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# Nazis 20 Mi. Into Belgium

## Tiny Unit Delays Tank Column 6 Hours

By Hal Boyle  
Associated Press Correspondent

**A BELGIAN VILLAGE UNDER GERMAN ATTACK,** Dec. 19 (AP).—One lieutenant and two anti-tank gun crews knocked out four German Tiger "Royal" tanks yesterday in a flaming street battle which held up a Nazi armored column for six hours until American reinforcements arrived. The column was spearheading the counter offensive in that sector.

But for the battle wisdom of Lt. Jack Doherty, 27, of Latrobe, Pa., and the valor of his gun crews, this fight would have been lost before it was well started, and the speedy German column might have been miles inside the American lines shooting up rear area outfits.

Doherty and his men, supported only by a single company of doughboys who would have been powerless to take on the tanks alone, bore the brunt of the sledgehammer thrusts by the vanguard of the German armored smash.

"It was still dark when I sent one of my three-inch anti-tank guns across the stream at the edge of the town to try to hold the wooden bridge there," Doherty recalled. "We did hold it until daybreak, when machine-guns drove us away, but we retook it by

eight o'clock—and lost it again at nine. It was burning when we finally pulled back at noon.

"At ten o'clock, I got another of my guns up," Doherty continued. "Four Royal Tiger tanks came moving down the street. With their first shots each of my guns set one Tiger ablaze.

"Nobody came out of one tank, and only two crew men got out of the other. They ran into a house and climbed to the roof—so we shot the roof right out from under them."

Another German tank was hit by both guns simultaneously, and a fourth Tiger backed along the road like a blind, trapped beetle. During the fight, another Tiger had moved out and found a better corner. "It had a better firing angle than we did—it could shoot at us, but we couldn't get back at it very well," Doherty said.

The Nazi monster tank knocked out Doherty's half-track and set his jeep on fire. Doherty ordered his men back. He managed to pull back one of the guns with the help of Sgt. Louis Celanto, New Haven, Conn., Cpl. Roy Ables, Cleveland, Tenn., the gunner, and the rest of the crew.

To protect them, the leading gun, commanded by Sgt. Martin Hauser, of Los Angeles, Calif., and Gun-

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## No Great Damage In Drive Thus Far, Washington Says

Field Marshal von Rundstedt's mighty counter-offensive in the Ardennes, seemingly designed to split the Allied front in two, swept on yesterday under a news eclipse from which filtered only the fact that German armor had plunged 20 miles into Belgium.

As Nazis smashed through war-razed Belgian villages, other German forces defending the Saar and the Rhineland fought the U.S. Third and Seventh Armies to a standstill.

Frontline reports pictured blazing tank battles, exploding V-bombs and artillery and fleeing refugees, but the massive air battles of the first two days died away yesterday as swirling fog hampered Luftwaffe and Allied planes.

Before the fog rolled in, however, Ninth Air Force planes smashed 95 enemy tanks and damaged at least 26 more in support of American ground troops who lashed back to halt the breakthrough.

### 20 Miles from German Border

The news blackout on ground operations was lifted momentarily by reports of British Typhoon attacks on 20 German armored vehicles "west of St. Avelot." This Belgian town is 20 miles from the German border and due west of Malmédy.

It is eight miles south of Spa and 22 miles east southeast of Liege.

American lines appeared to be stabilizing along the front in Belgium, United Press front reports said, but in Luxembourg the situation was reported still fluid. Grim-faced doughboys took up positions in areas which only a few days before had been considered well in the rear.

At Washington, War Department authorities said the counter-offensive against the U.S. First Army had done no great damage yet and was designed primarily to boost German morale, United Press said. Officials were confident the Ger-

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## B29s Keep Up Attacks on Jap Plane Industry

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (ANS)—China-based superforts bombed industrial targets on Kyushu Island again today in another blow at the roots of Japan's air power, the War Department announced in Washington today.

The big bombers of the 20th Air Force attacked Oura, whose big plane factory has been the target of three previous raids, less than 24 hours after the same air force had blasted factories at Hankow, China, and 21st Air Force bombers from Saipan had blasted the Mitsubishi aircraft plants at Nagoya, on Honshu Island.

Photographs showed that "damage was clearly extensive to the factory area with the precision bomb pattern sweeping from the edge of Nagoya Bay harbor directly across the plant district," a communiqué from Brig. Gen. Hansell's Saipan headquarters revealed.

In the Philippines, the retaking of Mindoro Island went ahead at full tilt without the slightest ground resistance from the Japs. U. S. commanders announced that at least 742 Jap planes had been put out of action in the last week.

## Senio River Crossed By Indian Patrols

ROME, Dec. 19 (UP).—Indian patrols which crossed the Senio River today, three miles southwest of Route Nine, presumably withdrew after brief contact with the Germans in the day's only major action on the Italian front. The Germans counter-attacked on a small scale in the Naviglio bridgehead, but were repulsed.

North of Faenza, fierce counter-attacks with tank support forced the British back to the main Bologna highway, but northwest of Faenza the British continued to gain.

## Armed Stag Line Greets GIs In Battle-Scarred Ballroom

By Allan Morrison  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE 95th DIV. IN SAARLAUTERN, Dec. 19.—Doughfeet of one platoon of the First Battalion 377th Inf. arranged and kept a bloody tryst in the long, shell-scarred ballroom of a hotel facing on the Goebbelsplatz in mid-Fraulautern, just across the river.

## Pocket Ships Hit By RAF at Gdynia

LONDON, Dec. 19.—An estimated 500 RAF Lancasters last night struck at the German-held Baltic port of Gdynia, with 2,500 tons of bombs. Chief targets were the German pocket battleships Scheer and Lutzen, and a number of Nazi submarines and destroyers.

The battleship Gneisenau, shattered into uselessness by previous air attacks, is also believed to be docked in the Polish port.

The infantry knew they had reached the outer ring of the Siegfried Line when they crossed the Saar after cleaning out this Nazi industrial center. And the deeper into the city the Americans pushed, the harder the fight became.

The tempo became red hot when the Yanks neared the Goebbelsplatz and the hotel adjoining it. The hotel was a large building and the fire that came from it told of troops inside with a fanatical conception of Fatherland defense.

The observers sent back fire directions to the artillery and several missions were called. Concentra-

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## Word Goes Round 'n' Round—Town Goes

WITH THE FIFTH INF. DIV. IN GERMANY.—Sgt. Patrick Henry, of the third platoon of the Fifth Recon. Troop and Alderson, W. Va., co-operated with the rest of the Fifth Div. recently to adjust artillery fire on a company of Germans and raze the town of Frederichweiler, near Saarbrücken.

It started when Henry, from his observation post in the attic of a tall house in a town 2,000 meters from Frederichweiler, observed a company of Jerries in the woods between the towns. Henry shouted a fire direction to a GI on the

next floor who passed it on to a Yank in another room who relayed it to a man on the ground floor who shouted it to a man at the door who passed it on to a soldier in the street who walked over to the recon car and told the radio operator. The radio operator sent it back to the liaison recon car at division headquarters. The radio operator in the recon at division glanced disagreeably at the rain outside and yelled his information to a soldier at the door of the command post of the liaison section. This

soldier told the man in the kitchen who yelled it down to a GI in the basement who told the recon liaison officer who got on the telephone and told division artillery.

Div. arty gave the mission over the phone to the 46th FA Bn. The 46th loosed a couple of rounds and Sgt. Henry adjusted it and gave "fire for effect," which passed back the same route as the original request. Germans started running out of the woods toward Frederichweiler as the guns zeroed in on them. So Henry, starting the chain of command again, adjusted the fire and killed Jerries as they ran into the town. Then, fearing he might have missed somebody, Henry called for a couple of concentrations on the town which left not a house unblasted.



## Nazi Air Activity Hampered by Fog

Fog, blanketing most of the Western Front yesterday, sharply reduced Luftwaffe activity and held the tactical air war down to a minimum.

Approximately 200 sorties had been flown by Ninth AF fighter-bombers as night fell, ending the first day in which counter-attacking German forces have not been provided with strong Luftwaffe support.

A single sizable Nazi formation—70 planes—was hurled against a force of fighter-escorted RAF Lancasters smashing at the Trier area. In fierce dog-fights, 11 Nazi planes were shot down with a loss of four Ninth AF Thunderbolts.





Stench About Trench

From the amount of agitation on the prevention of trench foot it seems to me that there must be a lot of guys who don't believe that it can be prevented.

Those suggestions in The Stars and Stripes aren't deep medical secrets, they're just plain common sense.

Trouble is some of us forget the things that look like little things when we get in a hot spot.

And we take a lot of precautions when it comes to people shooting at us, too. Any soldier will keep his rifle clean enough to shoot.

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You would accomplish more, we are sure, by telling us how to cure—not prevent it.

We are sure, had we been told earlier about trench foot, we'd have done our best to prevent it.

Many times we've wanted to remove our wet shoes and rub and wiggle our sore aching toes, but Jerry had other ideas—and we'd have to wiggle something else.

We're not bucking for a Purple Heart. That remark was uncalled for, and we don't like to be called careless.

Many a doggie has had to discard his food rations, and such items as dry socks, overshoes, sleeping bags, etc., are things we've read about, but have not seen.

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An article in a recent Stars and Stripes regarding trench foot suggests the following remedy based on experience:

There were eight of us in a small area without overhead shelter of any kind. It poured for two days and nights and we were unable to move from this spot.

We all were loaded down with all sorts of equipment, but one of the fellows had a roll of—let us say tissue paper—one towel and a can of foot powder.

Under a raincoat each fellow in turn took off his shoes and socks and had his feet dried with the paper, rubbed with the towel and powdered. This was done to each man once each day and it really felt swell.

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Hash Marks

GI Philosophy. An old maid is a girl who said "No" once too often.

Who said that? When a husband starts playing with fire it's the wife that burns.

Draft joke (repeated by request): "I got my classification today," said a middleaged businessman. "I'm in Class 5B: Baldness, Bridge-work, Bifocals, Bay window and Bunions."

A Pfc we knew sez that there are two kinds of people in the



Army—enlisted men and the people with clothes that fit.

Tokyo radio report: "We are pleased to announce the destruction of an American torpedo by one of our largest cruisers."

Today's daffynition. Alimony: The high cost of leaving.

Another unsigned verse left in our typewriter:

Mary had a little lamb. In fact, she sported two. And every time she took a swim, The soldiers cried, "Woo-wooo!"

The scene is a court-martial conducted by the Nazis. "You have called our Fuehrer an idiot. You are thereby guilty of three crimes. You have indulged in enemy propaganda; you have libelled the head of the Reich, and you have betrayed a military secret."

Overheard in the blackout. "My girl has a seven-day kiss. It makes one weak."

Afterthought. Courtship makes a man spoon and matrimony makes him fork over.

J. C. W.

Up Front With Mauldin



"It's either enemy or off limits."

An Editorial

'The Final Hour'—Rundstedt

"Everything is now at stake and you know it"—Von Rundstedt.

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Tomorrow is taking a T mauling from the Wehrmacht. The Luftwaffe is in the skies. The Panzers are rolling again.

The hope that wells within the German people as they pick up their papers is easily guessed. Can fate be fended off? Can retribution be delayed? Can Rundstedt succeed where Ludendorff failed?

The answers are being given on the battlefield. They and we will know the answers soon.

If you have ever killed a snake, today's events must bring back old memories. The twisting, the writhing,



the last vicious strike. The darting of fangs. The snapping of the tail. The bleeding mouth. The horrible tossing and turning of the hacked and battered body. The danger—the ever-pre-

sent chance of damage and death. The fierce resistance—the clinging to life. Until the sun goes down and the carcass lies quiet. Not until then—Tomorrow.



SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE



There's That Man Again

When the "Bridge Busters," B26 group commanded by Col. Richard T. Coiner, of San Antonio, Tex., approach their home base after a mission, Pvt. James W. Deane always is standing at the head of the runway to salute the colonel's ship.

is going to see me. And when he does, he's going to say: 'To hell with the T/O, make that man a Pfc.'"

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No Date With Betty

Engineers of 35th Div. gulped when Lt. Ira Austin, of Seneca, Kan., emerged from a field he'd just crossed with his patrol. He had led 12 men through an area containing 289 Nazi "Bouncing Betty" mines.

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Battle Commissions

Battlefield commissions have been awarded to three former staff sergeants in combat engineer battalions. They are 2/Lts. James F. Postlewaite, of Hot Springs, Ark., and Carl W. Keeter, of Weldon, N.C., both of the 237th Eng. Bn.

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Happy Birthday

Birthdays are a three-way family affair for T/4 Johnny M. Barrows, of Mesquite, Tex., and the 102nd Inf. Div. Both he and his wife were born on Nov. 12. Johnny recently received word from home of the birth of his daughter, Beverly on Nov. 12.

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Once a Nazi...

Hermann was a black and homely German dog which caught onto the English language readily enough—but he was Nazi through and through.

Three men worked out a system of education for Hermann and even taught him to chase livestock out of the area. And S/Sgt. Joe Rendon, of Salt Lake City; Cpl. Kenneth Miller, of Canton, Ill., and

Pfc Delbert Jackins, of LaCrosse, Wis., were pretty proud of their little pet. But one day a division mortar section opened up with a barrage and, at the first blast, Hermann tucked his flea-bitten, fuzzy tail between his legs and ran—toward the rear.

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Bath-House Mystery

When a platoon of Third Armored Div. infantrymen cleaned the Nazis out of a factory district in Germany, the men discovered that one of the factories had hot and cold running water. Lt. Arthur A. Prieskorn, of Wayne, Mich., called a break and



the men started cleaning several days' dirt off their bodies.

It was while the loopy was wiping the lather off his face that he began to wonder why the hot water remained constant. He made a flying trip to the basement and found six husky German soldiers still shoveling in coal.

Nobody told them the Yanks had taken over.

Births

Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival: CPL. Leonard Roberts, N.Y.C.—Norma, Dec. 10; Capt. Anthony A. Guzowski, Bay Shore, N.Y.—girl, Dec. 8; Maj. Joes Piper, Greenville, S.C.—girl, Dec. 12; Lt. Howard S. Oleck, Brooklyn—Annabell, Dec. 3; Capt. John Power Jr., Nashville—John O., Nov. 15; T/3 Glenn M. Carson, Fowler, Mich.—boy, Oct. 3; Pfc Clarence E. Gunion, Marion, Ind.—girl, Oct. 4.



## NEWS SHORTS OFF THE WIRE

WASHINGTON (AP).—Half-a-billion dollars worth of new plant construction is planned to boost production of shells for infantry mortars, it was disclosed by War Production Board Chairman J. A. Krug. He observed at the same time that the armament task of the Home Front may retard reconversion for some time after Germany collapses.

The drive to get production programs of other war implements up to the pace needed for all-out war on two major fronts is showing "excellent progress," the WPB chairman told a news conference. New workers are entering war plants in "encouraging numbers," he pointed out.

Efforts to recruit labor, and step up production of vital weapons and supplies are beginning to pay off, and "the whole spirit seems much better," Krug commented.

"Encouraging reports have come in from Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago and Philadelphia, where machine tools, foundry products, heavy tires and other urgently needed materials are made."



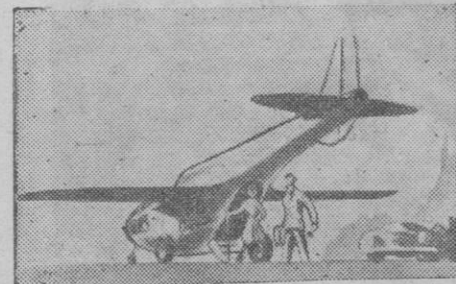
Acme

NEW YORK.—It takes no Atlas to balance the new-type aluminum gasoline drum developed for the Air Transport Command's China-Burma-India run. Tipping the scales at 21 pounds, the lightweight drum is 30 pounds lighter than the conventional type. It will make possible the carrying of hundreds of thousands of additional gallons by the Army Air Forces.

MEXICO—Mexico is now at work on a ten-year program to bring electricity lines to every Mexican town with a population of 1,500 or more. The full project is expected to cost at least \$60,000,000. At present 12 million of Mexico's 22 million inhabitants are beyond the reach of electricity.

WASHINGTON—Most curbs on food sales in the States will end with Germany's defeat in Europe, according to Lee Marshall, director of distribution of the War Food Distribution. He warns that government war-food buying will continue to be heavy. To meet the government's needs food-production goals for 1945 will be about the same as for 1944.

NEW YORK—Army vets with advertising and merchandising experience who are home are getting help in finding a job from Tide, the ad industry's trade magazine. Tide conducts a free-of-charge classified-ad section for service people, and sends forms for stating background and abilities from its office at 232 Madison Ave.



International News Photo

NEW YORK—The sky jalopy of tomorrow may be a commercial version of the jet-propelled plane, according to *Mechanix Illustrated* Magazine. Today's military models have set the pattern for this advanced aircraft, which will accommodate four and baggage, and travel at four times the speed of today's family car.

# TOMORROW

"... When we assumed the role of soldier we did not lay aside the role of citizen."  
George Washington.

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## JOBS—WHEN WAR IS WON

By Jack Caldwell  
Tomorrow Staff Writer

A week ago today, the first issue of this new supplement TOMORROW was carried. Something was said in an editorial that will hold good until the last shot is fired on all the fronts where our side is fighting: "Tomorrow is a long way off. When it will come, no man knows."

Now the front lines are blazing more than ever. That's the war today—grim and furious and tough. But tomorrow is what we're fighting for—that day when we can return to the job of being Joe Citizen. Meanwhile, this new supplement TOMORROW will cover your Home Front—as it is today, how it's forming the future as it carries on its share of the present fight.

### Gals Swap Pans For Postwar Job

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. (UP).—Another angle was pitched at the lively question of "Will women work after the war?" when the Northwestern Life Insurance Company revealed that seven out of ten gals now employed may want to retain their jobs because of current circumstances that did not exist in 1918-20.

The company's survey disclosed that this high percentage of women may stay on their jobs primarily because they are voters—whereas they were not immediately after the last war. The survey points out that since the women are voters, and will probably demand more political attention for their economic needs, their interest in working will pick up.

It is estimated that at the end of the war 200,000 women will have undergone from six to 12 months' technical training at college levels. These women, the survey points out, are unlikely to cast aside their training and go back home.

Another probability is that veterans attending college will leave jobs open to women.

### 'Kids' Demand Vote

NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 19.—"If we're old enough to fight, we're old enough to vote" was the statement made by 43 thousand high-school students in a recent nation-wide poll to determine the feelings of the youngsters on the question of lowering the legal voting age from 21 to 18.

The poll, conducted among 83,000 students in 1,200 high schools by the Institute of Student Opinion, showed that many more favor a lowering of the voting age now than at this time last year.

In New England, both boys and girls, still oppose the proposal, while in the middle Atlantic and Pacific Coast States boys favor the plan while girls oppose a change.

### Free Press War Cure

EVANSTON, Ill., Dec. 19.—Military might and a universal free press will keep peace in the world after the war, according to the findings of a poll among 175 World War II veterans, now enrolled at Northwestern University.

More than 80 percent of the veterans believed that peace can be maintained only through the use of armed force, the survey showed, while an overwhelming 95 percent agreed that a free press in every nation would be a factor in averting future wars.

Increased fierceness of fighting on the flaming Western Front emphasizes anew today's No. 1 job on both the battle and home fronts—that of kayoing the enemy. Reports from the States reveal no let-up in the nation's determination to meet growing war demands from both the European and Pacific theaters. Munitions and more munitions is the battle cry back home today, and will be tomorrow and every day until the final shot has been fired.

Back of all this all-out production effort—but without interference whatsoever with today's urgent needs—government, business and labor leaders are planning for the day when peace returns—and jobs will be uppermost in the minds of the guys now doing the fighting.

Many companies already have started the ball rolling by re-hiring their old employees honorably discharged from the services. One of these, International Harvester Company, has offered a job as good as or better than the one he left to each of its 1,316 former workers—including many disabled men—already released by the armed forces who have applied for re-employment.

#### Large and Small

Both large and small industries, including the giant Bethlehem Steel Corporation, are taking steps now for the rehiring of all their old employees and many new ones to meet post-war demands for goods and commodities. Hundreds of cities and towns throughout the country also are pitching in to have jobs ready for their returning citizens.

The guys we'll be working for when we return our O.D.s to Uncle Sam aren't going into the future with their eyes closed and blindly handing out campaign promises of "jobs for everyone." For the first time in history, they're gearing their war-to-peace change over on careful, advance planning to avoid any post-war production and job hitches.

Economists agree the demand for civilian

A recent War Production Board survey shows that Americans today are ready to buy 3,900,000 washing machines; 3,500,000 refrigerators; 1,900,000 sewing machines and a like number of vacuum cleaners; 2,400,000 toasters and 12,500,000 alarm clocks.

Add this to the hundred-and-one other things the guys now sporting khaki and blue will want when they get home and you get some idea of the magnitude of post-war production prospects—and jobs.

The nation's industrial and business leaders have taken all this into consideration when they say that private enterprise is ready to meet the demand for a high level of employment as well as productivity when the millions of Johnnies go marching home.

Cupid and the stork will account for a large portion of the post-war market, especially in the construction industry. The nation's builders look forward to the construction of 900,000 dwellings a year for several post-war years. This, along with industrial construction, will call for direct employment of some 2,100,000 men, they say.



Look Magazine

Some Plants Already Are Re-employing Returning Vets

goods and commodities after the war will be enormous, and naturally enough. For several years now Mars has had top priority, with the result the family jalopy in most cases has either passed into the beyond or is creaking with old age; home repairs have been neglected and household and personal needs have been shelved for the duration.

#### 'Deferred Demand'

The same economists say the backlog of "deferred demand"—things folks back home would like to buy but can't—will top the 25-billion-dollar mark by the end of this year. Were all these wants to be spread over a ten-year period, they add, this demand alone would prove a strong stimulant to the employment field.

This in turn will create jobs for an estimated 4,000,000 more workers in supplying the necessary materials and services, while countless other workers will be needed for the resultant demand for furniture, rugs, textiles and other household needs.

To help supply the construction needs, the forest industries look forward eagerly to re-hiring their loggers and mill mechanics now serving Uncle Sam.

The auto industry alone, says Alfred P. Sloan Jr., chairman of General Motors Corporation, is gearing itself to meet an expected demand for 6,000,000 cars a year for the first several years after the war. That's about twice the pre-war average

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# A Huntin' We Will Go!



LIGHT, PLYWOOD PACKS and camouflaged suits are in the war. In postwar period packs will please go-light hunters. Blotched suits are correct dress for duck blinds.



AMPHIBIOUS WEASEL licks swamps of Southwest Pacific. Duck hunters with sufficient \$\$ will like the tread and propeller craft for duck hunting.

## When We Trade M-1s For Shotguns



ARMY CAMP STOVE will be mighty handy. It's light, easily packed and will burn during heavy downpours. No blackout worries, either.

IN A forest a gang of doughboys started out to hunt boar during their stay at a rest camp. They ended their sport junket by picking off counter-attacking Germans. Even in the face of determined enemy assaults to crack our line the GI thinks of postwar hunting. Joe knows he will fall heir to a lot of war-tested equipment to make hunting even greater pleasure than before.

Joe, like his Dad of World War I, aims at Jerry but he sights a lot of pleasure in the thought of hunting when he stacks his carbine or crawls from his tank for the last time. He has in mind deer, bear, grouse, pheasants and other big and small game at home.

The Joe who learned to like outdoor life, the zest of living by wits, will find some mighty familiar gadgets awaiting him—gadgets such as rifles and shotguns, and Nylon pup tents, down-filled sleeping bags, waterproof suits, and combat boots. Stuff that he knows by second nature because it is helping him beat off the fanatical Huns.

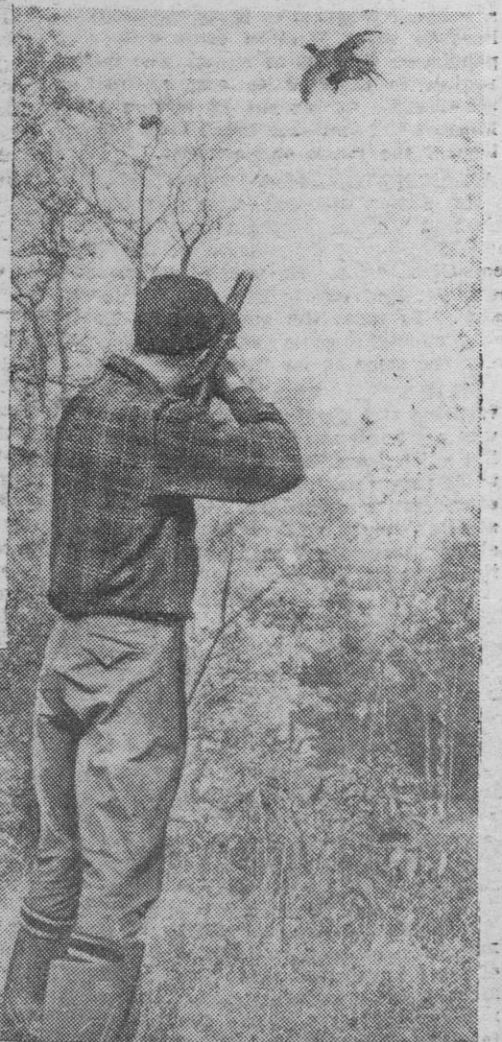
He will find that a semi-automatic carbine is a terrific gun for deer hunting. And when it comes to strapping on a light plywood pack for a three-day outing in the deer woods, Joe will assemble the pack with eyes closed and with one hand while wife and family gape in proud surprise.

The amphibious "duck" will live up to its name, and those who have the long green will discover it a sweet deal for duck hunting along marshy bottomlands.

After the war it is a cinch that a great deal of GI equipment will be sold on the market for outdoor enthusiasts. The Army stove and flashlight, Nylon pup tent,

weapons which will have been converted to sporters, camouflaged suits for sneaking up on a browsing buck deer or hiding in a duck blind, all to be had for the asking, and a few dollars. It is expected to sell at low prices.

Hunting and fishing licenses increased by forty percent after the last war because so many GIs learned to like the outdoors. Hunting will have a great boost after this war. When the lads swap khaki for hunters' plaids, the swales, upland woods, and tidal marshes will resound to a greatly increased booming of guns.



Acme



NYLON PUP TENT and feather sleeping bags replace foxholes. Postwar nimrods will use light tent and down-filled sleeping bags while bivouacked in deer areas.

Photos by Time, Inc.



GERMANS are in his sights now but Joe pictures this in his mind a flushed grouse aligned with his gun barrel.



# Main Street

By Igor Cassini  
Tomorrow Staff Writer

Believe it or not but American forests will be the sources of everything from tooth paste to ink, in the post-war world, so said Yale University's Prof. Robert Aries of NEW HAVEN, Conn., adding that the forests can also produce dyes, baking powder, medicines, paints, chewing gum, perfumes, plastics, sugar and, oh yes, rubber. . . . JEFFERSON-CITY'S MO., 175 local draft boards are already on the task of returning war veterans to their former jobs or of obtaining new jobs for them. About 30,000 veterans have already returned to Missouri through various types of military discharges.

GI Joe will wear "pasteurized" shirts and undies when he returns home. In fact the entire family "wash" from leather pillows to feminine fripperies will be pasteurized, said the nation's laundry-industry leaders in CHICAGO, announcing their plan to make "the cleanest people in the world" even cleaner. . . . A billion dollars will be spent in irrigating ARIZONA when the war ends. . . .

Former dens of social lions are being transformed into buildings of tomorrow. In PHILADELPHIA, Whitmarsh, the palatial, 150-room mansion, which cost the late Edward T. Stotesbury \$5,000,000 to build and \$7,000,000 to furnish, is now a center of scientific research. . . . and in WASHINGTON the Edward B. McLean property, once the meeting place of the Capital elite, and recently changed to a parking lot, will be metamorphosed into a two-thousand-seat motion-picture theater.

The "Kalcium Kids" of CHAMPAIGN and URBANA, Ill., are back on regular diets, after having loaned their appetites to the Univ. of Illinois for studies to determine calcium requirements for boys of high-school age. . . . Maybe it's because he ate so many wheaties, but the GI in this war is two-thirds of an inch taller than the doughboy of World War I, according to a survey by Met. Life Ins. Co.

LIMA, O., believes it has "cornered the market" on twin births. A seventh pair of "wins—the seventh in 24 days—was born in the Memorial Hospital, the other day. . . . To give labor a regular radio voice, the nation's major networks have decided to contribute free air time to the various labor organizations after the first of the year. . . . A goose, and not a duck, this time has broken into the news. Citizens of AVA, Mo., are very proud that a new record for goose longevity has been established in their town. The goose, the last of a flock raised by Misses Margaret and Dora Smith, died at the age of 30.

The cigarette shortage in the States is not only hitting Attorney General Francis Biddle, who had to bum cigarettes from Senators and reporters at a recent Senate meeting, but even children. In NEW YORK two-year-old Linda Lanham was asked what she wanted most from Santa. "Cigarettes," was her solemn answer. . . . Plans to establish a post-war helicopter commuting service serving WESTCHESTER, southern CONNECTICUT, LONG ISLAND and NEW JERSEY are now being formulated.

# The GI Huddle

## No Football He

To prevent the bonus issue from becoming a political football I wish to offer the following suggestion:

Upon receiving an honorable discharge from the service, the GI would have his life-insurance policy converted by the government into a "Bonus Annuity Policy."



This would enable the GI to receive 50 percent of the face value of his policy, payable to him by the government in five yearly instalments. The soldier would continue to pay the same low, monthly premium rate until death. At the time of his death the full amount of the policy would be paid to his beneficiary, minus the amount received during the five years.

Supervision of this policy should be government-controlled and worked out to make the insurance rate attractive enough to encourage the ex-serviceman to continue his payments even after he has received the 50 percent from his policy.

Pvt. Ira Brady, Inf. Div.

## Army Schools

Tens of thousands of unneeded troops will be stranded in Europe and Africa after V-Day. To keep them occupied, the Army is rapidly completing plans for an elective educational program or a choice of supervised recreation for the less serious-minded GIs. Many of the details will depend on where U.S. forces end up, what duties they will still have to perform. But the program is sufficiently set to indicate that it will be much vaster in size and scope than any ever established by a post-armistice army.

Included are four types of schools:

1. Basic unit schools, attached to battalions, will range from sixth grade through second year college. The curriculum will include courses in mechanical crafts, agriculture, business administration, etc.

2. Centralized on the job, technical schools will help GIs for future positions.

3. University study centers where liberal arts and pre-professional courses are obtained. The University of Paris has turned over twenty-five buildings. Another will be in London.

4. Civilian universities will take in advanced students on army scholarships.

5. Except for the civilian universities, all the schools will be Army-staffed with officers and EM who have pre-war teaching experience.

For home-sick GIs the Army emphasized one point: the program will not delay any soldier from getting home. As soon as their travel orders arrive the GIs can leave school.

Pfc James C. Mavridis.

A Sgt. speaks for married guys... A Pfc has plans for schools... Four Joes take off on vets... A T/5 has tax worries... A T/3 likes demob plan... And a Pvt. harps on bonus issue.

## One Small Voice

I've got some ideas about getting men back into civvy life after the war's over. I say let's ship combat-experienced men back to the States first, and give them a chance to see their homes and families, etc., by means of furloughs and passes. But so far as actual discharges go, I think married men, with or without children, should get discharged first.



Why? Because they are the guys who will start buying homes, ice boxes, furniture, etc., right off the bat—thereby helping to move the wheels of industry, and helping to hire more men as they come out of the Army.

Very frankly, most of us single guys aren't going to give a hoot about a job. We'll probably take a vacation first, and we can do that just as well on furlough. No plan on earth will satisfy everybody, but I think the above will satisfy us as a nation.

Sgt. Hiram E. Forbes, Engr.

## Who'll Pay for It?

A suggestion to the people back home, who are trying to help the GIs. A law fixing the income-tax rate for all service men and women at the 1939 level (except during any year when the tax rate should



go below that figure) is necessary. It would be the height of injustice to expect those who fought this war to have to pay for it when they return. We do not begrudge the prosperity enjoyed by the people at home during these years of war, but feel that we deserve a little help to establish ourselves.

T/5 Julian Friedman, Port. Bn.

## Include Me Out

Why all the bitching about the demobilization plan. It's all right by me—and I won't be going home for a long while. No, I don't want a career in the Army. I'm now 29 and would like to be home trying to make a name for myself in my profession. Yes, I made more money in civilian life than as a GI (even with the 20% overseas pay). No, I'm not exactly a rookie after 28 months.

But every one can't go home first. It seems fair to me that men who've been the longest in the front lines, with children to support, and who have more months of service than I have should be released before me.

The WD demobilization plan was based on interviews with EM to see what they thought would be the best system. I'm just one of the 90% in the Army who think the scheme is O.K. Under the provisions of the plan, I'll be around a long time until Germany and Japan are licked and occupied. But I can't think of a Fair system of choosing men to be released from service. Soon that would include me.

T/3 C. D. F.

## Vet to Vet

We heard that a post commander of the American Legion thinks it would be fine if we would throw our chips in with them after this war is over, as we would be too inexperienced to organize an outfit of our own. Who is he trying to kid?

We've spent more time overseas than most of those guys did in the Army—not wishing to take any credit away from them. In the first place, how did they get their start? Are we a bunch of kids who haven't gotten by the "wet pants" stage that we shouldn't have just as much brain as they had 25 years ago?

We will form a very formidable block which could decide a hell of a lot of issues in the future of our country. Why should we have to listen to some old "fogies," when we're going to be the "birds" who'll be around fifty years after their organization, as it stands now, will have died out? There are ten million or so of us. Surely there must be a helmet full of brains there, some place.

Four "Inexperienced" Joes

## Tough Guy

This stuff about women at work after the war gives me a pain. They'll do what we men say—and I say that my wife is coming home with me, and no arguments. If we all take this viewpoint, there'll be lots of jobs.

"Caveman."





## Mail Via Rockets

### Science

THE fellows who fool around with glass tubing, mathematical laws and high-priced microscopes are doing things with science nowadays that make Buck Rogers look like past tense.

So, if someone happens to tell you that car wheels are made from salt water and that the morning mail out of Omaha came via rocket express, don't blink and gape. That—to a letter—is what's cooking.

Down in Freeport, Tex., a Dr. Duten Beutel operates a plant where they swish plain old sea water around with cooked oyster shells. When the swishing around is finished, pure magnesium metal comes out the other end of the pipes.

#### Lightest Metal

Magnesium, the lightest structural metal known to man—and a good 50 percent lighter than aluminum—should play a big rôle in a post-war manufacturing and building program. Because of its strength it will probably be used to make car wheels, as other automobile parts.

They will tell you down in Freeport that in each cubic mile of sea water there are nine billion pounds of magnesium metal, and science aims to do something about converting it into purposes more useful than providing swimming space.

#### Rocket Mail

In the rocket world, astounding developments are foreseen. Dr. F. K. Teichmann, chairman of the Aeronautical Engineering Dept. of New York University, predicts that mail will be delivered by rockets, and that it will take only three minutes for the robots to travel from Chicago to New York—a distance of 711 air-miles.

Just where these rocket mail couriers will land seems to pose the biggest headache at present, but Dr. Teichmann claims that this difficulty will be overcome by means of expertly-designed launching platforms, spiffy automatic pilots and radio-beam controls.

Dr. Teichmann claims also that the rocket bomb will prove useless as a weapon of war in future years, because of the defense measures which can be worked out to stop it.

## U.S. PLANS

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and means many more workers on the industry's payrolls.

This ties in with the country's advance planning for new highway construction. Official studies suggest that after the war private-car traffic will increase 10 percent from the pre-war level, with corresponding sharp increases in truck and bus traffic.

#### Inventions

War-time inventions and discoveries, especially in air travel, communications and the field of applied science generally, will open new job opportunities for returning vets. The end of World War II, says Lt. Gen. James G. Harbord, chairman of Radio Corporation of America, will mark the start of the age of television.

#### The Airways

And on sky travel, Donald Douglas, president of Douglas Aircraft Co., has this to say: "Never before in the history of aviation has there been such need for air transportation as exists today in time of war and will be present tomorrow when peace comes."

#### Government Work

Legislation guaranteeing returning servicemen their old jobs will solve the re-employment problem for many. Many other GIs may prefer to enter government work, particularly because of recent legislation which waives age, height and weight requirements, besides giving other breaks to the ex-GI who will seek some of the 870,000 civil service jobs to be filled during the first five years after the war.

Loan provisions of the GI Bill of Rights will enable many discharged servicemen to realize a lifetime ambition of bossing their own small businesses—a sharp decline in the number of retail stores and service trades since the war's start heightens this opportunity.



LUCKY GEORGE KOWALCHUCK is first World War II vet in Chicago area—and second in U.S.—to receive a GI home loan. Here he is with his wife and baby, choosing a bungalow, thanks to the GI Bill of Rights.

## Trees vs. Dust



TO anyone whom the term "Dust Bowl" suggests a post-season football game, let it be recalled that this name but a few years ago described a vast area of the United States. That was when the wind was picking up

millions of tons of powdery black soil from the flat, sun-parched farms of the Great Plains and ominous black clouds made it dark in cities far away.

A lot of sad, bewildered people tied handkerchiefs over their mouths and watched helplessly as the rich top dirt of their homelands swirled away day after day until little gullies and ridges of yellow and rock showed through. Then they went away, too.

But long before the nation as a whole recognized the seriousness of the Dust Bowl, the government was hard at work on the problem. Agricultural men knew that the trouble all started back during the first World War when high prices for wheat led to the plowing up of too many miles of

firmly-anchored grassland. As long as the rainfall was adequate, the strong winds of the region could do little damage. At last, however, the dry years came, and the plains' winds picked the withered earth clean.

Congress appropriated more than half-a-billion dollars for drought relief that year, and there was talk in the newspapers of planting a 1,500 mile strip of forest 100-miles wide that would serve to break the fierceness of the plains' winds. Such a gigantic strip did not materialize, but something better did. Today windbreaking trees stretch for a total of 17,698 miles on 28,961 individual farms through the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

Some 220,000 trees have been planted under the Prairie States forestry project.

In addition to keeping crops from being blown out of the ground or being smothered by dust, the shelter belts effectively curb soil erosion from the too-rapid drainage of water and conserve ground moisture by checking evaporation.

Thousands of farmers are working their lands in the erstwhile Dust Bowl today because the shelter-belt trees have saved the land. Instead of the seared and barren miles of ten years ago, there is once again the fertile plain, producing much for the nation at a critical time.

## Some Crafty Ideas



BIG League guessers predict thousands of doughfeet and tars will take to water like ducks after the war. These top-flight business experts figure a lot of GIs will become Pop-eyes; that many coxswains will skipper their own pleasure craft and have a good time doing it.

#### Seaworthy Boats

GI interest is focused on seaworthy assault boats. These light, plywood craft, roughly 13 feet long with 5-foot beam, weigh just 165 pounds. Light enough to paddle or power with outboard motor, these shallow-draft boats can be carried on a car top or towed on a trailer to and from the water. And, they will be just the thing for fishing, duck hunting, paddling around to build biceps, or to pitch woo to the heart throb on a moon-drenched lake.

The U.S. Maritime Commission has already offered 2,936 of these obsolete but unused assault boats at \$75 each. Some 1,800 used ones were made available to boat dealers willing to buy them in bunches of 25 at a cost of \$52.50 each.



Engine builders will market outboard, in-board and power-boat engines that deliver more horsepower per pound than pre-war models. The small boat owner will be able to carry his outboard without need to take a dozen easy lessons to become an Atlas or a Samson.

Prices probably will be jacked up 25 to 35 percent on boats, engines and accessories due to higher labor and material costs. The boost in initial cost will be whittled down in more economical operational cost.

## Less Waiting Now



AMERICAN railroads are carrying more goods and people this year than ever before, and are doing it in face of shortages in men and equipment. They have gotten a big lift in setting records for freight and traffic from a gadget that would make Casey Jones' eyes blink, and which may erase some of the more painful aspects of railroading for the train rider of the future.

If you've sat for hours on a railroad siding, waiting for a fast freight to bolt through a single-track line, you'll appreciate the potentialities of this new device.

Centralized traffic control, or CTC, as railroad men call it, allows the locomotive engineer and the conductor to operate trains without written orders. It's all done by electrical impulses, by signals from a control station that automatically change passing-track switches and signals along the way. It sounds like magic, but under this system two trains going in opposite directions on a single-track line can pass each other without slowing down.

CTC is a train dispatcher's dream. At strategic points along a rail line an operator sits at an electrically-illuminated diagram desk which shows the movement of trains along the line. By the movement of knobs and levers, he controls wayside signals and switches at the passing tracks. With an eye on the panel showing the position of the trains, he throws these switches, and at the same time sets the signal to tell the locomotive engineer what to do—stop, proceed, enter a siding, or leave a siding and move to the next control point.

The whole business is handled on separate wires, without interfering with the regular automatic safety-block signals. And if anything gets snafued with either system, the lights go red to halt all traffic until the trouble can be located.

## Hepcats and Bookworms

By Joseph Wechsberg  
Tomorrow Correspondent

America's current No. 1 best seller is Kathleen Winsor's "Forever Amber," a luscious, one-thousand-page, Restoration England novel, with a hot bedroom scene on every other page. The movies have already paid \$200,000 for the screen rights, and Macmillan, the publishers, declare to have another "Gone with the Wind" on their hands. . . . The reading public still goes all out for historical "escape" fiction. W. Somerset Maugham's "The Razor's Edge" and Lloyd C. Douglas' "The Robe" are still well toward the top of the best-seller list. Both are religious books. . . .

The theme of the returning veteran gets more and more space on the non-fiction market. After Dixon Weeter treated the whole problem, from the days of the Revolution to the end of the last war, in his "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," Niven Busch has written "They Dream of Home"—the story of five Johnnies marching home from foxholes and beachheads into the grim realities of civilian life. . . . Book of the Month Club selection for November was D. W. Brogan's "The American Character." Brogan, a British professor, tries to explain America and the Americans to Britain. Typical statement: "The U.S. . . . was made by matter-of-fact men with a clear head for bookkeeping."

Come the Revolution, and the New York Philharmonic Symphony will play "encores." Well, The Day has come,

it seems. For the opening concert of the orchestra's 103rd season in Carnegie Hall, Arthur Rodzinski conducted a heavy diet of Bach and Beethoven and wound up with an encore—George Gershwin's "I Got Rhythm" . . .

The wax rush is on, fellers. Now that Music-boss James C. Petrillo's 27-month ban on record-making is over, Victor and Columbia are back in business again. Victor will have the Boston Symphony under Serge Koussevitzky and the BNC Symphony under Toscanini, and also Dinah Shore, Duke Ellington, Artie Shaw, Tommy Dorsey, Freddy Martin. Columbia's war aim No. 1 is to get out The Voice, Frank Sinatra, for the enchantment of bobby socks and hep cats. Other Columbia stars: Harry James, Benny Goodman, Kate Smith—and the New York Philharmonic. Decca offers some new Bing Crosby, and such odd items as the Los Angeles Philharmonic playing "Holiday for Strings" and "Oklahoma," and Jascha Heifetz giving out with "White Christmas."

Life-in-Hollywood-as-usual department: Charles Boyer and Irene in a new, brilliant comedy, "Together Again," with Boyer for the first time relaxing from too much amour; Paramount winding up "Duffy's Tavern" with Ed Gardner, and Bob Hope, terrific as ever in "The Princess and the Pirate." Best movie of the week is Fritz Lang's new chiller-diller, "The Woman in the Window," a psychological melodrama that will make you forget the girl you're holding hands with.



## Once Over Lightly

By Paul Horowitz  
Sports Editor

A PACIFIC Coast baseball executive, in a recent letter to Sporting News, advocates teaching the thousands of PWs in the States the game of baseball, so that when the war is over they may go back to Germany and make the sport a national pastime there. Thus, he says, baseball can become a means of promoting post-war peace and a powerful propaganda weapon in our behalf. To which, we suspect, millions of GIs will say, "Boche!"

Not many years ago, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Frankie Frisch and other noted ballplayers toured Japan playing exhibition games to the delight of thousands of Nips. Baseball soon became vastly popular in Japon, where they formed leagues comparable to our major circuits and games drew as many as 50,000 fans. But baseball in the



Orient didn't prevent Pearl Harbor. And it isn't likely Germans in peacetime will care to substitute a Louisville Slugger for a Mauser.

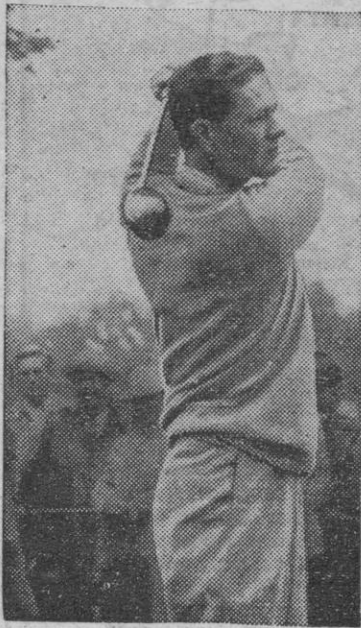
THERE WAS a basketball game at the Palais des Sports in Paris the other night, the usual pick-up game between GI teams, but one smooth performer stood out prominently. Inquiry revealed the player was Capt. Bill Hapac, of Cicero, Ill., All-America cager at the University of Illinois in 1940. The record book shows Bill set a Big Ten scoring mark when he netted 34 points against Minnesota that year. The six-foot-two-and-one-half-inch cager played pro basketball with the Chicago Bruins for one season, then signed a Detroit baseball contract. He played the outfield with Evansville in the Three-Eye League and in '41 went through spring training with Beaumont in the Texas League before entering the service in June, '41.

RAY LEE, Stars and Stripes London edition staffer, reports there's a basketball team in the UK right now that could give the 29th Division's "Blues" a tough battle, were they to meet. The "Blues" burned the courts in the ETO last year, but Lee says Col. George A. Moore's "Maulers" are the smoothest performers he's seen.

The "Maulers," who have scored 994 points in winning 17 straight this season, include Sgt. Bob Prather, of Baldwin, Miss., former Alabama All-Conference star; Maj. Gil Dailey, of Harrisburg, Pa.; Maj. Giles Batchelor, ex-Presbyterian ace from Augusta, Ga.; Pvt. Bob Kane, lanky NYU star from Brooklyn; T/5 Ernie Scribner, of Auburn, Me., and Sgt. Henry Skurnick, of Chicago, who played pro ball for 16 years before Uncle Sam took over.

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- Bowling Green 65, Romulus Air Base 50.
  - Bunker Hill 43, Loras 40.
  - Concordia 27, Wahepton 22.
  - DePaul 66, Chicago Navy Radio 28.
  - Drake 63, Carleton 23.
  - Hamline 66, River Falls Tchrs. 29.
  - Haverford 55, Johns Hopkins 37.
  - Kansas State 65, Rockhurst 35.
  - Missouri 50, Westminster 35.
  - Ohio State 64, Utah 36.
  - St. George 43, Joliet 33.

## Nelson Best Athlete



Byron Nelson

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Byron Nelson, Toledo golf professional, was voted the "athlete of the year" by 79 sportswriters, polled by the Associated Press, votes being scattered among 40 different athletes.

Nelson won \$45,000 in war bonds during '44 and averaged slightly under 70 in 78 rounds of golf for the season. He polled 75 votes. Each first place ballot was worth three points, second two and third one.

Slats Marlon, St. Louis Cardinal shortstop and National League's "most valuable" player, was second with 70 votes. Gunder Haegg, Swedish runner, took top honors last year.

Others named in the poll and their votes: Les Horvath, Ohio State griddy, 59; Hal Newhouse, Detroit pitcher, 44; Buddy Young, Illinois back, 31; Felix Blanchard, Army fullback, 28; Arne Anderson, Swedish runner, 26; Don Hutson, Green Bay end, 18; Glenn Davis, Army back, 15; and Bill Dudley, Randolph Field back, 9.

## TCU's '3F' Football Team May Surprise Oklahomans

DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 19.—The "FFF" or Fifteen Fighting Frogs will carry the hopes of Texas Christian's football team for an upset victory over Oklahoma Aggies in the Cotton Bowl game here New Year's Day. They are the boys who carried the load through most of the season on TCU's lightly-manned team and were dubbed the "FFF" by campus cohorts who think they may be good for one more surprise victory.

Seven players are 17-year-olds, six are ex-service men with medical discharges, one is a 4F and one is a Navy V12 student. Jimmy Cooper, center, has the unique distinction of holding CDDs from both the Army and Navy. Clyde Flowers, captain and tackle, is the key man in the line and Norman Cox, fullback, is the most dependable ground gainer.

## Detroit Lions Sign Cifers and Madarik

DETROIT, Dec. 19.—The Detroit Lions of the National League today announced signed post-war contracts had been received from Bobby Cifers and Elmer Madarik, backs on Randolph Field's unbeaten Ramblers.

Cifers is a former Tennessee ace, while Madarik played for Detroit University under Gus Dorais, present Lions' coach.

## Walsh Goes Back to ND

BRUNSWICK, Me., Dec. 19.—Adam Walsh, head football coach at Bowdoin, said today he would go to Notre Dame to act as assistant line coach in '45, but will return to Bowdoin as soon as the war ends.

## Barnhill, Vols' Coach, Signs 5-Year Contract

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 19.—John Barnhill, coach of the Tennessee football team, now en route to Pasadena to play Southern California in the Rose Bowl, has signed a contract to coach the Vols for another five years, N.W. Dougherty, head of the Athletic Council, announced today.

## Old Men in Moleskin Talk of Retiring

By Andy Rooney

The Stars and Stripes New York Bureau. NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The wise old men of the pro football firmament, not altogether infirm, were discussing plans to quit the game as they wearily doffed their moleskins in the Polo Grounds dressing rooms Sunday. The Green Bay Packers had just defeated the New York Giants, 14-7, for the National Football League championship and Don Hutson was the first to say he was through.

While the former Alabama lineman, now 33, was talking retirement in the Green Bay lockerroom, others declared they were hanging up their suits for good. Mel Hein, in his 14th year as center in pro ranks; Arnie Herber, who just ended his 12th season; Ken Strong, concluding his 11th were Giants who voiced their desire to quit.

The two oldest men in uniform

## Hal Gregg of Dodgers Gets NL's TS Slip

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Hal Gregg, Brooklyn pitcher, won the National League's TS honors, according to baseball figures just released today.

The Dodger flinger hit nine batsmen, walked 137, made ten wild pitches, allowed 142 runs, 120 of which were earned, and had a nine-game losing streak. Each of these performances set a league standard for the year.

## Pro Loop Plans Players' Pool

AKRON, O., Dec. 19.—An entirely new procedure will be followed by the United States Football League in the distribution of talent to member teams. Harold "Red" Grange, league president, said the league itself would maintain a scouting staff and all newly-signed players would go into a pool for distribution to different member teams.

"We propose to establish a central scouting system with the main thought of keeping a balance of power," the famous ex-Galloping Ghost of Illinois declared.

Members agreed not to tamper with any player under contract in the National Football League, but said they considered the National League's reserve list "open territory."

The six-team league will play home-and-home series with the championship decided by percentages. New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Akron and Honolulu are league members. Honolulu will represent Buffalo or Cincinnati until the war ends.

## Phillies Sell Cieslak

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—Herb Pennock, Phillies' general manager, announced today the sale of Ted Cieslak, a third baseman, to Atlanta of the Southern Association.

## Walters Paced National's Arc Light Hurlers

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—William "Bucky" Walters, Cincinnati Reds' righthanded pitcher, was regarded through the last baseball season as the best nightball twirler in the business. In fact, figures released today by the National League showed he was about the best pitcher by day or night.

Second only to Ed Heusser's 2.38 in earned runs with a mark of 2.40, Walters led the league in games won with 23 against eight defeats, one a three-hitter.

Ace Adams won "Iron Man" honors pitching in 65 games and another Giant hurler, Bill Voiselle, started the most games, 41; pitched the most innings, 213; faced the most batters, 1,327, and fanned the most, 161.

Ken Raffensberger, All-Star game winner, lost the most games, 20, with the Phillies; Mort Cooper of the Cards pitched the most shut-outs, seven, and Jim Tobin, of Boston, hurled the most no-hitters, two. Clyde Shoun, Reds' southpaw, pitched a no-hitter against Tobin. Ted Wilks of the Cards won 11 straight and 17 against four losses to top the league in percentages.

Besides Walters, other 20-game winners were Cooper, 22-7; Voiselle, 21-16; Truett "Rip" Sewell of Pittsburgh, 21-12.

The Chicago Cubs and New York Giants broke a record by using 14 pitchers in a game, July 23rd.

## Rizzuto Now Catching

When Phil Rizzuto's Navy team played in Australia, the Yankee shortstop caught 13 innings without making an error.

during the game were Strong, 38, and Abe Schwammel, Green Bay tackle, who is 36.

Game sidelights.—Johnny Weiss,



Curly Lambeau  
He Got Last Laugh

Jersey City kid who played a great game for the Giants at end, was truly disgusted when he thought

he had stolen the ball, but the object he tucked under his arm and ran a few yards with turned out to be Ted Fritsch's helmet... Coach Steve Owen, Giant coach, used Lt. Al Blozis on defense only. Every time the Giants got the ball, Owen sent Tackle Vic Carroll in for Blozis.

Ward Cuff played the best offensive game on the field, despite Fritsch's noteworthy performance... Hutson had the Giants worried all during the game. One Packer touchdown was due to the Giant fears of Hutson. They put so many men on him, none left to cover Fritsch, who caught a 27-yard pass from Irv Comp, who ran in the opposite direction.

Curly Lambeau, Packers' coach, got the laugh last over Steve Owen on that pass play, for it completely fooled the best pass defense team the Giants have had in years.

## Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features.



## By Al Capp



This Was America Yesterday:

# Nazi Counter-Offensive Booms Stock Market

By Joe Fleming  
Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The tough German defense of the Fatherland, spiked by yesterday's Monschau counter-offensive, sent the stock markets soaring again, this time to record peaks. Observers said as long as the Nazis look as though they will last through the winter, thus delaying industry's reconversion, stocks will go on soaring. This noon the market, paced by aircraft and other war babies, stood at a seven-year high.

Christmas trade was reaching peak levels, too, all over the country. Luxury goods particularly were in strong demand. Heaviest sales were on jewelry, handbags, perfume and fur coats. One commodity that's not being bought is that easy-way-out Christmas gift—a carton of cigarettes.

SEN. Homer Ferguson (R-Mich.) now blames the administration's crop control program for the smoke shortage. "We are only reaping what we sowed," the senator said, claiming tobacco growers couldn't plant all they could grow.

OTHER shortages: HOUSING—Following is a classified ad which appeared in The Indianapolis Star: "Three cartons 15c. cigarettes for information leading to rental of furnished one, two or three-room apartment by quiet couple..." RESULT: two phone offers.

## Cars Not New, But the Plates Are

NEW license plates are beginning to show up on the old cars, but most of them are last year's with a small tag bolted over the date. That's New York, anyway. California found a way, however, to manufacture new plates. They will be black and white and will be limited one to a customer.

Man-who-did-most-for-Brooklyn-in-1944 — Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia. The honor was bestowed upon him by the Society for the Prevention of Disparaging Remarks about Brooklyn, for what the society called the mayor's "spontaneous action in rising gallantly to defend our boys on the service, attacked so viciously by an alleged British author."



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FILMLAND notes—Hollywood's women's press club today announced nomination for the best and least-liked movie personalities: Golden apples went to: Maria Montez, Betty Hutton, Lucille Ball, Humphrey Bogart and Alan Ladd. Brushoffs: Betty Grable, Veronica Lake, Sonja Henie, Lena Turner, Fred MacMurray, Errol Flynn and Walter Pidgeon.

Story of the week. The home front will decorate its war heroes tomorrow in a ceremony at Grand Central Palace, N.Y. Fifty-three soldiers and WACs will receive Good Conduct ribbons.

MUD may begin splashing off a Los Angeles courtroom's walls very soon now. Attorneys late yesterday finally picked a jury of seven women and five men to hear Joan Berry's charges that her baby daughter, Carol Ann, was born out of a love affair with Charlie Chaplin. All jurors believed in blood tests and haven't formed any opinion, they said.

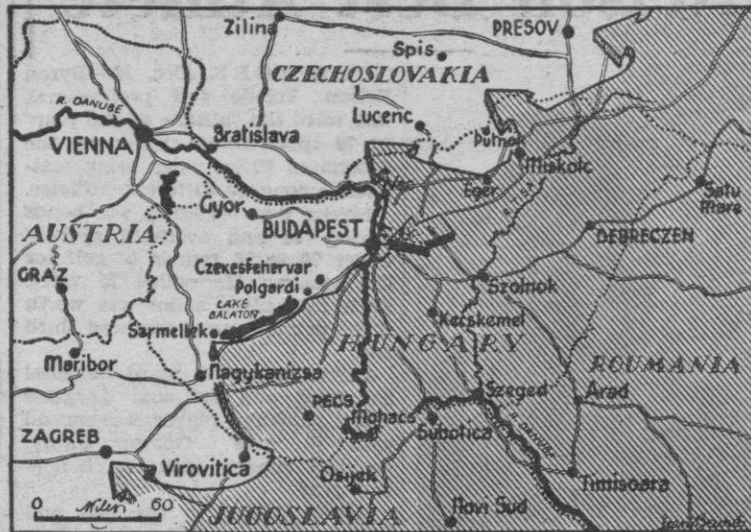
THE columnists: The Herald Trib's Lippmann charged that wounded American servicemen were suffering because the "Army can't find enough women to nurse them." He said that it's well known to the Army and medical profession that "in hospitals, at home and abroad, our men aren't receiving the nurses' care they must have." Danton Walker predicted today that Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, ASF chief, is due for a four-star rating soon; that the president is "willing to accept Miss Perkins' resignation as labor secretary."

THE Herald Trib said editorially that touring congressmen's "own reading habits, rather than newspapers, are to blame for whatever discrepancies they found between their preconceived notion from the battle area and reality." Answering the House Military Affairs sub-committee's charge that the press had failed to give the complete picture of the Italian war, the Tribune said, "The whole Italian story had been told day after day."



Carol Ann

# As Soviets Slug Across New Borders



Stars and Stripes Map by Baird

Two new Russian drives carry across the Slovak border near Putnok and Lucenc, while other columns, already on Slovak soil, approach Presov. Fighting for Budapest continues as the siege passed the second week.

# Nazis 20 Miles Into Belgium

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mans have not the necessary resources to break through American lines despite the 20-mile advance, the dispatch said.

Washington authorities, the dispatch continued, expected Gen. Eisenhower to divert only as many troops as are necessary to halt the counter-thrust, while continuing the Allied advance on other fronts.

The Washington dispatch said an airborne division and three Panzer divisions have been identified in the new offensive, indicating the Germans had drawn heavily on reserve strength.

From Brussels, United Press reported the German drive spread alarm through Belgium as continuing robot bomb attacks added tension.

Americans who tried to calm the Belgians were told: "Don't forget that we lived with these people for four years—we don't want them back," United Press reported.

Meanwhile, north of the breakthrough, patrols of the 320th Reg. of First Army's 83d Div. were reported to have crossed the Roer River and penetrated Duren, Associated Press front reports said. There was no indication, however, that this was more than patrol activity.

On the Ninth Army front, the ground situation remained unchanged. South of the offensive, resistance stiffened along the whole U.S. Third Army front, reported Stars and Stripes Correspondent Earl Mazo. He said that Luftwaffe bombing and strafing was greater than anything Third Army had experienced since Avranches.

In the Rhineland, U.S. Seventh Army troops found the enemy resisting strongly in the Palatinate's West Wall. Southward in Alsace, the French made slight gains in the vicinity of Colmar.

# Weather Slows Reds' Advance

MOSCOW, Dec. 19 (UP).—

Fighting slowed down today on the Russian fronts with exception of the sector north and northeast of Miskolc where the Soviets now are within striking distance of Koshitsa.

Bad weather played an important part in retarding operations in the three Budapest sectors and in the sectors of southeastern Hungary along the German fortified line between Lake Balaton and the Drawa Lake.

After a long advance, the Russians now are up against the principal defense lines where the Germans are reportedly prepared to make considerable sacrifices to prevent Soviet eruption into Austria.

# Greek Situation Stirs U.S. Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (ANS).

—The Senate held a torrid discussion today on America's international policies, with one member expressing bitterness over Britain's policy in Greece and other foreign questions.

Announcing he would call a night session if necessary, Chairman Connally, (D-Tex.), of the Foreign Relations Committee, called on his committee to choke off what he called an "obvious filibuster" and to postpone discussions until the next Congressional session.

(In Greece, ELAS troops drove British and Greek government troops from Averon prison, an important stronghold, in Athens and also claimed a siege ring around RAF headquarters outside the city, cutting off its supplies except by air. Leaders of both sides still were meeting to discuss peace.)

# FDR Vacation Ends; Prepares For Big 3 Meet

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (UP).—

President Roosevelt returned today after a three-week vacation at Warm Springs, Ga., to clean up diplomatic, military and domestic problems before making plans for the probable meeting next month with Churchill and Stalin.

The U.S. declaration on Poland, in effect encouraging Poland to accept the Curzon Line demanded by Russia as its eastern frontier, clarified the most difficult problem confronting the Big Three, according to diplomatic experts.

The immediate reaction of Poles in exile indicated the U.S. statement could become the basis for renewed negotiations among the Polish government in London, the Polish National Committee in Lublin and the latter's Soviet backers.

(In a dispatch from London yesterday, New York Times Correspondent Raymond Daniell asserted, on authority of diplomatic sources "with no axe to grind," that the question of Poland's eastern boundary was settled at the Roosevelt-Stalin-Churchill conference in Teheran one year ago.)

The President came back to the capital fit from his rest and ready to tackle the reorganization of a new Congress. During his absence, he signed more than 75 bills and vetoed a few.

# Armed Stag Line Waits in Ballroom

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tions fell dead on the roof and crashed into the walls.

The German defenders, positioned in a section of the ballroom on the ground floor, replied with bazookas, rifle fire and machine guns. When the TDs and self-propelled guns failed to bring out the Nazis, one company commander sent in a platoon.

When they got inside and reached the ballroom, the doughs found that the sheen had left the once-gleaming floor and an armed stag line had formed on the other side. Across the large rectangle sprinkled with the dust of destruction, the Yanks stalked their partners in a grim dance of death done to the scream of mortar shells landing outside and the staccato beat of machine guns.

While it lasted the fight was furious. Where German officers formerly waltzed stiffly with local frauleins, MGs and bazookas cut fiery swaths. Very few of the ballroom tenants were able to get out the back way, for it was plenty hot out in the alley. Most of them fell where they fought—in a ballroom in Fraulautern.

When the doughs passed on to the next block, the rhythm did not stop.

# Unit Delays Armor Column Six Hours

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ner Cpl. Paul Lanza, of Newark, N.J., continued to engage the well-placed Tiger, Hauser and Lenzo then destroyed their own gun with an incendiary burst and made their way back afoot six miles to our headquarters.

The platoon sergeant, Kester O. Lowe, of Sarasota, Fla., remarked, "Hitler would be damned unhappy if he knew that the two guns which caused so much trouble were commanded by an Italian and a German—Celano and Hauser."

## Terry And The Pirates

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By Milton Caniff

