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Hahlten Zee deess
Hold this

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Ce n'est pas cher
Suh nay pah shair
It's not expensive

There Was No Little Boy to Plug the Dike



Associated Press Photo

German troops retreating in Holland breached a number of dikes, leaving the Arnhem and Nijmegen areas flooded. This aerial view taken on the British Second Army front in the Nijmegen sector shows many houses isolated as flood waters swept over the lowlands. The floods show no signs of subsiding.

Big Tank Battle On Southwest Of Budapest

Red Army artillery pounded the suburbs of Budapest to rubble last night, while across the Danube tanks and infantry pushed north against strong German resistance in an effort to complete the encirclement of the city and cut the last Nazi supply line to Austria.

Bitter hand-to-hand fighting was reported inside German defenses guarding the northern and eastern approaches to the city, but the main battle appeared to be going on southwest of the capital, where a giant tank battle raged along a 30-mile railway embankment between Lake Valenczei and Budapest.

Heaviest fighting along the line was reported at Martonvasar, where the Germans threw 75 tanks and three infantry regiments into a desperate counter-attack which failed to pierce the Soviet lines.

Defenses Still Intact

Despite the strong Soviet pressure from three directions, German main defenses southwest, northeast and north of Budapest still were intact.

In northern Hungary, fighting centered around the German stronghold of Szecseny near the Slovak border. The Nazis admitted a withdrawal north of Miskolc, where Soviet forces were closing in on Szendro, center of Hungary's richest mineral region.

The Germans inside Slovakia, meanwhile, were reported robbing the country of machinery and foodstuffs in expectation of a further retreat westward.

Steady fighting was reported south of Lake Balaton, where Marshal Tolbukhin's forces were preparing for a southern drive on Austria.

KO Nazi Base On Greenland

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (ANS)—Newsweek magazine reported today that the U.S. Coast Guard discovered and knocked out of operation a German weather station in Greenland six weeks ago.

"The Army Air Force is maintaining daily reconnaissance over Greenland, expecting the Nazis to try and land more men and equipment by submarine," the magazine said. It was the second Nazi weather station found there by the U.S.

"Greenland weather usually affords an accurate forecast for weather in Western Europe three days later. This enables the Nazis to determine how to deploy the Luftwaffe, panzers and other forces for expected conditions of fog, rain or clear weather," the magazine added.

Foxhole to Flatbush for Christmas

Wife and Kids—and Menu Too—Ready For Joe's Homecoming

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

BROOKLYN, Dec. 14—There'll be steak, turkey and plenty of French fried potatoes with cranberry sauce and apple pie a la mode waiting for Pvt. John Seery when he comes back to Flatbush from his Third Army foxhole in France.

His wife, Alice, promised that menu today after being informed that her 33-year-old husband was among the first of 12th Army Group combat soldiers to be chosen for a 30-day U.S. furlough.

"His last letter, which we got Nov. 15, didn't say much," said Mrs. Seery. "I guess maybe he was tired. He's been overseas since August. He just said that he was all right."

She paused for breath and then added, "Say, will I cook him a fat, juicy steak

Athens Quiet Amid Rumors Greeks Soon Will Quit Fight

ATHENS, Dec. 14 (AP)—For the first time in a week of fierce fighting Athens was quiet today as rumors spread that ELAS (resistance) forces would send an emissary to Maj. Gen. Ronald M. Scobie, British military commander, to accept his terms that they lay down their arms and quit Attica Province (Athens).

Late in the afternoon there was a flurry of activity in the center of the city, but on the whole the capital was calm.

Alexander Svolos, former finance minister, would tender the peace acceptance, but would ask guarantees against persecution of ELAS as a political party, reports said. Acceptance of a new national government under leadership of someone other than Premier Georges Papandreu also was expected to be included in the offer to Scobie.

Arrival in Athens of Gen. Nicolas Plastiras, "strong man" of Greece and leader of the 1922 revolution, gave support to the peace rumors. Plastiras returned home at Papandreu's request after 11 years' exile in France.

Military authorities allowed civilians on Athens streets only between noon and 2 P.M.

By James Earl Roper

United Press Correspondent

ATHENS, Dec. 14—This is the best information available in Athens on who or what is behind the Greek crisis:

The Germans did not "make" the civil war in Greece, but they are doing all they can to help ELAS prolong it. ELAS chiefs control their own men, but they probably get German military advice from German officers within their ranks.

British circles insist Russia is adopting a hands-off policy and that she has refused a request from ELAS for help. The KKE—most important section of the resistance organization—looks to Russia, rather than Britain and the U.S., for guidance.

The Greek government claims it is supported by 80 per cent of the people. So does ELAS. There is no way of checking the claims accurately.

The British came to Greece primarily to bring relief, not to fight. The British have more guns than ELAS, but more troops will be required before they can clear Athens. Reinforcements are now arriving.

Jap Plane Plant Hit

SAIPAN, Dec. 14 (AP)—Superforts which bombed the Japanese industrial city of Nagoya yesterday scored "many bomb strikes" on the Mitsubishi aircraft factory, Brig. Gen. Haywood Hansell, head of the 21st Bomber Command, said today.

with French fried potatoes—if I can get a fat, juicy steak with my ration points. And, of course, we'll also have plenty of turkey and cranberry sauce with apple pie and ice cream to top it off."

Also anxiously awaiting Seery's return are his two children—John, 7 years old, and Barbara, 3 years old. It was John who answered the telephone call which brought the Seery homestead the good news.

"Are you really sure Daddy is coming home?" John asked excitedly. Assured, John sighed and added, "Well, then, we are going to have a fine Christmas."

Then Mrs. Seery came on the line. Her voice was guarded: "If the Army says so, it must be so, but it doesn't seem true. I hope there won't be any slip-up."

Deny U.S. Nod To Balkan Deal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—Authoritative U.S. officials denied today that President Roosevelt approved any British-Russian agreement dividing up political interests in the Balkans. These sources emphasized that the U.S. remained firmly opposed to the development of spheres of influence in Europe.

Spokesmen for labor ministers in Britain's coalition government said yesterday that President Roosevelt and Russia had agreed that Britain undertake "the main problem of Greece."

The American officials said the U.S. government had cautioned both Britain and Russia several times against allowing military agreements on zones of operation to draw boundaries of political influence.

They said Prime Minister Churchill had assured the U.S. that Britain did not seek special areas of political privilege. While Russia has given no such flat promise, neither has she given signs of disagreement with the American position, these sources declared.

U.S. Casualty Total Up 9,059 in a Week

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—American casualties in all war theaters since Pearl Harbor totaled 483,957 through Nov. 28, an increase of 9,059 over the preceding week, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced today. Casualties for all branches of the armed forces stand at 562,368.

Stimson's figures for the Army showed 92,135 killed, 272,351 wounded, 62,786 missing and 56,685 prisoners.

Boss



A Flying Fortress, one of a force of 1,250 which was hurled against the Reich Tuesday, soars with grim majesty over the smashed Darmstadt marshalling yards during the attack by the Eighth Air Force.

First Army Starts Drive for Roer In New Sector

Reuter dispatches from SHAEF Thursday night reported that Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army had opened still another drive in the Duren sector as the Fifth Armored Division jumped off from Gey, five miles to the south. The new push was said to be headed northeast toward the Roer, but reports of progress had not been received at headquarters.

Meanwhile, in the Monschau sector, 20 miles below Duren, other First Army units were disclosed to be advancing along both banks of the Roer where it curves westward. These troops gained more than a mile in their push to the east.

Although Hodges' men were on both banks of the Roer in this southern sector, those in the Duren area were still pressing to reach a solid line on the west bank of the river, which has risen three feet in as many days.

This purpose has already been achieved north of Duren, where Maj. Gen. Terry Allen's Timberwolf Division—the 104th Infantry—cleared the last Germans from the area by capturing Schophoven, where fighting had been going on for a week.

Southwest of Duren, the Ninth Infantry Division also scored gains of more than a mile and reached the outskirts of Gurzenich, about 1½ miles from the Ruhr town standing on the road east to Cologne.

Another American division—Ohio's Buckeye 83rd Division—cleared the important Gey-to-Stratt road on the approaches to Duren. This road, which was the scene of one of the heaviest artillery duels of the present offensive, is now completely in U.S. hands.

The Ninth Army, on the First's left flank, had a minor action, which had the effect of co-ordinating its Roer line with that of Hodges' forces. In a move south of Julich the Ninth cleared a small enemy pocket in the triangle formed by the Roer and the Inde, a tributary stream.

German broadcasts spoke of an "all-

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Senate Group OKs Stettinius' Appointments

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee approved today the appointments of all six State Department nominations as undersecretaries and it was expected that the Senate would vote its approval tomorrow.

In its first balloting, the committee had held up confirmation of Archibald MacLeish, historian and poet who formerly was Librarian of Congress, voting 10-10. Sen. Joseph C. Guffey (D.-Pa.), who originally had voted against MacLeish, changed his mind.

Approved with MacLeish were Joseph C. Grew, William Clayton, Nelson Rockefeller, James C. Dunn and Brig. Gen. Julius C. Holmes. The latter is Gen. Eisenhower's chief adviser on civil affairs.

The appointments of all but Dunn and Holmes, who were not nominated until early this week, came up on the Senate floor last week, at which time it was decided to send the names back to the committee for further consideration.

Sen. Albert B. (Happy) Chandler (D.-Ky.) said the Senate wanted the committee to look into such matters as Franco, Vichy, post-war settlements and economic policies as far as the nominees were concerned.

Lupe Velez Found Dead

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14 (AP)—Lupe Velez, 34, tamale-tempered Mexican film actress, was found dead in her Beverly Hills home today, apparently from an overdose of sleeping powder, according to Coroner Frank Nance.

Police officers said they found a note beside the body, but did not disclose its content.

Widely known for her tempestuousness both on and off the screen, Miss Velez recently starred as the "Mexican Spitfire" in a series of pictures.

Formerly married to Johnny (Tarzan) Weismuller, the swimmer, she was later divorced. On Nov. 30 she announced her engagement to Harold Raymond, a French actor, but this romance was broken off last week.

Rip M'Arthur's 'Rosy' Reports

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (AP)—The Herald Tribune charged editorially yesterday that Gen. Douglas MacArthur was using "poetic license" in his communiques, and said the Southwest Pacific commander's

"pronouncements consistently painted a picture much rosier than reality."

Remarking that reports of the Ormoc success encouraged hopes that an end to the Leyte action was at hand, the paper said:

"Unfortunately, that hope would be stronger if it were not for the imaginative overemphasis, verging at times on poetic license, with which MacArthur's communiques are wont to report his successes."

Citing numerous examples date by date, the Herald Tribune said "the inevitable result is that one is forced to receive them with reservations."

Noting MacArthur's campaign of Nov. 3, which said "the end of the Leyte-Samar campaign is in sight," the editorial declared:

"Nowhere have the communiques conveyed any sense of the real grimness of the struggle which absorbed more American divisions than landed in North Africa, the end of which, after a month and a half, is still at best only 'in sight.'"

Battle to Erase Japs on Leyte Island

American troops on Leyte started an offensive Thursday northward from the Ormoc sector to erase the Yamashita line and the Jap garrison trapped on the northern side of the island, Gen. MacArthur announced.

Jap troops caught in the mountains east of the Yamashita line have sustained very heavy losses, a communique said.

MacArthur said three Jap troopships, evidently unaware that Ormoc was in American hands, were sunk with all on board when they steamed into Ormoc harbor to land reinforcements.

New Italian Regime Pleases Washington

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—The State Department today poured oil on the troubled diplomatic waters between Washington and London with a statement that Washington is pleased with the new Italian government.

The statement added that the American and British ambassadors in Rome have been conferring, indicating that the matter of consultations which had disturbed the two Allied capitals has been cleared.

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The Political Front

Dec. 10, 1944

To the B-Bag: Political Information, Please! GIs need more than purely military coverage to understand the significance of situations such as arise in Athens today.

Let's quit dodging the issue. Today Italy, Spain, China (perhaps India, too), as well as Greece, present problems more basically political than military.

Dec. 7, 1944

To the B-Bag: In regard to the recent riots in Greece, we wish to deplore the fact that our political heads allow such corrupt activities to continue functioning.

Tip on Trench Feet

Dec. 5, 1944

To the B-Bag: Having seen a number of patients suffering with frost-bitten and trench feet, allow me to suggest an old Russian preventative that my dad and I have experienced during the cold winters of Pennsylvania.

Simply wrap the feet with toilet paper, then some wax paper, over which you put the sock.

Appreciation

Nov. 19, 1944.

To the B-Bag: I have just returned from a show and one of the most humiliating displays I have ever seen.

It was an amateur English show, and as several of the actors had to work part of the day (Sunday) it got off to a late start.

Yes, we are a fine proud nation and are fighting for the ideals we believe our inheritance, but must we stoop so low to heckle a people who have swallowed their pride, quit their jobs (far more profitable and appreciative) and come to our American hospitals in their country and tried to help us forget our worries?

I take my hat off to these people and may our country know them for what they are doing.—M/Sgt. R. W. Plants, a hospitalized paratrooper.

Service Unit Citations

Nov. 16, 1944

To the B-Bag: Recently two different articles have been published in The Stars and Stripes in regard to Unit Citations for Service units.

[Authority and particulars for the special Unit Citation is found in a Letter, 200.6, Oct. 14, 1944, HQ, ETOUSA, and WD Circular 345, Aug. 23, 1944, which may be received through regular Army publication channels.—Ed.]

For a Chaplain's Corner

Nov. 29, 1944.

To the B-Bag: I think maybe the fellows would like to have a half-column of your paper placed in the hands of our chaplains.

Hash Marks

Two girls were chatting. Said one, "You're wearing your wedding ring on the wrong finger, dearie." "Yeab, I know," was the reply, "I married the wrong man."

Asked why a man's hair turns gray quicker than his mustache, a medic observed that the hair has a 20-year start on the whiskers.

Another unsigned verse left in our type-writer:



Breathes there a man with soul so dead, Who never to himself hath said: "I'd like to knock a knot on our first Sgt.'s head!"

T/3 Willard Weiling has come through with one of the sagest observations of the war: "Points are things a civilian must use every day to live—and which I must damn near get killed to get enough of to be a civilian again."

The German Army once covered a lot of ground. Now it's vice versa.

Who said that? "Calvados is something you add to 180-proof alcohol to give the alky a kick."

If the MPs fashioned their road signs after Burma Shave signs they might read:

You are coming to a town With plenty of gals and spirits. But turn your creaking jeep around, Because the joint's off limits.

Some Medics we know report that a lot of guys are showing up these days at sick call with burned lips. Been smoking those fags too short.

Men of the 39th Signal Company are still trying to cross carrier pigeons with



woodpeckers so the birds can knock on doors when delivering messages.

From the "civil affairs seven" comes this note: "Believe it or not, we have a civilian steno who filled up the wastebaskets every hour on the hour. On investigation we found the basket filled with carbon paper. She explained, 'They get dirty with every letter.'"

J. C. W.

Let's Look at the Record

An Editorial

THAT was a lulu of a statement in the Army and Navy Journal reported in The Stars and Stripes of Dec. 11. "Since D-Day in France," the Army and Navy Journal said, "greater preoccupation has been shown . . . by Great Britain in Italy, Greece and Albania to protect her lifeline through the Mediterranean to India than in an achievement of the prime objective of our armies—prompt defeat of Germany."

Contrast that statement with Winston Churchill's Thanksgiving Day speech in London: ". . . It is a British and American Thanksgiving that we celebrate today. We are joined together shedding our blood side by side struggling for the same ideals. We are moving forward surely, steadily, irresistibly, and perhaps, with God's aid, swiftly, toward victorious peace. But a greater Thanksgiving Day shines ahead; and that is when this union of action forced upon us by war against tyranny shall become a lasting union of sympathy and feeling and loyalty and hope. Then, indeed, there will be a day of thanksgiving and one in which all the world will share."

In a world as big as this, with as many people involved and with the whole business pasted together by the thin, messy glue of human nature, it is hard to tell heads from tails and truth from wishful thinking. The statements above are a case in point. So it may be good to review some facts.

Winston Churchill became



Mr. Winston Churchill

Prime Minister on May 11, 1940. For almost two years thereafter, Britain fought the Germans almost alone. One out of every three houses in England, Scotland and Wales has felt the blast of German bombs. One out of every three Britishers between the ages of 14 and 64—4,500,000 of them—are in the armed services. There are 225,000 more on full-time civilian defense duties, while 3,210,000 are employed in direct war industry. The ratio of Britishers in the services is higher than ours. Battle casualties were recently reported at 563,000—12 per cent of their strength, as against 5 per cent of ours. In addition, Britain has suffered 57,298 civilian dead and 78,918 wounded.

Britain has lost two-thirds of the shipping she had at the start of the war—11,500,000 gross tons. She has built 102,609 planes since 1939 and has used those planes pretty well. A total of 25,116 tanks and over 50,000 gun carriers and armored vehicles have poured from her assembly lines. She did it on reduced rations, in blacked-out cities, in homes and factories never far from the sick smell of death.

For two years, to repeat, the British fought Hitler almost alone. There was a time when the RAF, the British Navy and the Eighth Army were America's toast. There was a time when British-American unity was in full stride and going places.

The facts taken from Churchill's White Paper to the British people don't quite gee up with the Army and Navy Journal's slant on Britain's war role. Yet even these facts have been interpreted by some John Bull baiters as a slap at America's war production and contribution to Lend-Lease. It's part of the rumor rat race. Anything goes that throws mud on the integrity, the loyalty, the intentions of our British ally.

We don't know enough about the inside picture to say whether the Army and Navy Journal is right or wrong, but we'll say the record so far is on the side of Winnie Churchill and the British.

We're proud to be fighting this war beside them. We'd like to fight the peace beside them, too.

Navy Using LCT Rockets To Clear Beaches for Landings

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14—Rocket-firing landing craft, with fire power equal to approximately 2 1/2 times that of a 45,000-ton battleship, are being used by U.S. naval forces attacking Europe, the Office of War Information announced today.

At the same time, the Navy Department announced that production of rockets in the U.S. would be increased 300 per cent within the next few months to meet "the stepped-up tempo of the Pacific war, where every offensive must of necessity be an amphibious operation."

For a year and a half the Landing Craft Tank (Rocket), or LCT (R), was planned and improved by naval experts of the U.S. and Britain and its operation has been one of the best-kept secrets of the war, the OWI stated.

"During the Normandy landings the LCT (R)s went into action before the first waves of landing craft, working with the battleships, cruisers and destroyers in the great bombardment which neutralized much of the expected strong oppo-

sition from the German west wall," the OWI announcement said.

"The Navy put its rockets to the first real test in the amphibious operations in the Pacific war. Rocket-equipped landing craft spearheaded these invasions. By the time the European Theater invasion began, these rocket craft had become a vital factor in landings on enemy-held beaches.

"Crashing ashore under the cover of the big guns of the fleet and the heavy barrage of aerial bombs, landing craft of all sizes laid down their own creeping barrage to clear the approaches and beaches of anti-personnel defenses and enemy forces," the OWI added.

Fired from a light, mobile slide similar to those used in firing Fourth of July rockets, "the 4.5-inch, or beach rocket, with which the amphibious craft are equipped, carries the wallop of an 105-mm. shell."

"Firing so that each salvo overlaps previous ones, they eliminate virtually all secondary fortifications including mines, wire, machine-gun nests, shallow pillboxes and will temporarily stun men in larger fortifications. They are similar to heavy mortar fire," the OWI explained.

Navy planes also have found rockets successful against merchant ships and small warships. They have proved to be excellent weapons against enemy artillery emplacements and AA batteries.

"When a Navy plane fires a salvo at a target hundreds of miles from its carrier, it can have the same devastating effect as a salvo from the five-inch guns of a destroyer," the OWI declared.

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. Friday, Dec. 15: 1200—World News. 1205—Duffie Bag. 1300—Headlines—Sports News. 1305—John Charles Thomas. 1330—Yank Swing Session. 1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour. 1500—Headlines—German Lesson. 1505—Strike up the Band. 1530—On the Record. 1630—It Pays to be Ignorant. 1700—Headlines—Music by Harry James. 1730—London Column. 1745—Novelty Time. 1755—American Sports News. 1800—World News. 1805—Mark up the Map. 1810—GI Supper Club. 1900—Headlines—Command Performance. 1930—Double Feature with Les Tremayne. 2000—Headlines—Combat Diary. 2015—Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians. 2030—Moonlight Serenade. 2100—World News. 2105—Ransom Sherman's Nit Wit Court. 2130—California Melodies. 2200—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A. 2205—Listen Characters. 2300—Final Edition. 2305—Sign off until 0755 hours, Saturday, Dec. 16. Saturday, Dec. 16: 0755—Sign On—Program Resume. 0800—Headlines—Combat Diary. 0815—Personal Album with Marian Manners. 0830—Music from America. 0900—World News. 0905—Music by Count Basie. 0925—Canada Dance Orchestra. 1000—Headlines—Morning After (Command Performance). 1030—Army Talks. 1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A. 1105—Duffie Bag.

Notes from the Air Force

SEVERAL hundred newly-arrived radio operator-gunners have received instruction in combat radio procedure at the 306th Bomb Group radio training school.

The school is under the direction of 2/Lt. William E. Foose, of Landisburg, Pa., a former lead radio operator. The instructors, all of whom have served as lead radio operators in combat, are: T/Sgts. Edwin H. Rees, of New York; Richard A. Craig, of Waterville, Me.; John P. Zamora, of Los Angeles, and Willard M. Colvin, of Erie, Colo.

I/Lt. William J. Cullerton, 355th Mustang Group pilot from Chicago, netted eight German planes in one day recently to become his outfit's top scorer with a total of 18 enemy craft destroyed, 14 on the ground and four in the air. His ground crew includes: S/Sgt. Jerome E. Seidl, Huntingburg, Ind., chief; Sgt. Ray Norman, of Falmouth, Mich., assistant, and Sgt. James A. Woodnail, of New York, armorer.

Lt. Charles E. Beck, 356th Mustang Group pilot from Los Angeles, was flying wing for Lt. Harold E. Whitmore, of Redwood, Cal., when the group was bounced by more than 100 Jerries.

Whitmore shot down one enemy fighter, but another Nazi got on his tail. Beck told Whitmore to break and started chasing the Nazi at 2,500 feet. Over an airfield, German ack-ack bagged the Jerry. Beck's plane was untouched.

F/O Jack D. Leon, 20th Mustang Group pilot from Detroit, got separated from his squadron during a recent air battle over Merseburg and discovered seven Me109s on his tail. Leon turned and started firing back at his pursuers, downing one of the Jerries. The others took off.

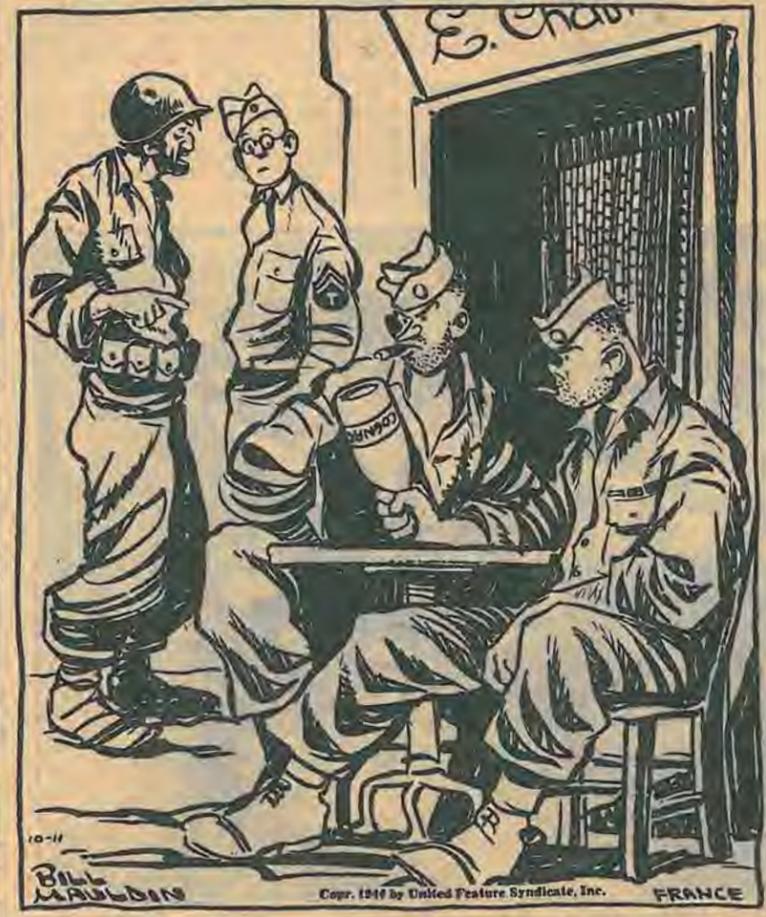
Newman's Yankee Doodles

'WHATCHA GONNA DO AFTER THE WAR?'



"I hope the government will give you a scholarship to a reliable barber college!"

UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



"We calls 'em garrtroopers. They're too far forward t' wear tie; an' too far back t' git shot."

Oklahoma Aggies Defeat NYU, 44-41; Redmen Win

NEW YORK, Dec. 14—The Oklahoma Aggies came from behind to defeat New York University's basketball team, 44-41, in the feature game of last night's Madison Square Garden double-header after Saint John's of Brooklyn had taken the opener from Utah, 39-36, before 16,000.

The Aggies, outplayed in most of the first half, spurted shortly before the intermission and trailed by only one point, 25-26, at the gun. Shortly after the second stanza started they tied it up, 28-28, then dropped five points behind, turned on the heat again, and took the lead for good when Bob "Foot-hills" Kurland, their seven-foot center, dropped one in from up close. The Ags had a 40-39 lead with five minutes remaining and defended thereafter.

Once Over Lightly

By Andy Rooney

NEW YORK, Dec. 14—Portuguese brandies are having a small sale in the States these days and very little Mexican gin is being sold.

That leads directly to a 38-year-old guy without real teeth who is playing professional football for the Giants this year and doing a good job. The gentleman with the crockery choppers is one Kenneth Strong, who back in 1926, when almost everyone else was just a little boy, was carrying the mail for NYU.

It seems that after five years retirement during which time he sold liquor for a concern dealing in Mexican gin, Portuguese brandies, Cuban rum and other goodies, he decided he still had parts of a good ball game left in him. And anyway, business was bad, so when Steve Owen, Giant coach, decided Strong was good for one more, he took up the offer to do the Giant place-kicking during the season.

Up to this week's game with the Redskins Strong was content to go into the game for one play to either kick after a touchdown or try for a field goal, then retire. That was enough for the crowd. But there always was one person in the stands who couldn't understand why he didn't run with the ball. That was Ken Strong Jr., Ken's 12-year-old son.

LAST week Strong got the chance. He was sent in to kick, then left in long enough to run with the ball twice. On the first try he lost four yards and the next time he went for a run just short of a first down.

"Ken was with me when we won our first eastern title in 1934," Coach Steve Owen said, "and he has been on five eastern champions so I thought he ought to have a chance to show Ken Jr. that the old man can still get up and go with the best of them."

STRONG'S greatest day in football—even greater than any of the Saturdays at NYU during which he scored 162 points—was in the '34 Chicago Bears-Giants playoff on a frozen field. The Giants came out in sneakers to play on the concrete-hard field and Strong scored two touchdowns, two extra points and one field goal.

With the title at stake Sunday there is already a rumor that in view of Strong's showing last Sunday and in recent practice sessions he might be used as more than just a one-play player. Owen might put him in the backfield, hand him the ball and say, "Here, run with it, Ken." And if he does old toothless Kenneth probably will run with it.

QUESTION BOX: To Lt. John Harwood.—It was Bump Hadley who beamed Mickey Cochrane at the Yankee Stadium in the middle thirties. To C. Burriss.—The Army-Navy program lists Hal Hamberg's address as Lonoke, Ark. To Pfc E. R. Temple.—In 1942 Colgate beat Dartmouth, 27-19, beat Cornell, 18-6, beat Syracuse, 14-0. To Cpl. E. J. Kopasky.—Byron "Whizzer" White played with the Pittsburgh Pirates pro football team in 1938. To Pfc Jay Deutschberger.—The Washington Redskins beat the New York Giants, 49-14, in that game in '37. . . . To Cpl. Willie Rose.—Notre Dame played Minnesota once between '38 and '41. That game was in '38 when the Irish won, 19-0.

American Hockey League

Buffalo	7	Providence	4
Hershey	4	Pittsburgh	3
Other teams not scheduled.			
EASTERN DIVISION			
W	L	T	P
Buffalo	13	7	2
Hershey	11	9	2
WESTERN DIVISION			
W	L	T	P
Indianapolis	11	7	2
Pittsburgh	11	8	2

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, The Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W1, or APO 413, U.S. Army, Telephone U.K. Base HQ, Ext. 2131.

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Bag Mix-up
 WILL the officer who exchanged field bags with me at Keetering please contact me. The number on my bag is S-3791. Sgt. W. D. Simpson.

Personal
 WILL Lt. William T. Burt, pilot of the "Man-o-War" who received some film belonging to another officer of the same name, please contact Lt. Dorothy J. Gainer, ANC.

Found
 JOHNNY E. Conatser, 3567536—Your identification bracelet has been found.

PIPE found in Grosvenor St., London Dec. 8.—King Est. 818, U.K. Base.

Veterans Dominate All-Pro Eleven



BILL PASCHAL
New York Back



SID LUCKMAN
Chicago Bears Back



AL WISTERT
Philadelphia Tackle



STEVE VAN BUREN
Philadelphia Back



RILEY MATHESON
Cleveland Guard



JOE AGUIRRE
Washington End

Pick Widdoes 'Coach of Year'

NEW YORK, Dec. 14—Carroll Widdoes, coach of Ohio State's unbeaten and untied Buckeyes, won the New York World-Telegram's "Coach of the Year" award with 75 first-place votes of fellow coaches, while Red Blaik, Army mentor, was second with 55 votes.

Widdoes, one of the youngest major college coaches in years of service, succeeds A. M. S. Alonzo Stagg, dean of 'em all, who won last year's award with almost as great a runaway over Notre Dame's Frank Leahy. Widdoes polled a total of 440 points, while Blaik received 170.

Bond Quota Subscribed, Fans Get Bowl Tilt Ducats

NEW YORK, Dec. 14—The public will be allowed to purchase tickets to Saturday's football game at the Polo Grounds between Randolph Field and the Second Air Force without having to purchase war bonds, it was announced yesterday by the War Finance Committee. The fans—and the Treasury Department—owe their thanks to a number of New York banks and business houses who have underwritten the entire \$79,750,000 quota put on the game by the government, thus releasing the ducats for general sale.

CAGE RESULTS

Bates 51, Union 45
 Bucknell 43, Villanova 42
 Concordia (Ill.) 38, Loyola (Chicago) 19
 Davidson 40, Wofford 29
 Evansville 56, Indiana State 54
 Gallaudet 38, Johns Hopkins 35
 Iowa Pre-Flight 49, Iowa State 39
 Marshall 53, Fairmont Teachers 32
 Moorehead (Ky.) 54, LaSalle 47
 Oklahoma Aggies 44, NYU 41
 Pennsylvania 54, Swarthmore 35
 Penn State 64, Susquehanna 12
 Purdue 47, DePauw 31
 St. Francis 37, Cathedral 36
 St. John's 39, Utah 36
 St. Joseph's 62, Washington College 30
 Sampson 68, Hobart 33
 Texas Aggies 34, Berestrom Field 30
 Wesleyan 44, Quonsett Flyers 39
 Western Kentucky 52, So. Baptist 37

Hutson Named For 7th Time

NEW YORK, Dec. 14—Five National League players, including the veteran Don Hutson, were unanimous choices for the All-Pro football team named today by the Associated Press, on which the Giants, Eagles and Bears each placed two men, and Washington, Green Bay, Brooklyn and Detroit one each.

Hutson has been on the All-Pro eleven seven years in a row. The other four picked by all the selectors were Clyde "Bulldog" Turner, Chicago Bear center; Frank "Bruiser" Kinard, Brooklyn Tiger tackle; Frankie Sinkwich, Detroit back, and Len Younce, New York guard.

Teaming up with Hutson on the other end is Joe Aguirre, six-foot-four Redskin who has been great on the offensive all season, while Al Wistert of the Eagles was named to the other tackle spot, and tough Riley Matheson of the Cleveland Rams the other guard berth.

Rookie Steve Van Buren, Eagles' speed demon, is the only "unfamiliar face" in the tough-to-pick backfield, which has Ens. Sid Luckman of the Chicago Bears listed as field general, Bill Paschal of the Giants, the league's leading ground gainer, and Sinkwich.

Giant-Packer Tilt on AFN

American Forces Network will carry the complete account of Sunday's contest between the New York Giants and the Green Bay Packers for the National Football League title. Game will be aired direct from the Polo Grounds in New York starting at 7 PM.

1944 All-Pro Team					
		H	W	COLLEGE	CLUB
End	Don Hutson	6-1	185	Alabama	Green Bay
Tackle	Frank Kinard	6-1	220	Mississippi	Brooklyn
Guard	Len Younce	6-1	210	Oregon State	New York
Center	Clyde Turner	6-1	255	Hardin-Simmons	Chicago Bears
Guard	Riley Matheson	6-3	205	Texas Mines	Cleveland
Tackle	Al Wistert	6-2	215	Michigan	Philadelphia
End	Joe Aguirre	6-4	234	St. Mary's	Washington
Back	Sid Luckman	6-0	201	Columbia	Chicago Bears
Back	Frank Sinkwich	5-11	195	Georgia	Detroit Lions
Back	Steve Van Buren	6-1	200	Louisiana State	Philadelphia
Back	Bill Paschal	6-0	198	Georgia Tech	New York

Major League Moguls Approve Unlimited Night Ball Games

NEW YORK, Dec. 14—The major leagues concluded their joint meeting yesterday with approval of unlimited night baseball for 1945 and the banning of all football teams, professional and college, from their parks until all home games have been played or the club owning the park has been eliminated from or concluded its World Series competition.

Following the precedent set at last July's meeting, the major leaguers granted permission to all teams to play night ball at any time except Sunday, while the football measure, the moguls emphasized, was not passed in reprisal for football competition but merely to insure that the parks would not be torn up from football cleats.

Two proposals brought from the minor meeting at Buffalo were vetoed as expected. They refused to increase the Double-A draft price from \$7,500 to \$10,000 and also rejected the minor league contention that major league teams

invading minor league territory should reimburse the club of the invaded town, plus the remainder of the invaded league. Regarding the latter rejection, the moguls said they contemplated no encroachment on minor league territories at this time and refused to commit themselves until such time as they decide to expand.

The majors continued their policy of promoting American Legion junior baseball leagues and appropriated 20 grand for that purpose.

Grid Loop PRO Raps Action
 NEW YORK, Dec. 14—The National Football League undoubtedly will have something to say at its meeting next week about the action taken by the baseball moguls in barring football teams from the baseball parks until the home club is finished. First to pop off was George Strickler, National Football League publicity director, who pointed out that only two football games were listed for the major league parks before the conclusion of the season, and in both cases the home club had finished at home. "If we ever are going to get our own parks it's actions like this that will hasten the day," Strickler said.

Cochran Wins 3-Cushion Title
 NEW YORK, Dec. 14—Welker Cochran, of San Francisco, won the world three-cushion billiard championship defeating Willie Hoppe, 50-44, in 31 innings.

Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune



Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



By Chester Gould

SOME TIME LATER



By Al Capp

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Life in Those United States

Fewer Smokes in Store For U.S., Probers Find

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (ANS)—The Senate War Investigating Committee, with its nose to the fire in attempt to dig out an answer to "Where are the cigarettes?" today had learned one thing. For the U.S. there probably will be even fewer smokes for civilians next year.

The announcement came after Col. Fred C. Foy, director of purchases for the Army Service Forces, testified before the group that the Army's demands for cigarettes next year would be in excess of present requirements by about 15 per cent.

Meantime, other witnesses who paraded before the committee frankly admitted there weren't enough cigarettes to go around, but because of the manpower situation there was little hope of increasing output. Today, the committee planned to call in officials of the War Manpower Commission, OPA and War Food Administration to see what could be done about getting more tobacco grown and more butts made.

As the hearings moved along, up in Cambridge, Mass., Dr. Ernest Hooton, the Harvard anthropologist who last weekend suggested men over 45 should form the Army of occupation, gave his version of the cigarette scarcity. It's this way, explained the professor:

"The boys in the foxholes with their lives endangered are nervous and miserable and want their girls. Since they can't have them (obviously the girls), they smoke cigarettes.

"The girls at home are nervous and miserable and want the boys. Since they can't have them, they, too, smoke cigarettes."

High Cost of Loving

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (UP)—As OPA agents swarmed about his New Rochelle estate establishing ceiling prices on household furnishings about to be auctioned off, Tommy Manville, seven-times-married millionaire playboy, turned to reporters and said: "I think it is only fair that they put ceiling prices on blondes, too. That would have saved me a lot of money years ago."

Threatens to Dog It

PATCHOGUE, N.Y., Dec. 14 (ANS)—Postmaster Edgar Mapes yesterday warned persons along the route that unless they tied up their dogs he wouldn't deliver 'em any mail.

Tobacco Road Only

CHICAGO, Dec. 14—Newest of the cigarette slogans about town: "Ask the man who owns one."

Golden-Wedding Couples Tell How to Get That Way

BOSTON, Dec. 14 (UP)—Take it from married people who should know—ten golden wedding couples whose mated lives span three wars and total 536 years—a war-time marriage is likely to be a failure.

In a poll conducted by the United Press throughout New England, the "stick-together" couples voiced the following opinions:

1—There's no need to hurry and become a war bride, because there'll be plenty of men available after the war. 2—A courtship should last from two to three years. 3—The best age for a girl to wed is 23, for a man, 26. 4—The best way to a man's heart is through his stomach. 5—There's no truth about the adage: "The first 100 years are the hardest."

Furthermore, girls were advised to get to work at cooking right after honeymoons, to establish homes, have children and "share responsibilities" unselfishly.

Says Oil Output Can't Lag

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (Reuter)—Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes said tonight that U.S. crude-oil production must continue at the present daily rate of 4,700,000 barrels throughout 1945, even if Germany surrenders, to meet modern, mechanized war's enormous demands. At the same time, Ralph Davies, Ickes' deputy, declared that at least 27,000 new wells would have to be drilled next year to meet anticipated requirements.



HAROLD ICKES

It Hain't Necessarily Hoomin

GLOUCESTER, N.J., Dec. 14 (ANS)—School janitor Robert Eastlake yesterday asked the Board of Education to cut his salary \$200 annually. Said Eastlake: "I don't have as much work to do as I used to." The board was too surprised to act.

OK to KO

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 14—Mrs. Paul Fisher came home yesterday and found the radio wouldn't work and the same for the carpet sweeper. "At least the icebox is OK," she told her husband. Mr. Fisher opened it and the door fell off.

Oh, Oh

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 14 (ANS)—A classified ad in the Tulsa Tribune read: "Let's swap: Unused engagement and wedding ring; want automatic shotgun."

Tough to Get Into Pit, but Not the Doghouse

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (ANS)—Something went wrong with the platform on which the orchestra in the Capitol Theater rises into position for a performance and afterwards descends into the pit. The thing became stuck just as the musicians had completed their program—blocking the screen.

The incident brought a delay in the rest of the show and a flock of letters to the managements from husbands and wives who were late getting home and found it difficult to explain.

"For gosh sakes, please send me a letter explaining the delays," dozens of patrons pleaded. "I told (my wife) (or husband) why I missed the show, or was late, but (she) (he) just wouldn't believe it."

Closer to Clients?

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 14—The town jail is gone. It was hauled away to nearby Albany and set up for business again after being auctioned off for \$400.

2 Gallons—and a Burp

RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 14—A sign at a nearby roadside combination garage and filling station reads: "Eat Here—Get Gas."

Wins Governor's Chair, May Have to Sleep in It

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 14 (ANS)—It's no bed of roses to be a winner in a political race—even for a governor. In fact, in Idaho it's practically no bed of any kind.

There being no governor's mansion in the State, Gov.-elect C. C. Cossett is finding the housing problem mighty tough. He is scheduled to take office next month, but can't find a place to live.

What's more, the hotels have told him they won't accept a permanent guest.

Ike's Uncle Dies

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 14—Abraham Lincoln Eisenhower, 81-year-old uncle of Gen. Eisenhower, died here yesterday.

Harry Richman Weds

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Dec. 14—Entertainer Harry Richman, 49, and Dancer Yvonne Day, 22, were married here today.

New Type of Penicillin Cures Gonorrhea in One Treatment

CHICAGO, Dec. 14—A single injection of penicillin X, a new variety of penicillin, has cured gonorrhea in 64 out of 68 cases, it was announced yesterday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

It recently was reported that one shot of regular penicillin, mixed with beeswax to make the drug last longer, had cured gonorrhea. Penicillin X, also called Factor X, or Allopenicillin, was more effective, however.

Penicillin X cured 94 per cent of the 68 cases treated, while regular penicillin cured only 37 out of 58 cases, or 64 per cent. Three of the patients not cured with regular penicillin were cured by a subsequent injection of penicillin X.

The Journal also reported other penicillin successes—the cure of two cases of agranulocytosis (absence of white

blood cells), the prevention of pus-producing infections following the surgi-

Cupid's Arrow May be Shot From a PROstring

Prophylactic kisses are in happy prospect for post-war wooers, in the opinion of Sir Alexander Fleming, discoverer of penicillin. The professor said in a lecture that when penicillin went on the market for general use it might be put in lipstick and toothpaste—"anywhere where it can get at the microbes."

cal removal of a lung, and the development of a new solution which increases the concentration of penicillin in the blood.

A Windfall, This Sight - - - In the U.S.A.



Carol Martineau (left) and Gale Sherman appear untouched by the gay prospect of a white Christmas on the home front as they labor to extricate their stalled automobile after the season's first heavy snowstorm. Snow plows battling a two-foot fall in the Midwest piled more snow against the vehicle. The storm immobilized traffic in many sections of the East and curtailed production at many war plants through absenteeism.

Storm Deaths Now 87 in U.S.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14—Clearing weather moved slowly eastward across the nation today, gradually dissipating the snowstorm that had caused 87 deaths in the U.S. and southeastern Canada since Sunday.

A freak snowstorm off Lake Michigan, centering in Gary, Ind., followed last night in the wake of the season's most severe storm over a wide area, but temperatures elsewhere in the country were rising to normal.

Flood tides which had battered the New England States and small floods in lower Massachusetts were subsiding.

Passengers on a Baltimore and Ohio train, stalled 24 hours when snow and fallen trees blocked the tracks 45 miles out of Charleston, W. Va., warded off hunger when the conductor requisitioned a shipment of wieners and bread.

West Front -

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out offensive" against Duren, outlining what the Nazis considered Hodges' strategy to be. The First, said Berlin, would stab northeast from Monschau and then swing northward to erase the Germans' bridgehead position west of Duren. Like Julich, to the north, the main portion of Duren is on the east bank of the Roer.

Below the Saar bulge, the Seventh Army, which is advancing at points along a 35-mile front, gained up to three miles in some places as it headed toward Karlsruhe.

To the west, where the Third Army was massed along the Saar, the 95th Division pushed out beyond Fraulautern, northeastern suburb of Saarlautern, taking more pillboxes and fortified houses. In the Sarreguemines area, south of Saarlautern, the Americans beat off a strong enemy counter-attack, but not before the Germans had knocked out a bridge across the Blies river.

Chinese Are Set For Mandalay Push

Chinese patrols were reported Thursday to have ranged 40 miles below Bhamo, on the Irrawaddy River in northern Burma. The Chinese armies were said to be in a position to force the Japanese south toward Mandalay and the Burma Road.

An advance of nearly 200 miles since October through jungle and swamp has brought them to within 120 air miles of Mandalay, capital of Burma, in the deepest penetration of Burma they have thus far achieved.

Law Replaces Macmillan In Anglo-U.S. Policy Talk

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (Reuter)—The British Embassy announced today that Richard K. Law, minister of state and member of the council and committee of UNRRA, was coming to Washington to discuss Anglo-American policy in place of Harold Macmillan, who has gone to Athens instead of making his scheduled visit to Washington.

Terry and the Pirates



Common Garden Type Of V1 Used by Japs

The Japs have their own version of V1—Vegetable Weapon I—according to the Daily Mirror.

The Japs were reported using hollowed coconut shells, filled with picric acid, as mines and hand-grenades. Advantage of the weapon is that, being non-metallic, it is immune to ordinary detection methods. The explosive charge was said to be sufficient to blow the wheel off a jeep.

Weather Keeps 8th AF Idle

Eighth Air Force heavy bombers and fighters were kept idle yesterday for the second consecutive day because of weather.

Approximately 250 Marauders, Havocs and Invaders of the Ninth Air Force Wednesday pounded Schleiden, 20 miles south of Duren, four other villages within a five-mile radius, and a railway at Euskirchen, without loss, in support of the U.S. First Army.

Proximity Lets A Marine Do His Buddie's Duty



International News Photo Marine Cpl. Anthony Wojcik, of Chicago, is a man of his word. Before leaving on furlough to the States from the South Pacific he promised his buddy, Sgt. Paul Neroda, that he would deliver in proxy to the latter's pretty wife, Helen, a kiss. Back in Chicago the Corporal solved the pressing problem, as shown here.

Flying Privates Save Wounded

CHINDWIN FRONT, Burma, Dec. 12 (Delayed) (Reuter)—U.S. Army volunteers—all NCOs or privates, who were organized in 1942 as air spotters and who only lately received flying pay—recently evacuated 130 casualties from a forward Allied unit which had clashed with the Japanese across the Chindwin River.

Though each of the 32 light observation planes used could take only one patient, the rescue was effected within two hours by four flights, which took off from an advanced jungle air strip, landed at an emergency field about 300 yards long and returned.

The fliers' base, cut out of the jungle and surrounded by mountains, is a supply terminus for Dakota transports from Assam and Bengal, in India. Commanding the field are British Army officers.

Navy Fighters To Do 700-per

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14—Fighter planes with top speeds of more than 700 miles an hour—almost the speed of sound—will be in service in the near future, Rear Adm. DeWitt C. Ramsey, chief of the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics, reported to the House Naval Affairs Committee today.

The highest announced operational speed of Navy fighter planes is about 400 mph, although some have approached the speed of sound in dives.

Ramsey said the increased operational speeds would be accompanied by increased rates of climb and service ceilings. He added that multi-engine patrol planes were being developed to carry increased loads at nearly twice the speed of present patrol planes.

Big Battle Raging On Lamone River

ROME, Dec. 14 (AP)—The Nazi command today flung all available armor and infantry reserves into a furious battle against the Canadian bridgehead on the Lamone River.

The Allies, however, appeared to be getting the best of the fighting, which has now flared up on a large scale along a broad front for the first time in several weeks.

Fifth Army attempts to gain high ground near Monte Castello were halted by counter-attacks.

PD PP

ATLANTA, Dec. 14 (ANS)—The Atlanta Police Department quartet now has a fine new room in which to practice. It's soundproof.

Jerry, He Burps; Jap, He Just Plain Belches

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13—The war in Europe is not as dirty as that in the Pacific, in the opinion of Col. Frank Kurtz, bomber pilot who has been in both theaters.

"If the German is not a gentleman, at least he wants you to think he is," Kurtz said. "But the Jap will fight dirty every time he gets a chance."

Kurtz recently returned from Italy, where he led 60 missions over 11 countries. Early in the war he piloted a bomber in the Pacific.

By Milton Caniff

