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Saar Crossed at 6 Points

Pillbox Delays But Cannot Stop Determined Yanks



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo.

With Strasbourg the big objective at this stage of the Seventh Army's campaign men of a platoon of infantry approach a pillbox in the Senones area which had been holding up the advance in the sector. The men have just silenced the miniature fort with bazooka shells and now move in cautiously.

British Troops Battle Leftists In Greek Riots

British troops and tanks went into action against left-wing Greek resistance troops in Athens yesterday as the smoldering political situation in Greece erupted into a showdown fight for control of the government.

At the same time developments in London and Washington following the Italian cabinet crisis indicated a rift in British-American common policy toward the governments of liberated countries—the British insisting on the right to shape them and the U.S. enunciating a "hands off" doctrine.

The split centered upon the inclusion of Count Carlo Sforza in the new Italian cabinet of Premier Ivanoe Bonomi. Anthony Eden reiterated to House of Commons Britain's objection to Sforza's inclusion and asserted flatly that "the British government has a perfect right to express an opinion to another government about a minister under conditions such as these."

Without Outside Influence

Eden's statement was made in the face of notification from Washington that the U.S. expects the Italian people to develop their government "without influence from outside."

Maj. Gen. Ronald M. Scobie, British commander in Athens, announced that his troops and Greek regulars had "gone into action in support of the civil power." He asserted that "in defiance of orders both from the Greek government and himself, ELAS (resistance militia) troops have continued to advance toward Athens, overwhelming police posts and firing on British troops."

Armed Forces Near 12 Million

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (ANS). Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director, reported today that the armed forces reached an all-time high of 11,859,000 on Oct. 1.

The report also disclosed that during October 79,000 men, including 18,000 fathers, were inducted into the armed forces.

Strength of the armed forces does not include dead, missing or captured. The Army comprised about 8,100,000 and the Navy more than 3,700,000.

Drivers Told How to Extend Tires' Lives by 40 Percent

Normal care by drivers of U.S. Army vehicles can extend the life of their tires by at least 40 percent, the Chiefs of Ordnance and Transportation in the ETO declared yesterday. They repeated Gen. Eisenhower's warning that unless tire conservation increased the war would "without doubt" be prolonged.

State Dept. Expects Danzig Freed Feb. 1

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (UP).—Testimony made public by a congressional committee today revealed that the State Department expects the Allies to free Danzig and Copenhagen by Feb. 1, Prague by March 1 and Vienna by April 1.

The Department has started planning on that basis for foreign service advisers to accompany the armies when they arrive in the cities.

No date was set for Berlin.

400,000 PW's Seized by 12th

HEADQUARTERS, 12th ARMY GROUP, Dec. 6.—On the six-month anniversary of the landings in Normandy, Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, commander of the 12th Army Group, revealed that troops of his command have liberated 115,000 square miles of territory and captured 400,000 Germans.

American troops have occupied 700 square miles of Germany, he said, and are now fighting on a 210-mile front. Since the current attack opened Nov. 8, 44,000 German prisoners have been taken, he disclosed.

On D-Day, Gen. Bradley commanded the First U.S. Army, then a part of the 21st Army Group. On Aug. 1 he took command of the 12th Army Group.

In a joint statement, Maj. Gen. Henry B. Saylor, Chief of Ordnance, and Maj. Gen. Frank S. Ross, Transportation chief, disclosed that the tire shortage had created an emergency which "demands immediate action" and asserted that, at present rates of consumption, "our supply of tires from the U.S. and from repair shops throughout the Theater will be tens of thousands of tons below the demand by Feb. 1."

Overloading Necessary

Because of the strain on transportation after D-Day, their statement indicated, it was often necessary to authorize 100 percent overloading of vehicles. This additional weight, the need for driving over bomb and shell-pocked roads, the lack of time for maintenance, and lack of replacements in time to save tires for reconditioning, combined to wear out tires more quickly than had been anticipated, they said.

In order to conserve the tires now in use, the generals urged that every driver see that his tires were retreaded before the plies became too worn, that correct air pressure be maintained, that excessive speed be avoided together with the improper use of brakes, that tires be rotated at proper intervals and that wheel alignments be checked and inspections made for cuts.

Marshall to Continue

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (ANS). President Roosevelt yesterday signed a bill to permit Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, to remain on the active list after he passes the retirement age on his 64th birthday, Dec. 31.

Caught a Mortar--Sort'a

It would seem that fellow actually did catch a German mortar shell in his hip pocket, despite the somewhat skeptical manner in which "B-Bag" first greeted the story. Under date of 1 December, 1944, an affidavit of R. E. Beauchamp, Lt. Col., IGD, Division Inspector General, who apparently looked up the 26th Inf. soldier and examined his rear echelon, attests to the fact. Also the affidavit of Phillip J. Smith, Lt. Col., MC, Division Surgeon.

"Pvt. Elwood Campbell to the best of my information and belief did catch one mortar shell in his rear pocket," the MO swears and signs it. "The condition of his clothes and his posterior further substantiated my information and belief."

That ought to settle it. And he didn't have a Bible, or a pack of cards, but a copy of The Stars and Stripes in said pocket.

3rd Forces Four New Bridgeheads On 50-Mile Front

American Third Army troops, pushing across the Saar River at six places, gouged holes in the defenses of Germany's industrially rich Saar Basin along a 50-mile front yesterday. Northward, U.S. Ninth Army patrols attempted to cross the Roer, but high water forced them back.

The end of the sixth month after the Allies attacked the Atlantic Wall—and the beginning of America's fourth year at war—found the forces of five Allied Armies thrusting into Western Germany. Two more armies were breaking the Nazi grip on the Alsatian Rhineland.

Along the Western Front from the Dutch Rhine to Switzerland, Germans resisted stubbornly from their Maas and Roer River defenses, Siegfried strongpoints and fortified towns, but paid for their defense at the rate of 9,000 Wehrmacht casualties a day, SHAEF estimates disclosed.

Assault Boat Crossings

Units of the First Canadian, Second British and American Ninth, First and Third Armies, were fighting in Germany. In Alsace, American Seventh and First French Armies scissored German positions in the Vosges and patrolled the Rhine.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army gained seven miles into the Saar coal regions as forces fought to the outskirts of Saarguemines near the Franco-German frontier and drove toward blasted Saarbrücken.

Patton's 90th Div. made four new assault-boat crossings of the Saar River yesterday between Saarlautern and Merzig, battlefront dispatches said. These are north of two earlier bridgeheads, one at

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Gen. Bradley Reveals Army Rations Shells

Rationing of some artillery ammunition was revealed yesterday by Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, 12th Army Group commander, in discussions with the 17 members of the House Military Affairs committee touring the ETO.

Discussing the overall supply situation with the congressional party, Bradley explained that the more shells fired by artillery the fewer doughboys will be killed in the advance into Germany.

Meanwhile, dispatches from the front reported instances of shell rationing.

Six Rounds per Battalion

"It's better than it used to be, but not so long ago, for two weeks, we had to ration six rounds for a whole battalion—only half a round per gun a day," Maj. Roy Trovinger, of Fort Wayne, Ind., told Ralph Martin, Stars and Stripes correspondent with the Third Army.

Martin said all XII Corps artillery outfits were instructed specifically not to shoot at anything unless it shot at them first. Counter-battery was permitted to fire only when an enemy gun had been definitely spotted by direct observation.

Workers Not Blamed

The shortage is at present traceable directly back to the United States, but is not mainly due to any failure by American workers, Wes Gallagher, Associated Press correspondent, said in a dispatch from the Ninth Army front.

Gallagher attributed the situation to "too eager national planners," who were trying to avoid large material surpluses.

Noel Monks, Daily Mail correspondent with the Ninth Army, said he was present in a CP when a call came in for artillery support. Monks said the reply was: "Too bad, but we fired our quota in the opening stages of the attack."

New Air Giants Tested; May Dwarf Superfort

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (AP).—Secret tests are under way on new air giants that may dwarf the Superfortress, it was disclosed in testimony made public before the House Appropriations Committee today.

Among them is the B36, described by one official as "the largest airplane that has been attempted in this country in size." Tests also are under way on a B35 and B42 in addition to the P36.

Non-Stop Raids Blasting Reich

The day-and-night aerial offensive against Nazi industry passed the 72-hour mark yesterday when 800 Eighth Air Force Fortresses and Liberators, guarded by 800 Mustangs and Thunderbolts, pounded Germany's largest synthetic oil refinery at Merseburg and marshalling yards at Beilefeld.

USSTAF announced that the attacks were carried out under adverse weather conditions and that 91 enemy interceptors were shot down over Berlin Tuesday by fighters escorting U.S. heavies.

More than 200 Ninth Air Force Marauders, Invaders and Havocs yesterday bombed four defended villages lying in the path of U.S. First and Ninth Army infantrymen and the British 21st Army group.

Attacks were made on Erklenz, 20 miles northwest of Duren; Nideggen, a Roer River town eight miles south of Duren; Munster-eifel, 24 miles southeast of Duren, and Daun, 35 miles southwest of Coblenz. One bomber was reported missing.

Mail Fills Clipper Seats

LISBON, Dec. 6. (Reuter).—Only four or five passengers can now be accommodated by each Pan American Airways Atlantic Clipper plane, owing to the enormous amount of mail which these planes carry for American troops in Europe.



Goofing Off

I do not know who "gooted off" in your issue of Oct. 26 in the item "Gals at Front Aim Pot Shot at Ann Sheridan."

I have a deep appreciation for the Red Cross workers and their effort, for taking the discomforts of war with our men and doing the best they can.

The Red Cross can't feel proud of such publicity.—Chaplain C. F. Glish, Inf.

That was a very cute remark about the girls throwing Ann Sheridan in with the doughnuts but do you suppose they have any idea where Sheridan threw them after she read that article?

Line Forms at the Right

I become terribly upset when I see the fellows pay such exorbitant prices for souvenirs. Why don't Post Exchange officials make it possible for GIs to buy these souvenirs from the unit PX?

Unfinished Business

Like most fellows in the Army, I've been writing home about how much I would like to be there instead of over here.

"So you are wanting to get it over with and get home. I know, son it's tough, worse than that, it's double tough."

"So regardless of how much I would like to see you boys back, I do hope to God it's a finished job this time, so your sons, 20 years from now, won't have to tell you."

"For like I said, it's double tough now, but words can't describe what it will be like in 1965, if it has to be done again."

Three Times—Still at It

In your Editorial "Twice Is Too Often," you tell the story of a Frenchman whose home was twice invaded by the Germans.

I beg to let you know that my father, who is 88, has lived through three German invasions, the first victorious, the last two ending in disaster for the Germans.

Here's Hoping

Our platoon and squad sergeants are staff sergeants and sergeants, respectively. We realize that they do receive \$50 extra pay per month.

If so, why not give these men the grade they deserve?—Lt. Joe G. Wheeler, Inf.

Hash Marks

Letter from a GI to his father: "Dear Dad, let's hear from you more often, even if it's only five or ten dollars."

Pfc James T. Shaw tells about the GI who returned to camp after a 48-hour pass and found a sign placed by his buddies on his puppet: "Temporarily Out of Ardor."

Everyone has said it should be done, but they were all surprised when Sgt. John Christenson, of the 41st Repl. Bn. motor pool, did it. He used Calvados for antifreeze in trucks in Germany and it tested to 35 below.

We like the one about the two ladies who ran into each other for the first time in a long while, and this conversation took place: "How's Pauline?" "Pauline's just fine. She



has a boy in I-A, you know." "I-A!" exclaimed the first lady. "But she's only been married ten years at the most."

The other day we heard a combat guy singing these words to a popular song hit. "Hitler—Keep Those Buzz Bombs Quiet."

Observation: A man is not old until regrets take the place of dreams.

We know a GI who sat in a French restaurant eating soup for two hours before he discovered the roof was leaking.

T/Sgt. Edward F. Parry, of Musing, Mich., needed someone to take his three prisoners off his hands so he could rejoin his platoon.

The husband who knows where his wife keeps her nickels has nothing on the husband who knows where the maid's quarters are.

J. C. W.

3 Years After Pearl Harbor



1941. PEARL HARBOR



1944. THE PHILIPPINES

It won't be over by Christmas in Pacific theaters either, but the war Japan began three years ago today at Pearl Harbor is not likely to last too long after the fall of Germany.

Unlike Germany, in which strategists still have not written off possibilities of a sudden collapse, Japan is expected to fight until the bitter end, but that end, according to Maj. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, new commander of the U.S. forces in China, will come within a year from the time the European struggle is concluded.

Japan opened its war Dec. 7, 1941, attacking Pearl Harbor, the Philippines and Malaya. By the end of the year the situation apparently was well in hand.

Axis successes in 1942 mounted week by week in

the Pacific and Europe until in May, in the Coral Sea battle, an American task force turned back a Jap drive for Australia. Then, in swift succession, the latter part of the year saw the rout of the Japanese at Midway.

By Dec. 7, 1943, the Axis, minus Italy, was on the run everywhere. The Russians had broken the siege of Stalingrad, taken Smolensk, crossed the Dnieper and occupied Kiev.

Today, the U.S. Navy dominates the sea approaches to the China coast and perhaps even Japan itself. And Hitler's war machine is shattered beyond repair.

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE

A Swim That Saved 5

It wasn't a case of sink or swim, but capture or death might have been the alternative, so Pvt Leroy T Logan, 95th Div, engineer, from Sag Harbor, L.I., N.Y., swam the Moselle to summon aid for five companions before enemy fire closed in completely.

Doffing his clothing, Logan plunged into the icy water and swam for 150 yards against a strong current to reach the west bank. There he met W/O Marvin O. Tuck, of Pine Bluff, Ark., who rescued the men with his storm boat.

Expert Life Saver

Any outfit that crosses as many rivers as the XII Corps needs to have an expert life saver like 1/Lt. Gayle Griffin, of Kosse, Tex. Enemy artillery was shelling the one remain-

ing bridge across the Meurthe River, near Lunéville, when a half-track hit a shell crater and overturned, throwing its occupants into the river. Griffin plunged into the river and rescued the soldiers.

Plastered

Soldiers of a headquarters company in the Fifth Inf. Div. are gnashing their teeth at T/5 Alphonse J. Amatucci, of Brooklyn, regimental rations clerk. Amatucci issued a bag of captured German "flour" to the company mess sergeant. The cooks used it to thicken some stew.

The flour turned out to be plaster-of-Paris.

Snippy Sniper

Snipers are getting pretty talkative these days, according to Cpl. John P. Dunlap, Second Armored Division soldier from Mathiston, Mass. When four Mark VIs came his way, Dunlap started to withdraw. Just then a German, holed up in a second-story window, jeered at him in perfect English: "What's the matter, Johnny? Getting scared?"

Joke Was on Him

No one likes a joke better than Pfc Marion J. Maciaszek, of Beaverton, Mich., a machine gunner with the Ninth Inf. Div.'s Raider Regt. Especially if they're Polish jokes.

While on outpost duty, he heard a nearby enemy patrol talking in Polish. Hoping to hear some military secrets, the Polish-speaking Yank listened closely, but the patrol was telling jokes. As the patrol's wit delivered a punch line, his companions burst into laughter—but Maciaszek's roar was loudest of all.

Earned Increment

On their way to a PW enclosure with 45 captured Nazis, S/Sgts. Henry Bauer and Cyril Barta, Chicago; Pfc Lester Price, Cleveland, Tenn., and Maynard Sedore, Lake Odessa, Mich., ran into a town thick with Nazi troops. The 35th Div. Yanks held on to the captives, engaged the enemy, sent for help. But by the time

three tanks arrived, the Germans had been licked, 15 more prisoners taken.

Tackles 2 Nazis

The 80th (Blue Ridge) Div. claims that Lt. Col. James K. Evetts, of Belton, Tex., is the only judge advocate with a Purple Heart and a purple eye.

Surprising two Nazis near a food dump, Evetts grabbed for the nearest German's rifle and in the ensuing



struggle both men were thrown to the ground and the gun discharged. The colonel's face was cut by stone fragments and burnt by powder, but he maintained his grip on the rifle barrel until his hob-nailed assailant kicked him in the head. Both Germans fled when Evetts drew his .45.

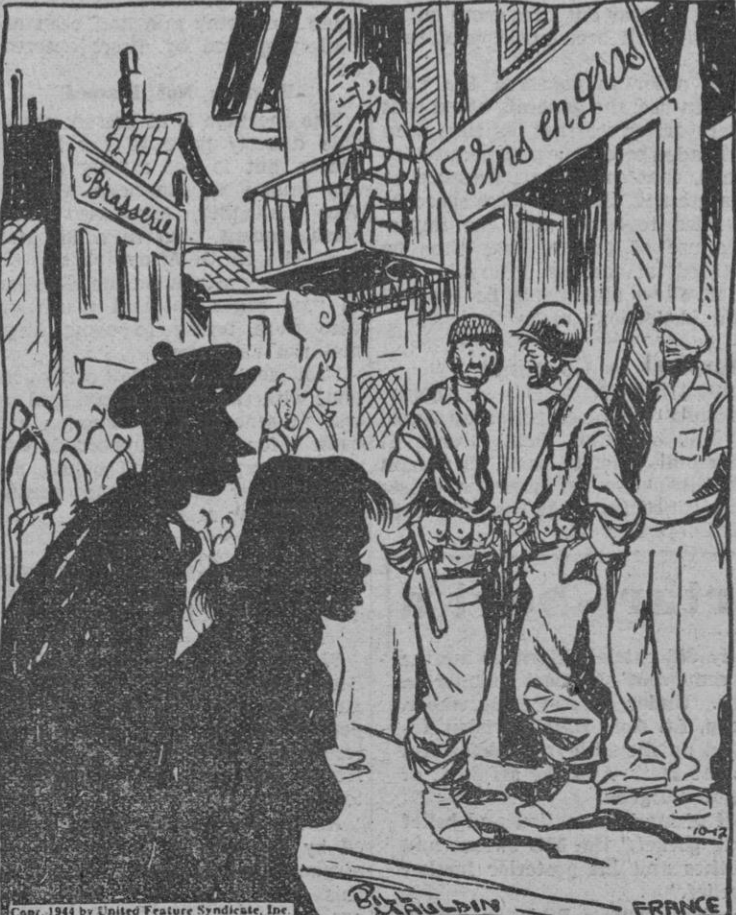
Tailor-Made Helmet

Co. A of 629th TD Bn. is glad Sgt. Thomas Bayne had his helmet made to order. For a while it looked as if Bayne's oversize head would keep him from going overseas. But a helmet was made to fit him, he came to France and with his crew fired his outfit's first round at the Germans, captured the first prisoner and knocked out the first tank.

Births

Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival: PVT. Joseph Seollins, New York—Mary Jane, Nov. 19; Sgt. Frank Mac Duff, Indianapolis—girl, Nov. 30; Sgt. Joseph J. Klemballa, Brooklyn—Joseph James Jr., Dec. 1; Pvt. Frank Sklar—Alan, Nov. 6; T/Sgt. Harold E. Schappert, New York—boy, Dec. 1; Lt. Robert S. Hart Jr., Pleasantville, N.Y.—Thomas Deymour, Dec. 4; Sgt. Charles M. Solomon, Cedarhurst, N.Y.—Douglas Paul, Nov. 13; Lt. William J. Thorn, Colwich, N.J.—William John Jr., Nov. 17; Pvt. Guy Morgan Jr., Springfield, O.—girl, Dec. 5; Pfc W. J. Bergan, New York—girl, Dec. 1; S/Sgt. E. John Schmitz Jr., Baltimore—girl, Dec. 1; T/5 Harry L. Knecht, Philadelphia—Harry Louis Jr., Dec. 2; W/O Robert D. Kidd, Deridder, La.—girl, Dec. 4.

Up Front with Mauldin



"Did ya ever see so many furriners, Joe?"

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Once Over Lightly

By Andy Rooney

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—There was a terse sad note in a few papers yesterday about a freshman who quit school. The freshman is not an ordinary freshman. He is one of the world's fastest runners and he played football for Illinois this year. Claude "Buddy" Young, the notice said, has quit Illinois to go abroad with a U.S. sports troupe.

Rumor has it that the 18-year-old Negro boy will hit London, Paris and Cairo on tour with other athletes. Probably Young would have been drafted before he had a chance to become one of America's football greats, but he went so far in the right direction this year that followers of the dusky speedster were beginning to compare him with Red Grange.

One of the few great sprinters who ever risked his legs on the gridiron, Young tied Grange's all-time touchdown mark for one season at Illinois by crossing the goal line 13 times. He won the National AAU 100-yard and 220-yard events, is credited with a :09.4 effort in the 100 and teammates claim he has churned the course in :09.3.

SHORT SHOTS.—If people don't stop guessing on a possible successor to the late baseball czar, Kenesaw Mountain Landis, someone is likely to hit the right answer. Recent suggestions include Jim Farley, Fierello LaGuardia, Dan Parker, Babe Ruth, Postmaster General Frank Walker and J. Edgar Hoover.

Right on top of Sammy Baugh's great game against the Giants Sunday, in which the Redskins were defeated despite his completion of 25 of 35 passes, Greasy Neale, Eagles coach, yesterday told football writers that Sid Luckman is the greatest passer in the game today. "You can't rush Luckman," Neale said, "but Baugh takes a long time to unload the ball."

Despite the wingmen's great performance against Navy, Army's End Coach Stu Holcomb is still a buck private. But Stu doesn't mind and despite his rank he still sits with his feet on the same desk with Col. Earl Black and Lt. Col. Andy Gustafson.

Oliver Eyes Honolulu Job

HONOLULU, Dec. 6.—The Honolulu pro football team, which intends to compete in the postwar Transamerica League, has offered the coaching post to Gerad "Tex" Oliver, former St. Mary's, Pre-Flight, Oregon and Arizona merritor. Oliver is a lieutenant commander stationed in Hawaii.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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

- WANTED CHROMATIC HARMONICAS by: Sgt. Radcliffe A. Harwood, Pfc George Kruger, Cpl. P. A. Tremper, Sgt. Robert M. Watson and Pvt. Doyle Smith. WILL PAY \$30.00 for bug bey and oscillator, portable size, Cpl. Richard A. Schneider. ADDRESS of T/4 Brewer who has my pocketbook, Pvt. Eartheil M. Haynes. FOUND CAPTAIN'S BARS with inscription, "Best of luck to Sgt. Frykmen." Cpl. F. Hoplamazian. PERSONAL property belonging to Lt. Helen Holychick, M/Sgt. Charles E. Powell. WEDDING RING, identification disk, etc., belonging to Eugene R. Thornton, Sgt. A. K. Louie. BARRACKS bag belonging to Sgt. M. J. Carney, engineers. Please return bag you picked up by mistake, Nov. 15, in Paris. Sgt. Atmip. Family Reunion CPL. John C. Colombo, Brooklyn, wants to meet his brothers Chris and Frank, and nephew Tony Vitale, Christmas Day, at Rainbow Corner, Paris.

AP All-America Team In Tomorrow's Paper

The 1944 Associated Press collegiate All-America football team will be printed in tomorrow's edition of The Stars and Stripes. The AP service team will appear next week.

Canadiens Trip Boston Bruins

BOSTON, Dec. 6.—The Montreal Canadiens strengthened their hold on first place in the National Hockey League with a 4-1 victory over the Boston Bruins here last night. Toe Blake, who scored two goals for Montreal and assisted on Maurice Richards' conversion, went ahead of Bill Cowley of the Bruins in the individual scoring derby.

Blake and Dutch Hiller scored in the first period. Toe counted the only goal of the second period, while Herb Cain got Boston's lone point in the third session just before Richards netted the final goal.

Hockey Standings

Table with columns: Team, W, L, T, Pts, G, OG. Rows: Montreal, Toronto, Detroit, Boston, New York, Chicago.

Five Baseball Units Abroad

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—USO officials revealed today that five troupes of baseball players, managers, umpires and newspapermen had begun their tours of the "fox-hole circuit" in overseas fighting areas.

The first group to start for the front lines arrived in Paris last week and consisted of Mel Ott, New York Giants pilot; Frankie Frisch, Pittsburgh Pirates manager; Emil "Dutch" Leonard, Washington Senators pitcher; Bucky Walters, Cincinnati Reds pitcher, and J. Roy Stockton, St. Louis Post-Dispatch sports writer. Other groups and their areas:

MEDITERRANEAN AREA.—Leo Durocher, Brooklyn manager; Nick Etten, Yankee first baseman; Joe Medwick, Giants outfielder, and Tom Meany of PM.

CHINA-BURMA-INDIA THEATER.—Paul Waner, Yankee outfielder; Luke Sewell, St. Louis Browns manager; Dixie Walker, National League batting champion from Brooklyn; Arthur "Red" Patterson, New York Herald Tribune sports writer.

SOUTHWEST PACIFIC.—Steve O'Neill, Detroit Tigers manager; Johnny Lindell and Tuck Stainback, New York Yankees outfielders; John "Beans" Reardon, National League umpire, and Franklin "Whitey" Lewis, Cleveland Press sports writer.

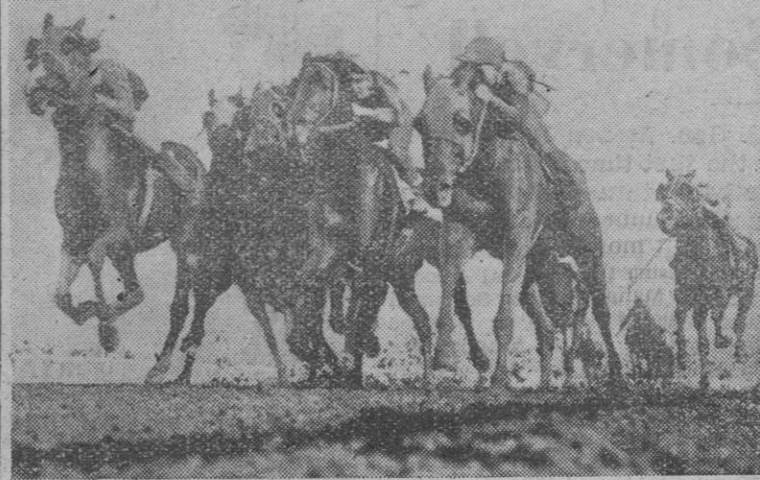
PERSIAN GULF COMMAND.—Carl Hubbell, ex-Giant hurler; Harry Heilmann, former Detroit outfielder; Freddie Fitzsimmons, Phillies pilot; Bill Summers, American League umpire, and John Carmichael, Chicago Daily News sportswriter.

Sporting News' Team Headed by Whitmire

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 6.—The Sporting News, a weekly devoted mainly to baseball, came out with its All-America "poll" team today and Don Whitmire, Navy tackle, received the most votes.

The backs: Les Horvath, Ohio State; Bobby Jenkins, Navy; Glenn Davis and Felix Blanchard, Army. The linemen: Jack Dugger, Ohio State, and Phil Tinsley, Georgia Tech, ends; Bill Willis, Ohio State, and Whitmire, tackles; Ben Chase, Navy, and Ralph Serpico, Illinois, guards, and John Tavener, Indiana, center.

Rough Play on the Horse Oval



Willie Couture, riding Germantown on the outside (left), does a bit of rough riding at Agda Caliente, Mexico, and the stewards plastered a \$25 fine on him. The interference came near the finish and the winner was Red Berry (extreme right).

Ed Frayne, Sports Editor, Was 'Power' Behind Jacobs

By Jimmy Cannon Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Eddie Frayne, sports editor of the New York Journal-American whose leaky heart drained out in California last week, was a prim man who moved sedately through the tumultuous vulgarity of the fight game—which he despised.

Frayne was a full partner of Mike Jacobs in the Twentieth Century Club before he settled down to running a village weekly. They called him the "Deacon" and they hated him because he was wiser than any of them, but they feared his timid schemes of matchmaking and purse haggling.

"Frayne was the smartest guy in the fight racket," complained T/S Meyer Ackerman, who for many years pursued the slippery dollar around the fight dodge as a press agent, promoter, second, manager and handyman.

"Who do you think did the thinking for Jacobs?" Ackerman asked nobody in particular. "It wasn't Lem Colby. It was Eddie Frayne. He even put Mike in the fight racket." Then the Mill Fund broke with the Gardner, they had to get a guy to promote. Some of them wanted Jimmy Johnston, but he had a job running the Garden. The others wanted Jack Curley, the wrestling guy, but he wasn't holding no money. Mike was nothing but a ticket hustler. Frayne promoted him into the fight promoting racket. Mike knew nothing about fighters. He knew tickets.

"Frayne made the matches and dug up the fighters," Ackerman continued. "Mike took the bows. That Frayne was quite a guy."

Shaughnessy Playoff Gets Confidence Vote

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 6.—The Board of Directors of the American Association voted to keep the Shaughnessy playoff system in force and adopted a 154-game schedule for next year. Vice-president Mickey Heath and General Manager Rudy Schaffer of the Milwaukee Brewers led an unsuccessful fight to abandon the playoff system.

Versatile Coach Has Woes

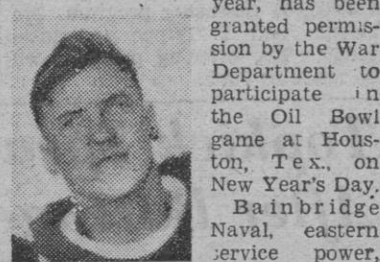
KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 6.—The Tennessee football team may have to go west for the Rose Bowl game without End Coach Johnny Mauer because Mauer, who is also head basketball coach, has a date Christmas night at Madison Square Garden with New York University's quintet.

'Sinker Gals' Sunk By Dutch Puck Team

SOMEWHERE IN HOLLAND, Dec. 6.—The ARC "Donut Girls" took time out from their coffee and doughnut dispensing to drop a 2-1 verdict to a team of Dutch girls in what probably was the first international hockey tilt since the war began. Marion Rudberg, left winger from South Dakota, tallied the lone American goal on a pass from Jane Hibbard, who learned the game at Vassar. Goalie Annie Stuart was the victim of both Dutch goals.

'Oil Bowl' Bid To Randy Field

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Randolph Field's mighty football machine, which crushed all opposition without being fully extended this year, has been granted permission by the War Department to participate in the Oil Bowl game at Houston, Tex., on New Year's Day.



Bill Dudley

Bainbridge Naval, eastern service power, also had been invited, but failed to get permission from the Navy Department. A "suitable opponent" will be named within a few days, the sponsoring committee said.

The Ramblers, sparked by Lt. Bill Dudley, former All-America from Virginia, and a host of rugged ex-collegians and professionals, finishes its season Sunday against the Fourth AAF from March Field, Cal.

Army Rejects Thurbon

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 6.—Bobby Thurbon, star back of the Pittsburgh Cardinals, last-place club in the National Football League, has been rejected by the Army.

Army's Eleven Tops AP Poll, As Expected

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—In addition to winning top honors in the final Associated Press weekly listing of the nation's football teams, Army's great undefeated eleven today was awarded the Lambert Trophy, emblematic of eastern collegiate gridiron supremacy.

The Kaydets were a unanimous choice for the Lambert Trophy among the 65 sportswriters who voted. Last year the honored team was Navy.

The men from the Point surged far ahead of other clubs in the AP balloting, receiving 95 first-place votes out of a possible 121. By virtue of its setback at the hands of the Cadets, Navy failed to lure a first-place vote and slipped to fourth place, behind Ohio State and Randolph Field.

Notre Dame, after its 28-7 triumph over Great Lakes, returned to the elite circle in ninth place, ahead of March Field's Fourth AAF eleven.

The first ten, with first place votes and totals:

Table with columns: Team, Votes, Totals. Rows: ARMY (95), OHIO STATE (5), RANDOLPH FIELD (17), NAVY (0), BAINBRIDGE NAVAL (3), IOWA PRE-FLIGHT (1), SOUTHERN CAL (0), MICHIGAN (0), NOTRE DAME (0), MARCH FIELD (0).

Pick 2nd AAF For Sun Bowl

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 6.—The Superbombers of the Second AAF will play in the Sun Bowl here New Year's Day, Dr. R. B. Homan, chairman of the selection committee, announced today.

Acceptance of the bid came from Col. Warren Williams, Chief of Staff of the Second AAF, by telephone from Colorado Springs, after the War Department had announced that Army teams would be allowed to play in post-season games.

Dr. Homan said an opponent has yet to be selected and probably would be another service team.

Sailors Head Unbeaten List

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Ten football teams remained in the unbeaten, untied ranks as the 1944 season drew to a close, Bainbridge Naval Station leading the group of which six were service installations. Randolph Field, with one more game to play, may oust the leader.

Table with columns: Team, G, Pts, GP. Rows: Bainbridge, Army, Ohio State, Randolph Field, Fort Pierce, Maryville (Mo.) Techs, St. Thomas (St. Paul), DeKalb (Ill.) Techs, Camp Campbell (Ky.), Norman Navy.

CAGE RESULTS

- Bainbridge 20, Newcastle FC 28. St. John's (Bklyn.) 49, Montclair T. 23. Brooklyn College 65, Webb 35. Ellis Is. CG 68, Ft. Wadsworth 22. Iowa Pre-Flight 40, Ottumwa Naval 32. Westminster 85, Slippery Rock 33. DePauw 51, Indiana 50. Purcell Naval 39, Oklahoma 33. Bowdoin 51, Brunswick Naval 31. Geneva 65, Carnegie Tech 35. Rhode Island 65, CASU 37. Richmond Air Base 42, Duke 32. Wesleyan 48, Connecticut 43.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



Ammo Output Trailing Need, Says Somervell

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell said today that U.S. armies for the first time are now using munitions faster than they are being turned out and that 300,000 more war workers were needed immediately for "more and still more" production.

Mists Cloaked Nazi Butchery In Eerie Prison

By Dan Regan
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
STRUTHEF CONCENTRATION CAMP, Dec. 6.—Atop a misty Vosges mountain, jutting 2,700 feet into the clouds on the road from St. Die to Strasbourg, was a German concentration camp where one out of every four prisoners ended up in a little earthenware jug the size of a flowerpot.

Perhaps not so efficient and coldly methodical as Lublin, the camp here in Alsace was one of the world's most eerie prisons. To reach it, one had to climb a long, winding mountain road with hairpin turns and breathtaking drops into a peaceful green valley. Near the top the valley disappeared and the road led into a low-hanging mist that covered the mountain peak.

Scientific Crematory

The gate is guarded by machine-gun emplacements. Towers with huge searchlights are at every corner. There are two parallel rows of high barbed wire fence, with the inner one charged with high tension electricity. But the entrance was rather prosaic when compared with the usual method of departure.

The crematory was a long, low, scientific, gadget-operated building. For those few exceptional prisoners who died natural deaths from disease, malnutrition or sheer exhaustion from overwork, there was a morgue. Above the morgue was the oven.

Ashes Put Into Urns

The bodies were rolled out of the coffin-like boxes in which they were filed and shelved and placed on a stretcher-shaped lift. They were raised to the floor above and lifted from the elevator onto a slab by means of huge tongs. The slab was then inserted into the oven. The ashes were placed in earthenware urns and presumably shipped to the nearest relative.

Right off the crematory oven-room was another white-walled cement-floored room. Here, according to the Alsatian caretaker who had worked for the Germans, those who tried to escape were taken, shoved toward the center of the room and shot in the head.

58 Hours Adrift



Intense suffering written in his features, Coast Guardsman Frank R. Ebberts gets first aid after rescue. He was adrift 58 hours in the Atlantic.

Home from France With War Story



Four combat enlisted men from the Western Front, sent home as messengers from Gen. Eisenhower to American munition workers, discuss with Undersecretary of War Robert Patterson the urgent need for sufficient ammunition for the winter offensive. Left to right: Sgt. Dick Vanderbloemen, Depere, Wis.; Pfc Vincent Romano, Brooklyn; Mr. Patterson; Sgt. Al Jankowske, Chicago, and Sgt. Clarence Alexis, Falconer, N.Y.

Saar Crossed Leyte Sea Fight At Six Points Ends in Draw

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Saarlautern and the other south of the town.

North of Merzig, on Third Army's left flank, Tenth Armored Div. patrols also pushed across the river, but returned to the west bank.

South of Saarlautern Fifth Div. men cleared the forest of Karlsbrunn where opposition was heavy. Sixth Armored Div. forces rolled four miles in some places into Nazi defenses northwest of Saarguemines.

On their right, the 35th Inf. Div. smashed seven miles against wilting resistance to the outskirts of Saarguemines.

Fight Off Air Raids

They advanced along the Sarre-Union-Saarbrücken railroad, cleared Willerwald, five and one-half miles south of Saarguemines and Siltzheim, three miles south of the city.

North and northeast of Sarre-Union, the 26th Div., fighting on the right of the 35th, pushed beyond the towns of Saaralbe and Saltzbonn and the Fourth Armored Div. gained five miles to enter Weidesheim and Bining.

North of the advancing Third Army, Ninth Army troops slugged it out for the Julich sports stadium, former Nazi youth movement center. Southeast of Linnich, the Ninth's artillery hit a large enemy ammunition dump.

FDR Gets Pension Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (ANS).—A bill extending pension benefits to all widows and orphans of World War I veterans, regardless of whether the men died of service-connected disabilities, was approved by the House yesterday and sent to the President. The Senate had passed it earlier in the week.

Vote to Freeze Pay Tax

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (ANS).—Over administration opposition, the House passed and sent to the Senate yesterday legislation which would freeze social security taxes at their present levels for another year. The payroll tax of one percent each on employer and employe had been scheduled to advance automatically to two percent each on Jan. 1.

Felons Revolt Over 'Spies'

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 6 (UP).—Soldiers were sent to reinforce guards at the federal penitentiary today when 25 felons in a segregation building staged a disorderly revolt in protest against the housing of alleged German spies in the same building.

Airline to Issue Bonds

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (Reuter).—Pan American Airways plans a \$25,000,000 financing program, President Juan T. Trippe announced today. The offering probably will be made in June.

Topkick Spearheads Attack After Barrage Kills Officers

By Ralph G. Martin
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
WITH B CO., 104th REGT., 26th DIV.—The first sergeant of this company must remain anonymous in print for the present because he is in an evac hospital somewhere. But, known to every man in his outfit is the story of how the 23-year-old sergeant took command of the company for five days after an enemy artillery barrage killed or wounded all the officers; how he spearheaded a group of green replacements through their first attack and counter-attack, led a patrol armed only with grenades against a Panther tank; crawled from house to house virtually under the barrels of patrolling, self-propelled 88s to collect cider and wine

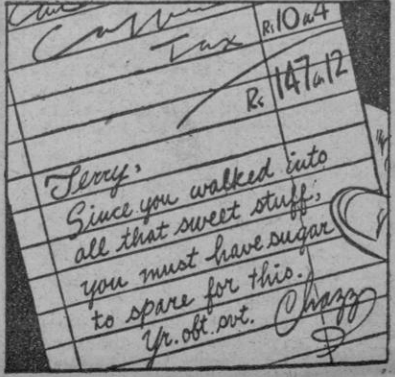
for his men together with oil and benzine for Molotov cocktails. The sergeant did all this and more before a wall caved in on him and he was carried away. But, the men say he'll be back again because, "Hell, he's been mother and father of this outfit since it was activated in 1941." It all happened when the first battalion jumped off to take Hill 296. When the barrage took the toll of officers the sergeant took over. The following morning the walls of a house caved in on B Company's first sergeant. Despite his injuries, he evacuated others who were hurt and organized a line of defense to protect the wounded before they carried him away.

Terry And The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate.



By Milton Caniff



S&S Shopping Office Limits Perfume Sale

To distribute available supplies of perfume equitably, combat troops who avail themselves of The Stars and Stripes Shopping Service are asked to order only one bottle sent to an individual.

Service officials also urge that as wide a latitude as possible be given the shoppers in making purchases.

Members of combat outfits desiring to make Paris purchases can write the Shopping Service, care of The Stars and Stripes, APO 887, and enclose a money order or French currency. Packages will be mailed either to you or to the address you request in the States or UK.

\$210,000 GI Payroll Stolen, Paper Reports

LONDON, Dec. 6 (AP).—A \$210,000 payroll for U.S. troops on the Western Front was stolen in London, the Daily Herald said today, in the most "hush-hush" crime of its kind in English history.

Truscott Is Named To Head 5th Army

ROME, Dec. 6.—Lt. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott has been appointed commander of the Fifth Army in Italy succeeding Lt. Gen. Mark Clark, who last month was made commander of the 15th Army Group, it was announced today. Truscott formerly commanded the VI Corps as a major general.

The Fifth made further progress toward Bologna as British troops took an important height commanding the lateral road to Imola.

Meanwhile, British and Polish troops of the Eighth Army established a bridgehead across the Lamone River southwest of Faenza on a wide front. Other Eighth Army units drove three miles from captured Ravenna to the Lamone River northwest of the city in a broad advance.

Russians Open Pincer Attack Upon Budapest

Motorized Russian forces stabbed through southern Hungary to within 40 miles of Austria yesterday, while northeast of their advance, the German Overseas News Agency reported, a "great Soviet all-out attack on Budapest" had begun, aimed at taking the Hungarian capital by a large-scale enveloping move.

Berlin reported a new Russian bridgehead forced across the Danube River south of Budapest, this one in the neighborhood of Ercsi, some 25 miles below the capital.

Strategy Not Yet Clear

It was not immediately clear whether this constituted a move by Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's army at the city's southeastern suburbs to join Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's main forces driving up the west bank of the Danube for an encirclement of the city, or a new thrust by Tolbukhin himself. The Germans admitted further gains by the Soviet attack between the Danube and Lake Balaton, southwest of Budapest.

Other forces of Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army stormed past the southwestern end of Lake Balaton after winning control of most of its eastern shore. The Russians stabbed deeply into the enemy flank behind the rail junction of Nagykanizsa, 46 miles from Austria.

GI Dependents Get 6 Billion

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (ANS). The government has sent \$6,500,000,000 to servicemen's dependents in two years. Accounts handled by the Office of Dependency Benefits represent more than 14 million persons, more than a tenth of the population.

These figures were totalled yesterday by the War Department in an announcement that account No. 7,000,000 had been opened for the family of Pvt. John W. Boyd, of Chicago. That represents an addition of two million since last January.

The accounts take in four million family allowances paid direct to dependent relatives, nearly half from soldiers' pay and the remainder contributed by the government. The other 3,000,000 are Class E allotments of pay, which are assignments of Army pay to dependents, life insurance premiums and to banks to the account of soldiers or their dependents.