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Ja, Sie können gehen.
Ya, Zee kennen gayen.
Yes, you can go.

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Suh nay PA bawng.
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U.S. Catches Jap Fleet

40,000 Germans In Holland Trap

The Allies' Dutch trap was closing across the snow-soaked Holland plain last night as mud-slogging British Tommies captured Hertogenbosch and pinned an estimated 40,000 Nazis against the almost bridgeless River Maas. And over the Reich itself the Eighth Air Force and the RAF together sent more than 2,200 heavy bombers to pound German industries and railroads by daylight.

With the winter's first snow in Holland, the German blockade of Antwerp began to crumble. Elsewhere along the chilled 500-mile front no significant progress was reported, and Gen. Charles de Gaulle warned that the winter battle for Germany would be "long and hard."

Allies Breaking Blockade at Port

British Second Army troops cut the last big escape bridge across the Maas yesterday, seizing all but the flooded southwest corner of the rail and communications center of Hertogenbosch. North of Antwerp Canadians struggled through bog and marshland into the Beveland causeway to silence Nazi artillery commanding the Scheldt. According to United Press, the 40,000 Nazi troops between the British-Canadian front and the Lek River in Central Holland are believed to have been concentrated south of the Maas.

The only escape gap open to these troops are three minor bridges west of captured Hertogenbosch, but these, United Press said, are incapable of carrying heavy military traffic and might have been cut by fighter-bombers.

11,000 More Cut

Capture of Hertogenbosch, which the Germans deemed important enough in 1940 to take with paratroops, also severs communications between the main German force in Central Holland and approximately 11,000 Nazi defenders now

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De Gaulle Sees Hard Struggle

Gen. Charles de Gaulle declared yesterday "we must anticipate a fairly long and in any case a very hard campaign on German soil" this winter.

"We shall need great efforts by the troops, especially the infantry, and we must expect heavy losses," he said in his first press conference since his return to Paris.

De Gaulle expressed the view that the German west front had powerful defenses which were being strengthened daily and that the Allied armies would have to conduct difficult break-through operations.

"France is ready and anxious to take a much larger part in the war efforts," the general said, "but pending our ability to re-start our own armament output we cannot greatly increase our effort unless we receive arms from our Allies. Since the beginning of the Normandy campaign we have not received enough from our Allies to equip any large French unit."

Nazis Report War Gas Boost

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 25 (Reuter).—The newspaper Aftonbladet quoting "reports from Germany" said today that the Nazis have increased their production of poison gas in the last few months and now have 500,000 workers manufacturing it in 70 factories working 24 hours a day.

2,200 Heavies Hammer Reich

The daylight pounding of German war industries and railroads mounted to a new pitch yesterday when the Eighth Air Force and the RAF together sent more than 2,200 heavy bombers plus escorting fighters to hammer targets in the northwestern part of the Reich.

Over 1,200 Flying Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by more than 500 fighters, bombed Germany's largest railway yard at Hamm, oil refineries in the Hamburg-Harburg area, and other objectives.

In the afternoon, more than 1,000 RAF heavies, escorted by squadrons of Spitfires and Mustangs, attacked the armament and railway center at Essen and added more bombs to those the Eighth had dropped on synthetic oil plants at Hamburg. The attack on Essen lasted half an hour and smoke from large fires rose to 10,000 feet.

RAF Loses 4 Bombers

Four RAF bombers were reported missing from the operations.

In the only Ninth Air Force operation reported yesterday, approximately 60 Thunderbolts attacked enemy transportation in western Germany, disabling five locomotives and destroying four freight cars and two trucks.

Attacking enemy rail facilities in support of the First Army, Ninth Air Force fighter bombers Tuesday severed railroad lines 15 miles south of Euskirchen, ripped up tracks in six places southwest of Coblenz and attacked a railroad bridge ten miles southwest of Mayen.

Gals at Front Aim Pot Shot At Sheridan

By Jimmy Cannon
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

ON THE SIEGFRIED LINE, Oct. 25.—The girls threw Ann Sheridan into the grease with the doughnuts.

They were in a Red Cross clubmobile yesterday close to our front line in these desolate hills. They cooked the doughnuts for the men of this infantry division. They roasted Miss Sheridan for complaining because she had to fidget until the men's rooms cleared out when she had to go while making a swift pilgrimage through the CBI theatre.

"Annie just doesn't know the tricks," drawled Annelie Anderson, of Franklin, Tenn. "Any GI will dig you a latrine if you need one. Naturally, they can't build you a bath room with a tile floor. Maybe, that's what Annie expected."

The trailer quivered with the constant slam of our artillery.

"I'll say Annie doesn't know the tricks," said Miriam Minton, of Metuchen, N.J. "Once we were riding all day and really had to go. We came to an outfit in the woods and told our troubles to the CO. And while all those GIs stood in formation we did what we had to do. They still don't know what the call was blown for."

Over the trailer, snarling, flame-tailed and skimming the trees, two robot bombs roared on their blind

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Yanks Capture Bologna Key

ROME, Oct. 25.—American troops climaxed weeks of bloody fighting yesterday by cracking through strong German resistance to capture Monte Belmonte, key town to Bologna. The town lies eight miles south of the city.

At the same time other Yanks of the Fifth Army, northeast of there, struck within four miles of the Bologna-Rimini highway in a drive aimed at cutting the enemy's main supply route through the Po Valley. The doughboys were strongly supported by planes.

British Fifth Army troops continued their advance toward San Pietro, taking a height six and a half miles south of there.

Carrier Is Sunk, 5 Battleships Hit By Nimitz Force

The long-boarded Japanese fleet has come out of hiding at last and American naval forces have brought it to action in Philippine waters. In what may be the biggest naval battle of the war—possibly of history—American fleet units yesterday were battling three armadas the Japs had sent against the U.S. landings at Leyte.

A special communiqué from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters said that "the Japanese fleet has suffered the most crushing defeat of the war."

In preliminary sparring of planes against ships, one large Japanese carrier was

severely damaged, five or six battleships were hit with bombs or torpedoes, one cruiser was torpedoed and smaller ships were severely strafed. Approximately 150 enemy planes were destroyed. These results were detailed in Adm. Chester W. Nimitz's communiqué on the basis of incomplete reports; the Japanese communiqué admitted the loss of two cruisers and one destroyer sunk.

Yanks Drive Japs Back to Leyte Foothills

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HQ., LEYTE, Oct. 25 (UP).—U.S. forces on Leyte drove the Japs back into the foothills of the central mountain range today, deepening their foothold to a depth of ten miles and a length of about 30 miles.

With the capture of San Pablo airdrome ten miles west of Dulag at the southern end of the front, the Americans now have three good airfields for land-based aircraft. Bulldozer crews are already at work rehabilitating the blasted fields.

A New York radio report from Leyte said that more than 3,000 Japanese had been killed so far.

(Meanwhile carrier aircraft of the Seventh Fleet executed close support missions against enemy ground installations, supply dumps and lines of communications. Carrier planes attacking enemy airdromes destroyed or damaged 62 planes on the ground.)

Four U.S. submarines have been transporting arms, ammunition and medical supplies to Filipino guerrillas since autumn, 1942, when a faint radio signal from the island of Panay indicated their existence, Mac Arthur disclosed.

U.S. Escort Carrier Sunk

In return, the U.S. lost the 10,000-ton escort carrier Princeton, but her captain, 133 other officers and 1,227 enlisted men were rescued.

Mightiest Air Smash Rocks Jap Homelands

The heaviest Superfortress raid carried out thus far against Japan's home islands was reported yesterday by Tokyo radio. There was no immediate confirmation from Washington.

The Japs said that approximately 100 Superfortresses from China carried out a late morning raid against Kyushu, heart of Japan's steel industry, and Saishu.

The two-year-old Princeton was seriously damaged by shore-based Japanese planes.

Subsequently her magazines exploded "and the ship, badly crippled, was sunk," Nimitz announced. The rescue of most of the crew indicated the carrier probably was sunk by her escorts to prevent her falling into enemy hands.

In Washington, Admiral Ernest J. King announced that practically the entire Japanese fleet was involved in the current sea-air battle.

The Japanese claimed to have sunk four U.S. carriers, including one of the big Enterprise class, two cruisers, one destroyer and at least

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GIs Sub-Par Physically May Now Be Discharged

WASHINGTON, Oct. 25.—A plan for discharge of enlisted men who do not meet minimum physical induction standards and for whom no appropriate assignment is available, has been announced by the War Department.

The ruling applies to all personnel in the United States or overseas. Soldiers overseas who fall within the category will be reported as available for return to the United States without replacement. Determination of eligibility for discharge is a responsibility of the Medical Department, while commanding officers are responsible for determining whether or not an appropriate assignment is reasonably available.

Antwerp Is Key To Reich's Door

By Richard Lewis
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

While the First U.S. Army is poised at Aachen for the drive to the Rhine and the Third is besieging Metz, two Allied armies in the lowlands are closing in on one of the world's most vital military areas, the 50-mile Scheldt River estuary from Antwerp to the sea.

Until the Scheldt is cleared of Germans, whose massive coastal guns at Flushing dominate the estuary, the great Antwerp docks are useless to the Allies, who must now supply their European armies from Cherbourg and the floating British docks at Arromanches nearly 400 miles to the south.

The British-Canadian drive overran Belgium so quickly five weeks ago that Antwerp was taken before the Germans could demolish port installations. The Nazis, however, succeeded in blockading that port by an ancient strategy.

In the city of Antwerp stands a statue, commemorating the re-opening of the port some 2,000 years



The British-Canadian attacks north of Antwerp and in south-central Holland are aimed at breaking German control over the Scheldt River estuary to open the Antwerp ports to Allied shipping, thus shortening Allied supply lines by hundreds of miles.

ago by a Roman army which dislodged a Germanic pirate who had seized the estuary to hang tribute on its traffic.

To dislodge the modern German from the estuary is an Allied ob-

jective upon which the Nazis believe the imminent invasion of the Reich depends.

The denial of ports has always been a primary aspect of German (Continued on Page 4)

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE

New Death Dealers

The Ordnance Corps has just taken the wraps off some of the U.S. Army's newest and most devastating weapons being used to blast the Siegfried Line fortifications.

One is the 240mm. Howitzer, the largest American gun overseas in any theater. A recent development of Ordnance

technology, this mobile "devastator" can heave a 350-pound projectile many miles with pin-point accuracy.

Two other heavy artillery pieces announced are the eight-inch Howitzer and the eight-inch gun, which has a longer range than the 240mm., but fires a lighter projectile.

Among the new tank destroyers are the M-36 mounting a 90mm. gun and the M-18 "Hellcat" with 76mm. gun. One of these M-18s knocked out a German 88mm. gun at 4,000 yards—more than two miles.

Red Ball Blues

"Blues in the Night" for drivers on the "Red Ball Express" is furnished by a 22-piece orchestra from a Port Battalion. The band has been traveling the Red Ball Circuit lately, so there has been plenty of rug cutting in the mud. They recently completed a tour of hospitals. Previously, they showed their versatility by working 20 hours a day for weeks right after D-Day as winch operators, longshoremen and laborers.

Memo to Gen. Gerhardt:

Can you use a couple more good men, Gen. Gerhardt?

Yesterday Pfc Marvin R. Ackerson, of Tacoma, Wash., came into the office of The Stars and Stripes, while Pvt. Rodney R. Weaver, of Bridgeport, Neb., waited in the truck outside.

They had read the B-Bag blast of the "1-A in a 4-F outfit." And they had seen, too, where Maj. Gen. Charles Gerhardt, CG of the 29th Infantry Division, wrote to us and said he could use a man like that who really wanted to fight.

Well, general, can you use these two? Ackerson is 30, looks rough and healthy. Weaver is 20, big, blond and tough. They are both working for the 583d Quartermaster Sales Store and want to get assigned "to a regular outfit. A combat outfit." Weaver says.

We'll send along their serial numbers.

Army Smithy

A U.S. Army blacksmith shop in France, modern as tomorrow, has been built in a captured German freight car by Sgts. Clarence Snyder and John Dziedzich and Cpl. Lee Olsen, of a Railway Operating Battalion. It's complete as well as portable and can be hooked on a train and taken most anywhere needed.

French Ogen Nashs

The French children do it in verse now, according to Lt. James F. Watson, a 90th Division liaison officer, who said they approached him recently, saying in chorus:

"Cigarettes pour papa,
Chocolat pour mama,
Et chooing gum pour moi."

No Dutch Treat

When Sgt. Conley B. Wagner, 82nd Airborne Division gliderman from Beckley, W. Va., started for Holland, it took more than "hell and high water" to stop him. His glider dropped into the North Sea and he and his pilot, F/O Lawrence Shaw, of Akron, Ohio, floated on the wing several hours until rescued. They hitch-hiked 300 miles, then wangled another ride to Holland. Near Nijmegen their glider again was forced down

over the channel. Shaw and Wagner floated on the wing until picked up by a British ship.

"I got back for another beer, anyway," said Wagner.

Concrete Stew

There's trouble cooking for the Nazis in a batch of mobile field kitchens captured recently by U.S. Army Engineers. They've been converted into asphalt heaters for use in road repair in—and beyond—the Siegfried Line.

One-Man Tank

Sgt. Oliver G. Lydick qualifies for "One-Man Tank," and we mean this in the nice way. Aboard a leading Sherman entering a town defended by 100 Germans, Lydick stood up in the gun mount with no protection, manned a machine gun and in short order killed three, wounded seven and helped to capture 30. An hour later Lydick and his platoon took over the town. He's been awarded a Bronze Star Medal.

Messenger Boy Makes Good

Marvin Pearey's first job in the Army, in June, 1941, was battalion messenger in an armored infantry regiment of the Second Armored Division. During an artillery battle in Germany, the regimental commander called Pearey to his headquarters, took off his first loopy's bars, and pinned on the bars of a captain.

Pearey missed Pfc and buck sergeant on his way to a company commander's assignment, but he held all the others. He got his commission in Africa and his silver bars after the Carentan scuffle. His home town is Shelton, Wash.

Chicago Story

Cpl. Edward L. Holtzrichter, of Chicago, is envious of his cousin Heinrich Holtzrichter, late of the Wehrmacht. The story is that Heinrich has been taken prisoner and moved to a prison camp at Camp Grant, Ill., only 60 miles from Chicago.

Edward realizes, though, that Chicago has been placed "off limits" for all German soldiers.

Up Front with Mauldin



"Straighten those shoulders! How long have you been in the Army?"

An Editorial

A Progress Report

THE document over which these three men are hovering to oblige a press photographer is the original copy of the Declaration of Independence. The occasion for photographing that historic treatise on the political rights of freemen was its restoration to the Library of Congress at Washington.

Ever since Pearl Harbor it has been kept in a secret and bomb-proof crypt. Before it was returned from that place of safety the permission of the joint chiefs of staff was obtained.

We cite all this just in case you don't quite appreciate what has been won. It may seem a little unreal, now, that there ever was a time when the Republic of the United States of America had to hide its treasures lest enemies destroy them.

Less than three years ago, that was the case. America had been attacked by Japan. Germany had declared war upon it. Both were powerful war machines. The military sinews of the United States



still were relatively feeble. However it may look from this distance, on Dec. 7, 1941, it was entirely possible that war might come to America in the same bloody sense that it already had come to Europe and Asia.

The war is by no means finished, but there no longer can be any doubt as to its main course from here on in. There is plenty of bitter fighting still to be done,

plenty of sacrifice yet to be made; but the United States and its people are secure.

The men of the armed forces have lifted a grim threat, and the restoration of the Declaration of Independence to a place of public display is the symbol of their accomplishment. The tide of war was first held at bay and then thrust back so far that it cannot lap at home thresholds.

The B Bag Blow It Out Here

Tee-Oh Trouble

Promotions of 2d Looies are the rarest thing in the U.S. Army—especially in the Field Artillery. In almost two years, I have seen one 2d Looie make 1st. In the replacement centers, Infantry, A.A.A. and all other types of services you see promotions go in every day. In the British Army six months and a shavetail makes first.

I know many shavies who have been in plenty of combat, wounded, did excellent work and they're still where they started. (I hope someone higher up sees this and sets some standard of time governing

the promotion of 2d lieutenants!)
—2d Lt. D. C., F. A. Bn.
(Which reminds me, boss, how about another stripe?—B Bag Ed.)

Curtain!

First wedding on the continent: 2/Lt. Elizabeth Wood, of Swansea, Mass., and 1/Lt. John Filigenzi, of The Bronx, at Cherbourg, Sept. 2. —Pfc G. E. Taylor... First mimeographed poop sheet:— We did it.— W/O D'Adamo, 1st Sig. Co., 1st Inf. . . . Longest bridge: We did it at Pont-à-Mousson over Moselle, 966ft.—1/Sgt. R. A. Cockcroft, Co F., Eng. Reg.

World première of "Casanova Brown": Shown by 12 Corps Special Service Co. on July 29.—1/Lt. P. V. Farrell.

(If you are firster or built it bigger, blow it out some other B Bag! —Ed.)

Regular Army Plea

We hear a lot now about the GI Bill of Rights and what will happen after the war when GI Joe leaves the Army.

Someone will be needed to keep the "standing" army in training and abreast of modern warfare technique. It certainly can't be done by commissioned officers only. What's offered to the guy with pre-war and combat experience—as well as an incentive to stay in the army after this is over with?

Very little is written as to how he will be taken care of if he decides to stay in the Army after Tojo and Hitler are taken care of. Let's hear something about it! —"Maybe. . . Maybe Not," Inf.

Fumigation First

I'd like to remark upon the closing of all schools in Roetgen, Germany. Why?

Keep them open and let those German exile educators go to work. They should follow our troops through Germany, spreading their anti-fascist, democratic ideas as soon as possible. We must not lose any time in re-educating the German youth, especially those who have not grown up enough to have the fascist virus penetrate their every thought.—Pvt. J. S. Edelman, Inf.

Hash Marks

Note on Anglo-American relations: The British can count on American loyalty. We'll stick with them till the Mild and Bitter end.

And then there was the disgusted WREN who came back to quarters saying, "That's the last me I wear



a uniform when I go out with that guy—he doesn't kiss me good night anymore, he just salutes."

We have been told that the girl of today is as good as one of 20 years ago—if she isn't the same girl.

There's a sergeant in the ETO who deserves some sort of medal, we think; and a colonel who likewise deserves commendation on the strength of a magnificent comeback. The colonel was walking along loaded down with a pipe, brief case and raincoat, all mani-



plated by his right arm and hand. The sergeant saluted and the colonel confusedly threw a left-handed highball. The sarge promptly came to attention in front of the officer and said, "I beg your pardon, sir." The colonel then shifted all his gear, gave a proper salute, said, "Thank you, sergeant," and walked on down the street.

And speaking of Hitler, we understand his title has undergone a slight change. He is now known as Der Fearer.

Conversation during a Date. "Do you mind if I turn out those lights—I freckle easy!"

J. C. W.

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Diamond Dust 3 Homer in All Parks

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Jim Tobin figured in all three no-hitters pitched during the '44 campaign . . . The Boston Braves' right-hander tossed two of them and was the victim once . . . He beat the Dodgers on April 27 without yielding a safe hit, and repeated his performance in a five-inning game against the Phillies on June 22.

But, sandwiched between his two hitless efforts, Tobin wound up on the short end of a no-hitter pitched by Clyde Shoun of Cincinnati.

Mort Cooper of the Cards and Hal Newhouser, Detroit's workhorse southpaw, led their respective leagues in shutouts with seven each.

THE presence of considerable "rabbit" in the baseball used by the major leagues last season is shown in figures released today.

No less than three players hit homers in every park in their league, after only one did it in 1943 and nobody in '42 . . . Ron Northey of the Phillies completed the cycle at Cincinnati, on Aug. 22, and Whitey Kurowski of the Cardinals made it in Brooklyn, on Sept. 27 . . . The lone American Leaguer to hit for the circuit in every park was Yankee outfielder Johnny Lindell, whose homer at Detroit on Sept. 19 filled him in at eight parks.



Johnny Lindell



Whitey Kurowski

Nick Etten's 24 homers is the lowest figure to lead the "Yankee League" since Babe Ruth and Tilly Walker swatted 11 apiece in 1918.

ONE matter that is sure to come up for discussion and may be decided when major league magnates meet in December is the matter of naming a successor to Kenesaw Mountain Landis . . . The aged jurist has a contract that runs until Jan. 12, 1946, but his illness has brought the matter into sharp focus.

It is generally acknowledged that Landis would like to have his secretary, Leslie O'Connor, succeed him . . . Club owners can envisage nothing worse than O'Connor in the commissioner's chair.

Their beef at O'Connor stems from the popular idea that whenever Landis lowers the boom on club owners for rules infractions, it has been O'Connor's snooping that did it . . . Leslie's ability to smell a rat through legal double-talk in contracts between players and owners has resulted in many valuable players being turned loose from their employers.

Once Over Lightly

By Charlie Kiley

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Mention of Claude "Buddy" Young, Negro NCAA sprint champion from Illinois, as the fastest man ever to tread the football field is bound to incite college alumni from Notre Dame to Oshkosh Teachers, who have their own candidates for the gridiron's "fastest human."

Your fathers, of course, would come up with Fritz Pollard, another Negro flash whose track and football records hang high in Brown's hall of fame. The Orangemen from Syracuse have Olympians Ray Barbuti and Marty Glickman among track stars who contributed sheer speed to gridiron squads.

Then there are Notre Dame's Jack Elder, Princeton's Jack White, North Carolina's George Stirnweiss and, more recently, Colgate's Indian Bill Geyer, who whizzed both on the cinder paths and on the football fields. Elder practically made himself an ND immortal with his speed on one play—in 1929 when he intercepted a Chris Cagle pass

and ran almost the length of a frozen field for the touchdown that whipped heavily favored Army.

FOOTBALL reindeer, whose main forte is swiftness, belong by themselves among backs who could be divided into several categories. Climax runners like Red Grange, Marcy Schwartz, Albie Booth, Cagle and Tommy Harmon may be slower afoot, but are the type that shake loose at any time from a any point through a broken field for more spectacular runs.



Tommy Harmon

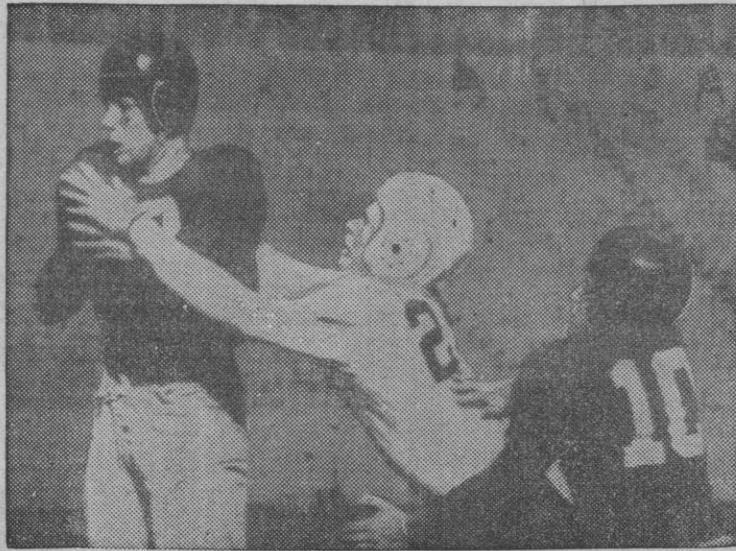
Then there are powerhouse pile-drivers like Ernie Nevers, Bronko Nagurski, Herb Josting, Johnny Kimbrough and Andy Farkas,

who could do many things once they got their hands on the ball, but mainly used their power to crush the opposition.

Outstanding examples of players whose pitching arms led them to football fame could include Benny Friedman, Sammy Baugh, Davey O'Brien, Sid Luckman, Frankie Sinkwich and Paul Governali, while others served their coaches and moresensationalbackfieldbrethren through their blocking qualities. Grange had Earl Britton to clear a path, Cagle had Johnny Murrell and Harmon had Forrest Evashevski.

BUT this isn't saying much about Buddy Young being the "fastest man in football history," which is what we started out to talk about. The fact is, however, that the fleet Illini freshman has been zipping past wing guardians so fast he doesn't even draw a "Who goes there?" challenge.

Too Late to Foil Pass Play



Indiana's sticky-fingered Ralph Thompson snatches pass just before Halfback Ben Schadler of Northwestern closes in to make tackle. Hoosiers won, 14-7.

McKeever Discards Rockne's 'Shock Troop' Practice Plan

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Oct. 25.—Ed McKeever, Notre Dame grid pilot, disclosed today that war and a heavy schedule have forced abandonment of the school's traditional two-team practice system instituted by the late Knute Rockne,

ND Tops Army In Weekly Poll

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Notre Dame managed to hold its place atop the nation's football teams in this week's Associated Press poll, but the Fighting Irish barely nosed out Army by one first place vote.

This is the 11th straight week over a two-year period that finds Notre Dame in the No. 1 position. The first ten teams and their vote totals:

Notre Dame	917
Army	909
Randolph Field	853
Ohio State	790
Georgia Tech	589
Iowa Pre-Flight	317
Tulsa	260
Pennsylvania	269
N. Carolina Pre-Flight	166
Purdue	153

Ned Irish Ridicules Phog Allen's Charges

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Ned Irish, acting president of Madison Square Garden, today said that charges made by Phog Allen, Kansas cage coach, concerning gamblers and basketball players are "nothing but baseless repetition of allegations he picked up by hearsay."

Allen had charged that basketball games had actually been thrown by college boys in the Garden for gamblers. Irish asked him for specific information and Allen sent him a telegram, naming a player who allegedly sold out to the gamblers.

"Allen has been doing that sort of thing for years," Irish said. "What mystifies me is that people take him seriously in the light of his previous false prophecies."

Bisons to Pay Bucky More Than Griffs Did

BUFFALO, Oct. 25.—Bucky Harris, former boy wonder of the Washington Senators and ex-major league manager, has signed a new contract to lead the International League Bisons.

Bucky's salary will be \$15,000, more than he received when he was master-minding the Senators.

which gave the Ramblers two powerful teams to take turns hammering down the opposition.

The impending transfer of Chick Maggioli, first team halfback, Arthur Statuto, second string center, and George Terlep, reserve halfback, plus the fact that Notre Dame meets Illinois, Navy and Army on successive Saturdays, forced his action, McKeever said.

Maggioli is a Marine and the other two are sailors, and all will be leaving after the Illinois game next Saturday. Bob Kelly, sensational halfback who has scored 54 of Notre Dame's 176 points, is slated to depart soon for naval duty.

McKeever started to sour on the mass substitution scheme last Saturday when Wisconsin scored two touchdowns, the first points yielded by the Irish this season.

"From now on, we will have our strongest possible team on the field at all times," McKeever declared today. "Illinois is sure to score on us, but we will have to try to outscore them."

That, incidentally, happens to be the object of football. Or didn't you know.

Wage Dispute Closes 160 Bowling Alleys

ST. PAUL, Oct. 25.—Proprietors of 160 bowling alleys here have bolted their doors for the duration because "we can't afford to pay the wages ordered by the War Labor Board," it was announced today.

Their decision put a halt to what would have been St. Paul's greatest bowling season with 1,586 teams slated to play in 190 leagues.

Cartier Dies

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 25.—George Cartier, member of Notre Dame's first football team in 1887 and donor of the baseball field on the Irish campus, died here today. He was 76.

Army Plays Duke; Navy Faces Penn

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Observers will be able to draw a comparison between Navy and Army after Saturday's football duel between the Cadets and unpredictable Duke at Yankee Stadium, New York.

The Middies, still licking their wounds after stumbling against Georgia Tech, will be gunning for revenge when they invade the balliwick of Penn. Last year Navy thumped the Quakers, 24-7.

No Breather for Army

Although this week is the "lull" before Army, Navy and Notre Dame swing into their annual series of grid classics, the Cadets will not enjoy a breather against Duke. The Blue Devils put up a valiant battle before succumbing to Navy, 7-0, and the lads from the Point won't be able to coast through this test.

Next week Army will get a respite, matching touchdowns with undermanned Villanova, while Notre Dame will risk its unblemished slate—unless, of course, the Irish bow to Illinois come Saturday—against Navy. The Middies haven't forgotten last year's 33-6 humiliation at the hands of Notre Dame, but it's doubtful that they pack enough weapons to sidetrack the Ramblers.

ND-Army Tops Slate

What promises to be the headliner of the season, and might very easily produce the mythical national champion, will be unveiled in New York on Nov. 11 when the Irish tackle Army. Armistice Day, or no, there'll be no peace for either team that afternoon.

Unbeaten Georgia Tech returns to the wars Friday night against Georgia Pre-Flight, which dropped a heart-breaking 3-0 verdict to North Carolina Pre-Flight last week. Tulsa, unheralded and unbeaten, pumps into Oklahoma Aggies Saturday. Gainbridge Naval, the east's service power, plays Daniel Field under the arc lights Friday.

Billy Arnold KO's Robinson

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Billy Arnold, talented Philadelphia high school welterweight, rapped out his 27th knockout in 29 professional fights when he blasted Ernest "Cat" Robinson, of New York, in 2:42 of the second round last night at the St. Nicholas Arena.

Robinson, at 146, enjoyed a one-and-a-half-pound pull in weights, but he didn't have a chance when the youngster began to whirl his devastating leather.

Arnold belted Robinson through the ropes for nine early in the second round. In the next exchange, Robinson fell to the ropes, helpless from a flurry of lefts and rights, and was counted out.

Platt Leads Sailors

GREAT LAKES, Ill., Oct. 25.—Whitey Platt led the Great Lakes Naval baseball team in hitting this year with .428, it was announced today. Johnny McCarthy, former Boston Brave first baseman, drove in 70 runs to head in that department, while Virgil Trucks, ex-Tiger hurler, led the pitchers with ten straight victories.

Football-less College 'Adopts' 2nd AAF Club

FULLMAN, Wash., Oct. 25.—Washington State College, which abandoned football a year ago, has "adopted" the Second AAF eleven and plans to make the Washington University-Second AAF game at Spokane on Nov. 18 its "big game" of the year.

The student body at State College has reserved an entire section of Gonzaga Stadium for the game and will bring their band, cheer leaders and cougar mascot.

Tigers Sign Trocolar

BROOKLYN, Oct. 25.—Bob Trocolar, former Long Island University and New York Giants halfback, has been signed by Brooklyn's injury-riddled Tigers of the National Football League.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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Lil' Abner

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6,000,000 GIs Now Overseas, Says Patterson

NEW YORK, Oct. 25 (ANS).—Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson disclosed today that 6,000,000 American men, three times the number in the first World War AEF, now are fighting overseas.

Patterson, addressing a New York Bar Association luncheon, stressed the fact that winning the war is "still the number one job."

Assailing the home front assumption of a "quick victory," Patterson said our advances in Europe in recent weeks have been measured in yards and not miles, adding that casualties have been heavy.

Patterson reiterated the War Department assurance that soldiers would not be retained in the Army when they are no longer needed.

Ernie Pyle Gets Degree

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Oct. 25.—Ernie Pyle, columnist and war correspondent, will receive an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters at the University of New Mexico's special commencement exercises tomorrow. Pyle arrived at his home here recently to rest after serving as correspondent with the American forces in Europe.

New Pacific Air Link

HONOLULU, Oct. 25 (ANS).—Establishment of regular Naval air transport cargo and passenger service to Peleliu in the Palau Islands was announced yesterday. This was the 25th link in widespread Naval air transport service in the Pacific over 27,000 miles of ocean routes.

New Ballot Request Denied

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oct. 25.—Randell S. Cobb, Oklahoma's attorney general, has refused a Tulsa soldier's request to cancel his first war ballot and rush another. The soldier said he "got to thinking" and decided he had voted for the wrong man.

Orson Welles Seriously Ill

NEW YORK, Oct. 25 (ANS).—Actor Orson Welles, who has been suffering from a throat infection since Friday, was reported today to be in a "very serious" but not critical condition.

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four transports and to have damaged heavily two more carriers, one battleship and two cruisers. Little credence was placed in these claims in view of Tokyo's consistent exaggeration of her timorous fleet's activities for home consumption.

These actions between planes and ships took place on Monday (ETO time). On Tuesday "the enemy forces were brought to action," Nimitz's communique said yesterday, "General action is continuing."

The action started early Monday when two of the Japanese fleets were first sighted by planes from Adm. William F. Halsey's Third Fleet in central Philippine waters.

One force was sighted south of Mindoro moving eastward through the Sibuyan Sea on a course which would have taken it to Leyte from the northwest. The other was located in the Sulu Sea southwest of Negros Island apparently heading for Leyte from the southwest.

The northern force consisted of "three or four battleships," ten cruisers and 13 destroyers. All the battleships were damaged by bombs, at least one was hit by a torpedo and a cruiser of this group was torpedoed.

The southern force included two battleships, one cruiser and four destroyers. Both battleships were bombed and light units strafed.

British Nearing Vital Rail Junction in Greece

ROME, Oct. 25.—British troops today advanced north of Dhomokos, 30 miles north of Lamai, and forward patrols pushed to within 40 miles of Larissa, the most important road and rail junction in central Greece.

German troops retreating northward suffered heavy casualties at the hands of Greek patriots. Additional troops were landed at Piraeus.

Just Before the Battle, Mother



The bobby-sox brigade sighed, perspiration dripped and eggs were thrown when Frankie Sinatra put in a recent New York appearance. One disgruntled lad threw out the first egg and several sailors soon chimed in with tomatoes. The attack didn't reduce the ranks of Frankie's feminine fandom, who threatened to tear the egg-heavers apart before the cops stepped in.



'Dozer Dodged D-Day Fire Clearing Beach; GIs Get DSC

WITH THE SIXTH ENGINEER SPECIAL BRIGADE IN FRANCE, Oct. 25.—Two bulldozer privates and an engineer colonel have been awarded the DSC for gallantry on D-Day, by Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, commanding general, Communications Zone, ETO. They are Pvt. William J. Shoemaker, Ebensburg, Pa.; Pvt. Vinton W. Dove, Washington, and Col. Benjamin B. Talley, of Flat Woods, W. Va.

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Working in shifts, Shoemaker and Vinton dragged capsized vehicles out of the surf while their bulldozer was a specific target of mortar and cannon fire, then, in the midst of battle, cleared obstructions from beach exits, smashed road blocks and filled in anti-tank traps.

Talley's mission was to report on operations progress to the corps commander. Following closely the initial wave, he landed his "Ducks" after three attempts had been repelled with considerable loss, led his men into the heaviest fighting and carried out his mission until corps HQ came ashore.

their material must go to end the war. For two weeks, the RAF has hammered the concealed coastal batteries on Walcheren Island at the mouth of the Scheldt, and has opened the dykes at Flushing, inundating former Nazi positions over an area two miles inland on both sides of the city.

On the south bank of the estuary, the Canadian First Army and British units have trapped a large German force in a pocket around the port of Breskens and have nearly all of the south bank of the estuary under control from the Channel coast to the Albert Canal.

Canadians and British are driving into the north bank of the Scheldt in an attempt to capture the German batteries.

On the south side of the estuary, Germans were reported fighting like maniacs in underground tunnels and from pillboxes west of Breskens to protect coast artillery gun positions which cover the Scheldt from the south.

4Fs Still Howl
MADISON, Wis., Oct. 25.—Maybe it's the war, but Wisconsin notes a wolf shortage. Only 194 were killed in the last year. All were quadrupeds.

40,000 Nazis In Dutch Trap

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cut off on the Scheldt north shore and the Beveland causeway.

Fanatical German paratroopers were reported fighting for every foot of bog southeast of Bergen Op Zoom to slow down Canadians trying to get at Nazi artillery positions on Walcheren.

German coastal batteries on the island, at the mouth of the Scheldt River estuary, have been bombed repeatedly, but at least one battery commanding the estuary is still firing, it was reported by United Press.

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Soviets Near Vital Center Of E. Prussia

Powerful forces of Russian armor and infantrymen, supported by waves of Red warplanes, hammering on into East Prussia, were reported last night within 15 miles of Insterburg, key stronghold before the major city of Koenigsburg, 50 miles to the northwest on the Baltic Sea.

Meanwhile, the Red Army crossed the Norwegian frontier from Finland, capturing the strategic Norwegian port of Kirkenes on the way, Marshal Stalin announced in an order of the day last night. The Germans had said earlier that they evacuated Kirkenes, their chief escape point on the Barents Sea, after all military installations had been destroyed.

South of the East Prussian battleground, the whole of Transylvania was cleared of the Germans following capture of Satu-Mare, 60 miles east of Debreczen, Marshal Stalin said in an order of the day.

While Soviet air attacks left Insterburg in flames and heavy Russian artillery shelled the traffic center, the Germans east of the city were reported by Associated Press to have thrown four panzer divisions, including the well-known Herman Goering and SS Greater Germany, into an all-out struggle to prevent a total Red breakthrough.

German News Agency said the Russians had resumed a major offensive between Warsaw and their Narew River bridgehead, with the once-free port of Danzig the ultimate goal. Berlin admitted the loss of Modlin, 20 miles northwest of Warsaw and apparently in the path of the Danzig push.

Airlines Official Claims Trans-Atlantic Record

NEW YORK, Oct. 25 (ANS).—A new trans-Atlantic commercial flight record of 14 hours, 17 minutes from LaGuardia Field, New York, to Foynes, Eire, was claimed today by James M. Eaton, vice-president of American Export Airlines.

The new record, he said, was one hour 13 minutes faster than the best previous time. It was made by a ship piloted by Capt. Charles L. Blair Jr., carrying 14 passengers and a full cargo load.

Princess Beatrice III
LONDON, Oct. 25 (Reuter).—Princess Beatrice, 87, last surviving child of Queen Victoria, is seriously ill, it was announced last night.

Pot Shot....

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flight. The girls watched them come and go, stumbling through the mud to a glade so they could see the pilotless planes going over. "One night they camouflaged our straddle trench so well we couldn't find it at all," said Helen Fries, of Washington, D.C., the good-looking wife of a tank battalion commander. "There were GIs behind every hedge row and we hunted around until we came to a stone wall we could use for cover. What a luxury a men's room would be. Miss Sheridan was really living. Only she didn't know it."

"Maybe," cooed Miss Anderson, who is definitely not a member of the Ann Sheridan Fan Club. "Maybe, Annie should stay in Hollywood where the latrines are steam-heated."

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Terry And The Pirates

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