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## 26 Big Jap Ships Blasted

### 2 Enemy Carriers, 1 Battleship Sunk

In one of the most lopsided victories of the Pacific war, the U.S. Third and Seventh Fleets sank or damaged at least 26 Japanese warships in the three-day battle in Philippine waters, dispatches revealed yesterday.

Incomplete reports of the engagement, which has now become a chase, showed these results:

#### SUNK (8)

Two carriers, one battleship, five cruisers.

#### PROBABLY SUNK (3)

Two battleships, one carrier.

#### DAMAGED (15 PLUS)

Seven battleships, four cruisers, four destroyers and several more destroyers. The main American losses, according to reports which may overlap, are two escort carriers, one of them the Princeton, announced previously.

It was impossible to establish a definite figure on Jap losses. Reports have been issued from both Pearl Harbor and from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Philippine headquarters, with possible duplication. There were three principal actions—one southeast of Formosa, where the Third Fleet sank or damaged with bombs and torpedoes more than a dozen enemy ships—and the other two off Leyte, where the Seventh Fleet, aided by escort carrier planes and units of the Third Fleet, beat off two enemy forces attempting to attack MacArthur's invasion troops.

#### Six of Eight Sunk

A Reuter dispatch said six of eight ships which approached Leyte from the south had been sunk and the other two vessels damaged.

Believed based at Singapore, this enemy fleet, the dispatch said, came from the Sulu Sea through the Surigao Strait, southeast of Leyte.

American surface ships and planes, it said, sank two battleships, one cruiser and three destroyers and damaged another cruiser and destroyer.

A dispatch from MacArthur's headquarters reported that two Jap naval groups approached Leyte Gulf from the east Wednesday morning.

Although his forces were outnumbered, Vice-Adm. Thomas C. Kincaid, Seventh Fleet chief, split his strength, sending two task forces, one including an Australian squadron, in opposite directions to beat back the threat to Leyte.

#### First Ship-to-Ship Battle

Backed by carrier planes, Kincaid's fleet fought the first American ship-to-ship battle against the Japanese in more than a year. They sank a 29,000-ton battleship, a number of cruisers and destroyers and damaged three other cruisers and several destroyers, the dispatch said, for a loss of an escort carrier and several torpedo boats.

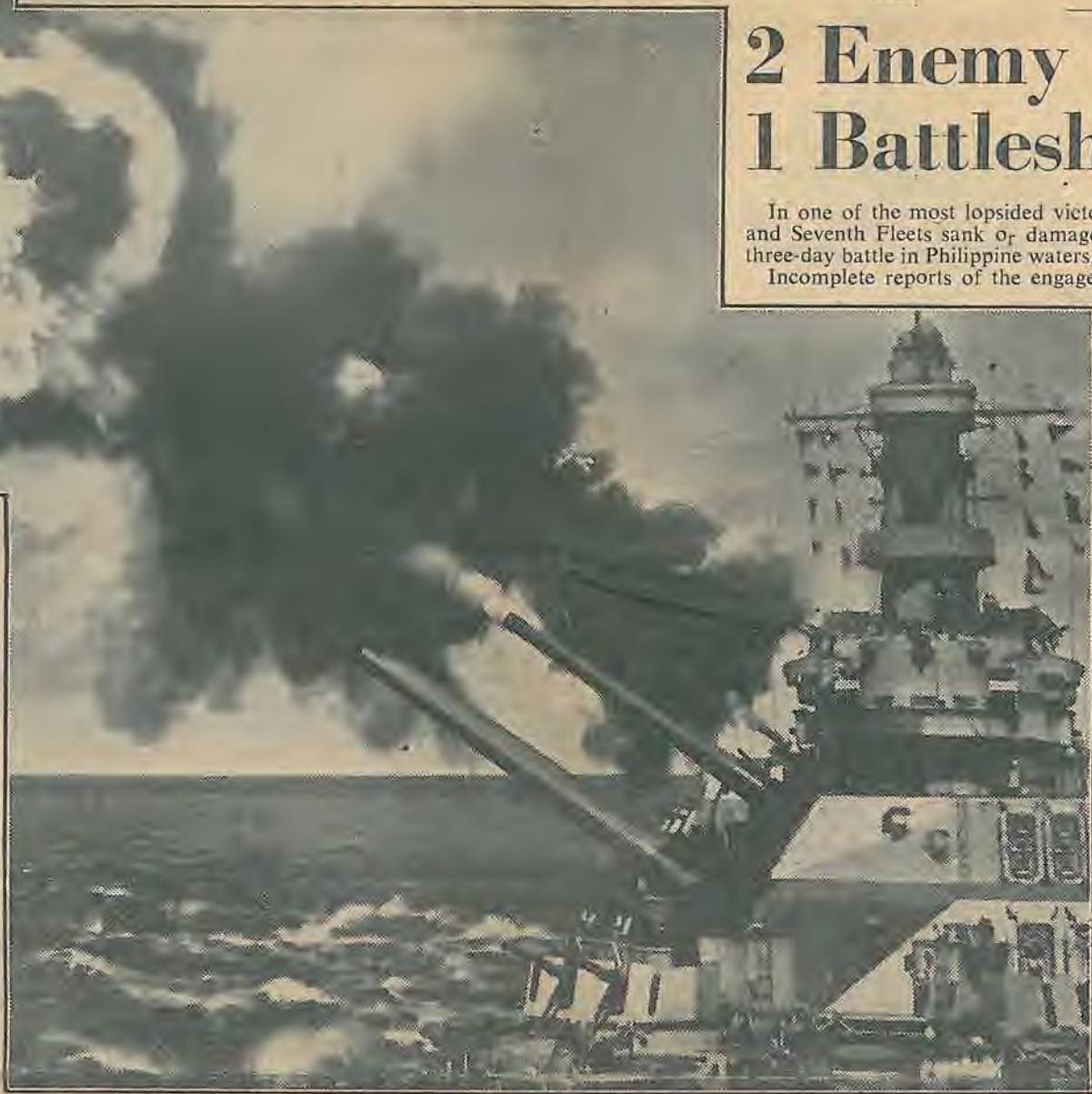
A Pearl Harbor communique said a Third Fleet task group went to the aid of

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### Back Home



Official U.S. Photo  
Old Glory again flies over Philippine soil as a GI raises the flag after the initial landings in the central islands.



This is a typical salvo from a big U.S. battle wagon now slugging it out with the Jap fleet in battle off the Philippines.

## Guderian Takes Over in East; Reds Step Up Prussia Blows

By The Associated Press

Col. Gen. Heinz Guderian, the ardent Nazi who became chief of the German general staff shortly after the attempt on Adolf Hitler's life last July, yesterday was given supreme command of the German armies on the Eastern Front. His appointment came as the Russians, in an attempt to get their offensive moving again through East Prussia, pummeled the whole Nazi line with fresh infantry and armor.

### Beer and Ice Cream At Combat Rest Camps

WITH U.S. FIRST ARMY, Oct. 26 (Reuter)—Beer and ice cream in abundance and films and dances are some of the luxuries which front-line men of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army will have at several rest camps behind the lines.

One camp will open Saturday about 15 miles behind the front. There will be facilities for laundry and shoe repair, and no restrictions on freedom except between midnight and 5 A.M. Campers may shop as much as they like but must not buy Belgian food.

Guderian's switch to the East came as Marshal Stalin, in an order of the day, last night announced the capture of Munkacs, a Czechoslovak mining town and communications center 100 miles northeast of Debrecen.

Simultaneously, Col. Ernst von Hammer, German News Agency commentator, announced the Germans in East Prussia had given up Stallupoenen, on the Ragnit-Königsberg railway about six miles inside the Reich province.

As Guderian took over, Gen. Chernyakovsky was launching a mass onslaught on the southern end of the East Prussian front, from Augustow, north to the Niemen River, according to German radio.

#### Battle Around Augustow

One battle swayed around Augustow. Another blazed 15 miles east of Insterburg.

Many East Prussian villages are being leveled by the fury of the fighting, but as yet the German secondary line—plugged with scores of tanks—has not cracked.

Enemy reports said the Russian offensive north of Warsaw between the Bug and the Vistula subsided after a number of penetrations.

In Norway, a Reuter dispatch from Moscow said Gen. Meretskov followed up the capture of the Arctic port of Kirkenes by seizing several airfields from which German bombers and torpedo planes had attacked Allied convoys bound for Murmansk.

### Pass Ban Traps More AWOLs Here

MPs in London picked up "considerably more" AWOLs during the 42-hour roundup which ended midnight Wednesday than they did during the last previous roundup May 15, the Provost Marshal's office announced yesterday. The May bag netted 42. This week's figures were not announced. The roundup lasted from 6 A.M. Tuesday, placing a restriction on all U.S. Army personnel in the U.K. except combat aircrew men on leave, men just back from combat, men on emergency leave, and men on special duty.

### At That Rate He Could Afford Not To Work

PARIS, Oct. 26 (Reuter)—Louis Renault, head of the Renault motor firm, who has just died after being arrested for collaborating with the Germans, was given to a sudden temper which made him feared by employees.

Seeing a man sitting down doing nothing in his factory, Renault asked him, "What do you earn?"

"5,000 francs a month," replied the man. Renault turned to his secretary: "Pay this man 10,000 francs. I don't want to see him again."

The cashier paid the money and then asked the man what job he did in the factory.

The latter replied: "I don't work here. I was making a delivery. But thanks for the 10,000 francs."

## Big Day Blow At Reich Again

For the second straight day more than 1,200 U.S. heavy bombers swarmed over Germany yesterday, battering rail and industrial targets in the Hanover, Munster and Bielefeld areas. They were followed up by RAF heavies in their second successive daylight attack on the Reich.

Upward of 600 Thunderbolt and Mustang fighters escorted the Fortresses and Liberators, which bombed through solid cloud. One bomber and one fighter were lost.

The RAF Lancasters, shepherded by Mustangs, attacked the I. G. Farben Industrie chemical works at Leverkusen.

## Nazis in Greece Yield Larissa

ROME, Oct. 26 (AP)—Greek guerrilla forces have occupied the important Greek communications center of Larissa, the Allied communique announced today.

Larissa is less than 100 miles by air from Greece's northern frontier. By evacuating it, the Germans have lost not only their remaining air base within 300 miles of Crete but also the last hope of evacuating any real part of the Crete garrison, between 12,000 and 15,000, by air.

#### English Church Head Dies

Dr. William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, died of a heart attack yesterday. He was 63. He was the 9th Archbishop of Canterbury, and had served as head of the Church of England since 1942.

## Say Allies On 2 Islands Off Antwerp

Allied landings on Walcheren and South Beveland, the two Dutch islands north of the Scheldt Estuary which cover the approaches to Antwerp, were reported by Berlin yesterday.

Combined Allied naval and land forces sought to gain access to the harbor of Antwerp—which would greatly shorten Allied supply lines to the 600-mile long battlefield—by landing on South Beveland and "attempting a landing" on Walcheren, German sources said.

Meanwhile, the British advance to Hertogenbosch continued to force 40,000 Nazis into a general withdrawal from western Holland, and from the Third Army front came an official report that German troops there have shown marked deterioration in morale in the past few weeks.

Rumors that Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt had been ousted were discounted by the German News Agency, which declared that he is still supreme German commander in the West.

#### Canadians in Oostburg

Field Marshal Montgomery's offensive pushed forward along the whole length of his 75-mile front, and British infantry were fighting their way last night into the outskirts of Tilburg, important Dutch communications center.

British tanks crossed the Tilburg-Hertogenbosch road at three places, and the railway at one place, as Tommies in Hertogenbosch battled their way through the southwestern district after clearing the Germans from about three-quarters of the town.

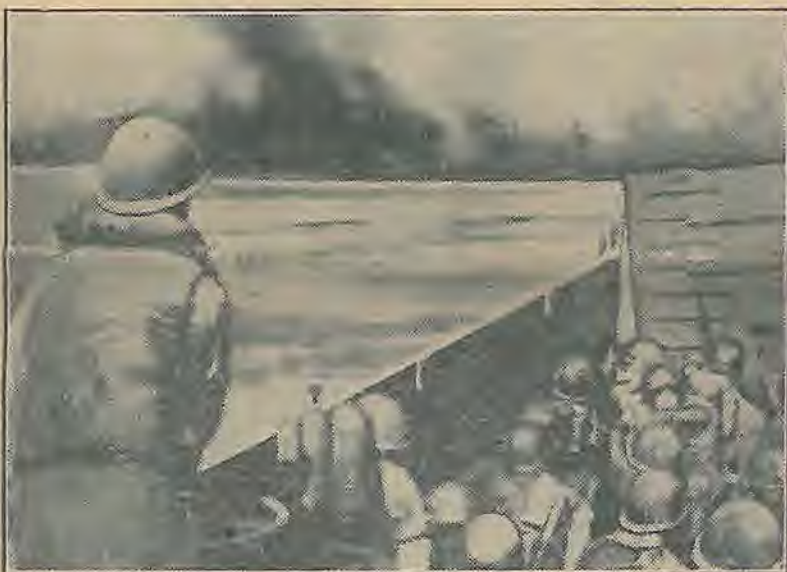
New gains were made by Canadian troops in the sector north of Antwerp. The Canadians were fighting in the streets of Oostburg, four miles from the location of the last big guns which command the southern entrance to the Scheldt.

On the Canadian and British sectors, it was estimated, the Germans were losing daily the equivalent of a full battalion, 800 men, in prisoners.

#### Two U.S. Subs Lost

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—The Navy announced today that the submarines Herring and Golei, carrying crews of 65 men each, were overdue and presumed lost in the Pacific.

## Bataan Payment, Installment No. 1



U.S. infantrymen return to the Philippines. A landing craft, loaded with doughboys, cuts its way to the shores of Leyte, still smoldering from preliminary air assault and naval bombardment.

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all letters published to not more than 200  
words.—Ed.

### A WAC Talks Back

Oct. 24, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
We WACs have been listening to fellow  
GIs gripe over little petty things con-  
cerning us; such as, getting sheets, more  
clothes, etc. Ever since May 15, 1942,  
they have been fussing and saying "What  
does the Army need women for?" Then  
they decided (on the leary side) to give us  
a chance to prove ourselves. And I think  
we have done our best in whatever was  
put before us.

Now, "The Orphans" of RCD Sq.  
bring up the old subject of WACs over-  
seas. If one of us was asked would we  
go, you never heard us say "No,"  
because we thought we could do as good a  
job over here, and it has been proven  
whether you want to admit it or not.  
Just take a good look around. The gals  
who are in France were asked for by their  
office or section chiefs, and, if you don't  
believe me, I can give you some very  
good references.

Why don't you guys admit the truth!  
You don't want your women to be able  
to do the things you can. We'll leave the  
muscle part to you, but we'll shoot a gun  
if the occasion arises. Don't you think  
it's about time you quit griping about the  
WACs? You can still wear the pants in  
the family!—T/4 Johnson, WAC.

### Zipper on the Bottom

Oct. 20, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
A suggestion to the Quartermaster  
Corps: Why not modify duffle bags by  
placing a zipper on the bottom? Every-  
thing we look for is always there and  
that would make it easier to get to.—  
Inspection Happy.

### Pinups for Pfc Doherty

Oct. 21, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
This is an answer to poor Pfc  
Doherty's laundry gripe. Let him do  
his own laundry in a helmet; that's what  
combat men do, or why don't he make  
friends with Umbriago? Good God!  
Doherty, why don't you wise up? It's  
guys like you who make life miserable  
for the rest of us soldiers. We can give  
you individual instruction on the thread-  
ing of the M94 needle.—3 ex infantry-  
men, now K-5, hospital commandoes.

Oct. 22, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
Since we have nothing to do here at  
the hospital I'm sure we can find time  
to sew on buttons for Pfc Doherty. But  
I wonder what he would do if it were  
88s, mortars or screaming mimis knock-  
ing his buttons off for him instead of  
the laundry?

Enclosed are two safety pins. Please  
forward them to our dear boy. I'm about  
well enough to start looking forward to  
going back to the front where my buddies  
are and not looking forward to buttonless  
laundry.—S/Sgt. Lewis E. Fite Jr., Inf.

Oct. 23, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
We've been washing all of our own  
clothes—including ODs—for months—  
and with cold water. If Pfc Doherty  
continues to be abused by the laundry  
this way, we might be able to talk the  
boys into contributing some of our  
buttons for a worthy (?) cause. Oh my  
Airborne back!—T/Sgt. Jack Torchin-  
sky, S/Sgt. Harold Florence, Sgt. Law-  
rence D. Caplane, Airborne Infantry.

### In Defense of 'The Voice'

Oct. 24, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
I fail to see a justification in your  
recent, humorous (sic) pannings of Frank  
Sinatra, nor do I think it in good taste.  
That your sheet is slanted to fill the  
needs of what your conception of the  
"average GI likes" is evident; but, in-  
asmuch as ETOUSA limits American  
newspaper publications in this theater to  
"Stars and Stripes" (leaving no alterna-  
tive) I think the editors might show a  
little more discretion in voicing what are  
apparently their own opinions as far as  
evaluating popular vocalists is con-  
cerned.

Judging from the frequency with which  
Sinatra appears on such GI-requested  
shows as Command Performance, I  
think your pannings, aside from being  
cheap and childish, are out of order. And  
that goes double for your "three grate-  
ful GIs," the aging WAC, and juvenile  
delinquent Edward J. Dorogoklepetz.  
—J.W.D., A.A.F.

## Hash Marks

He may be with the Yanks in France,  
but Cpl. Julius Nathan sleeps in Chicago  
every night. When Nathan moved  
through a French coastal city he found  
a sign reading "Chicago" and he hangs  
it wherever he pitches his tent.

Despite his name, PX Manager Sgt.  
Robert W. Cash, of an air depot in Ire-  
land, extends credit on Red Cross chits.



The "Cash credit" business booms espe-  
cially on Pay-Day-plus-29 among Air Ser-  
vice Command mechanics.

We believe there's more truth than  
rumor in what Cpl. Ed Glick claims to  
have heard. He says that Japanese naval  
authorities have decided to concentrate on  
submarines, as most of the ships launched  
thus far have wound up under water  
anyway.

We like the way Pfc Clifton A. John-  
son introduces himself. "Johnson's my  
name," he says, "I guess you know  
yours."

Every once in a while we like to use  
one of our old ones. (No cracks, please.)  
We chanced upon a couple of Joes the  
other evening and overheard what is per-  
haps the newest version of one of the  
oldest jokes. "Who was that lady I saw  
you with last night?" asked one Joe.  
"That was no lady, that was my WAAF,"  
replied the other.

We were amused the other morning  
when a BBC announcer said, after the  
midnight newscast, "The time will very  
nearly be 12.20 A.M."

Which brings to mind the direction  
offered by a well-meaning Englishwoman  
:"Second on the right, first left, then bear  
vaguely to the right."

A group of four girls was discussing  
their respective husbands. The first girl  
said her husband had just received his

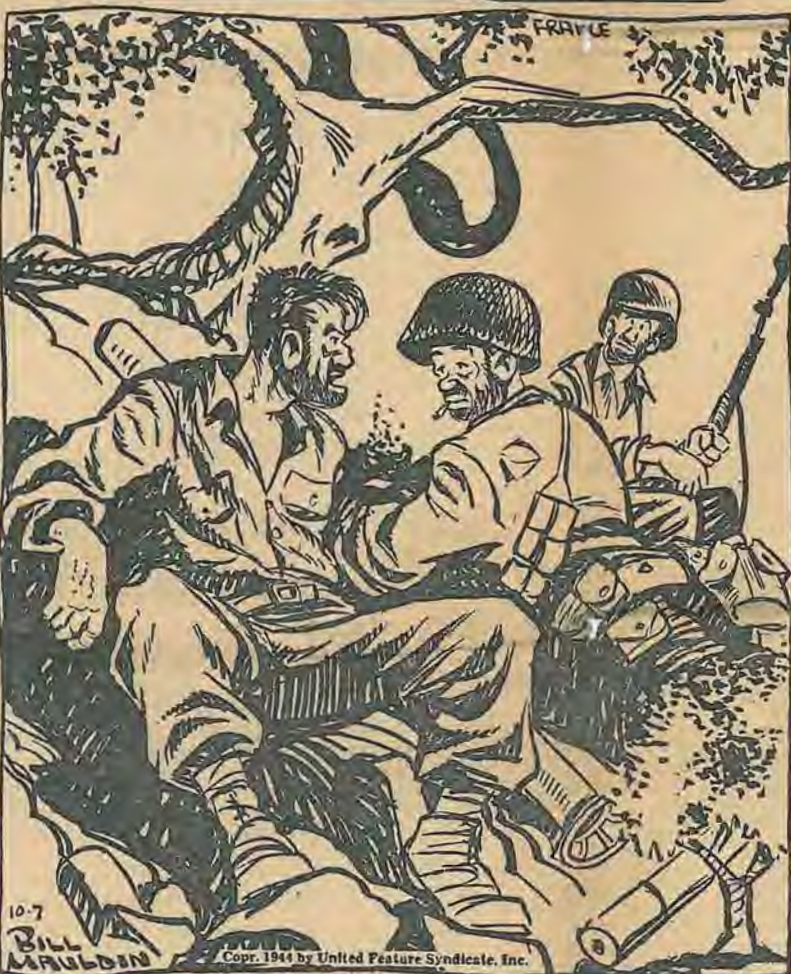


majority, the second girl's husband had  
just been promoted to captain and the  
third girl's husband was a recent graduate  
of OCS. The fourth girl, who had re-  
mained more or less in the background,  
then came forward and proudly said,  
"Well, my husband still has his privacy."

Current version of an oldie. GI  
Barber: "Haven't I shaved you some-  
where else before, sir?" Shayetail: "No,  
I got this cut on maneuvers."

J. C. W.

## UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



"Sure I got seniority. I got busted a week before you did."

## An Editorial

# Do These Guys Really Matter?

HITLER must be having a  
good belly laugh at our  
war-time election. The idea  
of juggling bullets and ballots in  
the middle of a battle must strike  
him as clean out of this world.

Come to think of it, it IS an odd  
idea.

Why print all those ballots in  
war time when paper is precious?  
Why use up valuable cargo space  
to ship those ballots over here?  
What's the idea of having GIs like  
these take time out to pick leaders  
to run a country thousands of miles  
away?

For all the trouble they're taking  
you'd think what these Joes think  
actually matters.

The fact is—it does.

That's why this slit-trench suf-  
frage is just about the biggest  
miracle on the face of God's  
green earth. It seems you and I  
and every other Joe has some-  
thing to say. And that it's worth  
a heap of time, trouble and money  
to give us a chance to say it.

It seems we count for some-  
thing—that we're not just robots  
or machines or servants of the  
state.



To Hitler it's democratic rot.  
To the liberated people it's the  
sweet breath of hope. To us it's

just one of those things that makes  
a man feel good inside about  
being an American.

## Ups and Downs of the Air Force

# 10 Forts Bagged 60 Nazis, Then Took On Fog

AFTER reading in The Stars and  
Stripes about the ten Forts which shot  
down 60 Nazi fighters in the Munster  
raid a year ago, 1/Lt. John A. Holzhauser,  
flying control officer, writes:

"But that story did not end for the boys  
of the 390th Bomb Group when the P47s  
charged in. Instead, they ran into a  
second pack of trouble.

"After the boys had coaxed their  
battered ships to within ten minutes of  
their base, an east wind blew in an unex-  
pected fog off the North Sea. Everyone  
was low on gas. And then a group of  
P47s saw what was happening and settled  
down on us like a swarm of bees.

"In five minutes the tower could barely  
see the ends of the runways and there was  
no time to arrange a diversion. The few  
we could contact by radio we told to fly  
west. Meanwhile, what could barely be  
called a pattern was filling with B17s and  
P47s making right and left hand circuits,  
altitude 50 feet.

"Some of the boys had to land or bail  
out, so in they came. We used all three  
runways and the sky was full of flares  
fired from ground and aircraft. The tower

crew were frantic trying to tend to crash  
landings and log times and types as well.

"The final count showed that in  
approximately 30 minutes we got seven  
damaged B17s all over the field, only three  
or four our own; 25 P47s parked every-  
where; and, to top it off, in one corner  
of the field we found a Piper Cub we  
never even saw land."

Compiling 2,045 out of a possible 2,200  
points, a five-man team from the QM  
service company attached to the 467th  
Liberator Group recently copped the base  
carbine marksmanship tournament.

High-scorer was Sgt. Clarence E.  
Hall, of Osborne, Ohio, who racked up  
388 tallies out of a possible 400.

Other members of the winning team  
were Capt. Albert L. Touchette, com-  
pany commander from Forestdale, R.I.;  
T/Sgt. Gordon E. Sammons, of Hunting-  
ton, Mass.; T/Sgt. Jack T. Sammons,  
of Tampa, Fla., and Pfc Elio Cultreru, of  
New York.

THE Fortress Miss You III in the group  
commanded by Col. Harris E. Rogner,  
of Masury, Ohio, has flown 61 combat  
missions in 726 hours without once turn-  
ing back for mechanical reasons. Mem-  
bers of the ground crew are T/Sgt. Robert  
Cardin, of Lexington, Mass., crew chief;  
Sgt. Maynard E. Stratton, of Corning,  
N.Y., assistant; Pvt. Ronald Borders, of  
Prattville, Ala., and Pvt. Horace W.  
Stover, of Columbia, Pa.

1/Lt. William C. Chun, Chinese-  
American Fortress bombardier in the  
92nd Bomb Group, who hails from Hono-  
lulu, Hawaii, has been awarded the  
Silver Star for gallantry in action.

PFC Mary R. Jaques, of Beacon, N.Y.,  
serving at an Air Service Command  
depot, is one of the few WACs author-  
ized to wear the World War I Victory  
Medal. She served in France with the  
women's auxiliary of the British Army  
in that war.

In a recent decoration ceremony, three  
Eighth Air Force Service Command de-  
partment chiefs received Bronze Stars  
from Lt. Col. Howard A. Moody, Santa  
Cruz, Cal., station commander. The  
recipients were Lt. Cols. Claude O.  
Perry, of Fairfield, Ohio, and James W.  
Rice, of Austin, Tex., and Maj. William  
J. Schukraft, of Chicago.

THE first U.S. dance band to play at  
London's Stage Door Canteen, the  
Eighth AFSC Hi-Fliers, led by Lt. Harry  
Blum, of Baltimore, Md., recently made  
a second appearance there.

A check for \$4,333 (over \$17,000) was  
presented to the American Red Cross by  
Maj. Gen. Robert B. Williams, First  
Bombardment Division commander, on  
behalf of the division's combat crew-  
men, who donated the money for the  
relief of U.S. prisoners of war.

FIVE enlisted men in the Liberator group  
commanded by Col. Lorin L. John-  
son, of Payson, Utah, have been awarded  
the Bronze Star for meritorious achieve-  
ment.

Two of them, M/Sgts. Joseph Haluko,  
of New Brunswick, N.J., and Earl Havins,  
of Somerton, Ariz., crew maintenance  
chiefs, have serviced B24s for 120 mis-

sions between them without a turnback  
for mechanical reasons.

M/Sgt. Albino J. Lemone, of Pittsfield,  
Mass., squadron armament chief, and  
T/Sgts. Paul L. Wright, of Osawatomie,  
Kan., photo interpreter, and James T.  
Kehoe, of Chicago, squadron ordnance  
section chief, are the other three.

Capt. Joseph Shulman, dental officer  
from West New York, N.J., and his 12  
Cavities give out with band music at their  
Troop Carrier Command base. Sgt. Bob  
Shmook, of Detroit, is vocalist.

DECLINING a 30-day leave in the U.S.,  
Capt. Erro Michelson, of DeKalb,  
Ill., 92nd Bomb Group squadron bomb-  
ardier, has completed 43 Fort missions,  
including 19 group leads, five wing leads,  
and three division leads.

Capt. George E. Bostwick, P47 pilot  
from Wausau, Wis., has been awarded  
the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

THE Fortress Ice Cold Katie in the  
squadron commanded by Capt.  
James A. McKinney, of Walla Walla,  
Wash., has completed 557 hours' flying  
time on its original set of engines, going  
40 missions without an abort. Crew  
chief is Sgt. Melvin W. Schrader, of  
Quincy, Ill., assisted by Cpl. Orville  
Karsteadt, of Newton, Wis., and Cpl.  
Mason A. Novinger, of Phoenix, Ariz.

## AFN Radio Program

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1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.  
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Friday, Oct. 27

0755—Sign On—Program Resume.  
0800—World News.  
0805—Songs by the King Sisters.  
0825—Music by Les Brown.  
0900—Headlines—Combat Diary.  
0915—Personal Album with Betty Bryant.  
0930—AEF Ranch House.  
1000—Headlines—Morning After (Major Glenn  
Miller).  
1030—Strike up the Band.  
1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.  
1105—Duffie Bag.  
1200—News.  
1205—Duffie Bag.  
1300—Headlines—Sports News.  
1305—John Charles Thomas.  
1330—Eddie Condon's Jazz Session.  
1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour.  
1500—Headlines—French Lesson.  
1505—Strike up the Band.  
1530—On the Record.  
1630—It Pays to be Ignorant.  
1700—Headlines—Victory Parade with George  
Olsen.  
1715—At Ease.  
1730—London Column.  
1745—Novelty Time.  
1755—American Sports News.  
1800—World News.  
1805—Mark up the Map.  
1810—GI Supper Club—Program Resume.  
1900—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.  
1905—Duffy's Tavern.  
1935—Double Feature with Les Tremayne.  
2000—Headlines—Combat Diary.  
2015—Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians.  
2030—Hall of Fame.  
2100—World News.  
2105—Ransom Sherman Show.  
2135—California Melodies with Frank Duval.  
2200—Headlines—Ten O'Clock Special.  
2300—Final Edition.  
2305—Sign off until 0755 hours, Saturday, Oct. 28.  
On the Continent listen to your favorite AFN  
programs over the  
Allied Expeditionary Forces Program:  
583 kc. 514m.

# Once Over Lightly

By Charlie Kiley

NEW YORK, Oct. 26—The latest American League bulletin listing the transfer of Peter Weisner from Memphis of the Southern Association to the St. Louis Browns brings one-armed Pete Gray into the news again. Gray, whose real name is Weisner, is getting his chance in the majors not out of pity because he lacks a right arm or because he will be a freak for the curious customers to gaze at. Don Barnes and Luke Sewell made that clear during the World Series when questioned about Gray.

He is coming up on the strength of a lustrous minor league record which reached its peak the past season when he won the league's most valuable player award, hit .333 in 129 games, collected 167 hits in 591 trips to the plate, drove in 60 runs batting in the number two slot, and stole 68 bases. His base thefts equalled the league mark set by Kiki Cuyler in 1923. No doubt there of Gray's ability.

But how about the majors? It's a big leap from a class-A league to the top. Sewell admits he has never seen Gray play, but on the strength of the record and reports from scouts he feels one-armed Pete rates a chance. Fresno Thompson, who, as pilot of the New Orleans Pelicans had a chance to observe Gray all season and is well qualified to pass judgment, is one of Pete's most enthusiastic boosters.

"No team can afford to go easy on Gray, not even a major league club," Thompson said. "Despite his disability he can catch an outfield fly as expertly as any player with two arms. Sometimes he has trouble fielding ground balls but he never handles them as poorly as some outfielders I've seen in the major leagues. His timing at bat, swinging the stick with his left hand, is almost faultless and his speed is something to reckon with. On the bases he is going to be just as annoying to pitchers as Stirrweiss and Case.

"Gray has a good chance of being a regular with the Browns and if he makes good he'll be one of the biggest attractions baseball has ever known."

That "lady in red" who is sending New England racetracks to the cleaners has now run her streak to 19 straight show winners worth \$16,000, according to William Jubb, an executive of Rockingham Park. This lady, whose huge show bets have caused several minus pools around New England tracks, also has wagered at Baltimore and Jamaica, said Jubb. He believes she is a Revere, Mass., housewife, and her exploits have attracted letters from all over the country seeking her identity and information about her "system."

Jubb says she has wagered as high as \$12,000 on a favorite to show, and she also bet \$10,000 at Narragansett. He shattered one legend about the mysterious female, however, when he stated that she has worn her red coat only a few times and usually wears something else.

"She doesn't confine herself to one wager a day as some people think," Jubb said. "She often makes small bets, but she usually can be found at the \$100 show window with a bundle of cash and she often makes two thumping wagers a day."

**SHORT SHOTS:** Dick Waterhouse is something of a place-kicking ball of fire for the Army's gridiron juggernaut. In three games he has booted 20 extra points in 25 tries, including nine out of ten against Pitt and eight of 11 against Coast Guard Academy. . . . The sad situation in the boxing business is best told in an item which reports Lou Nova still around and elated to mix it with a geezer named Irish Johnny Flynn in Boston next month.

## Beat Up Bronc Busters Ride Range on New York's 8th Ave.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26—Probably the roughest deal in all professional sports is currently being contested at Madison Square Garden. The buckaroos from the wild and woolly west have been getting their lumps for three weeks now, but the show goes on, although most of them are limping.

Not only rough on bones and muscles, the rodeo presents the toughest proposition of all sports in the all-important matter of corraling an errant dollar bill. The contestants in this bone-busting circus must pay their own way to and from each event, keep themselves in beans and coffee while the rodeo is in progress and then, if they don't place pretty high on the list for prize money, start thumbing their way back home, broken bones and all.

They are an entirely different breed among the different types who play for pay in the sports-crazy United States. Ballplayers, golfers, boxers and football players look like ordinary healthy citizens when they take off the distinguishing habiliments of their trades, but these steer jockeys don't take 'em off. They roam the streets of New York clad in multi-colored shirts, high-heeled boots and steisons, much to the great awe and wonderment of the city slickers.

### Occupational Injuries

The draft has hit the rodeo business just as it hit every other professional sport, but there are still plenty of top-flight performers left for the very peculiar reason that a great many rodeo riders manage to accumulate enough internal injuries and broken bones at an early age to make Army medical officers say no.

One of the best of the performers at the Garden right now is Hank Mills, who used to be a riding sensation around New York tracks in '32 and '33. He had to quit the race-track end of it because his weight got out of control.

Hank, who has been taking the ten-month rodeo tour for the past four years, says, "I guess I did the next best thing. I own a little ranch at Montrose, Col., where I have 12 horses for rodeo and farm purposes. It took me three years before I won a bareback bronc riding contest, but I think I have the hang of it now. My bulldogging is improving, too."

### Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to *Help Wanted*, Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Bank St., London, W.1, or APO 887, U.S. Army. Telephone, ETOUSA, Ext. 2131.

#### APOs Wanted

ROBERT LOHR, Johnston, Pa.; Joseph A. LOWTHER, Boston, Mass.; Lt. Grace McFREDRICK, Peoria, Ariz.; Sgt. Clifford McMINN, Ft. Lloyd, E. MANGRUM, Cal. Joseph MURPHY, Scranton, Pa.; Pvt. Albert MOTYCKA, Capt. Alfred MANN, A.C.; Maj. Laurence R. MELTON, Texas; Lt. Keith O. MARTIN, Oklahoma; WAC Sarah MURRAY, Fall River, Mass.; Pvt. Carmen NICASTRO, Hammonton, N.J.; Joseph NEMVO, Miami, Fla.; Cpl. Rub NEWELL, Col.; Patricia O'BRIEN, Dayton, Ohio; Pvt. Bernard REDEKER, Waupun, Wis.; Pfc L. V. RADER, Greenville, Tenn.; T/Sgt. H. R. RETTINGER, 7022862; Pvt. Robert H. REICHARD, Cleveland, Ohio; Sgt. Gabriel SCANY, Youngstown, Ohio; Charles SWARTZ, Roxbury, Mass.

#### Found

S/SGT. Milton G. Giltz, ASN 6944430—your wallet was found near Tidworth on Oct. 20 and we have it in this office.

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—family photographs in folder stamped with the name of this town. A very new baby appears in each picture. Write to Help Wanted.

#### Personal

TO Whom It May Concern—Unable to give results of Virginia, Denver, Utah, etc., as they are not available here. Will try later. Repeat inquiry with name, rank and unit. Warren (Buddy) Rosar caught for N.Y. Yankees 1938-42 inclusive, Cleveland 1943-44.



PETE GRAY

## Blue Bullet

JOE HALL  
COLUMBIA'S  
SCAT-BACK  
IS THE BEST  
BREAK-AWAY  
RUNNER ON  
THE LIONS  
SQUAD



By Pap

IT'S NO WORSE  
THAN AN INDOOR  
1,000-YARD  
RUN

THIS IS HIS FIRST  
FLING AT FOOTBALL  
ALTHOUGH HE DID TRY  
ICE HOCKEY BEFORE  
HE BECAME A TRACK  
ACE

JOE IS  
THE JUNIOR  
NATIONAL A.A.U.  
800-METER  
CHAMPION  
AND A FORMER  
SCHOOLBOY  
1,000-YARD  
TITLE HOLDER

### 4-F Flash

## Sinkwich Rolls Up Yardage To Lead Pro Ground Gainers

CHICAGO, Oct. 26—Official figures released by the National Football League today show that Fireball Frankie Sinkwich, despite high blood pressure, flat feet, appendicitis and countless minor ailments, is leading the circuit in ground gaining. Ninety-five yards ripped off Sunday put the Lion ace's total at 288, 73 yards ahead of Bill Paschal of the Giants.

Frankie Filchock of the Redskins strengthened his lead over the passers when he connected with 15 of 26 against Brooklyn Sunday. He has thrown 78 passes, of which 50 were completed for 642 yards gained and seven touchdowns. Irving Comp of Green Bay surpassed Filchock's yardage by four yards, although he has completed only 45 passes out of 88 attempts for a .511 percentage. Comp's receiver, the incomparable Don Hutson, has no doubt accounted for a great part of that bulge.

Hutson, of course, leads the scorers and pass catchers. He has brought down 35 tosses for 513 yards and five touchdowns. And his 48 points scored lead Jim Benton of Cleveland and Lou Brock of Green Bay, each of whom has tallied 30 points.

## Turf Owners Protest Gambling Control in R.I.

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Oct. 26—Horsemen at the half-mile Pascoag track have protested to the State racing commission that "professional gambling rings have been fixing races."

M. A. Silgay, trainer-owner, represented 40 horsemen at a meeting with Deputy Racing Commissioner Raymond McElroy, and said later that the group would not continue entering horses. McElroy promised a speedy investigation. Silgay asserted that jockeys who refused to participate in the connivance were threatened and that one was attacked Tuesday.

### Eagles, Crusaders Meet

#### At Fenway Park, Nov. 26

BOSTON, Oct. 26—One of New England's better beak-busting parties, suspended last year, will be resumed here Nov. 26 when Holy Cross and Boston College play football again at Fenway Park. The series was interrupted last fall when B.C. fielded an informal, all-civilian team. But though the Eagles are still all-civilian and "informal," apparently murder will out.

### Cartier, Irish Alumnus, Dead

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26—George Cartier, a member of Notre Dame's first football team in 1887, has died here at the age of 76. Cartier and four brothers donated the field at Notre Dame which bears his name. The field was used for football until the new stadium was constructed during Knute Rockne's regime, and is still used for baseball and track.

### Li'l Abner



By Courtesy of United Features

## Layden Nixes Brooklyn's Bid For Luckman

BROOKLYN, Oct. 26—Attempts by the Brooklyn Tigers to acquire the services of Sid Luckman while the Chicago Bears' great passer is stationed at nearby Sheepshead Bay were snafued yesterday by National League Commissioner Elmer Layden.

Tom Gallery, general manager of the Tigers, said he had received a wire from Layden in which the former Notre Dame coach demanded a hands-off policy as far as the Tigers' interest in Luckman was concerned. "Stop immediately all stories on Luckman," the wire said. "Luckman is active on the Chicago Bears 1944 roster."

But while that message probably would settle the issue anywhere it did not please Mr. Gallery of Brooklyn. He



Elmer Layden

announced immediately that the wire would not cause him to cease his efforts to land Luckman for the floundering Tigers and said, "I want to talk with the commissioner and find out just what his objection is. As far as I can see we've violated no rule."

The general manager of the Flatbushers went on to say it was obvious that Luckman is valueless to the Bears this season, but that he feels as long as the great quarterback can't travel to Chicago, the Tigers ought to have the opportunity at least to use him "strictly on a loan" at such time as Luckman returns to Sheepshead Bay from sea duty.

Gallery pointed out that the Bears used Jim Benton of the Rams last year and that Detroit used Tom Colella of the Rams, while that team suspended activities.

## Navy Transfers Hit Purdue's Title Hopes

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Oct. 26—The Navy stepped on Purdue's Western Conference hopes rather solidly today in announcing the transfer of six Boilermaker stars immediately after the Michigan game next Saturday.

Frank Bauman, right end, and Chalmers Elliott, left halfback, are among those departing. Also slated for duty elsewhere are place-kicking artist Stan Dubicki, Center Walter Peremba, Quarterback Jim Walley and Tackle Calvin Dugas.

All those men go next week, and Ray Schultz, youthful Chicago passer and signal caller, will go after the Wisconsin game Nov. 24.

## Fumble Epidemic in Southwest

DALLAS, Tex., Oct. 26—The Southwest Conference is suffering an epidemic of fumbling this season and there seems no remedy in sight.

Texas Christian and Arkansas committed 11 miscues in their game and the Horned Frogs and Texas Aggies entertained the customers with ten poor juggling acts. Other conference schools have been almost as bad.

Intricate formations and the inexperience of those called upon to carry them out

are blamed by the coaches for the condition, but after watching his team play clubs from three other sections, Glenn Rose, Arkansas coach, says, "Our conference is no different from any others."

Most disgusted of the mentors seems to be Jess Neely of Rice. "It's just faulty ball-handling," he said. "After all, football players are expected to hold on to the football, experience or no experience." Jess can't understand why his men insist on treating the leather as though it was hot.

### Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune



By Chester Gould

### Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



By Al Capp

Life In Those United States

GIs Today Are Smarter Than '17 Soldier Dads

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (ANS)—U.S. soldiers in World War II are "at least four years smarter" than their dads who participated in World War I, statistics compiled by the Army Office of Education revealed today.

The median level of education for today's soldier is second year of high school compared with the sixth grade for the average 1917 doughboy. At the same time, it was pointed out that the group of non-grade school finishers has dropped from 55.5 per cent in 1917-18 to 27.4.

In the present war, 23.3 per cent of the soldiers have completed four years of high school, and 3.6 per cent four or more years of college. Respective figures in the last war were 3.5 and 1 per cent.

**CAPITAL BUZZSAW:** Under Presidential direction the U.S. Maritime Commission today went to work on a "bold and daring building program aimed at keeping this country at the forefront of post-war passenger and cargo shipping," Chairman Emory S. Land announced. Land said President Roosevelt told him "we must not let our merchant marine become static."

Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, Veterans' Administrator, reported 271,000 veterans of World War II were receiving disability pensions on Oct. 1. . . . In the first action of its kind, ability pensions on Oct. 1. . . . Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson told a press conference the landings on Leyte meant "decisive danger for the Japanese homeland."

The Department of Agriculture ruled that the bigger the holes the more the cost would be henceforth for Swiss cheese. . . . Ex-movie Producer Gene Markey, now a Navy captain, returning from overseas, commented: "You should see how quickly admirals and generals have learned which side of the face to turn to the camera."



HENRY STIMSON

Privately, Mr. Maverick, We're Inclined to Agree

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (ANS)—Maury Maverick, chairman of the Smaller War Plants Corp., back from a three-week visit to England, said today that what England needed was 10,000 American drugstores complete with chocolate sodas and coffee.

Describing England's coffee as "the worst," Maverick said that young American "drugstore cowboys" now flying bombers were saving the U.S., but "there is no place in England for the youngsters to go."

He suggested the U.S. provide England with good coffee so the English would "start drugstores so we can sell material to build them with."

Maverick also estimated England needed 4,000,000 new homes for which the U.S. could sell plastics, synthetics and other materials.

An Honest Missustake

CAMP MAXEY, Tex., Oct. 26 (ANS)—Sgt. Stanley Keller completed arrangements at the camp's guest house for his wife. The long-awaited evening arrived and Keller, all expectation, was told by



the hostess: "Mrs. Keller's here and she's upstairs." Racing up, the panting Keller dashed into the room, yelled, "Hello, honey," and threw himself at Mrs. Keller. You guessed it. It was the wrong Mrs. Keller.

Ernie Pyle Honored

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Oct. 26 (ANS)—Ernie Pyle today was awarded an honorary degree of doctor of letters at the University of New Mexico.

All You Yanks Should Know You All Are Snafued

GADSDEN, Ala., Oct. 26 (ANS)—Telling all non-Southerners that "you all don't know what Southern accent is," Editor Walling Keith, of the Gadsden Times and founder of the society for the prevention of Cruelty to Southern Accents, gave Alabama the real lowdown today on "some of the more common Yankee failings."



MISS BANKHEAD

Keith charged that "when we use 'you all' we always address more than one person, while you all (meaning other than true Southerners) try to have us saying 'you all' to only one person. That's wrong."

"And Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest never said 'git thar fustest with the mostst.' He said 'git thar fust with the most.' What's more, those goofy eyed, fake Southern belles who draw out sentences ending with honey chile are pure phony. It's murder when you hear it at the movies or on the radio."

Meantime, in Hollywood, film stars agreed that "we should be kind to Southern accents." Actress Tallulah Bankhead, a native Alabamian, suggested that "all attempts at Southern accents on the screen should be abolished." Several others said "ditto." Obviously aware that the folks in the South contribute heavily to their bread and butter each day.

Soon He'll OWN the Army

CAMP STEWART, Ga., Oct. 26 (ANS)—A former Wall St. customer's man, now mail clerk of the Eighth Battalion here, purchased \$500,000 in War Bonds today, increasing his total bond holdings to more than a million dollars. He's private Fred H. Drucker, 35.

Welles Past Danger Point

NEW YORK, Oct. 26 (ANS)—Actor-producer Orson Welles, who has been suffering from a throat infection, has passed the danger point, doctors said today.

A Rattle From the Closet

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y., Oct. 26 (ANS)—The mystery of the "billboard skeleton" which was found by two painters yesterday remained unsolved today, as police checked missing persons lists to identify the bones found dangling from a sign.

Hardy Wins No Laurels

TRACY, Calif., Oct. 26 (ANS)—Hardy Sparrow, a carpenter, suffered serious injuries yesterday when he tumbled out of a tree.

The Language of Love Is Not a Belch

Gals Who Eat Too Much Find Their Manhunt Going to Waist

CHICAGO, Oct. 26—When too much food comes in, love flies out the window. At least, an Iowa nutritionist offered evidence along these lines today when she claimed that fat women were slower to fall in love than their slimmer sisters.

Addressing the American Dietetic Association, Mrs. Dorothy Gills, of University Hospital, Iowa City, said all obese (overweight) persons over-eat grossly, and their big-league eating may compensate for the slower development of other interests, including that in the opposite sex.

She described studies of 30 overweight women compared with 30 women of normal weight. The findings:

1—Fat women got their first kisses and had their first dates later in life than did slender ones, and developed interest in boy friends less quickly.

2—Far fewer fat women learned to dance, and those who did took their first whirl at a later date than the slimmer ones.

3—Fat women were more dependent and passive in nature and showed that parental restriction had also played a part in their social immaturity.

4—Obese people appeared to find in eating the release some people find in smoking, drinking, chewing gum, whistling, singing or talking.

Nebraska Prohibition? NO, Say GIs

Foxholes of France Brew an Angry Shout Against Nov. 7 Vote Proposal

A Petition From Nebraska's Own 134<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY in France

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 26 (ANS)—The war's first crusade to restore prohibition in one of the United States is approaching a climax in Nebraska, stirring up a political battle which has spread to the battlefields of France.

This new wet-dry battle will be decided on Nov. 7 when Nebraskans vote on a proposed amendment to the State constitution to outlaw liquor and beer.

The dry attempt has been greeted with violent reaction from servicemen and women, and some dries in the State have even refused to go along in what they charge is a sly attempt to put over prohibition as was done during World War I while 100,000 Nebraska men were away from home.

The wet charge was bolstered recently by a petition from 312 Nebraska men of the 134th Regiment of the 35th Division, now fighting with Gen. Patton's Third Army in France. The petition appeared in the Omaha World Herald as a full-page advertisement. "Soiled and grimed by battle," it was signed during the battle for St. Lo and sent to former Gov. Keith Neville, leader of the move against the dry law, by Col. Butler B. Miltonberger of the 134th.

The dry forces are being directed by Harold D. "Three-Gun" Wilson, total abstainer and pioneer prohibition agent who won his title because of a legend that he toted three guns when staging raids in prohibition days. The dries are campaigning on the theory that prohibition failed because it was not properly enforced that service men and women are not being discriminated against because they have a vote in the election.

The wet forces claim prohibition had its chance and flopped; that it isn't fair to bring up the question while fighting men are overseas and unable to speak publicly on the question; that Nebraska would lose an annual four million dollars in liquor and beer taxes and fees.

In the midst of the upheaval caused by the 134th's petition, a dry leader, Mrs. Ida Thurber, was expelled from the Women's Christian Temperance Union because she refused to go along with the dry drive, and came out against it.

The PETITION

France  
18 August 1944

To the People of Nebraska:

We, the undersigned citizens of Nebraska, who are now serving in the armed forces in defense of our country, are dismayed to learn that those of us who survive this war may have to return to the kind of a Nebraska that our fathers returned to in 1919. We feel that we are being disfranchised. Our minds are fully occupied with two propositions: To kill as many Germans as possible to the end that we may get home as quickly as possible; and to ourselves survive until we can get home again. We ask the people of Nebraska to see to it that the Nebraska we return to will be the same Nebraska we left when we entered the Armed Forces.

Ray B. Mitchell, North Platte, Neb.  
Joe Schlicht, Omaha, Neb.  
Ray O. Miller, York, Neb.  
Sheldon E. Jones, Omaha, Neb.  
Edna M. Jones, North Platte, Neb.

Mrs. Thurber, convinced "that prohibition causes crimes, wrecks homes and degrades people morally and physically," formed a new organization to fight the proposed amendment.

26 Big Jap Ships Are Blasted

(Continued from page 1)

Seventh Fleet units battling a big enemy force which had attacked Seventh Fleet escort carriers off Leyte Gulf north of Samar Island, the communique said.

The combined American forces sank a heavy cruiser and damaged four battleships and a destroyer.

About midnight the enemy force withdrew through St. Bernardino Strait, the battleships trailing oil, the communique said.

As the Jap ships headed for the Sibuyan Sea, U.S. surface craft went into action, guns blazing in the darkness, and sank another heavy cruiser. Carrier aircraft pursued the enemy ships, the communique reported, adding that further details were expected.

This enemy fleet had approached to within 70 miles of Leyte beach, according to a correspondent broadcasting from the Philippines, who characterized it as "a narrow squeak."

American forces under command of Vice-Adm. Marc A. Mitscher defeated a Japanese fleet southeast of Formosa, even though the enemy threw in aircraft from bases on Luzon, northernmost main island of the Philippines.

There was "no damage to our ships involved in this action," the communique said, listing the enemy losses as two carriers, one large, sunk; another large carrier believed sunk; two battleships probably sunk; two cruisers sunk.

Two battleships, three cruisers and a number of destroyers, all damaged, fled northward.

Tokyo Radio said that in the three-day battle the Japanese fleet had lost one battleship, two cruisers and a destroyer. Another battleship was reported damaged.

Meanwhile, the battle on Leyte was going well, dispatches said, reporting that six airfields and 31 communities had been captured.

U.S. Soon to Resume Diplomatic Ties With Italy

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (Reuter)—Undersecretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. announced today that diplomatic relations would be resumed with Italy, following consultation with other American republics. After the Senate reconvenes Nov. 14, the President will submit the nomination of Alexander C. Kirk as ambassador to Italy, Stettinius said.

Reporter Killed on Leyte

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 26 (Reuter)—Asahel Bush, Associated Press war correspondent, was killed when Japanese aircraft yesterday bombed Tacloban, on Leyte Island.

Terry and the Pirates



Bloomer Girl



The boys of the Second Photo Technicians' Squadron have nominated Sgt. Helen Schwartz, a photo-lab technician from Bloomer, Wis., as prettiest WAC in the U.K., and have appended this description to her picture: "Golden-fringed chestnut hair, blue eyes, milk-white teeth. . . in short, a product of true American beauty."

Says FDR Sells Special Favors

CHICAGO, Oct. 26—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, speaking at Chicago Stadium last night, charged that President Roosevelt had "offered to sell special privileges and a voice in Administration policies in an effort to raise funds for his fourth-term drive."

Dewey said a letter written on Democratic national campaign stationery in Little Rock, Ark., and signed by H. L. McAlister and Sam J. Watkins, state finance directors, disclosed that the Chief Executive was the sponsor of a scheme to organize clubs known as the "1,000 Clubs," membership in which would require a contribution of \$1,000 to the National Democratic Campaign Fund.

Dewey said members were to be "granted special privileges" and called upon from time to time "to assist in the formulation of Administration policies." The Republican candidate also said that men and women on WPA and state relief rolls were shaken down for political contributions.

War Casualties

NEW YORK, Oct. 26—When Adolf Hitler came to power there were two Hitlers and 11 Hitlers in the city directory. Today there are none.

Jap Graveyard



Stars and Stripes Map. Scene of Japanese naval disaster in Philippines, where American naval and air units in three-day battle blasted 26 Jap ships off Leyte and Formosa.

By Milton Caniff