

Daily German Lesson

Ist dies hier ihr Fuehrer?

Ist deess here eer Fewrer?

Is this your leader?

Daily French Lesson

Que vendez-vous ici?

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What do you sell here?

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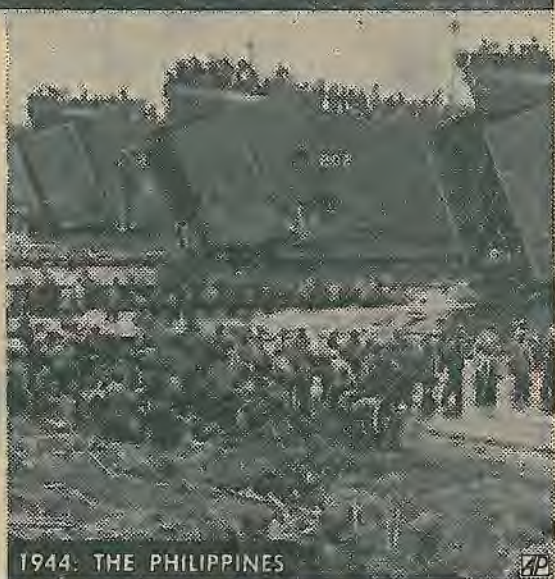
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WHAT A DIFFERENCE THREE YEARS MAKE!



1941: PEARL HARBOR



1944: THE PHILIPPINES

More graphic than words, the picture above illustrates in part America's progress since the sneak Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. Today, on the third anniversary of the blow that plunged the U.S. into war, troops are fighting on Leyte Island in the Philippines. A detailed review of the global war is presented on Page 3.

British Battling Greeks; Views Clash on Italy

Italy

Divergent American and British views on the current Italian cabinet crisis remained unreconciled last night.

The controversy arose over the projected appointment of Count Carlo Sforza as Foreign Minister of the Italian government. When Sforza's name was proposed, the British Ambassador to Rome objected, and his objection was supported by London.

Tuesday, U.S. Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. issued his first public statement, declaring an American "hands off" policy. He said:

"The position of this government has been consistently that the composition of the Italian government is purely an Italian affair, except in the case of appointments where important military factors are concerned."

In the House of Commons yesterday British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden said:

"I maintain that H.M. government have a perfect right to express their opinion to another government about a minister in circumstances such as these."

Meanwhile, in view of direct British intervention in the Greek political crisis, the attention of observers was focused yesterday on the last two paragraphs of Stettinius' Washington statement:

"Since Italy is an area of combined responsibility, we have reaffirmed to both the British and Italian governments that we expect the Italians to work out their problems of government along democratic lines, without influence from outside."

"This policy would apply to an even more pronounced degree with regard to the governments of the United Nations in their liberated territories."

Eighth Army Prepares All-Out Drive on Faenza

British and Polish troops of the Eighth Army established bridgeheads across the River Lamone yesterday and were in position for an all-out attack against Faenza.

Following up after the capture of Ravenna, the Allied armies in Italy attacked all along the German defense line stretched across the Po Valley in the sector east of Bologna.

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Dec. 6 (Reuter)—Lt. Gen. Lucian K. Truscott, commander of the Sixth U.S. Corps in Italy, has been appointed commander of the U.S. Fifth Army, succeeding Gen. Mark Clark, who now heads the 15th Army Group in Italy.

Greece

British paratroops, infantry, armored cars and tanks yesterday went to the active support of Premier Georges Papandreou's government forces as the Greek internal crisis developed into undeclared civil war.

A Reuter report from Athens said the last EAM (resistance forces) stronghold had been occupied. Earlier, Greek government police and members of the Greek Mountain Brigade captured EAM headquarters one mile from the center of Athens.

Maj. Gen. Ronald M. Scobie, commanding British ground forces in Greece, sent his men into action at 6 AM, after, it was alleged, a British platoon had been fired upon.

Preliminary reports said at least one British officer had been killed and one enlisted man wounded.

Tuesday night, RAF planes dropped flares around the city in an effort to locate EAM formations.

Public utilities and commercial activity in Athens and its port, Piraeus, remained idle yesterday as a result of the general strike called Sunday by the resistance leaders.

Germany to Mobilize All Able-Bodied Women

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 6 (Reuter)—Every available able-bodied German woman will be mobilized, the Berlin correspondent of Svenska Dagbladet reported today. First to be called up will be those from 18 to 35. They will serve with AA units and in the transport, intelligence and medical sections of the Luftwaffe.

Third in Sweep Across Lorraine

Doughboys of the Third Army's 35th Division, in a seven-mile sweep over the Lorraine plain, yesterday gained control of two-thirds of the border city of Sarreguemines, overrunning the area west of the Saar and raking the Germans retreating into Germany to the north.

A dispatch from Sarreguemines, a mining center about 10 miles south of Saarbruecken, said the Americans met only light resistance and that the Germans had blown up all five Saar bridges in the town as they fell back. Enemy mortar and artillery fire met the troops as they cleared up snipers' positions.

While the 35th was reaching the Saar, other units of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's forces gained four more crossings over the river on a 2½-mile front between Saarlautern and Merzig, giving them six sites into which strength can be poured for the battle of the Siegfried Line in this area, already in its initial stages. Patton previously had two Saar bridgeheads, one in Saarlautern itself and another to the south.

The new crossings were made in darkness yesterday morning in assault boats, which met a hail of small-arms fire from the Germans on the eastern bank.

First Captures a Town

On the Saarbruecken front, below Saarlautern, Fifth Division doughboys advanced more than three miles on a nine-mile axis, clearing the Karlsbrunn Forest, eight miles west of Saarbruecken. Other units on the south previously were reported to be within six miles of the border city, which was said to be burning after prolonged bombardment.

On the Roer River front in Germany, the First Army's capture of Bergstein was the only major change. Both the First and the Ninth, on the left flank, apparently were preparing to cross the flooded river, on the eastern bank of which the Germans were bolstering their defenses. Late Tuesday the Nazis sent over a barrage of phosphorous shells, setting fire to areas east of Linnich and covering their activities on the other shore.

Both sides were using plenty of artillery. First Army guns broke up a counter-attack by tanks and troops between the Roer and its tributary, the Inde. German planes dropped bombs and anti-personnel mines west and southwest of Julich. Yesterday, Thunderbolts hammered the town's sports stadium, where an enemy pocket is holding out west of the Roer River. A front dispatch said that flying-bomb activity in this area has slackened perceptibly. As many as 40 came over in one 24-hour period last week.

Make No Great Attempts

North of the First and Ninth Armies' sector flood waters have inundated about 25 square miles on the Canadian front northwest of Nijmegen, in Holland, but the Germans have not made any great attempts to exploit their breaching of the dam which caused the flooding.

The Seventh Army made progress in a pass in the northern Vosges mountains of France, capturing two villages and boxing off about 25 square miles of woodland north of the Saverne Gap.

A delayed dispatch from the French First Army front said that the French had taken 15,000 prisoners and killed 10,000 Germans in its offensive.

Next Stop



Moving through the debris-littered streets of a French border town, Third Army infantrymen pass a sign pointing toward their goal, the German industrial city of Saarbruecken.

Heavies Batter Leuna Plant in Blow at Oil

Resuming their offensive against German oil production yesterday, approximately 800 Fortresses and Liberators of the Eighth Air Force, escorted by about 800 P47s and P51s, attacked the large Leuna synthetic-oil plant at Merseburg, as well as rail yards at Bielefeld and other targets in the Reich.

The heavies bombed in adverse weather, unopposed by enemy fighters.

In strafing attacks around Osnabruck and elsewhere in northwest Germany, Eighth pursuits shot up five locomotives, 18 rail cars, four barges and three trucks.

Four U.S. bombers and two fighters were lost.

Meanwhile, complete reports of Tuesday's assault on Berlin, the first in two months, showed 91 German fighters shot down by Eighth fighter-pilots. U.S. losses were 12 bombers and 22 pursuits, but at least 11 of the fighters and some of the heavies were believed to have landed in friendly territory.

Italy-based 15th Air Force Libs, bombing in support of the Red Army advance through Hungary, attacked rail yards on the lines leading to the front from Vienna, while Lightnings swept over the Vienna area strafing motor transport and rolling stock.

Ranging over 170 miles of the Western Front from the area immediately south of Munster to the Saar Basin, Ninth Air Force bombers and fighter-bombers, in more than 1,200 sorties Tuesday, attacked defended areas near Duren and Saarlautern, more than ten rail yards serving German front-line troops, six bridges across the Roer River, highway facilities, oil and supply dumps and a Nazi airfield.

Reds Push On In Hungary

Three Soviet armies converged on Budapest from the south, east and north-east yesterday as the western arm of Marshal Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army rounded the southern tip of Lake Balaton and pushed ahead toward the border of Austria, between 35 and 40 miles away.

Tolbukhin's other spearhead, aimed toward Budapest, pressed close to Szekesfehervar, 35 miles southwest of the city. Advance elements of this force were reported nearing a linkup with Marshal Malinowsky's troops, who yesterday made another crossing to the west bank of the Danube at Ercsi, 17 miles south of the capital.

The weight of the Russian attack on the capital was reported concentrated in this area, with the co-ordinated offensives to the east and northeast only holding attacks.

News of the renewed drive for Budapest came from German Radio. The reports were not confirmed by Moscow.

In the Lake Balaton area, the Russians were reported bringing up tanks and cavalry to reinforce their armored spearhead moving toward Austria. The Germans also were said to be rushing up strong reserves.

Smoke Rings

Grab Bag, Grab Fag

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (ANS)—John Rovegno, cigar-store operator in the State Office building here, inaugurated a unique plan today to stop persons from hoarding their favorite brand of cigarette.

Rovegno now uses the "grab bag" method. The bag contains all popular brands. A customer sticks in his hand and accepts what he pulls out. There are no seconds.

BOSTON, Dec. 6 (ANS)—State cigarette dealers came up with a novel idea today to ease the cigarette shortage to counter hoarding and repeat buying. Purchasers are required to turn in an empty pack for each full one.

Vignettes of War—Love Over, Dung With

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE 95TH INFANTRY DIVISION, Saarlautern, Germany, Dec. 6—The enemy soldier lay dead on a foul catafalque of dung in the filthy barnyard on the outskirts of Felsberg. Now in the foggy morning there was a funeral wreath on his bloody chest.

The flowers were fresh and woven into a thick, white circle. They had been put there in the night.

The burial squad came and dragged the corpse to a truck. By noon the flowers were scattered and dead and lost in the mud. There was left only the stain of blood, and that was dyed pale by the rain.

Soldiers searched the houses in the town to see who mourned the dead Nazi. They had heard he was a lover with a lot of style who had been stationed in Felsberg for a long time.

In a PW stockade on the demolished fringe of Saarlautern a Nazi captain trickled blood from his broken nose. There was only a fringe of mud on his gleaming boots.

His overcoat was still new. It showed creases. There was a medic's Red Cross emblem on his right sleeve.

But when they had captured him, after a struggle, they found the Red Cross-marked overcoat covered a sniper's camouflage suit.

The GIs guarding him were angry. He asked them if he could put his hands in his pockets. They refused. He cringed inside the big overcoat in the rain.

U.S.-Latin Shakeup Seen

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (Reuter)—The appointment of Nelson Rockefeller to the post of Assistant Secretary of State in charge of Latin-American affairs presages a drastic reorganization of the State Department's handling of inter-American problems, it was reported here today.

(An AP dispatch from Washington stated that informed circles believed there would be a marked change in the Department's attitude toward Argentina. If Cordell Hull had instigated such a change it would have meant "loss of face" for the ex-Secretary, the AP pointed out.)

Rockefeller was reported to have been granted practically autonomous powers in dealing with the Latin-American republics, his sole responsibility being to Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr.

Rockefeller made his attitude clear at a recent meeting of the Foreign Service Officers' Club, when he declared that U.S. officials assigned to Latin-American countries very often were not fully cognizant of their problems.

Paradise Lost—on Him

U.S. Girl on Briton's Mind, but—He Fears Our 'Ghastly Food'

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 6 (AP)—A gunner, Phillip Gollledge, 21, of London, a member of the merchant fleet Royal Artillery, is "thinking" of becoming engaged to an American girl, but he's a very worried gunner.

"What I want to know," he said today, "is—if I marry an American girl do I have to eat ghastly things like apple pie with cheese, sugar on tomatoes, tea with teabags, candied sweet potatoes and drink cold American beer?"

Gollledge, who is now visiting Hartford, met the girl in question at a service canteen in Bayonne, N.J.

Gollledge and his companion, Lance Bombardier John C. Simpson, 24, of

Craen, Cheshire, are enthusiastic about American girls, but both described them as more "pushful" than English girls.

"They just sort of want to get married quick," Simpson said. "Why, I met some girls in Newark and took them home and they said they were looking for husbands. They said so many American boys were marrying English girls they wanted to marry an English boy and even things up."

"Here's something I can't understand about you American girls," Simpson added. "You wear shoes without toes and heels out in the cold, and when you come back into a warm house you put on big woolly slippers."

Pearl Harbor Lit Fire in Victory Forge

The Team...



DOUGHBOY



LONG TOM



AIRBORNE



MARINE



AIR FORCE



NAVY



HOME FRONT

Giant U.S. Industry And American Valor Tell the Telling Tale

By Jim Russell
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Dec. 7, 1944.—Shells are running short. Tires are running short. Recon-
version plans in U.S. industry, have gone out the window until victory has
been won in Europe. President Roosevelt has warned that "everyone on
a war job must stick to it." There's still a long, hard road ahead, as Gen.
Eisenhower indicated last week when he told the nation:

"To get peace we must fight for it like hell. Let us get down to it."

Nobody knows better the truth in this than the footsloggers in the jungles
of the Pacific and the mudholes of Europe, the fighting men of the Navy,
the flak-weary fighters of the air, and those workers who have tirelessly
produced the greatest mass of implements of war the world has ever seen.

But in the face of the gravity of the moment, looking back over the three
years since those 105 Jap planes roared out of the rising sun to wreak death
and destruction on Pearl Harbor, the magnitude of the American war effort
has been unmatched.

The infamous sneak punch brought a nation together. When Germany
and Italy followed with declarations of war four days later, the pattern of
Axis ambition was clear. America first went the way of all isolationist groups.
Defense industry became war industry. A yawning giant had been aroused.
He blew on his knuckles, and prepared to fight.

U.S. Makes a Comeback

The Axis thought he couldn't fight. They said he was soft, flabby, decadent.
He wasn't ready, and in those days of lightning warfare, time was precious.
It took years for the Axis to build its might in steel, to plan a war it was waging
most successfully. Goering still hammered away at Britain with his Luftwaffe.
Rommet was at the gates of Cairo. In the East, Wake, Guam, Bataan, Cor-
regidor, Singapore, the Indies fell under the influence of the "Co-Prosperity
Sphere." The blows came thick and fast, but the giant that is the U.S., the
nation that Churchill called "the most powerful community in the world,"
rolled with each punch and came back like a true fighter.

Four months after the crippling blow at Pearl Harbor, when Corregidor
was under siege, the U.S. hit, when Doolittle and his raiders bombed Tokyo
fell, came the mighty naval blow in the Coral Sea.

The following month, the once haughty Jap Navy again felt the weight of
American guns at Midway. And it took another crippling licking off the
Philippines two months ago. The U.S. had flexed its military biceps and they
felt pretty hard to the enemy. The list of victories is long and impressive:
Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Kwajalein, Bougainville, Palau, Leyte, Oran, Casablanca
El Guettar, Palermo, Salerno, Cassino, Rome, Normandy, Brest, Aachen.

The men in OD, blue and forest green who achieved these successes were
the soft, flabby men the Axis expected to fight. They squared off with the
tricky and fanatical Japs and beat them at their own game of jungle fighting.
They fought fire with fire—returning sneak attacks with sneak attacks. They
made scrap piles out of the invincible Panzer divisions, drove the Luftwaffe
from the sky, the U-boats from the sea.

On the home front, men and women workers, the same workers who must
alleviate the critical shortages of today, reached fabulous heights of produc-
tion. Eighteen million men and women went into munitions plants, ship-
yards and other war-production industries, without the need of a prodding
universal service law. From U.S. ways and assembly lines streamed an end-
less line of ships, tanks, planes, guns and ammunition for the forces of America
and the United Nations.

Production Figures Soar

Since Pearl Harbor the workers of America have achieved these astronomical
production figures:

SHIPS: 3,876 merchant vessels; 56,229 warships.

PLANES: 230,737 of all kinds.

TANKS AND OTHER COMBAT VEHICLES: 203,085.

TRUCKS: 1,796,764.

GUNS: 383,000 pieces of artillery 22mm. and over, excluding rocket
launchers and mortars.

AMMUNITION: 729,000,000 rounds of 22-mm. and over.

In raw materials, 263,750,000 tons of steel ingots were mined and 1,265,193
tons of synthetic rubber produced.

And in the three years they've been on the job, U.S. workers have lost,
through strikes, only 1/10 of one per cent. of all man-hours worked.

From March, 1941, to December, 1944, the nation produced \$26,290,000,000
worth of Lend-Lease materials for the Allies. No better tribute to the power
of the U.S. could be paid than Marshal Stalin's:

"The greatest single factor in the winning of this war has been the miracle
of American production."

Nobody knows whether the fourth will be America's last year at war.
Maj. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer, U.S. commander in China, looks for it to
last through 1946. No matter how soon, how long, the job remains a large
one and a tough one. But of its record in the first three years, the U.S. has
nothing of which to be ashamed.

Highlights of Success

- 1942
- APRIL 18—Doolittle's raiders hit Tokyo.
- MAY 4-8—Coral Sea battle. Japs lose 11 ships, 12 damaged. U.S. losses: three.
- JUNE 4—Midway attacked by Japanese. They are repulsed with loss of four carriers, three destroyers.
- JULY 22—Battle begins for New Guinea. Japs attempt landing at Port Moresby.
- AUG. 7—Guadalcanal campaign opens; Marines establish beachhead.
- NOV. 7—Landing in North Africa.
- NOV. 12-15—Solomon Islands sea battle. Twenty-eight Japs ships sunk.
- 1943
- JAN. 27—First daylight raid on Germany.
- FEB. 14—Mopping up on Guadalcanal.
- MARCH 3—Battle of Bismarck Sea; Japs lose 22 ships.
- MARCH 19—El Guettar falls to Americans.
- MAY 12—African campaign ends with mopping up on Cape Bon Peninsula.
- MAY 18—Landing in Attu; first American soil regained.
- JULY 9—Landing in Sicily.
- SEPT. 3—Invasion of Italy; signing of armistice with Badoglio government.
- 1944
- MAY 18—Fall of Cassino.
- JUNE 4—Fall of Rome.
- JUNE 6—D-Day.
- JULY 25—Breakthrough at St. Lo.
- AUG. 16—Allied invasion of southern French coast.
- AUG. 23—Liberation of Paris.
- SEPT. 12—Americans cross German border.
- OCT. 19—MacArthur returns; invades Philippines.
- OCT. 20—Fall of Aachen.
- NOV. 20—Fall of Metz.
- NOV. 24—Superforts raid Tokyo for first time.
- NOV. 25-27—Jap Navy smashed in battle off Philippines.

...Its Victories



ITALY



FRANCE



GERMANY



GUADALCANAL



KWAJALEIN



TARAWA



PHILIPPINES

Air Force Notes: **Here's One GI Who Can Make Officer Say "Uncle"**



Lt. Col. Charles O. Jones, left, and his
Uncle Bill, Cpl. Bill Miller, swap notes
about home.

Chester W. Piergies, tail gunner from Lorain, Ohio; and 1/Lt Robert G. Jensen, navigator, all of the 493rd Bombardment Group, participated in broadcasts to the Continent "to hearten the peoples of Nazi-oppressed Europe by telling them of the part the Eighth Air Force is playing in their liberation," speaking French, Polish and Danish respectively. . . . Sgt. Donald Chiu, Chinese-born U.S. citizen, is a Fort engineer-top turret gunner will

the 401st Bomb Group. . . S/Sgt. Dayton C. Kelly and Ben Marshall, of the 390th Bomb Group, both from Dallas, Tex., attended the same high school and university together, enlisted in the Air Force simultaneously, and are now gunners of the same Fort. . . Capt. Clarence W. Bledsoe, coach; Sgts. William R. Bes-

and Elmer D. Huskisson, and Pfc. Bernard Jerden and Richard M. Garver comprised the medics' rifle team and topped first place in the 389th Bomb Group match. The 44th Bomb Group band is comprised of both officers and EMTs, including Maj. Lawrence J. Linck, former vocalist on both NBC and CBS radio.

and 2/Lt. Newell W. Johnson, who played first trumpet with Del Courtney. M/Sgt. Joseph Kafka, of Maynard, O is flight chief for several ground crew who, in 13 months, have dispatched 45 Fortresses on 166 consecutive missions without an abort. . . . The 303rd Bom Group, whose gunners have accounted for more than 600 German fighters destroyed.

more than 600 German fighters destroyed or probably destroyed or damaged, has completed its second year of operations. The Fort squadrons in the 92nd Bomb Group commanded by Maj. Ernest C. Hardin, of Louisville, Ky., and William H. Nelson, of Cherokee, Ia., each have flown 30 straight missions without losing one bomber. Sgt. Gerald L. Dearing,

... 1/Lt. Thomas H. Hall, P51 pilot from Miami, Fla., in the 364th Fighter Group, shot down an FW190 on his wife's birthday, while Capt. Edward E. Iz...

Aid for Good Posture Men
First aid to the chairborne is the job of Postmaster T. M. Wilson of Good Posture Men.

Walker runs the furniture repair shop at Air Service Command HQ, with a staff of ten enlisted men. In the past year, the shop has given first aid to more than 5,000 desks, chairs and filing cabinets.

Walker figures the average cost per repair job, at civilian rates, would have been \$5, and that his shop has saved the U.S. taxpayer more than \$25,000 in the year.

With the Navy

20 LTC Men Cited For Work on D-Day

of England. The number of awards was one of the largest ever given to an LCT flotilla and the decoration of every member of the crew of the LCT 535, which led the first wave of craft to land in France, is considered a singular event in Navy history.

Men honored were:

LCT 535
Silver Star: Ens. A. J. Pellegrini. **Bronze Star:**
 Ens. A. L. Moore; I. F. Smith. **PHM1c:** D. C.
 Bellamy. **BM2c:** J. W. Coleman. **MoMM12c:**
Commendation Ribbons: N. R. Swallow. **MoMM2c:**
 S. I. Jablonski. **SC2c:** G. D. Graff. **GM3c:**
 R. F. Martz. **MoMM3c:** J. Matolyak. **GM3c:**
 H. G. Eckert. **EM3c:** R. W. Christmas. **GM3c:**
 R. K. Dunn. **SM3c:** J. L. Brake. **Cox:** H.
 Mitchell. **F1c:** L. C. Beschamp. **Sic:** W.

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requisites for marriage to a Britis-

Once Over Lightly

By Andy Rooney



NEW YORK, Dec. 6—There was a small said note in a few papers yesterday about a freshman who quit school. The freshman was no ordinary freshman. He was the world's fastest and he played football for Illinois this year. Claude "Buddy" Young, the notice said, quit Illinois 100 yards abroad with a USO sports tour. The rumor is that the 18-year-old Negro boy will hit London, Paris and Cairo on his tour with other athletes. Probably Young would have been drafted before he had a chance to become one of America's football greats at Illinois, but he went so far in that direction this year that followers of the intercollegiate sprint champion are sorry to see him leave school. Buddy, National AAU 100 and 220 champion, is credited with a 9.4 hundred and track teammates claim an unofficial 9.3 for him. He is one of the really great sprinters who ever risked his legs on the football field.

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If people don't stop guessing on the possible successor to the late baseball czar Kenesaw Mountain Landis, someone will hit the right answer. Recent suggestions include Jim Farley, Fiorello Guess Wao, Dan Parker, Babe Ruth, Frank Walker, present postmaster general, and J. Edgar Hoover. Think of anyone they missed? Truth of the matter apparently is that despite the Dec. 13 conference "To talk over a possible successor," the leagues probably will wait a full year before making a choice.

Right on top of Sammy Baugh's great game against the Giants Sunday in which the Redskins were defeated despite the completion of 25 of 35 of Baugh's passes, Greasy Neale, Eagle coach, yesterday told football writers at a meeting that Sid Luckman was the greatest passer in the game today. Greasy, as usual, wasn't just popping off. He had a reason for the argument. "You can't rush Luckman," Greasy said. "If it takes Baugh several seconds to get set, but no matter how rushed Luckman is he throws them into the basket at any distance."

The War Department has announced that Maurice "Footsy" Britt, former Arkansas All-American who played pro football with the Detroit Lions, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for his "extraordinary heroism" near Camp Morro, Italy, on Jan. 24. Britt thus becomes the first man in this war to win the Army's three highest awards. An infantry officer, Britt won the Silver Star, the Army's third highest award, for heroism at Acerno in Sept. '43, when he single-handedly knocked out a machine-gun nest and led his company in to attack an enemy position, and two months later he won the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military decoration, for almost single-handedly stopping a German counter-attack near Mount Rotundo. GIs have named a high way on the Anzio beachhead after the brilliant former grid star.

QUESTION BOX: To Cpl. P. K. Thomas—Jerry Dairymple was a universal All-America choice for end in 1930 and '31. . . . To Cpl. Arthur Ellis Jr.—The hundred record is 9.4 and is held jointly in the official record book by Jesse Owens, Frank Wykoff, Clyde Jeffrey, George Simpson and Harold Davis. Charlie Parker, a 17-year-old, has hit the mark twice, and he probably will be added to the official list. Arne Andersson holds the mile record at 4:01.6. He's all alone. . . . To S/Sgt. H. LaBoda—Rutgers won the Oct. 14 game with Lehigh, 19—6.

Army-Navy Tilt Souvenirs Marked 'Made in Japan'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6—It was disclosed today by Rep. Anderson (R-Cal.) that souvenir footballs sold outside Baltimore Municipal Stadium before the Army-Navy football game Saturday were marked "Made in Japan."

Anderson wanted to know how come and what organization or individual had the "intestinal fortitude" to peddle such merchandise. "Let's start another scrap drive," Anderson said, "and dump all such souvenirs into it."

Madison Square Garden 1944-45 Basketball State

NEW YORK, Dec. 6—Here's the complete schedule of double-header basketball contests arranged for Madison Square Garden fans this winter:

Dec. 9—Brooklyn vs. West, Michigan. LIU vs. Valparaiso.

Dec. 13—St. John vs. Utah. NYU vs. Oklahoma A & M.

Dec. 16—CCNY vs. Arkansas. St. Francis vs. Mühlenberg.

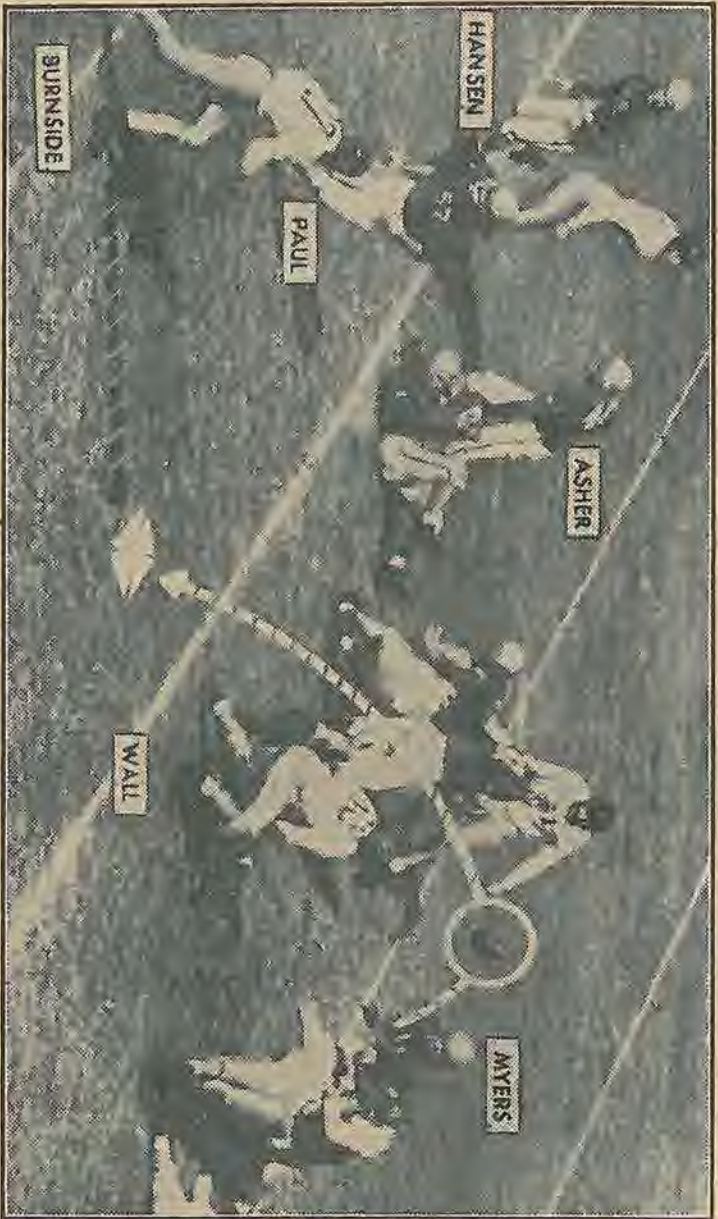
Dec. 23—LIU vs. DePaul. St. John's vs. Puerto Rico.

Dec. 25—NYU vs. Tennessee. Brooklyn vs. West, Kentucky.

Dec. 28—LIU vs. Wyoming. CCNY vs. Hamline.

Dec. 30—NYU vs. Colgate. St. John's vs. Dartmouth.

Fumble Leads to Southern Cal Score



Tackled hard on his own 35-yard line, Fullback Jack Myers of UCLA fumbles the ball on this first quarter play against Southern California. Don Burnside, extreme left, pounced on the ball on the 47-yard line, and ten plays later the Trojans scored their first touchdown. Trojans won, 40—13.

Eagles Promise to Give Maulers Tough Fight in White City Tilt

94TH BOMB GROUP, Dec. 6—It would pay Moore's Maulers, 12th Replacement Depot gridders eleven, not to be overconfident when they visit White City Stadium Sunday as they will run into an unpublishing foe in the Fighting Eagles, but a grid squad that will give the best of them trouble.

Sporting News Names Eleven

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 6—Don Whitnir, Navy tackle, polled more votes than any one else in The Sporting News All-America football poll revealed today by the national sports weekly.

The team was another of those "true to form" elevens with Les Horvath of Ohio State, Bobby Jenkins of the Navy and Glenn Davis and Felix Blanchard of the Army making up the backfield. Bill Willis of Ohio State is teamed up at the other tackle spot with Whitnir, Jack Dugger of Ohio State and Phil Tinsley of Georgia Tech are at the ends, Ben Chase of Navy and Ralph Serrico of Illinois handle the guard berths, and John Tavenor of Indiana is the center.

Wright No Match For Willie Pep

CLEVELAND, Dec. 6—Willie Pep, recognized by the New York athletic commission as featherweight champ, won a ten-round decision over Chalky Wright before a crowd of 13,000 here last night. The bout was the third Pep triumph over Wright, who was outclassed last night as Pep took nine of the ten rounds. Wright landed only one solid blow and that was in the fifth, when he drew blood and won the round. In the eighth Pep cut Wright's eye and drove him across the ring.

Lee Williams, of Trenton, ranked as the logical contender for Juan Zurita's lightweight title, slugged out a decision over Lulu Constantino in the semi-final.

Wes Ferrell to Manage Carolina Loop Team

GREENSBORO, N.C., Dec. 6—Wes Ferrell, veteran major league pitcher, has been signed to manage the Greensboro Club in the Class C Carolina League. Ferrell, who set a major league record with 20 victories in each of his first four years with the Cleveland Indians, was always one of the best hitting pitchers in baseball and played occasionally in the outfield. He will do so with Greensboro.

WEST POINT, N.Y., Dec. 6—John Green, 20-year-old guard from Shelbyville, Ky., has been elected captain of the 1945 Army football team by a vote of this year's national championship varsity. Green is a five-foot 11-inch 195-pounder.

Jan. 1—LIU vs. Kentucky. Brooklyn vs. TCU.

Jan. 3—St. John's vs. CCNY. NYU vs. Cornell.

Jan. 6—NYU vs. Connecticut. St. John's vs. Rhode Island St.

Jan. 10—CCNY vs. Syracuse. LIU vs. West Virginia.

Jan. 16—St. John's vs. Akron. St. Francis vs. NYU.

Feb. 10—NYU vs. Notre Dame. St. Francis vs. Brooklyn.

Feb. 14—LIU vs. Canisius. CCNY vs. St. Joseph's.

Feb. 28—LIU vs. Temple. NYU vs. Oklahoma.

Mar. 7—CCNY vs. NYU. St. John's vs. St. Francis.

Canucks Rap Bruin Six, 4-1

BOSTON, Dec. 6—Toe Blake scored two goals and an assist here last night to take over the National Hockey League

Hockey League Standings

W	L	T	P
Montreal	11	4	1
Toronto	10	5	0
Detroit	7	4	2
Boston	6	8	1
New York	2	7	3
Chicago	2	10	1

scoring lead as the Montreal Canadiens strengthened their grip on first place in the loop by defeating the Boston Bruins, 4—1.

Leading Ice Scorers

PLAYER	TEAM	G	A	TP
Blake	Montreal	13	16	29
Goheen	Boston	9	17	26
Leach	Montreal	4	14	21
C. Smith	Chicago	6	14	20
Bodnar	Toronto	4	16	20
Richmond	Montreal	15	8	19
Mosienko	Chicago	11	8	19
Howe	Detroit	5	14	17
Schmidt	Toronto	11	8	9
Laur	Toronto	11	8	17

CAGE RESULTS

Bainbridge Naval 70, Newcastle FC 28
Brooklyn College 65, Webb Institute 35
Depauw 51, Indiana 50
Ellis Island Coast Guard 68, Fort Adsworth 22
Geneva 65, Carnegie Tech 35
Oklahoma A and M 40, Phillips U 32
Oklahoma A and M 40, Phillips U 32
Rutgers Navy 65, Case 57
Richmond 48 42, Duke 32
Saint John's 49, Montclair Teachers 23
Westman 85, Slippery Rock 33

Two 'Black Sox' Picked by Cobb On All-America

GLENBROOK, Nev., Dec. 6—Tyus Raymond Cobb, the Georgia Peach, called by many the greatest ball player who ever lived, has finally picked his all-time All-American baseball team. The club includes two players barred for life from organized baseball and one whom he never saw.



The two barred for life are Buck Weaver and Joe Jackson, both of whom bowed out of baseball as a result of the scandal following the World Series of 1919 which the infamous "Black Sox" tossed away to the Cincinnati Reds, and the player whom Cobb selects, although he never saw him play, is Yankee Catcher Bill Dickey, now a lieutenant in the Navy.

Dickey and Mickey Cochrane, who enjoyed his best days with Connie Mack's Athletics, are the catchers on Cobb's team, while Big Ed Walsh and Walter Johnson, the former "Big Train" of the Washington Senators, are the right-handed pitchers and Eddie Plank is picked as the southpaw of the super nine.

Weaver at Third

"In the infield," Cobb said, "we have George Sisler at first, Eddie Collins at second, Hans Wagner at short—and because we are selecting great ball players regardless of what has happened in the past—Buck Weaver at third."

"In the outfield I have put Joe Jackson in left, Tris Speaker in center and Babe Ruth in right field."

Cobb said he picked Dickey although he never saw the Arkansas Traveller play.

However, the record book indicates that Ty may have seen the rangy Yankee receiver perform and not remembered it. In 1928, the year Cobb finished his major league career, Dickey, then 21, played ten games with the Yankees, while Cobb, who was 41 and far from being at his best, played 95 games with the Athletics.

Fliers, 2nd AF Get Oil, Sun Bowl Bids

NEW YORK, Dec. 6—The unbeaten Randolph Field Fliers and the Second Air Force Superbombers of Colorado Springs, Col., who are scheduled to meet in a "Treasury Bowl" game here Dec. 16, were named today to compete in the Oil Bowl at Houston and the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Tex., respectively on New Year's Day.

The bowl committee at El Paso made the announcement concerning the Bombers after the War Department gave confirmation that the teams would be allowed to play. Opponents for the two great service grid teams have not been named as yet.

Replacement Quintet Setting Fast Pace

By Ray Lee
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

12TH REPLACEMENT DEPOT, Dec. 6—If the 39th Division Blues' red-hot basketball quintet that burned the courts in the ETO last year were still in the U.K., they would in all probability meet their match or have their hands full with Col. George A. Moore's Maulers, one of the smoothest fives ever to hoop a basket in this theater.

Fielding a first string of five former college courtmen, including Sgt. Bob Prather, of Baldwin, Miss., three-year Alabama basketballer and all-conference player for two years, the Maulers, who played under the name of Camp Butler (N.C.) last year, tangled with leading service and university teams in the states, including Norfolk Naval Training Station and Duke. They dropped a heartbreaker to the Blue Devils, 48—42, but clipped North Carolina State College, one of the leading collegiate aggregations last year, 43—38, and Newbury College (S.C.), a team that defeated Duke 42—35.

Aiding Prather on the court are Maj. Gilbert Dailey, former Renownards College player from Harrisburg, Pa.; Maj. Giles Batchelor, team captain and former Presbyterian guard from Augusta, Ga., who also coaches, captains and plays first on the baseball nine, Pvt. Robert Kane, six-foot two-inch Brooklynite and former NYU first-stringer, and T/5 Ernest Scribner, of Auburn, Me., who saw service with Springfield College.

This season Prather has spark-plugged the squad to 17 straight victories and a total of 994 points, for a game average of 58.5 points.

Besides his first-string five, Maj. Dailey, who also coaches the quintet and leads this season's scoring with 144 points, has a reserve of five collegiates, a semi-pro and Sgt. Henry Skurnick, of Chicago, who has 16 years of pro-basketball under his belt, including service with the Cleveland



Stars and Stripes Photo by Murphy

Two Navy players (white shirts) are bottled up under the hoop by Maj. Giles Batchelor, Pvt. Robert Kane (with ball) and Sgt. Bob Prather as the 12th Replacement Depot quintet slapped the sailors, 62—48.

Rosenblooms, world champion Celtics and Chicago Bruins, having played professional since he was 19 years old.

They play a running game with a zone defense, using a steady flow of fresh substitutes in wearing down their opponents them."

Rubber Vital in Home Stretch

Without tires, supplies can't be rushed to the front—and without supplies, doughboys can't advance on the road to Berlin. Here, somewhere in Germany, members of a tire repair outfit are shown vulcanizing tires hit by shrapnel. U.K. soldiers can do the repair part in combating the tire crisis, made known by Gen. Eisenhower, by conducting a personal tire-conservation program.

ETO
SPORTS MIRROR

With Cpl. Richard Gray, former Villanova star from Trenton, N.J., setting the pace with 16 points, the 396th Bomb Group basketball team rolled to a 51—34 victory over the Fighter Group quintet commanded by Col. Everett Stewart Tuesday night. The 398th Group is seeking home games for Tuesday and Thursday nights and will play away any other night in the week. . . . Pic Vernon E. Morgan, of Toledo, Ohio, slashed off tackle for 15 yards and a touchdown in the second period to give the 78th Fighter Group Greyhounds a 7—0 nod over Terry's Pirates of the 91st Bomb Group.

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The 34th Bomb Group captured the finals of the Third Bombardment Division's eight-team football team by defeating the 422nd Bomb Group eleven, 19—0. Cpl Granville Pierce, of Cross

Plains, Tex., intercepted a pass and ran to the first touchdown. Capt. Lester Mersheimer, former Southern California, passed to Cpl. Pat Kelly, of Indiana, Pa., for the second, and Cpl. Pat McKoon, of Hyannis, Mass., took a pass and went over for the third. . . .

Li. Ken Jolly, of Ilhaca, N.Y., and former Cornell captain, and Cpl. Robert Abbott and Robert Maalching of Terre Haute, Ind., former teammates on the University of Indiana are among the lads who will be participating in the basketball league recently formed in the Troop Carrier bases recently started at a Troop Carrier base

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Lt. Mike Zaharewich, of Mosbeth, N.Y., talked 13 points to lead a Port HQ home team to a 39—12 victory in its opening game, while in a curtain-raiser the TC Tomatoes trounced colored Port Company team, 74—15.

Life in Those United States

U.S. Secret Weapons To Be Used on Japan

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (Reuter)—Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, chief of the Army Service Forces, announced today that the U.S. was producing secret weapons for use against Japan.



SOMERVELL

Meanwhile, in Washington, the Office of War Information disclosed that America was developing new types of military rockets, but design, range, speed and production figures were not revealed. The OWI's report was contained in a detailed history of U.S. military rockets. At the same time, Dr. George Lewis, director of the U.S. Aeronautical Research office, said the Army and Navy "are investigating the possibilities of planes and guided missiles powered by jet propulsion."

Somervell, addressing the National Association of Manufacturers, said: "There are new weapons now being made—weapons I cannot tell you about, not yet in use in Europe. Those of you who make them, know them. They must be ready in large quantity for the Pacific push."

Summarizing the heavy expenditure of shells, Somervell said 300,000 more workers were needed to bring critical programs up to schedule.

CAPITAL SIDESHOW: The United Mine Workers, headed by John L. Lewis, joined the AFL in declining an invitation to attend the British Trades Union Congress in London in February. The CIO has accepted. . . . WPB told civilians there'd be no match shortage "if you don't waste 'em."

Life Is But a Dream
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6 (ANS)—Navy Seaman Hayward Buttram dreamed he was scraping the side of a ship—and fell three stories from his hotel window. Later he told hospital attendants that his last job before going on leave was—scrapping the side of a ship.

Fly O.U.
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 6 (AP)—A burglar who carried off \$65.04 from the Hotel Commodore left behind a note, "Received from Hotel Commodore, \$65.04 (signed) Thief!"

Felons Quartered With Nazis Seize Building in Protest
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 6 (AP)—Resentful because they had been quartered with German spies and saboteurs, 25 long-term convicts seized the Federal Penitentiary segregation building here today and held four prison officials as hostages. Neither the convicts nor the four prison officials were believed to be armed. James V. Bennett, U.S. director of prisons, who flew here from Washington, said, "The officials were still unarmed, he added, as far as he knew."

Prison Warden Joseph Sanford said that while he was in the dark on the full cause of the trouble, "some objection had been raised to the quartering of German spies and saboteurs in the same building."

He added that the convicts were also "naturally protesting against their own segregation."

Cold Cache
WASHINGTON, Dec. 6—Bob Shipps, a night watchman in a restaurant, believes in being fore-warmed. Thevex broke in the other night, locked Shipps in the ice-box and then made off with all the cash and whisky in the place. When police released Shipps the next morning, they found him wearing two overcoats, which he kept in the icebox, he said, just in case.

Wishful Thinking
NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (ANS)—Mrs. Phoebe Seabrook answered the Volunteers of America's call for women Santa Clauses. Now she's wondering and so is the VA how they're going to "build up" Mrs. Seabrook so she looks like Santa. She stands only five feet and weighs 133 pounds.

The Background Was Marvellous, but Not Worth \$400
CHICAGO, Dec. 6 (ANS)—The judge admitted that 19-year-old Ruth Los Boises, of Riverdale, "has a marvellous background, is intelligent and mature." But the judge also felt that Miss Boises had "some very sticky fingers"—especially when she pilfered \$400 from a sailor in Union Station.

According to evidence, Ruth "found" the money in her purse after drinking ten cocktails and she "didn't know how it got there."

The judge said he felt Ruth "took the sailor's money." It is a shocking thing, a horrid deed and our armed forces must be protected—even against girls with a marvellous background.

Sentence was suspended.

Not a Single Bun Steer
CHICAGO, Dec. 6 (ANS)—Karl Hoffman, of Ida Grove, Ia., scored the first triple victory in Chicago's war-time stock shows when his load of 15 lightweight Hereford steers was adjudged grand champion carlot for the third year running.

FBI—Few Better Infantrymen
'Forgotten Bastards of Iceland'
Making Selves Remembered

By James McGlinchey
United Press Correspondent
SHAFF, Dec. 6—One of the hottest outfits now in action is the Fifth Infantry Division, which used to refer to itself, a little ruefully, as the "FBI." The letters didn't stand for J. Edgar Hoover's bureau, but for the Forgotten Bastards of Iceland.

The men who once patrolled the icy, bleak wastes in the North Atlantic and unloaded ships, wondering when they'd get into the war, yesterday reeled off nearly five miles on a broad front inside Germany and today were a grenade's throw from the Saar.

The saga of the Fifth—which with the 95th Infantry Division took Metz two weeks ago—is a story of a great comeback in the Frank Merriwell tradition.

A World War I outfit, the Fifth was the first U.S. division to go overseas in World War II, landing in Iceland in late 1941, before Pearl Harbor.

The next two years, say the Fifth doughboys, they'd rather forget—two years when the work was dull, when there



Members of the Third Army's 733d Railway Battalion work on a twisted rail wrecked by retreating Germans near a French town.

To the Victor Goes the Spoils
One By One to Victory
Aachen Produces One Hero As Generals Salute Another

By Jimmy Cannon

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE 35th INFANTRY DIV., Lorraine, Dec. 6—Sgt. James Spurrier admits he was in Aachen that day. If you press him, he will tell you he fired a few rounds at some Germans. Some Germans fired a few rounds at him. But the Pacific was much rougher, and he had been in the Pacific, too.

"It beats me," said Spurrier yesterday. "I was paying no attention to what was coming off in Aachen. Ask them what I don't remember much."

The ones who watched him that day say Spurrier, who is a 21-year-old Regular Army man from Blue Ridge, W. Va., took the town with a solitary offensive that lasted eight hours under constant fire. They counted the dead when he was through and he had killed 25 Germans and captured 18 more, including a lieutenant and a captain. They say he fired weapons he had never seen before, and before the day was over had used a German BAR and our BAR, a German bazooka and a U.S. bazooka and grenades of many types.

"I didn't know how to aim some of them things but I caught on after a while," he said. "My basic weapon is an M1."

"This was not the act of a dumb, brave soldier; every move he made was carefully figured out," said Maj. F. C. Koelker, of Walla Walla, Wash. "I saw him fire the different weapons and I've never seen a cooler or a smarter soldier under fire."

He used one weapon until he ran out of ammo and then picked another one and fiddled around with it until he started it going. We would never have taken the town that day without him."

Peers Favor A Peace Draft

A hope expressed by President Roosevelt that the U.S. will adopt universal conscription after the war was cited yesterday in the House of Lords by Lord Morrison, who was Britain's secretary of war for two years before the last war, as one reason why Britain should adopt a similar system.

The creator of the modern RAF, Lord Trenchard, voiced a view that "some form of compulsory service will be necessary" for Britain after the war. Another peer declared that the compulsory idea was beginning to strike him as more "democratic" than service established on a voluntary basis.

Several members of Britain's upper legislative body said they favored a compulsory period of military training from one to five years, and one member stressed that hereafter Britain should have an army "absolutely trained and ready to the last shoelace."

Hitler-Szalasi Talk Reported by Germans

German News Agency said yesterday that Hitler had conferred Saturday with Ferenc Szalasi, pro-Nazi Hungarian leader, who visited Germany for discussions on mutual problems of both countries.

The German report came after a jolt in the rumor machines in neutral countries concerning Der Fuehrer's whereabouts.

By Dan Regan

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH U.S. SEVENTH ARMY, Dec. 6—When Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, commander of the Seventh Army, pinned the Congressional Medal of Honor on T/Sgt. Homer L. (Blackie) Wise and turned to five other general officers and said, "Gentlemen, let's give this man a salute," one of the great stories of individual heroism in World War II came to light.

The simple language of the War Department citation tells the story of the 27-year-old member of the 36th Division from Baton Rouge, La. It reads:

"In an attack on Lagliano, Italy, Sgt. Wise led three other men through sweeping fires to carry a member of his platoon to a point where he could be given medical treatment. Later he noticed an enemy officer and two men armed with automatic weapons sneaking to the side in an effort to flank his unit. He rushed forward alone and sub-machine-gunned all three."

"Returning to his unit, he found them facing a disastrously effective fire from enemy gunners in deluged positions inaccessible to small-arms fire from our troops. He gathered up all available anti-tank grenades and, moving through a hail of bullets, inflicted so many casualties on the foe that their positions became untenable and they fled."

"The battalion moved forward to its immediate objective and came under machine-gun fire. The range was too great for his sub-machine-gun so he picked up an automatic rifle and walked forward, firing his weapon from a standing position."

"His company again moved forward, and noticing a machine-gun on a tank, unmaned he leaped upon the tank, repaired the jammed weapon and fired 750 rounds that neutralized flanking positions."

A veteran of five major battles, Wise also holds the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart with two oak leaf clusters.

Navy Says New Planes Make Midgets of B29s

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6 (Reuter)—Sky giants which may dwarf the performances of B29 Superfortresses may soon emerge from American laboratories, high-ranking naval officers recently told the House Appropriations Committee, it was announced today.

Among the planes is the B36, which has been described as the largest aircraft ever attempted in this country. The plane is now undergoing tests along with the B32.

Red Tape Cut to Beat Stork

34TH BOMB GROUP, Dec. 6—Personal orders from Gen. Eisenhower and the efforts of three other generals and a colonel sped Pfc Albert H. Wolfe, 21, of Shippensburg, Pa., from England to 17 hours.

An operator of a retreating vehicle serving Fortresses here, Wolfe received a cable from the Red Cross informing him that his wife, awaiting birth of a baby in an Army hospital, was in a serious condition.

His group commander, Lt. Col. William E. Creyer, telephoned Maj. Gen. E. E.

German Mines Will Turn Out Coal for Allies

WITH NINTH ARMY, Dec. 6 (UP)—German coal will help the Allies push on to Berlin.

The first deliveries, expected in about a month, will come from Aachen, where all the district mines are now in Allied hands. They produce nearly 8,000,000 tons a year.

SHAFF experts are busy completing plans to begin using Germany's mineral riches to help win the war.

Col. Robert Koening, an American colliery owner, is in charge of the SHAEP Solid Fuels Department set up to deal with the problem.

Control of the Aachen mines will be vested in officers from SHAEP. It is expected that a number of German executives who disregarded Hitler's orders for the civilians to evacuate the town will man under them. German workers will man the pits.

Two dangers may arise when the mines go into operation for the Allies—sabotage and attempts by German officials to cut production. SHAEP officers are ready to deal with both problems.

Another problem is financing the mines. There will obviously be no cash returns, since all the coal produced will be requisitioned for the Allied armies. It is expected that money will be advanced by the SHAEP civilian affairs departments and that credit will be established with a German bank as soon as one is set up.

Inspect U.S. Carbines In Death of Briton

Carbines belonging to American troops stationed near Honingham were inspected yesterday by military and civilian authorities as part of the hunt for the weapon which Sunday killed Sir Eric Teichman, former British embassy counselor in Chungking.

Examination of the American weapons was ordered after evidence presented at an inquest showed that the fatal bullet was from a .30-cal. carbine, similar to those used by U.S. troops. Senior American officers attended the inquest.

Teichman was found dead on his estate after he had gone out to catch a suspected poacher.

Self-Defense

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 (ANS)—Broadway's boom theatrical season is not without its headaches for theater managers, faced with a new audience type—the vociferous defense worker. One manager reported he had to throw one out for shouting, "The show stinks," in the middle of a performance.

Partridge, Third Bomb Division commander, requesting permission for the soldier to be sent home. Subsequent phone calls forwarded the request to Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, Eighth Air Force commander, then to Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz, USSTAF commander, and finally to Gen. Eisenhower. Approval was granted within 24 hours.

Flown immediately from this base to Air Transport Command Headquarters, Wolfe was put on the first available America-bound transport plane, and was reunited with his wife 17 hours later. Doctors said she would recover, but the baby's life could not be saved.

By Milton Caniff



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