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FDR's Victory Sweeps Democrats Into Congress

Patton Men Attack on Metz Plain

As reinforced German panzers renewed counter-attacks on the U.S. First Army's Cologne drive, units of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Third Army sprang a surprise attack early yesterday. Patton's men seized 13 towns on a rain-soaked plain between Metz and Nancy, and crossed the Seille River in three places.

In Holland, meanwhile, Allied minesweepers began to clear mines from the 50-mile Scheldt River where Field Marshal Montgomery broke the German blockade of Antwerp, whose yawning harbors are reported ready to receive ships standing by in British ports.

Big Push, Nazis Say

The size of Lt. Gen. Patton's new assault on Germany was not disclosed by the Allies. Berlin Radio heralded it as the long-expected major offensive, after announcing six days ago that the First Army's attack southeast of Aachen was the expected big push.

Third Army infantry pushed through muddy fields on a 25-mile line between Pont-à-Mousson and Château Salins, midway between Metz and Nancy. The infantry attack followed a heavy artillery barrage with captured Nazi ammunition.

U.S. forces crossed the Seille River, a tributary of the Moselle, at several points about 13 miles south of Metz. United Press said opposition was light.

To the north, Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' troops lost the village

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Jap Plane Toll Mounts to 400

PEARL HARBOR, Nov. 8 (UP).—U.S. carrier planes, striking again at the Manila area in preparation for the next phase of the Philippines liberation, raised their toll to 30 Japanese ships and more than 400 planes destroyed or damaged, it was announced today.

Tokyo, recognizing the threat to her southern empire, announced that Gen. Tomoyui Yamashita, the conqueror of Bataan, Corregidor and Singapore, had returned to the command of Japanese forces in the Philippines.

On Leyte Island, U.S. forces joined battle with elements of four Japanese divisions in the final struggle for the central Philippines. U.S. artillery and dive-bombers firing into the Japanese pocket around the west coast port of Ormoc damaged warehouses and supply dumps and started big fires.

Polish Troops Seize Two Key Hills in Italy

Polish Eighth Army troops in Italy occupied two important hills yesterday and reached a point about five miles southwest of Forlì in their drive across mountainous terrain toward the key town on the Rimini-Bologna highway.

Same Boss, New Assistant



Robot Planes Can Blast U.S.; V2 on London

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—In the wake of a German announcement that London has been under V-2 bombardment for "some weeks past," the War and Navy Departments in Washington warned last night that German flying bomb attacks on the U.S. were "entirely possible."

While there was no confirmation or denial from London concerning V-2, spokesmen for the two U.S. war agencies said in a joint statement that the robots might be launched from long-range bombers making one-way sacrifice flights and controlled across the Atlantic by submarines.

Meanwhile, the German News Agency, DNB, said, "The area of Greater London has been under fire by V-1 since June 15 with short interruption and in varying strength. Fire has been intensified for some weeks past by the use of a second, far more effective explosive, V-2."

While the Germans gave no indication as to the size of V-2, reports from Sweden and other neutral countries describe it as a long, fairly fat rocket which moves faster than sound. Its range is said to be between 200 and 300 miles, and it is reported to have a warhead of something under one-ton of explosives.



This is the team carrying on in the White House. Vice-President-elect Harry S. Truman is pictured below his new boss.

It's A-Hunting Jobs They'll Go

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (AP).—The re-election of President Roosevelt to a fourth term and Sen. Harry S. Truman to a first has left two national figures—Vice-President Henry A. Wallace and Gov. John W. Bricker—without jobs.

With his defeat, Thomas E. Dewey returns to Albany where he

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Roosevelt Leads In 28 States, Has 2,401,000 Edge

The American people gave President Roosevelt a fourth term in the White House but by a smaller margin than they voted him his other three, latest returns showed last night, but they apparently strengthened Democratic control of the Congress with which he will act to win the war and make the peace.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York, who campaigned with the call that "it's time for a change," seemed likely to win 170 electoral votes, that is 21 more than the total that Hoover, Landon and Willkie together polled when they ran against Roosevelt, but the President's indicated electoral vote of 361 was 95 more than the 266 majority he needed.

Control of House, Senate Clinched

By Ben Price

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau,

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—

The Democrats today clinched a majority of the Senate and took stronger control of the House of Representatives.

The 79th Congress thus will convene next January predominantly Democratic.

The Administration clinched its majority of the treaty-making, appointment-confirming Senate early in the counting, and incomplete returns showed the Democrats had won 14 House seats formerly held by Republicans. The GOP overturned no Democrats in the House.

Of 218 Representatives definitely elected so far, 157 were Democrats, 59 Republicans, one American Labor and one Progressive.

Win Senate Seats

A fresh charge of Democratic power likewise gave the Administration stepped-up voltage in the other chamber. The very first Senate turnover toppled John A. Danaher, Connecticut Republican whom his foes called an isolationist. The Republicans gained another seat, however, when Iowa's Republican Gov. Bourke B. Hickenlooper took out Guy Gillette.

In the House, Hamilton Fish, who

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Soldier Votes Won't Tip Scales

By Robert L. Moora

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau,

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—

Franklin D. Roosevelt was decisively returned to the Presidency for four more years on the basis of late returns tonight.

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York ran him a closer race than had any of the other three Republicans he defeated, but the President's margin was still large enough to erase the absentee ballots cast by an estimated 4,000,000 servicemen and women, many of which will be counted later, as a factor in the result.

Reports still incomplete but virtually conclusive showed Roosevelt ahead in 28 states with 361 electoral votes, and Dewey leading

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Reds Hammer German Flank

MOSCOW, Nov. 8 (AP).—Checked temporarily on the outskirts of Budapest, Russian attacks today hammered back the German flank extending eastward from the Hungarian capital to the Tisza River.

Marshal Rodion Malinovsky sought to destroy communications between the Budapest garrison and strong enemy forces which had been hastily regrouped after reverses in northeastern Hungary. At the same time Soviet units along the east bank of the Danube River south of Budapest continued to be reinforced.

Reports from East Prussia told of continued heavy German counter-attacks.

Millionth GI Sails

WITH THE U.S. ARMY IN EUROPE, Nov. 8.—At 2 p.m. on Oct. 25, Pvt. Paul S. Shimer, Chambersburg Pa., the millionth American soldier to leave the port of Southampton for the continent since D-Day, boarded an LSI (Landing Ship, Infantry.)

Joliet Alumni Make Good in Army

By Jimmy Cannon

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

INSIDE THE SIEGFRIED LINE,

Nov. 8.—The village housing the mortar company CP had been shelled all yesterday, and now in the night the plane was searching for them. They could hear it roaring through the mists in slow inquisitive circles.

"What a lousy day," the clerk of the company said.

The men were wet through their raincoats to their underwear by the steady rain, and now the wind rose and it was very cold.

"This ain't bad compared to the

can," said 1/Sgt. Howard Ford.

"Give me a jail house any day," the clerk of the company said.

"You'll never know how tough it is in the can 'til you do a little time," Ford said.

Ford, who served eight years nine months and 12 days of a life sentence in the Illinois State penitentiary at Joliet for a payroll stickup in Chicago, was paroled so he could enlist in the Army.

"I broke in the racket running a little beer for The Capone around Chicago," Ford said. "Then I got mixed up with a peter mob and blew some safes for a while. After that I went on the heist and took

a lot of banks. They settled me for a payroll stickup in Chicago. My rap partner was killed. So was a copper. I did my time and then they paroled seven of us to go into the Army. One got killed. The rest are still with the outfit."

"And I wouldn't trade them for any other six soldiers in the Army," Lieut. Col. James Batte, the CO, said.

"Thank you, sir," Ford answered. He is a tight-bodied, lean-jawed man, young looking for his middle years. "We figured it was going to be tough. We didn't think the guys would accept ex-cons. But

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Democrats Threaten 7 GOP Governorships

Missouri Upset Scored As '38 Trends Halted

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (AP).—Democrats scored an upset in Missouri and today threatened half a dozen more of 26 Republican governorships.

It was apparent the Democrats had checked, if not reversed, the Republican gubernatorial trend started in 1938. As recently as two years ago the GOP made a net gain of five governorships.

Missouri elected Phil M. Donnelly, Democratic attorney to the seat which Republican Gov. Forest O. Donnell gave up to run for the Senate, in Massachusetts and Washington, Democratic candidates piled up leads in voting that followed the pattern of the Roosevelt-Dewey Presidential race.

Lead in Four More States

In Illinois, Ohio, Delaware and Idaho—all are now under Republican control—Democratic nominees were either out in front or running so closely behind their GOP rivals that the outcome was in doubt.

Maurice T. Tobin, 43-year-old Democratic mayor of Boston, collected a lead of more than 100,000 over Republican Lt. Gov. Horace T. Cahill in the hot Massachusetts contest for the vacated seat of Gov. Leverett Saltonstall, who ran for the Senate. Sen. Mon C. Wallgren, Democrat, was running ahead of incumbent GOP Gov. Arthur B. Langlie in an early count in Washington.

Another Democrat, Sen. Samuel D. Jackson, of Indiana, was in front of Republican Ralph F. Gates in a close race in that state, which has had Democratic governors since 1930.

GOP Governors Re-elected

Republican governors assured of re-election included Raymond E. Baldwin, of Connecticut, Andrew F. Schoepfel, of Kansas, and Dwight Griswold, of Nebraska. Other Republicans elected included Mortimer R. Procter, of Vermont, and Robert D. Blue, of Iowa. Among the indicated winners were Republican governors Harry F. Kelly, of Michigan, Walter S. Goodland, of Wisconsin, and Edward J. Thye, of Minnesota.

Democratic incumbents returned for new terms included Govs. Sidney P. Osborn, of Arizona; J. Howard McGrath, of Rhode Island, and Coke R. Stevenson, of Texas.

Illinois Republican Governor Dwight H. Green waged a nip and tuck battle with Democratic State Attorney Thomas J. Courtney of Chicago, which tightened as down-state votes accumulated.

Ohio's "Battle of Mayors" is one of the closest governorship races in the country. Republican Mayor James Garfield Stewart of Cincinnati and Democratic Mayor Frank J. Lausche of Cleveland alternated in leading a see-saw contest with less than 1,000 votes separating them at times.

Joliet

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they welcomed us with open arms. We did the best we could and we started even. The outfit forgot our past records. Maybe, if this gets out that we made pretty good soldiers it'll help a lot of other guys in the can."

"Let me tell you something. I used to think I was a real tough guy because I had a pistol in my pocket. But it takes more guts to face a gun than it does to fire one. I found that out as soon as we come to France."

"Did you ever know a copper named Tommy Kelly around Chicago?" Ford was asked.

"Do I know him?" he asked. He opened his mouth and yanked his false teeth loose.

"He give me these for a Christmas present," Ford said.

Tito in Moscow

MOSCOW, Nov. 8.—Marshal Tito, Yugoslav Partisan leader, arrived in Moscow for talks with Premier Joseph Stalin.

Fish Is Defeated, Clare Luce Wins

Results in some of the outstanding Congressional races:



Fish Bennet

Augustus W. Bennet, 48, a Newburgh Republican running under both Democratic and American Labor sponsorship in the new 29th New York district, defeated Hamilton Fish, a leading isolationist, who was seeking a 13th congressional term. Last summer Bennet, backed both by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and the late Wendell Willkie, was defeated by Fish in the Republican primary election.



Luce Connors

Clare Booth Luce, Republican, overcame her opponent's early lead to win re-election over Margaret E. Connors in Connecticut's fourth congressional district. The re-election of Mrs. Luce, GOP glamour girl and wife of Time and Life Publisher Henry Luce, was firmly opposed by President Roosevelt. He said that it would be a good thing for the country if she were defeated.



Barkley Park

Sen. Alben W. Barkley, Democratic senate majority leader from Kentucky, won a fourth term by defeating James Park, one-time major league baseball pitcher who now is a lawyer-farmer in Lexington.



Curran Wagner

Robert F. Wagner, closely associated with the New Deal since 1932, defeated Thomas J. Curran, political ally of Gov. Dewey, in the New York senatorial race. Wagner, who won a fourth term in the senate, is known as the father of the National Labor Relations act and other social and labor legislation. Curran is New York secretary of state under Dewey.

Aid Sailor Vets

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (ANS).—Selective Service today extended its Veterans' Assistance program to aid former members of the merchant marine in getting back civilian jobs they left.

Presidential Vote by States

STATE	ELECTORAL VOTES	VOTING UNITS	VOTING UNITS REPORTED	Roosevelt	Dewey
Ala.	11	2,300	157	15,318	3,417
Ariz.	4	438	89	10,030	7,561
Ark.	9	2,087	24	1,365	410
Calif.	25	14,850	7,425	631,024	488,388
Colo.	6	1,663	112	11,948	15,465
Conn.	8	169	74	345,918	335,156
Del.	3	250	35	7,137	4,707
Fla.	8	1,472	124	35,282	17,320
Ga.	12	1,735	90	36,976	5,289
Idaho	4	845	110	13,663	13,009
Ill.	28	8,737	2,184	533,495	430,735
Ind.	13	4,016	1,004	244,881	246,271
Iowa	10	2,463	1,231	225,156	245,316
Kans.	8	2,742	548	42,596	78,586
Ky.	11	4,282	2,141	214,747	162,107
La.	10	1,871	6	1,193	264
Maine	5	627	546	126,975	138,714
Md.	8	1,327	1,076	251,309	226,757
Mass.	16	1,852	740	347,993	288,709
Mich.	19	3,843	768	100,900	207,048
Minn.	11	3,708	217	69,190	49,195
Miss.	9	1,683	210	17,351	1,128
Mo.	15	4,519	2,259	363,513	369,145
Mont.	4	1,175	27	3,870	3,955
Nebr.	6	2,046	511	35,801	59,273
Nev.	3	299	84	4,664	4,743
N.H.	4	296	99	49,361	51,469
N.J.	16	3,647	275	63,674	109,597
N.M.	4	902	113	18,257	14,056
N.Y.	47	9,121	8,809	3,298,000	2,906,000
N.C.	14	1,921	132	42,657	9,757
N.D.	4	2,251	—	—	—
Ohio	25	8,872	4,436	849,302	948,596
Okla.	10	3,672	1,836	177,866	130,910
Ore.	6	1,845	371	27,850	28,570
Penn.	35	8,197	5,500	1,207,387	1,160,035
R.I.	4	261	50	22,885	25,368
S.C.	8	1,282	503	44,976	3,048
S.D.	4	1,949	389	24,164	32,985
Tenn.	12	2,300	1,532	134,492	101,793
Texas	23	254	16	37,862	6,320
Utah	4	870	20	4,043	2,669
Vt.	3	280	208	32,356	49,340
Va.	11	1,712	522	58,346	30,117
Wash.	8	3,164	42	4,002	2,771
W.Va.	8	2,796	49	7,614	5,510
Wis.	12	3,094	1,031	261,505	265,170
Wyo.	3	673	112	5,683	5,930
Totals	531	130,353	47,837	10,164,577	9,293,179

FDR Plurality Is 2,401,000; Total Is Rising

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in 19 states with 166 electoral votes. Returns were missing from North Dakota, which gave its four votes to Wendell L. Willkie four years ago.

The latest popular vote figures gave Roosevelt 19,700,000 and Dewey 17,299,000.

Dewey had conceded the election to Roosevelt as early as 3 AM (8 AM ETO time) with a radio broadcast expressing "heartly congratulations" and an "earnest hope that his next term will see a speedy victory in the war, the establishment of lasting peace and the restoration of tranquility among our people." He sent the President no direct message, he explained, because he thought Mr. Roosevelt had gone to bed.

But the Chief Executive was up. He heard Dewey's message on the radio and he promptly wired him: "I thank you for your statement which I have heard over the air a few minutes ago."

Wins Pivotal States

Thus ended one of the most bitter campaigns waged in years, in which Republicans referred to the 62-year-old Roosevelt as "a tired old man" and Democrats hit at the youth and inexperience in international affairs of the 42-year-old Dewey.

Roosevelt's victory became assured when the big pivotal states of New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and California swung to his column. The President swept New York state by a plurality of more than 350,000 in a Democratic sweep which saw Sen. Robert F. Wagner re-elected, Rep. Hamilton Fish kicked out and Rolland B. Marvin of upstate Onondaga County, Republican leader in the state senate, upset.

States apparently for Dewey were Colorado, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Dewey's indicated electoral vote of 166, or 170 with North Dakota, compared with 82 garnered by Willkie to 449 for Roosevelt in 1940; 8 for W. M. Landon to 523 for Roosevelt in 1936; and 59 for Herbert Hoover to 472 for Roosevelt in 1932.

Dewey, who had fought Roosevelt strenuously in the nation's first wartime presidential election in 80 years, expressed confidence that "all Americans will join me in the hope that Divine Providence will guide and protect the President of the United States." He prepared to return to Albany from New York to resume his duties as governor—his term has still two years to run.

3rd Men Hit On Metz Plain

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of Kommerfeldt, 13 miles southeast of Aachen, during a heavy enemy tank and infantry counter-attack from the village of Schmidt.

U. S. infantry and armor still held high ground northwest of Kommerfeldt, and heavy fighting was still continuing at the village of Vossenack as fresh German reserves battled to prevent Lt. Gen. Hodges' men from breaking out of the Hurtgen Forest to the Cologne plain.

A heavy downpour hampered U.S. Seventh Army and French First Army movements in the south. Germans stiffened resistance to slow the yard-by-yard Allied gain on the St. Die entrance to the Ste. Marie and Schluct passes.

In the High Alps, at the extreme south of the front, French ski troops were reported in action for the first time by Associated Press.

Text of Dewey's Statement

NEW YORK, Nov. 8 (ANS).—The text of Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's statement at 3 AM today, conceding President Roosevelt's re-election, was as follows:

It is clear that Mr. Roosevelt has been re-elected for a fourth term and every good American will wholeheartedly accept the will of the people.

I extend to President Roosevelt my hearty congratulations and my earnest hope that his next term will see speedy victory in the war, the establishment of lasting peace and the restoration of tranquility among our people.

I am deeply grateful for the confidence expressed by so many millions of my fellow citizens and for their labors in the campaign. The Republican Party emerges from the election revitalized and a great force for the good of the country and for the preservation of free government in America.

I am confident that all Americans will join me in the devout hope that in the difficult years ahead Divine Providence will guide and protect the President of the United States.

Democrats Get Congress Rule

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long had represented President Roosevelt's New York home district but not his international policies, fell at last after 24 years in Congress.

On the other hand, Playwright Clare Booth Luce traded pointed glares with Roosevelt and bobbed up winner of a second term in the Fourth Connecticut District after having trailed Margaret E. Connors, Democrat, on early returns.

Senator Gerald P. Nye (R.-N.D.), another opponent of the President's international policies, trailed Democrat John Moses and his defeat appeared likely.

The re-election of Sen. Robert F. Wagner (D.-N.Y.) over Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's close aide, Thomas J. Curran, made the

numerical Democratic superiority in the new Senate a certainty even before the solid South turned in its six Democratic winners.

Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky zipped in as the Democratic current swept up through the border states. Millard Tydings of Maryland and Elmer Thomas of Oklahoma followed, and shortly thereafter Carl Hayden of Arizona and Elbert D. Thomas of Utah, two other Administration stalwarts, also won.

GOP Strong in Midwest

It was Brien McMahon of Norwalk, former assistant attorney general, who unseated Danaher, a Republican wheelhorse.

The Republicans, meanwhile, were making the most of their demonstrated strength in the Midwest and New England to insure the safe return of George D. Aiken of Vermont, Clyde M. Reed of Kansas and Chan Gurney of South Dakota.

Oregon voters okayed two Republican senators, Wayne L. Morse and Guy Cordon,

Landslide Kills Nebraska Prohibition Move

Florida Voters Refuse to Ban Closed Shops

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 8. (AP)—Nebraska voted a resounding "No" yesterday to its statewide prohibition proposal. The proposal, which would have banned possession as well as sale of intoxicating liquor, was on the losing side by more than two to one, with enough returns in to establish the decision.

Returns from 407 of the state's 2,026 precincts showed a 61,265 to 34,922 vote against the ban.

A proposed constitutional amendment to limit gas tax funds to highway purposes also was losing by a substantial margin, returns from 407 precincts giving 44,048 votes against and 33,842 for the proposal.

Two Factors Responsible

Two factors were considered paramount in defeat of the prohibition proposal—resentment against the proposal being brought up in the absence of Nebraskans in the armed forces and dislike for new taxes which opponents said would be necessary to replace liquor tax revenues.

An amendment to ban union closed shops was turned down in Florida, but in Arkansas the same proposal had a slight lead. Returns from California on the same issue were lacking.

In California, voters killed a proposal to pay a \$60 monthly pension to persons more than 65.

Capital to See Changes Made

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (AP)—Some new faces are due to turn up in official Washington even though the Roosevelt administration has been returned for another four years. At least half a dozen major appointments are expected now that the election is over.

There is always a possibility, too, of a change in the cabinet. Members customarily submit their resignations the day after election. Roosevelt has been ignoring them up to now.

Most recent subject of speculation along this line is 73-year-old Cordell Hull, secretary of state for 12 years. He is in the hospital now with a throat ailment. Possibilities mentioned publicly for this post include Vice-President Henry Wallace and Under-Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius.

St. Louis MD Delivers Third Infant in Office

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 8 (ANS).—A girl was born today in the office of Dr. Harry Rich, the third infant to be delivered there. The first were twins born to Mrs. Lucille Novack, 28, a serviceman's wife.

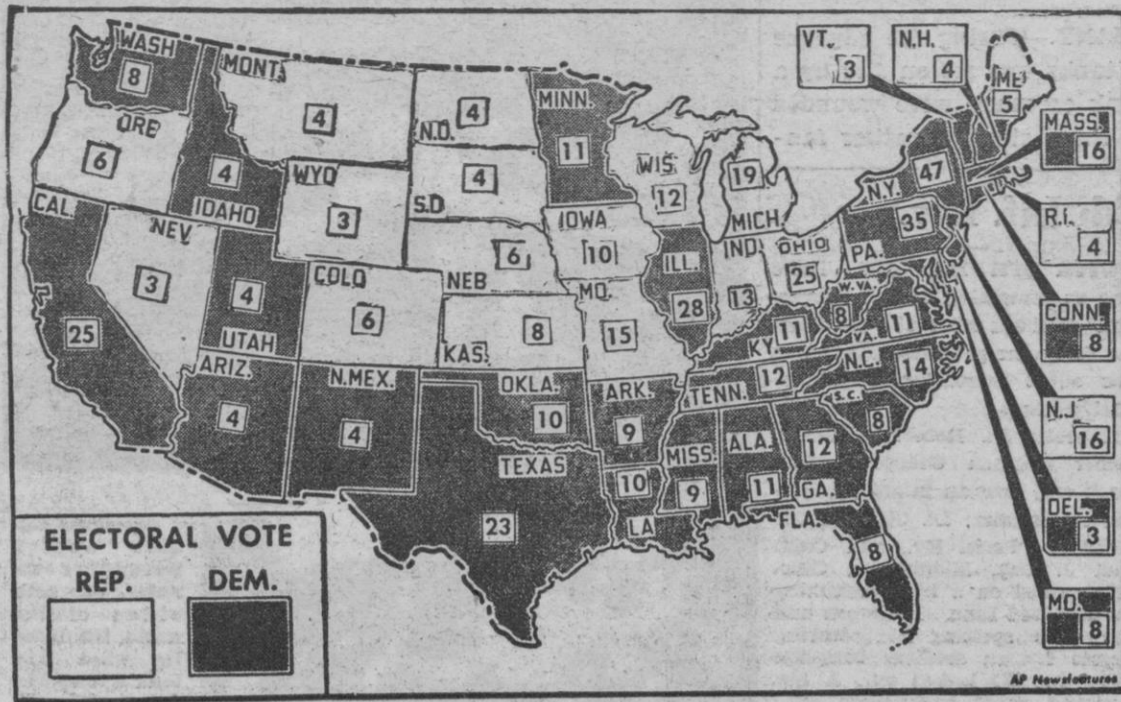
Mrs. Winifred McIntire became the second mother to give birth to a child in the doctor's office because St. Louis hospitals had no room for her. Dr. Rich said he applied about six weeks ago for hospital space for her without success.

"I'll maintain an emergency maternity ward as long as I have to," the physician said. He plans to keep the mothers and babies about ten days. A nurse is employed for 12 hours a day while the doctor remains in the office at night.

'Great Tasks Ahead,' De Gaulle Wires FDR

Gen. Charles de Gaulle, head of the French Government, yesterday gave The Stars and Stripes this telegram he sent President Roosevelt on the news of his re-election: "May I send you, Mr. President, my heartiest congratulations on your new election? May I add to this my full and entire sympathy for the great tasks ahead of you, after those you already have fulfilled so magnificently?"

Election Tides Across America



Yanks on Leave Toast FDR With Cognac, Red Cross Java

By Arthur W. White
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Combat men in Paris, packing a lifetime into 43 fleeting furlough hours, yesterday toasted the President with champagne, cognac and Red Cross coffee.

But they made it clear that when they said, "Here's to the President," they meant, "Here's to the U.S."—and it really didn't make a hell of a lot of difference who won. They said they knew the folks back home wouldn't "louse them up."

People's Choice Okayed by Joes

WITH FIRST ARMY TROOPS IN AACHEN, Germany, Nov. 8.—Joe was too busy fighting a war today to care much about the election—but he seemed pretty happy about the whole thing.

The average opinion was summed up by Pfc Sick Jamison, of Omaha, Neb., who said: "I'm glad to see they left the old boy in there. I'd hate to see them take away a general and put in a private to run this show."

Most of the men were getting the results through AEF radio. Pvt. Scoop Lewis, of Trenton, N.J., had a large blackboard outside of a building with a list of states, total vote to date and the number of electoral votes. He stayed up all night listening to the radio so members of his outfit could have the latest news.

Sgt. Bowen Qualls, of Jasper, Ga., said: "If the folks back home knew in advance how GIs felt, Roosevelt would have got more votes."

Pfc John Brice, Chicago; Pvt. James Denning, West Hollywood, Cal., and Pfc John Schmidt, Tarpun, Pa., all expressed the same opinion. "The people back home showed good sense," they said.

Paige Concern Plans Post-War Plastic Car

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Graham Paige Motors Corporation has announced plans for production in the United States of "the first real postwar automobile"—a car departing from conventional design and utilizing plastics, light metals and other recent developments.

Joseph W. Frazer, chairman of the board, qualified that the car may not be first on the market after the war, because new parts are required on Pacific fronts.

634 British Warships

LONDON, Nov. 8 (Reuter).—Britain built 634 major warships totaling 1,183,501 tons from the outbreak of war to last December, Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, told the House of Commons last week.

South Is Solid For Roosevelt

ATLANTA, Nov. 8.—Endorsing a fourth term for President Roosevelt, Democratic voters of the Solid South smothered pre-election vocal opposition to Democratic candidates.

In Texas, the President held a lead of nearly three to one, as Democrats voted "straight ticket" ballots over the anti-Roosevelt and Republican "Texas regulars." In Mississippi, where the legislature was called into session last week to insure a "straight Roosevelt" ticket printed on the ballot, voters piled up a Democratic lead of more than 12 to one.

The President swept to overwhelming victory in Georgia, Alabama, Louisiana and South Carolina. Republicans fared better in Florida, and Virginia, but did not threaten Democratic leads. The border state of Tennessee also went for Roosevelt.

Nerve Cases Under Control

CHICAGO, Nov. 8 (ANS).—Lt. Col. Roy R. Grinker, former Chicago psychiatrist, said today the most common type of psychoneurotic disturbance among combat men returned from overseas is that in which the ailing person wants to return to a childish status and be cared for by his wife or mother.

The Army Air Forces officer said that despite careful screening, almost all men will break down if the stress of air combat continues long enough. But he added that by bringing adequate treatment close to operational bases, it has been possible to return 95 percent of officer patients and 80 percent of enlisted men to full duty.

A breakdown, he explained, sometimes occurs after a man has been released for furlough home or reassignment. He said these men hold their neuroses under control as long as there is a reason for doing so, then collapse.

Sinatra Steals Broadway Election Night Thunder

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Gotham's traditional hilarious election night celebration turned out to be probably the most dismal in history last night when only one-quarter of an expected crowd of 1,000,000 people showed up in Times Square. Night club operators reported a "dull" evening and police headquarters said there was only a slight increase in arrests.

One observer in Times Square said that most of the people were waiting to see Frank Sinatra leave the Paramount instead of reading the returns flashed on the Times Building.

FDR, Churchill Stalin Parley Seen Imminent

LONDON, Nov. 8 (AP).—A new grand scale conference of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin before Christmas was regarded in diplomatic quarters today as almost certain to follow Roosevelt's re-election.

It was believed highly probable that the conference would be preceded by a Paris meeting of Roosevelt, Churchill and Gen. Charles de Gaulle.

Imminence of a Big Three conference was indicated by Churchill on Oct. 28 when, reporting on results achieved in Moscow, he declared: "No final result can be obtained until the heads of the three governments have met again together, as I earnestly hope they may do before this year ends."

Poland's Future

Of the problems confronting the Big Three one of the most pressing may be that of Poland's future and an attempt to compromise the long-standing Polish-Soviet differences.

There remain also the knotty questions surrounding the administration of postwar Germany, the United Nations policy toward neutral nations who lengthened the war by trading with enemies and conflicts within some liberated countries.

The new meeting may offer, too, an occasion for a British-American bid for Russia's participation in the war against Japan.

Blackest Type Gives the News

President Roosevelt's re-election was big news throughout the world, and newspapers in the Allied capitals brought out some of their blackest type to headline it.

The Paris newspapers printed pictures of the grinning President. Ce Soir predicted that his victory shortly to be followed by a trip to Paris for meetings with Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin.

Many British politicians frankly expressed their pleasure at the outcome. A typical comment was that of Col. Walter Elliot, former financial secretary: "We think President Roosevelt is a good man to go tiger shooting with and we are glad to go with him on the final hunt."

Will Laxther, president of the British Mine Workers' Union, said that "it augurs well for the future of mankind that America has not gone isolationist."

The election returns were broadcast by the German radio, but what the Nazis made of it they did not say immediately.

Navy Limits Releases To Officer Specialists

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (ANS).—The Navy will "consider" requests of certain officer specialists for release but contemplates no general reduction of its force.

This was the answer of Com. O. K. Duncan, assistant director of procurement, to an inquiry as to the status of college faculty members and others who were commissioned early in the war for special duties.

Officers considered for release, Duncan said, will be those whose services can be spared and who are not qualified for other duties.

Dewey Gets His City, Also FDR's, Truman's

Election returns gave proof to the old maxim that a man isn't a hero to his home town. Vice President Harry Truman failed to carry Lamar, Mo., his birthplace. President Roosevelt ran behind Thomas E. Dewey in his native Hyde Park, N.Y., However, Dewey carried his birthplace, Owosso, Mich.

1st Div. Doughfeet Bag 'Hot' Tank, KO Snipers

By G. K. Hodenfield
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

WITH 1ST INF. DIV., GERMANY.—During the advance on Aachen, one of our medium tanks was set on fire by a German bazooka shell. The tank crewmen were wounded and abandoned the tank. And there starts a rather fantastic story.

Three self-propelled infantrymen, Sgt. Alvin R. Wise, of Eustace, Tex.; Pfc Garrett K. Gafford, Wellington, Tex., and Pvt. Junior L. Brown, Jere, W.Va., ran to the "knocked-out" tank and extinguished the flames.

Although the men had never been inside a tank before, this seemed to be a pretty good time to find what it was all about. Sniper bullets plinked against the steel sides, while Wise got behind the .50 cal. machine gun.

Motor Turned Over

Brown sat down in the driver's seat and started tinkering with the controls. To his amazement, the motor turned over and sputtered into action. The tank moved and Wise sprayed the house where the snipers had been. One tried to escape across a backyard fence but Wise caught him in mid-air.

Gafford had examined the 75mm cannon and found it was knocked out so Brown turned the tank around and took it back to an attached armored unit in the rear area.

"If that 75mm had been in working order we could have gone the other way," Wise said. "Boy, what a headache we would have handed those Krauts."

5th Armored Div.

Maj. Gen. Lunsford E. Oliver, Commander of the 5th Armored Division, has awarded the Silver Star to T/5 John L. Coutu, of Franklin, Mass.

Policing Detail



Two under-water GIs, members of an engineer and port construction repair group, wear air-conditioned steel helmets as they go down into a French harbor. Their mission is to police barnacles from concrete forms. Just released by the censor, this picture was taken early in the campaign on the continent.

8th Inf. Div.

WITH 8TH INF. DIV.—There may be something to this "Superman" business after all. At least, one Jerry has got three officers in this outfit scratching their respective heads.

It seems Lt. Robert M. Jones, former Clemson College football coach and now an infantry battalion commander; Lt. Col. John C. Nickerson, Paris, Ky., and Capt. Paul J. Day, Middletown, Ohio, were parked on a hill overlooking the Siegfried Line. Nickerson and Day were spotting likely-looking targets for an artillery battalion while the CO looked on. A few thousand yards back there were some 105mm howitzers, using high angle fire, their noses stuck almost straight into the air. There was a 45-second lapse of time before the projectile, dropping earthward like a mortar, smack! into the ground.

Spot Lone Jerry

Day sent back some instructions and said, "This one ought to hit the road right in front of that pillbox." Then he suddenly started peering intently through the 20-power telescope.

"I'll be damned," he yelled, "there's a Jerry strolling down that road. This is gonna be a tie."

Everyone took a gander and confirmed his opinion. The shell was already on its way, so the trio waited, expecting to see one German depart this world somewhat suddenly.

Jerry was about 15 yards from the pillbox, when dust and smoke suddenly burst in front of him. Steel fragments kicked up the dirt around him, and a box on his

Brother-and-Brother Yarn to End All Yarns

8TH INF. DIV. HQ.—This to end all unexpected meeting stories. Henry Raby, of an 8th Infantry Division Field Artillery battery, thought he saw a familiar figure up ahead of him in the breakfast chow line. He was right. It was his brother, Frank, whom he hadn't seen since the night before, when they were shooting craps together under the mess truck. They have been in the same battery three years and went through three sets of maneuvers, desert training and Normandy and Brittany together. Currently they are sleeping in the same barn.

shoulder was knocked backward to the ground. For the next few seconds he was hidden from view in the dust and debris.

Day was bursting with pride at having made a direct hit on one man with a 105mm howitzer, when his words froze in his mouth.

The amazed trio watched Fritz wobble to his feet, stagger backward, fall down, PICK UP THE BOX, and walk into the pillbox!

2nd Armored Div.

WITH SECOND ARMORED DIV.—The house on the German side of the hill was being used as an observation post and the Americans decided to destroy it. Tanks, in a defiladed position, were to do the firing.

A new lieutenant of an armored infantry unit, using a telephone to pass on orders, was acting as observer. After several rounds were fired for effect, the lieutenant excitedly reported in rifle range style to a tank gunner:

"That's good, but try two clicks up."
"What do you think I have here, an M1 rifle?" the astonished tank gunner replied.

Combat Medics on 2 Fronts



American soldiers assist wounded comrades on both sides of the world. Hit in the leg when his tank was smacked by a Nazi bazooka shell, the U.S. officer is being helped aboard a tank somewhere in Belgium (above); on the left, another Yank, wounded by a sniper's bullet, is carried to a landing craft for evacuation from Morotai Island, of the Southwest Pacific Molucca group.

30th Fights In a Castle

WITH THE 30TH INFANTRY DIVISION.—After prodding 59 Germans out of a Siegfried Line bunker, S/Sgt. Raymond Ross, of Bristol, Conn., and another man of his squad topped off a nightmarish two days of fighting by holding the bunker while counter-attacking Nazis ranged outside the entire night.

Following a hazardous river crossing and a hand-to-hand battle in the rooms of a fortified castle, Ross's squad, part of E company of the 119th Infantry, attacked the bunker.

The squad members crawled over 250 yards of open ground through falling shrapnel and machine-gun fire. They hacked their way through the bunker's barbed wire entanglements, crawled across a deep ditch surrounding it and went in on the bunker's flank.

Forced Nazis to Yield

Pitting their MIs against light and heavy machine guns and 37mm anti-aircraft guns depressed to command the open ground in front of the stronghold, the eight men forced the surrender of the Nazis manning the bunker.

While six of the Yanks took the prisoners back, Ross and Pvt. Michael Drotter, of Haven, Pa., remained to hold the objective and fight off enemy counter-blows.

Germans manning the Siegfried Line in the vicinity of Windhausen probably were amazed at the uncanny accuracy of the artillery fire which their every movement produced.

The 30th Infantry Division attributes a great part of the unerring shooting to the activity of an I and R platoon of the 117th Infantry, which for five days operated an OP inside the German lines.

The sharp-eyed soldiers, who put the finger on every enemy movement, worked in two teams of six men each. Under cover of darkness, the Yanks moved in and out of the OP, which was 1,200 yards in front of their own lines.

Watched Nazis Eat

Only about 300 yards in the rear of the American OP, the Nazis had three OPs of their own, according to Lt. George S. McClanahan, platoon leader from Ashland, Ky.

"We could see everything the Jerries did," said Sgt. Harold V. Sterling, of Berkley, West Va. "We could see them eating, sleeping, hauling ammunition and moving from one pillbox to another."

Other members of the teams were S/Sgt. Thomas Colosanto, Richmond, N.Y.; Sgt. Robert Cooper, Syracuse, N.Y.; Cpl. Robert Schrage, Parkersburg, Iowa, and Sgt. Philip Schult, of Pittsburgh.

90th Div.

Germany is furnishing 90th Division artillery with all the essentials of a top-flight howitzer school, including big guns, plenty of ammunition and juicy Nazi targets.

The "school" is located in the pastures of eastern France and provides, at German expense, target practice for artillery personnel seeking perfection in barrage technique.

Nazi Shells, Nazi Targets

One of the battalions, commanded by Lt. Col. E. A. Peach, now is firing four 76.2 mm German guns, captured in the French campaign. A total of 14,000 rounds of ammunition, seized at an enemy dump, is being shot at German targets.

When captured, some of the guns showed signs of long neglect but all were capable of functioning after thorough cleaning. Although not as efficient mechanically as American guns, they're said to be quite adequate for schooling purposes. Best of all, the ammunition is excellent. No duds have been reported by observers.

Cast in the dual role of a devastating front-line unit and an artillery supporting group, the 607th Tank Destroyer Battalion, in the spectacular Third Army sweep across France, smashed 40 tanks, 23 self-propelled guns, 4 armored cars, 16 field artillery pieces and 82 motor vehicles.

2nd Inf. Div.

WITH THE SECOND INF. DIV. Inside Siegfried Line. — Three Second Infantry Division newspapers are pumping news into the various units now and plans are being formed for numerous others to start publication soon.

The daddy of the group is The Spearhead, which is put out daily by Special Services and features a situation map and cartoon in each edition. Coming off the mimeograph machine at noon, the two-pager reaches the furthest units by late afternoon.

About three copies are allotted each platoon in the division, and the news, taken from radio in shorthand, is mainly of a general nature. Capt. John N. Palys serves as news editor along with other Special Service duties and says plans already have been formed for the V-Day edition. Promotion and circulation manager are two other titles of the paper which Capt. Palys, Pittsburgh, Pa., holds.

Has Full Staff

Cpl. Sam Q. Weissman, Bronx, N.Y., takes care of layout, maps and the cartoon. Sports and features are handled by Cpl. Earl S. Hurlbut, Pasadena, Cal.

All three staff members of the paper, which was started July 4, handle other Special Service jobs also. German, French and English materials have been used in getting the sheet out and once it was published while the division was on the move.

Jerry See, Jerry Do, 3rd Division Discovers

When M/Sgt. Rolf Menschling, of the 8th Division IPW team, started back to the POW enclosure he counted 40 Jerries in a column. When he arrived he counted again. This time there were 44. After a bit of quizzing, four of his guests revealed that they had been hiding in a near-by field when the column approached. They saw so many of their comrades covered off in line that they decided to fall in, too.

28th Inf. Div.

When Pvt. Bomont Meyer, jeep driver from Webster Groves, Mo., was knocked down by concussion of a shell that killed two Nazi prisoners standing beside him, he thought he was pretty lucky. Later he was telling his friends about the tight squeak.

"The shell blew dirt in my face," he said, as his hand brushed the scarf wound loosely around his neck. He picked out of the scarf a half-inch piece of shrapnel that had stopped a fraction of an inch from his throat.

101 Airborne Engineers Sweep Mines, Jerries

The patrol, led by 1/Lt. Donald P. Comstock, was made up of engineers attached to the 101st Airborne Division. They were sweeping the mines from a shelled town that the Germans had evacuated. A doughfoot watched them work for a while and suddenly pointed ahead of them. A German patrol, going in the same direction as the engineers, crawled down the street.

The engineers and the lone infantryman started to encircle them, but before they could close the trap, they were "detached" and several Nazis made a break through the unprotected part of the human horseshoe.

Only two Germans escaped. The rest were either captured, killed or wounded.

S & S to Print News Of Units, So Send It In

Want your name in the paper, soldier?

The Stars and Stripes is going to print pages of unit news as a regular feature. If you don't see your name in the paper, it is because some other outfit's Public Relations Officer has got there firstest with the mostest.

When filing unit news to Stars and Stripes, APO 887, send your story in duplicate, one copy for us, one copy for the press censor.

250,000 Miles Of Wire Laid By Signalmen

By Arthur W. White
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

U.S. Army Signal Corps men have laid more than 250,000 miles of communications wire here since D-Day, enough to reach ten times round the globe, Maj. Gen. W. S. Rumbough, ETO Chief Signal Officer, revealed at a Paris press conference.

He said that during the breakthrough, when signal men were rushed, wire wrapped in rubber tubing and spiraled to increase its capacity was rolled along the hedgerows and strung from trees and bushes.

When the armored columns ran right away from them, a system of very high frequency (VHF) radio relay equipment was used. Twenty-five to 100 miles apart, each station was beamed on the next like a rifle on a target.

Rumbough said that before D-Day the Signal Corps in Britain mapped out conditions expected for trans-channel communications and sent the information to the War Department. A topographical replica was discovered along the coast of Maine, and there the problems of invasion communications by high-frequency relay equipment was worked out in detail.

980th SSC in Operation

One of the outstanding outfits involved, he said, was the 980th Signal Service Company which operated the high-frequency relay. They now are scattered in small groups from the front to Cherbourg and to the southern British ports. Other units are operating over a vast area.

Since June 6, the communications system here has been woven into powerful telephone, teletype, radio and courier networks, Rumbough said. To keep it going about 200,000 tons of wire and radio equipment have been shipped to the continent.

At present 136 headquarters are connected by long-distance phone, one of them handling 30,000 calls a day, almost two and a half times the amount of telephone service the Germans had at the same place after four years of occupation.

The Signal Chief said couriers in one month traveled 500,000 miles to deliver 1,169,940 messages.

Nazi Bus Converted Into Captain's 'Lounge'

Capt. Robert M. Heflin, of Grafton, W.Va., is riding and living in style these days, thanks to the ingenuity of five men in his Transportation Corps Depot company.

T/Sgt. Leo K. Helverstoot, Coquilla, Ore., and Pvt. Roy Durand, Columbia Heights, Minn.; John V. Stubblefield, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Dominic Rodi, Wooster, Ohio, and Benjamin Polasky, San Pedro, Cal., rebuilt a wrecked German bus into a comfortable combination office and living quarters for the captain.

The men installed a shower, heating unit, cooking stove, bed, desk, wash basin and a set of chairs. American wheels and tires were added and a trailer hitch built so that it can be towed behind a 2 1/2-ton truck.

WAC Wins Award

Maj. Mary C. Weems, of Dickson, Tenn., ETO WAC personnel officer, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for her utilization of women power in this theater. The medal was presented by Maj. Gen. Everett S. Hughes, Ipswich, S.D.

'Yield,' Say Nazis--No Reply; Doughboys Fire--Story's Done

WITH THE 30th INFANTRY DIVISION, Nov. 8.—It was a case of misunderstanding all around, but as a result eight Germans lay dead and one was taken prisoner.

A 119th infantry platoon commanded by Lt. Sylvester Shutter, of Cleveland, was moving through a Siegfried Line town from which the Germans were supposed to have been cleared. But the Yanks bumped into about 40 Nazis.

G5 Runs Mine Under Shellfire

By G. K. Hodenfield
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

WITH FIRST U.S. ARMY, GERMANY, Nov. 8.—While forward battalions of infantry were ferreting the enemy from dug-in positions in neighboring fields, a Military Government detachment attached to the 1st U.S. Army was already installed in Alsdorf, Germany, with the mission of getting important coal mines centering in the town back in operation.

The detachment is under the command of Lt. Col. John E. Patterson, of Riverside, Cal., a civil engineer with several years' service in the Regular Army. It was charged with initiating and supervising operations in the mines in the Alsdorf-Herzogenrath-Kohlscheid area and enforcing the stringent military security regulations necessitated by the close presence of combat.

Detachment Moves On

Advance elements of the detachment, including Col. Patterson, Maj. John West, of Charleston, W. Va., a mining engineer; Capt. Earle K. Pottle, of St. Paul, Minn., and Capt. Channing M. Bolton, of Arlington, Va., arrived under shellfire in Alsdorf on Oct. 16, with the remainder of the detachment's 39 officers and 23 enlisted men arriving the next day.

Faced with the task of supervising the operation of other mines, the detachment was confronted by a pressing problem in connection with a large mine centering in Alsdorf which had one shaft opening into enemy territory. Work was immediately started on a bulkhead to seal the tunnel connecting with the German-held shaft, and a 21-foot block was completed.

With Alsdorf within two kilometers of the front, strict security regulations were necessary. Despite these restrictions and the fact that



Pvt. Ronald H. Meade, of Toledo, Ohio, guards German miners digging coal in the American-occupied half of a mine at Alsdorf, Germany. The enemy controls the other half, and the front runs nearby.

many of the miners had not yet returned to their homes because of the shelling of the town, the actual digging of coal was started and the tonnage produced has since shown slow but steady

increase. In addition to filling operational fuel needs, the coal will be used in the repair of destruction wreaked by the Nazis in their withdrawal in Western Europe.

'Floating Hotel' Furloughed After Heroic Invasion Role B26 Skids In, Bomb Bays Full

HQ U.S. NAVAL FORCES IN EUROPE.—The USS Ancon, a former Caribbean pleasure ship which helped to lead four invasions and liberate two continents, while exposing herself to more punishment than the average battleship, is on her way home—and it may be for a rest.

The vessel, built at a cost of more than \$5,000,000, is known to the crew as the "floating hotel," for in every cabin are a private telephone and a bathroom lined with pink or baby-blue tiles—the only vestiges of her short-lived tourist grandeur remaining after the shipfitters had remodeled the craft for simple Navy life.

Taken over by the Navy soon after her maiden voyage, the Ancon has been a Nazi target from land, sea and air for two years, once surviving six attacks by the Luftwaffe in two hours. In one day her tired crew went to battle stations at least 48 times.

The Ancon landed doughboys for the North African invasion, then served as "brains" ship—carried headquarters staffs—at Sicily, Salerno and the most bitterly contested Normandy beach.

Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the Fifth Army, and Vice-Adm. Henry K. Hewitt, directing all naval operations at the time, were aboard the Ancon at Salerno, where she was attacked 16 times from the air in less than 15 hours. At Salerno she intercepted an

enemy message giving her pin-point location and ordering that she be sunk at any cost.

On June 6, 1944, the Ancon was back for the biggest show of all, carrying Rear Adm. John Leslie Hall Jr., commander of one of the two American Task Force divisions. He directed operations from her bridge, and the ship didn't leave the Normandy shores until the ground campaign was well under way.

The Ancon headed home with members of Hall's staff, who refer to themselves as "Jimmy Hall's Gypsies," and like to tell about the time Hall made a hole-in-one on an English golf course a few days after returning from the terrific strain of Normandy.

Enemy-Manned P47s Hit 9th Thunderbolts

NINTH AF HQ.—Thunderbolt battled Thunderbolt without result when eight strangely marked P47s, believed to be piloted by Nazi airmen, attacked a squadron of Ninth Air Force Thunderbolts north of Saarbrücken.

Lt. Alvin D. Johnson, Nashville, Tenn., said, "I saw them come in from the front, left and above. One of them attacked our wing man who returned the fire and chased him into the clouds below. The ship had a bright orange tail, a yellow propeller hub, faded D-Day stripes, and no Nazi markings that we could see."

Recons Kill 64, Nab 50 Without Loss of Man

WITH THE 30th INFANTRY DIVISION, Nov. 8.—In a single 30-minute engagement the 30th Reconnaissance Troop killed 50 Germans and captured 64 without losing a Yank.

Protecting the flank of a main task force, the unit, commanded by Capt. James Hume Jr., Richmond, Va., swooped down in its armored cars on a town and caught the enemy garrison by surprise.

A B26 BASE, France, Nov. 8. (AP).—"Don't worry, I'll bring her in all right," Lt. Rufus Wilson, 23-year-old Marauder pilot from Corsicana, Tex., radioed the control tower as his plane, its nose wheel shot away, circled the field with a full crew and bombload.

Col. Wilson R. Wood, Chico, Tex., group commander, approved the crew's decision to stay aboard and suggested that the explosives be kept aboard to hold the tail down.

Wilson brought the plane down on its two main wheels and for two-thirds the length of the runway he kept both the tail and nose off the ground.

Unable to apply the brakes because of the danger of the ship nosing over, Wilson rode the screeching Marauder off the end of the runway. The nose dipped and propellers bit into the turf but the plane didn't tip over.

Crew members included Lt. James Ruding, South Bend, Ind., bombardier; S/Sgt. Frank Miller, Atlantic City, N.J., engineer; Sgt. Charles Walter, Knoxville, Iowa, tail gunner and Lt. Louis Carlington, Houston, Tex., co-pilot. Sgt. Martin Terrell, Little Rock, Ark., radio operator.

Neutrals Get Freight

Freight train traffic between Switzerland and Spain has been resumed, Swiss Radio said last week, as quoted by Reuter.

U.S. Tanks, Fog Gang Up To Destroy German 88 Gun

WITH THE SIXTH ARMORED DIVISION, Nov. 8.—Fog sometimes can be hazardous in a military operation, but it was a decided advantage to Capt. Clarence Prenevost, of Great Lake Falls, Minn.

When Prenevost was leading his tank platoon, he suddenly observed a German 88mm gun not more than ten feet from his tank.

The fog had been so dense that neither the captain nor the enemy spied one another until they almost clashed.

Starvation Diet Bared at Reich 'Show' Prison

By Dan Regan
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

VITTEL, FRANCE.—The last of 2,087 persons, mostly women, including several hundred Americans, were on the first lap homeward today—leaving behind the Nazi Internment camp at Vittel that the Germans considered "a showplace."

Located in the once prosperous resort town of Vittel, famed for its mineral baths, the camp originally was established in Dec. 1940, to intern civilian women of nations with which Germany was at war. This included Americans a year later, and also eventually included men, and entire families.

As concentration camps go, Vittel was not a rough deal—but a few facts on what happened here give some idea of what must happen in other camps inside Germany—camps not so open to the inspection of neutral nations.

Typical Menu

Here is the menu at the camp for a typical week. Each ration is not just for one meal, but for a 24-hour period. Mon., bread, barley and cheese; Tues., soup, that's all brother, just soup, plus the week's supply of butter; Wed., vegetables plus the week's sugar rations; Thurs., soup again, and jam for the week; Fri., stewed meat and vegetables, and Sat., right, soup.

The internees were unanimous in their opinions that they would have starved if it were not for the Red Cross food packages delivered to them each week.

The joint was knee deep in famous femmes, and a few infamous ones, too. First the celebrities—the former Mrs. Paul Reynaud, whose husband was a former Premier of France, and the former Mrs. Gary Cooper, now Mrs. Janina Matheson, and there was the sister of boxer Benny Leonard; and Mrs. Heriot.

Underground Movement

Those among the internees who trusted each other formed an underground movement. They included a former radio technician named Jack Crick, who turned the neat trick of building a radio and monitoring foreign broadcasts. Then they typed up a daily news letter and passed it among those considered loyal. In this way they knew of the invasion and were aware of the nearness of the liberating Allied.

During April and May of 1944, the Gestapo sent agents from Berlin and Paris to take away most of the Jewish internees. There were 253 Jews in the camp, and the Gestapo took 155 of them, none of whom has ever been heard from again. This was the most tragic episode in the camp's four-year existence. Whole families were taken, or even separated, and many Jews became panicky and attempted suicide. Three succeeded.

A corporal in the Polish army who had come to the camp with his parents, posing as a South American family, decided to attempt an escape. He had been revealed as a Jew to the Gestapo. They had spies among the internees, one of whom, a British middle-aged woman named Abbott, left with the Germans when they fled.

Another middle-aged Englishwoman who worked in the personnel section received a note asking her if she would hide the youth in her bathroom—she had one of the few private baths in the camp. She answered the appeal with a note consisting of one word, "Come." The corporal spent 16 weeks in her bathroom.

Realizing that he was too close to shoot with his tank gun, Prenevost dove down into his turret for hand grenades.

Suddenly he heard a blow against the outside of his tank. Quickly emerging, he saw that the 88 had swung around and hit his tank.

Meanwhile, the platoon's second tank drove up alongside Prenevost and dropped two 75 shells into the gun emplacement, completely neutralizing it.



Have a Heart

Why don't those guys quit shooting off their mouths in the B-Bag and pipe down and give our President and his aides credit for having at least average intelligence? Do the powers that be think we're having a picnic over here now, or that we want to vacation in Europe for a year or so after the war as an Army of Occupation? Do they believe we would rather see France and Germany and Italy than we would our wives and sweethearts and children? Hell, no!

They'll be damn sure we get home as soon as possible. Even a Chief Executive or a four-star general has a heart. They have sons fighting over here, and they know that there are six million mothers and wives that want their men home as soon as possible.—Pfc R. A. W., Engr.

Sounds Familiar

I was wondering what kind of a war we are fighting; whether it is a war against the MPs or for freedom and peace.

I was driving a three-quarter-ton weapons carrier and passed another one about 200 yards before a hill. An MP pulled me over and said I was passing a convoy, which was against regulations. I asked where the convoy was and he said it was up over the other side of the hill. So I said, how am I supposed to know what is on the other side of the hill and besides, the driver signaled for me to pass him.

Well the outcome was \$15 to be forfeited out of my next month's pay at the summary court, the price of my wife's Christmas present.—Peter Wagner, Ord. Co.

Wit at War

Would like to know the names of the men who are on the patrols that venture into towns that we front-line troops are to occupy the next day and find "off limits" signs.—T/Sgt. H. F. T., Inf.

Major Complaints

I call your attention to two features of your paper which several of the officers of my division consider objectionable.

Your editorials appear to be written to appeal to the mentality of a 12-year-old child. They definitely give the impression that we are being talked down to.

Do you realize how much ill will the B-Bag column can cause? I forget the issues involved in complaints about pay scales, but such letters have no place in Army publications. One Air Corps ground officer claimed he should have flying pay in order to keep up socially. I am ashamed to be in the same army with such a person.

Yesterday some one complained about a plaque in a new jeep that was inscribed "made possible by War Bonds bought by some Union." Whoever wrote the letter was entirely correct, but if people at home get pleasure thinking they contribute to the war effort by buying bonds, why should we sneer at them?

Almost every letter you publish shows smallness of mind in some soldier.—Maj. Reginald L. Riley, G.S.C.

(*Correction, please, it was signed by three Air Force ground officers, and their letter was NOT printed in the Stars and Stripes.—Ed.)

Paris Passes

Why don't attached artillery battalions share in Paris passes? We've gone through all this division's engagements and yet we don't share in their pass policy.

We are still fighting with them. Attached or detached!—Pvt. P. F.

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Hash Marks

Hitler's secret weapon? The stove in a Nissen hut.

A corporal in the air force got quite a shock when the following epistle showed up in his fan mail: "Dear George, I enjoyed the dance Friday night and thanks for the stockings. I have to return them, however, as they hardly come up to my expectations. In fact, they hardly come up to my knees."

It happened in Texas: Waking up in a Fort Worth hotel after a big celebration, a husky cattleman drained a pitcher of ice water at



one gulp. Smacking his lips, he exclaimed, "If I'd a known water tasted so good, I'd a dug a well a long time ago."

Spotting a sloppy-looking soldier walking along with a slick chick on his arm, a GI commented caustically, "I don't know what she sees in that crummy guy, but she really loves him—she worships the gutter he crawls in."

The next time guys of a certain Armored Division unit send a man out foraging for potatoes they won't send Sgt. Robert Hansler. Told that he could find some spuds in a field near his bivouac, Hansler set off, only to come storming back a few minutes later shouting, "What are you guys trying to do—kid me? There are no potatoes on those vines!"

Football is definitely in the air. S/Sgt. Bob Lackenbach, showing his trip ticket to a guard, called out the number of his jeep, "1-4-8-3-9-9-0-2." To which a heckler in the rear added, "Punt formation, ends out—Lacken back."

Anti-Climax. After sweating out a package from home for months and months—and hoping for food and cigarettes, Pfc A. E. Curtis finally received a big bundle from the U.S.A. It was loaded down with V-Mail forms.

Once upon a time an irate mess sergeant started griping, "Listen, you guys, I cook and slave for you all day and what do I get—nothing but complaints." "You're lucky," snapped a GI in the chowline, "we get indigestion."

A newspaper report says one prisoner was the only survivor of a certain Nazi division on the Eastern front. In view of their past record, sez Cpl. Ed. Glick, the Russians deserve to be forgiven for this oversight.

J. C. W.

An Editorial
Mud Pies for Wehrmacht

WE quote from The Stars and Stripes, Thursday, Nov. 2nd:

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

Allied troops have beaten the Germans on every battlefield on which they have met. They have beaten them in the air. They have beaten them on the sea. They have beaten them on the land.

Allied troops must now beat the Germans in the mud.

A few days ago in this box we asked for suggestions on how to make the Army mobile in spite of mud. Some useful answers have already come in. Ways of keeping 6x6s moving in the mire. Means of twisting and turning tanks across fields slimy with fat, black



ooze. Tips on servicing mud-caked vehicles—on saving rubber, metal, oil, gas and tempers on bog-bound battlefields. Little tricks that make life in a foxhole just a little less miserable.

Ideas by the score are coming in from the men who know most about mud. The men who are living, fighting and advancing in it.

We are going to publish these hard-won lessons. We don't know how or where. Maybe Warweek. Maybe a special booklet. But before we do, we want to be sure we have all the dope. Send your mud pies for the Wehrmacht to the Editor, The Stars and Stripes, Paris, France.

Prize? None—except maybe an earlier dating on your ticket home.



XII Corps Cited

The citation didn't mention swimming, but Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy's XII Corps has received formal commendation from Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. for hard fighting in August and September.

In those months the corps crossed the Loire, Laye, Essonne, Yonne, Vanne, Loing, Aube, Seine and Marne.

Dessert War...fare

S/Sgt. Michael Loconto, company mess Sgt. of the Fifth Armored Div., and formerly chef at the Aurora Hotel, Worcester, Mass., invented a dessert made of 10-in-1 crackers that he calls "GI Hobo Pudding."

Recipe for 200: Nine boxes of crackers, two gallons of milk, six gallons of water, any amount

of lemon and orange powder and candies, jam or fruit bars. Mix and bake 30 minutes. Chocolate or D-ration may be used in place of fruit flavoring.

De Luxe Foxhole

Pfc Otto Kaiser, of Brooklyn, and Pvt. Thomas A. Gill, of Turtle Creek, Pa., went to work on a foxhole one-night. They dug it deep,



threw in some straw and retired. In a few hours they were four inches deep in water. Sleepily they baled out the hole and went back to sleep.

Before long the Fourth Infantry Division soldiers had more water, but they decided to wait until morning before investigating. With the dawn they discovered they had chosen the bed of a spring for their foxhole.

The pair dug a channel for the water to escape, hollowed out a basin for washing, fashioned a stove and boasted of their "hot and cold running water foxhole."

Hot Spot for Ice

Pfcs Harvey C. Pilcher, of Laurel Hill, Fla., and John W. Ice, of East Liverpool, Ohio, were wounded during an advance by German SS troops. For half an hour they played dead while the Germans rifled their pockets and equipment. Three times one of the Germans placed live grenades on Ice's stomach before tossing them at a nearby American mortar squad.

Rocks Did It

Pfc Tony Augustine, of Mansfield, Ohio, has added a pocketful of rocks to his arsenal. Trying to replenish his larder, the 82nd Airborne Division soldier fired five shots from his carbine at a stray hen and missed every time. He picked up a rock and knocked off the hen.

S & S Comes Through

While clearing booby traps for an infantry advance, Pvt. Roger H. Baker, of the 319th Engineers, was caught in a mortar barrage. A shell fragment pierced his back pocket but did not penetrate two folded copies of The Stars and Stripes he carried there.

Take a Powder

Two First Division soldiers, 1/Sgt. Chester G. Maksymowicz, of Brooklyn, and S/Sgt. Alick Andreades, of Peabody, Mass., went out to find enough eggs for their company's breakfast. They came to a rural village. They were making progress



when Maksymowicz asked, "How long s' ce the Germans left."

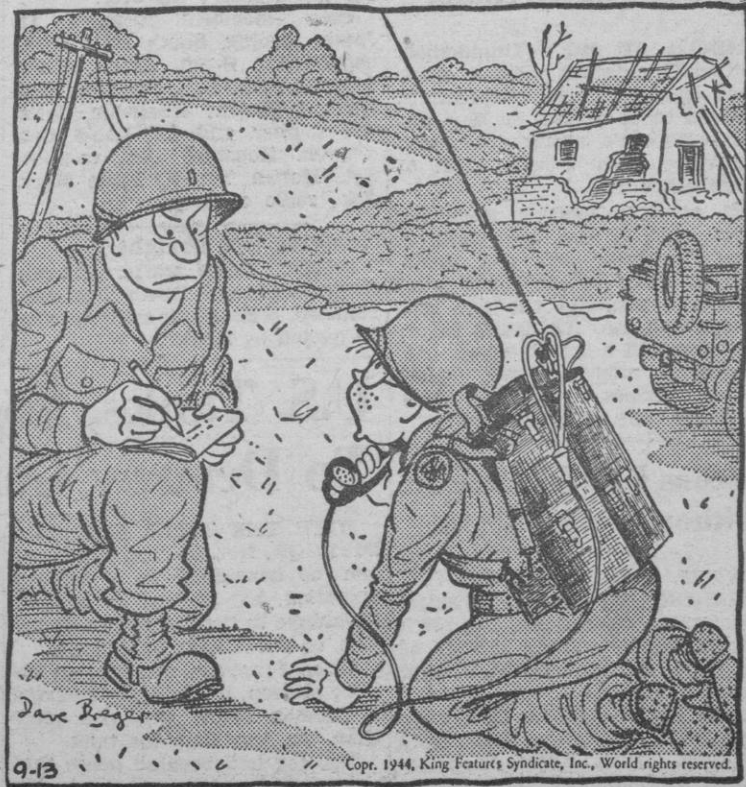
"Oh, they haven't gone yet," the Americans were told. "There are about 300 at the other end of the town."

The outfit missed their eggs that morning.

Births — Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival!

CPL. George Bergman—Ronald Lee, Sept. 28; S/Sgt. Adolph A. Biagi, N.Y.—Julia Ann, Oct. 27; Pvt. John Bieler, Chicago—Richard John, Oct. 26; Lt. Robert Brown, Bronx—(girl), Oct. 25; T/3 Michael Burcin, Tamaqua, Pa.—Charles Daniel, Oct. 25; Sgt. Glendon John Buscher, Boston—Glendon John Jr., Oct. 21; Pvt. Tony Camola, Brooklyn—(boy), Oct. 25; Capt. Joseph F. Cavaliere, Brooklyn—Franca (girl), Oct. 20; S/Sgt. Clifton Cooper, Lexington—(girl), Oct. 28; Pvt. John Dear—twins, John and Louise Frances, Oct. 10; Lt. Wm. J. Degnan, Concord, N.H.—(boy), Sept. 15; T/5 Lloyd B. Dixon, Atlanta—David Lloyd, Oct. 29; Lt. Stewart P. Edson, Syracuse—James Stewart, Oct. 24; Sgt. Roy Lee Grantham, Grenada, Miss.—Roy Lee Jr., Oct. 14; Pfc Philip Groffo, N.Y.—(girl), Oct. 19; Lt. Jack W. Groutage, Laramie, Wyo.—Jack Daniel, Oct. 9; T/5 Richard Hart, L.L.—(girl), Oct. 26; Capt. I. T. Himoff, N.Y.—(girl), Oct. 21; Capt. A. B. Kuppferberg—Paul Lewis, Oct. 6; Lt. Lloyd F. Lee, Denver—David Frederick, Oct. 26; Lt. James W. Lindsey, Seattle—Neil North, Oct. 27; Pvt. Edward Logan, N.Y.—Edward Dennis, Aug. 27.

Private Bregar



"It's that platoon behind the enemy lines, Sir! They report all their pin-ups destroyed and to drop replacements by parachute!"

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff
Sports Editor



Joe Louis

After completing his morale-lifting exhibition junket through the ETO, S/Sgt. Joseph Barrow Louis is back in the States, raising his own morale and a few bucks to boot. Strangely enough, most of the critics who indulge in soap box oratory when an athlete in the armed forces competes professionally have held their distance this time.

In our book, Louis is entitled to as much consideration as any other soldier. No more, but as much. If other boxers, golfers, tennis players, etc., are permitted to ply their trade while on leave from military duties, the same should apply to Joe.

When he returned to the States, the Bomber was given a furlough and immediately set out on an exhibition tour of the country during which he will don the 16-ounce pillows against local prizes over the three-round route for some \$500 per night. Observers say the Louis bankroll will be enriched by \$20,000.

That Joe needs the money is common gossip. He has had a few costly experiences since he won the heavyweight crown, one of which was the courtroom bout with his attractive wife. Joe is on Mike Jacobs' books for several grand and his current tour will help to reduce that obligation.

Then, too, crafty Jacobs is starting to beat his gums for the post-war fight between Louis and Billy Conn. Several correspondents sent home stories that Joe and Billy looked fat and slow in the ETO rings. Now prospective customers to that \$1,000,000-plus ring extravaganza will be able to see for themselves, and Jacobs hopes they will like what they see.

If Jacobs can locate "suitable" opponents for the Pittsburgh Kid, Conn probably will adhere to the same itinerary when he finishes his overseas tour and gets home. Billy, even more than Joe, has been reported to be lethargic and overweight in workouts, which doesn't read well to the people who have to worry about a Louis-Conn fight.

Billy, however, may balk at an extensive tour during his furlough because he would be working for Mike and not for himself. Never one to count his dollars when they were pouring in, Billy owes a sizable chunk of money to Uncle Mike. Although he doesn't fear foreclosure, Billy doesn't like to be in the red any more than the GI who can't throw sevens after pay day.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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



Billy Conn

'Able Apprentices'

By Pap

Leonard Bowers



Reiser, Frey Plan to Operate Independent Minor Chain

NEW YORK, Nov. 8. — Pete Reiser, Brooklyn outfielder, and Lonnie Frey, Cincinnati infielder, have hit on a novel baseball scheme into which they are going to sink their own money and that of a wealthy Texas oil man when Uncle Sam hands them their walking papers from the Army.

The group plans to buy several minor league clubs and operate an independent chain without big league affiliation. This arrangement would permit them to sell players to any major league team instead of having a parent club pull the strings.

There have been plenty of chains operated by big league clubs for their own private benefit, but the Reiser-Frey chain will be a separate business operation with different clubs forming the combine. Reiser wants to start off with Elmira (N.Y.) of the Eastern League, while Frey has his eye on Nashville of the Southern Association. It is assumed that these properties would demand more money than the average ball player can raise, but that's where the Texas oil magnate comes into the picture.

Frey and Reiser said they will continue to play in the majors while operating their properties. When their playing days are over, they will take over more active participation in their minor league holdings.

Brooklyn Welter Decisions Graziano

NEW YORK, Nov. 8. — Harold Green, Brooklyn welterweight, won a unanimous decision over Rocky Graziano in the feature ten-rounder before 10,000 fans at Madison Square Garden.

Danny Kapilow, Bronx welter, had too much for Sheik Ranger, California Mexican, making his Eastern debut, and Danny Bartfield, New York, kayoed Monte Pignatore, Brooklyn, in 56 seconds of the fifth round in other ten-round bouts.

Davis Nears Scoring Lead

NEW YORK, Nov. 8. — Although he scored three touchdowns in Army's 83-0 rout of Villanova last Saturday, Glenn Davis, Cadet fullback, failed to overhaul Lee Tressell of Baldwin-Wallace in the individual scoring race.

The nation's leaders:

PLAYER	TEAM	T	EP	FG	PO
Tressell (Bald-Wallace)	...	13	2	0	30
Davis (Army)	...	13	0	0	78
DeCoursey (Wash.)	...	11	0	0	66
Cromer (Ark A & M)	...	11	0	0	66
Brinkley (Wake F.)	...	11	0	0	66
McWilliams (Miss. St.)	...	11	0	0	66
Young (Illinois)	...	11	0	0	66
Cockayne (Drake)	...	11	0	0	66
Fenimore (Okla. A & M)	...	9	5	0	59

AAU to Rule on 47 Records

NEW YORK, Nov. 8. — When the National AAU rulers meet at Atlantic City, N.J., next month, 47 new records will be considered if it was announced today.

Ann Curtis, 18-year-old San Francisco mermaid, leads the parade with 15 marks, set at distances from 200 to 1,000 yards. To climax her 1944 season, Miss Curtis swept the four free-style events for women in the AAU meet at Kansas City.

Alan Ford of Yale and Adolph Kiefer of the Navy each have five swimming records up for sanction. Ford's 4:47 for 100 yards is regarded as the outstanding swimming performance in many years; authorities consider it comparable to a four-minute mile in track.

The 4:06.4 mile run by Gil Dods, Boston divinity student, leads track times to be considered. Two other outstanding track records set during the year are Bill Hulse's 2:29.6 for the 1,000 meters and the record-equaling :06.1 for the 60-yard dash by Ed Conwell of NYU.

Jockey Injured In Four-Horse Spill

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 8. — Stan Freeman, 27 year-old jockey, was seriously injured in a four-horse pileup at Churchill Downs when his mount, Robins Crown, went down after being squeezed in a pocket at the turn in the fifth race.

Three other horses threw their jockeys as they swerved around Robins Crown. Examination of Freeman revealed a skull fracture and internal injuries. The other jockeys were not injured.

Irish Tackle To 5th Slot In AP Poll

NEW YORK, Nov. 8. — By romping over hapless Villanova, Army's griron juggernaut strengthened its position as the nation's top team in the weekly Associated Press poll, while Notre Dame slipped to fifth place after stumbling against Navy.

Randolph Field, loaded with such former collegiate greats as Pete Layden, Bill Dudley and Bobby Cifers, once again was ignored by the experts and remains in the fourth slot. Ohio State's all-civilian squad climbed into second place, while the Middies of Annapolis rank third.

The leaders, with first-place votes and total points:

TEAM	1st PLACE	TOTAL
Army	58	974
Ohio State	18	812
Navy	1	706
Randolph Field	18	675
Notre Dame	0	430
Bainbridge Naval	6	349
Iowa Pre-Flight	0	347
Michigan	0	342
March Field	3	163
Illinois	0	149

Marines Release Mails

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 8. — Sgt. Walter "Dusty" Mails, pitching mainstay when the Cleveland Indians won their only American League pennant in 1920, has been discharged from the Marine Corps because he is over-age.

Duke Hits Unbeaten Deacons

NEW YORK, Nov. 8. — At least two unblemished records are likely to smash into a stone wall Saturday, and this doesn't include the possibility of Notre Dame cropping Army from the unbeaten ranks. Yale, which barely outlasted Dartmouth last week to protect its undefeated state, will have a tough nut to crack in Brown and Wake Forest's Deacons can't expect too much consideration from Duke's rebounding Blue Devils, who toppled Georgia Tech a week ago.

Bucks Randolph Field Favored

Two other unbeaten powers, Ohio State and Randolph Field, have virtually nothing to fear this week. The all-civilian Buckeyes confront Clark Shaugnessy's undermanned Pitt Panthers, while the point-a-minute fliers tackle Southwest Louisiana.

In addition to topping the country's schedule, the Notre Dame-Army classic at New York will furnish food for furious debate among proponents of tough schedules and advocates of soft touches. The Cadets have been running up telephone number scores against all kinds of weak sisters and had to come from behind to beat Duke, the only major team encountered thus far.

The Irish on the other hand, have been facing one stiff test after another. The grueling pace finally caught up with them last week and they absorbed their first reversal, crumbling before Navy.

Pre-Flighters in Return Game

Saturday's features deep in the heart of Dixie send Mississippi State against Auburn; Alabama against Mississippi and Georgia Pre-Flight against North Carolina Pre-Flight in a return engagement. The Carolinians emerged from the earlier contest with a 3-0 verdict.

Ohio State is the only Big Ten squad traveling outside the family circle this week, while Missouri and Oklahoma will trade touchdowns for the Big Six pennant with the Sooners favored to repeat.

There are two Southwest Conference games, Rice playing Arkansas and Southern Methodist racing Texas A & M. The second phase of the Pacific Coast's home-and-home schedule begins Saturday with UCLA meeting California, while Southern California is idle.

Charities Receive \$329,555 from Majors

CHICAGO, Nov. 8. — The National War Fund Inc. and American Red Cross received \$329,555 from last summer's war relief baseball games. It has been announced. The money will be divided by the two groups.

Even club owners, players and umpires had to pay to get into the charity games. The Yankees led the American League with \$34,587.13, while the Cardinals topped the senior loop with \$25,822.55.

'Jug' Quits Job

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 8. — Harold "Jug" McSpaden, second leading money winner among professional golfers, the past season, has just disclosed he had quit his job as professional at the Philadelphia Country Club to accept a public relations job with a New York firm. He indicated, however, he would play in as many tournaments as his job permitted.

FOUND PICTURES of mother and daughter taken at Fausett's Studio, Little Rock, Ark.

APOs WANTED
PFC Peter Albano, New York; Sgt. Ina M. Anderson, Steubenville, O.; Lt. Col. Rex Badgley, Dunsmuir, Cal.; Cpl. James A. Barnette, Columbus, Ga.; Capt. Fred E. Barrett; Joseph Baumann, Forest Hills, L.I.; M/Sgt. Francis A. Berarducci, St. Louisville; Pfc Lyle J. Blair, 37313424; Pvt. John E. Boyd, Charlotte, N.C.; Lt. Anthony J. Cabrera, 0-814245; Cpl. Doris Campbell, Harris, Ind.; Pvt. Anthony Ciliberto, 3348479; Capt. George H. Clarke Jr., Richmond, Va.; Cpl. Robert B. Clark, Pasadena; Cpl. Helen Cooley, Buffalo; Pvt. Vincent A. Di Carlo, 36672564; Pfc Michael Djudjac, 36502284; William Dusenbury; Lt. Lynna D. Ford; Lt. Sam Francis, Edwardsville, Pa.; Lt. Charles Franklin, Audubon, N.J.; Sgt. Richard A. Gaffney, South Boston; Pfc William Gebauer, 368-39019; Cpl. Constance J. Goldberg, N.Y.C.; Sgt. Richard B. Heimbach, Duluth; Maj. H. J. Helleck, Winamac; Edward Helm, Chicago.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features.

By Al Capp



News from Home

Book Matches Scratch U.S. Scarcity List

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (ANS).—Few penny box matches and greatly reduced quantities of book matches will be available to civilians during the next six months, the War Production Board announces.

Bans 'Marriage Business'

WELLSBURG, W.Va., Nov. 8 (ANS).—Circuit Judge J. J. P. O'Brien has sounded the death knell to the "marriage business" in Brooke and other nearby West Virginia counties.

Jackie Cooper Flunks

GREAT LAKES, Ill., Nov. 8 (ANS).—Jackie Cooper, former juvenile film star who was acquitted last month of a charge of contributing to the delinquency of a young girl, has been washed out of the Navy's officer training school at Notre Dame for poor grades.

A Ticklish Mess

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 8 (ANS).—The Philadelphia Zoo announced the arrival of five hunger strikers and methods to deal with them. The newcomers are giant anoles, 18-inch chameleons, from Cuba, which refuse to eat in captivity.

All Clear Here

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Weather observers at the National Airport have moved upstairs to an all-glass penthouse on the roof of the terminal building which has all the latest equipment to aid experts in checking weather.

Leaves \$1,787,490 Estate

RICHMOND, Va., Nov. 8 (ANS).—The will of John Stewart Bryan, publisher of the Times-Dispatch and the News Leader, and former president and chancellor of the College of William and Mary, revealed an estate of \$1,787,490.

Latimer Named Judge

GLASGOW, Ky., Nov. 8 (ANS).—Clyde B. Latimer has been appointed judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals from the third appellate district to succeed Justice Will H. Fulton, resigned.

Gold-Braid Brigade Given Gilt-Edge Break on Taxes

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (AP).—The gold-braid boys of the Army and Navy got a break last week from Uncle Sam's income-tax collector.

The Internal Revenue Bureau ruled that braid, lace, shoulder marks, chin straps and other doodads are a "legitimate business expense" and thus deductible on tax returns.

It represents quite an item. Take an admiral, for instance. He dolls up in about 75 bucks worth of gold braid every time he gets up in the morning, unless he's at battle station or slogging around on jungle beaches.

A Navy lieutenant commander who offers his case as typical says he has spent \$1,000 in four years on uniforms and probably 10 or 15 percent of that was for insignia that fall in the tax-deductible category.

Black Widows Sting Nazi Trains

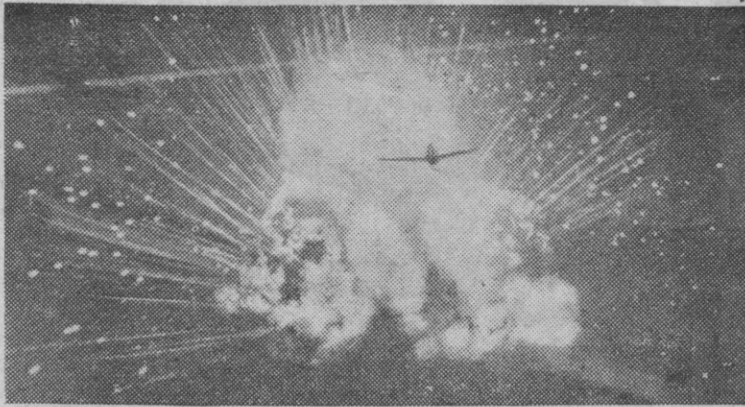
By Earl Mazo
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.
WITH A U.S. NIGHT FIGHTER SQUADRON, France, Nov. 8.—Prowling Black Widows of Ninth Air Force night fighter squadrons are making travel by night in Germany as dangerous as movement by day for the Nazis.

With intruder operations "on the deck" in darkness, taking up where Mustangs, Thunderbolts and Lightnings on day missions leave off, the P61 Black Widows are making night-long sweeps over enemy road and railroad centers, and have accounted for dozens of trains, motor transport and other targets.



Last week I saw what is happening to Germany's dwindling railroad stock when the P61 "Two-O'Clock-Jump" with Ted Colligan and Dan Samson at the controls, blew two full trains to hell and "shot up" several other targets, including a supply center on the outskirts of a German town.

The moon was up, and visibility from my seat behind the pilot was almost perfect. Colligan, a 22-year-old lieutenant from New York who was an RCAF night-fighter veteran when he was 19, flew the sleek, monstrous Black Widow with ease. We were just above the deck



The twin-boomed P61 (left) is dove-tailing its operations with the daylight activities of Mustangs, Thunderbolts and Lightnings. Above picture of a P47 passing through the fire of an exploded German ammo truck was taken in a Thunderbolt piloted by Lt. Willie Whitman, of Montgomery, Ala.

when F/O Samson, the RO from Cleveland, spotted the first train. Like a flash he dived, sighted and fired his four 20mm cannon. The shell bursts were like so many shooting stars when they struck home, and smoke was all that remained at that particular spot on the German railroad.

The second train was spotted as it eased into a small platform station. This time Ted made a head-on pass, then struck again from the side. On the second pass the locomotive blew up and the station caught fire.

Between shooting and strafing dives we stooged around looking for targets. Even the sky appeared to

be full of war. Off to a distance a German town, perhaps Cologne, was being bombed. The spotting flares came down and huge bomb flashes lit up the sky. On one occasion we came near the fighting lines which the gun flashes below clearly outlined. At a marshaling yard the Germans opened up with flak, but Ted maneuvered out of it, flying so low at one spot that he had to lift a wing to clear a church steeple.

The squadron got about a dozen trains in all during the night, and Ted Colligan figured "Goebbels ought to be making another pep talk right soon to get German railroad people to work."

1 in 14 French Held by Nazis

About 3,000,000 Frenchmen, one-fourteenth of the country's population, are expected to be found in Germany when hostilities cease, according to Henri Frenay, French Minister of Prisoners and Deportees.

Meanwhile, France is harboring 2,600,000 refugees from other countries, 1,000,000 of whom are destitute, Frenay said. Germany has 780,000 French prisoners of war, 750,000 French workers, 600,000 political deportees, 300,000 deportees from Alsace-Lorraine and 225,000 prisoner-workers, plus 250,000 deported recently from frontier areas.

GI's Nazi Stooze

WITH THE 30TH INFANTRY DIVISION ON WESTERN FRONT (AP).—Pvt. Raymond Wynant, of Moline, Ill., was with a platoon of the 30th reconnaissance troops which ran into a hornet's nest of Germans. Fellow GIs noticed Wynant was firing as fast as two men.

He had a newly-captured German prisoner reloading his tommy gun clips.

Wallace

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has two more years to serve as governor of New York.

There is some speculation that Vice-President Wallace might take Cordell Hull's place as Secretary of State, or replace Claude R. Wickard as Secretary of Agriculture—the office Wallace held during Mr. Roosevelt's first term.

Asked about reports that he might become a cabinet member or ambassador to China, Wallace said, "I have resolutely kept any such thoughts from my mind and couldn't have done a good job in the campaign otherwise. I am not worried about the future."

Gov. Bricker, who put all his eggs in one basket, is the man really left out in the cold. His term as governor of Ohio will terminate this year and he has never said publicly what he planned to do if he lost the election.

Belgians Bury Yank In Hero's Grave

WITH THE NINTH DIVISION IN BELGIUM.—A Belgian town of 250 persons turned out en masse to pay tribute and give a hero's funeral to an American private who was killed liberating the community.

The soldier, Dominick C. Gatto, of Bound Brook, N.J., was killed by German shell fire. The next day, Chaplain Anthony F. DeLaura, Brooklyn, found the soldier, bedecked with bouquets of flowers, awaiting burial in a Belgian girl's home, two miles from the scene of the shelling.

OWI Engineer Wins Citation

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (UP).—Robert M. Pierce, Cleveland radio engineer who helped bring about surrender of the Italian fleet, has been cited for his ingenuity in capturing undamaged the powerful radio station in Luxembourg.

The 37-year old Pierce, an employe of the Office of War Information, entered Luxembourg with the vanguard of U.S. armor. Alert to the propaganda possibilities of the radio station, Pierce went to the commanding general, said he had an idea and asked for a number of tanks.

"I'd like to get that station before the Nazis blow it up," Pierce told the general, whose name was not disclosed. The general agreed to give Pierce the requested assistance and the OWI engineer went off with an escort of tanks.

Pierce's "army" surrounded the station and took it before its occupants had a chance to do any damage. Col. C. R. Powell, on behalf of the 12th Army Group, commended Pierce in a memorandum for his "outstanding achievement."

Radio Luxembourg is the most powerful single station in Europe and blankets the whole continent with its powerful broadcasts.

Cut British Rations in Greece

ATHENS, Nov. 9 (Reuter).—British troops in Greece have been put on half rations to give more food to the Greeks, it was announced today. Maj. Gen. Scobie, British commander, said Greece will obtain 130,000 tons of supplies monthly and supplies will be increased if transport permits.

Labor Piles Up Record Vote in Drive by PAC

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (AP).—Labor provided the shock troops for President Roosevelt's victory. From early morning until late at night America's home front army of war workers filed into the polls to pile up a record wartime vote.

They were spearheaded by the CIO's Political Action Committee headed by Sidney Hillman, which arose as a new force in U.S. politics, taking over the task usually performed by party workers.

The PAC emphasized the importance of getting out the vote and followed through in the heavily industrial areas where Roosevelt received his greatest margins by seeing to it that every possible worker and his wife went to the polls.

'Stunning Repudiation'

Hillman declared that the PAC "is expected to continue." He called the result of the election "a stunning repudiation of the anti-labor, isolationist and defeatist element who based their campaign on bigotry and prejudice."

Most union leaders, aside from John L. Lewis, were outspokenly for Roosevelt. Their official publications shouted for his re-election and their organizations worked as never before.

Yank Heavies Hit Oil Plant

American heavy bombers, part of a force of 350 Eighth Air Force Flying Fortresses and Liberators, guarded by 850 Mustangs and Thunderbolts, yesterday struck through clouds at the Leuna synthetic oil plant at Merseburg, over which the war's greatest fighter battle was waged Nov. 2.

A radio flash from one of the bombers on its way home made no mention of Luftwaffe opposition.

The remainder of the bomber force attacked rail yards at Rheine, 30 miles northwest of Munster, while RAF heavies bombed synthetic fuel plants at Homburg in the Ruhr.

Flying more than 225 sorties in support of a Third Army attack in the Metz sector, Ninth Air Force fighter bombers yesterday morning bombed and strafed enemy troop concentrations, gun positions and a CP. In the Aachen area, Lightnings and Thunderbolts destroyed or disabled 25 freight cars and two locomotives and cut tracks in 11 places.

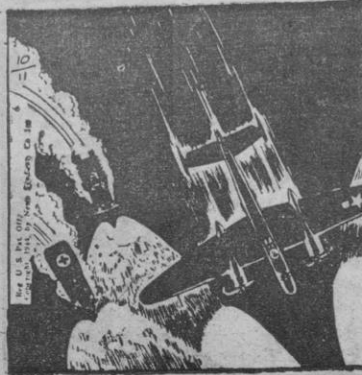
Escorted 15th Air Force heavy bombers "in great strength" bombed troop concentrations in Yugoslavia and rail and bridge targets in northern Italy.

Lt. Kennedy, 9th PRO, Awarded Silver Star

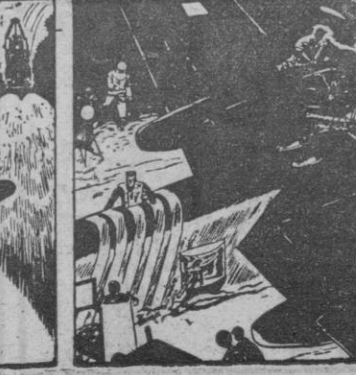
NINTH U.S. ARMY HQ., Nov. 8 (AP).—Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson, commander of the U.S. Ninth Army, presented Lt. John F. Kennedy, of Cohoes, N. Y., member of the Ninth's public relations staff, with the Silver Star for his gallantry in action while serving as platoon leader with the Eighth Infantry Division in Normandy July 13.

During American attacks south of La Haye du Puits, Kennedy received a bullet wound in the right knee but continued his duties with the platoon until wounded again in the right foot by mortar fire.

Terry And The Pirates



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By Milton Caniff



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