

# Medic Private Saves Dying GI with Knife and Pen Surgery

By Earl Mazo  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE FIFTH DIV., Nov. 29.—Using a GI knife and fountain pen, Pvt. Duane N. Kinman, 19-year-old medic from College Place, Washington, D.C., accomplished what might be the most remarkable piece of battlefield surgery of this war when he performed a windpipe operation to save a dying man during a concentrated mortar barrage.

It was during the drive on Metz. An aid man in B Co., Second Regt., Kinman was finishing the job of bandaging chest wounds and the shattered ankle of one soldier when

he saw another drop close by and thresh the earth with his arms and legs as though choking to death.

Quickly he went over and examined the wounded man, who was turning blue in the face because a shrapnel wound in his throat prevented breathing. Remembering a lecture in basic training months before, Kinman calmly opened his GI knife and began probing for shrapnel in the wounded man's throat.

The injured man, almost in his last breath, continued threshing his arms and legs. Platoon Leader Lt. Edwin Eberling, of Lincoln, Neb., crawled over to hold him while Kinman worked.

Carefully missing the jugular vein, Kinman cut into the wounded man's throat. Feeling for the windpipe as blood squirted out and dripped onto the mud which was the operating table, the young medic found what he thought was the right spot and made a one-and-a-half-inch incision just below the point where the shrapnel went in.

Then to keep the "breather hole" open, Kinman slipped his fountain-pen into the hole. The wounded man, now breathing more freely, was moved to a clearing station.

Doctors all the way up to the evacuation hospital marvelled at his skill and said medical schools in the States might offer him a surgical scholarship.

## Man Spricht Deutsch

Raumen Sie die Strasse.  
Raymen Zee dee Strahse.  
Get off the street.

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Lass-n-sir ruh marsh pah.  
The elevator is out of order.

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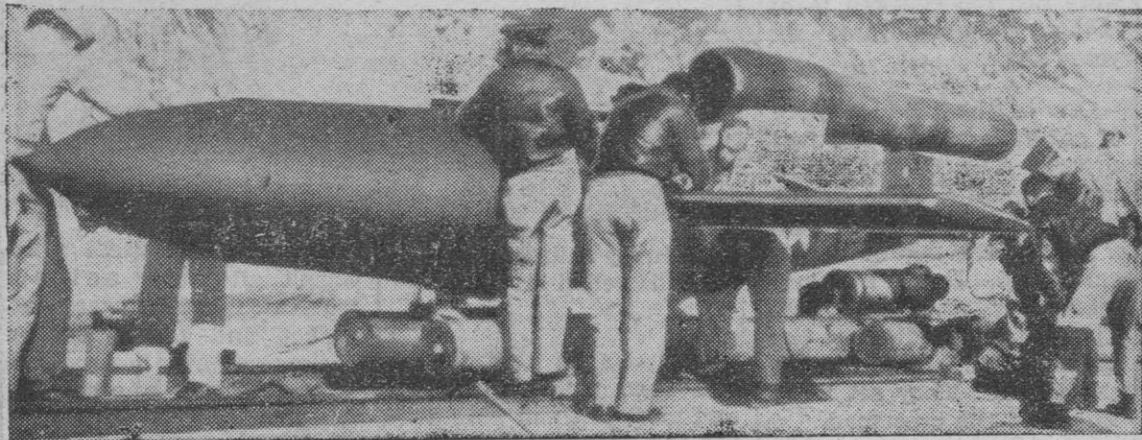
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## Here Is Robot Bomb With 'Made in America' Label



Here is the first picture of the launching of the American version of the Germans' V1 robot bomb at a proving ground in the U.S. It was copied from unexploded but badly-battered sections of the bomb found in England and flown to the States.

## Leclerc Warns Nazi Snipers of 5-to-1 Reprisal

STRASBOURG, Nov. 29 (UP).—Brig. Gen. Jacques Leclerc, commander of the French Second Armored Div., announced today in a proclamation posted throughout the city that five German hostages will be executed here for every French soldier killed by snipers or guerrillas.

Leclerc said the edict would be effective at 5 PM Saturday and set that time for the surrender to the FFI of all weapons held by "unauthorized persons." After that time, the death penalty will be invoked for illegal possession of arms, and every German soldier found in civilian clothes will be shot as a deserter, Leclerc said.

### Will Shoot Prisoners

Hostages who will be shot, if it becomes necessary, will be taken from among the prisoners taken by his division. He also asserted that snipers or anyone sheltering or aiding them will be killed immediately.

Dispatches, however, indicated that there was some doubt as to whether the execution of hostages would be carried out, since the U.S. Army has taken over the garrisoning of Strasbourg. It is expected that the French military governor of the city, Gen. Jacques Schwarz, and the U.S. commander would insist new proclamations be issued under their names.

## 19 Yanks Are Released In Exchange of PWs

NEAR GERMAN-HELD PORNIC, FRANCE, Nov. 29.—Brittany's besieged ports of St. Nazaire and Lorient were cleared of the last Allied prisoners of war today when 53 German officers and men were exchanged for 19 Americans, three English and 32 French soldiers.

## Bust Teeth to Save Necks

By Jimmy Cannon  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE THIRD ARMY, Nov. 29.—Hitler is having trouble with his "Old Folk's Army."

Shivering infantrymen of the Third Army, making new crossings into Germany, captured a Panzer regiment's order dealing with the Volkssturm.

The order urged a rigid examination by medical officers to discover "shirkers" who tried to evade duty by breaking their false teeth and smashing their glass eyes. It ended with a wrathful sentence that men must not take out their false teeth except for cleaning.

## Besieged Yanks Are Rescued After Holding Town 2 Days

By Franklin Banker  
Associated Press Correspondent

ENGELSDORF, GERMANY, Nov. 29.—Drinking rain-water and treating their wounded with blood plasma dropped by Cubs, two Ninth Army infantry companies, cut off from the rest of their battalion for two days and two nights, held out heroically against superior German forces until rescued Monday night.

In the absence of medical aid men, GIs suffering from painful trench foot bandaged each other's wounds with first-aid kits and administered plasma to the wounded.

Lt. Col. Sidney Bingham, of Dallas, Tex., the battalion commander said the companies attacked Koslar, 15 miles northeast of Aachen, early Saturday, despite tremendous odds. "They had trench foot from

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## Soviets Swarm Across Danube

MOSCOW, Nov. 29.—The Red Army has launched a new offensive below Budapest, establishing a bridgehead across the Danube River 90 miles wide and 20 miles deep, Marshal Stalin announced tonight in an order of the day.

The new drive, first reported by the Germans on Monday, already has overrun the Hungarian communication centers of Mohacs and Batasvek on the west bank of the Danube 80 to 90 miles south of Budapest, and captured the coal mining center of Pecs, 23 miles west of the Danube, along with more than 330 inhabited localities.

## 12 Die as U.S. Hospital Is Hit by V1 in Belgium

SOMEWHERE IN BELGIUM, Nov. 29 (AP).—A German buzz bomb struck a U.S. Army general hospital several days ago, killing 12 persons and injuring 50.

The bomb hit the laboratory and pharmacy section, and the weakened condition of the walls caused the evacuation of 1,150 patients. Fifteen nurses were sent to a rest area suffering from shock.

## Antwerp Open, Says Churchill

LONDON, Nov. 29.—Prime Minister Churchill said today that the Belgian port of Antwerp "is now receiving large convoys of ocean-going ships" carrying supplies for the Allied Armies.

His disclosure that the port is now in use was made, without amplification, in a speech to the House of Commons warning against any letdown in the war effort at this stage.

Recalling his previous forecast that the war with Germany might last until early summer, the Prime Minister declared:

"The truth is that no one knows when the German war will be finished and still less how long the interval will be between the defeat of the Germans and the defeat of the Japanese."

## Saipan Forts Bomb Tokyo for Third Time

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Superfortresses from Saipan Island in the Marianas bombed Tokyo today for the third time in less than a week, the War Department announced tonight.

The raid followed previous attacks on Friday and Monday by the big B29s of the new 21st Bomber Command flying from their new Saipan base.

# 7th Army, French Widen Corridors To Alsatian Rhine

Elements of five Allied armies battled on Reich soil last night as units of the First Canadian Army, which has been unreported since the start of the offensive, were disclosed in action in Germany east of Dutch Nijmegen. In the south, meanwhile, the U.S. Seventh and First French armies widened their corridors to the Alsatian Rhine.

Fighting inside the Reich, in addition to Gen. H.D.G. Crerar's Canadians, were units of the British Second and U.S. Ninth, First and Third Armies. These comprised the first expeditionary force to invade the Reich since the Napoleonic conquest of Prussia.

While the U.S. First and Ninth Armies drove a steel wedge into the tenaciously defended Nazi Roer River line before the Cologne Plain, U.S. Third Army's 95th Division smashed across the German frontier east of Metz an extended Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's front in the Reich to 26 miles.

### Closing In on Julich

In Holland, RAF fighter bombers joined British Second Army artillery in the attack on the German pocket in Geistern Castle, north of Venlo, as other units probed the defenses of the Dutch frontier city. Southward, front reports said, American Ninth Army forces closed in on Julich, Nazi stronghold in the defense of Cologne. Within a mile west of the town, Ninth Army men crushed resistance in Koslar and crossed the River Inde to the south, over a bridge they captured intact.

Reports from the U.S. First Army front said infantry with tank

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## Henri Bonnet Gets Post As Ambassador to U.S.

Henri Bonnet, Gen. de Gaulle's press chief in Algiers and former member of the League of Nations Secretariat, has been named French Ambassador to the U.S., the Provisional French Government announced today.

The 56-year-old World War I officer, teacher and diplomat will assume his post, shortly, a government spokesman said.

## Films Reveal California Flier May Have Shot Up Rommel

SANTA ANA, Calif., Nov. 29 (UP).—Lt. Harold O. Miller, Eighth AF fighter pilot of Santa Rosa, Calif., now at a convalescent center here may have been the man who killed Field Marshal Rommel. A camera on his plane, synchronized with machine-guns, brought back proof he shot up a German staff car 20 miles behind the front on July 24.

Films from Miller's camera were thoroughly checked by Army Public Relations officers, but they and Miller emphasized an official claim could not be made unless someone saw Rommel die from the wounds he suffered.

On July 24 Miller was flying with two other fighters of the Eighth fighter command. About 20 miles behind the lines he noticed an automobile moving toward the front and dropped out of formation on a hunch.

"I just thought I would look it over," he said today. With four .50 cal. machine-guns firing he swept closer and closer. A tire blew out and the car swerved. He kept pouring in bullets.

"I was lucky and my first burst scored direct hits. It left a trail of blazing gasoline for about 200 yards and then it bounced into a field and I watched it burn," Miller said.





SOP on POWs

I think a great deal of the fuss about our over-kindly treatment of prisoners of war would be eliminated if the Army would let us Joes in on what the "correct" procedure for handling these customers really is. The Geneva Convention and things like that?—Sgt. J. F. Crowley, Inf. (Read all about it in the Dec. 2 issue of Army Talks.—Ed.)

Xmas

We have started a Christmas box for the children of our area. The boys contribute whatever they can spare—a stick of gum, a roll of life savers, candy, etc. By Christmas, we expect to have enough for several hundred children. If each outfit would do likewise, what a marvellous Christmas it would be, this, the first Christmas of the liberation of Europe!—Pvt. R. E. Shaw, Sig. Cons. Bn.

Mail Call

Hit tune of the ETO: "I'm Gonna Sit Right Down And Write Myself a Letter and Make Believe It Came from You!"—W/O Knowmail.

Lost Battalion

I am one of the officers in a 42 Chemical Mortar Bn. I want nothing for myself, but I'd like to put in a plug for a great bunch of guys doing a terrific job in the front lines. In checking their records, you'll find presidential citations, superior performance ratings by artillery groups, and innumerable commendations for missions accomplished. Will the day come during this war when these men will be recognized as combat troops and given the ratings they have earned—or will they emerge from the battlefield a part of a forgotten battalion? Lt. W. R. W.

Press Agent in Woodpile

We have heard of many amazing things in this war, but the news in the Nov. 10th issue about the mortar shell falling in a Pvt. Campbell's pocket is too steep for even our (broad) minds.—T/4 Don Plank and the Dirty Dozen, AAA. Bn.

Off Limits

After being over here since D+20 and in operation all that time, we finally got to a rest area. We just started to have a half-way decent time in town when some Green Horned Brig. Gen. from an Armored Div., who has been over here just two measly weeks, has to put the town off limits. With fellows like that they should give them a dose of the front lines for about a week. We doubt if he would last that long. If he does, bring him back and see if he would put a town off limits.—Pfc A. S., Medic.

Line Tamers

So the 29th cracked the Siegfried Line! Well, put this on your front page. It so happens that the 29th rode thru that line two days after our 30th Div. did the job.—Sgt. S. Bear, Inf.

Witness for Bing

Bing Crosby's statement was quite true about "the nearer you go to the front the snappier the salute." At least that applies for this front and I'm quite sure it's the same on other fronts. I've been on the front just about as long as Pfc. Bergeron who disagrees with Crosby, and I should know.—Pvt. T. P., Inf.

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Hash Marks

Signs of the Times. The following advertisement appeared in the classified columns of an Indiana daily. Wanted: "Good, clean husband who gets a pension and doesn't drink."

Most unappreciated man in the army—a table waiter. When the chow's bad he gets the blame. When it's good, the mess officer eats there too.

And then there was the fellow—no kidding—whose girl sent him a can of spam and one of Vienna sausages. And this is his second year



in the ETO, too. He's now looking for a new girl friend, and has one picked out in a mail order catalogue.

Some GIs in Belgium were huddled around a radio listening to Frank Sinatra sing "Stardust." Just as the crooner let go with the words, "Sometimes I wonder why I spend the lonely nights dreaming of a song" a realistic GI blurted out "It's because of that blankety-blank draft board."

Incidental Information. The driver of a garbage truck at a naval base over here has, with a nice sense of propriety, named his vehicle "Tinky."

Another unsigned verse left in our typewriter:

He asked for burning kisses, She answered low and cool, "I may be a red-hot mama, But I ain't nobody's fuel."

Pvt. Bill Blood and other GIs in a range-finder section of an AA battalion claim they've found an almost-guaranteed way of getting



home quicker than other guys in the ETO after Germany is whipped. They are going to seek readmission to the States under the immigration quota.

Fun on the home front. A henpecked husband was quarreling with the missus. "Haven't you anything nice to say about my mother?" sobbed the wife. "Yes," snapped hubby, "she objected to our marriage."

T/5 Hal Golden asks the \$64 question: "If an American soldier is a GI-Joe, is a Japanese soldier a TO-Joe?" J. C. W.



An Editorial Toy Time in Germany

THIS is a true story. It happened just inside the German border on the way to Aachen.

A convoy of replacements was tearing toward the front. Opposition had been cleaned up weeks before by the infantry that had hit the Siegfried Line and which was now engaged in reducing Nazi cities to arable land.

The convoy came to a crossroad where two German kids were playing. They were fat, red-cheeked farm kids—not more than six years old.

One of them had a piece of cardboard about two feet square. The other had a broom handle. The broom handle was pushed through a hole in the middle of the cardboard. It was a homemade toy anti-tank gun. The broom handle was the barrel. The cardboard was the shield. They set it up right off the crossroad.

Then these two youngsters squatted down behind it. As



the convoy rolled by, one of the kids yelled "Boom!"

The GIs in the convoy had been riding all night and most of them were dozing and probably never even knew they were being "attacked."

But one of them who wasn't altogether asleep reached into his overcoat pocket and pulled out a package of Life Savers and pitched it over the side to the kids.

Then he went back to sleep.



SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE



Handy for Rain, Too

For 12 days and nights a machine-gun platoon of the 26th Inf. Div. had been dug in under almost continuous fire. One afternoon 1/Sgt. Francis T. Aylward, acting platoon leader, received a telephone message from an excited non-com at battalion headquarters: "Make sure all your men have their helmets on. The general has just arrived here." Aylward's reply is reported to have short circuited the entire communications system.

Gift from Goebels

Lt. Elmer D. Depew, of Dallas, Tex., a member of the Third Armored Div., thanks Goebels for a shell which landed less than ten feet away from him. It was full of propaganda leaflets.

Self-Filling Hole?

The original man who found the hole that wasn't there is Sgt. Richard E. Fultz, of Gainsville, Tex., and the Second Inf. Div. Fultz hit for a ditch one night when German mortars opened up

on his outfit position—but to get to the ditch he had to make his way through a thick hedge. When the shelling was over, he tried to go back the same way, but couldn't find a place where he could squeeze his six-foot-two, 240-pound body through. He had to walk 50 yards down the road to get back to his original position.

It Wasn't Suicide

A German major who couldn't make up his mind whether or not he wanted to surrender, paid with his life for his indecision—and was shot with his own pistol. Pfc Ora Brown, of Kittanning, Pa., was moving through a French town near the German border when a Nazi medic informed him there was a German in a building who wished to surrender. When Brown entered, a German major dropped his pistol and fled down a corridor. Just as the 26th Inf. Div. soldier picked up the gun the major reappeared, brandishing another gun. Brown got his shot off first.

Battle-Toughened Turkey

The Thanksgiving Day turkey eaten by a group of men in the Fourth Inf. Div.'s 22nd Reg. was a tough old bird. As Ray Honeycutt, mess sergeant from Barnesville, N.C., was preparing dinner, a shell burst close by, slashing a huge hole in the mess tent and splitting the gobbler in two. Unwilling to admit defeat, T/4 John W. Ross, of Haddon Heights, N.J., and Cpl. Florenzo Riazzi, of Erie, Pa., went to work on the scarred bird. In a little while they had him in the oven and that afternoon they had their turkey.

The Right Psychology

A burst of machine-gun fire was the only answer Pfc Arnold Kaplan, of New York, received when he shouted to the Germans that they were surrounded. His promise that they would get good food and medical attention prompted another burst. Then the 26th Inf. Div. soldier really used psychology. He told the Germans that unless they surrendered they

would be turned over to the Russians and sent to rebuild Stalingrad. That did the trick.

Pardon My Glove

It was pitch dark and Cpl. Jessie M. Pierce, of Monette, Ark., and Pvt. James C. Hardey, of Seven Springs, Ark., 36th Div. artillerymen, were in the motor pool shooting



the breeze when someone walked up and without speaking shook hands. Pierce snapped on his flashlight in time to catch a glimpse of a soldier in a gray-green uniform taking off in the night.

Modern Inconveniences

Among other comforts, B Battery of the 29th Inf. Div.'s 227th FA, has a four-man fox-hole equipped with heat, electric lights, bunks, wooden floors and ceiling mirrors. Architect is Pfc Daniel Deem, of Beaver, Pa.

Sure Road Home

There are plenty of Nazi soldiers who are convinced the best way to get back to the Fatherland is via a U.S. Army POW camp. But few are as frank about it as the one encountered by Pvt. Siegfert Straus, of New York.

Straus was hiding in a fringe of trees when a German came racing up the hill. As he ran he threw his rifle away and cried, "Don't shoot." When he reached the hill-top, he flopped on the ground, leaned back against a tree, and sighed, "Thank God. Now I know I'll see my wife and kids again."

Births

Folks at Home Send These GI Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival: Pfc Carol James, Los Angeles—Raymond Anthony, Nov. 11; Cpl. Sal Marino, Jackson Hts., N.Y.—boy, Nov. 22; Pvt. Odyssees Young—girl, Nov. 23; Pvt. Wilbur C. Edens, Charleston, W.Va.—James Allen, Nov. 18; SWO Nathan Sandler, Brooklyn—Allen Hayden, Nov. 14; Sgt. Charles M. Drake, Fairbanks, Ind.—Bernard Lee, Nov. 7; Cpl. Wm. Haughey, Norfolk, Mass.—Paisley Anne, Nov. 25; Lt. David W. Hanlon, Cincinnati—David Patrick, Nov. 23.



Most Valuable



Hal Newhouser

# Postwar ETO Sports Plan Revealed

## Newhouser Wins AL Award

### Beats Trout For 'Valuable' Player Prize

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Hal Newhouser, 23-year-old Detroit Tiger left-hander, today was named by the Baseball Writers' Association as the most valuable player in the American League during 1944.

Newhouser nosed out his teammate, Dizzy Trout, by four points in ballots marked by 24 writers, three from each city in the league.

It was the second time a southpaw pitcher ever was chosen for the honor, and the first time since Jimmy Foxx of the Red Sox won it in 1938 that the award went to a member of a team other than the pennant winner.

Newhouser Polls 236 Votes

Newhouser, a native of Detroit, won 29 games during the Tigers' breathtaking, but futile, chase for the American League flag. He polled 236 votes to Trout's 232. Dizzy, however, corralled ten first places to Hal's seven.

Vern Stephens, St. Louis Browns' shortstop, was third with 193 points. Far behind the leaders were George Stirnweiss of the Yankees, who led the circuit in hits and stolen bases, and Dick Wakefield, Detroit outfielder, who hit .359 in 78 games.

Lefty Grove of the Athletics was the only other southpaw to win the award, being chosen in 1931. Other pitchers were Walter Johnson, twice, and Spud Chandler last year.

Newhouser is the fifth Tiger thus honored, the others being Ty Cobb in '11, Mickey Cochrane in '34, Charley Gehringer in '37, and Hank Greenberg twice, in '35 and '40.

Marty Marion, St. Louis Cards' shortstop, was named the National League's most valuable player last week.

### The Private and the Brass



When Army's coaching staff meets, Pvt. Stuart Holcomb (second from left) ranks on a par with others on the board of strategy. Also shown are (left to right) Herman Hickman, a civilian; Capt. George Woodruff and Lt. Col. Earl "Red" Blaik, the boss.

## Navy's Jenkins Hospitalized; May Miss Army Tilt Saturday

By Andy Rooney

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—Fancy-stepping Bobby Jenkins, 200-pound Navy backfield star and All-America candidate, entered the Annapolis infirmary last night with a foot infection and he may miss Saturday's football game with Army at Baltimore's Municipal Stadium.

### Pirate Boss Suggests Memorial for Landis

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 29.—William Benswanger, president of the Pittsburgh Pirates, today called upon the major leagues to establish a "suitable memorial" to the late Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis.

Meanwhile, announcement came from Frick's office that the annual major league baseball meetings will be held in New York instead of Chicago, as originally planned.

Jenkins worked out with the squad Monday and ran well, according to Cmdr. Oscar "Swede" Hagberg, Middle coach. But Hagberg admitted tonight the doctors' report makes it doubtful that his triple-threat half-back will be available against the Cadets.

With the announcement, Army stock soared despite the fact Navy has won the last five games played by the service elevens. In 44 meetings—the first in 1890—Army holds a slim edge, however, having won 22, lost 19 and played three ties.

The last unbeaten Army squad played in 1916, with Biff Jones and Bob Neyland in the backfield. More than 70,000 customers are expected, including 3,000 Midshipmen who had to cancel dates for a dance when the game was shifted from Annapolis to Baltimore.

Many others would like to be present, but none more than Andy March, now on the Continent with the 82nd Airborne. March, who was nominated last week for a boost to brigadier general, was public relations officer at the Point before taking to the field.

Ohio's Horse Players Shelled Out 21 Million

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 29.—Horse players in Ohio went for more than twice as much money this year as in '43, figures released today reveal.

Players poured \$21,024,546 into the mutuels machines.

## GI Olympics Will Be Staged In Paris Area

CHICAGO, Nov. 29 (ANS).—Allied occupation armies will participate in a series of Olympic Games after Germany is defeated, Big Ten athletic officials disclosed here today when they announced that several coaches have agreed to go overseas to assist. The competition will be held in Paris, the Big Ten said.

Big Ten athletic directors approved the Army's request for 24 coaches to participate in the program when they met here last night. Harry Stuhldreher, football coach and athletic director at Wisconsin, is one of those selected and already has been granted leave with pay to come overseas.

Besides entertaining servicemen awaiting shipment back to the States, the games will serve to give athletes in service an opportunity for international recognition.

"We are committed to do anything at any time to help the war effort and this is one of the ways in which we can assist," explained Maj. John Griffith, Big Ten commissioner.

A Western Conference spokesman said the competition would be directed by Army athletic officers now in Paris.

### No Word Here

Col. Esly Clark, former Harvard athlete and now athletic supervisor in Paris, who presumably would direct the GI Olympics, could not be reached last night for a statement of his plans.

## Detroit Routs Boston Bruins

BOSTON, Nov. 29.—The Detroit Red Wings scored twice in each period to defeat the Boston Bruins, 6-3, in a National Hockey League game here last night. Flash Hollett, ex-Bruin, sneaked home two unassisted goals, while Bill Jennings, formerly of Detroit, scored twice for Boston.

Ted Lindsey, Joe Carveth, Dom Grosso and Jud McAtee scored the other Wing points while Bruin counters, all made in the second period, were racked up by Jennings and Pat Eagan.

### National Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts	G	OG
Montreal	9	3	1	19	48	29
Toronto	9	3	0	18	52	42
Detroit	7	3	2	16	62	42
Boston	3	7	1	7	46	56
New York	1	5	3	5	32	53
Chicago	1	8	1	3	46	63

### Leading Scorers

	G	A	Pts
Cowley, Boston	8	16	24
Blake, Montreal	9	11	20
Smith, Chicago	6	14	20
Howe, Detroit	5	14	19
Bodnar, Toronto	4	15	19
Mosienko, Chicago	11	7	18
Schriner, Toronto	11	6	17
Garr, Toronto	8	9	17
Richard, Montreal	12	3	15
Horeck, Chicago	6	9	15
Lach, Montreal	3	12	15

### Seek GI Teams for Bowl

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—A decision is expected soon from Army and Navy officials on the request from promoters that Bainbridge Naval and Randolph Field meet for charity in a New Year's Day Oil Bowl football game at Houston, Texas.

## Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff  
Sports Editor

HORSE players in the ETO—those who tore up tickets when platers like Mucho Gusto, who might still be running at the ripe old age of 11 for all we know, and Joe Schenk failed to lead the field under the wire—may bump into Bobby Vedder, the jockey who chugged around the nation's ovals aboard those glue factory refugees, one of these days. Now Pfc Vedder, he's stationed at a hospital in England.

Not that Bobby has to fear reprisal for the "bum rides" because he had a long and colorful riding career before Uncle Sammy called for his services. He ranked among the ten best jockeys in the country during the last two years of his racing life.

ALTHOUGH he booted home Whirlaway several times, he is better known to racing patrons as the youngster who set the tracks afire with Alsab, Al Sabath's \$700 "Cinderella" horse. Alsab was unknown to everybody except the fellow who files thoroughbred data for the Racing Form, until he was introduced formally to Vedder.

The two got on from the start and before long Alsab was the outstanding two-year-old in harness. That was in 1941, the year Vedder and Alsab showed their heels to other combinations in 12 of 14 races, including the Washington Park Futurity, the Waldron Stakes at Pimlico and a match race with Requested at Belmont Park. Vedder also was up on Inscollie when that bright young miss won the '40 Kentucky Oaks.

"ARMY chow hasn't done my streamlined figure any good," the 24-year-old jockey laughed. "I've picked up 30 pounds since coming into the Army, but a couple of months of conditioning will get me back to my best riding weight."

Vedder was hesitant about naming the greatest horse he ever rode, but said it was a toss-up between Whirlaway and Alsab.

"It's difficult to compare horses of different ages unless you go by their times," Vedder explained. "But that doesn't always settle it. One day Alsab would be the better; the next day nothing could beat Whirlly. Horses are temperamental, just like humans. And when one doesn't feel like running, not even his boosters in the grandstand can get him to run by yelling and moaning."

How true, how true!

### Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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

#### APOs WANTED

Sgt. William J. Veech, Providence; Sgt. George Weathers Jr., Bowman, S.C.; Maj. Fred Warren, Southgate, Ky.; Lt. William Walsh, N.C.; Maj. James Womaldorf; Pvt. Stanley Wacera, Ord. Co.; Pvt. Milborne Williams; Sgt. Howard W. Walters, Hq. Co.; Lt. Paul Zimmermann, Sonoma, Cal.; Lt. Paul E. Zwayer, Oswego, Ill.

### From Diamond to Foxholes



Stars and Stripes Photos

Touring major leaguers prepare for their junket through combat areas. Here Pfc Joseph Wiktor, of Buffalo, N.Y., demonstrates how to put together a bed roll for (left to right) Bucky Walters, Frankie Frisch, Roy Stockton, Mel Ott and Dutch Leonard.

### Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features.

By Al Capp





# Ike Sends GIs Home to Tell Of Ammo Lack

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (ANS).—Twenty-seven enlisted men who saw their artillery ammunition rationed in the front lines have been brought back from western Europe to inspire more production at home.

Gen. Eisenhower sent them as "special emissaries," the War Department said today, and told them before they left last week to "go back home and tell simply and frankly just what you were up against."

### To Tour War Plants

Divided into six groups, each under an officer with combat experience, the men will visit war plants throughout the country during the next six weeks.

The men told reporters how it felt to have to hold down on ammunition when it was badly needed.

"We could fire twice the amount and do three times the amount of damage," asserted Sgt. Edward T. Bearden, 29, of Waco, Tex., who was chief of a section in the Fifth Field Artillery, First Inf. Div. After one counter-attack on the Normandy beachhead, he recalled, "we couldn't fire for three days due to the shortage of ammunition."

### Tossing More Than Taking

"We are sending over against the Germans more ammunition than they are tossing at us, despite the need for more," said Sgt. Richard O. Vanderbloemen, 24, of Depere, Wis., who was chief of a section in a battery of 155mm. artillery.

"The point is, we are up against the Siegfried Line," commented T/Sgt. Alvin F. Jankowske, 25, of Chicago, who described his "line" as mortars. "We are shooting more than we used to. Jerry is dug in pretty good. He is sitting comfortably in concrete pillboxes and making us mad. We need a heck of a lot more ammunition."

Pfc Vincent J. Romano, 25, of Brooklyn, gunner in a 155mm. howitzer crew, said at one time his group was limited to 80 rounds per gun per day.

### Mail Voting Proposed

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Nov. 29 (ANS).—Secretary of State Frank C. Jordan said yesterday he would ask the legislature to abolish voting by person in California and substitute a system of mail voting for everyone similar to that used for absentee voting. He estimated that the state would save \$5,000,000 a year and that more people would be enabled to vote.

### AFL Invites Lewis

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 29 (AP).—The AFL convention today invited John L. Lewis and his United Mine Workers union to return to the federation. William Green, AFL president, offered to resign if necessary to restore unity.

### Col. Roosevelt to Wed

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., Nov. 29.—Col. Elliott Roosevelt said today he and Faye Emerson, actress, would be married "sometime within a week."

# Old Hickorymen Double Time To Victory in Surprise Raid

WITH THE 30th INF. DIV. — Laden with combat packs, their feet heavy with mud-coated four-buckle overshoes, men of the 30th (Old Hickory) Inf. Div. double-timed over rain-soaked terrain to surprise and overcome garrisons defending two German towns when the Allies launched their attack along the Western Front Nov. 16.

The Old Hickorymen's success prompted XIX Corps staff officers to describe the operation as "a perfect example of an infantry division in the attack."

Advancing while artillery was pounding German positions, 30th infantrymen were atop the Jerries when they emerged from shelters to see what the shooting was about.

The Yanks took more than 200 prisoners in Mariadorf and Euchen and within a few hours after the jump-off had the towns cleared

# She Asked for War, Got It—In the Face

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Nov. 29 (ANS).—The little bakery shop was crowded and a woman was clearly heard to say, "I hope this war lasts a while longer so we can pay off our mortgage."

Another woman turned quickly to the clerk. "Forget that cake," she said. "I'll take that lemon meringue pie—and don't wrap it."

She laid down the money, picked up the pie, hit the other woman squarely in the face with it and stalked from the shop.

# 7th Extends Front on Rhine

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support drove northeast from Hurtgen, captured Tuesday night, to Kleinhaus, southeast of Aachen, and kept on going to Groshaus for a two-mile gain. Northeast, they cleared Frenz and took Langerwehe, village defenses of the German iron center of Duren.

Stars and Stripes Correspondent Jimmy Cannon reported that gains up to two and one-half miles were made in the Third Army's Reich salient. Throwing back a counter-attack, the 80th Division struck forward a half mile near Farebersviller, he said. In the southern part of the sector, the Fourth Armored Division's 25th Reconnaissance Squadron rolled two and one-half miles to Sarre Union, northeast of Nancy.

### Resistance at Haguenau

Along the northern edge of the Seventh Army's Strasbourg-Saverne corridor to the Rhine, enemy resistance hardened. Patrols operating three miles east of Haguenau found Germans strongly defending positions south of the town, which is about 17 miles north of Strasbourg.

Ten miles north of Saverne, XV Corps, on Seventh Army's left flank, pushed northward two miles and captured Weinbourg and Weitersviller, while the 36th Division to the south captured Ste. Croix.

West of Mulhouse, French troops crossed the Rhine-Rhône canal north of Dannemarie, cleaned out enemy pockets east of Belfort and took 1,500 more prisoners.

United Press from Stockholm quoted Berlin reports foreshadowing a general enemy retreat along the 300-mile front from Cologne to Mulhouse.

# Capt. Don Gentile Weds Childhood Sweetheart

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 29 — Capt. Don S. Gentile, the first American pilot to break the record of Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, was married today to his childhood sweetheart, 20-year-old Isabella Masdea.

After a honeymoon in New York, the 23-year-old former Eighth AF ace will return to Wright Field, where he is studying jet propulsion.

Gentile destroyed 30 planes. Rickenbacker bagged 26.

# 'Twilight of the Gods' -- 1944 Version



It's the "Twilight of the Gods" all right for this sad-looking "superman," who is being brought in by Pvt. Warren Keiser, of Lancaster, Pa. Before his capture by the Third Army at Metz, he was in the crack Nazi "Götterdämmerung" (Twilight of the Gods) Division.

# Nazis Kept Coming Closer But a Lone Yank Waited...

WITH THE EIGHTH INF. DIV. — The Germans were counter-attacking and were throwing everything they had at the dazed and almost helpless American platoon. There was nothing the Yanks could do but stick to their slit trenches and wait.

# Rescued...

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walking through deep water for a week," he said. "They were covered with mud and few of their weapons fired properly."

"They got into town just by sheer strength, barreling in like a football team and hurdling trenches on the outskirts. There were just too many Germans in town for them but no one knew this in advance," he said.

The big factor in enabling the besieged companies to avoid capture or annihilation was the excellent artillery support directed by Lt. Emmett House, of Atlanta, Ga., over the radio—the only means of communication.

### Ma's Shots Count

Typical of the way they made every bullet count, Pvt. Robert Sanderson of Hillside, N.J., sniping from an attic, got three Germans with three shots when Tiger tanks and infantry attacked.

They shot up a couple of companies of Nazis preparing to make a counter-attack on their own battalion.

"We had many casualties, but the German dead were piled like cordwood," said Capt. Daniel Keyes, commander of one company. "Luckily, we didn't get hungry. There were plenty of potatoes in the cellars and rabbits and chickens in town."

The Cub pilots were Lt. David P. McNamara, of Garden City, N.Y.; Lt. Leonard R. Mitchell, of Bellevue, N.M.; Lt. William R. Kenny, of Buffalo; and Lt. Raymond W. Stockbridge, of Kansas City, Mo.

# 1,095 GI Cars Stolen in Paris Since August

In the first 20 days of November, 188 Army vehicles, some of which have been recovered, were stolen in the Paris area, it was revealed yesterday by Col. E. G. Buhrmaster, Paris Provost Marshal. He said that unless mitigating circumstances absolved drivers of responsibility, they would have to pay the replacement cost of their lost vehicles.

Latest costs announced by Ordnance officials put the price of a new jeep at \$1,000, a weapons carrier at \$1,465, and a six-by-six cargo truck at \$2,910.

### Fewer Stolen Now

Buhrmaster disclosed that through the joint efforts of MPs and careful drivers fewer vehicles are being stolen now than during the first month of Paris' liberation when 530 Army vehicles went AWOL. The total figure of jeeps, trucks and other vehicles reported missing up to Nov. 20 is 1,095.

Since Aug. 30, MPs have picked up 1,673 vehicles, some of them abandoned after being stolen, most of them illegally unattended. Of this number, 1,356 have been returned to units claiming ownership, and 176 have been sent to Ordnance re-assignment pools.

Buhrmaster disclosed that most thefts occurred when drivers negligently left their vehicles unattended.

### Changes in Regulations

However, he pointed out that new changes in theater regulations permit a driver to leave his car only under the following conditions:

If the vehicle is a sedan, all doors must be locked; a driver may leave his jeep or truck to report his arrival; a vehicle may be left under the immediate surveillance of guards, or when immobilized by locking the steering wheel or transmission shift lever with a chain or lock.

# Monty Visited By Eisenhower

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Maple Leaf Staff Reporter

HEADQUARTERS 21st ARMY GROUP.—The two main cogs of the most efficient war machine in history met last night when Gen. Eisenhower walked into 21st Army Group Headquarters and shook hands with Field Marshal Montgomery.

This was the second stop on the latest of Gen. "Ike's" visits to the continental war fronts. The first was at U.S. Ninth Army Headquarters.

This latest tour of Gen. Eisenhower's left in the late forenoon yesterday from his advance headquarters. The camp is situated in the center of one of the biggest and sloppiest mud puddles in creation. Officers and men live in tents, and the general sets up house in a trailer.

# Denies Mme. Chiang Plans Florida Domicile

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29 (AP).—A London report that Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek planned to establish a Florida residence was called "an unmitigated falsehood" in a statement today by Dr. H. S. Kung, vice-premier of China, who said Mme. Chiang herself was unable to comment.

The statement did not mention a related London report that the generalissimo and his wife had separated.

# Terry And The Pirates

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