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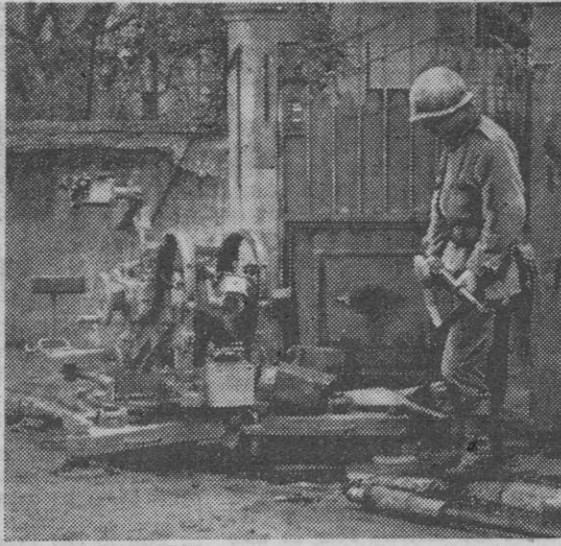
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Metz Falling to 3rd Army

First Pictures of Doughs Inside Toppling Nazi Bastion



U.S. Army Signal Corps photo.

While the fighting goes on in Metz, the first pictures out of the old fortress city in eastern France show members of the Fifth Infantry Division as they inched their way into the town. Top left, doughs smash in a front door to clear out enemy stragglers. Another Joe, (top right) looks over a German 20mm. gun blasted to pieces by American 60mm. mortar fire. Infantrymen crouch behind a wall (bottom), where they were pinned down by German 20mm. gunfire.

760 Bombers Hit Oil Plants

Heavy bomber blows at Nazi fuel production, halted Armistice Day, began again yesterday with a double punch from 160 Eighth Air Force Fortresses, smashing without loss at the Scholven-Buer synthetic oil plant at Gelsenkirchen, and 600 Italy-based 15th Air Force heavies bombing unspecified oil plants in Upper Silesia.

Many fighters of the 700-plus escort to the Eighth bomber formations, which also attacked Munster rail yards, strafed and bombed objectives in the Coblenz, Wiesbaden, and Bonn areas, USSTAF announced. Eighteen fighters were reported missing.

Phone Strike in Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 20 (ANS).—A telephone operators' strike, which spread to 26 Ohio towns in three days, will be extended to other cities, a union spokesman said today, Associated Press reported.

Nazis Threw All They Had In Path of Fifth and 95th

By Earl Mazo

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

About the only obstacle the Germans didn't throw into the path of the Metz attackers was an ocean, and flood waters from the Moselle almost produced that. Americans pushing into the fortress city had to face rivers, barbed wire, enemy artillery of every size (including depressed flak guns), trees across roads, snow, mud, mines, booby traps and anything else the Nazi military mind could think up.

Several members of the German military police were captured on the outskirts of Metz by elements of the 11th Regiment. One of the doughboys in on the capture said happily, "We got 'em before they could put up off limits signs."

A doughboy evacuated for trench feet was asked by a doctor, "Did

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Metz GIs Bag An SS General

WITH FIFTH DIV. IN METZ, Nov. 20.—Some Joes of E Company, Tenth Regiment, Fifth Division, rounding up Germans in the outskirts of Metz last night, took a batch who were cringing behind beer barrels in a brewery.

This morning one of them turned out to be Gen. Anton Duncern, Storm Trooper, commander of the Lorraine and Saar area and the first SS German of general rank to be taken since D-Day.

Other doughboys captured Col. Constantine Meyer, commandant of the city, who was trying to swim his way out.

Plane Crash in England Kills 26 U.S. Soldiers

LONDON, Nov. 20.—Twenty-six U.S. soldiers were killed and four injured when a Dakota transport plane crashed and burned on a hillside between Lewes and Brighton, in southern England, last night. Seventeen bodies were found in the wreckage. Nine died after being taken to a hospital.

Battalion Pulls Night Attack; All Men Safe

By Russell Jones

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

WITH A FIRST U.S. ARMY INFANTRY BATTALION Nov. 20.—This outfit pulled the first night attack on this front last night and caught the Germans so fast asleep that the battalion moved through Siegfried defenses and heavy woods without losing a man.

After battering the dug-in Nazis for two days, the infantrymen jumped off at 1800 hours last night and by midnight advanced 1,000 yards. They passed through Germans in concrete pillboxes and field fortifications and today they mopped them up at leisure.

Col. Robert R. Clark, of St. Joseph, Mo., battalion commander. His attack was preceded by an assault on Hill 287, which dominates the entire area and which has been compared to famous Hill 609 in Tunisia.

Storm Vital Hill

The battalion, led by Lt. Col. Leon Rouge, Los Angeles, and backed by tanks commanded by Lt. Col. John A. White, stormed the hill yesterday.

With Hill 287 occupied the cannon company of Capt. Manuel Christal, of San Francisco, held the Germans in position and prevented them from mining the area. At dusk, "B" Company, under Capt. Charles Glotzbach, of Kansas, moved forward.

Later "A" Company, under 1/Lt. Paul Radlinski, of Newark, came along the same route. Capt. Bernard Barker, Colorado Springs, and "C" Company followed. Two Third Battalion companies were also there by midnight.

Seventy prisoners were taken and many Germans killed as the Americans spread over the hill. Other Nazis were still in tunnels and trenches without hope of escape.

New Jeep Can Follow Its Driver, Like Horse

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The Army has a new type of jeep called the "Jungle Jeep" which can be "led" like a horse where the going is rough, it was disclosed today.

It looks like an oversized toy wagon with a flat platform instead of seats. Instead of a steering wheel it has a swivel tiller bar on which the throttle and brake are mounted, as on a motorcycle. This arrangement enables the driver to ride in it or get out and walk in front of it or behind it. It can carry about 800 pounds.

French Rip Into Belfort

The mighty fortress city of Metz was falling last night to U.S. Third Army infantry, while in the south the reborn French Army reached the Rhine after smashing 30 miles in two days through the Belfort gap and into the fortified bastion of Belfort itself.

All organized resistance inside Metz ceased last night, but sporadic fighting and sniping continued in the city, which is officially considered three-quarters captured, Stars and Stripes Correspondent Earl Mazo reported from the city.

Mazo said that E Company of the Fifth Division's Tenth Regiment, rounding up Germans on the outskirts of the city, took General Anton Duncern, Storm Troop Commander of all Lorraine and the Saar. The German commandant of the city also was captured, Mazo reported.

Along the western front from Holland to the Swiss frontier, the German line was bending before the push of six Allied armies.

North of Lt. Gen. George Patton's left flank, where Tenth Armored

Fifth, 95th—and Metz

An error in transcription of a cabled story by Staff Writer Earl Mazo telling of the taking of Metz listed the 95th Division but failed to mention the Fifth Division in The Stars and Stripes Monday. As Mazo said in his story, it was the "blood and guts of the Fifth and 95th Divisions" that won at Metz.

Division units neared the German border already crossed by the slashing Third Cavalry, Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' U.S. First Army units stood astride the Adolph Hitler Reichsautobahn (super-highway) from Aachen to Cologne.

The Stars and Stripes correspondent G. K. Hodenfield reported from Germany that First Army units gained along the entire front and infantry moved into the southern and western edges of Eschweiler, east of Aachen.

First Army units in this area were 25 miles from Cologne. Elements pushed 1,500 yards early in the day in a driving rainstorm and crossed the Wurselen-Stolberg railroad five miles east of Aachen. Southwest of Eschweiler, Hodges' men reached the northern edge of the Propserwald Forest and in

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Rhine Reached



Slicing through the Vosges, French troops reach the Rhine.

Yea, tho I walk in the valley...

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

WITH THE FIRST ARMY.—It was a bright Sunday morning, but there was nothing sabbatical about the faces of men streaming by, peering into the church in sheer curiosity. Their faces were dirty and unshaven and their clothes weren't their Sunday best.

Two men stepped into the church through one of the holes and suddenly it was quieter there. One was a captain, one was a private. They genuflected and advanced up the aisle together, stepping over the dead body of a German. They advanced to the altar and knelt. They crossed themselves and bowed their heads silently. In a few minutes they left.

As they walked back down the aisle, and this time stepped around the German, the private looked down. His expression did not change. He lifted his head again and left the church, and outside, he picked up his rifle from where he had placed it against the wall.

THE B BAG

BLOW IT OUT HERE

X Marks the Spot

I concur with most of the sentiments expressed under "Does the Shoe Fit?" and "Are You a Parochial Xenophobe?" in the Oct. 11 S & S. Possibly the GIs who show extremely bad manners toward the peoples whose land they are in are the minority. . . a most conspicuous lot. I fear the English, French, Belgians, etc., may think that all Americans are that way.

If we could disregard the question of manners and morals, there is still a very serious practical problem involved. For our future peace the good will of the people of other nations is priceless. With blood and materials we won that good will as liberators. Bad behavior of individuals can lose much of that good will.

The Parochial Xenophobe, or dislike for foreigners, problem is related to the bad manners problem—both in origin and in effect. Bad manners are partly a result of early training, but both are promoted by lack of understanding of other peoples' ways and why we fight.

In effect, bad manners may cost us the good will of others and the dislike for foreigners may cause us to let petty differences obscure the fundamentals that we have in common—the things which, at a dangerously late date, caused us to join with Britain and the others against Germany and Japan. Had we not allowed the petty differences to so long confuse us, we might have checked the aggressors earlier and easier.

Extremely opinionated statements about our allies are repeated until they are accepted as proven facts. Soldiers who know better should use every opportunity to set things straight.

An organized attack on the problem is needed before men are discharged. The effort would have been less and the results better if more had been done earlier.—Pvt. U. K. B., QM.

I'm forced to disagree with your editorial as to whether or not the Americans will apparently hate the foreigners. I and many more Americans don't hate the foreigners because we really feel as human beings among the foreigners. They treat us as humans should be treated. They are fair, rational and sociable beings, except for Hitler and his gang.

We colored Americans like the foreigners and get along with them in every respect. There are no quarrels and segregation among us. We work together in harmony as comrades should in peace and war.

Let's not create a dislike taste for the foreigners. They are humans and as all races have their own customs.—"The Deprived."

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Safety Valve?

I am one of the old FBI guys that spent 29 months overseas in Iceland, seven in England and two in France.

For the second time in the last two months, I have stood back and watched some of my old pals go home. Some didn't have as much service overseas as myself, our headquarters says that those who are court-martialed since coming to the ETO are just out of luck. I was court-martialed for speeding in a GI truck, for which I was fined 15 bucks and given one month restriction. Should they hold me back for a little thing like that, which happened almost a year ago?

Why should I pay for a crime twice? It wasn't so bad to see the first bunch go, but when the second bunch left, well, brother, that did it. I am not

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speaking only for myself, but for all the rest of the FBI.

Well, I feel a little better now that I have blown off a little steam, but I still have a lot left. I'll save that for the next boat I miss!—Pvt. J. Weichel, Engr. (Avn) Bn.

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Purple Heart Aches

Not long ago we Medics had occasion to pick up survivors of a truck and jeep accident. One man in the jeep was killed. Two in the truck were injured. These two men received the Purple Heart. Their citations read: "For wounds received in action against the enemy."

What's this, the Civil War? Since when is the American Army fighting the American Army? And if you can get the Purple Heart and five points towards home for spraining a finger. —Pvt. J. O. M.

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Shanghied

We read with interest both Pvt. Malin's letter and General Gerhardt's, recently printed in The S & S.

We have deep admiration for the general's challenge to AI men in 4F outfits. In fact, it did our hearts good to know that there are officers over us who feel as we do.

We would like to see if there is a man like the general in the paratroop infantry who will challenge us! We are in perfect health and have had our hearts set on the paratroops ever since we were inducted. We have tried through channels only to get SHANGHIED to our present outfit. —Pvts. John Parente, William C. Harris Jr., Chas. Striper, QM.

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Film SNAFU

I have never before felt the urge to write to a newspaper editor to express my pet gripe, but having noticed the quick action that has often resulted from such an expression in your column, I am prompted to do so in this instance.

Early in September the PX advertised that they would develop and print films, so I sent them off. Over a month and a half has elapsed without any reply. I wonder whether the faces of my friends are regarded as secret weapons that cannot be divulged or whether the photographic service simply is not operating.—Maj. F. S., QMC.

(Army Exchange Service states that film is being sent within three weeks of its receipt. The work is being done by a large commercial firm here. You sent your film before these arrangements were made and it must have been sent to London for processing.—Ed.)

Hash Marks

Famous last words: "Lend me 500 francs and you will get the whole thousand back payday."

Shortage Note. Bennie Fields, the Minstrel Man, sez, "The next time you're in the dump, try and find a tire for me."

GI Philosophy. Fun is like life insurance—the older you are the more it costs.

Signs of the Times. And then there was the man who invented a crystal eight-ball for people who like to look ahead.

Fun on the Home Front. "Dinner's ready, dear," a Montana woman called to her husband who



was repairing the roof. Hubby responded rapidly. He fell through the roof and ceiling, landing in his regular place at the dining-room table.

Afterthought. Some pin-up girls are neat little packages—others are just barracks bags.

Fun in the Forces. A WAC captain stepped into an office to make a phone call. As usual, the connections were extremely poor—well, you know what we mean. This prompted the captain to make some colorful comments about 'phone service on the Continent. At the height of her tirade a meek-mannered T/5 (male) chided her, "Careful, ma'am, there are gents present."

Then there was the woman who wanted a divorce merely because every time she sat on her husband's lap he started dictating letters.

This one comes from Sicily. Sicilians keep a close eye on their daughters and a GI calling for a gal to take to a dance found he was expected to escort her mama and four aunts as well. "What's the big idea?" he asked. His girl friend cooed sweetly, "Americans are trustworthy—five chaperones are enough."

The Infantry is still the Queen of Battle. A GI on ski maneuvers in the Rockies, reporting to his CP on the walkie-talkie, was surprised to hear a strange voice cut in: "This is a B17 at 5,000 feet calling its base. Get off the air."

"This is the infantry at 10,000 feet," retorted the doughbo. "Get the hell up where you belong."

Overheard. "She prefers the classics—Moonlight Sinatra being her favorite."

J. C. W.

An Editorial

Keep 'Off Limits' Off

PARIS is a swell town. We hope every Joe will have a chance to see it. Maybe he will—if he's allowed to.

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Army authorities are making plans to throw the city's gates wide open as soon as facilities and operations permit. But there's one guy who won't allow it. A joker who, if he has his way, will shut Paris tighter than King Tut's tomb.

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He's the bad boy in every outfit. The one stinker in the company who gets likkered up and goes crazy as a goat. He's the rotten apple in the barrel, who spoils things for everyone else.

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Ninety-nine out of every 100 men coming to Paris right now are strictly on the ball. They're a credit to their outfits, the Army and the nation. But the one



eight-ball can ruin the deal for all.

Unless he's policed up by his own buddies, he'll tack an "off limits" sign on the Eiffel Tower.

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE

Bored No Longer

An 80th Division medical officer, Capt. Harold L. Fruitman, of San Francisco, Calif., was bored with his job of division sanitation officer, so he took off for the front. When he reached a company CP, Fruitman heard that one member of a patrol had not returned. Taking two French volunteers as stretcher bearers, and waving a white flag, he walked toward the German lines. He spotted the wounded soldier, Pfc Charles J. Thompson, and ten German snipers at the same time. The snipers approached him and Fruitman handed their leader the white flag to hold, while he attended the wounded soldier.

During the return trip they were pinned down by artillery fire. Fruitman was wounded in the hand. His brief sortie from sanitation resulted in his gaining the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

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Reunion in Hospital

The stretcher bearers were about to lift a wounded officer onto a hospital cot. "We're sorry, but this bed is reserved for Lt. Letendre," said a second pair of medics who also had a wounded man on a stretcher. "This is Lt. Letendre," the first pair insisted.

And then both wounded Yanks raised their heads to look at each other. They were brothers—Lts. Milton A. and Douglas Letendre.

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Curiosity Saves the Day

A Second Division Company moved into a German house which had just been vacated by another U.S. unit. One of the men noticed a strange object, about eight inches long, five inches in diameter, and tapered like a bazooka shell.

The CO, Capt. Ralph C. Winstead, of Semora, N.C., figured it couldn't be much of anything or the Yanks who had been living there would have removed it. Out of curiosity, he picked it up and noticed that the pin had been removed. Quicker than you can say "Purple Heart," he heaved it through the door. The blast shook the building, but no one was injured.

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90th's 'Naval Unit'

The 90th Division now has a "Naval Unit." When the Moselle River overflowed its banks and was slowing the crossing of the 90th, the Field Artillery launched its fleet.

They were M5 tractors which hauled bridging materials, guns,

ammo, food, medical supplies and personnel through the inundated lowlands. At some points the "tractor navy" had to navigate shallow water for more than half-a-mile.

Commodore of the fleet was M/Sgt. Edward A. Ernst, of Cresco, Iowa, who said that his "skippers" christened their "navy tracks" after their home States.

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Letdown

The mortar men of a Second Inf. Div. company had one unexpected round left after the division took Hill 192 in the heights west of St. Lo. They saved that one round through the Normandy breakthrough, not even firing it in the Brest campaign.

When they entered Belgium they took the precious round out and



rubbed their hands. With great ceremony the sights of the mortar were set while onlookers crowded about. The assistant gunner dropped the shell in and off it went. Everyone strained to hear the ensuing explosion. But no sound came. It was a dud.

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ImPROper Remark?

In the scramble of setting up headquarters in a newly-liberated French town, Public Relations Officer 1/Lt. Bernard Didinsky, of the 80th Division, managed to be among the first to get desk space in a building and to nail up his shingle on the door, "Division PRO." In a few minutes a French major dashed into the office and remarked: "Ah, zee Americans are so efficient. Zee town is scarcely in our hands, and already zay have zee PRO Station!"

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Bingo—And How!

A lengthy teletype message from higher headquarters told an air depot group's special service officer to pick up some supplies. A weapons carrier would be needed to carry the equipment, the message said.

The officer returned from a 160-mile trip with his load—two sets of dominoes, two packs of playing cards and two bingo sets.

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"We'll have to keep him in the Army—he's no longer fit for civilian life."

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff
Sports Editor

BRITISH drama critics, who hesitate before lauding even Shakespeare, apparently intend an invasion into the realm of sports. If not an invasion, perhaps it's just a commando raid, but that doesn't make the target—big, strong, honest bruisers of the wrestling profession—any happier.

The grunt 'n' groan artists, whose timing in the ring is more precise than a zany Marx Brothers movie, suddenly are being lambasted by the staid British press. Some quarters have gone so far as to campaign for legislation outlawing the groaners. That would be a tragedy because there's nothing funnier than a professional wrestling match.

HOWEVER, London papers started beating their gums this weekend to abolish "all-in" wrestling, whatever that means. Perhaps it means that the spectators get so wrought up they are "all-in" before the evening ends. It certainly couldn't pertain to the contestants, unless wrestling has been revamped since Pearl Harbor.

One paper declared, "It is in the cards that all-in wrestling, the most fantastic, stupid and non-sporting sport to insult us (the British), will be officially banished... It is a degrading and unhealthy form of entertainment."

So much anti-wrestling propaganda has been stirred up by crusading factions that the governing board will convene today to debate whether it "would be for the national welfare to abolish wrestling on Jan. 1."

TOE-TWISTING officials in the land of mild and bitter will be chagrined to learn, from no less an authority than a London newspaper, that "the plain truth is, wrestling sets out to attract the sadist by an exhibition of pseudo-barbarism, and the only thing to be pleaded in its favor is that everyone knows it's a fake."

We'll admit that wrestling and cricket are not in the same league. But you'll have to take it from there. Anglo-American friendship must be preserved.

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SHORT SHOTS: Pfc Vincent Utz, of Bridgeport, Conn., who recently was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action on the Continent, is the same fellow who starred as fullback on the strong 1939 Rutgers eleven. Utz is in a paratroop outfit... Army classification scores again. **T/Sgt. Tony Kramer**, of Cincinnati, was a professional middleweight boxer before induction. Now he's baking bread and cake for GIs in France... **1/Lt. Ralph Kiefer**, who was killed on a bombing mission over Germany, was a brother of Adolph, the world's backstroke swimming champion. As a prepster, Ralph won the Illinois State 100-yard free-style event.

Melville Navy Team Repeats Over Holy Cross

WORCESTER, Mass., Nov. 20.—The Melville (R.I.) Naval Station football team defeated Holy Cross for the second time this season, nosing out the Crusaders, 13-12, yesterday in a game featured by long touchdown runs.

FOOTBALL SCORES

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Melville Naval 13, Holy Cross 12.
March Field 7, San Diego Naval 0.
St. Mary's Pre-Flight 3, Fleet City 0.
Keesler Field 33, Algiers Naval 0.
Georgia Pre-Flight 30, Daniel Field 0.
Third AAF 41, Maxwell Field 7.
Camp Lee 26, Fort Monroe 13.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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

LOST

WILL the officer who picked up our dog "Ladys" please return her at once? We have had her since June and she is missed by all the members of this Laundry Platoon. Ed. S. Killar.

WILL the person who drove off with our Co. Truck No. 454368 please return the photo in the glove compartment? Pvt. Nicholas Palmier.

Eagles Tip 'Skins; Green Bay Loses

Baugh & Co. Suffer Initial Setback, 37-7

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—The Philadelphia Eagles, their T-formation clicking with precision, pounded the Washington Redskins, 37-7, before 35,000 fans here yesterday to jump over the Redskins and New York Giants into the National Football League eastern division lead.

The Eagles discovered how to stop Sammy Baugh and Frank Filchock at the same time, something no other club has been able to do all season. After Wilbur Moore caught a pass from Filchock on the second play of the game and raced 35 yards to score, the 'Skins didn't have a chance.

Speedy Steve Van Buren tied the score with a neat 20-yard dash through the right side of the line. Roy Zimmerman, who kicked a field goal and four extra points, then ignited another touchdown drive with a 35-yard toss to Van Buren, after which Mel Bleeker knifed over from the four.

Just before the intermission, Jack Hinkle intercepted Baugh's pass and raced 40 yards to score. Zimmerman passed to Don McDonald for another counter in the third quarter, and Ernie Steele rang the bell for the fifth time on a 21-yard junket around end.

Statistics:

	SKINS	EAGLES
First Downs.....	10	12
Yards Gained, rushing.....	21	192
Passes Attempted.....	38	10
Passes Completed.....	24	6
Yards Gained, passing.....	266	114
Penalties.....	90	50

Rams Beat Pitt-Cards

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—The Cleveland Rams climbed into a second place tie with the Bears and Lions by trouncing the combined Pitt-Cards, 33-6, here yesterday before a slim crowd of 3,000 customers.

Led by Lou Zontini, former Notre Dame ace, the Rams scored in every period. Zontini scored one touchdown himself, set up two others and booted three conversions. The Pitt-Cards tallied on a pass from Johnny Grigas to Tony Bova in the third quarter.

Statistics:

	P-C	RAMS
First Downs.....	12	9
Yards Gained, rushing.....	90	135
Passes Attempted.....	31	12
Passes Completed.....	10	6
Yards Gained, passing.....	120	196
Penalties.....	44	79

Yanks Stop Tigers Again, 13-6



Pug Manders
Mates Set Him Down

BOSTON, Nov. 20.—The Boston Yankees scored their second victory of the season at the expense of the Brooklyn Tigers by clubbing the Flatbush eleven, 13-6, here yesterday.

Pug Manders, who scored their lone touchdown, performed brilliantly all the way for the Tigers, but his mates were unable to lend sufficient help. Bob Davis skirted his right end for one Yankee touchdown after Augie Lie had pounced on a fumble in the first period, and the winning marker came in the fourth period on a 24-yard pass from George Cafego to Keith Ranspot.

Statistics:

	TIGERS	YANKS
First Downs.....	13	6
Yards Gained, rushing.....	154	134
Passes Attempted.....	18	10
Passes Completed.....	8	6
Yards Gained, passing.....	72	87
Penalties.....	45	15

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



Field Day in the Bastille



Two participants in the obstacle race come out of it with their faces covered with flour in the 31st annual track and field meet at San Quentin Prison. There was no pole vault or cross-country competition.

Four Ram 'Blocks' Still Play Football

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—Four of Fordham's famed "Seven Blocks of Granite" still are playing football, all in professional ranks.

Ed Franco is with the Boston Yanks, Alex Wojciechowicz with the Detroit Lions, Al Barbartsky with the Chicago Bears and Harry Jacunski with the Green Bay Packers.

March Field Wins

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Nov. 20.—Outplayed most of the way, the Fourth AAF Fliers of March Field defeated San Diego Naval Training Center, 7-0, here yesterday. The lone touchdown was scored in the second period when Leo Cantor, former UCLA fullback, plunged over from the one-yard line.

Toronto Rallies To Edge Hawks

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—Rallying for three goals in the second period, the Toronto Maple Leafs defeated the Chicago Blackhawks, 4-3, last night. Babe Pratt led the Leafs with two goals, his first breaking a 2-2 tie in the second period and his last clinching the game in the final stanza.

The Hawks took a 2-0 lead on goals by Clint Smith and Earl Siebert in the first period, but Red Hamilton and Lorne Carr tied it in the second. After Pratt's first goal, Bill Mosienko knotted the score again a minute later, but Pratt feinted Goalle Mike Karakas out of the net for the decisive tally.

Canadiens Top Rangers

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—The Rangers were hot for two periods last night, but the Montreal Canadiens got hotter and scored five goals in the last period to beat the New Yorkers, 6-2. Dutch Hiller and Chuck Scherza scored Ranger goals in the first and Maurice Richard got one for the Canadiens in the second.

Detroit Nips Boston

DETROIT, Nov. 20.—The Detroit Red Wings scored three goals in the first period and went on to nose out the Boston Bruins 4-3, in a game marked by only two penalties. Murray Armstrong, Flash Hollett, Don Grosso and Joe Carveth scored for the Wings. Bill Jennings, Ken Smith and Armand Gardreault scored for the Bruins.

Hockey Standings

	W	L	T	Pts	G	OG
Toronto.....	8	2	0	16	48	33
Montreal.....	7	2	0	14	37	22
Detroit.....	5	3	1	11	41	26
Boston.....	2	5	1	5	29	41
New York.....	1	4	3	5	24	41
Chicago.....	1	7	0	2	32	49

Pack Clinches Western Flag Despite Upset

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—The Green Bay Packers clinched the western division title of the National Football League, despite a stunning 24-0 defeat absorbed at the hands of the New York Giants before 56,481 fans yesterday.

The Pack was able to back into the championship because the Chicago Bears, last remaining challenger, stumbled against the Detroit Lions. By winning, the Giants moved into a second-place deadlock with the Washington Redskins in the eastern division.

Livingston Sets Pace

Howie Livingston, playing his first pro season, starred for the Giants, leading the way in plays that bottled up Don Hutson and breaking up other Packer threats. He also scored the first touchdown, intercepting Irv Comp's pass on the 35 and running to the pay-off stripe.

Arnie Herber's long pitch to Frank Liebel accounted for the second six-pointer and gave the New Yorkers a 14-0 lead at the half. Ken Strong increased the margin early in the third quarter when he split the uprights with a 15-yard field goal after a long drive had bogged down.

Livingston, who tops the league in interceptions, snatched another Green Bay heave just before the third period ended and ran it back 32 yards to the Packer eight. Bill Paschal smashed over in four thrusts.

Statistics:

	GIANTS	PACKERS
First Downs.....	9	18
Yards Gained, rushing.....	221	131
Passes Attempted.....	6	34
Passes Completed.....	1	14
Yards Gained, passing.....	36	152
Penalties.....	67	38

Lions Pummel Champs, 41-21

DETROIT, Nov. 20.—Flatfoot Frankie Sinkwich may be 4F on military rosters, but he definitely was 1A on the football field yesterday as he paraded the Detroit Lions to a 41-21 triumph over the defending champion Chicago Bears, handing the bracket crown to the Green Bay Packers.

Sinkwich connected with four touchdown passes, completing seven of 19 throws for 170 yards. Sid Luckman of the Bears, meanwhile, hit his target with 11 of 17 for 143 yards and his club's three touchdowns.

Statistics:

	BEARS	LIONS
First Downs.....	19	10
Yards Gained, rushing.....	147	154
Passes Attempted.....	23	20
Passes Completed.....	14	7
Yards Gained, passing.....	167	170
Penalties.....	75	25

Pro Grid Standings

EASTERN DIVISION						
	W	L	T	Pts	OP	
Philadelphia.....	5	0	2	200	96	
New York.....	5	1	1	152	62	
Washington.....	5	1	1	142	126	
Boston.....	2	6	0	68	181	
Brooklyn.....	0	8	0	69	125	
WESTERN DIVISION						
	W	L	T	Pts	OP	
Green Bay.....	7	2	0	203	121	
Chicago Bears.....	4	3	1	181	158	
Detroit.....	4	3	1	152	130	
Cleveland.....	4	3	1	161	172	
Pitt-Cards.....	0	8	0	81	244	

By Al Capp



Vinson Bars Present Rise In U.S. Wages

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (ANS).—Labor's hopes of an immediate general upward revision of the Little Steel formula limiting wage increases suffered a setback last night when Fred M. Vinson, economic stabilization director, called for continuation of the present wage and price policies.

In a statement endorsing the recent report of William H. Davis, chairman of the War Labor Board, Vinson hinted that any general wage increase authorization must wait until Germany is beaten.

Davis had reported that the cost of living rose 30 percent between Jan. 1, 1941, and Sept. 15, 1944, and Vinson said this finding was supported "by the overwhelming weight of impartial and expert evidence."

Labor leaders have challenged these figures as too low, contending that the living cost rise had been 44 percent.

Firemen Burn Infected House

CINCINNATI, Nov. 20 (ANS).—Firemen helped burn a five-room house in nearby Glendale yesterday. The tenant, who is in the hospital, and four of his children have tuberculosis. Dr. E. H. Schoenling, county health commissioner, said he obtained permission to have the building destroyed because "it was so full of germs that burning is the only way to protect the public." Glendale will pay the owner \$700.

GIs to Get Free Turkey

NEWARK, N.J., Nov. 20.—Sam Teiger announced today that no civilians nor Army officers will be allowed in his restaurant on Thanksgiving Day. But he will serve a \$2.50 turkey dinner free to all enlisted men or women who come in, and has made plans to feed 2,500. His 90 employees will donate their services and no tipping will be allowed.

Extend P. Harbor Trial Date

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (AP).—The Senate Judiciary Committee today unanimously approved a proposal to extend for another six months beyond Dec. 7 the time within which court martial proceedings may be started against the Army and Navy commanders at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Japanese attack.

Sinatra 'Harmful'

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (AP).—Frank Sinatra "would be doing a public service to parents and children if he would stop singing," says Dr. Angelo Patri, psychologist and educator. "Hysteria to the point of swooning is definitely harmful," he explained.

Armchair Boys Move Pins But GIs Hurl the Grenades

WITH U.S. FIRST ARMY INFANTRY TROOPS NEAR ESCHWEILER, Germany, Nov. 20.—The armchair strategists can figure this war out just by looking at a map. They can say: "I'm no military expert, but it's plain as day. All we have to do is break through this line here, capture these three towns here and then just roll right over the Germans all the way to Berlin."

That's the easy way to fight a war. Up here they fight it the hard way. Up here you think in terms of pockets of men, of dug-in positions, of mines and booby traps and snipers.

Sgt. Tom Walsh, of New York, wasn't thinking particularly today that his outfit was part of a plan. Walsh was worried about that machine-gun position that had been abandoned in the face of a counter-attack. You could see it sitting there pointing its snout toward the German lines, seeming almost impatient to get back to work again.

Pvt. Emerald Dietz, of Detroit, and Pfc Herbert Wheeler, of Whiteman, Mass., were making plans to get that Jerry sniper behind the rock pile. He was causing trouble and he had to be removed.

Cpl. Charles Rosen, of Brooklyn,

'Antis' Are Gleeful, No Ifs, And or Butts

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20. (ANS).—While smokers bemoaned the cigarette scarcity, the Anti-Cigarette Alliance came along today and said the shortage was a fine thing, that it would be better if it were worse and still better if it lasted until 1947.

The Alliance said the shortage is "a golden opportunity for millions of smokers to drop the useless, health-destroying, expensive cigarette habit." And those who do "buy War Bonds with the money they save."

General Warns Of Ammo Lag

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (ANS).—Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, Army Service Forces commander, said in his annual report today that military goods procurement has been generally successful but warned of shortages of heavy artillery, ammunition, trucks, tractors and tires.

Deliveries from U.S. industry for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, he said, totalled \$23,500,000,000 compared with \$20,000,000,000 in 1943. ASF shipped 40,000,000 tons of cargo overseas compared with 19,000,000 tons in 1943, while cargo and troopships in Army service increased from 717 to 1,500.

With nearly 5,000,000 troops now overseas, Somervell said 70 percent of all soldiers and 60 percent of cargo supply crossed the Atlantic, and 30 and 40 percent, respectively, were dispatched to Pacific theaters.

2 Million Allies Cross Beaches

While the Germans held every major French port except Cherbourg, the Allies landed more than 2,200,000 men, four million tons of stores and more than 450,000 vehicles in France, Rear-Admiral Sir B. H. Ramsay of the British Navy, Allied Expeditionary Force Naval Commander, disclosed at SHAEPF yesterday.

The men and material were put ashore on invasion beaches as well as unloaded at the pre-fabricated floating port of Arromanches and four small coastal harbors, he said.

Attacks by human torpedoes and explosive motor boats were thrown against anchorages, Admiral Ramsay revealed, but less than 0.6 percent of the total stores landed over the beaches was lost through enemy action.

is a medical aid man. He doesn't know a lot about the "big picture" except that "big pictures" mean that the war will be over when (1) the Germans give up, or (2) when all the Germans are dead.

Today he was more interested in crawling up to tend the man whose arm was pierced by a piece of shell fragment.

Up here you take care of yourself and the men fighting with you. You leave the map-marking and the armchair battles to the men who have the time for it.

Blakeslee Gets U.S. Desk Job After 1,300 Combat Hours

AN EIGHTH FIGHTER BASE, England, Nov. 20.—After almost four years of combat flying, in which he has piled up 1,300 combat hours—perhaps more than any other American fighter pilot in the ETO—Col. Don J. M. Blakeslee, against his will, has been ordered to a desk job in the States.

"We can't afford to go on offering such a valuable target to the Germans," air force officials explained, but the 27-year-old group commander from Fairpoint, Ohio, says he can't see it that way.

"How can they do this to me?" he said with misty eyes at the thought of leaving the Fourth Fighter Group, which he has commanded since January.

Vet of 3 Air Forces

A veteran of three Allied air forces—the RCAF, the RAF and the Eighth USAAF, Blakeslee leaves behind him an impressive record as a pilot, leader and organizer. After joining the RCAF, he went to Britain early in 1941, flew 200 operational hours with the RAF, commanded one of the famed Eagle squadrons for a while and won recognition for his support of the Dieppe landing in 1942. After Dieppe he transferred to the Eighth



Col. Don J. M. Blakeslee

Air Force and became the Fourth Fighter Group's first commander in January, 1944.

For the Russian mission he was awarded the DSC, which he wears with the Silver Star and one cluster, the DFC and six clusters, the Air Medal and three clusters and the British DFC.

West Front...

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the Hurtgen Forest southeast of Aachen they entered Wenau, six miles from Duren.

North of Hodges' left flank, Ninth Army troops expanded their bridgehead in Germany, as armored units slashed eastward. Front dispatches said the Ninth elements scored a 2,000-yard advance and took several hundred prisoners.

On the northern handle of the Allied crowbar, wedged tightly against the Rhine by the French in the south and prying relentlessly eastward, British Second Army troops repulsed two German counter-attacks beyond Geilenkirchen and neared the frontier city of Venlo.

Southward, Seventh U.S. Army troops advanced in the Vosges foothills between the American Third and the French, The Stars and Stripes Correspondent Ed. Clark said.

Good Flying Weather

He reported that good flying weather enabled 12th Tactical Air Command P-47 Thunderbolts to hammer enemy battlelines along the entire Seventh front. Fighter-bombers shuttled back and forth from dawn to dusk bombing and strafing German troops, some of which, he said, were moving toward Germany.

In some places on the Third Army front resistance slackened. The Stars and Stripes correspondent Jimmy Cannon reported 35th Division infantrymen hiked five miles without opposition.

The 12th Battalion of the Fifth Division's Second Regiment, reinforced with Sherman tanks of the 735th Tank Battalion, was rushing to close the gap outside the city, Mazo reported, when the force ran smack into a road clogged with busloads, truckloads and staff carloads of Germans rushing to get away.

21 Vichy Militia Men Shot

Shooting of 21 members of the Vichy militia in a purge of collaborators was reported by Toulouse radio yesterday. More than 700 alleged collaborators have been interned in the Toulouse area.

Germans Went All Out at Metz

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you have a change of socks along?" "I had them," the soldier answered, "but I've been standing up to my hips in water for 18 hours and in that position there is no sense in changing socks."

Americans who manned the big guns in the Metz assault, with almost unlimited ammo to shoot, kept everything they had hot. In one typical operation, artillery with the Fifth Division shot in one day about 5,000 rounds.

While the records show no direct participation in the Metz offensive by the 90th and 80th Divisions, these two outfits played star roles as blocking backs for the ball carriers, the Fifth and 95th Divisions.

In the North, the 90th's bridgehead across the Moselle at Koeningmacker drew off a lot of German opposition that otherwise might have opposed the 95th. South of Metz, the 80th, by dashing north, then east, from the Nancy area, drew off hordes of Germans who thought that here was the major Metz attack.

When the Germans went to meet the 80th's threat, elements of the Fifth caught them in a flank movement between the 80th's sector and the Moselle River.

Jap Casualties Mount To 45,000 on Leyte

Japanese casualties on Leyte Island in the Philippines now exceed 45,000 against U.S. casualties of 5,691, Gen. MacArthur's headquarters announced yesterday. Eight thousand of the enemy casualties were caused by the sinking of a convoy in Ormoc Bay on Nov. 10.

The Japanese moved up artillery and tanks in an attempt to break through the U.S. encirclement north of Ormoc. An enemy counter-attack west of the Ormoc highway was repulsed.

Vosges Lines Crack Before Patch Advance

By Ed Clark

STARS AND STRIPES STAFF WRITER. ADVANCED 6TH ARMY GROUP HQ., Nov. 20.—The entire German defense line in the Vosges foothills appeared crumbling today as the Seventh U.S. Army offensive gained momentum toward the Rhine after a three-day, non-stop "softening" of enemy forward positions by American medium and fighter-bombers.

At the northern end of the front, where advance elements were fewer than 40 miles due west of the great Rhineland city of Strasbourg, German resistance was officially termed "broken" and American troops have taken the important road hub of Blamont, east of Lunerville.

Rehichourt, five miles north of Blamont, and Badonviller, about the same distance to the south, have also fallen to Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's forces during the past 24 hours.

Repel Counter-Attack

The Germans staged a brief counter-attack in the vicinity of Rehichourt only to be beaten back as the Americans continued to drive east. Resistance was even lighter at Badonviller, where approximately 200 of the defending unit were taken prisoner. Forward elements also caught up with an enemy horse-drawn artillery column in full retreat, captured six 150mm guns and many supply columns and inflicted heavy losses on the crews.

All these enemy withdrawals have been made in the teeth of ceaseless pounding from artillery and assault by tactical bombers, which have been hammering at bridges, and rail and highway communications in the German rear as well as at combat positions on their front.

In the central sector, where the Seventh Army is farther east in western Europe than any other Allied forces ranged along the German frontier, advances have been equally steady although less spectacular.

Special Autos Sought For Handicapped Vets

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 20 (ANS).—The American Legion Auxiliary will attempt to provide training cars at each of the nation's amputation centers to aid crippled veterans overcome handicaps in driving. Mrs. Charles Gilbert, national president, announced today. The cars will be equipped with special appliances.

She said the effort would be the Auxiliary's special project for next year and estimated the project would cost \$22,000.

Reds Open New Attack In Latvia, Nazis Report

The German news agency reported yesterday that the Red Army had opened a new major attack against the southern flank of the Latvian front where German troops have been virtually hemmed in. The Nazis admitted that the Russians made "a few minor breaches" but said they were later closed by counter-attacks.

Missing Twice, Safe Twice

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 20 (ANS).—In one month Mrs. Loula B. Smith has received telegrams from the War Department that her son, Pvt. Gerald L. Bolen, was missing in action in France on Sept. 24, that he was safe, that he was missing in action on Oct. 18, and that he was safe again.

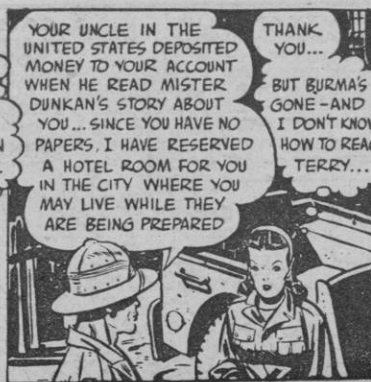
Terry And The Pirates

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By Milton Caniff



INSPECTOR WARRINER COULDN'T WAIT ANY LONGER FOR MISS CHEDDO TO RETURN, MISS BELINDA...



YOUR UNCLE IN THE UNITED STATES DEPOSITED MONEY TO YOUR ACCOUNT WHEN HE READ MISTER DUNKAN'S STORY ABOUT YOU... SINCE YOU HAVE NO PAPERS I HAVE RESERVED A HOTEL ROOM FOR YOU IN THE CITY WHERE YOU MAY LIVE WHILE THEY ARE BEING PREPARED



I KNEW HOW TO COPE WITH THE JUNGLE - BUT CIVILIZATION FRIGHTENS ME... BURMA KNEW SO MUCH ABOUT EVERYTHING! I DON'T CARE WHY THE POLICE ARE AFTER HER - I MISS HER - I WONDER WHERE SHE IS?



AH WRR! IT'S GOOD TO GET OUT FROM BEHIND THAT WHEEL FOR A WHILE... HAVE ANY FUN IN TOWN?

SOME - BUT I'M READY TO GET BACK TO THE HILLS! NONE OF THE SPOTS HAS ANYTHING LIKE THAT DANCER, MADAME SHOO-SHOO! REMEMBER HER?