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# 1st and 9th Open Attack

'Guts & Fire'

## 'Mystery' Force Lunges Into Reich; Patton's Men Enter Metz Outskirts



The cameraman in the foreground is Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, recording on his own film a demonstration by an ordnance flame-throwing tank somewhere near the front lines held by his Third Army. These tanks are being used effectively by the Third Army in its offensive to close a vise of men and armor around Metz, heavily-defended bastion on the road to the Rhine.

### Yanks Invade New Jap Island

American amphibious troops have invaded the small island of Mapia, 145 miles off the northern New Guinea coast. They destroyed Japanese coast warning stations reporting flights of U.S. planes northward, Gen. MacArthur's headquarters announced yesterday.

A small force landed Wednesday, under cover of a naval bombardment, met only light resistance and pushed on inland. The Japanese garrison on the island had been by-passed in MacArthur's advance to the northwest.

On Leyte Island, in the Philippines, U.S. forces virtually completed their encirclement of the west coast port of Ormoc.

### U.S. Casualties Top 25,000 in October

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—U.S. ground force casualties in western Europe totalled 200,349 up to Nov. 1, the War Department announced today. This was an increase of 25,500 over the total announced up to Oct. 3.

The casualty total included 35,884 killed, 145,788 wounded and 18,677 missing.

### GI Won't Step in Ike's Shoes

By Jules B. Grad

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

ADVANCED SUPREME HQ., Nov. 16.—Gen. Eisenhower offered to swap his sheepskin-lined overshoes for a GI's pair of beat-up arctics, but the Joe nixed the deal.

Squishing through knee-deep mud in the shadow of the front lines, Ike paused to talk to S/Sgt. Darrell Van Ness, of Placerville, California.

"Sure wish I had a pair of overshoes like yours," Van Ness said. The Joe watched Ike hop on one leg as he tugged at a frozen zipper. "No, general," Van Ness finally sighed. "I guess you'll need those boots more than I will. The deal's off."

The four-star commander compromised. He offered Van Ness 500 francs on the line for his first dead Jerry.

Gen. Eisenhower inspected American installations all afternoon with Army and Corps commanders. It was the second week of his whirlwind tour through France and Germany.

### Mud-Caked Yanks Say Metz Is Normandy Without Hedges

By Earl Mazo

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

WITH U.S. THIRD ARMY, Nov. 16.—War at Metz and in Lorraine just east of Nancy, is more like Normandy than anything since the break-through.

It is yard by yard, mile by mile, fighting by pushing, punching doughboys supported by artillery and armor. Charred remains of villages, dead animals and enemy are strewn everywhere in the path of the advance.

Infantry veterans of Normandy fighting—members of the 90th, 35th and Fifth Divisions—make the comparisons grimly. "The only thing missing here is Calvados," said one doughboy, grinning behind a face almost caked with mud.

Like Normandy before the break-through, the advance at times is slow and hard won. Among Normandy reminders are the battered,

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### Pearl Harbor Ruling Due

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (AP).—Highly-placed congressional sources expect a decision within three weeks on whether courts-martial or exonerations will result from the Army and Navy board investigations of the Pearl Harbor attack.

### ETO Vet Wins Seat in Senate

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—William E. Jenner, 36, an AAF captain who received a medical discharge after being severely wounded on duty in the ETO, today became the first World War II veteran to sit in Congress.

Jenner, a Republican, was elected to the Senate from Indiana to succeed Sen. Samuel D. Jackson, Democrat, for the remainder of the term of the late Sen. Frederick Van Nuys, which expires in January. After that, Jenner plans to resume his law practice at Bedford, Ind.

As he took the oath of office, Jenner recalled that he had a four-dollar-a-day job running an elevator in the old House office building in 1930 during college vacation.

### Reds Crack New Hole In Budapest Defenses

Soviet storm battalions poured through a new break-through area ten miles east of Budapest yesterday, bringing the Hungarian capital under heavy siege from the east, southeast and south. New German withdrawals east of Budapest were admitted by Berlin.

As Russian infantry and tanks massed in a semi-circle around the city, the Red Army's big guns took positions for the task of blasting the Nazis from their fortifications.

The U.S. Ninth Army, last heard of at Brest, materialized out of the Dutch bogs last night and smashed across the German border. For the first time four American armies were hammering against the German West Wall.

At the same time, the U.S. First Army launched a new attack behind a massed air bombardment.

Above the suddenly churning battlefield more than 5,000 Allied warplanes—massed fleets of bombers and fighters from the RAF and the USAAF—thundered against German strongpoints and behind-the-lines areas.

To the far south, in snow-covered, rolling Lorraine, Third Army patrols entered the outskirts of Metz.

South of the Third's right flank, Lt. Gen. Alexander Patch's U.S. Seventh Army pressed toward the passes of the snowy Vosges passes.

Along almost three-quarters of the Reich's western border American armies hammered for 300 miles on a continuous front from Holland to the Swiss frontier.

On the northern front, the attacks of the Ninth and First Armies were almost simultaneous. The Ninth attacked northeast of Aachen in the Dutch Panhandle at 1245. The First let go at 1100.

Besides the four American armies, the British Second in Holland and the First French Army on the right flank of the U.S. Seventh in the southern Vosges pounded the Germans.

### Simpson Men Cross Border

The will-o'-the-wisp U.S. Ninth Army dropped its cloak of mystery into the mud of the Holland Panhandle and opened an attack at 12:45 PM yesterday, and by nightfall was already across the German border.

Two months ago the Ninth was reported at Brest. Then official silence settled over the army and its eagle-eyed Texas commander, Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson: Simpson was leading his men across three countries—France, Belgium and Holland to hand the Germans one of the war's biggest surprises.

There was little word immediately as to the Ninth's progress following the initial announcement from its headquarters which said: "The Ninth U.S. Army, under the command of Lt. Gen. William H. Simp-

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### Hodges Gains In Early Blows

The U.S. Ninth and First Armies gained in the initial phases of their surprise assaults. SHAEF reported last night, while elements of the Fifth Infantry Division on the Third Army front to the south slashed behind Ft. Verdun to the outskirts of Metz.

Ninth Army men advanced up to 2,000 yards on a seven-mile front northeast of Aachen. They took the German villages of Immendorf, Floverich, Euchen and Betteendorf, just inside the German border.

Little resistance was encountered at Bettendorf which had been softened by bombers.

It was apparent the enemy had been taken by surprise in the Ninth's sudden attack, which was launched 800 miles from its last appearance at Brest. In two months,

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### 5,000 Warplanes Carve Way For Massive Drive on Reich

More than 5,000 warplanes yesterday hurled the massed might of Allied air power into support of the ground offensive which erupted against the German West Wall north and east of Aachen.

Twelve hundred American Fortresses and Liberators, almost as many RAF heavy bombers, 100 Marauder mediums and nearly 3,000 fighter planes stormed across the churning lines along the Reich's western border as the big offensive jumped off in the first hours of weather suitable for flying since Armistice Day.

Starting at 11:15, the first fragmentation bombs dropped from a force of 1,200 Eighth Air Force Fortresses and Liberators landed on strong points, field artillery batteries and flak-gun positions located

along the ten-mile road between Duren and Eschweiler. They were escorted by about 500 fighters. Synchronous with the American attack, more than 1,150 RAF bombers, escorted by a record 2,500 fighters, according to Reuter dispatches, smashed at Duren, Julich and Heinsberg. At 2 PM, 100 Ninth Air Force Marauders, coming over Duren-Eschweiler targets at half the heavy bomber altitudes, attacked gun sites and infantry positions.

Mustangs and Thunderbolts, breaking away from the main fighter force which escorted the heavies attacking in support of the First Army, strafed rail traffic in the Frankfort and Giessen areas destroying or damaging 20 locomotives and 92 freight cars.





Want Licensed Brothels

The action of the Army in placing Paris brothels off limits seems to be an irrational approach to the solution of the problems of venereal disease and GI contacts with French sub-rosa activity.

Venereal disease is spread much more by pickups than professional prostitutes. Brothels can be, and have been, regulated by the Army. Such regulation cuts down the possibilities of infection almost to the zero point.

Solely from the point of view of VD prevention, what is to be considered the lesser evil:

a. Licensed houses of prostitution, supervised and inspected by the Army Medical Corps with its unsurpassed record of up-to-date VD prophylaxis and therapeutics, or; b. Streetwalkers, "15 percent of whom have gonorrhea when licensed, all of whom have it within three months and all of whom have syphilis within nine months?"—Lt. Henry D. Hecksher.

Payroll Parity

We have a discussion group to usefully occupy some of our "leisure time." In fighting fascism, we try to remember democratic procedure. A heated discussion arose on one fantastic proposal. We have tabled our discussion until we hear what your readers think from them.

The proposal: "Be it resolved that all personnel in the armed forces regardless of rank receive the same pay."

The advantages were presented somewhat on the following lines:

- 1.—We are all enlisted men or were drafted. Potentially the sacrifices to be made are the same for all. Therefore, equal pay. The Army and Navy would be truly democratic institutions. To have wide variance in economic status in the armed forces is in violation of the democratic spirit of equality of sacrifice.
2.—Promotions would give those who were more capable additional authority only. "Bucking," a vicious institution, would be reduced to a minimum. Rank would indicate a greater responsibility; and only the capable and the altruistic would strive for attainment. Thus we would get high caliber personnel for leadership motivated by constructive creation rather than personal gain.
3.—Greater respect for our officers and non-coms would result from point 2.
4.—The income of the vast majority of the servicemen would be raised since the incomes of the upper brackets would be reduced.

There must be many other advantages not mentioned here. There probably are a vast amount of disadvantages. We wait with anxiety the reaction to this proposal.—Pvt. B. A., Med. Bn.

Roeking?

We pay 100 Belgian francs for 32 air mail envelopes or 36 air mail stamps. It seems to us that we are getting rooked at the present rate of exchange. We are sure Uncle Sam is not in favor of this.—Co. "B" Engr. Bn.

(The 32 envelopes should cost you 87 Belgian francs and 36 airmail stamps, 95 Belgian francs. If this overcharge is the fault of your mail clerk, report it to your CO. If the APO is the culprit report it to the Chief Postal Officer, Hq. Etoussa.—Ed.)

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Hash Marks

Modesty. Just awarded the DSC, a soldier was asked what his wife thought of the decoration. Came the reply, "She doesn't know I've got it. It isn't my turn to write."

Cpl. Milton Craven, newly-assigned to a MC depot, is an honest man and tells this story on himself. Told to go into Stock Records and ask if they had any fork-lifts, he wandered in and asked the startled sergeant "if they had any pork left."

The \$64 Question. A sergeant making a tour of the guard was disturbed by a strange noise emanating 12 feet below the surface of a nearby lily pond. A 30-minute search for the trouble resulted in the sergeant being at the bottom of the pond. The non-commissioned officers of the outfit want to know, "Is the conscientious sergeant entitled to the Distinguished Navy Cross?"

Paging Ripley! After 15 months of fighting in Italy, a GI reportedly made this remark, "I'm glad to get



back home to Pottsville—but all my buddies are away and there's no one to go out with but girls."

Another unsigned verse left in our typewriter.

Breathes there a GI with soul so dead

Who never to himself hath said:

"To hell with reveille— I'll stay in bed."

—And then got up.

We were a long time figuring out the motives of a GI who stood grimacing and gesturing before a mirror the other afternoon. Seems he was working on his post-war plans; kept practicing nasty ways to tell salespeople, "Don't you know the war's over!"

GI Philosophy. The thing most women dread about their past is its length.

And then there was the wolf who showed up in bivouac area one night with a black eye and a burning desire to meet the guy who said that silence gives consent. J. C. W.

Up Front with Mauldin



"He's pretty soft. He says we didn't even try to catch his orderly."

An Editorial

'We Are the Mongrels...'



THEY opened a show in New York the other day. An exhibit of photographs taken from Nazi prisoners on the Russian front. Here is one of the pictures on display. It shows some smiling Nazi soldiers surveying bodies of Ukrainian hostages.

Lt. Col. Vincent Sheean of the U.S. Army Air Corps—maybe you've read some of his books—made a talk at the opening of this exhibit. Here's how he ended his little speech:

"We have been very fortunate here in America. Our allies have suffered for us. It would be a good thing if we could remember this as we look at the pictures of

the horrors inflicted by the Nazis. It would be a good thing if we felt that what they have done to our Russians brothers they have also done to us. This is what they would have done to us if they could. For we, like the Russians, are in the mind of the Nazis a people without a culture and without a history, with no human rights, and—even worse than the Russians in their eyes—we are 'the mongrels,' as Hitler has often called us, the people who belong to all races. These pictures show us what the Russians suffered, and what we escaped, during the period when we prepared our present vindication."



SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE



Steeple Shooting Sarge

When artillery couldn't knock out a steeple used as a German observation post some distance behind the XV Corps line, Sgt. Arthur Mygland, Ruby, N.D., worked his tank destroyer into position and drew a bead on the steeple, 3,000 yards away. His gunner, T/5 Earl A. Towne, South Gate, Calif., fired five rounds, scoring five hits.

Gag Costs Sleep, Ammo

Jerry insisted on spraying the street with machine-guns. He hadn't hit anything except a horse, but he certainly was denying the street to the Americans. Two 30th Infantry Division soldiers, T/Sgt. Walter H.

Dunn, Canestota, N.Y., and S/Sgt. W. J. Widener, Logansport, Ind., went into a huddle and came up with a trick play. Jerry had annoyed them; they would annoy Jerry.

As soon as night fell the two Yanks strung a wire across the street and hung kettles and tins on it. Then they ran a length of cord from the wire to their CP in a basement across the contested street. Comfortably settled, they pulled the string. Jerry opened up with machine and burp guns. When the firing ceased, they waited a few minutes and pulled the string again. Jerry opened up again. That went on all night. By morning the doughboys were as sleepy as hell, but they felt good. They'd made Jerry fire up an empty street all night.

Nazi Knew Targets

Lt. Ralph Burke, of Glen Ellyn, Ill., an Eighth Infantry Division artillery observer, believes in making his job easy.

After Burke had directed fire into a hedge, a lone Jerry crawled out and said he had enough. Burke shortened the range and 20 Jerries came out. The first Jerry sat in the OP with Burke and spent the day pointing out targets. "He knew his stuff, too," Burke said.

Score Hole in One

This is a sequel to the story about two sergeants who killed four Germans at 800 yards with their M1s.

Admittedly it was a freak, but Sgt. Glennell Hancock, 79th Division soldier from Spartanburg, S.C., dropped a mortar round into the open turret of a Tiger tank 800 yards away.

Disappearing Act

After he bombed a railroad tunnel near Trier, 1/Lt. Francis P. McIntire, Ninth Air Force P51 formation leader from Savannah, Ga., felt "like the guy who found a needle in the haystack."

It was almost solid overcast, but McIntire had orders to hit the tunnel. Leaving his formation, he skimmed along valleys and fields until he found the railroad. Then

he followed the line for 20 miles before finding the tunnel.

He circled above the tunnel, where the weather partially had cleared, and radioed his formation. When the fighter-bombers arrived, he directed them in an attack which made further bombing of the tunnel unnecessary.

Short and Sweet

When Marlene Dietrich visited the Fifth Infantry Division, T/5 Harry Goldfarb and T/5 Charles Smiley, reporters on the outfit's newspaper, were all set to record some gems for posterity. Armed with a pencil and plenty of paper, Smiley started questioning Marlene. But the interview ended when she leaned toward Smiley giving him a whiff of Chanel No. 5, and said: "What was that, sweet?"

Claims Best Tank

T/4 Charles F. Powell, of Alton, Ill., has driven his M4 Sherman tank 1,565 miles in ten weeks with the 5th Armored Division, and he



still claims "it's the best running tank in the Army." Powell's tank which tops the company mileage list still has the same engine, spark plugs and tracks it started with in England and kept through France, Belgium and Luxembourg.

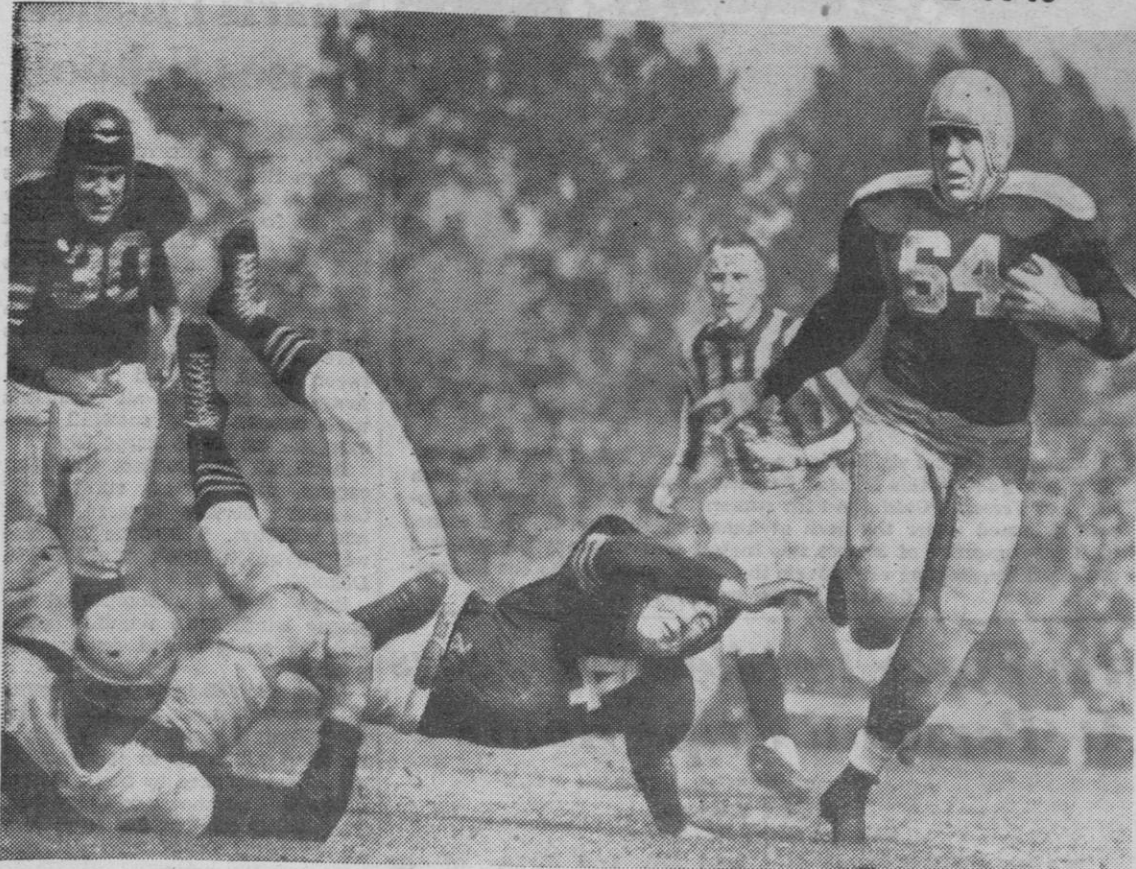
Births

Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival:

- L. George L. Alexander, Rochester—George L. Jr., Nov. 5; Sgt. Kenneth R. Alpert, Wilmington, N.C.—Carol Sue, Nov. 6; T/3 O. T. Ardis, Holly Hill, S.C.—Linda May, Nov. 2; Lt. Wm. R. Freeman, Philadelphia—(boy), Oct. 21; Lt. Joseph W. Gibbons, N.Y.—Patricia Elizabeth, Oct. 27; Pfc Arthur E. Hempstead, Bloomington, Ill.—James Larrick, Oct. 31; Pvt. William S. Kahn, Mikado, Mich.—Michael Charles, Nov. 4; Sgt. Saul L. Katz, Pittsburgh—(boy), Nov. 11; Pvt. Edward N. Kenney, Glen Falls, N.Y.—(twins, boy and girl), Sept. 27; Lt. Col. R. W. Ripple, Wash., D.C.—Louise Milligan, Sept. 25; Pfc Lewis Rosen, Lansing, Mich.—Robert David, Nov. 5; Lt. Harlan Slayter, Council Bluffs, Iowa—(girl), Nov. 6.



# Would-Be Tackler Misses His Mark



Left Halfback Tipp Mooney (4) of the Chicago Bears heads for the turf after being bumped in the midst of a tackle aimed at Ted Fritsch (64), Green Bay Packer ball carrier. Also identified is George Wilson (33), Bear end. Sid Luckman's passing arm directed the Bears to an upset 21-0 victory, Green Bay's first setback of the National Football League season.

# Buckeyes Beat Gums For Rose Bowl Invite

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 16. — While Army and Navy sharpened their plays today for Saturday's final warmups before the all-service battle Dec. 2, the Big Ten prepared to tackle its annual question: Why can't a conference team accept an invitation to the Rose Bowl?

## Major League Clubs to Drill In North Again

CHICAGO, Nov. 16. — Major league baseball teams will conduct spring training in the frigid north again this year, Leslie O'Connor, secretary to Comm. Kenesaw Mountain Landis, announced today.

O'Connor said baseball was in complete accord with the Office of Defense Transportation on the matter. So for the third straight year, baseball's ivory will have to unlimber rusty limbs in the north's near-freezing temperatures. Last year several teams had their workouts curtailed by snow.

"The ODT said last December that if the war in Germany was over by training time in '45, there was a possibility that the transportation ban would be lifted to allow clubs to go south," O'Connor said. "But, after all, transportation problems are worse than ever now and we are asking no changes in our plans."

ODT Director J. Monroe Johnson, in Chicago for transportation conferences, said baseball had been "extremely cooperative" and that there would be no change in the ODT's request for curtailed travelling.

Every year about this time, the leading Western Conference eleven launches a whispering campaign among conference athletic directors, hoping to break down the bars. For GIs who didn't know, the Rose Bowl visit happens to be a lucrative financial plum, worth about \$75,000, and then there's the glory, too.

The 1944 campaign is being waged by authorities at Ohio State. They said today they would like to see arrangements made so that the unbeaten-untied all-civilian Buckeye eleven might be able to travel to Pasadena, Calif., on New Year's Day.

The decision rests, however, with Big Ten faculty representatives. I. W. Saint John, Ohio State athletic director, has polled faculty representatives of conference schools, and has been informed that a meeting of the entire group would be necessary to reverse the Big Ten ruling against post-season games.

Meanwhile the Bucks still must get past Illinois this week and Michigan next week to finish their schedule without defeat. Then they must be invited by the Pacific Coast Conference champion.

With all those "channels" to go through, it isn't likely that one of the clubs in the Rose Bowl game, Jan. 1, 1945, will be Ohio State.

## Grigas Leads Pro Plungers

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Johnny Grigas, fullback of the last-place Pittsburgh Steelers, grabbed the National Football League ground-gaining lead from Bill Paschal of the New York Giants "his week with a seven-game total of 554 yards. The former Holy Cross ace amassed 123 yards in 25 attempts Sunday against Detroit.

Don Hutson, Green Bay end, scored 18 points against Cleveland—two touchdowns and six conversions—to run his scoring total to 68 points, 17 better than Frankie Sinkwich, who bounced into second place.

Other leaders: Frank Filchock, Redskins, 67 pass completions in 112 attempts for 959 yards; Hutson, 49 pass catches for 739 yards; Ken Strong, Giants, four field goals in seven tries.

## 'Half and Half' System Used in Pro Standings

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—That system whereby National Football League percentages are figured without taking ties into consideration is all changed now. Hereafter tie games will be regarded as a half-game won and a half-game lost, according to Commissioner Elmer Layden.

Here's how it will work: Washington Redskins, with five victories, no defeats and one tie, have been given 1.000 in the standings. Washington, under the new system, will have 5 1/2 won and 1/2 lost. Double those figures to 11 and one and you get .917, which will be the Redskins' percentage.

## Amos Avoids Louis Kayo

ELIZABETH, N.J., Nov. 16.—Dee Amos of Washington, game, though outclassed, lasted the route in a three-round exhibition bout with S/Sgt. Joe Louis here last night.

## Raft Is Identified By Bodyguard As 'Lucky' Dice Roller

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 16.—George Raft, the Flicker City star, today was identified by his bodyguard, Mack Gray, as the gent who won \$18,000 from Martin Shurin in a crap game at Leo Durocher's New York apartment last March. "But the dice weren't loaded," Gray said.

"Raft makes \$100,000 a picture," Gray said, "and doesn't need that kind of money. Besides, it was only \$10,000, and it was luck—not loaded dice."

Meanwhile, the New York district attorney is conducting an investigation to determine whether the bones were "doctored" the night Shurin bet the wrong way.

## Detroit Sextet Routs Toronto

TORONTO, Nov. 16.—The Detroit Red Wings threw defense to the winds last night and scored five goals in the third period to defeat the Toronto Maple Leafs, 8-4, in a National Hockey League game.

A crowd of 12,347 saw the Red Wings move into third place. Carl Liscombe scored three minutes after the start, and Flash Hollett got two unassisted goals to put the Wings ahead, 3-0. Ted Kennedy scored twice in 20 seconds for the Leafs, but the third period burst brought further tallies by Harold Jackson, Steve Wocho and Don Grosso to complete the shellacking.

### Hockey Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE						
	W	L	T	Pts.	G	OP
Toronto.....	6	2	0	12	39	26
Montreal....	5	2	0	10	25	17
Detroit.....	4	3	0	8	33	21
Boston.....	2	3	1	5	23	31
New York....	1	4	1	3	20	33
Chicago.....	1	5	0	2	25	40

AMERICAN LEAGUE						
LAST NIGHT'S GAME						
Buffalo 5,	Pittsburgh 3.					
EASTERN DIVISION						
	W	L	T	Pts.	G	OP
Hershey.....	6	4	1	13	18	19
Buffalo.....	6	5	1	13	23	22
Providence..	1	5	2	4	18	26

WESTERN DIVISION						
	W	L	T	Pts.	G	OP
Pittsburgh..	7	6	1	15	42	30
Indianapolis	5	3	4	14	17	20
Cleveland...	5	5	1	11	19	19
St. Louis....	2	4	2	6	13	14

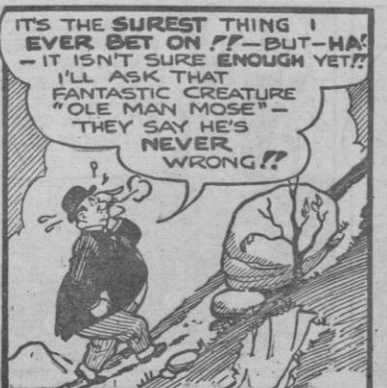
## Aiello to Brooklyn

BROOKLYN, Nov. 16.—Continuing their changes in the roster, the Brooklyn Tigers have obtained Tony Aiello from the Detroit Lions. He is a halfback, also an excellent passer.

## Todd Fired

ELMIRA, N.Y., Nov. 16.—Al Todd has been released as manager of the Elmira Pioneers of the Eastern League. Todd formerly was a catcher for the Pittsburgh Pirates.

## Li'l Abner



The answer is Lil Abner will positively get caught, mainly on account he was too stupid to understand the warning he give him. Ah has spoken Ole Man Mose

By Courtesy of United Features.

By Al Capp

## Once Over Lightly

By Charlie Kiley

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Congressman Samuel A. Weiss, of Pennsylvania, is fast becoming known as "the voice of sports" in Washington. In fact, the energetic Mr. Weiss is threatening the Army football team's hold on the sports pages these days.

In less than 24 hours, The Voice (with apologies to Sinatra) was quoted as being all-out for the Army-Navy game in Philadelphia for War Bonds—as who isn't—and in support of a huge 200,000-seating Memorial Stadium in Washington.

The versatile congressman, who officiates National Football League games too, is currently involved in the disputed Giant-Eagle tie of last week. He refereed that game.

**SHORT SHOTS: UP's Oscar Fraley** wins the brass-handled thunder mug for coming up with the first All-America of the year. His first team includes four West Pointers and three Navy huskies. The Kaydets are End George Poole, Tackle Dewitt Coulter and Backs Glenn Davis and Doc Blanchard—all first-year men!... Miami bettors have their choice among three horse parks, nine greyhound tracks and the Jai Alai Fronton, with pari-mutuel for all... It is estimated that New Yorkers will have wagered about \$3,000,000,000 at Aqueduct, Jamaica and Belmont this year when the season ends today.

The Hornell, N.Y., Pirates of the Pony League undeniably are in the "bushes." They've signed Pitchers Carl and William Bush and Outfielder Charles Bush... Someone ought to tell the boys of Germantown, Pa., Academy about the facts of life. The other day they lost their eighth game in ten years to the Stevens School for Girls' field hockey team... If the Far West gets any places on All-America elevens, it will be purely by accident. Schools out there are that bad off this season. The same goes for the Southwest.

## Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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

### FOUND

DARK glasses, in case, at Triomphe Café, Paris, on Nov. 6. Capt. Lewis. CAMERA EXCHANGE

WANTED: Miniature 3.5 or 4.5 lens Argus or similar make. Lt. Miller.

WILL exchange #20 Pontiac with special Berthot 4.5 lens and case for Argus Ca. Pfc Jerome Moitz.



## 'Mystery' Ninth Opens Attack With 1st Army

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the Ninth had slipped through France, Belgium and Holland to make a sudden appearance on the Dutch-German border.

U.S. First Army troops smashed ahead for advances of two to three kilometers, preceded by a mighty aerial attack in the area of Eschweiler, just northeast of Aachen. The area was plastered with fragmentation bombs.

First penetration of the invulnerable to assault for 2,000 years, was made after units of Patton's Fifth Infantry Division seized Aungny. Division elements advanced from there.

### Resistance Stiffens

German resistance in other areas around Metz stiffened, however, as the Nazis counter-attacked heavily in two places and recaptured Peltre, a village strongpoint two miles southeast of Metz, and Ft. Hubert, four miles west of the city.

The infantry ring around the city tightened and the escape gap last night was reported six miles wide. North of the city, elements of the 377th Regiment of the 95th Division pushed to within one and one-half miles of the city, front dispatches said.

Fourth Armored Division elements gained a mile during a German attack, front reports said, in an area 26 miles northeast of Nancy. Germans were reported using numerous Mark IV and Mark V tanks and mobile artillery, the front dispatches reported.

### Horn Captured

Elements of the 26th Division have cleared the wood north of Dieuze and obtained high ground for observation over the Dieuze area, the reports added.

In Holland, the attacking British Second Army captured Horn, two miles northwest of Roermond, according to Reuter's front dispatch, in an advance which carried the Tommies up to four miles toward the southern dip of the River Maas toward the Roermond gateway to the Ruhr Valley.

This put British troops 35 miles west of Dusseldorf and Duisburg, German industrial cities, Associated Press reported from the front. Tommies seized the five towns, including Donk and Meiljel along a 10-mile front.

### French Army Opens Drive

FRENCH FIRST ARMY FRONT, Nov. 16.—The French First Army today launched a vigorous offensive along a forty-kilometer front covering both banks of the Doubs River entry to the Belfort Gap.

Strongly supported by artillery, the new drive has reached all local objectives. The advances were made in rain and snow and against strong enemy resistance.

## All's Confusion as GI, Jerry Take Each Other 'Prisoner'

By Morrow Davis

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 30TH INF. DIV.—The boys in a company commanded by Capt. Edward E. McBride, of Somerset, Ky., like to tell about a little argument which grew out of a misunderstanding, flowered in confusion and resulted in loss to the Wehrmacht of two officers and 38 EM replacements, plus some new equipment up Bordenberg way.

This situation developed at night after the company was cut off during an advance. McBride was forced to establish his company in a tight little knot and await relief.

At one position, with a light machine gun covering the road, was posted Sgt. Joseph E. Price, of Augusta, Ga. He heard people approaching and a voice call, "Surrender, comrade." Price answered, repeating, "Surrender, comrade." The German group hove into sight, led by a captain and a lieutenant. The latter spoke English.

Price stepped aside and motioned the Jerry to precede him. "You go first," said the lieutenant. "We'll

## GI Tall-Tale-Tellers Swamp Liars Club

BURLINGTON, Wis., Nov. 16 (ANS).—O. C. Hulett, president of the Burlington Liars Club, today happily riffled through letters that have poured into his office in preparation for the club's annual New Year's Eve selection of the world's finest fibs. He attributed this year's bumper crop of lies and whoppers to contributions from servicemen.

Hulett cited a contribution from Alton C. Porter as one of the best examples of prevarication. Porter wrote: "One night in the North Atlantic the sea became so rough we had to stop the movie because the actors on the screen got seasick."

## Simpson Men Cross Border

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son, attacked at 1245 hours this day. The attack was preceded by an aerial bombardment which continued to support the operation."

But a dispatch from Wes Gallagher, Associated Press correspondent with the Ninth, established that it was into the Reich itself, north of the First Army's sector above Aachen.

With the Ninth Army committed to action, the Ninth Air Force announced the formation of a new unit, the 29th Tactical Air Command, to support it. Brig. Gen. Richard E. Nugent commands it.

The Ninth had been under wraps for security reasons since it took Brest. The Germans, in broadcasts at various times, had placed it between the Seventh and Third Armies and between the Third and First.

The Ninth is the youngest of the American armies in the field on the western front, following the First, Third and Seventh into battle. It took over the job of cleaning up Brest and finally brought about the fall of the Brittany port and the capture of its fanatical Nazi paratroop commander. It also accepted the surrender of some 20,000 German prisoners south of the Loire River.

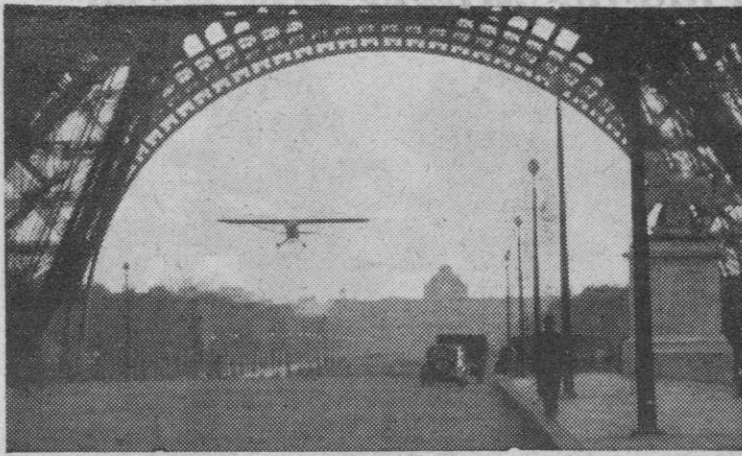
Correspondent Gallagher reported that the quiet, soft-spoken Simpson has been seen almost constantly by his troops since they took the field. Travelling by jeep and plane, he visited virtually all the units under his command and personally inspected each sector of the front before the present attack.

### 7 Billions for Month of War

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (Reuter).—U.S. war expenditures in October were \$7,447,000,000, topping September by \$343,000,000, officials announced yesterday. Defense and war expenditures from July 1, 1940, through Oct. 31, 1944, totalled \$229,600,000,000.

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## Grasshopper-eyeful of Eiffel



Reversing the usual sightseeing routine at the Eiffel Tower, the unidentified pilot of this Stinson L4 came down to look up. Pvt. Ben Levy, of Versalia, Calif., had his camera ready when the "grasshopper" skimmed under the arch at about 1 PM, Nov. 9. The plane, with a wingspread of 35 feet two inches, cleared the 328-by-137-foot arch handily, dodging cables from the top of the tower to the Champ-de-Mars in the background.

## Air Force to Shed Its Tears At 'Personal Gripe Hours'

By Carl Larsen

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The GIs and brass of the Army Air Forces won't have to take their troubles to the chaplain any more. Maj. Gen. Junius W. Jones, air inspector of the AAAF, announced today that a "personal conference hour" would be established at every air force post in the world.

## Nazis Retreat Before Seventh

By Dan Regan

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WITH THE U.S. SEVENTH ARMY, Nov. 16.—German forces retreated all along the U.S. Seventh Army front today, although offering determined resistance in the northern sector.

In this northern sector the enemy put up a stubborn defense along the high ground, particularly east of Vacourt. The Germans poured on heavy artillery south and southeast of the town. Prompt American artillery fire broke up a German counter-attack southeast of Leintrey.

Advances east of Migneville continued against moderate resistance, and some guns caught and destroyed three Mark IV tanks, two Mark V tanks and one self-propelled gun. To the east and south of Montigny, U.S. troops occupied St. Pole after stiff fighting.

## Front Porch Inaugural Is FDR Economy Plan

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (ANS).—President Roosevelt has decided just to step out on the porch to get inaugurated Jan. 20.

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### Young Patriot Seeks Draft

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Nov. 16.—(AP).—Reading in a newspaper of the death of a 19-year-old boy, a 15-year-old Forth Worth, Tex., patriot obtained a birth certificate under the "borrowed" name. Then he registered for the draft and was waiting to be called when a hotel clerk became suspicious and called authorities.

The purpose, he explained, is to give everybody a chance to air his grievances or make suggestions. Jones said that while most men did not have real complaints, Gen. Henry H. Arnold, the air forces commander, "realizes that many have troubles of some kind." He added that many did have personal problems and did not know where to go with them.

### To Keep Complete Files

At the personal conference hour all personnel, including civilians, can tell their gripes or their suggestions to the commanding officer or his representative.

Complete files are to be maintained so that complaints and suggestions will not be overlooked by commanding officers and subsequently these files will be reviewed by inspectors from higher headquarters. It was said that inquiries also would be made to see that proper action had been taken and also to see that no punitive action resulted from a soldier's voicing his grievances.

## Close Missouri Vote Elects Donnell Senator

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Nov. 16.—Gov. Forrest C. Donnell, Republican, was definitely elected to the Senate over Attorney General Roy McKittrick in Missouri's close senatorial election on the basis of a virtually complete count today of some 90,000 absentee ballots, most of them cast by servicemen.

The outcome had been in doubt ever since the Nov. 7 election, but McKittrick acknowledged today that he had lost by 500 to 800 votes.

### Asks Longer House Term

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (ANS).—Clarence F. Lea (D-Calif.) proposed today that terms of House members be lengthened to four years because they now were "so embroiled in politics that it detracts from their ability to work more effectively for the country." The present term is two years.

## Dakota Storm Snarls Phones, Closes Schools

RAPID CITY, S. D., Nov. 16 (ANS).—A blizzard swept the western Dakotas yesterday. Winds up to 48 miles an hour piled snow into 20-foot drifts in the Black Hills of South Dakota and wind and sleet tangled communications in western North Dakota.

Schools in the Black Hills area were closed. About 400 automobiles were stalled on the highway between Rapid City and the nearby. Army air base but all occupants were rescued. The snowfall measured six inches in Rapid City.

In North Dakota sleet and wind caused wire breaks, cutting off telephone service between Minot and Williston. Telephone lines also were down in southwestern North Dakota.

Snow flurries accompanied by strong winds were reported generally in western and central Nebraska.

Snow also fell in scattered points in Wyoming, closing passes in the Big Horn Mountains. Cheyenne reported winds up to 60 miles an hour, accompanied by snow. Casper had a six-inch snow and there were four inches at Sheridan and Cody as the storm swept through Montana and Wyoming.

### New Archdiocese in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (ANS).—Pope Pius XII has elevated the Indianapolis diocese to an archdiocese and created three new dioceses in Indiana and Ohio, altering the borders of several older dioceses, the Apostolic Delegation announced today. The Bishop of Indianapolis, the Most Rev. Joseph E. Ritter, has been appointed first Catholic Archbishop of Indianapolis.

### U.S. Launches 31 Freighters

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (Reuter).—The U.S. launched 31 cargo ships last week, the Maritime Commission announced today. This brought the total launched so far this year to 1,366 and the total since Pearl Harbor to 4,089.

### Tattoo-too Devine

CAMBRIDGES, Mass., Nov. 16 (ANS).—Edward Lloyd stripped for his draft examination. When he bent over, he bared a tattoo which said, "Hello Doc."

## Metz War ...

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burnt hulks of tanks, mobile German artillery vehicles, dead horses, pigs, cows and sheep, strewn over all the contested fields with shell holes everywhere.

There are gaping walls where churches once stood. Wires hang aimlessly from half-torn poles. Plentiful are German ammo cases and ammo and luxurious dugouts where the Germans hoped to hold out for the winter.

Unlike Normandy, the present terrain has no hedgerows but is plenty hilly with natural defenses everywhere plus forts, dugouts and casements used in wars dating back a hundred years.

In addition, the doughboys are pushing today through a new kind of mud. It is the oozy variety made more miserable by cold, continual rain, sleet and occasional snow.

June sunshine in Normandy was little enough comfort in the hell of the 88s. Now there is little or no sunshine and the worst of all weather, which means little or no friendly aircraft overhead in the past few days.

## Terry And The Pirates

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By Milton Caniff

