

All Men on Continent To Get Sleeping Bags

Combat Soldiers Get Them First

By Arthur W. White
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Every American soldier on the continent is to be issued a wool sleeping bag, Quartermaster Corps officials said yesterday. The bags will be complete with a water-repellent case, and every man should have one by Jan. 15. Front line troops will get them first.

Proportional distribution began Wednesday to the First, Third and Ninth Armies, and Ninth Air Force units in Army areas.

To start with, only 50 percent of the men in the Army areas will get sleeping bags, for which each will turn in one of his three blankets, according to Capt. D. A. Rose, of the QM Supply Division.

But until distribution of the remaining 50 percent begins about Nov. 15, combat men without bags will receive an additional blanket so that each will have either two blankets and a bag, or four blankets. Distribution to other troops will begin when combat men have been equipped.

Weighing approximately four pounds, the sleeping bag and case is lighter and warmer than two blankets, and was developed after lengthy research in battle areas. It can be turned inside out for airing and cleaning.

New Clothing Going to Front

By G. K. Hodenfield
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WITH THE FIRST ARMY IN GERMANY, Nov. 2.—Its going to be cold in Germany this winter but the Wehrmacht is going to do most of the suffering. The Quartermaster Corps of the First U.S. Army announced today that clothing and equipment is being issued to the front by plane and truck at the rate of 225 tons daily.

This new issue is not just more of the same—the frontline Joes are being issued galoshes, new type sweater combat boots and sleeping bags to go with previous issues of overcoats, mackinaws, knit caps, gloves and heavy underwear.

Newest item of the issue is the sleeping bag. Made of blanket material it weighs only four and a half pounds and replaces two of four blankets which frontline soldiers usually carry. The bag is form-fitting and will fit adequate slit trenches. It has a zipper for ordinary use plus quick release mechanism for hurried emergency exits. The bag fits into a waterproof canvas cover.

Already the temperature in Germany has dropped to one degree above freezing and weather experts predict days in which the temperature

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A20 Pilot Unhurt In 250-Foot Jump

SHAEF, Nov. 2 (AP).—1/Lt. Charles A. Hunter, Jr., of Blytheville, Ark., an A20 pilot, fell 250 feet from his disabled plane with his parachute only partly open and landed unhurt in a tree, Ninth Air Force disclosed today.

Hunter jumped last. The rest of the crew, all of whom landed safely, were: 2/Lt. Lyle N. Procknew, of Exeland, Wis., and S/Sgt. Roy R. Grimes, of Lodgepole, Neb., and Carl S. Hart, of Frisco, Tex.

New Record Set As Yanks Bag 117 Planes

A new record for German fighters destroyed in the air in a single day was established yesterday when U.S. Eighth Air Force fighters shot down more than 117 Nazi fighters in great air battles over the Reich, it was officially announced.

Meanwhile, the Luftwaffe rose in strength to challenge more than 1,000 Eighth Air Force heavies which, with 900 escorting fighters, attacked German industry and transportation.

A big synthetic oil plant at Merseburg, deep in central Germany, was the main target of the Fortresses and Liberators. The planes also hit railroad yards at Bielefeld and Rheine and another oil plant in the Ruhr area.

At the same time fighter-escorted RAF bombers attacked Homburg, following up RAF night attacks on Oberhausen, 35 miles north of Cologne, where Mosquitos dropped block-busters through a pall of smoke and flame rising from Tuesday's RAF attack. Mosquitos also attacked Berlin for the fifth time in six days.

U.S. Casualties Grow 15,000 in Week

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—The War Department today reported 417,000 Army casualties through Oct. 31. Navy, Marine and Coast Guard casualties through Nov. 1 totalled 70,000.

The total of 487,000 represented an increase of 15,000 over the total a week ago.

GI-Invented Auto-Carbine In Production

The U.S. Army cal-30 carbine, equipped with a device enabling it to become fully automatic with a rate of fire of 900 rounds per minute merely by the twist of a lever, is being turned out by an army ordnance shop in Belgium.

Five hundred have been issued to combat troops and production of the new device is expected soon to reach 100 a week.

Hedgerow fighting in Brittany prompted T/Sgt. Isaac H. Walker, of Winkle, Ohio, and Sgt. Walter G. Wolff, of Folcroft, Pa., to search for another fully automatic small arm.

Although several other designs for the carbine had been suggested, they didn't get past the experimental stage because of complicated mechanism. The Wolff-Walker device merely replaces the safety catch.

Smokes Scarce in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Government officials said today there is little hope of any marked increase in supplies of popular brand cigarettes for civilians so long as overseas military shipments remain at present high levels.

Jew Flees Nazis in Plane; German Pilot Crash-Lands

Escaping from Nazi persecution of Jews, a young German airplane mechanic, piloting for the first time, flew a new JU-188 from a Luftwaffe base at Leipzig to crash-land safely at a Ninth Air Force airfield, it was learned yesterday.

The carefully planned escape, reminiscent of Rudolph Hess' famous flight to England, was made without maps or parachute.

Anti-aircraft crews spotted the enemy plane as it circled the field. One multiple 50-calibre gun crew, headed by Sgt. William Brown, Philadelphia, scored many hits on the bi-motored bomber.

After the plane crash-landed, the young mechanic climbed out uninjured, grinned and said he was part Jewish and had fled Germany to escape Himmler's threatened intensification of the anti-semitic Nuremberg laws.

Hodges Opens Drive in West

Balkan Battle Scene Lights Up



Russian forces driving on Budapest from the south and southeast have advanced to within 30 miles of the Hungarian capital. Its capture would open another gateway into Germany.

Panic Reported in Budapest As 2 Red Drives Close In

Soviet tank forces closing in on Budapest from the east and southeast were less than 30 miles from the Hungarian capital last night and panic was reported in the city as the tide of battle rolled near.

One Russian drive, surging northwestward up the plain

Thanksgiving Nov. 23

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (ANS).—President Roosevelt today proclaimed Nov. 23 as Thanksgiving Day, but five states—Florida, Idaho, Nebraska, Texas and Virginia—plan to observe Nov. 30.

Ninth Air Force Headquarters

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—A German Focke-Wulf 190 airplane, fully armed and fueled and functioning normally, was wrecked in an attempted landing near an uncompleted U.S. Ninth Air Force flight strip near Brussels on Sunday night, it was revealed yesterday.

No explanation is available as to why the pilot, four years in the German air force, attempted the landing with a plane that seemed to be in proper working order.

Anti-aircraft gunners held their fire as the pilot, neither firing his guns nor trying to avoid being shot, made two low passes at the landing strip and dropped eight flares in a single cluster. The pilot miscalculated on attempting to land and his craft flipped over on its back, skidding 150 yards.

Gains 2 Miles; Allies Set for KO, Nazis Say

The Western Front exploded at Aachen yesterday when Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First U.S. Army smashed forward nearly two miles in a new attack launched from the deepest point the Allies now hold in Germany. Meanwhile, the German Forces Radio broadcast a warning to every German soldier that the Allies were ready to deliver the knockout blow to the Reich.

The new assault, which the Germans predicted ten days ago, came as the Allies to the north neared the end of their drive to clear the Germans out of the approaches to Antwerp and as the German 15th Army pulled the last of its retreating columns out of Western Holland in a heavy fog.

2 Towns Seized

Fighting all day in the gloomy, fir forest of Hutgen, about 14 miles southeast of Aachen, First Army infantry captured the towns of Germeter and Vossenack and at last reports had broken out of the woods into fairly open country.

Attacking infantry got heavy support from U.S. artillery which cut the forest trees to bits, but close air support was not possible, dispatches said, due to weather conditions.

To the south, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army infantry threw the Germans out of Abau-court and Letricourt, two small towns about 14 miles northeast of Nancy, in limited-scale attacks.

Near Vosges Passes

On the southern front, Lt. Gen. Alexander Patch's Seventh U.S. Army edged toward the vital Vosges Mountain passes.

On the North Sea Coast, British Commandos, who invaded the Scheldt estuary island of Walcheren early Wednesday, last night were reported to have seized nearly half of Flushing, which is just 100 miles across the North Sea from Harwich, England.

SHAEF said that half the German guns on Walcheren were put out of action by air attacks. Canadian troops, advancing on the island from the east over the Beveland causeway, renewed their bridgehead on Walcheren after been forced back early yesterday.

3 Towns Taken By 7th Army

By Ralph G. Martin
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

ADVANCED 6TH ARMY GROUP HQ, Nov. 2.—U.S. 7th Army troops today advanced on a broad front southeast of Luneville and occupied the towns of Buriville, Hablainville and Azerailles. This gain of several miles put our advance troops within three miles of Baccarat, where artillery fire has been intense several days.

In wooded areas east and southeast of Houseras, Americans have captured Luftwaffe ground personnel who admitted they were converted to infantrymen due to the lack of planes and fuel.

Kesselring Wounded

SWISS - ITALIAN FRONTIER, Nov. 2 (AP).—Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, German commander in Italy, was reported today to have been wounded in an Allied strafing attack.



Aunt Emma's Cook Book

Delicious puddings and hotcakes can be made by grinding up the biscuits from C and K rations.—T/4 A. Cole.

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Peanut Democracy

Our PX rations include a few cans of peanuts, but an ordinary private can't buy them. He is told that they are reserved for officers and the first three graders. It isn't democratic worth a damn!—Pvt. R. M., Engr.

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Lost Baggage

A few days after landing in Normandy our duffle bags containing many personal articles were taken from us and sent to the rear.

We are now told that the bags were "confiscated" and the fellows would like to know will we ever get our stuff back. What's the score?—Cpl. J. Barasso, F.A. Bn.

(The same as for "Lost Property." Request should be sent by your CO to Effects QM, CZ APO 887.—Ed.)

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He's Not Going Anyplace

We are stationed at a P.O.W.E., guarding "Hitler's Children." Our uniform consists of ODs, leggings, helmet, belt, rifle and combat packs.

Now, can you tell us what the hell the packs are for? (Please, no remarks from the foxholes. We have ducked 88's too, and we know what you boys are up against. Good luck to you all.)—Pvt. H. E.

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Rear to Front

Three cheers for Pvt. E. Phillip Malin, who described himself as "1A—a 4F" outfit. Hurray, hurray, hurray!

He has the same thought many fellows have in the rear echelons. As for myself, I was a medic in a general hospital and am now on my way to the front. I believe I am doing the right thing and I believe there are others who want to do the same. So don't worry you GIs who are already up there. We're all with you!—Pvt. E. G.

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This Does Hurt!

I see by a recent S & S that "hundreds of dentists are being freed by the Army" because of a general letdown in the demand for dental attention.

Assuming, of course, that this so-called "freedom" will chiefly affect those in the States, I suggest their tour of duty be extended to the Continent (or even the S. Pacific) as replacements and let some of us dentists go back to enjoy the freedom of which you speak. If dentists are no longer in demand in the Army (I question that) why not give the ones overseas first priority at discharge?—Capt. R. P. Templin.

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Mad and Muddy

We managed to extricate one of our jeeps from the mire at the front and headed east to pick up parts. On the way we were splattered by passing vehicles and soaked by rain. We arrived in Rheims looking like a Hollywood version of a sandhog knocking off for the day.

An immaculate MP, complete with white helmet, white leggings, imperiously beckoned us with one white-gloved hand. His pants were beautifully pressed, shoes shined. "Say!" he yapped, "Why don't you guys wash that jeep before you start out? Whaddaya mean, coming in here with all that mud?"

Emily Post, please advise.—Mad and Muddy, Engr. L. Pon. Co.

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Hash Marks

Unique Claims Department. Five guys of a Quartermaster Company say they are the only unit to stand roll call and go into calisthenics while 88s kept them on the ball by keeping their rear-ends close to the ground on push-ups.

"What picture is playing tonight?" asked Cpl. Eugene C. de Groff of Lt. Vernon Hanson, spe-



cial service officer at an Eighth Air Force fighter station.

"Mr. Winkle Goes to War," said Hanson.

"Mr. Winkle Goes to War" played here before, lieutenant," de Groff remarked.

"Yes, but as you know," the lieutenant explained, "this is a long war."

Reading that Marlene Dietrich's legs are insured for a fancy sum, Lt. P. J. B. sez he wonders how much she collects when a mosquito bites one of the lovely gams.

Comment at the Front. "Why do I wish I were in my other shoes? Because they are back in Iowa in my bedroom."

GI Philosophy: When a guy says



"It isn't the stripes I want, it's the money"—it's the stripes.

Innocents on the Home Front. When his outfit resumed good old GI chow after subsisting on K and C rations for quite a while, Pfc Melville Levi notified his wife of the change. In reply she quipped, "I'm glad you're getting real food again instead of all those alphabetic rations." (Which reminds us—we're even allergic to alphabet soup now.)

Observation at a beach resort. The modern feminine bathing suit falls far short of military specifications—very little cover and even less concealment.

J. C. W.

Up Front with Mauldin



"Has this fruit been washed?"

An Editorial

Sign on the Road to the Reich

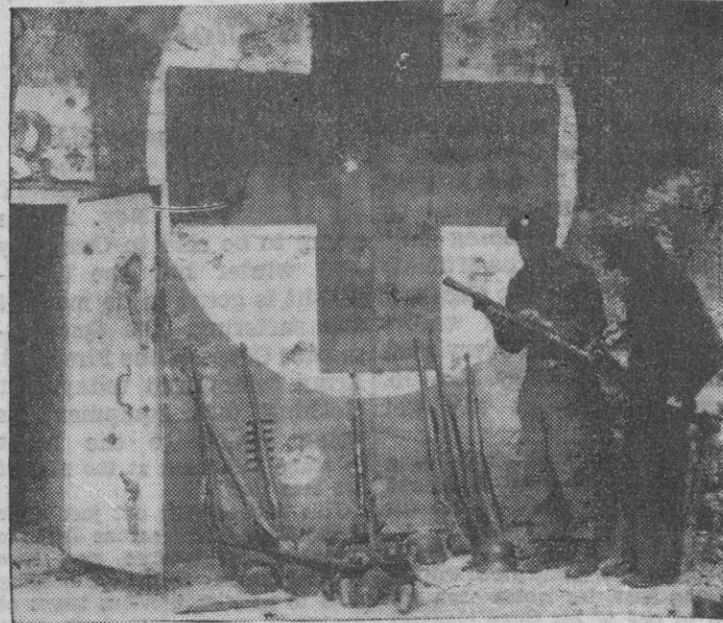
THIS big Red Cross, all pocked with shell fragments, is a road sign that tells you what you're going to find along your way in Germany. It's like the familiar metal highway markers that tell about sharp curves, soft shoulders and grade crossings.

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This Red Cross, you see, was painted by the Germans on one of their Boulogne blockhouses. It was put there for what it might be worth to keep attacking fire off the fortification. The Boche made it an implement of treachery. In the Boche's book, anything goes. If the trick works, that justifies it. Neither honor nor decency enters the deal.

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Troops that have fought the Boche at close quarters don't have to be told this. In fact it's an imposition to point it out to them. But plenty of men who never have met the Boche in battle are doubtless going to



be among those who'll share the job of policing Germany.

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For those who haven't had intimate business with the Boche, it can't be too often stressed that he is a sly number as well as a murderous one. In Germany, American soldiers are finding plenty of Germans who have a ready smile and show a disposition to be amiable.

The smile and the professions of friendliness are exactly like the Red Cross on the blockhouse—utterly false, misleading and potentially dangerous. Any soldier who lets himself be fooled by them is likely to lose his life. Infinitely worse, he will be betraying the men living and dead who have fought to vanquish a nation without principles—Germany.



Nazi Apology

WITH THE FOURTH INFANTRY DIVISION, GERMANY, Nov. 2.—German troops, who fired on a medical jeep, sent a messenger forward with a white flag of truce and an apology for their action. The note also advised the Yanks they would be unharmed if they went forward to remove the bodies of the casualties and recover their jeep.

Against the advice of some of his buddies, who suspected a trick, Lt. Lloyd R. Golby, of South Orange, N.J., removed his weapons and walked back with the Jerry messenger.

The German helped Golby place the first body in the jeep and cover

it up. Then the two rode about 100 yards to the other one. The Jerry then returned to the American lines with the white flag to escort Golby back safely before returning to his own lines.

Golby was a tech sergeant on D-Day when he landed with liberation forces. He received a battlefield commission and is now a battalion S-4.

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Ducky Weather

T/Sgt. Richard Scandreth, of the Eighth Infantry Division, dug himself a foxhole and rigged a shelter half over it. It rained during the



night. When Scandreth awakened the next morning a family of ducks was swimming around in the puddle that had formed on the shelter half.

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Clerks Please Note

Armies are much the same the world over.

"In contradiction to the usual practice, clerks and other military personnel not exposed to the weather will be equipped with the least usable items," a Nazi divisional supply order captured on the Seventh Army front reads.

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Battlefield Bars

Many American fighting units prefer to have men from their own ranks replace officer casualties, as shown by a random check of battlefield commissions. One armored outfit in two months has either granted or recommended 48 battlefield commissions, and battlefield promotions of officers have been on an even greater scale.

Maj. Leslie Wilcox, executive officer of the veteran 25th Cavalry Squadron, points out that "in battle alone men learn the tricks of fighting. Sometimes I feel it is unfair to put a brand new officer in a veteran's spot."

A colonel, discussing battlefield commissions, put his sentiments this way: "Those men prove them-

selves before they're commissioned. Commissioning them certainly is no gamble."

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Great Tank Team

The 745th Tank Battalion, erased from the censor's secret list, has been out of the front lines only a few days since it hit the beaches on D-Day. Commanded by Lt. Col. Wallace J. Nichols, of Albany, N.Y., the battalion trained at Camp Bowie, Texas, in Aug. 1942. It saw action at Caumont, St. Lô, Brécourt, Mortain, Mayenne, before wheeling to help close the Falaise Gap from the south near La Ferté-Macé. From there it clanked on to Chartres, Paris, Meaux, Soissons, Laon and into Belgium and now the 745th is somewhere in Germany.

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Scrambled Eggs

We don't think we'd have taken cover either.

Pvt. Allen G. Smith, of Wahalla, S.C., was boiling two eggs in a can when mortar shells began falling in his area. His companions took to



their holes, but Smith kept right on preparing his meal. Finally one landed so close that its concussion overturned Smith's can. Only one of the eggs was broken and the soldier continued to cook the other one.

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Nazis' Nemesis

In less than four months the 899th Tank Destroyer Battalion knocked out 43 German medium tanks, 84 machine-gun nests, more than 30 anti-tank guns and 54 concrete pillboxes.

Led by Lt. Col. Maxwell A. Fincher, West Pointer from Owatonna, Minn., the outfit landed in Normandy on D-Day and smashed its way across France and Belgium into Germany.

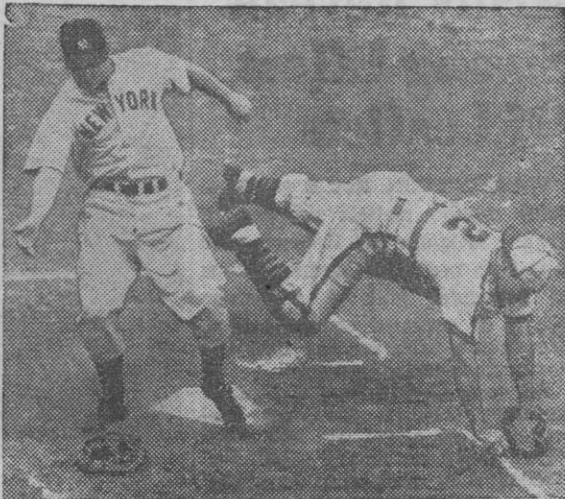
Position Is Everything...

AP Newsfeatures

Much has been written about form in various sports. But the least said about the athletes pictured here, the better. That fighter, in case you don't recognize him in his upside down position, is champ Joe Louis.



"What do you think of the foreign situation?"



"Let's dance!"



"I like the view..."



"... can't see a thing."



"I don't like the view..."

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

THE hawkers, familiar chant, "You can't tell the players without a scoreboard," is just so much hokum out west this year where the American Football League is offering a semblance of professional football to the public. It seems there are so many Jones, Smiths and Browns in the league, even the vendors have lost interest in their work.

John Q. Public, who claims to know all the answers, has been staying away from American League games in droves, complaining that the league lacks prestige because big-game players are among the missing. This happens to be far from the truth, but owners must grin and bear it while their bank accounts dwindle to defray weekly expenses. Ethics forbid them to clarify the situation.

IN a recent league game, the few customers present dozed through most of the afternoon. When the game-ending gun awakened them, they spouted off about "the poor caliber of the players." War is hell, they naively agreed, "when we have to watch bums like that get paid for trying to play football."

To prove how little grandstand experts really know about sports, no less than 17 former All-Americans had been playing—under assumed names. Most of "the bums who don't know how to play" are

in service on the West Coast and, since military authorities frown on playing for cash, hence the assuming of names like Smith, Brown, Jones, etc.

But All-Americans don't forget how to play just because they adopt new names. If the fans didn't blush when they heard the truth, they certainly should have.

Coach Fired, Gallery Admits

BROOKLYN, Nov. 2.—Tom Gallery, Brooklyn Tigers' general manager, stopped public conjecture today when he flatly admitted that Coach Pete Cawthon had been fired, after previously saying that Cawthon had resigned.

"I might just as well let it be known that Pete was fired," Gallery said. "Furthermore, it was done not only with the knowledge and approval of Dan Topping (club owner), but, I might add, at his suggestion."

Gallery said he wanted to make it clear that Cawthon was canned because he squawked to newspapermen about club conditions.

Soar Lost to Giants

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—The New York football Giants received a severe jolt when it was learned that Hank Soar, veteran back of eight seasons, now in the Army but playing on Sundays, is being transferred and probably will be too far away to make future games.

Hawks Thump Rangers

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—After playing dull hockey in the first period, the Chicago Blackhawks bounced back with six goals in the second period to defeat the New York Rangers, 8-3, before 10,323 fans last night in Chicago Stadium.

Bucko McDonald dented the net after grabbing a pass from Walt Atanas at 7:27 of the first period to give the Rangers a 1-0 lead. But that was the only time the Rangers were ahead.

Lude Check beat the New York goalie twice in the Hawk scoring spree, while Clint Smith, Billy Mosienko, Pete Horec and Harvey Fraser each added one goal. Earl Siebert, Hawk defenseman, drew a major penalty for fighting with Atanas, but returned in time to tally Chicago's last two goals.

Navy Shifts Wiese From Michigan

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Nov. 2.—Michigan football stock hit the downward grade today when it was revealed that Bob Wiese, captain and pile-driving fullback, has been ordered to a new post by the Navy.

Before leaving the campus, Wiese named Fullback Don Lund and Quarterback Joe Ponsetto as co-captains of the Wolverines.

Split Season Dropped

ATLANTA, Nov. 2.—The Southern Association has voted to return to the Shaughnessy playoff system next year after two years of playing a split season. The league season will open Apr. 27, directors said.

It's Rough—On the Home Front

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 2.—Mrs. Isabelle Farnum, 46-year-old wife of William Farnum, the movie actor, is recovering from injuries received while attending a boxing match last night.

After Watson Jones had won the California light heavyweight title by knocking out Fitz Fitzpatrick, an unidentified spectator ran down the aisle, leaped to the side of the ring, lost his balance—and fell on Mrs. Farnum.

Twilight Tear Shows Heels To Devil Diver

BALTIMORE, Nov. 2.—Warren Wright's pet young lady of the turf, Twilight Tear, virtually clinched "horse of the year" honors here yesterday by galloping to an easy victory over two rivals in the eighth Pimlico Special, a \$25,000 winner-take-all event.

The fleet three-year-old filly, ridden by Doug Dodson, churned the mile and three-sixteenths in 1:56.6, one-fifth of a second slower than the track record set by Riverland and matched by Seabiscuit in the famous match race against War Admiral in 1938.

Devil Diver, with Eddie Arcaro in the saddle, broke first from the barrier, but Twilight Tear took over in a few strides, led by two lengths going past the grandstand the first time, by three in the backstretch, and finished six lengths in front of Devil Diver. H. L. Lunder's Megogo trailed Devil Diver to the wire by ten lengths.

Twilight Tear, the betting favorite, returned \$3.30 to win. There was no place or show betting.

Meade, Atkinson 'Get Hot'

JAMAICA, N.Y., Nov. 2.—Jockeys Don Meade and Teddy Atkinson each scored a triple during yesterday's seven-race Empire-at-Jamaica card. Warren Mehrtens broke their spell when he came home first with Bold Dan in the sixth. Atkinson swept the first three races.

Braves Sign Bissonette

BOSTON, Nov. 2.—Del Bissonette, former Dodger first baseman and manager of Hartford in the Eastern League last year, has been signed as coach of the Boston Braves to replace Tom Sheehan, who resigned yesterday, the Boston front office revealed.

Pre-Flight Tackles Bainbridge

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—It is highly possible that the only unbeaten service eleven in the country after Saturday's warfare will be point-a-minute Randolph Field, the pride of the southwest.

The mighty Ramblers today share the unbeaten distinction with Bainbridge Naval, an eastern power, but victory for the sailors this week would fall into the upset category. The opposition happens to be North Carolina Pre-Flight, which ranks close behind Randolph Field in any league.

The Pre-Flighters boast an untarnished slate, although the best they could get against Virginia was a 13-13 deadlock. That game, incidentally, which took the gamblers by surprise, wasn't played by the Pre-Flight "varsity" because officials had agreed not to use professionals against Virginia.

With Otto Graham, former Northwestern All-American, setting a merry pace, the Cloudbusters subdued Navy, 21-14; Duke, 13-6; Jacksonville Naval, 14-13 and Georgia Pre-Flight, 3-0.

On the other hand, Bainbridge hasn't encountered any fearsome competition while racking up five in a row. Playing an all-service schedule, the boys in blue have thumped Camp Lee, Parris Island Marines, Camp Kilmer, Camp Peary and Daniel Field, none of which can be considered a strong club.

Pete Layden & Co. of Randolph Field shoot for their sixth straight tomorrow when they tackle the North Texas Aggies. Last year the Ramblers outlasted the collegians, 20-13, but figure to run up a much higher score this time.

Randolph Field has averaged over 45 points per game this year in romping over Rice (59-0), Texas (42-6), Southern Methodist (41-0), Camp Polk (67-0) and Third AAF (19-0).

Branch Rickey Buys Slice of Bums

BROOKLYN, Nov. 2.—Branch Rickey, president and general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, and two other New Yorkers today purchased 25 percent of the club from Edward McKeever's estate.

Rickey's partners in the transaction were Walter F. O'Malley, a lawyer, and Andrew J. Schmitz, an insurance magnate.

Sinkwich Heads Pro Scorers



Frankie Sinkwich

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—Frankie Sinkwich, Detroit Lions backfield star, retained his lead over National Football League ground gainers this week despite a miserable showing against Green Bay last Sunday.

It was thought at that time that Sinkwich had yielded the lead to Bill Paschal of the New York Giants, but "an audit of the official statistics" gave Sinkwich an extra 50 yards, according to the league office.

In five games, Sinkwich has gained 384 yards, carrying the ball 96 times, for an average of four yards per try. Paschal, who has played in only four games, has covered 354 yards in 71 trips for an average of 4.9 yards.

Both leaders face comparatively easy opposition Sunday. Sinkwich and his mates venture to Pittsburgh to tackle the winless Pitt-Cards, while the Giants entertain the Boston Yanks at the Polo Grounds.

Help Wanted—AND GIVEN

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

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CPL. Alvin A. Allen, Columbus, Ohio; Lt. Fred H. Barton, Chelmsford, Mass.; Sgt. Robert Bastress, Williamsport; Howard Belle, Pittsburgh; Sgt. John Bellamo, Philadelphia; Pvt. James W. Bennett, Daytona Beach; Pvt. Bruce Blumenthal, Chicago; Lt. Robert C. Bohne, Chicago; Ensign Boyan; Capt. Dominick Cervera, Amsterdam, N.Y.; T/4 Milbourne Christopher, Baltimore; Pvt. Harold E. Cook, Little Rock; T/Sgt. Frank G. Coon; Pvt. Clarence V. Dasch, 35932587; Carmen J. Delgaudio; Pvt. John B. Dunning, Westtown; Melvin Dunlon, Dorchester; T/5 Don Ellis, Detroit; S. E. Evans, Hamlin, Tex.; Pfc William Fambro, 34743100; Maxine Farrell, St. Louis; Lt. Steve Ellis, Russellton; Forkner, O-416956; T/5 Thomas Griffith, Oneida, N.Y.; Lt. Robert R. Grizfield, Scotts Bluff; Fred Grooms, Greenfield, Tenn.; Cpl. James D. Grosick, 16113444; Capt. Edward Hagerly, Montrose, Cal.

Li'l Abner



By Courtesy of United Features.

By Al Capp

News from Home

Gas Flowing From Longest Pipe in World

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (UP).—The Tennessee Gas & Transmission Co. has begun delivery of Texas natural gas to Pittsburgh through the longest 24-inch pipeline in the world. It will feed the Pittsburgh, Youngstown and Cleveland industrial areas.

The pipeline traverses seven states. It is 1,265 miles long and cost \$44,000,000. The first weld in the pipe was made Jan. 10, 1944, and the final weld was made October 30.

The line was "packed" with gas at a pressure of 800 pounds per square inch as the construction proceeded, so that gas was delivered from the line almost immediately after the final tie was made, saving the six days which would have been required for the gas to travel through the line from its starting point.

Shell Kills Schoolboy

DETROIT, Nov. 2 (ANS). — A 37mm shell, souvenir of World War I, exploded in Tappan intermediate school today, killing Victor Hall, 12, who was carrying it to class to illustrate a public speaking assignment. Although the corridor was crowded, Victor alone was struck by the fragments.

Free Lots for Vets

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Nov. 2 (ANS).—The city council has voted to give free lots to returning war veterans who guarantee to build homes on them as soon as materials are available. The city has 900 lots which it took in foreclosures.

'Roosevelt for Dewey'

ROOSEVELT, N.Y., Nov. 2 (AP).—This Long Island village has a big sign: "Roosevelt is for Dewey." A Republican stronghold, it was named for Theodore Roosevelt.

No Fare!

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 2 (ANS).—Mayor John W. Kapp has ordered taxi drivers to quit giving free rides to their girl friends so paying customers will get better service. One cabbie got so miffed he quit.

High Frequency in Kitchen

Sole EM Radar Observer Tunes in on KP Too Often

By Joe Fleming

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A NINTH P61 BASE, Nov. 2.—The only enlisted radar observer on operations in the U.S. Army Air Forces has 16 combat missions chalked up against a background of six months of training and an equal time spent in replacement depots, where he tried in vain to convince sceptics that he was both an EM and an RO.

With his application for a commission still kicking around channels with some 30 endorsements, Richard L. Heggie Jr. has no difficulty in being accepted as a GI, but once he leaves his outfit and claims to be an RO all hell breaks loose—with the East Flat Rock (N.C.) technical sergeant on the receiving end.

Only two months ago Heggie went to a hospital to be treated for an eye ulcer. After curing him, the hospital sent him to a replacement depot. An infantry replacement depot. They gave him a rifle.

Then his own violent protests and a letter from his commanding officer got him back into the air forces almost immediately.

But it wasn't always that simple. In July, 1943, he broke his leg. While he was in the hospital his outfit moved to Italy. He didn't see another outfit or a plane or much of anything except replacement depot KP for almost a year.

His troubles really began while he was in the hospital. At that time ROs—who like the first air force bombardiers were enlisted men, were being commissioned. Being away from his outfit Heggie was overlooked.

So he took his very regular turn

'Kiddy Car' Railway Takes Crew to Field

A NINTH AF MUSTANG BASE, FRANCE.—They call it the "Impromptu Express" and it runs on schedule—anybody's schedule. It's a mile and a half railway with tracks of the "kiddy car" gauge, currently being used to make one squadron of the Ninth's Pioneer P51 Mustang fighter group mobile on the ground.

Men of the armament and engineering sections, directed by 1/Lt. James B. Castonguay, of Washington, D.C., and M/Sgt. Carlton A. Dearman, of Houston, Tex., relaid the twisted trackage, repaired the miniature locomotive and discovered the goods wagon made an excellent bomb carriage. Squadron members pitched their tents near the "yards" and the "Impromptu Express" carries them to their airfield in Brittany in a jiffy when there's an alert. Crew members are Sgt. Herbert W. Engleman, of Cliffside Park, N.J.; Cpl. Eli Mihalovich, of Pitsburgh, Pa., and Pfc Francis Varcira, of Springfield, Mass.

'Phantom Gun' Gives Up Ghost Under U.S. Attack

SHAFF, Nov. 2 (AP). — Gen. Patton's artillerymen have knocked out one of the giant German "ghost gun" of Metz, it was disclosed today, and they did the job with the Germans' own artillery—captured 88s and 105s.

However, the Germans have another known to be firing into the Nancy area and a few more north of Metz.

Lt. Donald R. Lynch, 22, Ninth Air Force pilot from Royal Oak, Mich., aerial spotter for the job, said the guns, taken out of the Maginot Line positions in the Third Army sector, pumped 140 rounds squarely into a repair shed in the Metz railroad yard where the big 280mm German railway gun had been hidden. Later it was learned that the gun had been completely destroyed.

Allied planes had been searching for days for the wandering Big Bertha.

Flying Newsboys

Army Reveals Strong Effect Of Leaflets

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (ANS).—Fifty million leaflets dropped in France, Belgium and Holland since D-Day to persuade German troops to surrender and to encourage people of occupied countries have been highly effective, the War Department revealed yesterday.

Between 40 and 75 per cent of captured German prisoners possessed copies of leaflets and some were quoted as saying they had affected their decision to surrender.

The leaflets were dropped by "flying newsboys" of the Ninth Bombardment Division of the Ninth Air Force. The division dropped 4,400,000 in one day while conducting two bombing missions.

Special "bombs," cardboard cylindrical containers, are used. Each carries as many as 80,000 leaflets. A fuse bursts the container at an altitude determined by barometric pressure. The leaflets are prepared by the Psychological Warfare Division of Allied Headquarters.

Frequently the Nazis learn of important events from the leaflets. Last July 23, German troops were showered with reports of the attempt to kill Hitler. In August, leaflets reported that the Russians were fighting on German soil in East Prussia.

Captured enemy documents indicate the seriousness with which the German command views the leaflets.

New Clothing Goes to Front

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ture will drop to five below zero with snow up to six inches. November and December, they say, each will have about 17 days of rain and fog, and December and January temperatures will average 36 to 38 degrees respectively.

All new clothing and equipment is distributed first to combat troops—infantrymen, cavalrymen, tankers, artillerymen and tank destroyers. Priority is divided among these groups for various items. For instance the doughfoot gets the first crack at sleeping bags and the tanker is first to get sweaters. The sweaters, incidentally, are a new-type pullover with sleeves and three buttons at the throat. A new-type woolen sock also is being issued with a cushion sole consisting of double-thickness wool.

Sinatra Speaks for FDR, 'To Hell With Career'

NEW YORK, Nov. 2 (AP).—Frank Sinatra, says good government is more important to him than his career.

The idol of the bobby sockers told a Roosevelt-Truman rally in Madison Square Garden last night: "Some people tell me I may hurt my career by taking sides in a political campaign and I say to them, to hell with this career—government is more important."

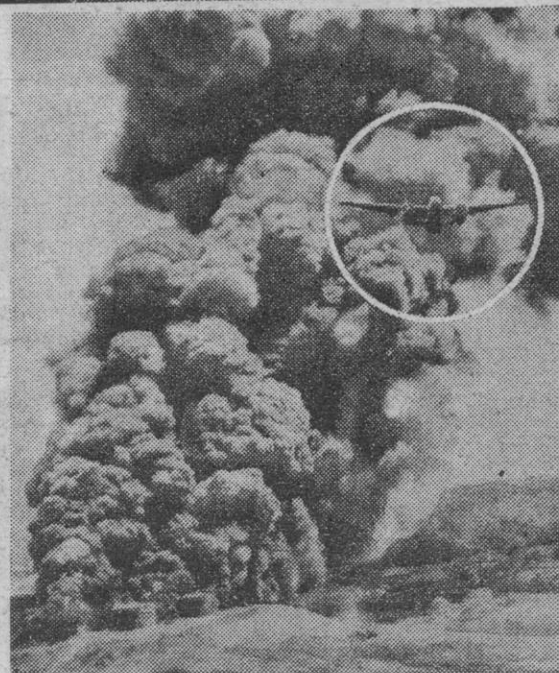
MONITOR FOR DEWEY

BOSTON, Nov. 2 (ANS).—The Christian Science Monitor, in an editorial today, said it had concluded that "the election of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey would better serve the welfare of the U.S."

Havocs Leave Havoc in Pacific



Far-ranging U.S. warplanes in the Pacific wrecked the Japanese landing barge above at Peleliu, where Marines who boarded the craft found all the crew killed. American planes also fired enemy oil stores on Ceram in the Netherlands Indies, at right. Havoc delivered attack (circle) flies through the dense smoke after bombs landed squarely on the target.



M'Arthur-Chennault Tieup In Shuttle Attacks Planned

While Gen. MacArthur's liberation forces made further progress in the Philippines yesterday, Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault said he looked forward to overlapping his 14th Air Force with MacArthur's warplanes in the near future on shuttle-bombing missions.

Gallantry Marks 26th Division's Baptism of Fire

WITH 26TH INFANTRY DIVISION, Nov. 2.—Men of the 26th "Yankee" division, although in the line a comparatively short time, have already begun to have their battle "experiences."

S/Sgt. Robert Baird, of Somerville, Mass., was buried alive in his foxhole when a German artillery shell exploded nearby. Other doughboys had to dig for 20 minutes to release him. T/Sgt. Raymond C. Nolan, of Attleboro, Mass., got the division's first battlefield commission when he took over after his platoon commander was wounded and led the unit through a successful drive. And 1/Lt. Robert C. Bridgum, of Hainesport, N.J., was awarded one of the first Silver Stars for gallantry during an offensive patrol in which he led 14 men 1,000 yards behind the German lines.

The 26th division, one of the first to land in France directly from the States, was released recently as a unit of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army. Under direction of Maj. Gen. Willard S. Paul it conducted a successful line-straightening offensive almost immediately after coming into the line.

Chennault said it should be possible soon for his planes in China to use MacArthur's new bases on Leyte and Samar Islands in the Philippines after bombing targets en route, while MacArthur's planes from the Philippines could reach China.

Close in on Carigara

U.S. troops on Leyte closed in on Carigara, whose fall would open the coastal road to the town of Pinaoan and close the last enemy route across the mountains from the Japanese reinforcement point at Ormoc Bay on the southwest coast. Cavalry entered Carigara from the east more than a week ago during a patrol action but had to retire.

Meanwhile Tokyo broadcasters decided that the U.S. aircraft which caused the capital's first alert in the two and a half years since Lt. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle's raiders bombed it were reconnaissance planes and not Superfortresses, as they had originally reported.

Paris Slayer Nabbed

Dr. Marcel Petiot, alleged "Murderer of Paris," was arrested outside a subway station yesterday in the uniform of an FFI captain. He maintained he was innocent and said he had no idea how the remains of bodies allegedly found in his laboratory could have got there.

Terry And The Pirates



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