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Nazis Escape Maas Trap

Bag 2,594 Jap Planes In 3 Months

U.S. carrier planes alone are wrecking Japanese aircraft faster than the enemy can build them, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz disclosed yesterday in an announcement listing 2,594 Japanese planes destroyed and 252 others damaged by aircraft of the Third and Seventh Fleets between Aug. 8 and Oct. 31.

Meanwhile, the Japanese radio broadcast accounts of a raid on Tokyo by Superfortresses shortly after noon, but the War Department in Washington denied any knowledge of it. What object the Tokyo propagandists sought to serve by the report was not immediately apparent.

Japs Mention Details

Such a raid would have marked the B29s first strike at the Japanese capital itself. The Tokyo broadcasts went into considerable detail, telling of crowds watching Japanese fighters chase the Superforts and saying that the bombers came from new bases in the Marianne Islands, some 1,500 miles south of Tokyo.

The 2,846 planes listed as hit by Nimitz in a communiqué from Pearl Harbor were attacked at a loss of about 300 U.S. planes, many of whose pilots were rescued. This toll did not include planes bagged by Gen. MacArthur's land-based aircraft.

Leyte Blockaded

Japanese aircraft production is estimated at 1,500 planes a month but this includes passenger and cargo planes as well as warcraft. More serious than the loss of the planes to the Japanese was the loss of highly-trained air crews.

In the Philippines, PT boats and fighter planes clamped a tight, air and sea blockade on the west coast of Leyte Island, wrecking at least 22 barges and two freighters attempting to run reinforcements across the Camotes Sea from Cebu for a last stand.

MacArthur reported U.S. ground forces continued to advance toward the west coast of the island.

Prisoners Total Now at 637,544

Prisoners of war taken by the Allies since D-Day totaled 637,544 up to Oct. 28, SHAEF said today.

Of this total, 292,363 were taken by 12th Army Group; 108,855 by Sixth Army Group; 186,326 by 21st Army Group and 50,000 by the U.S. Ninth Army.

The totals by armies: U.S. First Army, 199,413; U.S. Third Army, 92,950; U.S. Seventh Army, 50,916; French First Army, 57,939; Second British Army, 83,582; First Canadian Army, 82,744, and FFI, 20,000.

Philly Quads Delivered By Caesarian Operation

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 1.—Quadruplets, three girls and one boy, weighing three and one-half pounds each, were born to Mrs. Joseph Cirminello, 30, in a Caesarian operation. They were placed in an incubator and all were doing well.

It was believed to be the first Caesarian delivery of quads in medical history. Nine other sets of quadruplets are living in the U.S.

2 Years Old Today And Big for Our Age

The Stars and Stripes today celebrates its second anniversary as the daily newspaper for the U.S. Armed Forces in the ETO. After seven months as a weekly printed in London's Covent Garden, the S & S moved to the Times, became a daily and since then has been printed in Belfast, Cherbourg, Rennes and Paris.

Other editions have been published in Algiers, Oran, Casablanca, Tunis, Bizerta, Constantine, Palermo, Naples, Rome, Marseilles and Besançon.

This, we hope, is the last stop and the last anniversary.

Budapest Fall Is Imminent As Reds Race On

MOSCOW, Nov. 1 (UP).—Three Russian mobile columns raced toward Budapest today in converging drives from the south, east and northeast, and dispatches from the front said the fall of the Hungarian capital was a matter of days.

Nothing but hastily-erected field fortifications and partly-demoralized German and Hungarian units stood between Marshal Rodion Malinowsky's mechanized army and the approaches to Budapest.

Fierce fighting raged in the flatlands between the Tisza and Danube Rivers which form a corridor into Budapest from the south. At the same time Soviet troops captured Kecskemet, important railroad center east of Budapest, and swept on to points within 40 miles of the capital.

(Marshal Stalin issued an order of the day last night celebrating a victory at the Arctic end of the long eastern front. He announced that the Petsamo region had been completely cleared of the Germans. Moscow saluted the triumph with 20 salvos from 224 guns.

(There were no reports from either German or Russian sources on the new Red Army drive northward to East Prussia from the Narew River in Poland which Berlin announced on Tuesday.

Hand-to-Hand Fighting Halts Germans in Italy

ROME, Nov. 1 (AP).—Germans facing the Fifth Army south of Bologna launched a series of counter-attacks apparently designed to wipe out Allied positions which jutted dangerously forward into their lines all along the front, Allied Headquarters announced today. All were repulsed in bitter hand-to-hand fighting.

In the Woods a Sniper Crouched...

WITH AN AMERICAN UNIT IN HOLLAND, Nov. 1 (UP).—The two gold bars were only borrowed but the stocky, grinning little second lieutenant was as proud of them as if he had fashioned them with his own hands.

They were borrowed because he was the first enlisted man to be promoted to officer rank on the battlefield in this large unit's long World War II history.

The general himself had pinned them on, in pouring rain, in front of the whole unit because T/Sgt. Grady Blazier had proved himself a born leader and proved it under fire.

It was several weeks ago when Blazier climbed out from the pro-

Crushed 8 Nazi Tanks A Day



This is the M36, fastest major-caliber American tank destroyer. Weighing 31 tons, the vehicle knocked out eight German tanks a day in the drive across Brittany. Its 24-pound, armor-piercing projectiles can penetrate several inches of armor and can kill both the Mark V and Mark VI tanks.

GI Savings Are Piling Up A Billion-Dollar Nest Egg

NEWARK, N.J., Nov. 1 (ANS).—GI Joe may seem like a spendthrift when he gets a pass but figures of the War Department's Office of Dependency Benefits today show he and his mates are building up a billion-dollar nest egg for the day they are demobilized.

Through deposits, transfers of surplus funds and allotments of pay to their families, soldiers are setting aside money for a rainy day. Allotments of pay alone have jumped from less than \$2,000,000 at the beginning of the year to more than \$3,000,000, and \$2,500,000,000 has been disbursed to date through these allotments. These are in addition to nearly \$4,000,000,000 paid in monthly allowances to soldiers' families.

Figures show \$396,000,000 of money paid to soldiers' families in allowances since last January has been deposited in banks. In addition, Army men and women of all ranks and grades have saved more than \$311,000,000 in personal transfer of surplus funds through their finance officers. Another \$102,000,000 has been set aside by enlisted personnel through a system of soldiers' deposits in a government fund earning four per cent interest. These deposits cannot be withdrawn until the soldier's discharge.

Flier Hurt in Train

LONGVIEW, Tex., Nov. 1 (UP).—S/Sgt. Ben Sheckels, returning home after going through 50 missions over enemy-held territory without a scratch, was injured in a train wreck.

Blast Causes Alert in Paris

Paris had its first daytime air raid alert since the liberation yesterday, but it was apparently caused by a munitions explosion and not German planes.

The alert sounded during All Saints' Day services for 200,000 French men and women shot by Germans as hostages or for alleged sabotage during the occupation.

The Paris civil authority announced that the munitions exploded on a siding, projectiles shooting from freight cars and causing some damage. Two fell on a cemetery just 15 minutes after Gen. Charles de Gaulle had spoken there at ceremonies honoring the memory of patriots massacred during the German occupation.

Ninth Air Force said that "preliminary reports up until 2 PM today show no indication of the presence of enemy aircraft over the Paris area." How the alert came to be sounded was not clear.

New Force Storms Foe On Scheldt

The bulk of the broken German 15th Army escaped across the River Maas yesterday, leaving rearguards, mines and boobytraps behind them, while U.S. troops crossed the last water barrier below the Dutch Rhine in pursuit.

Meanwhile, seaborne British Commandos appeared out of the misty North Sea at dawn yesterday and rushed the beaches of Walcheren Island in a new attack on a dwindling German force holed up in coastal battery positions north of the Scheldt River approach to Antwerp.

Establish Bridgehead

Canadians attacking the North Sea island from the west crawled the last 100 yards of the huge causeway from the Beveland Peninsula and established a bridgehead on the western side of the island under heavy mortar and machine-gun fire.

At the eastern flank of the Dutch salient, U.S. and British forces recaptured the town of Liesel, 14 miles east of Eindhoven.

The Allies lost the town two days ago under a heavy German attack which was designed to force a shift of Allied troops from Western Holland to ease pressure on the retreating 15th Army.

Bad Weather Blamed

South of the Scheldt along the North Sea coast, the remnant of a once powerful blockading force of Germans was besieged in a coastal village. Approximately 8,000 Germans have been captured in this coastal area, and front dispatches said that less than 2,000 still held out.

Bad weather, which grounded Allied aircraft and kept infantry and armor struggling in knee-deep mud and water, contributed heavily to the Allied failure to close the trap on the beaten German Army below the Maas, front line reports said.

U.S. troops of the First Canadian Army and Polish forces crossed the Mark River and canal six miles below the Moerdijk bridges over the Holland Deep, which the German force was believed attempting to cross.

The Holland Deep is a coastal estuary formed by the mouths of the Maas and the Dutch Rhine and captured German maps indicated the fleeing 15th Army would try to cross at Moerdijk over two of the longest spans in Europe.

Cologne Ruins Battered Anew

The progressive obliteration of Cologne, bombed 17 times during October by RAF and Eighth Air Force bombers, continued Tuesday night when more than 500 RAF heavies, dropping 2,500 tons on the dying city, boosted to 10,800 tons the bomb tonnage loosed in the last four days.

Three aircraft were reported missing from attacks on Cologne, Hamburg and German airfields.

An RAF Mosquito squadron Tuesday blasted the Denmark Gestapo headquarters. Housed in two buildings of the University of Aarhus, the Gestapo had filed thousands of dossiers used as a basis for persecuting patriotic Danes. Four flights of bombers dropped 12 tons of bombs into the target area.

THE B BAG

BLOW IT OUT HERE

Booze, Butts & Gas

Last week, we were told that one of our officers was going to go about 400 miles one way for the purpose of getting our PX rations, mainly cigarettes. The men were happy because we were all out of smokes, getting only 10 packs in about five weeks. After a few days' suspense he arrives.

What good does it do? He comes back with the following: Cigarettes, gin, whisky and rum, for the officers. What are the EM supposed to do? We hate to have to start bumming off other soldiers or even civilians because our officers won't do right by us. *Pfc J. W. L. and 13 other Combat Engrs.*

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The other Sunday, my major told me to pack and be ready to leave for a three-day trip to Belgium. An Army nurse overheard the conversation and asked if she might come along. The major agreed.

That same day a phone call came in for the major, saying this trip was unnecessary. Not to disappoint the nurse, he said he'd go just the same. At 8, the following morning, the "sight-seeing crew" departed.

We used enough gas to move 20 tanks one mile!—*"Bitching Bill."*

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We read countless articles as to the reason we aren't getting cigarettes, one being transportation of ammunition and gas must come first and PX rations later.

We agree; but we can't figure how officers get their whisky on time and we can't get cigarettes.—*2nd Plat., Co. C., Engr. C. Bn.*

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I went to a certain town to pick up the monthly liquor ration for the officers of our organization, a distance of about 60 miles. On the way back I picked up two GIs who walked off with two bottles of gin. The money involved is small, but it is just the principle of the matter that burns me up. Here's hoping that before they steal anything else some one catches up to them and I sure would enjoy that privilege.—*Lt. A. A. S.*

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Back in August, some doughboys of our division captured an incredible amount of liquor from the Germans. Since then, it has had high transportation priority. Recently a number of trucks were sent on a round trip of more than 1,000 miles to transport the same liquor up to the "fighting front."

And this is strictly for the brass (in addition to their regular rations from the States or England), in spite of the fact the doughboys captured it.—*Three GIs.*

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Just a little information for a certain Cpl. J. T., who complained of using valuable shipping space for liquor destined for officer consumption.

I don't know what goes on in your outfit, but for the defense of officers, I feel you should know how we get our liquor.

Without any effort of any type by us, once a month, for a sum, we receive a quart. We never asked for it; its arrival, the first time, came as a complete surprise. How it gets to us, we do not know.

Up here, we are in this thing together and each bottle is passed among the men as far as it will go. Everyone seems to get a taste of it. I'm not saying it is right or wrong for this liquor to be shipped to the officers.—*Capt. P. W., Engr. Bn.*

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Which has the highest priority at the fighting front: Mail and PX rations, especially cigarettes, or officers' liquor?—*Five Smokeless and Thirsty Joes, FA.*

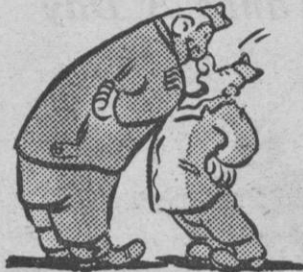
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Hash Marks

November 1 to November 11, 1918, marked the drive that broke Germany's aching back. If history EVER repeats itself, now's the time for a swell repeat.

Spotting a miss wearing a GI good conduct ribbon, Lt. Harry N. Sperber remarked, "Wonder what kind of conduct earned that for her?"

Then there is the GI over here who doesn't like to be called "Pri-



vate." He refers to himself as "one of Gen. Eisenhower's assistants."

The food situation at the front gets tough sometimes. As one GI remarked, "We're living from can to mouth."

Daffynition of the Week: Pvt. E. H. Murphy defines a French interpreter as "one who speaks French with an English accent and English with a French accent."

Capt. W. B. M. sez: "I see that at Rommel's funeral Hitler was quoted as saying, 'His name will be linked with the two-year heroic fight of the Afrika Korps.' I wonder if that was a misquotation and should have read 'light'?"

A big, burly, blustering merchant seaman strolled into the seamen's club the other day and looked the place over. He was a barrel-chested guy who looked as if he could tear a London telephone directory in half with his bare hands.



Suddenly he eased up to the desk and stage-whispered, "Can I get some soap coupons?" "But you don't need soap coupons," said a female clerk, "you can get all the soap you want aboard ship." Our hero looked around nervously, then confided, "But I prefer Yardley's Lavender."

Transition. A Yank, who spent a lot of time in England saying "I take a dim view of things," is now in France saying "I take a pour vous of that."

J. C. W.



FAULKNER

"What makes you think you were run over by a Tank?"

An Editorial

Those Nazi Welcomes

Please reprint the following article by Ilya Ehrenburg from Soviet War News, in answer to U.S. soldiers who blew it out your B-Bag on the subject, "Don't Gum Up the Peace."—*Just a Medic.*

WE are told that in some German villages Americans are greeted almost with enthusiasm. Streamers are strung across the street with the world "Willkommen."

That's very nice of the Germans. Of course they had these streamers in stock. They used to hang them out when some high Nazi from Cologne or Essen drove through. All the same, it is bright of them to think of adapting this old scenery to a new play; particularly as only the other day they were calling the Americans "wicked savages."

Cannot Expect Mercy

The Germans know they cannot expect mercy from the Russians. . . The Czechs remember Lidice. The Poles remember the Lublin "annihilation camp," and the ashes of Warsaw. The Jugoslavs have tasted Nazi



treachery, for the Germans burned their villages and all who dwelt therein.

In Greece the Germans condemned hundreds of thousands to death by starvation. They turned Frenchmen, Dutchmen, Belgians and Norwegians into slaves. . .

Can the Germans expect mercy from the people of the countries they seized? No!

Banking on Stupidity

Nor are the Germans banking on the British people. Robot planes were not

designed for military purposes, but to kill London's civilians. The British are a calm race. It is hard to arouse their ire. But the Germans have succeeded in doing so. They have infuriated the British, and now they are afraid of British justice.

That is why they greet the Americans with welcoming streamers. They reckon that the Americans live a long way from Europe and know nothing about their fiendish crimes. The Germans are once more banking on the stupidity of others—and once more they are out in their reckoning. . .

Justice With a Sword

The Americans have come to Germany not to pat child-slayers on the head or to feed SS scoundrels with spam. The Americans have come to this land of gangsters in order to bring villains to justice. . .

It is not only American divisions that have entered Germany. Justice has entered Germany, and not a single German will venture to cry "welcome" to justice. For justice carries a sword.



Patrol's Problem

Patrolling enemy lines at night is hazardous, but when your instructions are to bring back a live German the problem becomes complicated.

Entering the German half of the city of Stolberg, a Third Armored Division patrol headed by Sgt. Archie Dustin, of Enid, Okla., nabbed a Nazi fleeing from American shell fire. The hardest part of the mission was to bring the German safely back to the U.S. lines.

The prisoner was submissive and usually beat the Yanks to the ground when shell or mortar fire landed nearby. Dustin was beginning to congratulate himself as the patrol passed through its own forward listening posts when a particularly wicked concentration of mortar shells struck.

The German fell. "Tell him to

get to his feet," Dustin told Pvt. John Weiner, of Aurora, Ill. "Can't do it," Weiner said. "He's dead."

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Gun Play: 1 Act

Sgt. William M. Nance, of Savannah, Mo., took a lot of convincing but the German won his point. Nance left his rifle in his jeep when he went to investigate an apparently deserted German truck. As he opened the door,



someone tapped him on the shoulder. Nance turned to face a German paratrooper. He grabbed the Nazi's rifle but not knowing how to handle the weapon, ran for his own. When he arrived at his jeep, the German was still behind him—hands clasped behind his head.

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Flat-Footed Flunkies

Lt. Arthur J. Rutshaw, of Chicago, an MP in a captured German village, needed help. He recruited the town's chief of police and eight deputies. Every morning, the nine cops report to Rutshaw, salute, receive their instructions and walk their beats the rest of the day. "They're not on our T/O, but they really keep the townspeople on the ball," says the Chicagoan.

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Congratulations!

A homey, newsy mimeographed newspaper, The Sniper, organ of the 90th Infantry Division, edited by Pvt. James DeBello, of Chicago, this week marked its fourth month of publication.

The Sniper started printing on D-plus-15, when Capt. James C. McNamara, of Los Angeles, the paper's chief correspondent, gathered enough scrap paper to put out a

few hundred copies of a sheet called The Straddle Trench Companion. However, some division brass thought the name was a bit unsoldierly and it was changed without unanimous approval.

Once when DeBello and McNamara thought they deserved a day of rest, they had Fred Graham, New York Times correspondent, put the paper out for them. Another time, Barney McQuaid, of the Chicago Daily News, did the editing.

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Magic Eye Witness

Sgt. Milbourne Christopher, Special Service company magician, picked a willing GI from his audience the other night. The Joe, perfectly at ease, even anticipated the performer's every move. Finally, in disgust, Christopher asked:

"Have you ever seen me before?"

"Sure, three times in England, once in Scotland, twice at a replacement depot in France and two years ago I came up for the same trick when you were at the Park Plaza Hotel in St. Louis."

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Good Brake

Because he can ride a bicycle without claspings the handlebars, one Nazi soldier now is a prisoner of war instead of a casualty. Three Jerries were sent from a German village to ride until they made



contact with the enemy, then return to report their findings. Doughs intercepted them and demanded they halt. Two ignored the command and became casualties. The third raised his hands high above his head and somehow managed to stop his bicycle at the same time.

Once Over Lightly

By Charlie Kiley

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—It has just been discovered that Luther "Slugger" White, a better than fair Negro lightweight out of Baltimore, has been waging ring warfare with an artificial eye. Luther was found to have a glass glimmer during a pre-fight examination in Oakland, Cal., and from the noise made by the State Athletic Commission, which promises "a thorough investigation and open hearing regardless of consequences," it would seem Slugger has committed a serious offense in trying to make a living with two hands but only one eye.

California, of course, immediately barred White from plying his fistic trade in that state, and at the same time expressed "amazement" that Luther had passed his pre-fight exams in eastern states.

THE California commission better not toss rocks in its glass house, however, because its doctors okayed White for several previous engagements in the Golden State, including an NBA title match with ex-champ Sammy Angott in Hollywood and a bout with the present NBA lightweight ruler, Juan Zurita, in Los Angeles.

If White has been beating the boxing law with one eye, he has been doing it well in view of his record of not more than a dozen losing fights in the last seven years. It occurs that if Luther would be better off away from the cauliflower industry because of his disability, he could have been so advised without so much "regardless of consequences" fanfare.

WHITE is not the first ringman to fight with one eye, if you remember Harry Greb, who was "the Pittsburgh Kid" before Billy Conn was born. In 14 years and close to 300 fights, Greb became one of boxing's all-time greats, and held the world's middleweight title until a month before he died in 1926.

But, unlike White, Greb kept a secret of his glass eye throughout his ring career.

SHORT SHOTS: Two-Ton Tony Galento, who was anything but clever in the ring, is being groomed for a big part in the forthcoming Broadway production called "The Kid's Clever." Mrs. Lou Gehrig, who owns a piece of the New York club in the All-America Football League, says she may yield to a suggestion that the team be called the "Iron Men." The Illinois freshman whiz, Buddy Young, has touchdown gallops of 92 yards against Illinois Normal, 93 against Great Lakes, 64 and 30 against Iowa and 74 against Notre Dame. That's why they say he's a sure-fire All-America and the best Illini gamebuster since Red Grange.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?: Reggie McNamara, one-time "iron man" of six-day bicycle racing, is regaining his health and strength after almost drinking his way into the grave. Reggie, after receiving a jail sentence for intoxication, recently was released and placed in a hospital by a non-profit organization called "Alcoholics Anonymous" which helped him back on his feet. One of the most popular sports figures of his day, McNamara confessed he suffered from "progressive disease" and now has the ambition to help other alcoholics.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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

FOUND WALLET belonging to Edward J. Paulowski, 11008165. M. Miara. PHOTOGRAPHS of mother, father, sweetheart and a couple of GI pals, with letter from "Pat to Bob," written the day after he went away. Pvt. Edw. R. Harris.

APOs WANTED MAJ. Nathan Abelson; Sgt. Bernard A. Balgus, Chicago; Sgt. Frederick E. Barnes, Way, Miss.; Capt. O. I. Barr, Pittsburgh; Sgt. Pat Barrella; T/Sgt. Robert Blue, Engrs.; Frank Bodiford, Hartford, Fla.; Samuel Boroff, Brooklyn; Lt. Ned M. Brown, Larned, Kan.; S/Sgt. Paul Broyard; Lt. Maurice Brugemann, Mass.; Carmen Changlin; Pfc Joseph L. Conner, Grand Chennie; Sgt. Georgia Coons; T/5 Lillian Cullen, Brooklyn; Sgt. Irvin L. David, 20361057; Cpl. William Dinan, Chicago; S/Sgt. Cyril F. Donais; Lt. Col. Felix C. Feanster; Sgt. Ella M. Fleet, Richmond; Capt. Leonard A. Foley, Boston; Cpl. Claud Garrett, Artesia; Roy Gray, Littleton, N.C.; Pvt. Grenville B. Halsey, Southampton; David L. Hawkins, Jackson, Miss.; Jack Humphries, Chattanooga.

Gridiron Kids at Ease



Three reasons for Notre Dame's great success this season refresh themselves with lollipops in the dressing room after the Irish shaded Illinois, 13-7, probably because some enterprising photog came in with the props. The youngsters are (left to right) Frank Dancewicz, Bob Kelly and Joe Gasparella.

Phelan Changes His Tune After USC Drubs St. Mary's

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 1.—Versatile Jimmy Phelan, popular football coach at St. Mary's, changed his mind today when he asserted that Southern California has the finest collegiate eleven in the far west.

Two weeks ago, when his team lost to UCLA, 39-0, Phelan

Gallery Meddled, Cawthon Charges

BROOKLYN, Nov. 1.—Pete Cawthon, who yesterday announced his resignation as coach of the Brooklyn Tigers of the National Football League, today said he would appeal his case to Capt. Dan Topping, owner of the club, when Topping returns from overseas.

Cawthon charged interference from General Manager Tom Gallery had caused his resignation. "Gallery began bothering me almost before Topping was on the boat," Cawthon said.

described the Bruins as the best college team he had seen. When his Gaels went down, 34-7, before Southern California, however, last week, he had a change of heart.

In reviewing that contest, Phelan said, "I'll retract the statement I made two weeks ago that UCLA is the best college team I've seen. Coach Jeff Cravath's USC team is the best in these parts. The Trojans have unbeatable speed."

Pitt-Cards Buy Martin

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 1.—The Pitt-Cards of the National Football League have acquired Frank Martin, 180-pound back and Nashville baseball player, from Brooklyn.

Diz, the Radio Whiz, Jabbers Way to Top

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 1.—Mixed metaphors and scrambled syntax received long overdue recognition today when Sporting News probably with tongue in cheek, announced that the best play-by-play baseball broadcaster in captivity is none other than Jerome "The Great One" Dean.

This is the first official ruling in his lifetime Diz didn't argue about. He's not that dumb.

Twilight Tear Goes in Special

BALTIMORE, Nov. 1.—The eighth running of the \$25,000 "winner take all" Pimlico Special, the richest weight-for-age event of American turf, will feature today's opening card of the fall Pimlico meeting.

The Special shapes up as a three-horse battle among Twilight Tear, Devil Diver and Megogo. Twilight Tear, Calumet Farms three-year-old filly champion, and Greentree Stable's Devil Diver are very much in the running for "horse of the year" honors.

Twilight Tear is the first of her sex to run in the Special and will carry 117 pounds. She will be betting favorite, despite her fourth-place finish in the Maryland Handicap ten days ago at Laurel.

Giant Prexy Approves Overseas Training Plan

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—Horace Stoneham, president of the New York Giants, today said he was in favor of sending ball clubs to train in Hawaii for the benefit of servicemen, as suggested in the Army and Navy Journal.

"I'm very much for it, or any other scheme which would obtain approval of the War and Navy Departments," Stoneham said. "I'd send the Giants anywhere in the world that servicemen asked them to be sent to."

Few '1As' In Baseball Draft Call

CHICAGO, Nov. 1.—Major league baseball magnates started gathering here today for the third wartime draft meeting—but there isn't any high-class talent to be had.

The ten minor leagues now operating have listed 589 men available to the draft. However, most of these won't get a second thought when the major leaguers sit down to conduct their business.

Several major league officials have been cool to the draft before

on the theory that if a player was any good he would not be draft bait. Charlie Grimm of the Cubs and Branch Rickey of the Dodgers have expressed these sentiments, but they'll probably come along for the ride again this year.



Charlie Grimm

Among those on the draft list are Otto Denning, Buffalo catcher; Ed Levy, Milwaukee outfielder, and Billy Holm, Los Angeles catcher, all of whom have failed in previous major league chances. Such ancient worthies as Guy Bush, the old Cub twirler who came back with Chattanooga last year, and Gabby Hartnett, Jersey City manager, are also eligible for the draft.

The teams will select in reverse order to final league standings, and since the National League gets first shot in even years, the Phillies will take first choice. The Senators will be second.

The draft meetings will be presided over by Landis' secretary, Leslie O'Connor

Willie Hoppe to Leave Chicago Hospital Soon

CHICAGO, Nov. 1.—Willie Hoppe, of White Plains, N. Y., grand old man of billiards, has been in Presbyterian Hospital for the past five days with an undisclosed ailment, but physicians said he is "doing nicely" and will be released in a couple of days.

Hoppe, 56, has worn the billiards crown more than anyone else. He was a champion at 18 in 1906 when he won the 18.1 balkline title from Maurice Vignaux, world's champion the two previous years.

Dallas Pro Gridders Acquire Cotton Bowl

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—John F. "Chick" Meehan, president of the Transamerica Football League, announced today that the Dallas team has acquired the Cotton Bowl Stadium as its home field.

The new league, which will open its doors after the war, is composed of teams in Boston, Dallas, Baltimore, New York, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami and Philadelphia.

Ex-Jockey Cited

WITH THE FOURTH ARMORED DIVISION, Nov. 1.—For setting up a forward observation post while under enemy fire, Pvt. John J. McNichol, 27-year-old former jockey from Philadelphia, has been awarded the Bronze Star. It was announced.

'Allergic' to Hospitals Ex-Boxer Feints Medics, Hits Jerry

By Jimmy Cannon Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

ON THE SIEGFRIED LINE, Nov. 1.—"Ever see a middleweight around Washington name of Jimmy Murphy?" asked Pvt. Leroy Huffstickler, of Gastonia, N.C.

The infantrymen were squatting around a fire in the dung-hilled barnyard where a slack-bellied sow slept in the rain.

"Never heard of him," said 1/Sgt. Sam Norris. "A friend of yours, Huff?"

"Murphy's me," Huffstickler said. "You ain't never going to be no middleweight champ," Norris said. "But you get the title for getting shot up and going over the hill."

"That wasn't going over the hill," the ex-fighter said. "That was coming back over the hill."

"He shagged tail out of every hospital they threw his tail into," guffawed Norris.

"I got the clothes blown off me the first time," Huffstickler said, squirting a jet of tobacco juice at the sleeping hog. "Concussion. They took me back to the beach. Going to evacuate me to England. I jumped that hospital right on the



Stars and Stripes Photo Leroy Huffstickler

beach and was back with my own outfit in 18 hours.

"On July 8th I get two machine gun bullets right along my head. They get me back to England and

patched me up. I stood it for 40 days. But they messed up and issued me some clothes. I took off like a big-tailed bird and bummed a ride on an LST.

"I couldn't find my outfit so I joined up with the 30th Division. Don't you think I get it again. A machine gun again. In the leg and in the tail. I'm in one of them evacuation hospitals for nine days and I go over the hill again.

"I start for my own outfit, but I get mixed up with this here cavalry outfit that's running recon for a tank outfit. I stayed with them until there's nothing doing and then I caught up with my own outfit in Belgium.

"I'm running with the scouts and raiders and don't I get it again. All it is this time is some little old shrapnel. So I just stay where I am and I don't get mixed up with any of them hospitals.

"They give me the Silver Star," Huff said. "And what do you think the commanding general says when he gives it to me.

"Know what he says? He says: 'Huffstickler, you keep sober,' that's what he says."

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features.

By Al Capp



Tuesday Vote Expected To Top 44 Million Mark

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1 (AP).—More than 44,000,000 votes will be cast in Tuesday's Presidential election, on the basis of information from state officials and incomplete registration figures.

The total includes about 3,392,000 servicemen and women. Approximately 7,860,000 men in uniform are 21 or older.

Some state officers said today the total service vote may never be known as many states do not separate such ballots from civilian ones in counting. They emphasized further that registration figures are kept in only a dozen states, making estimates of eligibles largely a matter of guesswork.

Kaiser Predicts 50 Million

Total ballots cast in the 1940 election exceeded 49,815,000. Officials explained the anticipated decrease as due in part to "wartime dislocations."

Shipbuilder Henry J. Kaiser, chairman of the Non-Partisan Association for Franchise Education, predicted a vote of 50,000,000 and Calvin B. Baldwin, assistant chairman of the CIO's Political Action Committee, estimated a minimum of 47,000,000. There are approximately 88,600,000 eligible voters in the U.S., according to the Census Bureau.

California and Illinois, both with large electoral votes, reported record registrations this year and officials in eight other states predicted a heavier vote in 1940.

Honeymooning at 97

ELKTON, Md., Nov. 1 (ANS).—John Henry Titus, 97, who says he's the author of "The Face on the Barroom Floor," is honeymooning for the third time. The new Mrs. Titus is the former Miss Elizabeth Pfeiderer, 54.

No Hero to Wife

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 1 (ANS).—Mrs. John Wayne today sued her movie cowboy husband for divorce, alleging cruelty. They were married 11 years ago and have four children.

Plenty of Xmas Trees

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1 (ANS).—The Forestry Service expects enough Christmas trees to meet the demand. Cutting began about two weeks ago.

On With the New



A new tubeless gas mask, carried by doughboys from the Normandy coast to the Reich borders, is much lighter and less cumbersome than the old style. Canister is attached to the face and the waterproof carrier has the buoyancy of a "Mae West" life jacket.

FDR Ousting All Top U.S. Chiefs in China

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1 (AP).—President Roosevelt is making a clean sweep of top American personnel in China, including Ambassador Clarence E. Gaus, in a supreme attempt to reinvigorate the Chinese war effort under the leadership of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

Doubt that the move will succeed is already apparent in military quarters here where strategists speak with less and less confidence about China's future war role.

Diplomatists are still hopeful Chiang may be induced to shake up his government and army command and reconcile himself to the communists in North China in order to strengthen his government. The whole issue within China should come to a head in the Kuomintang party's central executive committee this month.

Roosevelt's Moves

Apparently to save what he can in line with the American policy of building up China as a power now and a great postwar nation, President Roosevelt has made these moves thus far:—

1.—Recalled Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell at the request of Chiang and replaced him with Maj. Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer.

2.—Announced yesterday the resignation of Ambassador Gaus. Close official associates of Gaus had said virtually up to the time of the announcement that they knew of no plans for him to come home.

3.—Stated that Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley, his special roving envoy, was still in China. Hurley, by most responsible accounts, went to China to try to help step up the war effort and get Chiang together with the communists. The fact that he is still there suggests belief in the continuing possibility of some success.

New Awards Authorized for Service Units

A Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for service outfits, with a sleeve insignia for individuals has been announced by the War Department. They will be awarded for "out-



Meritorious Service Plaque

standing devotion to duty in the performance of exceptionally difficult tasks," and for a high standard of discipline.

Eligible units are service regiments, battalions, companies, and similar army, corps, division and



Sleeve insignia

air force service units of not less than 40 men. Awards will be based on service performed during a given period of at least 60 days after Jan. 1, 1944.

The new plaque is a dark mahogany shield with a green laurel wreath. Sleeve insignia for individuals is a two-inch square of olive-drab cloth with a golden laurel wreath one and five-eighths inches in diameter.

Bill of Rights Loans Procedure Explained

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1. — The Veterans' Administration today issued the procedure under which returning servicemen may obtain loans for purchasing homes in accordance with the "GI Bill of Rights."

The Veterans' Administration does not make the loans, but only guarantees loans made by banks. These loans must be used for purchasing or for payments for construction or improving real property to be used as a dwelling, although such property may also be a site of business. Veterans may not apply for such loans before they are discharged or more than five years after they are discharged.

Chicago Soldier Hanged For Killing 1st Sergeant

Pfc Paul M. Kluxdal, of Chicago, was hanged Tuesday night for fatally shooting 1/Sgt. Paul M. Robinson, August 12th. Kluxdal was convicted by General Court Martial at Fifth Corps headquarters. The sentence was reviewed and confirmed by Gen. Eisenhower.

General Greeted Negro Tankers

WITH THE 26TH INFANTRY DIVISION EAST OF NANCY, Nov. 1.—America's first Negro combat tank troops have joined this division, now in the line.

Speaking to the assembled Negro tankers from atop a half-track yesterday, Maj. Gen. Willard S. Paul told them: "I'm delighted you're here. I've got a little work for you to do."

"Your outfit and mine has trained a hell of a long time," the CG of the "Yankee Division" said. "We were itching for battle and we're in it. I hear you're itching for battle and I'm sure you'll get it right soon."

"You are the first colored tank battalion in this Third Army," he continued, "and I can tell you I'm proud as hell to have you supporting my division."

Air Force Wins Gamble With B29 Super-Forts

SEATTLE, Nov. 1.—The Army Air Forces won a \$3,000,000 gamble when the first B29 Super-Fortress went into action over Bangkok four months ago, Brig. Gen. Kenneth B. Wolfe, chief of the Engineering and Procurement Division of Air Technical Service Command at Wright Field, Ohio, revealed today. He said the first B29 cost the government \$3,392,396.90, although the current cost has been reduced to about \$600,000.

A Mug and A Young Mugger



The camera seems more interesting than the cup of milk tendered by Mrs. Nancy Hogland, ARC worker of New York, judging from the expression of this wide-eyed tot, one of 950 Polish men, women and children at the shelter at Briey, France, run by the Americans and French

Cator-ing Service's Planes Deliver Around the World

Men on the Siegfried Line were shivering in the premature winter which had come to the Western Front. An emergency call went to a group of U.S. and British airmen in England.

In a few hours, C47s packed with overcoats and long-johns were landing near the front. Cator did it.

Cator flew gasoline to fuelless armor when the gas ran out in France. It dropped food and water to an anti-aircraft battery isolated by heavy seas on an island off Cherbourg and parachuted ammunition to a lost infantry battalion near Mortagne.

Cator is Combined Air Transport Operations Room. It runs the emergency-air transport system which hauls passengers and supplies on the fronts over the world. It was described in detail in this theater yesterday by Lt. Col. Archie Fraser, of 12th Troop Carrier Command, who helped organize it in Europe.

Cator started in Africa, was developed there and in Sicily and Italy. During the invasion, it was to be used primarily to reinforce and supply airborne troops.

Carried Wounded to England

But other emergencies arose. On D plus 8, Cator was flying wounded from the beaches back to England. It was using the C47 of the Ninth Troop Carrier Command and an RAF Group.

The British called the transports Dakotas. They were the same old DC3s the airlines used in commercial service back in the States.

They are big, these planes, but they can land on a 3600-foot runway, Lt. Col. Fraser said. Their normal load is two and one-half tons, or 16 paratroopers or 24 passengers. But they have carried four and one-half tons. Once, one of these ships evacuated 150 women and children from a Chinese city.

In a breakthrough, as in Normandy, number one priority is gasoline, usually hauled in jerricans. Rations are next, then ammunition, Lt. Col. Fraser said.

Sometimes, the C47s tow loaded gliders, cutting them loose to land supplies.

Cator moves everything, almost anywhere, including an infantry division over the Owen Stanley Mountains in New Guinea. One day in Europe, they moved 5,000,000 pounds.

Generals OK I-Man Mortar

A new 60mm. "one-man" mortar has been tested and approved by the Infantry Board at Fort Benning, Ga., and its immediate manufacture for use by combat troops recommended, Maj. Edward Crossman, board member, of Santa Monica, Cal., has announced.

The new mortar, weighing only 20 pounds and consisting of a tube, plate and firing mechanism, may be fired with or without a trigger. The trigger enables it to be fired as a flat trajectory weapon whereas previously its flight was that of a lobbed tennis ball.

The Infantry Board, which includes Gen. George C. Marshall and Lt. Gens. Courtney H. Hodges, Omar N. Bradley and Alexander M. Patch approved and recommended the M-1 Garand rifle, carbine, rifle grenade, bazooka, new helmets, a jeep, K-rations and other equipment.

Money Order Fees Cut But Specials, COD Rise

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1 (ANS).—Special delivery and COD fees go up tomorrow but postal money order and insurance costs will drop.

Special delivery stamps for letters weighing not more than two pounds will cost 13 cents instead of 10 while for non-letter material such as newspapers and parcel post items of the same weight class they will cost 17 cents instead of 15. Other special delivery charges are unchanged.

FDR Bets Two Bits

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1 (ANS).—President Roosevelt disclosed today he has one election bet, 25-cents even money, on results in one state, United Press reported. He admitted the wager was made outside of New York state, which disqualifies bettors from voting.

Terry And The Pirates

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THEY'RE COMIN' IN LEVEL AT NINE O'CLOCK - ON THE BALL IN THE WAIST!