

Nazi Attacks Dent First's Line

New Philippine Invasion Gains

Yanks 7 Mi. In on Island Near Luzon

American forces which landed almost unopposed Friday 150 miles south of Manila on the Philippines island of Mindoro, Sunday night had driven from seven to nine miles inland, and at least one town and airfield were in U.S. hands.

U.S. planes continued to pound Japanese defensive air bases on Luzon Island, to the northeast, and resistance remained light.

San Jose, on the Bugsanga River five miles inland from the southwestern coast of Mindoro, was taken Saturday, and U.S. engineers and Australian Air Force personnel were at work Sunday repairing its airfield.

The invasion, which will put all of Luzon, major Philippine island, within range of U.S. short-distance bombers, was made by men of Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger's Sixth Army, who landed on three beachheads on the south coast. Tokyo estimated the American force was about a division strong. The northern tip of Mindoro is about 100 miles from Manila.

The invasion convoy traveled the entire width of the Philippines from nearly-

4 Months Are Plenty, Says Navy Fighter Ace

PEARL HARBOR, Dec. 17 (AP)—Cmdr. David McCampbell, the U.S. Navy's top fighter pilot with 34 enemy planes to his credit, said today that four months was about as long as a fighter pilot should see continuous action.

He has been flying combat seven months, but said that this was "far too long."

liberated Leyte to the east, thus splitting the archipelago in two.

To protect the convoy and invading troops, Filipino guerrillas, some of them Bataan veterans, seized strategic airfields and ports on the intervening islands of Panay, Negros, Cebu and Bohol, as well as a 125-mile stretch of coast on northern Mindanao, to the south.

The invasion boats were equipped with rockets. Planes of Vice-Adm. John S. McCain's naval task force, also rocket-firing, kept up a continuous attack against enemy air bases. During Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 235 Jap planes were destroyed and 139 damaged on and over Luzon.

One enemy destroyer, crippled and seeking refuge in Mindoro's Pandarochan Bay, was sunk. A medium tanker and a cargo ship were sunk, while another medium tanker and nine cargo ships were damaged. Four destroyers and destroyer escorts were damaged.

The Japanese claimed that a battleship or large cruiser and four transport ships were sunk by Jap planes off Mindoro.



Striking from Leyte across the width of the Philippines, U.S. Sixth Army forces landed Friday near San Jose, on Mindoro (landing site shown on small map above), in a giant stride toward the goal—Jap-held Manila, 150 miles north. The route believed taken by the Allied convoy through the island chain is indicated in lower map.

Reich, U.S.—Here We Come



Freeze Output For Civilians

By Joe Fleming

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—The War Production Board has ordered all civilian production frozen at present levels to meet vital war needs and to discourage a labor shift from war plants to other work.

In effect a "hold the line" ruling, the order was dated Dec. 7 and circulated immediately within the board, but it was not publicly announced until yesterday.

Under the ruling, increased civilian output may be sought only if a "positive demonstration" is given that current civilian schedules are below "essential requirements." A slight margin for civilian-goods expansion is also provided in the continuance of a "spot" plan which allows consumer-goods production by individual factories unneeded for war work.

Meanwhile, in the wake of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes' "work or fight" order to men from 26 to 37, Selective Service Headquarters ordered local draft boards to apply stricter interpretations to older men's classifications.

4,700 GIs to Take Jobs in U.S. Plants

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—The War Department has announced a plan to furlough 4,700 soldiers to work in labor-short plants producing top-priority military goods.

The soldiers, experienced in the type of work involved, will go to 180 selected plants producing heavy artillery and mortar ammunition, tires and cotton duck. As soon as civilian workers are available the soldiers will go back to their military duties.

GIs alerted for overseas duty, assigned to the infantry or in air-crew training programs will not be considered.

Belgian, French Firms To Make Mortars for U.S.

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—Belgian and French firms have contracted to manufacture \$650,000 worth of 60 and 81mm. mortars for the American Army to meet urgent needs in those weapons, the War Department announced today.

This is part of the campaign to augment American production and save on manpower and shipping. Fifteen Continental firms are now manufacturing tires and recaps as well as jeep batteries and machine guns.

Thrust Carries Foe Back Into Belgium And Luxemburg

Striking against the southern sector of the American First Army front in what apparently was an attempt to throw Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' forces off balance, German tanks and troops stabbed at three points Sunday along a 50-mile front, penetrating across the Belgian and Luxemburg borders.

Report Invalids to Pilot Bombs Into London

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 17 (UP)—Several hundred incurable war invalids have volunteered for a one-way suicide trip to London in a German V-4, which is apparently a piloted variation of the flying bomb, the Free German Press Bureau said today.

Suggested targets for the pilots, according to the bureau, would be Buckingham Palace, 10 Downing St. and the London docks.

With their homeland threatened by five Allied armies on Reich soil the Germans hit back near Honsfeld, Belgium, south of the point where the Second Infantry Division of the First Army had opened its attack in the Monschau Forest last Wednesday. Tank fighting was reported in progress near Honsfeld, 2½ miles inside Belgium and a dozen miles southeast of Malmedy.

The Germans went into Luxemburg at two points. One group drove southwest of Vianden, 14 miles south of the junction of the German-Belgian-Luxemburg borders. Fifteen miles farther southeast, another unit gained south of the border town of Echternach.

Number of Divisions

A Columbia Broadcasting System correspondent said the enemy drive south of Monschau was carried out by a number of divisions and that paratroopers had been dropped behind the American lines. The counter-thrust, he said, came from the Schnee-Eifel hills, east of the Belgian border, and achieved a measure of surprise because this sector had been relatively quiet.

The major force of the Germans' counter-thrust apparently was on the sector along the Belgian-Luxemburg borders, but an Associated Press SHAEF dispatch said the enemy had also tested the Americans' strength all along the line, putting in an attack near Linnich, on the Ninth Army front. This assault was broken up after an hour's fight, it was said.

From Ninth Army Headquarters, however, Reuter reported that a German counter-attack was continuing and quoted what apparently was a captured order of the day by Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt in which he was said to have exhorted his troops to "give your all in one last effort."

Nazis Met Halfway

Enemy counter-blows toward Maria-weiler and Gurzenich—north of the sector where the Belgian border was pierced—were met halfway by the Americans, who held all their ground.

German planes were active over the Ninth Army front Saturday night and Sunday. Six were downed at night and another 20 in daylight. It was estimated that about 500 enemy sorties were made. Allied airmen, meanwhile, continued to hammer the enemy supply routes.

Another radio correspondent indicated that the Americans had had to evacuate one Belgian town, describing how enemy shells had burst down a road as German forces, tanks and infantry, advanced. "An American lieutenant colonel was one of the last to leave this Belgian town, which

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Roads to Vienna Russian Goal

While bitter but indecisive fighting continued Sunday in the northeastern outskirts of Budapest, other Russian forces battled along a 325-mile stretch of Hungary from Budapest south to the Drava River in an effort to capture the major roads to Vienna.

Northeast of Budapest, in Slovakia, the upper jaw of the Soviet pincers continued to press downward in an effort to seize other German lifelines to Vienna. The Reds were fighting along the north bank of the Ipoly River, along the Slovak-Hungarian border, probing for weak spots through which to drive toward Austria. The town of Sahy, on the Ipoly, was captured.

Torrential rain turned Eastern Front battlefields into seas of mud. In the far north Russian bombers resumed mass raids against German bases in East Prussia.



Keystone, U.S. Army Photos

While one American force enters Germany, members of another prepare to leave for the U.S. under the new rest and recuperation plan for combat veterans. Top, infantry of Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army—the fifth Allied Army to enter the Reich—moves into Scuffenheim in their advance to within seven miles of Karlsruhe. Bottom, these infantrymen, the night before this picture was taken, were fighting Nazis across the Saar River when they learned they were part of 64 Yanks granted a 30-day furlough at home, plus travel time. All have been decorated for valor.

Faenza Falls To 8th Army

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—Aided by massed artillery barrages and strong air support, New Zealand troops of the Eighth Army have captured the German stronghold of Faenza, on the Rimini-Bologna road, thrusting into the town from the southwest and from the east across the Lamone River against bitter resistance by the 90th Panzer Grenadiers, it was announced today.

Faenza, 25 miles southeast of Bologna, had blocked the Allied drive from the Adriatic for several weeks. After losing the town, the Germans fell back to the Senio River, three miles away, destroying the highway bridge over the stream, which apparently will serve as their next defense line against the Eighth's push to the Po plain.

Clark Takes Over 15th Army Group

15TH ARMY GROUP HQ, Italy, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark assumed command today of the 15th Army Group, succeeding Field Marshal Sir Harold R. L. W. Alexander, and turned over command of the Fifth Army to Lt. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott. Clark addressed a farewell message to the Fifth, which he had led since January, 1943.

AWOL Nabbed in Bullet Battle

CHICAGO, Dec. 17—No less than 21 police cars chased through Chicago streets after Thomas Hand, an AWOL soldier from Camp Hood, Tex., who stole a taxicab with a passenger in it. Fifty-nine bullets penetrated the cab before Hand finally halted.

U.S. Won't Let Finns Pay Up

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—The U.S. yesterday refused to allow Finland to pay her \$235,445 war debt installment from Finland's frozen funds in this country. It was understood that the State Department favored acceptance of the payment, although it has broken off diplomatic relations with Finland. However, the Treasury Department was understood to be against such acceptance.

The Treasury recently refused to let Finland use part of her blocked funds to pay off the interest on Finnish government bonds. Treasury officials were reported to feel that releasing funds to pay the U.S. would be inconsistent with the previous policy and would make America a "preferred creditor" of Finland.

Poles Honor Eisenhower

PARIS, Dec. 17—Gen. Eisenhower was made a member yesterday of the highest Polish military order, Virtuti Militari. Lt. Gen. Kopanski, Polish chief of staff, conferred on the Supreme Commander the Silver Cross of the order "in recognition of outstanding gallantry."

GIs on Road to Mandalay

MYITKYINA, Burma, Dec. 16 (delayed) (AP)—U.S. troops are closest to Mandalay of any Allied force in Burma, it was revealed today with announcement that the "Mars" task force, led by Brig. Gen. John P. Willey and made up of men from the old Marauders, infantry replacements from home and volunteers from the India-Burma theater, were fighting the Japanese in north Burma 65 miles below captured Bhamo.

News of U.S. infantry and artillery participation in the Burma campaign

alongside British and Chinese forces was released after an American unit, commanded by Col. Ernest Easterbrook, son-in-law of Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, former U.S. commander in China, clashed with the Japanese at Tonkwa, south of Bhamo and 120 miles north of Mandalay.

The Mars force marched more than 200 miles through jungles, over mountains and through swamps before making contact with the foe. They wore new jungle-green uniforms which were being tried out for the first time.

Injured Combat Men Resolutely Look to Future With Courage



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T/Sgt. Howard Hart. "... You do change."

France, Russia in 20-Yr. Pact; Both to Fight Any German Stab

France and the Soviet Union will take common measures to render impossible "a new German attempt of aggression" after the war, and will assist each other economically to speed up post-war reconstruction, according to details of the 20-year Franco-Soviet pact—drawn up during Gen. deGaulle's recent visit—made known Sunday by Paris Radio.

An assurance was made to the other United Nations that the treaty did not affect any previous agreements entered into with "third nations" by either France or Russia.

The French Cabinet, after listening to a detailed explanation of the pact by Gen. deGaulle and Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, decided to submit the treaty to the Consultative Assembly before ratification.

The signs also stress health, one saying: "Some Will Go Back with the V.C.—And Some Will Go Back with V.D."

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Ike Present as Orderly Weds a WAC Driver

SHAEF, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—Gen. Eisenhower attended yesterday the first wedding at SHAEF in France of a WAC and an American soldier and later gave a reception for the couple—Cpl. Pearl Hargrave, of Minnesota, driver for the general's staff, and M/Sgt. Michael McKeogh, of New York, Eisenhower's orderly for 3 1/2 years.

The bride, dressed in a Paris-designed gown, was given in marriage by Lt. Col. Ernest R. Lee, Eisenhower's aide.

Stuttgart Rail Yards Bombed

Bad weather confined the weekend's activity by the Eighth Air Force to an attack Saturday by a small force of Fortresses, escorted by P51s, on the Kornwestheim railyards in the northern suburbs of Stuttgart. Three bombers were lost.

The Kornwestheim center is one of the two main marshalling yards in the Stuttgart area. The other, at Unterturkheim, just south of the city, was bombed and severely damaged Dec. 9.

Forts and Libs of the 15th Air Force Sunday carried out an assault on synthetic-oil plants at Blechhammer and near Odertal in Silesia. Escorting Mustangs and Lightnings encountered their first sizable formation of enemy fighters in weeks over northern Moravia, engaging in over 50 dogfights.

Other B24s, ranging Austria, struck at rail yards at Salzburg and other targets at Wels, 15 miles southwest of Linz.

Mediterranean RAF heavies attacked motor transport in Yugoslavia, and others dropped supplies to British troops in Greece.

A Reuter dispatch said 300 German aircraft operated over the U.S. Ninth Army front Saturday night.

Meantime, it was announced that all of the tracks of the important Innsbruck railyards, at the head of the Brenner Pass, were cut and most of the sidings blocked in raids Friday and Saturday by Italy-based heavies.

Forts and Libs of the 15th Air Force Saturday also attacked synthetic-oil targets at Bruix in Czechoslovakia.

West Fronts -

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has been in our hands for many weeks now," he said.

He added that doughboys were searching for enemy paratroops in Eupen, about 10 miles northwest of Monschau.

Dispatches from the Seventh Army front said Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's troops had gained two miles along a 14-mile front in southwestern Germany, capturing five villages from which the enemy had withdrawn.

All the villages were in the vicinity of Wissembourg.

The United Press said a partial security screen had been imposed on Seventh Army operations, suggesting that the German defenders in this area were in such confusion that the enemy high command did not know exactly what the situation was.

West of the Seventh Army front, the Third Army still was fighting in Saarlautern and Dillingen. The 90th Division, in its 10th day of fighting in Dillingen on Sunday, captured 13 more blocks of houses in a 500-yard advance.

Further progress was made in the Habkirchen bridgehead over the Blies River, east of Sarreguemines, where the 35th Infantry Division has been engaged.

Vox Pop-Off Vets Unafraid, No Bogies

THE QUESTION: As a result of your combat experience, do you think you will have a more difficult readjustment problem than others when you get back home?

By Claire Kerlee
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A Stars and Stripes reporter and photographer visited the 91st General Hospital in England to find out what the men who have been injured in combat think about getting back home.

Some of these men may be home soon. Some haven't been in combat very long, but long enough to put them out of the war. Some may get back into combat again before the war is over.

Do people at home worry about the readjustment problem that will exist for these men and their families? This is evidenced by some of the articles written on the subject at home. There have been statements about shock, ruthlessness, responsibility, and any number of scare phrases which might promote a pessimistic outlook for the future of young GI Joe when he gets back to civilian status.

So we asked these men the question.

Pvt. George Adams, 19-year-old 26th Division infantryman from Lyngrove, Ky., was going to high school when he was drafted. He isn't going home right away, as he had a little trouble with some burns from white phosphorus. His reply: "I think it will be easier for the men who have been in combat. We didn't want to leave home anyway, didn't want to leave our families, so we'll be glad to get back. I'm going back to school, and I think I'll get right back into things if I can take a little rest first."

T/Sgt. Howard Hart, 116th Infantry, 29th Division, is 26, married and from Elizabethton, Tenn. He enlisted in the Army before Pearl Harbor, was discharged and drafted when the U.S. entered the war. His reply: "You do change in a way. You get two types of men. One thinks the world owes him a living. The other knows he did his job and he swings right back into position."

"I don't want to be discharged before the war is over. I have two brothers who are still in it, one in France and one in the Pacific, and I'd like to help get supplies to them. If I went back to civilian status now, I'd feel as though I was deserting them. When the war is over, I'd like to go to a trade school for three to six months."

Pfc Anthony J. Topensky, 19-year-old Brooklyn boy, was with the 83rd Armored Field Artillery. He said: "I figure Hart is right. If I get discharged, I'm going to try to settle down, and will probably take my old job back. I may go to school and learn the machinist trade."

Pvt. Vernon Charles Wagner, of Canajoharie, N.Y., has been in the Army for 3 1/2 years. He is married and has a two-year-old son. He has been in combat in Normandy and Germany for about five months. "I don't expect any difficulty, as long as I am with my wife," he said. "Just being away from her makes me different, and over here I'm irritable and unpleasant sometimes. But I am going to be all right when I get home to her. I am going to take my old job in a chewing-gum plant."

Pfc Jack E. Halpern, 27, is from Chicago and was with the 26th Division. "I think combat made me a little wiser," he said. "I appreciate more the simpler things of life, the formerly accepted things. Adjustment will possibly be a little tough at first, but it will straighten itself out. I want my wife and daughter, and to live a natural life when I get home. I think I will take a more active interest in my government and try to change things that need changing. If people had interested themselves a little more before this happened, maybe it would not have materialized."

S/Sgt. Luther E. Wyatt, 23, from Huron, Ohio, has been married two years and away from the States for 11 months. He was a stevedore on the Huron ore docks before being drafted, and has been in combat six months with an Infantry outfit. "I was in France and right on through," he said. "This war has just about wrecked me, and I'll have a little more difficult problem than some others, but I don't hold a grudge against anyone. If I can get fixed up or get a pension, I can go on my own and won't have to worry so much. I may be able to go back to my same job. If I had to, I would go back up there into combat with a free heart. But it will be pretty nice to get back to my wife. She sends me a telegram almost every day."

These men are a few of America's future. The same ideas were expressed throughout the wards in the 91st General by men who have been knocked out in combat.

There is little expressed fear of readjustment, little bitterness or hard antagonism. Everywhere there is a healthy atmosphere of men looking forward to the future with "everything is going to be all right" and "we'll try to change the things that need changing."

Don't Kick, Save Tires

AN ORDNANCE DEPOT MOTOR POOL, England, Dec. 17—"There is no connection between a GI shoe and a tire pressure gauge, yet some soldiers think they're the same," Sgt. Boyd M. Binford, of Udall, Kan., said today when questioned about the UK tire conservation program. "You can't tell how much air is in a tire by booting it with your foot. You need a gauge."

"In this business of taking care of tires," Binford continued, "you can't do things the easy way or the hard way. You have to do them the right way. Checking air pressure by kicking a tire is an example of an easy way that doesn't pay off. The 'cowboy' driving some of these truck jockeys do is a sample of the hard way."

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Pravda Backs Hungary Push

MOSCOW, Dec. 17 (AP)—Russia's resentment at what she considers a tendency abroad to belittle the Red Army's Hungarian offensive boiled over today in a fresh Pravda attack on the American Army and Navy Journal and in the release of figures purporting to prove that there were practically as many German divisions engaged on the southern sector of the Eastern Front as against all the Allied forces in the West.

Moscow News, sole English-language newspaper in Russia, announced yesterday that on Dec. 1 220 enemy divisions were tied up in the East, of which 200 were German. Seventy were located at the southern end of the front.

Pravda again directed fire against the Army and Navy Journal as "a source of pro-Hitlerite propaganda."

The Service magazine was attacked by Pravda on Dec. 3 for an article which, Pravda said, cast doubt on whether Russia had fulfilled the military decisions of the Teheran Conference.

Pravda asserted that since that time the magazine had tried to dismiss its criticism with "hypocritical phrases, trying to create the impression that it had been misunderstood."

More Nominees, and 1 Less

T/Sgt. Clive T. Yancey, of Tallahassee, Fla., threw The Stars and Stripes Man of the Year Committee into something of a dither last week by slipping his fist into the nominations hat and modestly withdrawing his name.

Yancey's name had been thrown into the hat—along with the names of President Roosevelt, Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, Gen. Eisenhower, Cordell Hull, Wendell Wilkie, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. and Sad Sack—by an admiring GI.

From his bed in a hospital in England,

where Yancey is recovering from the wounds—and the heroism—that prompted his admirer's nomination, he wrote: "Part of your story isn't true. It was our medic who received the decoration under fire. I fell on the bayonet which busted my leg up and so I had to have the operation. So if you will withdraw my name it will make me feel much better."

Pvt. Ralph F. Miller nominated Pvt. Molotov, who was called that although his real name was something unpronouncedly different, and who, after being hailed by his buddies as the Army's prize GI, dug himself a niche in their hall of fame by single-handedly storming a German machine-gun. He died in the act.

S/Sgt. Irving Gold, calling him the GI's general, nominated "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell. Cpl. Carmine E. Ciampa and Pfc Saul Rosen nominated Marshal Josef Stalin. And Sailor Ralph E. McInnis nominated Glenn Miller and Joe E. Brown.

The Man of the Year Committee, slowly digging its way through the mass of nominating letters, will name The Man in a couple of weeks.

Give Him a Gift



St. Nick's hope to get you home at last by next Christmas can only be fulfilled by co-operation on your part. Help conserve tires. By doing so you're going to aid combat troops up front now faced with a serious tire shortage. Pfc Elmer C. Gustafson, 30, of Denver, donned the red robes and whiskers, and to add point to his preaching sat on top of some of the hard-to-get objects at the 192nd Army General Hospital.



GEN. PATTON JOE E. BROWN

President Roosevelt, Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, Gen. Eisenhower, Cordell Hull, Wendell Wilkie, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. and Sad Sack—by an admiring GI.

From his bed in a hospital in England,

Life in Those United States

Roosevelt Signs Bill Freezing Security Tax

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—President Roosevelt yesterday signed "with reluctance" a bill freezing the social-security tax at the current level of one per cent for employees—thus preventing an automatic double of the rate at the start of the new year.

The President declared in a formal note to Congress that it would be incumbent on the next Congress to review thoroughly the methods of financing social-security benefits, stating that he planned "at an early date to submit a comprehensive plan for broadening and improving" the system.

"At that time, I hope," Mr. Roosevelt said, "a clear understanding of the government's financial responsibilities for social security will emerge and a long-term plan for allocating costs will be developed."

CAPITAL SIDESHOW: Postoffices throughout the country are seeking mail carriers at \$7 a day to handle the Christmas rush. . . . Both the Army and Navy authorized servicemen on leave during the holidays to accept civilian jobs.

WPB reported that in the first quarter of 1944 American women spent \$281,100,000 for street dresses while men paid \$167,800,000 for suits and \$108,500,000 for shirts. . . . The Senate approved a \$500,000,000 post-war program for improvement of rivers and harbors but rejected an amendment to authorize the controversial St. Lawrence seaway despite a last-minute boost by President Roosevelt for that project.

Kelly Gets British Medal

FORT BENNING, Ga., Dec. 17 (ANS)—T/Sgt. Charles E. (Commando) Kelly, winner of the Congressional Medal and Silver Star for his heroism in Italy, has been presented with the British Military Medal "for gallantry and intrepidity beyond the call of duty on Sept. 13, 1943"—the same action which brought to Kelly the highest U.S. award.



COMMANDER KELLY Lt. Gen. Mark Clark, then commander of the Fifth Army, recommended Kelly for the citation, which was approved by Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander of the British Army.

Second Coat

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 17 (UP)—After the manager of a San Diego lumber firm had refunded \$20 on a can of white lead, he found that the paint had been stolen from his premises only a few hours before.

Miss Take No Mistake

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 17 (ANS)—When a bunch of Marines returning from the Pacific pulled into Pennsylvania station, one grabbed the first woman he saw and kissed her. "This is a mistake, isn't it?" the woman said. "Nope," he answered. "I haven't seen a woman in three years."

Goed Work

McALESTER, Okla., Dec. 17 (ANS)—Bags of mail went through on schedule yesterday despite the fact a half gallon of molasses being shipped in one of them broke open and messed up everything.

The Justice Buys Some Peace

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 17 (ANS)—Like a lot of other people, Justice Tom Fletcher doesn't like juke boxes. Thus, it was annoying when his favorite luncheon spot on Main St. installed a record machine which drowned out heated discussions between Fletcher and several attorneys at the noon-time meal.

Yesterday Fletcher put an end to the musical interference. Stepping into the restaurant, he headed immediately for the juke box and placed a sign over the machine which read "Out of Order."

When he left he took the sign with him and also deposited a quarter for 15 minutes' entertainment for others. The Judge ruled it was a reasonable fee—for peace and quiet.

Any Takers?

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 17 (UP)—The following advertisement appeared in the "positions wanted" column of a local paper: "I don't like work, but have a family to care for. Don't know much, not capable or willing to learn. Perfect qualifications for head of a department or superintendent of a shop. Must be big money, little work."

8-Star Family

BUCKLEY FIELD, Colo., Dec. 17 (ANS)—The soldier paper here yesterday submitted the Ostlers, of Chelsea, Mass., as the American family having the most sons in the armed forces. The Ostlers have eight stars on their service flag, including S/Sgt. Howard L. Ostler, who was awarded the DFC Friday. Seven of the Ostlers are on active duty. The eighth was killed in action.

Woman Pregnant for 18 Years Finally Delivered

PALMDALE, Cal., Dec. 17 (UP)—Eighteen years ago Mrs. Martin Buck was expecting a baby, but it never came. Deciding at the time it must have been a tumor, she forgot about it.

Recently she went to a doctor with a bad cold. She was X-rayed. Mrs. Buck, the doctor discovered, had been pregnant 18 years ago and since had been carrying the embryo of the child, which had ceased to live at eight months. The mummified embryo was removed yesterday in a Caesarean operation.

Doctors reported there were fewer than 20 such cases in medical history.

Tribute to Lupe

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 17 (UP)—The bell rang ten times before the main boxing event in the Hollywood Stadium Friday night in memory of Lupe Velez, who committed suicide Wednesday. Matchmaker Charles MacDonald later described Miss Velez, a regular patron at the stadium, "as one of our best friends."

Cat Wins a Medal

TERRYVILLE, Conn., Dec. 17 (UP)—Kitty, a cat, has been awarded a medal on behalf of the American Humane Society for "saving the life of a child." The child, 18-month-old Margaret Zaleski, fell into a pond near her home. Kitty set up such a prolonged mewing that she attracted the attention of Margaret's 18-year-old sister, who pulled the baby out. The ceremony was held up an hour because Kitty ran out of the house at the last minute.

Men He Beat at Poker Know

NASHVILLE, Dec. 17 (ANS)—It took a sculptor and the help of the State Department to get ex-Secretary of State Cordell Hull's likeness in marble, artist Bryant Baker said. Hull was so composed last year during sittings for the bust, it was difficult "to get an animation in facial expression," Baker said.

Baker finally got some of Hull's associates to attend sittings at the studio, and while the veteran statesmen talked business the artist completed his work.



CORDELL HULL

Model Model



Mitzi Uhelein, of Hollywood, has what it takes, according to the Los Angeles Press Photographers' Association. They have selected her as Southern California's ideal model. Points which won: Intelligence in posing; ability, poise and charm before the camera; personality; photogenic qualities. Mitzi will be guest at the association's annual dinner.

Labor Demands Voice in Peace

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (Reuter)—William Green, AFL president, demanded today that United Nations labor organizations be given adequate representation at the peace table, as long as they were not "government-fostered and government-controlled unions."

"We must make vital and real both fundamental principles and the declaration embodied within the Atlantic Charter," Green declared.

"At the peace conference, labor delegates will present a constructive plan designed to establish and maintain security, prevent future wars, establish freedom, justice and democracy."

Sixth War Loan Drive 3 Billions Over Quota

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (ANS)—The Sixth War Loan Drive came to an end tonight with the campaign goal over-subscribed by more than \$3,000,000,000.

Entering the final day the total subscribed stood at \$17,510,000,000, the Treasury Department announced. Inasmuch as E Bond sales up to Dec. 31 are to be included in campaign total, exact figures will not be available until after the new year.

Congress to Probe—Congress

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—Congress, having inquired into everything from peanut production to the price of powdered eggs, is going to investigate itself and see if its methods of legislation are archaic.

Rep. Mike Maroney (D.-Okla.), sponsor of the resolution, said Congress must streamline itself "or degenerate into a body of carping criticism."

Government has become increasingly complex in the last 30 years, he continued, yet Congress has remained "almost static in size and ability." He said the committee structure today was the same as in 1893, when annual appropriations were only a fraction of those today.

Rep. Everett M. Dirksen (R.-Ill.) also backed the measure, asserting: "It is the duty of Congress to maintain itself as

Invasion Rated The Top Story Of 1944's News

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (UP)—Because no military operation in history equaled it for boldness of conception or force of execution, the Allied invasion of France last June was the unanimous choice of the editors of the United Press as No. 1 in the ten best news stories of 1944.

The vote was also unanimous that President Roosevelt's election to a fourth term was second biggest story.

The other eight stories, on which there was a division of opinion, were: American invasion of Philippines, Allied sweep through France, Red Army's thrust into Baltic and Balkans, B29 raids on Tokyo, U.S. Navy's defeat of Jap grand fleet, German robomb and rocket campaign, assassination plot against Hitler and subsequent mystery of his decline, and the Hartford circus fire.

Other nominations for top ten stories were: Greek crisis, Administration's anti-inflation campaign, including maintenance of Little Steel formula, Allied setbacks in China, conquest of Marianas, Cleveland gas explosion, reorganization of U.S. State Department, trial of Charlie Chaplin on Mann Act charges, emergence of deGaulle as French leader, and withdrawal from GOP race and subsequent death of Wendell Willkie.

Lingerie Lingo

Helps Males Know What Females Wear

By Philip H. Bucknell

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Spurred apparently by the example of the Army's language handbooks for GIs, civilian organizations are offering glossaries to unfortunate males doomed to do their Christmas shopping on the home front.

A local department store in a brave attempt to live up to their claim of being "everybody's Santa Claus," advertises the "revised 1944 edition of The Man's Glossary of unfamiliar words and phrases as used by advertising writers to describe female apparel and appurtenances"—and the advertisement itself is that glossary.

Examples of home front complexities given below illustrate the ruggedness of home town life these days. Look:

Panties—bloomers on the loose; gossamer—the nearest thing to nothing and better in black; powderbase—camouflage; negligee—what she hopes she'll have on when the house burns down; wedges—vamps on ramps; swish net—hammock for the hair; night net—marriage is a private affair; sequins—female armor (not impregnable); gamorous—anything plus a sequin; lush—anything softer than stone, and—take it easy, bub, everything ends sometime—coney, lapin, French seal, French beaver, ermine, near seal, polar seal, marmotine, erminette, squirreline all mean—just a bunny, honey, made to look like much more money.

Congressman Proposes 'Diplomatic West Point'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (ANS)—Rep. John M. Coffee (D.-Wash.) announced yesterday he would introduce a bill to set up "a West Point for diplomats" to be operated jointly by Congress and the War, Navy and State Departments.

Lady in Red



The shortage of men in Hollywood means a lot of changes are being made. Actress Faye Emerson, who just married the President's son, Elliott, is playing Santa Claus, with the help of no little padding for that well-rounded effect.

FDR Plurality Is 3 1/2 Million

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—President Roosevelt was re-elected to a fourth term over Gov. Dewey by a plurality of 3,577,115 votes, a United Press tabulation of the complete, official results in the 48 states showed today. The President received 53.25 per cent of the total vote cast Nov. 7.

Final returns: President Roosevelt . . . 25,594,822 Gov. Dewey . . . 22,017,707 Norman Thomas . . . 78,960

Mr. Roosevelt's popular vote margin over Wendell Willkie in 1940 was 4,938,711; over Landon in 1936 10,797,090 and over Hoover in 1932 7,060,016.

Infantry Shift to Be Completed Next Mo.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—The War Department announced yesterday that it expected the transfer of 80,000 Air and Service Forces personnel to the Ground Forces to be completed in January.

The transfers, involving about 55,000 Air Forces and 25,000 Service Forces enlisted men, are being made to provide more combat troops to the Ground Forces.

Pershing May Wear 6 Stars, but He Doesn't

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—Though most people believe five stars are the most that can be worn by any American general they overlook the fact that John J. Pershing, General of the Armies, may wear six if he wants. By choice, however, he has never worn more than four.

Base pay of the new five-star commanders remains \$8,000 per year, but personal monetary allowances are raised from \$2,200 to \$5,000.

All Here Is Not as It Seems



You'd never believe it, but the charming young lady on the right is also the twinkly-eyed old gentleman on the left. They, or she, is Virginia Engles, and she has the part of the old gentleman in the movie "San Antonio." The part called for someone with a squeaky voice—and there's a shortage of men in Hollywood. There's evidently a good makeup artist still around there, though.

Hope Cracks It Again As Radio's Champ

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (ANS)—Bob Hope romped in an easy fourth-time winner as radio's "champion of champions" in the ninth annual poll of radio editors conducted by Motion Picture Daily, it was announced today.

Hope has been one of the most popular entertainers to play for GI audiences. He has toured U.S. camps and also have travelled to Europe, Alaska and the Southwest Pacific.

Bing Crosby decisively displaced Jack Benny for second place with Benny falling back to fifth. Cecil B. DeMille's "Radio Theater" placed third, with "Radio Hall of Fame," sponsored by



BING CROSBY BOB HOPE

Variety magazine, a close fourth. Interesting sidelight in the running

for "best popular male vocalist" was that Crosby far outran The Voice—Frank Sinatra. No figures were released, however.

"Best popular female vocalist" was Dinah Shore, according to the poll's results. Ginny Simms outpointed Kate Smith for second-place laurels.

"The Army Hour" was voted the best "war program." George Hicks, of the Blue Network, was credited with doing the finest job of war reporting—from the beaches of Normandy on D-Day.

Walter Winchell failed to make the list of "foremost" commentators, which included Raymond Gram Swing, Lowell Thomas and H. V. Kaltenborn.

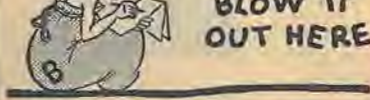
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THE B BAG



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

Manpower for U.S. Factories

Dec. 7, 1944 To the B-Bag: Gen. Eisenhower makes an appeal for more shells. Lack of shells due to shortage of manpower—90,000 men needed in ammunition plants.

This grave problem can very easily be eliminated by taking advantage of the thousands of limited service men who are now overseas and who have more or less become a stalemate; men who through experience know and understand the situation; men who could and would make production soar; men who would give their every ounce of energy—willingly and gratefully—at Army wages.—“Hoping,” Pfc, Repl. Bn.

To the B-Bag:

We wonder if those people back home realize that there are men over here who are able to sew up that problem... men who have been placed in non-combatant and limited service (practically 4 Fers) and are being pushed around from one replacement depot to another without the satisfaction or even hope of getting back into a permanent outfit again.

The Problem of Greece

Dec. 13, 1944

I frankly admit to having no illusions as to my knowledge of the fracas in Greece. This I am not ashamed of, for I dare say many of the State Department employees are likewise uninformed.

Why can't civilized people have representatives to sit down around a table and talk and plan the solution to these problems? If we can't, why then do we go on fighting this war under the pretense of doing it for a peaceful world?

And another thing! When did the people of the United States get to be such children they have to be kidded along; that they can't understand straightforward information?—From an American, first, a soldier, second.

That U.K. Pound

Nov. 25, 1944

No wonder the pound is like a dollar bill in value. I have just learned that the pound is worth only \$2.88 on the international market.

Why aren't we paid one pound for every \$2.88 it owes us? Then we'd receive in actual purchasing power the amount we're justly entitled to here.

Clearly we have not been paid our wages and salaries in full, and something should be done to make it up to us.—Capt., AC.

Present official exchange of the British pound on the New York Exchange is \$4.02 to \$4.04, according to the Foreign Exchange Section, National City Bank of New York, in London.

Hash Marks

We think this is called an impasse. The girl wouldn't marry him when he was drunk and he wouldn't marry her when he was sober.

Meanest man in the world. A Vancouver citizen was bowled over by a speeding car. The driver then stopped, ran back, stole the guy's wallet and sped away.

A WAC once said her boy friend was like the fourth man in a conga line. You know, "One, two, three, jerk!"

Overheard in a bistro. "I'm confused. I can't remember if I'm drinking calvados with a vin blanc chaser or vin blanc with a calvados chaser."

Last Straw Department. T/4 John R. Gallo has struggled to make good meals out of almost every type of ration the Army has—and succeeded. But this week they stumped him. He received for rations for the men a supply of baby food.

A guy named Reilly just told us about the lieutenant in the Air Corps who wears



a girdle. He flies a P40 and is trying to get into a P38.

Daffynition. Shot—that which, if some people have more than one, they're half.

Overheard in the blackout: "Some girls are not afraid of mice—others have pretty legs."

Remember the GI who complained that he was a 1-A guy operating in a 4-F outfit? Well, we just got a card from a guy who works with a traveling finance team—he sez he's a 4-F guy traveling in 1-A territory.

Who said that? The local wolves no longer ask gals to come up and see their etchings. They say "Come up and roll your own."

According to Pvt. Ralph Delucis, the song at the top of the front-line hit parade is "I'll Walk Cologne."

Then there was the fellow who went



into marriage with his eyes shut. Her father packed an awful wallop.

Sgt. N. Kowal has another version of the "KP-Blood Donor" gag. A GI, after a big night out, staggered into a blood receiving station and, after being given a blood test, was offered \$4.50 a quart.

Fashion note. (Same as for '42 and '43.) Young ladies will be wearing the same thing in sweaters again this season.

Afterthought. Some guys have no respect for age unless it's bottled. J. C. W.

These GIs Lived With the Luftwaffe

Men of Arnhem Never Reached It, but did Some Liberating Anyhow

By Ned Nordness

Associated Press War Correspondent WITH BRITISH TROOPS IN HOLLAND (Delayed by Censor)—This is the story of the men who set out for Arnhem but never reached it.

Theirs is one of the most amazing stories ever told. They lived in the headquarters of the German Luftwaffe, eating German food and smoking German cigarettes. As one American put it, "We even had the Heinies peeling potatoes for us."

Shot Down Over Holland

They were paratroopers and glider pilots who set out on the Dutch airborne invasion, but who were shot down over Holland before they reached their destination.

In small groups they hid in woods, buildings and ditches, often within a few yards of the Germans, until at nightfall they joined forces and found they were 80 British and Americans and one Polish officer.

During their first night in enemy-held territory they decided to shelter in a large deserted building. They had been there an hour when the German Luftwaffe decided to take over the downstairs part of the building as its headquarters.

"That was tough luck," said Cpl. Terry Lair, of Springfield, Ill. "There was only one lavatory. To use it we put on an old dressing gown we found, and often passed Germans in the corridor. When we wanted cigars or cigarettes we would steal them off their desks. They never got wise. We even had the Heinies peeling potatoes for us, but they never knew it. They would peel them and we would sneak downstairs and grab hands full."

Seek Safety in Woods

But that night this band of lost heroes decided the building was too dangerous and sought safety in some nearby woods. They sent a patrol to probe the German lines to determine its strength.

It was in these woods that their amazing adventures began. Three British officers and the Polish officer had landed with two jeeps. They started down a road on the



In sanctuaries such as this one, carved out of sandstone walls, the Dutch underground concealed patriots of Holland as well as Allied soldiers from the prying Gestapo. This hideout was never discovered.

wrong side—as they would drive a car in England—and nearly ran into a German convoy coming straight at them.

They steered over to the right side of the road and, as the convoy approached, opened up a murderous machine-gun fire which sent the convoy careering in all directions. The Germans, taken completely by surprise, sent their lorries crashing into ditches and trees.

Philip Jacobson, an American glider pilot, told me how they fixed up an altar to attend Sunday service.

"We all kneeled down and prayed," he said. "Tears came into the eyes of some of the men as they knelt. I guess we weren't as tough as we looked."

One paratrooper told me how they captured five Germans and an Austrian captain in an ambush. They surrendered without any fuss, the Germans said,

because they were wanted for alleged complicity in the Hitler explosion plot.

Cold, miserable and hungry, these 81 men felt they could not hide from the main German forces for ever. So when the sounds of battle came closer they decided they would go into a village, and go in fighting.

They did. Again the Germans were taken completely by surprise and, after a brief stand in which several Germans were killed and wounded, the remainder threw up their hands.

And then the villagers went mad. They came out of their houses with flowers, coffee and food for their liberators.

Many hours later, Allied troops smashed headlong into the village and found, to their great astonishment, that this small band of paratroopers and their pilots had already liberated it.

With the Air Force

5-Turn Dive Scraps Fort—After Her Bombs Scrap Nazis

100TH BOMB GROUP, Dec. 17—Caught in a prop wash, the bomber flipped over and went into a tight spin, but 2/Lts. Denzil Naar, pilot from Brookline, Mass., and William V. Wilson, co-pilot from Hawley, Minn., got their Fortress out of a five-turn dive—almost inevitably disastrous in an airman's book—and then pulled up 8,000 feet to rejoin their formation for the bomb run on a German war plant.

So torn and twisted that it had to be sent to the scrap heap after landing, the bomber was flown safely back to base.

Centrifugal force pinned most of the crew helplessly against the sides of the Fort as it whirled earthward. Only the tail gunner, S/Sgt. Charles J. Herliby, of Jersey City, N.J., was able to fasten his parachute and get to the escape hatch to await the "bail out" order which never came.

While six of the crew were "frozen" at their positions, the pilot and co-pilot battled coolly to regain control as the Fort corkscrewed down at a dizzy 350-mph clip, straining wings and fuselage almost to the breaking point.

The stress and strain on the bomber itself caused rivets and struts to break and part of the tail assembly to loosen. The

right aileron was broken and parts of the wing supports had buckled.

Other members of the crew were: 2/Lts. Robert H. Latta, navigator, from Ovale, Tex., and Harry F. Bott, bombardier, from Westwood, N.J.; T/Sgts. Cecil R. Bults, radio operator-gunner, from Detroit, and Andrew R. Poozes, top turret gunner, from Cleveland, and S/Sgts. John R. O'Hare, ball turret gunner, from Brooklyn, and Dewet W. Quinn Jr., waist gunner, from Pelzer, S.C.

Col. Philip Schwartz, Air Service Command armament chief, disclosed that Allied fighter-bombers now were dropping leaflet-scattering "bombs." He said a smaller "bomb" had been designed for use by fighter planes to supplement the large type dropped by heavy bombers.

Made from the metal case of a standard flare, the new "bomb" holds 12,600 tightly-packed leaflets which are blown out of the rear of the container by a small powder charge. It is now used regularly by both U.S. and RAF fighter-bombers.

AFN Radio Program

American Forces Network—With the AEF on the Road to Berlin. 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. 18

- 1200—World News. 1205—Duffie Bag. 1300—Headlines—Sports News. 1305—They Call Me Joe. 1335—James Melton Show. 1400—Headlines—Visting 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. 1740—AEF 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—Comedy Caravan. 2000—Headlines—Combat Diary. 2015—Johnny Mercer's Music Show. 2030—Canada Show. 2100—World News. 2105—Top Ten with the RAF Orchestra and Beryl Davis. 2135—Duffie's Tavern. 2200—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A. 2205—Listen Characters. 2300—Final Edition. 2305—Sign off until 0755 hours, Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Tuesday, Dec. 19

- 0755—Sign On—Program Resume. 0800—Headlines—Combat Diary. 0815—Personal Album. 0830—Dance Music. 0900—World News. 0905—Music in the Modern Manner. 0925—Music America Loves Best. 1000—Headlines—Morning After (Duffie's Tavern). 1030—Strike up the Band. 1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A. 1105—Duffie Bag. On the Continent listen to your favorite AFN programs over the Allied Expeditionary Forces Program: 583 kc. 514m. Also shortwave: 6.195mc. (49m. band) between 0800 and 1900 hours.

B-Bagatelles

Tempus Certainly Fugits These Days

Irvin S. Taubkin, Prop.

SOME Army finance officer is sure to catch hell for this, but duty is duty, and so we're bound to report that for 28 months a corporal has been drawing pay to which, he admits, he is not entitled. It all came out when the corp—45, a veteran of the 1917-18 mess, and now a C47 radio operator with combat experience—burped a gripe after cleaning up his K-ration. It wasn't the ration, it was the long working hours that bothered him. "So," he says, "I was shown the following breakdown of my time off":

Table with 2 columns: Activity, Days. Off duty 16 hours a day for 365 days 243 days. 1 day off a week for 52 weeks 52 days. 6-hour pass a week for 52 weeks 13 days. 12-hour pass twice a month, 12 mths 12 days. 3-day pass four times a year 12 days. 30-day furlough once a year 30 days. Christmas, July 4, Thanksgiving 3 days.

Total days off in a year 365 days "How much do I owe and who do I pay?"

Yeoman J. W. O'Rourke, of Navy 415, just to keep things stirred up, throws in the challenge that 415 has the Navy's shortest fire-fighter. "This fugitive from



Snow White and Co., a condensed version of Ed Wynn," he reports, "is Corso P. Cox, proud father of a baby fire-fighter. He's slightly under five feet. We claim he's the only dehydrated fireman in the ETO. Any challengers?"

AND one perplexed GI writes that his doroxyharkerish girl friend solved his Christmas gift problem by sending him this tip:

Candy is fine And liquor is dandy But money is best— It comes in so handy. "Can you lend me a pound" he asks.

Settling, for him at least, a problem that frankly has had us worried, Capt. Charles Abrams of the paratroops claims the first Christmas card received in the ETO. It came from Philadelphia. It was received Sept. 20. It was mailed Sept. 12. The captain didn't say what year.

Kipling Was Wrong—The Twain Will Meet

Only 450 miles now separates the armies of Gen. Eisenhower advancing on Germany from the southwest and those of Marshal Tolbukhin driving toward Austria from the southeast. On D-Day, 1,300 miles separated the Red Army, then in Rumania, from the Allied armies which stormed ashore in Normandy.



"Gad! I can hardly wait to see what's inside!"

★ UNIT NEWS ★

Reeling from Flak Wound, Gets Bombs A Way on Time

303RD BOMB GROUP, Dec. 17—While he was on a mission over Ludwigshafen, a chunk of flak tore into the compartment occupied by 2/Lt. Frederic T. Kiessel, bombardier from Los Angeles. It nearly severed his right arm, pierced his hip, and threw him into a corner of the Fort's nose, unconscious and bleeding severely. But he came to in time to release his bomb load.

Flak knocked out two engines and shattered the plexi-glass nose as Kiessel was bending over his equipment.

Aware the bombardier was wounded and seeing the rest of the formation begin to drop their loads, T/Sgt. Johnnie O. Burcham, engineer and top turret gunner from Sand Springs, Okla., shouted "salvo" into the interphone so the plane's bombs could be dropped on the target. 2/Lt. Benjamin Starr, navigator from Los Angeles, grasped the emergency bomb-release which is used when the bombardier's switch is damaged.

But before the navigator could operate the emergency release, Kiessel regained consciousness, dragged himself back to his station, released the bombs, and then collapsed with the fingers of his left hand locked in a vise-like grip around the bomb lever.

2/Lts. Richard E. McGilvary, pilot from Coarsegold, Cal., and George B. McCutcheon, co-pilot from Birmingham, Mich., brought the crippled Fort back to an emergency landing strip in France, where medics rushed the wounded bombardier to a hospital. Later, Kiessel's right arm was amputated.

Unit News One Page, Weekly from Now On

From here in, Unit News will be a one-page affair, and for this week only will appear twice, the second edition of the week scheduled for Thursday's issue. Hereafter, Unit News day will be Thursday and, according to present plans, the page will appear every week. Meanwhile, we're still awaiting more items from ground and service units to make this page a 50-50 air force-ground force proposition.

2 Veterans Put In 63 Years Between Them

A REPLACEMENT DEPOT, Dec. 17—Two Negro sergeants, with a combined total of 63 years' service, have arrived here for shipment to the U.S.—and retirement.

M/Sgt. George Fields, 53, of Highland Falls, N.Y., has lived by the numbers for



SGT. PAGE SGT. FIELDS

33 years, while 1/Sgt. Willie Page, of New Orleans, has spent 30 of his 49 years in the Army.

Fields served in Hawaii, France during World War I, the Philippines, Mexico and now the ETO with the 364th General Service Engineer Regiment. Page, top-kick of the 305th Quartermaster Railroad Company for four years, was in Southern France when his 30 years expired. He was in four campaigns—French Morocco, Sicily, Italy and Southern France—and spent 20 years at Fort Benning, Ga.

V-1s Punctuate Hop To Field in Belgium

435TH TROOP CARRIER GROUP, Dec. 17—Until they began landing at a certain field in Belgium, pilots of this Troop Carrier group regarded their post-combat chore of flying supplies to forward zones as just another routine job; as perfunctory as tying a shoelace and just as dangerous.

Now it's a different story. One flight to the Belgian strip and a pilot understands full well why everyone at the field wears a steel helmet. Traffic in flying bombs is nearly as heavy as that in airborne supplies. One pilot taking off for home base again said he had the uncomfortable feeling that a V1 was chasing him down the runway.

"They tell me I've been on a sub-operational freight haul," he remarked on completion of his flight. "I'd call it combat!"

Twenty-two members of the Flying Quartermasters recently became the first men in the history of the corps to receive Air Force medals. At a Troop Carrier base in southern England the men who resupplied airborne troops isolated behind enemy lines in invasions of France and Holland were awarded a silver star, bronze star, two purple hearts and 18 air medals.

Five Men Commended For Keeping 'Em Rolling

AN ORDNANCE DEPOT, Dec. 17—Five men at this depot have received letters of commendation from the Depot Motor Transport Officer for being instrumental in keeping vehicles rolling to the front with ammunition.

The men are: T/Sgt. Lewis M. Skerry, Irvington, N.J.; S/Sgt. John F. McNally, New Brunswick, N.J., and William Reep, Vale, N.C.; Sgt. David Schwartz, Morristown, N.J.; and Cpl. George B. Wheeler, Somers Point, N.J.

Terry and the Pirates



Happens Even to Dogs

Pups Tangle With Red Tape

A BRITISH PORT, Dec. 17—The red tape mill ground out overtime production recently when a detachment of 24 WAGs, female members of a War Dog Platoon, arrived here. Before the pooches set paw on British soil, however, the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Animal Health Division, warned that if they came off the boat they would be interned for six months.

Someone got permission to put the dogs on another ship bound for France and Army officers went chasing after a tug to tranship them so they wouldn't have to touch land. But British authorities finally agreed they could be walked to the new ship. This had to be done carefully, though, to keep stray English dogs from establishing Anglo-American relations.

So, while MPs stood guard and British port authorities looked on, the WAGs trotted to their new ship.

No Hepcats They

Jitterbugs took a beating when two GIs described them to British children as "probably America's most dangerous animals." The GIs, S/Sgt. Charles H. Gibson and William M. Medall, both of Los Angeles, answered questions about America for the children during a classroom forum.

Air Force Notes

Can't Shake Old Mail Snafu

The postal mix-up which plagued two medical officers in civilian life has been doing likewise in the Army. They have similar names, including the middle initial, and are in no way related.

Capt. Albert M. Tocker, of New York, is a flight surgeon with an Eighth AFSC strategic air depot in the U.K. and Lt. Albert M. Tocker, of Fort Worth, Tex., is a medic in France.

Constantly receiving each other's mail, particularly medical literature, the Tockers began a personal correspondence as civilian physicians. And despite the fact they have different serial numbers and APOs they still get each other's mail occasionally.

Capt. Tocker hopes to arrange a meeting with his namesake "one of these days."

Seven crewmen parachuted out of his crippled Fortress from an altitude of 1,000 feet over Belgium and landed safely, but 2/Lt. Edgar R. Prigmore 94th Bomb Group pilot from Charleston, Miss., flew the bomber to a crash-landing in a turnip-patch in order to stay with his wounded co-pilot.

Other members of the crew were 2/Lts. Arthur H. Lewis Jr., Kalamazoo, Mich., bombardier, and John H. Edelman Jr., Kansas City, Mo., navigator; Sgts. John L. Hennig, Chicago, engineer-gunner; Chester P. Butkiewicz, Kingston, Pa., radio operator-gunner; Lucius E. Smith, Honor, Mich.; Thomas P. Quinn, Philadelphia, and Eugene L. Ballard, Bosworth, Mo., gunners.

Lt. Col. Kyle L. Riddle, 31-year-old fighter pilot from Decatur, Tex., has assumed command of the 479th Mustang Group for a second time.

He had been CO of the 479th since Dec. 26, 1943, except for an 11-week period when the group was headed by Col. Hubert Zemke, who was reported missing in action over Germany Oct. 30.

Combined Operations is the name of a 306th Bomb Group Fortress built out of the front half of a flak-damaged Douglas and the back half of a battered Boeing B17 under the supervision of M/Sgt. Carl S. Hays, of Ozark, Ark. S/Sgt. Roy A. Van Drew, of Rock Falls, Ill., is crew chief of Combined Operations.

Capt. Alva C. Murphy, 357th Mustang Group pilot from Knoxville, Tenn., scored his third double-kill over the Luftwaffe recently.

"I followed my first Jerry down and saw him crash in flames," he related. "I started back up to join the party where my outfit was chasing Me109s all over the sky when a lone Jerry made a pass at me. I got on his tail, but before I had a chance to fire my guns, he flipped over on his back and bailed out."

Pvt. Elwin H. Briggs, of Portland, Me., who was dismissed from an Army hospital where he had been recuperating from wounds sustained with the 29th Infantry Division at St. Lo, visited the 352nd Mustang Group just in time to congratulate his fighter-pilot brother, 1/Lt. Earle W. Briggs, who had shot down his first Jerry.

SHORT SHOTS: The Fort Leading Lady is leading the 305th Bomb Group in missions completed, recently reaching the

New Wrinkle



Cpl. Albert G. Miron, of Carrollton, O., recovering at 160th General Hospital from a wound received at Brest, reconditions his muscles with an arm exerciser improvised from an empty pop bottle and aileron wire taken from a scrapped plane.

Comment ASC Men For Reversing SOP

AIR SERVICE COMMAND DEPOT, Dec. 17—Two ASC mechanics recently discovered that someone had been putting the cart before the horse and promptly took steps to reverse the procedure. Their discovery won them a commendation from the depot and chopped a 15-hour job to only five.

Until S/Sgt. Clarke E. Browne, of Denver, and Cpl. Louis Salzberger, of Los Angeles, came along, mechanics spent long hours fitting numerous clips and brackets into place on long-range fighter wing sections, and then aligning gas tubing lines to carry the fuel from auxiliary tanks under the wings to the engine.

Brown and Salzberger attach the clips to the tubing lines, leave them loose enough to be moved readily, lay the lines into position on the wing section and then fasten the clips into place. The new method is easier on the maintenance man because he works outside the crowded area of the wing section.

No Ribbon with This One

61ST TROOP CARRIER GROUP, Dec. 17—The 27 Joes of Barracks 381 pooled their shillings a few weeks ago and purchased a brand-new electric clothes presser. Now any GI owner caught pressing the clothes of an officer is instantly awarded the Bronze Nose Medal.

Hoisted With His Own Petard

55TH GENERAL HOSPITAL, Dec. 17—U.K. GIs should know S/Sgt. John H. Merhoff, of Oxford, Ind., bacteriology technician here. Merhoff was a foreman in a plant that processed powdered eggs.

By Milton Caniff



Awards and Decorations

MEDAL OF HONOR

1/Lt. Edward S. Michael, Douglas, Ariz.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS
Lt. Col. Bert W. Marshall Jr., Greenville, Tex.; Capt. Graham V. Chamblce, Zebulon, N.C.; James L. Pence, Tacoma, Wash.; 2/Lt. Carl L. Hoag, San Mateo, Cal.; Cpl. Gibson Fryer, Troy, Ala.

LEGION OF MERIT

M/Sgt. Donald A. Allison, Colorado Springs, Colo.; S/Sgt. Stanley L. Crawford, Indianapolis; Jesse B. Newton, San Antonio.

SILVER STAR

Lt. Cols. Augustine D. Dugan, El Paso, Tex.; Thomas D. Gillis, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Samuel T. McDowell, Rock Hill, S.C.; Robert P. Riordan, El Paso; John P. Stopka, Sheridan, Wyo.; Maj. George E. Preddy, Greensboro, N.C.; Capt. John R. Bennett, Cleveland; Warren D. Ferguson, Yrdaman, Miss.; Ellesworth H. Howard, Louisville, Ky.; Vernon M. Sherwood, Roselle Park, N.J.; 1/Lts. Howard F. Fisher, Mount Vernon, Iowa; Earl R. Lazear, Delaware, Ohio; John P. McCurr, Laurelton, N.Y.; 2/Lts. William R. Brown, Macon, Ga.; Marvin Laufer, Bronx; S/Sgt. Joseph F. Pelt, Ephrata, Pa.; Edward Ristau, Beaver Falls, Pa.; Sgts. Louis N. Gay, Whitacre, N.C.; Michael J. Klemann Jr., Hanoverton, Ohio; Ptes Leroy Batson, Quincy, Ill.; Thomas W. Hudson, Cullen, La. Pvt. James C. Owens, Roanoke, Ala.

DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS

Lt. Cols. Gordon W. Lambert, Kansas City; Joseph H. McClure, New Wilmington, Pa.; Campbell N. Smith, Tampa, Fla.; Maj. William F. Colm, Bakersfield, Cal.; Oral W. Lee, Eugene, Ore.; Clair E. Smith, Galveston, Tex.; Capt. Gerald M. Adams, Nebraska City, Neb.; Charles O. Gordon, Marion, Va.; Billie F. Melton, Compton, Cal.; 1/Lts. Max P. Alley, Cokeville, Wyo.; William F. Hunter, Essex Junction, Vt.; Wallace J. Melton, Compton, Cal.; Robert H. Taylor, Cincinnati; 2/Lts. William R. Mattson, Lorain, Ohio; George R. Snowden, Lydonville, N.Y.
T/Sgt. Hollis Burlew, Auburn, N.Y.; Ray S. Stensha, Joliet, Ill.; Elmer C. Stensha, Bristol, Tenn.; William R. Ward Jr., Abilene, Tex.; S/Sgt. Walter J. Barkow, Yonkers, N.Y.; George R. Johnson, Kingston, N.C.; Judson M. Markle, Kingston, N.Y.; Ruben A. Montaner, Los Angeles; Sgts. Leslie I. Medlock, Artesia, N. Mex.; James P. Mixon, Bessemer, Ala.

SOLDIERS MEDAL

Capt. George H. Heron, River Rouge, Mich.; 1/Lt. Stanley F. Krivik, Bloomfield, N.J.; Frank T. Ricker, Albany, N.Y.; S/Sgt. Richard L. Terry, Simpsonville, S.C.

BRONZE STAR

Lt. Cols. Ferdinand J. Chesarek, Hempstead, N.Y.; Warren D. Lamport, Eugene, Ore.; Maj. Walter B. Adams Jr., Wichita Falls, Tex.; Laurence C. Gram, West Allis, Wis.; Harry E. Lawrence, Denver; Gray W. Tolar, Lumberton, N.C.
Capt. Benjamin T. Bursen, Camilla, Ga.; Secor D. Secor, Chicago; Irving P. Emott Jr., Guilford, Conn.; Sydney A. Lurie, Cleveland; 1/Lt. Howard J. Lewis, St. Petersburg, Fla.; James G. Tangherlini, Quincy, Mass.; CWO Harten L. McCauslin, Mansfield, Ohio; W/O (g) William M. Vittrup, Dallas.

1/Sgts. Harrell Blekeney, Nansalia, Ala.; John L. Lehman, Iowa Falls, Iowa; Joseph Wozniak, San Diego; M/Sgt. Howard L. Adams, Liberty, Ind.; Merlin A. Brunson, White Lake, S.D.; Francis J. Gimbel, Philadelphia; Howard D. Kelley, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Roscoe C. Marshall, Elsworth, Me.; Earl L. Porstall, New Orleans; Numa J. Thomas, Winston Salem, N.C.; James W. Woodall, Pine Bluff, Ark.; T/Sgt. Leon Andres, Hermligh, Tex.; Edward R. Christensen, Somers, Mont.; Vincent L. Hrupek, Omaha; Clifford W. Kobi, Garrett, Ind.; John L. Noble, McHenry, Ill.; Randall M. Potter, Spokane; Charles W. Taylor, Fairmont, W. Va.

S/Sgts. Kraner L. Alderman, Stockport, Ohio; Melvert E. Anderson, Chicago; James S. Baker, Sumterville, Ala.; Donald M. Frantz, Bloomington, Pa.; Vert N. Bowyer, Portland, Ore.; Charles A. Lord, Mahanoy City, Pa.; Verne M. Mitchell, Woodland, Wash.; Ralph E. Rency, Malta, Ohio; Charles Senn, Akron; Charles E. Smith, Chicago; Harold VanPelt, Little Rock, Ark.; Anderson K. Vaughn, Altoona, Ala.

Sgts. Charles Arbeitman, Bronx; Lige F. McLain, Wellings Creek, Ky.; Albert J. Redder, Munday, Tex.; Charles H. Strips, Oswego, Kan.; William E. Vinson, Red Bay, Ala.; Cpls. William C. Beck, Stratton, Colo.; Thomas Faj Junc, Monterey, Cal.; Pte. Gordon Smart, Arnot, Pa.; Pte. Ernest W. Erik, Gadsden, Ala.; Paul P. Koren, Canonsburg, Pa.

AIR MEDAL

S/Sgts. August R. Mikucki, Chicago; Emerson L. Lappa, Greensburg, Pa.; Robert L. Poitebint, Montgomery, Ala.; Carl J. Hutchins, Sparta, Ga.; Raymond Morgan, Plymouth, Pa.; Sgts. Eugene J. Hoganson, Elgin, Ill.; Hugo C. Gallagher, Tamaqua, Pa.; Frank L. Tomko, Chicago; Norman S. Queen, Dearborn, Mich.; Alfred Schlep, Brookline, Furlow N. Gilmour, DeKalb Junction, N.Y.; Clarence T. Hucksins, Joplin, Mo.; Cpls. Donald Hall, Gladwin, Mich.; James M. Bruce, Milan, Tenn.; John D. McMurray, Wilmore, Ark.; Joe Huggins, Oak City, N.C.; James T. Peziman, Hampshire, Ill.; Pfc Joseph C. Frey, Cleveland; Pvt. Ray Baker, Oswatimok, Kan.

PURPLE HEART

Capt. William T. Hart, Elton, La.; Seth Worthington, Prospectville, Pa.; 1/Lts. John W. Bickel, Sheboygan, Wis.; Joseph P. Taylor, Bluefield, Va.; 2/Lts. Kenneth R. Gausch, La Crosse, Wis.; Howard S. Wood, Bound Brook, N.J.
1/Sgt. Virgel L. Pearce, San Antonio; T/Sgt. Paul J. Anderson, Villa Park, Ill.; James B. Colquitt, Monroe, Ga.; William T. Post, Rusks, Tex.; Alfred C. Robertson, Temple, Miss.; Harry M. Slater, Oil City, Pa.; Y. Z. West, Trenton, Tenn.; S/Sgt. Harvey A. Anderson, Ida Grove, Iowa; William S. Chilton, Bedford, Va.; Carl M. Dunbar, Logansport, Ind.; Leonard L. Gopner, Clay Center, Ark.; Paul S. Hamilton, Corning, N.Y.; Luther Herrington Jr., Millersburg, Ky.; Joseph Kurinac, Birmingham, N.Y.; Clyde R. Malone, Richmond, Cal.; Delores B. Norman, Hansell, Iowa; Eugene M. Reed, Battle Creek, Mich.; Herbert M. Shelton, Simpsonville, S.C.

Sgts. Burnett Adams, Jeremiah, Ky.; Emory O. Barron, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Dominico Celestini, Detroit; Charles W. Harper, Louisville, Ky.; Henry E. Laban, Kenosha, Wis.; James R. Moore, Egypt, Ga.; William J. Street, Chicago; Lee A. Willis Jr., Cartersville, Ga.; Paul A. Wolff, St. Paul; Cpls. Donald Andrews, Rochester, N.Y.; Prosper Broussard, Milton, La.; George W. Campbell, Geneseo, Ill.; Harold J. Gill, Jersey City; Roy F. Helton, Chicago; James B. Kelen, Brookline, Mass.; Richard J. Marvel, Battle Mountain, Nev.; Raymond J. Parker, Baltimore; Bernice Raleigh, Partridge, Ky.; Derwin C. Turner, Plainville, Conn.; Tony Weiss, Starkweather, N.D.; Jack A. Whitaker, Dinuba, Cal.

Ptes Robert E. Almond, Ardmore, Pa.; John H. Baker, North Philadelphia; Clifford T. Brynston, Eagle River, Wis.; Rudy Constantine, Bronx; Steve J. Darrup, Mount Carmel, Pa.; John Magas Jr., Cleveland; Mike G. Manes, Canton, Ohio; Mack Melton, Churchville, Tenn.; Bill H. Morozowski, South Zanesville, Ohio; Jerome B. Oterness, Brooken, Minn.; Hubert L. Stafford, Eaton, Ind.; Raymond E. Tasky, Cleveland; Frank Thompson, Jefferson, Ga.; Paul O. Vance Jr., San Diego.

Pvts. John R. Altenberger, East St. Louis, Ill.; Russell A. Bartley Jr., Lookout, Ky.; John R. Basile, New York; Lewis B. Cannon, Torrey, Utah; Jesse W. Dover, Dayton, Ohio; Wilbur Evans, Maxie, Miss.; Homer Farler, Viper, Ky.; John A. Gbur, La Salle, Ill.; James W. Kenden, New Haven, Conn.; James H. Levan, Whitwell, Tenn.; Joseph L. McCauley, Old Hickory, Tenn.; Melvin Polley, Amburgey, Ky.; Daniel J. Seacock, Chicago; Robert G. Szep, Oshkosh, Wis.; Hollis G. Woodridge, Davenport, Iowa.

Eggs for His Beer

448TH BOMB GROUP, Dec. 17—Sgt. Edwin Craft, of Annet, Ala., chose the natural route for ducking powdered eggs. He bought a mess of chickens some time back, made a deal with a local farmer to house and feed them. Now he has his own egg supply daily.

Ward Notes: Sniper Nips GI Milkman

A yearning for a drink of milk landed Pvt. Arnold J. Guyott, paratrooper from Omaha, Neb., in a station hospital with a bullet wound in the back.

For 12 hours Guyott was pinned down with his unit near Eindhoven by German mortar and 88 fire. When the shelling ceased, giving the men time to observe non-military things in the sector, they noted several cows wandering nearby.

Twelve hours can produce hunger and thirst, so Guyott gathered three helmets, scrambled out of his foxhole and set out for some milk. He had the third helmet nearly filled when a bullet from a Nazi sniper nicked him in the back. He got the milk back to the unit's position without spilling a drop, however, but when the wound later became infected he was shipped to a hospital.

Wounded soldiers at several hospitals are chipping in with their talents, to put buddies back on their feet again and keep them entertained through rehabilitation and recreation programs.

Lt. George Stavich, of Youngstown, O., who was hit by shrapnel near Aachen after having been in action since D-plus-1, directs a group of patients in remedial exercises prescribed by a ward officer at the 155th General Hospital. Stavich also supervises the construction maintenance of the Thoracic Surgery Center, of which he is a patient.

At 115th Station Hospital, T/Sgt. Paul F. Steele, wounded at St. Lo, conducts a craft shop and lectures on every phase of Army life at the front. Steele, who comes from Gary, Ind., was a professional roller-skater for 13 years, appearing with the "Flying Steeles," a team that included his wife, sister and ten-year-old daughter.

Pvt. Albert Duva, of Nutley, N.J., wounded in France during an artillery barrage, stages and directs variety shows at 279th Station Hospital with a cast composed of patients, hospital personnel and Red Cross workers.

Pvt. Robert H. Amundsen, of LaCross, Wis., recovering at a general hospital, credits his well-filled billfold with saving his life. Amundsen carried the bulky billfold in his shirt pocket and when hit in the chest by a sniper's bullet, the wallet deflected the bullet enough to miss his heart by a fraction of an inch.

Nothing pleases the battle-weary wounded more than convenience, and two general hospitals have gone a long way toward satisfying their patients in this way.

Men confined to bed in the 129th General Hospital get steaming hot breakfasts every day, prepared at their bedsides by a mobile electric grill designed by Lt. Everett Ross, of Jacksonville, Fla., mess officer, and T/Sgt. Melville Sowell, of Hot Springs, Ark., mess sergeant, and constructed by the hospital electrician, Cpl. John Hyams, of Greensboro, N.C.

At 117th General Hospital, PX officer Lt. Albert W. Dunker, of Austin, Minn., constructed a traveling PX for patients who cannot leave their wards. The affair is an elaborate pushcart with a complete assortment of smokes, candies and necessities.

Wounded in the breakthrough at St. Lo, Pfc John S. Myers Jr., of Bellevue, Ky., was evacuated to a general hospital in England and then moved to a rehabilitation center where his father is his first sergeant. The senior Myers is a veteran of World War I.

Once Over Lightly

By Andy Rooney

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Although War Department officials claimed last week there was no justification for the accusation that certain prominent athletes had been released for disabilities which would not have invalidated any ordinary Joe out of the service their new ruling stating that they are going to be more careful seems to be good evidence that someone has been guilty and has not been as careful as he could have been.



JOE LOUIS

The case of Ray "Sugar" Robinson probably brought the whole thing to a boil. After an extended exhibition boxing tour with Joe Louis, Ray came home and was discharged because of what officials called "temperament unsuitable for Army life." In short, he didn't have the right mental attitude.

AFTER Sugar was released he picked himself up a manager and took up where he left off, dropping people to the canvas in front of a crowd for a price. Looking through the rosters of amateur and professional teams still competing in the States today, you find they are shot through with discharged servicemen who look as though they are fairly able. The majority of them have a good reason for a discharge, and any soldier or sailor with this disability would have received the same treatment. It is one or two shady cases where a prominent athlete was released for no apparent reason which has stirred up the stink.

JUST off hand, look at a partial list who keep the sports events going in the States. Jack Kramer, for instance, didn't do the Browns any harm when he pitched for them in the Series this year after a Navy discharge. Frank Mancuso, a brother of Gus, did a good job catching him too. He broke a leg as a first lieutenant in the Paratroopers in a training jump.

Here, for the record, are a few more men in sports today who have been given medical discharges from the Army or Navy: Ward Cuff, veteran Giant football halfback. . . Mickey Livingston, Cub catcher. . . Willie Pep, featherweight champ still fighting weekly. . . Johnny Greco, still fighting after a Canadian Army discharge. . . Tom Warren, pitching for the Dodgers after a discharge due to wounds received in North Africa. . . Two golfers of note, Sammy Snead and George Fazio. . . Boxer Bobby Ruffin.

That's not all. There's Jimmy Bivins, duration heavyweight title-holder. . . Fireball Frankie Sinkwich, who has been discharged from the Army, Marines and Merchant Marine. . . Bob Westfall, Sinkwich's blocking back, who was discharged after he was hurt in a training accident. . . Bob Dill, playing defense for the Rangers in the winter and outfield for the Minneapolis Millers in the summer. . . Frankie Filchok, who just set up a pro-football all-time passing record. There may be lots more, but we don't want to make anyone mad.



JOE DIMAGGIO

Joe DiMaggio, with ulcers, and Lou Jenkins are reported to have CDDs in the mill and we don't want to do anything to hurt their chances.

Canuck Surge Defeats Bruins

MONTREAL, Dec. 17—The Montreal Canadiens scored four goals in the second period and went on to defeat the Boston Bruins, 8-5, in a rough hockey battle here last night.

The game started off quietly enough, but with the teams tied, 1-1, in the second chapter the Canadiens banged

Hockey League Standings

	W	L	T	P	W	L	T	P
Montreal	12	4	2	26	7	10	1	15
Toronto	10	6	2	22	New York	2	8	4
Detroit	9	4	3	21	Chicago	2	10	2

home four counters in three minutes, and from there on it was a wild affair. Toe Blake, of the winners, was high man with two goals and two assists, and teammate Maurice Richard was right behind him with two tallies and one assist.

Red Wings and Leafs Battle to 1-1 Deadlock

TORONTO, Dec. 17—The Detroit Red Wings and Toronto Maple Leafs battled to a 1-1 tie here last night with Rookie Steve Wochy scoring in the first period for Detroit and Mel Hill pushing home the equalizer for the Leafs in the final chapter.

American Hockey League

St. Louis 2, Providence 0
Other teams not scheduled.

EASTERN DIVISION				
	W	L	T	P
Buffalo	13	7	2	28
Hershey	11	9	2	24
Providence	7	14	2	16

WESTERN DIVISION				
	W	L	T	P
Indianapolis	12	7	6	30
Pittsburgh	11	8	2	24
Cleveland	10	7	2	22
St. Louis	5	12	2	12

Veteran Dixie Walker Annexes NL Batting Crown

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—It will come as no surprise to the majority of baseball fans and certainly no shock to the faithful of Brooklyn to learn that Fred "Dixie" Walker, Dodger outfielder, won the National League batting championship. The National League announced yesterday that Walker's title is official.

For the second straight year the senior circuit batting crown has gone to the holder of a .357 average. Last year's champ, Stan Musial of the Cards, finished ten points behind Walker.

The 34-year-old native of Villa Rica, Ga., has completed 17 years in organized baseball, during which time he has played with 13 clubs. He entered the big leagues with the Yankees in '31, but was returned to the minors for more seasoning. He came back to the Yanks in '33 and with the exception of a short stay with Newark in '35 has been in the majors ever since. From the Yankees he went to the White Sox, then to Detroit and finally was waived from the American League in '39 when the Dodgers grabbed him. Since

that time Dixie has become one of the most popular ball players ever to cavort at Ebbets Field.

Other performances made official with the release of the league's figures were iron man stunts by Babe Dahlgren of the Pirates, and Woody Williams and Ray Mueller of the Reds, who played in all their clubs' games. Pittsburgh ties moved Dahlgren's total to 158 games.

Manager Mel Ott of the Giants continued to set National League records, moving his lifetime totals to 1,784 runs scored, 1,025 extra-base hits, and 489

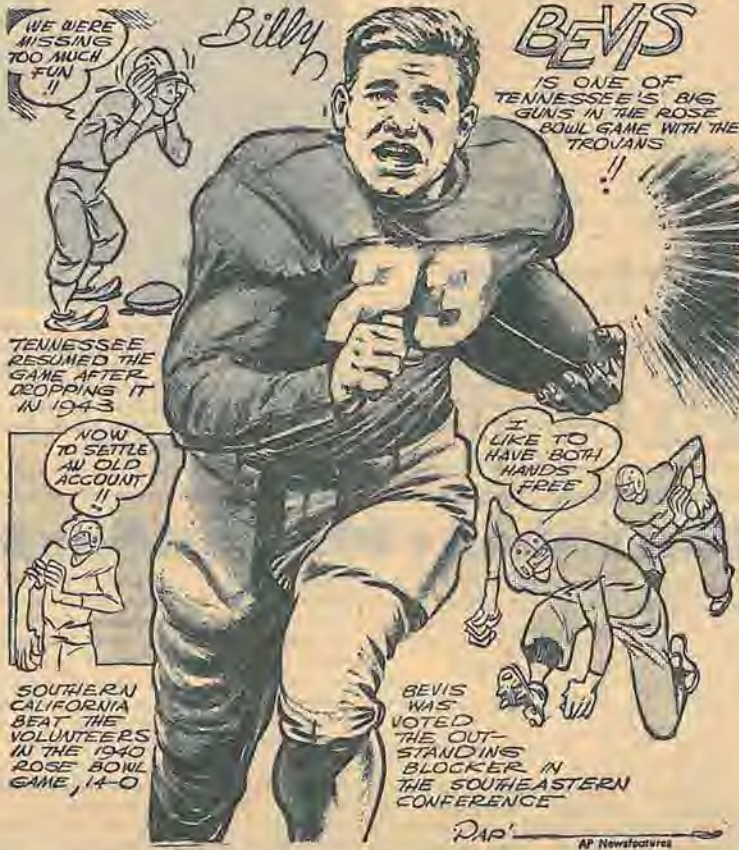
homers. Every time Melvin turns one of these tricks he sets a new mark and the first time he walks on the playing field next season he'll set another—20 years with the same team.

The Cardinals chalked up a league record by winning their 90th game on Aug. 28 and set a National and tied a major league mark by copping 100 games for the third straight year. Another major league record that fell to the Cards was 17 twin-bill triumphs in one season.

Phil Cavaretta and Augie Galan of the Cubs put together 19-game hitting streaks.

Busy Blocker

By Pap



Ramblers Edge Superbombers

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Randolph Field's Ramblers concluded their football season at the Polo Grounds yesterday by defeating the Second Air Force Superbombers, 13-6, for their 11th straight victory before 8,000 fans who braved snow flurries to witness the country's first Bond Bowl battle.



PETE LAYDEN

The first break of the game came with 29 seconds remaining in the first period when Pete Layden, former Texas University star, shot a 53-yard pass to End Harry Burrus on the five-yard stripe, who stepped across untouched.

The Ramblers travelled 81 yards without using a single pass to set up their second and winning touchdown, but the Bombers stalled them on the four-yard line and they were forced to take to the air. Bill Dudley, former Virginia All-American, shot a bullet pass to Halfback

Johnny Goodyear and Dudley converted. The Bombers from Colorado Springs finally rolled in the fourth period. Ray Evans, former Kansas University back, took charge and punched out 48 yards on five running plays. After reaching the 12, he crossed the Ramblers up and sent Don Fabule, former Oklahoma star, into action. Fabule reached the one-foot marker in four tries and Steve Susic of Illinois went through for the touchdown.

A final Bomber drive reached the Rambler two-yard line, but an offside penalty set them back five, and the threat was stymied when a fourth-down Evans pass bounced off a receiver in the end zone.

Mexican Eleven to Play Southwestern in Sun Bowl

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 17—Representatives of the University of Mexico yesterday accepted an invitation to play Southwestern University of Georgetown, Tex., in the Sun Bowl football game here New Year's Day.

Dr. R. B. Homan, chairman of the bowl committee, said the Mexicans had agreed on financial and other terms at a meeting in Juarez.

SPORTS MIRROR

A CROWD of 15,000 saw the Air Depot Warriors, who have scored 256 points against six for their opponents, roll to their tenth straight victory yesterday with a 60-0 rout of the 94th Bombardment Group Fighting Eagles. S. Sgt. Ted D'Uva, of New York, scored two touchdowns, passed for three others and passed for one conversion, while Pvt. Ken Griffin, of Pecos, Tex., notched three scores, and Sgt. Dick Woodring, of Amarillo, Tex., tallied on runs of 50 and 60 yards in addition to booting five of six conversion attempts. Pfc Harold Stevenson, of Elizabeth, N.J., scored on a pass, and Cpl. Paul Kremser, of Montorville, Pa., tallied on a plunge to complete the debacle. Playing in ankle-deep mud, the 12th Replacement Depot gridders and the Base Air Depot Bearcats battled to a 0-0 tie yesterday.

The Butz Boys of the Eighth Fighter Command Headquarters scored in the last five minutes of play on a line smash by Cpl. Ray Grosi, former Tennessee back, yesterday to defeat the 384th Bomb Group, 6-0. Pfc Bill Lavo, of Everett, Mass., set up the play by intercepting a pass on his own ten and galloping to the enemy 15. . . . Cpl. Joe Papiano, former Temple back, smacked over for one touchdown and Cpl. T. Kirby ran ten yards for another yesterday as the 117th General Hospital Aces defeated the 117th General Hospital Hornets, 12-0.

Pvt. Tex Ellison, of Dallas, ran to two touchdowns yesterday as the PTIs of the Station Hospital defeated Kimbl's Raiders of another Hospital, 38-6. . . . Frank's Yanks, of the 398th Heavy Bomb Group, opened their league cage season last week with a 42-20 win over the 381st Bomb Group and followed that up with a 30-18 win over the 306th Bomb Group. Queerest play of the latter game saw Sgt. Richard Kravitz, of the Yanks, stand and hold the ball for seven minutes when the opposition refused to come out of its zone defense. He got tired after the seven minutes, passed the ball to a mate, got it back and held for four minutes. The score at the half was 5-4.

LIVELIEST scraps on a nine-bout card at the Salisbury ARC Friday night saw Pvt. Erwin Sauerland, of Pittsburgh, 180, kyo Sgt. Dave Thomas, of Milwaukee, 172, in 1.30 of the second round; Pvt. Frank Brown, of Macalister, Okla., TKO Pvt. Milton Thompson, of Hernden, Va., 160, and T/5 Louis Casiano, of New York, 132, TKO Pvt. Cliff Wagner, of Milwaukee, 130, in 1.50 of the second. . . . McKee's Maulers, undefeated and untied Navy eleven, defeated the Photo Lightnings, 6-0, yesterday in a torrid struggle which was settled when Eddie Zane, BM 2/c, of Philadelphia passed 30 yards to Bill Anycki, of Philadelphia, who went 37 yards for a touchdown in the fourth period.

Cpl. Frank Kremer, of Louisville, Ky., ran 80 yards around end for one touchdown and fired a pass to Cpl. John Burns to give the Station Hospital Hypos a 13-0 victory over the General Hospital Ramblers yesterday.

The Port V-5s, led by Lt. Mike Zararewich, of Masbeth, N.Y., and Lt. Rock Esparros, of New Orleans, with 14 and ten points respectively, copped their third straight basketball game by defeating the Port Tornados, 40-27. . . . The G-25 Generals, who won 24 of 25 games last year when they were known as Hoskin's Huskies, are back in win alley again and in their last start upset the General Hospital, 63-22, with T/5 William Boda, of New Brunswick, N.J., hooking 19 points.

AFTER annexing the Eighth AF Service Command football championship a week ago Sunday by defeating the Third Strategic Air Depot Liberators, 18-0, the Shuttle-Raders swept on to their ninth straight victory Saturday, swamping the Mustang Blues, 24-0. Rain and mud did not prevent T/Sgt. James L. Hamilton, of Bradner, Ohio, from pulling a "Don Hutson" by snagging passes all over the field from the skillful fingers of Cpl. Ashley Anderson, former Wisconsin star, and setting up each of the four touchdowns. S/Sgt. Tom Boddick, of Hazelton, Pa., plunged over for the first touchdown early in the first quarter, Anderson passed 30 yards to Cpl. Don Lucas, of Springdale, Pa., for the second, in the next stanza, but Earl Dosey, of Lafayette, Ind., broke away for a 30-yard run in the third quarter to net the third and the final touchdown was registered by Boddick on a plunge in the fourth.

The Eighth AF WAC volleyball championship was annexed last week by HQ, led by Cpl. Shirley Belcher, of Mount Vernon, N.Y. In three finals games they defeated the Air Service Command squad, 15-4, 15-11 and 15-9. . . . The QM Truck Bn. quintet copped a six-quintet tourney at the Combat Support Wing, defeating another QM Truck Bn., 40-31. T/5 James Grundy, of Indianapolis, was high scorer of the tourney with 56 points in four games.

The Eighth AF Kiwis completed unbeaten football season last week by defeating the 67th Fighter Wing, 13-6. Lt. Carl Walker smashed over for the winning touchdown in the last minute of play. . . . The undefeated Libbombers copped their 12th straight basketball game last week by defeating the 44th Lib Bomber Group, 59-27. Leading the winners was S/Sgt. John Slivka, of Mingo Junction, Ohio, who has racked up 211 points in his team's dozen wins. Cpl. Yorke Dolner, of New York City, an ex-West Virginia University performer, and Pfc Jack Mitchell, of Arkansas City, Kan., also turned in outstanding games for the winners.

T/SGT. Pammy Pamulevitch, quarterback from Washington, D.C., led the Alcon-Palmans to a 32-7 victory over the 34th Bomb Group in the semi-finals of the Eighth AF touch football tourney last week. . . . A five-bout card at G-25 lepot last week saw John Straut, of the 12th Replacement Depot, win a decision over Frank Pascale, of the General Hospital; Dan Saunders, of the General Hospital decision Frank Beisus, of a Signal unit, Wilbur Kunz, of a Signal unit beat Arthur Myers, of the 12th Replacement Depot, Carl Dalio, of a Signal unit, punch out a win over Billy Carrigan, of the 12th Replacement Depot, and Walter Carter, of a Tire Repair outfit, kyo Elmer Arthur, of the 12th Replacement Depot, in the second round.

Scoring a touchdown on the first play of the game, the 78th Fighter Group Greyhounds went on to defeat the 436th Troop Carrier Command Wild Cats, 19-0. Pfc Vernon Mangan, of Toledo, Ohio, galloped 35 yards for the first score while T/Sgt. Bill Andrews smashed off tackle to score in the second period and went over guard for another in the fourth.

THE Ramblers of the Station Hospital got away to a late start, but they trounced the Engineer Goldbricks, 46-0, in their opener with the Ramblers led by Doggett, Rocco, Kazmarski, Travis and Peters, racing the winners. . . . The football team of the B-24 Liberator squadron commanded by Lt. Col. Walter H. Williamson has been awarded a plaque for winning the station championship. Captained by Cpl. John Brady of Richardson Park, Del., the team won seven of eight games.

Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune



By Chester Gould

Male Call



By Milton Caniff

Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate Inc.



By Chic Young

Behind The Sports Headlines

CHICAGO—Things are looking up on the basketball courts at Chicago University. The Maroons, not competing in Big Ten competition following more than 40 consecutive losses in two years, have scheduled small colleges and service teams this year and so far have copped five of nine games. . . . **CHARLESTON, S.C.**—Talk about sawing off the limb you're sitting on. The Citadel went that one better. After complaining to Washington without results about the 20 per cent tax on admission tickets, Citadel tore up their pasteboards and now admit all spectators to basketball games free.

WAUKEGAN, Ill.—When Waukegan High hired basketball Coach Wilbur Aallen away from Newcastle (Ind.) they got more than bargained for. Wilbur brought along his six-foot, four-inch, 15-year-old son Dave, who is now the star of the club. Expecting a weak team before the season started, Waukegan is now gunning for the state title. . . . **WICHITA, Kan.**—Ray Dumont, czar of the semi-pros, is at it again. When he starts his first international semi-pro tournament in the States after the war Dumont will have an umpire from each of 16 countries, using four an inning and alternating them so that no one can claim American favoritism.

CARLSBAD, N.M.—When Carlsbad played Gallup for the high school football championship of the state, Joe Stell, Carlsbad fullback, had a field day, running for three touchdowns, passing to a fourth and gaining 233 yards of the team's total 301 in rushing. Yet Gallup won, 33-27.

HOLLYWOOD—The Hollywood Star's bluebird management, which took over the club in 1938, has a new head for the chopping block. The front office has fired Red Killefer, Oscar Vitt, Bill Sweeney and Charlie Root since '38 and now has hired back Fausett as manager. **SACRAMENTO**—Citizen stockholders of the fan-owned Sacramento Solons are crying in their beer over the club's finances. After purchasing the team from the Cards last season for \$125,000, the citizens learned at the end of the season that the club had made 70 grand profit. But then the government stepped in. According to the excess profits tax, \$21,000 is the legitimate return and will only be taxed 27 per cent. Above that is excess profits and the tax is 95 per cent. All totaled together, Uncle Sam is taking better than 85 per cent of the Solon's profits, leaving the stockholders in the cold.

CHICAGO—Followers of the Black Hawks will no longer hear the lifting strains of the organist's favorite tune while the hockey games are in progress. Organist Al Melgard has received a note from league officials requesting that he no longer render "Three Blind Mice," as some uncouth fans have taken it as a reflection on the officials working Chicago's games.

LOS ANGELES—Ancil Hoffman, former manager of Maxie and Buddy Baer, has retired from the fight game to devote his entire time to his orange and plum groves. Hoffman was quoted as saying, "There's too many bums in the game now." Which is some crack after some of his battles. **WICHITA, Kan.**—Tony Galento has started another comeback here, battling a Chicago "fighter" named Jack Suzek. As far as it went it was a success. Galento hit Suzek with a right, then a left, and Suzek called it a night.

GREAT LAKES, Ill.—Great Lakes Naval basketball team won only one of its first three encounters, but they have two freshmen who are setting the court afire. The youngsters are Dick McGuire of St. John's and Luke Majorki, of Fort Wayne (Ind.) high school. Majorki, however, is really interested in baseball. Last year Majorki led the Ohio State League in hitting with .355.

BUFFALO, N.Y.—Rev. Harold Martin of Reuelton, N.Y., only clergyman ever to take a prominent role in organized baseball, has resigned as president of the non-operating Canadian-American League. Father Martin formed the league and became its first president several years ago, but parish duties prevent him from staying on the job. He is succeeded by Al Houghton, of Gloversville, N.Y.

ODT Will Restrict Travel To New Year's Day Games
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—Restrictions on attendance at all bowl games will be ordered by the Office of Defence Transportation. It has been learned that "a letter or telegram will be sent out" within a day or so limiting attendance to persons living within a ten-mile radius of the bowl site.

Callanan's Loss Hits Trojans
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 17—Doctors stated that George Callanan, Southern California halfback who caught two touchdown passes in the Rose Bowl last New Year's Day, probably will be lost to the Trojans for the coming Pasadena classic against Tennessee.

Quiz Answers:
1—A; 2—D; 3—B; 4—C



Almost In

Dan O'Neill, Detroit University guard (26), leaps high into the air to attempt to bat away a try for a goal by Dan Markoff (12), of CCNY, early in the Madison Square Garden game, which was won by City, 42-22.

Arkansas Topples CCNY, 59-47, In Garden Basketball Feature

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Arkansas University defeated the CCNY basketball team, 59-47, here last night as George Kok, six-foot ten-inch Razorback center, threw in ten field goals and five fouls in the nightcap of a double-header at Madison Square Garden after Muhlenberg had trounced St. Francis of Brooklyn, 56-18, in the opener.

Kok started finding the range late in the first half as Arkansas took a 26-20 lead at the intermission and he was the big noise as the Razorbacks pulled away to a 43-26 advantage after ten minutes of the last half. The Beavers surged here, but Arkansas turned on the heat later to widen it to 17 points again. The Southwest Conference quintet was deadly from the foul line with 13 free throws in 14 attempts. Harold Korovin, who played opposite Kok, was high man for the losers with 17 points.

Oklahoma Aggie Bid Fails As Temple Wins, 46-44

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17—Temple staved off a last-minute attack by the Oklahoma Aggies here last night to win the feature of a Convention Hall double-header, 46-44, after Dartmouth beat Pennsylvania, 50-35, in the opener.

The Owls broke away early in the second half to erase a 24-17 deficit and held the lead after five minutes had elapsed. Big fly in the Temple soup was Bob "Footballs" Kurland, seven-foot Aggie center, who tallied 20 points. Budd paced the winners with 13.

Irish Clout Badgers, 57-46
MADISON, Wis., Dec. 17—The Notre Dame basketball team made it four straight last night when they defeated Wisconsin, 57-46. Center Vince Boryla again paced the Irish with 18 points.

Snead Out in Front In Richmond Open

RICHMOND, Cal., Dec. 17—Sammy Snead, of Hot Springs, Va., took over undisputed leadership in the \$7,500 Richmond Open Golf Tournament yesterday by firing his second straight two-under-par 69 for a 208 total after 54 holes.

Both par and the course record were massacred as Jug McSpaden led the onslaught, cracking the course mark with a sensational 64. Right behind him was Leonard Ott, of Denver, with a 65. The previous record, held by host professional Pat Markovich, was 66, shot five years ago.

Bartolo Retains Feather Title

BOSTON, Dec. 17—NBA featherweight champion Sal Bartolo staged a successful defense of his title here Friday night, outpointing Whistlin' Willie Roach over the 15-round route. Bartolo had too much for the 125-pound Negro from Wilmington, Del.

After Roach had opened a cut on Bartolo's left eye in the first, the Boston Italian backed off and pecked away with a sharp left, tying Whistlin' Willie up at close quarters.

Hutson's Play May Decide Giant-Packer Title Game

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—An old gentleman who has been dashing about on the nation's gridirons for more than a decade with such success that he is now referred to as Mr. Football will be the subject of extremely close scrutiny when fans pour into the Polo Grounds here this afternoon to see the Green Bay Packers, titlists of the Western Division, and the Eastern Division champion New York Giants battle for the National Football League crown. The gentleman's name is Don Hutson, who will be playing a bit of end for the Packers.

Don recently was named to the professional football All-America team for the seventh year in a row. In those years he has smashed more records than Laurel and Hardy have eustard pies, and when Donald is "right" it is usually too bad for the opposition.

Owen Solved Hutson

In the last Giant-Packer battle this year, however, Giant Coach Steve Owen temporarily solved the Hutson problem by pushing a couple of burly linemen in front of him to make it tough for the Alabama star to cut down the center alley to his favorite pass-hunting grounds, and once he did get into the Giant backfield the old veteran found himself face to face with Rookie Howard Livingston, who stuck to him closer than a North Carolina bound dog to fresh rabbit tracks. The result was that Hutson was yanked in the third period and the Giants won without too much trouble.

Steve Owen's men, as usual, are expected to stick to their powerhouse ground attack, with Bill Paschal, the league's leading yardage eater, doing most of the carrying. And the Packers—regardless of what happened last time—will be banking largely on their famed Irving Comp-Hutson passing combination.

A snow storm blew into town yesterday and kept the crowd at the Randolph Field-Second Air Force grid battle down to 8,000, but it will take more than a little snow to keep the folks away from the Polo Grounds today. A jammed house is expected to be on hand for the kickoff.

Frank Parker Wins No. 1 Tennis Rating

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—Frankie Parker, national amateur tennis singles champion, topped the 1944 ratings announced today, but it won't be official until it is released by the United States Lawn Tennis Association which meets Jan. 20.

Parker, now an AAF staff sergeant stationed at Murdoc Field, Cal., moved from eighth to the top spot as a result of a long-sought-after victory last summer in the national championships. Billy Talbert, of Minneapolis, who bowed to the erstwhile boy wonder in the finals, moved from fourth to second, while Francisco Pancho Segura, Ecuadorian two-handed swinger, remained third.

Pauline Betz, national woman singles champ, was again ranked number one among the ladies.

Green Waves Victors, 13-7, Over Raiders

By Ray Lee

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

With both squads scoring in the second quarter, the Navy Green Waves of the U.S.S. Melville, yesterday edged the Army Northway Red Raiders, 13-7, at White City Stadium before approximately 8,000 spectators.

After a see-saw opening period, the Raiders took to the air in the second stanza. Two passes by Lt. John Gruco, of Chicago, former Wabash College backfielder—to End S/Sgt. George Brown, of Trenton, N.J., and Fullback T/5 David Yob, of Martinez, Cal.—carried the soldiers from their 45-yard line to the Navy 23. An end run by Gruco failed to gain and on the next play Navy's Bill (Mr.) Motto, Y2/c, of New Britain, Conn., scooped up a fumble and dashed 77 yards for the first score. The conversion attempt failed and Navy led, 6-0.

Shortly after, Claude Kaufman, 255-pound Wave fullback from Ft. Logan, Col., recovered another Raider fumble on Army's 29 and a pass, William Morrison, SF1, of Rockland, Mass., to William Cooper, TM1/c, of McDonald, Pa., carried to the 11-yard marker. Three line plays put the ball on the goal line from where Morrison scored. A pass conversion, Morrison to Cooper, was good and the score stood, 13-0.

Army's only score came two minutes later when they recovered a Navy fumble on the 37. Two aerials—Pvt. Martin Gershter, of New York, to Pvt. Edward Snyder, of Susquehanna, Pa., and Gershter to T/5 Robert Chrisman, of Elkhorn, W. Va.—carried to the goal line and Pvt. Frank Fox, of Cleveland, went over. Gershter's conversion was good after hitting the cross bar and falling over.

Both teams got into scoring position in the last half, but failed to show scoring power.

Baugh and Filchock Set New Pro Passing Record

CHICAGO, Dec. 17—Six new records were set in the National Football League this season, however the only legitimate mark was achieved by Sammy Baugh and Frankie Filchock of the Redskins, who completed 170 passes in 299 tries for a .568 average, 21 points better than the Redskins' old mark set last year.

Among the other "records," the Chicago Bears were penalized 121 times to shatter their old mark of 99, with the penalties totaling 1,025 yards, against 905 drawn in '42; the Chicago Cardinals, along with failing to win a single game, completed 41 passes to opposing receivers; the Eagles set a mark by failing to recover opponents' fumbles, grabbing only four all year; and the other was shared by the entire league, the teams averaging 158 plays per game, two more than last year's high water mark.

Gold Cup to Happy Issue

INGLEWOOD, Cal., Dec. 17—Happy Issue, a stretch running filly obtained for \$3,500 in a claiming race by C. H. Piron, won the fifth running of the \$75,000 Gold Cup, setting a track record time of 2:01.3 for a mile and quarter. Paperboy finished fourth behind Bull Reigh and Okana Para.

CAGE RESULTS

FRIDAY'S GAMES

- Akron 82, Muskingum 56
- Baldwin Wallace 42, Rochester 38
- Brooklyn College 64, Forham 34
- Bunker Hill Navy 50, Kelllogg Field 29
- Cape Girardeau Teachers 49, Blytheville AF 38
- Central Michigan 61, Alma 49
- DePauw 78, Earlham 22
- Detroit University 55, Western Ontario 26
- Drury 53, Warrensburg Teachers 36
- Loras 57, Saint Mary's (Minn.) 45
- Marshall 52, Bucknell 49
- Murray State 76, Arkansas State 21
- North Carolina 67, Catawba 35
- Olathe AF 57, Missouri Valley College 39
- Texas Christian 45, Texas Tech 28

SATURDAY'S GAMES

- Akron 64, Wesleyan 37
- Arkansas 59, CCNY 47
- Bowling Green 57, Ohio University 45
- Cincinnati 66, Wilmington 21
- Colgate 78, Union 45
- Cornell 50, Columbia 35
- Dartmouth 50, Penn 35
- Dubuque 33, Cornell College 31
- Geneva 76, St. Joseph 59
- Great Lakes 46, Minnesota 42
- Gustavus Adolphus 52, S. Dakota State 30
- Illinois Tech 56, Camp McCoy 39
- Iowa 69, Nebraska 45
- Kentucky 61, Indiana 43
- Marshall 44, Scranton 42
- Muhlenberg 56, St. Francis 18
- New Mexico 55, New Mexico Aggies 27
- North Dakota 48, Moorehead Teachers 37
- Notre Dame 58, Marquette 44
- Notre Dame 57, Wisconsin 46
- Pepperdine 53, Colorado College 35
- Princeton 73, Fordham 51
- Rice 40, McCloskey Hospital 25
- St. Lawrence 45, Hobart 26
- Stevens 32, Drew 30
- Temple 46, Oklahoma Aggies 44
- Texas Tech 41, Texas Christian 36
- Utah 44, Canisius 31
- VMI 47, Lynchburg 10
- Valparaiso 61, Loras 41
- Ward Island Navy 47, Texas Aggies 42
- Wayne 53, Albion 33
- W. Virginia 39, Penn State 34
- Westminster 45, Carnegie Tech 36
- Worcester Poly 51, Connecticut 49
- Yupe 57, Brown 49

- Across**
- 1, 5—Pictured Russian general.
 - 13—Free from danger.
 - 14—Operatic solos.
 - 15—Tear.
 - 16—Levy.
 - 17—Dissolve.
 - 18—Tablet.
 - 19—Route (ab.).
 - 21—Aluminum (symbol).
 - 22—Male.
 - 23—Afternoon (ab.).
 - 25—Pound (ab.).
 - 27—Observe.
 - 29—He is head of the — 1st Baltic Army.
 - 33—Vermont (ab.).
 - 34—On account (ab.).
 - 35—Short letter.
 - 37—Sewed temporarily.
 - 40—Native metal.
 - 42—Erbium (symbol).
 - 43—Donkey.
 - 45—Biblical pronoun.
 - 46—Title of respect.
 - 48—Tellurium (symbol).
 - 50—Pillar.
 - 53—Born.
 - 54—Ripped.
 - 56—Ocean.
 - 58—Honey maker.
 - 59—Lax.
 - 60—Deserve.
 - 62—He is a famous military.
 - 63—He commands an important Red

Crossword Puzzle

- Down**
- 1—Exists.
 - 2—Tub.
 - 3—Distant.
 - 4—Following.
 - 5—Hoax (slang).
 - 6—Space.
 - 7—Liquid measures.
 - 8—Rodent.
 - 9—Like.
 - 10—Peria.
 - 11—Help.
 - 12—Notary public (ab.).
 - 18—Father.
 - 20—Yale.
 - 22—Encountered.
 - 23—Investigate.
 - 24—Greek letter.
 - 26—Orchestras.
 - 28—Each.
 - 30—Distress signal.
 - 31—Was seated.
 - 32—Negative.
 - 36—Toward.
 - 38—Measure of area.
 - 39—Auricle.
 - 41—Long fish.
 - 44—Remained standing.
 - 46—Appear.
 - 47—Id est (ab.).
 - 49—Gaelic.
 - 51—On the ocean.
 - 52—Drop of eye fluid.
 - 53—New (prefix).
 - 54—2,000 pounds.
 - 55—Ever (contr.).
 - 57—Provide with weapons.
 - 58—Before Christ (ab.).
 - 59—Louisiana (ab.).
 - 60—New York (ab.).

Li'l Abner

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By Al Capp



PICTURES FROM HOME

DALLAS NEWS DETROIT GERALD NEWS
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Senator Arthur Walsh (D-NJ), who is retiring from the senate, plays his farewell song for, left to right: War Mobilizer Director James Byrnes; Senators Albert Chandler (D-Ky); Burnet Mayband (D-SC); Wilton Hall (D-SC); Allen Ellender (D-Ls); Senate Sergeant at Arms Kenneth Romney (Walsh); and Senator Samuel Jackson (D-Ind). The seated piano player is unidentified.



This sailor father learns the diaper SOP at a weekly class in Manhattan sponsored by The National Institute of Diaper Service. One hundred thousand service men became fathers while away from home during the first nine months of 1944.

GIQ Picture Quiz



1. Getting out the grub GI-style is what Paul Vallee, 70, is doing for the U.S. Army in France these days. Last war he was chef for the AEF C.G. Name?

- A—Pershing C—Custer
 B—Craig D—Foch



2. This is a photo of a Hollywood star whose USO meanderings have won her the affections of all GIs in the CBI. Name?

- A—LaMarr C—Sheridan
 B—Garbo D—Falkenberg



Colonel and Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt get their heads together Eskimo-like at a Hollywood night club. She is movie actress Faye Emerson.



A two day rain resulted in a miniature waterfall on this Kansas City roadway across Brush Creek blvd. One motorist left his car behind.



Two opossums from Virginia will soon start their journey to Chile, as the Bronx Zoo head keeper Gus Schilling puts them into their crate.



3. Little Claudia Stephenson, sleeping the sleep of the innocent, does not realize she won't see "Daddy" any more. "Daddy" was killed on Guam and Claudia clutches a medal awarded him. Medal?

- A—V. Cross B—Purple Heart
 C—Good Conduct D—DFC



4. Like something out of Saroyan, these two lads, one 13, the other 2, left their Orient, Ill. home, after selling their bike, to go to the Windy City to look around. Where's the Windy City?

- A—N.J. B—Wyo. C—Ill. D—Mich.

(ANSWERS ON PAGE 7)

Wings for the Wounded

1. THE WOUNDED WAIT

2. TO BE CARRIED

3. ABOARD THE PLANE

4. WHICH FLIES THEM TO THE U.S.

5. TO WIVES, MOTHERS, SWEETIES

6. AND TO WAIT, SOME MORE, FOR RECOVERY

An American soldier is hit by a shell fragment in Germany. In a few hours he may be at a field hospital. In another few hours he may be at a hospital in the UK. If his wounds are likely to keep him out of action for four months he may soon be on his way to the U.S.

At least that has been the story with more than 10,000 doughboys who have been wounded since D day. It is a daily story with the Air Transport Command, whose fast-flying Skymasters roar over the Atlantic, bringing injured Americans home.

Upon their arrival in the U.S. the patients are taken to a holding hospital near the airport, where they stay until classified—usually within 48 hours. Classification to hospitals near the soldier's home is the object.