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## Enemy Halted on Flanks

### Reich Seen Risking All In Big Drive

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (UP).—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said today that the Germans in their current counter-offensive against the First U.S. Army have accepted the hazard of an all-out effort which, if it fails, may hasten the end of the war.

Stimson, at his press conference, said the German drive was designed primarily to halt the American advance toward Cologne and in the Saar basin. He said the hazards were heightened for the Germans by the fact that they must also be prepared to meet the Soviet Army's winter offensive wherever it may strike.

Stimson pointed out that the counter-attack came while the Allied forces were being steadily reinforced and supported with a large movement of supplies and while the Germans were being subjected to steadily increased winter aerial attack.

"Under these conditions," he said, "the Nazi régime has a great deal to lose and might gain an extension of a few months' time before being called to the accounting for the misery they have inflicted on the world."

"I have the utmost confidence in the wisdom, energy and the aggressive fighting attitude of Gen. Eisenhower and his leaders."

### Nazis Send U.S. Medic With Plea for Wounded

WITH THE FIRST U.S. ARMY, Dec. 21.—A high-ranking German officer, commanding one of the many pockets of Nazi parachutists isolated because of the failure of ground troops to break through to their aid, today asked American medics to give his wounded good treatment.

The Germans captured an American sergeant, then turned him loose with the message to an American hospital where four Nazis who had been jump-injured were being treated. The message recalled that Americans similarly jump-injured in Normandy had been well treated by the Germans and asked reciprocation.

### Third of Athens Clear, British General Says

ATHENS, Dec. 21 (AP).—Lt. Gen. R. M. Scobie, British commander in Attica, announced progress today in clearing insurgent forces in Athens and Piraeus. One third of the town is now in British hands.

Late last night, Gen. Scobie issued an ultimatum to ELAS demonstrators to give up, and if they didn't he would open a full-scale offensive.

### As the First Army Fights Near Duren



Tanks crawl slowly along down a road near the outskirts of Duren, Germany, in support of an infantry attack by First Army. Note house with gaping holes in roofs left by American shell fire. Photo taken shortly after town had been seized.

### House Group, Back in U.S., Will Report to Gen. Marshall

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (ANS).—Members of the House Military Committee, back from a month-long tour of the Western and Italian Fronts, reported today that they found "everything going well, although more ammunition could be used." Rep. Overton Brooks (D-La.) said the committee

### Superforts Hit Mukden Plants

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (ANS).—Superforts in substantial force today bombed industrial targets in Mukden, Manchuria, handing the Japs their fifth B29 raid in five days, the War Department announced today.

It was the second B29 raid this month on Mukden, a site of important steel works, shipyards and other war industries.

In the Southwest Pacific, Gen. MacArthur announced that the 77th and First Cavalry Divs. have completely overrun the Japanese Yamashita line and that the battle for Leyte is "rapidly drawing to an end."

In Pearl Harbor, Adm. Nimitz announced that Libs had blasted airfields on the Bonin Islands.

### OD-Clad Spies Infiltrate Lines In Allied Cars

German agents, wearing American and British uniforms and supplied with false identification papers, are operating behind the Allied lines and in "rear areas" to sabotage or destroy vital war installations, the Seine Section Provost Marshal revealed in a special warning announcement yesterday.

The Germans have infiltrated the Allied lines and are using American and British vehicles.

The announcement especially warned the French public to be on the alert for suspicious persons and to report their presence immediately to their nearest Commissaire de Police. They were requested to comply in every way with all military restrictions.

### New Zealanders Mop Up Northwest of Faenza

ROME, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—In a vigorous night attack, New Zealand troops, mopping up the east bank of the River Senio about four miles northwest of Faenza, captured more than 100 prisoners in the main action of the Italian front yesterday.

### Fog Shrouds Battle In Eerie Setting

By Jules Grad  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer  
WITH U.S. FORCES IN BELGIUM, Dec. 21.—American troops are fighting Germany's mightiest counter-offensive in the eerie atmosphere of an Alfred Hitchcock movie thriller.

After hacking through Normandy hedgerows and slugging it out in Germany's snow and mud, they are now up against their strongest natural enemy—fog.

From this slate-gray shroud blanketing Belgium, guns bark blindly, infantrymen grope around the front like sleep-walkers. Mammoth Tiger Royal tanks

lumber out of the fog, belching fire from their 11-foot guns. Then the fog settles in and they disappear silently.

Soupy gloom is so solid that moving figures blend in the background when scarcely 20 feet away.

Von Rundstedt must have waited weeks for this kind of weather. His lightning successes depended upon it. He knew his paratroopers could skulk through the fog with less chance to be recognized. His ground troops could infiltrate toward American lines with less chance of capture. When the dripping atmosphere started moving in, it was time for him to strike.

### Battle Line In Belgium Back 30 Mi.

American fighting men, striking back hard, halted savage Nazi thrusts on the flanks of Field Marshal von Rundstedt's great offensive, it was disclosed officially yesterday, but in the center of the great drive advancing Germans cut swaths 30 miles into Belgium and three-quarters through the tiny Duchy of Luxembourg.

As the climactic battle of the war in the west entered its sixth day yesterday, it became apparent that German troops who only a week ago appeared to be wavering in the defense of their own soil have now hurled the gravest threat at American arms since the fall of the Philippines.

It was admitted officially that the assault cannot be halted this week. It also was pointed out that for the first time since the Western Front stabilized on the fringes of the Reich, the war of movement, of sweeping armored thrusts and blazing tank battles, has recommenced.

### 15 Divisions in Counter-Offensive

Von Rundstedt's counter-offensive has brought an estimated 15 divisions, believed to be the best Germany has, out from behind the steel-stone forts of the Siegfried Line to fight the kind of war the Allies won in France. The war again was running fast and the Germans, smashing through the Ardennes with almost the speed they achieved in 1940, were believed to be making their final effort.

Americans checked German thrusts at Echternach, at the southern flank of the 60-mile offensive in Luxembourg, and at Monschau on the northern flank.

Other First Army forces recaptured the Belgian town of Stavelot, 10 miles south of Spa, and fought fiercely to re-take the Belgian communications center of Malmédy, into which Germans had penetrated. Malmédy was reported uncaptured.

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### Captured Film Indicates Yanks Were Murdered

WITH U.S. FIRST ARMY, Dec. 21.—The official photographer of an SS Panzer division was captured and his film developed. He had pictures of American dead. They were stretched out in even rows and had no GI equipment, an indication that they did not die in battle, but were massacred.

Several other pictures were taken at road junctions, apparently to show the return of the Nazi conquerors, and each showed dead Americans lying around the signposts. These soldiers also were without any equipment and one even had no shoes.

## Village Taken, But Nazi Dead Litter Streets

By Jules Grad

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

**WITH AMERICAN TROOPS IN BELGIUM, Dec. 21.**—Two companies of rear-echelon Joes held the Belgian town of Stavelot for half a day against a counter-attack of German Tiger Royals. When the weary GIs finally withdrew they left Nazis strewn around the city "like dead flies clotted on flypapers."

Most of them had never done any close fighting. They were construction engineers and light armored vehicle drivers.

"We were killing Jerries like you'd kill flies with a swatter," Sgt. Irving Heimholtz, of Bloomingdale, N. J., said. They were splattered around Stavelot like flies on flypaper."

The two companies had been here so long their officers were starting orientation lectures to keep the men occupied. Then something happened.

### Mined the Bridge

Last Saturday the troops were alerted to keep on the watch for enemy parachutists. The next day the signal went out to look for German scout cars. The engineers mined the bridge as a precaution.

When they heard strange noises coming from across the river, late that night then sent out light armored vehicles. The engineers removed the mines and the half-tracks rolled over the bridge.

Just as the cars reached the middle of the span, green flares, then red ones lit up the sky from a hill on the other side of the bridge.

"All hell broke loose," said 1/Lt. Herschel Eckelman, of Columbus, Ind. "The tracks were fired on by mortars, 88s and machine guns, all hidden by the Germans in camouflaged positions in the woods.

### Dropped Hand Grenades

"Our half-tracks had to withdraw and we mined the bridge again. Then as we were retreating through the city German soldiers stuck their heads out of windows and dropped hand grenades on the cars. Our first vehicle was hit and the crew instantly killed."

Meantime, the engineers bowled mines onto the bridge in an attempt to stop the Nazi parade. 1/Lt. Joseph Chinlund, of Chicago, sent trucks to the north and south of the city to cover approaches to the bridge. He saw five more enemy tanks ready to move.

Pfc Wesley Hillary, of Cumberland, Md., saw three half-tracks shooting by, they were American vehicles. Germans were inside.

"We opened up with machine guns and stalled two and blew up the third."

### Hid Among Sheep

Next, Hillary spotted a group of seven Nazis who'd wedged themselves between a flock of sheep lolling toward town. When the animals separated for an instant, the sharp-shooter and two buddies mowed down the Jerries with their machine guns.

Hillary said the Germans must have had a good idea of how many Americans were in the town.

"And they didn't care who they hit either. I saw two old ladies and a young girl killed crossing the street."

Six hours later, ammunition was running low. The Joes decided they'd had it, so they made their way out of the city just before the big German advance entered. When they looked back on what they thought was the doomed town, the Tiger tanks were pouring lead into buildings.

## 3 Ninth AF Fighters Get 4 Nazis Apiece

U.S. fighter-bomber pilots were taking a deadly toll from the desperate Luftwaffe, the Ninth Air Force announced yesterday, revealing that three pilots have downed four Nazi planes each in single actions the past week. The pilots are:

Capt. Kenneth L. Dahlberg, 27, of St. Louis; 1/Lts. Floyd S. Hass, of Decatur, Ill., and William S. Kerr, of Richmond, Calif.

## P47s Discover Tank Column, Divert Attack

By Pat Mitchell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

**AN ADVANCED NINTH AF THUNDERBOLT BASE, Dec. 21.**—A major Nazi thrust on the southern flank of the First U.S. Army was diverted further south because diverted further south because Wermacht armored columns, journeying through eastern Belgium, were discovered by a flight of Thunderbolt pilots headed by Maj. George R. Brooking, it was learned today.

Brooking, who comes from Livingston, Mont., was out on armed reconnaissance with three other P47 Hellhawks. Flying at treetop level through fog and icy rains, they spotted a Nazi column.

Brooking ordered two of his flak-damaged planes back to their base after the third had been shot down, operations chiefs revealed, and flashed the word of his find back to the Ninth TAC nerve center, continuing on himself to strafe 30 tanks and 20 vehicles of a 70-truck column.

Then, despite the fact that his bombs were gone and his ammunition almost exhausted, he awaited the arrival of aerial reinforcements and led them to the target area before heading back to his base.

## Detail Pays Yanks Off In Fresh Eggs and Milk

A detail paid off in groceries for three men of an 82nd Airborne Division glider unit in Holland. When civilians were evacuated from the area, they asked if someone would take care of their livestock.

Now S/Sgt. Paul T. Lester, of Science Hill, Ky.; Sgt. Woots Chaffins, of Garrett, Ky., and Pfc Samuel C. Weekly, of Newark, N.J., are providing fresh eggs and milk daily for their platoon.

## Bombs Drop, MP Ducks, Traffic Snarls, Major Fumes

Choice between attendance to duties and obedience to safety-first orders recently made Pfc Ted Johnson, of Cleveland, the target of a barrage—but at least his decision kept him off the casualty list.

Johnson, an MP with an infantry division on the Western Front, was on his post when an order came down directing every man to bury himself in his foxhole at an hour during which the Air Force had scheduled a tremendous saturation of a nearby sector.

Following the order, Johnson jumped in his foxhole and traffic at his intersection became snafued, causing an irate major to seek out Johnson and demand an explanation. Johnson calmly informed him of his orders and refused to budge. When the bombing ended Johnson emerged to unsnarl the traffic.

## Weasel Gets a Workout



Climbing a steep bank after crossing a river is just one of the things the new "Weasel" can do. It is shown here during a test run in a training area behind the lines.

## Infantry Now Gets Cream Of Manpower, Lear Asserts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (ANS).—The infantry today is well past its stepchild days and is getting not only most but the best of the manpower, according to Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, ground forces commander.

"The high percentage of top refills goes into the ground forces today—most into the infantry," Gen. Lear said. "The reason is that under the principle of first things first it was necessary to place the air forces into operation ahead of large masses of men on the ground who must fight for the final decision. Now that we have reached the final stage, force—infantry—is getting preference."

The general recalled that in 1942 the mission of the ground forces was defensive and the manpower allocation was almost completely reversed. Until very recent months the overall objective of the ground forces command in the U.S. was to train and organize by divisions.

Now, the general said, the call for replacements grows with every battle. Army casualties are approaching the half-million mark. Therefore the doughboy gets basic infantry skills at one of several army replacement training centers and then goes overseas.

## Bridge-Busting New Sensation For Engineers

By Hal Boyle

Associated Press Correspondent

**STAVELOT, Belgium, Dec. 21 (AP).**—The Belgians—or whatever they called themselves in those days—built it in 1770. The Germans crossed it three days ago in their grand offensive and last night 15 brave and scared American combat engineers blew it up. "It" was a 60-foot brick and stone bridge spanning the boisterous Landeve River—a span badly needed by the Germans if they were to keep their armored columns rolling through American lines.

### First Time on Defensive

It was the first bridge ever blown up by Capt. James Rice and his men. The 29-year-old former Richmond, Calif., oil refinery employee said, "We never had to destroy a bridge before because we never knew what it was to be on the defensive.

"I estimated it would take 1,000 lbs. of dynamite placed in the center of the span to do the job," he said. "The Germans opened up on us with tanks and machine guns, I had to crawl around a corner so fast I lost my helmet. It was too hot a place to work by daylight."

So Rice assembled his men just before dark. They drove to the last corner before the bridge, where they parked until Nazi observers in the hills beyond the river no longer could see the bridge.

"When it was black we carried the explosive in 50-lb. boxes three blocks down the street," Rice said. "There was a lot of glass and debris in the street. To keep the Nazis from hearing the noise we made going across, we had our artillery throw smoke shells into town twice a minute for 15 minutes.

"That bridge blew up like a roman candle. It was a beautiful explosion—knocked windows out for three blocks."

## Liaison Pilots Destroy Code Before Retreat

By Dan Regan

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

**WITH AN INF. DIV., Dec. 18 (Delayed).**—The sudden German spearhead put pilots of this division's artillery observation section in a rough situation. 1/Lt. Theodore W. Timreck, liaison pilot, of Elmhurst, Ill., awoke early Sunday morning to the sound of enemy gunfire. He ran out onto the airfield as two planes from a nearby division took off in the face of fire from 88s on a hill.

Timreck ordered all men to take off for the rear and, accompanied by Sgt. Lewis Hines, of Mississippi, attempted to burn 14 planes on the field. Increased enemy artillery and machine-gun fire forced them into the dirt and they crawled along a

## Red Tape Cut Away And Planes Are Saved

**WITH FIRST ARMY, Dec. 18 (Delayed).**—When the German advance made the decision to move surplus liaison planes to the rear necessary every available pilot was used.

Among those who helped were one pilot who had been grounded with bad eye; and two enlisted airfield mechanics—all of whom had convinced someone that flying ability took precedence over lack of licenses.

ditch to the rear. As they looked back they saw four planes burning from enemy fire.

Crawling along the ditch they passed three dead members of an American machine-gun unit which had just been hit by 88s. They hugged the ground behind a clump of bushes as two German Tiger tanks followed by paratroopers went by. Then finally reached U S. lines.

### Destroyed Map Data

Eight flying officers and two enlisted men, billeted in a nearby town, had just been alerted to start packing when someone looked out of the window and saw German tanks and paratroopers coming down the street.

The men ran for the basement. As the Germans entered the building, looked around for a few minutes and left. Lt. James B. Barber, of Ratton, N. M., rushed upstairs and quickly burned signal codes and rubbed essential data off situation map.

Barber then heard the Germans returning, so joined the others in the basement. The Nazis spent the day ransacking baggage and papers and left at nightfall, permitting the fliers to escape to our lines.

## Soviet Army Gains On Slovak Front

**MOSCOW, Dec. 21 (AP).**—The Red Army pushed back the Germans on a 125-mile front in southern Slovakia today while tanks and tommygunners battled with batteries in Kosice and Rimaszombat.

Both heavily-defended towns in southwestern Slovakia control highways and railways which connect with main lines to Bratislava, Vienna and Prague.

There was no official news of the great battle raging north of the Danube bend, where Soviet columns were struggling for westward routes, but it was learned the fight was going favorably. The Luftwaffe was reported trying to hold back the Red Army push which threatened to spill out across the Danube.



## Siegfried Line Barrier Blasted By Yank Guns

By Russell Jones

Stars and Stripes Staff Correspondent

RECHTENBACH, GERMANY, Dec. 21.—Beleaguered by heavy, accurate German artillery fire, fog-draped snipers and infiltration, American troops today were blasting and shooting their way into one of the toughest sections in the entire Siegfried Line—on the Seventh Army front north of Wissembourg.

Battle sounds come booming from directly ahead and from left and right of this broken front-line town whose sole inhabitants at the moment are wary American soldiers and some sullen-faced German chickens.

Six hundred yards up the road toward Berlin our line is held by Yanks who were forced to withdraw from Ober-Oberbach two days ago.

### Dragon's Teeth Block Path

To the right, across the three-mile-wide Wissembourg gap, our tanks and artillery are blasting into the armor-spearheading rows of dragon's teeth which are blocking the armored advance through this natural corridor into the Siegfried between Bien and Harndt Forest.

Probably the toughest and meanest battle of this sector is being waged in the high trails and tall pines a mile west of here.

The Yanks are giving the fort and an estimated 200-man garrison the same TNT-grenade-bazooka-artillery treatment they gave five nearby pillboxes captured in the last two days.

The enemy prefers fighting as long as possible in dirt trenches encircling individual pillboxes to fighting inside the thick-walled fortifications. One reason may be that while a 40-pound charge of TNT set off against a pillbox yesterday failed to dent it, a direct hit from a 240-Howitzer a few minutes later killed all the Germans inside by concussion.

### Fighting Like Indians

All across the 11-mile wide and one-to-three-mile deep penetration of the Reich on the Seventh's right center, the enemy has been fighting like a tribe of Mohawk Indians. Automatic small-arms fire rakes the Wissembourg gap and the adjoining forests day and night.

Half a Yank company crossed a stream and sent two sergeants back to guide the rest of the company forward. When the men in the rear crossed the stream the forward elements had vanished. The sergeants were sent on a search party. Neither they nor the men they sought had been heard from hours later.

### First Seine Bridge

An Armored Eng. Bn., of the Seventh Armored Div. was the first unit to build a bridge across the Seine. Engineers, who were under fire during construction, worked in a heavy rainstorm.

### MPs Marry, Proving Somebody Loves MPs

LIEGE, Dec. 21.—If you think nobody loves military policemen you're wrong. They love each other and two of them got married here last week to prove it.

The newlyweds are T/5 Rodger K. Evans, of Wheeling, W. Va., serving with Co. C, 509th MP Bn., and L/Cpl. Joan Slaughter, of ATS provost branch. They met 15 months ago patrolling the same beat in Bristol.

## Christmas—Day of Peace—Will be Another Day of War

### Turkey Dinners Planned Churches Schedule Yule Services

Christmas, the holiday of peace and warmth, will be just D-plus-202 this year—another day of cold muddy war—to U.S. troops along the Western Front. Only brief religious services, when and where possible, will mark its celebration on the battle lines Monday.

Behind the lines, troops many of them spending their third winter overseas will try to salvage what they can of a home-style Christmas out of an ordinary working day. Hundreds of parties for French, Belgian and British children have been scheduled for Christmas Day. Thousands of unit Christmas trees, decorated with home-made ornaments, have been set up, and special holiday services for U.S. troops in cathedrals and churches throughout Belgium and France have been planned.

### Ike Greets Troops

Gen. Eisenhower yesterday shook hands with men representing the British, Canadian, French and American Armies, the US and British Navies, the USAAF and the RAF, and asked them to convey his Christmas greetings to the men of their respective services.

GIs representing the U.S. Army were Sgt. Charles Helferich, of New York City, and T/5 Troy Lofties, of Ardmore, Okla. S/Sgt. Albin Les represented the Air Forces.

For all GIs, there will be at



Three Belgian orphan children, with their Ninth AF hosts, celebrate Christmas in American style at a pre-Noel party near a Ninth fighter-bomber base in Belgium. The kids were among 100 orphans entertained by GIs of the base.

least one reminder of Christmas at home. Com Z Supply chiefs declared yesterday that there will be turkey and trimmings for all troops in the ETO on Christmas Day.

By Christmas Day, more than 18,000,000 packages will have been delivered to soldiers in the theater.

Ten Army Special Service companies in the field, will organize choral groups among troops in

forward areas, and will provide music and shows for Christmas celebrations.

In Paris, a WAC choral group will sing carols under the Arc de Triomphe at five PM on Christmas Eve, and from there they will tour hospitals in the Paris area. It will be the first time singing has been permitted under the Arc.

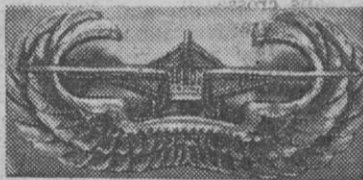
Combat troops on pass in Paris will have a chance to attend mid-

night mas at the Madeleine Church, the American Cathedral and St Joseph's. Christmas morning services are scheduled at the American Cathedral, St Peter's and St Joseph's.

The Olympia theater will offer shows Sunday afternoon and night. Maj. Glenn Miller and band will appear twice on Christmas Day. Christmas parties are scheduled at Red Cross Clubs and the Inter-Allied Club.

### New Glider Badge Awarded Experts

AN ETO AIRBORNE HQ., Dec. 21.—Eligible glider troops are now wearing the new badge authorized by the War Department last June. The badge shows the front view of a glider flanked by the up-flung



wings of the Airborne Command. Wearers must have participated in at least two flights under tactical or simulated tactical conditions, and have completed a course in knots and lashings and the loading of organizational equipment.

### P47 Bombing Accuracy Doubled by New Gear

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—U.S. planes are using a new type of anti-personnel bomb, weighing 265 pounds and having maximum fragmentation effect, and a more accurate bomb release gear, Col. Philip Schwartz, U.S. Air Service Command armament chief, revealed today.

The electrical bomb release, replacing a lever on P47 Thunderbolt fighter-bombers, has nearly doubled bombing accuracy, Schwartz reported. Evolved to correct errors in low altitude bombing, it has proved so successful 90 percent of Thunderbolts now use it.

### Laughs at Quota

Since arriving in France, the 626th Ord. (Am) Co. has handled an average of 800 tons of ammo daily, 300-tons over its quota set by higher headquarters.

## FDR and Top Officers Send Yule Messages to Services

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (ANS).—President Roosevelt and top military leaders today sent Christmas greetings to men and women of the armed forces throughout the world. "On behalf of a grateful nation," the President's message said, "I send to the men and women of our armed forces everywhere warm and confident good wishes on this fourth Christmas of war."

"On Christmas Day we will remember you with pride and with humility, with anguish and with joy. We shall keep on remembering you all the days of our lives."

### 'Given Your Blood'

In another message addressed to ill and wounded fighters, Roosevelt said:

"You have given of your blood and your health to restore to Christmas its real meaning, and to make the spirit of Christmas genuinely prevail throughout the world."

"It takes courage to fight on the battlefield and it takes courage to fight from a hospital bed. We would not cheapen your hours of heroism by wishing you 'Merry Christmas' but we wish you to know we are with you in spirit, in comradeship, and in faith."

Secretary of War Stimson, Secretary of Navy Forrestal, Gen. Marshall and Adm. Nimitz also sent messages to service personnel all over the world.

Christmas Day this year will find the President and Mrs. Roosevelt observing an old-fashioned holiday with their sons away at war. The Presidential family circle at Christmas this year will consist only of the President and the First Lady, their daughter, daughter-in-law and five grandchildren. The President will read Dicken's "Christmas Carol" to the family, as usual, shortly after his Christmas Eve broadcast to the nation.

## They Weren't PWs But Now They Are

WITH THIRD ARMORED DIV.—They had been hauling in so many prisoners that when Sgt. Leonard Weidner, of Palatine, Ill., a 36th Armored infantryman, saw a truckload of Germans roaring by, he thought at first they were just another batch of captured supermen.

He gave the vehicle a belated second glance and then made a quick dash for his machine-gun. The truck, Weidner observed, also was loaded with ammunition and was towing two 88mm guns. He shot at the truck, but it got away—temporarily.

T/5 Charles Fitzgerald was shaving when he heard the firing. When the Nazis approached he was ready. A spray of .50 cal. bullets enveloped the truck, it crashed into a tree and the ammo exploded.

Final score of the "big one that almost got away" was 14 dead, 24 wounded and 36 prisoners.

## Two Acts of Heroism Earn Chaplain Medal

WITH THE 80th DIV., Dec. 21.—Chaplain Capt. Benedict A. Henderson, Oakland, Cal., of the 319th Inf. Regt., has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism in action Sept. 6 near Toul, France.

Father Henderson crawled through a mined field under heavy fire to extricate a wounded man from a disabled tank, carrying him 200 yards under fire to safety. He went forward again to help litter bearers under fire. This time, crawling on hands and knees, he brought out another wounded man.

### Fast Foot-Work

A treadway bridge was laid across the Vire de Taute Canal in 13 minutes by the 992 Eng. Co. and the 246th Eng. Bn. in early June.

## GI Rejects Furlough to U.S.

WITH THE 30TH INF. DIVISION.—T/Sgt. Frederick Unger turned down a 30-day furlough in the U.S. the other day to stick with his platoon in combat on the Western Front.

Unger, who has been awarded the DSC, the Silver and Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf cluster, was the No. 1 man in his outfit when rest and recuperation furloughs to the States were handed out. In combat six months, he has fought with the 30th through Normandy all the way up to the Siegfried Line.

But when he was offered the furlough, he declined, saying: "I'm adjusted to combat now, and I don't want to have to readjust myself to it after a furlough at home. When I go home, I want to go home to stay."

Unger, a rifle platoon sergeant from Long Island, won his DSC for ordering the men of his platoon to shelter during an artillery barrage while he stayed out in the open to direct mortar fire. Stunned and shaken by a shell blast nearby, he was taken under protest to the aid station, and insisted on returning to the lines the next day.

## Cop Saves Gas in Brooklyn



"Save every drop" is the motto of gas users back home. This is a scene in Brooklyn. First thing a cop did after seeing off the crash victims in an ambulance was to put a bucket under the tank.

### This Was America Yesterday:

## Gallup Finds 13 of Every 100 Would Destroy All Jap People

By Joe Fleming

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—"What do you think we should do with Japan after the war?" queried Dr. George Gallup, and 13 people out of every 100 answered that they wanted all Japanese killed. Twenty-eight percent favored supervision and control while 33 percent wanted Japan destroyed as a political entity. Education and rehabilitation were believed to be a solution by eight percent and the remaining 18 percent had no comment.

In Washington, practically deserted as Congressmen departed for the holidays, the House and Senate reading clerks were ready to give the country back to the Indians. Their decision was reached after a fortnight of intoning tongue-twisters in the half-million-dollar rivers and harbors improvement project. They ran into such verbal hedgerows as these: Shinnecock Inlet, Cheesecake Creek, Mispillion River, Pocomoke, Shuckatuck, Kissimee, Oklawaha, Wacassessa, Okechobec and Bayou Bouef—and then they stumbled over a booby-trap like Jones Creek.

### Civilian Paratroopers Fight Forest Fires

PARATROOPERS needn't retire to the hot stove league after victory if the U.S. Forest Service aerial fire control system develops. Near Missoula, Mont., 11 Ford trimotor planes and 120 jumpers are equipped to control forest fires. A recent blaze was stopped by 13 men after a two-hour flight instead of a 120-mile truck trip which would have permitted the fire to gain much greater headway.

THAT women now smoke pipes and roll their own cigarettes is not news to soldiers in the ETO familiar with the habits of WACs as publicized in The Stars and Stripes. And it's all right now, WACs

—you can take your pipe out of your B Bag and even puff a cloud or two along the Champs-Élysées. New York women are going overboard for pipe smoking. They come in minks, and welders' helmets and want real briar roots and tobacco. One pipe shop boasts it is selling 'around 100 ladies pipes' daily and shipping mail orders to every state in the Union."

### No Nicotine Addicts in Bellevue Yet

WHAT will happen if the cigarette shortage continues? Nothing, or at least smokers won't act like dope fiends deprived of their favorite drug, according to Dr. S. Bernard Wortis, Bellevue Psychiatric Hospital chief. Putting smoking in the same class

as thumb-sucking and other infantile habits, Dr. Wortis said: "We don't expect any nicotine addicts to enter our portals for some time to come, if ever."

IN Washington, cars ran dry of fuel by the hundreds yesterday. Nearly every service station in town was closed as their monthly allotments trickled out with three days to go before new allotments are due. Taxis, ambulances and doctors were promised special tankfuls, however.

It has nothing to do with the butcher strike which will start Dec. 25 in New York and Jan. 10 in Jersey unless federal officials relieve the price squeeze on meat retailers, but the Interior Department's fish and wild life service has stocked streams with a total of 385,000 game fish of nine different varieties. The service put them in waters near veterans' hospitals as fishing is said to have proved helpful as a pastime for convalescent soldiers.

### Erskine Caldwell's New Book Banned in Boston

WHILE the nation's press is still discussing Poland—the Detroit Free Press said the Administration "has associated itself with a fourth partition of Poland as ruthless as the other three." Boston today banned another book: Erskine Caldwell's "Tragic Ground," a story of poor Southern whites stranded far from their homes by the closing of a war plant. A complaint was issued against a saleswoman and a book company for selling the volume and the books were voluntarily withdrawn from other stores.

# 78th Congress Adjourns

## Snow and Cold Greet Winter On Home Front

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau  
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The thermometer hovered around the zero line as winter settled down in many parts of the U.S. In International Falls, Minn., today's cold wave sent the mercury down to 19 degrees below zero.

Several eastern states were blanketed with moderate to heavy snowfalls. Eight inches was reported in Northern New Jersey. It snowed all day in New England—heaviest in Hartford, Conn., and Providence, R.I. Boston and New York reported two to three inches.

### Below Zero in Midwest

Below-zero readings were general throughout Minnesota, the Dakotas, Northwest Wisconsin, the lower peninsula of Michigan and parts of Iowa. The weather bureau predicted sub-zero blasts for Illinois, Michigan and Indiana tonight. Forecasters predicted a break in the cold spell Friday night.

In the Pacific Northwest it was reported that rain would be followed by higher temperatures and clearing weather. But it was even cold in the Gulf states where Mobile, Ala., reported 31 degrees and Birmingham 25.

## Jurors Decide Auto Not 'Built for Love'

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., Dec. 21 (ANS).—A jury of nine men and three women today denied Dr. Nathan J. Galkin a divorce after they inspected the front seat of a car to determine whether it was "built for love."

Mrs. Frances Galkin requested the inspection after her husband charged that she and the car's owner, Anthony Moccio, had been guilty of "misconduct in the car."

Mrs. Galkin retorted that it would have been "physically impossible" and she asked the jury to look for themselves. They did and decided that it was "impossible," although one male juror measured the seat and compartment.

### Utah Hospital Approved

RICHFIELD, Utah, Dec. 21.—The WPB has granted approval for a 36-bed hospital to serve south Utah. Construction is scheduled to start April 1.

## Oh, Doctor



This is Grace Leonard, a radio entertainer on the show "Crime Doctor," whose future on the radio when television is expanded is obviously assured.

## Auxiliary AF HQ Set Up in States

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (ANS).—Establishment of continental air forces headquarters to relieve Army Air Force headquarters in Washington of some command functions has been announced by the War Department.

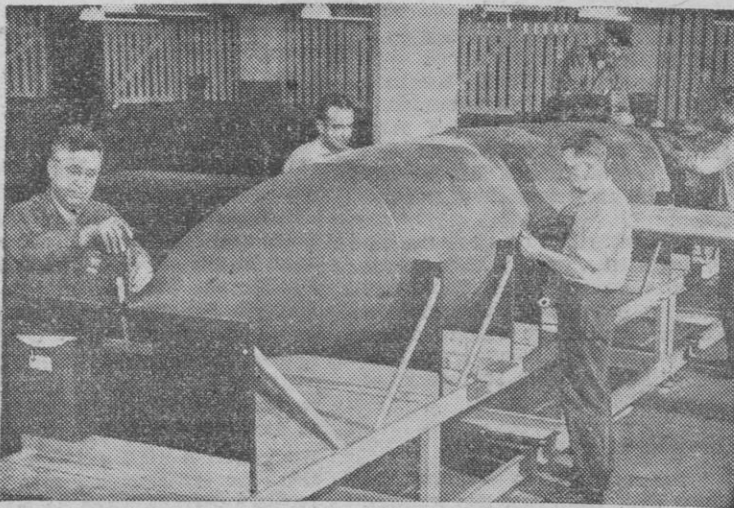
The new unit will be located at Camp Springs, Md., Army airfield, 11 miles southeast of Washington.

It will be responsible for air defense of the U.S. for joint air-ground training and for organization, reorganization and training of service and combat personnel.

### No Place Like...

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Dec. 21 (ANS).—The calcium kids are back on a regular diet. For the past three months nine local teen-age boys loaned their appetites to the University of Illinois for studies to determine the calcium requirements of boys of high school age. The youths lived at a home on the campus and ate carefully-planned menus. When they got home they agreed Ma was still "cooking with gas."

## The American V1 Nears Completion



Workmen add final adjustments to the American counterpart of the German V1 robot bomb in a Toledo, Ohio, factory. The 27-foot bomb is jet-propelled and may be used in against the enemy.

## 75 Legislators To Be Replaced In New Group

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The 78th Congress adjourned last night. With only a few members present in both chambers, legislation authorizing \$500,000,000 for rivers and harbors as part of a vast construction program was caught in the rush for adjournment. It was allowed to die.

Also killed was a house-approved bill to give postal clerks their first salary boost since 1925.

Members immediately began leaving town to spend the holiday season with their families. More than 75 legislators, defeated in November, will not be back when the 79th Congress is convened in January.

While this congress did not spend as much money as the record-breaking 77th Congress, it appropriated approximately \$182,000,000,000 and sent the national debt up to \$260,000,000,000.

Congress passed a series of revenue-raising bills which boosted income tax rates to unprecedented heights and laid heavy excise taxes.

The President returned the 1944 Income Tax bill with a sharp veto message which set off such a sharp flurry that Sen. Barkley resigned as Democratic floor leader.

Congress overrode the veto and Barkley came back into the administration fold. Another major bill on which the President was overridden was the Smith-Conally Labor Dispute Act.

Laws Benefit Service Folk  
Legislation to benefit service men and women and war veterans had priority all through the session. Congress passed its own version of the absentee voting law for soldiers and sailors, and, in addition, approved the GI Bill of Rights as well as the mustering out pay measure.

One of the most important bills enacted this fall sets up rules for the disposal of an estimated \$100,000,000,000 worth of surplus goods, plant, machinery and land held by the government as a result of the war.

Although disagreements between the White House and Capitol Hill were frequent on domestic issues, the lawmakers went along loyally on almost all wartime measures. They extended authority for lend-lease, approved U.S. participation in the United Nations relief and rehabilitation program, and gave the President a one-year extension of his extraordinary wartime powers.

## Ex-Cleric Indicted As Spy Aide by FBI

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Department of Justice today announced the indictment of a former clergyman who, it said, had been instructed to establish himself in the United States as a contact man for German spies.

Indictments returned at Newark, N.J., charged Carl Emil Ludwig Krepper of that city with violating the sabotage, censorship and foreign agents statutes. The action climaxes more than two years of investigation by the FBI.

The FBI said Krepper received a salary from the Germans through payments being made to his wife in Germany. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said Krepper's name and address were given to eight Nazi saboteurs who landed on the Atlantic Coast from a submarine in June, 1942, and that one of the saboteurs tried, without success, to find him.

## Once Over Lightly

By Andy Rooney

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—There's a lot of loose talk going on during this slack season about whose football team could beat whose. New York Sportswriter Stanley Woodward touched off one red hot controversy when he returned from the Ohio State-Michigan game with the report that "Ohio State has a nice little football team."

When Columbus sportswriters and Buckeye coaches heard that remark, they gave forth a verbal blast the warmth of which was felt hundreds of miles away.

"We don't like that stuff Woodward wrote," one Ohio Stater said at a post-season banquet here. "We take football seriously and we had a great team. He said Army would beat us by five or six touchdowns. Well, just give us Army any old afternoon in the year and we'll show you!"

LATER at the same dinner, Steve Owen, Giant football coach, practically closed the argument. "Now," he said, after a few perfunctory commendations for the Buckeye team, "these Ohio State gentlemen keep asking for Army. Well, I've seen Army play and I've seen pictures of the Ohio State-Michigan game and here's what I say. Let Ohio State have Army, but don't give Army to me. We're only champions of the National Football League's Eastern Division and I'm not going to turn my Giants loose on the same field with that Army bunch."

THE fact remains: Ohio State had a good little wartime football club, while Army had one of the great football machines of all time. This year's Army team ranks in the same class as Southern Cal's '39 team, Minnesota's team of '34 and the professional Chicago Bears of '40.

After very little consideration, here for your disapproval is the selection of the first nine teams in the country, no holds or professional clubs barred: Army, Philadelphia Eagles, Giants, Randolph Field, Navy, Green Bay, Third AAF, Chicago Bears, Ohio State. That is final and we know the Packers won the pro title.

## Navy Releases Cowles, Dartmouth Cage Coach

HANOVER, N.H., Dec. 21.—Osborne "Ossie" Cowles, who coached Dartmouth to six straight Eastern Intercollegiate League basketball titles, was discharged from the Navy today and will resume coaching job there January 1st.

Earl Brown, Dartmouth football coach who led the Incians to their seventh straight cage crown last year, will enter the service as soon as he recuperates from an appendectomy.

## Los Angeles Signs Bertelli

HOLYOKE, Mass., Dec. 21.—Angelo Bertelli, ex-Notre Dame star in '43, has signed to play pro football after the war with Los Angeles of the All-America League.

## Editor Takes Notes On Schoolboy Athlete

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 21.—Jack Troy, Atlanta Constitution sports editor, was a guest at a luncheon where sports was the main topic of conversation. A proud father brought his athlete son over to meet Troy who said: "Glad to meet you, Dick. And what do you play?" "The cornet," Dick replied.

## 'Rugged Romero'

By Pap



## Owen's Strategy Put Giants Into Pro Football Playoff

By Charlie Slocum

ANS Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The outstanding coaching job of the 1944 football season, college or professional, was that of round Steve Owen, Oklahoma-born boss of the New York Giants, and there isn't a coach in the country who would deny the honor to one of the masters of their trade.

The defeat of New York by the Green Bay Packers in the NFL playoff takes nothing away from Owen's record.

When the season started, Stout Steve had a collection of very ordinary players which was picked by one and all to finish virtually out of sight in the league. The first game was an exhibition with the Detroit Lions and what happened to the Giants was awful to see.

Owen was discouraged, but he set out to find a cure. He recalled two ancient gaffers, Arnie Herber and Ken Strong, to the game. Herber's passing wasn't up to the old Herber standard but it paid off on more than a few occasions and the 38-year old Strong still has no superior when it comes to kicking extra points and field goals. Owen also grabbed Len

Calligaro by waiver from Green Bay and he developed into one of the best blocking backs in the circuit.

The return of Ward Cuff, discharged from the Army with a damaged vertebra, and Mel Hein was heartening, for these football-wise men imparted wisdom to the rookies. Howie Livingston and Bill Paschal are good examples. Livingston, in his first year, was outstanding. Paschal won the league ground-gaining title for the second straight year.

Joe Sulaitis, a back, and Howie Livingston, best defensive end on the squad were plucked from Jersey City semi-pro lots.

As a defensive strategist, Owen leads his colleagues by so much it isn't close. New formations never did mean much to Steve. He always has found the loop-holes in them. In a league which prides itself on high scoring, Owen's defenders turned in five shutouts.

## Tough to Break Into Baseball Hall of Fame

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Baseball writers throughout the nation cast their ballots today on baseball's Hall of Fame, but results won't be known until after the first of the year. There are so many candidates up for niches in the Coopers-

trance to the Hall of Fame, he must meet three qualifications. First, his career must have started since 1900; second, it must have been over for one full year; third, he must be named on at least 75 percent of the ballots cast. That makes it a bit rugged.

### Writers Have Quirks

Voting records show some mighty strange mental quirks on the part of the scribes. When the first vote was held in '36, the writers elected five men, Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Christy Mathewson and Walter Johnson. Of 225 writers voting, five ignored Cobb and nine ignored Ruth, despite the fact each writer names ten persons on his ballot.

In '37, they named Tris Speaker, Larry Lajoie and Cy Young; in '38 only Grover Cleveland Alexander; in '39 Willie Keeler, Eddie Collins and George Sisler by vote and Lou Gehrig by acclamation; the writ-

ers then voted to hold subsequent elections every three years and in '42 Rogers Hornsby was the only one named.

The writers' appointive committee has named 14 candidates, Connie Mack, George Wright, Morgan



Babe Ruth K. M. Landis

town, N.Y., baseball monument and there are so many conditions to be met that it's highly possible nobody will be elected.

Before a player can gain en-



Connie Mack Ty Cobb

Bulkely, Ban Johnson, John McGraw, Henry Chadwick, Alexander Cartwright, Cap Anson, Charley Radbourne, Albert Spalding, Arthur Cummings, Charley Comiskey, Buck Ewing and Kenesaw Mountain Landis.

## Arthur (Ill.) Twins Get 96 Pts. in Game

ARTHUR, Ill., Dec. 21.—Harold and Gerald Anderson, twin brothers on the Arthur high school basketball team, scored 96 points between them as their team defeated Arcola, 120-12, last night.

Gerald threw in 52 points, while Arcola held Harold to a mere 44. Their dad, former high school principal, did not see the game. He's in the Army.

## Pick Senators As 1944 'Flop'

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Washington Senators, picked by many "experts" to win the American League pennant, crossed up the dope and the dopes by finishing a sensational last. Experts, however, got even with Clark Griffith's inconsiderate athletes, and soothed their own outraged pride, by naming the Senators, in the annual AP poll, the outstanding "flop" in sports for 1944.

Of 78 writers participating in the poll, 26 voted the Senators the outstanding disappointment of the year. Right behind came Notre Dame's football team, on the basis of its 59-0 shellacking by Army. Even Navy got a place in the disappointment league. Others were Detroit Tigers, St. Louis Browns in the World Series, New York Yankees, Brooklyn Dodgers, Chicago Cubs and Pensive.

Many writers specified that Navy's early setbacks by North Carolina Pre-Flight and Georgia Tech were factors.

## Wisconsin Defeats Iowa Seahawk Five

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 21.—The Wisconsin basketball team overcame a stubborn Iowa Pre-Flight quintet last night, 51-43, for its third victory in four starts and broke the Seahawks' six-game winning streak.

With six minutes left to play, Bill Johnson, who was high with 15 points; Les Smith and Ray Patterson connected to give the Badgers a lead they never relinquished.

## Great Lakes Whips Illini

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Dec. 21.—The Great Lakes cagers, beaten twice previously by Illinois, whipped the "Whiz Kids," 52-45, here last night. Trailing, 23-20, at halftime, the Sailors bounced back to give Illinois its first setback this season.

## Tarheels Sign Coach Snavelly For 5 Years

CHAPEL HILL, N.C., Dec. 21.—Carl G. Snavelly today accepted a five-year contract to coach the University of North Carolina football team at an estimated \$8,500 a year. Cornell University released him from his contract there, which had another year to run, Snavelly indicated.

Snavelly coached the Tarheels in 1934 and 1935 and went to Cornell the following year. President E. E. Day of Cornell granted him a release from his contract by long distance telephone. Snavelly stopped here en route to Montgomery, Ala., where he will assist in coaching the North team against the South in the annual Blue-Gray football game Dec. 30th.

## Rangers Blast Chicago Hawks

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The New York Rangers emerged from the National Hockey League cellar last night with a 3-1 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks. Hank Goldup's goal after 15 minutes of the second period, on an assist by Kilby MacDonald, settled the issue.

Cully Dahlstrom scored first for the Hawks in the second period and Phil Watson evened it up for the Rangers three minutes later. MacDonald scored the final goal in the third period on an assist from Fred Thurier.

## Puck Pilot Charges Star Is 'Roughed'

MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—Tommy Gorman, manager of the league-leading Canadiens charged today that other clubs in the National League had been "roughing" his star winger. Maurice Richard, and declared he would protest to President Mervyn "Red" Dutton.

"It's quite evident," Gorman said, "that players are being sent out on the ice to trip, hold, wrestle or block Richard."

Richard flattened Bob Dill, New York Rangers' "Bad Man," twice Sunday night in Madison Square Garden.

## Hockey Standings

### National League

	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	13	4	2	28
Detroit	10	5	3	23
Toronto	10	6	2	22
Boston	8	11	1	17
New York	3	10	4	10
Chicago	3	11	2	8

### American League

#### Tuesday Night's Score

Hershey 8, Pittsburgh 3.  
(Only game scheduled.)

## CAGE RESULTS

Albion 39, Kellogg Field 38  
Bunker Hill Navy 54, Stoutfield 33.  
Corpus Christi 63, Texas Aggies 20.  
Drew 52, Princeton Naval 43.  
Enid Air Field 90, Coffeyville AF 38.  
Fl. Ben Harrison 47, Butler 42.  
Great Lakes 52, Illinois 45  
Indiana St. Tchrs. 54, Loras 32.  
Johns Hopkins 44, Mt. St. Mary 35.  
Kearney Tchrs. 74, York College 33.  
Lafayette 52, LaSalle (Phila.) 45.  
Louisville 50, Ft. Knox 39.  
McAlester 49, Carleton 16.  
Muhlenberg 34, Columbia 33.  
Naval Radio 43, Chicago 43.  
Penn State 32, Bucknell 30.  
Pesque Is. 49, Bowdoin 33.  
South Carolina 51, 300th Inf. 13.  
Swarthmore 47, F & M 41.  
Syracuse 63, St. Lawrence 37.  
Temple 42, Princeton 25.  
Tufts 54, MIT 50  
Union 43, Cortland Tchrs. 42.  
Wesleyan 57, Trinity 46.  
Western Union 51, Buena Vista 26.  
Wichita 40, McPherson 33.  
Wisconsin 51, Iowa Pre-Flight 43.  
Yale 60, Marshall 42.

# THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

## Look What's Cookin'

We noticed in your column where good puddings can be made out of the crackers from C and 10-in-1 rations. We have been making that very thing. One of our cooks, Cpl. James Cherevas, of Patterson, N.J., has been making delicious dishes from these crackers. Here are a few of his recipes:

**CRACKER PUDDING** With Hot Chocolate Sauce (for 200 men):  
Six boxes crackers, ten pkgs. lemon powder, five lbs. sugar, five cans jam, four pkgs. cocoa, two pkgs. cereal (pre-mixed), milk may be added. Soak crackers in water, add sugar and lemon, soak two hours and add five cans jam and mix well. Bake 20 minutes. For chocolate sauce, add four pkgs. cocoa and two pkgs. pre-mixed cereal in hot water and mix well.

**ITALIAN TOMATO PIE** (pizza) (for 200 men):  
Three boxes crackers, six pkgs. salt, nine cans tomatoes, 20 cans cheese. Lay crackers flat in sheet pan, cover with water, let soak. Add tomatoes and sprinkle salt on top, slice cheese and lay on top of tomatoes. Bake in pan 15 to 20 minutes.

**THREE-LAYER JAM FARTS** (for 200 men):  
Six boxes crackers, 12 cans jam, 12 pkgs. lemon, synthetic. Soak crackers in water with lemon added. Lay crackers flat in sheet pan and spread jam lightly, cover with another layer of crackers and do likewise with other layers. Bake in pan 15 minutes.

—Dave F. McGuire, Mess Sgt. Ord. Am. Co. (Avn).

(And next time, send samples! —Ed.)

## He Shall Have Pancakes

Our medical officer has ordered no more pancakes served for breakfast because they aren't solid enough for us. Just because he doesn't like pancakes we don't get any. Nuts!  
—Pvt. D.W., Tank Bn.

## Privates Wild

We have been together 24 months; are very good friends and like to gamble. We enjoy taking each other's money. The CO doesn't see it that way. Orders are that Privates and NCOs can't gamble with each other. We work in small groups and there isn't enough of each for a good poker game. We like our outfit and think it is the best.  
What shall we do?—Pvt. L.B., Amb. Co.

## Clamp the Lid Down

Quite often our trucks conk out through carburetor trouble and tracing back we find that dirt and water entered our tanks through the cans of gas we used.

When a Joe's finished with the can, why in hell can't he close the lid instead of just throwing it in the mud and making a lot of trouble for the next guy who uses it.

Once dirt and water get in the cans they're done.—Sgt. James Christensen, Ord.

## Break It Up!

Efficiency back at 28th Div. Hqs. reached a new high today when a truck of our regt., carrying mail for the men up front, was stopped and the mail taken off because there was mud splattered over the

vehicle. Before the truck was permitted to proceed, the driver was forced to wash it. The result was the mail will be delayed another day, as it reached the forward area too late to be distributed.

There are miles of muddy, dirty roads before this truck reaches the main highway—and remember the morale of our boys is a little more important than satisfying the personal obsession of Mr. "Spic & Span."

Let's not have any more of this stupidity.—"Co. K."

## Pipe Down

Just a line to the front line boys: You sure deserve a great deal of credit for the swell job you are doing on the Nazis. But for crying out loud, pipe down on your childish beefs about the Joes in the rear.

Even we at the front would be SOL without the guys in SOS.—Four Armored Boys.

## Quit Your Griping

Some of you kiddies that keep griping about going home, lost glory, spearheading, etc., ought to have stayed at home and joined some ladies' aid or some other society where you could have done all your griping by word of mouth, thereby saving a lot of space and paper in our S & S.

As far as going home is concerned, when Adolf throws in the towel, we'll draw straws to see who goes to the Pacific and who goes home. Until that time, let's fight.

We think this feeling is quite mutual throughout the First, Third and Ninth Divs., plus the Second Armored and several other units (too numerous to mention), who have as much or more time overseas than some of you have in the Army. They have done more spearheading than you have KP, and worn out more duffle bags than you have socks. You don't hear these veterans howl about glory or going home. So let's go, kiddies; let's wake up and realize our responsibilities as soldiers of a great country and a great people. Let's fight.—I & R Butchers, 2nd Arm'd Div.

## HUBERT

by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"Dames, Dames, Dames! Why don't you guys talk about the war for a change and give a man a chance to get some sleep?"

# An Editorial Let's Close the Ranks

ONLY yesterday lots of folks—front-line sloggers excepted—had the war in the bag. It was all over but the shouting. Of shouting there was plenty.

Greece—British battle ELAS. Italy—a fuss about Sforza for Foreign Minister. Brussels—a power play keeps Premier Pierlot in the saddle. Montreal—a crisis on conscription. London—a hell of a stink about the Polish-Russian setup. Chicago—air conference lays an egg.

Unity and solidarity—strong when the United Nations were militarily weak—was in a bad way, With the German menace seemingly smashed, dissension, selfishness, suspicion—the costly, criminal luxuries of "peace"—replaced the earthy ideals for which we fight. The guns could scarcely be heard over the din of the diplomats, the noise of the negotiators, the palaver of the politicians.



Well, the bugles of battle are heard again above the bickering. The enemy lashes out in a last bloody bid for victory. Once more the warning sounds—Germany, Nazis, Fascism are the enemy.

Not Poles versus Russians. Not British versus Greeks. Not the State Department versus the Foreign Office. Not the British Commonwealth versus Communism. But all of us who believe in the dignity of the com-

mon man—against Germany!

Germany—not yet done to death. Germany—still worthy of all our strength and fire and fury. Germany, which in this, its last great struggle, hurls the challenge: "United Nations, remain united or die apart."

For the holy living love of God let's listen to the dead. Let's learn from the living. Let's join ranks again—against the foe and toward the future.

# SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE

## Officers Awarded DSCs

Two 22nd Inf. Regt. officers, Col. Charles T. Lanham, of Washington, D.C., and Maj. Howard C. Blazzard, of Phoenix, Ariz., have been awarded Distinguished Service Crosses for rallying an attack of their units on the Siegfried Line. Col. Lanham

moved out in front of his men as they advanced under heavy fire and led his group in overpowering a pillbox. Maj. Blazzard and his men were fired on from a pillbox they had bypassed. The major crawled to a tank destroyer and led it in to position to blast open the steel door of the bunker.

Infantryman, but Humphrey pulled the trigger in time, got the German, found himself holding on to nothing but the trigger housing group after the explosion.

## Diamond Dust

Jerry wasn't seeing spots before his eyes—he was seeing the Red Diamond of the Fifth Inf. Div. In fact, he saw so many of them that he asked, during interrogation, whether or not the Fifth was actually "President Roosevelt's Red Devils."

## Chow Hounds Organize

The Chow Hounds Union, a non-dues-paying organization affiliated with the Seventh Armored Div., has established the following apprenticeship requirements for membership in its guild: Successful candidates must (1) Clearly and indisputably appear first in the chow line for three successive days. (2) Possess general ability to "smash it down." (3) Succeed in hitting the second line, at least one time, while the coffee is still steaming. (4) Voice a high and consistent quality of bitching about Army food in general.

## Shot Destroys Nazi, Gun

Flushing Germans out of foxholes, Pfc Gale Humphrey, 35th Div. soldier from Lansing, Mich., prodded a Jerry with his M1. The Nazi tried to take the gun away from the 134th

## Potato Peeling Phool

When he returns to civilian life, Pvt. Walter Malenda, of Baltimore, Md., an Eighth Div. rifleman, will never eat another potato, he swears on "Mein Kampf."

Malenda was one of several Yanks taken prisoner during the siege of Brest. When German troops sur-



rendered, his comrades found Malenda, in perfect health, peeling German spuds. Several days later, reporters sought Malenda for an interview and found him near a mess tent.

"Those Jerries aren't human and neither is our mess sergeant," he said. He was still peeling potatoes.

## Births

Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival!  
L. T. C. E. Petty, Norman, Okla.—Paul Raymond, Oct. 21; Capt. Hyman J. Schorr, Chicago—March Allan, Dec. 20; Pvt. Robert L. Morris, Irving, Tex.—Patsy Ann, Nov. 4.  
Pvt. Wilbert Badger, Leon, Iowa—Judy Ann, Sept. 6; Lt. John DeSantis, Newport, R.I.—Nancy Jean, Dec. 3.

## THE STARS AND STRIPES

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# HASH MARKS

This week's fable. One of boys doing a little time in the guard-house asked an MP what his IQ was. Without a smile, the MP replied, 20/20 in both eyes.

Old song-new version department. "I want a girl just like the girl that married Harry James."

Quip of the week. A GI sez his topkick has a heart of gold—brick.

The soldier vote was an interesting angle of the recent political elections and, for the first time, this crack was probably heard in many a politician's office, "Congratulations, chief, you're the first candidate who ever carried Kiska, Sicily and New Caledonia."

A blonde living near the bivouac area of an Infantry Company decided she had been whistled at



long enough. Recently the GIs saw a sign tacked on her front door. It read: "SORR , YANKS, I AM MARRIED."

English as she is spoke. A GI rolled snake eyes with about 20 quid covered and exclaimed, "for a minute I thought that was an obstacle illusion."

Daffynition of a bustle. A deceitful seatful.

And a great big strong silent man from way out West tells us that it's the cute little calves that make a man horse around.

Afterthought, German travel agencies must have done a good job. Thousands of men from all over the world can hardly wait to visit points of interest within the Reich. J. C. W.

## Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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

### PERSONAL

CPL. Charles Timlin would like to meet his brothers, Bob and Pat, at APO Rainbow Corner, Paris, 1 p.m., Dec. 24.

### FOUND

BRACELET belonging to John Hatfield, 36704321. Sgt. McAdams. PHOTOGRAPHS labeled Olan Mills Studio, Springfield, Ohio. Chaplain W. A. Richards.

SILVER-rimmed glasses in green case, in Dodge ambulance, Dec. 6. Lt. A. J. Cegan.

RING, inscription, "Love forever, Lettie," at Jules Officers' Red Cross Club, in July. Capt. D. H. Stone.

GLOVE, left hand, made by Bacmo-Postman Corp. Miss Baker, OWR, Dept., ARO, 12 boulevard de la Madeleine.

### WANTED

CHROMATIC harmonica. Sgt. Owen H. Freeman; Cpl. L. J. Simpson.

### CAMERA EXCHANGE

EXPOSURE meter wanted. Lt. John E. McCurdy.

LENSES for Leica wanted, S/Sgt. H. Eichenwald.

### LOST

LAGEE camera, Doppel lens, left in truck coming from Bobigny, Dec. 17. Pvt. Edward G. Napoli.

## Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features.



By Al Capp

## Terry And The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate.

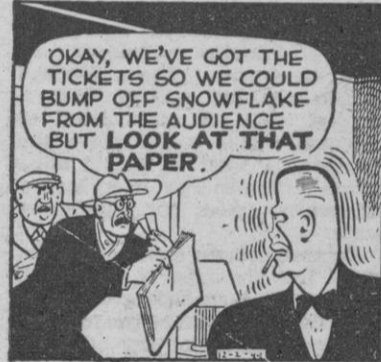
By Milton Caniff



## Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate Inc.

By Chester Gould



## Abbie an' Slats

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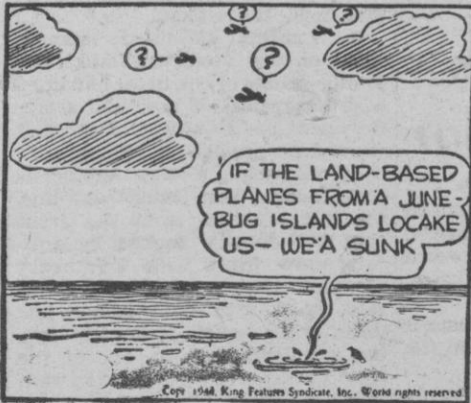
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## Suicide Squad Foiled in Try To Bomb Span

By Earl Mazo

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

**SARREGUEMINES, Dec. 21.**—The mission of a German suicide squad of engineers from the 17th SS Div., to blow up a Bailey bridge across the Saar River was frustrated early this morning by a group of fast-shooting men led by Pfc William Murphy, of Pittsburgh.

"We heard a guy coming up the street towards the bridge we were guarding," Murphy said. "When we saw him he was about six feet away. He looked like a French civilian, wore a beret, and when I halted him he started jabbering in French.

"Before I could do anything he came forward and lunged for my buddy, cutting a gash in his neck."

### Germans Started Firing

At that instant, other Germans, behind the "civilian," began shooting. Murphy fired and saw the "civilian" drop and another guard, Pvt. Edward Fulara, of Chicago, ran down the street to outflank the Germans.

Meanwhile the fourth guard, Pfc Francis Allison, of Coleman, Tex., joined Murphy to shoot it out with the Germans, whose positions could be located only by gun flashes.

Darkness prevented further chase, but the daylight revealed a trail of blood left by one wounded German. The trail led to the river's edge.

The patrol left six blocks of dynamite in their flight.

## Joan Tells Jurors Of Bedroom Scenes

**LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21 (ANS.)**—Joan Berry testified today that when she implored Charles Chaplin to give her 14-month-old child his name, the actor replied, "You know my views on marriage. I don't believe in it."

Joan admitted four sexual intimacies with Chaplin and declared she had "no relations" with any other man since meeting Chaplin in June, 1941.

Describing bedroom scenes, she said she had asked the actor to marry her "at least five times" and quoted him as replying, "I'd rather spend 20 years in jail and have my peace."

She charged Chaplin with threatening to spend his entire fortune "to blacken her name if she brought suit." She hadn't told the actor of her pregnancy until five months after it began, she said, "because she feared he would force her to get an abortion."

### Ex-Protege of Chaplin Dies

**HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 21.**—Mrs. Marna Brayton, one-time protégée of Charlie Chaplin, who made her debut in pictures as his leading woman in "The Circus," 15 years ago, died yesterday of a heart ailment just five days after her marriage to an Army sergeant.

## Former Checker Champ Outwits Nazi Artillery

**WITH 35th INF. DIV., FRANCE.**—Pvt. Harold Freyer, national ranking checker champ from New York, was never more concerned over his opponent's next play than when he was pinned down by artillery while returning from evacuating a wounded man.

Every time the medic made a move, enemy shells made a counter-move. Finally, Freyer executed what he calls a "double-triple jump," and cleared the battle-board with safety.

## Plane Misses Target; Joes Rake Up Leaflets

**WITH THIRD ARMY, Dec. 21.**—The report stated clearly: "An American 19th TAC air base last night was bombed by the British." A hushed silence was followed by a barrage of questions.

"The plane, which had apparently lost its bearing, dropped propaganda leaflets in German urging the Germans to surrender," an MP explained. "It's not being asked to surrender that we mind. It's having to police up the area."

## Flights Halted Again by Fog

For the second day, fog blanketed the counter-attack front yesterday and grounded U.S. fighter-bombers in the area.

Over the Third Army front, however, fliers of the 19th TAC flew more than 100 sorties, dive-bombing Trier and escorting RAF Lancasters on a bombing mission over the same target.

All operations during the day were hampered by weather, and observation of results of the Trier attack was not possible. Weather grounded the Luftwaffe entirely.

Liberators of the 15th AF, escorted by Mustangs, bombed rail installations at Rosenheim, 39 miles southeast of Munich, during the day. Late reports last night indicated that British heavies were again flying over targets in the Baltic area.

## LSU Closes for Xmas; So Does Sex Book Case

**BATON ROUGE, Dec. 21 (ANS.)**—Louisiana State University closes tomorrow for the Christmas holidays and so also apparently will the case of the pretty coed who was dropped from school after she wrote and distributed a leaflet criticizing the university's attitude on sex.

President W. B. Hatcher, who asked 18-year-old Gloria Jeanne Heller to resign or be dismissed, said that as far as he was concerned the case was closed. Student leaders reported all quiet on the campus front, where a strike seemed imminent early in the week.

Gov. James H. Davis was asked yesterday by a group of students to intervene but he told them the matter was up to school authorities.

## Pilot Dodges Pearly Gates And Lands On Second Floor

**U.S. FIGHTER BOMBER BASE, Holland, Dec. 21 (AP).**—When the engine went dead at 11,000 feet, the Thunderbolt piloted by Lt. Robert Goff, of Ashland, N. J., plummeted down and crashed into the second floor of a brick house, with the following results.

The wings and tail were clipped off the plane and were found lying outside the house.

The engine broke off and plunged through to the first floor amid a shower of bricks from collapsing walls. It scared the wits out of an old lady sitting downstairs, but it left her unharmed.

All that was left, the front half of the fuselage, the cockpit—and Goff—remained on the second floor.

Pvt. Clin. n Plaster, of Patrick Springs, Va., Army ambulance driver who was passing by, found Goff. He was sitting in the cockpit

## Another Recruit for Rear Duty



U.S. Army Signal Corps photo.

An infantryman of the Ninth U.S. Army covers a surrendered Nazi with an M-3 sub-machine gun at Beek, Germany. The prisoner was taken on the drive into the Reich across the Cologne Plain.

## Nazis Stopped on Flanks But Drive Ahead in Center

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ficially captured by Nazis Wednesday, according to Reuter, but whether the enemy ever had gained control of the town has not been officially revealed.

Stars and Stripes Correspondent Dan Regan with First Army reported last night that the failure of German armored spearheads to capture U.S. gasoline dumps has slowed the offensive. He said elements which broke through American lines had seized many Allied vehicles, but the gas siphoned out of them was estimated as sufficient to power Nazi armor only for a single day.

The weather, meanwhile, remained Von Rundstedt's principal ally. Fog still hung over the battlefields and bound Allied airpower to the ground.

The German communique, as reported by United Press, claimed Nazi advance elements crossed the Liege-Bastogne-Arlon highway on a broad front. This would indicate a total advance of about 35 miles from the Belgia-German border.

A Reuter dispatch said it was reported that the road-cut had been made 14 miles south of Liege. There was no confirmation of this report.

Deepest Nazi penetration of Luxembourg was made northeast

of Echternach from the area of the town of Viandon, a half-mile inside the border. There, German spearheads shot east of Witz, a Duchy town 13 miles west of Viandon. This would place the Germans a total of 13 1/2 miles inside Luxembourg's west border, or nearly across the diminutive state.

Another column driving on a parallel line six miles to the north reached the Luxembourg village of Clerf five miles west of the frontier.

Deepest thrust of the offensive reached Habiemont in Belgium, 14 miles west of Malmedy. Malmedy is about 15 1/2 miles inside the frontier. South of Habiemont, the enemy dropped paratroops, but no indication of their number or what became of them was given.

### Near Liege-Bastogne Road

West of Malmedy, Germans were within some miles of the Liege-Bastogne highway, but there was no official report that this road had been severed.

Northward in the Monschau area, Americans smeared several small attacks and regained control of Rocherath, a town nine miles southeast of Monschau.

It was also officially revealed that the pincers movement clawing at the Belgian town of St. Vith made little progress and Americans still held the village.

As fighting stabilized momentarily on the offensive's flanks, the 50-mile center of the drive remained a shifting mass of men and armor drowned in a winter fog that showed no promise of lifting.

At Stavelot where Americans were holding Von Rundstedt's line, the AP reported from the front that the doughs, backed by anti-tank guns, threw back four heavy German attacks. The Nazis, he said, tried with both armor and infantry to punch their way into the key Belgian town, one of the main funnels for their drive to west, but each time U.S. troops threw the Nazis out.

Here, according to the front report, Americans appeared fighting the kind of street-by-street battles the Germans had put up in Reich villages. But here, the roles were reversed.

Associated Press Wes Gallagher, from the front, said Von Rundstedt was paying a big battle price in men and materiel for his breakthrough. One veteran American outfit, he said, knocked out eight Panther and Tiger tanks in two hours. The Germans, he said, were showing their 1940 punch.

## Paris Herald Returns Today After 4 Years

The first American civilian newspaper in liberated Europe, the Paris edition of the New York Herald Tribune, will appear here today, resuming publication after more than four years.

A full-sized, four-page paper, the Paris Herald is similar in format and style to its parent edition. The Herald will carry Associated Press and United Press dispatches, as well as the regular New York and London files of the New York edition.

The last free newspaper to be published in Paris before the occupation, the Herald put out its last issue, headlining the Italian "stab in the back" declaration of war against France, on June 12, 1940.

### S&S to Share Plant

The Herald's first edition today carried a letter of congratulations from Gen. Eisenhower, in which he thanked the paper for allowing The Stars and Stripes to use its printing facilities in Paris. Present plans are for the Herald and The Stars and Stripes to share the offices and printing plant.

Editor of the Paris edition, which dates back to Oct. 5, 1887, is 36-year-old Geoffrey Parsons Jr., who previously headed the Herald Tribune's London bureau. Eric Hawkins will be managing editor.

Less than 30,000 copies of the paper will be printed at present. Of these, 5,000 will be reserved for sale in PXs in the Paris area, and the rest will be placed on public sale.

## France Will Guard Rhine, Bidault Says

France intends to mount a guard on the Rhine to keep the Rhineland and Ruhr industries out of German hands and help Poland expand westward into Silesia and East Prussia, Henri Bidault, French foreign minister, told the Consultative Assembly in Paris yesterday as a debate opened on the new Franco-Soviet alliance, Associated Press reported.

The minister, who signed the pact for France, asserted that the accord would mean mutual defense and a prop for the new world organization. The Russians and the French agreed on territorial revisions in both east and west, Bidault said.

"We admitted the acquisition by Poland of East Prussia and Silesia. This concession corresponds in our way of thinking to territories which Poland would be persuaded to abandon," Bidault said, referring to the acquisition of former Polish territory up to the Curzon Line.

During the Moscow conferences the French-traditional protagonists of the Poles—promised to persuade Poland to accept the old Curzon Line, according to reports on the negotiations.

### Ex-Senator Moses Dead

**CONCORD, N.H., Dec. 21 (ANS.)**—George Higgins Moses, 75, former U.S. Senator from New Hampshire and widely-known Republican leader, died last night at his home.

## AFF-RADIO-AFN Program-AFN

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0925—AEP Ranch House  
1301—John Charles Thomas  
1930—Kate Smith  
2030—Maj. Glenn Miller's Band.  
**SATURDAY**  
1430—College of Musical Knowledge  
1915—Music from the Movies.  
2030—Frank Morgan.  
2205—Jubilee.