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Nein, Sie müssen warten.
Nain, Zee mewssen warten.
No, you have to wait.

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U.S. Crushes Jap Fleet, Sinks 9 Ships, Blasts 21

Paris Declared 'On Limits'

By Walter B. Smith
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

Paris, which took down its "Off Limits" sign this week for 1,600 combat soldiers every other day, will be accommodating up to 5,000 front line men a day by the middle of November, it was predicted yesterday by an officer at the Town Major's office.

To accommodate the soldiers on pass, rear echelon men now occupying some of the fanciest hotels in the French capital may be moved to garages, barns or even pyramidal tents, the officer said.

Meanwhile, the American Red Cross in Paris is providing beds and hot food for 900 combat ground troops and 700 combat airmen who come into the city every other day.

The number of passes—assigned to divisions on a direct ratio to the number

of days it has been in the line—is limited because of a shortage of housing space at the present. The passes are strictly for members of combat outfits.

Although a few high-ranking officers are allowed in Paris, the new passes are intended primarily for enlisted men and company grade officers, it was stated.

To the men who are coming into Paris, the city seems fantastic. For many of them, it is the first pass they have had in months of fighting. For all of them, it is the biggest, most wonderful place they have seen since they left England or the U.S.

"This place is a soldier's dream," sighed T/3 Ben L. Stahl, 27, of Huntington, Ind., who in the Rainbow Corner Red Cross club yesterday was still a little

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Yanks Battering Routed Armada In Great Victory

By Frank L. Tremaine
United Press War Correspondent.

PEARL HARBOR, Oct. 26.—The U.S. Third and Seventh Fleets have sunk or damaged at least 30 Japanese warships, including ten battleships and three aircraft carriers, in Philippines waters to win one of the greatest and most decisive naval battles of the war.

U.S. ships and planes were still attacking the fleeing remnants of the Japanese fleet today and their final toll undoubtedly will be even greater than the nine Japanese

warships known to have been sunk, three probably sunk and 18 damaged.

The only announced U.S. losses were the 10,000-ton escort carrier Princeton sunk, several other escort carriers and destroyers damaged and several PT boats sunk or damaged.

Mortal Blow Seen

American warships as well as their carrier planes engaged the Japanese fleet, firing broadsides of shells ranging up to 16 inches into the first Jap warships to come within range of their guns in two years.

The victory smashed an all-out enemy attempt to wreck Gen. MacArthur's invasion of the Philippines and at the same time handed the Japanese fleet a blow from which naval observers said it may never recover. Virtually the whole Jap fleet participated in the abortive three-way assault and at one time its ships were within 75 miles of Leyte Island.

Communiques from Adm. Chester W. Nimitz here and from MacArthur on Leyte gave the following toll of Japanese ships so far:

Sunk—one battleship of the 29,300-ton Yamashiro class, two cruisers, four destroyers and an unspecified number of destroyers but at least two.

Probably sunk—two battleships and one large carrier.

Damaged—seven battleships, six cruisers and an unspecified number of destroyers but at least five.

Four of the damaged battleships were heavily hit by bombs and when last seen were retiring at low speed trailing oil, while one of the damaged destroyers was dead in the water. All five should be easy prey for the pursuing U.S. planes and warships.

Nimitz did not mention U.S. or enemy plane losses and MacArthur also was silent on air losses but said that 23 Japanese planes were shot

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Battle Arena



Three Jap task forces moving against the Leyte invasion were beaten and routed—in Sulu Sea (bottom line), above Leyte (middle line) and off Formosa (top line). Crosses show where forces first were sighted.

Fresh Scheldt Invasion--Nazis

A new Allied landing south of Antwerp on the Scheldt was reported by Berlin radio last night as British and Canadians, in spectacular night assaults floodlighted by powerful searchlights, rolled the Germans back against the River Maas in southwest Holland.

The German High Command reported the amphibious Allied landing on South Beveland Island on the Scheldt estuary, according to Associated Press in London. An earlier Berlin broadcast placed the new beachhead on Walcheren Island at the mouth of the Scheldt, where German long-range coastal guns blockade the port of Antwerp. In rainsoaked Central Holland, Germans were withdrawing all along the 50-mile Dutch line from Bergen-op-Zoom, northeast of Antwerp, to Hertogenbosch.

German troops, estimated from 40,000 to 60,000, are wedged between the Allied line and the River Maas. An end run by British armor north of Hertogenbosch has cut the escape route over one of three bridges spanning the Maas.

On the U.S. Third Army front before Metz the Germans were driven from the forest of Montcourt, 20 miles east of Nancy, after U.S. artillery silenced their mortars.

Canterbury Archbishop Dies in London at 63

LONDON, Oct. 26 (Reuter).—The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. William Temple, died today after a brief illness. He was 63.

One of the most progressive leaders of the Church of England, the Archbishop suffered a heart attack recently and all appointments were ordered canceled until the end of November. He became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1942 after holding the office of Bishop of York since 1929.

Army Casualties 472,779
WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP).—Battle casualties of the U.S. Army totalled 472,779 through Oct. 14, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced today

When Will War End? Gen. Ike Gives Answer

LONDON, Oct. 26 (AP).—Wondering when the war will end? Well, here's how Gen. Eisenhower looks at it, on the authority of Rep. Robert Hale (R-Me.) who visited him in France.

"War," Hale quoted the Supreme Commander as saying, "is like pushing a heavily-loaded wagon up a steep hill in the fog and never knowing when you are going to reach the top. So you have to push like hell all the time."

Greeks Seize Vital Air Base

ROME, Oct. 26 (Reuter).—Greek Partisans today occupied Larissa, most important city in central Greece, and two-thirds of the country was clear of the Germans.

(With the Allied occupation of Larissa, less than 100 airline miles from Greece's northern frontier, the Nazis lost their last remaining air base within 300 miles of Crete and their last hope of evacuating any substantial part of the Crete garrison by air. Between 12,000 and 15,000 German troops are believed to be marooned on the island.)

Reds Step Up Norway Push

MOSCOW, Oct. 26 (AP).—While the great battle for East Prussia slackened today, the Red Army on its northernmost front pushed well inside Norway and, together with the onrushing winter, threatened seven German divisions there.

(Soviet forces already have captured several Norwegian airfields from which German bombers and torpedo planes attacked Allied convoys bound for Murmansk, said a Reuter dispatch from Moscow.)

(Fighting through the Arctic night, the Russians were hurling the German remnants to the banks of the rocky fjords beyond captured Kirkenes.)

(Meanwhile the exiled Norwegian government in London issued a proclamation welcoming the Russian army of liberation to Norwegian soil.)

North of the Gulf of Bothnia in the upper areas of Finland the Germans were estimated to have about 100,000 to 130,000 troops. There were three main roads to Norway for them, but the capture of Petsamo and Kirkenes denied them the use of two and current Russian advances may soon close the third.

In East Prussia, the Red Armies found stiffer resistance the deeper they penetrated.

Stark Terror in Nazi Ranks Bared by von Kluge Diary

The tattered, bloody unteroffizier stumbled into an advance prisoner-of-war post on the western front, stammered "Jabos." Then he slumped to the floor.

Ten miles away, behind crumbling German lines, Hitler's commander-in-chief in the west telephoned three of the Wehrmacht's generals on the invasion front.

Field Marshal von Kluge told them the jig was up for the German Seventh Army.

From Von Kluge's own secret telephone journal, captured on the western front, came proof today that "Jabos," the German Army's label for the fighter bomber, was the

Allies' most terrifying weapon. His first telephone conversation that morning on July 31 to the chief of staff of one of his Army groups was:

"The enemy has reached Avranches. Our 957th Infantry Regiment of the 363rd Infantry Division has apparently not moved owing to unprecedented enemy fighter-bomber activity. Enemy tank advances on Granville and Avranches were preceded by an umbrella of enemy fighter-bombers. This made movement impossible.

"The troops have suffered high losses in men and equipment by

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Mine Exploder Invented by GI

WITH SECOND INFANTRY DIVISION, France, Oct. 26 (AP).—S/Sgt. Clayton H. From, of Ortle, S.D., was credited today with the idea of using a grenade launcher to fire a grapple which sets off anti-personnel mines safely from a distance.

When a lanyard attached to the grapple is pulled, metal claws of the grapple scrape a ground hook onto trip-cord lines and detonate the mines.

Until From came out with his idea, a grapple had been used to a small extent by throwing it into minefields by hand. But it was difficult to toss it very far and accuracy was poor.

From, a combat engineer, put a fitting on the grapple so it could be snapped on a regulation grenade launcher for rifle or carbine. The range can be varied by changing the weapon's elevation.

Tokyo Loses Fleet, So 'U.S. Loses War'

The Philippines naval battle was Japan's greatest setback at sea, and Tokyo broadcasters accordingly outdid themselves yesterday in their claims of victory.

"As a result of the battle, one thing is clear," said one Tokyo broadcast reported by United Press, "America has lost the war."

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE

Didn't Like the Range

Three pistol-packing officers and a peep driver of the Fourth Armored Division had a merry afternoon recently. They went to a woods to try some enemy weapons they had accumulated. In the midst of the fun, a German soldier came yelling "Kamarad" out of a village not far away. He had been hiding in the village, but didn't like the firing. The officers were: Capt. Roy C. Breaux, Crowley, La.; 2/Lt. Dewitt C. Smith, Jr., Bethesda, Md.; 2/Lt. Walter E. Green, Athens, Tex., and Pfc William T. Welchior, of Flushing, Ohio.

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Bracelet Turns Up

WITH THE 101st AIRBORNE DIVISION, Holland, (Delayed).—During the fighting in Normandy after the jump June 6, Sgt. Ray Nylund, of Hicksville, N.Y., lost a silver bracelet with his jump wings fixed to the top side of the wrist band. The 101st was pulled out of France back to England. A short time ago, the 101st jumped again—into Holland this time. In the Dutch town of Nijmegen, one day a pretty Dutch girl walked into an aid post where a friend of Nylund's was working. He noticed a bracelet on the girl's wrist. She was questioned and finally admitted she was given the bracelet by a German soldier the week before. The bracelet was Nylund's.

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Tex Collects Nazis

On August 29 Lt. Emil Orozco, San Antonio, Tex., captured 107 Germans crossing an open field somewhere in western France. Now he's brought his total to 147. While the 28th Division was advancing on the Siegfried Line, Lt. Orozco, an intelligence officer, learned from a prisoner where others were hiding. He used the prisoner as a shouting intermediary, posting him in pitch darkness with a flashlight to guide 18 Germans to the surrender site.

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Pig in No-Man's Land

Second Division Infantrymen in France recently came upon a tough field problem which they solved with true Yankee ingenuity. The problem was a pair of deceased but alluringly cookable pigs in no-man's-land, right where Jerry could see. Pfc Alton A. Pope, Springfield, Tenn., and a four-man detail brought home the bacon. One porker they cut in half, the other they wheeled home in a baby carriage.

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Big Shot

They call S/Sgt. James Causey the "shootin'est" doughboy in the 90th Division. Recently, when his company was being counter-attacked, Causey moved along his line from man to man, talking to the doughs and taking occasional shots.

Before the fight was over, he had fired every weapon in the company, including a bazooka.

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Jerricans Nabbed

Fifty AWOL jerricans have been retrieved from ditches and hedgerows and returned to traffic control points by men of the 19th Special Service company during a week's intensive drive to get the strays in their area back into use. The GI entertainers work with men of a Graves Registration company who act as "spotters."

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Salome, Natcher-ly!

A pink and ponderous porker, squealing and grunting at every shot, was the unwelcome tag-along with a five-man patrol of the Sec-

ond Infantry Division. The patrol, led by 2/Lt. Carlo Accamo, of San Francisco, started out into enemy territory in France when the pig waddled into line.

When the men tried to shoo away the unwelcome pet, it cuddled up to them in true Dogpatch style, and the patrol was unable to shake it until they forded a stream. On the return trip, however, porky was waiting and followed the boys back to the American lines.

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Grady Made It

Attention OCS candidates: Sgt. Grady Blazier, of the Seventh Armored Division, made it. Blazier rescued two wounded companions from a flaming halftrack, administered first aid, and under heavy fire reorganized his platoon and led a successful counter-attack. Gen. Lindsey McDonald Sylvester, his commanding general, personally pinned on the gold bars making Blazier the first EM of the "Lucky Seventh" to win a battlefield commission. He also received the Bronze Star.

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A British Beef

Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, commanding officer of the 101st Airborne Division, may not be a miracle man, but he'll try. According to dispatches from that area, due to the hurry-up status of things, Yanks were eating British rations and not liking it—particularly "bully beef." The general decided to teach Yank cooks to make with the vittles so U.S. jumping Joes would relish them, and now they've organized a school. W/O Frederick G. Mortimere, of Bromley, Kent, is chief instructor. Among American airborne cooks 'avin' a go are: Cpl. Arie Van Dort, of Bronx, N.Y.; Cpl. Andrew T. Reach, of Greensboro, N.C.; Pvt. Frank Gagliano, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Pvt. Kenneth W. Pfafflin, Elgin, Ill.

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Nazi Uniforms in U.S.

The fancy beige uniforms Hitler had fixed up for his "victorious" henchmen are almost all en route to the U.S. now as souvenirs. A whole warehouse full of the caps, belts and clothes which were set aside here for German victory were found by Americans cleaning up a city. The story is that Hitler himself designed the cap and had his top fashion artists design the rest. The uniforms were not to be touched until Germany ruled the world, and only super-super Nazis were to have the honor of strutting in them.

Private Breger



"Better hurry, Sir, here comes a bunch of WAC's!"

An Editorial

Mars' Name Is Mud

THESE men are making their way from bivouac to chow line. Because they are at war, they naturally plod through mud. We don't know what goes wrong with nature's plumbing when the guns begin to shoot, but something always does.

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Mud dragged at the frost-bitten feet of Washington's Continentals. The red mud of Virginia sucked at the cannon wheels of the Army of the Potomac and at the hooves of Jeb Stuart's cavalry. Soupy mud engulfed the trenches of 1917-18.

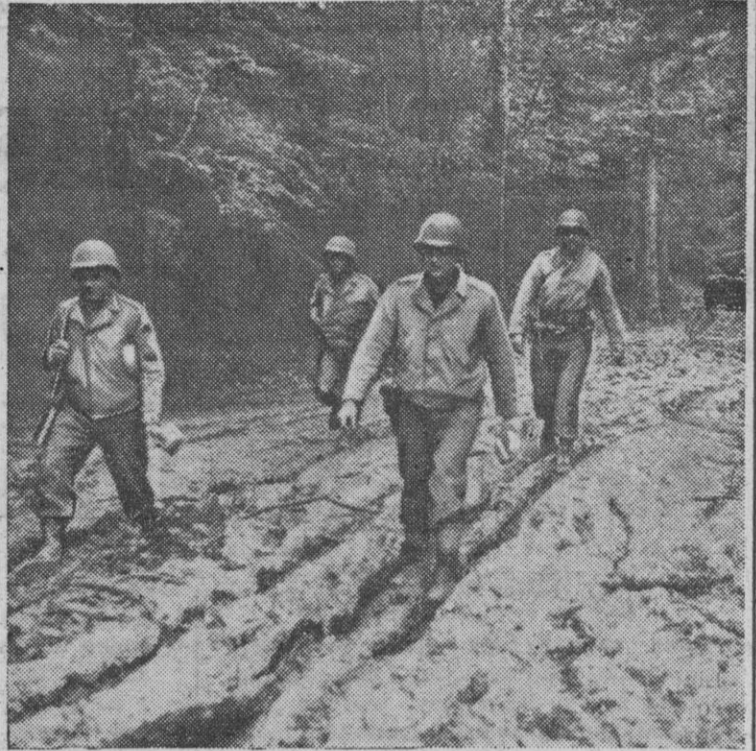
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We say the traditional presentation of Mars, god of war, has never been accurate. He ought always be shown with his feet and hairy shanks buried in mud. In fact we'll go further than that. We say that whenever history books discuss war, mud should be mentioned. And no history book should show a war picture that doesn't include mud.

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Only when everybody on earth is made to realize that mud instead of trumpets and banners is the true symbol of war is the world likely to have perpetual peace—or even a reasonable facsimile thereof.

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One big trouble with the Germans as a race is that nobody ever tells them about the mud. They only hear about the trumpets and banners. One way or another, it's up to all of us to show Germany that war means mud and things like it.

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It's a fact that must be kept before the Germans' eyes for as many generations as it takes to breed the

trumpet and banner pipe dream out of the race. The rest of the world has got to arrange its affairs so that when any future Hitler rises up to blow a trumpet and wave a banner he can be—figuratively speaking—hit square in the kisser with a juicy mud pie.

P.S. Beat the mud! If you have any ideas on how to be mobile in spite of mud, send them to the Editor, Stars and Stripes, Paris.

The B Bag Blow It Out Here

Teen-Age Buddy

Any Young Serviceman in France, c/o Fleet Post Office, New York, N.Y.

Dear Buddy,

Do you know that we are a buddy because I'm buying bonds and stamps and you are using them?

I am a girl 12 years old, and live in a little town of about 1,000, good old Hartland, Wisconsin. It is on Highway 19. It has a lot of boys in service. We have only two killed.

The county is very dry. When we did get rain, it came very hard. It knocked just about everything down. But it helped a lot. Our grass was just about all burnt up.

I like to write a better letter than this one. Please write me

back so that I know that somebody got this letter. I'm glad that you got it. I'm very proud in what you are doing over there. Do the best you can.

I love to hear what are boys are doing over here, but when you hear of somebody being killed, I could just cry. I hope you don't get killed.

Well I will have to close know. God bless you, My love, Carol Behrend, 123 Church street, Hartland, Wis.

P.S.—I have four cousins in the service. One in the Marine, one in the Army, one in the Navy and one in the Army Corps. The one in the Marines is overseas.

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Hits Gas Waste

Most of us realize how precious gasoline is; how much depends on its arriving at its destination in sufficient quantity.

How about the officers who commandeer any type of vehicle, jeep, command car, weapons carrier, or even a six-by-six, to make purely pleasure trips, any time of the day or night?

Why can't something be done about the wasting of gasoline for pleasure by the officers?—*Observing Engineers.*

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Shoe Fit Dept

There's nothing lower than a stinking rat that would steal an item out of another's package, that some mother, sweetheart or wife took extra time and pains to squeeze in every possible item that would be of use into the maximum five pound package allowed for overseas shipment.—*Pvt. Theodore Dombroski.*

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Holding Up the War

By what authority do these Lts. and Sgts. ride interference down the road behind a convoy? They are holding up a lot of traffic for no good reason since they are in convoys going very slow whereas a single vehicle may go much faster.—*Joe Truck Driver.*

Hash Marks

Daffynition of the week. The Leemore Army Air Field's publication "The Casual Observer" defines a chow line as "The men behind the men behind the men behind—"

After reading letters all day long and clipping out bits and pieces here and there we imagine a tran-



scription of a censor's conversation would look something like this: "What the — does that — mean by a — V-Mail like this?"

Incidental information. A newspaper has been started at the Denver station where men are inducted into the Army and Navy. Its name: "The Home-Wrecker."

Report on the Weaker Sex. At a camp in Florida two WACs indulged in a bit of hair-pulling which ended



in a tooth-and-nail fight. It took 17 MPs to separate them—and the MPs are now hospital cases.

The Bear, Alaska's GI newspaper, made this terse comment on atmospheric conditions: "The weather—It's good to grind the Axis."

Add names of Jeeps. Today we saw some medics bouncing along in a vehicle labeled "Quack Hack."

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Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

A PRETENTIOUS document was nestled in the mail box yesterday where the scented sugar reports from our favorite girl friend usually are found. This was a letter from Big Ten athletic headquarters, subtle but to the point. The unwritten message was: "Our football is the best in the country."

And there were facts and figures to prove the Western Conference's claim. But like debates on religion and politics, there'll never be agreement on the subject, at least not so long as a GI from Texas is within conversational range of a ditto from the east or sunny south or far west.

However, since Big Ten officials went to so much trouble, the least we can do is pass the information to the troops and let you take it from there. What the midwest rulers did was list the first ten teams, according to the annual Associated Press poll, since 1936 and award ten points for a first place, nine for a second, eight for a third, etc.

WITH that yardstick, Minnesota, mythical national champion in 1936, '40 and '41, fifth in '37 and tenth in '38, holds a three-point margin over Notre Dame as the nation's "winning-est" football team. The Irish, incidentally, missed a berth in the elite circle only twice—in 1939 and 1940—and the points they are certain to amass this year will lift them into first place.

For statisticians in the ETO, the Big Ten furnished two sets of figures. First, points and percentages are broken down according to geographic locations; then according to conferences. The Midwest leads, of course, in both departments.

In the first category, the Midwest totals 135 points or 31 percent, while the South ranks next with 107 points or 24 percent. Then follows the East with 84 points (19 percent), the Far West with 50 (11 percent) and the Southwest with 35 (eight per cent).

WITH Notre Dame among the missing, the Big Ten still sets the pace among conferences, with 101 points—23 percent of the total. The Eastern Association has 84 points to shade the Southeastern by three, while other conferences are badly outdistanced.

Fourth place is occupied by the Pacific Coast with 44, followed by Southwest, 35; Central Collegiate, 34; Southern, 26; Big Six, 22; Missouri Valley, 7, and non-conference Santa Clara, 6.

For football-minded soldiers in the ETO, who apparently will bet on anything at the whiz of an enemy 88, here is a list of national champions since 1936, as chosen by the AP poll: 1936, Minnesota; 1937, Pittsburgh; 1938, Texas Christian; 1939, Texas Aggies; 1940 and '41, Minnesota; 1942, Ohio State; 1943, Notre Dame, among the collegians, and Iowa Pre-Flight, among service teams.

Racing Boom Permits Salem to Burn Mortgage

SALEM, N.H., Oct. 26.—The current horse racing boom has benefited most everyone connected with the game in an official capacity, but Salem is probably the greatest beneficiary of all.

When Rockingham Park opened in 1933, Salem had a city debt of \$194,000. This week the city fathers burned the last mortgage of any kind, and there's still \$52,000 in the bank.

Gloomy Gus



Bill Alexander, Georgia Tech coach, was an unhappy gent last Saturday as Navy pawed his athletes most of the time. But his expression changed when Dink Bowen booted field goal to win for Tech, 17-15.

Fumble Wave In Southwest

DALLAS, Oct. 26.—The Southwest Conference is plagued by an epidemic of fumbling this season and there seems to be no remedy in sight.

Texas Christian apparently is the foremost exponent of the slippery-fingered maneuver. When the Horned Frogs played Arkansas, the game was marred by 11 fumbles, and when the Horned Frogs tested the Texas Aggies, there were ten.

Intricate formations and the inexperience of those called upon to carry them out are blamed by coaches for the condition. Glen Rose, Arkansas coach, and Homer Norton, Aggies mentor, can't explain the deficient ball handling, but claim their conference rates on a par with the rest of the nation.

"The T-formation requires more ball handling," Ros' opined, "and the more the ball is handled, the more it will be mishandled." "It's just faulty ball handling," Coach Jess Neely of Rice asserted. "After all, football players are expected to hold on to the football, experience or no experience."

Regardless of the cause, though, fumbling-itis has all the coaches concentrating on ball handling this week. They want less fumbling and more touchdowns Saturday.

Navy Transfers Six From Boilermakers

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Oct. 26.—Navy stepped in on Purdue's Big Ten title hopes today and announced the transfer of six Boilermaker stars immediately after Saturday's game with Michigan.

The V-12 trainees leaving are Frank Bauman, end; Chalmers Elliott and Jim Walley, backs, Walter Poremba, center, Calvin Dugas, tackle, and Stan Dubicki, place-kicking specialist.

Headline Writers Snarl at Scranton

SCRANTON, Pa., Oct. 26.—When headline writers caught a glimpse of the Scranton football roster, they rushed to their favorite drug store for a load of aspirins.

Some of the names on the roster are Marrazzo, Armezani, Gydosh, Filipelli, Latznawich, Zielinski and Violanti. Even Fordham has to take a back seat for a club like this one.

What Makes 'T' Tick? Shag Dissects His '40 Club

By Clark Shaughnessy
Pittsburgh Football Coach.

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 26 (AP).—The T-formation, which has revolutionized offensive football, never was demonstrated more closely to perfection than it was with my Stanford backfield of 1940.

Albert, Kmetovic, Gallerneau, Standlee—quarterback, left half, right half, fullback, respectively—these were the men who made that team and the "T" great.

Frankie Albert was a superb ball handler and a gifted field general. He was wonderfully observant, courageous almost to the point of foolhardiness, a great left-handed passer and a great kicker.

I have often said that Norman Standlee was one of the greatest players I have ever known or seen. He was six-foot-one, weighed at his best 220, yet was remarkably speedy. I think he had the most drive of any plunger in football history and his professional opponents will bear me out.

Pete Kmetovic couldn't block anybody but he could start fast and could seemingly smell a hole. Once in the clear, he was the finest open field runner I have ever seen. He had great speed, a wonderful change of pace and was a sure pass catcher.

The fourth member and perhaps the most valuable of all was Hugh Gallerneau who combined great blocking power with wonderful ball carrying ability.



Norm Standlee
... Greatest Line Plunger



(Here is how tomorrow's major football games look to some of the nation's experts):

EAST

DAN PARKER PICKS: Army over Duke, Brown over Dartmouth, Navy over Penn, Yale over Rochester, Penn State over West Virginia, NYU over CCNY.

MIDWEST

ARCH WARD PICKS: Indiana over Iowa, Ohio State over Minnesota, Great Lakes over Wisconsin, Missouri over Nebraska, Purdue over Michigan.

SOUTH

JACK TROY PICKS: Georgia over LSU, Georgia Tech over Georgia Pre-Flight, Alabama over Kentucky, Tennessee over Clemson, Maryland over Florida.

SOUTHWEST

WELDON HART PICKS: Randolph Field over Charlotte AAF, Arkansas over Mississippi, Tulane over Southern Methodist, Oklahoma over Texas Christian, Texas over Rice.

FAR WEST

BILL LEISER PICKS: California over Washington, Eltoro Marines over Fleet City, USC over St. Mary's, UCLA over Coast Guard, St. Mary's Pre-Flight over March Field.

Griffith Pays Bonuses To Seven Nat Players

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Seven members of the Washington Senators have received bonuses from Owner Clark Griffith, although no member of the club had a bonus clause in his contract.

Stan Spence, slugging outfielder, was rewarded with a salary boost for 1945, making him the highest paid chattel on the team, a distinction formerly held by George Case.

Hockey Loop Season Opens

MONTREAL, Oct. 26.—The National Hockey League will knock the lid off its 1944-45 season Saturday night when the Montreal Canadiens, last year's record-breaking champions, entertain the Boston Bruins and the New York Rangers visit the Toronto Maple Leafs.

The Chicago Blackhawks and Detroit Red Wings will inaugurate their league schedules Sunday night. The Hawks will tackle Toronto, while the Wings will play host to Boston.

Connie Mack Negotiating For Minneapolis Club

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 26.—Life begins at 81. At least it does for perennial Connie Mack, who announced today that he has been negotiating for purchase of the Minneapolis Millers of the American Association.

"We need a farm like that," Connie explained. "Our farms are in lower classification leagues and we frequently have to move players up to the majors before they are ready."

Owners Mark Time

DALLAS, Oct. 26.—Texas League club owners voted today to await developments at the minor league meeting in December before deciding whether to resume activities suspended at the close of the '42 season.

Martin Honored

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 26.—Boris "Babe" Martin, 23-year-old outfielder brought up by the Browns at the end of the past season from Toledo, has been named the most valuable player in the American Association, according to a poll conducted by Sporting News.

Grid Czar Blocks Bid By Tigers

BROOKLYN, Oct. 26.—Efforts by the Brooklyn Tigers to acquire Sid Luckman while the Bears' great passer is stationed at nearby Sheepshead Bay Maritime Service Station were squashed today when Elmer Layden, National Football League czar, stepped into the argument.

Layden sent a wire to Tom Gallery, general manager of the Tigers, ordering him to "stop immediately all negotiations for Luckman." The commissioner pointed out that Luckman is still on the Bears' roster.

Gallery indicated, however, that he would not cease his efforts to land Luckman, which means Layden and Gallery will lock horns in the near future.

"I want to talk with Layden and find out just what his objection is," Gallery said. "As far as I can see, we've violated no rule."

Gallery went on to say it was obvious that Luckman is valueless to the Bears this season and the Tigers should have an opportunity to at least use him "strictly on loan." At present, Luckman is cruising the high seas on duty, but Gallery wants him when he returns to the States.

"The Bears used Jim Benton of the Rams last year and Detroit used Tom Collelo of the Rams when Cleveland dropped out of the league," Gallery declared, "so I don't see why there's any objection to our using Luckman."

Apparently Layden doesn't agree. And he's the boss.

Bonus Scheme Spurs Eagles to Top Spot

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 26.—Good hard American cash is one of the incentives that have spurred the Philadelphia Eagles to their unbeaten record in the National Football League this year.

Each tackle made within the enemy 20-yard line brings \$10; pass interception is worth \$5; each blocked kick is worth \$5, and every man on the field gets a fiver if a kickoff or punt is run back for a touchdown.

Sinkwich Increases Ground Gaining Lead

CHICAGO, Oct. 26.—Official figures released by the National Football League today show Detroit's Frankie Sinkwich, despite high blood pressure, flat feet, appendicitis and everything else, leading the conference in ground gaining. The 95 yards he ripped off last week against the Bears lifted Sinkwich's total to 288 yards, 73 ahead of the Giants' Bill Paschal.

Frankie Filchock of the Redskins lengthened his lead over other passers when he connected with 15 of 26 against the Tigers. He now has thrown 78 passes and completed 50 for 641 yards and seven touchdowns.

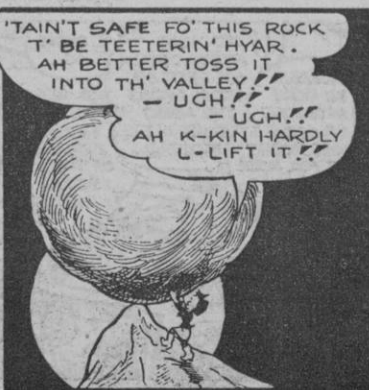
Holy Cross to Play BC

WORCESTER, Mass., Oct. 26.—One of New England's better beak-busting parties, suspended last year, will be resumed Nov. 26 when Holy Cross and Boston College play football again at Fenway Park, Boston.

Lil' Abner

By Courtesy of United Features.

By Al Capp



Help Wanted -AND GIVEN

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

FOUND

WATCH belonging to Lt. John Strawn, Lt. J. B. Rottman.
IDENTIFICATION bracelet belonging to Lt. Thomas M. Galloway, Capt. Richard W. Ballmer.

LOST

WILL person driving Army Command car who stopped in front of our Fighter Group Hqs. and picked up my dog "Pinhead" please have a heart and let me know where I can find him. Pvt. Edward Pinta.

Navy Seizes 1st Plane Plant In Price Clash

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (ANS).—The Navy today took over operation of the aircraft parts plant of Lord Manufacturing Co. at Erie, Pa., by order of President Roosevelt as the result of a price dispute. It was the first action of its kind.

Rear Adm. Harold G. Bowan and a staff of seven moved into the plant after issuance of the President's executive order which said the company had "wilfully refused and failed to furnish" war materials at prices fixed in a joint Army-Navy order of Sept. 23. The plant produces rubber mounts for aircraft engines and instruments.

Charge Interference

Asserting the company's conduct "has interfered with the production and supply of aircraft parts and other essential war materials," the President's order directed the Secretary of the Navy to operate the plant "in such manner as he deems necessary for the successful prosecution of the war."

The Army-Navy order of Sept. 23 was termed at that time the first application of the pricing provision in the 1943 revenue act. An announcement said that it followed the "failure of the services and the Lord Manufacturing Co. to agree on prices deemed fair and reasonable by the services."

The President's order said the company had changed "the terms and conditions of sale" in such a way as to increase the return to said company above the prices fixed in the Army-Navy order.

Farm Control to Continue

CHICAGO, Oct. 26 (ANS).—Claude A. Wickard, Secretary of Agriculture, today warned that American agriculture faced a stormy reconversion period and that continuation of federal farm programs for many years was likely.

Welles Out of Danger

NEW YORK, Oct. 26 (ANS).—Actor-producer Orson Welles, ill at his hotel with a throat infection, has "passed all danger and now it is just a matter of convalescence," Jack Leighter, his manager, announced yesterday.

Allies Resume Full Italy Ties

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (ANS).—The U.S. government is resuming full diplomatic relations with Italy, it was officially announced last night. London and Moscow made similar announcements.

Italy is the first of the former enemy states with which relations have advanced to such a point that normal peacetime diplomatic contacts can be restored.

The State Department statement said that Alexander C. Kirk would be named ambassador to Rome. He is now serving as American representative on the Advisory Council for Italy in Rome.

Pacific

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down during an attack on his shipping in the Leyte Gulf on Tuesday, preceding the naval attack.

Tokyo admitted one battleship, two cruisers and one destroyer sunk and another battleship "substantially damaged" but boastfully claimed 77 U.S. warships and landing craft sunk or damaged.

The Japs' flight from the area was seen as indicating that the Japanese High Command had decided to abandon the Philippines to their fate, at least temporarily, without hope of sending more than a trickle of reinforcements through the U.S. air and sea blockade.

(The Associated Press said that most of the damage was inflicted on the Japanese force intercepted off Formosa, and that American ships suffered no damage there. This force was attacked by U.S. aircraft, surface ships and submarines for 24 hours before it finally escaped in the night.

(An Australian squadron participated in the action with the U.S. Seventh Fleet.)

Hey Sinatra! Snakes Swoon for Crosby

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 26 (ANS).—An Army officer in New Guinea has written to thank Bing Crosby for saving his life by crooning.

"I was sitting in my tent listening to one of your programs," Lt. Col. Earle Thornton, Jr. related in a letter to Crosby. Thornton left the tent briefly, he continued, then:

"On returning I was paralyzed by sight of a four-foot death adder. He was in a coil and had his head slightly raised and was facing the radio as if he were listening. There we were, the snake hypnotized and me paralyzed.

"Finally I jerked away and borrowed a machete from another tent and whacked him in two.

"So the next time they throw Sinatra up to you, tell them, 'Hell, I even hypnotize snakes 10,000 miles away.'"

Back in Action Minus an Eye

By Charles A. Klein
Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

WITH THE SIXTH ARMORED DIVISION IN FRANCE, Oct. 26.—Sgt. Audrey T. Garrigus lost an eye in a training mishap, but persistent pleas with reclassification authorities and two letters to his former CO insisting he was "still worth my salt" have put him back in combat service leading his old platoon.

The 35-year-old Monticello, Ind., tankman was injured when a booby exploded while he was instructing his men of this division's 86th Cavalry Recon Squadron in England last June. Released from hospital a month later, he wrote to his CO, Capt. Frederick H. Eickhoff, of St. Louis:

"I feel no disability whatsoever and can hold up my end. I'll take and do any job you may have for me. Surely . . . you can use a man of my training." Garrigus explained he had convinced Army and medical officials he was still fit for combat.

Six days after this second letter, dated Sept. 30, was received, Garrigus was returned to his old unit.

Allied Security Parley Planned for '45 in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP).—The U.S. government hopes to play host in January to a full-dress United Nations conference aimed at creating a world security organization along the lines of the plan drafted at Dumbarton Oaks.

Prior to that time, possibly next month, Acting Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. disclosed yesterday, President Roosevelt may meet with Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin to complete the Dumbarton Oaks plan. The major unsettled question is voting procedure in the event one of the great powers should be accused of aggression and threats to peace.

1st Lady Says 4th Term Is Not a Vital Issue

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP).—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt said yesterday she believes the question of a fourth term is not as much a major issue in this campaign as the third term was in 1940. The First Lady said she formed this opinion from letters she has received and questions she has been asked on speaking trips.

Jap-Born Yanks in France



U.S. troops of Japanese descent plow through mud in France in a jeep and trailer mounted with a heavy machine gun. Other Yanks whose forefathers were Japanese are fighting in Italy.

Finds U.S. 'Cowboys' in UK Ride Drug Store-less Range

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (ANS). Maury Maverick, chairman of the U.S. Smaller War Plants Corp., back from a three-week visit to the United Kingdom, came to the conclusion today that what England needs is 10,000 American drug stores complete with chocolate sodas and coffee.

Young American "drugstore cowboys" now flying bombers are saving the U.S., he told a press con-

ference, but "there is no place in England for youngsters to go."

The former Texas congressman suggested that the U.S. provide England with good coffee so that the English would "start drug stores, so we can sell material to build them with."

He also estimated that England needed 4,000,000 new homes for which the U.S. could sell plastics, synthetics and other materials.

Kluge Diary Bares Terror

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strong air activity and morale has greatly suffered."

Then Von Kluge called the chief of staff of the German Seventh Army:

"Yesterday's heavy fighting was successful for the enemy only because he paralyzed all our movements by employing fighter-bombers on an unprecedented scale."

His last call went to Gen Warlimont, Hitler's personal representative in the West.

"The enemy air superiority is terrific and smothered almost every one of our movements. Every move by the enemy is prepared and protected by its air force. Losses in men and equipment are extraordinary."

For Nazis in the field the fear of the "Jagdebombers" was enormous, according to U.S. prisoner-of-war interrogators.

Denver Ordnance Plant To Go to Highest Bidder

DENVER, Oct. 26 (ANS).—The Denver ordnance plant, which only a few months ago employed 20,000 persons, is to be sold to the highest bidder. The plant is one of many to be offered for post-war sale by the Reconstruction Finance Corp.

The plant declined in importance when the Army and Navy overcame their initial shortage of small calibre ammunition. Recently it has been used for shell loading as one of many enterprises operated by Henry J. Kaiser.

Find Skeleton By N.Y. Road

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y., Oct. 26 (ANS).—The police today checked missing persons lists in an effort to identify a well-dressed set of bones found dangling from a sign beside the busy Niagara Falls-Lewiston, N.Y., Highway.

As state troopers puzzled over the "billboard skeleton," described by Coroner H. C. Lapp as that of an apparent suicide, hung behind the sign for more than a year without being found, two billboard painters were recovering from jitters brought on by their discovery of the remains.

The skeleton, that of a tall man of undetermined age, was complete to the last finger bone and was held together by a few remaining ligaments. It was fully dressed. Only a comb was found in the clothing.

Germans Digging In To Defend Bologna

ROME, Oct. 26 (Reuter). — The whole Eighth Army front in Italy moved inland today in a north-westerly direction along the line of the Rimini-Bologna road. Germans in the Adriatic sector, now on the run for the first time in weeks, abandoned positions along the Bevano River without a struggle.

(The Germans are digging trenches south and southeast of Bologna, the Associated Press reported, indicating that they plan to defend the city to the end.)

1,200 Heavies Hammer Reich 2d Day in Row

More than 1,200 Eighth Air Force heavies attacked industrial and rail targets in Western Germany yesterday for the second straight day. The bombers were escorted by 650 fighters. Only one bomber and one fighter were lost.

Principal objectives were at Hanover, Bielefeld and Munster. Heavy cloud obscured the bombers over most of their route and all bombing was done by instruments.

At the same time RAF Lancasters escorted by Mustangs, attacked the Farben chemical works at Leverkusen without loss.

Despite bad weather Wednesday, 60 Thunderbolt fighter-bombers of the Ninth Air Force disabled five locomotives and destroyed two motor trucks and four freight cars in rail and road strafings over Germany.

Army Opens Paris to GIs

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dazed over the change after 39 straight days in the line with a Fourth Armored Division artillery battery. "I only wish everyone in the outfit could see this," he said. "They won't believe it when I describe it."

Stahl's name was drawn out of a helmet Wednesday and he became one of the first two men in his battery to make the 200-mile trip to Paris.

S/Sgt. Steve G. Popik, 21 of Newark, N.J., and T/Sgt. Karl Frey, 28 of New York, were in Paris yesterday for the first time in their two months in France. Tail and engineer-gunner respectively in a Ninth Air Force Marauder group, the two fliers summed up their attitude in three words: "What a place!"

Every Outfit Sends Men

Air force men began getting passes to Paris last Thursday, and leaves to ground troops started three days later. Figures compiled by the Army-Red Cross central booking office at the American Express Building show that every outfit is taking advantage of the chance to send men to the big city. Sunday 835 ground troops—just 15 under the quota—hit the capital. Tuesday every pass was used.

Selection of men to make the trips is left entirely to the various outfits. Some are selecting men by roster, others by lottery.

Soldiers coming to Paris were advised to bring blankets and towels, but no mess kit. Officials suggested the men go first to the Army-Red Cross central booking office, in ground floor of the American Express Building (near Rainbow Corner Red Cross club at the corner of Auber and Scribe, on the west side of Place de l'Opera) and get a bed.

Red Cross beds cost 20 francs a night for EMs, 40 francs for officers. Red Cross meals each cost 10 francs for EMs, 20 francs for officers. The food is bought from the Quartermaster, cooked by French chefs.

271,000 Vets Get Pensions

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (ANS).—Veterans Administrator Frank S. Hines reported today that 271,000 veterans of this war were receiving disability pensions as of Oct. 1. Death pensions are being paid to the dependents of 38,000.

Terry And The Pirates

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