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# Crucial Battle On in West

## Air Fights Drive Off Luftwaffe

The Luftwaffe roared over the U.S. lines again yesterday, braving bad weather and Ninth AF fighter-bombers to strike against American ground troops. An estimated 300 planes, supporting the counter-attacking Wehrmacht, concentrated on the U.S. First Army sector, and were finally beaten off with a loss of 45 planes by the Tactical Air Commands of the Ninth AF.

Incomplete figures last night indicated that the Ninth had hurled at least 450 fighter-bombers against the Luftwaffe and against Nazi armored columns and troop concentrations in the counter-attack zone. Preliminary estimates gave U.S. losses as seven planes.

Brig. Gen. Richard E. Nugent, chief of the 29th Tactical Air Command, said the aerial conflict raging over the area of the counter-attack surpassed the intensity of anything previously encountered by the Ninth AF on the Western Front or in North Africa.

Maj. Gen. Elwood R. Quesada's Ninth TAC, operating over the First Army front near Monschau and Prum, downed 33 planes. They were aided by fighter-bombers of the 29th TAC, which flew on both the First and Ninth Army sectors, destroying eight Nazi ME-109s and FW-190s at Duren, and smashing

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## 'Flip' Here



Col. Philip G. Cochran

Col. Philip G. Cochran, of Erie, Pa.—"Flip Corkin" of Milton Caniff's cartoon strip, "Terry and the Pirates"—is serving in the ETO as assistant G-3 (operations) of the First Allied Airborne Army, Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton announced yesterday.

Cochran commanded the First Air Commando Task Force in the Burma invasion, led by the late British Maj. Gen. Orde Wingate.

## Frauleins in the Front Lines

By Wade Jones

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE SEVENTH U.S. ARMY, Dec. 17.—There's either an acute manpower shortage in Germany, or else Wehrmacht female personnel, tired of fooling around with 4-Fs back home, have volunteered to work in the frontlines where men are men and women are glad of it.

Foxhole frauleins, most of them working as clerks or stenographers, have recently been captured in positions as far forward as battalion CPs, according to Maj. Robert Herman, of Jacksonville, Fla., Seventh Army prisoner of war officer.

"There doesn't seem to be any sort of organization for these women and girls, such as our WAC," Maj. Herman said. "Some of them are wearing civilian clothes when captured and some have uniforms of a sort."

Although most of these Wehrmacht women, at least those in civvies, have the privilege, along with medical and Red Cross personnel, of returning through the lines to their own forces, none has done so here in the seventh Army sector.

## B29s Rock War Plants At Hankow and Nagoya

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (ANS).—Superfortresses, giving the Japanese little rest between raids, struck again yesterday at two vital sections of Jap war production. The 20th Air Force, flying from bases in China, blasted Hankow in daylight, while the 21st's B29s were hammering at Nagoya on the Jap mainland from bases on Saipan.

## 2 Slovak Forts Fall to Soviets

Russian troops, lashing out in a triple invasion of Czechoslovakia, captured two important mountain strongholds near the southern border yesterday while other Red Army forces already in Slovakia, drove to within 17 miles of Presov, important Hungarian-Slovak communications hub.

Little information was available last night on the success of the drives, reported briefly in Moscow dispatches, but the German radio said extremely heavy fighting had broken out along 135-miles of the Slovak southern border.

Two spearheads of the new Red drive were thrown across the border north of Budapest near Lucenc and Putnok. The other Soviet drive endangered German operations in eastern Czechoslovakia.

On the Budapest front, Russian infantry drove to within six miles of Budapest from the northeast yesterday.

## Patrol Dons Long Johns For Use As Snow Suits

WITH SECOND INF. DIV., Inside the Siegfried Line.—Ingenious Yanks pulled out their long winter underwear and used them for camouflage suits when snow caught troops without proper clothing.

"We painted our helmets white and put drawers and tops over our other clothing," Cpl. John K. Smith, of Louisville, explained. "It worked pretty good." Camouflage suits were later issued and the underwear returned to its accustomed use.

## 'All Now at Stake,' Nazi Troops Told; First Strikes Back

American First Army troops yesterday struck back at the mightiest enemy counter-offensive since D-Day. Spurred by the German High Command's proclamation that the Reich's "great hour" had arrived and that "everything is now at stake," Nazi armored and infantry columns smashed on along the old invasion route into Belgium and Luxembourg.

Associated Press front reports said that fierce battles were raging along the First Army front between the Monschau Forest and the Luxembourg-German border. In this sector what appeared to be one of the war's decisive battles was being fought under a security veil dropped by both the Allied and German High Commands.

### Black-out on All Details

The situation on this front, Associated Press said, was so fluid that First Army and SHAEF decided to clamp a black-out on all detailed information on the extent of enemy advances and counter-moves by the Americans. Such information, it was said, might aid the enemy in this crucial period.

The German communiqué, as reported by Reuter, indicated that while the Wehrmacht offensive was making progress, "details cannot be given until later, as doing so would be giving information to the surprised enemy."

Urged to give their all in "superhuman deeds for the Fuehrer," attacking Germans made gains in the Honsfeld area in Belgium, as well as at two points where they pushed into Luxembourg.

Field Marshal von Rundstedt, Germany's commander in the west, announced that the Reich's

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## The Battle Area



Germany's most powerful counter-offensive since D-Day has smashed back into Belgium and Luxembourg at three points along the path of the German 1940 invasion.

## Yanks, Crying in Rage, Tell How Nazis Killed Wounded

FRONT-LINE CLEARING STATION, BELGIUM, Dec. 18 (AP).—Muddy, shivering survivors, weeping with rage, told how German tankmen tried with machine guns to massacre 150 American prisoners standing in an open field.

"Those of us who played dead got away later," said T/5 William B. Summers, of Glenville, W. Va., "but we had to lie there and listen to German non-coms kill with pistols every one of our wounded men who groaned or tried to move."

"Those dirty — I never heard of anything like it in my life. Damn them. Give me my rifle and put me in with the infantry. I want to go back and kill every one of those —"

Summers, who escaped with a gashed hand, was a member of an

artillery observation battalion trapped at a road fork by a German armored column which had driven several miles into Belgium since the major Nazi offensive began yesterday.

Heavy guns on the enemy's Tiger tanks quickly shot up more than two-dozen American trucks and light armored vehicles. The captured Yanks were then led into a field, and as the German column moved past less than 50 yards away, Nazi gunners deliberately raked the defenseless group with machine guns and machine pistols.

Survivors expressed hope that a majority of the men had escaped with their lives by diving to the ground and lying still, but hours later fewer than a score had made their way back to their own positions.

## Canadians in Italy Capture 1,100 Nazis

ROME, Dec. 18.—Canadian troops have captured more than 1,100 German prisoners since they opened their attack up the Bologna-Rimini highway two weeks ago, an official announcement said tonight.

New Zealand patrols on the Eighth Army front, feeling out enemy defenses north of captured Faenza, were turned back today after meeting powerful German forces near Bagna Cavallo. Other patrols crossed the Lamone River at two points between Faenza and Bagna Cavallo.

At Fifth Army advance headquarters, members of the House military affairs committee, after touring the Italian front, told newsmen today that they thought the war on the Italian front will continue longer than they expected it would when they left the U.S. a month ago.

## 28th 'Hornets' 'Sting' Nazis in Hurtgen Forest

WITH 28TH INF. DIV., Germany.—Organized on Friday, Oct. 13, 13 masters of mayhem, who called themselves the "Greene Hornets," stung the Germans with everything from piano wire stranglers to Jerry burp guns for two weeks, playing a vital part in finally routing the Nazis out of the Hurtgen Forest.

Rounded up by Lt. Jack B. Greene, of Newfoundland, N.J., all 13 were experts in Judo and were able to use as many as 12 weapons. They're all still alive, thanks to luck and their own cunning, but only five are unhurt.

T/Sgt. Carl A. Franz, of Erie, Pa., lost his left foot when he stepped on a "Bouncing Betsy" mine. He heard the first explosion, but kept his foot down to save others around him from flying shrapnel should the mine jump. He has been recommended for a DSC.

### Protect Rifle Company

One of their first jobs was to protect the flank of a rifle company. Pinned down by three machine guns, the Hornets got out by tossing back Nazi-lobbed grenades and ended up with two dead Germans and another probably killed. Another job, at Vossenack, netted them three more dead Germans and 17 prisoners.

From then on the Hornets were kept humming. They were detailed to find men lost in the confusion of battle and picked up between 35 and 40 men.

Still another time, they ran into a sniper lodged in a house. They fired ten rounds of bazooka ammo, 30 rounds of 60mm. mortar and ten rifle grenades, but they couldn't touch him. But the Germans, warned by the sniper, began hurling artillery into the area. Greene looked around for his men—then he saw four of them. They were bringing 50 prisoners in through the Nazi barrage.

## A20 Now 'Shoots' Germans at Night

Specially-equipped A20 Havocs of the Ninth AF have been making night reconnaissance pictures behind the Nazi lines for the last six months, it was revealed yesterday.

The light bombers, whose missions have become increasingly important as winter cuts down the time for daylight reconnaissance, have been operating under the command of Lt. Col. Joe Gillespie, of Savannah, Ga., who helped develop the night-picture technique.

Flying most of their missions at the request of the ground forces, the Havocs have been photographing troop concentrations, ammo dumps and Nazi communication lines. Each of the planes, which flew their first mission on D-Day, is equipped with one 12-inch camera. They use billion candle-power magnesium flares or electrical charges to illuminate their targets.

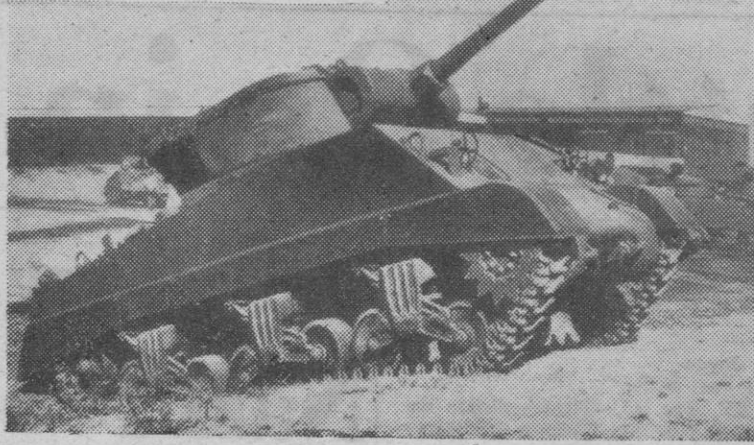
## Pilots Refuse Paris Pass, Join Combat Joes Instead

Two Ninth Air Force fighter-bomber pilots, expert in the business of supporting ground forces, turned down a three-day pass to Paris and spent their time on the Third Army front, learning ground force tactics the hard way.

The pilots were 1/Lt. Richard H. Parker, Portland, Ore., and 1/Lt. Francis Norr, Tremonton, Utah. They returned filled with praise for the combat Joes.

## M36—'Jackson'

Featuring a 90mm cannon in its heavy turret this new model of the M36 now is being produced in the U.S. Older models of the M36 led Allied drives through France last summer.



## GI, Buried Under Brick Wall, Smashes His 3rd Nazi Tank

By Marshall Morgan  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE SEVENTH ARMORED DIV.—A sandy-haired six-footer from Nebraska, shy and grinning, and almost apologetic in the presence of his assembled company, received the DSC from his Commanding General, Brig.-Gen. Robert W. Hasbrouck.

## French Learn To Lift Mines

WITH U.S. SUPPLY FORCES, France, Dec. 18. — Because U.S. troops cannot be spared to clear mine-infested French fields, a new kind of GI school has been inaugurated. It is a school where French workmen are taught the art of harvesting the deadly mines. T/Sgt. William G. Lockwood, of Danville, Ky., is the instructor.

Demonstration ground is a cabbage field. They don't practice on dummy mines but use the real thing—live Teller mines, left behind by the Germans to stem the tide of the American advance.

Sgt. Lockwood, with the aid of an interpreter, explains the work to French volunteers, and, in orthodox GI fashion, application follows. In this case, however, application is a life-and-death matter, and the Frenchmen imitate Lockwood's movements tensely as they learn the technique which will save thousands of lives.

Lockwood, a member of the 373rd Engineer General Service Regiment, has already graduated one class.

## Fighting 'Non-Combat' Men

The sergeant-major, a cook, some truck drivers and part of the maintenance platoon of a tank destroyer battalion were given instructions in mortar fire by Lt. Morris Klampert, of Utica, N.Y. The men heaved 90 rounds at the Germans their first day in action.

The Nebraskan, Cpl. Victor P. Funk, of the Seventh's attached 814th Tank Destroyer Battalion, stood in a rain-soaked field to receive the Army's award for outstanding heroism.

Back in October, at Meijel, Holland, the "Lucky Seventh" was making history in its three-day stand, without support, in the face of the bitterest counter-attacks two crack German divisions could fling at it.

### Moves Into Position

Cpl. Funk's M10 had gone into position alongside a house. He was the gunner.

A wave of Nazi tanks wallowed into sight.

Taking his time, Funk took good aim—and the leading tank spun to a smoking halt. The others kept coming. Funk sent another shot streaking out—and the tank next in line crumpled into junk.

Before he could fire again, a retaliatory shell smashed into the side of the house alongside. Part of its wall, falling outward, brought down on the TD and its crew a bruising mass of brick, boards and mortar.

As the rest of the crew struggled free of the rubbish, Funk, kicking and shoving aside the choking debris, managed to reload and aim again. He got his third tank.

### Seven DSCs Awarded

Seven members of the Ninth Infantry Division's 47th Regiment have been awarded DSCs since the outfit arrived in France. Two of the crosses were awarded posthumously.

## Death Separates 'Inseparable' Pals

EVACUATION HOSPITAL INSIDE GERMANY, Dec. 18 (UP).—As a war story there is nothing much to this—no important hill stormed, no enemy column wiped out. It is just a simple testimonial of the tenderness of a soldier who tried to erase from memory what sudden, violent death did to his buddy. It comes from a medical captain who would not divulge names.

Both were sergeants; both 23. One was in the medics; the other in the infantry and both joined this armored infantry regiment

three years ago. Through Morocco, Sicily, Normandy, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany they were inseparable comrades. They took passes together, drank together and shared parcels from home.

In combat each looked out for the other. This time it was the medic's turn. There had been fighting and an explosion wrecked a house. A tank commander had radioed for the medics. Fifteen wounded, six left dead at the house.

When his pal didn't show up the medic asked permission to return to the house, which was still under fire.

## P47s Smash 2 Trainloads Of Nazi Tanks

NINTH AF ADVANCE HQ, Dec. 18 (AP). — Thunderbolt pilots wrecked one quarter of the tank strength of a German armored division—biggest tank "bag" since the St. Lo breakthrough—in a matter of minutes while on a routine bombing run.

The P47s caught 52 tanks and armored vehicles near Euskirchen, 22 miles south of Cologne, as they were being rolled up to the front on two trains a few days before the opening of the German counter-offensive west of there.

Two squadrons commanded by Lt. Col. Clure Smith, of Skellytown, Pa., and Lt. Col. Frank Perego, of Canadagua, N.Y., accounted for the tanks.

The trains were spotted through a hole in the clouds. Braving a barrage of flak, the pilots first bombed the track in front of the train to make sure the prey wouldn't escape.

### Train Sights on Train

"I just got the train in my sights and dropped my bombs," Lt. Donald Dewyke, of Bonner Springs, Kan., said.

Lt. Lowell Emmack, of Long Beach, Calif., said his prop governor was out and had to be controlled manually on the bomb run.

Lt. James Campisi, of San Jose, Calif., said he saw flame and smoke going up when he looked back and F/O David Johnson Jr., of Pomona, Calif., in another plane told Campisi his bombs hit just behind the locomotive.

"I came down a line of 25 flat cars and sprayed the whole train," related Maj. Richard E. Leary, of Annapolis, Md. "I saw that the flat cars had covers and camouflage over the tanks and trucks, so I called the boys with the rockets."

Lt. William Olden, of Philadelphia, said he saw three direct hits from his salvo of rockets exploding among the covered tanks.

## Last of Three Sons Sent Back Home

WITH THE SECOND INFANTRY DIVISION, Germany.—The long road home begins now for Pfc George T. Shelton, of Channelview, Tex., who has been in action with the Ninth Inf. Div. since D plus 1.

Shelton, 23, a BAR man, was ordered home by the War Department because he is the last of three sons left in his family. He doesn't know how his two brothers met death. The oldest, Sherril, was in the Engineers and the youngest, George, was in the 38th Inf.

Shelton was wounded in the leg by shrapnel at St. Germain d'Elle, France, in July, evacuated to England, and rejoined his outfit in September.

"I would rather stay here," he said, "—and have my brothers back."

## Weds Again



Veronica Lake marries film director Andre Detoth in Beverly Hills, Cal., over the weekend. The actress was recently divorced from Maj. John Detlie, former studio art director.

## Road to Duren Rough, Bloody For Nazi Unit

WITH 83rd INF. DIV. ON ROAD TO DUREN, Dec. 18.—Out of the entire Nazi company, which attempted the assault, not a man escaped. Twenty, who survived the devastating fire, surrendered.

The attack occurred after Co. B of the 330th Regt. had received a heavy barrage of mortar, artillery and small arms fire. Orders were given that not a single Yank was to fire a shot in return.

The Germans, believing that the Americans had pulled out under cover of darkness, moved boldly forward. Tense doughs peered out of their foxholes and nervously watched the Nazis move to within 50 yards of their positions. Then the cry "commence firing" was given, and all hell broke loose.

Machine guns, BARs, carbines, M1s, and everything that could throw lead, broke the pre-dawn stillness. The first wave was mowed down like stalks in an Iowa cornfield and those who tried to escape across the open terrain were pounded with prearranged concentrations of artillery and mortar fire.

Co. B has been recommended for a unit citation for breaking up the counter-attack—and doing it without a single casualty.

## 'Wired for Silence' Rig Detects Nazi Deserters

The Nazis have devised a sound-proof alarm system for guards which also serves as a "foolproof" deserter detector, a German prisoner told Second Inf. Div. men.

He said a 12-man guard is maintained across his platoon front at night and a wire is attached to the left arm of each, all connected with another wire fastened to the arm of a sergeant in a dugout.

If a wire is found unattached, the missing guard is automatically listed as a deserter since any struggle with attackers would tug the line leading to the sergeant's hut.

## Led Platoon While Wounded

WITH THE FOURTH INF. DIV., Germany.—For leading a mortar platoon under heavy shell fire after he was wounded S/Sgt. Leon E. P. Law, of Cumberland, Md., has been awarded a Silver Star.

## Sign Language Wins Freedom For Scrapper

WITH 28TH INF. DIV. IN GERMANY, Dec. 18.—The Jerries were counter-attacking a 28th Inf. Div. unit with everything they had in an effort to regain that sector of the Siegfried Line.

Sgt. Tony Kudiak, of Sandy Lake, Pa., was in a foxhole in front of his platoon, with a bazooka and four M1s. The Germans made a rush, and Tony stopped it with rifle fire. Then they sent a Mark VI up, and he knocked that out, too, using his bazooka. That night in his "spare time" he directed artillery on the Germans organizing for attack.

The next day another Tiger broke through the line, driving within 150 yards of his battalion CP, and pinning his mates down in their foxholes. Kudiak and Sgt. Clifford McCarl were getting ready to fire on it, when a P47 unloaded a bomb on the tank. Kudiak finished it off with his bazooka. Later, his marksmanship turned back another tank after it almost broke through.

### Attacks Continue

The counter-attacks continued, cutting off Tony's company for three days without food or water. When the last canteen was emptied, he crawled from foxhole to foxhole collecting them, and then worked his way down a hill under fire and filled them at a well.

Increasing German pressure finally forced the line back and Kudiak and his comrades broke out of their trap, retiring slowly and desperately. Covering the platoon with his rifle, Kudiak found a damaged tank destroyer and used its machine gun to stop an onrushing group of Nazi infantrymen. He tried the TD's cannon and when it didn't work, found another that did and polished off another tank.

### Averts Capture

Still covering his outfit, Tony moved back to the rear, picking up wounded soldiers as he went. Some Jerries caught up with him but let him go when he used sign language to indicate he was escorting the wounded back to an aid station. He got there successfully.

## Locomotive Christened In Honor of TC WACs

Commemorating the work of WACs attached to the Transportation Corps in France, an American-built locomotive was christened "WAC Blazer" at ceremonies held in a military railroad yard.

Cpl. Maxine G. Vaught, of Evanschampane on the nose of the 75-ville, Ind., smashed a bottle of ton engine which is operated by the Second Railway Military Service.

## Five Fliers Bail Out Into Artillery Duel

U.S. MARAUDER BASE IN FRANCE, Dec. 18 (AP).—Five crewmen of a flak-torn Ninth AF Marauder got a brief taste of the ground war the other day when they bailed out over Germany and landed right in the middle of a hot artillery duel.

The dazed fliers at first couldn't figure which way—if any—to run. But when they spotted GI helmets sticking out of foxholes they lost no time in getting to friendly territory.

The five included Milton H. Collings, Elliott, Moorhead, Fred Wilson, Victor Honsa and Joseph Vaccaro. One crewman was killed in bailing out.

## U.S. Only 24 Hours Away for Wounded



More than 10,000 wounded men have been flown back to the States from the UK and the Continent in especially-fitted C54 Skymaster planes. Lt. Margaret Murphy, flight nurse, talks to some of the patients in the photo above. At left, Pvt. Allen Lawler enjoys his first ice cream since leaving U.S.

## Seized Clothing Issued to PWs

Captured German equipment is being put back into combat against the Nazis in a "salvage and utilization" program, it has been revealed.

Troops of the Engineer, Signal and QM Corps and the Ordnance Dept. have salvaged captured clothing and distributed it among PWs, renovated engineering and railway equipment, strung wire and have reconditioned weapons for distribution to the French Army.

Supplies of foodstuffs not only have been valuable to our own troops, but have indicated the lack of German transport equipment and oil. Types of food show that the German soldier's diet is now deficient.

## 126th AAA Bn. Praised For Defense Against VI

Commendation for their work in battling the flying bomb attack against England was accorded the 126th AAA Gun Bn in a letter just received from Col. R. W. Russell, commander of the British organization under which they worked.

## While the Nazis Slept...

By Ed Clark

Stars and Stripes Special Correspondent

WITH SEVENTH ARMY.—This is a story of a medic who was knocked out by concussion of an artillery shell, came to in the middle of a German platoon and made his way back through enemy lines to his outfit.

A Salerno veteran of the 36th Div., he is Pvt. Juan S. Martinez, of Laredo, Tex., and the 111th Med. Bn.

When he regained consciousness, he began walking toward what he thought were U.S. lines. Shells whined overhead and he took cover in a nearby house.

Caught in the same barrage, four Germans also made for the house. Martinez hid in a back room. At night, two of the Germans bedded down in Martinez's room while he hid behind the door.

As soon as his roommates were asleep, the Texan took off his shoes and lowered himself out of a window, right into the middle of a platoon of Germans who were dug in all around the house.

Evidently thinking Martinez was a member of their outfit, the Jerries payed no attention to the medic, who walked away into the night and eventually found his way back to his battalion.

## Bailey Bridge Across Sarre Was Built in Blood and Sweat

By Ralph G. Martin

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH CO "A," 150th ENGR. COMBAT BN., Dec. 18.—The first Bailey Bridge across the Sarre River may look like just another bridge to a jeep-riding Joe, but it's going down into XII Corps Engineering history books as one of the toughest jobs of the campaign.

That's not because it was built under day and night artillery fire from 150s and 88s, or because of casualties. Other bridges have been built under those conditions. But here, added to everything else, was the technical problem of a short, sharply curving bridge approach.

"It was by far the toughest Bailey Bridge job I've seen," said 1/Lt. Joseph McGlinchey, of Pittsburgh, Pa., company CO, whose outfit has built nine Baileys since the push started.

### Was Treadway Job

The first bridge across the Sarre was a treadway job, built 12 hours earlier by Fourth Armored Div. engineers.

To build the Bailey Bridge, buildings on the river bank were blasted and rubble bulldozed away. Germans on the opposite bank swept the area with artillery fire.

"I wish the doughfeet could know the amount of blood and headache that went into this bridge," said S/Sgt. George McBrien, of Springfield, Mass.

"I was just getting ready to blow one house up with TNT when 88s started plopping in, and I saw one

land smack between two buddies just in front of me," said Pvt. Joe Larry, of Shinnston, W. Va.

"It's tough never knowing when a shell will have your number on it, and not a damn thing you can do except sweat," said S/Sgt. Edward Vose, of Putnam, Mass.

## Medic Miracles Are Routine in Evac Hospitals

By Jules Grad

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

41st EVAC. HOSP., Dec. 18 —They gently lifted the doughboy onto the operating table. Three hours earlier a mortar fragment had pierced his brain and cut the opposite side of his head. Surgeons removed the fragment. Today the soldier is recovering. He probably will return home a normal man.

In World War I, 27 years ago, he possibly would have died on the battlefield before first-aid men could reach him. If he finally got to an evac hospital he had only a two-out-of-three chance to come through. Today, GI Joe has six chances out of seven of recovering completely once he reaches the hospital.

This is not one of the miracles of modern surgery, according to Capt. Miles Gullickson, of Ironwood, Mich., the nerve surgeon here. It is an almost commonplace operation.

### 200 Operations Already

Dr. Harvey Cushing, one of the world's leading brain surgeons in the last war, reported only 143 brain penetration cases for the AEF. In the spotless operating room at this hospital more than 200 cases have already been performed.

It must be remembered, of course, that during World War I not many men seriously wounded in the head—certainly not many with shell fragments through the brain—ever reached the operating table.

Although not typical, this case of brain surgery at the 41st Evac. Hosp. is a good example of how delicate skull injuries are treated at the front.

Three hours after Joe was hit, he was rushed 20 miles from the battlefield to the 41st. He'd already received blood plasma at a field hospital to cope with the shock. When he arrived here by ambulance, doctors gave him a transfusion of whole blood. Then they gave him oxygen and caffeine to stimulate his fluttering heart and respiratory system.

### Rushed to Operating Room

Specialists took three X-ray pictures and in a matter of minutes a diagnosis was made. He was whisked to the operating room, an anaesthetic was administered intravenously and locally. As surgeons were treating broken bones in his arm, Gullickson was working on the wounded soldier's head.

The doctor cleaned surface dirt away, enlarged the hole in the skull to estimate the damage. A suction pump drew out all foreign particles. A brain needle cleaned the wound with a saline solution. Masked surgeons and their non-commissioned assistants kept a wary eye on possible hemorrhages.

The vital factor in brain surgery, according to Gullickson, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, is control of hemorrhage. This is made possible by means of modern surgical instruments like the electric cauterizer and by modern methods of treatment such as application of muscle tissue and fibrin-foam, a yellowish powder which coagulates blood.

### Operation Takes Two Hours

Two hours later the operation was over. The wound was closed. A graft was on the hole over the external covering of the brain.

Orderlies wheeled the GI into a ward. He was delirious with his biggest headache of all time. At the end of this week doctors are very hopeful their patient will be okay. Modern surgery will have triumphed again over obsolete methods that meant death—imbecility at best—for one Joe out of three only 26 years ago.

**This Was America Yesterday:**

# Woo Pitchers Knocked Out of Box In 3 States

By Joe Fleming

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Just as we thought Sin had finally mastered the world, a wartime morality epidemic hit such divergent places as Baton Rouge, La., Winona, Minn., and New York City.

As America read of the Paris dancing ban, New York Supreme Court Justice William T. Collins upheld Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine's decision denying a taxi dancehall a licence. The justice cited a police report and "shockingly indecent" conditions in many such halls, which he described as "a substitution for public prostitution."

People are beginning to talk about New Year's Eve and ringside seats at the Latin Quarter at \$18 per, and some strange folk got mixed up in very usual crimes such as embezzlement, murder, arson and variations of same—still it was a moral week and threatens to continue.

It goes as far south as Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, where pretty Gloria Jeanne Heller, of Havana, Cuba, wrote a pamphlet insinuating sex, promptly was asked to resign, thus causing other students to protest with the threat of a strike.

And you can stay away from St. Mary's College, Winona, Minn., too. Students there picked Chili Williams as "The girl we would most like to entertain on the campus in a parked car." Looks like a few chilly evenings for Chili, as non-sparking faculty members promptly announced parking after hours would be punished by expulsion.

FROM Hollywood, Esther Williams, who couldn't be wrong, splashes cold water on love. She went to visit servicemen in the hospital, and this must have filled her with resolutions. She splashed icy criticism at Filmland's menfolk, saying, "Lots of them are leaners and spongers."



What an omelette!

"All Hollywood men," quoth Esther, "want something."

Catches on quick, does Esther.

But if you think all America will be the same after the war, get hold of the Sunday New York News and turn to Gimbels' ad on page 17. They're offering "double deck wooden beds. Built to conform to rigid army requirements."

Wives, it is assumed, will wear whistles.

SCIENCE Note: Dr. David Dunkle, at Cleveland's Museum of Natural History, will have plenty of rog for New Year's. He's showing two eggs, one runty little job by an ostrich, and a 21-inch creation which, he says, was laid some 50,000 years ago in China. Although it would be easy, considering science and all, Dr. Dunkle doesn't even claim to have laid it.

There may be a shortage of cigarettes in the U.S., but there's been plenty of weather in the last 24 hour—and it's been of all varieties. For instance, the mercury in Miami and San Antonio hit 74 above while Duluth, Minn., was shivering with a two-below temperature. Chicago registered a low 18 above for the day. The New York low was 30 above.

IN the literary world here's today's best sellers: Fiction—"Breen Dolphin Street," by Elizabeth Goudge; "The Green Years," by A.J. Cronin; "Forever Amber," by Kathleen Winsor; "The Robe," by Lloyd Douglas and "Immortal Wife," by Irving Stone. Non-Fiction—"Brave Men," by Ernie Pyle; "The Time for Decision," by Sumner Welles; "Yankee from Olympus," by Catherine Drinker Bowed; "I Never Left Home," by Bob Hope, and "The World from Washington Irving," Van Wyck Brooks.

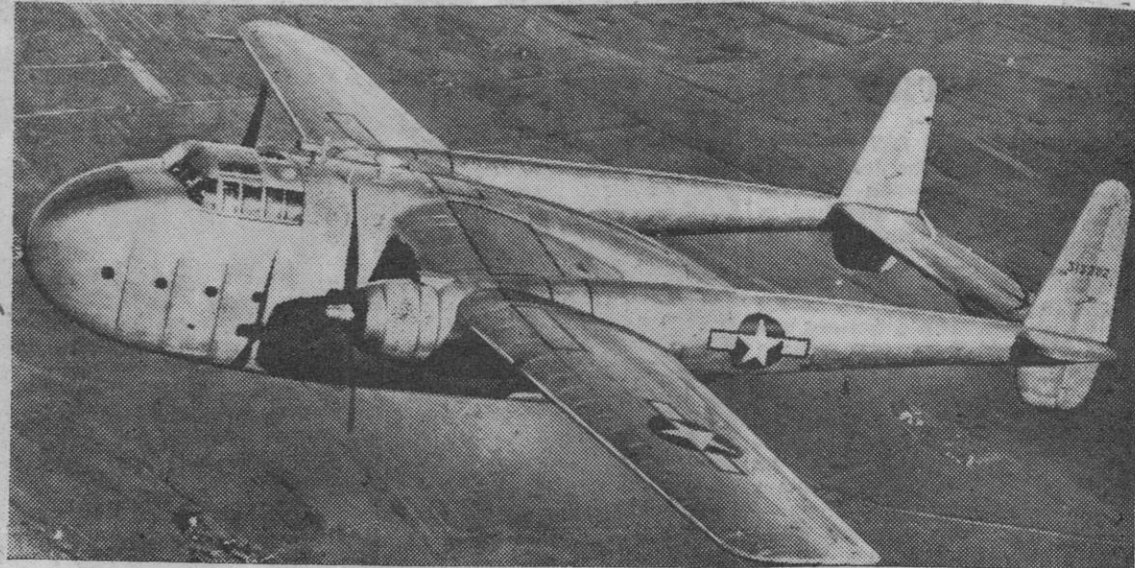
Best-selling records, according to music stores, are: "I'll Walk Alone," "Don't Fence Me In," "Trolley Song," "Toe Ra Loo," and "You Always Hurt the One You Love."

MISS ROCHELLE HUDSON of the movies has been chosen president of the Perfect Legs Institute of America. Deciding that each president's legs should be preserved some way or another, the institute had Rochelle's cast in bronze!



Prexy of the perfect legs, Rochelle Hudson, had them cast in bronze.

## New Long-Range Flying Boxcar—The Fairchild O-82



This is the Fairchild O82, a new transport plane to be used for carrying trucks, tanks, artillery, ammunition or men. It is powered by two Pratt and Whitney double Wasp engines of 2,100 HP, weighs 50,000 pounds and has a range in excess of 3,500 miles.

## New Five-Star Coed, Writing of Matters Sexy, Chiefs Might Is Given Boot by Irate Prexy Wear Only 4

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (ANS).—New five-star admirals and generals may not wear that fifth star after all.

The Army and Navy wouldn't say anything today about the insignia, but it appeared unlikely that five stars would be adopted.

Two factors entered the situation. One was that Gen. Pershing, by special act of Congress, was the general of armies and still is the highest ranking officer. Gen. Pershing wears four stars. On the Navy side, Adm. George Dewey was granted the highest naval rank ever held by an American—Admiral of the Navy—and he wore four stars.

Gen. Pershing changed the collar ornament from a U.S. to a miniature of the Great Seal. Adm. Dewey added two anchors to his four stars.

### Nelson Back in States After Mission to China

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (ANS).—Donald M. Nelson, just returned to Washington from his second mission to China, said today he would report to the President as soon as possible, but would say nothing about his trip before seeing the Chief Executive.

The former WPB chairman, now personal assistant to FDR with the equivalent of cabinet rank, has been in China attempting to stimulate greater war production there.

### Tanker Believed Torpedoed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The 17,000-ton American tanker Jacksonville, carrying supplies to the ETO, went down in the Atlantic several weeks ago following a "terrific explosion," the War Shipping Administration announced today. The ship was believed to have been torpedoed.

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 18.—A student strike was threatened today at Louisiana State University unless a pretty 18-year-old coed, who wrote a leaflet on sex and campus kissing, is reinstated.

The girl, Gloria Jeanne Heller, resigned last week at the request, she said, of the school's president, W. B. Hatcher.

### Hero at Home, Wants to Drive

MANHATTAN, Kan., Dec. 18 (ANS).—Lt. Walter Ehlers, 23-year-old Congressional Medal winner, was home today on a 30-day leave from fighting, but he wasn't half so much interested in the keys to the city as in the keys to somebody's car.

Yesterday, while 200 townspeople crowded around to give him a hero's welcome, somebody asked the young officer—who was promoted from sergeant on the battlefield—what he wanted most to do. After a moment's thought, Ehlers replied, "I'd kinda like maybe to drive a car around a little."

Ehlers was decorated with the highest military award in Paris, Dec. 11, by Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee for his feats near Caumont June 9 and 10, when he cleaned out two machine-gun nests, silenced two mortar positions and killed 18 Germans.

### Pennsylvania's Tipplers Tops Among 16 States

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 18.—The average Pennsylvanian drank \$14 worth of liquor last year, according to state Beverage Control figures. Spirit consumption placed the state first among 16 states, with a 19 percent profit of \$25,000,000 on total sales of \$139,136. Ohio was the next in line with an income of \$84,000,000, followed by Michigan with \$80,000,000.

### Green Asks Labor Seat At Peace Conference

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (Reuter).—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, yesterday insisted on adequate labor representation at the peace conference.

He said the AFL would stand "firm and immovable" in its demand that only representatives of free democratic unions, not government-fostered, should participate in a world labor conference.

### 'Preferred Creditor' Status Denied Finland

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (ANS).—The U.S. has refused to allow Finland to pay her \$235,445 war debt installment.

The Treasury Department denied a licence for transfer of "frozen" Finnish funds on the grounds it would set up the U.S. as a "preferred creditor of Finland," which is considered enemy territory.

### 16-Year-Old Admits Holdup

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 18.—Sixteen-year-old Gerald Barnes has confessed to the \$5,000 holdup of the Puget Sound National Bank, carried out while he held a struggling five-year-old child in front of him as a shield. He told police he got the idea after reading of a similar holdup in Los Angeles Nov. 29.

## A House Goes in Brooklyn

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Recommended for a furlough to go home and see what the hell: the husband, now a soldier in the ETO, of Mrs. Gladys Bursky. First she went to collect the rent on a house she owned in Brooklyn. The house was gone.

Then she learned it had been torn-down on a city condemnation order, and that a claim was being filed against her for \$275 costs of the proceedings.

Later Mrs. Bursky got a letter from the Home Owner's Loan Corporation, which said the house was in good condition when she bought it, and that she would have to finish her installments.

Now, if she doesn't pay the condemnation costs, the city will move to take the land on which the house stood—also Mrs. Bursky's property. The HOLC has cheerily notified her it will oppose any such action, because they're foreclosing too.

### Behind The Sports Headlines

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Mel Ott, Giants' manager now in the ETO with a touring baseball unit, will set a National League record every time he gets a homer or otherwise scores a run during the '45 season. Mel, according to figures officially released by the



Mel Ott

senior league, moved his lifetime totals to 1,784 runs scored, 1,025 extra-base hits and 489 home runs. He's been 20 years with the N. Y. club.

The St. Louis Cardinals set a NL record by winning their 90th game as early as August 28th, also set NL and major league marks by coping 100 games or more three straight seasons. The Cards also won 17 doubleheaders in '44, another major record.

CARLSBAD, N.M.—When Carlsbad played Gallup for the high school championship of New Mexico, Hoe Stell, Carlsbad fullback, ran for three touchdowns, passed for the fourth and gained 233 yards rushing, yet played on the losing team, Gallup winning, 33-27.

NEW YORK.—Report is out that the Yankees have signed Casey Stengel to manage the Newark Bears of the International League, but the Yankees won't admit it—and Casey won't deny it. Rumor has Billy Meyer, Newark manager, going back to Kansas City and Jack Saltzgraver, Blues' boss, getting the sack.

CHICAGO.—The American League has 130 copies of the World Series film in use overseas with Phil Rizzuto doing the dialogue in Australia, Hank Greenberg in India, Ted Lyons in the South Pacific and Bobby Feller aboard ship in the Pacific.

NEW YORK.—The Bond Bowl football game here Sunday settled the question of how Randolph Field would stand up against Army. Answer: They wouldn't stand up. Randy's reputation in Texas was terrific, though, for they played in Odessa, a town of 8,000 and drew 9,000 spectators, more than the crowd that saw them beat the Superbombers in the Polo Grounds.

Iowa Pre-Flight Five Ends Olathe's Streak  
OLATHE, Kan., Dec. 18.—The Iowa Pre-Flight basketball team snapped the six-game winning streak of the Olathe Naval Air Station with a 41-29 victory. Jim Klein, formerly of Pitt, led the Seahawks with 12 points.

Red Cross Fight Results  
Results of fights held last night by the American Red Cross and Special Service at the Palais de Glace, Paris, follow:

Jimmy Johnson, Fort Worth, Tex., won by TKO in the third round over Paul Stewart, Chicago; Verne LaCross, San Francisco, won by TKO in second round over Charles Siler, Los Angeles; John Azebedo, Salinas, Calif., won decision over Ferris Seily, Albany, N.Y.; Jimmy O'Brien, Shreveport, La., won decision over Johnny Lopez, Los Angeles; Joe Smith, Detroit, won decision over Joe Bietel, Freeland, Pa.

Engineers Rout Com Z, 46-0  
The Engineer Maroons trounced Com Z, 46-0 at Pershing Stadium Sunday. Pat Dinnocenzo scoring three touchdowns and setting up two others.

# Packers Beat Giants, 14-7, For Title

## Duke Favored Over Alabama

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 18.—Duke University's football team, first in bowl history to be invited with four defeats charged against it, rules favorite over once-beaten Alabama in the Sugar Bowl game scheduled here New Year's Day.

Coached by Eddie Cameron, Duke just finished a truly tough schedule, losing to Army, Navy, Penn and North Carolina Pre-Flight. Yet, the Blue Devils have a well-balanced team that demands respect.

Alabama will have to keep an eye on Gordon "Doc" Carver and Tom Davis, the former an expert pass catcher, the latter a grand blocker and ballcarrier. Johnny Krisza and George Clark are other durable backs operating from the single wing.

In the Duke line are Clarke Jones and Harry Reece, ends; 205-pound Frank Irwin and Fred Hardison, tackles; Ernest "Bear" Knotts and Fred Sink, guards; John Crowder, center.

Frank Thomas, 'Bama coach, has been quoted as saying, "Duke's going to knock the bobbysocks off my teenage team." Which probably was said with tongue in cheek. It's not a great Alabama team, but it's a good one.

Vaughan Mancha, rated one of the Southwestern Conference's best centers, has amazing speed for a 230-pounder. He backs up the line in great style. Mancha holds together a comparatively light line comprised of Jack McConville and Ralph Jones, ends; Buddy Edwards and Tom Whitley, tackles; and Jack Green and Johnny Wozniak, guards. Alabama's only defeat this year was a 14-7 loss to Georgia.

## 'Packers' Punch

By Pap Fritsch



## 2 Touchdowns By Fritsch in Thrilling Game

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Green Bay Packers, ponderous pachyderms of the National Football League, captured their sixth championship yesterday when they overpowered the New York Giants, 14-7, in the titular playoff before 46,016 chilled onlookers at the Polo Grounds.

Two touchdowns in the second period by Fullback Ted Fritsch gave

## Don 'Quits' 4th Time In 13 Years as Pro

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Don Hutson, great Green Bay end, was telling reporters he was through with pro football, his fourth retirement speech in 13 years of National Football League play.

"I'll jump off the Empire State building if I play again," Don said in answer to his mates' jibes on hearing of his intentions to quit.

the Packers their margin in a thrill-packed struggle which saw the pass-minded champions beat the athletes of Steve Owen at their own game—along the ground.

The underdog Giants had whipped Green Bay, 24-0, a month ago in a major upset, but this time were unable to get out of low gear until the last quarter. Then in the first two minutes of the final chapter, Veteran Arnie Herber pitched a 31-yard pass to End Frank Liebel, who was bumped out on the one-yard line, and Ward Cuff plunged over for a touchdown. Ken Strong converted.

The Giants, with Bill Paschal, league-leading ground gainer, hobbled with an ankle injury, and Len Calligaro, blocking back, laid out with a shoulder separation early in the game, pulled Len Younce back from his guard post on defense to aid in covering sticky-fingered Don Hutson. The Packers quickly capitalized on the opening with Laws and Fritsch driving through that hole at guard all day.

Early in the second quarter Laws went 15 yards to the Giant 17 and Fritsch ground out 16 to the one. The sturdy Giant line held Fritsch twice, threw Laws for a loss, but buckled on fourth down when Fritsch tore through center for a touchdown. Hutson converted.

An Irv Comp-to-Hutson pass later in the period carried 24 yards to the Giant 30 and two plays later, while the Giants were watching Hutson, Fritsch went in the opposite direction and gathered in a 27-yard toss from Comp for the second score.

Statistics:

	PACKERS	GIANTS
First Downs.....	11	10
Yards Gained, rushing.....	62	71
Passes Attempted.....	11	22
Passes Completed.....	3	8
Yards Gained, passes.....	73	117
Yards Penalized.....	46	90

## Wilmington Wins Playoff

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—The Wilmington Shipbuilders capitalized on a bad pass from center in the first period to defeat the Harrisburg Governors, 7-0, in the Eastern Football League playoff. Bruno "Cowboy" Turi scored the only touchdown after picking up the bad pass on the two-yard line and stepping over.

## Fists Fly on Garden Ice As Canadiens Top Rangers

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Montreal's Canadiens increased their National Hockey League lead by defeating the New York Rangers, 4-1, here last night. The game was delayed ten minutes by a fist fight between Maurice Richard of the Canadiens and Bob Dill of the Rangers. Dill was floored by a haymaker in the second period, and in a few seconds players of both teams were engaged in a free-for-all.

The fight flared anew in the penalty box and special police had to restore order. Both players were penalized fifteen minutes. Ranger players said Maurice hit Dill while the referee held him in trying to break up the fight.

Grant Warwick scored the lone Ranger goal 43 seconds after the game started, but Richard tied the score near the end of the first period, and Dutch Hiller, Dan Filion and Doc Majeau added the other Canadian tallies.

## Hawks Upset Wings, 2-1

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—The Chicago Blackhawks surprised the Detroit Red Wings, 2-1, as Bill Mosenko broke a tie in the second period and the home team's defense thwarted dozens of scoring efforts of the Wings' in the final period. Earl Seiber put the Hawks in the lead in the first period and Sid Howe tied it for the Wings in the second.

## Hockey Standings National League

	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal .....	13	4	2	28
Toronto .....	10	6	2	22
Detroit .....	9	5	3	21
Boston .....	7	10	1	15
New York .....	2	8	4	8
Chicago .....	3	10	2	8

## American League

Sunday Night's Scores

Buffalo 4, Hershey 2.
Indianapolis 6, St. Louis 1.

## Cue Is A WOL



Welker Cochran

Welker Cochran, newly-crowned world billiard champion, is headed for his California home today minus the cue he's been using for 25 years. A thief made off with the cue and two spare shafts in a case, while Cochran was at Madison Square Garden watching a basketball doubleheader.



Bob Dill

## Golf Tourney Won by Snead

RICHMOND, Calif., Dec. 18.—Sammy Snead, winner of the Portland Open a month ago, added the \$7,500 Richmond Open to his collection as he beat the best pro golfers in the country here yesterday. Snead shot a one-under-par 70 to finish with a total of 278, six subpar for the 72 holes. Charley Congdon, Tacoma pro, finished one stroke behind Snead.

Byron Nelson and Jug McSpaden, golf's famous "Gold Dust" twins, were tied for third with 280.

## Illini 'Whiz Kids' Burning Up Courts

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—The University of Illinois "Whiz Kids", twice victorious over Great Lakes and winner, 43-40, Saturday over hitherto unbeaten DePaul, are scorching the basketball courts in the Midwest.

Northwestern's Wildcats, considered out of the running in the Big Ten race, also surprised their followers by crushing Marquette, 58-44.

Iowa, Ohio State and Indiana are living up to pre-season predictions, Iowa preserving its record of scoring more than two points a minute, tallying 249 points in three games.

## Clarke Heads Oldtimers

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 18.—Fred Clarke, manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1900 to 1915 and one of the great outfielders of his time, was named by the National Baseball Congress to head the "National Association of Old Timer Groups."

# THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

## Jumpers

In regards to the letter "Willing to Wait" by Sgt. Bill Cochran, we, too, agree that the muddy, bloody, foot-slogging infantry doughboy should get the green light first to go home. Sgt. Cochran mentioned that the paratroopers were next in line for the boat headed west.

We are paratroopers of the 101st Airborne Div. We jumped in France six hours before any beach landings. We jumped in Holland in Sept. The rain here is no different from any other. Brother, it is plenty muddy here.

We only want to know what the Parachute Inf. is if it isn't the same as the infantry after we are on the ground.

We aren't asking for glory, publicity, or sympathy. We just want you to know we are the infantry and damn proud we are part of the Par. Inf.—Pvt. John Howard and six other jumpers.

## Literary Hogs

When a supply of magazines comes in they go to the Bn. CO. If we want one of these magazines, we have to steal it. Are those magazines meant for one man or for all the men in the Battery?

Being up at the front for a long time, we are getting tired of such stuff. That is the only source of recreation we've got.—F.A. Hq. Btry.

## Jerry Rebuilt

On our way back here from the UK we passed through a number of French towns, all pretty well smashed up. We could see no repairs, and very little removal of wreckage; so we have a suggestion to make.

How about taking these Jerry PWs and, instead of shipping them to the States, keep them over here to clean up the mess they caused and repair some of the damage? We will be only too glad to guard them. Only too glad!

Wouldn't you like to see the Jerries do something constructive for a change?—T/Sgt. J. M. Collins and seven others.

## The Navy, Too

We too are IA in a 4F outfit. We would like to know if there is anyone in the Navy that could help us out like Gen. Gerhardt helped the Army fellows. We would appreciate it very much if we could get back with a combat outfit, preferably amphibious. W. S. Johnson S/C.

## Service Troops

Far to the rear of our cold, muddy front line, soldiers are the plodding men of an ammunition company who are called "Service troops."

We are the men who left one of our group fatally wounded, and two others casualties, before we maneuvered those "Achtung Minen" and shell-strewn sands to the safety of the hillcrests. We're those men who opened the first ammunition dump at Omaha Beach on D plus 1. We're

those men who received and issued thousands of tons of ammo daily, until relieved by other troops on D plus 23. We're those boys who continued to sort ammunition on the beaches through the summer and autumn that followed, in stifling heat, driving rain, or bitter cold and dampness, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. We're proud of our work and of the amphibious engineer special brigade to which we are attached.

We remember our role on D-Day and during the weeks that followed, so won't you front-line soldiers whom we admire so much—please take it easy on that "service troop" stuff.—Sgt. B. B.

## Who Knows?

How are we going to get our laundry done? We can't send it out to the civilians; we can't send it to a GI laundry; and we don't have time to do it ourselves.

We work nights and sleep what we can of the days.—Cpl. Robert G. Boehr, Clearing Co.

## Lublin and the U.S.

If the German people had had the opportunity of repeating incidents within the U.S. like Lidice, Lublin, and numerous others, would these same things have taken place? My answer is—and how!

Now this is the point I am trying to make clear. How can we be too harsh or stern with a people, who, in waging total war, have not overlooked one act of barbarism, supposedly outmoded in a civilized world, and perhaps have added a few new ones to the book? I say no measures—however harsh—including barbarism of the German type, is too severe for the German people. It does not seem logical that the seed which has been sown in German hearts relating to "superior beings," "might is right," "lebensraum," etc., can be obliterated once and for all by human kindness, of which they know nothing, or any other glossed-over easy way out.—T/Sgt. A.B., Inf.

## Up Front With Mauldin



"This is the town my pappy told me about."

## An Editorial

# Joes Learn Combat ABCs

IT'S a far cry from a beer to a battlefield. But chances are good that Von Rundstedt's choice of time and place to launch the Wehrmacht's last vicious thrust was dictated by a scene not unlike the one shown here.

The line from Nijmegen to Mulhouse is long and, in some places, thinly held. Agents are busy up and down the border. The loyal can't be told from the lice.

The German, outmatched in men and material, had to play it cagy. To learn where we were strong. To know where we were weak. To catch us here—outguess us there. To take us by surprise. To corner clues on yesterday's sortie, so that tomorrow's might not turn out so well. To pick up the number of a new division—to learn the name of a new CO.

Von Rundstedt had just one source of information—GI Joe. The one eight ball here, the bolo there who gets tight and talkative. Who doesn't know



that English isn't an American monopoly—or a secret code. Who forgets that what he says, plus what the other guy says, adds up to a fateful page in Rundstedt's plan of battle.

To keep the record straight, the boys and gals in this picture are innocent.

So are the great majority of Joes who take security as serious business. Who keep their eyes open, their traps shut. But anyone who gets around knows that isn't always so. That boozing and boasting can lose battles. That beer often turns into blood.



# SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE



## Trench-Foot Problem

Guarding against trench foot, Pvt. Albert Blunt, Macon, Ga., and Pvt. Ray Huddleston, Washington, D.C. of the 35th Div., had taken off their shoes and socks and were massaging their feet when a small force of Nazis attacked them. The

Yanks barefooted it back about 100 yards, fought off the Nazis, but discovered that the departing Jerries had made off with their shoes. Blunt scraped up an old pair of French slippers and walked three miles for GI issues for himself and Huddleston.

## Weather? It Was OK

1/Lt. Fred J. Trenner, a weather reconnaissance pilot from Queens, N.Y., went up to take a look at the sky over the Third Army front and wound up with a Heinkel twin-engine utility transport to his credit.

Flying his Mustang near Wiesbaden, Trenner dropped down to investigate the cloud base and found himself on the tail of an enemy aircraft—the first he had seen in 76 missions. One burst sent the plane crashing into a hillside.

## Louder and Funnier

During a German counter-attack, Sgt. Henry Johnson, of Ashboro, N.C., a machine-gunner in Co. K, 23rd Inf., Second Div., heard a German call to him in English.

"I can't understand you," yelled Johnson. "Come closer."

The German advanced within a stone's throw and struck a threatening pose. "I want you to surrender, or die," he called.

"No dice on either count," answered Johnson, and closed the conversation with a well-aimed burst from his gun.

## Casanova Caught

A Nazi Casanova whose technique wasn't subtle enough was caught in a farmhouse by Lt. W. P. Wilson, of Jacksonville, Fla., Pfc Woodrow Burns, of Manchester, Ky., and Pfc Harry Fisher, of Columbus, Ohio, on

a 94th Div. patrol. The Jerry was trying to embrace a French girl, who was protesting loudly in French while he argued in German.

## Stylists Please Note

The corporal came rushing into the Intelligence section of 44th Armored Inf. Bn. with a captured document. Said Lt. William Jax,



of Buffalo, N.Y.: "Let's get this deciphered and decoded."

Bn. G2 said it was a German fire plan, Div. G2 agreed and asked for an interpretation.

Said the interpreter: "My wife would be interested in that. It's a dress pattern."

## Tough Luck

Pfc Daniel Wyant, of Medford, Ore., and an armored division were sloshing through the mud of the Siegfried Line area when the unit mail clerk handed him a telegram that cleared up the mystery of an old stand-up. The message, sent about the time Wyant was trudging up a POE gangplank, read: "Sorry can't meet you in Philly tonight."

## Births

Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival:  
CPL. James Pliske, Chesterton, Ind.—Darlene Ruth, Dec. 3; Lt. Frank T. Gallus, Lackawanna, N.Y.—boy, Dec. 8; Capt. T. S. Gammage Jr., Houston—boy, Dec. 8; Lt. Frank B. Harmon, Raleigh—boy, Dec. 9; S/Sgt. Martin Greenberg, N.Y.C.—Davis Saul, Nov. 25.

## THE STARS AND STRIPES

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# HASH MARKS

Secret weapon department. Cpl. Everett Wise and Pfc Stubblefield of a FA battalion have a suggested improvement on existing bombs and robot bombs. While opening heated cans of C-rations they frequently find that the explosion is so great that the escaping steam forces the can on a mid-air flight. They recommend arming Cub planes with C-ration cans under each wing—ready to fire armor-piercing beans at any target.

Bob Hope's definition of an Army captain: "A uniform with two chips on each shoulder."

Frontline hit parade. Pfc Al Capasso has new words for the tune "Mairsy Doats":

88s and hano grenad.  
And lots screaming mimis.  
I dive for my hole, too—  
Wouldn't you?

After several seconds of concentration in the realm of serious drama a Pfc whose initials are CKC has evolved a dialogue in



two languages that captures the essence of romance, of exhilaration, of life itself:

He: "We?"  
She: "Oui."  
He: "Whee!"

Frontline humor. Pvt. Bernard Lansky sez his buddy rolls cigarettes that are just like a popular brand—Camels. His even have the humps.

Food for thought. A Joe who signs his letter "a permanent fixture in the ETO" has an interesting idea. According to the demobilization plan, he sez, a WAC may apply for a discharge upon her husband's release from the service. His wife has just been honorably discharged from the Air WACs. Now his \$64 Q' tion is, "Does the plan work both ways and where do I line up for the discharged?"

Fun in the big city. Climbing into the trailer of one of these Velo bicycle taxis, a GI was pedaled around gay Paree. He stopped at his destination, finished his business and got ready to make the return trip. When the driver told him the amount of his fare so far, the GI screamed, "You hop in the trailer—I'll pedal you back to where we came from!"

J. C. W.

## AEF-RADIO-AFN Program-AFN

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1545—On the Record.  
2030—Maj. Glenn Miller's Band.  
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2135—Dinah Shore.

TOMORROW  
1301—Cpl. Saddlebags.  
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1830—GI Journal.  
2130—Bob Hope.

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

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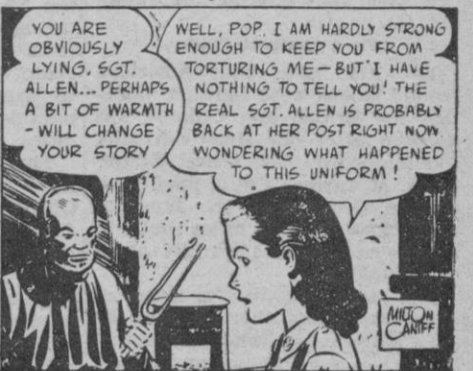
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## Yank Troops Now Fighting In N. Burma

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (ANS).—American infantry and artillery troops, known as the "Mars task force," are now fighting in the North Burma area. Advance elements of the unit are closer to Mandalay than any other Allied forces in Burma, it was disclosed today.

The Associated Press reported the force is under the command of Brig. Gen. John P. Willey, of Hampton, Va.

### First Contact Made

The first news that American ground troops were fighting alongside the British and Chinese was released after one American unit, commanded by Col. Ernest Easterbrook, of Carmel, Calif., made contact on Dec. 9 with the Japanese at Tonkwa, 65 road miles south of Bhamo and some 120 miles north of Mandalay.

The Mars task force is made up of veteran jungle fighters from the old "Marauders," who saw action in Burma last summer under Maj. Gen. Frank Merrill, plus infantry replacements from America and volunteers from U.S. forces stationed in the India-Burma theater.

### Marched 200 Miles

Troops of the new task force, wearing jungle-green uniforms being tried out for the first time, marched more than 200 miles through dense jungles and swamps before coming in contact with the enemy.

Maj. Gen. Daniel I. Sultan, successor to Stilwell in Burma, visited captured Bhamo and went on a five-hour inspection tour of the former Japanese "teakwood" fortress, where a suicide enemy garrison held out for two weeks.

## Belgian, French Firms Get Mortar Contracts

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. — Belgian and French firms have contracted to manufacture \$6,500,000 worth of 60 and 81mm. mortars for the American Army to meet urgent needs for those weapons, according to the War Department.

This is part of the campaign to augment American production abroad and save both manpower and shipping. Fifteen continental firms now are manufacturing tires and tire caps, jeep batteries and parts and machine-guns. In addition captured German weapons and ammunition are being used against the enemy.

## Paris S & S Is 'Inferior, Biased,' Lawmaker Says

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Congressman Paul Shafer (R.-Mich.) considers the Paris edition of The Stars and Stripes much inferior to the Rome and Naples editions, the UP reported from Florence last night.

Shafer said he considered the Italian editions "real newspapers" which carried all kinds of unbiased news, regardless of whether it favored the administration or not, whereas The Paris Stars and Stripes contained too much propaganda and never published unfavorable news.

## Hedgerow Conqueror Injured

A U.S. HOSPITAL, England, Dec. 18 (AP).—Sgt. Curtis G. Culin Jr., 28, of Cranford, N.J., who won the Legion of Merit for his invention of a blade attachment which enabled tanks to cut through Normandy hedgerows, lost his left foot in the explosion of a German mine in the Siegfried Line, it was disclosed today.

## Japs Watch 4 Directions for Superforts

**Aleutians, Philippines Potential Bases For Heavies**

JAPAN, already rocked by "experimental" Superfort raids from China, is preparing for air blows from three new directions—Saipan, 1,500 miles from Tokyo; the Philippines and the Aleutians, both 2,000 miles away.

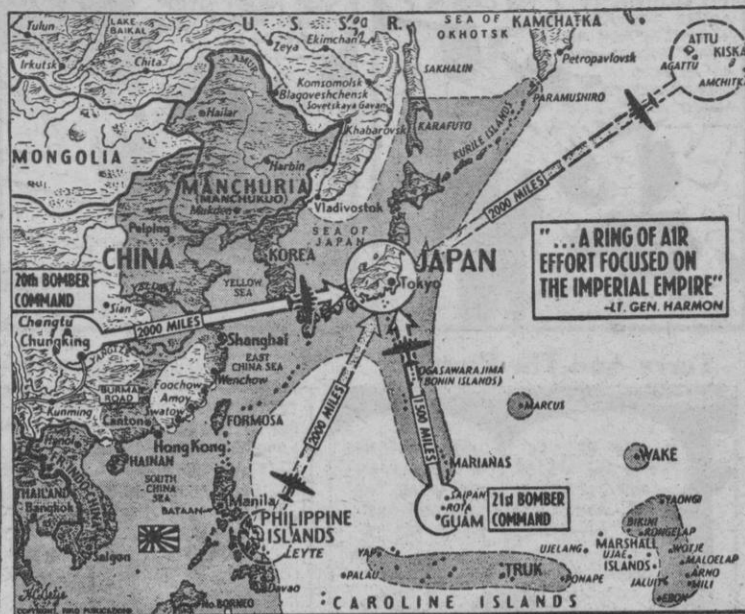
As Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, commander of USAAF forces in the Pacific, declared: "No part of the homeland of Japan now is safe from land-based attacks." Tokyo radio warned the Nipponese nation to expect air raid damage comparable to that inflicted on German cities.

The U.S. 20th Bomber Command has been operating from the Chengtu-Chungking area in China, 2,000 miles from Tokyo, for some time, and planes from there have made several attacks on the Jap mainland as well as on the great munition centers of Manchuria.

Though the Japs are feverishly trying to capture U.S. air bases in China and have overrun some advance fields, they still are a long way from the B29 aerie.

### Targets Clustered

Targets on Japan are closely clustered and generally near the coast. Raiders do not have to fly over vast expanses of enemy territory, alive with fighter nests, flak positions and watching outposts, as has been the case in Germany. On the western tip of Japan,



naval repair stations and armament plants are located. Kyushu Island targets, and those just across the narrow strait on Honshu Island, have already been heavily-hit.

Tokyo, itself, can be struck without much chance of advance warning from Saipan and Philippine bases. It is the center of Japan's "eastern seaboard," with shipping and industrial targets thickly clustered about Yokohama and Tokyo. Nagoya is the center of the great Mitsubishi plane and engine manufacturing.

Gen. Harmon indicates heavy Superfort raids from the Aleutians.

Bombers from this quarter have already smashed at Japan's northernmost outpost, Paramushiro. But Japan proper does not offer nearly as many targets on Hokkaido Island and northern Honshu as in the southern section. Patrols might give advance warning from above the Kurile chain.

However, the advantage of being able to attack from several directions always complicates the enemy's problems. It offers the opportunity for criss-cross raids to different bases, thus avoiding fighter-plane ambushes, which in Europe have caught many returning Britain-based bombers.

## Pacific . . .

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iest battles" of the Philippines campaign as trapped Japs fought to death in a futile effort to break through American lines north of Ormoc.

Another 2,000 Japs were killed in a day's fighting as the 32nd, 7th and 77th Divisions mowed down Jap frontal counter-attacks with point-blank artillery fire.

## Truce Terms Rejected, Athens Fighting Grows

NEW YORK, Dec. 18 (ANS).—Fighting in Athens increased again today, following the British commander's rejection of leftwing peace proposals, because they did not provide immediate cessation of the two weeks' old civil war.

In Washington, the American position of strict neutrality in the Greek political crisis was reaffirmed by high military spokesmen, who said American activities were "strictly limited to relief and rehabilitation."

## Yo Ho Ho And A Bottle of...; Navy Relaxes Beer Rules

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (ANS).—Navy Secretary James V. Forrestal, who once was a gob himself, has ruled it's now all right for naval vessels to transport beer and ale for their crews provided the men drink the stuff only when they get ashore, it was disclosed today.

This marks the first departure in almost 25 years from Secretary Josephus Daniels' regulation that no alcoholic beverages could be "admitted or used" on naval vessels except for medicinal purposes. Forrestal informed the Fleet such beer can be of regular commercial

## No Purple Heart, But He Carries a Bullet Under His

WITH THE 28th INF. DIV., GERMANY.—Pfc Otto Carl Chandler, of Edinburg, Ind., has never been awarded the Purple Heart. But he's one of the most dangerously wounded and best soldiers in this outfit, according to comrades who had followed the quiet Hoosier scout into toughest combat areas.

While acting as No. One platoon scout near Gathemo, France, Chandler caught a bullet under the heart. Doctors decided not to remove it, and it's still there. A wooden bullet hit him in the left forearm. He removed this himself with a pair of borrowed tweezers in a hospital.

Chandler has one pride—his special Cognac Extractor system. Taking no chances on booby traps, he ties a string around the neck of the bottle, walks out of the house, and pulls. He tried this once with a bottle of wine on a table in a captured house.—The whole house blew up.

## Luftwaffe . . .

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at communications between Zulpich and Euskirchen.

Four FW-190s were blasted out of the air in a fierce battle over the Trier area by 19th TAC.

Ninth AF medium bombers also struck against counter-attacking German forces yesterday, attacking villages between Monschau and Schleiden with more than 150 planes. The Marauders, Havocs and Invaders bombed through overcast and no results of their raids could be observed.

Approximately 500 Flying Fortress of the Eighth AF, escorted by more than 600 fighters, blasted railyards at Cologne, Coblenz and Mainz, and hit at railyards elsewhere in western Germany in an attempt to sever the supply lines of the counter-attacking Nazi units.

From Italy, heavy bombers of the 15th AF struck for the second consecutive day at synthetic oil refineries in Silesia. Other heavies of the 15th blasted the Graz railyards, on the main line between Vienna and Yugoslavia, targets in the Vienna area and at Sopron, 35 miles southeast of Vienna.

Describing the historic battle of the Ninth AF, Gen. Nugent said the Luftwaffe had "pampered" itself for the last ten days in preparation for this supreme effort. For the last few months, it has passed up battle to save all its strength for the new blow, he said.

Yank airmen who met the Germans over Bonn, a strong Luftwaffe airport, said they believed the Nazi pilots were "less capable and experienced" than those encountered before because of the lack of oil which has hindered the Luftwaffe's training program.

## Ohio Bishop Consecrated

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (ANS).—The Most Rev. Michael Joseph Ready was consecrated Bishop of Columbus, Friday, in solemn rites of the Roman Catholic Church held in Washington's Cathedral of St. Matthew.

## 'All at Stake,' Nazis Told As Battle Rages

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"great hour" had arrived, as tank divisions and infantry, supported by the most powerful Luftwaffe formations seen since Normandy, went over to the attack after months of defensive warfare.

In a special order of the day, he also told his troops: "Everything is now at stake and you know it."

United Press front reports said that troops of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army met tanks grouped in numbers exceeding the normal strength of the German panzer division. These reports also said that another enemy thrust had broken through north of Vianden.

The Allies lost ground around Monschau and south of Monschau. Enemy parachute troops had been dropped by the hundreds, according to the dispatches.

### Third and Seventh Advance

On the American Third and Seventh Army fronts below the breakthrough, U.S. forces continued to advance slowly.

Third Army's 90th Div. men fought their way to the east side of the Saar town of Dillingen and cleared 10 more blocks. Forces of the 95th Div. gained up to 200 yards in stubborn house-by-house fighting in Fraulautern, eastern suburb of Saarlautern.

Seventh Army men were reported by Associated Press to have reached outer Siegfried Line positions in the Palatinate as resistance stiffened.

While security blacked out what steps were being taken to block the Nazi breakthrough, it was disclosed that some German columns had been blunted somewhere in the battle area between Monschau and Trier, Associated Press said.

It was revealed at SHAEF, meanwhile, that Spitfires and Tempests came down from the British sector and flew reconnaissance patrols south of Monschau.

### Germans Saved Up

It was apparent that the massive German assault on the First Army front had been carefully prepared for some time and that men and materiel had been saved up for this effort.

Military commentators in London said Von Rundstedt's assault was in no way comparable to Ludendorff's great offensive in 1918 which, some experts believed, could have rescued Germany from defeat.

Experienced war reporters generally viewed the assault as at best a move to delay the Allied offensive. They viewed the timing of the counter-offensive as a significant indication that Germany could not afford to wait much longer at the current rate of attrition Nazi armies are suffering all along the Western Front.

## 23rd Engrs. Clear Roads Under Fire

WITH THE THIRD ARMORED DIV. IN GERMANY.—Probing at night in the mud and under mortar fire, men in the 23rd Engr. Bn. cleared the mine-ridden approaches to Weisweiler and made it possible for the Third Armored to spearhead the smash into the industrial city.

A single platoon, led by Lt. Charles Goddard, of Chaffee, Mo., lifted 39 of the big, tank-killing mines from a secondary road in a few hours.