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Man Spricht Deutsch
Ich nehme das Zimmer oben.
Ish nayme das Tsimmer oben.
I take the room upstairs.

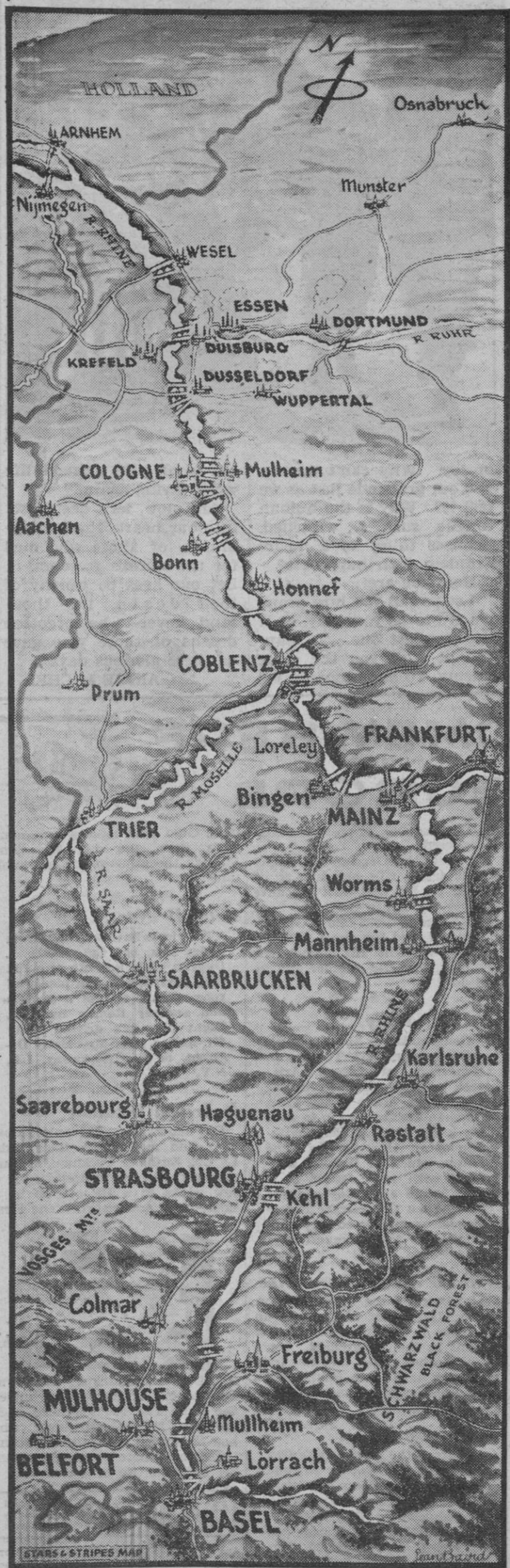
THE STARS AND STRIPES

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Ici On Parle Français
Attention à la marche!
At-on-si-OWN a la marsh!
Mind the step!

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One More River to Cross



Stars and Stripes Staff Artist Baird

This is the Rhine, that historic river over whose banks the Germans have poured from time to time in search of conquest. Flowing for 600 miles from the Alps to the plains of Holland and into the North Sea, it forms the continental divide between Western and Central Europe. As rivers go in the United States, this European river is not wide, but it flows fast and deep. To Allied armies it presents the most formidable natural obstacle to Berlin since the English Channel. Great road and railway bridges span the river at the ancient industrial and commercial cities on its banks. These highways into Germany are believed mined by the Nazis.

Here's the Rhine, Ready to Test Allies' Might

By Richard Lewis
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
"Owing to the early springs and long, warm autumns, a tour of the Rhine provinces is still enjoyable at a season when the Alps and mountainous districts of central Germany are beginning to feel the frosts of coming winter."
—Baedeker's "Rhine."

Seven Allied armies, which have crashed through the Atlantic Wall, pierced the Maginot and Siegfried Lines and smashed the forts of Metz and mountain strongholds in the Vosges, are closing today on the greatest natural barrier to Berlin since the English Channel—the River Rhine.

Not since Napoleon has any invading force struck across this continental divide between western and central Europe. Invaders first crossed it when the Romans conquered Gaul. Caesar and his generals ferried to the east bank, peered into the barbaric German forests and then retreated to France.

Biggest Job Since Channel
For Gen. Eisenhower's Allied Expeditionary Force, the Rhine crossing looms as the biggest engineering job since the Channel. Eisenhower himself has described it as virtually a naval operation.

The historic river is not wide, as rivers go back home. But it flows fast and deep. It runs between rocky wooded cliffs as it descends across the northeastern face of Europe to the North Sea.

From the Swiss frontier, its width ranges from 160 to 220 yards as it flows north past Mulhouse, Strasbourg, Karlsruhe, Mannheim and

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Congress Party Here for Tour

Sixteen Congressmen and Congresswoman Clare Boothe Luce, all members of the House Military Affairs Committee, arrived in France yesterday to begin a tour of combat areas and army installations.

The Representatives, who visited ports and supply bases in England before coming to France, have set no time length on their tour of the European Theater, according to Matthew J. Merritt, acting chairman of the group, who said: "We hope to get a complete and accurate picture so we can take back to the American people a thorough report on what the men are doing and what they need."

The group also includes: Overton Brooks (D-La.), John M. Costello (D-Cal.), Clifford Davis (D-Tenn.), Charles H. Elston (R-Ohio), Joseph Farrington (R-Territory of Hawaii), Ivor D. Fenton (R-Pa.), Forest Harness (R-Ind.), Paul J. Kilday (D-Tex.), Bolivar Pagan (D-Porto Rico), John J. Rooney (D-N.Y.), Paul Shafer (R-Mich.), John E. Sheridan (D-Pa.), John Sparkman (D-Ala.), J. Parnell Thomas (R-N.J.) and Arthur Winstead (D-Miss.).

Army Casualties Rise 6,878 in Single Week

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (UP)—U.S. Army and Navy casualties since Pearl Harbor totalled 536,950 through Nov. 15, officials reported today.

Army casualties numbered 461,058, an increase of 6,878 over the total reported for the previous week.

3 Armies Gain; Ammo Shortage Delayed Big Push

American First, Ninth and Third Army men blasted their way deeper into the Reich yesterday in Gen. Eisenhower's seven-army offensive which, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson in Washington last night revealed, had to be delayed until sufficient stocks of artillery and ammunition could be accumulated. The ammunition situation on the blazing Western Front, Stimson said, will become more critical unless the home front steps up production.

Stimson Scores Shell Scarcity

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (ANS).—Gen. Eisenhower had to delay his general offensive until enough artillery ammunition had accumulated, and the ammo situation bids to be more critical "unless production rates in the United States are greatly increased," Secretary of War Stimson revealed today.

He gave this outline of the situation in Europe, following the rush across France: "We experienced a series of artillery difficulties. The first was the limitation imposed by disrupted railroad lines for delivery of ammunition available in ports. As the railroad situation greatly improved, the next bottleneck was the incapacity of ports to deliver ammunition available in Great Britain."

Firing More Than Nazis
Following this, as the armies approached the Rhine. "It became necessary for Gen. Eisenhower to delay his general offensive until an adequate reserve of artillery ammunition could be accumulated. As rail and port factors improve, we are reaching another limitation, and that is the availability of ammunition in the United States."

Stimson said the present consumption of ammunition is on a tremendous scale, and pointed out that in Europe we are firing probably ten times the ammunition being fired by Germans.

He said we are forced to use artillery ammunition to destroy concrete structures as well as to destroy the enemy himself. More

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Fires Still Rage In Jap Capital

Tokyo radio admitted that "fires continued to rage" in the Japanese capital yesterday following the third raid in less than a week by Superfortresses from Saipan Island.

The Wednesday attack was made at night, the first night-time operation by the 21st Bomber Command. And as on the Tokyo raids of last Friday and Monday, no B29s were lost through enemy action.

Meanwhile, heavy rains continued to impede ground operations on Leyte Island in the Philippines.

Dynamite-Laden Yank Scales Cliff to Get Foe

WITH XV CORPS FRANCE. — Enemy machine-gun nests were hidden in a cliff overlooking a French town in the XV Corps' area and the Yanks couldn't find the tunnels leading to them.

Sgt. Daniel F. Deojay, of Plainfield, Conn., volunteered to scale the cliff and plant dynamite charges.

Deojay's "human fly" act under enemy sniper fire silenced the nests and brought him the Silver Star.

Nazis Routed From 6 Villages

American First and Ninth Army forces slammed the Nazis back through the streets of six villages along a 21-mile front at the edge of the muddy Cologne Plain last night. Southward, U.S. Third Army's 90th Div. forged a mile and one-half ahead on a three-mile front into the Saar River basin, which the Germans were defending with savage counter-attacks.

On the Rhine, meanwhile, a U.S. Seventh Army radio broadcast was quoted by Reuter as reporting that

Ruhr Workers Asked To Hide From Nazis

As Allied troops broke into the Ruhr and Rhineland, a SHAEF announcement over the American Broadcasting Station in Europe yesterday told foreign workers in these areas and in Rhenish Westphalia that "your time has come" to act on precise instructions given by the Allies, according to United Press.

The SHAEF spokesman urged workers to go into hiding as battle approaches, to get away if possible from the villages where they live, listen regularly to the radio and watch for leaflets addressed to workers in their own language.

Allied bombers yesterday wrecked the railway bridge at Breisach, southeast of Colmar, and the Rhinain highway bridge, south of Strasbourg. These Rhine spans, reports said, were escape routes for Germans being mauled by American Seventh and French First Army forces in Alsace.

The U.S. First and Ninth Armies captured Lamersdorf and Grossau, pushing the German Roer River

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Snow and Cold Sweep States

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Snow and cold weather spread across the upper half of the United States today while a cold wave penetrated all the way down to the Deep South.

Traffic in upstate New York was snarled. Nine inches of snow fell at Syracuse.

Gales, rain and snow lashed at New England and subzero temperatures hit Nebraska, the Dakotas and eastern Montana.

The lowest temperature reported was 19 below zero at Sanish, in western North Dakota. The freezing weather extended down to Birmingham, Ala., which reported a low of 3. Kansas City had a low temperature of 13, St. Louis, 17; Oklahoma City, 21, and Chicago, 19.

Senate Confirms Stettinius

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The U.S. Senate today confirmed President Roosevelt's nomination of Edward R. Stettinius Jr. as Secretary of State to replace Cordell Hull.



THE B BAG

BLOW IT OUT HERE

Pointing at You?

After widespread and careful observation, I have been able to arrive at the following code for the GI driver:

- 1. To kill at least one pedestrian a day.
2. To wreck at least one vehicle a week.
3. To do everything within my power to alienate as many as possible of the local population.

If you're a driver the shoe doesn't happen to fit, many pardons. Cpl. C. F.

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Shades of Greengrain!

Why is it all these guys are bitching about not having things like cigarettes? Myself, I don't like them except once in a while. If I can get a marihuana, I'll take it. What I want to know is where are all the cough drops in double-wrapper cellophane bags? They are my favorite and ever since I been overseas I ain't seen one.

When a guy has fought half way around the world and back and can't get cough drops in double-wrapper cellophane bags, things are coming to a pretty pass. I don't like it. WHO is getting all the cough drops in double-wrapper cellophane bags?

Another thing. For a while I was in the front line troops and I heard of movie stars and USO shows being given in the rear. Then I come back to the rear and they tell me the movie stars and USO shows are up front. Anyway, once in a while the Red Cross do-nut wagon goes by on the road and we get a chance to wave at it.

Another thing. I am getting dirty. The only kind of soap we get in our PX, when we ever get our PX, is the kind we don't want and when I use it I get a rash and pimples all over. Couldn't something be done about this? My pimples, I mean. Every time I go to the medic they tell me I ought to wash with soap and water oftener.

Another thing. Why the hell don't my outfit never get no mention in your paper? I read about everybody else's but mine. We were in Africa, Sicily and Ireland, Iceland, Normandy, Belgium, Luxembourg and Germany, where I still am.

The only time we got in your paper was when you said something about two unnamed soldiers from an unnamed regiment being hung for rape. We are tired of extinguishing ourselves and never getting no credit. Gee whiz.

Another thing. I ain't got no kick about K-rations or C-rations or them dehydrated foods. I don't like them either.—Sgt. W. M. N.

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P.U.

The other day we got two watches in the PX Ration. The only way the PX orderly could sell them without hard feelings was to put all names of men who didn't have watches in a hat and draw for the winners.

We won and bought the watches. Later, a lieutenant got mad and our battery commander ordered us to sell the watches to the lieutenant and a S/Sgt.

Smells bad, we think.—Pvts. J. W. Anderson and Frank A. Kayton, F.A.

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Snuff & Stuff

I chew, but can get only one small cut every two or three weeks. I would gladly trade my weekly ration of cigarettes for two cans of Copenhagen. A month's supply would take about as much space as one carton of Chelseas. There are several men in this detachment alone that are in this same chewless situation.

If the Army would furnish the type of tobacco that the men prefer and perhaps something else for the non-tobacco users, it would help every one concerned.—Pvt. R. Davis, Sig. Cors. Co.

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Hash Marks

GI Philosophy. If a girl expects to win a husband, she ought to exhibit either a generous nature, or how generous nature has been to her.

Silly Quote. She was only a gravedigger's daughter, but how she could lower the beer.

The wife of a GI was having trouble getting Junior to eat his meal. She urged, "Now be a good soldier, like daddy, and eat your dinner." Snapped the Quiz Kid, "Okay, pass the blankety-blank chow!"

Extract from an NCO's letter to his wife: "I have now been made a corporal, an important step up the Army's ladder of success. However, for the time being, please



continue to speak to the neighbors as usual, and don't under any circumstances move to a larger house or buy a piano."

A GI songwriter is working on a tune called "Those Pay-Day-Minus-One Blues." The tune, appropriately enough, goes from bar to bar with too few notes.

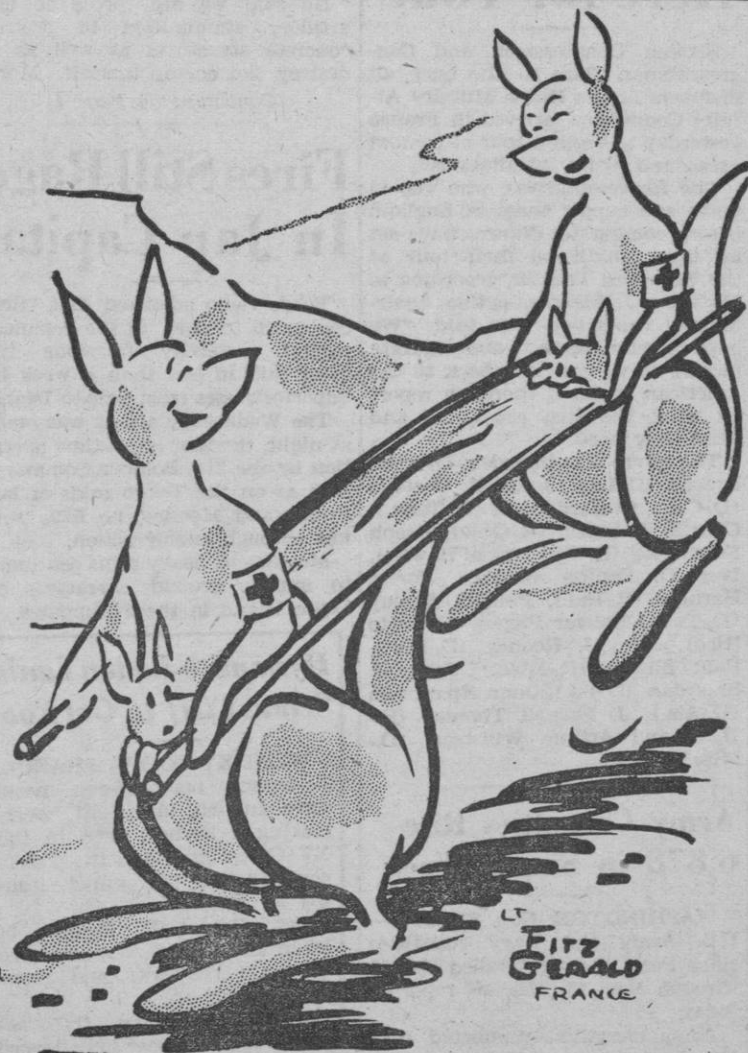
Conversation in the ETO. "Say, sarge, did you file any income tax this year?" "No! How can they tell how the crap games are going?"

Hey, Diogenes, we've found an "honest" woman. A WAC who had just gotten a promotion was congratulated and asked why she got the boost. "Oh," she replied, "they gave me the extra stripe so I wouldn't be over-age, in-grade."

Food Facts. The Arabs really get into a lather about American field rations. If a scene witnessed by Lt. C. A. McEver is typical. "In French Morocco," McEver reports, "I watched an Arab on a streetcar eating a K-ration biscuit sandwich—with a tube of American shaving cream as the spread."

Quip of the Week (by T/Sgt. Ivan Smith) "Portent of Victory. While American troops assaulting Germany are being issued sleeping bags, Hitler is getting bags under his eyes from not sleeping." J. C. W.

"Aussie"



"My husband misunderstood me when I told him I was expecting to bear a litter."

An Editorial

A Letter From Luxembourg

Dear Editor:

At a small dinner given in the city of Luxembourg, the hostess gave a short speech in English on the feelings of the people of Luxembourg at the liberation of their city and the coming of American troops.

Since her tribute is an expression of gratitude to all American soldiers in whatever way they serve, and since we would like the American soldier to know of another instance where his duty and service have the heartfelt appreciation and thankfulness of the populace, I am enclosing her speech with the hope that you will consider it worthy of publication.

C. B. STACK, Captain, CAC.

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To our friends, and liberators!

Four years of bitter sorrow and restless daily fight have vanished in that one moment we saw the first of you smiling boys. Our hearts stood still and then leaped up with our flags, our flags and your flags, in one grand symphony of red, white and blue.

Here you are!

We have given you the sunshine from our hills, the flowers from our gardens. We have given you the smile of our men, the happy tears of our women, the hearts and hands of our children, the blessing of our martyrs and our mad songs



of joy. Why can't we tell you our gratitude just as we feel it? Why is the human tongue such a wretched, helpless thing to a heart drunken with happiness?

Here you are!

Let us tell you how proud we are to be your ally, be it the smallest one. To have fought with you the same enemy. To have contributed

our feeble part to make life worth living again.

And now, let's deeply set into our hearts the remembrance of those who died for the world's freedom. Let our lives be worthy of their death, the thousand never-to-be-forgotten deaths of those who gave us these glorious days.

ANNIE MICHEL.



SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE



'Lefty' Wins a Gamble

Sgt. Kenneth L. Skaggs, 30th Div. soldier from Clinton, Mo., staked his life on the hunch that he could shoot better left-handed than a German sniper could right-handed. Cornered in a doorway, Skaggs decided to shoot lefty so that as

little of his body as possible would be exposed.

"I knew the German was using a bolt action rifle and that if he missed on his first shot I'd have time to get one in before he fired again," Skaggs said. "Sure enough, he missed, and the one I squeezed off was all right. His helmet flew one way, his rifle another and he fell dead."

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Foxhole Folly

Congratulating himself on his good fortune, Maj. Thomas D. Henderson, of Tuscon, Ariz., took shelter in a foxhole covered by heavy boxes when German artillery began to shell his glider field artillery, battalion of an Airborne Div. The crates, which he thought were filled with sand, looked as if they would even stop a direct hit. When the barrage ended, Henderson discovered they were filled with live ammunition.

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500 PWs, Four Casualties

Members of the third platoon, A Co., 117th Inf., 30th Div., can lay claim to putting something of a dent in the Wehrmacht. Since they crashed into the Siegfried Line they have taken 500 prisoners at the cost of four casualties.

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Next Stop Berlin

Units of the First Army's 49th Anti-aircraft Artillery Brigade have protected three capitals—Washington, London and Paris. Commanded by Brig. Gen. E. W. Timberlake, the brigade has destroyed more than 20 German planes since D Day.

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Two Duds in Same Place

Battle luck strikes twice in the same place as often as lightning, but two 95th Inf. Div. engineers watched two shells bounce into their OP and both were duds.

The engineers, S/Sgt. Joseph Rombalski, of Independence, Wis., and T/5 Charles Sickafus, of Paul-

ding, Ohio, were looking for enemy guns when the dud 88s came through the windows almost simultaneously.

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Betty IV Next?

Two jeeps have been shot from under him, but Cpl. James A. Duncan, of the Seventh Armored Div., says there's still plenty of room on the side of a jeep to add another Roman numeral. Right now he's driving Betty III, named after Miss Betty DeGroot, of Far Rockaway, L.I., N.Y.

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Bedroom Incident

Old maids aren't the only people who find men under their beds. Lt. Col. Elisha O. Peckham, of Narragansett, R.I., went upstairs for a few winks in a CP set up in a house near Aachen when the First



Inf. Div. was attacking the town. Before retiring, he peeked under the bed. Two Nazis blinked back at him. Maj. George Falk, who had been sleeping in another room, found three more Nazis—one under his bed and two in the closet.

Births

Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival: PVT. William L. Hangen, Aitkin, Minn.—Victoria Lou, Nov. 16; Pvt. James R. Koch Jr., North Irwin, Pa.—Patricia Ann, Oct. 22; Lt. M. J. Lagas, Jackson Hts., N.Y.—Michael James, Nov. 4; T/5 Leo D. Moore, Sullivan, Ind.—Deana Lee, Nov. 16; Cpl. Donald Murley, Brighton, Mass.—girl, Nov. 17; Lt. Norville Arbogast, Richmond, Ind.—Andrea Lou, Nov. 5; Sheebee John Nemeth Carpenters, N.Y.—boy, Nov. 18; William Phillips, Cleveland—girl, Nov. 18; Pfc Jesse F. Ripley, Aitkin, Minn.—boy, Oct. 22; Maj. F. D. Suttentfield, Washington, D.C.—girl, Nov. 20; Lt. Harlan Sluyter, Council Bluffs, Ia.—girl, Nov. 6; W/O Floyd White, Point Pleasant, W.Va.—boy, Nov. 17.

War and Football Share a Day at West Point



Here's proof that all is not play for the mighty Army football team, which dangles its undefeated string before Navy tomorrow. The "future generals" also train for combat duty, football being just an avocation. Here (lower left to right) Center Bob St. Onge and Tackle Al Nemetz

are preparing a 30cal. machine gun for action. The Cadet "up a tree" is End Bob Mackinnon, stringing a signal communication, and Tackle Bob Hayes gets "firing" instructions, while End Barney Poole adjusts an 80mm. mortar.

Army Captures 4 Places on UP All-America

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Army and Navy, who meet Saturday at Baltimore for the mythical national football crown, dominated the 1944 United Press All-American team, winning seven positions on the honored list between them.

The Cadets snagged four places and the Middies took three. Ohio State also garnered three positions, while John Tavener, Indiana center, rounded out the first team.

The voting produced three standouts. Felix "Doc" Blanchard, Army's hard-charging plebe fullback; Les Horvath, who led Ohio State to an undefeated season, and Don Whitmire, Navy tackle who also was named to the All-America last year.



Felix Blanchard

Blanchard attracted the most votes, collecting 813 out of a possible 1,056, while Horvath polled 787 and Whitmire 741.

Bobby Jenkins, Navy's backfield star who may miss Saturday's classic because of an infected foot, nosed out Claude "Buddy" Young, fleet Illinois Negro runner, for the remaining backfield spot to join Blanchard, Horvath and Glenn Davis, Army's triple-threat artist who led the nation's scorers with 114 points.

Young was joined on the second team by three other brilliant backfield performers—Bob Kelly, of Notre Dame, Tom McWilliams, of Mississippi State, and Boris Dimancheff, of Purdue.

The 1944 aggregation is unusual in two respects. It is the first time in more than a decade that the east has dominated the selections, and it also is the first time so few schools were represented.

Haegg Changes His Mind Again

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 30.—If you read recently that Gunder Haegg refused to visit the United States for the winter indoor track season, don't believe a word of it. The Swedish necktie salesman and famous distance runner has changed his mind and will visit the States soon with Haakan Lidman, fleet hurdler.

Torsten Tegner, sports editor of the Idrottsbladet, a Swedish newspaper, today said Haegg would be employed by his paper as sports-writer on the tour to compensate the runner for salary he will lose while away.

Davis of Army Retains 30-Point Scoring Lead

NEW YORK, Nov. 30. — Glenn Davis of Army retained his scoring lead among the nation's collegians last weekend, although his team was idle.

Player	School	TD	EP	TP
Davis, Army		19	0	114
McWilliams, Miss. State		14	0	84
Cockayne, Drake		14	0	84
Tresselt, Ball-Wallace		13	2	80
Young, Illinois		13	0	78
Brinkley, Wake Forest		13	0	78
Underwood, Murray St. Tchrs.		12	2	74
Evans, 2nd AAF		11	5	71
DeCourcy, Washington		11	0	66
Collins, Missouri		11	0	66
Cramer, Arkansas Ags.		11	0	66
Yates, Texas Ags.		9	0	54

Army Scores First; Makes Blaik Colonel

WEST POINT, Nov. 30.—Earl "Red" Blaik, Army coach, will outrank Navy Coach Cmdr. Oscar Hagberg Saturday unless the Navy hurries up and makes Hagberg a captain.

Blaik was made a full colonel today.

THIS WEEK'S GRID GAMES

TOMORROW'S GAMES

Army vs. Navy at Baltimore.
Great Lakes at Notre Dame.
North Carolina at Virginia.
Tulane at Louisiana State.
Georgia Tech at Georgia.
Nebraska at Oklahoma.
Arkansas Ags. at Arkansas.
TCU at SMU.
Southwestern at Rice.
Newberry at Daniel Field.
South Plains AAF at Texas Tech.

American Hockey League

Last Night's Scores

Buffalo 4, Providence 3
Cleveland 7, Pittsburgh 3.

EASTERN DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Buffalo	9	6	2	20
Hershey	8	5	1	17
Providence	4	8	2	10

WESTERN DIVISION

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Pittsburgh	9	3	1	19
Indianapolis	7	6	5	19
Cleveland	8	6	1	17
St. Louis	2	8	2	6

Melillo Back With Indians

CLEVELAND, Nov. 30. — Oscar Melillo, former St. Louis Browns and Boston Red Sox second baseman, will return to the Cleveland Indians' coaching lines for the third time next summer, club officials announced today. Melillo served as coach here under Oscar Vitt for three years, then under Lou Boudreau through 1942.

Red Blaik Reports His Team Ready to Rip Navy Tomorrow

By Andy Rooney
Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

BALTIMORE, Nov. 30.—While the Cadets at West Point and the Middies at Annapolis followed tradition by displaying bedsheets with various artistic designs imploring their

football teams to "Beat Army" or "Sink Navy," the representative eleven completed their final contact workouts before the big game Saturday at Baltimore.

Lt. Col. Earl "Red" Blaik, Army coach, declared his squad is in tip-top shape, with the exception of second and third-string guards Roland Catarinella and Bill Yancey, and Halfback Jack Sauer, whose specialty is pass defense.

The big question at Annapolis is whether Bobby Jenkins, Middies' power runner, will be available for action. Jenkins entered the college infirmary Tuesday afternoon with an infection in his left foot, but Cmdr. Oscar Hagberg, Navy coach, said he still has hopes the former Alabama flash will be ready.

The Middies will miss Jenkins if he's unable to play, but may still have Hal Hamberg, 150-pound passer from Lonoke, Ark., who's been a terror to the Cadets the past two years. Hamberg looked like a million when he ran and passed a strong Purdue team into the ground, with the help, of course, of Navy's bone-crushing line.

Ducats Sell for \$1,000,000

BALTIMORE, Nov. 30. — The Maryland War Finance Committee announced today that 15 boxes, containing six seats each, for the Army-Navy football game here Saturday have been sold for \$1,000,000 in War Bonds apiece.

1944 UP All-America Team

FIRST TEAM

PLAYER	SCHOOL	POS.	WT.	HT.	HOME TOWN
George Poole	Army	End	220	6-3	Gloster, Miss.
Bill Willis	Ohio State	Tackle	215	6-0	Columbus, Ohio
Ben Chase	Navy	Guard	195	6-1	San Diego, Cal.
John Tavener	Indiana	Center	220	6-0	Johnstown, Ohio
Joe Stanowicz	Army	Guard	215	6-1	Hackettstown, N.J.
Don Whitmire	Navy	Tackle	215	5-11	Decatur, Ala.
Jack Dugger	Ohio State	End	210	6-4	Canton, Ohio
Les Horvath	Ohio State	QB	167	5-9	Parma, Ohio
Bob Jenkins	Navy	HB	195	6-1	Talladega, Ala.
Glenn Davis	Army	HB	170	5-9	Claremont, Cal.
Felix Blanchard	Army	FB	205	6-2	Bishopville, S. C.

SECOND TEAM

ENDS—Phil Tinsley, Georgia Tech; Paul Walker, Yale; TACKLES—DeWitt Coulter, Army; John Ferraro, Southern California; GUARDS—Pat Filley, Notre Dame; Bill Hackett, Ohio State; CENTER—Jack Martin, Navy; QUARTERBACK—Buddy Young, Illinois; HALFBACKS—Bob Kelly, Notre Dame; Tom McWilliams, Mississippi State; FULLBACK—Boris Dimancheff, Purdue.

Frayne, Sports Writer, Dies in California

VAN NUYS, Calif., Nov. 30.—Ed Frayne, 51-year-old sports editor of the New York Journal American and vice president of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club, died at his home here Monday. In recent years, Frayne had been living in retirement as a result of heart attacks.

Training Gym in Paris Opened by Red Cross

A training gym for boxers is now available at the ARC Columbia Club, 2 Rue de l'Elysee, Paris. The equipment includes heavy and light punching bags and a regulation ring.

Cleto Locatelli, former French boxer, has been hired by the Red Cross to operate the gym.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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

LOST

WILL anyone with knowledge concerning a parrot which was liberated last June at the Château Airel after the battle of Saint-Fromond notify me? It had been my pet for 25 years. Mr. Guerin de Beaumont, Consul General, New York, c/o H. W.

BLACK and white fox-cocker, two black spots on shoulders, black head with falling ears. "Toto, 112 rue Legendre, Paris-17e." was on necktie identity tag. Mme. Lair, 47 avenue de Clichy, Paris-17e.

TWO Lts. en route to Belgium stopped in RTO at St. Quentin on Sunday Nov. 5 and exchanged regular French currency for new invasion money. 1,000fr. too much was passed to one in hurried exchange. Return of same, which was for wife's Xmas, will be appreciated. S/Sgt. J. O'Connar.

APOs WANTED

BUD Birgion, Beaverton, Ore; Pfc Maurice P. Burke, Staples, Minn.; S/Sgt. Norm Bruener; Ray Carper and Roy Clifton, Grayson, Ky.; Sgt. Harren D. Curtis, Kingfisher, Okla.; Sgt. Robley O. Evans, St. John, Utah; Pvt. Ralph Green, Clover, Utah; Capt. Elmer Hale, McAlester, Okla.; James K. Hudson, Milwaukee.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



News from Home

Freedom of Air Plan Submitted By U.S. Group

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—The U.S. last night placed before the International Civil Aviation Conference a freedom of the air plan under which airlines could compete for the world's air commerce almost entirely free from international limitations over their carrying capacity or frequency of operations.

The proposal was a return to America's original stand for complete freedom of the air and signified rejection of some minimum controls accepted as a concession to Great Britain.

The U.S. claimed support of the majority of 54 nations represented at the parley. The plan would give unlimited freedom of the air for all nations desiring it. Others could resort to the pre-war bilateral system of landing rights.

Theft Bad, Judgment Not

NEW YORK, Nov. 30 (ANS).—Allen Artenschuck, 25, pleaded guilty today to stealing six reels of the film, "Bathing Beauty," from a theater projection room. He told the judge that Esther Williams, the blonde swimming star, was so alluring in it that he had to have the film if he couldn't have her. The judge committed him to a hospital for observation.

Ernie Pyle Going to Pacific

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Nov. 30 (ANS).—War Correspondent Ernie Pyle, who returned from the European front several weeks ago for a rest at home here, is getting ready to go back to work. This time he will report from the Pacific Theater, accredited to the Navy. He will leave in about a month.

SEC Imposes Ban

NEW YORK, Nov. 29 (UP).—The Securities and Exchange Commission in an unprecedented action today suspended trading in the common stock of the Elastic St. Nut Corp., whose president, William T. Hedlund, died yesterday. Authorities said he committed suicide.

Lend-Lease to Britain Will Be Halved V-Day

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Prime Minister Churchill disclosed to the House of Commons today a far-reaching Anglo-American trade arrangement by which, after Germany's defeat, Lend-lease will be cut nearly to half, but Britain will pay cash for American materials intended for eventual re-export from England.

Churchill emphasized the intention of Britain to rebuild its largely vanished export trade. Lend-lease will continue after the defeat of Germany to the extent necessary to enable Britain to play its part in the Pacific war, Churchill said, but will end with the defeat of Japan.

Nazi General Captured In XV Corps PW Haul

WITH XV CORPS, FRANCE.—One Nazi general and one full colonel were included in the XV Corps' bag of more than 1,000 prisoners taken Thanksgiving Day.

They are Generalmajor Fritz Bruhn, 553rd Inf. Div. commander, and Col. Otto Eckstein, chief of staff, VI German Corps.

Cigarette Shortage Felt in White House

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (ANS).—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt told newspaperwomen today that the White House is unable to get cigarettes by the carton any more.

"We pass them to guests when we have them," she said, adding that many times now there have been none to pass.

It was understood that the President, a heavy smoker, still receives an ample supply. Mrs. Roosevelt does not smoke.

GI's Wife Gets 2nd Posthumous Award

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Nov. 30.—Mrs. Bernardine Semprini's husband, Pvt. Roy E. Semprini, first was announced as killed in action and awarded a posthumous Purple Heart, then later listed as being a prisoner of war in Germany. Now she has received a Silver Star posthumously awarded her husband for heroism in France.

It's all very confusing to Mrs. Semprini. In September she returned at War Department request her husband's Purple Heart and casualty allotment.

"I'll be very willing to return the Silver Star if my husband is still alive," she said.

Nazis Bolster Hungary Front

The German high command was reported last night to be drawing reinforcements from as far away as Italy in a desperate effort to plug the hole Marshal Feodor Tolkunhin has blasted in the Nazis' Danube River line in southern Hungary.

Dispatches from Moscow stated that three German divisions and separate SS units had been rushed into southwestern Hungary with orders to hold the Russians in their Batina bridgehead position—already almost 100 miles wide and 25 miles deep.

Meanwhile, Marshal Malinovsky's forces to the north continued their attacks against Budapest from Csepel Island, and northeast of the Hungarian capital they maintained assaults on Eger and Miskolc.

Berlin admitted the Russians had achieved some gains in their drive against the Slovak strongholds of Kassa and Presov.

Ammo . . .

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over, he added, we insist on overwhelming artillery power for the support of our infantry, not merely to gain success in battle, but more particularly to hold down the number of casualties.

"The opening of the Antwerp port will tremendously increase the possibility of delivering ammunition to the front," Stimson said. It will correspondingly increase the amounts which must be manufactured in the United States, he added.

XIX Corps 'Carried the Ball' For 9th's Advance to Roer

By Morrow Davis Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE NINTH ARMY, Nov. 30.—The XIX Corps carried the ball for Lt. Gen. Simpson's Ninth Army in the offensive that advanced eight miles to the west bank of the Roer River in the two weeks after the kickoff on Nov. 16, it was revealed today.

The XIX Corps is composed of the Second Armored Div. and the 29th and 30th Inf. Divs., the same troops which cracked the Siegfried Line Oct. 2. In exploiting that four-mile deep, eleven-mile wide bridgehead to its present depth, they constitute the most serious threat to German defenses in the Ruhr-Rhine area and menace both Cologne and Dusseldorf.

In their drive to the Roer, XIX

Heavies Pound Oil Plants, End Record Month

Almost 2,500 American heavy bombers and escorting fighters yesterday closed out the war's record month of Allied bombing of Nazi fuel production centers with attacks on four synthetic oil refineries in the Leipzig area and the Saarbrücken rail yards, now ten miles from the surging Third Army infantry.

Escorted by more than 1,000 Eighth and Ninth Air Force Mustangs, Thunderbolts and Lightnings, some 1,250 Eighth Fortresses and Liberators slammed their bombs at fuel plants at Bohlen, Zeitz, Lutzendorf and Merseburg and the Saar Valley rail targets.

RAF Bombers Strike

RAF bombers, following Wednesday night's Mosquito attacks on Hanover, bombed three benzol plants at Oberhausen, Bottrop and Duisburg in the Ruhr.

For the second straight day, the bulk of operational Ninth Air Force Marauders and Havocs supported Ninth and First Army drives toward the Cologne plain when 245 B26s and A20s bombed fortified villages within a ten-mile radius of Duren at a reported cost of one A20.

Thunderbolts destroyed or damaged eight of 17 German tanks lashed to flat cars near Euskirchen, while other P47s bombed and strafed enemy fortifications in Brandenburg, eight miles southwest of Duren.

Yule Greetings Via Radio, Cable Banned After Dec. 5

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (ANS).—The Army and Navy today announced suspension of all Christmas greeting messages by cable or radio to and from service personnel overseas between midnight, Dec. 5, and midnight, Christmas Day.

The announcement said the action was necessary because the volume of Christmas messages would overburden transmission facilities.

Transatlantic Mark Claimed

LONDON, Nov. 30.—A transatlantic speed record was claimed today for a Canadian-built Mosquito which made an ordinary delivery flight from Labrador to northern Britain, 2,230 miles, in six hours, eight minutes.

Corps forces rendered ineffective three German divisions, captured 152 German towns, occupied more than 72 square miles of Germany, kayed 124 tanks and took more than 7,000 prisoners. An infantry battalion captured a Jerry infantry battalion, complete with the battalion CO's staff and more than 300 enlisted men.

Fifteen counter-attacks were stopped cold, including one in which more than 100 tanks were committed.

A major factor in the successes of the XIX Corps was the excellent air support of the 29th TAC, whose P47 pilots not only dive-bombed and strafed their targets effectively, but requested permission to direct artillery fire.

Swell Number



The lady is Toni Seven, Hollywood star candidate nicknamed "The Number" by fans in the forces. One look shows why thousands of guys are writing T-7 for pictures.

Yanks in North Hurl Germans From 6 Towns

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defenses back along the entire sector northeast of Aachen.

Outside of Saarlautern to the south, front reports said, Third Army troops threw back ten counter-attacks in less than 24 hours. Infantry of the 90th Div., reported Stars and Stripes Correspondent Earl Mazo from the front, gained a hill on the Saar River overlooking the German communications center of Merzig, two miles to the north.

Ninth Army troops reached Lindern, five miles northeast of Geilenkirchen, in new attacks aimed at enveloping Linnich, road junction two miles from Lindern. Other Ninth forces broadened their hold on the west bank of the Roer below Julich.

First Army Gains

First Army forces captured Grosshau, five miles southwest of Duren, and Lamersdorf, northwest of the city, in their drive to the Roer.

In Alsace, meanwhile, only a 40-mile sector of the Alsatian Plain remained in enemy hands between U.S. Seventh Army forces pushing down as far as 25 miles south of Strasbourg and First French Army forces driving north toward Colmar.

North of Strasbourg, according to German Radio reports, the Wehrmacht was withdrawing from Hagenau toward the Rhine.

Should Tell Nazis

"Somebody should tell that to the Nazis only a few hundred yards from here," said the Associated Press correspondent on the scene. "They obviously have not heard this report because they still are resisting tree by tree in this woods."

Seventh Army regiments comprising three infantry divisions were released last night. They are the 71st, 114th and 324th Regiments of the 44th Div., commanded by Maj. Gen. Robert L. Spragens; the 397th, 398th and 399th Regiments in the 100th Div., commanded by Maj. Gen. Withers J. Burress, and the 409th, 410th and 411th Regiments in the 103d Div., commanded by Maj. Gen. Charles C. Haffner.

5th Army Men Driven From Italian Heights

ROME, Nov. 30 (AP).—The strongest German counter-attack in several weeks drove Fifth Army troops off Monte Castellaro, just north of Monte Grande, Allied Headquarters said today. Farther west, in the mountainous country west of Highway 64, the Germans also recaptured Corona and Monte Belvedere.

Bomb Sputters Away But Photog Gets Pix

A NINTH AIR FORCE MARAUDER BASE.—While the arming propeller of a 1,000-pound bomb dangling from a faulty shackle whirled angrily, threatening to detonate the explosive, Cpl. Joseph V. Buscaine, of Brooklyn, a Ninth Air Force combat cameraman, propped himself over the open bomb bay and took pictures of Marauder bomb strikes on Dieuze, Germany.

Buscaine said, "I knew the damn thing might go off, but the man said take pictures, so I took. After the bomb bay doors closed, we took care of the bomb."

Terry And The Pirates

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By Milton Caniff

