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Kennen Zee deessen Munn?
Do you know this man?

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Yanks Pour Onto Luzon

Nazis Withdraw Tanks on 25-Mi. Arc

Bulge Neck Narrows, 2 Towns Fall

German armor was pulling out of the western end of the bulge in a general withdrawal along a 25-mile arc, front reports said last night, as Americans smashed into the communication centers of Laroche and Vielsalm and squeezed the Belgian salient to approximately ten miles.

A late Reuter report said U.S. forces battled in Laroche. Earlier reports placed troops of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' U. S. First Army 1,000 yards from the city. A British force, meanwhile, closed to within a few hundred yards of the town from the west, according to a Reuter report.

Along the northern flank, Second Armored Div. units captured Samree, four kilometers northeast of Laroche, after a tank battle in the snowdrifts. To the east, units of the 82nd Airborne Div. fought for Vielsalm.

From their positions ringing Bastogne on the south flank, 101st Airborne men ploughed northward half-a-mile to within four and one-half miles of Houffalize, key to Von Rundstedt's last road out of Belgium.

On the western tip, advancing British forces captured Ambly, four and one-half miles east of Rochefort, and the riverside village of Grupont, about a mile east of Bure, Reuter reported from the front.

Stars and Stripes Correspondent Dan Regan reported from First (Continued on Page 2)

Subs Raise Toll Of Allied Ships

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (ANS).—U-boat warfare "flared into renewed activity" during December, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill reported last night. Describing increased activity by German submarines as "but another index that the European war is far from over," they said that Allied losses of merchant shipping had increased.

"The Allies continue to sink enemy undersea craft in widely separated parts of the world," the monthly joint-statement of the Anglo-American leaders said. "The announcement of a recent landing of enemy agents from a U-boat on the Maine coast is yet another indication that the menace of Germany's undersea fleet is real and continuing," they added.

BTO Goes Boom!

Here's a black market story of a big time operator with a new angle.

A GI, bound for the front with a truckload of supplies, decided to go in business for himself. He came to Paris, sold his truck and cargo, and, after shopping around a while, bought a brothel with the proceeds of his sale.

Dividends from his new establishment were so great that he began negotiating the purchase of a second brothel—when the MPs picked him up.

Thawing Out Before Sack Time in Snow-Blanketed Belgium



Men of the 82nd Airborne Div., huddled closely around a fire, talk the battle over before turning in.

Bradley Says Breakthrough May Be Foe's Worst Blunder

By James Cannon

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

TWELFTH ARMY GP. ADV. HQS., Jan. 10.—In time to come the Germans' great breakthrough may be one of the most serious blunders in the history of this war.

"Events may prove that the losses in men and material, and the loss of morale when the salient is eventually

reduced, may materially affect the Germans' ability to resist on the western front," said Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley, commander of the 12th Army Group, in a historic press conference today, during which he officially discussed the breakthrough for the first time.

"I do not mean to imply by this that we can assume the Germans are on the verge of collapse" said Bradley. "They are not. We have known for some time that there will be considerable fighting ahead. But we have never had any doubt about the outcome."

The quiet-voiced man from Missouri, who had just been decorated with the Bronze Star by Gen. Eisenhower for his role in the

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Congress to Get War Report

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (ANS).—House Majority Leader McCormack (D-Mass.) announced today that Gen. Marshall and Adm. King will give Congress an off-the-record war report the week of Jan. 22.

EAM Envoys, British Confer

Four delegates of the ELAS-EAM National Liberation Front arrived in Athens unexpectedly yesterday for a conference with British authorities. Lt. Gen. R. M. Scobie, British commander, received the delegates immediately, dispatches from Greece said.

Reuter reported the EAM emissaries were authorized to accept Gen. Scobie's truce terms and accept them on behalf of the central committee if they saw fit.

Meanwhile British troops moving north of Athens in search of guerrillas reached Levadia, 25 miles northwest of Thebes.

World Told Secret Only 84th, Foe Knew

The 84th Inf. Div., the famous "Rallsplitters," went about business as usual today probably unaware that by this time the world knows that the Belgian city of Marche never fell to the Germans.

The Stars and Stripes maps, which are based on the daily situation maps at SHAEF and on information given at SHAEF briefings, gave Marche to the Germans. Radio reports also gave Marche to the Germans.

The 84th didn't give it to anybody. It held the city and a large surrounding area from Dec. 20 to Jan. 2, when it turned the city over to British forces and went into action elsewhere.

USSTAF Moves to France

The headquarters of USSTAF, co-ordinating the operations of the Eighth AF in the UK and the 15th AF in Italy, have been moved from England to France, it was disclosed officially yesterday. Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz, USSTAF chief, has been making his headquarters on the Continent for some time.

MacArthur Has Force Of 100,000

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (ANS).—More than 100,000 men and a powerful array of tanks and guns have poured ashore at four expanding beachheads on Luzon. Only scattered Japanese resistance was being encountered, dispatches from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters said today.

A naval armada of 1,000 or more ships, including 800 transports, continued to pour a constant stream of reinforcements onto the Lingayen Gulf beaches.

MacArthur waded ashore about two hours after the first wave of troops hit the beaches. He said the invasion was progressing "better than could be expected."

The Luzon invasion force was made up of outfits of the Sixth Army under the command of Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger

15-Mile Beachhead

One beachhead has been expanded to a 15-mile length. The city of San Fabian and several other towns on the gulf were quickly overrun without opposition. Veteran American assault troops were reported astride some of the main concrete highways converging on Manila, a little more than 100 miles to the south.

Only a few Japanese snipers harassed elements of a division led by Col. Joseph Cleland, of Omaha, as they moved into San Fabian and crossed a vital railway line to Manila.

MacArthur said the Japanese evidently did not expect the invasion at Lingayen and attributed light American losses to "strategic surprise." Some trenches were only a foot deep and there was no concentration of booby traps.

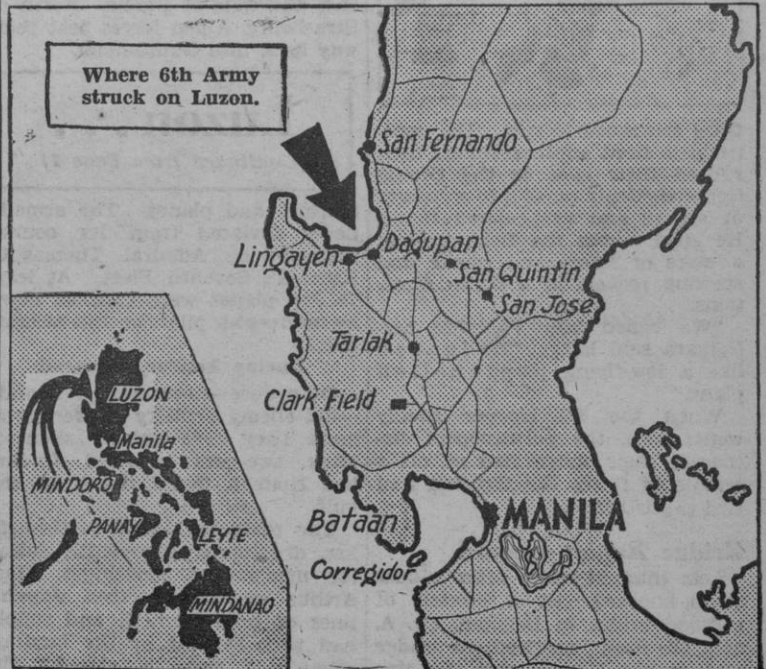
Shelling Preceded Landing

The beachheads extended from Lingayen City on the southern shore eastward to San Fabian.

A week of shelling by Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet and air raids on Japan's entire inner defense perimeter preceded the invasion. In all 262 Japanese planes were destroyed or damaged and 73 ships sunk or damaged.

The Japs tried to stop the invasion force before it reached the weak defenses of the Lingayen coast with suicide attacks by sub-

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Stars and Stripes Map by Brown

Five More EMs Face Butt Theft Charges Today

By Ernest Leiser
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The trials of five more GIs—part of the band of two officers and 182 EM accused of theft and black market sale of cigarettes and rations—are scheduled to be held here today.

Maj. Carmon Harris, Trial Judge Advocate, said that it was probable that before the courts-martial end at least two more officers and some additional "key enlisted men" will be tried.

Most of the men seized were in one railway operating battalion—the 716th—and he indicated that officers in companies involved would be charged with "neglect of duty, if nothing else." Trial dates for the two officers already arrested have not been set. He estimated that the trials will take about three weeks.

The chief of the ETO Provost Marshal's Criminal Investigation Div., whose agents brought about the arrests and confessions of the ring, decried what he called a tendency to overplay the importance of the thefts.

Didn't Affect Shortage

While admitting that the GI pilferers constituted a menace, he said that only a small portion of the cigarette shortage can be attributed to theft and illegal sale.

He denied a report published in Newsweek that 700 soldiers are held here for misappropriating government supplies in addition to the 184 awaiting trial. He estimated that in the whole theater there had been only about 500 major cases of misappropriation, including the theft and sale of cigarettes, gasoline and rations.

In the Delta Base area it was reported four cases of American cigarettes were found hidden in a civilian car. A search of the owner's home revealed 30 more cases.

Complaints that the thefts in the Delta Base area resulted in severe punishment for soldiers and involved but light sentences for civilians have resulted in "stiffer penalties being handed out by French courts for civilians convicted of black-market dealings.

New V Weapon Nazi Flares Up, But It's Not in Heat of Anger

WITH 82nd AIRBORNE, Jan. 10.—Pfc Elmer Pankow, of Willow Springs, Ill., was chopping wood. Glancing up, he spotted three men sitting on a little rise of ground...

"GIs," he muttered to himself. "GIs hell," exclaimed Pfc Jim McNamara, of Clinton, Mass.

"Those guys are Jerries." The Jerries started running and the two Yanks started shooting. Two Nazis hit the dirt, but the



third continued to run. The paratroopers fired another volley, then rubbed their eyes as the fleeing figure suddenly burst into a shower of sparks and vari-colored flame. He sped across the field, trailing a wake of flame and smoke and spewing rockets in a dozen directions.

"We called him V5," Pfc McNamara said later. "He looked like a low-flying jet-propelled plane."

When the SS trooper finally went down, the paratroopers discovered their bullets had set off a bundle of flares the German had tied to his belt.

Bridge Repair Record

Less than 24 hours after a buzz bomb knocked out a stretch of railroad bridge in Belgium, Co. A, of a GS Regt., repaired the bridge and traffic flowed over the line to the front.

Ah! Oui!



Black lingerie does something to you—when you see it on something nice. Because not many of us see those things, Jinx Falkenberg gives you an idea how the black stuff looks on a gal.

Foe Withdraws On 25-Mile Arc

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Army that Hodges' forces now control the St. Vith-Laroche highway between Laroche and Vielsalm, except for a stretch less than a half-mile from Laroche, which had been bypassed.

He reported Germans had made numerous small towns into strong-points by throwing up roadblocks and zeroing in artillery.

British troops moving in the tip of the bulge were meeting no resistance at some points, Regan said. Opinion was expressed, he said, that when First and Third Armies snip the bulge, the number of German soldiers bagged in the pincer will be negligible.

Foe Moving Out Since Jan. 7

Since Jan. 7, Regan said, Germans have been moving out of the bulge toward the Eifel Forest. Since the tip of the bulge is 40 miles from Germany at the farthest point inside Belgium, it appeared that only Germans unable to walk and gasless and broken Wehrmacht vehicles will be left behind, he said.

German attacks on the south flank, which for days had kept the Third Army front see-sawing back and forth, were described as weakening yesterday.

Third Army forces east of Bastogne captured the town of Berle, three miles southwest of Wiltz, and troops in the vicinity of Wiltz pushed up half a mile over the ridge along the Wiltz River to positions commanding the town.

Germans were reported fighting hard to hold their line to the west of Bastogne, but 101st Airborne men stabbed through enemy lines in their half-mile northward gain to recapture Recogne, three miles northeast of Bastogne. Sixth Armored Div. advanced east of Warden. Forces of the 26th Div. advanced a quarter of a mile west of Wiltz.

In the Alsatian Rhineland, U.S. Seventh Army troops fought Germans to a standstill in the last of diversionary attacks into the plain east and west of Bitche. North of Strasbourg, Allied forces beat their way back into Gamsheim.

Luzon . . .

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marines and planes. The armada never deviated from its course, protected by Admiral Thomas C. Kincaid's Seventh Fleet. At least 79 Jap planes were knocked down by interceptor pilots or anti-aircraft fire.

Enemy Artillery Silenced

Only once—near San Fernando—did enemy artillery answer naval guns. They were quickly silenced. Mine sweepers reported finding less than a dozen mines in the gulf.

The route to Manila is through low, dry country excellently suited for mechanized movement. MacArthur emphasized that Japan's lines of reinforcement and supply had been severed by the landing. "His back door is closed," the general said.

Heavies Pound Nazi Airfields, Supply System

The Eighth AF yesterday sent a striking force of more than 1,100 bombers streaming behind the battle lines to hit Luftwaffe airfields in western Germany and resume tactical onslaughts on communications in and behind the Belgian bulge.

Anti-aircraft fire was reported intense as the Forts and Liberators bombed airfields at Cologne, Bonn and Euskirchen; marshalling yards at Karlsruhe; road and rail bridges over the Rhine at Cologne, and road junctions in Belgium at the neck of the Nazi salient.

Renewing operations after being grounded Tuesday—only the second time since Dec. 23—the heavies

U.S.-Held Malmedy Bombed by Mistake

The Belgian town of Malmedy, occupied by American troops, was bombed by mistake by six U.S. medium bombers and 18 Eighth AF heavies during the counter-offensive on Dec. 23 and 24, USSTAF revealed yesterday.

Six Ninth AF Marauders hit Malmedy on the 23rd after they had lost their formation and had become separated from their Pathfinder planes. Eighteen B24s bombed Malmedy the following afternoon.

were escorted by more than 300 Mustangs and Thunderbolts as they reinforced tactical aircraft, whose action was restricted by the driving snow and heavy fog.

Fighter-bombers of the 19th TAC—only command of the Ninth AF to take the air during the day—flew more than 300 sorties in close support of the Third Army. They hit transport and troops from Bastogne east to the neck of the bulge, and flew armed reconnaissance from Karlsruhe to Cologne.

Planes of the First TAF flew another 300-plus sorties on the Seventh Army front, destroying nine tanks and damaging 19 more in the Colmar pocket, and hitting marshalling yards at Offenburg.

Three forces of RAF Mosquitoes and Beaufighters made surprise sweeps over Norwegian fjords to destroy at least five German ships Tuesday in what the AP called one of the most successful raids on shipping off Norway for months.

Radio reports indicated that the RAF, grounded Tuesday along with the Eighth AF by the high-altitude snows, was out over Germany in strength last night.

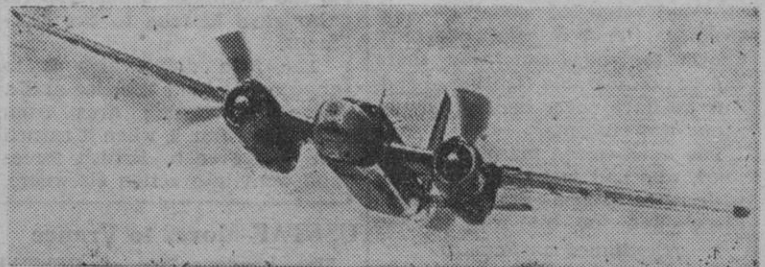
New 20th Div. Chief Reported

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (ANS).—Maj. Gen. Orlando Ward has been named commander of the 20th Armored Div., according to the Army and Navy Journal. Ward was commander of the First Armored Div. until wounded in North Africa and returned to the United States.

Secrets of A26 Are Revealed

The curtain of secrecy covering the details of the world's fastest bomber—the new A26 Invader—was partially lifted yesterday to reveal that the plane is armed with ten .50 cal. machine-guns and carries a two-man crew.

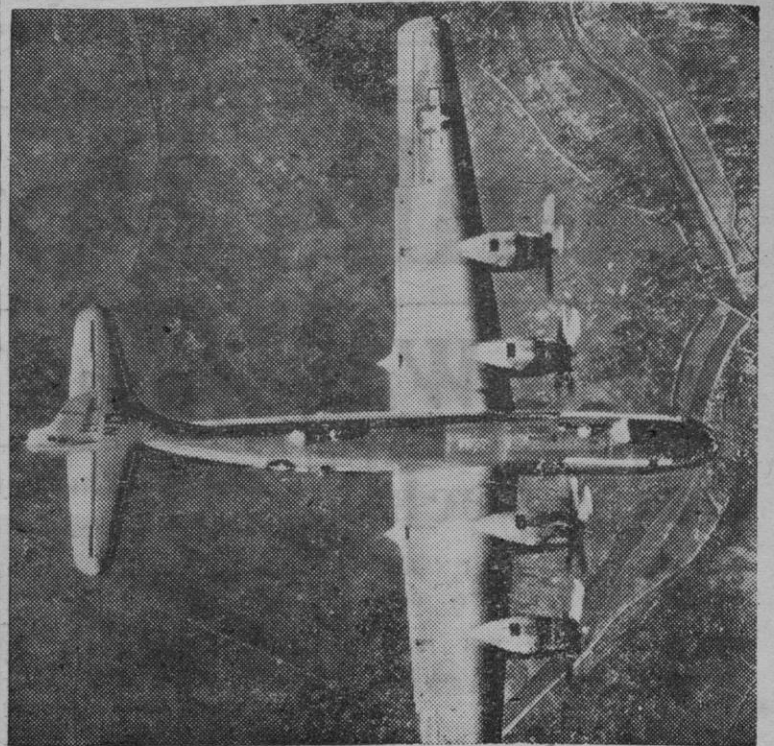
The Ninth AF, which released the information, kept secret the "dream plane's" speed, bomb load and other operating details, but disclosed that the Invaders have six fixed forward firing guns, controlled by the pilot, and four flexible guns in the top and bottom turrets.



The gunner normally operates the turret guns, but during strafing operations the top turret can be locked in a forward-firing position and remotely controlled by the pilot, leaving the gunner free to operate the lower turret.

Since they became operational in France on Nov. 17, the Invaders have flown 30 missions. No enemy fighters have challenged them so far, though several German jet-propelled planes have passed within their range.

Superfortress Over the Tokyo Area



A B29 of the 21st Bomber Command approaches the Tokyo area from the west during a recent mission. The Air Force said this is the first picture ever taken of a B29 over the Jap capital.

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breakthrough, talked to correspondents wearing old combat boots and a combat jacket on which were pinned his six stars. He wore no decorations or ribbons.

Took Calculated Risk

"In leaving the Ardennes Line lightly held, we took what is known in military terminology as a 'calculated risk' to strengthen our northern and southern drives. In other words, instead of employing our surplus divisions in the then quiet Ardennes, we used them to attack in other sectors.

"This technique—of striking boldly while taking calculated risks—is what has gotten us to the German border. In my opinion, had we followed more cautious policies we would still be fighting west of Paris," he said.

The general said our forces felt we could take this risk because the area contained no strategic objectives or large supply dumps. The German commanders had ordered their troops to live off American supply dumps. Gen. Bradley pointed out they found "slim pickings in the empty pocket."

Gen. Bradley praised the heroic resistance of the doughs in the line and the leadership displayed by Gens. Hodges, Patton and Simpson. He was unstinted in his praise of Field Marshal Montgomery.

"It can now be announced that British troops were at that time dispatched to the top of the salient. These troops served with distinction, engaging the covering forces of the Germans near their farthest advance."

The attack cut direct telephone communications with the First Army, General Bradley explained,

and the roads over which personal contact was maintained. Weather stopped plane contact.

It was therefore decided that the 21st Army Gp. should assume temporary command of all the Allied forces north of the salient. This was a temporary measure only, and when the lines are rejoined 12th Army Gp. will resume command of all American troops in this area.

The general called the German losses "enormous."

"The stories of individual heroism that you have read in your own Army paper, The Stars and Stripes, and ably reported in the press, far from being exaggerated, have been to my certain knowledge, if anything, understated," Bradley said. "The American people can be deeply proud of the achievements of their sons and brothers on this battlefield," he added.

12th Group Leader Wins Bronze Star

Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley, commanding general of the 12th U.S. Army Gp., has been awarded the Bronze Star by Gen. Eisenhower for his stand against the German offensive in Belgium.

The citation read in part: "With his tactical skill, clear insight, decision and unfaltering determination, he not only made rapid counter-attacks to ensure the integrity of the key points of his decision but eventually withstood the furious attacks of the main portion of the hostile forces, and seriously disrupted the hostile plan of attack."

From London, Winston Churchill telegraphed Gen. Bradley, "... The signal of merit... seems to embody feelings that we Britons all have about your part in this great battle in which the United States troops have won such high renown and, above all, the epic of Bastogne."

Five Agents of Germans Convicted by Hollanders

HQ., 21st ARMY GROUP.—Five agents of the German Intelligence Service, sent into the Allied lines to commit espionage and sabotage, were tried by a Dutch military tribunal at Eindhoven. All the men were Dutch nationals. Three were sentenced to death and two were given 15 years imprisonment. Three men were saboteurs and two spies.

7th Armored Chief Honored

WITH FIRST U.S. ARMY, Jan. 10.—For gallantry in action in the defense of St. Vith, Brig. Gen. Robert M. Hasbrouck, Seventh Armored Div. Commander, was presented with the Silver Star Tuesday. Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges, commander of the First U.S. Army, made the award.

This Was America Yesterday:

C97, Transport Twin of B29, Hops Coast-to-Coast in 6 Hours

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—A double-decked transport version of the B29 Superfortress, the Army C97, crossed the continent in approximately six hours yesterday. This time, from Seattle to Washington, D.C., compared with the mark of six hours, 31 minutes, 30 seconds, set by a Mustang fighter over the somewhat longer route from Los Angeles to New York last spring. Yesterday's flight, with good weather and strong tail winds, averaged about 375 miles per hour with top speed of more than 400.

The C97 is the first bomber converted to a transport which fits into post-war plans while meeting military wartime needs. It has a B29 fuselage, minus armament, bomb bays and other military equipment. The post-war version will use engines of more than 3,000 h.p. each and carry 100 daytime passengers. Details of the present model were withheld.

CHICAGO's Press Photographers Association, who ought to know their cheesecake, chose lovely Talla Wermuth to gambol at their Jan. 13 fiesta. She's a sister of Capt. Arthur W. Wermuth, famous "one man army of Bataan," who is a Jap prisoner. She recently received word that her brother is in good health.



Talla

And Maj. Richard Bong, the nation's ranking ace with 40 Jap planes to his credit, says he doesn't expect to return to combat and is home for permanent assignment in the U.S. He will marry Miss Marjorie Vattendhal, a Superior, Wis., college student, on Feb. 10.

Br.r.r.r.r.!

WEATHER: cold. The frigid wave which numbed a wide section of the Midwest has moved to the Eastern seaboard and down to the Gulf and South Atlantic states. Severe cold abated in the Midwest, except Indiana and Ohio, but subzero temperatures were general in Northern New York State, New England and Pennsylvania.

A wistful, but withal happy, note evolved from the Chicago Times' Quizz Corner question:

"How would you treat your husband if he came home intoxicated?" Mrs. Ann Juraszek answered: "I just wish my husband would come home intoxicated. He has been in the ETO for a year and I can think of no better sight than to see him staggering in!" You're okay, Juraszek—she says she would undress you and put you to bed.

That's Not the Way We Learned It

THE New York Daily News asked servicemen if they had added any new words to their vocabularies since entering the service. Cpl. A. MacDonald, of Chicago, says he has learned three swell words—"SNAFU," "ARFU," and "FUBAR." These he defines as "Situation Normal, All Fouled Up"; "Are Really Fouled Up" and "Fouled Up Beyond All Recognition". . . and S/Sgt. Abe Sorenson, of Kerkhoven, Minn., said "TS" means "Tough Spam."

THE Aetna Life Insurance Co. announced settlements for the following accidents: a man whose glass eye exploded . . . girl who sprained wrist while struggling into girde . . . dentist hit in eye with fragment of tooth he was extracting . . . and a woman who got so excited when she hit the jackpot that she upset the machine on her sister's toe.



THEY'RE getting cagey in San Francisco . . . Cigar store, to discourage women from buying smokes for husbands and employers, hung a "For Men Only" sign over its tobacco counter.

Wife Doesn't Understand Me Dept: Mrs. Dorothy Hirtle, of Malden, Mass., told that her husband, Maj. Stanley W., had won a Bronze Star for capturing three pillboxes with 124

prisoners at St. Malo, said, "That's just like Stan. He always sticks his nose into everybody's business."

Ditch the Brownie—Film Shortage Grows

SUPPLIES of camera film for civilians will get drastically smaller, it is announced by the WPB, and there is a possibility of a cutdown in movie studios. Military demand is the reason.

THE City of Los Angeles needs two more to become an ace. Three enemy planes scheduled to engage in a sham battle with American models at Municipal airport were "killed" by community action. A JU88 was hit by trucks, a Zero developed engine trouble and a Focke-Wulf refused to take off.

Police Gazette: George S. Daniels, of Akron, Ohio, is a rookie cop at the age of 67. . . Sgt. William Stevenson of the Des Moines Police Dept. can shoot a lawbreaker cheaper than any other cop in the force. He's making his own bullets at one ninth of the factory price. He also claims his bullets are more powerful.

Connecticut Invades Empire State

NEW YORK GIs may return to find that part of their state has seceded and that Connecticut has annexed 1,200 acres of the Empire State. Gov. Raymond E. Baldwin of Connecticut says that 600 residents of Fisher's Island in Long Island Sound have petitioned to escape New York sovereignty. Reason: Although the island is politically part of Southold, Suffolk County, N.Y., for eight months of the year when the ferry isn't running it takes a 200-mile rail journey up and down the sound to reach Southold, but it is only three miles from the Connecticut shore.

IN St. Louis, Robert Pankey, seven, died of convulsions from drinking "an undetermined amount" of whisky—some accounts said seven ounces. The father, Alfred Pankey, lathe operator, told a coroner's jury the family frequently gave Robert small sips of whisky. New Year's Day he got a bottle from a shelf. His parents found him, apparently intoxicated, in the basement.

Colonel Is 'Male Dorothy Dix'—Love Will Find Way—to Pentagon Building

By Frederick C. Othman
United Press Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—I've just spent a day—at the Pentagon—with the Army's Advice to the Lovelorn Department, and I wish you could've been along. You should have seen those poor devils sweat.

The Army Postal Service handles 40,000,000 letters weekly. It also gets 5,000 weekly complaints about terrible service and my man, a lieutenant colonel who can't be named here because of the rules, must answer the kicks. Most of them, he's discovered, concern love; mostly he has to grit his teeth and play Cupid.

There was, for instance, a woman

in Kansas who said she hadn't heard from her husband in Italy in months. An investigation revealed that he hadn't written her. He added that he didn't intend to write.

"We have considerable mother-in-law trouble," the Army complaint man said. "And great grief is caused by guys who get letters from girls and tear them up without answering. Then we get ladies who send off soldiers to the wars after meeting 'em at a dance and address the letter to 'Pvt. John Doe, six feet two inches tall, dark brown, yes, curly hair, Somewhere in France.'"

Numerous citizens ask how to pack ice cream for overseas shipment; there's no chance of it. One

mother wanted to send her son a consignment of lard so he could have home fried potatoes. Another thought her son might like a bathing suit. He was stationed in Greenland, which sounded like a pleasant, balmy place to her.

"Actually we are giving better international mail service to soldiers than civilians ever had before the war."

About then an orderly came in with more complaints, including one from a wife who said her dentist husband hadn't received a letter from her in weeks. She enclosed his note, which said if he didn't get his mail in a hurry he intended to corral every mail clerk in North Africa and pull out his teeth.

Marshall Asks U.S. for 8,000 WAC Medics

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (ANS).—Gen. George C. Marshall called upon state governors today to back a new drive to recruit 8,000 WACs. The Chief of Staff, in a letter to the governors and the District of Columbia commissioners, said that the great hospital loads caused by the heavy increase in returning casualties, coupled with an acute shortage of nurses, made necessary "urgent measures" to enlist WACs for hospital service.

Recruits in the drive will be assigned to the newly-created Women's Army Corps medical units for service at 60 general hospitals.

Vet Pensions Jump \$40,000,000 in Year

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (ANS).—Pensions for soldiers disabled in the present war cost \$40,000,000 more in 1944 than in 1943, the Veterans Administration pointed out yesterday in its annual report. At the end of 1944, it said, 208,519 World War II veterans were receiving pensions for disabilities incurred in service, with about seven percent of them totally disabled.

The average pension is \$30.67 monthly. On June 30, 1944, compensation was being paid to 337,000 veterans suffering from direct or indirect service disabilities. At the close of the year there were 63,800 veterans in Veterans Administration hospitals, 13,000 of them from the present war.

Ships Clear Soo Earliest In Great Lakes History

SAULT ST. MARIE, Mich., Jan. 10 (ANS).—The first January clearance of three 4,000-ton cargo vessels through the Soo Locks was accomplished yesterday with the aid of a powerful fleet of icebreakers headed by the new \$10,000,000 U.S.S. Mackinaw.

Judge Acquits Actor In Manslaughter Case

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10 (ANS).—Barry Fitzgerald, 56-year-old Irish actor who portrayed the elderly priest in "Going My Way," was acquitted yesterday of manslaughter charges arising from a traffic accident.

Superior Judge William R. McKay, who decided the case, rebuked the municipal court for holding Fitzgerald and the DA's office for filing the complaint.

PAC Reports Election Cost

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (ANS).—Campaign expenditures amounting to \$1,327,774 and contributions totalling \$858,822 last year were reported to the House today by the CIO Political Action Committee.

CIO-PAC, formed in the summer of the 1943, collected \$376,910 for its individual contributions fund and spent \$470,852 from the same account, leaving a deficit of \$93,942, in addition to \$20,246 in unpaid bills as of Dec. 31. Accounts, frozen after the national political conventions in compliance with the Smith-Connally act, showed 1944 contributions of \$100,606, expenditures of \$478,498 and a year-end deficit of \$546,297.

OD Garments Ordered, Set Aside for the Army

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (ANS).—The War Production Board moved today to meet "increased and urgent" Army requirement for wool trousers and flannel shirts. During the next 90 days 75 percent of the output of wool trousers and 45 percent of the output of flannel shirts must be set aside for military contracts.

22 GIs Die in Air Crash

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (ANS).—Twenty-two passengers, all members of the armed services and a crew of three died today in the crash of an American Airlines plane near Burbank, Calif.

Utah Train Wreck Which Killed 50



Steel cars are piled in a heap over the causeway running across the shallow waters of Great Salt Lake after last week's crash of a mail and passenger express of the Southern Pacific Lines. Fifty people were killed, sixty others were injured.

Draft Nurses As Privates, May Suggests

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (ANS).—Congress today officially tackled the job of pushing hundreds of thousands of men into essential war jobs and thousands of women into military nursing.

Spokesmen for the Army, Navy, WPB and Selective Service were called together before the House Military Committee to back "work or fight" legislation.

Chairman May (D-Ky) introduced a bill making every registered nurse between the ages of 18 and 45 subject to induction. Those drafted would be inducted as privates but the legislation provides they be assigned "only to medical duty." War Department spokesmen said that the draft would be halted after 20,000 nurses were obtained. Belief was expressed that the quota would be reached by volunteers accepting commissions rather than risk induction as privates.

\$500,000,000 Released To Improve U.S. Roads

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (ANS).—Apportionment of the first \$500,000,000 of the billion-and-a-half authorized by Congress for postwar rehabilitation of the nation's highway system was announced by Maj. Gen. Phillip B. Fleming, Federal Works Administrator. The remainder awaits presidential proclamation ending the "war emergency."

A huge coast-to-coast express highway and traffic improvement system is envisaged for after the war.

War Reporters Praise Fighting Ability of GIs

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (ANS).—Associated Press war correspondents, who have been in all theaters, praised the fighting qualities of the American soldier over a nation-wide radio network show. They urged appreciation of what the "GI goes through" and said if the people discarded over-optimism at home the boys would take care of it over there.

Confederate 'General' Has 100th Birthday

ATLANTA, Jan. 10.—"Gen." James Reid Jones, former Confederate soldier who celebrated his 100th birthday anniversary yesterday, said, "Cain't see no reason why I can't live well into my next century."

"Gen. Jones, whose rank was acquired with his years is the only living witness of the surrender of Gen. Joe Johnston to Gen. Sherman.

Negro Post-War Plans

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—More than 30,000 of the 700,000 enlisted Negro soldiers in the Army intend to enter schools and colleges on a full-time basis after the war, the War Department stated today in reporting the results of a survey. Seven percent of all Negro troops have definite plans to start businesses of their own after the war and four percent intend to operate farms.



Results

The QM Service is indebted to The Stars and Stripes for its assistance in the continued efforts to retrieve jerricans, which are so vital to the gasoline supply program for our armies.

Through the medium of an editorial and news columns in your paper, soldiers have been made cognizant of the serious jerrican shortage.

This and other publicity resulted in the placing of more than a million of these cans back in circulation.—Maj. Gen. Robert M. Littlejohn, Chief Quartermaster.

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GI...FBI

Here is a safe and sure way to combat enemy agents behind our lines: Let every GI play detective. It is every soldier's duty to safeguard military information. If you see a civilian where he is not supposed to be turn him over to the MP or CIC for questioning. There is no harm done if he is innocent.—Pvt. A. Post, Inf.

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Favorite Ghost

For what reason has the Rest Camp been opened? Is it intended for non-coms only? Or is it because non-coms are so useless in this troop that they can do without them? Why doesn't a pure 18-carat private go?

So far out of eight men chosen to go to Rest Camp, seven are non-coms and one a Lt.—Pvt. Philip Messen, Gen. Patton's Favorite Ghost.

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Pallid Slabs

Even a doughboy tires of being confronted with those pallid slabs of soggy dough at meal time. Why not have whole or cracked wheat bread issued occasionally?—Pvt. A. C., Inf.

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Changing of the Guard

Our evacuation hospital has been given armed guards supplied by the Holland government. Why must some of us unarmed guards pull guard on an outside post while the armed guards are on the inside of the hospital.—A. Guard.

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But No Mirrors!

An easy way to play poker by candle light without losing our sight: Each player attaches a piece of white paper to the top button of his jacket and the reflection from the paper enables him to see his cards without a struggle.—Four of a Kind, Inf.

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Interference

Recently our group was visited by a USO show billed as the "Vagabond Artists."

The program was one of light classical music and modern dancing and was advertised as such. Part of the audience, however, evidently did not read the notices on the unit bulletin boards, judging from their behavior.

They came and stayed to give the most vulgar, uncouth, embarrassing exhibition of discourtesy toward entertainers I have had the humiliation to witness.

Among the artists appearing was a young woman vocalist, who sang several selections including Ave Maria and the Lord's Prayer, in what I am sure was a very good soprano voice. It was all but impossible to hear her, even though she used a public address system, because of the loud talking, boing, catcalls, and hisses that came from the audience. Her performance was also interspersed with loud remarks

The other three performers, with the possible exception of the dancer, were treated in a like manner.

I know this is a little like complaining that the fellow in the next foxhole does not use Mum, but what I would like to say is that to avert more occurrences of like nature and to give this courageous group of artists an opportunity to entertain those who do so, it would be much better for all concerned if those who do not enjoy the "light classics" should stay away.—Pfc James W. Greer, A.F.

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Pourquoi?

We had company for Christmas dinner. Our CO invited his colonel, two majors and some women secretaries. The next night, when some of the guys brought two of the neighborhood children for dinner, the CO raised hell. Pourquoi?—Sgt. A. L., Engr.

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Why Not?

I was surprised and disappointed to see how some of the PWs are being handled. Most prisoners laugh or sneer when their guards give them an order—and get away with it. In one case the guard was not carrying a weapon and was shooting the breeze with a group of prisoners and showing them a good time.

Why not let some battle-weary infantrymen guard these PWs?—Lt. D. Himirson, Armd. FA.

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Morale Buster

Our organization (Med. Amb. Co. Mtr Sep.) has been activated for 18 months. It's a well-organized and well-disciplined company; operated efficiently in the opinion of the headquarters under which we have worked.

Now higher authorities have decided to break us up and disperse us over the ETO. We don't mind telling you we are plenty burned up about it. Our COs and the officers of the higher headquarters have been trying to keep us together, but to no avail.

They have a group of men to take our place, but these are just excess from a lot of different outfits. Why do they break us up and spread us out and put men in our place who really are the excess baggage? 90 Demoralized Victims.

(The chances are that the Army had excellent military reasons for making the change. Somebody jouled up in not explaining why they did what they did.—Ed.)

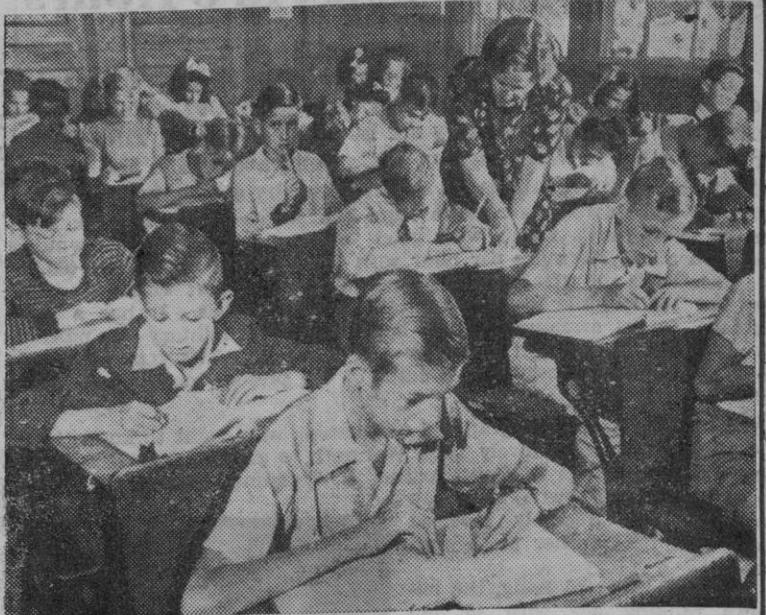
An Editorial
Wanted: Education for Life

THE Army Office of Education reports 23.3% of the troops in today's Army finished four years of high school. Another 3.6% had four or more years of college.

If we read that right, it means about 70% of American men of fighting age have had less than a high school education. And if that's the case, we think the record of education in the good old U.S.A. stinks.

In three years we've trained 10,000,000 men to be masters of the killing arts. No holds, no expenses barred. The M1, the BAR, map-reading, first aid, chemical warfare, scouting and patrolling. Complicated, technical stuff—but we taught it. Billions of dollars poured into barracks. Billions more into equipment. Millions for teaching murder—against the thousands formerly spent for teaching peace.

Tomorrow's educators will inherit the world's biggest job. The world will be their classroom. The kids of a hundred countries their



scholars. Today's tragedy their text. The little red schoolhouse must change its tune. Yesterday's tripe won't do. New times demand new techniques. With less Latin and more life. Less syntax and more citizenship. Less hieroglyphics and more humanity.

Whether or not we're going to have another war will depend largely on the guys with the tortoiseshell specs. On education that

has the full power of the people and the public purse behind it. On educators who are in business for the good they can do and not for their bed, board and summer vacations. On systems that teach peace and love and life as efficiently as war and hate and death.

Otherwise we'll have camps, not campuses. Mortars, not mortarboards. Krupps and not kindergartens.

Philippine Battle Ribbon Authorized By War Department

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (ANS).—A campaign ribbon for the "liberation of the Philippines" has been added to the 25 other campaigns for which servicemen may wear ribbons or battle stars, the War Department has announced. Men who have been battling in the Philippines since Oct. 17 now are entitled to wear a bronze star on their campaign ribbon, according to the announcement.

In addition, the air war against Japan, dating back to April 17, 1942, when Lt. Gen. "Jimmy" Doolittle's B25s first bombed Tokyo, has become an officially recognized battle, and airmen participating in the pounding of the Japanese homeland may now wear a bronze star.

Man-Made Moonlight Aiding Night Operations

Details Are Withheld But Device Is Used More Widely Now

WITH 84th INF. In Ardennes Forest (UP).—Man-made moonlight is being used to facilitate American night operations in this sector. Details of the device, first tried by the British at Caen last summer, are still withheld by censorship but the light is provided by a 100,000,000 candlepower lamp which casts a cold, dim pallor over the battle area.

First Used at Geilenkirchen Militarily the light provides Allied troops with an advantage of being able to watch enemy move-

ments while remaining partially invisible.

First used by American troops at Geilenkirchen, Brig. Gen. Alexander Bolling said it was largely responsible for the 84th's success in slugging its way into the city by night.

Hard-bitten generals first called artificial moonlight a "harebrained idea" but after proving successful a few times its use became more general. Bolling used it regularly on the Siegfried Line where GIs were enabled to sneak within grenade distance of pillboxes without being seen.

One of the more important uses of artificial moonlight is to speed up movement of convoys. Trucks which, with cat-eye lights, can move only ten miles an hour are able to travel 20 or 30 when the road area is illuminated.

Rail Passenger Travel To Cherbourg Opened

The first passenger train service between Cherbourg and Paris since before D-Day was inaugurated January 8.

Two trains make the run daily, one leaving Paris and the other leaving Cherbourg at 0800, and both arrive at their destinations in 11 hours and 50 minutes, TC officials announced.

Customs Handles Record Shipment Of GI Souvenirs

CHICAGO, Jan. 10 (ANS).—The war has provided customs officials at the port of Chicago with a multitude of new problems, they reported today.

Where their chief concern formerly was to collect duty on imported commercial goods, officials last month handled 130,000 souvenir and gift packages from U.S. soldiers abroad.

Most popular souvenirs are grass skirts. Customs men said they must be examined to make certain they do not come from countries where hoof and mouth disease is prevalent.

Properly-wrapped packages, accompanied by a certified list of contents and value of items, are not examined, but servicemen were a long time in learning to comply with customs regulations.

Most gift packages are under \$50 in value and do not require duty.

New Archbishop Named LONDON, Jan. 10 (AP).—The King has named the Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Bishop of London, to succeed the late Dr. William Temple as Archbishop of Canterbury.

Up Front With Mauldin



"I bet he backfired that thing on purpose."

THE STARS AND STRIPES

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Births

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

Pvt. Richard Kensinger, Chicago—Richard Earl, Dec. 27; Lt. Dionisio Garcia, Port Lavaca, Tex.—girl, Dec. 30; Lt. Edward Soltow, Brooklyn—girl, Dec. 26; Cpl. Vincent Pasagane, Worcester, Mass.—Vincent James, Jan. 1; Cpl. Rubin Beck, Brooklyn—Marilyn Ann, Dec. 30; Sgt. Saul Raskin, Brooklyn—boy, Dec. 30; Capt. Carl Nordstrom, Akron, Ohio—Carla Joy, Dec. 29; Cpl. Gordon Petersen, San Francisco—Marguerite Helen, Jan. 3; Lt. Albert Steln, Bronx—girl, Dec. 2; Cpl. Compley Sine, Lawton, Okla.—girl, Dec. 26.

Lt. William Medlicott, Waban, Mass.—Susan Esther, Jan. 4; Sgt. Bruce Woodcock, Dallas, Tex.—Bruce, Dec. 26; Cpl. Arthur N. Cavanaugh, Kansas City—Marshallini, Dec. 29; Cpl. Harry Palmer, Norwalk, Ohio—Mary Combs; T/Sgt. Harvey Thompson, ASN 39310088—girl, Dec. 9; Lt. Clyde W. Cornelius, Beattyville, Ky.—Catherine Wagner, Oct. 11; Pfc Thomas A. Gallagher, New York—Thomas Lawrence, Dec. 15; Pfc James E. Kerwick, Pottsville, Pa.—girl, Dec. 19.

T/5 Arnold Naroff, Brooklyn—Neil Martin, Dec. 28; S/Sgt. Ralph Barrett, Brooklyn—Michael Richard, Dec. 28.

2 S & S Men Publish Paper In Strasbourg as Soldiers, Staff Leave Town by Order

By Helen Kirkpatrick
Chicago Daily News Correspondent

STRASBOURG (Delayed).—Two sergeants who refused to quit prevented "the great fear" of Strasbourg from turning into panic.

Now that the threat to Strasbourg is officially declared over, the story can be told as it came out on "the day of the great return"—Saturday, Jan. 6. The German New Year's Eve attack necessitated some changes in disposition of Seventh Army forces. For some 30 hours the capital of Alsace, across the Rhine from Germany, was held by two Stars and Stripes sergeants and a company of MPs.

On Tuesday, Jan. 2, the people of Strasbourg saw the Americans pulling out. To them, this was a sign of disaster. And nobody bothered to explain to them that it wasn't.

Wednesday morning is now known as "the day of the great fear." Strasbourg thought the Germans were coming back in and they knew it would mean mass slaughter. They began piling up such possessions as they could in carts and baby carriages. They took to the roads.

Staff Ordered Out

In Strasbourg, two sergeants heard the order to move and decided to stay put. These men had been editing and publishing The Stars and Stripes in Sicily, Italy, southern France and Alsace. They thought the troops needed the paper and they thought, too, that maybe Strasbourg needed it at that moment. All their staff were ordered out and had to go—reluctantly and with anger in their hearts.

For three days The Stars and Stripes was published by these two sergeants, three front-line reporters and a French linotype operator. It came out as one sheet printed in English, French and German, and it was the only news Strasbourg had.

The Frenchman monitored BBC news in French and German and set it up. The electricity failed often during the night and it was five o'clock in the morning before the paper was off the press. The boys slept a few hours and then distributed the army newspaper throughout the city.

Walked About Town

Because of that—according to testimony of dozens of Strasbourg citizens—panic was prevented. The Stars and Stripes team and the MPs made a point of walking around town showing themselves.

Former UP man, now Staff Sgt. Victor Dallaire, of Medford, Ore., gives all credit to his assistant, Sgt. Edgar Clark, of San Francisco, and three frontline boys of the Third Div.: James Lee, of Pine Bluff, Wyo., Red Bell, of Pecos, Texas, and Arthur Simpson, of New York. But they all think Vic Dallaire is the man to be praised. And they all are in favor of the 163rd Signal Photo Det. which supplied pictures.

Dallaire says there were a lot of reasons why they couldn't walk out. There's Lucien, the 14-year-old FFI lad with three Germans to his credit. He became The Stars and Stripes office boy when the French Army decided he was too young to be a regular soldier. He and his family would have been murdered by the Germans.

Couldn't Leave Mascot

And there's 16-year-old "formidable" Anna Marie from Saint Die, whose house was burned when the Germans fired the entire town. She's The Stars and Stripes mascot and they couldn't leave her and mother who is dying of cancer.

Slowly Strasbourg is coming back to life. Saturday was "the day of the great return."

"The worst moment for us," said Dallaire, "was the day we went around with the people of Strasbourg and helped them take down the French and American flags. We were so ashamed we couldn't look each other or the people in the face. And they were ashamed and unhappy too. After all you can't blame them. Look at the way the Germans treated them when they were here. They knew what would happen if the Germans returned."

Germans Gain In Bid to Snap Budapest Ring

MOSCOW, Jan. 10 (UP).—German columns, attempting to chop out an escape corridor for its besieged garrison of an estimated 80,000 troops in Budapest, drove to within 15 miles northwest of the city, frontline dispatches reported.

Inside Budapest, Red Army troops captured 350 blocks in bitter house-to-house fighting. The Soviet advance included capture of the city's principal racetrack, which the Germans had been using for an airfield.

The struggle around the Hungarian capital has become one of the war's decisive battles, with the Germans throwing in masses of tanks, assault guns and numerically superior infantry forces.

Meanwhile, Marshal Malinovsky's Soviet troops drove northwest of Budapest in a flanking movement to within three miles of Komarno, vital hub of western Hungary's communications.

Malinovsky's army captured the town of Iza, on the south bank of the Danube, four miles east of Komarno. The Russian communique said that the Germans were beginning to rush reserves from Austria to meet Malinovsky's onrushing drive, now only 90 miles from Vienna.

Two French Boys Feted By Army for Bringing In 575 AWOL Jerricans

Two French boys, who had collected 575 AWOL jerricans, were honored yesterday by Maj. Gen. Robert M. Littlejohn, ETO Quarter-master chief.

The two lads, one nine and the other 11, were rewarded with their first trip to Paris from the Normandy farms on which they live. In addition, each was presented with 1,200 francs and an engraved watch.

On receipt of the gifts, Jean Azeronde, 11, and his nine-year-old playmate, whose name was not revealed, promptly pledged to aid in the Signal Corps drive to recover wire reels.

9th Sorties for 1944 Listed at 328,105

In 1944, its first year of operations as a tactical air weapon, the Ninth AF flew 328,105 sorties, Maj. Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg, Ninth chief, revealed yesterday.

Climax of the year's operations came during December in the Battle of the Bulge, when planes of the Ninth cut off the battlefield from German supply sources, and knocked out more than 450 of the 2,222 Nazi planes destroyed during the year.

In the early months of 1944, the Ninth was a restricted weapon, whose main mission was softening up the Continent for invasion, Vandenberg said. By mid-year, it was fully developed, however, and since D-Day Ninth fliers have flown day-and-night tactical support for ground troops and knocked out 2,397 locomotives and destroyed 10,906 rail cars, blasted 840 bridges, made 1,481 rail cuts, destroyed 175 ammunition and fuel dumps, and silenced 1,625 gun positions.

Ninth losses for the year were 1,455 fighter-bombers and 288 light and medium bombers.

GI's Invention Aids Bomb Release on P47s

A NINTH AF BASE.—Apparatus he designed for mounting an electrical bomb release on P47s won a citation and Bronze Star for S/Sgt. Vincent J. Esper, of Detroit, Mich., chief of the sheet metal section of a fighter-bomber group.

"The mounts devised by Sgt. Esper," the citation read, "are being used as models to modify a large number of aircraft and will greatly increase the tactical efficiency of his and other units."



SHELTERED under a truck during an artillery barrage, two 35th Div. Signal Corps messengers were unable to keep from laughing at a GI who stole out of his foxhole after each explosion to try to get his helmet which he had lost in his rush.



Each time he would be almost within reaching distance of an incoming shell would send him scurrying back to his hole. The two messengers, Cpl. Ed Brenna, of New York, and Pfc Jerry Lenhart, of Chase City, Nev., were still laughing when they crawled out from under the truck after the barrage was over.

But their laughter froze abruptly. The GI, having picked up his helmet, was pointing to a red-lettered sign on the windshield over their heads:—"EXPLOSIVES!"

It was just part of the day's work for four tank crews of the 741st Bn., Second Inf. Div., who were covering doughboys dropping back during a counter-attack. After shepherding the footsloggers, the crews climbed out to help engineers mine a road, then they dropped back to fight with the foot troops. Later that day, they went out to pull in one of their battalion's wrecked tanks.

It isn't the tanks. It's the men who man them. Pvt. Evan Hodges, of Corbin, Ky., coatless and hatless, cold and hungry, beat his way past guards at Third Armored Div. Hq. by insisting that he had to see the G2. There he told his story: "I was knocked cold

when a falling wall hit my tank and those damned medics evacuated me without my knowing about it until I woke up and then when I tell 'em I'm okay and want to go back to my tank, they tell me that I've got battle fatigue—which I sure as hell haven't. So I just took off on my own even if I didn't have any warm clothes, and I walked miles to get here in the dark, and I'll walk to where my tank is if you don't get me a ride. What'll it be?"

Hodges got the ride.

The "grasshopper's" motor conked out over the XV Corps lines and Capt. John C. Linn, of Jamestown, N.D., and 2/Lt. William M. Simon, of Kansas City, put their ship into a long glide to land in a maze of shell craters. The plane's nose was buried in a foxhole. Along with some fancy cussing, the crew heard: "Well, what are you guys waiting for—a better hole?"

WHEN the guys on the line in Finkey and Frick's Second Inf. Div. company are slated to get hotcakes, the pair make darn sure the doughs get them while they're still warm—come hell or shell.

Pfc Finkey and Pvt. Frick were toting a thermos jug full of the flapjacks when they heard a shell coming in. They hit the dirt. A shell fragment hit the jug. Pancakes scattered all around.

Frick ran back for another jug while Finkey collected what was left of the hot cakes. They told the guys who griped about all the broken hunks that they must have been shaken to pieces while the pair were running with the jug.

Maurice Beats the Hide



Maurice Chevalier gets in a few licks on the drum at a Special Service show for troops at a Ninth AF Service Command base. Regular drummer Corp. William H. Shearin, of Atlanta, Ga., looks on.

Colonel Throws Book Away, Leads Men on Bayonet Charge

By Russell Jones
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

SPINEUX, Belgium, Jan. 10.—Shouting: "Come on boys, get the bastards," Col. Gustin M. Nelson, of Philadelphia, led a bayonet charge by a battalion of the 28th Div., across 250 yards of open ground to capture this town and more than 200 Germans, including a battalion commander and staff.

Sergeants Rescue Man Near Pillbox

WITH 311th INF. REGT.—In full view of Germans who occupied a pillbox not more than 50 yards away, two sergeants of the Timberwolf Regt.'s Co. B crawled through the mud to rescue a pinned-down machine-gunner. The gunner, suffering from exposure and trench foot for 48 hours, was dragged back to safety.

The following night, T/Sgt John T. Murphy, of Buffalo N.Y., and S/Sgt. Cecil P. Kieffer, of Minneapolis, Minn., the same two, crawled to the identical spot to retrieve the machine gun.

Pfc Joseph Varone, of New York, covered the sergeants during the rescue.

"It wasn't the way the book said it should be done," Col. Nelson said, "but we had to have that town by night. When the men were reluctant to leave the shelter of the woods to cross that 250 yards, I knew that I'd have to throw the book away. I knew that the men would say: 'If the old man can do it so can we.' So with Lt. Col. William M. Allan, of Bowling Green, Ky., I walked out where the men could see me.

"They hit the town just as the artillery barrage stopped and we caught most of the Jerries in their holes," Col. Nelson remarked.

Two privates of Co. A told the story a little differently. James A. Spence, of Pulaski, Va., and Harold Walter, of Cullman, Ala., described him as a "guty old bastard" and said they never had to look far for the "old man" during tough going.

Officers on Col. Nelson's staff also added that the color I wasn't happy when he was away from fighting. They told of Nelson's taking a four-man patrol into Trois Points to clear out Germans in a house. The patrol had started out with a full platoon and a lieutenant, but when fire pinned the rest down the colonel took four men and wiped out a machine-gun nest.

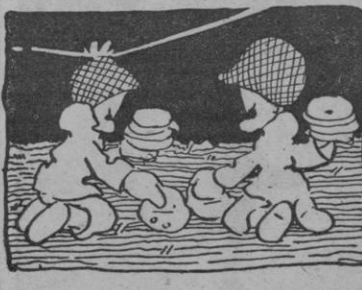
Col. Nelson's regiment was hit by the initial German attack Dec. 16 and held its lines two days before moving back. The men had been in the line more than three weeks when they made the attack.

"They're cold, hungry, tired—they'd been eating cold food and sleeping in the snow all the time," the colonel said, "but when I asked them to 'get up and get' they acted like they were fresh from a rest stop."

Ban on Paris Paper Hit By French Press Group

The French National Press Federation has protested the War Ministry's 30-day suspension of the Paris newspaper France-Soir for alleged infringements of censorship, according to Associated Press. The Federation termed the Ministry's action "an arbitrary threat to the freedom of the press."

An earlier United Press story said that the newspaper was accused of four breaches. France-Soir claimed the real reason for the suspension was its custom of leaving spaces marked "censored" where portions of its stories were stopped.



Pin-Pointing

Two German Mark V tanks were knocked out by a pair of M18 tank destroyers at a distance of more than 2,300 yards—nearly a mile and a half—by three direct hits from 76mm. guns of a platoon with the Sixth Armored Div.

Once Over Lightly

By Paul Horowitz
Sports Editor

THERE seems to be a general state of alarm in the States about the future of organized baseball, the apprehension being shared mainly by those with financial interests at stake. The government's policy of reclassifying 4Fs will affect many ballplayers, but major league baseball should be able to survive the slashes in its club rosters. Unless the war news turns drastically for the worse, Selective Service will take several months to induct the thousands of athletes who are "on the fence." Baseball certainly should be able to last out this year.

Ford Frick, president of the National League, said his circuit would function as long as each club could "put nine men on the field." Other major league leaders feel the same way: there's too much to lose in an "off year." To suspend for the duration would make it extremely difficult to win back public patronage, and baseball might never be able to return to its former popularity.

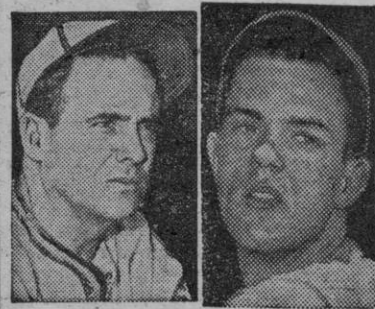
THOUGH hundreds of big leaguers already had been drafted, baseball got through 1944 in good shape. The caliber of play wasn't of pre-war vintage, but the competition was fairly even, except when the St. Louis Cards were involved. Salary limits were cut because minor leaguers were infiltrating at lower salaries than the drafted stars had been getting. Baseball paid its way and the owners made money. War workers, on the night shift, and office boys, with dying grandmothers, will keep the turnstiles clicking again.

THERE'S little likelihood the government will hand down a flat order to give up baseball for the duration. War Department heads already have gone on record boosting the game as a morale lifter on the home front. The danger to baseball, it seems to us, will come from within. Clubowners who feel they might go deeply into the red, due to the loss of outstanding players, are the game's bugbears. If they avoid becoming panicky, the '45 season will start and finish without a crisis.

So, whether they be 4Fs or 30-year-olds, the players in the major leagues will continue to strike out, make errors, throw to the wrong bases and get off-the-handle bloopers—and the majority of fans will cheer and boo in the habitual manner. But baseball will go on. That's our bet.

Sporting News Picks Its Dream Team

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 10.—Five members of the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals made the Sporting News annual all-star major league baseball team, picked by the vote of baseball writers and announced today. The Detroit Tigers were



Luke Sewell

Dick Wakefield

next with three men, and for the first time in ten years the New York Yankees didn't place a player. The dream team: Outfielders, Stan Musial, Cards; Dick Wake-

field, Tigers; Dixie Walker, Dodgers; first base, Ray Sanders, Cards; second base, Bobby Doerr, Red Sox; shortstop, Marty Marion, Cards; third base, Bob Elliott, Pirates; pitchers, Mort Cooper, Cards; Dizzy Trout and Hal Newhouser, Tigers; catcher, Walker Cooper, Cards; manager, Luke Sewell, Browns. Marion and Newhouser were unanimous choices and Musial missed by one ballot. Warker Cooper was selected for the third straight year.

Dixie Led With .357 Average

Walker was the National League's leading batter with a .357 mark and Marion won the senior league's most valuable player award. Wakefield hit .355 in 78 games, but didn't appear at the plate 400 times, as required by league standards, and Lou Boudreau's .327 average led the American League. That circuit's most valuable player was Newhouser. Newhouser kept

the Detroit club in the pennant race until the final day with his 29 victories against nine defeats, while Trout didn't do bad with 27 victories and 14 setbacks.

Though Billy Southworth did his usual good job of piloting, he had



Hal Newhouser

Marty Marion

wonderful material to work with, and the selection of Sewell as manager of the dream team came as no surprise. He brought the Browns their first American League pennant in the history of the club.

Nuttier Sports Fans In Brazil, Gal Says

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 10.—Miss Vera Pacheco Jordao, Brazilian newspaper columnist, after seeing the Orange Bowl football game here New Year's Day, said that for enthusiasm Brazilian fans have Americans beat a mile.

"When a goal is scored in a Brazilian soccer game," Miss Jordao said, "fans crush each other's hats and pound people next to them. Also players have more fights and confer at great length among themselves after scoring a point."

Apparently Miss Jordao never has seen what transpires after an umpire gives Leo Durocher the heave-ho at Ebbets Field.

Browns Return Hudlin To Little Rock Team

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 10.—Willis Hudlin, 39-year-old righthander, has been returned to the Little Rock Club of the Southern Association, the Browns' front office announced today. Hudlin owns a large block of stock in the Little Rock Club.

Two St. Louis outfielders have undergone surgery here recently. Milt Byrnes was operated on for hernia, and Boris "Babe" Martin, last year's most valuable player in the American Association while with the Toledo Mudhens, had his appendix out.

Few Changes In Pro Rules

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—The National Football League's Rules Committee voted an energetic "No" today on proposals which would eliminate the extra point and provide for a sudden death overtime period in the event of a tie.

In fact, that was the only noteworthy revision that received favorable action of about 15 suggested. The committee will submit to the league clubs the change calling for a 15-yard penalty against the team whose player puts a block on an opponent with the aid of his arms or elbows.

Other rule changes favored by the committee are: 1, allow a player to catch a punt or a missed field goal attempt in the end zone and run it back; thus abolishing the automatic touchback; 2, allow the offensive team one more play if the half ends while the ball is dead; 3, keep the clock running between the try for the extra point and the following kickoff, with the kicking team allowed 90 seconds to put the ball back in play; 4, classify a grounded pass from center as a fumble, with either team eligible to run upon recovery; 5, make it necessary for the T-formation quarterback, who reaches for the ball, to take it from the center thus eliminating some of the T's trickery; 6, add a 15-yard penalty to the gain on a completed pass, when the passer has been roughed. (Under the present rules, he can take the gain or the penalty).

Dewey Expected to Name N.Y. Boxing Chief Today

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—Local sportswriters have been invited to meet Gov. Thomas E. Dewey tonight. What the governor has to say is not known, but it probably has something to do with the selection of the new boxing commissioner to succeed Gen. John J. Phelan, whose term expired New Year's Day.

Eddie Eagan, former amateur fighter who boxed in the Olympics and in France during the last war, is reputed to have the inside track on the \$7,500-a-year job.

Oma Passes Out Cigars

GREENWOOD LAKE, N. J., Jan. 10.—Lee Oma, training here for a ten-round bout against Joe Baski in New York Jan. 26, was notified today he had become the father of a six-pound son born in Detroit. Hospital attaches said mother and baby were doing fine.

CAGE RESULTS

- Butler 55, Wabash 37.
- Cornell 52, Mexico U. 37.
- Great Lakes 67, Illinois Normal 39.
- Loyola (N. Orleans) 52, Millsaps 36.
- Lubbock AB 41, Clovis AB 34.
- Luther 45, Wartburg 43.
- McPherson 53, Bethany 36.
- Mississippi St. 33, Mississippi College 30
- NYU 73, Fordham 45.
- St. Ambrose 53, Cornell College 41.
- St. Mary's 51, Augsburg 29.
- St. Thomas 58, Hamline 43.
- Seranton 54, Kutztown Tehra. 42.
- Toledo 60, Heidelberg 26.
- Wagner 58, Columbia Midshipmen 35.
- Washburn 50, Wichita 35.
- Westminster 73, Geneva 69.
- Western Michigan 54, Kellogg Field 46.

Rangers Beat Leafs, After Trailing, 3-0

TORONTO, Jan. 10.—The New York Rangers spotted the Maple Leafs three goals and came from behind to beat Toronto, 5-4, here last night. Ab DeMarco led the Rangers' uphill struggle with two goals and two assists to wipe out the margin the Leafs had on Ted Kennedy's three goals in the first period. Bob Davidson assisted on all three of Kennedy's scores.

DeMarco sailed through solo to beat Frank McCool with the first Ranger goal as the second period started. Art Jackson added the fourth Toronto point to make it

Hockey Standings

National League				
	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	18	5	2	38
Detroit	17	6	4	38
Toronto	13	10	2	28
Boston	9	14	1	19
New York	5	13	7	17
Chicago	3	17	4	10

American League
Tuesday Night's Score
St. Louis 4, Pittsburgh 4

4-1 as the period ended. Grant Warwick then hit the nets for New York and five minutes later De Marco scored unassisted. Warwick tied the score at 4-4 on a pass from Hank Goldup and Goldup scored the clincher on a pass from DeMarco just before the wind-up.

Canadian Pace Scorers

MONTREAL, Jan. 10.—The Montreal Canadiens held the first two places in the National Hockey League scoring race today with Hector "Toe" Blake's 42 points pacing the shooters and Maurice Richard three points behind him. Richard tops the league in goals with 26, while his teammate, Elmer Lach, is high in assists with 27.

Young Bill Durnan of Toronto is the ace goalie with 57 goals charged against him in 25 games, while Pat Eagan of Boston has spent the most time in the penalty box, 48 minutes.

INDIVIDUAL SCORING			
	G	A	Pts
Blake, Montreal	17	25	42
Richard, Montreal	26	13	39
Howe, Detroit	14	23	37
Cowley, Boston	13	24	32
Lach, Montreal	10	27	37
M. Bruneteau, Detroit	16	17	33
DeMarco, New York	12	17	29
Hollett, Detroit	13	15	28
Bodnar, Toronto	5	23	27
Kennedy, Toronto	14	13	27

Texas Christian Cancels Cage Game with Hamline

FORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 10.—Texas Christian University has announced cancellation of its scheduled basketball game with Hamline University of St. Paul at Kansas City, Jan. 20.

TCU Coach Hub McQuillin said the game would be re-scheduled if Hamline drops Howard Schultz, of the Brooklyn Dodgers, and Rollie Seltz, of the Rochester Red Wings, whose presence in the lineup will jeopardize the amateur standing of every collegian who faces them.

Do-Re-Mi Zivic Swan Song

By Tod Slocum
ANS Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—Fritz Zivic's announced intention of retiring can be considered somewhat premature, especially in view of his performance Friday night when he belted out a decision over 18-year-old Billy Arnold of Philadelphia. The Pittsburgh veteran proved himself capable of filling Madison Square Garden, thereby convincing himself that his indifference to fisticuffs must be overcome.

If there's anything in this world Fritz loves more than a decision, it's a full arena, whether he wins, loses or draws.

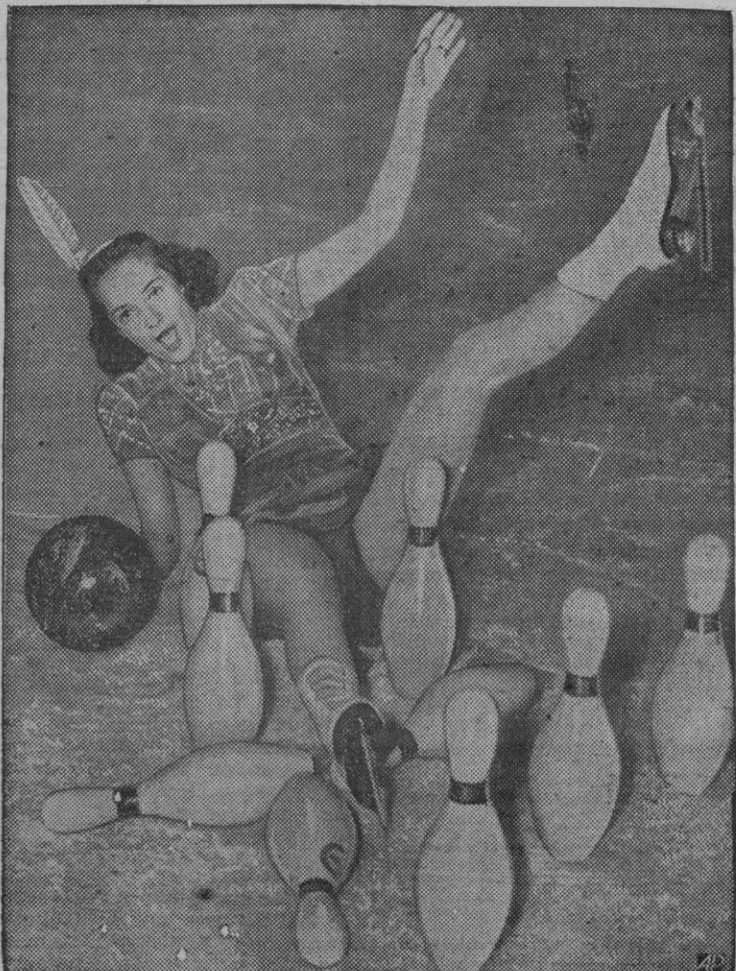
His clear-cut victory over Arnold may have surprised gamblers who installed the Negro schoolboy a three and four-to-one favorite, but it certainly didn't surprise Mr. Flatface, who had wagered \$750 on himself at the juicy odds and will collect three grand when he returns to Pittsburgh. In the meantime, he is nursing various wounds

and contusions he received Friday night.

Fritz fought a cagy withdrawing action against the exploding fists of Arnold and New York fight fans are clamoring for his return to the Garden. Zivic got a good sample of Arnold's power in the first two rounds, absorbing several healthy chops to the face and chin. He relied on the tricks he's learned in 16 years of boxing, walking backward throughout the fight and only occasionally stopping to drive a murderous left into the youth's belly, or to tie him up with his left and whale away with his right.

Zivic's retirement and nose operation will have to wait until he's met Al "Bummy" Davis again, or Ray "Sugar" Robinson. A good guess at the moment is that Fritz will meet and defeat Davis before a full house here, then lose to Robinson before another capacity Garden crowd. Meantime, Mr. Dishface will accumulate considerable do-re-mi.

Putting Her Pins on Ice



Jane Thomas, member of the Ice Follies of 1945, forgot to leggo of the bowling ball, but she's a good skate so we'll credit her with a spare.



Thought for today. Could be that the weaker sex is often the stronger sex because of the weakness of the stronger sex for the weaker sex.

A sentry at the entrance to a WAC area was soon told by his sergeant of the guard that "the command is 'halt'—not a whee-whooo whistle."

A soldier returning from leave in Paris was asked by his buddies: "How was the burlesque dance?" "Abdominal" was his quick reply.

Note from our Sports Department. A schoolboy, whose first love was baseball, was writing answers to an anatomy test: "Your leg is what if you ain't got two pretty good ones you can't get to first base—and neither can your sister."

And then there was the gorgeous gal who walked into a pet shop, dragging a Great Dane behind her.



She snapped up to the clerk: "I'd like to trade him in for a little one that won't keep all the wolves away."

GI observation: When a soldier is with a girl he can make an awful monkey out of himself by reaching for the wrong limb.

Snappy repartee. A soldier looked at his girl and cooed, "Honey, why are you so popular?" With a coy smile she sighed, "I give up."

Who said that? Character is made by what you stand for—reputation by what you fall for.

Daffynition. A military expert is a guy who tells you today what is going to happen tomorrow and who tells you tomorrow why it didn't happen yesterday.

A meteorologist, reports a GI, can look into a complicated instrument and tell weather; the average soldier can look into a girl's eyes and tell whether.

And then there was the Ubangi woman who commented: "In times like these we must keep a stiff upper lip."

J. C. W.

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

FOUND

FILM, undeveloped, near Pierre-Charron on Champs-Elysees, scenes of parade. Pic Don Black.

BRACELET, belonging to H. Zeisler. Pic P. Pferschy; bracelet belonging to G. J. Palcatano, 32760564. Pvt. J. E. Weiner; bracelet belonging to Clair F. Farley, 0-1821565, Sgt. E. J. Zmuda.

WALLET, belonging to Pvt. John Kessler, 35378613. Pic P. Majewski.

PERSONAL

WILL the GI who borrowed my watch to take a pulse beat of an injured soldier in the cafe of the Majestic cinema send it to me, Pic Albert G. Sykes, c/o Help Wanted? Will the GI who left his CAMERA with the chaplain in a medical outfit, to mail, please write to chaplain (giving address which was mislaid) c/o Help Wanted?

WILL Sgt. P. G. PAIGE please send the RING he found in locker room in Holland, marked J.L.W., to me, Pic J. L. Williams, c/o Help Wanted?



Time TODAY 0925—Waltztime. 1430—Allen Young Program. 1901—Hollywood Music Hall. 2207—Fred Waring. (News every hour on the hour.) TOMORROW 0925—AEF Ranch House. 1901—Command Performance. 1930—Kate Smith. 2030—Moonlight Serenade. (News every hour on the hour.)

Li'l Abner

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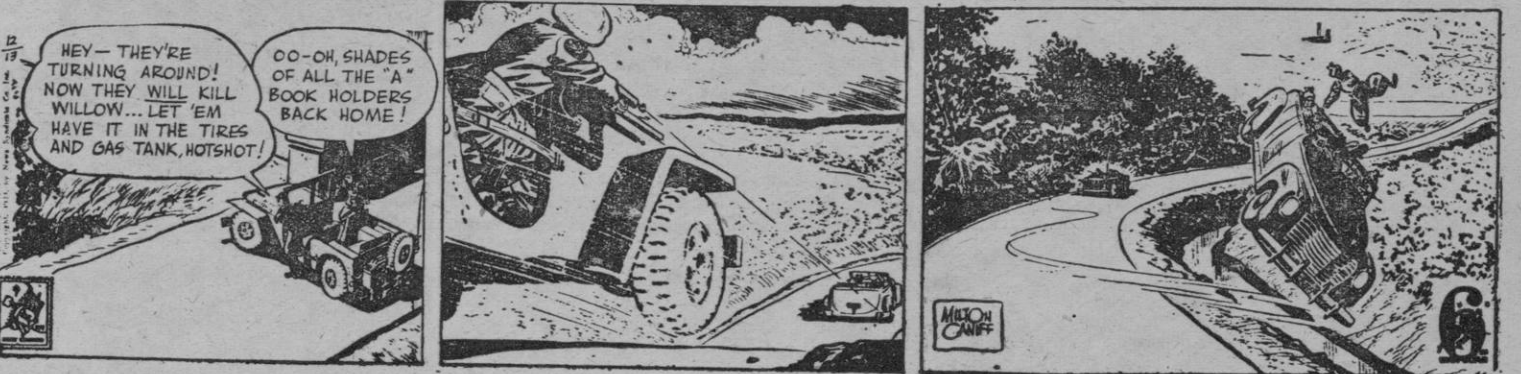
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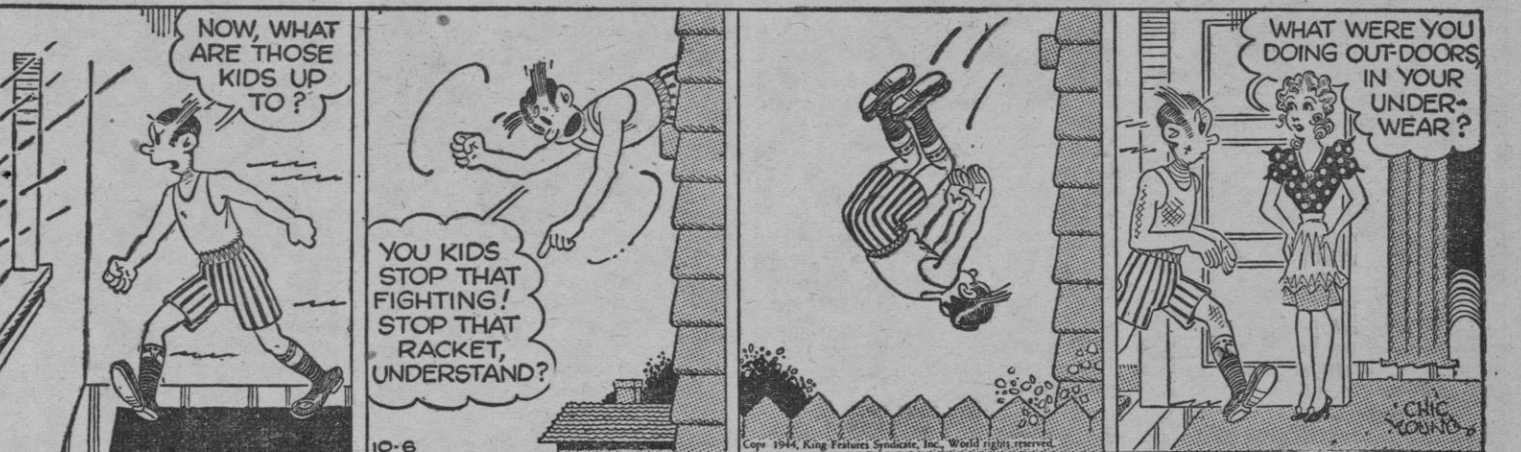
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Front-Line Faces



Resting after a night operation in which he and some of his comrades passed through German lines, Sgt. James A. Smith, of Flora, Ill., (left) quietly puffs a cigar. Before turning in for a night's rest Pvt. Clarence C. Collins, of Lorenzo, Tex., (right) has some chow. Both men are members of a battalion which was trapped by the German offensive. They infiltrated through German positions to safety.

Photos on this page were taken by Signal Corps staff cameramen DeMarco, Heslop and Margerum.



Armored Infantryman Pvt. John J. Mullee, of Minneapolis, has a rest on a haystack in Belgium.



With four days' growth on his face, Pfc Floyd W. Carlson, Wausa, Neb., smiles after reconnaissance mission.



T/5 Ted Liscavage, Philadelphia, in his 4th Armor'd Div. tank. He holds the Silver Star and Purple Heart.



Infantryman Pvt. Charles Preston, of Nicholasville, Ky., at an outpost near the Luxembourg border.



Doughboy Pfc Frank A. Czymbor, of Saginaw, Minn., rests, with M1 on shoulder, near front in Belgium.



Medic Pvt. Billie Utz, of Hillhouse, Miss., grimly reflects the experiences he has been through recently with an armored outfit.



Battle-weary Pvt. James A. Houston, of St. Louis, takes a short break. Houston, whose unit was encircled by the Germans, fought for three days and nights almost without sleep before he reached safety.



Time for a bite...and S/Sgt. Arnold W. Schlaich, of Herscher, Ill., does just that, cracking open a can of rations. Picture was taken Christmas Day.