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Der Tsoog gayt in ainer Stooda.
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Nazis Face Alsace Trap

All in ETO To Receive Cigarettes

Five packs of cigarettes a week will be issued to combat troops and two packs a week will be sold over Post Exchange counters to rear echelon men under a new and rigidly supervised distribution scheme to begin shortly, Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters announced yesterday.

Warning that men involved in illegal cigarette distribution would be court-martialed immediately, Eisenhower ordered all sales checked and any illegal sales stopped in a move to ease the smokes shortage which became a famine in the rear areas two weeks ago.

Stimson Pledges Relief

From Washington, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said yesterday that the cigarette shortage overseas will be corrected as soon as possible.

He said he believed it was caused mainly by the enormous supply problem created by mounting American offensives "wherein critically needed military material was given the highest priorities."

"Front line troops are affected less than those in rear areas," Stimson said. "Troops subsisting on C and K rations received cigarettes as part of their ration. In

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U.S. Casualties Pass 528,000

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (ANS).—Battle casualties for the Armed Forces in all theaters since the start of the war total 528,795, Secretary of War Stimson revealed today.

Army casualties reported through Nov. 7 were 454,180, of which 88,245 were killed. This was an increase of 16,724 since a previous report covering casualties through Oct. 28. Latest Navy report numbers casualties at 74,615, an increase of 2,776 since their report of two weeks ago.

Army casualties compared with those for two weeks ago follow: killed, 88,245 and 84,811; wounded, 254,283 and 243,054; missing, 56,442 and 55,011; prisoners, 55,210 and 54,480.

Hess Accuses Himmler Of Betraying Hitler

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Rudolph Hess, celebrated Nazi prisoner of war, who wept on hearing D-Day news and mourned that "Germany is beaten forever" when told of Allied advances through France, yesterday glowered in his PW camp as he accused Heinrich Himmler of betraying Adolph Hitler, it was revealed.

Paris Daisies May Tomorrow

A French version of Sadie Hawkins Day, with the local "Daisy Maes" on the prowl, will be observed in Paris tomorrow after a four-year lapse during the Nazi occupation.

Nov. 25 is the feast day of St. Catherine, patron saint of the midinettes, the girls who work in the dress shops. On that day, according to French custom, all girls who are still single at 25 receive bright green and yellow bonnets from their friends, tie them on, and proceed to parade the boulevards in search of husbands.

Usually there is dancing, and a contest to see who can make the prettiest hat. This is being dispensed with this year, but the midinettes will be received at the Hôtel de Ville (city hall) as usual.

Christmas Mail Comes to Front



... nor mud and fire of the front stayed the APO from making its appointed rounds with the first Christmas packages received by men of the 85th Cav. Recon. Sq., somewhere in Belgium. Left to right are: Sgt. Bill Northwood, Grosspoint, Mich.; Sgt. Bill Lane, Hardwicke, Vt., and Sgt. R. A. Weiner, Los Angeles.

Thanksgiving at the Front Observed Amid Din of War

American troops all along the Western Front yesterday snatched a few minutes from war to take part in traditional Thanksgiving religious services. In many places weary infantrymen knelt in prayer as chaplains conducted services amid the sound of artillery and small-arms fire. Other services were held in some of Europe's most famous cathedrals.

Combat men, as well as soldiers behind the lines, ate real Thanksgiving dinners. Infantrymen of E company, who helped to clear Eschweiler, in Germany, ate a turkey dinner cooked while the Germans shelled the town. S/Sgt. Frank Mazzotta, of Salda, Col., set up his kitchen in a comparatively undamaged house at 8 AM and at 4 PM was feeding men who came off the line in small groups.

Smallest Service

One of the smallest religious services on the First Army front was held in a chapel of wood on the Siegfried Line. A table covered by a sheet supported a silver crucifix with fresh flowers on either side. Capt. Ernest Sinfield, of Flushing, L.I., officiated within earshot of artillery.

The largest religious observance in the sector was held in "Madison Square Garden," so named by GIs in a division rest camp. Lt. Col. Luther W. Evans, of Columbus, Ind., conducted the services. Part of the ceremony was the reading of the President's Thanksgiving Proclamation by Lt. Col. Sam H. Ladensohn, of San Antonio, Tex.

In Paris, about 3,500 American and Allied troops attended the first Thanksgiving Day service in his-

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Capital Is Hit In Phone Tieup

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The 2,500 long-distance operators in the nation's capital and others in Detroit joined the U.S. telephone strike today amid mounting signs that the government would step in to prevent a general tieup of the country's communication lines.

The War Labor Board last night called upon the Ohio "hello girls," who started the strike a week ago, to return to work, warning that interference with vital communications "at this critical period of war cannot be tolerated."

In Detroit, operators walked out on a sympathy strike. A strike vote was ordered in Chicago. And in New York, three unions told the American Telephone & Telegraph Co. that they would put through only war and emergency calls to the struck areas and that if any punitive action were taken against the strikers, they, too, would hold a strike vote.

Forts, Lancasters Pound Nazi Synthetic Oil Plants

In a double blow at Nazi fuel production, 150 Eighth AF Fortresses, escorted by 75 Mustangs, and RAF fighter-escorted Lancasters yesterday bombed synthetic oil plants at Gelsenkirchen and in the Ruhr Valley.

Blast 2 Nazi Ammo Ships

ROME, Nov. 23.—Italian partisans have blown up two German ammunition ships in Spezia Harbor, doing extensive damage to installations and killing a number of German troops, Rome radio reported today.

On the front below Bologna, the Eighth Army made progress.

Ike Broadcasts Plea To Top Bond Drive

Gen. Eisenhower last night broadcast an appeal to Americans on the home front to support the men "in this great war theater" by over-subscribing the quotas set in the current War Bond drive.

The millions of American fighting men now "surmounting unbelievable hardships and obstacles" need "myriads of shells and tires and blankets and guns and planes," which they must get from the money Americans lend to the government, Ike said.

Medics Given \$10 'Bonus' by 117th Inf. Joes

WITH THE 30TH INF. DIV.—Medics attached to the companies of the 117th Inf., Second Bn. and the Anti Tank Co. will have an additional ten bucks in their pockets next pay day as a token of appreciation from their fighting comrades.

The infantrymen of these 30th Div. outfits, who receive an extra ten dollars a month combat pay feel that the aid men who travel with them, suffer the same hardships and danger and, moreover, risk their necks to aid them when they fall, are as deserving of a ten-dollar-a-month increase as they. Therefore, they started a fund to make up the difference.

Anti-Tankers started the ball rolling and their top kick, First Sgt. Chandler Wilson, of Sevierville Pike, Knoxville, Tenn., soon had the fund for the Anti-Tank medics oversubscribed. It will go to Pvt. Garret J. Darland, of 611 S. Garfield Ave., Champaign, Ill., Pvt. Nicholas D. Andrea, of 305 McBride Ave., Paterson, N.J., and Pvt. John H. Mahler, of 70 Washington Ave., San Lorezo, Cal.

Men from these outfits said this was to be a permanent plan.

Bomb Misses Giraud In Royat Restaurant

Explosions in a Royat restaurant a few hours after Gen. Giraud had left has given impetus to a French police investigation of a series of blasts throughout the nation, the newspaper Paris-pressé said.

The French news agency reported three other explosions near Macon, Versailles and Annecy.

Allies Aim Steel Loop at Germans



Two Allied armies throw an armored loop around the Germans in Alsace. From the west, the Seventh Army's armor advances to Strasbourg, while French Army tanks spear toward the Rhine Valley city from the south.

Armies Ringing 70,000

Two Allied armies drew a steel loop three-quarters around an estimated 70,000 troops of the crumbling German 19th Army in Alsace yesterday, but on the northern front Nazis fought savagely to hold four more Allied armies to small advances.

Spearheading a lightning thrust of the U.S. Seventh Army's XV Corps across Alsace, French Second Armored Division tanks roared out of the Vosges Mountain passes, crossed the Alsatian plain and fought into the outskirts of Strasbourg in the Rhine Valley.

At the same time, French First Armored Division units of the French Army churned up the Rhine Valley from the south, in an attempt to knot the loop with the Second Division at Strasbourg.

Facing Encirclement

The Seventh Army's French tankers reported resistance was light as they burst out of the Saverne gap to sweep across Alsace where the Germans were faced with complete encirclement or evacuation of the entire region.

Swiss radio reported that the Germans were evacuating men and material across the Rhine under cover of darkness.

German overseas radio quoted a Berlin military commentator as saying that the decisive battle of the west was being fought in the Aachen sector. German radio claimed the Allies had assembled the greatest concentration of men and material there ever employed at a single point during the entire course of the war, the Russian front included.

Conquer Distances

Meanwhile, from German military quarters, according to Transocean News, came the announcement that the Nazis have conquered distance in improved V weapons, which now can be launched from any point in the Reich.

Associated Press Correspondent Wes Gallagher with the U.S. Ninth

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Rest (?) Area

I'm a member of an Airborne Unit on the front line. I was in on the Normandy invasion and now I'm in Holland.

There is something about this one I can't understand.

We were on the front lines and pulled back for a rest in a rest area. On reaching the rest area we are given a training schedule; they harass us to death. We want to know if we are fighting a battle or taking Basic training?—Pvt. A.E.

The boys came back from their billets for a few days and needed rest. Then after just getting bedded down they are given an order to clear the place, police it up for an inspection, 'cause some brass wants to move in.

It seems to me that, with the size of France, and for the benefit of the morale of the combat men, a little more reasoning is at the very least due.—Weary.

We were finally relieved last night after 90 days in the front line. We are supposed to be resting near our Sqn. Hq. Tonight, after nights and days of constant patrolling and almost 24 hours contact with the enemy, we have to "dry run" an attack on our HQ.

The men that aren't used on the regular guard have to be up and practice what we will do in case of an enemy attack. No sleep and a constant alert.

I'll take the front lines and leave these dry run boys to their games.—Co. F. Cav.

What Cigarettes?

How about a candy bar of equal package size for the non-smoker? Then both would get that moral or physical lift, or whatever a piece of candy or cigarette is supposed to do.—1/Lt. N. P. Sandberg.

Muddy, Bloody Men...

Three cheers for "Muddy, Bloody Men of The Line." As a halfback in this great battle team, I have had contact both with the front line and the fullback. I am thoroughly convinced that the foot-slogging infantryman is denied much of the praise due him. He is the true hero of this or any war and I take my hat off to him.

If every American had to spend one hour of combat duty—in infantry style—there would be so much weeping and wailing at the doors of Congress that the infantryman's pay would be doubled in short order.—Sgt. C. E. Stodghill, F. A.

We, being members of a HQ. Co. of an Infantry outfit, wish to express the gratitude of our line companies and of line companies of the other Infantry organizations for your editorial on the Infantry.

We think that it is one of the best editorials you have published and will cause the people unfamiliar with the importance and hardships of the Infantry to understand the great job the fellows are doing.

This editorial should be published in every newspaper in the States.—Sgt. R. G. Nelson and 8 others.

'An All Time High in a Low'

Sgt. Edwin A. Cole, 3100583, of an Engineering Bn. of the 3rd A Div., was wounded in the line of duty by HE from a Jerry anti-tank gun. He was hospitalized July 26 and rejoined his present company via the replacement system, Oct. 14. . . . only to discover that he had been derated to private because of his long absence. . . .—Sgt. Jos. A. De Marco.

(The Sergeant wrote his own headline.—Ed.)

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Hash Marks

GI Philosophy. When a man gets too old to set a bad example, he starts giving good advice.

This Week's Fable. Pfc Reiman sez he was doing KP after evening chow and it was so dark he was doing the dishes by the Braille system. When he got through he found he had done two quarter-ton trucks along with the pots and pans.

Who said that? "Things are becoming so confused in Washington that even the German spies don't know what's going on."

S/Sgt. Edward Cavanaugh, at an air force station, is six feet three inches tall. His girl friend, a very chic brunette, stands five



feet in her stockings. Someone asked Ed how he liked going out with a short girl. "Well," he said, "I don't mind it at all, except that there's nobody to talk to."

And then there was the Air Service Command wolf who returned from three swift days in Paris muttering, "Too many of these French dames belong to the resistance movement."

Do you believe in jinx numbers? We know a technician who does. He left England bound for Paris on Flight 13, Ship 508 (which adds up to 13) and there were 13 passengers aboard. The ship pulled a Corrigan and landed in Brussels.

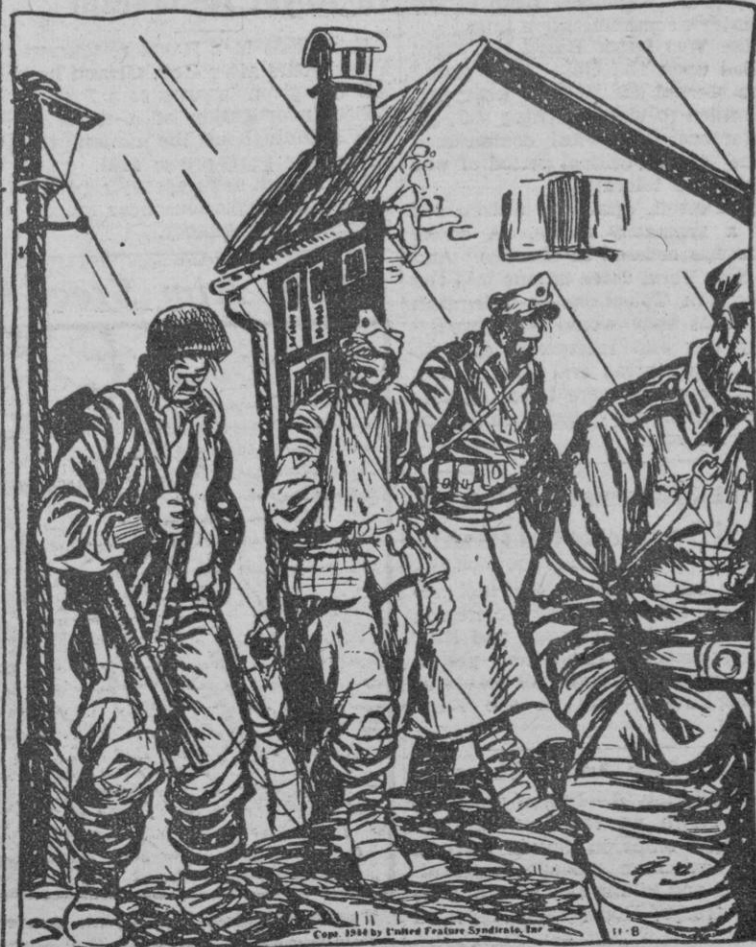
Power of the Press Department. A corporal who had just made a special request of his CO left the office with this parting shot, "Remember, sir, if I don't get results, there's always the B-Bag!"

It is quite evident that rationing, and the Office of Price Administration responsible for it, are still on the minds of the folks back home. A Yank in the ETO recently received a letter from his father addressed to OPA 757 rather than APO 757.

Afterthought. Love is one game that is never called off on account of darkness.

J. C. W.

Up Front with Mauldin



"Fresh, spirited American troops, flushed with victory, are bringing in thousands of hungry, battle-weary prisoners." (News item.)

An Editorial What About Hitlerism?

A DOLF HITLER hasn't been around much lately. No speeches. No threats. No shrieks. No victories. It's started people talking about whether der Fuehrer is alive or dead.

Who knows? And who cares? If he's dead, he's dead. And if he isn't, it's just a question of time before the hemp hugs his Adam's apple.

But what about Hitlerism?

Hitlerism isn't dead by a long shot. It skulks in dark hideouts. It pops out at un-



expected times and places. It's here, there, everywhere. It lurks in men's minds and poisons men's hearts. It shows itself in careless little words and thoughtless little acts. In racism, intolerance,

and attacks on helpless minorities.

In smearing labor and sly digs at business. In worship of war. In cracks at our allies. In words and acts that tend to make people divide and hate. In pooh-poohing the right of men to govern themselves and live with one another on a basis of mutual trust and good will.

Hitler can be caught, tried, hanged and buried.

But Hitlerism—that's something else again.

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE

CATastrophe Averted

S/Sgt. Bob Webb, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., armored division soldier, pulled the pin on a grenade when the leaves rustled near his front-line outpost. Then he discovered that the raider was only a cat. Webb knew that if he threw the grenade it would alert other outposts so he decided to put the pin back. It took him 90 minutes, standing in the dark holding the lever down all the time.

Ersatz Ice Cream

S/Sgt. Alvin W. Holmes, Eighth Div. soldier from Brownsville, Tex., has come up with a recipe for front-line ersatz ice cream: Snow, lemon or orange juice powder, canned milk and sugar.

For Crying Out Loud

"Nichts, Medics, Doktor," shouted in desperation and what he believed to be German, saved the life of Pvt. Clair E. Schreffler, of Akron, Ohio.

Three night patrolling Nazis stumbled upon the slumbering Schreffler, an aid man in the 80th Div.'s 318th Reg. One of the Germans pulled away the Yank's shelter half while another thrust his Mauser against the sleeping soldier's chest

and pulled the trigger. A hollow click revealed the gun's chamber was empty and awakened the almost petrified medic. Then Schreffler began to shout. The Germans immediately made tracks to their own lines, either through fear that the noise would summon other Americans or through respect for the Geneva Convention.

Now, according to his section leader, S/Sgt. Silas Hall, of Columbia, S.C., every morning Schreffler shouts in his sleep: "Nichts, Medics, Doktor."

At Your Service

S/Sgt. Martin I. Selling, 35th Div. interrogator, asked a young German why he looked worried. "I have a message to deliver to my sergeant and a good German soldier always obeys orders," the Nazi said. "I feel very bad that I was captured and couldn't fulfill my mission."

Selling left the room and returned with another prisoner. "Go ahead, Sonny," he said. "Here's your sergeant."

Which General?

"A general will be coming along soon. Please give him this message," said a 35th Division officer to MP Pvt. Ernest Dingman, Rome, N.Y., who was directing traffic near the front.

A general did appear soon, but the message wasn't for him. Then came a stream of colonels, more generals. The fourth general was the right one. In two hours, Dingman counted seven generals and 40 colonels on their way to front lines.

Log Chapel Built

One of the first buildings constructed by the Second Inf. Div. after it cracked the Siegfried Line was a log chapel. Chaplain Ernest Sinfield, Flushing, N.Y., dedicated it after it was built under supervision of 1/Lt. Howell W. Thompson, Watertown, Tenn., and Sgt. Marvin L. Harwell, Riesel, Tex.

Show Went On

When the motion-picture machine broke down before an audience from the Ninth Div.'s 60th Regiment the special service officer took hurried stock. The show, a musical called "Orchestra Wives," could go on—but without the sound track. He put it up to the men. Did they want the movie anyway? They did. And they sat through the picture without hearing a word or a note.

Just Plane Mad

Angered when shells began to fall ten yards from the hospital in which he was recuperating from bronchitis, 1/Lt. Harry M.

Trafford, Second Armored Div. liaison plane observer, left his bed and went into action.

He returned to his unit, took off in his plane and directed fire which knocked out two of three guns shelling the hospital.

'If He Could Only Cook!'

The 9th Division's 47th Infantry boasts a "fighting first cook" in T/4 Clarence Ed Combs, of Midletown, Ohio. A Tiger tank drew



up in front of his kitchen, so Combs discarded his meat-clubber for a bazooka. After blowing in the side of the tank, he polished off the crew. "What a man," sigh members of the company. "If he could only cook!"

Cornfield Drama

Pfc Jerome F. Fox left his gun in a truck, entered a cornfield for camouflage material and met three armed Germans. Pretending to have a grenade behind his back, the 35th Div. rifleman ordered the Nazis to drop their guns. When they declined, Fox moved his right arm threateningly. Reluctantly, they lowered their weapons and Fox took them prisoner. He was given the Bronze Star.

Cheap Thing, Anyway

Just as Pvt. Harold B. Schoch, Ninth Division infantryman from Akron, Ohio, picked up a bright, shiny Nazi trinket, 88s began shelling the area. The shells fell closer and closer until Schoch was hugging the ground. Remembering the trinket, he said: "Hell, if they want it that bad they can have it." As soon as he threw it away the shelling stopped.

Births

Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival: CAPT. Albert P. Alexander, Philadelphia—Anthony David, Nov. 11; Sgt. Richard L. Beagley—Gerry Lynn, Oct. 11; Pvt. Norbert S. Barras, St. Martinville, La.—Romona Therese, Sept. 29; Opl. Arthur H. Billion, Syracuse—(boy), Oct. 1; Sgt. John D. Bloomfield Jr., Long Island—Richard Alan, Sept. 16; Lt. Henry J. Bornhoff Jr., Belmont, Mass.—Henry James, Oct. 19; Pfc Charles Caputo, Chicago—Sharon Ann, Sept. 30; Lt. William M. Carey—(boy), Nov. 11; T/5 V. J. Cardinal—(boy), Oct. 2. PFC Keith E. Jarvis, New York—Marguerite Pearl Leonore, Oct. 12; Pfc Robert Kandalis—Evelyn Toby, Nov. 8; Sgt. William L. Killez—Willie Belle, Oct. 23; Pvt. Frank Klinock, Garfield, N.Y.—(boy), Nov. 10; St. Ward P. Landeau, Forest Hills, N.Y.—Francis, Nov. 13; Lt. Clinton D. Paul—Clinton Duane Paul Jr., Oct. 20; Capt. Edmund O. Piehler, N.Y.—Jennifer Wanda, Nov. 13; Pvt. Lynn D. Ranville, Flint, Mich.—Donald Lynn, Nov. 2; Lt. Julius Spitzberg, Brooklyn—Larry, Nov. 13.

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff
Sports Editor

THE T/4 who repairs the springs in our swivel chairs is a marvel with mathematical equations, so he surprised nobody last night when he announced that Notre Dame "couldn't miss" against Georgia Tech tomorrow. This information should be worth a bundle of francs to servicemen who have been burning the midnight oil over past-performance charts, trying to figure which team to back.

"I wish all dem games wuz as easy," our figgering filbert said. "I could make me a fortune except for one thing, I ain't got no capital. Who wants to slip me some lettuce?"

AFTER the financially-loaded gents pretended to become awfully busy, the mastermind continued, "Well, forget about the touch. I'll give you the straight dope for free. But I sure wish I had some dough."

Then he swung into the fast patter. "Didn't Notre Dame knock off Illinois, 13-7? Sure they did, and that proves the Irish can knock the pants off Georgia Tech. Wanna prove it? Okay, let's go, but hold on to your hats, 'cause I'm traveling fast."

"Georgia Tech lost to Duke, Duke lost to Penn, Penn lost to Michigan, Michigan lost to Indiana, Indiana lost to Illinois...and Notre Dame beat Illinois. Didn't I tell you it was a cinch?" And all in one breath.

AS the expert leaned back to relax, two skeptics began thumbing through the files. They soon returned with a collective wink and smug expression that promised no sympathy for the ETO Einstein.

"Hey, chum," one of them called to the T/4, "what do you make of this? Georgia Tech beat Navy and even you should remember what Navy did to Notre Dame."

There was no answer for a couple of minutes. Then from the distance was heard, "I'm goin' out for a shot of cognac, fellows, but when I come back I'll tell ya how the Harvard Informals is better than Army."

Surprisingly enough, the refugee from an arithmetic class hasn't been back since.

Crowley Heads New Grid Loop

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Lt. Cmdr. Jim Crowley, halfback of Notre Dame's famed "Four Horsemen" 20 years ago and later coach at Fordham, today signed a contract as commissioner of the newly-formed All-America Football Conference. The contract of five years' duration, is for \$25,000 a year.

Crowley, who recently returned from service in the Southwest Pacific, was released from a contract he had signed previously to coach the Boston Yanks of the National League.

Franchises in the new conference have been issued to New York, Chicago, Baltimore, Cleveland, Buffalo, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Applications for the eighth place have been made by Boston, Miami, Atlanta and Detroit, and will be acted upon at a meeting in New York, Dec. 9.

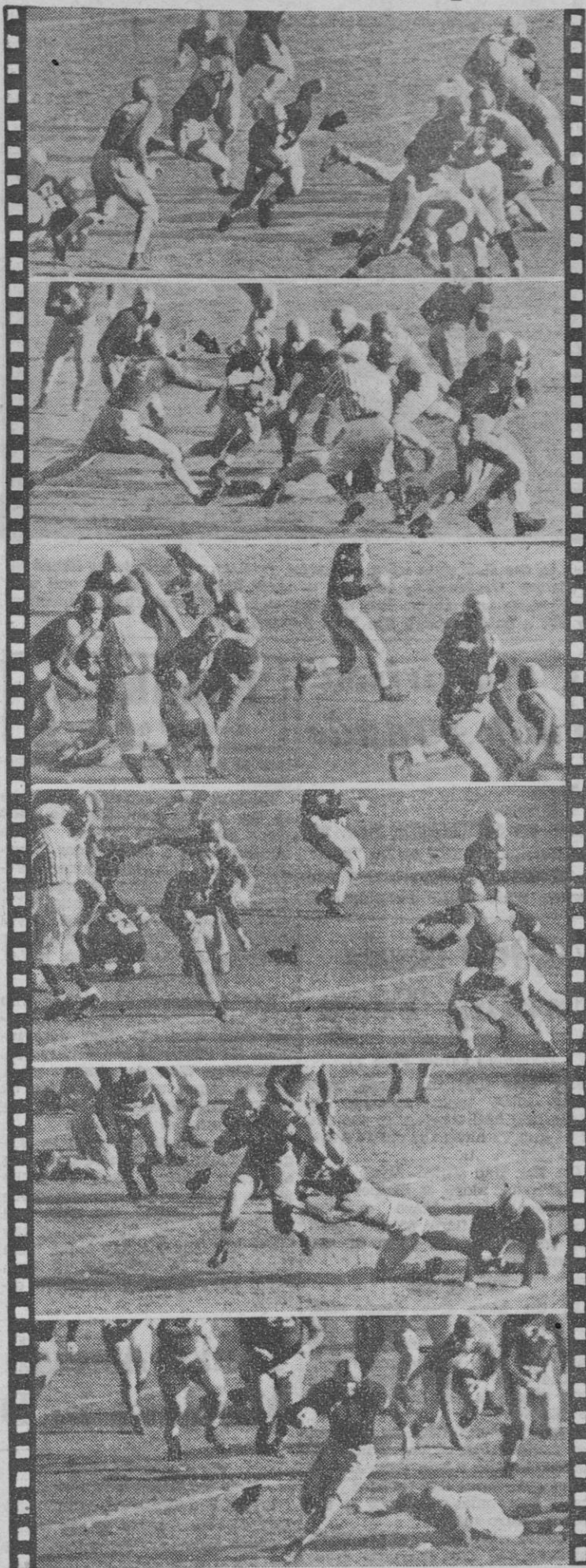
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Touchdown Scamper



The magic-eye camera catches Glenn Davis in action as the brilliant Army plebe crashes through the line and breaks into the clear for a 64-yard touchdown romp against Notre Dame. Davis' path was paved by near-perfect blocking, plus some shifty hipwork by himself. This was one of three touchdowns registered by Davis as Army pummeled the Irish, 59-0.

Whitney Heirs Get Stables

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 23.—The property of the Greentree Stable whose owner Mrs. Payne Whitney died recently, was divided between her son, Col. John Hay "Jock" Whitney, and her daughter, Mrs. Joan Whitney Payson, it was disclosed here after her will was filed.

Wakefield's Call Put Off

DETROIT, Nov. 23.—Selective Service officials said today that Dick Wakefield, Detroit Tiger outfielder, had been deferred and a new date for his induction is up to his draft board. Wakefield was discharged from the naval aviation program last summer.

Lil' Abner



Notre Dame Underdog In Georgia Tech Tilt

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Football pool handicappers, those men who usually know their stuff, have established Georgia Tech as favorite to heap more woes on Ed McKeever and his once-proud Notre Dame eleven Saturday when the Irish play the Yellowjackets at Atlanta, Ga.

Just as Army showed no mercy after going 13 years without whipping the Irish, so, too, does Tech have a score to settle with Notre Dame. Bill Alexander's gridiron pupils haven't forgotten that unhappy afternoon a year ago when Notre Dame's Navy-studded powerhouse crushed them, 55-13.

Tech Primed for Revenge

The Yellowjackets, having accepted a bid to oppose Tulsa in Miami's Orange Bowl classic New Year's Day, don't intend to pull any punches against the South Benders, who looked great until they encountered Navy and Army on successive Saturdays.

In other southern features Saturday, Duke ventures to North Carolina, Tennessee's unbeaten and bowl-bound squad meets Kentucky for the second time this season and Mississippi plays host to Mississippi State.

Cornell tackles Penn and Yale risks its untarnished slate against Virginia in the day's big eastern games, while Texas Christian visits Rice and Southern Methodist plays Texas Tech in the southwest.

Bucks Near Goal

Ohio State's all-civilian gridiron machine can finish its schedule without a loss by getting past Michigan in a game which also will decide the Big Ten race. The rest of the Big Ten docket pits Illinois against Northwestern, Indiana against Purdue and Minnesota against Wisconsin.

The Pacific Coast representative in the Rose Bowl will emerge from the game between Southern California, the current favorite, and UCLA. California can increase its prestige by getting past St. Mary's Pre-Flight, but that's about all the game means.

Raiders Slap Maroons, 7-0

The Engineer Raiders capitalized on a fumble in the first quarter to turn back the Engineer Maroons 7-0, yesterday in a football game played before a small, rain-soaked crowd in Paris.

Alert Raider linemen pounced on a Maroon fumble within five minutes of the opening kickoff and recovered on the Maroons' 25. After two futile line plays, Halfback Jimmy Zell, of California, Pa., reeled back and pitched a perfect strike to Halfback Sam Gvozdoch, of Johnstown, Pa., who snared it in the end zone. Fullback Floyd Kleinoski, of Saginaw, Mich., converted.

Nagurski Rush Gave Kern Biggest Fright

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Lew Kern, who gained fame as "Bullet Lew" when he played football at Annapolis returned to the States recently, his breast covered with ribbons and medals.

Someone asked Lew what his biggest fright was. "That's easy," said Kern. "It was in 1931 and we were playing Minnesota. Bronko Nagurski broke through the line and headed straight for me!"

Officials Can Horn In With Whistle Now

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Elmer Layden, National Football League commissioner, has ordered league field judges to equip themselves with whistles and has empowered them with the same authority as referees to halt play when the 30-second rule is violated.

The decision is the result of the 21-21 game between the New York Giants and Philadelphia Eagles in which a penalty for "delaying the game" deprived Ken Strong and the Giants of a field goal.

Sinkwich Tops Backfield Aces In Pro League

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Statistics released by the National Football League reveal that Frankie Sinkwich, Detroit's ace halfback, is the league's triple threat star, although he doesn't lead in any offensive department.

The former Georgia flash pitched four touchdown passes Sunday against the Chicago Bears in the Lions' 41-21 victory and that's his weakest department. He ranks fifth in the loop with 48 completions in 123 attempts. He's second behind Don Hutson with 56 points in scoring, third in ground gaining with 533 yards in 134 tries and his 40.9 yards is third among punting averages. Frankie's also fourth in punt returns with a 13.3 average.

Johnny Grigas of Card-Pitts leads ground gainers with 589, six more than the Giants Bill Paschal. Frankie Filchock of Washington leads the passers with 73 completions in 123 attempts and Hutson still leads the scorers with 68 points. Hutson also leads pass catchers with 53 snares for 870 yards.

Ken Strong of the Giants has made good on five of eight field goal kicks.

Army, Navy Stocked With Plebe Grid Talent

WEST POINT, Nov. 23.—Army and Navy football teams will have talent aplenty for several years to come, each with first year men who have been sensational this season.

Army plebes who have gained national fame are Doc Blanchard, Glenn Davis and Dean Sensebaugh, Davis being the nation's highest scorer. Navy isn't far behind and will have Notre Dame's Bob Kelly and Penn's Tony Minisi in 1945.

Gersonde's 801 Series Sets Bowling Record

MILWAUKEE, Nov. 23.—Russell Gersonde set a national record here last night when he bowled 801 in three games with scores of 245, 277 and 279 in a sanctioned league match. Frank Claus, of Scranton, Pa., had previously bowled 778, according to ABC records.

By Al Capp



Roosevelt Rift With Congress Seen Near End

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (AP).—An end to much of the old discord between President Roosevelt and Congress was foreseen today by several legislators.

They based their belief on what they viewed as an apparent reconciliation developing between anti-administration Southern Democrats and the rest of the party. Such a move could break down the unofficial coalition of Republicans and dissatisfied Southerners which for two years has fought and often defeated administration proposals.

The first public indication of a peace move came in a plea to the House by an old-time leader of the anti-administrators, Rep. Eugene E. Cox (D-Ga.). He asked in a speech for harmonious relations between the executive and legislative branches. One of the most vociferous critics of the administration in the past, Cox declared that the election was "a magnificent personal tribute to the President" and showed the people's desire for unity.

Most Significant Speech

"It was a fine statement and reflected what a lot of us have been thinking," declared Rep. L. Mendel Rivers (D-S.C.), also frequently at odds with the administration. "Another thing, you know, it's a lot easier to deal with the President now that Henry Wallace is out of there."

Rep. J. Percy Priest (D-Tenn.) described Cox's address as "the most significant speech the House has heard in many months."

49 Cattle Sell for \$40,000

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 23 (ANS).—Forty-nine head of polled shorthorn cattle were sold for \$40,000, an average of \$816 each. C. K. Tomson, of the American Shorthorn Breeders Association, said he believed the sale set an all-time record.

Mickey Rooneys Expect Child

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 23 (ANS).—Betty Jane Rase, who married Mickey Rooney Sept. 30 after a whirlwind courtship, disclosed yesterday she would become a mother late next summer. She said the actor, now overseas, hoped "we'd have a boy."

S.D. Has 50-Inch Snowfall

RAPID CITY, S.D., Nov. 23 (ANS).—The Black Hills area is still plowing and shovelling out of a 50-inch blanket of snow which fell last weekend.

She's the Berry



Movie Starlet Mimi Berry's fiancé is "down under" in the South Pacific. While he's away, things appear to be a bit topsyturvy for Mimi.

Combat Engineers Now Wear Their Foxholes



Armored, bullet-proof aprons, similar to the flak suits worn by aerial gunners, are now being issued to combat engineers in Siegfried Line sectors. Deafened by the roar of their bulldozer's exhaust and unable to hear the sounds of enemy small arms and mortar fire, the engineers now wear these protective suits as they cut a path through the Nazi defense belt.

Reich Civilians 'Surprised' By Hardboiled Yank Attitude

By Earl Mazo

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

WITH TENTH ARMORED DIV. IN GERMANY, Nov. 23. —Nazis who expected invading American units to be "soft" in their treatment of Germans in occupied territories are being rapidly convinced otherwise, and their reaction is one of sullen surprise.

In one town occupied by elements of the Tenth Armored, after officers pointed out the laws which were to govern occupied Germany and explained Gen. Eisenhower's edict prohibiting fraternization, the Germans said they had expected the Americans to be soft and friendly instead of "so hard."

German civilians in occupied areas today were busily bringing in arms and ammunition that had been stored in their homes by the retreating Wehrmacht. Strangely enough, however, American troops found dozens of boxes of mortar ammunition in barns and farm homes, and in one barn, a large cache of munitions was found.

Special type barricades of logs and rocks have been encountered at the approaches of all towns captured to date, apparently set up to be manned by the People's Army. The "soldiers" of that army did little fighting before the advancing tanks of the Tenth, however.

During the forward drive of the Tenth, a 155mm gun brought up to direct fire against pillboxes on the outer defenses of the Siegfried Line blew a hole in one pillbox with their first armor-piercing shell, and then threw a smoke shell into the same hole.

U.S. Navy Swears in Its First Negro Wave

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (ANS).—Jane Freeman, 22, of Roxbury, Mass., yesterday became the first Negro to join the WAVES. She was accepted in Boston under a new Navy plan for recruiting Negroes.

70,000 Nazis Facing Trap

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Army said that the Nazis were using robot tanks against the Ninth and had stepped up the use of V1 and V2 along the entire Western Front.

On the U.S. Third Army front in Lorraine, Stars & Stripes Correspondent Earl Mazo reported that the right flank of the Third had joined the left flank of the Seventh Army.

Closing Gap

In the Metz area, Mazo said, Second Infantry troops of the Fifth Division were closing a gap four miles wide and six miles deep in the area of Boinville-sur-Nied after a gain of four miles reported at SHAEF.

Tenth Armored Division units on the north flank of the Third advanced a mile inside Germany to Kissingen, bringing forward elements four miles northeast of the border, Mazo said.

Farther south, units of the Sixth Armored and 35th Divisions drove to points 15 miles southwest of Saarbrücken. A German tank and infantry counter-attack, Mazo reported, was repulsed by 26th Infantry Division.

House OKs Federal Crop Insurance Bill

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (ANS).—The House, which once had killed the measure, yesterday passed a federal crop insurance bill, 254 to 16, and sent it to the Senate. The platform of both major parties had endorsed crop insurance.

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tory at historic Notre Dame Cathedral.

Combat men arriving for leave in the capital were fêted in ARC clubs and private homes. Henri Bonnet, French Ambassador Designate to the U.S., entertained six—Allen C. Clark, Silver Springs, Md.; Albert Porreca, Niagara Falls, N.Y.; Robert Hopkins, Washington; Alvin Soergel, Akron, O.; Merrett A. King, Chicago, and Herbert Stein, N.Y.C.

Officers Do KP

Two truckloads of soldiers who had just checked in at the Columbia Club from the front were invited for dinner at the Transportation Corps WAC detachment mess. Fifteen others were entertained by WACs and French girls of the SHAEF mission to France.

GIs at a Ninth P47 field in Belgium enjoyed much more than just a turkey dinner. They were the guests of the pilots, who served the meal and washed the pots and pans. The idea for making the brass KPs for the day came from Capt. John B. O'Rourke, of Durango, Col., squadron executive officer.

Tanks Aweigh! Sailors Sail Meadows in Destroyer Fleet

By Jimmy Cannon

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

WITH 2nd FRENCH ARMORED DIV.—These soldiers are sailors.

Their oceans are the rain-flooded meadows; their ships are tank destroyers. They are sailors of the French Navy who enlisted in this armored marine regiment. Now they fight far from the sea in the snowstorms north of the Vosges. They have 50 enemy tanks to their credit.

"I liked it more on the ship, explained Gilbert Sabadie, anti-aircraft gunner with the fleet and now a TD gunner. "The fire of an enemy tank is much more accurate. But it is much easier to hit a tank."

The soldiers in blue sailor hats with red pompoms and crossed anchors on their shoulder patches, listened in a grave whispering knot

Fortress Flies 400 Miles After Crew Bails Out

SIoux CITY, Iowa, Nov. 23. — The mystery surrounding a 400-mile flight of a crewless Fortress which crashed in a wooded area 70 miles northeast of Duluth, Minn., was solved today with the announcement that the "Ghost Ship" was a plane from the Sioux City air base.

News of the B17's crackup ended police alerts in several Midwestern states. Alarms had been sent out over radio networks in Chicago, believed to be the city toward which the bomber was heading.

The Fort flew on its automatic pilot for approximately 400 miles after its crew bailed out near Marion, S.D., when they were unable to "feather the prop of a dead engine," it was explained here. Crewmen reported that the ship began to vibrate and there was a threat of fire.

All ETO Men To Get Smokes

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addition, commanders are making every effort to see that any shortage is absorbed mainly by troops not actually in combat.

Cigarette distribution will be handled by the Communications Zone, Eisenhower said, and every effort would be made to distribute cigarettes equally.

Rear echelon troops were cut from seven to five packs a week three weeks ago, then the smokes disappeared from Post Exchange shelves altogether in the rear, so that frontline men could get their cigarettes, according to Army Exchange Service.

Some front troops have been getting three to five packs a week, some more, some less. The new system would guarantee them five packs in addition to the 12 cigarettes a day troops receive in rations.

Reds Gain in Hungary

MOSCOW, Nov. 23 (UP).—The Russians continued to register slow but steady gains on the Hungarian front yesterday despite the arrival of fresh units of German and Hungarian infantry, armor and aircraft.

as Sabadie talked. T/Sgt. Spencer Klaw, Carmel, N.Y., an American with a Signal Corps unit attached to the division, interpreted.

"I do not like the life of the land," said Joseph Forestier, mechanic. "I prefer the sea. Life on a ship is a life of brothers."

"Forestier is correct," said Avignon who served on a torpedo boat before he became a sailor of the mud. "The sea is much better. They are as a family, the men of a ship. However, I prefer the combat of the land. On the sea I am in the engine room and during a fight I am below decks and I do not know what is going on. As a tank driver I see all that is happening. That is very gratifying to me."

"The girls?" asked Klaw. "Do they like soldiers as much as sailors?" "Oul, oul," they all answered at once.

Terry And The Pirates

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