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Daily German Lesson

Wie weit ist es entfernt?
Vee vait ist ess entfehrnt?
What distance is it from here?

Daily French Lesson

Bonsoir
Bawn-swar
Good evening

Cigarette Sales to U.K. Noncombatants Halted

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French at the Rhine; Metz Falls

Widening the Breach in Fortress Germany

Butt Ban On to Ease Shortage for Fighters

Cigarette sales in all United Kingdom PXs were halted last night to all U.S. Army personnel except combat soldiers, replacements and hospital patients.

The ban on cigarette sales was ordered for an indefinite period by Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, Communications Zone commander, because of an acute shortage of smokes for combat soldiers.

Beginning this morning, cigarettes will be sold only to combat airmen, hospital patients, troops in Ground Force replacement centers and line soldiers recuperating in rest areas. These men will get five packs a week.

The order banning cigarette sales did not specify whether cigars and pipe tobacco were also excluded from the weekly ration. However, when Com Z personnel in France took a similar bust one week ago, the order there clearly barred cigars and tobacco, as well as cigarettes.

The only explanation of the order was the shortage of smokes for combat troops. No reason was given for the existence of this shortage.

As a result of the ban on American cigarette purchases, American consumption of British cigarettes was expected to rise sharply. However, no shortage of British smokes was anticipated last night.

A spokesman for the British Board of Trade in London told The Stars and Stripes: "Increased American purchases of our cigarettes will bring no hardship to British smokers. We have plenty to supply any demands."

United Kingdom soldiers first began to feel the pinch of the cigarette crisis a week ago, when PXs reduced the weekly ration from seven to five packs. As in the U.K., PXs in France reduced the ration by two packs one week before suspending sales entirely.

An Editorial

As the voice of the American serviceman in the United Kingdom, The Stars and Stripes hereby directs this question, which is in the minds of every GI smoker, to Washington:

"Where are the cigarettes?"

This question, which in view of the earlier cut in the ration and last night's announcement that the entire sale of cigarettes was being banned to non-combatants, we believe to be a reasonable one and necessary.

Certainly nobody begrudges the fighting men in the air or on the ground what smokes are available. They deserve them.

But looking coldly at the fact of the shortage itself, and equally coldly at the innumerous and confused reports and unofficial explanations from the home front as to what the situation is there and here regarding cigarettes, we believe it is time the soldier's voice was heard.

Where are the cigarettes?

Pushing beyond Aachen in the new thrust into the Reich, First Army men, above, move across a field under fire. In lower photo, two Ninth Army soldiers, concealed behind mounds of hay, man a mortar in front of a German barn.

'Must Shatter Japan for Good'

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 20—Warning that destruction of Japanese power "may prove to be a harder task than we now think," Navy Secretary James V. Forrestal told War Bond salesmen here yesterday that "if we fail to shatter that power now, I very much fear that . . . the job will have to be done all over again within 20 years—and at many times even the present cost."

Forrestal reviewed what the Navy had achieved with 69 billion dollars since July, 1940:

Sent to sea 10,300,000 tons of ships; built and equipped 300 advance bases; convoyed 61,000 ships in the Atlantic and Pacific; and landed 1,200,000 troops in assault waves on enemy beaches.

Carol at Rio

RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov. 20 (Reuter)—Ex-King Carol of Rumania arrived here today, accompanied by Madame Lupescu and a small retinue.

12 Yule Gifts Per Man (Ha)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (ANS)—According to Postoffice statisticians, if you're a GI overseas you should be averaging 12 Christmas packages this year. Of course, you may get nothing more than one parcel containing shoeshine equipment from the local politician, but here are the statistical facts:

More than 82,000,000 parcels have been cleared for shipment to servicemen overseas, Postmaster General Frank Walker said today. The Army total is 61,641,487 for five million men. Navy men will receive about 25,000,000 parcels.

Meanwhile, postal officers warned that this was the last week that GIs in the U.K. may reasonably expect to mail gifts and greeting cards and get them home by Dec. 25.

Plan for Administering Enemy Areas Is Set Up

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (Reuter)—Acting Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. announced today that much of the plan for the administration of enemy areas by the European Advisory Commission already had been set up but that owing to military considerations the details could not be released to the public.

Flower Hurls Pot at Noel

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 — Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia leaped from Flatbush's corner last night and sent Noel Coward reeling with a right swing for the British author's slur at Brooklyn soldiers in his book "Middle East Diary."

"Brooklynites know their own boys and I don't think Coward knows much about American he-men. They say he's an actor and a poet. He's a poet—so was Oscar Wilde," the Mayor said.

The Society for the Prevention of Disparaging Remarks about Brooklyn sponsored a broadcast by 1/Sgt. Manuel Serrano, paratrooper who wears the European Theater ribbon with two stars, Purple Heart, French citation and a Presidential unit citation.

"I never heard any man whimper," he said. "That goes for guys from San Francisco, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and also Brooklyn."

Snipers Mopped Up By 3rd Army Yanks; Belfort Captured

All organized resistance in Metz has ended, a Reuter dispatch from the U.S. Third Army revealed late last night.

In one of the swiftest drives since the Normandy breakthrough, tanks and troops of the First French Army yesterday captured three villages near the junction of the French-Swiss-German border after vanguard units had stabbed to the Rhine River at dusk on Sunday night.

Getting back their own in payment for the 1940 Nazi blitzkrieg, the French blasted through the Belfort Gap, covering 30 miles in two days, and took the fortress city of Belfort, beating down enemy troops on the western approaches at Fort le Sulbert and the town of Essert.

While the French operation—which threatens the German forces in both the Vosges Mountains and in the southern chain of the Siegfried defenses—stole most of the thunder from yesterday's operations along the Western Front, the American and British armies already in Germany made steady gains against opposition which was fierce in places and virtually non-existent in others.

Most of Metz Falls

In Metz, where the Germans had been expected to fight to the last, general enemy resistance was reported to have ceased as Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's troops crushed the Gestapo-led Volkssturm troops. One barracks in the northwestern sector still held out, and there was sporadic sniping. The German columns still in retreat east of Metz took a heavy pounding from Allied strafing planes.

Sunday's air operations in support of Western Front ground gains totalled 4,000 sorties.

The French drive to the Rhine—announcement of which came as a surprise, since prior to it the French were reported about 17 miles from the border river at the nearest point—turned the whole southern flank of the German defenses in the region of the Swiss border.

Dispatches from Basle, near where the French now stood, said that German troops had retreated into Switzerland, giving up their arms to Swiss frontier guards. The Germans gave up St. Louis and Hueningen, about a mile north of the triple border junction. German civilians also fled across the Swiss border.

The French captured Hengenheim, Burgfelwarden and Neuweiller, all in an arc northwest of Basle. Only two forts of the Belfort defenses were said to be in German hands.

Tanks at Mulhouse

Twenty miles east of Belfort and about eight miles west of the Rhine, Allied tanks were reported to have reached Mulhouse, another German stronghold.

More than 10,000 German prisoners were taken by the French since they began their drive to smash the enemy line hinged on the Belfort Gap.

On the Allied front in Germany, weather stepped in again. British and American troops moving northeast and east from Geilenkirchen threw back two enemy counter-thrusts, one of which gained some ground before the position was restored.

The Germans have brought up rein-

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Nazi Oil, Rails Hit By Heavies, 700 Fighters

After three days of inactivity, approximately 160 Eighth Air Force Fortresses yesterday bombed the Scholven-Buer synthetic-oil plant at Gelsenkirchen and railroad yards at Munster.

More than 700 Mustang and Thunderbolt fighters escorted the heavies and strafed targets in the Coblenz, Weisbaden and Bonn areas, shooting up rail and road facilities. Of 18 fighters reported lost, ten were believed to have landed in friendly territory.

Italy-based 15th Air Force heavy bombers pounded oil refineries at Blechhammer, in Upper Silesia.

RAF Lancasters in daylight yesterday bombed targets in the Ruhr.

Stepping up the aerial offensive in close support of advancing U.S. ground forces, Ninth Air Force aircraft flew more than 1,800 sorties Sunday against enemy troops, fortified towns and communications.

Meanwhile, it was disclosed that America's newest and fastest bomber, the Douglas twin-engine A26 Invader, designed for low- or medium-altitude flying, was now in operation with the Ninth Air Force.

The Invaders joined Marauders and Havocs in a 200-bomber attack Sunday on the German town of Merzig, 32 miles northeast of Metz.

Thunderbolt, Mustang and Lightning fighter-bombers shot down 15 enemy planes and destroyed 270 motor trucks and over 300 rail cars, disabled 46 locomotives and knocked out 28 gun positions, flying more than 1,300 sorties.

Reds Battling For Rail Hub

MOSCOW, Nov. 20 (AP)—Russian troops were reported today to be fighting on three sides of Hatvan, hub in northeastern Hungary of four rail lines leading northward into central Slovakia and westward to Vienna.

Capture of Hatvan, 13 miles southwest of Gyoengyoes, which the Red Army took last night, would give the Russians control of one of the main passes through the Matra Mountains into central Slovakia and might enable them to cut off German forces in eastern Slovakia.

The Budapest sector was comparatively quiet, and it appeared that Marshal Rodion Malinovsky, Red Army commander on this front, was working to neutralize the enemy forces in northeastern Hungary before striking to capture the Hungarian capital.

(Reports from Berlin said the Red Army had begun an offensive southeast of the Baltic naval base of Libau, in Latvia, where a force of 300,000 Germans had been cut off in the drive that liberated Riga, the capital.)

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WITH THE FRENCH FIRST ARMY, Nov. 20 (UP)—A German battalion in which every man was deaf and dumb has been captured near Hericourt, on the Belfort front.

A labor battalion, it was sent to the most forward positions, because the deaf-mutes did not panic. They could not hear the noise of battle, so it had no effect on them, it was said.

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NOTE: *B-Bag is receiving many unsigned letters. We require your signature as evidence of good faith only. Your identity will not be revealed if you inform us you want your name withheld.*—ED.

Sound Advice to Brooklyn

Nov. 15, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,

As an ETO Brooklynite may I suggest that the Society for the Prevention of Disparaging Remarks about Brooklyn go and collectively jump in Gowanus Canal. If Mr. Noel Coward on his trip to the Middle East saw some Brooklyn GIs who were little, who were lying in tears because of what Mr. Coward considers only a bullet wound or a fractured arm—so what? That is Mr. Coward's own opinion and it tells us something of Mr. Coward's own personality—but then again—so what?

Certainly it is no excuse to launch a vituperative attack on Mr. Coward and by implication on our British friends. This type of careless talk has destroyed much of the goodwill which we have built up here and has made Brooklyn really seem silly.

That Borough President Cashmore should stoop to a demagogic demand for an apology from Mr. Coward is a sad commentary on the leadership in Brooklyn. Better will be offered when we get back home from the ETO.

Brooklynites can help their boys in the ETO who live and die in common with their English Allies by shutting up and ignoring such silly organizations as the one responsible for this nonsense.—*Sgt. Irving Bearman, 32178648 AC.*

Protest Mascot Shooting

Nov. 16, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,

We are the oldest heavy bombardment group in the ETO and naturally we have a lot of pride in our outfit. On Nov. 15 we find a new putsch has begun. Before we have a chance to get wind, our squadron mascots are picked up by the Military Police and shot. These dogs undoubtedly have more service in the ETO than the damn rookies that ordered and did the job.

These dogs never bothered a soul and seldom if ever went near the mess hall. Therefore, no legitimate reason for their execution existed. If a squadron cannot have a mascot just how in the hell do the higher ups expect to maintain morale? We're here to bet that the name "Bomber" lives longer in the memories of the men than the Himmler that started this.—*Plenty of browned off GIs, Bomb Sq.*

Would-Be Mail Joe's Gripe

Nov. 16, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,

I've just read in the "Stripes" the reason for the delay in the mail delivery service—are you kiddin! I, and thousands of others like my mail starved self, can absolutely see no reason whatsoever for any delay in mail delivery because of priority to the front-line GIs. Sure the front-line boys should be given priority, but it seems to me that there should be enough personnel at the postal bases to insure uninterrupted mail service to all, whether he be in the front lines or elsewhere.

Now don't tell me that there aren't enough men to be had because I know different. You see I have just emerged from several of the Army's Replacement Depots at which I asked to be reclassified as a mail clerk; was I—no! Their answer was that they had a sufficient number of men for said service. If this be the case, then why not get them on the ball?—*Low Morale, Sta. Hosp.*

Who Gets the Cigarettes?

Nov. 17, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,

It's agreed that the boys at the front should have all the cigarettes they want, plus candy and other things. They're going through hell, I'm only going through my month's pay. But where in hell are all the smokes going that people back home hear are for the boys overseas? How about all the cartons different clubs, associations and factories send over—pro gratis? I got a pack last Christmas and a carton coming over on the boat a year ago, and consider myself lucky in that point.

Clean up the canteens on all the troopships, PXs in the States, and this "help yourself" at the Red Cross clubs. Some GIs go into hospital for a couple of weeks and come out with two or maybe more cartons they were given free. The average GI doesn't want to get his cigarettes free, he'll pay for them and be satisfied. But, hell, a guy wants more than five packs a week. It's T.S. when you have to offer a buddy a Player long about the end of the week, at 50c. per 20 it ain't hay, but it sure as hell tastes like it.—*S/Sgt. R. Lane, — Bomber Group.*

Hash Marks

Today's daffynition: A bachelor is a guy who prefers single blessedness to double bedlam.

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Signs of the Times. On a foxhole in the South Pacific are these words:

Through these Portals
Pass the fastest mortals.

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Then there was the woman who wanted a divorce merely because every time she sat on her husband's lap he started dictating letters.

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GI philosophy. There are two periods to a man's life when he doesn't understand women. Before and after marriage.

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This one comes from Sicily. Sicilians keep a close eye on their daughters and a GI calling for a gal to take to a dance found he was expected to escort her

mama and four aunts as well. "What's the big idea?" he asked. His gal cooed sweetly, "Americans are trustworthy—five chaperones are enough."

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Sgt. Dave Karten, a guy who is really on the ball, has reached a conclusion which leaves us no corner in which to hang our heads. He sez: "When you copy from one source, it's plagiarism. When you copy from five sources, it's research. When you copy from Esquire, Readers' Digest and Joe Miller's joke book—it's a hashmark."

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And then there was the Sad Sack who slipped up behind his mess sergeant and whispered, "Any Spam, Sam?"

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Overheard: She prefers the classics—Moonlight Sinatra being her favorite.

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The infantry is still the Queen of Battles. A GI on ski maneuvers in the Rockies, reporting to his CP on the

walkie-talkie, was surprised to hear a strange voice cut in: "This is a B17 at 5,000 feet calling its base. Get off the air." "This is the infantry at 10,000 feet," retorted the doughboy, "Get the hell up where you belong."

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Another Daffynition: A hypocrite is a GI who smiles when he pulls KP.

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Compromise: A GI said, "Sir, I'm not asking for 20 days, 15 days or even ten. All I want is a three-day pass." The CO replied, "I can't give you three days or a weekend nor 24 hours—but you can have a bed-check pass." "I'll take it," said the GI.

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Afterthought: Love is one game that is never called off on account of darkness.

J. C. W.

Rose and a Thorn for the Home Front

Hutton-Price-Mrs. Le Gassique Tussle Turns into Free-for-All

A recent letter in these columns by Mrs. Harold Le Gassique, of Chicago, wife of a soldier in the ETO, which protested against a series of articles about the home front by two Stars and Stripes reporters, Bud Hutton and Ben Price, has created a storm of replies, pro and con. Hutton and Price lamented the seeming lack of awareness at home of the war; Mrs. Le Gassique argued that they were guilty of sampling errors, that America is war-conscious, and that folks at home are trying to keep America the place its men and women overseas remember and cherish. The Stars and Stripes, interested in what GI Joe and Jane think about it, makes an open forum of the debate with a few of the letters received.

Two women at home share in the war effort—they're shown making tests in an industrial plant.

No matter how greatly civilians expend themselves, it cannot be compared to what the GI in the foxhole is going through. But no soldier is stupid enough to demand sacrifice for its own sake. What the GI rightfully demands is that folks back home have some healthy understanding and appreciation of what he is going and will have gone through.—*S/Sgt. Louise Janus, WAC Det., Hq. and Hq. Sq., ASC.*

Mrs. Le Gassique has really got something there. It reeks with fact.—*Sgt. J. U. Mercer, ASC.*

Twenty-one gun salute to Mrs. Le Gassique. Reporters Price and Hutton are most emphatically "told-off"!—*T/Sgt. Harold E. Allen, Bomb Sq.*

When a GI calls our paper a rag, it's OK, but when some civilian takes it upon herself to insult The Stars and Stripes, we object. Our advice to her is to read the Ladies' Home Journal and quit worrying about "Our Yellow Rag."—*1/Sgt. Clayton E. Hawken and Pfc Angelo "Greek" Mavrianos, Gen. Hosp.*

90% With Her

Hutton was pretty crumby and I hope some smart fellows on your staff realized it. I've been in four years, and just because my mother, father and sister aren't in it, don't make me mad. Mrs. Le Gassique's got about 90 per cent of the Army fellows around here with her.—*Cpl. A. R. Mason, Bomb Sp.*

I'm surprised and ashamed that you would print Mrs. Le Gassique's letter.—*T/Sgt. E. G. Dickinson, Bomb Sq.*

Hutton reflected the attitude of many GIs, an attitude based on misunderstanding and thoughtlessness. We complain that our citizens' attitude is not similar to ours. Why should it? They are not faced with the realities confronted over here. The truth is that we, living under abnormal conditions, have changed. Returning to the U.S., we are resentful of the more normal attitude and existence.—*Sgt. Don Richner, Bomb Sq.*

I, and probably many other "GI Joes" in this God-blessed land of fog and rain, agree with Hutton and Price on many points. In comparison with the British people back home are living like kings.—*Cpl. William J. Herlihy, ASC.*

Shouldn't Have Done It

Why was Le Gassique so indiscreet as to send the articles by Hutton and Price to his wife? Does he agree? Or has he lost faith in his folks at home? Mrs. Le Gassique's letter does not offer a solution, but only portends to provoke more animosity.—*Pvt. L. M. Harrison, Repl. Bn.*

Do we detect a sort of private war being instigated between soldiers and civilians? It's about time we stopped being kids. It might be good for morale to gripe, but if it results in kicking each other around, the fun of griping may turn into a serious problem.—*T/5 Paul Schwartz, Sta. Hosp.*

Mrs. Le Gassique's letter is a human, down-to-earth answer to those who are doing so much, knowingly and unknowingly, to divide the American soldier from the American people. The American soldier would be just another soldier without the incomparable skill and devotion of the plain everyday man and woman back home.—*Capt. Joseph Dalven, MC.*

Bud Hutton is an ace reporter, but he was off the beam in his recent articles about the people in the States.—*Pvt. George Stansberry, S/Sgt. James Rabin, Sgt. Edward Zemke, S/Sgt. Charles W. Reed, Cpl. Carl Blakato, AAF.*

Three cheers for the soldier's wife who wrote that snappy letter, she deserves a medal. I think Bud Hutton should eat about six pounds of mimeographed copies of her letter, with some spam and dried eggs. I only hope my wife and two kiddies don't get a chance to read his articles. They might start digging foxholes in the front lawn, and their old man would have to spend part of his leave, if he ever gets one, filling them up again and explaining the queer antics of some bunion-brained guys who still don't know much about the "American Way of Life."—*SKT 2/c C. S. Herbert, USNR.*

Mostly GI Contribution

By no stretch of the imagination could my assignment be compared, in misery and discomfort, to that of the fighting forces. Nevertheless, men have died in my proximity, and in ways inconceivable in Mrs. Le Gassique's worst nightmares. America has sweated, but the blood and tears are, for the most part, GI Joe's contribution, and to date he hasn't struck for higher pay, or because his buddy was busted for overstaying a pass. His mental state is pretty good and he's awfully busy.—*Capt. C. J. Smith, MC.*

Mrs. Le Gassique wrote, "So what, let the M.D.'d guy drive a beat-up taxicab—Hell, is there any reason why he should have the best after he was over there and is now safely back home?" We think that we who have been up front should have something better than that after we have had our lives in danger.—*Boys of Ward 15D, Pvt. Leonard Simon, Pvt. Leland W. Hall, Pvt. James Amos.*

Very clever how Mrs. Le Gassique skimmed over the strike situation: "Yes, we have strikes—soon over." Yes, over as soon as the GIs marched into the coal fields of Pennsylvania and took over. Over when they marched into Philly and took over the transportation system.—*Cpl. Karl K. Koch, Pfc Thomas Ratliff, Bomb Sq.*

As for the strikes at home, that in itself is proof of what a great and wonderful country we have. Being able to strike in war time and still have the equipment we need. Striking is one of the main factors in our high standard of living.—*Pvt. Joseph Abramowitz, Repl. Pool.*

You didn't expect any self-respecting, patriotic citizen of the U.S. to take that Hutton-Price masterpiece without a squawk, did you? Mrs. Le Gassique put more common sense into her letter than we find in most of your editorials lately. I, for one, would hate to think that my folks and my friends back home are all like those your two star reporters met. Hope you don't print that stuff just to make us want to stay over here. It won't work!—*T/Sgt. Louis H. Eisen, Sig. Co.*

She's Entirely Wrong

I am writing to the person responsible for letting "Home Front Rears Up" go to press. I can see he hasn't ever been up to the front, because if he had been up there for any length of time he would know without an argument that Mrs. Le Gassique is entirely wrong. — *One wounded infantry soldier, Pvt. John Pufpaf.*

Why don't civilians keep their noses out of our business over here? It is all right for GIs to gripe, but civilians should keep their thoughts to themselves.—*Pvt. Francis Knight, Pvt. Shelby Palmer, Bomb Sq.*

We know of no one in the ETO who is feeling sorry for himself. If we were, as Mrs. Le Gassique seems to believe, this would be one helluva weeping Army. Sure, there are 11,000,000 men in service, but what percentage of that figure is in combat? Some of those guys don't even know there's a war on themselves. How can we expect civilians to know the score? What most GIs prefer, we think, is that the home front continue to have its ball games, to cheer accomplishments like D-Day, and to keep the home fires burning so that when we do come home our readjustment will be made easier.—*Four Mission Happy Airborne Engineers, S/Sgt. James S. Flynn, Sgt. Thomas J. Quigley, Sgt. Donald C. Florence, Cpl. Edgar G. Ellis.*

PRIVATE BREGER

"His point is: Why should buck privates be the only ones without something on their helmets!"

Since '41, a Vast Change

Gen. Somervell Says Arms Of Today Are War-Born

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (Reuter)—Weapons used by the Army today are in almost every case different from those provided when the U.S. was attacked Dec. 7, 1941, it was announced by Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, commander of Army Service Forces, in his annual report.

The infantryman has a warmer, lighter uniform, a deadlier bayonet, a semi-automatic rifle, and combat boots in place of leggings, Somervell stated.

His report revealed the following changes in Army fighting equipment:

A new all-metal, .45-cal. sub-machine-gun, with three times the firepower of the old Thompson gun. The .30-cal. carbine has replaced the .45 revolver.

Not a single piece of anti-aircraft artillery goes back to pre-war days, nor a single piece of heavy artillery from the 155-mm. up.

The M4 tank, the 76-mm. anti-tank gun mounted on a high-speed tank chassis, the bazooka, and the amphibious 2½-ton truck were all developed after the U.S. entered the war.

Eighteen different rocket items were made during the year, as were new flame-throwers, new types of incendiary and oil bombs, and a new tank-destroyer item.

5,000,000 GIs Overseas, 70% to ETO in '44

The Army now has nearly 5,000,000 troops overseas, according to the annual ASF report. Of all soldiers shipped overseas in 1944, about 70 per cent went to Atlantic theaters.

Supplies required per man overseas have increased from one ton in the last war to five tons today. One soldier's continuing maintenance requires one ton per month now, compared with half a ton in 1917-18.

AFN Radio Program

On Your Dial

1375 kc.	1402 kc.	1411 kc.	1420 kc.	1447 kc.
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Tuesday, Nov. 21

0755—Sign On—Program Resume.
0800—Headlines—Combat Diary.
0815—Personal Album, with Anita.
0830—Joe Loss Orchestra.
0900—World News.
0905—Music by Sammy Kaye.
0925—Music America Loves Best.
1000—Headlines—Morning After (Duffy's Tavern).
1030—Strike up the Band.
1100—Headlines—Home News from the USA.
1105—Duffle Bag.
1200—News.
1205—Duffle Bag.
1300—Headlines—Sports News.
1305—NBC Symphony.
1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour.
1500—Headlines—German Lesson.
1505—Strike up the Band.
1530—On the Record.
1625—Carnival of Music.
1700—Headlines — Melody Roundup with Lum and Abner.
1715—Canada Guest Show.
1755—American Sports News.
1800—World News.
1805—Mark up the Map.
1810—GI Supper Club.
1900—Headlines—GI Journal, with Bing Crosby.
1930—Here's to Romance.
2000—Headlines—Combat Diary.
2015—Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians.
2030—American Band of the AEF (Major Glenn Miller).
2100—World News.
2105—Charlie McCarthy.
2130—Dinah Shore Show.
2200—Headlines—Home News from the USA.
2205—Ten O'Clock Special.
2300—Final Edition.

Packers Upset by Giants, but Gain Western Title

Once Over Lightly
By Gene Graff

BRITISH drama critics, who hesitate before lauding even Shakespeare, apparently intend an invasion into the realm of sports. If not an invasion, perhaps it's just a commando raid, but that doesn't make the target—big, strong, honest bruisers of the wrestling profession—any happier.

The grunt and groan artists, whose timing in the ring is more precise than a zany Marx Brothers' movie, suddenly are being lambasted by the staid British press. Some quarters have gone so far as to campaign for legislation outlawing the groaners. That would be a great tragedy because there's nothing funnier than a professional wrestling match.

However, London papers started beating their gums this weekend to abolish "all-in" wrestling, whatever that means. Perhaps it means that the spectators get so wrought up they are "all-in" before the evening ends. It certainly couldn't pertain to the contestants, unless wrestling has been revamped since Pearl Harbor.

One paper declared, "It is in the cards that all-in wrestling, the most fantastic, stupid and non-sporting sport to insult us (the British), will be officially banished. . . . It is a degrading and unhealthy form of entertainment."

So much anti-wrestling propaganda has been stirred up by crusading factions that the governing board will convene tomorrow to debate whether it "would be for the national welfare to abolish wrestling on Jan. 1."

Toe-twisting officials in the land of mild and bitter will be chagrined to learn, from no less an authority than a London newspaper, that "the plain truth is, wrestling sets out to attract the sadist by an exhibition of pseudo-barbarism, and the only thing to be pleaded in its favor is that everyone knows it's a fake."

We'll admit that wrestling and cricket are not in the same league. But you'll have to take it from there. Anglo-American friendship must be preserved.

Toronto Rally Nips Hawks, 4-3

CHICAGO, Nov. 20—The Toronto Maple Leafs rallied in the second period to score three goals and defeat the Chicago Black Hawks, 4—3, last night and hold their grip on first place in the National Hockey League.

Playing without the services of their star wingman, Sweeney Schriner, the Leafs were led by Babe Pratt, who gave Toronto a 3—2 advantage in the second chapter with his first goal and clinched the contest with a second in the final stanza.

The Hawks amassed a 2—0 margin on goals by Clint Smith and Earl Sibert in the first period, but the Leafs came on in the second to erase it. Reg Hamilton opened the scoring and Lorne Carr tied it at 2—2. After Pratt's first goal the Hawks tied it on Bill Mosienko's tally a little more than a minute later. Then came Pratt's decisive marker on which he feinted Goalie Mike Carakas out of the net for the only tally of the last period.

Hockey League Standings

	W	L	T	P		W	L	T	P
Toronto	8	2	0	16	Boston	2	5	1	5
Montreal	7	2	0	14	New York	1	4	2	4
Detroit	5	3	1	11	Chicago	1	7	0	2

Canadiens' Surge Beats New York Rangers, 6–2

NEW YORK, Nov. 20—The New York Rangers were hot for two periods last night, but the Montreal Canadiens got hotter in the final chapter, and scored five goals to defeat the New Yorkers, 6—2.

Rookie Frank Eddolls tied the count at 2—2 with a neat shot two minutes after the final period opened, Dutch Hiller sent the Canadiens ahead four minutes later, and after that the Rangers were lost. Buddy O'Connor pushed home two more goals and Elmer Lach completed the rout.

Wings Nose Out Bruins, 4—3

DETROIT, Nov. 20—The Detroit Red Wings scored three goals in the first period and went on to nose out the Boston Bruins, 4—3, last night in a game marked with only two penalties. The Bruins tallied twice in the last period, replacing their goalie and putting six forwards on the ice in an effort to tie the score.

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Reunions

THE following towns and districts will hold Reunion Dinners next week at the American Red Cross Mostyn Club, Edgware Road, London, at 7.5 PM: Tuesday, Nov. 21: Raleigh, Durham, Chapel Hill—N. Carolina. Wednesday, Nov. 22: Charleston—S. Carolina.

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Buckeye Rams Through Gopher Line

Ollie Clien (arrow) pushed through to the Minnesota five-yard line in the first period of the Big Ten contest at Columbus, Ohio. Buckeyes won, 34—14.

Zontini Paces Rams to Victory

CHICAGO, Nov. 20—The Cleveland Rams climbed into a tie for second place with the Chicago Bears and Detroit Lions here yesterday by defeating the combined Chicago Cardinals-Pittsburgh Steelers, 33—6. Led by Lou Zontini, the Rams scored in every period.

Tom Colella racked up the first touchdown for the Rams in the opening chapter on a pass from Mike Kabealo, and Zontini reeled off another in the second quarter, while the third Ram touchdown came in the third stanza on a pass from Albie Reisz to Steve Pritko.

The Card-Pitts broke into the scoring column shortly after on a 46-yard pass from Johnny Grigas to Tony Bova, but that only served to stir up the Rams, who bounced back in the fourth with a 58-yard touchdown run by Jim Gillette and a 43-yard pass from Reisz to Johnny Petchell for the day's final tally. Zontini kicked three extra points.

The statistics:

	RAMS	CARD-PITTS
First downs	9	12
Yards gained rushing	135	90
Passes attempted	12	31
Passes completed	6	10
Yards gained passing	196	122
Yards lost penalties	79	44

March Field Fliers Top San Diego Naval, 7-0

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Nov. 20 — Although outplayed most of the game, the Second Air Force Fliers of March Field took advantage of the breaks to defeat San Diego Naval, 7—0, here yesterday. The lone touchdown was scored in the second period when Leo Cantor, former UCLA fullback, plunged over from the one-yard line. Ernie Smith, former All-American Southern California, converted.

Eagles Move Into First Place With 37-7 Triumph Over Skins

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20—The Philadelphia Eagles served bitter "T" here yesterday and registered a 37—7 victory over the Washington Redskins before 35,000 to climb into first place in the Eastern Division of the National Football League. The defeat was the first of the season for the Marshallmen and dropped them into a tie for second with the New York Giants.

The Eagles didn't seem to have a chance as Washington scored on the second play of the game when Frank Filchock passed to Wilbur Moore, who ran 35 yards for a touchdown, and Joe Aguirre converted. But that ended the scoring for the Redskins, while the Eagles soared on to five touchdowns and a field goal by Roy Zimmerman, who also converted four times.

Speedy Steve Van Buren tied the count with a 20-yard dash through the right side of the line, and a Zimmerman pass to Miller started the visitors on the way to their second tally in the second quarter which saw Mel Bleeker plunge over.

Late in the same stanza Jack Hinkle intercepted a Sammy Baugh pass and scooted to another Philadelphia tally, while an interception of a Filchock pass led to the next. Ernie Steel grabbed the heave and ran to the 20, and on the next play Zimmerman tossed to Don MacDonald for the touchdown. Steele registered the final score of the day on a 21-yard sprint around end after the Eagles recovered Filchock's fumble.

The statistics:

	REDSKINS	EAGLES
First downs	10	12
Yards gained rushing	21	192
Passes attempted	38	10
Passes completed	24	6
Yards gained passing	266	114
Yards lost penalties	90	50

U.S. Grid Loop To Open in '45

BALTIMORE, Nov. 20—Operation of the United States Professional Football League is definitely set for next year with franchises in eastern and midwestern cities. Later the loop will expand to west coast cities and Honolulu, officials announced today following a two-day meeting.

The complete list of franchises will not be revealed until later, but it was indicated that an eight-club circuit will operate in '45 including Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston, Milwaukee, Akron, New York and Baltimore. The eighth team probably would be handled in "some eastern city by a group interested in eventually locating in Honolulu."

Washington, originally scheduled for a franchise, was replaced by Boston when no playing field could be obtained.

Judge Landis 78

CHICAGO, Nov. 20—Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis, baseball's high commissioner, spent his 78th birthday in St. Luke's Hospital here today.

Shinn-Puente Go Tops 10-Bout Rainbow Bill

By Mark E. Senigo
Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

Dick Shinn, the welterweight knockout specialist from San Francisco, makes his second appearance in two weeks at the Rainbow Corner tonight in the feature attraction of a strong ten-bout card.

Although Dick, who has a Corner record of five victories against one setback, took a decision victory last week, he failed to show the trip-hammer punch which spelled knockout victory on two successive occasions last season. His failure to break loose last Tuesday was due to the clever counter-punching and defensive tactics of his opponent, Pvt. Louis Herrnandez. Tonight, however, Matchmaker Hank Lecy has paired the California Korean with Pvt. Jesse Puente, a 135-pounder from Los Angeles.

Puente, like Shinn, totes a powerful punch in both mitts. A former Diamond Belt champion, Jesse has a record of two victories against one loss. And that defeat was at the hands of Pvt. Art Persley, who, along with Shinn, Pvt. Dick Menchaca and Pvt. Charlie Schnappauf, gave Rainbow followers their best shows in the welter bracket. Puente is fast and aggressive, the kind of fighter against whom Shinn shows his best fighting.

The co-feature will return Sgt. Karl Dalio, 167-pound Texan from Houston, whose flaying fists TKOed Pfc Jerome Cawley in the third round last week. Dalio has yet to go the limit at Rainbow, his two previous encounters having been second and third round kayo and TKO triumphs. Dalio's most notable success was not at Rainbow, however, but at Salisbury, where he kayoed Cpl. Bill Bradshaw. At 167, Dalio is pitted against a newcomer, Pvt. Joe Moravec, 170-pounder from Milwaukee, who has won six straight in ETO competition.

Here is the lineup for the rest of the card:

Pvt. Vince Padilla, New York, 127, vs. Pvt. Cliff Wagner, Milwaukee, Wis., 124.

Cpl. Charles Woltlwend, Superior, Wis., 124, vs. Pvt. Emanuel Sisneros, Denver, 128.

Pvt. William Wright, Youngstown, Ohio, 152, vs. Frank Tintaro, Milwaukee, Wis., 157.

Pfc Robert Jackaway, Chicago, 145, vs. Pvt. Filbert Garcia, Los Angeles, 138.

Pvt. Separanio Martinez, Tracy, Cal., 131, vs. Pvt. Bernard Patrinick, Brooklyn, 127.

Sgt. Ray Swcatt, Newport, Ark., 155, vs. Cpl. Rocky Rossman, San Antonio, Texas, 150.

Sgt. John Jarosik, Meadowlands, Pa., 185, vs. Pvt. Robert Charvot, Cleveland, 210.

Sgt. Walt Montgomery, Detroit, 185, vs. T/5 Walter Meyer, San Jose, Calif., 185.

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

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

Bears' Loss To Lions Offsets 24-0 Beating

NEW YORK, Nov. 20—The New York Giants halted Don Hutson, an almost unbelievable task, and defeated the Green Bay Packers, 24—0, in the upset of the year before 56,481, the largest crowd of the professional football season, at the Polo Grounds yesterday. Despite the loss, the Packers clinched the Western Division title as the Chicago Bears lost to the Detroit Lions. The victory put the Giants in a tie with the Washington Redskins for second place in the Eastern Division.

Howie Livingston, playing his first professional season, starred for the Giants, leading in plays that bottled up Hutson and breaking up other Packer threats in one of the best defensive exhibitions of the year.

Livingston Starts Giants on Right Foot

Livingston also put the Giants away to a good start in the first period by intercepting an Irving Comp pass on the Green Bay 35 and running for a touchdown. Arnie Herber's long pass to Frank Liebel accounted for the second New York score in the second quarter, and Ken Strong booted a field goal from the 15-yard stripe in the third after a drive which started on Len Younce's interception of a Packer pass.

Livingston, who tops the circuit in interceptions, took another Green Bay heave after the kickoff and ran it back 32 yards to the Packer eight-yard stripe, from where Bill Paschal took it over in four cracks at the line, scoring on the first play of the final period.

The statistics:

	GIANTS	PACKERS
First downs	9	18
Yards gained rushing	221	131
Passes attempted	6	34
Passes completed	1	14
Yards gained passing	36	152
Yards lost penalties	67	38

Sinkwich Wins Passing Duel

DETROIT, Nov. 20—Flatfoot Frankie Sinkwich was on his 4-F toes yesterday afternoon and connected with four touchdown passes as he led the Detroit Lions to a spectacular 41—21 win over the Chicago Bears.

Sinkwich and Ens. Sid Luckman thrilled the crowd with strictly 1-A passing performances, Frankie completing seven of 19, while Luckman connected on 11 of 17 for three scores. Sinkwich whipped a touchdown toss to Art Van Tone to put the Lions ahead in the first period, and in the second he repeated, tossing to Jack Matheson, making it 14—0. The Bears came right back, however, to tie the count on two Luckman heaves to End Connie Berry.

Van Tone put the Lions back into a lead which they never relinquished when he raced 91 yards for a tally after the Bears' kickoff just before the half ended, and Sinkwich's heave to Bob Keane and a spectacular one-hand catch by Matheson ran the score to 34—14. Nice runs by Sinkwich and Elmer Hankney gained 63 yards before the latter plunged over from the eight for the last Lion touchdown.

The Bears notched their final touchdown in the last period on a Luckman pass to Abe Croft.

The statistics:

	BEARS	LIONS
First downs	19	10
Yards gained rushing	147	154
Passes attempted	23	20
Passes completed	14	7
Yards gained passing	167	170
Yards lost penalties	75	25

Tigers Drop No. 8 As Yanks Win, 13-6

BOSTON, Nov. 20 — The Boston Yankees scored their second victory of the season at the expense of the Brooklyn Tigers here yesterday, 13—6. It was the Tigers' eighth straight loss and second at the hands of the Yanks.

Bob Davis went around end in the opening quarter for the first Yank touchdown following recovery of a Tiger fumble, but Brooklyn tied it up in the third period when Pug Mander plunged over.

The Yanks clinched it in the final frame on a 24-yard pass from George Cafego to Keith Ranspot.

Pro Grid Standings

EASTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	P	OP
Philadelphia	5	0	2	1.000	200	96
New York	5	1	1	.833	152	62
Washington	5	1	1	.833	142	126
Boston	2	6	0	.250	68	181
Brooklyn	0	8	0	.000	69	125

WESTERN DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pct.	P	OP
Green Bay	7	2	0	.778	203	121
Chicago	4	3	1	.571	181	158
Detroit	4	3	1	.571	152	130
Cleveland	4	3	1	.571	161	172
Card-Pitts	0	8	0	.000	81	244

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Boston at Washington
Brooklyn at New York
Chicago at Philadelphia
Green Bay vs. Card-Pitts at Chicago
Detroit at Cleveland

FOOTBALL SCORES

Camp Lee 26, Fort Monroe 13
Georgia Pre-Flight 30, Daniel Field 0
Keesler Field 33, Algiers Naval 0
March Field 7, San Diego Naval 0
Melville Naval 13, Holy Cross 12
St. Mary's Pre-Flight 3, Fleet City 0
Third Air Force 41, Maxwell Field 7

Life in Those United States

Green, Murray Denounce Little Steel Pay Curbs

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (ANS)—Headlined by the annual reports of their respective presidents in which the government's Little Steel Wage formula was rapped thoroughly, the national conventions of the AFL and CIO, which combined represent 12,000,000 U.S. workers, opened today—the former in New Orleans, the latter in Chicago.

Because of "wage freezing," William Green, head of the AFL, charged that "hourly pay rates in the U.S. are at a level so low as to cause alarm." He added that when the 40-hour work week was re-established, at the present rate of wage "only eight per cent of all workers employed by private industry will have enough income to support a family of four in health and efficiency."

GREEN

CIO chief Philip Murray attacked the War Labor Board's failure to act on labor's request for an upward revision of the formula, calling the action "a travesty—a reflection of all the problems which the board has created as a result of its weakness, fears and lack of courage to meet its grave responsibility to the nation."

Murray called for "a complete change in policies, approach and attitude of the board, or a change in personnel."

Both labor leaders also stressed the desirability of co-operation with other nations to keep the peace and the promotion of economic and social progress at home and abroad. However, it was reported in the New York Times that the AFL had refused an invitation to attend a world labor conference in London in January.

But as the labor chiefs blasted away, their hopes for an upswing in the formula suffered another setback when, in Washington, Economic Stabilizer Fred Vinson said that "any general wage increase must wait until Germany is beaten."

Firemen's Holiday

CINCINNATI, Nov. 20 (ANS)—Firemen today helped burn a five-room house. The tenant and four of his children are in the hospital with tuberculosis. The county health commissioner said he obtained permission to destroy the building "because it was so full of germs that burning is the only way to protect the public."

Transatlantic Storm Warning

ALBANY, N.Y., Nov. 20 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill, having seen movies of President Roosevelt motoring in the rain, is quite concerned about it. Bishop Ashoton Oldham, just back from England, said today. Oldham revealed Churchill "told me to tell the President 'not to go out in the rain. I know what he would say to me if I did it.'"

Pipe the Babes Keeping the Home Fires Burning

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (ANS)—A pipe and tobacco shortage loomed alongside the U.S. cigarette scarcity today as women getting hep to more solid smoking satisfaction swamped cigar stores to buy up new-fangled female pipes.

The pipes, a little smaller than those children use to blow soap bubbles, are said to be selling by the thousands daily. Some retailers have gaily-colored pipes which can be matched with milady's costume.

As for tobacco, the gals prefer it perfumed. However, rum and maple mixtures will do.

Meantime, in Washington, congressmen were reported ready to denounce the public appearance of pipe-smoking lovelies. At War Department headquarters a group of females said they'd bring their pipes to the Pentagon cafeteria if the cigarette shortage continued.

Interest in Their Country

MIAMI, Nov. 20 (ANS)—Twenty-seven employes of an aircraft plant here stood by yesterday and laughed as $675 in War Bonds they owned went up in flames. Edward Vines, civilian inspector for the Navy at the plant, said the idea was "to cancel part of our debt to the U.S. and also a gift to the country."

Horses Snarl Traffic

BALTIMORE, Nov. 20 (ANS)—Three runaway horses tied up traffic on a streetcar line yesterday when their legs became caught in the tracks on the transit company's ferry across the Hwynns Falls. A crane with a stout broad canvas finally unsnared the horses.

Steak at Stake

ATHERTON, Calif., Nov. 20 (ANS)—The cops here are wondering if there's a former butcher in their midst. They rounded up a stray 1,000-pound cow last week and thus far no one has claimed it.

Little Sir Echo

BUFFALO, N.Y., Nov. 20 (ANS)—Bernie Burns knows what it's like to be Frank Sinatra—at least, look like "The Voice." Bernie showed up at a concert "The Voice" gave here last night, and was mobbed by 6,000 bobby soxers. It wasn't surprising: Burns does look like Sinatra. When the real "Voice" showed up, he received a lusty, albeit hoarse, greeting.

Throwing Everything but Mein Kampf at the Germans

U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

First Army men battling on a street corner in a German town lay down a stiff hail of fire with a 57mm. anti-tank gun, a machine-gun and a bazooka.

Young America Meets Old Germany

Blood and Guts Open Metz —While GI 'Kids' Take Mines

By Earl Mazo
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE 95TH DIVISION AT METZ, Nov. 20—This fortress city, which men of many nations for many centuries have attempted to take, is about to fall to the blood and guts of doughboys of the 5th and 95th Divisions.

Since the city boundary is not clear, the question of whether the 5th or 95th Divisions entered Metz first will have to be settled over bars in New York, Chicago, or Nashville, ten years from now. Patrols from both divisions entered the city Friday and Saturday.

Four men of a unit of the 95th crossed a bridge into the fortress city Saturday. They were lost. One of the top stories of this war is how their platoon leader, a lieutenant, went over, despite severe mortar and machine-gun fire, to rescue these four men. He crossed the Moselle river outside the city safely and led his four men back.

Germans fighting in this area are a combination of the old-school Nazi, officer candidates hastily taken from classes and thrown into the line, and representatives of the Volkssturm, newly-organized German "People's Army."

Among the prisoners taken by the 5th Division were 40 old civilians, decked out in brand new Army uniforms, who said they had been yanked off the streets, given eight hours training and rushed to the front to defend the Vaterland. One German officer, 53, wearing a "People's Army" armband, said he had been a civilian the day before, when he was picked up. The next day he was made a lieutenant.

By Russ Jones
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH AN ARMORED RECONNAISSANCE UNIT, Germany, Nov. 20—This outfit, which led the dash across northern France and Belgium, found things tougher today as it probed German defenses east of Duren. The mud, which had a light crust of ice this morning and was churned by a driving rain this afternoon, forced the armored vehicles to stay on the road, where Jerry had planted plenty of mines.

Some had been planted so deeply that several vehicles passed over them without setting them off. Early this morning, three tanks moved down the road safely. The forth was blasted by a mine and the driver was killed.

Sporadic Jerry mortar and small arms fire harassed the men who unbuttoned their tanks. However, minesweepers under Lt. Thomas McKone, Hartford, Conn., moved ahead, swinging their cumbersome detectors without flinching when mortar shells landed nearby.

McKone, stubble-faced and grimy, complained wryly: "It wouldn't be so bad if some of the men weren't so green. I've got 14 men under 19 years old in this outfit."

2/Lt. William Fisher, Tampa, Fla., chimed in: "That's not the worst. We've got one man who was a civvie D-Day."

Both officers agreed, however, that the new men had become first-class soldiers.

This unit had a grandstand seat. They could see not only what Jerry was throwing at them but also our own white phosphorus shells spreading smoke through German-filled woods across the valley.

Yanks Retake Palau Island

Approach of a fresh Allied striking force toward the Philippines was indicated last night in Tokyo reports which claimed that Jap planes spotted and bombed a naval force east of the islands. The appearance of this new convoy, according to Tokyo, coincided with a heavy Allied air assault on Manila Bay.

Meanwhile, American troops recaptured Ngeregong Island, in the Palau group, after the Japanese occupied it Nov. 7, and other Allied troops continued the campaign to wipe out enemy "spy posts" behind their Pacific front by landing on the Asia Islands, 130 miles north of Sorong, New Guinea.

Gen. MacArthur reported that Japanese casualties on Leyte had passed the 45,000 mark and that American casualties totaled 5,691.

Chiang Cleans Official House

A Chinese Cabinet shake-up—interpreted by authoritative sources outside China as indicating that Chiang Kai-shek has yielded to Allied pressure for a political housecleaning—was announced yesterday at Chungking.

With China's military and financial fortunes reeling, Chiang named Gen. Chen Cheng as War Minister, succeeding Gen. Ho Ying Chin, and O. K. Yui as Finance Minister, in place of H. H. Kung. Gen. Ho remains Chief of the General Staff, however.

Gen. Chen was described as a forceful commander, ready to use modern methods and willing to co-operate closely with the Americans in training and equipping a good fighting army. He had been confidential adviser to Chiang.

Other changes were made in the Interior, Education and Information ministries.

Pope Receives German Envoy

ROME, Nov. 20 (Reuter)—Pope Pius XII received Ernst von Weizsaecker, the German ambassador, in private audience today. It was their first meeting since summer.

Woman Bites Dog and Virtually Eats It, Too

Bubble Dancer Offers Manville $25,000 to Lead Her to Altar

NEW YORK, Nov. 20 (ANS)—This may be a press agent's gag, but Chicago's number one bubble-dancer, Vera Ray, has offered white-haired lover-boy Tommy Manville a $25,000 dowry if he marries her and, further, has displayed to disbelieving newsmen that much kale in bank deposits.

TOMMY MANVILLE

To complicate matters further, Vera is all set to dig up another 200 grand to buy the much-married Manville's "Bon Repos" sprawling Long Island estate as a rest-haven for weary showgirls—if Tommy's willing.

Tommy appeared to be willing, for today his long black limousine (who's heard of gas rationing?) drew up in front of the Waldorf Astoria, and Miss Ray, after throwing a few odd things into a twenty-gallon-size suitcase, hopped in, bound for "Bon Repos."

There, she said later, Manville indicated he would talk business with her after he had auctioned off the estate's furnishings. About the marriage proposal, Manville, she said, was as yet noncommittal.

"I'm not money hungry," she declared. "I'll put into the marriage as much as I could get out of it."

What she could get out of it besides publicity, Vera didn't say. "I'll bet he has never had an offer like that before," she laughed.

Nazis Quit North Norway

German troops are in complete retreat from the extreme north of Norway, and have virtually abandoned Finnmark, northernmost province. Crown Prince Olaf of Norway said yesterday at a Ministry of Information press conference in London.

Burning everything they can as they withdraw, the Germans also are herding Finnmark civilians into the next province, Troms, in attempts to halt the Allied advance, the Crown Prince said.

He declared that further retreat from Tromso—for a distance of 280 miles south of Narvik—would be difficult for Nazi troops this winter, because of mountain terrain and fjords which can only be crossed by ferries.

26 GIs Killed in Crash Of France-Bound C47

U.S. TROOP CARRIER FORCES HQ, Nov. 20—Twenty-six American soldiers were killed and four injured when a C47, en route from England to France, crashed north of Brighton Sunday. Contrary to earlier erroneous reports, Communications Zone headquarters of the ETO said that the troop carrier was not a hospital ambulance ship and had no wounded aboard.

WD Nixes 'No Combat' For Pre-War Pops

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (AP)—The War Department has rejected a request by Rep. Edward F. Hebert (D.-La.) that men now in the Army who became fathers before the war should not be assigned to combat duty.

You, Too, Can Be a Daddy

Stork Not Just a Dove of Peace, Worried Men o' War Assured

A heartening, if unofficial, "communique" was issued yesterday by Eighth Air Force surgeons and directed solely to those combat men fearful that their fighting experiences would prevent their ever becoming proud papas.

Aroused by a recent story in The Stars and Stripes quoting the head of Planned Parenthood, Inc., the Eighth Air Force lads who do the fighting streamed into the surgeons' offices, each bent on being reassured.

"Tell us," they pleaded. "It isn't true, is it?"

The Planned Parenthood generalissimo had declared that the shock of combat experiences tended to produce infertility among men. He stressed, however, that such a condition would be temporary.

"Nuts" was the summation of the Air Force docs. One even went so far as to authorize a direct quote, "Oh, my achin' back," although he wouldn't permit his name to be used.

No scientific records exist which would either substantiate the infertility claim or refute it, they pointed out. They also scotched that old wives' tale about the infertile effects of high-altitude flying.

Proof of the pudding is found in the eating, the good doctors concluded, pointing to the five sons of Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, commander of the 14th Air Force in China and one of the world's foremost airmen.

It was reported in a supplementary communique that several, if not more, of the petitioning combat boys demanded a little trip home just to find out for themselves.

WD to Speed Wound Details

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20 (ANS)—The War Department yesterday announced plans to furnish more detailed and rapid information to relatives of Army casualties.

Under the new procedure, effective immediately, the original telegraphed notification will be closely followed by a letter from the casualty's commanding officer or from the chaplain of the soldier's organization. This will give specific details, circumstances and nature of wounds. In case of death, it will include funeral arrangements and other information.

Reports on persons wounded or seriously ill will be sent from overseas hospitals in non-technical language with a brief description of wounds suffered. In the case of soldiers wounded in combat but not seriously ill, a postcard will be sent every 15 days telling the patient's condition.

West Front -

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forcements in this area, dispatches said, in an attempt to seal off cracks in the deep border defenses.

The U.S. Ninth Army was only four miles from Julich, driving for the Roer River. Showing how closely the forces were operating on German soil, troops of the Ninth were only two miles northeast of Eschweiler, where First Army troops had fought their way into the southern outskirts and gone on two miles beyond the town.

While the Americans and British in the Geilenkirchen sector met tough opposition, air reconnaissance ahead of the First Army showed that considerable enemy motor transport was moving eastward—the retreat direction—and that many flak-gun posts had been deserted.

In Holland, British tank-led troops drove the Germans from their positions east of the Zig Canal and widened their bridgehead over the Deurne. They were only five miles from Venlo.

Terry and the Pirates By Courtesy of News Syndicate **By Milton Caniff**

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