and Paper Boy, winner of the Narragansett Special, Saratoga Handicap and American Handicap.

Phil Terranova TKOs Francis in Brooklyn

BROOKLYN, N.Y., Dec. 20.—Phil Terranova, former NBA featherweight champion, TKOed Leo Francis of Panama in the second round of their scheduled ten-rounder at the Broadway Arena here last night. Terranova floored Francis for a five count in the second. Francis arose, but Referee Al Berle stopped the fight.

Refereed Aleutian Bouts



Arthur Donovan

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Arthur Donovan, noted boxing referee and instructor at the New York Athletic Club, has returned to this city after refereeing the Aleutian boxing championships last month on Adak Island, and the Alaskan department title events earlier in November.

Soldiers and sailors from the Aleutians won all the titles in the Alaskan championships and Donovan was impressed by T/4 Willie Brown, San Francisco Negro, who took the heavyweight title; Pfc Dale Maloney, Seattle middleweight, and Pvt. George Holly, Toledo welterweight. No professionals were allowed to compete in the tournament.

More than 9,000 servicemen saw the finals at Fort Richardson Alaska. Tournament winners received furloughs, with expenses paid at Mt. McKinley Park, Alaska.



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Single-Term Ticket

With all the ever-present comment on what to do with the serviceman and his quest for a job after demobilization, we, the undersigned, are firmly convinced that we have the successful answer to the problems.

Some 11,000,000 service men will be released from the service and issued a bonus check of \$10,000 per month for the remainder of their lives—contingent upon their spending the \$10,000 each month. These men will not be allowed to work under the penalty of losing their monthly bonus.

The expenditure of this sum by each man will keep at least six men engaged in work thus making a total of 66,000,000 jobs. As only sixty millions jobs are required to prevent unemployment in the U.S., this will create a shortage of labor, and this in turn will create overtime, higher salaries and an eternal prosperity, so that salaries will reach approximately \$1,000 per month.

As even this fabulously high average income will still run the country so far into debt that it will be impossible to pay for it, the ticket of Randall and Peck will not run for a second term.—Sgt. William Randall and T/5 Victor Peck, Inf.

Let's Take Stock

Regard in an article in Wednesday's paper entitled: "Nazi Counter-Offensive Booms Stock Market."

As an old foot-slogger of the last "Guerre," it appears to me this heading is unfortunate and the wording of the article will create an undesirable reaction in the minds of the men on the line.

The reaction, I fear, is the impression to be deduced from the article that the stock-market operators eagerly seize any chance to enrich themselves—inferentially a German success having the effect of prolonging the war, consequently enhancing the opportunities of the "war babies" for better and bigger profits—at whatever cost in blood and money to the nation and its fighting men.

The fact is that the stock market, as any commodity, responds to well-established laws and impulses, whether in war or in peace. One recalls the halcyon boom days of the stock market before "Black Friday" in 1929, when every stenographer and factory-hand was dipping into the golden stream. Then there was no war, merely an exuberance flowing from favorable trade balances, a superabundance of good things, highest sales reports, accompanied by visions of two chickens in every pot; of two cars in every garage.

Swell going, until the crash. The result was an upset of worldwide economy from which we have never fully recovered. Volumes could be written on its effects in producing the conflict in which we are now engaged.

My point is to make clear that the stock market, as any commodity, is very sensitive in its response to cause and effect, supply and demand, whether in peace or in war.

One of the natural causes for

apprehension, current not only on the Stock Exchange, but one of considerable concern to all engaged in commerce and industry, is the reconversion of our economy from a war to a peace basis. Not only are our leading industrialists greatly taken up with this problem, but our national and local government officials and the heads of our unions are considerably concerned with this, as primarily a problem of employing our labor—our working people, including those millions who will return to normal work-a-day lives when this is over.

I hope that no soldier will construe the article as an endeavor to profit by the temporary current successes of the enemy at a corresponding cost in American blood. It is rather to be hoped that they will view it merely as the expression of a normal economic phenomenon, such as when my pal, during the present cigarette shortage (as doubtless many of yours) paid 100 francs last week for a pack of butts in Paris.—Maj. J. Godley, FD.

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How to Upset EMs

In our present area our section (survey) has had very little to do. We used our time to clean and care for personal equipment, but naturally this did not take the full day. We used the rest of the time to write to loved ones at home, friends and relatives in the service. At the time, our BC was the only officer in the battery area. As he had to censor the mail by himself, he was quite disgusted when our 10 to 15 letters (there are seven of us) came in each day.

We were told that we were having too much time to write letters, so details immediately followed. Now our section chief has been told to keep us busy all day.

I doubt if either Gen. Eisenhower or the people at home will begrudge me the time it takes to write letters to the ones I love.—Cpl. Arthur Fenney, FA.

An Editorial Never Too Late to Learn



Through the smoke and censorship that dims our view of the Rundstedt push, certain things stand out more vividly than ever.

The elasticity of the German military machine. The depth of its resources. The enormous energies stored up in ten years of secret preparation. The last-ditch deadliness of an army recruited from a nation 80 million strong, for centuries dedicated to all-out compulsory military training.

The scientific knavery—the knavish science—the bewitched brilliance on which the vaunted German culture rests. The infinite capacity to create the gadgets and gimcracks of war—the rockets and robots, the planes and panzers, the 88s and 34s. The industry of the German—in building the bloodiest arsenals known to man.

The fanaticism of the German people.

Their swastika-sworn unity. The frenzied rush to the colors of old gaffers and wet-eared kids. The ghastly goosetep of the Volkssturm into the casements—the release of the panzers into battle. The cheers and prayers of the Deutsches Volk—the women, the boys, the girls. The total Nazi-German, German-Nazi state.

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The folly of those who discounted the German purpose and power. Who believed the V signs, the smiles, the free beer and gemutlichkeit of the German burgers. Who—even while Rundstedt readied his reinforcements and poised his pencil over the place where the blow would fall—had their guards down, their hands outstretched, their peace plans ready. Who were prepared to prove why Germany must be revived, restored and returned—without delay or dishonor—to the society of decent peoples.

Up Front With Mauldin



"Sorry. Now we're outta charcoal, too."

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE

Life-Saving Gifts

A pocket Bible his mother gave him when he entered the Army and a wallet his wife presented to him just before he left the States probably saved the life of Pvt. Richard K. Anderson, of Chinook, Mont., and the 10th Armored Div. Anderson was carrying the gifts in his shirt pocket when an 88 shell exploded nearby. A fragment penetrated the wallet but was stopped by the Bible.

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Honor Gen. Collins

Maj. Gen. Lawton Collins, commander of troops which liberated Cherbourg, has been named an honorary citizen of that city. M. Rene Schmitt, president of the Municipal Delegation, has announced. Gen. Lawton is commander of the VII Corps.

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Nobody But Us Chickens

Some German paratroopers tried a version of "There ain't nobody here but us chickens," but it didn't work with three Third Armored Div. soldiers. Suspecting that the Germans were using a farm for an assembly point, S/Sgt. John W. Bell, of Chandlerville, Ill., Sgt. Sander R. Haroldson, of Kennan, Wis., and Pvt. Roy G. Minshall, of Saukville,

Wis., razed first the house and then the barn. They didn't have any results, so they trained machine guns on the chicken coop and bagged a group of paratroopers and a couple of hens.

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Corporal of the Guard!

"Halt, who's there?" the guard shouted.

The challenge startled Cpl. James L. Mitchell, of Hollis, N.Y., and Second Armored Div. "Where?" he asked.

He had to hit the dirt when the guard opened up with a tommy gun.

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Grable Fan Club

Medics in a 79th Div. outfit are staunch Betty Grable fans. They had to hit the dirt four times when shelled during a Grable flicker, but they stuck it out until the last reel.

Births

Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival:
L. T. William M. Hardurch, Memphis—boy, Dec. 5; Lt. Lee M. Halstead—Lee Michael, Nov. 22; Lt. Harold Isaacs, Brooklyn—Michael Steven, Dec. 3; T/4 Leland Johnson, Palo Alto, Calif.—boy, Dec. 2; Sgt. Eddie Johnson, Roosevelt, N.Y.—girl, Dec. 5; S/Sgt. Maririo Johnston, Samaria, Mich.—girl, Nov. 23; Pvt. James F. Long, Birmingham, Ala.—James Thomas, Nov. 12.

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Yanks Cool Off Hot 'Welcome' Left by Enemy

By Joe Weston

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Towns and villages evacuated by the Germans in the face of the Third Army offensive have been found to be thoroughly time-bombed and booby-trapped the closer the Americans get to Adolf's "Lebensraum."

Set to pop from ten minutes to 21 days after planting, the delayed-action fuses are mostly being found in latrines, barns, haypiles, culverts, back-sheds, cellars and intersections. Wine cellars are favorite spots.

The time-bombs have averaged about four to a town thus far. However, six were found in Morhange and four in one week at St. Avold.

Building Check Urged

Best method of finding the bombs is a complete spot check of all buildings to be inhabited by personnel, and immediate notification of the nearest bomb disposal or engineer unit if any suspicious spots are located, according to Capt. P. J. Hodges, of St. Paul, of the fifth BD Squad, 82nd Ord. Gp.

"Don't fool around with suspicious spots if you are inexperienced," said Capt. Hodges, "as the Nazis have booby-trapped the time-bombs as well as everything else."

Bomb disposal units, self-contained organizations of six EM and one officer, are mobile and usually within quick reach of any area.

Capt. Hodges also pointed out that many men are still going souvenir hunting and warned that booby-traps are becoming thicker as we advance into Germany.

"The best souvenirs a GI can take home are ten fingers and two legs," he said.

Nazis Bait Ozarks With PA Broadside

WITH NINTH ARMY, GERMANY, Dec. 20.—The Germans, who at various times have used public address systems to fire propaganda at opposing Allied troops, are doing the same again. U. S. troops fighting in the Linnich area today heard this broadcast:

"We know you are about to launch a great offensive because you are bombing our homes. We will retaliate. You must admit that the war has not turned out to be such a breeze. Winter has not set in but trench foot has. We are ready for the troops who are men of the Ozarks."

The speech was followed by rendition of the song, "Melancholy Baby." Use of the word Ozarks was a reference to the 102nd Inf. Div. which took part in the fighting for Linnich.

5-1 Odds Not Too Much For This 634th TD Joe

WITH THE FIRST INF. DIV.—The enemy had the drop on him and the odds were five-to-one, but Cpl. Edly M. Harris, of Soddy, Tenn., foiled a Nazi attempt to capture an M10 tank destroyer.

Harris was on night guard in the 634th TD area when he felt something shoved against his back. At the same time a guttural voice said, "Hands up."

Ignoring the demand, Harris spun around, disarmed the German and shot up the raiding party.

Final score: one Nazi killed, one wounded, one captured and two in flight.

Nisei Against the Nazi on 7th Army Front



American doughboys of Japanese descent are shown above moving out of an old CP to advance to new positions on a snow-covered section of the Western Front. At right, a Nisei turns his machine-gun against Nazi positions.

Dahlquist Pays Tribute To 'Finest Soldiers' In Combat Team

WITH THE SEVENTH ARMY, Dec. 20.—Tribute was paid to the fighting qualities of the Nisei officers and men of the 442nd Combat team by Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, commander of the 36th Div., at a citation ceremony in the vicinity of Lepanges in northeastern France.

After decorating 29 Americans of Japanese descent and paying his respects to eight who received awards posthumously, Gen. Dahlquist said, "We have only the utmost admiration for you and what you have accomplished. No finer fighting, no finer soldierly qualities have ever been witnessed by the U.S. Army in its long history."

The general credited the regiment, which had already won fame in eastern France by making contact with the "Lost Battalion," with gaining all its objectives through some of the most difficult terrain in the world.

No Time Wasted

Before an engineer regiment had finished construction of a new dock at a French port, a heavily loaded freighter was discharging Army equipment on the completed portion. S/Sgt. Walter C. Fields, of Central Valley, Calif., and Pfc John M. Nelson, of Tacoma, who put German power-operated shovels into operation, were commended by the regiment CO.



Signal Corps Photo

5,000 Tire Slogans Received; Contest Has 2 Days to Go

More than 5,000 entries, from front-line doughfeet as well as service troops, had poured into The Stars and Stripes mailroom last night, with two days left before the closing deadline of the tire conservation slogan contest.

Entries ranged from three or four words scrawled on muddy, torn paper to elaborate posters, windshield stickers and cartoons. Some entrants even romanticized the tire shortage with rhymed couplets.

The judges, Maj. Gen. H. B. Saylor, Ordnance Chief; Maj. Gen. Frank S. Ross, Chief of Transportation, and Brig. Gen. James H. Stratton, ETO G4, emphasized, however, that only slogans consisting of ten words or less were valid.

They expressed "great satisfac-

tion" in the response to the contest, both in quantity of entries and in the GIs' "sincere appreciation of the gravity of the shortage."

Advanced Supply headquarters in Belgium announced last night that its own contest, open only to ADSEC personnel, would award free trips to Paris for GIs who submitted the best two-line-or-more jingles on tire conservation. The ADSEC contest will end Dec. 31.

Improvement on Fortress

HQ. AIR SERVICE COMMAND IN FRANCE, Dec. 20.—Flying Fortresses, thanks to Air Service Command technicians, now have electric turbo-supercharger regulators which automatically control fuel pressure. Heretofore, Fort pilots had to control the pressure on each of their four engines manually.

Yanks Cycle Way to Freedom

NEAR ST. NAZAIRE, Dec. 20.—Two veteran Ninth AF pilots, escaping from a Nazi prison in regular GI flight uniforms, pedaled to safety past a steady stream of German patrols on their escape route, it was revealed today.

The fliers, 1/Lt. Leonard Keller and F/O Jack Norelius, spent seven nights in swamps and traveled by day on bicycles borrowed from the French. They escaped from a prison near the coast after their C47 was shot down.

In the course of their flight, Keller and Norelius hid for a whole

night in a café's second story, while German soldiers were holding a drunken party on the ground floor.

Slip Out of Prison

Shortly after their capture, the two slipped out the prison in St. Nazaire unnoticed and sneaked through the city, often close enough to Nazi soldiers to reach out and touch them. They crossed the railroad unseen and crept into the café and upstairs. When the Germans finally broke up their party, the fliers fled to a nearby French headquarters.

On bicycles, they casually rode

past German troops for seven days, hiding at night in the swamps. By the time they reached Allied soil, on Nov. 27, the news had already reached the FFI of their arrival, and upon reaching the French headquarters they were taken to an American infantry unit stationed in the area.

The day after they reached the American lines, the fliers learned of the American-German prisoner exchange at St. Nazaire arranged for that day, and soon after met some of their buddies who were returned to U.S. forces in the exchange.

Nazi Reprisals In Own Towns Not Expected

Col. Terrill E. Price, a Civil Affairs officer of the 12th Army Group, said yesterday he expected no reprisals against civil officials in German towns reoccupied by the enemy since the winter offensive began, the Associated Press reported.

He said certain personnel, including doctors and law enforcement officers, had remained in occupied communities to meet urgent needs of the civilian population. He did not think the Germans would regard them as traitors for having continued to function under the Allied military administration.

This view was qualified by T/Sgt. Arthur Aitree, of Chicago, working with Col. Price, who said most of the towns occupied by the Allies in the earlier battles had been evacuated of civilians by the Germans themselves, except for a minor percentage who hid in cellars and refused to leave.

Denies Coddling

He could not say what would be the attitude of the Germans toward those who had refused to obey the evacuation order and fall back with the retreating German armies.

He denied that civilians in Allied-occupied towns in Germany received better food and treatment than civilians in neighboring Allied countries, and said that in at least one instance surplus food in German areas had been transferred to Holland and given to the Dutch people.

In answer to a question regarding the effect produced by the refusal of Americans to fraternize with German civilians, Price replied, "I believe that the Americans are steeling German hearts, for we refuse to smile or wave back even when we are greeted by children. Perhaps it is a mistake."

All Hands Form Carrying Party

WITH EIGHTH INF. DIV., GERMANY.—For eight days the officers and men of headquarters company carried in supplies on their backs under fire and carried out the wounded to keep the First Bn. of the 28th Inf Reg in the position they had been ordered to hold.

Although torn by constant counter-attacks, the companies clung to that key salient in the gloomy Hurlgen Forest. Supply and evacuation were the sorest problems. The one approach lay across an open draw which was blasted night and day by enemy fire. Only men on foot could bridge that draw.

Every possible man in the CP was organized into a carrying party.

Rations and water, ammunition and equipment were transported on vehicles to the rear CP. There the carrying party took over. The porters stumbled through the darkness to the edge of the draw. They slid down a long, almost-vertical bank, crossed the shell-lit hell, and climbed up the other side. Coming back, they bore the litters of the wounded.

Everything the battalion received during those hectic days was carried in by these parties, and every wounded man was evacuated.

81st Chemical Bn. Cited

XX CORPS HQ., France, Dec. 20.—For outstanding work in France since H-plus-60 minutes on D-Day, the 81st Chemical Bn. has been awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. Major General Walton H. Walker, XX Corps Commander, presented the citation.

All the Comforts of Home

A Gift You Can Still Send Overseas



DESIGNED by an ex-soldier for soldiers. The Fox Hole pillow provides welcome

AND you can get an extra slip cover for 85c! That's the deal offered to homefronters by the Lewis and Conger Sleep Shop of New York, in an ad which appeared in papers last Sunday.

This Was America Yesterday:

APO Amours Get Blessing From Heart-Throb Expert

By Joe Fleming

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—APO Amours were given the official blessings of a heartache specialist today when "Puzzled" got an affirmative answer to her query: "Do you think it's possible to fall in love through correspondence?"

Alma Archer, Hearst press columnist who tells girls when and how to kiss young men, gave the nod in her release today and said she didn't doubt for a minute that APOs could foster lasting and enduring loves. Recalling that one of the happiest marriages she had ever known was that of a pair who courted via the postman, Archer told "Puzzled" to continue letters to a soldier she had never seen.

Just to keep the record straight, Decca records claims that Bing Crosby's recordings of Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" have passed the 2,000,000 mark in sales to challenge the all-time record held by Gene Austin's "My Blue Heaven."

Something New and Violent in V Weapons

THERE were more serious tropics in the U.S. however. In Cleveland, Maj. Gen. Levin H. Campbell, army ordnance chief, described the new German Western Front V weapon as a wingless comet capable of speed greater than sound. He said it was smaller than V2 because it is used at much shorter ranges. The general said that army experts are now studying some of the new rockets which have been captured.

In Washington the WPB prohibited manufacturers of men's overcoats from making any civilian garments for the next four months unless they can meet quotas for GIs at the same time.

IN New York two corporations, three civilians and a naval officer were indicted in connection with an alleged conspiracy to slow down the output of the highly secret Norden bombsight.

A major shake-up in the armed forces was foreseen by Hanson W. Baldwin, of the New York Times, who predicted that changes in Army and Navy command positions—both in Washington and overseas—would come shortly. He said the higher ranks approved by Congress may be followed by promotions farther down the line.

Must Have Been Fun

YOU spend a dollar just like a pound or a 100-francnote on the home-front now. "Just put it down to fun," was the comment of Bonnie Barker, 22-year-old Los Angeles waitress, as she told police of a 60-day spending spree in which she and a girl friend assertedly spent \$11,000. Police said the money was stolen from a Detroit business man while he dined in the cafe where Bonnie worked. Bonnie, who said her friend told her the money was found, said it went for lots of thick steaks, parties, hotel suites and shopping trips.

AND in New York a World Telegram reporter was determined to get a carton of cigarettes. He got it but it took him seven hours. In a trek from 14th Street and Fourth Avenue uptown to Lexington and Sixth and back down Madison Avenue to 42nd and across to Fifth Avenue to Radio City he collected Marlboros, Rameses, English Ovals, Rivolas, Dunhills and Camels.

Out in the snow-blanketed midwest a woman would-be newspaperman has just broken a 73-year-old tradition. A girl named Jill Drum became the first coed sports editor of the Illinois U. student daily. Jill won the post over several male opponents and gave the opposite sex possession of every senior job in the paper.

HOLLYWOOD NOTES—Lee Tracy is back in the films in that familiar role as a newspaperman in "I'll Tell the World." Abbott and Costello's next will be "The Naughty Nineties." Warner Bros. are first to announce a picture based on the stories of four chaplains who died heroically after giving others their lifebelts when their transport ship was hit. "Four Men of God" is the title.

U.S. Farmers Score Another Banner Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (ANS).—American farmers have chalked up another glowing year of wartime achievement, the Agriculture Department said today in announcing that the 1944 crop output about equals the 1942 record of over-all food production.

The Department announced that an all-time high is expected for the eighth successive year in production of both crops and live stock.

The Crop Reporting Board said that growing conditions were much less favorable this year than in 1942, with the season marked by drought last fall and excessive rain throughout the spring planting period.

During the summer, eastern states underwent severe dry weather, a difficult manpower situation, and lack of farming equipment added to production troubles.

Lupe's Family To Fight Will

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Dec. 20 (ANS).—A battle over the will of Lupe Velez appeared certain today, after the late screen star's sister, Mrs. Josefina Anderson, of San Antonio, said she had retained an attorney to represent her and "my whole family" in forthcoming court hearings.

Mrs. Anderson is one of Lupe's sisters unmentioned in the will written by the actress before her suicide last Thursday.

The will bequeaths one-third of Lupe's estate, valued at about \$175,000, to Mrs. Beulah Kinder, her secretary, and divides the rest into two trust funds for her mother and for children of her brother.

The actress was buried today in a gleaming ermine cape—part of her large fur collection.

West Reopens To Japs Jan. 2

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20 (ANS).—Japanese removed from the Pacific Coast early in the war will be permitted to return to California, Oregon and Washington after Jan. 1. Maj. Gen. Henry C. Pratt, chief of the Western Defense Command, announced yesterday.

Various reactions were reported on the West Coast. Gov. Earl Warren appealed for an attitude that "will discourage friction and prevent civil disorder."

Western Defense Command spokesmen said that the lifting of the ban did not mean that there would be a wholesale return of population.

In a half-dozen of the relocation centers where the Japs have been contained, it was estimated that not more than 60,000 of the 119,000 excluded from the West Coast would return.

FDR Would Improve Social Security System

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (ANS).—President Roosevelt yesterday "reluctantly approved" legislation freezing the social security payroll tax at one percent, today announced he would submit to Congress soon a plan "for broadening and improving the social security system."

Had the President refused to sign the measure, Congress almost certainly would have overridden his veto, United Press reported. It is the fourth time Congress has enacted legislation to maintain the one percent rate.

Tobacco Auction Season Opens



The chant of the tobacco auctioneer was heard again in the southeast as marketing season opened this month. This warehouse scene in Lexington, Ky., was typical, with tobacco everywhere—except in the cigar stores. More than 1,600,000,000 pounds of tobacco—a record—were produced this year, it was announced yesterday.

Medic Pay Bill Passage Seen

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A bill providing combat pay for medics has "excellent prospects" of being passed after the new House convenes Jan. 3, Rep. Frances P. Bolton (R-Ohio) said today in a telephone message to The Stars and Stripes New York Bureau. She is sponsor of the legislation.

The representative said the Army is supporting the bill, which grants \$10 additional pay to enlisted medics, who have won the corps valor badge.

The bill provides that the valor badge be awarded under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of War and that any enlisted man entitled to the badge will receive additional compensation.

Yule Gifts Arrive in U.S. For German Prisoners

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20 (ANS).—The International Red Cross ship, Caritas II, bearing 300,000 Christmas bundles for German PWs in the U.S. arrived here Saturday and is reloading with an estimated 500,000 gifts for Americans interned overseas, the ARC disclosed.

First port of call for the Caritas, according to the Red Cross, will be Marseilles and next will be Goteborg, Sweden.

Green Rejects CIO Unity Bid

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (ANS).—CIO President Philip Murray invited the American Federation of Labor last night to co-operate in a joint drive for labor objectives, but AFL President William Green rejected the bid today as "some sort of phoney functional unity, which the CIO has often prated about in the past."

Murray wrote Green asking that representatives of the unions meet to draft a co-operative program, aimed at wage adjustments, full employment after the war, a broader social security structure and repeal of anti-labor statutes.

Green replied: "I interpret Mr. Murray's letter as a flat refusal on the part of the CIO to accept the AFL's appeal for resumption of conferences seeking a united labor movement in America."

"The only way to achieve unity," Green continued, "is to unite organically. This is labor's greatest need now and in the post-war period. Yet Mr. Murray turns a deaf ear."

Porker Brings Record Price
CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Raymond Taylor, 17, sold his champ porker at the Chicago Market Fat-Stock show here for \$637, all-time record of \$1.75 per pound. At first the hog weighed too much to enter, but Chet got him down to 299.

Peace-Time Draft Hearings Slated Next Month In House

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 (ANS).—Chairman May (D-Ky.), of the House Military Affairs Committee, announced today that hearings will begin next month on peace-time compulsory military training. Date of the hearings will be determined when 17 committee members return from inspection of the ETO.

"Many people who formerly opposed peace-time conscription now agree it is essential if we are to preserve peace by being so strong no one will attempt to start another war," May said. Protests, he added, have dwindled and been offset by endorsements.

Asked if he believed the legislation should provide for straight military training or, as suggested by President Roosevelt, for educational military training, May said: "The WD wants, and we propose to give, legislation for straight military training for a year for young men eligible."

May has introduced legislation making every able-bodied male citizen liable for a year of military training as soon as he reaches 18. Following the training, peace-time "draftees" would return to civilian status, subject to call to active duty in emergency.



Willie: Papa, why don't you go away so I can see Mama dump that salesman off the fire escape?
 Papa: Why, Willie, what on earth are you talking about?
 Willie: Well, I just heard her tell him that she'd tip him off just as soon as you leave.

Coy Miss: I suppose you soldiers are the type who like wine, women and song.
 PFC: No, we don't care for music.

First Gob: I know a guy who



broke his arm fighting for a woman's honor.

Second Gob: How come?
 First Gob: She wanted to keep it.

Yvonne: We manicurists are luckier than most girls.
 Vivian: Because we have so many men at our fingertips?
 Yvonne: No, because we always know where their hands are.

And then there was the woman who got mad because her husband never talked in his sleep—he only smiled.

This is the story of the absent-minded professor who became a lieutenant in the paratroops. He unbuckled his parachute, stepped out of the plane, counted three and pulled his rank.

Cpl. Maury Campbell sez, "No one pays much attention to apple skins, but if it's a peach peeling—oh, boy."

Our spy on the home front sez, "The scarcity of men has made many girls good and lonely."

A mysterious lady in black just stepped up, slipped this verse into our hand and left:

A wolf is a guy with a glint in his eye
 And a thought in the back of his head.
 If you see him coming, you'd better start running—
 The rest is much better unsaid.

Advice to parents of fond offspring: A pat on the back develops character—if administered often enough, young enough and low enough.

4,942 AWOL Jerricans Apprehended by MPs

WITH THE U.S. SERVICE FORCES IN EPO, Dec. 20.—The MPs of the 795th Military Police Battalion in the Communications Zone aren't saying anything these days about the linerant GIs they're picking up, but they laid claim today to something of a record in collecting stray jerricans.

Since the drive opened, this outfit has turned in 4,942 cans, which is enough to send 24,710 gallons of precious gasoline to the fighting front and keep a Sherman tank going for better than 200 days.

AEF-RADIO-AFN Program

Time TODAY
 1230—Music Society of Basin Street.
 1901—Bing Crosby.
 1930—American Dance Band.
 2205—Rudy Vallee.

TOMORROW
 0925—AEF Ranch House.
 1301—John Charles Thomas.
 1930—Kate Smith.
 2030—Maj. Glenn Miller's Band.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features.



Terry And The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate.



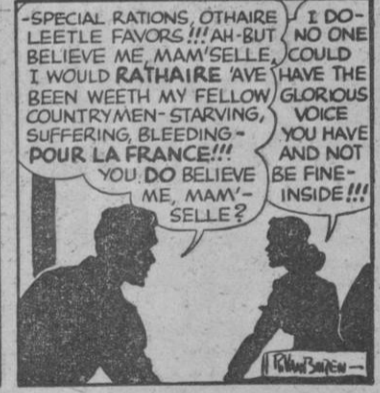
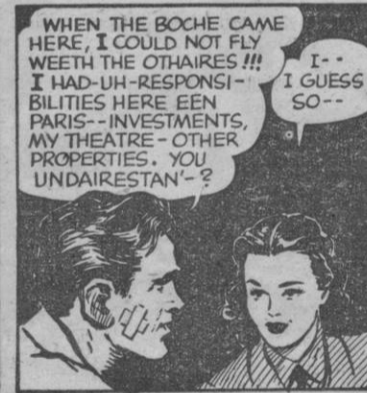
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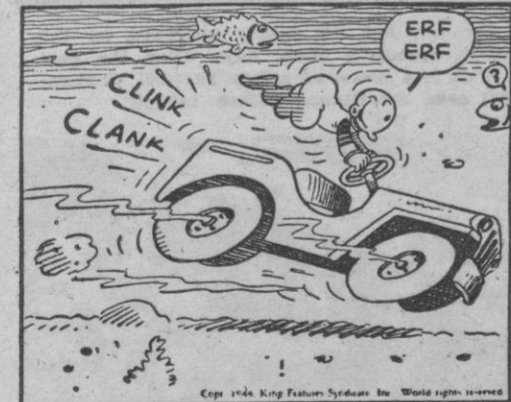
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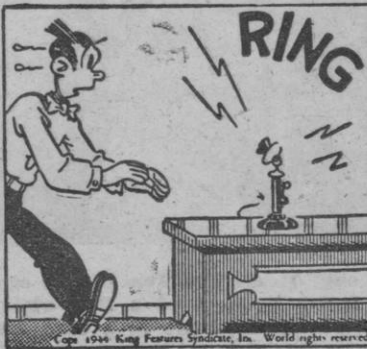
Popeye

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Blondie

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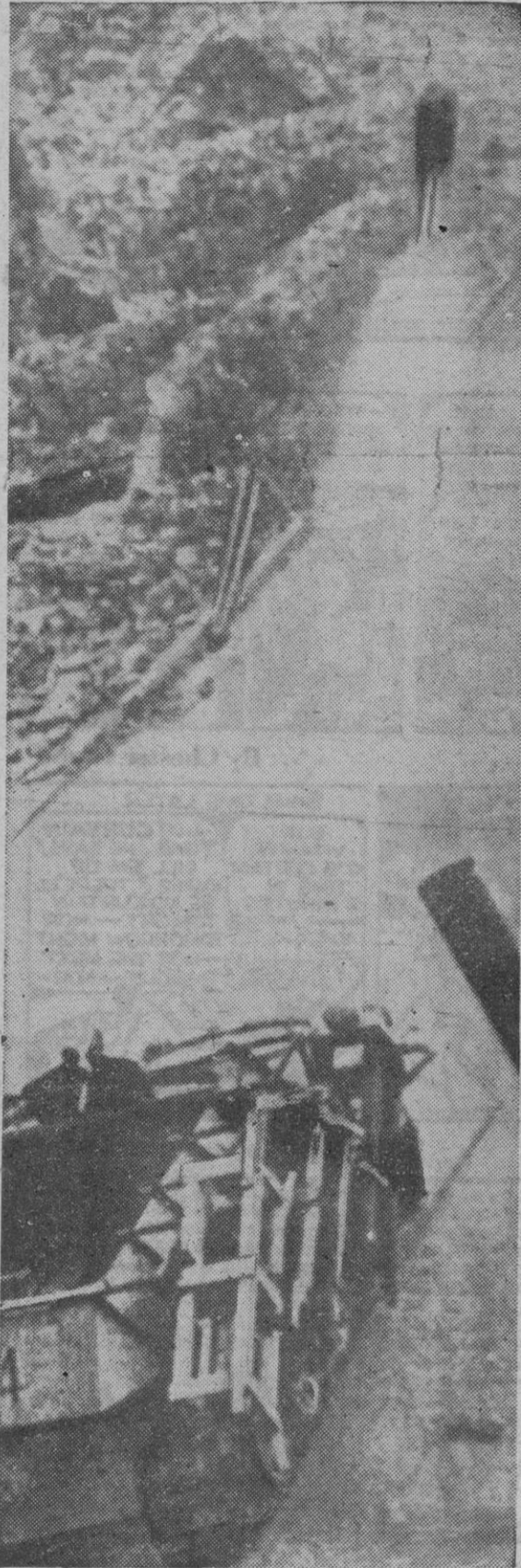
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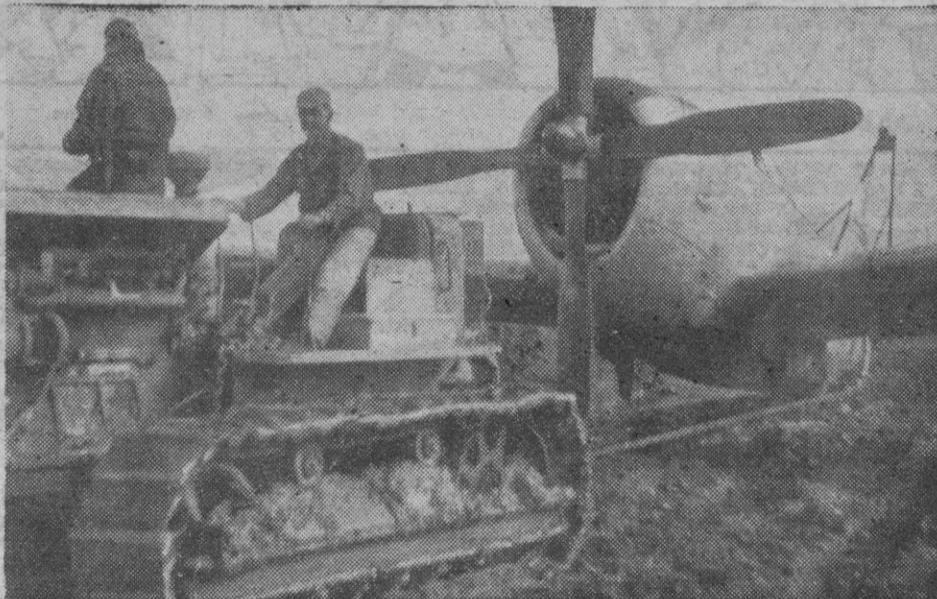
A Nazi Rocket Takes-Off Night Attack in Holland As British Cross Wessem Canal



This unusual picture shows a German rocket taking to the air just after being fired from a mobile launcher in a Warsaw street. The Germans used the weapon to rain devastation over the Polish capital. Picture from neutral source.



British infantrymen leap from their assault boat and scurry up the German-held side of the Wessem Canal in eastern Holland, as a supporting British tank flamethrower sends across a stream of fire on enemy positions. Wrecked bridge hangs from banks.



It's a Thunderbolt in the air, but it's plenty awkward on the ground, especially these days when the rain and snow turn airfields into seas of mud. This is a scene at a First Tactical Air Force station where a tractor pulls a P47 onto the runway before takeoff.

Airborne Leader



Maj. Gen. James Gavin, 37, of Mount Carmel, Pa., commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, who has led his men through combat jumps in Sicily, Italy and two campaigns on the Western Front. He is one of the youngest generals of his rank.



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos.

First day of winter is today—that's what the calendar says, although it came much earlier as far as the Joes out on the front are concerned. These pictures bear that

out. At left, Pvt. Tom Mahan of the Seventh Army, dries his field jacket in front of a fire, while above, members of the Eighth Inf. Div. put up a wind breaks as a snowstorm begins.