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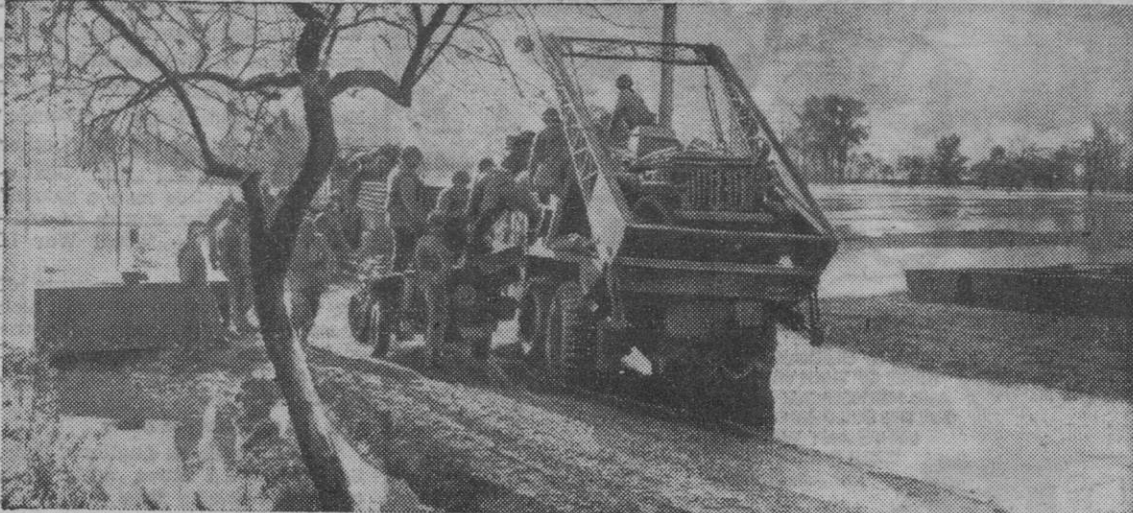
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Flood or No Flood — The Supplies Go Forward



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo.

Flood conditions which have plagued Allied armies in the Low Countries, France and Germany hamper but fail to stop supplies for the armies. U.S. Engineers are here shown loading rations onto a truck near the Moselle River, which reached its highest level in 30 years.

Nazis Fleeing Budapest As Soviet Arc Closes In

Russian troops, driving a 37-mile wedge into the German defenses north of Budapest, yesterday smashed to within three and five miles of the Hungarian capital on the east and south, forging a steel arc two-thirds around the city.

Increase Draft Of 26-37 Class

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (ANS).—Drafting of men from 26 to 37 was ordered increased today to provide replacements for soldiers and sailors released to manpower-short war plants.

War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes asked for the step as the government sought 300,000 workers for war industries to bring lagging production of critical materials up to schedule.

In another move, the Army obtained an agreement for a seven-day work week for four months in plants manufacturing truck tires and tubes, which the Army lists among its most important shortages.

Byrnes said that the Army and Navy had released "several thousand" men to war plants and demands for such releases are increasing.

Germans Improve U-Boat, Allies Say

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (ANS).—German submarines are now equipped with new devices which enable them to remain submerged for longer periods and to penetrate into areas formerly denied them, a joint British-American announcement revealed tonight.

The announcement said that losses from U-boat action last month were again "very small" and that the proportionate number of subs sunk was "very satisfactory." The statement warned that the Nazis are still manufacturing submarines and reports that they are abandoning construction not only are untrue but probably are German-inspired.

Enemy troops were in retreat all along the 200-mile Hungarian front, as the Soviet steamroller, highlighted by a new crossing of the Danube River south of Budapest, blasted open the road to Vienna, now 100 miles from Gen. Malinovsky's spearheads.

Pravda asserted that the mauled German and Hungarian forces were using up their last tactical reserves and forecast an imminent collapse of the entire Hungarian front.

Poised on Danube

Units of Malinovsky's army are poised for a new smash across the Danube onto the main Vienna highway to cut the Budapest forces' last link with their rear.

Malinovsky's new Danube crossing, most powerful yet launched, was made under cover of an artillery barrage. Accompanied by Soviet dive bombers it increased the panic of the German and Hungarian elements in their rout from the city.

Prisoners said that the German defense line is cracking and reported that the defenders began their panicky retreat before orders had been issued.

From bridgeheads won in the past few days, Malinovsky is pouring still more troops and equipment across the Danube to join Gen. Tolbukhin's army in an encircling sweep from the south.

The Soviet breakthrough across the Danube was made in the face of extremely strong defenses. (Continued on Page 8)

8th Patrols Score Gains Southwest of Faenza

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Dec. 10.—Heavy fighting under adverse weather conditions continued today southwest of Faenza, where British patrols of the Eighth Army scored local gains.

North of Ravenna, other Eighth Army patrols pushed across flooded country to Valli di Cammachio.

Doughfeet Find Way To Offset Ammo Lack

WITH THE 104th DIV. IN GERMANY.—Company G of the 415th Inf. Regt., led by 1/Lt. Jim Milliner, of Madison, Fla., killed 35 Nazis, captured 54 more and gained their objective—a factory near Lamersdorf—without a single bullet in their guns.

Because the night was so dark and accuracy impossible, it was decided it would be wiser to use only grenades and bayonets.

Under the last rounds of an artillery barrage, G Company jumped off. Ten minutes later they hit their objective. Forty-five minutes later the factory was theirs, and only then did they load their guns, in time to repulse seven German counter-attacks.

Tire Spot Check Is Set for ETO

Gen. Eisenhower's headquarters revealed yesterday that to put teeth into the tire conservation program, Tire Inspection teams are being formed to make "frequent and unannounced inspections" of units in the ETO and report all delinquencies.

The teams, consisting of one officer and two EMs, and sent out on the basis of one team for every 10,000 vehicles, are also directed to instruct the units in proper tire maintenance.

Ike Renews Call for Ammo, Urges Combat Pay for Medics

The 17 ETO-junketing Congressmen, visiting the advance SHAEF Command Post yesterday, were told by Gen. Eisenhower that fluctuating conditions of warfare and weather had upset estimates of ammunition needs, and that no blame for the current shortage of artillery shells could be placed in any one quarter. He declared that the main point now was that more shells were needed and should be supplied in the shortest possible time.

The general also recommended to the Congressmen that combat pay be given to medics serving with fighting battalions.

3d Army Crushes Savage Assaults Along Saar Front

American armies plowed slowly eastward through the German snows yesterday against the River Roer's stubborn defenses and beat off savage counter-attacks in the Saar Basin. In the south, the U.S. Seventh Army troops, driving along the western mountain slopes of the Vosges, entered Enchenberg, seven miles south of the Alsatian-Saar frontier.

Attacking in misty dawn, Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' U.S. First Army men pushed one kilometer at points along an eight-mile front to the western edge of three villages about a mile and one-half from the Roer. They waded

through fields muddy with snow which melted under the dim December sun.

Northward on virtually the same front, U.S. Ninth Army's XIX Corps stamped out the last enemy pocket on the Roer's west bank in the Julich sector by clearing the fanatically-defended Sportsplatz, municipal center of the Nazi Youth movement.

Counter-attack Beaten

Ninth Army men saw one enemy counter-attack get under way in the vicinity of a railway underpass at Mullerdorf, at 1615 yesterday. American planes and artillery went into action. At 1637, the attack folded and died.

South of the First and Ninth Armies' Roer River positions, U.S. Third Army men fought determined enemy thrusts to stop Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr.'s advance in the Saar.

An attack by 200 Wehrmacht infantry, supported by six tanks, forced 90th Division men out of Siegfried pillboxes near Dillingen, but the doughfeet slugge... their way back after bitter fighting, said Stars and Stripes Correspondent Jimmy Cannon.

Patton's 35th Division, hammering into Saarguemines, met counterblows by from 13 to 15 tanks and German infantry and by another force of five tanks and infantry. These were blasted by combined

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Warships Silence Bonin Defenses

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (ANS).—Warships of the U.S. Fifth Fleet shelled Japanese bases on the Bonin Islands for seventy minutes over the weekend in what military observers called "a possible softening up blow" for new U.S. landings on the enemy's last island outposts guarding the Jap mainland, 750 miles away.

The naval raid followed up Thursday's B29-B24 raid on the Bonins, when nearly 1,000 tons of explosives were dropped.

In the closing minutes of the bombardment, cruisers closed to within 7,000 yards of the beaches drilling shells onto airfields and shore installations. Enemy shore guns quit firing ten minutes after the American fleet had opened up.

In China, meanwhile, Imperial Chinese troops recaptured Tushan on the Kweichow-Kwangsi railway, thus temporarily removing the threat against Kweiyang, capital of Kweichow Province, 70 miles away.

'No Gas' Halted Drive to Berlin, Industry Told

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Gen. Patton's Third Army might be in Berlin today if his swiftly advancing tanks before Metz had been supplied with vital gasoline from French beaches 600 miles away, Frederick Crawford, Cleveland industrialist, told the National Association of Manufacturers yesterday.

"Only the impossibility of supplying fuel over vast distances gave the enemy time to reform," said Crawford, who recently returned from a five-week tour of the Western Front.

"It finally became humanly impossible to keep this great army of mechanized equipment supplied. Patton ordered gas from trucks put into his tanks and told his men to 'go until the tanks stop—and then get out and walk'—and they did; they walked right through Metz, but had to pull out later."

He said that Patton remarked of a supply truck which arrived at the front with food:

"What's the matter with the supply man? Doesn't he know we can get on without eating, but we can't advance without gas?" Crawford said VI buzz bombs were creating "havoc in supply systems" with V2 rockets appearing in greater number. "Our generals," he said, "expect new and more frightful inventions."

Gen. Eisenhower informed the Congressmen, in answer to a question on France's military position, that the French will share with the other Allied nations in the eventual occupation of the Reich.

Congresswoman-playwright Claire Boothe Luce, the only woman present, was asked how she found the war fronts. "Oh, I knew where they were," she replied serenely.

The Congressmen came laden with "Christmas presents," including a bottle of Kentucky bourbon whisky, a jar of pork sausage and a box of hominy grits, for which he has expressed a fondness. Ike sent the whisky to a hospital.

Outfit 'Deals' In Captured Nazi Materiel

By Charles White
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BELGIUM.—An engineer outfit here under 2/Lt. C. J. Flynn, of Galesburg, Ill., is helping solve the problem of what to do with captured German equipment. They just don't haul in quantities of unclassified materiel and dump it. Instead they send out for what they want.

For example, a call comes in from a captured town across the German border. "We've got a lot of prefabricated landing craft here, and other stuff. Want it?"

The outfit, which is officially titled a "captured enemy engineer consolidation point," sends out its surveyors, 2/Lt. H. M. Taylor, of St. Louis, and 2/Lt. William Mullahy, Troy, N.Y., who look over the stuff and decide whether engineers can use it. If so, it is hauled back, where it is classified, repaired, and inventoried.

Has Negro Workers

The engineer outfit, is made up from a Negro general service regiment.

When Americans took Verviers, they captured a naval dump which had ship sterns, prefabricated landing craft, and a full line of invasion materiel. All this is now ready for use against its builders.

Catalogue items include electrical supplies and generators; 50 diesel engines; electric heaters; railroad cars; ties; water purifying unit; railway bridge; and enough prefabricated hutting to house a couple of regiments.

134th Company Does Night Job

WITH THE 35TH INF. DIV.—There are some Joes in Company I of the 134th Infantry Regiment who engage in special after-dark activity. They call themselves the Blackface Raiders.

Right now the Raiders consist of eight enlisted men and one officer. In the past two weeks they have sneaked into enemy lines on seven night patrols, two of the missions have been reconnaissance while the others have been combat patrols. Burnt cork is part of their uniform.

Members of the Raiders—who to date have not suffered a casualty—include S/Sgt. John J. Reddy, Williston Park, N.Y.; S/Sgt. Leon Pinkard, Roanoke, Ala.; Pfc Robert L. McGhee, Hurricane, W.Va.; and Pvt. James B. Garren, Liberty, S.C.; Reuben F. Miller, Womelsdorf, Pa.; Donald A. Fuller, Milwaukee; Willie Turner, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Clarence R. Finn, Shamokin, Pa.

7th Armored Div.

WITH 7th ARMORED DIV.—An artillery forward observer, who operated with an infantry task force within 50 yards of enemy lines, has been awarded the Silver Star. He is 2/Lt. George K. Tanham, of New York, member of a field artillery battalion.

Tanham remained with the doughboys three days and on countless occasions adjusted artillery fire to keep the American positions from being overrun.

They Should Know!

WITH 35th INF. DIV.—German captives wearing the Stalin-grad medal call it the "Gefrierfleisch Medaille"—the "Frozen Meat Medal."

Lone Yank Shoots Up a Town

By Jimmy Cannon
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
WITH THE 35th INF. DIV., LORRAINE, Dec. 10.—S/Sgt. James Spurrier admits he was in Achain that day.

The ones who watched him that day say James Spurrier, who is a 21-year-old Regular Army man from Blue Ridge, West Va., took the town with a solitary offensive that lasted eight hours under constant fire.

They counted the dead when he was through. He had killed 25 Germans and captured 18 more, including a lieutenant and a captain. They say he fired weapons he had never seen before. Before the day was over he had used a German BAR and an American BAR; a German bazooka and an American bazooka, and grenades of many types.

'Shooting and Ducking'

"This was not the act of a dumb brave soldier. Every move he made for eight hours was carefully figured out," said Maj. F. C. Roecker, of Walla Walla, Wash. "I watched him rove through the town searching for Germans. He drove them from one end of the town to the other. I saw him fire the different weapons and I've never seen a cooler or a smarter soldier."

"He'd use one weapon until he ran out of ammo and then picked another one up and fiddled around with it until he started it going. We would never have taken the town that day if it wasn't for him."

"It beats me," said Spurrier. "I was paying no attention. Ask them what seen it. I was shooting and ducking and I don't remember much."



Pfc Kalinowski of the 7th—One Hero Among Hundreds

By Marshall Morgan
Stars and Stripes Special Writer

WITH THE SEVENTH ARMORED DIV. Dec. 10.—For three days in late October the men of the "Lucky Seventh," outnumbered two to one, held fast against some of the most vicious, determined and sustained counter-attacks yet launched on the Western Front.

You can pick your heroes at random.

John Kalinowski is a Pfc. He came into the Army from Terryville, Conn., went into the Seventh's 48th Inf., and was just another footslogger facing the Tigers and Panthers and Panzer Grenadiers at Meijel.

Kalinowski was digging for all he was worth when he saw two Germans creeping toward his position. He grabbed his rifle and killed both.

A machine-gun nest then opened on him at short range. Lying flat, he shouted directions that brought artillery bursts on his position a few moments later. Kalinowski took advantage of the covering fire to

leap up and sprint to a nearby house.

Apparently the German tank commander didn't thoroughly sense the situation. Two men were standing up in the turret.

Kalinowski got both from his concealed position. The Tiger began to back out, its driver obviously confused.

Because of him, and the hundreds of Seventh men who duplicated his heroism against heartbreaking odds, a thin line held, and the British-Canadian expedition against Antwerp escaped a threat against its vital supply line.

634th FA Bn.

WITH SEVENTH ARMY.—The 634th Field Artillery's 100,000th combat round—hand decorated and ceremoniously dispatched—has been sent screaming over the lines.

The round, which marked the climax of the 634th's battle across France, was fired by a composite gun crew, made up of men from each of the battalion's batteries and headed by Maj. Al D. Sims, Oklahoma City, Okla. During the 634th's 21 months overseas, the outfit has fought in support of ten different American divisions.

8th Inf. Div.

Until he got his most recent letter from home, Capt. Tom Lowery, of Dodge City, Kan., and the 8th Inf. Div., always figured there would be someone "back there" to keep the home fires burning.

His mother is in the Air Force WACs, one sister is in the Navy Nurse Corps, another sister is in the Marines, and his only brother is in the Navy. But his father was still at home.

The other day Capt. Lowery learned that his dad had arrived for Merchant Marine duty.

Christmas But Once A Year; 2nd Ready

SECOND INF. DIV.—The survey section of an artillery battalion with this division believes in long-range planning. Men in the outfit got their Christmas tree ready early this month. It's four feet high with GI candles and a star made from a tin can.

28th Inf. Div.

WITH 28th INF. DIV.—The 28th Division's APO claims to be the first Army postoffice set up in Germany. Cpl. Henry J. LaTour, T/5 Richard Morgan and Pvt. Kenneth Weller crossed the border with the first truckload of mail at 4:50 PM on Oct. 26. At 5:57 the rest of the unit's personnel had crossed into the Reich and by 9:30 they were in operation.

Working in the APO are 1/Lt. Billy M. Wall, S/Sgt. Wilbert R. Adams, T/4 Walter L. Sackett, T/4 Marquis P. Eckels, T/4 Max L. Noe, T/4 Paul L. Brown, Sgt. David A. Follweiler, T/5 Francis E. McDonald, T/5 Thomas A. Zender, T/5 Charles R. Ruhe, Pfc Pat E. Welch, Pfc Paul L. Palmer, Pfc Joseph J. Praisler, Pvt. Arthur Measel and Pvt. Irving Robbin.

Here's How to Save Ammo

A LOT of ammunition could be saved if units with a surplus amount would return it in original, unopened containers, Capt. David E. Fullmer, of the 637th Ord. Am. Co., reports.

"Hundreds of rounds are brought back by eager beavers who don't trust their basic loads and draw in excess," Capt. Fullmer asserts. "This excess ammo is carried around for a month or two, taken out of original containers and exposed to the weather. Then it is returned to the dump."

"We strive to issue top-grade ammo because lives may depend on it, but we cannot guarantee ammo that has been taken out of the original packaging."

Capt. Fullmer, whose company has been serving ammo to troops on the Continent since D-plus 2, offers the following suggestions: Don't open small arms boxes until the latest possible moment; be careful of rocket fins, they bend easily; return excess ammo in original containers; don't abandon serviceable ammo.

Six Generals Salute Sergeant Who Won CMH

By Dan Regan
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
WITH U.S. SEVENTH ARMY.

When Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, commander of the Seventh Army, pinned the Congressional Medal of Honor on T/Sgt. Homer L. "Blackie" Wise and turned to five other general officers and said, "Gentlemen, let's give this man a salute," one of the great stories of individual heroism in World War II came to light.

The simple, pithy language of the War Department citation which accompanied the medal tells the story of the 27-year-old member of the 36th Div. from Baton Rouge, La. It reads:

Rescues Soldier

"In an attack on Lagliano, Italy, Sgt. Wise led three other men through sweeping fires to carry a member of his platoon to a point where he could be given medical treatment. Later he noticed an enemy officer and two men armed with automatic weapons sneaking to the side in an effort to flank his unit. He rushed forward alone and sub-machine-gunned all three.

"Returning to his unit he found them facing a disastrously effective fire from enemy gunners in defiladed positions inaccessible to small arms fire from our troops. He gathered up all available anti-tank grenades and moving through a hail of bullets, inflicted so many casualties on the foe that their positions became untenable and they fled.

Mans Tank Gun

"The battalion moved forward to its immediate objective and came under machine-gun fire. The range was too great for his sub-machine gun so he picked up an automatic rifle and walked forward, firing his weapon from a standing position.

"His company again moved forward and, noticing a machine-gun mount on a tank unmanned he leaped upon the tank, repaired the jammed weapon and fired 750 rounds that neutralized flanking positions."

A veteran of five major battles, Sgt. Wise also holds the Silver Star, the Bronze Star medal and the Purple Heart with two oak leaf clusters.

4th Inf. Div.

WITH THE FOURTH INF. DIV., GERMANY.—When five replacements arrived at this division, they were booked for future duty with the K9 corps.

They were five puppies whose mother, Pouché, had joined the outfit at Montebourg, Pierre, the father, showed up sometime later.

Men of the Fourth claim the litter is the first produced on the Continent under American auspices.

GIs Swipe Girders Behind Nazi Lines

A squad of engineers stole into the German lines with a mobile crane and brought back steel girders needed for a bridge repair job near Metz, Maj. Gen. C. R. Moore, Chief Engineer of the European Theater, revealed yesterday.

The men, led by Capt. Nicholas G. Cots, of Chicago, moved under cover of darkness beneath the noses of the Nazi guns, taking with them one of the outfit's own cranes. The steel girders were lifted into the air and carried back into U.S. territory without rousing the Nazis.



Filmfolk In the News from Home



HONEYMOONERS Col. Elliott Roosevelt and Actress Fay Emerson rub noses in New York after their marriage last week. Elliott formerly was member of an ETO Photo Recon Unit in England.

PAT DANE, wife of trombonist Tommy Dorsey, left a Los Angeles courtroom a free woman last week after the judge dismissed charges against her of assault on Sarong Boy John Hall. (Story on Page 4.)

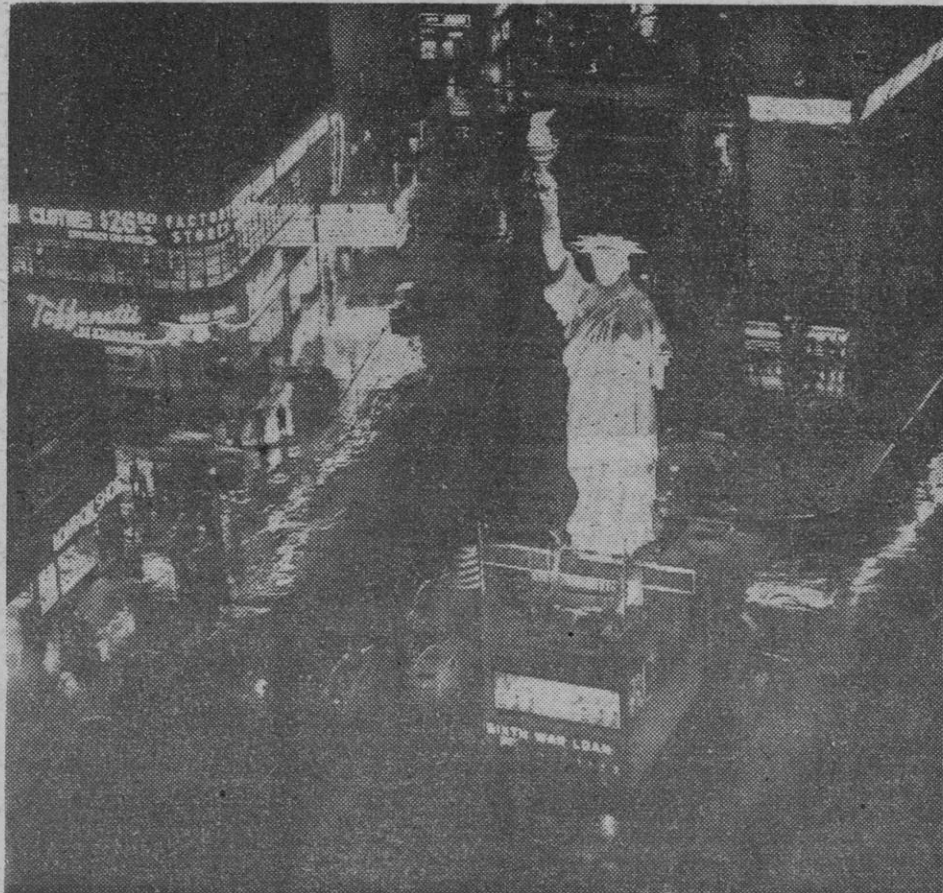
BECAUSE her husband treated her and her friends with "superiority and contempt," Esther Williams, shapely star of the film "Bathing Beauty," was granted a divorce recently from Dr. Leonard Kovner.

EX - RAVEN - HAIRD Gene Tierney turned up a blonde the other day for a new movie. "Bell for Adano." In this movie Gene plays the part of a Sicilian. In recent movies she was a Chinese, Arabian and Polynesian.

Yes, The 'Statue of Liberty' in Times Square

On the First Army Front

BURGESS MEREDITH, shown here with wife, Paulette Goddard, last week completed making the movie "Here Is Your War" about War Correspondent Ernie Pyle. Meredith, formerly an Army captain serving in England, plays the part of Pyle in the movie.



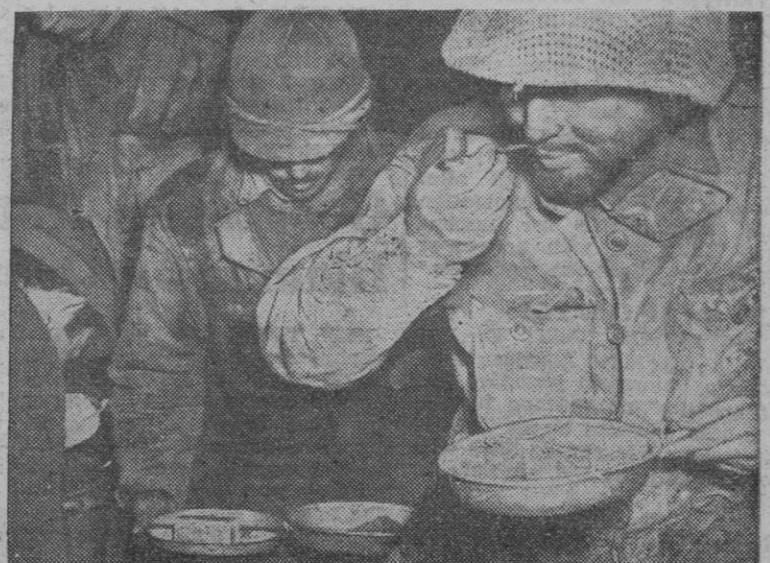
This is Times Square as it looks today. A flood-lit 55-foot version of the Statue of Liberty was erected just in front of the Times Building as part of New York's Sixth War Loan Drive. Broadway (remember?) is at the left, Seventh Avenue at the right.

Crouching close to the ground, a First Army soldier races for cover after a short gain under protection of fire from an armored vehicle.

Roundup at Metz



Pistol in hand, a Third Army infantryman cautiously advances to capture German soldiers who surrendered after their unit had been surrounded on a muddy road near Metz. Germans still held their last fort in this sector Sunday although their comrades had retreated to German soil two weeks ago.



Hungry and battle-stained tankmen attached to the Ninth Army line up for their ration of cake, after a day's sortie of blasting holes through the Siegfried Line near Aachen.

Congress, Draft System Rapped for Ammo Lack

WPB Official Urges Manpower Law Enforcement

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. — The need for national service legislation was reiterated over the weekend as Army and Navy production officials expressed alarm at lags in delivery of top priority supplies needed at the battlefronts.

War Production Chairman J. A. Krug blamed Congress and the Selective Service System for the manpower difficulties which he said "imperiled production of most urgently needed munitions."

Krug told the Senate War Investigating Committee that "there are no teeth in the manpower regulations primarily because Congress refused to enact national service legislation."

Would Enforce Powers

He added, however, that it is too late now to pass such a law because it would take too long to get it working. The only hope of tightening manpower controls is to enforce more strictly powers of the War Manpower Commission, he said.

Krug's conviction was disputed by Undersecretary of War Patterson, who repeated the WD's insistence that legislation be enacted even at this late date. "The position of the War Department remains clear and definite," he said.

The WPB, meanwhile, issued a list of "supercritical must-must items," of which no amount of production for the time being would be enough. They include heavy artillery and ammunition, combat loaders for warships, superfortresses, A26 Invaders, trucks and communications wire.

Emphasizing that production requirements change as battlelines shift, Patterson said that stepped-up delivery of artillery and ammunition decided upon during the Italian campaign last spring, is just now rolling off production lines.

Booksellers Hit at Censorship

BOSTON, Dec. 10 (ANS). — Saying that almost every Massachusetts bookseller who has been in business for 30 years or more has been fined for the sale of what a court held to be obscene books, the Massachusetts Library Association has announced sponsorship of a bill to modify present censorship laws. The proposed measure would remove the present provision against sale of books "manifestly tending to corrupt the morals of youth" when the purchaser is more than 18.

Triangle's Still Eternal

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (ANS). — Hazel Scott, Negro Boogie Woogie pianist, said she would consider herself "extremely lucky" if Congressman-elect Adam C. Powell Jr., Negro clergyman and publisher of Harlem, were free to marry her. She made the statement after Powell's wife filed a separation suit charging that her husband was "infatuated with another woman," a "night-club performer."

Chinese AF Gets P51s

INGLEWOOD, Calif., Dec. 10 (ANS). — The North American Aviation Co. announced yesterday that "a quantity" of Mustang fighters has been allocated to the Chinese air force. P51s already have seen combat with the U.S. air force in China.

Rubber Bounces High

AKRON, Ohio, Dec. 10 (ANS). — The government's synthetic rubber factory at Port Neches, Tex. produced 100,000,000 pounds of rubber in the last 14 months, the B. F.

Sandwich-Eaters Now Will Be Machine Fed

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (ANS). — Lunch-counter slang may be as dead as Sanskrit after the war. The New Board of Education has announced successful experimentation with a mechanical device which turns out 3,500 sandwiches an hour, a job ordinarily requiring 90 pairs of hands.

The machine consists of a conveyor belt leading into chambers where butter or spread is pressed upon a slice of bread and another slice is dropped to complete the job.

Goodrich Co., its operators, announced today. Officials said the output was equivalent to that of 14,000,000 rubber trees.

Ask Vote Rule Change

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (ANS). — A bill for a constitutional amendment to abolish the electoral college method of choosing the President and Vice President has been introduced by Rep. Clarence Lea (D-Calif.). Voters would ballot directly for the candidates but the system of electoral votes would be unchanged, each candidate receiving electoral votes of a state in proportion to his popular vote in the state.

Rubber Stocks at New Low

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (Reuter). — Warning that Allied crude rubber stocks are now at the lowest ebb since the start of the war, the Combined Raw Materials Board has appealed for augmented production from all rubber-growing areas and greater conservation efforts in all the United Nations.

OPA Pegs Price of GI Shoes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (ANS). — The Office of Price Administration has set price ceilings on Army service shoes sold as work shoes for civilian use at \$6.50 a pair retail, \$4.36 wholesale and \$3.60 for sales by the government to wholesalers.

Southpaw Toothbrush

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (ANS). — Any GI who has ever gone looking for a left-handed monkey wrench may be glad to know that there's really a left-handed toothbrush. The Patent Office has granted a patent on a toothbrush with a swivel handle which, the inventor says, will be a boon to southpaws.

Plan Streamliner Service

SEATTLE, Dec. 10 (ANS). — Daily streamliner passenger train service between Chicago, the Twin Cities and the Pacific Northwest will be inaugurated by the Great Northern Railway as soon as new equipment is available.

Geography, Not 'Topography,' Blamed for Overseas Romance

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. — Geography—not biology—is the reason for GI romances overseas, according to Angela Wall, girl reporter of The Hartford Times. Angela hit the front pages of the nation's newspapers this week after an interview with two British soldiers who told her that American cooking is "ghastly" and American girls are "pushful."

The Britishers are unhappy with apple pie à la mode and cheese, Angela wrote. She commented that she saw nothing wrong with the

Oh! No, Not That!



Reports from Luxembourg, according to an Acme News photo caption, say that an Army unit there recently declared that GIs are fed up with pinup pictures. The reports irked Barbara Bates (left) and Kathleen O'Malley of Hollywood and they ask: "Is you or ain't you?"

ATC Conquers Arctic Blasts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (UP). — The Army Air Transport Command is approaching its second winter of full-scale operations over the North Atlantic, prepared to fly a far greater number of planes across than last winter, and is confident that it has beaten Arctic weather that once made flying in this area so hazardous.

Full knowledge of weather conditions obtained from weather stations and reports of planes in transit is the secret of successful winter-long aerial operations.

Big transports carrying high priority cargo and personnel and bombers being flown to combat have a choice of three routes across the North Atlantic.

Clear Dorseys In Assault Case

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 10 (ANS). — Judge Arthur Crum over the weekend dismissed assault charges against Tommy Dorsey, his wife, Pat Dane, and their neighbor, Allen Smiley, growing out of an attack on Jon Hall, the Sarong boy.

Judge Crum referred to one of the state's principal witnesses actor Antonio Icaza, who had been recalled from Panama for the trial, as "a fabulous, masterful fabricator of falsehoods, perjures pure and simple, demonstrated innumerable times out of his own mouth."

Icaza entered the Dorsey-Hall fiasco when he tried to file a \$42,000 suit against Dorsey and was shipped back to Panama by immigration authorities who said he was in the country illegally. The Icaza attempt to reopen the trial followed various testimonies in which actor Eddie Norris claimed to have been knocked down and kicked in the teeth, Dorsey's wife was accused of a combination strip act and hair-pulling bout, and Holl, the male counter-part of Dorothy Lamour, complained that somebody had sliced his profile with a knife.

33 States Gave FDR Plurality of 3,446,648

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (ANS). — Presidential popular vote as tabulated by UP from official figures of 33 states gave Roosevelt, 25,137,210 and Dewey, 21,690,562. The difference is 3,446,648.

Global Aviation Delegates End Chicago Parley

By Phil Bucknell
Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau
CHICAGO, Dec. 10. — The Civil Aviation conference wound up here this weekend with the signing of a document which is the first step to establish common rules for international air traffic.

Representatives of 54 countries attended the 37-day session which had set up a 20-nation interim council, including a seat left vacant for Russia, the only major power which failed to attend.

Twenty council places were awarded to the U.S., U.K., France, Belgium, China, Mexico, Netherlands, Canada, India, Brazil, Norway, Iraq, Peru, Australia, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Turkey, Salvador, Columbia and Chile.

The members who will meet in Canada to set up plans for permanent postwar consultation and joint operation include the U.S., U.K., France, Netherlands, Brazil, Mexico and Belgium.

Called 'Notable Victory'

Adolf A. Berle Jr., U.S. delegation chairman, characterized the session as "notable victory for civilization," adding that "Chicago is the first chapter of a new world co-operation."

Representatives signed a document giving rights to fly over territories for non-traffic purposes, but no Anglo-American agreement on economic rights was reached. U.S. delegates demanded the right to pick up traffic on intermediate stops in any country, but U.K. members, with an eye to important "short haul" traffic in postwar Europe, would not agree.

WLB Stands Pat On 'Little Steel,' Bans Pay Boost

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. — The War Labor Board has decided to keep the "Little Steel formula" as the keystone of the nation's wage-stabilization policy and rejected the CIO steel union's demand for a general wage increase of 17 cents an hour.

However, the WLB granted second shift workers an increase of four cents and third shift workers a raise of six cents an hour, retroactive to the expiration of the companies' contract with the union. The wage case, affecting 400,000 steel workers, had been pending since before the steel strike of last December.

Chairman William H. Davis said that the board's decision "does not even bend" the Little Steel formula, which limits general pay increases to 15 percent above January, 1941, levels.

Finds \$1,150 in Ashcan

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (ANS). — William Meyer, ten, searching ashcans for discarded comic books, fished out an envelope containing \$1,150 in war bonds.

Maj. 'Bing' Bong Wins Congressional Medal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10. — The Congressional Medal of Honor has been awarded to Maj. Richard Bong, of Poplar, Wis., whose record of 38 enemy planes shot down in this war makes him top American air ace of all time. Bong scored his latest air victories Dec. 7, when he shot down two Jap planes west of Leyte. The award was bestowed upon him because, serving as gunnery instructor, he volunteered for a series of combat missions in the Pacific and shot down eight Japanese planes.

Once Over Lightly

By Andy Rooney

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The major leagues' annual meeting, which opens here tomorrow, figures to be one of the most important ever held, with the question of a successor to the late Judge Landis taking up most of the official business. Since the death of the white-maned old judge everybody from Hector the Pup to Chiang-Kai-Shek has been mentioned for the job. But, it is safe to say that a new high commissioner will not be appointed for another year, during which time the field can be thoroughly covered and qualifications carefully weighed.



AMONG those proposed are J. Edgar Hoover, Fiorello LaGuardia, Jimmy Walker, Branch Rickey, Larry MacPhail, Jim Farley, Sen. James Mead and a flock of others you probably never heard of. More people than you think are even booming Gen. George C. Marshall for the \$65,000 post. One thing is certain, when the choice is made it better be good because the shoes vacated by the Judge are awfully big.

SHORT SHOTS—N. Y. Herald Trib's Stan Woodward, who's been looking at football for a long, long time, says Ohio State's Les Horvath was the "most indispensable man to a team" he ever had seen. When Buckeye historians finished checking records they discovered this was the first perfect season for State since the 1916 days of its immortal Chick Harley. . . . Heavyweight Tami Mauriello goes on record as saying Frank (The Verce) Sinatra no longer has a piece of him and that he is managing himself with the help of his seven brothers. If Tami can't lick 'em his brothers will. . . . Al "Bummy" Davis also thinks it proper to fight the family's battles. Last week he threatened to clean out an entire police station if they didn't release his brother, "Little Stinker" Davis, which is one way to get knots on your head. . . . Cmdr. Fred "Buzz" Borries, Navy's 1934 All-America, survived the Philippines sinking of the escort carrier, "Cambria Bay."

Score Seven KOs in Oise Special Service Bouts

Seven knockouts in twelve bouts featured the opening Oise Section Special Service boxing show Friday night. Pvt. Max Hutchins, Los Angeles heavy, got a close decision over Cpl. Otis Kidd, Freeport, Ill., and Cpl. Mickey Willis, Sacramento, Cal., shaded T/5 Clarence Sadler, Akron, Ohio.

Other results:

Pvt. Billy Proctor, Harrisburg, Pa., outpointed Pfc Josa Torres, Larado, Tex.; Pfc Alfonso Gates, St. Louis, outpointed Pfc George Lockwood, Washington; T/4 Bruce Grable, Fredericktown, Pa., stopped Pvt. Johnny Perkins, Philadelphia; Pvt. Leroy Peterson, Philadelphia, stopped Pfc Napoleon Arrington, Brooklyn; Pvt. Joseph Shannon, Baltimore, stopped Pvt. William Lucan, Chicago; Pfc Carl Moore, Detroit, stopped Cpl. Glen Edwards, Traer, Ia.; Pfc Milton Kuhn, New York; stopped Pvt. Willie Pope, Cameron, Tex.; Pvt. James Brown, Jackson, Tenn., stopped T/4 Edward Heary, Buffalo, N.Y.; Pvt. Lennon Mings, Newport, Va., outpointed Pfc Robert Redic, New Britain, Conn.; Pfc George Smith, Chattanooga, Tenn., stopped Pvt. Harold Harshaw, Columbus, Ohio.

Paris Bouts Tonight

Eight bouts are scheduled tonight at the weekly Red Cross boxing show in the Palais de Glace, starting at 7:30.

Louis Refuses to Risk Maiming 'Playmate'

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—S/Sgt. Joe Louis, picking up some loose change boxing while on furlough from Uncle Sam, refused to trade punches with Elmer "Violent" Ray after his agents had approved the match.

"That man can't do anything but fight," the Brown Bomber said. "Maybe I can fight him later, but a boxing exhibition would be impossible. He wouldn't know how to box. He'd start swinging for keeps, and one of us would get hurt." Which one, Joe wouldn't say.

Thunderbolts Win 4th, 13-2

The undefeated Second AADA Thunderbolts scored their fourth triumph at Vincennes yesterday, defeating the Fourth Service Group Blue Devils, 13-2, in a Ninth AAF Football League game.

Trailing, 2-0, at the half, the Thunderbolts scored in each of the following periods, Rudy Petrini, of Hummelstown, Pa., tallying both touchdowns. The victors capitalized on a pair of fumbles, recovering one on the Blue Devils' eighty-yard mark and the other, a fumbled lateral, on the three.

A bad pass from center which went out of the end zone for an automatic safety gave the Blue Devils their only points in the first period.

The SHAEF eleven defeated the Engineer Raiders, 7-0, at Colombes Stadium.

9th AAF Hqs. Wins

CHANTILLY.—The Ninth AAF Headquarters football team defeated First General Hospital, 13-0, here yesterday. Stan Dalszys passed to End Bernie Hafen from midfield and the receiver raced 33 yards for a first period touchdown. Dalszys ran 20 yards for a tally in the final quarter.

Joe Meredith, left end for the losers, shone on defense.

29th TAC Holland Victor

SOMEWHERE IN HOLLAND, Dec. 10.—The 29th Tactical Air Command Headquarters eleven blanked the Ninth AAF, 7-0, before 3,000 rainsoaked GIs here yesterday.

Boston Six Trips Maple Leafs, 5-3

TORONTO, Dec. 10.—Harvey Bennett, lanky Boston goalie, came up with one of the best net-minding performances of the season last night when the Bruins defeated the Maple Leafs, 5-3, for their fourth win in five games against Toronto. Bennett handled 47 saves, 22 of which were difficult and at least 10 from point-blank range.

Hockey Standings

National League

| | W | L | T | Pts | G | OG |
|----------|----|----|---|-----|----|----|
| Montreal | 11 | 4 | 1 | 23 | 59 | 38 |
| Toronto | 10 | 6 | 0 | 20 | 63 | 55 |
| Detroit | 8 | 4 | 2 | 18 | 65 | 44 |
| Boston | 7 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 64 | 69 |
| New York | 2 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 44 | 65 |
| Chicago | 2 | 10 | 1 | 5 | 49 | 74 |

American League

| Saturday Night's Scores | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---|------------|---|--|--|--|
| Cleveland | 5 | St. Louis | 2 | | | |
| Hershey | 5 | Providence | 0 | | | |
| Indianapolis | 2 | Pittsburgh | 2 | | | |

Memphis Blues Triumph

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 10.—The Memphis Blues whipped the St. Louis Blues, 7-0, yesterday in the annual Negro Prep School Blues Bowl game here.

Red Light for Bucking Buckeye



Derricotte, of Michigan, lifts Ohio State's Flanagan into the air on a jarring tackle during the 18-14 thriller at Columbus which closed an unbeaten, untied season for the Buckeyes.

Little School Makes Big Noise

Valparaiso Five Upsets LIU In Garden Basketball Debut

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Valparaiso University's unheralded basketball team last night crashed Gotham's big time with an unexpected victory over Long Island U., 64-59,

in the second game of a double-header in Madison Square Garden. Western Michigan made it a clean sweep for the visiting Midwesterners by whipping Brooklyn College, 58-52, in the opener.

Valparaiso, little-known Indiana school of 500 students, clipped the Blackbirds in the last eight minutes with a blazing spurt that netted 10 points, while L.I.U. went scoreless. Long Island, studded with touted freshmen, erected a 37-32 lead in the first half but, after the lead changed hands 14 times in the second half, wilted before the Hoosiers' closing rush. Bob Dille and Johnny Janisch, with 15 and 12 points, led Valparaiso. Lester Rothman, L.I.U. veteran, collected 19.

The sharpshooting, speedy Western Michigan five did a workmanlike job on Brooklyn despite the Kingsmen's ability to stay within reach all the way. Bernie Barnett of Brooklyn was top scorer with 19 points.

Buckeyes Win

COLOMBUS, O., Dec. 10.—Ohio State opened the defense of its Big Ten basketball title by overpower-

Bets \$50,000 Mexico Can Beat Venezuela

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 10.—Castor Montoto, Mexican baseball magnate, has accepted a \$50,000 wager offered by a group of Venezuelans that their team can beat both Mexican and Cuban amateur nines. Montoto, however, stipulated the bet would hold only if a series of five games be played in Mexico City with a U.S. umpire in charge.

ing Michigan State, 58-31, The Buckeyes, with All-America Don Grate getting 18 points, led State all the way.

Seahawks Clip Gophers

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 10.—Iowa Pre-Flight used only six men throughout to defeat Minnesota, 38-32, with Joe Ary manufacturing 16 points for the victor.

Football Results

Texas Aggies 70, Miami 14.
Virginia State 15, Florida Aggies 7.
Southern U. 19, Xavier (La.) 0.

Weekend Basketball Results

Friday's Scores

Bridgewater 48, Gallaudet 31.
Buckley Field 55, Colorado Aggies 21.
Cherry Pt. Marines 54, High Point 17.
Columbia 43, Union 42.
DePaul 68, Wyoming 29.
Hamline 60, Carleton 23.
Kansas 31, Washburn 27.
Lincoln Air Base 58, Peru Techs. 33.
Moorehead 51, Georgetown (Ky.) 26.
Oklahoma 41, So. Methodist 40.
Ottumwa Naval 62, Simpson 40.
Quonsett Flyers 44, Dartmouth 31.
Sampson Naval 51, Scranton 27.
St. John's 53, Camp Shanks 36.
Texas 34, Southwestern 24.
Wayne 59, Michigan Normal 26.
Washington 41, Ft. Miles 23.

Saturday's Scores

Akron 72, Lockburn Air Base 43.
Bowling Green 52, Western Kentucky 51.
Bucknell 30, Bloomsburg Techs. 28.
Camp Claiborne 51, Southwestern La. 25.
Camp Normoyle 43, Texas 26.
Carnegie Tech 52, Case 40.
CCNY 60, Lafayette 34.
Chicago 51, Illinois Tech 43.
Colgate 50, Rochester 49.
Cornell 43, Canisius 42.

Dartmouth 54, Camp Edwards 47.

Drake 35, Cornell College 28.
Ecker-Studio 56, Brigham Young 46.
Great Bend 54, Kansas State 51.
Illinois 56, Great Lakes 53.
Indiana 63, Camp Atterbury 8.
Iowa 101, Macomb Techs. 23.
Iowa Pre-Flight 38, Minnesota 32.
Kentucky 66, Cincinnati 24.
Louisville 43, Evansville 34.
Michigan 50, Kellogg Air Base 17.
Muhlenberg 57, Lehigh 25.
Notre Dame 68, Miami (O.) 34.
Northwestern 56, DePaul 43.
Oklahoma Aggies 44, Westminster 33.
Ohio State 58, Michigan State 31.
Stevens 47, Webb Institute 26.
Stoutfield 39, Butler 35.
St. Lawrence 40, Ithaca College 36.
Syracuse 55, Hobart 51.
Taylor 48, Huntington 32.
Temple 54, Holy Cross 38.
Utah 65, St. Joseph's 40.
Valparaiso 64, Long Island U. 59.
Virginia 47, Hampden-Sidney 28.
West Michigan 58, Brooklyn College 52.
Wheaton 34, North Central 30.
Wisconsin 45, Marquette 40.
Williams 32, Columbia 24.
W. Virginia 68, Fairmont State 36.

Stove League Starts Cooking, A's Get Levy

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Club owners, managers and sundry officials poured into the city over the weekend to attend the annual meeting of the National and American Leagues. But, on the eve of the first session tomorrow, the baseball men got under way with what promised to be one of the most active trading markets since the war began.

The Athletics sounded the first note by announcing the purchase from Milwaukee of Ed Levy, first baseman and outfielder for Jack McGillen, rookie pitcher, and an undisclosed sum of money. Levy was cut loose from the Yankee chain last summer when he went to the Brewers for Outfielder Herschel Martin.



Vince DiMaggio

At least a dozen other players were reported to be on the block as all 16 major league clubs went hunting for 1945 strength. The players mentioned were: Pitcher Jim Bagby and Outfielder Jeff Heath, Indians; Pitcher Don Black and Outfielder Bobby Estelle, Athletics; First Baseman Phil Weintraub, Giants; Outfielder Vince DiMaggio and Catcher Babe Phelps, Pirates; Outfielder Lou Novikoff, Cubs; Pitcher Harry Brecheen, Cards; Outfielder Frank Kelleher, Reds, and Infielder Eddie Miksis, Dodgers.

Ford Frick, National League president, also announced the purchase of Umpire "Butch" Henline, former major league catcher, from the International League.

McSpaden Sets Oakland Pace

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 10.—Harold "Jug" McSpaden, of Philadelphia, yesterday shot a 69 to take the lead in the rich Oakland Open golf tournament with a 54-hole total of 207. Sgt. Jim Ferrier moved into second place with a 68-round and trails McSpaden by two strokes.

Byron Nelson, tied with McSpaden at the end of the second round, dropped into third place with a 72 yesterday. Ky Lafoon and Mark Fry were tied with Nelson at 211. Sammy Snead, who turned in the best round of the day, 67, was deadlocked with Sammy Bird in the fourth slot.

Revolta, Harrison Tied

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 10.—Johnny Revolta and Sgt. Dutch Harrison of the Air Force shot 66 apiece yesterday to tie for first place in the Miami Open golf tournament. Their 54-hole total was 205. Maurice O'Connor carded 68 and is third, Henry Picard fourth, Gene Kunes fifth and Johnny Bulla sixth.

Oma Beats Mauriello

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Lee Oma, Detroit heavyweight, squared accounts with Tami Mauriello by winning a unanimous decision Friday night before 16,266 fans in Madison Square Garden. Two months ago the Bronx Italian stopped Oma in eight rounds.

Griem Elected AAU Prexy

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Dec. 10.—Willard N. Griem, of Denver, today was elected National AAU president as the organization closed its 56th annual convention. Griem succeeded Lawrence DiBenedetto.



Nixes Pay Parity

The letter from Pvt. B. A., captioned "Payroll Parity," has its good points, but...

I do not agree when it is suggested that all ranks be paid the same base pay. That would not bring any more respect for our officers and non-coms than there is now.

If promotions are made, a corresponding increase in pay is right. If the man is good enough to be promoted, he is entitled to more pay. Every time a man advances in civilian life he is reasonably sure of an increase in pay. Why dispute this fact in the Army?

That the Army would be more democratic if his idea was carried out is questionable. Some will even question the amount of democracy there is in the Army now, but I think we have more freedom than men in most armies.

Say the base pay of all enlisted men and officers is \$75 per month. Would you and you and you have any more respect for Gen. Eisenhower or Gen. Bradley than you have now? I say no, for they have our utmost respect.—T/5 Don Matthews, QM Bn.

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PS About a TS

In the Nov. 21 B-Bag, Pvt. J. O. M. bitches about two men in a truck accident getting the Purple Heart. Those men were on a mission taking supplies to the front lines. They, and all our other drivers, risk their lives every day. When shells start falling, it is lots harder for them to find a foxhole than a GI in a bivouac area. So let's not pitch a bitch because one is a little ahead of you in the point system. Do you want to take a truck out on our next black-out mission?—R. E. H., Motor Sgt.

P.S.—Anyhow the Purple Heart order was rescinded.

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Achtung! High Tension

Your editorial, "Those Nazis Welcome" did my angry soul an awful lot of good; something in an American newspaper that had the right slant on the situation for a change. I have been disgusted and angry for years at the criminal negligence of lazy Americans.

As late as a year ago I was in a conference where we were discussing what should be done with the Germans after the war. The group included professors and students. All pussy-footed around the question of post-war government. When I spoke, I told them they ought to rule the whole German nation with a rod of iron.

If they showed the slightest signs of any trickery along the lines of Prussianism, we ought to wipe out every one involved without mercy or hesitation, even though we had to exterminate a couple million or so. This raised a storm of scorn and ridicule. I was branded as unbalanced. I feel there ought not to be any hatred of the German, but rather a lightning-like potential of a million volts the second any German in Germany monkeys again.—Just another Medic.

THE STARS AND STRIPES

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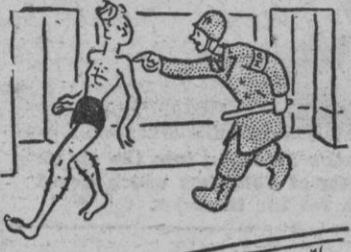
Hash Marks

It happened at the Front, A GI, awakened from his slumber by a Nazi who wanted to be taken prisoner, cried out sleepily, "Okay—wait till I get my gun."

According to Pvt. Ralph DeLettia, the song at the top of the front-line hit parade is, "I'll Walk Cologne."

Sgt. N. Kowal has another version of the "KP-Blood Donor" gag. A GI, after a big night out, staggered into a blood-receiving station and, after being given a blood test, was offered \$4.50 a quart.

A GI bucking for a section eight was casually strolling down the street wearing swimming trunks when he was stopped by a nosey



MP. "Where the hell are you going?" inquired the MP. "I'm looking for the motor pool," replied the GI.

Who said that? The local wolves no longer ask gals to come up and see their etchings. They say "come up and roll your own."

Shed a tear in your beer for Captain J. Rose. After sweating out a letter from his wife (who had been writing daily) for three months, the captain received a big, fat, thick envelope. Eagerly opening the letter he found two samples of wallpaper from his new home—but nary a word.

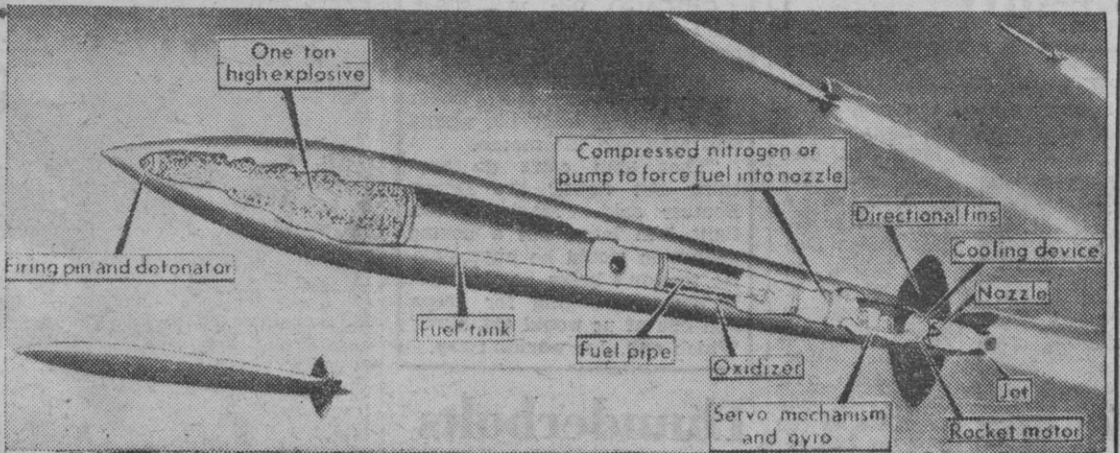
And then there was a guy named Joe Pterojynskovitch who went to court and had his name changed to Bill. He was tired of people saying, "Hello, Joe, what do you know?"

Overheard. A pensive combat engineer suddenly exclaimed, "If they won't let me buy the Brooklyn Bridge—why can't I buy a Bailey Bridge?"

Today's Daffynition. Rain—something that when you take a raincoat, it doesn't (But it usually does over here anyway.)

J. C. W.

An Editorial V2 Takes a Back Seat



V2 can't win this war for Hitler. Like every other Nazi secret weapon but one, it's strictly a flopperoo as a victory-clincher.

The one weapon Hitler has that threatens victory—and lasting peace—is far trickier than V2. We don't know much about it. It flies faster than the wind. It gathers momentum as it travels. One of its worst features is that its victims help it along.

Where it comes from, no one knows. It has no set pattern. It comes in one form today, another tomorrow. You don't even feel it when it hits. But deadly? A buzz bomb's a soap bubble beside it.

What is it? Rumor. Rumor about the Allies. Rumor about the Home Front. Rumor about what stinkers the British are, what ingrates the French are, what tricky bassers the Reds are. And, by implication, what grand, noble guys are the Krauts.

There isn't any armor against rumor. It's simply a matter of realizing that rumor and truth are as different as night and day. That the guy who spreads it is an enemy or a jerk. And that the sap who falls for it may be signing his own death warrant today—or his kid's tomorrow.



SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE



No Introduction Needed

A German officer and his men on night patrol were captured by an Eighth Inf. Regt. patrol commanded by Lt. Fremont R. Burdick, of Hope Valley, R.I. When the Jerry officer spotted the lieutenant's Fourth Armored Div. shoulder patch he exclaimed: "I know that outfit! It's the Fourth Panzer Division. Don't they ever give you men a rest?"

Love and Kisses

T/5 Andy Yurko, of Soyerville, Pa., and the 81st Tank Bn. was puzzled by the affectionate tone of a letter he had just received. He took

another look at the address, saw it was for his cousin, Wac T/5 Agnes Yurko, also of Soyerville.

Hit Twice, Ignores Self

The battalion surgeon finally had to order medical aid man T/4 Benjamin Swift, of Providence, R.I., to stop work after the soldier had been hit twice by shell fragments.

Swift, of Company F, 328th Inf. Regt., in the 26th Div., was wounded in the hand but continued to administer aid to others before receiving treatment for his own injury. Later during the attack, Swift was hit in the leg by a shell fragment while he was at work on the battlefield. He was returned to the aid station.

There were so many others waiting for treatment that Swift went to work assisting the medics. He continued until the battalion surgeon noticed the sergeant's wounds and ordered him to get his wounds dressed.

Swift has received a Silver Star.

Things Got Hot

Maj. Edward Bushkamper, 23, former New York mail carrier who now commands a Seventh Army Infantry battalion, spent two days trapped in the attic of a German-occupied house.

At the end of the second day he smelled smoke and discovered that the Nazis had left, setting the house afire. Covering his face with a wet handkerchief, he dashed down the flaming stairs to safety.

Sleeps Under Two Flags

A German soldier decided that sleeping in the village church would be more comfortable than in his wet foxhole. He moved into town, spread his blanket and dozed off.

During the night he heard a lot of vehicles and men moving about, but paid no attention because his officers had assured him the Americans were far away.

Came the dawn. He looked around

and saw a number of strangely unfamiliar, sleeping forms. Making the best of things, he walked over to the nearest American, shook him, then said, "Good morning. I surrender."

Smart Dummy

Trapped in a swamp, Pfc Denver Detillion, of Washington Court House, Ohio, feigned death for 12 hours while German riflemen walked near him and kicked other bodies to see if they were alive. A member



of the 331st Inf. of the 83rd Div., Detillion held his breath while one of the Nazis kicked a companion lying nearby. The other Yank cried out in pain and was taken prisoner. Several times Detillion was scratched by shell fragments from American shells. Finally, just as dawn was breaking, the Germans left the area and Detillion made his way back to his own lines.

Unholy Happening

When the 109th Inf. Reg. of the 28th Div. entered a small Belgian town, Chaplain George O. McKinley, of Chicago, and his assistant, Cpl. Miles Potter, of Deposit, N.Y., found the only room available for church services was a local beer parlor. Things went well until during Communion the barmaid entered and calmly drew three beers.

Jumping Jehosaphat

The boys at the front are still having trouble with the new sleeping bags. Pvt. Casey Bowser, of Pittsburgh, Pa., sleeping with his head pulled inside the bag, woke in the middle of the night yelling, "Help! Help! the 'chute won't open."

HUBERT

by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"Feeble Pictures?"

Japs Threaten Allied Airmen On 'Violations'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Japan has formally notified United States and Britain that it will "hold responsible" captured airmen who are "clearly found to have deliberately broken established practices of warfare," it was disclosed today.

The implied threat to punish American fliers who bomb Japan was made on Dec. 3 through the Swiss Legation in Tokyo in answer to Allied inquiries regarding treatment of prisoners held by the Japanese.

No Official Reply

No official comment to the Jap reply was made in the United States but it was recalled that President Roosevelt has pledged that all Japanese responsible for executions and other violations of Hague Convention will be brought to justice.

The Japanese statement referred specifically to reports made by the British regarding treatment of prisoners being transported on a ship alleged to have been sunk by an American sub on Sept. 12, and left to die below decks. "Everything possible was done to save those prisoners," the Jap statement claimed, "and the 136 that were rescued are in the best of health and highly appreciative to the Japanese."

Urge Plane Research

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Maj. Gen. Oliver P. Echols told a special House committee studying postwar military policy that "every piece of equipment" the Air Forces now have will be obsolete "within two to three years" and urged that provision be made for continued scientific research by the armed services.

AEF-RADIO-AFN Program

TOMORROW

- 0801—Combat diary.
- 0925—Music America loves best.
- 1215—AEF special.
- 1410—Melody roundup.
- 1545—On the Record.
- 1810—Saludos amigos.
- 2030—Maj. Glenn Miller.
- 2105—Charlie McCarthy.
- 2135—Dinah Shore.
- 2207—Hit Parade.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13

- 0830—Music in the modern manner.
- 1001—Maj. Glenn Miller.
- 1106—Duffle Bag.
- 1301—Cpl. Saddlebags.
- 1630—Great moments in music.
- 1901—RCAF streamliners.
- 1945—Strings with Wings.
- 2015—Fred Waring.
- 2130—Bob Hope.
- 2235—Melody hour: Percy Faith Band.

THURSDAY, DEC. 14

- 0601—Rise and Shine.
- 0815—Personal Album.
- 0925—Waltz time: Abe Lyman Band.
- 1230—Chamber music of Basin Street.
- 1545—On the Record.
- 1630—Music we love.
- 1715—Canada swing show.
- 1930—Sgt. Ray McKinley.
- 2207—Eddie Condon's Jazz Session.
- 2235—Reminiscing.

FRIDAY, DEC. 15

- 0801—Combat diary.
- 0830—Music in the modern manner.
- 0925—Ranch House.
- 1106—Duffle Bag.
- 1301—John Charles Thomas.
- 1805—Mark up the map.
- 1830—Miss Parade.
- 1901—Command performance.
- 2030—Moonlight serenade.
- 2207—Xavier Cugat.

SATURDAY, DEC. 16

- 0601—Rise and Shine.
- 0830—Music from America.
- 1001—Command performance.
- 1145—Piano parade.
- 1301—Grand Old Opry.
- 1410—Downbeat.
- 1430—Kollege of musical knowledge.
- 2030—Frank Morgan.
- 2207—Jubilee.
- 2235—Latin-American serenade.

SUNDAY, DEC 17

- 0630—Cpl. Saddlebags.
- 0830—Hour of charm.
- 1135—Combined orchestrations.
- 1330—Sammy Kaye.
- 1515—Andre Kostelanetz.
- 1901—Jack Benny.
- 2105—Mail call.
- 2135—Guy Lombardo.
- 2230—AEF radio weekly.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features.

By Al Capp



Terry And The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate.

By Milton Caniff



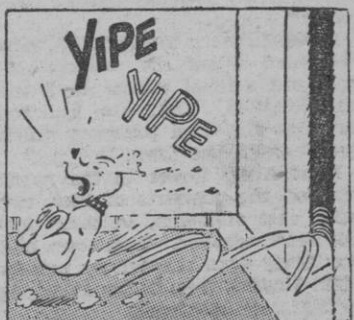
Dick Tracy

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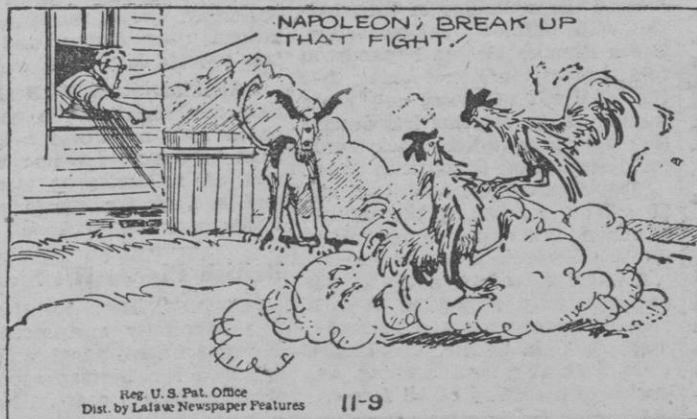
By Chester Gould



BLONDIE



NAPOLEON



MALE CALL



Service Paper Terms British, Reds 'Selfish'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (UP).—The Army and Navy Journal said tonight that British and Russian preoccupation with objectives other than defeat of Germany was responsible for Allied failure to achieve expectations in this country that "the war in Europe would be over" by now.

Continuing on the same tack that drew rebuke from the Soviet newspaper Pravda a week ago, the Journal also said Premier Stalin's policy was encouraging Communist trouble-makers in Europe. Recalling that Prime Minister Churchill some months ago said time would show whether the United Nations could weather good fortune as in their stress they had endured bad, the Journal said:

"Unhappily fear expressed in the prime minister's statement had developed some basis now that liberation of European states has occurred. Since DDay in France greater preoccupation has been shown by Russia in her Baltic and Balkan campaigns intended to insure her security and by Great Britain in Italy, Greece and Albania to protect her lifeline through the Mediterranean to India than in achievement of the prime objective of our armies—prompt defeat of Germany."

Patton Crushes Counter Blows

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air and artillery fire and two tanks were destroyed.

Fighting in the town on the east side of the Saar River, men of the 35th captured snipers in civilian clothes who were identified as troops of the 17th SS Panzer Grenadiers.

In Saarlautern to the north, 95th Div. men seized the railway station and a hotel which the Nazis had fortified. They also knocked out nine Siegfried pillboxes which run through the town.

First Army forces to the north reached the outskirts of Pier, two miles east of Inden, in their one-kilometer advance. This town had previously been reached by patrols when Hodges' men began attacking in that area last week.

They also reached the towns of Gey and Schafberg, 15 miles southeast of Aachen.

At Bergstein, First Army men defended the hill they took last week overlooking the Roer as Germans made determined attacks to retake the high ground.

In Alsace, Seventh Army forces were held to limited gains seven miles south of the Saar border. At the southern end of the province, German resistance tightened at Thann, pivot of German positions running eastward to Mulhouse and northward into the high Vosges.

ComZ Heads Promoted; Win Legion of Merit

Brig. Gen. Royal B. Lord of Washington, D.C., Com. Z, chief of staff, and Brig. Gen. Harry B. Vaughan Jr., of Bryn Mawr, Pa., UK base commander, have been appointed major generals, Lt. Gen. John C.H. Lee, Com. Z commander, announced yesterday.

In addition, three colonels—Oscar N. Solbert, of Washington, chief of Special and Information Services in the ETO, Roy W. Grower, of St. Louis, Brittany Base Section commander, and Fenton S. Jacobs, of San Francisco, Channel Base Section commander—have been promoted to brigadier general. All five have received the Legion of Merit for meritorious services.

Hitler Never Told Them There'd Be Days Like This



What remained of the Strasbourg police force is shown here at its last formal ceremony as PWs putting on a personal inspection for their captors. This is one of the first photos to come out of the liberated French city on the old Alsatian border.

Rattle of Messgear Replaces Libs, Forts Hit Nazi Railyards

By Jimmy Cannon
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WITH FIFTH INF. DIV., Ft. Driant, Dec. 10.—The chamber was filled with newly-oiled bicycles and a Cadillac, made in America.

"This place is so big their runners would have used these bicycles if they could have," said Lt. Robert J. Barnett, of Sandy Ridge, Pa. "There must be at least ten miles of corridors. They even had a machine shop to manufacture shell casings."

Across the ugly valley Ft. Jeanne d'Arc, last of the Metz forts to be held by the enemy, fired now and then in the sleet-streaked dusk. The generator growled pleasantly inside this massive hill-top fort from which 670 prisoners were taken. Dim electric bulbs lit the chambers where shadows frolicked in a sombre ballet.

Messgear clattered and a chow line moved in the gloaming of the halls where the Fifth had fought

a pitched battle. The smell of death was foul in the good smells of cooking food and coffee.

"They had quite a few wounded," said Lt. Barnett, "but few dead. They evacuated the prisoners they took but we found the graves of some of our men inside the fort. They had their own dynamos and reservoir dug out of the rock and several wells for water supply. But our self-propelled 155s did them no good at all.

"Do you know," the lieutenant went on, "what the commander, Col. Richiver, said? He said 'I enjoyed your K rations.' The men who pulled out after the hand-to-hand fighting in the corridors in September left them behind."

Now in the fort that smelled of death there was music. Pvt. Earl Knox, of Belton, S.C., sucked "Weep No More, My Lady" out of a harmonica. It was a song with many echoes. And the music followed you down the dark, crooked halls.

More than 900 Eighth AF Liberators and Fortresses, escorted by 925 fighters, roared through heavy clouds and in flying temperatures ranging down to 54 below, to smash at Nazi railyards in Stuttgart, Coblenz and Bingen over the weekend.

Approximately 400 heavies struck at railyards in Stuttgart Saturday. Yesterday 500 more dropped 1,500 tons of explosives on the congested Rhine railyards at Coblenz and Bingen, through bomb bays frozen so tight they had to be cranked open by hand.

More than 150 Ninth AF Marauders attacked enemy positions and vehicles near Duren yesterday to support the drives of the U.S. First and Ninth Armies. On Saturday, 325 medium bombers plastered the Germans on the Third Army front, hitting towns, troops and barracks of a German replacement depot at Baumholder, near Saarbrücken.

Approximately 125 Ninth fighter-bombers smashed at the Siegfried Line area Saturday, scoring hits on a tank concentration at Saarguemines and a bridge across the Erst River at Euschkirchen.

Another 350 fighter-bombers pounded at the Germans in front of the First and Ninth Armies yesterday, concentrating on installations near Duren and Julich, late reports last night disclosed.

RAF Mosquitoes hit Berlin again Saturday night, while the Italy-based 15th Air Force made more than 1,600 sorties against railyards and oil refineries at Regensburg and against the Skoda plant in Pilsen over the weekend.

British Planes Hit Ships

LONDON, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announced yesterday that British naval aircraft had damaged two German supply ships off the southern coast of Norway.

Russians Close In As Germans Flee Leftist Leaders Hit By Greek Premier

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cluding a steel net charged with 3,000 volts of electricity. Artillerymen successfully sniped electrical transformer stations before the main assault was launched.

Meanwhile, German and Hungarian counter-attacks ousted the Russians from Marcala, eight miles from Lake Balaton. Farther north several small communities were also retaken from the Russians.

Franco-Russian Treaty Signed

MOSCOW, Dec. 10 (Reuter).—A Franco-Russian treaty of mutual assistance was signed at the Kremlin early today, in a formal ceremony climaxed by an all-night banquet.

Shortly afterward, Gen. de Gaulle left Moscow by train, declaring in a farewell speech, "The days we have spent here will leave their mark in the history of this war and in a peace for the good of all men."

Owners Burn War Bonds

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 10.—Fire destroyed \$675 worth of War Bonds here while the owners looked on and laughed. Twenty-seven members of the Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp. "Bond Fire Club" burned \$25 bonds as "a part of our debt to the nation" and a voluntary gift to the U.S.

ATHENS, Dec. 10 (AP).—As British and Greek government troops entered the sixth day of their battle with ELAS demonstrators, Greek Premier George Papandreou told a press conference today that the "civil war will cease only when leaders of the extreme left declare they are ready to keep their word" for disarmament of partisan forces.

"There exists," he said, "no way of putting an end to the present situation" other than to get "rid of the cause which provoked it."

A Reuter report said it was authoritatively stated in Athens, that no peace approach had been made to Gen. Scobie, the British commander, and nothing was known of a split in ELAS forces.

Jap 'Quake Caused by B29s?

HAMILTON, N.Y., Dec. 10 (ANS).—A Colgate University geologist said today that B29 bombings of the Tokyo area may have caused last Thursday's earthquake and tidal waves in Japan.

Dr. Harold O. Whitnall maintained that bombs dropped in or near volcanoes "should produce not only cataclysmic eruptions but also earthquakes."

Dr. Whitnall said, "Soon after Doolittle raided Tokyo in April, 1942, Mt. Asama erupted. In March, 1943, after U.S. fliers had given surrounding areas a pounding, Mt. Vesuvius, in Italy, erupted. Now tidal waves preceded by an earthquake of a type I say could be produced by bombing may have occurred after repeated attacks on Japan."

The geologist declared that the earth around Tokyo is so badly dislocated that almost any bombing might cause dislocations leading to quakes.

Pottery Plant Fight Waged in Saarguemines

By Earl Mazo

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WITH 35TH DIV., Saarguemines, Dec. 10.—This division's bridgeheads across the Saar were firmly established today when elements of the 137th Reg. began cleaning out portions of Saarguemines still held by the Germans, on the east bank of the Saar.

Doughfeet, working northward along the river bank, encountered fierce resistance in a suburban pottery factory where they tossed grenades from machine to machine inside the building. It was cleared by noon. Another company moved eastward through the city. From an observation post Americans could be seen moving down city streets as Germans pulled out over a hill several thousand yards to the east.

American 240mm. artillery pounded a big tank and troop concentration to the east of the city. Such artillery assistance has been effective several times here.

The attack of the 35th is a classic example of American doughboy fighting, aided and abetted by hardworking combat engineers. Some units from the 134th and 320th regiments jumped off in the direction of Pattelange at 5:01 this morning and crossed the Moderbach by wading chest deep through water and small ice floes.

Nazis Caught Napping

Advanced elements eased past and through the town of Pattelange, and rear elements, coming later, surprised Germans sleeping in barns and in outpost foxholes around the town, capturing more than a company of them. One American lieutenant killed three German officers in bed.

The long, hard march and fight, eight miles to the Saar, was made in record time and portions of Saarguemines on the west bank of the river were cleared while plans were rushed for the crossing.

Engineers found the Germans had blown up one railroad bridge, but had not done a thorough job. Therefore, in the dark of night, they mended it as best they could, into an adequate foot bridge. To play safe another foot bridge was built 500 yards away and assault boats were brought up for the crossing.

Soldier Asks Divorce Over 'Eugenic' Baby

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 (ANS).—An extra-marital problem posed a situation so difficult that the case was referred to a special commissioner for investigation.

Pfc Gerald Brennan, 31, charged his wife, Irma, 21, with misconduct in becoming the mother of a daughter 14 months after he had left home. In answering the suit she said her husband had asked her to have a child by another man because he was unable to be a father.

New Ford Car Ready Soon After Nazis Fall

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (ANS).—Within a few months after V-E-Day, if the government gives the "green light," Ford cars will start rolling off the assembly line. They will include the "face-lifted" variation of the 1942 model and a new low-priced car, Henry Ford II, said today.

The vice-president of the Ford Motor Co. said he could not quote the exact prices on new cars but did reveal they would run 28 to 30 miles to a gallon of gas.