

Snapped Shots



Here is a lens-eye view of the day's news: Top photo of a French collaborator facing a firing squad at Rennes was taken at the moment the rope which tied the traitor to the stake was snapped by the bullets and the body slumped to the ground. Center, members of an anti-aircraft 90-mm. gun crew pour lead at a flying bomb overhead in Belgium. Bottom, German girls who replaced men of the Luftwaffe transferred to ground combat units go through their training paces on the double with the men of the dwindling Nazi air corps.

GIs Lose in PX Card Snafu

Improperly prepared ration cards issued by their home stations are preventing up to 500 men a day from buying their weekly PX rations in London, an Army Exchange Service official disclosed yesterday.

Men from combat units have also been unable to obtain the extra two packages of cigarettes to which they are entitled because their status had not been indicated on their cards, the official stated.

B29s Attack In Manchuria

While two Saipan Superforts bombed Tokyo in strikes seven hours apart, a "large task force" of China-based B29s yesterday attacked Jap industrial targets in Manchuria, the War Department announced at Washington. It was the first raid on Manchuria since Sept. 26. The Tokyo raids were the fifth and sixth by Superforts against the Jap capital.

Tokyo Radio said Mukden, in Manchuria, and Dairen, Kwantung port to the south, had been damaged, claiming 11 Superforts knocked down. Jap planes, Tokyo said, again raided Saipan, in the Marianas 1,300 miles from Japan.

Meanwhile, Chungking dispatches said Liberators, flying from China, had bombed Kowloon, opposite Hong Kong; Hainan, off southern China, and had sunk or damaged four Jap vessels off the China coast.

Ike Promises Germans Freedom of Worship

Gen. Eisenhower, in a message to the German people broadcast yesterday, promised them freedom of worship, restoration of church property and the abolition of all racial discrimination.

Judge's Death Causes Sedition Case Mistrial

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (Reuters)—The eight-month-old trial of 26 persons accused of conspiring to establish a National Socialist form of government in the U.S. was declared a mistrial today when Associate Justice James M. Proctor of District of Columbia Federal ruled the case couldn't continue "in the view of the recent death" of Chief Justice Edward Eichner, who had been trial judge.

Attorney General Francis Biddle now must decide whether to dismiss the case or call a new trial.

Third Army Closing In On Saar's Key City

Battle Gains In Intensity At Athens

ATHENS, Dec. 7 (AP)—Blasting their way from house to house with tommy-guns, British paratroops late today were clearing out principal ELAS (Greek resistance) strongpoints among the ruins of the Acropolis, while sporadic sniping flared up again in other sections of Athens.

The undeclared civil war, in which British troops are battling on the side of Premier Georges Papandreu's government forces, grew more intense during the day. Maj. Gen. Ronald M. Scobie, British commander, announced that field artillery had been in action in some areas.

RAF fighters based in Greece joined the battle, strafing resistance columns at rooftop level.

(Reuters reported that the food situation was steadily worsening. Sailings of food ships for Greece from Italian and Egyptian ports has been cancelled.)

The fighting today involved artillery, mortars, tanks, armored cars, infantry and rooftop and trench warfare.

Scobie charged: "There is definite evidence that a number of ex-German soldiers are being employed in the ELAS ranks."

Papandreu said British action in Greece was not intervention and blamed the resistance for "plunging Greece into civil war."

Papandreu promised that, once the civil war had ended, a plebiscite would be held in Greece on the type of government the people wanted. Papandreu added that leaders of the resistance would be held responsible for their actions, "which were highly illegal."

Reds Break Budapest Line

Russian forces were reported by Berlin yesterday to have broken through German defenses north of Budapest and to have driven to within 19 miles of the Hungarian capital. There was no confirmation from Moscow.

According to German commentators, the Russian breakthrough came after the Red Army, moving northwest from Hatvan, suddenly turned south.

South of Budapest, Marshal Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army pushed beyond Dunapentele, 29 miles from the capital.

Reports said the Russian drive toward Austria was running into stiffer resistance.

Balk Shakeup In State Dept.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7—The Administration's attempt to inject new life into the State Department, following appointment of Edward R. Stettinius Jr. as Secretary of State, hit a snag today.

The Senate voted to return to its Foreign Relations Committee, for further consideration, President Roosevelt's nominations of Joseph C. Grew, Archibald MacLeish, William Clayton and Nelson Rockefeller as assistant secretaries of state.

Sen. Albert B. (Happy) Chandler (D.-Ky.) said the Senate wanted the committee to question the nominees—all of whom have been prominent in the Administration—on such matters of international importance as Franco, Vichy, post-war settlements and economic policies.

Rome All Wound Up In High-Price Spaghetti

ROME, Dec. 7 (UP)—Thousands of housewives have carried out a "blitzkrieg" on the black market in Rome. Storming into black market shops, crowds of irate women ransacked the stores and very nearly lynched the shopkeepers.

A "League of Hunger," composed entirely of women, has been formed to force the government to ration essential foods and suppress the black market.

It all started because housewives were dissatisfied with the high price of spaghetti.

Eighth Army Gains

Eighth Army troops captured Mezzano and rolled north along the Ravenna-Ferrara highway toward Bologna yesterday as German resistance was wiped out along the Lamone River.

Stettinius Quiet On Troop Use Against Greeks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (AP)—Edward R. Stettinius Jr., U.S. secretary of state, today issued another statement reaffirming the American "hands off" policy with regard to Greece. While formally indorsing British Prime Minister Churchill's declaration that the Greeks would have complete freedom to form either a Rightist or Leftist government, Stettinius pointedly failed to indorse Churchill's statement that British troops would be used to prevent formation of "a Communist dictatorship in Greece."

When reporters bombarded Stettinius with requests to expand his statement, he declined, except to indicate that his declaration was not being conveyed officially to the British government.

ROME, Dec. 7 (AP)—The U.S. "hands off" declaration on Italian politics had produced no visible effect on the government crisis today, and the country was still without a cabinet 11 days after the Bonomi government resigned.

The British policy of intervention in Greece, which has aroused some protest in the London press, will be debated in the House of Commons today. Either Prime Minister Churchill or Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden is expected to elaborate on the government's position.

3,000 Yanks To Help British Repair London

Three thousand U.S. Army servicemen will go on special duty next Tuesday, helping British workmen repair bomb damage and build temporary housing shelters in the London area. They will be drawn from the Corps of Engineers and other units.

The cost of paying, transporting and feeding these soldier-laborers will be borne by the U.S. Army. Their special duty will last for an unspecified time and their services will be controlled by the British Ministry of Works.

Announcement of the U.S. Army aid was made in Parliament yesterday by Duncan Sandys, new British minister of works, and was greeted by cheers. A more detailed report was made in a press release by the Ministry of Works.

The announcement said major details of the plan were arranged at a conference between British and American officials last Sunday, and Sandys said Gen. Eisenhower had approved the scheme.

The soldiers, many of them members of the building trades in civilian life, will work under Army officers and non-coms. They will be organized into three battalions for the project.

GIs Among Victims Killed by V2 Bomb

American soldiers were among those killed and seriously injured when a rocket-bomb fell recently on a U.K. pub, just as it was about to close.

West Front Toll Heavy; GIs 18 Now Filling Gaps

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7—Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson, disclosing that the Army now was sending men under 19 overseas as infantry and armored-force replacements, said today that American troops on the Western Front "are suffering severe casualties and are facing the prospect of more to come."

Patterson said that "urgent military requirements" had necessitated the revision of the Army's policy in which 18-year-olds had been excluded "from active duty with the infantry and armored forces abroad."

He said a diminishing supply of men over 19 was being inducted while "the tempo of the war has increased sharply."

"Before June, 1944, the majority of men inducted into the Army were 19 years and over," Patterson said. "In October, 40 per cent of the inductees were under 19. It's another case of supply and demand, with the demand gradually outweighing the supply."

"Despite the heavy American casualties in Europe 'the enemy is suffering much more severely,'" Patterson said in revealing that American battle casualties since Pearl Harbor now totaled 552,018.

He said heavy Allied casualties were "inevitable" because of "an adequately equipped and well-led enemy in prepared positions is determined to try and hold his ground at any sacrifice."

1st Advances Slightly in 3 Attacks

Third Army tanks drove yesterday into the outskirts of Forbach, a Siegfried Line outpost 3½ miles west of the bombed border city of Saarbruecken, and other armored units of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's forces threw back German tanks in a five-hour battle ten miles southeast of Sarreguemines, where doughboys were mopping up enemy elements stranded by Nazi troops who had blown the Saar bridges in the area.

Ten enemy tanks were knocked out in the fight below Sarreguemines, although previous dispatches had indicated that the battle was on a greater scale.

Berlin Radio admitted that Third Army tanks had penetrated into the outer Siegfried belt at several points on the Saar front.

Meanwhile, the First Army got on the hop again, throwing in three moderate attacks toward the Roer River, along which the Ninth Army stands to the north. Two of the thrusts were from recently captured Bergstein, which was under German shell fire, and the third, from Inden, gained more than a mile and reached Pier.

A SHAEF dispatch said that on Wednesday, for the second successive night, the Cologne plain had been brightly lit, suggesting that intensive work was under way to prepare the Erft River to the east, as another defense line after the Americans force the Roer.

Morrow Davis, Stars and Stripes cor-

Shell Shortage Does Not Impair Drive—SHAEF

PARIS, Dec. 7 (AP)—There is no shell shortage of a sufficiently serious nature to impair the present offensive, it was stated today at SHAEF, although it was admitted that the Allied armies would need more and more shells as the battering of Germany continued.

respondent with the Ninth Army, reported that, even with air superiority and better equipment, crossing the Roer would be no picnic.

On the Roer east bank, Davis wrote, are skilled, battle-hardened Germans, including the crack Fifth Panzer units and SS troops. Backing them up are good armor, plenty of artillery and ammunition and high ground from which to fight.

Fighter-bombers aided the Ninth doughboys striking to oust the Germans from the Julich sports stadium, but the enemy continued to fight even after the position was heavily bombed.

The Seventh Army in France captured high ground near Lemberg, three miles south of Bitch and eight miles from the Reich border. Five miles northwest of Hagenau, a German attack drove the doughboys out of Mertzwiller, but the Americans had better success in repulsing an enemy thrust below Niederbronn.

Capture 44,000 Nazis in Month

HEADQUARTERS, 12TH ARMY GROUP, Dec. 7—Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, 12th Army Group commander, said today that Yanks under his command had liberated approximately 115,000 square miles of territory and taken 400,000 German prisoners since D-Day, June 6.

His review of the military situation six months after D-Day showed that in the current attack, which began Nov. 8, his troops had taken 44,000 German prisoners and occupied approximately 700 square miles of Germany.

Bradley's command, comprising the U.S. First, Third and Ninth Armies, is now fighting, he said, on a 210-mile front.

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Tough Treatment for Germans

Nov. 29, 1944

To the B-Bag:

Just finished an article about treatment of Germans—and never burned up so fast before.

Just what are we fighting for if some filthy Boche, who has looted all of Europe, can complain that the Americans are damaging his property—and what good is the A.M.G. if it is unable to enforce the orders it puts out? Surely we can spare a few MPs to help them out if they need it.

I don't know much about the last war but this sure smacks of what I have read—and so we had to come back and try again. Will we have to try the third time? or are we going to make it so damn tough on them that they won't be able to get back on their feet for half a century, and with an awful bitter taste in their mouth when they finally do.

These sentiments are also expressed by the rest of the wounded E.M. in this hut, only the language used to express them couldn't be printed. They seem to have one idea in common. "Make it as tough on them as they made it on the rest of Europe while it was under their control."—T/Sgt. Robert J. Covley, Inf.

A New Veterans' Group

Nov. 30, 1944.

To the B-Bag:

May I endorse Private A. L. Isgood's plea for a new veterans' organization?

Many of us feel that the older organizations failed to express the best attitude before our entry into the war. Moreover, those of us who survive will have little in common with veterans of other wars.

How about "The Crusaders," Pvt. Osgood? and no satire intended either.—Navy Lieutenant.

On the 'Perfect GI'

Nov. 30, 1944.

To the B-Bag:

1—May I tell you that I think the article you published today re the "Perfect GI" is absolutely trashy—if that man is such a perfect soldier why is he only a Tec 5 (Corp.)? I think I could easily raise a thousand bucks to make a wager that the story is all bunk.

2—Perhaps they should transfer that man to the WACs.

3—It's a damn shame to spoil a perfectly good newspaper by writing such trash.—Maj. H. W. Leake, AGD (an ex-EM with 22 years' service)

Nurses at the Front

Oct. 17, 1944

To the B-Bag:

I've read every possible Stars and Stripes I can get ahold of, and haven't seen an article as yet telling of the marvelous job that our nurses are doing here in hospitals near the front.

The hospital I'm in now is a general evacuation unit. . . . Two nurses from the ward I'm in, as an example of them all, are 2/Lt. Collins, from Buffalo, N.Y., and 2/Lt. B. Conneally, who hails from good old Brooklyn. . . . The nurses' job starts at seven each morning and ends at seven that evening, 12 hours of grueling work that would grow tiresome to the healthiest of men. It is a tough grind, with no time off, and no pleasure, just eat, sleep and work like hell.—Pfc Roger Cline, Sig. Hu. Con. Bn.

OKs for the APO

Nov. 25, 1944

To the B-Bag:

Can you top this one? Fellows have been complaining about the mail system, but I am "totally" satisfied. A package which was sent to me for Thanksgiving I received noon Thanksgiving Day. Would not gripe again, despite my July packages are somewhere in France.—A Satisfied Wolff, Pvt. H. Wolff. Repl. Bn.

Maps, Not Editorials

Nov. 20, 1944

To the B-Bag:

I've read a lot of bitches about the mail service in the ETO. Myself, I think it is very good. Any organization that can get a letter to a person on Nov. 20 that is postmarked Nov. 31 must be good.

Enclosed is an envelope to prove my statement.—Pvt. Jack Schultz, AAF.

Maps, Not Editorials

Nov. 20, 1944

To the B-Bag:

I wish to complain about the tripe you turn out and call editorials. . . . My suggestion is that you replace the daily drivel with maps, so that we can tell how the boys we took ashore are making out, instead of the "space fillers" you usually have. . . . Why not let the readers decide how they would prefer to have that 1/5 page filled? Good luck on an improved Stars and Stripes.—J. E. C., Ensign, USNR.

Hash Marks

Our spy on the home front sez the armed forces have a new eye test for applicants. If you go for a pretty girl they put you in the Army. Then they put the pretty girl next to a homely girl—and if you go for both, they put you in the Navy.

Who said that with all the WACs in the Army the war should end soon because no lady will stand for wearing the same hat two years in succession?

Our spy on the home front reports that Carole Landis of the classy chassis was walking down the street when a man



sidled up to her and handed her a note. On it was written, "Carole, I'm a deaf mute—but let this pass as a whistle."

It happened to Lt. Francis Cleary. He was riding in his tank through a liberated city amidst the cheers and shouting of the populace, when a white-haired, bearded Frenchman hopped alongside the noisy tank and shouted at him. Cleary tried to dismiss the old man with shouts of "No compree—no compree Français." At that moment the tank stopped and in the dead silence the old man stood half-exhausted from his running and made his plea, "But, Monsieur, I am speaking English!"

And Sgt. Al Nigro attributes the fog shortage to an old Chinese proverb, "Many men smoke but fu man chu."

It happened on the home front. A newly-inducted soldier, making his way through a railway station, brushed by a Navy chief petty officer. Noticing the



hash marks on the guy's sleeve—for 30 years' or more service the GI gasped, "Holy smoke, I didn't know our Navy was that old!"

A girl once said that her first post-war order would be: "I want a girdle—and make it snappy."

J. C. W.

One Punch Izzy Still in There Punching

Man Who Popped Bundist Kuhn Does His Bit Against Hitler in Merchant Marine

By A. Victor Lasky

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Noel Coward notwithstanding, it was a guy from Brooklyn who took one of the first pokes at Hitler—though indirectly—long before Pearl Harbor.

That guy—"Just call me Izzy the Plumber." Greenbaum—popped into The Stars and Stripes office yesterday wearing a blue merchant-marine uniform of a CPO. He had a message. Which was to the dozens of GIs whose pictures he has taken on many troop transports to write him at 208 South First St., Brooklyn, if they want prints mailed to their families.

But first let's let Noel in on how "Izzy the plumber"—just another guy from Brooklyn—got Hitler mad, as he must have.

Feb. 21, 1939—the lull before the storm. That night New York's Madison Square Garden was jam-packed. Twenty-two thousand members and sympathizers of the German-American Bund had turned out to hail the German-accented words of burly, girl-crazy Fritz Kuhn, whose fouling around with the Bund's dough later landed him in Sing Sing.

Fritz wasn't in too good form that night, despite the fact that he and his "trusted" aides had organized the greatest gathering of Hitler-lovers in the history of the U.S. He was having difficulty mouthing such words as "Americanism" and "isolationism," and on one occasion he embarrassedly corrected the slip, "Thomas Lincoln," whom he claimed as a spiritual adviser.

Sitting in the press box, you may remember, was Dorothy Thompson, whose giggling—while police hovered about momentarily expecting the worst—caused Fritz's face to redden perceptibly.

And then it happened. Kuhn had just said the President's real name was "Rosenfeld." A lithe figure leaped over a tier, scaled the rostrum and to Fritz's amazement leaped at him—a fist landing in his puss. A half dozen storm troopers jumped the intruder.

When LaGuardia's blue-coated minions finally rescued the intruder he was bloodied, his clothes torn to shreds.

The intruder had been "Izzy the Plumber."

Izzy chuckled yesterday when he recalled the incident, which had hurtled him



Greenbaum Rubs Fist which Hit Kuhn

into a short-lived fame, stating "Gee, what would you have done if you were in my place listening to that s.o.b. hollering against the government and publicly kissing Hitler's behind—while thousands cheered?"

"Well, I did it."

When war finally came Izzy volunteered for sea duty with the merchant marine—he had been a sailor in 1937, in fact, he had visited Germany—paid up his National Maritime Union dues and shipped out as a deck engineer.

"That's a fancy name for plumber," Izzy said. "My job mainly is keeping the latrines functioning. And boy, do I work when we hit rough weather."

Having plenty of time on his hands

between periods of rough weather, Izzy—taking advantage of his immunity from the taking-of-pictures ban GIs face on a transport—indulges in his hobby by shooting dozens of pix a trip and sending them to the soldiers' families.

Using a plain Kodak, he took photos of men bound for the beaches on D-Day. Some of those men died.

"It was worth all my effort," said Izzy, "when I received a letter from a mother thanking me for a picture of her son. She wrote he had been killed on D-Day."

"I felt like bawling and I did have tears in my eyes."

Aside to N.C.—You're right, some Brooklyn boys do cry.

Notes From Air Force

A Triple-Play Pubmobile Does Double Duty at a Lib Base

When three sergeant-buddies of the 448th Bomb group, a Lib outfit, were confronted with transportation difficulties they set about constructing a triple-seater bike from salvaged parts.

It's called a pubmobile, because the GIs use their tricycle for jaunts to nearby pubs as well as to get around their base.

On Nov. 30, 1943, the squadron commanded by Lt. Col. William O. Jackson, of Natchitoches, La., in the 352nd Mustang Group, lost three pilots to the Luftwaffe—the outfit's first losses.

The squadron settled that score this Nov. 30 when Capt. Charles E. Griffiths, of Groton, S.D.; 1/Lt. Earl R. Lazear, of Delaware, Ohio, and Jackson each bagged an Me109.

While awaiting delivery of packages of toys, clothing and other children's items, requested from their families in the U.S., 384th Bomb Group personnel are donating from their PX rations and personal Christmas parcels toward the collection for orphans and bombed out children in a French city.

On New Year's Day the group will dispatch a Fortress to a yet undisclosed city in France and distribute their gifts, because of the French custom of exchanging presents on New Year's Day rather than Christmas Day.

The crew members of the Fortress Grin and Bare It, in the 401st Bomb Group, claim to be the youngest heavy-bombardment crew in the ETO. The average age of the crewmen is 20.

They are:

1/Lt. Julian A. Roadman, Nashville, Tenn., pilot; 2/Lt. Henry W. Compton, Savannah, Ga., co-pilot, and James P. Whitlock, Lake City, S.C., bombardier; F/O Robert H. Knuse, Milwaukee, Wis., navigator; S/Sgt. John H. Landers, El Dorado, Kan., engineer-runner; Alfred Elchisak, Mahanoy City, Pa., radio operator; Earle R. Hill, Greenfield, Mass., waist gunner; Donald S. Wood, Palisade, Colo., tail gunner, and Eugene H. Hall, Van Nuys, Calif., ball turret gunner.

AFN Radio Program

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Friday, Dec. 8

1200—World News.
1205—Duffie Bag.
1300—Headlines—Sport News.
1305—John Charles Thomas.
1330—Yank Swing Session.
1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour.
1500—Headlines—German Lesson.
1505—Strike up the Band.
1530—On the Record.
1630—It Pays to be Ignorant.
1700—Headlines—Music by Harry James.
1730—London Column.
1745—Novelty Time.
1755—American Sports News.
1800—World News.
1805—Mark up the Map.
1810—GI Supper Club.
1900—Headlines—Command Performance.
1930—Double Feature with Les Tremayne.
2000—Headlines—S/Sgt. Diary.
2015—Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians.
2030—Moonlight Serenade.
2100—World News.
2105—Ransom Sherman's Nit Wit Court.
2135—California Melodies with Frank Duval.
2200—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
2205—Listen Characters.
2300—Final Edition.

Saturday, Dec. 9

0755—Sign On—Program Resume.
0800—Headlines—Combat Diary.
0815—Personal Album with Martha Mears.
0830—Music from America.
0900—World News.
0905—Music by Joe Reichman.
0925—Canada Dance Orchestra.
1000—Headlines—Morning After.
1030—Army Talks.
1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
1105—Duffie Bag.

B-Bagatelles

GI and Civilian: No Comparison—Just now

—Irvin S. Taubkin, Prop.

OUR face is red. And not only our face. Cpl. N. Trachtenberg, an ETO MP, has just finished going over us with his short billy. "Who but a fool," he chides, apropos of the Hutton-Price-Mrs. LeGassique home-front debate which went on in these columns recently, "who but a fool would presume to voice a comparison between GI and civilian? Who but a knave would induce a soldier to debase his noble mission by provoking him into such a graceless comparison? And now that you've had your fun, how about getting down to the job you were sent here for? More news reporting and less provocation!"

No fool we, nor knave either, so we'll go quietly, Cpl. Hesitating just a paragraph, if we may, to reveal one further of the Corp's pearls anent the Gassique. "I pity the guy," he subs, "whose pants he wears."

Nor is the Cpl. alone in taking us to task. "Some browned-off GIs" hop us for reporting that officers as well as enlisted men would wait on tables and pull KP at the Thanksgiving Day dinner at which the losers feted the winners of the 355th Fighter Group's skeet tournament. "The officers did NOT wait on tables or pull KP," the GIs correct us. "That little chore fell, as always, to the last four graders. This is the second year the same thing has happened."

Being ourselves from a place called Noodle Creek, we don't know what we can do—except maybe to vote, as he evidently wants us to, for Sgt. Charles (Bing) Brigham, alias "Ugly Pill Paul," as the ugliest GI in the U.K. "My buddies call me 'Ugly' and they flatter me," he writes. "There ought to be two prizes. One for the guy who wins, and one for the guy who loses. The one who loses wins, doesn't he?"

In more serious vein is the QM Yank who would like to know "could there be a ribbon like the overseas ribbon only on it in small letters the name of the town or state we Yanks are from? I myself am from Ohio, and I am sure the other fellows, no matter where they're from, would like to have something like that. A fellow might happen to see some fellow and would like to know where he is from. See what you can do."

UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



"Ya don't git combat pay 'cause ya don't fight."

By Gene Graff

APOs Wanted

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune



By Courtesy of United Features



By Al Capp

By Ray Lee

By Chester Gould

ED. BARROW

Irish Pour It On

	W	L	T	P		W	L	T	P
Buffalo ..	11	7	2	24	Providence	5	10	2	1
Hershey	8	8	2	18					
WESTERN DIVISION									
	W	L	T	P		W	L	T	P
Indianapo.	10	6	5	25	Cleveland	9	7	2	2
Birmingham	11	6	1	23	St. Louis	4	10	3	1

Life in Those United States

FTC Sees Violations Of Law in Butt Scarcity

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7 (ANS)—A Federal Trade Commission spokesman said today that FTC was convinced "there are violations of federal anti-trust laws in connection with the current cigarette shortage."

The spokesman said that FTC was "looking into" the shortage and trying to determine causes and that if inquiries uncovered definite violations of law, formal complaints would be issued.

CAPITAL SIDESHOW: Congress received its final appropriation bill of the present session—a \$415,000,000 measure to supplement funds already provided for miscellaneous agencies. If enacted, the bill would boost to an estimated \$68,000,000,000 new funds voted by Congress this year.

Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, head of the Army Service Forces, said 40 per cent of American war production "now are behind quotas." . . . Brig. Gen. J. J. Christmas, deputy chief of the Army Ordnance Department, declared the nation's No. 1 production bottleneck was in the output of heavy tires, which he described as "the backbone of the whole war effort."

The War Department disclosed that as of Dec. 1 there were 359,247 prisoners of war in the U.S., an increase of 26,871 over the preceding month.

Call and Recall

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (Reuter)—Telephone operators in business firms answered their phones today with "Remember Pearl Harbor" instead of the usual "Hello." A one-minute silence, broken only by the tolling of bells in 1,500 churches, marked the city's observance of the day.

Death Wins a Race

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 7 (AP)—Kenneth Wright, five, tried hard to live to see his sailor father, who was coming home for Christmas. Three days ago the child spoke to his dad by trans-Pacific phone and told him to hurry home. Last night, Kenneth died from a pancreas ailment.

'Boy-Baby' Formula Had a Flaw—It Didn't Work

HACKENSACK, N.J., Dec. 7 (ANS)—Mrs. Martha S. Armour, testifying in her husband's suit for divorce, told a court today her husband "has a theory" used by royal families of England and Germany by which only male children would be born, but that it "wouldn't work" in their case.

She said that her millionaire husband, Bernard S. Armour, promised her a chinchilla coat before their third and youngest daughter was born if the child were a boy and threatened to divorce her if another girl showed up. Mrs. Armour added that in 1935 and 1939 she was forced to have abortions because her husband feared the children would be girls.

Meantime, her millionaire husband, a chemical industrialist, charged his wife with being guilty on 21 specific counts of misconduct with three men.

Armour testified his wife had proposed he take a mistress and she a lover "so we could live like rich French" and that she had offered to find him a mistress. Mrs. Armour denied this, however.

White House In-Laws Wait

GRAND CANYON, Ariz., Dec. 7 (ANS)—Honeymooning Col. and Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt (she was Faye Emerson, the actress) will visit the colonel's parents—the President and Mrs. F. D.—if the bride can make the necessary arrangements with her studio, the colonel said today. Earlier in the week, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt had told her press conference in Washington that she had never seen her new daughter-in-law—neither in person nor on the screen. The newlyweds are scheduled to return to Hollywood tomorrow.

Clare Boothe Calls the Women to Battle

NEW YORK, Dec. 7 (ANS)—Rep. Clare Boothe Luce (R.-Conn.), now touring European battlefronts, has declared war on "the peculiar obstacles and booby traps" confronting career women.

Writing in the January issue of the new monthly magazine Pageant, Mrs. Luce said "women are not yet looked upon as human beings. They are not yet judged as human beings. They are not yet rewarded as human beings."

She cited the above as her reasons "why I am for women wherever they are working to kick over barriers of segregation and expose the myth that all women are intellectually inferior to all men."

Smoking 'Em Out

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 7 (ANS)—It is really easy to get cigarettes. A woman merely inserted an ad in a paper asking for a carton for a man in the Navy. She had more than 50 calls and most of the callers said they'd give her the smokes, not sell them.

Fagfast

DENVER, Dec. 7 (ANS)—Members of the Denver Breakfast Club have signed pledges not to buy or smoke ready-made cigarettes until the supply of smokes for armed forces is ample.

She's Had It

GI's Wife Says He Told Her To Have a Baby by Another

CHICAGO, Dec. 7—Mrs. Irma Brennan, 21, who gave birth to a daughter 14 months after her husband, Pfc Gerald Brennan, 31, was last home, started Superior Judge John A. Sbarbaro's court today by declaring her husband had asked her to have the child because he was unable to be a father.

Despite the fact that her extra-marital romance came at her husband's request, Mrs. Brennan testified, he had secretly filed suit for divorce, basing it on her alleged misconduct. Mrs. Brennan was in court to oppose an injunction, sought by her husband, to restrain her from disposing of the \$50 allotment she receives.

The judge, baffled, referred the case to a special commissioner for investigation.

Mrs. Brennan said her husband, now stationed in Trinidad, said while home on furlough in 1942 that "he couldn't have a child and asked me to have one."

When she wrote him later that she was to become a mother, he replied "expressing happiness" and even sent remittances to help cover prenatal expenses, the wife testified.

Baby Amanda was born July 19, 1943. When Brennan got another furlough last May he exhibited the infant to the neighbors with every evidence of pride, the mother continued. On another trip home in September he again accepted Amanda as his own, though he knew he was not the father.

Samuel M. Starr, Mrs. Brennan's attorney, freely acknowledged the misconduct, but contended it was at Brennan's suggestion. He added that the soldier, by accepting the child and living with his wife while home, had condoned the illicit motherhood.

Convicts Give In

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 7 (UP)—Twenty-five convicts of the Federal Penitentiary here who yesterday seized 80 members of the prison staff and barricaded themselves in protest against convicted enemy aliens being allowed to mingle with them surrendered today. The prison warden agreed to air the convicts' complaints.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 7 (AP)—The American mistletoe trade is expecting a very black Christmas market this year because of the absence of eligible men. "There's hardly anybody left worth kissing," one mistletoe operator said. "We might as well give the stuff back to the birds."

Law Seeks Teeth

CLEVELAND, Dec. 7 (ANS)—After quarreling with his wife, Ben Schuster rushed out of their home in a huff and left behind his false teeth. Returning to pick up his chewing apparatus, Schuster was informed by his wife, "You can't have them." The city prosecutor said he would issue a formal summons against Mrs. Schuster—for the teeth.

Gone

BURBANK, Cal., Dec. 7 (ANS)—Police fired two shots at a burglary suspect in the cafe. They missed, but one bullet hit a juke box, which promptly gave out with "Going My Way."

Toots Toots

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 7 (ANS)—Postwoman Mrs. C. R. Alley honks the horn of her car twice if she has a letter from a serviceman for a person along her route. No GI letter, no toot.

Got a Bomb, Chum?

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 7 (AP)—The case of the exploding chewing gum has given Philadelphia police something to chew on. Glen Lloyd reported yesterday a stick of gum exploded in his mouth, lacerating his lips and tongue.

Palm Beach Record

PALM BEACH, Fla., Dec. 7 (ANS)—As Northern visitors dashed southward to elude the cold, Palm Beach's population today neared a winter record of 20,000 visitors. New arrivals were estimated at 1,000 daily.

Helped Fry Nazis in Greece



The 15-year-old American boy on the left has engaged in 14 battles against the Nazis. He is Louis Petropoulos, and he went to Greece from Cleveland, Ohio, in 1936. He is shown with Aris Volouchiotis, Greek fighting leader, to whom he has acted as an aide.

Automatic Pilot Bucking

Ghost Fort's Crew Is Found, 3-Point Landing Still a Puzzle

91ST BOMB GROUP, Dec. 7—The mystery of a Fortress reported to have made a perfect landing in Belgium minus its crew has been cleared up by the crew members who returned here. The big ship did just that—on automatic pilot.

"It all started when bad weather set in just before Merseburg, the target," 1/Lt. Harold R. DeBolt, pilot from Santa Rosa, Cal., related. "The formation started to climb, but we had a bad engine and couldn't keep up with them. We were unable to get rid of our bombs because of a malfunction of the bomb racks."

"In our limping condition we were an easy target for the flak boys. A direct hit in the No. 3 engine knocked the mount through the wing. Several minutes later a big red flash filled the center of the plane, even reaching up to the cockpit. We had been hit in the bomb bay, and I'll be darned if I know why the bombs didn't explode."

The weather closed in solidly as the battered Fort, shuddering from a wind-milling propeller, tried to make the English coast. Resetting his course for Brussels, DeBolt ordered all loose equipment jettisoned. When the final two engines sputtered, the crew bailed out, DeBolt jumping after he had set the plane on its automatic pilot.

Other members of the crew were: 1/Lt. Osborn E. Stone, Derry, N.H., co-pilot, and William R. Dominguez, San Bruno, Cal., navigator; F/O Richard P. Cusson, Worcester, Mass., bombardier; T/Sgt. Troy C. Young, Friendsville, Tenn., engineer, and John J. Alba, New York, radio operator-gunner; S/Sgt. Granville C. Houchins, Richlands, Va., ball turret gunner; Charles E. Walker, Newtonville, Mass., waist runner, and Nelson Richardson, East Canton, Ohio, tail gunner.

Guerrillas Helping Yanks in Philippines

About a half-million native guerrillas are assisting the Americans in throwing the Japs out of the Philippines, Brig. Gen. Carlos Romulo, who flew from Leyte, told members of the House of Representatives in Washington yesterday. The American hold on the Philippines is secure, Romulo said.

Meanwhile, on Leyte, Gen. MacArthur announced "the enemy's situation must be regarded as serious." The flow of supplies to the trapped Japs in the Ormoc corridor has been cut off with the sinking of a number of cargo vessels, MacArthur said.

Water, Water All Over, But Not a Drop to Drink

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HQ, Leyte, Dec. 7 (Reuter)—Under an ordinance issued in Tacloban, capital of this rain-soaked Philippine isle, both the sale and manufacture of liquor have been banned in an attempt to prevent the widespread selling of bootleg liquor to American soldiers in the area.

Terry and the Pirates



Weather Grounds 8th AF Heavies

Eighth Air Force aircraft were inactive yesterday because of bad weather. Meantime, photo reconnaissance indicated that oil refineries at Misburg suffered heavy damage in the Eighth 'heavies' attacks of Nov. 26 and 29, the largest laboratory building being destroyed by a direct hit. Nine oil storage tanks were destroyed.

Italy-based 15th Air Force Forts and Libs Wednesday night bombed Salzburg and Klagenfurt, in northern and southern Austria.

Two U.S. Soldiers Held In Diplomat's Killing

Two American soldiers stationed near Norfolk have been detained in connection with the fatal shooting Sunday of Sir Eric Teichman, former British embassy councillor in Chungking, it was revealed yesterday by Capt. S. H. Van Neck, chief constable of Norfolk.

The two soldiers will be charged before an American court, Van Neck said.

U.S. V-1 About to Be Tested



Here is a closeup view of America's V-1 about to be launched in a test. Modeled after the Nazi flying bomb, the robot's launching ramp can be built in four days, whereas it took the Nazis two weeks. It represents an improvement over the German type and is ready for use now if needed.

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Freed Peoples Request Flood Of Materials

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7—Requests for raw and processed materials with which to re-start industry in liberated areas of Europe were reported today to be pouring in on the central section for relief and rehabilitation of the Combined Production and Resources and the Combined Raw Materials Boards.

These requests come at a time when U.S. industry, pinched by reported impending shortages of vital war materials, is going into renewed and expanded war production, and when reconversion and other civilian-production plans are being shelved as a result.

The requests from the liberated areas vary in range from big items like 700 locomotives for France, 60,000 freight cars for liberated Europe, coal-mining machinery for Spitzbergen and highway-repair machinery for Italy to sewing needles and post-office forms for the Balkans, fishing hooks for the Greeks and horseshoe nails for the Sicilians.

The agencies' progress report disclosing these requests explained that they emanated from three sources: The military, responsible for relief of the civilian population immediately after liberation; UNRRA; and countries like France, Belgium, Holland and Norway which have resources to pay for their requirements, at least in part. These nations require materials to re-start local industries and thereby provide employment for their people.

Admits China Is in a Crisis

CHUNGKING, Dec. 7 (Reuter)—Recent Japanese advances in China have created "a serious military situation," Maj. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, head of U.S. forces in China and chief of staff to Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, admitted today.

In his statement, issued "in absolute candor," Wedemeyer denied rumors that U.S. forces would evacuate China, declaring: "I am confident that the U.S. will see China through the crisis."

The enemy's progress has rendered his communications more vulnerable to Allied counter-action, Wedemeyer said.

The Chinese must copy the example of the British in the Battle of Britain and the Russians at Stalingrad because "there can and must be the same solidarity between the Chinese people and the military forces," he said.

(On the political front, according to The Associated Press, Gen. Chou En Lai, Communist delegate, said Chiang had rejected formally a Red proposal to establish a coalition Chinese government, but had made counter-offers.)

Two Generals Ask Strict Care of Tires

PARIS, Dec. 7—The ETO's chiefs of ordnance and transportation today urged drivers of U.S. Army vehicles to give their tires "normal" care in order to beat an impending shortage.

Maj. Gens. Henry B. Saylor, ordnance chief, and Frank S. Ross, transportation chief, urged in a joint statement that every driver see that his tires were retreaded before the plies became too worn; that correct air pressure was maintained; that high speeds and improper braking be avoided; that tires be rotated; that wheel alignments be checked; that overloading be avoided.