

Man Spricht Deutsch
Wo ist der Weg nach der Stadt?
Voist der Vayk nahk der Stahdt?
Where is the road to town?

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Nous n'avons pas d'argent.
Neu navon paw darjan.
We don't have money.

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Yanks 23 Mi. Past Metz

War Hinges On Battle at Rhine—Ike

By Jules B. Grad
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

The Battle of Germany is likely to be fought out west of the Rhine—where the Ruhr is threatened, Gen. Eisenhower disclosed yesterday in his first press conference since a whirlwind tour of the fighting fronts.

He said he saw no signs that the Germans were retreating across the Rhine east of Aachen. With a large force committed west of such a great natural barrier as the Rhine against an army whose massive aerial superiority has power to blast retreat bridges, the Germans, he said, had no alternative but to stand and fight.

Reviewing the war situation as he found it along miles of the Western Front, Gen. Eisenhower also declared that supplies were needed in greater amounts than ever before.

Blueprint for Future

"I want more supplies than we're getting, and I think the soldier wants more than he's getting—both now and in the future," he said.

In disclosing his blueprint for future operations—to increase pressure steadily all along the Western Front until the Germans are crushed—the general warned against a growing sense of complacency on the home front. He said he could not conceive that anyone at home would say that American troops should take more losses and do less work.

"Unless everyone—those at the front and those at home—keep on

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Air Fleet Hits Nazi Oil Plants

A record escort of more than 1,100 Eighth and Ninth A.F. Mustangs, Thunderbolts and Lightnings guarding an Eighth fleet of better than 1,250 Fortresses and Liberators smashing at oil plants at Merseburg and Hamburg-Harburg yesterday, shot down 52 Nazi fighters, preliminary USSTAF reports show.

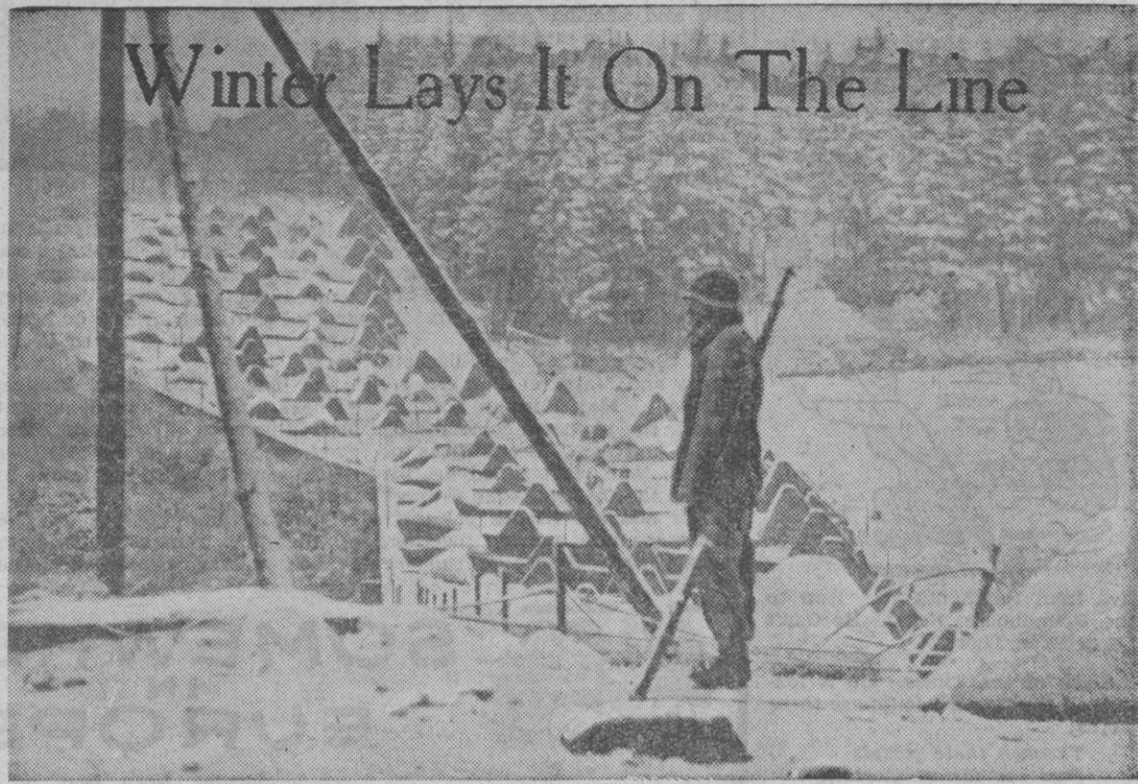
At the same time, fighter-escorted Lancasters bombed the synthetic oil plant at Homberg—the third daylight raid by the RAF during the month.

Ninth Marauders dropped 160 tons of bombs on three small German villages which had been converted to defense positions opposing First Army troops advancing east of Eschweiler. Other B26s bombed two bridges spanning the Rhine between Cologne and Coblenz.

Reds Nearing Slovakian Border; Reach Miskolc

Sharp tank clashes took place northeast of Budapest yesterday as Soviet forces edged closer to the rail and highway centers of Hatvan and Miskolc. The Red Army reached the outskirts of Miskolc, 25 miles from the Slovakian border, in its drive from the east.

There still was no word from Moscow on the new Latvian offensive reported from Berlin. The Germans said that Russian breakthrough attempts southeast of Libau were smashed.



Muffled against the chill of a bleak winter, a First Army rifleman stares east from the Siegfried Line. He stands a lonely guard over the winding scar of dragons' teeth, their angles dulled by the snow.

Thanksgiving Rites Planned

Thanksgiving, which used to be strictly an American holiday, will be celebrated internationally tomorrow, with turkey and all the trimmings decorating the festive boards in GI mess halls from the South Pacific to the Siegfried Line.

For the ETO alone, 1,604 tons of turkey have arrived in France in a refrigerated ship for distribution to troops throughout England, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany.

For the men in the front lines, there will be turkey, Com Z headquarters announced—but otherwise Thanksgiving will be no different from any other day. Where possible, however, every soldier will have an opportunity to attend church services.

In many cases, these services will be held in some of Europe's most famous cathedrals, including Notre Dame in Paris, the Cathedral in

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Provost Marshal Denies Nazis Get Better Food

Maj. Gen. Milton Reckord, ETO provost marshal, reported yesterday that German prisoners are getting the same food supplied to Allied garrison troops, except for more sauerkraut—and no cigarettes, at present.

Somervell Lashes Workers Seeking Soft Post-War Jobs

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell told the annual CIO convention today that "the doughboy has fought his way ahead of schedule and we have to catch up with him," and appealed for 100,000 more workers in war plants.

"I know that you men and women are sticking to your war jobs," said the Army Service Forces chief, "but there are a lot of Americans who are not. They are turning to other employment in quest of greater post-war security. Our men aren't dying in Germany and in the Philippines simply to give someone the right to work at a soft job before the war is over or to get an advantage over his competitors."

Rolling Tank Gathers No Moss—Just Grain

WITH SECOND ARMORED DIV.—In France, T/4 James C. Shiver, of Brundidge, Ala., and Pvt. Russell Webb, of Deaver, Wyo., camouflaged their medium tank with wheat sheaves and started in the long drive through the Low Countries into Germany.

The other day the tank hit a rest area and for the first time in weeks the men gave their 28-ton baby a bath. When they came to the turret ring they said they found a fine young stand of winter wheat.

U.S. May Act In Phone Tieup

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Drastic government action to end a general midwestern telephone strike was expected today as plant and maintenance workers joined women operators on strike in 27 Ohio cities and the walkout threatened to spread to Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

The strikes started in Dayton Friday when operators quit in protest against an alleged policy of importing out-of-town operators and paying them the regular wage plus \$18 a week living allowances.

Hands Dig Way For Tank Push

By Wes Gallagher

Associated Press Staff Writer.

SETTERICH, GERMANY.—Because GI engineers cleared a path through minefields by hand, the Ninth Army's attack breached one of Hitler's famed "community defenses" here in less than two hours, advancing ten miles deep into Germany in violent armored fighting.

Rains and low hanging clouds halted Allied air support for the Ninth Army offensive, now in the fifth day, but tanks pushed forward at two miles an hour in heavy going.

The entire area captured by the Ninth, amounting to some 50 square miles, was heavily mined. Engineers in this completely wrecked town moved up and down the streets digging up mines one by one.

Worked All Night

Working all night under fire, the engineers paved the way for the breaching of the Germans' most formidable man-made obstacle yet encountered on this front.

It was an antitank ditch 15 feet wide and ten miles long, protected by minefields and covered by artillery fire. By dawn the engineers had lanes marked. Before noon the tanks were moving across the ditch into the German secondary defenses.

"This town was lousy with mines," said Major Richard McCabe. "In fact it still is—but the engineers are cleaning them out."

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President Nominates Two Chaplain Generals

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (ANS).—The Army Chaplain Corps for the first time will have two generals if nominations submitted today by President Roosevelt are approved by the Senate. They are Brig. Gen. William R. Arnold, chief of chaplains, nominated to be a major general, and his deputy, Col. George F. Rixey, to be a brigadier general.

Chevalier Cleared

Maurice Chevalier, the actor and singer, was cleared by the Music Hall Artists Union in Paris yesterday of charges that he collaborated with the Nazis.

Refuse To Yield Bastion

BULLETIN

French forces slashing northward through Alsace by-passed Mulhouse and Colmar and stabbed into Strasbourg, Swiss Radio reported last night. Meanwhile, U.S. Seventh Army troops drove northeast to take Sarrebourg.

U.S. Third Army elements of the 80th Division, driving 23 miles beyond Metz, reached the center of the Maginot line yesterday while the Germans, with their south flank turned by the French blitz to the Rhine, began to retreat at points along a 125-mile line in Alsace and Lorraine.

Hold Out on Metz Islands

Refusing an American surrender demand, Nazis still held out last night at two points in Metz, west side in the Ile de Saulcy and in the southwest section of the Ile de Chambiere. Both islands are bounded by branches of the Moselle River which runs through the town.

Six forts, surrounded and weakening, also kept fighting outside the city. The Stars and Stripes Correspondent, Earl Mazo, reported from the front that 600 Germans were fighting in Fort Driant, but food and ammunition were running short.

In Paris, Gen. Eisenhower told 200 war correspondents that the French First Army's dash to the Rhine and capture of Belfort marked a milestone in the accomplishments of the French Forces, while Gen. de Gaulle an-

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Push on the Rhine



From Holland to Switzerland, the Allies move Rhineward.



Chapter 7, Verse 48

The problem of policy for a lasting peace was answered 1900 years ago and proven 80 years ago. The same principle has been tested and proven many times. I quote the Gospel of St. Luke, Chapter 7, verse 48.

"He is like a man which built a house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock, and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon the house and could not shake it, for it was founded upon a rock."

The Ohio River for years came up and destroyed our property and damaged our land until we built a dike to hold her within the bounds of useful employment.

Fire has time and again destroyed life and property. We design preventative measures to control that fire. Controlled, its benefits are many. Rampant, its destruction is terrible.

Let's consider Germany in the same light. Germany has contributed much to the advancement of civilization. With no more thought of her total destruction than of the elimination of the Ohio River or banning the use of fire, let's control that fire—keep her progress within the bounds of peaceful advance and make her a usable force among all nations. How? I don't know.

Lincoln said: "With malice towards none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right. Justice has a quality which earns Universal admiration. Let's be firm. Let's be just. Above all, let's be right."—R. R. Murphy, Tank Bn.

Lower Retirement Time

I am very much in accord with the article entitled "Regular Army Plea", signed: Maybe—Maybe Not.. Inf.

I, too, have been in the Regular Army for 9 and 1/2 years and I am thinking about staying in after this war.

As a career, army life has but one drawback. The 30-year retirement plan takes the best 30 years of a soldier's life; enlisting at 18 years, retirement would find him at 48. If he's lucky, he may live another 7 years to enjoy the benefits of his retirement.

How about a reduction, say to 20 years, for retirement. Another plan which might find possibilities, might be the old "Double Time" for longevity, say for the inclusive dates of the war.

If you get enough of us, it will solve many a headache demobilization.—1/Lt. S. P., Inf.

Total War

Germany has completely mobilized her people for total war while we still fight her only on a purely military basis. Warweek states that German civilians have been thoroughly trained in subversive guerrilla tactics. Will Uncle Sam, who is fighting the same war for a second time, be foolish enough to fight twice over some of the same area this time?

If the German people are so solidly sold on the mad Nazi regime, why not give them all similar treatment?

Push the entire populace back to Berlin with the Army. If the fanatical fools love Germany so much, let them all be driven deeper into the damn, stinking fatherland. Then, we can have more complete freedom in furthering our military operations.

From here on in, no treatment can be too harsh in attempting to make the Germans atone for their vicious, inhuman atrocities. The stories about Poland, Norway, Russia, Rotterdam and others weren't propaganda, were they? Why then treat German civilians with normal consideration?—Sgt. D. W. Foster, Gas Sup. Co.

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Hash Marks

This Week's Payoff. Some medics stationed in a little town had their work interrupted one night when their building caught fire. Some of them dashed out into the streets after the town firemen and were picked up by the MPs for "being out without a pass."

Sgt. Lang Carpentier comes through with the latest romantic song title: "You're a T/5 in the T/O, But a T/3 in My Heart."

Pfc Winfred McCormick, of the medics, reports that when wounded infantrymen are brought in their pulse goes "hup-two-three-four" instead of the customary thump-thump-thump of other branches of the service.

With all the girls employed by the railroads these days, this song might have been written by a fugitive from the Santa Fé, "Run to the Roundhouse, Nellie. He Can't Corner You There."



Signs of the Times. On a fox-hole in the South Pacific are these words:

Through these portals Pass the fastest mortals.

Tip to U.S. civilians. An aviation authority predicts that 500,000 planes will be in the air over the U.S. within ten years after the end of the war. It might be wise to take advantage of the sunlight now—while it can still get through.

GI Philosophy. There are two periods in a man's life when he doesn't understand women. Namely, before and after marriage.

Today's Daffynition. A bachelor is a guy who prefers single blessedness to double bedlam.

Afterthought. A politician claims that the U.S. will not make the final payment on the cost of this war until the year 2245. Wish we could be on hand for the celebration in 2246.

Ouch! Hearing that WACs in certain areas could now take off their leggings, a certain Pfc caustically commented, "Most of 'em would look better if they left them on."

J. C. W.

1st ETO Nurse Killed in Action

By Arthur W. White
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

Just over a month ago, Frances Slanger, a nurse in a U.S. Army Field Hospital, wrote a letter to every wounded American soldier on the Continent. She sent it to The Stars and Stripes and it was printed in this space Nov. 7.

In it she thanked the wounded for the privilege of easing their pain and sharing some of their hardships. She said she was proud to be there as they were brought in "bloody, dirty with the earth and grime, and most of them so tired."

Killed by Nazi Shell

"For a change," she wrote, "we want the men to know what we think of them."

She mailed the letter Oct. 21. That evening Frances Slanger was killed by a German shell. She was the first American nurse to die in action in the ETO. Two other nurses with her, Elizabeth Powers and Margaret Bowler, were wounded. Maj. Herman Lord, of Detroit, the platoon's commanding officer, and Pvt. Vincent Rivas, of Socorro, N.M., were killed nearby.

When the shelling began Frances Slanger and her friends put their helmets on and huddled together, waiting for a chance to run for



Frances Slanger

shelter. The third shell fell in the middle of the hospital area, and fragments ripped through the tent, hitting the girls as they knelt with their arms round each other. The shelling lasted 45 minutes.

Her friends said that Frances Slanger knew she was dying, but uttered no word of complaint. Her chief concern was of the grief her death would bring to her family in Boston.

Short and brunette, she was one of the first nurses to land in France, wading ashore with the

hospital platoon on D-4. She was up to her neck in water and hung on to the belts of the men to keep from losing balance and going in over her head. From then on Frances Slanger lived to serve the fighting-men, always only a few miles ahead. She sent her letter because she had to let them know how she felt.

Wrote by Flashlight

"I'm writing this by flashlight. The GIs say we rough it, but we in our little tent can't see it. We wade ankle deep in mud. You have to lie in it. We are restricted to our immediate area, a cow pasture or hay field, but then, who is not restricted? We have a stove and coal. We even have a laundry line in the tent. Our GI drawers are at this moment doing the dance of the pants, what with the wind howling, the tent waving precariously, the rain beating down, the guns firing..."

"Sure we rough it. But you, the men behind the guns, driving our tanks, flying our planes, sailing our ships, building bridges and the men who pave the way and the men who were left behind—it is to you we doff our helmets..."

Frances Slanger is buried in a military cemetery, flanked on either side by the fighting men she served.



SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE



Yank Superiority

The arrogant German lieutenant standing in the PW line spoke out of turn and was sharply called down by S/Sgt. Leo Camp, of New York, 320th Infantry interrogator. The lieutenant looked at Camp's stripes.

"Are you my superior?" he demanded.

The 35th Division doughboy, barked: "You're darned well right, I am!"

The German clicked his heels and froze to attention.

"Yes sir, Captain," he said.

Bad Pass Completed

Some Jerries can be very obliging people, Pvt. Roderick Whitesell, of Hartford, Conn., says. The 28th Infantry Division soldier was leading his squad through the woods at night and the men were taking turns carrying the heavy machine gun. Whitesell, when tired, passed it back. It wasn't until he had reached the light

of a burning town that he noticed that the two men behind him were German. Fortunately, they handed him the gun, then raised their hands.

The Mail Goes Through

About a month ago, Germans captured an American sergeant who was en route with mail for an engineer unit attached to the 35th Division. When the 35th took Château-Salins to tighten the arc around Metz, it also took over a house that the Nazis had been using for a CP. In it they found, intact, the six sacks of mail.

Champagne Headache

Heading his unit on their move through Belgium, Pvt. Stanley Davidzonek, of Third Armored Division, found a wagon guarded by two Jerries, whom he liquidated. A peek into the wagon convinced Davidzonek that the smart thing to do was to abandon his motorcycle and drive the wagon to the rear. When he reached his unit, and before he had a chance to explain, his lieutenant started "chewing" for abandoning a vehicle. With a weary "Yes, sir," Davidzonek reluctantly left the wagon by the roadside and rejoined his unit. Later, during a break, the lieutenant stopped by for another "chew." Having taken just about all he could, Davidzonek blurted out: "That wagon was loaded with champagne!"

Hit Century Mark

Following closely on the heels of "La France Libre," first A20 to complete 100 missions from bases in England and France, another Havoc, "Fat Stuff," reached the century mark with an attack on a supply depot near Trier, Germany.

Qualifies as GI

Seventh Army soldiers took a shine to a French boy, outfitted him, fed him and were well on their way to making him another dog-face. Then he was put on the list of men needing shots, and he has not been seen since.

Those Travelling Watches!

Capt. Thomas J. Grant, of Seattle, Wash., lost his watch more than a year ago during California desert maneuvers. The other day he asked his driver, Pvt. Emer Singleton, of

Houston, Tex., for the time. You guessed it—there he was face to face with his watch.

Singleton, then working in a different job, had found the watch and had been unable to find the owner. So he kept it, took it with him overseas, and ended up by giving the correct time and time-piece to the captain.

They Sobered Up

At least one German was driven to drink by the 35th Infantry Division's latest push. When 1/Lt. George W. Bond, a combat engineer from Atlanta, Ga., approached a haystack he was making too much noise for the stack's occupant.

Out staggered a German so drunk that he couldn't recognize a Yank when he saw one. Putting



his finger to his lips to indicate that he wanted more silence, he whispered: "Gefahr. Amerikaner."

If you're behind on your language lessons, that means: Danger. Americans.

'Ai Have a Touss-e-ke'

You can get an idea of how your French sounds by looking in the little French-English books to see how the French are taught to pronounce English. Here are a few phrases:

"Goudd-mor nigne, dentist. Dou iou spic Anguish. Yes? Zen ai am vere glade in-diid tou sif iou. Ai have a touss-e-ke. Poul a-oute zis touss if iou pliz. Ezee, naou. Aoutch. Steel ai fi-il meutch bett-ur naou. Seinnk iou, iou are verree kaind. Goudd-bau, zee iou anozr del."

Births

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

CPL. Calman Badin, Bronx—Janice Ellen, C. Nov. 10; Pvt. Ira P. Brewer, Seneca, S.C.—Peggy Verona, Nov. 12; Lt. Donald S. Brown, Newark—Patricia Louise, Nov. 9; Pvt. Jack Thomas Bruner, Detroit—Ellen Elizabeth, Nov. 13; Pvt. Louis R. Cassidy—Nancy Louise, Oct. 18; Sgt. Frederick J. Harvey, Rock Hill, S.C.—Theresa Carole, Oct. 4.

SGT. Jack Juraco, Canton, Ill.—Jack S. Frank, Oct. 25; Cpl. Ronald A. McKibbin, Hastings, Mich.—Cheryle Ann, Nov. 9; S/Sgt. C. M. Redmond, Metter, Ga.—Amelia Dean, Nov. 4; Abe J. Simons, Brooklyn—Lewis Henry, Nov. 12; Lt. Raymond J. Worth, Galveston—Jean Ann, Nov. 11.

Up Front with Mauldin



"It's a habit Joe picked up in th' city."

B29s Raid Jap Aircraft Plants For 3rd Time

A large force of Superfortresses from China struck for the third time yesterday at the huge Omura aircraft plants on the Japanese home island of Kyushu to continue the obliteration of the factories begun with the Oct. 25 and Nov. 11 raids.

Adverse weather caused some of the B29s to be diverted from Japan. These planes bombed docks at Nanking and storage warehouses at Shanghai.

For the first time, the Superfortresses encountered strong fighter opposition. They definitely destroyed 20 of the Japanese planes, probably destroyed 16 and damaged 19 others. There was no immediate report from Washington as to U.S. losses.

Tokyo Reports 14 Downed

The Tokyo radio, saying that the B29s numbered 70 or 80 in two waves, claimed that 14 were definitely shot down, 11 probably destroyed and seven others damaged. The Japanese said that the Nagasaki shipyards on Kyushu were attacked as well as the Omura plants.

The Navy announced, meanwhile, that carrier planes destroyed at least 110 Japanese ships and set afire two large cargo vessels and a big tanker Saturday in raids on Manila Harbor and nearby airfields.

Thanksgiving Rites Planned

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Rheims and Westminster Abbey in London. Elsewhere, near the battlefront and in small towns behind the lines, army chaplains will conduct non-sectarian services for the men in their units.

The American Church in Paris, at 65 Quai d'Orsay, will hold its traditional Thanksgiving Service, conducted by Army chaplains, at 11 a. m. Other services in Paris will be: Protestant, 9 a. m., American Episcopal Church, 23 Avenue George V, Chaplain Edwin R. Carter conducting; Catholic, Notre-Dame, 11 a. m., solemn high mass, Emanuel Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop of Paris presiding, assisted by Chaplains L. C. Curtis, Eugene Kelly, John A. Rouche and R. F. Grady; Jewish, 10 a. m., Rothschild Synagogue, 44 Rue de la Victoire, Chaplain Judah Nadich presiding. Rabbi Julian Weill, chief rabbi of Paris, will attend.

The 16-voice Seine Base Section Choir will sing at the Protestant and Catholic services.

In Cherbourg, first large continental city to be liberated, the French will make Thanksgiving their own holiday, with an evening festival at the Municipal Theater. At Rheims, Brig. Gen. C. O. Thrasher, Oise Base Section commander, will present an American flag to Archbishop Marmottin in a ceremony at the cathedral square.

Soldier Hanged for Rape

A United States soldier was hanged on Monday at St. L6. The soldier was sentenced to death by an Army court martial for the crime of rape.

The sentence was reviewed and confirmed by Gen. Eisenhower.

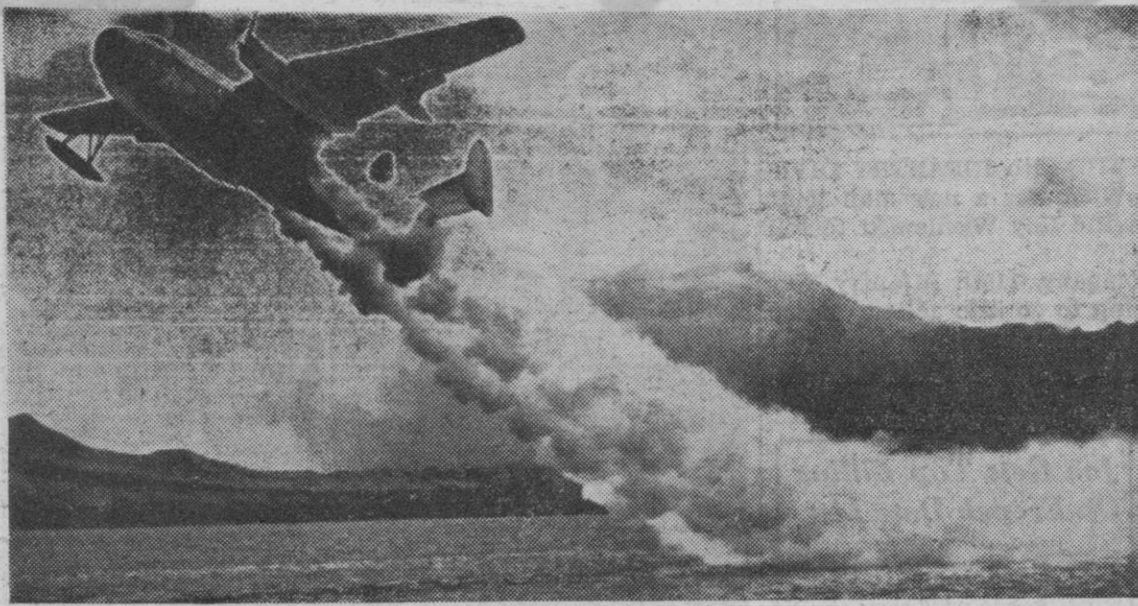
Made Six Parachute Jumps; Won't Land In 5th Grade

McKEESPORT, Pa., Nov. 21 (ANS).—Fourteen-year-old Jimmy Clark, honorably discharged as he was about to go overseas with a paratroop contingent, won't have to go back to the fifth grade schoolroom he left to join the Army.

Jimmy spent 11 months in the Army and was at an embarkation point waiting to be shipped overseas when officers learned he was only 14. He made his six training jumps after volunteering for the paratroops, "So I could double my allotment to mother."

When he came home, it looked as if he would have to return to public school since state law re-

Jet Tubes Give 'Booster Shots' to Navy Plane



A bi-motored Martin Mariner taking off at a Pacific base "gets a lift" from jet propulsion units which aid the regular engines and propellers.

Cubs Drop Food and Ammo To Trapped Units of 95th

By Earl Mazo

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

WITH THE THIRD ARMY, Nov. 21.—Frail 95th Division liaison planes, until now used mostly for artillery spotting, have developed into important rescue aircraft on the Metz front. Twice they supplied units cut off from medical aid with food, ammunition and dry clothing.

When a small unit of the division was cut off in the Uckange bridgehead, early in the Metz campaign, it was supplied for two days by cubs which flew as many as 104 missions each day to drop radios, socks, sleeping bags, ammo and food. From then on, the cubs were used to supply men all along the 95th's front.

Once, when a company was fighting beyond a road swept by German machine-gun fire, which prevented the entry of ambulances, Maj. Elmer Blaha, of San Antonio, Tex., chief cub pilot for the division, flew Maj. Eugene Cleaver, surgeon from Philadelphia, to the area to care for the wounded, and in the middle of the fighting, evacuated six wounded soldiers. He had to take off from a pasture that was pockmarked with shell holes and battle debris.

The 95th Division, while preparing for the Metz attack, developed, among other things, a frustrated artillery observer. Orders had come down that ar-

Red Cross Supplies For PWs Reach Japan

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (ANS).—The Red Cross said today that relief supplies intended for prisoners of war held by the Japanese had reached Kobe, Japan. The supplies, valued at \$1,500,000, were sent last year to Vladivostok, moved by the Soviet government to Nakhodika, 100 miles away, and picked up there by a Japanese ship.

quires that children under 16 attend school. The American Legion came to his rescue, however, and now Jimmy is headed for a vocational trade school to be an automobile mechanic. Harry Goldberg, Legionnaire and re-employment counselor of the draft board through which Jimmy was inducted, explained:

"We went to bat for him under the GI bill of rights. Through the Veterans' Administration we arranged to have him enrolled in a trade school and he'll be entitled to 23 months training and be paid \$50 a month."

Jimmy intends to join the Army again when he becomes 18.

tillery was to be fired only in case of counter-attack, and this conscientious young officer sat day and night in his observation post, watching targets by the dozen pass right under his nose.

The climax came a couple of days before the attack began, when a German train came puffing up within easy artillery range. The American observer watched it and cursed. When the train came to a stop on a trestle, the lieutenant could stand it no longer. His frustration was complete.

For the records, credit for the accomplishment of being the first in history to capture Metz by storming goes to the XX Corps, commanded by Maj. Gen. Walton H. Walker. The two infantry divisions actually taking Metz were the Fifth, commanded by Maj. Gen. S. Leroy Irwin, and the 95th, commanded by Maj. Gen. Harry L. Twaddle.

The XX Corps is the "ghost corps" of Patton's army which spearheaded one prong of the Third Army's drive across France. The Fifth's "Red Diamond" Division was in Iceland before America entered the war. When it landed in Normandy in July the Fifth fought in the battle to extend the beachhead. After the breakthrough, it joined the XX Corps in the dash across France.

The Metz campaign is the first major engagement for the 95th Division, which landed in France about six weeks ago.

Eisenhower...

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the job everlastingly and with mounting intensity, we are only postponing the day of victory," Gen. Eisenhower said. "The very maximum effort must be made on the day of surrender."

He emphasized that he did not intend to criticize the home front, but simply wanted the men on the war fronts to have everything possible to quicken victory for the sake of both the doughboys in the foxholes and their relatives at home.

There has been no visible sign of a crack in German morale, he said, but explained that his troops were taking the traditional avenues of invasion—Belfort, Metz and Aachen—and were using these areas to smash further into Germany.

He again underlined the excellent teamwork between ground, sea and air forces and said Allied planes would continue to bomb Germany.

Succeeds 'Cotton Ed' Smith

COLUMBIA, S.C., Nov. 21 (ANS).—Wilton E. Hall, 43, publisher of two Anderson newspapers, was appointed today by Gov. Olin D. Johnston to serve out the unexpired term of the late Sen. Ellison D. "Cotton Ed" Smith. The term will expire Jan. 20.

Hands Dig Way For Tank Push

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In the present offensive, Americans encountered their first heavy mining since Normandy."

1/Lt. Grady Smith, Auburn, N.Y., combat engineer, explained how clearing was done. "We brought a bulldozer yesterday to clean them out, but it ran over a mine somebody missed. No one was hurt, though."

Although they worked all night most of the men who had cleared the mine field were still working today. Sgt. Austin Lisk, Renfrow, Okla., started off at dawn with his combat engineer crew on a new mission.

Says Nix to Infantry

Cpl. James Babcock, Black River Falls, Wis., said the operation had been "pretty quiet. They tossed three or four shells in yesterday evening and killed one man and wounded another, but it was really nothing."

Sgt. Robert K. Gale, Gressitt, Va., who just came in from blowing up a stack of mines, said he liked the combat engineer job "as long as they keep us doing our own job, such as clearing mines and building bridges, but to hell with this being used as infantry."

Lt. Donald K. Mitchell, Kansas City, Mo., said many mines were booby-trapped, but the engineers were not fooled and no one was hurt. "They're not too smart," said Sgt. Dalton Griffith, Peterson, Ind.

8th Army Advances Toward Adriatic Port

ROME, Nov. 21.—Eighth Army troops were advancing today through waterlogged lowlands along the Adriatic coast of Italy to take German positions two and a half miles south of the Port of Ravenna. Patrols were within a mile of the city.

Patton's Men Push 23 Miles Beyond Metz

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nounced to the French Provisional Cabinet that French armor had reached the outskirts of the ancient Burgundian city of Mulhouse.

While the German High Command calmly conceded the victory of the French, according to German Transocean Newsagency, Wehrmacht troops to the north were retreating before U.S. Seventh Army advances which carried elements of Lt. Gen. Alexander Patch's forces to within 30 miles of Strasbourg.

In the north, Allied armies continued their march to the east, but in some places German resistance stiffened.

U.S. Ninth Army troops southeast of captured Gellenkirchen threw back a heavy counter-attack near Schleiden, while apparently reinforced panzers were hurled against advancing Tenth Armored Div. units in the Merzig area on the left flank of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's front.

Ninth Army troops advanced to within two and one-half miles of the Ruhr, capturing the towns of Gereonweiler, Freialdenhofes, Aldenhoven, Niedermerz, which was reached after a 1500-yard gain, and Underhausen. These towns roughly form a north-south line before the Ruhr Valley.

Push North in Sleet

East of Aachen, meanwhile, U.S. First Army troops pushed northward in bitter cold and sleety rain. Elements entered the southern and western outskirts of Eschweiler, where United Press reports from the front said Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' troops were finding less resistance than expected, indicating that the enemy was pulling out.

On the northern end of the front, British troops met stiffening resistance west of Venlo in an advance southwest of the Helena Canal. Their forward units were within three and one-half miles of the Ruhr.

On the western front's center, Mazo reported that elements of the 26th Division moved ten miles north of Dieuze while the Tenth Armored Division to the north in Germany was being shelled by heavy enemy artillery emplaced at points east of the Saar River.

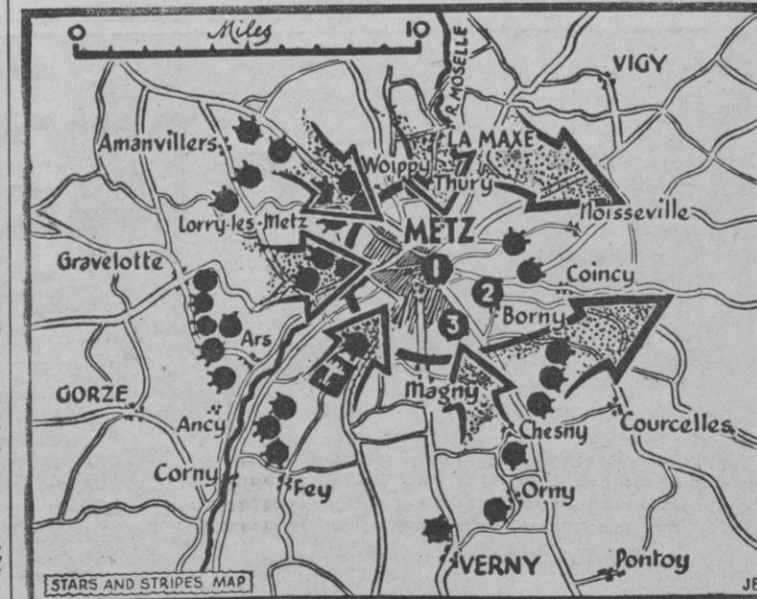
Meanwhile, the Fifth and 95th Divs. of the Third Army were mopping up in Metz, Mazo said.

FDR, Churchill Become Frat Brothers of Petain

President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill have a new fraternity brother in Marshal Henri Petain.

The Academy of Moral and Political Sciences (part of the Institute of France and not to be confused with the French Academy) elected Roosevelt and Churchill to two vacancies in seats allotted to distinguished foreigners but turned down a proposal to expel Petain on the ground that he has not yet been tried and convicted.

Ring of Forts 3rd Army Broke



Metz never was taken by storm in its 2,000 years until U.S. Third Army, Fifth and 95th Division infantry took all but two small sections of the city after breaking through its ring of forts. Last forts by-passed were Queleu (1), Privat (2) and Blaise (3). Blaise is surrounded.



29th Inf. Div. WITH THE 29th INFANTRY DIVISION.—Whenever a new man joins the 29th, the oldtimers call on Pfc Ray Wisniewski to tell this story.

The first platoon of G company, 115th Infantry, was located in a sunken road, waiting to go into action. After a long, distressing delay, which lasted until nightfall, two Germans sauntered in and surrendered. Wisniewski and a soldier named Jones were detailed to take the prisoners back to the rear.

They completed their mission and a few hours later they returned. It was completely dark.

Just to Make Sure

"Jones and I came down the sunken road and couldn't find a person. We walked further, about 20 or 30 yards, to check and make certain—maybe the guys had turned in for the night. Sure enough, up



ahead there was a guard on duty in the middle of the road. I figured everyone had hit the hay.

"To make certain I was heading for my own platoon, I asked the guard: 'What platoon are you in?'

"He didn't say anything. He just put his head down. Then I asked him a second time: 'What platoon and what squad are you with?'

"He still didn't answer. Kept his head bowed. It was so dark I couldn't have seen his features anyhow.

Tries New Approach

"The third time I used a bunch of cuss words on him. Asked him: 'What the hell's wrong with you? Are you deaf? Why in hell don't you answer?'

"All he said was 'Ssh' and pointed down the road.

"As he turned I got a good close gander at him—saw his rifle slung diagonally across his back. It dawned on me—our boys never keep their arms like that, especially on guard post. I bellowed: 'Hey, Jones, it's a Jerry.'

"Before I spilled out the last word Jones had ducked from under his sling, clenched his rifle, unlocked it and rammed it into the German's belly as if to say: 'Hal! I got you! Surrender!'

A Walking Arsenal

"I grabbed the Jerry by the neck and took him down the road in the opposite direction from which he had pointed. We searched him and found potato mashers all the way around his belt, a long knife, a bayonet and plenty of ammunition for his rifle.

"We finally located our outfit. That night, on the same sunken road, the boys from George company ambushed 10 more Jerries."

Wins Commission
WITH XII CORPS, France.—S/Sgt. Robert L. Hoesgood, of Boyne City, Mich., has received the first battlefield commission in the history of the 133rd Engineer Combat Battalion.

Joe Gets Top Billing On French Date List

WITH 7th ARMY.—Soldiers in eastern France are getting reputations to write home about. Pvt. Frank Gallagher, litter bearer from Boston, raises his right hand and says solemnly that a father of two attractive French girls said he preferred his daughters to go out with Americans because they were so "clean cut" and did not have "ulterior motives" in mind when they went out on a date.

79th Inf. Div.

WITH THE 79th INF. DIV.—When Pfc Aaron Jacobson, of Maple, Wis. toted a bellyache into sick call a couple of mornings ago, members of his battle-tested squad wagged their heads knowingly and said: "Nacherly!"
A couple of days previously, the squad had been mopping up snipers and straggled Jerries in an area still under considerable enemy artillery and small arms fire. Machine pistols suddenly opened up from a cleverly camouflaged emplacement in a railroad embankment, and the squad hit the dirt. Jacobson, packing an M1 with fixed bayonet, lifted his head long enough to get a



fix on the enemy position—about 25 yards up the embankment—and took off.

Hitting the hole in high gear, he stabbed one Nazi with his first lunge, scooped up the dead man's burp gun, killed the other three members of the enemy crew with one burst, and was back in the road before most of his mates had missed him.

The squad's unanimous diagnosis: "A Joe with all those guts is entitled to a bellyache once in a while."

No news to 79th GIs was the following item, gleaned from the Oct. 25 G2 report of the 361st Volksgrenadier Division:

"The 79th Division is said to have fought particularly well in Normandy and is considered as one of the best attack divisions of the U.S. Army."

For the record, the Nazi intelligence poop reached the 79th via XV Corps from the 26th Infantry Division.

AA Guns Blast Ground Targets



When the Luftwaffe stayed under cover, U.S. anti-aircraft outfits in Germany trained their sights on ground targets. The chief of section of this 40mm. Bofors used his piece for light-artillery work in support of the ground forces.

2nd Inf. Div.

WITH SECOND INF. DIV.—Col. Chester J. Hirschfelder, who earned the DSC in World War I by crawling across a wheat field to wipe out an enemy machine-gun nest, has been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster. Hirschfelder was cited as being personally responsible for the Second Division's push across the Vire River, a push that prevented the Germans from setting up a main line of resistance in the Normandy break-through.

Completely exhausted, men of the lead platoon were huddled behind a hedgerow as enemy machine-gun fire clipped the bushes above their heads.

Suddenly the regimental commander stood up, put his hands on his hips, and, with bullets cutting about him, looked at the men and asked, "Well, what's holding you up?"

Inspired, the men threw themselves at the enemy and secured the river bank.

It was the Second Infantry Division's 38th Regiment that took the French town of Treveries with scarcely anything more powerful than a rifle and later spearheaded the attack over Hill 192, commanding heights overlooking St. Lo, it now can be disclosed.

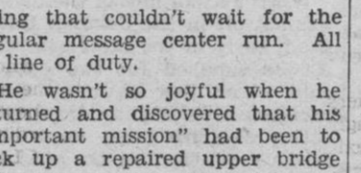
In addition to its successes at Treveries and Hill 192, the regiment constituted the bulk of Task Force B, which overran the Daoulas Peninsula, a heavily-fortified finger of land defending Brest. After the strip fell the regiment pushed into the fight for Brest itself.

Prompt First Aid Keeps Tank Going

A first-aid kit kept a tank commanded by Sgt. George Nohat, of Detroit and the Fifth Armored Division, in action after a piece of shell fragment punctured the air cleaner. T/4 Harmon Gillespie, of Yucon, W. Va., the driver, applied an adhesive bandage to the opening, and at last report it was still holding.

8th Inf. Div.

It was raining, but hard, when Pfc John Paull, Buffalo, New York, and the 8th Infantry Division, climbed into his jeep to make an unscheduled trip to regimental headquarters. But Paull didn't care. HQ had said it was some



thing that couldn't wait for the regular message center run. All in line of duty.

He wasn't so joyful when he returned and discovered that his "important mission" had been to pick up a repaired upper bridge belonging to Pvt. Alton Johnson, Minneapolis.

Latest method of taking prisoners in this outfit seems to be shouting them down, judging from results gained by S/Sgt. Edward James Francis Garrison, Brooklyn Irishman known to his friends as "Bel-lowing Garrison."

It all began with a slight mishap. Garrison's equipment had been forgotten and a patrol was sent back to pick it up. Garrison, in charge of the patrol, had his choice of two return routes. He chose the wrong one—or perhaps it was the right one.

At any rate, the party ran smack into a German patrol. Garrison, unlimbering his boiler house voice in a jumble of homemade German, motioned for the Nazis to put their hands over their heads.

Bewildered by the noise, the Nazis hesitated, but kept their guns cocked.

Undaunted, Garrison kept bellowing: "Achtung. Hands on head," illustrating his desires with wild motions.
It was too much for the enemy. They threw down their arms and surrendered.

Christened by the Artillery, Captured by the Infantry;—The Saga of 'Crater Hill'

By Russell Jones
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

WITH THE FIRST ARMY INFANTRY, Nov. 21.—The attack should have jumped off at 1400 hours but it was past that and the artillery was still searching the field the infantry was to cross. There didn't seem to be much method to the way the shells were landing, but after a while the field was so pockmarked with holes that the men, searching for something to identify it, started calling it Crater Hill. The shell-bursts moved from the house at the bottom of the field half a mile to the top and swung from the woods on one side to the scrub trees on the other, 500 yards away.

Overhead Thunderbolts circled, occasionally diving to drop their bombs or strafing, and small flights of Marauders went by, intent on business farther afield. Flak bursts followed the planes and one Marauder suddenly fell, spinning brightly in the sun.

Infantrymen Race Toward Dwarfed Timber
The shells stopped falling in the field, although the noise of other guns firing at other targets was so loud it didn't seem to make much difference. Then it was 1500 hours, and, from the woods at the near edge of the field, three men came running, bent over and holding their rifles at high port. They were a hundred yards from the woods when first six and then a dozen others followed.

Behind them, at intervals, came still others until there was a thin but steady stream of men moving toward the dwarfed timber in the gullies on the far side of the field. And that, like a dog smelling the light, then squatted while first a medium, then two more light tanks and finally two mediums followed. They all repeated the performance of the first, then scattered so that no one shell would hit all.

The Green-Coated Men With Their Hands Above Heads
The first riflemen had disappeared among the trees when one of the medium tanks fired once at the crest of the hill. It was the first shot fired by the attackers.

Men were still moving across the field when a group of figures climbed slowly down one of the gullies and started back toward the tanks. It wasn't until they were almost to the tanks that it could be seen that the first eight or nine wore long green coats and had their hands clasped above their heads. The last three were riflemen covering the prisoners with a careless sort of alertness.

The tank which had fired started to move diagonally up the hill. It had gone a hundred yards when a sudden sharp eruption lifted its rear and threw it sideways. It paused, then started forward again. It moved only a few feet when another, heavier explosion threw the right track off. Almost immediately it burst into flames.

Grenades Explode and Machine Gun Stops Staccato Bark
The door in the roof opened and the crew, tiny figures at that distance, leaped out and ran after the infantrymen. They ran much faster than the infantrymen had. All this while, the tank had fired the only shot but now the unmistakable staccato of a German machine gun came from one of the gullies almost hidden by the scrub trees. It fired, stopped, then fired. Two grenades exploded and silenced it.

There were several groups of prisoners now, some behind the tanks and others moving toward them. The men who had crossed the field were slowly spreading through the trees. They reached the top of the hill and, crouching down, looked toward the next.

Marauder Lands on Winding Road

A NINTH A.F. MARAUDER BASE.—Almost out of gas after bucking violent snow and sleet storms, a Ninth A.F. Marauder, piloted by 2/Lt. Thomas E. Mattox, of Lonoke, Ark., buzzed a winding French country road to clear farm traffic, then landed in less than half the normal landing distance and with less than six inches clearance between wheels and road shoulders.



Mohegan, N.Y.; engineer-gunner, Sgt. Herschel M. Tyson, of Greenville, N.C.; tall gunner, Sgt. James P. Simpson, of Copperas Cove, Tex.; radio operator, Sgt. Jennings Van Fossen, of Oakland, Calif.

MP Is Strapped For a New Belt

Pvt. Henry F. Trzebiatowski completed a National Guard hitch in 1938, turned in his equipment and thought no more of the Army until 1943, when he was drafted.
When he arrived in Britain in September, 1944, he drew some "new" equipment and was given the same belt he had worn in 1938. The MP's name was inscribed on the belt just as he had written it eight years ago.

30th Inf. Div.

A voluntary expedition into a town to scout a harassing machine-gun nest netted two members of E company, 120th Infantry Regiment, seven dead Germans, one prisoner and valuable information.
While seeking the location of a gun holding up the advance of their unit into the Siegfried Line, the Yanks—S/Sgt. Robert E. Smith, of Reedsville, N.C., and Pvt. Henry F. Price, of Trust, N.C.—were told by a German civilian that eight Jerries were hiding in a nearby house.

With Price covering the house, Smith went inside and soon appeared with four captured Germans. But when Smith went back inside for the other four, he was met in the house's narrow hall by a Nazi with a blazing machine pistol. Smith dropped him with a shot from the hip and killed the remaining three one by one as they stuck their heads out of the basement.

Meanwhile, the Germans already captured, tried to make a break for it. Price dropped three of them in their tracks. The only survivor of the band of eight showed the Americans the position of the troublesome machine gun. It was later destroyed by artillery fire.

Some of the Germans who surrendered do it with the same system and thoroughness they showed in preparing for war, according to S/Sgt. Frank W. Hayes, of Los Angeles, California.

One showed up at the regimental prisoner of war cage after carefully putting his affairs in order. He had



slipped away from his unit to spend a few days with his wife and children in Cologne. When he bade them goodbye, he told them to expect him back when the Americans released their prisoners after the war.

After that he worked his way through to the American lines and gave himself up. He told Hayes he wanted to maintain his military record—he had been a prisoner of the Americans in the last war.

Buckle Deflects Bullet

WITH XII CORPS, France.—Tanks have armor to protect them, but T/5 Willie Holder, of Thomasville, N.C., has his belt buckle. At Rechicourt-la-Petite, the Second Cavalry Group soldier deflected a bullet with his belt buckle.

ON THE SPOT by MAX MILLER



VLT. PERCE E. BRADFORD OF MIAMI BEACH, FLA. AND CAPT. DAVID E. CONDON OF GOSHEN, VA., ARTILLERY OBSERVERS, SIGHTED GERMAN CONVOY AND RADIOED BACK FOR THE GUNS TO FIRE ON IT.



SHELLS BURST ON THE ENEMY. AN AMMUNITION TRUCK EXPLODED, DESTROYING SEVERAL OF THE NEAREST TANKS AND VEHICLES.

134th Inf. Regt.

WITH U.S. FORCES IN FRANCE.—Omaha, Neb., can now boast of two additional top-ranking heroes in this war—Cpl. Richard Butterfield and Pfc Buster E. Brown, members of the famed "Cormhusker 134th Inf. Regt."

Official orders issued in France and dated Sept. 13 announced that both men had been awarded Distinguished Service Crosses, the second highest decoration given by the Army.

Cpl. Butterfield is now in a military hospital in the U.S. Member of a medical detachment in the 35th Inf. Div., Cpl. Butterfield was wounded while rescuing a fallen comrade during the bitter battle of St. Lo.

Pfc Brown won the award for his gallant defense of a battalion command post during the St-Lo fight.

Yanks Knock Out Gun In Blind Firing Spree

WITH XV CORPS.—An enemy tank was reported approaching, but it was hidden by the pitch-black night. Firing in the direction of the tank's sound, an infantry machine-gun opened up. Tracers ricocheted from the tank and Sgt. Albert P. Lamoureux, Worcester, Mass., who was peering into the darkness from his tank destroyer, fired along the tracer path.
The next morning, the destroyer crew found a knocked-out self-propelled gun 25 yards in front of the TD.

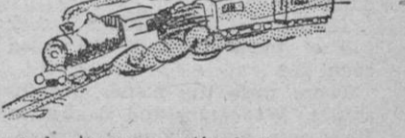
Nazi Trains Duck Soup To 83rd FA

WITH 83rd INF. DIV.—Some of the boys in a divisional field artillery battalion are knocking off German freight trains with their 155-mm. howitzers the same way they used to knock out ducks with a .22 rifle in U.S. shooting galleries.

At a distance of 15,000 yards or approximately nine miles and with limited visibility, the outfit has three locomotives and 103 freight cars listed as completely knocked out, and two locomotives and about 60 or more cars listed as "probables."

The men, members of the FA Battalion commanded by Lt. Col. George W. Irving, San Francisco, placed their guns 15,000 yards from a small railway terminal whose tracks run north and south. Thus all Jerry freight trains ran directly perpendicular to the muzzles of the 155s. When the forward observation post was placed within 9,000 yards of the tracks, the observer had good visibility of all trains coming through the terminus, although ridges on both sides of the yards prevented observation or accurate fire on tracks outside of the station area itself.

The boys then rested near their guns and waited. Soon, the for-



ward observer noticed the smoke of a locomotive and he alerted the guns' crews. "Casey Jones coming around the bend," he hollered, and just as the engine pushed out beyond the ridge, he gave the order to fire. The Jerries suddenly found 100-pound 155-shells had completely blown up the locomotive and derailed 30 cars. The Yanks then casually distributed a few rounds among the cars to score their first successful train wreck.

Sgt. Atlas Adkins, of Sacramento, Ky., maintains that the whole procedure is very simple. "It's just like the old shooting galleries down in Louisville," he said. "You get yourself all set and then when the first duck sticks its little old head out from the side you just let loose with all you got. Except with these Jerry trains there, it's simpler than all that. If you bust up the locomotive, you can knock out the rest of the cars while they're sitting still."

Mail Sacks Blitzed; Sad Sacks Complain

3rd ARMORED DIV., FRANCE.—A thankless job is that of three mail clerks of the 3rd Armored Division whose mail truck has been knocked out by enemy fire twice.
"Every man in the unit claims his mail was on those trucks," wail the three Sad Sacks. The unfortunate three are T/4 Oliver Gifford, of Milwaukee, Wis.; Pfc Stanley Wells, of Chicago, and Pvt. David J. Ailing, of New Haven, Conn.

80th Inf. Div.

"A hero isn't determined by geographical location," Maj. James K. Everts, 80th Division judge advocate, said in recommending award of the Soldier's Medal to Pfc Glendon O. Dunn for rear echelon bravery. Dunn beat out flames enveloping an eight-year-old French child.



MUD... Cold, sticky, ankle-deep, sometimes hip-deep mud spreads across France, Holland, Belgium and the German border lands. The doughs fight in it, and behind them, gripping the wheels that move the tools of war, the winter mud envelopes all transport, and even the new M29, originally designed for use in snow, finds tough going in the goo. When the story of the war is written, history books will deal with battles and diplomacy. But the GI who was on the battlefields will remember, most keenly, General Mud.

Snow Covers the West Front as Winter Drive Opens



Against a back-drop of snow-draped evergreen trees, troops of the 141st Infantry Division sash along the trail.

Supply Battle Won by Signal, QM and Cubs

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

WITH 1ST U.S. ARMY, GERMANY.—A major supply battle was waged and won by Quartermaster Units of the 1st Army which furnished gasoline to troops, tanks and trucks during their 400-mile dash across Northern France and Belgium.

The story of that battle is a story full of incidents that Hollywood could use.

There were the planes, for instance. War-weary and flakbeaten Liberators and Flying Fortresses, some with only two engines operating, were loaded with drums of petrol and flown as close as possible to the front. In one ten-day period they delivered more than one million gallons.

Four-Day Trip

There were the trucks. The main gasoline dumps were near the invasion beaches of Normandy, a four-day round trip even before Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' men crossed into Belgium. Many artillery anti-aircraft and other units were left behind when more than 1,400 of their trucks were pressed into service.

The Signal Corps was in on the deal, too. Communications men, loaned to the QM, set up transmitters at truckheads and airports. Capt. William B. Patterson, of West Collingwood, N.J., was able to direct every load of gasoline to the proper unit within a few minutes of its arrival.

Signal corpsmen gave their in-the-clear messages in slang to thwart Hitler's decoders. "Twenty grand coming up," probably didn't make sense to the Jerries, but it told some worried outfit that 20,000 gallons of petrol were on their way.

Cubs Sp. Convoys

And then, there were the Piper Cubs. They didn't carry any extra gas but from dawn to dusk they patrolled the highways. When a convoy was spotted, the cubs would land in the nearest field to pass on instructions diverting the petrol to units which needed it most.

Typical of the whole show was the report of Lt. H. H. Pennington, of Houston, Tex., to his commanding officer:

"Taking off with 30 tankers; haven't had a bath in weeks; grabbing sleep when I can; stealing rations; tankers rolling, but on the rims; morale excellent; see you in Berlin."

French Civilians Given Watches for D-Day Help

WITH SIXTH ENGINEER SPECIAL BRIGADE, Nov. 21.—In recognition of aid rendered troops of the First Army on D-Day, two French civilians today were presented engraved gold wrist watches by Maj. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, commanding general of Normandy Base Section, Com. Z.



The rear guard of a machine-gun section (top center) balances cautiously on an icy log crossing a winter-chilled stream. Bottom, left: A machine-gunner, wrapped in a blanket to help keep out the cold, picks his way through ankle-deep snow. Bottom, right: Infantrymen march back from the lines to rejoin their unit while a snow squall covers the road with slush.



U.S. Army Signal Corps photos.

Crouched on the snow, with a boulder masking their heavy machine gun, two gunners of the First Bn., 30th Infantry Regt., Seventh Army, sight an enemy position in the valley.

RedCrossHead Denies Plasma Supply Lags

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—Basil O'Connor of the American Red Cross said today that top Army and Navy medical officers have given assurance that American wounded are not suffering from lack of blood for transfusions.

His statement was issued in response to what the Red Cross called "widespread misunderstanding" over the supply of blood and blood plasma going overseas.

(The Stars & Stripes recently published an editorial declaring "there just isn't enough blood being given by folks back home" for the blood-bank in the European theater. The editorial said the Medical Corps had a quota of five pints of blood for every soldier in combat and that thus far it had been able to store up only two pints for every man in action.)

'Extraordinary Value'

"The Red Cross Blood Donor Service has been assured by Maj. Gen. Norman T. Kirk, Army Surgeon General and Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, Navy Surgeon General, that American wounded men are not suffering from a lack of blood for transfusions and that the Blood Donor Service has been of extraordinary value in saving lives," O'Connor said.

"There is a supply of plasma on hand which is sufficient together with the weekly production level to keep all military operations fully supplied."

Earlier, President Roosevelt had denounced as an "unqualified falsehood" what he called a "vicious rumor" that blood plasma was being sold to wounded fighting men. The President declared that the enemy was using such rumors to discredit the Red Cross Blood Plasma Drive and said "such persons should be reported to the FBI."

Men in Rear Give 500 Pairs Of Arctics to Front Troops

WITH THE EIGHTH INF. DIV. Nov. 21.—Doughboys of the Eighth Inf. Div. struggling through mud and snow in the front lines, are today wearing nearly 500 pairs of arctics rushed up to the front as a result of voluntary collections from rear echelon troops.

The overshoes, along with hundreds of overcoats, wool O.D.s, and other items of winter equipment, were obtained through the Eighth's Quartermaster Company, which

maintains a reclamation program, speeding up supplies to the boys in the foxholes and saving the Army an estimated \$25,000 every month.

According to Capt. John G. Foulkes, Division Supply officer, the reclamation work, in addition to bringing up supplies from the rear, has saved 33,180 pieces of discarded GI equipment over a 30-day period for re-issue to men of the Eighth, and even, in some instances, for return to Army QM Depots.

GIs Restore Convent For 80 French Orphans

WITH U.S. SUPPLY FORCES IN FRANCE, Nov. 21.—For 80 French orphans today, "liberation" by U.S. forces meant a return to the convent that was their home.

The orphans, all girls, had been driven out the Convent of the Good Shepherd, because the Germans said they wanted to use the convent for military purposes.

Plan College Courses For GIs in Dijon Area

ADVANCED SIXTH ARMY GROUP HQ., Nov. 21.—American and French military, civil and educational authorities met recently at Dijon to inaugurate the Franco-American Institute of the University of Dijon—the first instance since the last World War of a leading French university co-operating with American forces in an army educational program.

Ribbon Title Is Challenged

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE, Nov. 21.—Members of a 16th Inf. company claimed today that Capt. Kimball R. Richmond, of Windsor, Vt., offers stiff competition for the mythical title of "The Most Decorated and Most Wounded Joe in the ETO."

Their entry resulted from a recent story in The Stars and Stripes on the imposing array of ribbons that 1/Sgt. Darwin D. Purvis, of Mars, Pa., was entitled to wear.

Here is the list they present for Capt. Richmond: Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Distinguished Unit Badge, ETO ribbon with six stars, American Defense ribbon, and the Good Conduct ribbon. Also, Capt. Richmond has pending the Oak Leaf Cluster to the DSC, the British Military Cross, and the Oak Leaf Cluster to the DUB.

Brooklyn GIs Say Noel's a Stinker

By Jimmy Cannon
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

WITH THE 35th INF. DIV., Nov. 21.—Playwright Noel Coward, the British theater's fashionable dramatist of decadence who peopled his stages with rich and neurotic drawing-room loafers, today was invited to a vegetable-and-egg dinner with fruit for dessert by the Brooklyn men of this division.

"He'll need no mess gear either. We'll hit him right in the kisser with it," said Pvt. Julius Rapp, of Brooklyn, who was wounded at Saint-Lô.

In his new book, the "Middle East Diary," the story of his song-and-dance journey among the troops, Coward wrote, "I was less impressed by some mournful little Brooklyn boys lying there in tears

among the alien corn with nothing worse than bullet wounds in the leg or a fractured arm."

"He couldn't fight his way into Ebbets Field with nine tickets and he's knocking guys fighting their way into Berlin," said Pvt. Charles Burns, of Brooklyn. "I got hit at Saint-Lô and so did a lot of Brooklyn guys. I'll take him with me and get him a reserved seat in a foxhole if he wants to see how Brooklyn guys act when hit."

"No one who hasn't been wounded knows how it feels," said Sgt. Gerald A. Azzata, who thinks Brooklyn is too high class for Mr. Coward. "What right has any one to knock soldiers from any place because he sings them songs and does dances for them."

Brooklyn-born William E. Loren-

zo, who wears the Purple Heart, says he is one Brooklyn guy who didn't cry when he was wounded. Lorenzo didn't know he was hit until he saw the blood leaking from the gash and trickling into a puddle on the grass.

T/4 Peter Olson, a Brooklyn Purple Heart man, says, "The children in the streets of Brooklyn can lick the toughest playwright in the world."

"So I challenge him to fight my wife," Olson said. "No man in Brooklyn would hit a playwright. A man who would take advantage of a playwright would be run out of Brooklyn. My wife is the sweetest, nicest little thing in Brooklyn. But I'll bet she'll punch the living stuff out of him if she ever grabs him."

5 B26 Crew Chiefs Awarded Bronze Stars

Five crew chiefs at the B26 base commanded by Col. Gerald E. Williams, of Presque Isle, Me., have been awarded Bronze Stars for maintaining their aircraft without mechanical failure from March to October. They are: T/Sgt. Roderick D. Seal, Houma, La.; T/Sgt. Robert G. Unfried, Cleveland, Ohio; Sgt. John P. Duffy, Somersworth, N.H.; Sgt. Jesse W. Green, Tullahoma, Tenn., and Sgt. Winston S. Surber, La Fontaine, Kan.

Plan Trial of Vichy Heads

The High Court of Justice created to try Marshal Pétain, Pierre Laval and other members of the Vichy government will be composed of a presiding judge, two magistrate-assessors and 24 jurymen or women, the French Ministry of Justice announced last night.

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff
Sports Editor

JACK DEMPSEY, who recognized the need for an athletic program in the armed forces at the outset, and Gene Tunney, who didn't, are hobnobbing with President Roosevelt these days. The former heavyweight rulers and participants in boxing's famous "long count" brawl of the late 20s are supporting a movement for a huge stadium in Washington.



Jack Dempsey

In fact, the project has so many prominent boosters, last week was "National Stadium Week" in the capital. The President sent a letter to the group, endorsing construction of what will be named the National Memorial Stadium—if built; Dempsey cast his vote for the arena, and Tunney took time from his anti-smoking crusading to ditto Dempsey's remarks.

Dempsey and Tunney probably were thinking about athletic events when they endorsed the stadium. But the President had a more elaborate suggestion. His letter said that if the stadium is built, Washington will be the center of many national and international programs, including Olympics, boy scout jamborees, 4H club meetings and competitions among veterans. If Tunney has his say, smoking no doubt will be banned in the palatial stadium-to-be. At least among the boy scouts who will do-or-die for the Beaver patrol of Troop No. 898.

SHORT SHOTS: Pfc Joe Covelskie, former St. Louis Browns pitcher now fighting with the 80th Division, has been cited for valorous conduct against the Jerries . . . 1/Lt. Lewis Wetherell, who teamed with Joe Hunt to win the Intercollegiate tennis doubles crown in 1936 and 1938, has been awarded the Silver Star. Tennis instructor at the Beverly Hills (Cal.) Racquet Club before entering the Army, Wetherell is in the Fourth Armored Division . . . Cpl. Mike Dejean, ex-Cincinnati Reds chattel also in the Fourth Armored, earned the Bronze Star for holding off more than 40 Jerries.

Unbeaten Ranks Thinned

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. — Mississippi State, Drake and Miami (Ohio) were knocked from the list of perfect college football teams the last weekend. Only ten teams remain in the select circle.

Team	G	Pts	OP
Army	8	481	28
Ohio State	8	269	65
Randolph Field	8	375	6
Bainbridge Naval	8	299	54
Yale	7	114	26
Fort Pierce (Fla.)	6	323	9
Camp Campbell (Ky.)	6	211	7

FINISHED SEASON

Maryville (Mo.) Tehrs.	7	206	21
St. Thomas (Minn.)	7	123	25
Norman Navy	6	144	40

Mauriello Reinstated

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. — Tami Mauriello, Bronx heavy, was reinstated by the New York State Athletic Commission after he promised to fulfill obligations in a bout with Lee Oma, of Detroit. Mike Jacobs announced Mauriello and Oma will meet in a 10-rounder at Madison Square Garden, Dec. 8.

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FRAMED photographs of my wife which were given a courier near Brest with instructions that he drop them off at St. Briec on the road to Rennes. They were wrapped in a suit of fatigues marked with my name. Otis D. Smith.

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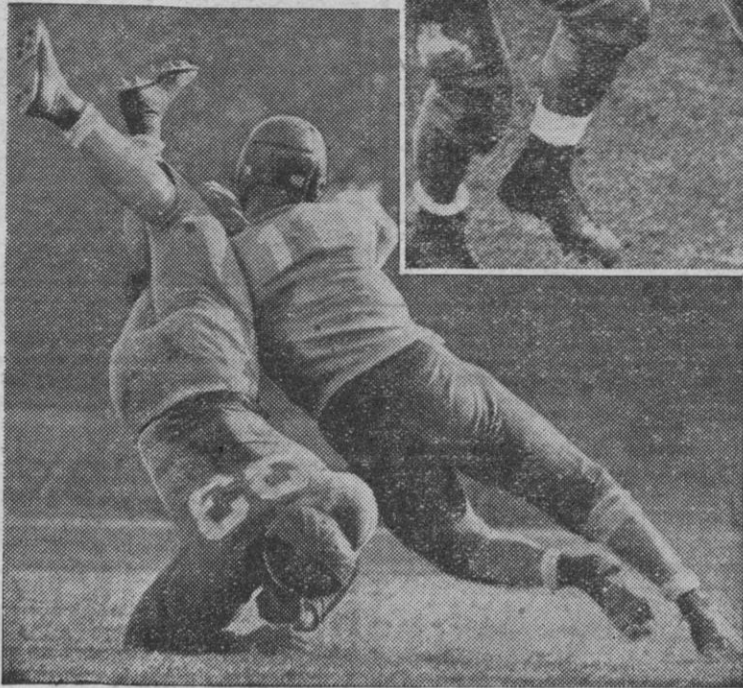
SGT. John P. Cains, Ashland, Ky.; Cpl. Leo Canale; Pfc Robert Chambliss, 33221275; Pfc Fred Chapski; Lt. Christine B. Clark, New Orleans; S/Sgt. James B. Cooper; M/Sgt. Margaret Corman; Vincent B. Curran, Kansas City; Pvt. James P. Cutler, 36771514; Lt. Thomas Debarbieri; Pvt. Daniel Delgado, 38556915; Pvt. Theodore Dombroski; Pvt. Lenwood D. Edwards, 34857771; Johnny Eskins Jr., Wynot, Neb.; Pfc Raymond Esteppe; Oscar Fewins, Mason City, Iowa; Pfc William Gebauer, 36639019; Sgt. James Gentile; Pfc Stanley Glickman; Cpl. Bert E. Gunderson, 19141219.

No Grid, No Turkey In Texas Tomorrow

For GIs in the ETO who might cancel their subscriptions to The Stars and Stripes when they look at the Thanksgiving Day grid schedule on this page, here's the story:

The Lone Star State doesn't like to observe Turkey Day on Nov. 23, so the Texas Longhorns will trade touchdowns with the Texas Aggies on Thursday, Nov. 30.

But Texans in the Army will have their turkey tomorrow—maybe!



Marty Marion Named NL's Most Valuable

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. — Marty Marion, star shortstop of the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals, has been named the most valuable player in the National League during 1944, the Baseball Writers' Association announced tonight.

Marion, who has been compared to Honus Wagner as a fielding shortstop by some precincts, polled 190 points to nose out Bill Nicholson, the Chicago Cubs' slugging outfielder, by one point, making this the closest finish in history of the award.

Dixie Walker, popular Brooklyn outfielder who captured the league batting title, finished third with 145 points.

Marion previously had been chosen for similar honors by The Sporting News, while Bobby Doerr, Boston Red Sox second baseman, had been selected for the American League award. The result of the



Bill Nicholson Marty Marion

Baseball Writers' Association junior circuit balloting will not be revealed for at least a week.

By naming Marion, the writer permitted the most-valuable crown to remain in St. Louis for the third straight year. Last year Redbird Stan Musial defeated teammate Walker Cooper in the battle of ballots, while Mort Cooper was the winner in '42.

Halfbacks may get the glory, but they also get the bumps. Above, Jimmy Green of Penn is stopped by Columbia's Henry Stout, who applies an affectionate embrace and chin grasp. Left, Dinky Bowen of Georgia Tech almost completes an acrobatic headstand after being spilled by Wally Schmitz of Tulane.

Davis Widens Scoring Lead

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Glenn Davis, Army's hustling halfback, virtually clinched the 1944 collegiate football scoring title with three touchdowns against Penn last week to run his total for eight games to 114 points.

Tom McWilliams of Mississippi State, injured in the first period of the game in which Alabama toppled State from the unbeaten ranks, trails Davis by 30 points.

Two of the top team leaders have finished their seasons. Lee Tressell of Baldwin Wallace and Billy Cromer, of Arkansas A & M.

The leaders:

	T	EP	FG	TP
Davis (Army)	19	0	0	114
McWilliams (Miss. St.)	14	0	0	84
Tressell (Bald.-Wallace)	13	2	0	80
Cockayne (Drake)	13	0	0	78
Evans (2nd AAF)	11	5	0	71
Young (Illinois)	11	0	0	66
Dimancheff (Purdue)	11	0	0	66
DeCourcy (Wash.)	11	0	0	66
Brinkley (Wake Forest)	11	0	0	66
Cromer (Ark. Aggies)	11	0	0	66
Yates (Texas Aggies)	10	0	0	60

Hank Gowdy to Return To Reds' Coaching Line

CINCINNATI, Nov. 21. — Maj. Hank Gowdy, recently released from the Army where he served for two years as director of recreation at Fort Benning, will return to the Cincinnati Reds' coaching lines next season, the Reds' front office announced.

Gowdy was the first major league ball player to enlist in World War I.

Iowa Looms as 1945 King In Big Ten Basketball Race

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—Iowa's Hawkeyes are definitely the team to watch in the forthcoming Big Ten basketball race. They not only have a fine nucleus from last year's team in Dick Ives, Conference scoring champion and record holder, and Co-captains Jack Spencer and Ned Postels, but they also have two members of last year's Utah national championship team.

The newcomers are Herb and Clayton Wilkinson, guard and center, respectively, who are Naval trainees at Iowa. Coach "Pops" Harrison also has a dozen high school stars, including Bob Tedesky, All-Pennsylvania forward with Duquesne high last year.

Ohio State, last season's champ, and Wisconsin, which tied Iowa for second place, also are considered strong contenders. The Buckeyes have several veterans, including Arnold Risen, six-foot, nine-inch center; Jack Dugger, Paul Husten, Don Grate and Rodney Caudill.

Illinois will build a team around Walton Kirk, All-Conference guard, who scored 233 points last year. But unless newcomers show great talent, it's the Hawkeyes for the crown. The season starts Dec. 30 and ends March 3.

The state government will get about \$28,000,000 in taxes.

Owen's Scheme Thwarted Hutson

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. — Steve Owen accomplished what had been considered impossible Sunday when his New York Giants not only trounced the Green Bay Packers but made them give up in disgust and yank Don Hutson from the game.

Steve always has maintained that once you stopped Hutson, you had Green Bay whipped. Coach Curly Lambeau apparently agreed because he sent Hutson to the showers in the third period.

The young man who did the most to carry out Owen's plan was Howard Livingston, 22-year-old product of Fullerton Junior College, who stuck to Hutson as long as Don was in the game. Livingston gave an indication of what was in store for the veteran Alabama star in the first period when he committed serious insubordination by intercepting a pass intended for the master and running it 34 yards to a touchdown.

But Livingston, while he did a



Don Hutson

great job on Hutson, couldn't do it alone. He had two brawny linemen helping all day. Each time the ball

was snapped into the Packer backfield, Vic Carroll and Frank Liebel, Giant tackle and end, respectively, closed off Hutson's route to the middle of the line—his favorite pass-catching grounds. Hutson then would shuffle off to the left, where Livingston took over.

So well did Carroll, Liebel and Livingston carry out Stout Steve's orders that Hutson was held to four completions and a mere 34 yards gained, probably the worst afternoon he ever experienced as a professional.

This unheaval of the Packers' planned aerial attack led to five interceptions of Irv Comp's passes, aimed mostly at Hutson. Lambeau changed the menu after Hutson's departure and inserted the battery of Joe Laws and Roy McKay, but their efforts were futile, too.

Livingston fittingly climaxed his day by intercepting a pass and running it 31 yards to the eighty-yard stripe to set up Bill Patelal's touchdown.

New Pro Loop To Start in '45

BALTIMORE, Nov. 21. — Operation of the United States Professional Football League is definitely set for next year with franchises in eastern and midwestern cities, league officials announced following a two-day meeting here.

An eight-club circuit will operate in 1945, including Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, Milwaukee, Akron, New York and Baltimore. The eighth team probably would be handled by a group interested in gaining a franchise for Honolulu, according to Howard Parsons, league spokesman.

THIS WEEK'S GRID GAMES

TOMORROW'S GAMES
Arkansas at Tulsa.
Kansas at Missouri.
Wake Forest at S. Carolina.
Colorado at Denver.
Drake at Wichita.

SATURDAY'S GAMES
EAST
Colgate at Brown.
Cornell at Penn.
Virginia at Yale.
Penn State at Pitt.

MIDWEST
Illinois at Northwestern.
Indiana at Purdue.
Iowa Pre-Flight at Iowa.
Michigan at Ohio State.
Minnesota at Wisconsin.

SOUTH
Notre Dame at Georgia Tech.
Duke at North Carolina.
Tennessee at Kentucky.
Miss. State at Mississippi.

SOUTHWEST
Oklahoma A & M at Oklahoma.
Texas Christian at Rice.
Southern Methodist at Texas Tech.
Amarillo AAF at Randolph Field.

FAR WEST
St. Mary's Pre-Flight at California.
UCLA at Southern California.

Seven of Hearts Wins \$25,000 Riggs Handicap

BALTIMORE, Nov. 21.—Seven of Hearts sped to an easy victory over Bon Jour yesterday in the \$25,000 Riggs Handicap over a track described as good, despite a day-long drizzle, which caused Trainer Ben Jones to scratch Twilight Tear just before post time.

News from Home

International Board Urged To Rule Flying

CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—The U.S., Britain and Canada proposed to the International Aviation Conference here today, without committing themselves, an agreement which would establish an international body to govern post-war commercial flying.

They proposed to forbid any country from granting exclusive flying privileges to any other country or airline. This apparently would abrogate agreements already made between Pan American Airways and certain other nations, notably Portugal, and between Britain and some other nations.

An "International Air Administration" would be set up, composed of an assembly on which each nation would have equal representation, a board of 15 governors, seven of whom would be named by the countries of "chief importance in air transport," and a manager.

Map Own Routes

Each country would retain the right to carry air traffic between points within its own territory out would designate a route to be followed in its territory by aircraft of other nations. It would forbid operation through its air space by planes of countries not conforming to the agreement or to the international organization's decisions.

Meteorology services would be available to all member countries. Air matters "directly affecting world security" would be left to "the general organization set up by the United Nations to preserve peace."

A number of points still in dispute between the U.S. and Britain were omitted from the draft submitted to the delegates.

Asks Ban on V-Day Fetes

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (ANS).—Congress will be asked to go on record against any celebration of victory when Germany surrenders, Rep. Walter E. Brehm (R.-Ohio) said. Today he will introduce a resolution calling on the country to "remember that V-Day will not mean the end of the war."

Working Day to Be One Now

BATESVILLE, Ark., Nov. 21 (ANS).—The Independence County courthouse will remain open every day as a result of the vote on E. P. Dethrow's petition to compel the county judge to keep the courthouse open every working day. It passed by nearly two to one.

Down to \$10,000 a Year

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 21 (ANS).—Mrs. Maurice J. Tobin, wife of Boston's Democratic mayor who has just been elected governor of Massachusetts, said today she will have to cut down household expenses. As Mayor Tobin gets \$20,000 a year, as governor his salary will be \$10,000.

Ship Named for Navy Nurse

BATH, Me., Nov. 21 (ANS).—The destroyer Higbee, first Navy combat vessel named for a woman since the Civil War, was launched today. It was named for Mrs. Lenah S. Higbee, first superintendent of the Navy Nurse Corps.

Vet Privileges for WACs

HOT SPRING, S.D., Nov. 21 (ANS).—Attorney General George T. Nickelson has ruled that an honorably discharged WAC is a veteran "on the same terms as any other veteran" and as such she may be admitted to the South Dakota Soldiers' Home here.

Get Along, Little Dogies

MAGDALENA, N.M., Nov. 21 (ANS).—The fall movement of cattle is in full swing over an 80-mile long stock driveway to Magdalena. Cowboys from as far as the Arizona border are driving market-bound whitefaces to this railhead in a record movement for recent years.

Fire Leaves 150 Jobless

WINTERPORT, Me., Nov. 21 (ANS).—A \$200,000 fire destroyed the main building and boiler house of the Maine Food Processors dehydrating plant this week, leaving 150 jobless.

Private Breger



"We can't get the Headquarters safe open, Sir!"

HUBERT

by SGT. DICK WINGERT



Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



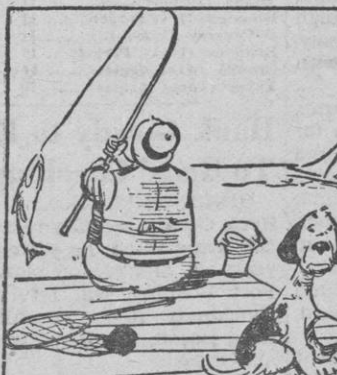
Terry And The Pirates

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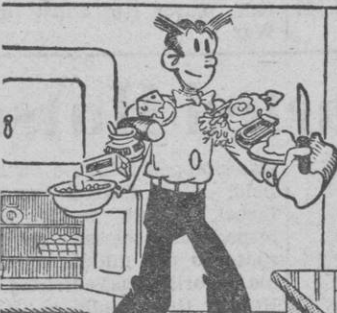
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