

1st Army Opens Drive for Roer

Plant Needs Renew Draft Of Men 26-37

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (ANS)—Drafting of men aged 26-37 who are not contributing to the war effort was ordered renewed today to provide replacements for soldiers and sailors released in recent months to manpower-short war plants.

War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes asked the step be taken as the government drove to get 300,000 needed workers into war industries and bring lagging production of critical materials up to schedule.

Byrnes said the Army and Navy "had released several thousand" men to war plants and the demands for such releases were increasing.

"In order that these men may be replaced," he said, "it is deemed necessary to increase the numbers of calls by Selective Service for men between 26 and 37 who are not doing their part to contribute to the war effort."

Consequently, Byrnes said, he asked the induction of such men and the reclassification of others in the same age group who now have occupational deferments and who have left essential industry.

While draft boards never have been ordered formally to halt induction of men over 26, few have drafted any since last September, when Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, head of Selective Service, advised boards that it appeared armed forces' needs for the rest of the year could be met from men under 26.

Neither the Army nor Navy was able to give exact figures on the number of men released to war industries. About 800 recently were dropped by the Army to the tire industry and releases also have been made to logging and lumbering, foundries and forges, aircraft and ammunition plants, and, earlier in the war, to non-ferrous mining.

Byrnes' action appeared calculated to stem the growing movement by workers to leave war jobs and seek employment where they could be assured jobs after peace. The movement has been one of the principal worries of manpower officials.

Meantime, it also was announced that the Army asked and secured an agreement for a seven-day work week for four months in plants manufacturing truck tires and tubes. Tire industry workers, now paid time and a half for the sixth day, will collect double time for Sunday, it was said.

8th Retakes Ground in Italy

ROME, Dec. 10 (AP)—Eighth Army troops yesterday beat off several strong German counter-attacks against their newly-won Lamone River bridgehead, two miles west of the outflanked enemy stronghold of Faenza.

Prisoner Swap Makes 'Em Smile



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Their faces alight with relief at the sight of American MPs, these Allied soldiers march back from a Nazi prisoner-of-war stockade in an exchange of prisoners in the St. Nazaire sector, France. Nineteen Americans, 30 French and three British warriors were released in return for 54 of the enemy.

Heavies Renew Attack on Rails

German rail centers were the principal objectives over the weekend when Eighth Air Force heavy bombers carried out two operations in sub-zero weather.

More than 500 Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by upward of 650 Mustangs and Thunderbolts, bombed military rail targets on the Rhine at Coblenz and Bingen Sunday, after a day in which more than 400 Fortresses, covered by approximately 275 Mustangs and Thunderbolts, attacked railyards at Stuttgart and an airfield near Bolingen, southwest of Stuttgart.

Three U.S. bombers and one fighter were lost Sunday, while Saturday's losses were four heavies and no pursuits. There was no enemy fighter opposition either day.

The temperature at bombing altitude ranged down to 50 degrees below zero over the weekend.

U.S. Thunderbolts and Kittyhawks and RAF Spitfires of the Mediterranean Allied Air Force yesterday cut the Brenner Line, Germany's supply link with the Po Valley front, in more than a score of places. Mitchells swept up and down the line blasting bridges and tunnels.

Ninth Air Force Marauders, Havocs and Invaders flew about 475 sorties Saturday, attacking a German barracks at Baumholder, 30 miles northeast of Saarbruecken, as well as fortified villages, military camps and a railhead behind German troops facing the U.S. Third Army.

All-Out RAF Offensive Opened Against Greeks

ATHENS, Dec. 10 (Reuter)—The RAF today opened what it called "a definite air offensive against the rebels" as the undeclared Greek civil war entered its second week with no signs of slackening.

It was authoritatively stated that no peace approach had been made to Maj. Gen. Ronald M. Scobie, British commander in Greece, by representatives of the ELAS (Resistance) forces.

Both Wellingtons and Spitfires were in action, while British ground troops coped with snipers and mines.

Early today, ELAS men launched their strongest attack yet from the great white marble stadium in which they are entrenched. Their objectives were British and Greek government headquarters in the center of Athens.

Premier Georges Papandreou said: "The civil war will end at whatever moment the leaders of the extreme left declare they are ready to keep their word in regard to the common program for the disbandment and disarmament of the partisan forces."

ELAS Vulcanizes Rip In U.S.-Greek Relations

ATHENS, Dec. 10—The ELAS is not firing on Americans deliberately, but occasionally some Yanks find themselves in a hot spot.

An NBC correspondent told of a burst of fire which blew out the tire of an American jeep. The Yanks had to stop. When the ELAS saw the riders were American, they left their guns and helped change the tire.

A government source announced last night that casualties thus far totaled 1,500 killed and wounded, with 2,500 ELAS men taken prisoner.

ATHENS, Dec. 10 (UP)—During a three-hour tour of ELAS "territory" today a group of American correspondents—greeted everywhere with friendship—saw well-armed resistance forces well supplied with ammunition.

It was easy getting into the ELAS lines. Suspicion thawed when the Greeks made out the American armbands of the correspondents.

"Americans!" they cried, and smiled a welcome. Then they started to chant: "Roosevelt! Roosevelt!"

13 Admirals Lost by Japs

American landings Thursday on the west coast of Leyte, splitting the Japanese into two pockets, yesterday were compressing the enemy with heavy losses, United Press reported.

Meanwhile, Japanese headquarters at Yokosuka Naval Station announced the deaths of 13 Japanese admirals—many of them probably in air and sea battles related to the American invasion of the Philippines. Vice-Adm. Hideo Yano, former chief of Navy press section, who on Oct. 4 announced the deaths of seven other admirals, was included in yesterday's list.

A two-Superfort fire-bomb raid on Tokyo and reconnaissance flights by other B29s over Kyushu, southernmost island in the Jap chain, were reported yesterday by Japanese broadcasts.

Third Army Repels More Nazi Thrusts

While Third Army troops threw back four German tank and infantry assaults on their Saar bridgeheads yesterday, troops of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges's First Army, launching an attack on the snowy northern sector of the Western Front, stabbed toward the Roer River to build up a solid line of attack along that barrier into Germany's industrial Ruhr.

Moving in a concerted drive for the first time in a week, the First doughboys reached Pier, 15 miles northeast of Aachen, and Gey and Schafberg, 15 miles southeast of Aachen. Another unit, with tank support, was driving on Geich, three miles below Pier.

9th Clears Julich Stadium

The First Army was striking for the Roer on the sector below the riverside positions already gained by the Ninth Army, which was engaged yesterday only in patrolling activity after having finally erased two stubborn enemy pockets at the Julich sports stadium and at a fortified farmhouse north of the town. The First Army sector was under six inches of snow.

On the Third Army front, men of the 90th Division in hand-to-hand encounters regained pillboxes near Dillingen which they had lost to German counter-attacks the day before. Dillingen is 2½ miles north of Saarlautern, where 95th doughboys cleared the railway station and captured a fortified hotel on the eastern fringe of the town.

Dispatches from the Sarreguemines area, where the 35th Division beat off assaults by tanks and tank-riding infantry against two Saar bridgeheads in this area, said that troops of the German 17th SS Panzer Division, dressed in civilian clothes, had been caught sniping—a violation of international law.

Well behind the front, Fort Driant, one of the Metz chain, gave up, leaving only one stronghold still to be reduced in this area.

Nazis Forced Back in Alsace

German broadcasts told of a flare-up of fighting on the Alsace front and admitted that the Nazi line had been forced back. Allied dispatches said the Seventh Army drove into the southwestern part of Haguenau, above Strasbourg, while other troops a dozen miles farther northwest gained to within four miles of the Reich border.

SHAEF dispatches said it was estimated there that the German Western Front losses from Nov. 8 to Nov. 30 were 152,000. Prisoners accounted for 74,000 of the total.

A Reuter dispatch disclosed that Thunderbolt planes had dropped blanket-wrapped bottles of blood plasma for wounded and shock cases on the Saar front.

Russia, France Sign A Mutual-Aid Pact

MOSCOW, Dec. 10 (AP)—France and Russia have concluded a new treaty of alliance and mutual assistance, the terms of which were drawn up during Gen. Charles deGaulle's visit here, Moscow Radio announced today. The French leader left Moscow by special train for Baku.

During the negotiations, in which deGaulle and Marshal Stalin met several times, both the British and American governments were kept informed of all developments.

Germans Told to Shoot COs Who Order Retreat

FIRST ARMY HQ, Dec. 10 (UP)—Under the title, "All Things in Moderation," a captured copy of the German Army newspaper Skorpion West told Nazi soldiers that "all ranks are authorized to liquidate their commanding officers who ordered a retreat."

It made one stipulation, however, adding: "This privilege must not be abused."

1 Rail Line Left From Budapest

Russian troops literally were at the gates of Budapest last night and only one railroad, the main line to Vienna, remained open to the Germans to save their garrison by retreat.

The puppet government of Ferenc Szalasi already had fled to Sopron, 110 miles to the west, to escape the forces of Marshal Malinowsky, advancing on the capital from three directions. South of the city, Malinowsky's army was beyond Dunaharaszti, six miles from the outskirts of Budapest, while other elements stood at Azod, 16 miles northeast, and Vac, 15 miles north.

West of the Danube, Malinowsky's troops, already linked up with Marshal Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army, were driving north to sever the last escape route to Austria.

In southwest Hungary Tolbukhin's armored columns pushed ahead toward Austria between Lake Balaton and the Drava River. According to Paris Radio, Cossack patrols, which infiltrated through the enemy lines, had approached to within a few miles of the Austrian border.

New Rome Cabinet Waits Allied OK

ROME, Dec. 10—A new Italian cabinet has been selected and presumably will start functioning tomorrow. Allied authorities, comprising the Allied Commission, which has the authority to approve or veto it, requested 12 hours to consider the proposed cabinet. Tonight the commission had not given its approval.

Meanwhile, Count Carlo Sforza, whose appointment as foreign minister was unacceptable to the British, issued another denial of allegations against him.

Sforza declared he was forced to abandon his pledge to support Badoglio because under the latter's regime a new form of Fascism was being created.

'Gas Might Have Ended It'

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Dec. 10—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army might be sitting in Berlin today if his swiftly advancing tanks before Metz had been supplied with vital gasoline from French beaches 600 miles away, Frederick C. Crawford, Cleveland industrialist just returned from a tour of the Western Front, said today.

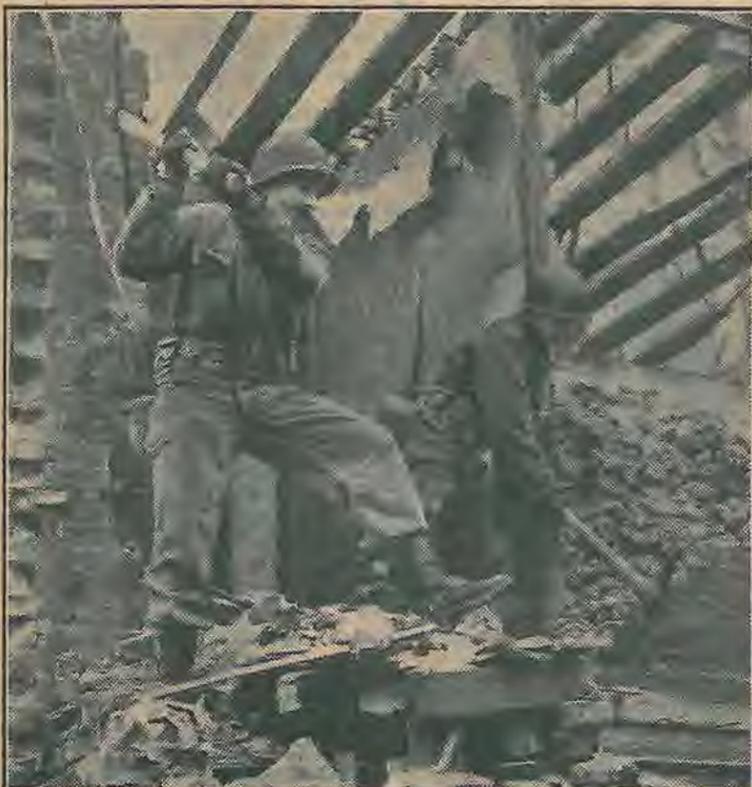
Crawford also reported that V-1 buzz bombs were creating "havoc" with Allied "supply systems" and that the Germans were using an increasing number of V-2 rockets. "Our generals expect new and

more frightful inventions," he added.

"Only the impossibility of supplying fuel over vast distances gave the enemy the count of nine and time to re-form," said Crawford. "Patton ordered gas from trucks put into tanks and told his men to 'Go until the tanks stop—then get out and walk.' They did. They walked right through Metz, but had to pull out later."

Crawford said that Patton had remarked about a supply truck which arrived at the front with food: "What's the matter with the supply man? Doesn't he know we can get along without eating, but we can't advance without gas?"

GIs Dig In to Dig Out London



Associated Press Photo

First of the 3,000 GIs "Lend-Leased" to Britain to help repair some of London's bomb damage dug their first rubble in the South Lambeth district Saturday while Duncan Sandys, Britain's minister of works, told them, "This act of friendship will be long remembered by the people of London. Thank you." Shows in picture above are Pfc Sam Guerrera, Brooklyn, N.Y., and T/S Oscar White, of Hidentite, N.C.

U.S.-Britain Partial Pact On Europe Reported

By John M. Hightower

Associated Press Diplomatic Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—The U.S. and Britain have achieved only partial agreement on political policies for liberated Europe.

The long-distance dispute stemming from Britain's stand in Italy and Greece was reported authoritatively to have had the result of bringing agreement between Lord Halifax and Edward R. Stettinius, secretary of state, on the need for closest consultation between Washington and London on all future political as well as military questions involving the common interest of the two countries.

Lots of Men For the Man

The Pope, Gen. Eisenhower, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. and that familiar old character John Q. Public crowded the lists last week as GIs throughout the U.K. flooded The Stars and Stripes with their nominations for the GI Man of the Year.

The Stars and Stripes Man of the Year Committee, when last heard from, had gone into a huddle (these English pubs have queer names) over the final selection. This will be announced within a couple of weeks. Meanwhile, GIs may still send in their selections—with letters of no more than 50 words.

Foremost Positive Champion
"I nominate Pope Pius XII," one GI wrote, "because he is the foremost positive champion of what ex-Ambassador Bullitt calls 'the deepest moral issue of the modern world—the issue of man as a son of God with an immortal soul, an end in himself, against man as a chemical compound, the tool of an omnipotent state, an end in itself.'"

He was nominated by 36 Joes, "all the patients in Ward 30" in a U.S. hospital in the U.K., because he is "not only a great leader, but also our ETO father." Cpl. Ed D. Wicks, named Patton, his CG, whose record, he said speaks for itself. The corporal wrote, "he is afraid of nothing. One time I saw him looking for some snipers with his pistols. The snipers had been firing at him."

"The man of this year or any year," wrote S/Sgt. Leo F. Haggerty, "is the American citizen who is helping us win this war. His name is John Q. Public, U.S.A. He gives us the bombs, the planes, the tanks, the food, everything it takes."

And then there's Cpl. L. Sperling, a patient in Ward 10, who wrote that the lads in his ward all vote for Sad Sack, "whose only enemy is his topkick."

But both Washington and London stood on their separate basic policies with respect to the liberated countries.

The U.S. insisted upon complete freedom of political action for the people where it doesn't interfere with the war, and Britain equally insisted on the right to help shape the governments of liberated countries.

How much, if any, the decision to consult will allow the U.S. to modify Britain's course in Europe remains to be seen.

While American diplomatic officials described the conference between the British Ambassador and the Secretary of State as having "cleared the atmosphere," it was learned that the U.S. intended from now on, whenever the opportunity arose, to drive home the point that American policy favors allowing liberated peoples of Europe to handle their own problems of government without outside influence.

Britain, Russia Accused Of Prolonging War

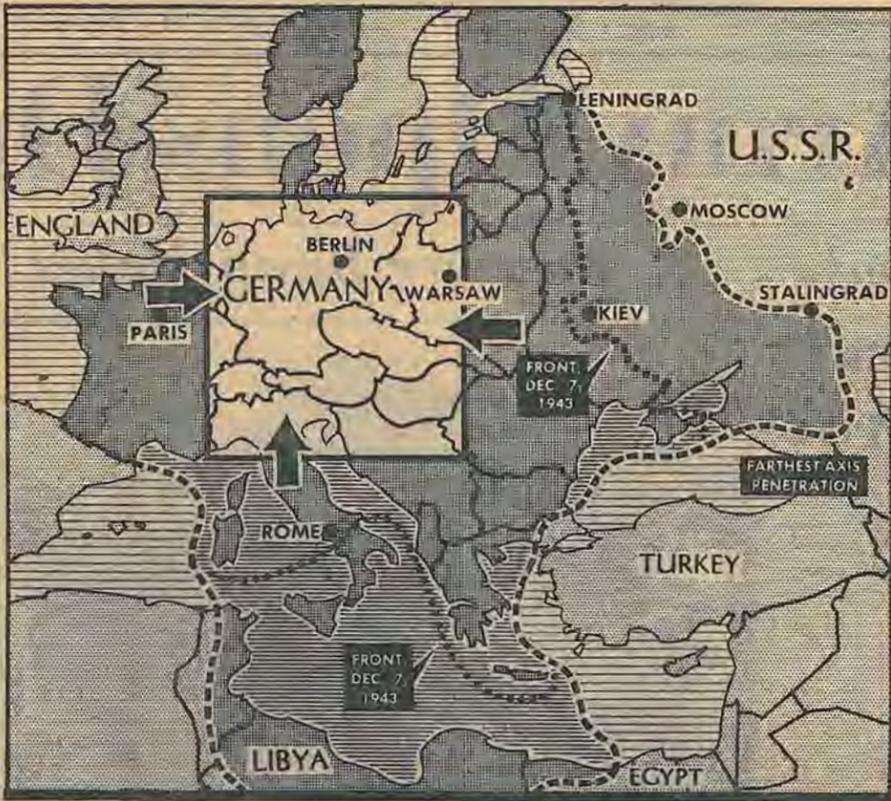
WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (UP)—The Army and Navy Journal said last night that British and Russian preoccupation with objectives other than the defeat of Germany was responsible for the Allied failure to achieve expectations in this country that "the war in Europe would be over" by now.

Recalling that British Prime Minister Winston Churchill said some months ago that time would show whether the United Nations could weather good fortune as in their stress they had endured bad, the Journal said:

"Unhappily, the fear expressed in the Prime Minister's statement has developed some basis now that the liberation of European states has occurred.

"Since D-Day in France, greater preoccupation has been shown by Russia in her Baltic and Balkan campaigns, intended to insure her security, and by Great Britain in Italy, Greece and Albania to protect her lifeline through the Mediterranean to India than in achievement of the prime objective of our armies—the prompt defeat of Germany."

The Last Two Rounds of War



EUROPE

Although the Germans still hold Norway and Balkan areas, the last battles of the war are developing along the borders of the Reich. While the Americans, British and French push into Germany from France and the lowlands, the Russians are poised to strike from the east.



THE PACIFIC

Japan still holds vast areas in the Netherlands East Indies and Asia, but the present American strategy appears to be to strike the knockout blow within the square shown—in the Philippines, China and Japan—and let Nippon's other holdings "rot on the vine."



Spaniard in Paris Denies Saying Franco Had Resigned

Miguel Maura, Spanish Republican leader, denied in Paris yesterday reports which had quoted him as saying that Generalissimo Francisco Franco had resigned, according to United Press.

"Unconfirmed information I received indicated a serious political crisis in Spain," Maura told U.P. "This information first said that four members of the Cabinet had resigned and afterward that Franco himself had resigned. However, I have no confirmation of this."

St. Louis News Strike Ends

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 10 (ANS)—St. Louis was reading its newspapers to get the news again today after 125 pressroom workers returned to work Saturday, ending a strike that had deprived the city of its three local newspapers since Thursday.

The strike ended when Monro Roberts, speaking for the publishers' association, agreed to discuss workers' grievances—wage increases chief among them.

During the two newspaperless days, St. Louis radio stations offered virtually nothing but news in an effort to satisfy the public appetite. Scheduled programs were interrupted while broadcasters read the news from proof sheets.

Sixty-three of St. Louis' 100 movie houses, including three big first-run houses, are closed because of a strike of union projectionists protesting employment of non-union projectionists in suburban houses. Union film exchange workers are also out in a sympathy strike.

2 Stars to Vaughan, 1 Star to Solbert

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (UP)—The War Department announced today the appointment of Brig. Gen. Harry B. Vaughan Jr., commanding general of the U.K. Base, to major general. The department also announced Col. Oscar N. Solbert's promotion to brigadier general.

Solbert, of Washington, D.C., is chief of Special and Information Services in the ETO.

Balks a Flight Home to Reich

An American MP private pulling a lonely tour of guard duty captured four escaped German war prisoners shortly before midnight Saturday as they were preparing to fly home to Germany for Christmas in a stolen B26 Marauder.

Pvt. Arthur Seher, of Putnam, Okla., member of a military police company at an Air Service Command depot, was attracted to the plane when the Nazis lit a match to see the controls. Three of the four were aviators.

Seher's alertness was commended yesterday by the commanding general of the Base Air Depot area.

Seher was patrolling a lonely stretch of coastline before a ramp full of parked planes when he saw a flicker of light in the dark nose of a B26, about 200 yards away.

He investigated and found the Germans.

"They didn't offer any resistance," Seher said. "The only weapons they had were a commando knife and a kitchen fork. They told me they were trying to get home for Christmas, and said they hadn't eaten since their escape from a British PW camp two days before."

Student of Palmistry Colonel Learns in Paris It's Hard-to-be-Civil Affairs

By Barbara Wace
Associated Press Writer

PARIS—Col. Frank L. Howley, former Philadelphia advertising man, is learning that regardless of what Army textbooks say about civil affairs, in Paris it's mostly a sort of E. Phillips Oppenheim "Hellzapoppin" show with characters ranging from a dazzling baroness to a dubious "paint salesman."

Col. Howley's civil affairs job is to help the French help themselves, and all characters in his show have their hands out—palms up. He is swamped with supplicants for everything from sub rosa passports to gasoline—but always with the genteel approach.

His table is piled deep with impressive embossed visiting cards. They were left by Paris's very best people—they say so themselves.

"Two elegant gentlemen with nice south-of-France suntans and Japanese silk ties were in," said Col. Howley. "They told me they made paint. They would like the Allies to use it."

The civil affairs officer asked if it perhaps was camouflage paint. It turned out they had made lots of it for the Germans and also made lots and lots of money.



Col. Howley declared he had seen too many American boys dead beside camouflaged German equipment, and told the Frenchmen to go to the proper authorities with no passport from him.

And of course there was a baroness. She was beautiful and chic and had thousands of dollars worth of clothes. She also had a beautiful 18-year-old daughter—they all do.

It was charming, she said, to see such a nice American officer, and wouldn't the colonel have lunch with her and her daughter, and incidentally the FFI was investigating her chateau which the Germans had used, and her brother had been arrested and wouldn't the charming colonel write a letter telling the FFI to desist?

And of course there are presidents and vice-presidents of business firms with American affiliations who want notes from the American Army showing them to be well thought of by the civil affairs officer. Some also want to use the Army's mail facilities.

But the colonel is polite and suave in such cases. It grieves him, he says, that it is not his affair to write or to sign papers of any kind.

Army's New Glider



This is the U.S. Army Air Forces' newest-type glider, to be used in combat and invasion operations. The nose grill is the intake of a series of air vents, designed to decrease wind resistance.

Faster Service Due on Film

Film left at Army PXs for developing is now being processed and placed in the return mail within 48 hours after it arrives at the Army Exchange Service's Photographic Division, an AES official announced last night.

The speedup removes a major gripe of GI amateur photographers who formerly had been forced to wait from two weeks to several months for service.

Improved conditions and recent developments are responsible for the change. An improvement in the quality of the work performed is also promised, the official said.

Not affected by the quicker service are color and movie films, which will still take from ten days to two weeks to process.

Life in Those United States

House Votes Army, Navy New 'Five-Star' Ranks

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (ANS)—The House voted without a dissent yesterday to create a new temporary rank for the heads of the Army and Navy—"five-star" ranks of "General of the Army" and "Admiral of the Fleet."

The bill, which was passed by a voice vote following a brief debate, provides for such ranks for each branch of service. The section dealing with the Army, however, preserves John J. Pershing's rank of "General of the Armies of the U.S."

Chairman Carl Vinson (D-La.) of the House Naval Committee, told the House he believed the new ranks would go to: Army—Gens. George C. Marshall, Henry H. Arnold, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Douglas MacArthur; Navy—Adms. Ernest J. King, William D. Leahy, Chester W. Nimitz and William F. Halsey.

The bill also provides for an annual salary of \$13,000. The base pay for a four-star general is \$8,000, plus allowances.

CAPITAL SIDESHOW: President Roosevelt nominated James C. Dunn, chief of the European Affairs Division of the State Department, and Brig. Gen. Julius C. Holmes, Gen. Eisenhower's chief adviser on civil affairs, as additional secretaries of state. . . . The Army announced Lt. Gens. George C. Patton and Courtney H. Hodges had been awarded oak leaf clusters to the DSMs each received in World War I.

Highest Award for Bong

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 — The nation's highest decoration, the Congressional Medal of Honor, has been awarded Maj. Richard I. Bong, of Poplar, Wis., whose record of 38 enemy planes shot down makes him the top American air ace of all time. Bong's latest victories were two Jap planes west of Leyte on Pearl Harbor day. The War Department said the award was made because Bong, although serving as a gunnery instructor, volunteered for a tour of combat missions in the Pacific and shot down eight more Japs.



RICHARD BONG

Congressman to Be a Gob

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Dec. 10 (ANS)—Rep. John E. Fogarty, a Democrat who recently was re-elected to the House for a third term, has resigned to enter the Navy as an enlisted man, Gov. J. Howard McGrath announced yesterday. Fogarty, 31, was one of the youngest members in Congress.

Seattle Population Zooms

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 10—Seattle's population has jumped 50 per cent in four years, according to the new R. L. Polk city directory. Polk put the present population at 644,149, a growth of 221,149 since 1940.

Laird Cregar Dies

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 10 (ANS)—Character actor Laird Cregar, 27, died yesterday after two heart attacks following an abdominal operation.

Not the Suit—the Play's the Thing



This is said to be a new idea. It's a leopard-skin motif, and Hollywood stylists claim it's the latest thing in play suits. Nice, isn't it? Incidentally, that's Paulette Goddard modeling it.

Billion-Dollar Plan Offered To Build Post-War Airports

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (ANS)—Congress, which is used to toying with expensive babies, now has a new one on its hands—a billion-dollar plan from the Civil Aeronautics Administration which says:

"Within ten years after the war this country will have 400,000 civilian airplanes—commercial and private. So this country needs at least 6,000 airports."

The boys on Capitol Hill asked the CAA to whip the plan together "so we can tell what to expect in civil aviation."

Fears Growing Butt Shortage

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (ANS)—Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont.), who last week asked the Federal Trade Commission to investigate the cigarette shortage, predicted yesterday the scarcity would grow even more acute unless smokers calmed down.

"Because of the shortage, people are running into stores and buying up all cigarettes as fast as they are put on the counter," Wheeler said.

"I don't say cigarettes will disappear from the market entirely, but unless the present buying situation is changed the shortage will continue to grow more critical."

8th AF Book Out

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (ANS)—Capt. Tex McCrary's book, "The First of the Many," a history of the original members of the Eighth Air Force, was published last week, with all royalties going to the AAF Aid Society.

Bounce in the Eye Too Good for Guy Who Promoted It



A heartless promoter peddled the gadgets shown above as an aid to vision. The device consists of two balls made of hard rubber, and the victims were told that by tapping their eyes 200 times a day, their vision would improve. Instead their sight was impaired.

Yule Buying Fast Setting a Record in U.S.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10—Americans are spending approximately \$3,500,000,000 for Christmas gifts this year and are piling up the greatest volume of retail sales in history, a nationally-known retail-credit organization estimated today.

This estimate complemented a United Press survey of Christmas buying in seven key cities, which showed a rush for holiday merchandise unprecedented even in the pre-depression era.

The credit organization said sales in October, November and December this year would be from five to ten per cent greater than for the same period in 1943.

From coast to coast Americans seemed determined to have a Merry Christmas if one could be bought. Such a demand for luxury goods was reported that there were shortages in some lines. Lingerie, furs and expensive jewelry were in demand, and there were not enough pianos to go around.

With the exception of the Rocky Mountain area, all sections of the country had adequate toy stocks—but playthings were made of wood and pasteboard instead of the pre-war metal.

Postmasters indicated the "mail early" campaign had been successful everywhere except in the Midwest. In Chicago and St. Louis results were "disappointing."

Apprentice Status Unclear

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10—The War Labor Board last night asked Selective Service Headquarters to decide whether a veteran who had been serving his apprenticeship at the time of induction could qualify for automatic promotion to journeyman without completing his apprenticeship.

Jesse Friedin, WLB general counsel, said draft officials had not announced any policy on this point and declined to rule on a request involving Safeway Stores, Inc., of San Francisco.

Meanwhile, President Roosevelt signed legislation extending from 40 to 90 days after release from service the period during which World War II veterans may apply for re-employment in their former jobs. The act also permits veterans, hospitalized immediately upon release, to apply within 90 days after discharge from hospital, if the hospitalization is no more than a year.

CHICAGO, Dec. 10—Frederick H. Harbison, director of the University of Chicago's industrial relations center, asserted today that the Selective Service Act would give only 20 per cent of the World War II veterans their old jobs. He said "no one knows exactly what the Selective Service Law guarantees veterans."

Killer of Four Gives Self Up

CARTERET, N.J., Dec. 10—Daniel Molnar, 24, who ran amuck after a dispute with his wife, killing four people and wounding two others, calmly gave himself up to a lone patrolman at Woodbridge police station.

After an argument Friday with his estranged wife over custody of their three-year-old daughter, Molnar grabbed the child and escaped after killing his father-in-law, a bystander, Alice Scott, 14, and two Carteret policemen, Deputy Chief Robert Shanley, 43, and Walter Ruskiak, 50. Two other officers were wounded.

Cordless Flatiron To Be Built in U.S.

DETROIT, Dec. 10—The little woman won't have to take the cord off the post-war flatiron when she hurls it at hubby. It won't have any.

The go-ahead has been given by the War Production Board to the Eureka Vacuum Cleaner Co. to produce a cordless electric iron. The iron will draw instant heat from a thermostat-controlled electric safety base and will retain the heat for some time through a sponge-like heat absorbing plate inside the iron.

There's no certainty, however, on when Congress will do something about it. Maybe next year, maybe not until after the war.

CAA experts desire that emphasis be placed on increasing the number of airports and fields for small, privately-owned passenger planes. There are 1,148 of that type airport at present and the CAA would boost the total to around 3,000.

However, giant airports for handling transport craft would not be ignored by the CAA plan, which calls for adding 42 more to the present 760. Every state, under the setup, would get new fields of one kind or the other.

The CAA's optimism for the future springs from the fact, as it says, "there will be at least 350,000 Army and Navy pilots after the war and 150,000 civilian pilots and students. Also interested in flying will be 2,500,000 men trained by the armed forces in other aviation skills and almost an equal number now employed in our aviation factories."

De Mille Wins Round In Union Battle

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10—Cecil B. DeMille won the first round in his battle with the AFL's American Federation of Radio Artists when Superior Court here directed the union to show cause by Dec. 15 why an injunction should not be granted preventing the union from suspending DeMille for refusing to pay a \$1 assessment.

The court also issued an order temporarily restraining the union from suspending DeMille. The suspension would bar the producer from his Monday radio show which, he told the court, pays \$98,000 a year.

\$500,000 Swaps Hands At Chicago Stock Show

CHICAGO, Dec. 10 — Some sales records toppled at the annual stock show here.

William E. Ogilvie, assistant manager of the show, estimated the total would be above \$500,000 from the sale of the 5,547 cattle, hogs and sheep entered. Pre-war sales totaled about \$1,000,000, with an entry list of more than 12,000 animals.

Geologist Says American Bombs Might Have Caused Jap Quake

HAMILTON, N.Y., Dec. 10—A Colgate University geologist said today that the B29 bombings of the Tokyo area may have caused Thursday's earthquake and tidal waves in Japan.

Dr. Harold O. Whitnall maintained that giant bombs dropped in or near Japanese volcanoes "should produce not only cataclysmic eruptions but also earthquakes and tidal waves."

"Let's look at the happenings, which seem to support my theory," he said. "Soon after Doolittle raided Tokyo in April, 1942, Mt. Asama erupted. In March, 1943, after our fliers had given the surrounding area a terrific pounding, Mt. Vesuvius erupted. Now an earthquake and tidal waves of the type I said could be produced by bombing have occurred after repeated attacks on Japan.

Such a chain of coincidences seems at least strong circumstantial evidence."

Pointing out that Japan was the greatest earthquake center in the world, the geologist expressed the opinion that the earth structure around Tokyo was so badly fractured that almost any bombing might cause dislocations leading to quakes.

HAMILTON, N.Y., Dec. 10—The Rev. Joseph J. Lynch, Fordham University seismologist, said today it was impossible that bombs could have caused Japan's recent earthquake.

"The effect of a bomb compared with the effect of an earthquake is as the flea is to the elephant," he said.

"I hope no one will get the impression that this belief is shared by seismologists. The Japs would seize upon it for propaganda purposes."

What's in a Name?—One Helluva Lot of Bother

MIAMI BEACH, Dec. 10 (ANS)—It's tough to be Jimmy Stewart, especially if you're a fighter-pilot, and especially if you're a lieutenant colonel, Lt. Col. Jimmy Stewart stated at the AAF redistribution center here today.

In fact, Lt. Col. Stewart said he didn't like Lt. Col. Stewart. But let's clear this matter up now.

The colonel, who has just arrived here from the ETO, where he participated in 170 combat sorties, was referring to the Hollywood star, also an AAF silver oak leaf wearer, who is a bomber man now in England.

"I get his mail, I get his orders and I even get his welcome," the non-theatrical Stewart declared. "I'm not leading a life of my own and it's awful."

Met by a group of female AAF personnel upon his arrival, he told the crestfallen women, "I know you're disappointed. It is annoying, I know."

Burning Proof

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 10—"Where's the fire?" asked State Police-man J. E. Temple when he finally caught speeding James Grandon after a three-mile chase. "Follow me. I'm going to it," replied the motorist. He was, too.

Veronica Free for a Day

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 10 (ANS)—Actress Veronica Lake announced yesterday she had obtained a final divorce decree from Maj. John S. Deille, former movie director, and would marry Andre deToth, writer-director, tomorrow.

Bonded in Smoke

RITZVILLE, Wash., Dec. 10—Three prizes at a Sixth War Loan bond auction brought bids totaling \$21,500. The prizes: Three cartons of cigarettes.

Court Milks Louie, Who Cowed a Milk Bar

NEW YORK, Dec. 10—Louie Gooshoos is one guy who doesn't like to be taken advantage of. When he was allegedly short-changed 75c. at a 14th St. milk bar, he got mad.

He pulled a showcase off a counter, dumping doughnuts and sandwiches all over the floor. Then he went outside and threw a milk bottle through the window.

In court, Gooshoos contended he did nothing wrong and suggested to the judge his own punishment. "Tell me not to do it again and let me go," he pleaded. The judge, not one to take unsolicited advice, fined him \$35.

Dewey Asks Voice in Peace

ALBANY, N.Y., Dec. 10 (AP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, Republican standard-bearer, revealed yesterday that he would continue his campaign efforts at bipartisanship in the formation of a world peace organization.

Dewey said he and his foreign-affairs adviser, John Foster Dulles, would continue "our deep interest in the building of a lasting peace in the world and our joint efforts to that end will continue." Dulles went to Washington yesterday to confer with State Secretary Edward R. Stettinius Jr.



GOV. DEWEY

Peace—in Court

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 10 (ANS)—Christmas is not the time to try and settle marital troubles—at least in court. Four judges decided yesterday to declare a moratorium on divorces over the holiday season.

Sailor Jackie Cooper to Wed

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 10—Seaman Jackie Cooper, formerly of the movies, said today he would marry actress June Horne before he left for Great Lakes, Ill., Thursday.

It's Cold in U.S., Too

YELLOWSTONE PARK, Dec. 10—The mercury skidded to 18 degrees below zero today following a temperature drop of 40 degrees in 24 hours.

Only Thing She Kept Was Books

She Played Lady Bountiful—While Unknowing Boss Paid

NEW YORK, Dec. 10 (ANS)—Mrs. Madeleine Dunnigan wanted nothing for herself but she did want others to have plenty of money. So she handed it out freely—\$30,000 to \$40,000 of it.

Only trouble was that it was money belonging to her boss, Oscar H. Grooper, owner of a luggage shop, the District Attorney's office disclosed in arresting the 22-year-old blonde book-keeper on a grand larceny charge.

Mrs. Dunnigan was generous to a fault, the police said in a masterpiece of understatement. They said she had decided that other employees in Grooper's

emporium were grossly underpaid, so she gave them raises. One office boy was amazed by a raise from \$15 to \$25 a week. Other gratified employees were given raises from \$35 to \$55 a week.

But her charity didn't stop there. She sent \$500 in gifts to friends and put one on a \$25-a-week pension. She shipped gifts to soldiers for free, and sold expensive luggage at wholesale prices.

Finally, Grooper discovered a peculiar shortage of funds in the bank. He checked his books and discovered Mrs. Dunnigan had done an excellent padding job, authorities said.

THE STARS AND STRIPES

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THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

NOTE: Lack of space forces us to limit all letters published to not more than 200 words.—Ed.

WACs and the Reich

Dec. 6, 1944

To the B-Bag:

When you state that WACs and ATS girls are being sent to the Reich to "prevent the men of both armies from fraternizing with German women," then we are pretty much disgusted and ashamed to be recognized as American Women in Uniform. The word "Fraternizing," as you used it, has a very liberal meaning, and that meaning has already been brought to us in no mincing terms. For a very long time we have been fighting unfavorable opinions of our Corps in the minds of civilians, and also our brothers-in-arms, and this is just one more slap in the face. It's a pretty sad case, that in volunteering for the armed services we lost the respect that has been ours from childhood.—Cpl. Maria E. Christie, Pfc Imogene Wilson, Pvt. Mary J. Allen, Pvt. Mae J. Long, Cpl. Maser, Pvt. Zina E. Jones, Pfc Ruth L. Cormican, Pvt. Emma P. Miller, Pvt. Catharine De Witt, Sgt. Helen M. Linklater, Pfc Anne Clendenning, Cpl. Eunice I. O'Connell, Cpl. Frances Pascoe, Sgt. Lydia Carry, Pfc Ruth Knight.

Dec. 6, 1944

To the B-Bag:

We realize you aren't responsible for origination of the article, "Something for the Boys. . . ." The officers responsible for such an article apparently haven't had much success with their aides or secretaries, as there are only a few "kneetype" stenographers left. We're highly browned off, sirs, and ready to spat in your faces. . . .—Murder, Inc. (WAC Int).

Dec. 6, 1944

To the B-Bag:

. . . I'll go to Germany along with the rest when the time comes, but I'll be damned if it will be to keep our boys from fraternizing with enemy females. If any of them desire to associate with the women of the men who killed our brothers, sweethearts and husbands, not realizing it is because of these people that we're all away from home, they can have and deserve what they might acquire as a result.—Sgt. Dorothy Ostransky.

Battlefield of the Mind

Nov. 30, 1944

To the B-Bag:

I wish to express vehement disagreement with Sgt. John Robertson, who demands that the Army newspaper gag itself as far as editorials are concerned, and print only news stories. My objection is not only the obvious one that editorials are an integral part of every paper, but the graver implication in Sgt. Robertson's remarks that the voice of the men under arms, The Stars and Stripes, is to remain mute in the face of the barrage of Nazi views and propaganda to confuse and mislead our men.

On the battlefield when the enemy attacks the men defend their positions. Shall we not likewise defend ourselves with the pen against the ceaseless flow of enemy propaganda, whose intent it is to weaken our faith in the justness of the war against Nazi tyranny and to win some protection against the vengeance of the trampled and oppressed countries of Europe?

We would be less than fools if this battlefield of the mind were left to the enemy by default.—Cpl. Samuel Michelson, Sub Depot.

American Ribbon

Nov. 13, 1944

To the B-Bag:

There is a good argument here. It seems everyone has a chest-full of ribbons, including the American Defense ribbon. A major, captain and a lieutenant couldn't tell us where one has to have been to wear this ribbon. Can you wear one if you merely pulled armed guard on a post on the California coast during wartime blackout conditions?

Hope you can settle this, and also tell us what are the proper colors. The post tailor is claiming it is yellow like the Pre-Pearl Harbor ribbon. We say it is blue. However, even a store in town sells a yellow one for the American Defense ribbon.—The Boys in Ward D-2.

[The American Defense or "Pre-Pearl Harbor" ribbon is awarded to those servicemen who were on active duty prior to Dec. 7, 1941. It is yellow, and has blue, white and red bars at each end. The American Theater Campaign ribbon is awarded for service "within" the Western Hemisphere, but "outside" of Continental United States. It is blue with white, black and red cross bars.—Ed.]

Hash Marks

Bet this never happened to you: Girl's father: "Young man, we turn the lights out at 10.30 in this house." Pfc: "Gee, that's darn nice of you."

Ode to a woman. "On clothes she spends her legal tender, because this truth she's found—a dress can make a girl look slender and a hundred men look round."

A schoolteacher was having her trials with a pupil and finally in desperation wrote his mother: "Your son is the



brightest boy in my class, but he is also the most mischievous. What shall I do?" The reply came rather as a surprise: "Do as you please. I'm having my own troubles with his father."

Pfc A. Schulman claims the record for the shortest V-Mail correspondence of the year. He wrote to a gal back in the States, "What say, mate, let's communicate." The pert young miss wrote back, "Sorry, chum, broken thumb."

One of the boys in the office, just back from a furlough in Scotland, said that the girls up there have a "come heather" look about them.

Signs of the times. A paratrooper CP bears this sign, "The Jeries are glad to die for Der Fuehrer and this outfit is doing a damn good job of keeping them happy."

Observation by Pvt. Lawrence O. Kitchen: "The meanest man in town used to be the guy who field-stripped his cigarette butts—now it's the GI who saves the butts to smoke in his pipe."

Afterthought. A bachelor is a guy who never Mrs. anything.

This must have been post-World War I and pre-World War II, but at any rate one joker was trying to induce another



to come to a big party. "Come on over," he persisted. "We have a case of scotch, case of rye, case of champagne, and cases of other stuff." "Sorry, I can't make it," said the other, "gotta case of sinus." "Bring it along. We'll drink anything," insisted the first one.

Once upon a time there was a girl who wondered what a military objective was. Then she walked past some soldiers on a street corner and found out.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Look here, man! Your mother's complaining that you don't write often enough!"

Howlin' Mad Smith Gives Japs No Rest

Fleet Marines Love Their Pacific Boss, Who Loves a Fast Fight



HOWLIN'—When Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith makes a point he does it with two-fisted emphasis.

By Vern Haugland Associated Press Correspondent

FLEET MARINE FORCE HEADQUARTERS, Oahu, T. H.—On the record, he's Lt. Gen. Holland McTyeire Smith, commander of the Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, and a fighting Marine for 40 years.

To a goodly portion of the public, he's "Howlin' Mad Smith," colorful, capable figure of Central Pacific offensives from the Gilberts to the Marianas, and the father of modern amphibious warfare.

The men on the general's staff agree that an outstanding Holland Smith characteristic is his ability to "inspire affection, trust and admiration—worship, almost."

"Gen. Smith gives the impression of being gruff, but actually he's quite different," an aide remarks. "I've been with him on four operations, and each time, on the night before D-Day, he paced back and forth, muttering to himself. 'There are going to be a lot of dead Marines tomorrow.' He doesn't take casualties lightly."

Specialists in Danger By the very nature of their duties Marines suffer stiff casualties. In taking the southern Marianas and southern Palau islands some 4,105 Marines were killed, 21,057 wounded and 1,105 listed as missing and presumed dead. But balanced against that toll were 48,634 Japanese killed and more than 2,300 taken prisoner.

Gen. Smith explains why it is impossible for Marines to fight a war without a painful number of casualties. "We are an assault force," he says.

No Sitting Ducks "We go in and take beachheads—that is our basic function. Thus we fall heir to the fiercest fighting. But in comparison to the number of Japanese we kill, we suffer remarkably few casualties."

"Knowing that a sitting target is easier than a fleeting one, the Marines have sacrificed armor for speed and mobility. "When you're boxing with another man you don't let him



GUNNIN'—Gen. Smith takes Adm. Ernest J. King on a tour of Saipan, and as usual he totes his gun with him.

get set. You hit him a stunning blow, and then you wade in and keep after him, giving him no chance to recover, until you finish him. That's the way the Marines fight."

"We can take any single objective given us," he says. "In the long push across the central Pacific we've seen a great deal of action and learned a lot about the way to fight the Japanese at Roi and Namur in the Marshalls, Saipan, Tinian, Bougainville, Guam, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Cape Gloucester and Talasea in New Britain, and Peleliu.

No Rest for Saito "The Tinian landing was one of the finest amphibious operations in history. We landed two divisions on two beaches only 187 yards long. Others said it couldn't be done. Old Saito (Lt. Gen. Yoshitsugu Saito, Japanese commander for the north Marianas) complained that we wouldn't let him rest—kept him on the move all the time."

The grey-haired, stockily-built 62-year-old general has a son, Cmdr. John Victor Smith, USN.

Born at Seale, Ala., Holland Smith was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1905. Core of his service in four decades has been an unremitting fight for recognition for the Marines. In 1939 he took command of the First Marine Brigade and started the amphibious training program that has become one of the great factors of this war.

His experiments with Andrew Higgins led to the production of the Higgins landing boat and other landing craft. From a Roebling amphibious tractor, he helped develop the amphibious tank and tractor now in use.

The general is fond of good music, fancies himself as a hunter, is beatable but a rapid counter at cribbage, plays top-notch golf. Years ago in Manila he took up tennis after becoming irked at the taunting challenges of tennis-playing companions. Trained by a Filipino professional, he became adept so quickly he was able to trounce each of his challengers on the court before he left the Philippines.

"Holland Smith has been described by writers as looking like Wallace Beery," says an aide. "To me he looks like just what he is—a soldier."

Press Pays Drivers a Tribute

WITH THE FIRST ARMY, Germany, Dec. 10 (UP)—There's a little band of "soldiers of the press" who get up front nearly every day whose bylines never hit the front pages. They're jeep drivers who plunge ahead wherever correspondents tell them to go.

A correspondent killed in line of duty is remembered—if that's any consolation—but the death of the correspondent's driver passes pretty much unnoticed.

When David Lardner, correspondent for New Yorker magazine, was killed last month, driving out of Aachen, his driver,

Pvt. Edward Litwin, of Philadelphia, also died. Their jeep had set off three German teler mines.

After William J. Stringer, Texas-born Reuter correspondent, was killed on the road to Paris, his driver, Pvt. Lawrence E. (Frenchy) Sabin, of East Lansing, Mich., was wounded fatally by a French sentry while attempting to return to the American lines.

The drivers remain anonymous, they'll never get medals for combat service, but they deserve a vote of appreciation from the American press. Whenever you read a story from this front, remember that one of these unsung GIs helped deliver it to you.

AFN Radio Program

- On Your Dial 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc. 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m. Monday, Dec. 11 1200—World News. 1205—Duffie Bag. 1300—Headlines—Sports News. 1305—They Call Me Joe. 1335—James Melton Show. 1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour. 1500—Headlines—German Lesson. 1505—Strike up the Band. 1530—On the Record. 1630—Fiesta. 1700—Headlines—Showtime with Marilyn Maxwell. 1715—Village Store with Joan Davis and Jack Haley. 1745—AFN Extra. 1755—American Sports News. 1800—World News. 1805—Mark up the Map. 1810—GI Supper Club. 1900—Headlines—Songs by Sgt. Johnny Desmond. 1915—Strings with Wings. 1930—Amos 'n' Andy. 2000—Headlines—Combat Diary. 2015—Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians. 2030—Canada Show. 2100—World News. 2105—Top Ten with the RAF Orchestra and Beryl Davis. 2135—Duffy's Tavern. 2200—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A. 2205—Listen Characters. 2300—Final Edition. Tuesday, Dec. 12 0755—Sign On—Program Resume. 0800—Headlines—Combat Diary. 0815—Personal Album with Anita. 0830—Mouney and his Rhythm Quintet. 0900—World News. 0905—Music by Sammy Kaye. 0925—Music America Loves Best. 1000—Headlines—Morning After (Duffy's Tavern). 1030—Strike up the Band. 1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A. 1105—Duffie Bag.

B-Bagatelles

In His Ode Sack, Robbie's Never Sad

—Irvin S. Taubkin, Prop.

BEING ourselves a person of sentiment, we appreciate the same in others. We appreciate especially these bleak, wintry dawnings, the sentiment that leads T/Sgt. Robbie Whybrow of the Engineers to pen this "Ode to My Sack":

This is mine sack, mine faithful sack, It giveth me comfort in mine hour of need. It granteth repose to mine aching back, It rendereth succor in mine moment of tribulation. It is mine golden chariot that wafeth me Into the arms of Morpheus, Mine patron saint, This is mine sack, mine happy sack.

While with that perverseness which drives us Yanks to seek top honors in any and all competition, Cpl. Mike



(Rock Buster) Teel throws down his challenge to be the ugliest GI in the U.K. Mike is an old cowhand from Montana who says he wouldn't mind being knock-kneed but who does mind not being recognized as king of the gargoyles. Take a look at him. For our money, he's in.

Vox Pop-Off

QUESTION

Do you plan to go back to your old job or look around for a new one after the war?

Pvt. Gordon Riddle, Inf.

It's high school for me. They took me for the Army when I turned 18 and never had a chance to finish. I wanted to be an aviation mechanic, thought the Army'd teach me. But look, all I do now is walk.



RIDDLE SULLIVAN

S/Sgt. Vincent Sullivan, AAF

If they're still gonna build ships after the war, and I'm hopin'—I'd like to go back to welding. It's damn interesting work in its way, and boy, it pays off. At least it used to.

Helen Matthews, ARC

I was fashion-picture editor for Mademoiselle magazine. But I'm going to Mexico to learn Spanish when this is over. Then farther south to learn about fabrics. There's real money to be made there.



MATTHEWS CASEY

T/S Edward Casey, Medics

I'm on leave of absence from the Boston Public Library. I'll return, I guess, though I may change my mind. I'm becoming more interested in farming. Eventually, you know, people will be forced to the soil, whether they like it or not.

T/4 Robert Nevins, Medics

I'm leaving the art business, in which I was a sales representative. I'm going in for a business of my own—sheep raising. Yes, sheep raising. What's so funny about that? It's a growing field.



NEVINS SCHWARTZ

Pvt. Robert Schwartz, Ordnance

I'm going to continue in the tooling business after the war, but I'm not returning to the old job. No future in that. There's a future in exporting machine tools to South America, however. That's for me.

Mike Sisco, USN

As I was employed in a defense plant I doubt very much whether a job will be waiting for me, even if I did want to go back. I'm a good mechanic, so they say, and it's my own business for me after the war—preferably a garage.



SISCO SKIFF

H. R. Skiff, USN

I've never really entertained any thoughts of not returning to my old job—insurance claim adjustments.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, The Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W.1, or APO 813, U.S. Army. Telephone U.K. Base HQ, Ext. 2131.

APOs Wanted

Lt. Eleanor HOAG, ANC; Lt. Tom HASTINGS, Billerica, Mass.; S/Sgt. George HANSEN, Roundup, Minn.; S/Sgt. Omer L. HALL, Greeley, Col.; Bill KINGSLAND, Cpl. Rudolph M. LAPP, Chicago; F/O Marvin S. LEVITHAN, Bronx; T/Sgt. Thad Lewandowski, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Lt. MULKERN, ANC, Attleboro, Mass.; T/S Louis NEGELE; Sgt. Leo NAUS, Los Angeles; M/Sgt. Don NAUS, 17109516; Sgt. John L. O'NEIL, Maine; T/Sgt. Gerald L. PRAIRIE, Glen Falls, N.Y.

Nazi Aircraft Thinks Twice These Days

By Paul V. Connors

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

303rd BOMB GROUP, Dec. 10—German fighters take a lot of goading—like an attack on Berlin—before tangling with American planes these days. Don't misunderstand. Those Krauts still are nasty in the air, still have lots of Luftwaffe left, still knock down our planes—but they do so cautiously.

Take yesterday. I flew with the famed Hells Angels, a Fort group from this field. The target was a German airfield just outside Stuttgart, about 50 miles behind the front lines from which enemy fighters had been giving Patch's Seventh Army in southern France some trouble in recent days. Though their own field was being bombed, the Luftwaffe refused to come up.

The bombers had an escort of P51s and P47s. Those babies were looking for a fight. They skidded around the German sky, riding the length and breadth of the bomber column from the time the big boys moved across the line until they got back to France. The cocky fighters gave the bomber crews a helluva feeling of security.

Feels Secure on Trip

Fact of the matter, unaccustomed as I am to flying, I felt secure all the way. It probably was the crew with which I traveled gave me that confidence. There was a crew.

Lt. Hugh R. Johnson, a handsome 28-year-old ex-tire salesman from Raleigh, N.C., making his 20th mission, was the pilot. His was the lead ship, so his responsibility was great. The weatherman didn't give him any help at all. From the time of takeoff at 8.15 in the morning until the return some eight and a half hours later Johnson and his navigator, Lt. Earle D. 'Meiko', 24-year-old "character" from Milwaukee, Wis., had all kinds of soup and cloud banks to contend with. But the ship got through. Two of the three squadrons in the group banged their bombs down on the airfield, from which the Krauts refused to budge. Our ship moved on a few miles and hit marshalling yards at Stuttgart. Results were excellent in both cases.

Stuttgart usually is a hotbed of flak—according to the guys who have been going there off and on for more than two years now. Yesterday the flak was "moderate to light." I saw about a dozen bursts of black smoke—flak—off to the left of our ship as we passed over the airfield. There was more at Stuttgart. After the mission, four holes, small ones, were found in our ship. Some of the 13 Forts in our squadron sustained hits; one had a "feathered" engine when it got back home. The group didn't lose a ship.

Sees Forts Go Down

I did, however, see a couple of Forts go down. The two ships, flying as part of another Eighth Air Force group, collided while still over France. It was just beyond Paris, parts of which could be seen in breaks in the clouds. A Fort flying low in formation got caught in the prop-wash of a plane above, bounced around a couple of times, then sliced the plane above in half with its whirling propellers. Both planes immediately plummeted to earth, bits of wreckage dotting the sky. I watched them fall for three minutes. In that time I saw six to eight chutes flutter open, so some of the crews got down safely.

At takeoff, I flew in the waist, was prepared to man one of the 50-cal. guns in an emergency. S/Sgt. Harold P. Beck, 20-year-old ex-baker from Pinkneyville, Ill., was with me. A gunner, the sergeant was riding his 18th mission. He was a lot of help.

Rides Up in Nose

After "bombs away" had been called on the interphone by Lt. William D. Sachow, Covina, Cal., I moved up from the waist to the nose, stepping gingerly through an open bomb bay with my chute in hand. That was a helluva place to have it. I rode the nose for more than an hour, entertained by Lt. Meiko, "the character," whose rendition of "Roll Me Over" was not professional but adequate for the place and time.

Other members of the crew included Maj. Louis M. Schulstad, Reynolds, N.D., command pilot; Lt. Michael L. Zarelli, New York City, navigator; Lt. Earle R. Beyler, Fish Haven, Idaho, navigator; Lt. James V. Ross, Pittsburgh, Pa., tail gunner and observer; T/Sgt. Robert D. Carter, Napa, Cal., engineer; T/Sgt. Eugene F. Edwards, Medford, Ore., radio operator.

GIs Reclaim Nazi Rubber

PARIS, Dec. 10—Captured German synthetic-rubber stocks are now being used in reclamation plants in France and Belgium, in an effort to stave off a more serious tire shortage, already reported to be hampering American operations in Germany, staff officers said here today.

Camelback—a rubber component used for retreading tires—is reported being rushed from the U.S. New tires, of course, are being earmarked for the ETO as soon as they're off the production lines. Army posts in the U.S. are being stripped of most available tires—new or used—anything that can be utilized by tire-hungry GI trucks.

Technicians are being flown over from the U.S. to aid French and Belgian engineers in the use of American synthetics.

Despite all these efforts, however, Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, Com Z Chief, disclosed over the week end that "conservation was our most vital resource."

GIs British Wives Learn What's Worn in the U.S.A.



Stars and Stripes Photos

(Upper left): ARC worker Elinor Melaney models a blue and white pique dress, suitable for luncheon dates on the West Coast. Avid interest is displayed by her audience of English wives and fiancées of American GIs at Rainbow Corner. (Lower left): Famous dancer Adele Astaire is very much the center of attraction. She is modeling a red and white printed jersey, smart for luncheon wear in Midwestern sections of the U.S. This costume appears to have evoked a serious discussion between one GI and his English wife. Right, Six-month-old Stephen William Moffett was not particularly interested in fashions and proved it by falling asleep in his mother's arms. His father, Cpl. Lyle Moffett, of Pottstown, N.Y., keeps busy in an APO somewhere in England.

Orphan Fund Asks for Toys

With Christmas a bare two weeks away, The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund again makes an appeal to GI craftsmen for toys. Requests from Christmas committees throughout the U.K. are coming in daily.

Latest reports indicate that over 6,000 children from various orphanages are to be entertained by U.K. units. Everything possible has been provided for the parties—candy, cookies, doughnuts, cake, oranges, apples, Christmas trees, even GIs to act as Santa Clauses—but there is a dearth of toys. And a toy handed from a Christmas tree means a lot to a child.

Commercial toy making in England in the last five years has been restricted. Thus any contribution, any handiwork which can be turned out by GIs in their spare time from material at hand is urgently desired.

The toys, which will be channeled to the various requesting units, may be delivered to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund office at 38 Upper Brook St., London, or mailed to The Stars and Stripes, APO 413.

Subs' November Toll Called 'Very Small'

November shipping losses from U-boat action were described as "very small" in a joint statement yesterday signed by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill.

Reports the Nazis had abandoned submarine construction were characterized as "untrue." "On the contrary, improved types of U-boats may at any time be thrown into battle," the statement added.

A Question for Churchill

Prime Minister Winston Churchill will be asked in the House of Commons Tuesday whether the British taxpayer is paying for the world travels of Noel Coward.

Across

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- 26—Father.
- 27—Sea skeleton.
- 30—Flower.
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- 35—Not fresh.
- 36—Bearing a date.
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- 38—Steamship (ab.)
- 39—Hall-em.
- 40—Agreement between countries.
- 43—Ailments.
- 46—Pierce with a knife.
- 50—Brazilian macaw.
- 51—Blackbird of cuckoo family.
- 52—Symbol for erbium.
- 54—Harem room.
- 55—White ant.
- 57—Gaunt.
- 59, 60—His North Pacific forces coordinated in the attack on the

Down

- 1—Waste allowance.
- 2—At this place.
- 3—Above.
- 4—Myself.
- 5—Skill.
- 6—Search for.
- 7—His forces help — the Japs on the run.
- 8—Present month (ab.)
- 9—Nights (ab.)
- 10—Knight of the Elephant (ab.)
- 11—Poker stake.
- 12—Newspaper paragraph.
- 13—Profound.
- 21—Tidiest.
- 23—Speeds.
- 25—Runners on snow.
- 26—Wallon (slang.)
- 27—Commander (Sp.)
- 28—British account money.
- 29—Rodent.
- 31—Light touch.
- 32—Yale.
- 33—Crimson.
- 40—Taps lightly.
- 41—Martian (comb. form).
- 42—Man's name.
- 43—To the inside.
- 44—Legal claim on property.
- 45—Hale.
- 47—Roman garment.
- 48—Arabian gulf.
- 49—Poet.
- 51—Ambition.
- 53—Legal point.
- 56—Month (ab.)
- 58—Morindin dye.

Crossword Puzzle

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Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff



Once Over Lightly

By Andy Rooney

NEW YORK, Dec. 10—If you are interested in sports, ask the family to send you "Sports Extra," a collection of classic stories from the sports pages of newspapers. The collection was put together with introductory remarks by the New York Post's Stanley Frank. It is a casual collection of the most readable writings on a chain of sports events from the time Arthur Brisbane covered the Sullivan-Mitchell fight in Chantilly, near Paris, in 1888, through the Herald Tribune Stanley Woodward's report of Mickey Walker's art exhibit early this year.

It should be a thrill for die-in-the-woolers just to look through the table of contents. Here are a few of the pieces: Heywood Brown—Ruth Will Out. Frank "Buck" O'Neill—The Big Train. Grantland Rice—The Four Horsemen. Daman Runyon—Handy Sande. O. B. Keeler—Emperor Jones. Bill Cunningham—Rock of Ages. Bill Corum—Derby Day. Bill Leiser—Old Wisconsin. Dan Parker—Doyle The Magnificent. Austen Lake—Marathon. Edward Burnes—Hockey Holligan. All the boys are there. Joe Williams, Jack Miley, Bob Considine, Frank Graham, Kieran, Carmichael, Gallico, Ring Lardner and all.

Tom O'Reilly, PM sports writer, has a honey of a story in the collection about the Sing Sing football team. It seems there is a good reason, not generally known, why the Sing Sing football team disbanded after an all-victorious 1934 season under Coach Johnny Law.

With no graduating class, Law had worked on the team several years and finally got an outfit which was beating all the local semi-pro clubs. Up to the last game they won by scores ranging from 27-0 to 40-0. When the time came for the traditional game with the Port Jervis police team, which was almost like the Ivy League Harvard-Yale rivalry, the jail birds were so proud of their Alma Mater they were willing to bet their striped shirts on the game. Johnny Law had another job the day of the game, and he was so confident of his team's ability he told his men he probably wouldn't be there for the game, but "you can go in there and win without me."

When Law left, the first eleven got down to the business they loved best. They got a couple of good fences working for them and covering all bets on themselves. The bets they made at kickoff odds gave the Port Jervis cops 21 points.

Within a few minutes after the kickoff a loose-hipped lifer broke loose for a touchdown and after five minutes the score was 14-0. In the second quarter the prisoners scored again, but—strangely—the place-kicker missed the extra point to make the score 20-0.

After that nothing seemed to go right. The Sing-Singers marched up and down the field, but always seemed to fumble a few yards from the goal line. It wasn't long before their backers behind the bars in the stands smelled a rat.

During the half-time intermission Law walked into the locker room, much to the amazement of the players. He started the first team again, but after one fumble yanked all eleven. And right there they realized it had been a mistake not to cut the second team in on the deal. The substitutes went mad to beat the Cops, 50-0, thus double-crossing the double-crossers.

And that was the end of football at Sing Sing.

McSpaden Forges Ahead In Oakland Open Tourney

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 10—Harold "Jug" McSpaden of Philadelphia shot a 69, one stroke under par, to take the lead in the \$7,500 Oakland Open golf tournament yesterday with a 54-hole total of 207.

Sgt. Jim Ferrier, former Australian champ, moved into second place by shooting a 68 for a total of 209, shading Toledo's Byron Nelson, who was tied for the lead with McSpaden Friday at 138, by one stroke. Knotted with Nelson for the third spot yesterday were Ky Lafoon of Chicago and Mark Fry, home club professional.

Trailing at 211 were Sammy Byrd, who shot a 71 yesterday, and Sammy Sneed, who turned in a 67 for the best round of the day.

Revolta, Harrison Tied in Miami Play
MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 10—Johnny Revolta and Sgt. Dutch Harrison of the U.S. Army Air Force shot a 66 apiece yesterday and went into a tie for first place with 205 after 54 holes in the \$10,000 Miami Open golf tournament.

Hunting Toll 197

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 10—The recent deer season in Wisconsin and Michigan claimed 197 lives. The number doesn't take in the seriously wounded, of whom there were several hundred.

Quiz Answers:

1-7; 2-A; 3-C; 4-B

Maulers, Fighting Eagles Play Scoreless Deadlock

By Ray Lee

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Moore's Maulers of the 12th Replacement Depot and 94th Bomb Group Fighting Eagles of the Eighth Air Force battled to a scoreless tie on a muddy field before 5,500 spectators at London's White City Stadium yesterday afternoon in a fumble and penalty-filled game.

The Maulers got off to a good start when Quarterback Pvt. Russell Spicer, 180-pound New Yorker took and ran it to the 47 and two plays later went into Eagle territory where practically the whole first half was played. A drive sparked by Spicer and Cpl. Nicholas Trolio, of Vandergrift, Pa., carried to the 18-yard line later in the period, but a pass interception ended the scoring threat.

In the second chapter, a forward-lateral play, Pvt. Dale Christensen, of Minneapolis, to Spicer to T/5 Vincent Domino, of Clifton, N.J., gained 32 yards and put the ball on the 20, but the Eagle line killed this second threat.

Mauler Fumbles Costly

The Eagles played better ball in the second half, taking advantage of several costly Mauler fumbles to threaten in the final stanza. George Wilkinson, of Corpus Christi, Texas, and John Kruzick, of Los Angeles, sparked a drive to the ten-yard line where Dick Deems, of Cleveland, attempted a field goal that failed. Later, with two minutes left, the Maulers kicked to the Eagle ten, recovered a fumble and moved up to the one-yard line, but mud caused Trolio to slip on an attempted line plunge, and the Eagles took possession on downs and kicked out.

With only seconds left, the Maulers smashed to the Eagle 18, where an attempted field goal by S/Sgt. Orman Fortier, of Guilford, Me., fell short, and the game ended after the next play.

Here are the starting lineups:

MAULERS	POS.	EAGLES
Mulligan	TE	Doems
Dinwoodie	LT	Kastanos
Reed	LG	Bedner
Lugachick	CG	Wesberg
Leskowski	RG	Moore
Rohlen	RT	Cicchillo
Capullo	RE	Zapata
Spicer	Q	Kruzick
Domino	RH	Kane
Trolio	LH	Wedge
Fortier	FB	Wilkinson

Four Ramblers Named On Catholic All-America

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 10—Coach Tom Stidham of Marquette named his annual All-Catholic All-American yesterday and handed four of the positions to Notre Dame men.

The team: Ends—Tommy Smith, Holy Cross; George Kuzman, Villanova; Tackles—Don Carter, St. Mary's, George Sullivan, Notre Dame; Guards—Pat Filley, Notre Dame; Jim Reilly, Holy Cross; Center—Marty Silovich, Marquette; Backs—Frank Danciewicz and Bob Kelly, Notre Dame; Ray Sullivan, Holy Cross, Bob David, Villanova.

Nobody Blue on Beale Street

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 10—Beale Street split its seams last night, because the Memphis Blues whipped the St. Louis Blues, 7-0, in the annual Negro prep school Blues Bowl Game. And as a topper to the whole deal, W. C. Handy gave out on his trumpet with his own compositions—Memphis and St. Louis Blues.

Football Results

Texas Aggies 70, Miami 14
Virginia State 15, Florida Aggies 7

'44 Records of Nations Service Elevens

BAINBRIDGE 43—Camp Lee 9 57—Camp Lejeune 7 47—Camden Blue D. 7 7—Camp Peary 0 15—Maxwell Field 0 49—N. C. Pre-Flight 20 50—Cherry Point 7 33—Camp Lejeune 19 21—Camp Peary 13	6—Georgia 53 15—Mayport N. A. S. 7 20—Charleston C. G. 13 19—Miami Naval 6 0—Georgia Pre-Fl. 30 32—Georgia Pre-Fl. 42 0—Ga. Pre-Flight 30	25—Northwestern 0 38—Western Mich. 0 6—Ohio State 26 40—Wisconsin 12 45—Marquette 7 12—Morris Field 10 32—Marquette 0 28—Ft. Warren 7 7—N. Dame 28	JACKSONVILLE NAVAL AIR 41—S. M. U. 0 67—Camp Polk 0 19—3rd Air Force 0 68—No. Tex. Aggies 0 25—Maxwell Field 0 34—Southwestern 0 33—Amarillo AB 0	14—Green Bay 25 6—Villanova 7 60—Odenbach's 0 6—Cornell 13 39—Scranton 0 38—Peru V-12 0 24—Colorado Coll. 0 45—Idaho Southern 0 78—Whitman 0 33—Colorado 5 6—Iowa Pre-Fl. 12 89—New Mexico 6 68—N. Tex.—Ag. 0 6—Norman Navy 13 46—Amarillo Air 6 20—Fort Warren 0 47—Washington 6 0—4th Air Force 0
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Male Call



Blondie



Stick-y Business



Kilby MacDonald (left), of the N.Y. Rangers, and Nick Metz (right foreground), of the Toronto Maple Leafs, battle it out for the puck on the ice near the Ranger goal at Madison Square Garden. Other players (from front to rear) are: Bob Dill, Bucko McDonald and Goalie Ken McAuley, all of the Rangers. Leafs won, 6-3.

SPORTS MIRROR

The undefeated and untied Air Depot Warriors rolled to a 40-0 victory over the previously unbeaten and unscored on Bergers Bouncers before 10,000 yesterday. It was the ninth straight for the Warriors and brought their scoring total to 199 points against six for the opposition. Sgt. John Pallatin, a guard from South Bend, Ind., scored the first touchdown after blocking a punt, Sgt. Mike Spak, of McKeeslock, Pa., scored once and passed for another touchdown to Pfc Leonard Arcotte, of New Haven, Conn.

The Stitt Commandos capped the Air Service Command touch football championship Saturday by defeating the Mudcats, 12-6, as S/Sgt. Earl Partain, of Little Rock, Ark., scored on a 15-yard pass from Capt. E. Browne, and Cpl. Joe Paslowski of Pittsburgh took a touchdown pass good for 35 yards from Capt. Dick Watts, former North Carolina State star.

A 30-yard pass from Lt. Raleigh "Rags" Ragsdale, former star, to Lt. Stan Ingrassi, from Niagara University, climaxed a 69-yard drive in the third period and gave Tukey's Terrors, of the 356th Fighter Group, a 6-0 edge over the Mustang Blues, of the 352nd Fighter Group yesterday. The triumph avenged a previous defeat for the Terrors. . . . Frank's Yanks, of the 398th Bomb Group, ended a nine-game streak for the Green Hornets of a fighter base with a 38-28 basketball win last Wednesday night and followed up with a 57-30 decision Friday in a league game with the 351st Bomb Group. The Yanks list such stars as Sgt. Richard Krazick, former John Marshall player, Harry Katz, of Texas A and M, Arthur Kneuer, of Queen's College, Jim Dowling, of Santa Rosa Junior College, and Paul Roselle, of Davis and Elkins.

The Recon Ramblers and the Photo Lightnings tried everything in the football book yesterday, but couldn't get going when they hit goal line territory, battling to a 0-0 tie. Lt. "Dusty"

Rhodes, of Morgan Hill, Cal., and Lt. Bill Shephard of Pittsburgh, were outstanding for the Lightnings, while S/Sgt. Bob Priestly, former Brown All-American, and Pfc Bob Rock of Kavana, Ohio, played steady ball for the Ramblers. . . . The Station Hospital Barbour-sole lost a tough 32-30 hoop engagement to the Navy Comets last week, but came back to trip the — Station Hospital Medics, 53-28. Leading Barbour-sole performers were M/Sgt. Kenneth Winner, of Cincinnati, and Cpl. Walter Few, of Akron, Ohio.

A pickup team of "ugly ducklings"—players the other teams didn't want—is leading the basketball league at the B24 Liberator base commanded by Lt. Col. Robert W. Fish. Pacing the Ducklings in the eight-team loop is T/Sgt. Dick Baldwin, a former University of Rochester star. . . . Lt. Joseph "Jack" Koerner, former golf professional at Los Angeles' Griffith Park course, has lost little of his technique since coming to work for Uncle Sam. Now a member of the 385th Bombardment Group, Jack recently carded a 70 at Cambridge, where the course record of 68 is held by the former British star, Henry Cotton. "These English courses are a great deal different from ours," Jack says. "They are not well manicured and the greens are a lot larger. You can be on the edge of the green and still have a good mashie shot to the pin."

Cpl. Joe Papiano, former Temple full-back, scored on runs of 30, 40 and 50 yards yesterday as the — General Hospital Aces defeated another hospital eleven, 18-0.

Sgt. Vic Martinet, of Los Angeles, passed ten yards into the end zone to S/Sgt. Jerome Kenny, of Omaha, Neb., and plunged four yards for another touchdown and added an extra point as the Eighth Air Force HQ Green Raiders defeated Moe's Mob of the Third Bomb Division, 6-0, yesterday. The win was the fourth straight and the fifth in six starts for the Raiders. . . . The Station Hospital PPIs defeated the Navy Sea Lions, 7-0, yesterday in a football game that netted the Coventry Warwickshire Hospital Rebuilding Funds £1,000. A crowd of 10,000 turned out for the game.

The Alcon Falcons of the 482nd Bombardment Group rolled to a 44-0 win over the Recon Ramblers of the 325th Photo Wing Recon group in an Air Force touch football tourney first-round game Friday. Leading the Falcons was Pvt. Arthur Fitzmaurice, of Waltham, Mass., who passed to three touchdowns and scored another on a 45-yard run. . . . Cpl. Edward MacDermott, of Mt. Vernon, N.Y., S/Sgt. Hubert Altenberger, of Otisville, Ohio, and Sgt. John Aurelio, of Pawtucket, R.I., tallied six points apiece as the 352nd Fighter Group basketball team edged the 44th Bomb Group, 27-22, Thursday night.

Ex-Leaf Player Dies

TORONTO, Dec. 10—Dudley "Red" Garrett, Toronto Maple Leaf hockey player and former member of the Providence Reds and New York Rangers, has been killed in action with the Royal Canadian Navy.

As Favored

To Down N.Y. Giants
NEW YORK, Dec. 10—The bookies have given pre-eminence to the professional footballer's ability to kick the extra point and therefore have installed the Washington Redskins as seven-point favorites over the New York Giants today at Washington in Washington's final chance to get back into the race for the National League's Eastern Division championship.

If you like the Giants the bookies will give you six points and bet you even money. If you like the Redskins you give eight points and bet even money. Thus, if the Redskins win by seven points, they've got you coming and going—which is usually the case, isn't it comrade?

Behind The Sports Headlines

NEW YORK—Glenn Davis, Army's All-American halfback, was chosen the football player of the year by the Maxwell Memorial football committee. He will be presented with the Maxwell Trophy at a banquet in Philadelphia Jan. 18. . . . **CHICAGO**—The University of Michigan has followed in the footsteps of Notre Dame and scheduled football games with Army and Navy for next season. The Wolverines will play Army in New York on Oct. 13 and Navy in Baltimore Nov. 10. . . . **WASHINGTON**—Texans hold little hope that the War Department will reverse its decision against the participation of the Randolph Field Flyers in the Oil Bowl game at Houston on New Year's Day. Senator Tom Connolly (D.-Tex.), who had urged sanction of the post-season game, said there was little chance it would be approved.

RALEIGH, N.C.—Head Coach Beattie Feathers, of N.C. State, has announced that Al Thomas, his line coach, had signed a contract for another year. Thomas formerly was head coach at Tennessee. . . . **CHICAGO**—Western Conference has appointed a three-man committee to guide Big Ten athletics until a successor to Commissioner John L. Griffith is chosen. The new commission consists of Athletic Directors I. W. Saint John, of Ohio State, Fritz Crisler, of Michigan, and Kenneth "Tug" Wilson, of Northwestern.

CHICAGO—Eight games make up Notre Dame's football schedule for next year, with two open dates yet to be filled. Iowa Pre-Flight and Great Lakes will probably get the blank dates. . . . **BUFFALO**—The eloquence of Warren Giles, Cincinnati Reds president, helped save high school baseball as the minor leagues closed their three-day convention. The minors were preparing to abandon any further support for the development of the high school lads, but Giles talked them into donating five grand again next year to conduct clinics. The majors will add a similar amount.

CHICAGO—The Western Conference reinstated a rule withdrawn during war-time which prohibits the participation of its athletes in All-Star games. The rule goes back into the books Jan. 2. That date was set for the benefit of Big Ten athletes who had received and accepted invitations to play in the East-West and North-South games New Year's Day. . . . **PHILADELPHIA**—The Athletics have announced the purchase of Ed Levy, combination infielder-outfielder, from the Milwaukee Brewers. Southpaw Jack McGillen and an undisclosed amount of cash will be turned over to the Brewers in exchange for the lanky Brewer star.

WICHITA, Kan.—Ray Dumont, president of the National Baseball Congress, has announced the abolishment of the office of commissioner, with a five-man committee ruling semi-pro baseball. Dumont said that George Sisler, former St. Louis Browns first-baseman who has acted as commissioner for the past seven years, would be retained in a new job.

Bennett Stars in Nets As Bruins Rap Leafs

TORONTO, Dec. 10—The Boston Bruins racked up their third victory in four starts against the Toronto Maple Leafs, 5-3, last night in a game featured

Hockey League Standings

Montreal	11	4	1	23	Boston	7	8	1	15
Toronto	10	6	0	20	New York	2	8	3	7
Detroit	8	4	2	18	Chicago	2	10	1	5

by the 47 saves of Harvey Bennett, Boston goalie.

Bill Jennings and Arman Gaudreault each scored twice for the Bruins and Pat Egan tallied the other marker, while Mel Hill, Jack McLean and Dick Metz rammed home scores for the Leafs.

American Hockey League

Cleveland	5	St. Louis	2
Hershey	2	Providence	0
Indianapolis	2	Pittsburgh	2
EASTERN DIVISION			
Buffalo	11	7	2
Hershey	9	8	2
WESTERN DIVISION			
Indianapolis	10	7	2
Pittsburgh	11	6	2

Bosox Choose Jersey Site

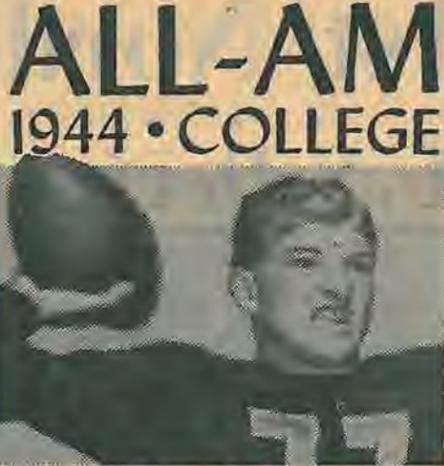
BOSTON, Dec. 10—The Boston Red Sox will train next spring at Pleasantville, N.J., General Manager Eddie Collins has announced.

'44 Football Attendance Tops Figure for '43

NEW YORK, Dec. 10—Football attendance in the United States during the past collegiate season took a high jump over figures for the '43 season. The total attendance at 333 home games played by 67 colleges was more than a million and a half higher than saw 273 games played by 57 schools last year. This year's total was 5,554,999, with the average attendance jumping from 14,691 to 16,552. The University of Pennsylvania again led the way with 379,000 spectators at eight games.



LES HORVATH
Ohio State Back



BOB FENIMORE
Oklahoma
A & M Back



FELIX BLANCHARD
Army Back



PHIL TINSLEY
Georgia Tech End



TEX WARRINGTON
Auburn Center



HUBERT BECHTOL
Texas End



GLENN DAVIS
Army Back



DON WHITMIRE
Navy Tackle



JOHN FERRARO
So. California Tackle



HAMILTON NICHOLS
Rice Guard



BILL HACKETT
Ohio State Guard

Here's How They Line Up

POS.	PLAYER	CLASS	H	W	HOME
End	Tinsley, Georgia Tech	Navy V-12	6-1	188	Besemer, Ala.
Tackle	Whitmire, Navy	Sophomore	5-11	215	Decatur, Ala.
Guard	Hackett, Ohio State	Junior	5-10	191	London, Ohio
Center	Warrington, Auburn	Junior	6-2	205	Dover, Del.
Guard	Nichols, Jr., Rice	Junior	5-11	196	Houston, Tex.
Tackle	Ferraro, S. Cal.	Junior	6-3	235	Bell, Cal.
End	Bechtol, Texas	Sophomore	6-1	196	Lubbock, Tex.
Back	Horvath, Ohio State	Senior	5-10	167	Parma, Ohio
Back	Fenimore, Okla. A & M	Sophomore	6-2	188	Woodward, Okla.
Back	Davis, Army	Freshman	5-9	175	Los Angeles
Back	Blanchard, Army	Freshman	6-0	200	Bishopville, S.C.

SECOND TEAM		POSITION	THIRD TEAM
Henry Walker, Virginia	End	George Poole, Army	
Milan Lazetich, Michigan	Tackle	Monte Moncrief, Texas A & M.	
John Green, Army	Guard	Ralph Serpico, Illinois	
Felto Prewitt, Tulsa	Center	Robert St. Onge, Army	
William Hachten, California	Guard	Robert Dobelstein, Tennessee	
William Willis, Ohio State	Tackle	Robert McClure, Nevada	
Leon Bramlett, Jr., Navy	End	Jack Dugger, Ohio State	
Thomas McWilliams, Miss. State	Back	Harold Hamburg, Navy	
Claude Young, Illinois	Back	Gordon Gray, Southern California	
Boris Dimancheff, Purdue	Back	Thomas Davis, Duke	
Robert Jenkins, Navy	Back	Robert Kelly, Notre Dame	

National Fitness Program Recommended by AAA

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 10—The National Amateur Athletic Union yesterday accepted by unanimous vote a seven-point national physical fitness program which will be offered to schools and colleges throughout the country. In addition, the AAU moguls adopted 37 of 49 national records offered for approval.

The convention rejected nine proposed marks because they had already been superseded and the 1,000-meter free-style mark by Ann Curtis, San Francisco mermaid, because it was made against the clock. The delegates unanimously voted to make Illinois' Buddy Young senior 100-meter dash champion.

Oma Batters Mauriello In Garden Ten-Rounder

NEW YORK, Dec. 10—Lee Oma, Detroit heavyweight, squared accounts for a September reversal at the hands of Tami Mauriello by winning a unanimous ten-round decision over the Bronx Italian in a torrid return engagement Friday night at Madison Square Garden.

Oma, who weighed 184, cut the 194-pound Mauriello's face to a bloody pulp with rapier-like jabs. The Bronxite was bleeding freely from about the mouth, a wicked gash on the left brow and a furrow on his cheek, and his mouthpiece was belted from between his teeth in the final round.

Dick Tracy



Li'l Abner



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East and Midwest Dominate Annual AP All-America Squad

NEW YORK, Dec. 10—For the first time since 1934, when Alabama, Stanford and Minnesota landed two berths each, the Associated Press All-America football eleven—generally regarded as THE All-America team—this year shows a lineup in which there is more than one school with two men represented. And not since Notre Dame's great 1930 team has a school matched Army's feat of taking two of the backfield positions.

Ohio State placed its great running and passing star, Les Horvath, in the backfield, along with Army's fleet Glenn Davis and hard-hitting Felix Blanchard, and landed Bill Hackett, a 191-pounder at guard.

Horvath, playing his fourth season with the Buckeyes after a year in the Army, is the only senior on the first eleven—composed otherwise of four juniors, three sophomores, two freshmen and a Navy V-12 student. There's plenty of heft in both the line and backfield with the forward wall tipping the scales just under an average of 204 pounds per man and the backs averaging 182 pounds plus.

Fenimore Rounds Out Backfield
With Navy joining the Army to dominate the eastern campaign and Ohio State placing two more of its men on the second and third teams, the division of the squad of 33 players shows that the football strength this year was in the east and midwest.

The east won nine of the spots, five with Army men and four with middies from Annapolis. The midwest also gained nine places while six went to the south, five to the southwest and four to the far west.

Rounding out the backfield with Blanchard, Horvath and Davis is Bob Fenimore, sensational 18-year-old triple threat star from the Oklahoma Aggies—a civilian team that lost only to the pro-studded Norman Naval Air Base. Named to the ends are Phil Tinsley,

CAGE RESULTS

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Bridgewater 48, Railroad 31
Buckley Field 55, Colorado Aggies 21
Cherry Point Marines 54, High Point 17
Columbia 43, Union 42
DePaul 68, Wyoming 29
Hamline 60, Carleton 23
Kansas 31, Washburn 27
Lincoln AB 58, Peru State Teachers 33
Moorehead Teachers 51, Georgetown (Ky.) 26
Oklahoma 41, SMU 40
Oklahoma Naval 62, Simpson 40
Quonset Flyers 44, Dartmouth 31
Sampson Naval 51, Scranton 27
St. John's 53, Camp Shanks 36
Texas 34, Southwestern 24
Valparaiso 64, LIU 59
Washington 41, Ft. Miles 23
Wayne 59, Michigan Normal 26

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Akron 72, Lockburn A Base 43
Bucknell 30, Bloomsburg Teachers 28
Camp Claiborne 51, SLU 25
Camp Normoye 43, Texas 26
Cornell 43, Canisius 42
CCNY 60, Lafayette, 34
Carnegie Tech 52, Case 40
Chicago 51, Illinois Tech 43
Colgate 50, Rochester 49
Dartmouth 54, Camp Edwards 47
Drake 35, Cornell College 28
Ecker Studio 56, Brigham Young 48
Great Bend 54, Kansas State 51
Illinois 56, Great Lakes 53
Iowa Pre-Flight 38, Minnesota 32
Indiana 63, Camp Atterbury 8
Iowa 101, Macomb Teachers 23
Kentucky 66, Cincinnati 24
Louisville 43, Evansville 34
Michigan 50, Kellogg Air Base 17
Muhlenberg 57, Lehigh 25
Northwestern 56, DePaul 43
Notre Dame 68, Miami (Ohio) 34
Ohio State 58, Michigan State 31
Oklahoma Aggies, 44, Westminster 33
St. Lawrence 40, Ithaca College 36
Stevens 47, Webb 26
Stout Field 39, Butler 35
Syracuse 55, Hobart 51
Taylor 48, Huntington 32
Temple 54, Holy Cross 38
Utah 65, St. Joseph 40
Valparaiso 64, LIU 59
Villanova 39, Franklin and Marshall 34
Virginia 47, Hampden Sidney 28
West Virginia 68, Fairmont State 36
Western Michigan 58, Brooklyn College 52
Wheaton 34, North Central 30
Williams 32, Columbia 24

Rationed
SLIPPERY ROCK, Dec. 10—There are only nine male students at Slippery Rock College this year and all of them are on the basketball team. A physical education school, Slippery Rock had to depend on girls to keep the grid tradition alive this fall with a touch football team.

1st Norden Sight Photos

U.S. Device Has Vast Air-War Role



CHICAGO—Sgt. George Loving, who was wounded in action, must have lived up to his name—because after the many months he was away from his Chicago home his dog remembers him. The dog's enthusiasm is vividly captured by the news-lens.



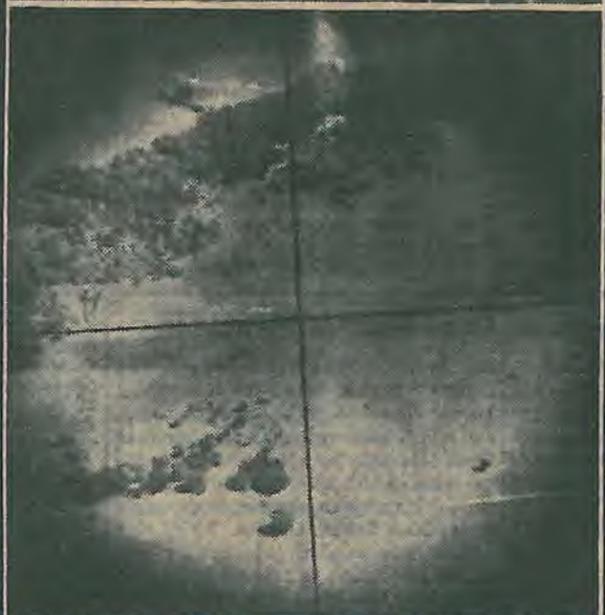
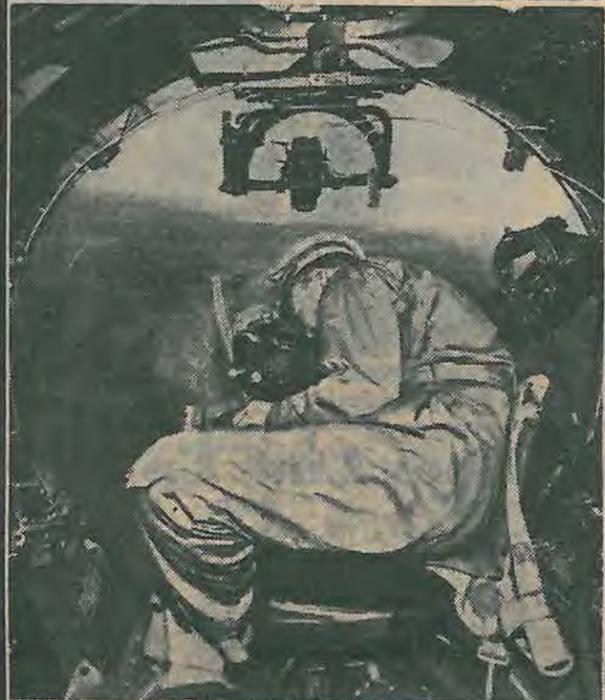
COLUMBUS—Capt. Don Gentile—ETO air ace who destroyed more than 30 Nazi planes—went home and among the 101 things he had to do—like participating in the Sixth War Loan drive by making speeches up and down the country—he got himself married to lovely Isabella Masdea in Columbus.



BROOKLYN—They haven't forgotten Noel Coward's "slur" on Brooklyn servicemen. Walter R. Hart, Brooklyn councilman, is shown arguing for a bill to ban all works of the British playwright in New York. With Hart is Lt. (JG) Abe Condiotti, a Brooklynite who was first man to set foot on Normandy, D-day.



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MANILA

GIQ Picture Quiz



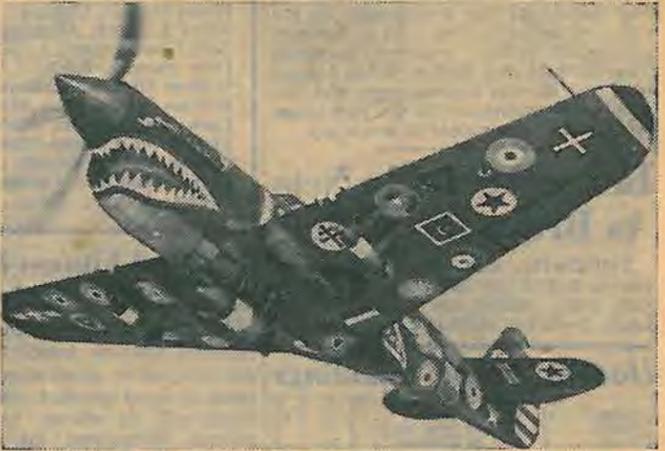
1—"I gotta bigga idea," Musso must have said to Adolf, soon after the bomb attempt on the fuhrer's miserable life. "Letsa getta outa the war." Adolf has been reported?
A—Dead B—Crazy C—Sick D—Myth



2—The latest in gas masks. Designed especially for hospital patients with head wounds, the mask was developed by the Chemical Warfare Service for use in forward areas. In canister?
A—Chemicals C—Butts
B—Candy D—Gum



3—The latest in life-saving equipment—an airborne lifeboat, which can be dropped from a B17 bomb bay. Powered by two 5 h.p. engines, it can do 8 m.p.h. Chutes can be used as?
A—Napkins C—Anchor
B—Blankets D—Beacon



4—This Curtiss-built fighter—the 15,000th of its type to roll off the Buffalo assembly line—carries the insignias of all 28 Air Forces. Type? A—B29 B—P40 C—P39 D—A20

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BERLIN

Revealed for the first time is the famous American aerial weapon, the Norden bombsight, which has enabled our Air Forces to strike the centers of enemy strongholds with over a million tons of strategic bombing. With the Air Forces smashing forward in the Pacific, the Norden bombsight has helped make good the promise to deliver the Philippines from the Japanese. Manila harbor was sighted in October, and on Nov. 24 Superfort bombardiers saw Tokyo come up in the

bombsight telescope. In Europe, the very heart of the Nazi was pierced for the first time by U.S. on Mar. 4, 1944, when Berlin felt the weight of our bombs. Pictured above (top, down) are: Closeup of the famous bombsight. The lower half is the stabilizer, containing the horizontal gyroscope maintaining azimuth control. The vertical gyroscope, which stabilizes the telescope, and the range-computing apparatus are contained in

the lower half. The rubber eyepiece on the telescope prevents injury to the bombardier. The bombardier sights the target through the telescope and sets up correct range. Beneath is a view of what appears in the telescope. Until "Bombs away!" the bombardier controls the ship through an automatic pilot. Manila, Berlin, Tokyo pile up the evidence—the Norden bombsight is an unparalleled American aerial weapon.