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Daily German Lesson

Wo ist Ihr Fuehrerschein?

Vo ist Eer Fewrershain?

Where is your driver's license?

Daily French Lesson

Je ne comprends pas

Juh nuh KAWM-prahng PA

I don't understand

6 Allied Armies Attack in West; Ninth Hurled In North of First

Weatherman's a Good Nazi

While a heavy blanket of snow on the Western Front presages a bitter winter campaign, U.S. troops thread their way through whitened forests and over slushy trails, moving up cautiously to the line. This sequence shows a machine-gun unit moving through ankle-deep snow, up hill and down, to provide relief for men at the front. In last photo, two have reached the line to set up their gun.

We Hereby Invite Stilwell to Spamland

CARMEL, Calif., Nov. 16—When Gen. Joseph L. Stilwell gave newsmen his first interview here since returning from China, his left breast was completely bare of ribbons. He explained his lack of "fruit salad," saying:

"I have only two ribbons that mean anything—the Distinguished Service Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal—and I didn't preserve them. Ribbons should be left to the guys who take it day and night and get shot up."

Ike's Juggling 'Hid' the 9th

WITH THE NINTH ARMY, Nov. 16 (UP)—The U.S. Ninth Army, commanded by Lt. Gen. William Hood Simpson, attacked at 12.45 PM today, ending the mystery of where it had got to.

The Germans went on several "fishing expeditions" for information about the Ninth, but, incredible as it may appear, the presence of a whole army at the front line remained a secret. It had been operational in this war theater since September.

Although the Ninth had never before been committed in a major attack, its units—many, if not all—are seasoned ones. The way in which Gen. Eisenhower shuffled them probably contributed to the defeat of the German intelligence. There are actually units in the Ninth which have been shifted from one army to another four times since D-Day.

The Ninth arrived in England soon after D-Day. It was originally the Eighth Army, but Gen. Eisenhower changed its number so that it should not be confused with the famous British Eighth Army.

It was originally planned to keep the Ninth in England till October, but the speed of the Allied advance after the Normandy breakthrough speeded up the time-table. The Ninth took over the Brittany operation and the siege of Brest from Sept. 5.

After taking Brest the Ninth moved into Luxemburg for a time before taking up its present position. It is now between the British Second and U.S. First Armies.

Simpson is a firm advocate of basing tactics on the infantry.

He is a thorough planner, and ordered at least 40 plans of the present operation before he was satisfied. Every inch of wall space in his office became lined with maps. Unwanted doors were boarded up and covered with maps, too.

A tall, cadaverous, soft-spoken Texan, Simpson likes long walks and Lana Turner pictures for relaxation.

Ex-Gob Murders, Mutilates 2 Women

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 16 (AP)—Otto Wilson, 31, a recent Navy dischargee, confessed today to the mutilation killing of two women in separate local hotels.

The first victim, Vergie Griffin, was found lying disemboweled in a cupboard by a hotel maid. Her torso was slit from neck to abdomen, the right leg severed and the right shoulder hacked through. On the blood-soaked carpet police found a butcher knife with a nine-inch blade and razor blades.

Almost at the same time the second victim, Mrs. Lillian Johnson, was found in another hotel a few streets away. Slashed from chest to abdomen, she died later.

Entire West Front Aflame After Giant Blow by Bombers

Rumblings of the long-expected "big push" to crush Germany shook the Western Front yesterday as both the U.S. First and Ninth Armies opened strong offensives in Germany and Holland, going over to the attack in the wake of a 1,200-heavy-bomber assault.

Six great forces, four of them American, are now hammering the Germans on the Reich's frontier regions—the U.S. Third, under Lt. Gen. George S. Patton; the Seventh, under Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch; the British Second Army, under Gen. Miles Dempsey; the French First Army, which, serving under Patch, also began an offensive yesterday, and the First and Ninth. These armies were striking all along the front from Holland to the Vosges Mountains in southern France.

The Ninth Army, under command of "Texas Bill" Simpson—Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson—broke out of the two-month mystery surrounding its whereabouts by thundering into action in Holland. Front-line dispatches revealed that the Ninth, which had moved into Luxemburg after cleaning up Brest, was between the First Army and the British Second in Holland, in the Dutch panhandle above Aachen.

It was in this general area that both the First Army, under Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, and the Eighth Air Force Fortresses and Liberators struck, taking advantage of the first break in bad weather which had bogged operations for the last week.

Strike North of Aachen

The airmen's targets were the Germans' defensive positions on an arc between Duren and Eschweiler, northeast of Aachen. Both these towns are in the direct path of any major thrust for the important rail center of Cologne, one of the chief cities of the Rhineland, the war industrial area which may be the goal of the First and Ninth Armies.

The Ninth Army, which the Germans had frantically reported all over the Western Front in an effort to smoke out its whereabouts, was last heard of two months ago, when it captured Brest. Since, Simpson has moved his troops over three countries—France, Belgium and Holland—an 800-mile leapfrog operation which will be one of the best strategy yarns when it can be told.

The Ninth opened up its drive at 12:45 PM, an hour and 45 minutes after the First had thrust from its positions around the Aachen area. Both moves were preceded by heavy artillery barrages and were supported by the air forces.

Dispatches from the First Army front, where for days correspondents had watched convoys and tanks rolling up through the mired roads, said the commanding officers appeared confident even though the battlefield was a sea of mud.

On the Third Army front, where Metz was the goal, Patton's troops gained ground in some sectors and lost in others. A counter-attack regained for the Ger-

(Continued on page 4)

1,200 Heavies Aid Doughboys

More than 1,200 U.S. heavy bombers went all-out in the support of American ground attacks north of Aachen yesterday.

And also during the day over 1,150 RAF heavies, escorted by upward of 250 fighters, pounded three towns east and northeast of Aachen.

The heavily-fortified towns of Duren, Julich, and Heinsberg, east and northeast of Aachen, were pounded by the RAF heavies,

Over 450 P47s and P51s escorted the American Fortresses and Liberators. At a late hour last night losses had not been announced.

Yesterday's blow was the Eighth's second large-scale tactical assault in a week, comparable to the crushing bombardment which preceded the Normandy breakthrough at St. Lo and Caen, as well as the Metz offensive of Sept. 9.

Many thousands of 260-pound fragmentation bombs were spread over an area north of Eschweiler and south of the village of Langerwehe, west of Duren. German defense included flak and barrages from field-gun batteries, as well as "anti-aircraft" fire from troops in foxholes, and from strongpoints. There was no fighter opposition.

On the way home, two Mustang groups, led by Capts. Henry S. Ville, of Paradise, Calif., and Dale E. Shafer, of Dayton, Ohio, strafed rail targets in the vicinity of Frankfurt and Giessen, shooting up 20 locomotives, 92 freight cars and three trucks.

Report Plasma Is 'Sold' Wounded a Lie—FDR

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt today nailed as "an unqualified falsehood" the rumor that "blood plasma given so spontaneously and patriotically to the Red Cross by millions of Americans is being sold to our wounded fighting men." People who spread this story should be reported to the FBI, the President declared.

GI Relents, Lets Ike Keep His Boots

By Jules Grad
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

ADVANCED COMMAND POST, Supreme HQ., Nov. 16—Gen. Eisenhower came near swapping his sheepskin-lined overshoes for a GI's pair of beat-up arctics today, but the Joe said "nix" on the deal.

Squishing through knee-deep mud in the shadow of snowy front-lines, Ike paused to talk to S/Sgt. Darrell Van Ness, of Placerville, Calif.

"Sure wish I had a pair of overshoes like yours," Van Ness said.

The "Joe" watched "Ike" hop on one leg in the mud while he tugged at a frozen zipper.

"No, General," Van Ness said finally. "I guess you'll need those flight boots more than I will. The deal's off."

The four-star commander compromised. He offered the soldier 500 francs—on the line—for his first dead Jerry.

Eisenhower inspected American installations Wednesday afternoon with army and corps commanders. It was the second week of his whirlwind tour through France and Germany.

On inspection tour of front, Gen. Eisenhower chats with burly soldiers.

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

Unworthy GI Guests

Nov. 13, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,

Why is it that after some Yanks accept hospitality in an English home, instead of showing appreciation, they make unworthy remarks about the home they visited? In comparing the lack of certain conveniences in an English home with those in the States, the GI should remember that England has had over five years of war and even if the family needed additional or newer fixtures they could not buy them, because furniture is rationed.

There is also the scarcity of "housework." Back home a mother may have several children between the ages of 14 and 18 helping her with chores. Over here, when children reach 14, it's "off to work we go." In spite of this lack of help, the average English home is quite neat—perhaps much neater than the homes of some of those Yanks who criticize.

So, remember, you freedom-loving guys, respect the privacy of an English home just as you would want other fellows to respect your home. If some English family does something to make your stay here more enjoyable, show your appreciation. If you don't intend to, let some other more deserving Yank be the guest.—*T/5 Andy F. Kisacky.*

As Low as They Make 'Em

Nov. 12, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,

I am an ex-infantry Joe who was evacuated from Holland while I was unconscious, and I believe I have a gripe that goes for many other GIs in the same condition.

The medics do a swell job on the lines and I'm not taking anything away from them. But why is it that many GIs who are out turn up—robbed? I had my paybook, dog tags, wallet and dough, as well as souvenirs, lifted, and would like to know who in the evacuation hospitals wants to retire young by stealing from Joes who are out—straight from the lines?—*A GI who is wondering.*

Fighter Support or DFCs?

Nov. 11, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,

That letter in regard to DFCs (in the Nov. 11 B-Bag) is a lot of tripe. At the time when the Eighth AF gave DFCs the missions were so hard that most of the boys were "damn good and dead" by the time they got their awards. Naturally as the conditions improved, the "automatic awards" of the DFC were discontinued.

I'm in the middle of a tour of missions, and I know it's no picnic, but it's fairly normal war, with chances no better or worse than the doughfeet take . . . not almost certain death as it used to be. Which would the "Browned Off Co Pilots" rather have . . . good fighter support or DFCs—*if* they finish?—*T/Sgt. J.K.B., Eighth AF B.G.P.*

Nov. 13, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,

In reply to the two poor, poor browned-off co-pilots' plaint in the issue of Nov. 11 there are units overseas, in combat, who've seen ten times as many days combat as you. Yet they keep going, without asking for medals and clusters for each additional objective taken or counter-attack repulsed. Also, they expect to stick to the job till it's over, without a 50 per cent bonus either.

And ask the P47 boys who've been on liaison assignments with the tanks whether or not it's rough in the AGF. Why don't these co-pilots grow up?—*A Combat Officer—now in a Hosp. Plant.*

'Volunteer' MPs Didn't

Nov. 8, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,

This is being written in re of an article which appeared in your paper, under the heading, "Combat Airmen, Tours Over, Take MP Beats in London." In this article quite a few of us were surprised to see that we had "volunteered." It seems that you, or other parties, are running under a misapprehension, or that you quite possibly had been misinformed.

The truth is the majority of us were drafted with the promises, of high ranking officers, that we would have priority on shipping home after we finished our 30 days as MPs. Well, those promises were laid away on a shelf. Or should I say they were "volunteered" away. Just writing this to let you know the facts.—*Beat-up beribboned gunner, T/Sgt. Robert Bennett.*

Hash Marks

This is purely imaginary, but if Walter Winchell returned from a visit to the ETO his radio program would probably sound something like this: "Good evening, Mr. and Mrs. North America and all the fish and chips."

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Old Joke-Latest Version Dept.: "Who was that comedian I saw you outwit last night?"

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We like Lt. P. J. Bernheim's definition: "Chivalry," he says, "is when a man

wants to protect a girl from men who have ideas because he has the same idea himself."

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This sign was seen at an air depot and we would like to see it circulated far and wide: "We work for no glory except Old Glory."

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Heard in Belfast (or was it in Joe Miller?) the other night:

First WAC: "Have you heard I'm engaged to an Irish boy?"

Second WAC: "Oh, really!"

First WAC: "No, O'Riley."

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Goldbrick: "I don't want to go to work today. I feel ill."

Medic: "Where do you feel ill?"

Goldbrick: "At work."

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We like Pfc Irving Haberman's definition of definitions to end all definitions of love, which, he says, "Is a tickling sensation at the back of your heart that you can't get at to scratch."

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This little kid will get ahead, mark our word. The other day, at school, he was asked where the capital of the U.S. was. "In England" was the answer.

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A high-ranking officer was seen trying on a civilian hat in a store in Washington the other day. One clerk was heard to remark, "Maybe he *knows* something."

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Short, Short Play

Act I: "Oh, boy!"

Act II: "Obey!"

Act III: "Oh, baby!"

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The fellow who said this must have been a hen-pecked Pfc whose wife is a

WAC corporal. "When a man and a girl get married, they become one. Then they discover which one."

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It was aboard a convoy ship bringing him across. After going through the chow line, this sad sack saw the line still going through and entered it again. When finished, he remarked: "You know—they had the same thing for dinner that they had for breakfast!"

J. C. W.

An Editorial

Are You a Parochial Xenophobe?

IN a recent editorial, Life magazine expressed the fear that the American soldier may return from the war a parochial xenophobe.

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We didn't know what parochial xenophobe meant either—so we looked it up. What it means, roughly, is a guy who hates foreign peoples.

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We've been listening to a lot of Joes sound off about the British, the French, the Belgians and other folks from other lands in which this Army has trained and fought.

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Some of these birds would make you think Life's fear was fact. These guys see no good in anybody and no beauty anywhere. They hate the British for being British. They hate the French for being French. They hate the Ay-rabs for being dirty. They hate the Dutch for being clean. They just don't give a damn about anybody or anything except the good old U.S.A. "Just wait till we get back there and try and pry us loose again" just about expresses their point of view.

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We don't think those guys talk the language of the average GI.

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We think they talk the loudest, but we don't think they talk for the most. From the letters we get—from the things we see—from the memories we cherish—we

think most Americans aren't parochial xenophobes.

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Most of us realize for the first time what a small world this is. That all of us are neighbors. That something rotten in Denmark stinks like hell in the U.S.A. Lots of us sense for the first time that our big, strong, young country is married to the rest of the world—for better or worse.

We think some of our worst parochial xenophobes will change their tune when they get back home. Twenty years from now they'll be telling their kids about the dart game in the pub at Little Piddlehinton. About the cheers and beers they garnered in Brittany and Belgium. About the little old woman who came out of the rubble at St. Lo and murmured "Nos liberateurs!"

Fresh from ETO, a Reporter Finds:

Japs Fight a Quieter War, But It's Just as Deadly

NEW YORK, Nov. 16 (ANS)—Here are some impressions of contrasts in fighting in the Philippines and the ETO, as reported by Homer Bigart, New York Herald Tribune correspondent at Gen. MacArthur's headquarters.

Bigart reported the Britain-based air war against Germany and the Italian campaign before shifting to the Pacific. Coming from the European fronts, he has been impressed by the weakness of Japanese artillery, and their failure to employ mines with anything like the diabolical thoroughness of Field Marshal Kesselring's army in Italy.

The first Japanese Imperials have perhaps four 75s on the Ormoc Road. Their fire has been woefully ineffective except against an easy pointblank target such as the Americans presented in the first seizure of Breakneck and before they were dug in.

Can't Haul Them Out

The Japanese are said to have heavier guns at Ormoc, but have not succeeded in hauling them over the road, which dwindles into a forest track several miles short of Breakneck.

Moreover, both Ormoc and the entire length of the Japanese-held Ormoc Road are under the harassing fire of American Long Toms. Few mines, anti-tank or anti-personnel, have been encountered. In eight days of action on the Ormoc Road the Americans lost only one tank. That happened when a Japanese jumped out of a ditch and placed a magnetic mine on the tracks of a tank which was blasting enemy machine-gun positions on the reverse slope of Breakneck.

Here you can drive up to the front line in broad daylight without drawing a storm of artillery or getting blown sky high by Teller mines. And that is precisely why more correspondents have been killed here than in any comparable period in the ETO.

The newcomer gets a false sense of security. Hearing none of the usual din of battle, he comes jeeping along, admiring the scenery, when—ping—a sniper's bullet shatters his daydreams.

You have only to make one excursion to the front to realize that this is a different kind of war, and that Japanese bullets and "knee mortars" can kill just as surely as Col. Gen. Von Mackensen's railway guns at Anzio. The knee mortar has been the most effective weapon of the Japanese in the Ormoc drive. It is a 40-mm. job used for close-in work at 40 to 400 yards.

It's Silly to Generalize

Of course, it is silly to generalize on the fighting quality of the Japanese as compared with the Germans. Both are masters of camouflage and infiltration. Perhaps one generalization is permissible.

The German is perceptibly more civilized, and rarely tries suicide tactics. When a mission becomes hopeless the German gives up. The Japanese never does. It is the First Division's custom to send nightly patrols through the American lines. These attempt to reach artillery and other installations far to the rear. Even at this correspondent's billet, five miles from the Japanese lines, all ranks carry carbines outside the inclosure, even when venturing only as far as the latrine.

The Japanese basic infantry weapon is a light automatic rifle. It is inferior to our own Garand, but the Imperials have enough of them, plus 30-cal. machine-guns, to put up a respectable volume of fire. Like the Germans, the Japanese favor reverse slopes, digging spider holes some distance below the crest as protection against direct fire. They seldom use bunkers except in marshy terrain.

PRIVATE BREGER

"What temperature would you like your bath, Sir?"

Newman's

Yankee Doodles

"Do you realize you've spent ten seconds, or $28,370 of good U.S. money, while nonchalantly scratching your posterior epidermis?"

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Friday, Nov. 17

0755—Sign On—Program Resume.
0800—World News.
0805—Songs by Martha Mears.
0825—Music by Jimmy Dorsey.
0900—Headlines—Combat Diary.
0915—Personal Album with Anita.
0930—AEF Ranch House.
1000—Headlines—Morning After (Crosby Music Hall).
1030—Strike up the Band.
1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
1105—Duffle Mag.
1200—News.
1205—Duffle Bag.
1300—Headlines—Sports News.
1305—John Charles Thomas.
1330—Yanks Swing Session.
1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour.
1500—Headlines—German Lesson.
1505—Strike up the Band.
1530—On the Record.
1630—It Pays to be Ignorant.
1700—Headlines—Victory Parade with George Olsen.
1715—At Ease.
1730—London Column.
1745—Novelty Time.
1755—American Sports News.
1800—World News.
1805—Mark up the Map.
1810—GI Supper Club.
1900—Headlines—Command Performance.
1030—Paris Variety Program—Geraldo's Orchestra, Noel Coward and Francis Day.
2000—Headlines—Combat Diary.
2015—Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians.
2030—Moonlight Serenade.
2100—World News.
2105—Ransom Sherman's Nit Wit Court.
2135—California Melodies with Frank Duval.
2200—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
2205—Ten O'Clock Special.
2300—Final Edition.
2305—Sign off until 0755 hours, Saturday, Nov. 18.

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Once Over Lightly
By Charlie Kiley

NEW YORK, Nov. 16—Congressman Samuel A. Weiss, of Pennsylvania, is fast becoming known as the "Voice of Sports" in Washington. In fact, the energetic Mr. Weiss is threatening the Army football teams' hold on the sports pages these days. In less than 24 hours The Voice (with apologies to Sinatra) was quoted as being all out for the Army-Navy game in Philadelphia for war bonds—as who isn't—and in support of the 200,000 capacity-Memorial Stadium in Washington. The versatile congressman who officiates national football games also is currently involved in the disputed Giant-Eagle tie of last week which he refereed.

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United Press' Oscar Fraley wins the brass handled thunder mug for coming up with the first All-America. His first team includes four Army and three Navy men. The Kaydets are End George Poole, Tackle Dewitt Coulter and Backs Glenn Davis and Doc Blanchard—all first-year men! . . . Miami bettors have their choice between three horse parks, nine greyhound tracks and Jai-Alai Fronton, with parimutuels for all. . . . It is estimated that New Yorkers will have wagered about three billion dollars at Aqueduct, Jamaica and Belmont this year when the season ends today.

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The Hornell (N.Y.) Pirates of the Pony League undeniably are in the "bushes." They've signed Pitchers Carl and William Bush and Outfielder Charles Bush. . . . Someone ought to tell the boys of Germantown (Pa.) Academy about the facts of life. The other day they lost their eighth game in ten years to the Stevens School for Girls field hockey team. . . . If the far west gets any places on the All-America teams it will be purely by accident—schools out there are that bad off. The same goes for the southwest. As long as there are Army and Navy trainees, the east and midwest will have the cream of the crop, since that's where they all seem to be going. Trainees, however, don't linger long at one spot, which tends to keep the coaches guessing who will be in the lineup from week to week.

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Major J. D. Armstrong, who describes himself as an "Old Blue," wants to know what kind of a team unbeaten Yale really has in comparison with Army. With a bow to other "Old Blues," and no punches pulled, here it is, Major. If Army had a 15th team it still could whip Yale by three touchdowns. The Elis beat Coast Guard Academy, 7—3. Army beat the same team, 76—0. Yale beat Dartmouth, 6—0, while Notre Dame beat the Big Green, 64—0. Had enough yet?

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Commemorating the CCNY football season of seven straight defeats with no points for and 303 against, Daniel Throckmorton Parker pens this verse:

You can rave about the Army until
you're damn well balmy
You can sing the Navy's praises loud
as well
But there's one team that's deserving
of your loyalty unswerving
In addition to a good substantial yell
Against Brooklyn they've been steady
being shut out twice already
Boston College blanked 'em as well
And they've had to take two shutups
from those smart Connecticutups
It was 78 to 0 with Bucknell
So let's all jern in the sing-ging and
start the welkin ring-ging
For a team that knows ahead of time
its score
I refer to City College, ancient font of
classic knowledge
Let's give the boys a good substantial
roar.

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QUESTION BOX—To Cpl. Charles H. Wieland—Notre Dame beat Pitt, 58—0, this year. The Four Horsemen played the seasons of '22, '23 and '24. Frank Carideo played in '29 and '30. Notre Dame beat Stanford, 27—10, in its only Rose Bowl game Jan. 1, 1925. There is no rule prohibiting Notre Dame from playing in the Rose Bowl, but the school itself has its own policy of no post-season games.

Brown Bomber Outpoints Amos in 3-Rd. Exhibition

ELIZABETH, N.J., Nov. 16—Joe Louis was sharp and fast last night as he beat out a three-round exhibition decision over Dee Amos, a 210-pound pugilist from Washington.

Amos was game, but outclassed, and the crowd of 3,000 saw him narrowly avoid a kayo when Louis missed haymakers in the second and third rounds. He was almost out when the bell ended the fight. The champ weighed in at 204.

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—AND GIVEN

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Frisch, Ott, Walters, Leonard to Tour ETO

By Gene Graff
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Four major league baseball players and one sports writer are due in the ETO for a prolonged barnstorming tour among combat units. The quartet—officially ticketed as Camp Shows Unit 417—is composed of Frankie Frisch, Mel Ott, Bucky Walters, Emil "Dutch" Leonard and sports writer J. Roy Stockton, of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, who will act as master of ceremonies.

The troupe will travel on the Continent for at least two months. As a special feature, prints of the 25-minute movie showing highlights of the World Series is being brought along and the film will be shown at each stop.

Although the ball players will stray from the planned program according to the military situation of the troops they entertain, a standard visit will include screening the World Series movie, a sports quiz with Stockton pitching the questions

MEL OTT

BUCKY WALTERS

at Frisch, Ott, Walters and Leonard, the relating of behind-the-scenes stories and a question period when GIs can pop their favorite $64 puzzlers at the athletes—but not for $64.

Detroit fans are warned to unload their M1's when Leonard arrives. The Washington hurler is the gent who pitched the Tigers right out of the American League championship on the last day of the season.

As for Frisch, Ott and Walters they are all well known. Frankie, the former Fordham flash and present manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, saw his best days as a fiery second-baseman for the New York Giants before going on to manage the immortal St. Louis Cardinal Gas House Gang. Ott broke in with the New York Giants when he was 17, has been with them ever since and has always been up among the leading hitters. Now he's managing the club and is one of the most popular leaders in the league. Walters, who came up to the majors as a third baseman, is now the ace right-hander of the Cincinnati Reds. Bucky was named the most valuable player in the National League in '39 and led the league in earned-run average in '39 and '40.

DUTCH LEONARD

FRANKIE FRISCH

Similar units of baseball players and managers have been organized to tour other overseas theaters.

Blue Bulldog — By Pap

Raft of Luck, Not Phony Dice, Brought George a Roll of Cash

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 16—The answer to the question as to who was fading who in the most-talked-of crap game of the year was revealed here—the most natural place outside of Brooklyn for such a revelation—today, when screen actor George Raft's bodyguard, Mick Gray, identified his boss as the "actor" who won a small fortune with the dancing dominoes at Leo Durocher's New York apartment last March. But the sleek Raft did not use loaded bones, said Gray.

GEORGE RAFT

The husky protector of the Raft body made his statement regarding an inquiry started by Martin Shurin, an airplane parts manufacturer, who told New York District Attorney Hogan he had lost $18,500 in a quiet little game at the home of the leader of the Brooklyn Dodgers and made it plain that he had his doubts about the dice being slightly top-heavy.

"Raft makes $100,000 a picture," said Gray, "and he doesn't need that kind of money. Besides, it was only $10,000, and it was luck, not loaded dice."

Anyway, it must have been a sweet little game.

Gene Tunney Predicts Pro Grid Boom After War

NEW YORK, Nov. 16—A boom in professional football after demobilization was predicted by former heavyweight champion Gene Tunney. Tunney, now a commander in charge of the Navy's physical fitness program, said that professional stars of the immediate future would graduate from Army and Navy gridirons and battle fronts without previous varsity experience.

"Many youths like you who had no chance to go to college and display your athletic talent have demonstrated the ability in Army and Navy athletic programs," he told the Sampson Naval Station football players.

U.S. Olympic Star Killed

BALTIMORE, Nov. 16—Lt. Col. John Turnbull, captain of the U.S. lacrosse team in the 1932 Olympics and a member of the U.S. Olympic hockey team four years later, has been killed in action.

Army-Navy Tilt Decision Rests With President

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16—The final decision upon whether the Army-Navy football game will be played "in secrecy" as scheduled at Annapolis Dec. 2, or moved to a big city and tied in with the Sixth War Loan Drive, now rests with President Roosevelt. And there are a few million football fans who are sweating out "just a few well-chosen remarks" from the big boss as they never sweated out a fireside chat. So far he has made no statement one way or the other.

As is usually the case in matters of this sort, Washington is crawling with "authoritative sources" who are, needless to say, "highly reliable."

The only thing definitely known, however, is that the President said Tuesday that he would confer with Secretary of War Stimson on the matter and that he talked with Stimson on the telephone Tuesday night.

Agencies Divided

The consensus among the guessers is that the four agencies involved in the agitation to switch the game, which even Joes who don't know a football from a pineapple are convinced will be the grid battle of the year whether it is held at Annapolis, Philadelphia or East Orland, Me., are equally divided. The Navy Department and the Treasury Department are for moving the game to a stadium where it will draw the huge crowd that would like to see it, while the Army and the Office of Defense Transportation are against it.

HENRY STIMSON

President Roosevelt's announcement that he intended to discuss the matter with Stimson rather than with Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal scared hope out of the hearts of a lot of the boys. They winced and recalled that Mr. Stimson put his foot down last year when they tried to shift the game from West Point, and that he also refused to let Billy Conn and Joe Louis fight for the heavyweight championship.

The Navy has pointed out that handling tickets in case of a change would be a big headache on such short notice, but boosters of the dream battle counter that it would be nothing compared to the headache they'll get trying to jam all the "eligible" spectators into the little stadium at Annapolis.

Bowl Bid Race Narrows Down To 5 Elevens

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 16—The Rose Bowl committee announced today that the New Year's Day opponent of the Pacific Coast Conference champions will not be selected until after Nov. 25, when Southern California meets UCLA in a game that will probably decide the coast conference representative.

"There have been no conditional invitations extended because there are too many important games coming up within the next few weeks to decide now," said Arnold Eddy, California athletic manager and chairman of the selection committee.

United Press reported, however, that the committee has narrowed the field down to five teams—Ohio State, Georgia Tech, Alabama, Tennessee and Mississippi State—and that if Southern Cal wins a southern team would be selected.

If the field has been narrowed to the above-named teams it is probable that a southern team will be invited, because Ohio State is still bound by the Big Ten no-post-season-games rule. There also arises the question as to Georgia Tech's ability to accept. In order to make the trip the Engineers would need the permission of naval authorities to take trainees away from the campus for more than 48 hours.

Buckeyes Seek Revision Of Big Ten Bowl Ban

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 16—Ohio State University athletic authorities would like to see arrangements made so that the school's undefeated football team would be able to accept a Rose Bowl bid, but the decision rests with Big Ten faculty representatives.

I. W. Saint John, Buckeye athletic director, has polled faculty representatives of the conference schools and been informed that a meeting of the entire group would be necessary to reverse the conference's ruling against post-season games.

Red Wings' Five-Goal Splurge In Last Period Routs Leafs, 8-4

TORONTO, Nov. 16—The Detroit Red Wings threw defense to the winds last night and scored five goals in the third period to defeat the Toronto Maple Leafs, 8—4. The Wings were leading, 3—1, at the start of the third stanza but decided to make a rout of it.

Carl Liscombe scored on an assist from Steve Wochy at three minutes of the final stanza and Flash Hollett made his second unassisted goal of the night at eight minutes, four seconds. Hollett's previous goal had put the Wings ahead, 2—0, in the second period.

Ted Kennedy took advantage of Detroit's lack of defense and tallied twice within 20 seconds on assists from Bill Ezinicki midway in the period. But Harold Jackson made it 6—3 unassisted at 11.48 and Wochy netted one on a pass from Don Grosso at 12 minutes, and 12 seconds later Grosso went in on a Wochy pass to complete the rout. Bob Davidson got Toronto's last goal on a pass from Ezinicki.

Hockey League Standings

	W	L	T	P		W	L	T	P
Toronto	6	2	0	12	Boston	2	3	1	5
Montreal	5	2	0	10	New York	1	4	1	3
Detroit	4	3	0	8	Chicago	1	5	0	2

American Hockey League

Buffalo 5, Pittsburgh 3

EASTERN DIVISION	W	L	T	P	WESTERN DIVISION	W	L	T	P
Hershey	6	4	1	13	Pittsburgh	7	6	1	15
Buffalo	6	5	1	13	Indianapolis	5	3	4	14
Providence	1	5	2	4	Cleveland	5	5	1	11
					St. Louis	2	4	2	6

Dudley Re-Elected by PGA

CHICAGO, Nov. 16—Ed Dudley of the Broadmoor Country Club, Atlantic City, N.J., has been elected to his fourth term as president of the PGA.

Dick Tracy — By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune — By Chester Gould

Li'l Abner — By Courtesy of United Features — By Al Capp

Life in Those United States

Congress May Add a Star To Generals' Burdens

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (ANS)—Legislation to add a fifth star to the shoulder clusters of a group of four-star generals and admirals marched toward the top of Congress' list today. It was shoved ahead after Speaker Sam Rayburn (D.-Tex.) and Chairman Andrew J. May (D.-Ky.) of the House Military Affairs Committee disclosed that President Roosevelt would like to see the measure enacted.

ANDREW MAY

Current plans provide for the designation of two generals and two admirals as "General of the Army" and "Admiral of the Fleet," respectively.

These designations presumably would be bestowed on Gen. George C. Marshall and Gen. Eisenhower and on Adm. Ernest J. King and Adm. William D. Leahy. Gen. John J. Pershing is "General of the Armies" by act of Congress.

CAPITAL DRIBBLES: Henry J. Kaiser described as alarming the fact that American workers are leaving their jobs at such a rapid pace, essential war production is threatened. . . . U.S. war expenditures amounted to $7,447,000,000 in October, the WPB announced.

Over 80,400 veterans of World War II have been placed in jobs through the U.S. Employment Service. . . . The War Food Administration disclosed it would cut prices on American cotton and wheat in world markets to preserve overseas markets for U.S. farmers.

William Tell Misses

TUPPER LAKE, N.Y., Nov. 16—A William Tell stunt, in which Leonard Palmetier, 34, of Utica, tried to shoot a beer bottle off the head of Fred Santimaw, 50, of Gouverneur, with a rifle led to the latter's death in a deer-hunting party here, State Police said. An inquest has been ordered, but no charges have been filed against Palmetier.

$100,000 Leak

CINCINNATI, Nov. 16 (ANS)—The Union Terminal shortly will doff its $100,000 lid in favor of a new one. The present roof leaks.

That Old Army Rind

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Nov. 16 (ANS)—Sgt. G. I. Bacon is stationed here at a redistribution center.

Cigarettes Go On Legal Block at $1.06 a Pack

CHICAGO, Nov. 16 (ANS)—Americans desperate to get their hands on cigarettes paid on the average of 88 cents here yesterday for a package of 20—and it was legal, too, at the Postoffice's sale of unclaimed parcel-post packages.

The first 12 cartons were snapped up by Walgreen's Drug Store, which paid $1.06 for each package. An official of the company then announced the cigarettes would be sold at the regular ceiling price of 18 cents a pack.

Runner-up in the bidding for the first lot was W. A. Radzinski, a retired Army major, who dropped out after offering $1.01. He said he wanted them to send to veterans' hospitals for Christmas.

Ex-Sen. Brookhart Dies

PRESCOTT, Ariz., Nov. 16 (ANS)—Smith W. Brookhart, ex-U.S. senator from Iowa and long one of the foremost champions of the American farmer, died yesterday. He was 75.

Took Ten, Gave Five

NEW YORK, Nov. 16—A policeman, standing at a subway escalator, arrested 23 cigarette smokers as they came off the moving stairs. Each violator was fined $5.

Hot News

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 16 (ANS)—At the height of a big fire downtown a woman phoned the Wyoming Eagle, asking: "Can you tell me when the fire will be out?"

It's the Principle

SANDPOINT, Idaho, Nov. 16 (ANS)—Aviation Cadet Dwight E. Hill won a prize at the USO party—a telephone call home. Hill's home: Sandpoint, Idaho.

The Day In Reno

RENO, Nev., Nov. 16 (ANS)—Further action on the motion of Doris Duke Cromwell to re-open her divorce action against ex-diplomat James Cromwell has been postponed until Nov. 20 to provide Judge William McKnight more time to study the numerous depositions.

MRS. CROMWELL

Mrs. Cromwell's motion asked that a New Jersey court order obtained by Cromwell, declaring her Nevada divorce decree null and void, be annulled on the grounds that Cromwell was not a legal resident of New Jersey and the court there had no jurisdiction in the case.

Meantime, in another court here, Mrs. Elise Sparrow Yawkey won a divorce from Tom Yawkey, owner of the Boston Red Sox.

In Truth, It's a Great Year for Liars

BURLINGTON, Wis., Nov. 16 (ANS)—O. C. Hulett, president of the Burlington Liars Club, riffled happily today through letters that have poured into his office in preparation for the organization's annual New Year's Eve selection of the world's finest fibs.

He attributed this year's bumper crop of lies and whoppers to contributions from servicemen but added the number of entries from women was increasing, too.

Hulett cited a letter from Alton C. Porter as one of the best examples of GI prevarication. Porter wrote:

"One night in the North Atlantic, aboard the Chateau Thierry, the sea became so rough we had to stop the movie because the actors and actresses on the screen all got seasick."

WACs Are Vets, Too

HOT SPRINGS, S.D., Nov. 16 (ANS)—An honorably discharged WAC is a veteran "on the same basis as any other veteran," and as such she may be admitted to the South Dakota Soldier's Home, Attorney General George T. Nickelson ruled today.

Drum Gets High Post

NEW YORK, Nov. 16—Lt. Gen. Hugh A. Drum, who retired from the Army last year, will succeed the late Alfred E. Smith as president of Empire State, Inc., which operates the world's tallest building. Drum will keep his post as commander of the New York Guard.

Stork Is Willing, but He's Gotta Have Help

Mrs. GI Joe Soon May Give Out With a Plaintive Mating Call

NEW YORK, Nov. 16 (ANS)—The desire of British wives to get their husbands home on "baby furloughs" may spread to the U.S. if the war lasts beyond this year, D. Kenneth Rose predicted today, but he doubted the advisability of such a plan from the standpoint of "planned parenthood."

Rose, national director of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Inc., said that the petition of 3,000 British wives to the British War Office was an outgrowth of the normal desire for parenthood. The proposed plan of giving men furloughs, however, for the purpose of raising a family was impractical both as a military proposition and as a sound sociological premise, he said.

Nevertheless, Rose believes the problem should be faced in the U.S., as "undoubtedly the same type of agitation will develop among our men in the armed forces and the women at home if the war lasts beyond 1944."

"One of the many complexities of problem concerns the state of fertility in both men and women," Rose said. "You can't send GI Joe home for a couple of weeks and expect Mrs. GI Joe to become pregnant, just like that."

The shock of battle experience is a contributing factor, he said.

"Fertility of married couples is known to be temporarily decreased by reason of a husband's battle experience. This is particularly true of those engaged in combat flying." Rose emphasized, however, that infertility induced by such shock was only temporary.

Rose explained why Planned Parenthood would not indorse any plan for the armed forces to begin having children en masse. The purpose of his organization, he said, is parenthood if the mother has proper medical care, if the family's economic resources are sufficient for rearing of the child, and if the family is "sound."

All in all, Rose said, the primary task at hand is winning the war. After that he believes speedy demobilization of married men is a sounder idea than granting of "baby leaves."

. . . And From the Looks of Things, They're Still Piled There

In case you're still wondering, here are some of the 123 carloads of gifts for men overseas that piled up in New York's postoffice. Gentleman in the photo can quote, "Nor wind, nor rain, nor snow, nor gloom of night can stay these couriers from their appointed rounds" at the drop of a stamp. He's the fellow in New York through whom they write in c/o.

95th Division, New in Battle, Rivals Veterans in Heroism

By Earl Mazo
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE U.S. THIRD ARMY, Nov. 16—The 95th "Victory" Division, announced as a unit of the Third Army advancing in Lorraine, has a record of heroism that rivals many veteran divisions in Europe.

A lieutenant, leading a platoon in one of the division's first attacks, was wounded, paralyzed from the hips down. He asked a couple of his men to hold him up while he led the unit on to its objective. Later, at the aid station, he requested that all the other wounded of the platoon be taken care of before the medics attended to him.

One of the division's first patrols, led by a sculptor from Alaska and a policeman from New York, took five hours to clean out a comparatively large town. During the fight the policeman, Lt. Pat Harrington, became so exasperated at the house-to-house fight put up by the Germans, that he dashed out to a street intersection and shouted for them to "come out and fight like men." The sculptor, mild-mannered Lt. Max Lewis, said, "The bullets flew and Harrington shouted, but the Germans didn't come out, so we went in after them."

On another occasion, a battalion commander and a sergeant went after a German machine-gun. The sergeant was killed. The lieutenant colonel kept on after the gun and knocked it out.

The 95th, commanded by Maj. Gen. Harry L. Twaddle, formerly G-3 of the war department, was activated at Camp Swift, Tex., in 1942.

Invade Isles Off New Guinea

U.S. troops Wednesday invaded the Mapia Islands, 145 miles northwest of Biak on the northern New Guinea coast and pushed inland against slight Jap resistance, it was announced yesterday at Gen. Douglas MacArthur's headquarters in the Philippines.

The islands have been used by the Japanese as warning stations to report flights of American planes.

In the Philippines the U.S. Sixth Army tightened its triangular trap around five Jap divisions and moved closer to Ormoc, on the northern coast of Leyte. American troops were reported to be ten miles south and 14 miles east and north of Ormoc, last Jap-held base on the island.

CHUNGKING, Nov. 16 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer, new commander of American forces in China, said today that Japan planned to fight decisive battles on the Asiatic mainland and that she was steadily reinforcing her already substantial strength there. He added that he expected the Japanese war to last about a year after the end of the European struggle.

West Front - -

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mans Fort Hubert and the town of Peltre, which the doughboys had captured on Wednesday.

The Yanks were within half a mile of Metz on the north, and German radio commentators said the battle for the Lorraine city already had begun.

The enemy counter-attacks were staged south and west of Metz, where the Americans had been making their biggest gains since the drive started. The 379th Regiment of the 95th Division kept a foothold two miles west of Metz, but lost Fort Hubert. The Fifth Division was holding on about a mile and a half south of Metz.

On the southern French front, colonial troops of the First French Army advanced five miles in a new push for the approaches to Belfort Gap. The drive was said to extend over a 20-mile front in the Jura Mountain regions, which Prime Minister Churchill and Gen. deGaulle toured earlier this week.

In Holland, British troops captured five more towns and reached a point only a mile from the Meuse in the area west of Roermond. All of Dempsey's bridgeheads across the two canals in the area have been joined up in a solid 10-mile front.

Reds Set For Budapest Blast

MOSCOW, Nov. 16 (AP)—Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's main forces were reported today to be moving into position for a frontal assault on Budapest, where Soviet big guns to the south, southeast and east are ready to blast the Nazis from their deep fortifications in and around the Hungarian capital.

On the right flank the Russians attacked mountain positions covering the routes to Vienna and central Czechoslovakia.

Although both German and Hungarian troops were fighting hard north of Jaszbereny, which they lost yesterday, the Russian break-through was too strong to be stemmed, it was indicated.

Madrid Recognizes deGaulle

PARIS, Nov. 16 (AP)—The Spanish diplomatic legation announced officially today that Madrid had recognized the deGaulle regime as the provisional government of France.

Shortages Curb UNRRA's Aid

Shortages of meats, fats, clothing, textiles and agricultural machinery will limit the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration in aiding liberated European countries, Herbert Lehman, UNRRA director, declared yesterday in London.

UNRRA also will face a shipping problem, he said, and serious difficulties of inland transport caused by enemy destruction.

Negotiations with Russia for permission to send supplies through that country to Poland are now under way.

Lehman declared that UNRRA was "over and above politics" and that it could not enter a country except at request of the government or whatever authority was in effective control. During the period of Allied military authority, he emphasized, nothing is shipped into a theater of operations unless called for by the military commander.

Stilwell Keeps Lips Zipped

CARMEL, Calif., Nov. 16—Gen. Joseph W. (Vinegar Joe) Stilwell, recently relieved of his command in the China-Burma - India Theater because of differences with Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, refused to discuss his removal today in his first press interview since his return to the U.S.

STILWELL

Stilwell's only comment on China was: "Newsmen in China are doing a wonderful job and are giving the people an accurate picture of what is going on." To all oblique questions leading to the China situation, the General repeatedly answered:

"I can't answer that. It will lead back to a discussion of the Chinese situation, and I just can't say anything."

Stilwell was unstinting in his praise of the American soldier, and said: "The Japanese are good soldiers by virtue of military training from a tender age, but I think the way we do it is a damned-sight better."

Nelson Back in China To Boost War Output

CHUNGKING, Nov. 16 (Reuter)—Donald M. Nelson, making his second mission to China as President Roosevelt's personal representative, arrived here today to work out with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek production methods to increase China's war output.

Nazi Peace Pipe Smoking?

BERNE, Switzerland, Nov. 16 (AP)—Germany's rulers are putting out feelers for a "Christmas peace drive," the Geneva newspaper La Suisse said today, quoting diplomatic travelers from the Reich, who intimated that overtures would be made in a neutral capital.

It was suggested Hitler had been removed in a scheme to clear the way for negotiations in Lisbon.

According to the report, Gestapo Chief Heinrich Himmler's job is to maintain "peace" inside Germany itself, where Nazi home propaganda plugs the theme that the Germans must fight on, while broadcasts for foreign consumption dwell on an "honorable and acceptable peace."

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