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Meldnn Zee sish mawrgen free
Report tomorrow morning

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Donnez-moi des côtelettes de porc
Don-nay mwah day koht-let der por
Give me pork chops

Havoc Flies Out of Its Own



An A20 Havoc of the U.S. Fifth Air Force starts for home after blasting an oil-storage plant at Boela on the Island of Ceram in the Netherlands East Indies.

Churchill Says War on Nazis May Last Past Next Easter

Prime Minister Winston Churchill told Parliament yesterday that it was "difficult to believe the war can be ended before Christmas, or even before Easter."

He urged Parliament, for this reason, to prolong its life another year so that the present coalition government might continue in office.

"The coalition of parties should not be broken before Nazidom is broken," Churchill said. Any attempt to predict that date, he cautioned, could be no more than a guess, although he admitted that "many high military authorities have expressed themselves more hopefully" than he.

"Political convulsion in Germany may bring the war to a speedy end at any time," he said, "but against this must be set the iron control of German life in all its forms, including the army, which has been established by Hitler's storm troops and secret police."

"This exceeds anything previously known among men. Therefore, we cannot count upon any of the normal reactions of public opinion. From every quarter it seems that the civil population are plunged in a dull apathy. Therefore I cannot place any dependence on political uprising in Germany."

Britain has had no general election since November, 1935. Churchill has been Prime Minister since May 10, 1940, when the present War Cabinet was formed.

U.S. 'Chutists Long in Greece

U.S. paratroopers have been operating in Greece for the last six months, it was announced yesterday for the first time. A British senior officer quoted by United Press said that the American 'chutists, together with the British and Greek guerrillas, caused considerable damage to German communications before landings several weeks ago.

Germans trying to get out of Greece yesterday found one of their main escape routes—from Kozani to the Florina gap into Yugoslavia—almost completely barred by British troops, who threw back a counter-attack near Kozani.

An unconfirmed report said that a Greek partisan division had liberated Salonika, second largest port in Greece, and key to another main escape route into Yugoslavia.

RAF Chief Says Morale Of Luftwaffe Is Bad

SHAEF, Paris, Oct. 31 (Reuter)—RAF Wing Commander Ray Harries told correspondents here today that morale of German fighter pilots "seems definitely bad." Declaring that they have every advantage in position in defending Germany itself, he said:

"Even over their own homeland they don't seem to want to mix it. This may be due to orders, but whenever they get into an unfavorable position they bale out."

637,544 Nazi Prisoners

SHAEF, Paris, Oct. 31 (AP)—The total number of prisoners taken by the Allies on the Western front is 637,544

W. Holland Campaign Nearing a Conclusion

Allies Soon May Get Use Of Antwerp

The Allied campaign to sweep the Germans from western Holland was virtually completed yesterday, amid indications that Antwerp soon will be in use as the major base for landing the supplies that may enable the Allies to launch a winter drive to knock the Nazis out before spring.

On the eastern end of the British-American salient in Holland, troops of Gen. Dempsey's Army partly recaptured the town of Liesel, which the Germans had seized in their short-lived thrust west of the Meuse.

The town, northeast of the strategic center of Eindhoven, was retaken after heavy street fighting, dispatches said.

British troops in the western sector were pressing northward toward the Moerdijk bridges over the Hollandsch Diep, a juncture of the Maas and Waal Rivers, after taking Oosterhout. In some areas the pace of the German retreat was so swift that contact was lost. North of Bergen op Zoom, near the coast, some rearwards were putting up bitter resistance.

Retreat Not a Rout

A United Press correspondent said the Nazi retreat below the Maas was not a rout. He added that there was unimpeachable evidence that the Germans had started to withdraw more than a day before the Allied drive began.

"It is still an orderly retreat, although there is constant pressure on the enemy," said an official spokesman.

Realizing the importance to the Allies of Antwerp, the Germans seemed determined to bar its use to the last. The Scheldt island of South Beveland had been cleared by the Canadians, but the German garrison, having retreated westward to Walcheren Island, was fighting to bar the Allied troops from capturing this second isle.

Most of Walcheren is under water after several RAF dyke-busting raids, but in

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Cherbourg Soon to Get a Lift



Map shows the strategic importance of Antwerp, captured Sept. 6, but not usable because of Nazi control of the Scheldt. From Antwerp the supply routes to the fronts would be immeasurably shortened, since it is only 65 miles to the Reich border at the nearest point.

Stars and Stripes Map

Say Stilwell's Head Rolled To Save Chiang's Face

By Preston Grover

Associated Press War Correspondent

NEW DELHI, Oct. 31 (AP)—Removal of Gen. Joseph Stilwell as commander of the China-Burma-India Theater resulted from a combination of strategy and diplomacy such as could arise only in the Orient.

It was possible only today to get further details passed through censorship.

The abrupt new shaping of the whole American position on this front

began with the arrival in Chungking two months ago of Maj. Gen. Patrick Hurley and Donald M. Nelson, both carrying vast powers to get from China some solid commitments for increased co-operation with America in the war against Japan.

These commitments were given virtually under threat of an American withdrawal of support of the Chiang Kai-shek government.

Saved Chiang's Face

A last-minute softening of the American attitude resulted in an agreement for withdrawal of Stilwell as a face-saving, pacifying gesture demanded by the Generalissimo, authoritative sources said.

(An AP dispatch from New York reported that Brooks Atkinson, New York Times correspondent just returned from Chungking, said in yesterday's Times that recall of Stilwell "may mean that the United States has decided from now on to discount China's part in the counter-offensive.")

Among requests by Hurley and Nelson were that Chiang should reorganize his cabinet, eliminating anti-foreign members, and that an American general be placed in charge of Chinese operations against the Japanese. Chiang refused to dissolve or reorganize his cabinet, although he accepted other conditions.

Lend-Lease Threat

The two Americans had the power to withhold lend-lease supplies as a bargaining power and to withdraw Mag. Gen. Claire L. Chennault and his 14th Air Force from China.

Chiang agreed at one stage to give Stilwell command of the Chinese field forces, with the comment that he would "give him my full confidence." Later he declared Stilwell must go. He made charges which have not been disclosed for security reasons.

The U.S. representatives were faced with capitulation on this point, or a break in the policy of supporting Chiang's government. When Stilwell was relieved of his command, Chiang was specifically informed that the U.S. did not accept his accusations against Stilwell.

Wedemeyer in Chungking

CHUNGKING, Oct. 31 (AP)—Maj. Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer arrived in Chungking today to take command of American forces in China, succeeding Gen. Joseph Stilwell, who was recalled to Washington last week.

FFI Containing 70,000 Nazis in Ports

PARIS, Oct. 31 (Reuter)—Badly armed and ill-clothed, French FFI forces are containing 70,000 heavily-armed Germans in their strongholds of St. Nazaire, La Rochelle and Royan.

By parachute and seaplanes, German supplies are being provided for the garrisons of the ports. The Germans make constant raids on FFI lines and burn and pillage farms in No Man's Land.

Indian Troops of 8th Bridge Another River

Taking advantage of the second day of good weather after weeks of storms, Indian troops of the Eighth Army threw a bridgehead across the Ronco River yesterday in an effort to capture Forti, Allied Headquarters reported.

Libs' Direct Hits Block Use Of Reich's Chief E-W Canal

The only important east-west waterway inside Germany—the Mittelland Canal at Minden, linking central and eastern Germany with the Ruhr and the Rhineland—was blocked last Thursday by bombs from Eighth Air Force Liberators, USSTAF Headquarters announced yesterday.

Reconnaissance photographs revealed that 85 feet of the canal wall were destroyed by a direct hit from a 2,000-pound bomb. Near hits by B24s through dense clouds weakened the wall at other points.

The 242 Libs which carried out this attack were part of a large-scale operation by more than 1,200 heavies.

With tributary canals and rivers, the Mittelland Canal carried war supplies from Berlin, Magdeburg, Hanover, Brunswick and other cities in central Germany, the enemy's most important production area, to the Nazi armies in the West. In the other direction it carried coal and the products of the Ruhr's heavy industries to plants in central and eastern Germany.

West of Osnabruck, the Mittelland

Canal joins the Dortmund-Ems Canal, which runs south from Emden through the Ruhr. This was blocked by the RAF Sept. 23.

In a swift saturation attack Monday night more than 850 RAF Lancasters and Halifaxes gave Cologne, already the most battered city in the Rhineland, its heaviest pounding of the war, dropping some 4,000 tons of bombs.

A city of 700,000, Cologne is only 40 miles from the front where U.S. troops face the Germans and is a vital rail artery for war supplies. It is also a vast enemy repair base for tanks and guns.

Two attacks were made on Berlin by Mosquitos just before and after the assault on Cologne.

For a loss of 142 planes in 19,039 sorties in 23 days last month, Ninth Air Force fighter pilots shot down 174 enemy craft, destroyed 73 on the ground and damaged 46. In addition, 738 locomotives were disabled, 65 bridges damaged and railways cut in 882 places.

British-based U.S. heavies were inactive yesterday because of bad weather.

Bomb Rainfall Dries Up Important Nazi Waterway



Eighth Air Force Liberators, bombing by instruments through clouds, blasted an 85-foot gap last Thursday in the Mittelland Canal at Minden, near Hanover, cutting Germany's most important waterway over which war supplies flow between Berlin and the Ruhr. Six barges (some shown by arrows) were tossed hundreds of feet onto dry land by the Oct. 26 attack, which drained the canal for 24 miles.

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THE B BAG
BLOW IT OUT HERE

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

No Combat for Repatriates
Oct. 28, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,
Is there not an Article in the Geneva
Convention which forbids captured and
released prisoners from returning to combat
against his former captors? I was
seriously wounded in action and taken
prisoner by the Germans, and after being
in their hospital for 11 days I was released.

During the period of hospitalization an
interrogation squad took my pay book,
and gathered the usual information. They
then told me if I was ever recaptured I
would be immediately executed. Does
this law apply to me? Any information
concerning this matter will be greatly
appreciated.—Pvt. Walter A. Cantrell,
Det. of Patients, U.S. Army Hosp.

Dear Sir,
We the undersigned hereby proclaim
and advocate that Pvt. Walter A.
Cantrell—having served his country to the
best of his ability, having been in
captivity for 11 days with our bitter
enemy, having been seriously wounded in
action—should be returned to the United
States to visit his beloved wife and
children.—Signed by 32 GIs in Hosp. Pl.

[International Convention Relative to the
Treatment of Prisoners of War (Geneva,
July 27, 1929) says: Part IV, Section 1,
Article 68: "Belligerents shall be required
to send back to their own country . . .
prisoners of war who are seriously ill or
seriously wounded. . . ." Part IV, Section
1, Article 74: "No repatriated person shall
be employed on active military service."
—Ed.]

Walking Pay for Infantry?
Oct. 26, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,
I've noticed that in many parts of the
Army such as the paratroopers, Air
Corps, Infantry and so on, the para-
troopers are getting jumping pay and the
Air Corps are getting flying pay. Why
in the world can't the infantry get any
walking pay?—The Fellows in Kentucky
Hut, — Station Hosp.

Disagrees With Hutton
Oct. 19, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,
I'm not a fancy letter-writer, and may
be making an ass of myself; but a
couple of words in reference to those
series of "Don't Go Home" articles by
Bud Hutton. It seems that those artistically
written articles seem to point out
to us fellows that men returning home
are not receiving enough hugs and kisses,
and are forced to listen to the home-
front hardships.

Do Hutton and his traveling colleagues
believe there is a better present and future
to be found in Germany and other such
faraway outposts? Do they suggest we
make a home in the ETO? Hell's bells
and bubbles!

I'm not saying that GIs returning home
aren't getting treated unfavorably in
some respects, but I don't believe that
the average GI wants to read such stuff,
true or untrue, as it might be. I'd much
rather look forward to my homecoming
being a glorious affair, and not have to
read articles of this variety, especially in
such a fine upstanding soldier's paper,
as our Stars and Stripes—Pvt. Whidden,
wounded paratrooper, backed up by
"Red" Turner, "Tex" and Ward 13,
—Hosp. Pl.

Likes Football Scores
Oct. 25, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,
In your edition of Oct. 24 under
"Football Scores" you listed several
Negro colleges and universities. I was
much pleased because one happens to
have been my alma mater. We fellows
appreciate such. Keep up the good
work.—Sgt. Thomas Lee McKinney III,
Transportation Corp.

Airborne Docs Gripe, Too
Oct. 22, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,
Apropos letter in your B-Bag column
earlier this month concerning rotation of
medical officers, we are in full agreement.
After four campaigns (Sicily, Italy, Nor-
mandy and Holland) and 18 months in a
Glider Inf. Bn. aid station (for which
we did not volunteer) we estimated our
knowledge and ability as doctors at about
50 per cent of what it was two years ago
on entering the service.

In our opinion we have done our share
of front line medical work and do not
wish to monopolize it. Since we must com-
pete with those medical officers serving
with hospital units the entire war,
when we return to civilian life, we
would like to do a little medicine now,
instead of just giving first aid and referring
all cases to the hospital. How about
giving us a break?—Two Purple Hearted
Bn. Surgs., Glid. Inf., Holland.

Hash Marks

Then there was the sad sack who
applied to one of the new separation
centers to get a divorce from his wife.

She moron (visiting a railroad round-
house): "What is that enormous thing?"
He moron: "That's a locomotive
boiler."

She: "Why do they boil locomotives?"
He: "To make the engine tender."

If you're to believe Cpl. Edward W.
Gould, this is the way weather men at
his station have of determining the
weather. They get a lot of coins, then
when they put their hands in their
pockets, they can feel the change.

Bet this couldn't have happened to you.
Drunk (after bumping into the same tree



three times): "Losht, losht, in an impene-
trable forest."

The sergeant was wise in the ways to
cure a cold. "Take some whiskey, a cup
of hot tea, and go to bed," was his
advice to an English girl co-worker.
"You've got some whiskey at home,
haven'tcha?" he asked. "Yes, but we
keep it for snakebites," she replied. We're
sure Walter Winchell would like the
sergeant's quick rejoinder: "Listen,
Toots, you can always stop by the
Regent's Park Zoo on the way home."

We don't like to encroach on Cpl. Sid
Schapiro and his Air Force Notes, but
anything for a gag, we always say. Capt.
Jerry Osadnick of Chicago, Air Service
Command Transport Wing pilot who flew
emergency gas supplies to the front, re-
named his Fortress "Petrol Packin'
Mama."

This would make a good George Price
cartoon and it's our Silly Story of the
week. A man was sitting in a train with
a pigeon on his head. Said a fellow-
passenger: "Do you know you have a
pigeon on your head?" "That's all
right, he's getting off at Trafalgar
Square," was the answer to that one.

The commanding officer of an air
evacuation squadron, in addition to his
other duties, has been devoting his time



recently to giving his nurses away in
marriage. He has two to go, and, 'tis
said, still some eligibles left.

The mama stork probably gave it a little
thought when the baby stork asked:
"Mama, where did I come from?"

We can always depend on T/5 Cecil
Suiter for a good one. "Women were
made after men," he says, "and have
been after them ever since." Ain't it
the wonderful truth?

J. C. W.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Whattya complainin' about? You never had breakfast in bed in
civilian life, did you?"

More, More Duds Among Nazi Shells

Sayler Sees Evidence of Sabotage by Foreign Laborers at Work in Reich

PARIS, Oct. 31—A hint that thousands
of factory workers turning out shells in
German arms factories are stepping up
their sabotage was given by Maj. Gen.
Henry E. Sayler, ETO ordnance chief,
at a press conference here today.

Sayler said there had been a steady
increase in the number of German duds
last year, possibly due to sabotage or
unskilled workmanship by foreign
laborers impressed into German factories.

He added that American ordnance in-
telligence "scavenger crews" had re-
ported that the Germans were using
plastic wherever possible. Gun construc-
tion materials are inferior to those used
earlier in the war.

Some Ideas Incorporated

However, workmanship and design of
German artillery are still high. Intelli-
gence crews report new German ideas to
higher authorities and some of them are
incorporated into U.S. artillery and
small arms.

The Germans are using many foreign
guns, anything they can obtain, against
U.S. troops on the Western Front.

The Yanks have captured French,
Czech, Belgian, Russian and American
guns. Ordnance crews quickly turn these
over to supply depots, after converting
all foreign markings into English and
working out new firing tables. These
captured pieces are now firing back at the
Germans.

Collect Heavy Pieces

In one swoop, ordnance men collected
39 new heavy pieces, eight of them 88s,
just arrived at the front from German
proving grounds. Other guns in the lot
were 155-mm., 105-mm. and 150-mm.

"We are not missing a single bet in in-
creasing our fire power," Sayler said.
"We have weapons that will bring Ger-
many to surrender. They are more
powerful, more accurate and they can
hurl projectiles at greater ranges than
anything the enemy can put against us."

Sayler said three newest weapons on
the Western Front were 240-mm.
howitzers firing a 350-pound shell more
than 13,000 yards, an eight-inch howitzer
firing a 200-pound shell and an eight-inch
gun firing a 240-pound shell.

The Picture Had a Smash Ending



A Russian soldier, making a routine search through the pockets of a German killed
in action, discovered a photograph showing three men, obviously Russians, hanging
by their necks from a Nazi scaffold. These pictures were included in March of
Time's "One Day of War."

News From the Air Force

Nose Torn Off by Flak, but B17R returns From Raid

A DIRECT flak hit over Cologne, Ger-
many, instantly killed a member of
the crew and literally tore off the nose of
the Fortress he was in.

"Just after we dropped our bombs and
started to turn away from the target,"
1/Lt. Lawrence M. deLancey, pilot from
Corvallis, Ore., related, "a flak burst hit
squarely in the nose and blew practically
the entire nose section to threads, ob-
structing my vision and that of my co-
pilot (1/Lt. Phillip H. Stahlman, of Ship-
penville, Pa.). What little there was left
in front of me looked like a scrap heap."

The altimeter and magnetic compass
were about the only instruments still func-
tioning. The oxygen system was knocked
out and there was no hydraulic pressure
left in the brakes. Without instruments
and maps, 2/Lt. Raymond J. LeDoux,
navigator from Mt. Angel, Ore., managed
to navigate the bomber back home, where
the pilot set the Fort down without further
 mishap.

Other members of the crew were:
T/Sgt. Benjamin H. Ruckel, of Roscoe, Calif.,
engineer and top-turret gunner; Wendell A. Reed,
of Shelby, Mich., radio operator, and Russell A.
Lachman, of Rockport, Mass., waist gunner.



S/Sgt. Albert Albros, of Antioch, Calif., ball-
turret gunner, and Herbert D. Guild, of the
Bronx, N.Y., tail gunner.

T/Sgt. Donald R. Ball, radio operator
from North East, Pa., was credited by
British medical officers with saving the
life of S/Sgt. Grant D. I. Small Jr., waist
gunner from Tarrytown, N.Y., when he
suffered a flak wound that almost severed
his leg over Germany.

"I gave him some sulfa drugs and two
morphine injections," Ball related.
"Then I applied a tourniquet to stop the
heavy loss of blood, loosening it every
few minutes, and covered him with a
heated blanket so he couldn't see his
wound."

To obtain immediate medical aid, the
Fortress landed at a RAF station sighted
just inside the coast, where the medics
said Ball's first-aid efforts undoubtedly
saved Small from bleeding to death. His
leg was amputated below the knee.

AFTER bailing out of their burning
Fortress Swing Shift Baby, 2/Lts.
Wade S. Beyeler, of Bradford, Pa.,
navigator, and Emil Rukavina, of Gary,
Ind., bombardier, and T/Sgt. Seymour A.
Porter, of Hinton, Okla., top turret
gunner, landed within a few feet of each
other about 1½ miles from the German
lines in Luxembourg.

American infantrymen told the airmen
they had landed "smack in the middle of
things," gave them carbines and told
them to come along.

No enemy patrols were encountered,
however, and when the fliers got to front-
line headquarters they found 2/Lt. Joseph
A. Amrhein Jr., of Richmond, Va., co-
pilot; T/Sgt. Inadre D. Denov, of
Chicago, radio operator-gunner, and
S/Sgt. Alfred E. McGowan, of Wilming-
ton, Del., ball turret gunner.

Removing corroded spark plugs stuck
tight to their cylinders used to take ten
hours. Now it takes five minutes. Credit
goes to M/Sgt. Fred Covert, of
Corsicana, Tex., hangar chief at an Air
Service Command depot in England.
Covert's method is to concentrate the
blast of carbon dioxide from a fire ex-
tinguisher onto a small surface, collect-
ing the dry ice crystals in a cardboard
box and freezing the plugs until they
contract. Another mechanical speedup

developed at this same depot is an
electrical test panel board which has
advanced the speed of auto-pilot repair
500 per cent. T/Sgt. Ernest G. Robinson,
of Canton, Ohio, designed and built it.

FIVE members of a troop-carrier service
wing recently received the Soldier's
Medal from Col. Franklin S. Henley,
wing commander, for rescuing crew men
trapped in a burning Liberator.

They were:
Lt. David F. Linsay, Tucson, Ariz.; W/O John
K. Rogers, Cleveland; T/Sgt. William F. Grabert,
Jamaica Plain, Mass.; Col. Norman C. Seith,
Garfield Heights, Ohio; and Cpl. Clayton R.
Jones, Toledo, Ohio.

Nine maintenance men of the 458th
Bombardment Group, a Liberator outfit,
have been awarded the Bronze Star for
meritorious achievement.

They are:
M/Sgt. George T. Schott, of Parkersburg,
W. Va.; John A. Lee, of Jerseyville, Ill.;
Robert E. Thomas, of Nelson, Mo.; Kirby F.
Hayward, of McNabb, Ill.; George W. Hoff-
man, of Fresno, Cal.; and Max A. Widebrook,
of Coffeyville, Kan.; T/Seis. Thomas W.
McCoy, of Kaysong, W. Va., and Hugh W.
Cooper, of West Point, Miss., and Pfc Warren
L. Burman, of Worcester, Mass.

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1855—Mark up the Map.
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2015—Fred Warina's Pennsylvanians.
2030—British Band of the AEF.
2100—World News.
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2130—Bob Hope with Frances Langford, Jerry
Collona and Skinnay Ennis.
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0800 and 1900 hours.

Rhodes Hits the Road for Ten Yards



Lt. David "Dusty" Rhodes, former California Aggie football star, outsteps several would-be Recon Rambler tacklers to advance the pigskin ten yards. Rhodes' Photo Lightnings won the game, played Sunday on the Oxford University rugby field, 18-0.

Once Over Lightly

By Charlie Kiley

NEW YORK, Oct. 31—From reports of the weekend football activities it is deduced that the number one football team of the country is not the Army or the Green Bay Packers but undefeated and untied Randolph Field in Texas.

Observers who were admittedly awed by Army's display of talent against Duke in the Cadets' first real test of the season not only stamped Earl Blaik's young West Pointers as the collegiate eleven on this year's horizon but as a team that is qualified to whip any pro eleven in the National Football League. One writer even bubbled the opinion that the Cadets were "the best West Point team of this generation." That's quite a buildup, but Grantland Rice comes along with the line that this Army powerhouse is not in a class with Randolph Field, which leaves the Texas flyboys floating around somewhere beyond the top of the gridiron world.

There has been a lot said for and against baseball's farm systems, but it is generally agreed that the major league clubs with the most productive farms produce the best winners. A situation which developed during the World Series proved the point. It was the second game, in which Billy Southworth replaced ex-Phillie Danny Litwhiler with Augie Bergamo, thereby fielding nine men who didn't cost the Cardinals a red cent.

It was pointed out that such a situation never happened before and probably never will again. Each of the nine Cardinals in the lineup that day started out on farms, making not more than \$120 a month, with only one—Slats Marion—making that much, and none received a nickel as a bonus for signing.

SHORT SHOTS: Any day now you can expect to hear that Rip Engle is sweeping the gym at Brown. He only coaches varsity football, basketball, track, golf, tennis, is physical education instructor and caretaker of the victory garden near the athletic field. . . . Arnie Herber, one of football's great passers during 11 years with Green Bay, is passing like a high school freshman for the Giants, which causes Tuffy Leemans to comment, "Sure is tough to get old." . . . When Tulsa scored 40 points and lost to the Oklahoma Aggies by six Saturday it marked the second highest score for a losing team in grid annals. Three years ago Marquette got 41 to Manhattan's 45. . . . The Associated Press' Sid Feder reports on Billy Conn's debut in Italy: "Conn now tips 190 pounds, part of which might be called a second front, and Billy's timing was a bit off, which is only natural, but he still moves around like a guy with a double hot-foot and still has a left hand that can spear a piece of chicken meat at five paces."

Cawthon Quits as Tiger Coach

BROOKLYN, Oct. 31—Pete Cawthon, coach of the Brooklyn Tigers, the lambs of the National Football League who have been bopped five straight times since the season started, threw in the sponge and said farewell to Flatbush today. Cawthon's resignation was effective immediately and his assistants, Frank Bridges and Ed Kubale, will lead the lambish Tigers to the slaughter Sunday against the league-leading Philadelphia Eagles.

A native Texan and former coach at Texas Tech, Cawthon succeeded Mike Getto as Brooklyn coach in the spring of '43 and guided the club, then appro-

priately named the Dodgers, to two victories in a ten-game schedule.

Sunday's game against the Boston Yanks was regarded as a surepipe cinch for Brooklyn, but all was lost in the final period when Augie Lio broke the Tiger hearts with a field goal that sent Brooklynites back to their home fires bemoaning a 17-14 setback. Evidently that did it.

"I'm doing this of my own free will," Cawthon said, "and have made a satisfactory financial settlement with the club in regard to my contract."

Rumors began circulating about Cawthon's scalp after the Tigers had lost three straight, but Tom Gallery, business manager, took occasion at the time to express the club authorities' complete satisfaction with Cawthon's work.

Giants' Leo J. Bondy Dies in N.Y. Hospital

NEW YORK, Oct. 31—Leo J. Bondy, 61, vice-president and treasurer of the New York Giants baseball team, has died at a New York hospital after several months' illness.

Although not often in the public eye, Bondy was one of the guiding lights of the National League, which he served as a counsellor. At the time of his illness last summer Bondy was working out plans for the assimilation of players returning from the service.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to *Help Wanted*, Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W.1, or APO 887, U.S. Army. Telephone, ET0USA, Ext. 2131.

Lost

ANY person having knowledge of or information concerning the whereabouts of a six-year-old child named JEAN LOUIS DUCHESNE is requested to communicate at once with this Department. Jean suffered an injury of the right leg on or about August 10, 1944, and is said to have been hospitalized in St. Aubin du Courrier.

Found

TOM SANCHEZ, 38349476—cake belonging to you was found in a train—Cpl. Oelcy.

Camera Wanted

35MM. or 6x6 cm. Camera and Lenses. Sgt. Duncan. ET0USA 1118.

Special Notice

THE Reunion Meeting for residents of Cortland, Homer, Ithaca, Syracuse—New York, originally scheduled for Nov. 9 will now be held on Nov. 17.

Tressell Regains Scoring Lead

NEW YORK, Oct. 31—Lee Tressell of Baldwin Wallace shook himself loose for 18 points against Wooster in his last game before leaving for the Navy Saturday and ran his total to 80 points, 14 better than his nearest competitors on the nation's gridirons.

The standings by conferences:

PLAYER	SCHOOL	TD	EP	FG	TP
Davis	Army	10	0	0	60
Tressell	B'dw'n W'ce	13	2	0	80
Young	Illinois	11	0	0	66
Warner	Iowa State	5	18	0	48
Brinkley	Wake Forest	9	0	0	54
McWilliams	Miss. State	10	0	0	60
Yates	Texas Aggies	8	0	0	48
Strykowski	Second AF	9	1	0	55
Cromer	Ark. Aggies	11	0	0	66
DeCourcy	Wash.	11	0	0	66

Unbeaten Cadets Oust Notre Dame As Leading Eleven

NEW YORK, Oct. 31—Army's unbeaten football team was picked as the top team of the nation yesterday by 101 football writers in the weekly poll of the Associated Press, unseating Notre Dame for the first time in 14 ballots over a two-season period. The Cadets polled 41 first-place votes to 15 for the Irish.

There was one week during the '43 season when the Ramblers were unanimous choices for first place. This week they were picked for various positions by every writer and wound up exactly 100 points behind the Army, which was also named on every ballot.

The first ten teams and the vote: Army—898; Notre Dame—798; Ohio State—772; Randolph Field—716; Georgia Tech—532; Navy—383; Iowa Pre-Flight—315; North Carolina Pre-Flight—174; Illinois—168; Michigan—167.

Coaches, Officials To Be Feted Nov. 11

Enlisted men and officer athletic coaches and officials and Red Cross athletic officers in the ETO are invited to attend a dinner to be held at the No. 3 Grosvenor Club, 3 Grosvenor Sq., London, at 6 PM, Nov. 11.

Principal speakers of the evening will be Lt. Col. Frank G. McCormick, former athletic director of the University of Minnesota; Maj. Eddie Anderson, ex-Iowa coach, and Gerald Fitzgerald, former Notre Dame gridders now serving as athletic director for the Red Cross in the ETO.

All reservations for the meeting must be in by Nov. 9 and should be mailed to Capt. H. D. Kohl, The Stars and Stripes, Printing House Sq., London, EC4. Price of the meal is 15 shillings.

Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune



Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Feature



Rainbow Club Packed As Boxers Open Season

GI fight fans packed London's Rainbow Corner last night for the opening session of the third ring season at the Shaftesbury Ave. hall and witnessed a nine-bout card highlighted by Pvt. Bobby Volk's clean-cut decision over Cpl. Dick Young, 1944 Texas amateur and National Golden Glove champ.

Volk, a USSTAF senior middleweight titlist, a lean, 163-pounder from Portland, Ore., who first attracted attention last spring when he upset "King Tur" Tabor, showed a fancy left hook to the face as he carried the contest to Young through the first two rounds, and it was his aggressiveness that gave him the point margin to defeat the Asheville (N.C.) 162-pounder.

A left to the head staggered Young in the opening stanza, and Volk kept hammering away with that left for two rounds. He slackened in the third as he tired, but his bad timing in this frame was not a vital factor.

The co-feature, which was to star ETO bantamweight champ Sgt. Trinitivo Molina, of Concord, Calif., was washed out when his opponent, Pvt. Joe Valentine, of San Juan, Puerto Rico, was unable to appear.

First kayo of the new season came in the second scrap of the evening as Sgt. Ray Wright, 135-pound Philadelphia, TKO'd Pvt. Paul Martin, of Columbus, Ohio, 130, in 1:31 of the second. After taking a round of lefts and rights to the face, Martin wilted after a brief spurt at the start of the second and was headed for the cleaners when Referee Cpl. Frank Marcella intervened.

Veteran Pfc Johnny Ruth, Philadelphia middleweight starting his third Rainbowing campaign, staged a comeback in the last two stanzas of his tiff with Cpl. James Hale, Clarkson, Ky., 152-pounder, to eke out a close victory.

In other fights: Pvt. Johnny Borgen, Los Angeles, 127, outpointed Pfc Clement Morrone, Cleveland, 131. Pvt. James DeForest, New York, 135, TKO'd Pvt. Al Rucker, Houston, Tex., 140, in 1:20 of the second.

Pvt. Bobby Quinn, Cleveland, 138, TKO'd Pvt. Lewis Colon, Los Angeles, 134 (Colon hurt hand and was unable to come out for the second).

Pfc Alex Salazar, Denver, Colo., 134, outpointed Pvt. Ray Meyer, Chicago, 142. Pfc Jerome Cawley, Baltimore, 161, outpointed Pvt. William Torrence, Iowa City, 167.

Cpl. Donald Coombs, Watertown, S.D., 176, outpointed Sgt. Aaron Kahn, New York, 175.

Jug McSpaden Leaves Philly Country Club

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 31—Harold "Jug" McSpaden, second leading money winner among professional golfers the past season, disclosed today that he had quit his job as professional at the Philadelphia Country Club to accept a public relations position with a New York firm.

He indicated, however, that he would play in as many tournaments as his job permitted. McSpaden, 36, said he didn't know how much longer he could play topflight golf and that he had to protect himself for the future.

'T' Formation No Substitute On Gridiron for Manpower

NEW YORK, Oct. 31—There is still a great division of opinion among the coaches and experts as to whether the T formation is the best offensive weapon in football, but three nationally known football coaches and at least one writer agreed today that a little item called manpower is the key to any successful football offense.

Clark Shaughnessy, who is credited with starting the current T formation craze while at Stanford in '40, still has faith in it, although his Pittsburgh Panthers have been getting pushed around lately. "With the proper type of material anything will work," Shaughnessy said. "But with the T, you substitute speed and agility for weight and power. Power helps, of course, but you must have that fast movement."

Veteran New York Herald Tribune

Tulsa's Loss Tops Nation's Grid Upsets

NEW YORK, Oct. 31—That old bugaboo of coaches, the upset, popped up again on the nation's gridirons last weekend and had a material effect on conference standings, to say nothing of bowl aspirations.

Heading the list of form reversals was the 46-40 victory of the unbeaten, untied and underrated Oklahoma Aggies over Tulsa's Golden Hurricane. Touchdowns were produced almost as fast as the clockers could record them as the Aggies, who were tipped as four-touchdown underdogs entering the battle in spite of a perfect record, put on one of the great shows of the day.

Purdue, picked by the experts (chuckle) as a sure winner over Michigan's Wolverines, saw their Big Ten Conference hopes fade at Ann Arbor when the Michigan lads cut loose with a bewildering display of smart football to hang up a 40-14 victory.

Huskies Bounced Back

In the Southwest Conference, the Rice Owls, two-touchdown underdogs, upset the appallingly smacking the champion Texas Longhorns, 7-0, and in the Big Six circuit one of the biggest upsets of the day saw Nebraska rise up and bop Missouri, 24-20. In the far west, Washington's Huskies, who took a thumping from Southern Cal earlier in the week, bounced back to humble the favored California Bears, 33-7.

There were plenty of near upsets elsewhere in the nation, the major ones, of course, being Army's victory over Duke and Notre Dame's 13-7 triumph over Illinois. Army was behind, 7-6, at the half, as were the Irish. Army needed three second-half touchdowns to win, 27-7, and the Irish, staring defeat in the face until the last period, came through on one "perfect play" which saw Chuck Maggioni scoot 65 yards to a touchdown.

Down south, Louisiana State fooled the experts by defeating Georgia, 15-7, and North Carolina Pre-Flight, earlier conquerors of Navy, were lucky to get past Jacksonville Naval, 14-13.

sports writer Harry Cross dug back into the ancient history files to get his point across. Referring to Shaughnessy's words, he pointed out, "That's exactly what Julius Caesar believed a couple of thousand years ago. And I have always agreed with him because he was winning battles with the modified T even before Shaughnessy started winning football games with it."

Carl Snavely of Cornell remains faithful to his single wing and Andy Kerr of Colgate relies mostly on the double wing with occasional recourse to the single wing and the T, but Snavely admits that he had considered using the T because the backs don't have to watch the ball and "get away better when the ball is handed to them." Kerr smiles and says, "I'm still looking for a system which can overpower the other team's manpower."

The situation, in other words, is unchanged.

Cotton Bowl Home Field Of Dallas Pro Eleven

NEW YORK, Oct. 31—John F. "Chick" Meehan, president of the newly-organized Trans-American football league, has announced that the Dallas club has acquired the Cotton Bowl Stadium as its home field. Meehan also disclosed that proceedings have been started to enlarge the seating capacity to 100,000.

The new loop, which will start operating after the war, is composed of teams in Boston, Dallas, Baltimore, New York, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami and Philadelphia.

Louis Gets Furlough; To Go on 2-Week Tour

NEW YORK, Oct. 31—Sgt. Joe Louis, world heavyweight champ, has been granted a 21-day furlough and plans to spend it picking up a little cash around and about. The champ, just returned from overseas, will begin a two-week exhibition tour Friday night and will give three-round exhibitions under the management of Maxie Waxman and Lou "The Honest Brakeman" Diamond.

Joe is scheduled to box in Detroit, Baltimore, New Haven, Philadelphia, Washington and Buffalo, with possible later appearances in Cleveland, St. Louis and Chicago. He will spar with the best available opponent in each city.

Life in Those United States

Nebraska's Dry Row
Sprouts 'Censor' Angle

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (ANS)—Nebraska's prohibition fight landed in the lap of the War Department today when Harold ("Three-Gun") Wilson, leader of the dry movement, asked Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson to discipline a colonel for "giving away military information."

The information allegedly was part of a letter from Col. Butler B. Miltonberger, commander of the 134th Infantry Regiment and a hero of the Battle of St. Lo. The letter contained a petition signed by members of the regiment, Wilson charged, in which they registered their opposition to a proposed dry amendment to be voted on in Nebraska Nov. 7.

In Miltonberger's letter, Wilson said, was information regarding the number of men killed and wounded in his regiment. Meanwhile, William Ritchie, former state commander of the American Legion and a leader of an anti-prohibition group, declared that Wilson's charges were "slandrous" and "an unpatriotic attempt to disrupt the fighting fronts."

CAPITAL SIDESHOW: Donald M. Nelson, former chairman of the War Production Board, is scheduled to make a second trip to China, but the date hasn't been set, it was revealed today. . . . Latest betting odds on next week's election: President Roosevelt 17-5 to win, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey 1-3.

The nation's taxicab companies asked the Federal Communications Commission for two-day radio facilities to control cabs. At the same time the American Congress of Physical Medicine requested assignment of wave lengths in the post-war radio plan for the treatment of cancer and other diseases.



DONALD NELSON

Bring On That Soup

BOSTON, Oct. 31 (ANS)—Willard Davis, managing editor of the Hotel and Restaurant News, has found the solution to the slippery napkin. He has invented a napkin with a button hole in the corner permitting it to be attached to the diner's coat or vest. It's guaranteed not to slip.

Boardwalk May Take One

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Oct. 31 (ANS)—City officials are considering re-locating the famous boardwalk. The September tidal wave deposited sections of the walk two blocks inland and caused damage estimated at \$1,500,000.

A Reel Fighter Becomes a Real Man of Peace

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 31 (ANS)—Actor Humphrey Bogart last night tossed aside the silent, sinister manner which has brought him screen fame to assume the role of a peacemaker as he stepped between George Jessel and an Army lieutenant who were preparing to match punches.

The officer had accosted Jessel in one of Hollywood's plushier clubs, accusing the comedian of "trying to steal my girl."

"I told him I didn't know what he was talking about," Jessel said. "He must have mixed me up with somebody else."

Bogart moved between them and prevented a clash.

Row Over Hidden Hoard

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 31 (ANS)—Finders should be keepers, say two brothers-in-law, Charles Volland and Fred Brooks, who are suing John Rider for \$1,250 they claim to have discovered in a jar white grading Rider's yard. Rider said he had hidden the money but had forgotten where.

Toe Dance—Maybe Corny

KANKAKEE, Ill., Oct. 31 (ANS)—To save shoe leather, members of the Shirt and Skirt Dancing Club of Kankakee High School dance in their stockinged feet.

GIs Are Hip to Thrift, Wallets Show

NEWARK, N.J., Oct. 31 (ANS)—The American soldier, who while on pass or furlough gives the impression he's quite a spender, in actuality is building up a billion-dollar nest egg with his fellow GIs for the day when they are demobilized, the War Department's Office of Dependency Benefits revealed today.

Allotments of pay alone have jumped from less than \$2,000,000 monthly at the beginning of the year to more than \$3,000,000 in September. To date, \$2,500,000,000 has been disbursed through these allotments, with nearly \$4,000,000,000 more going out monthly in allowances to soldiers' families.

ODB figures show further that \$396,000,000 of the money paid to families in allowances since last January has been deposited in banks. In addition, service personnel have saved more than \$311,000,000 in personal transfer of surplus funds, while another \$112,000,000 has been placed in Soldiers' Deposit, which draws four per cent interest yearly.

The Judge Calls the Tune

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 31 (ANS)—"When a person sells beer which is likely to make his customers drunk, he can expect singing. If he doesn't want people



to sing, he shouldn't sell them beer," Judge John L. Niblack told a tavern operator who filed a charge of disorderly-conduct against a singing patron.

He Cured 'Em With Kisses

Doc Loved Work Too Well,
Wife Says in Divorce Plea

NEW YORK, Oct. 31 (ANS)—A new type of therapy—his wife says it's amour in large doses which works wonders with ailing females—has landed Dr. Jacques Droner, fashionable Manhattan specialist, in court, with divorce proceedings on his hands.

Charging that her husband took too much interest in the distaff side of his practice, especially after hours, Mrs. Manja Droner testified that his technique was so effective that he received many testimonials from satisfied clients.

One gal named Sophie, for example wrote:

Protests Got the Brushoff

BROOKLYN, Oct. 31 (ANS)—Because his wife insisted on painting the kitchen on Sunday, his day off, Axel L.



Thorsen was arraigned in night court on a charge of painting his wife's face and neck—also on Sunday.

A Little Mustard Might Help

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 31 (ANS)—Philadelphia zoo officials today announced the arrival of five hunger strikes—and also methods to deal with them. The newcomers, giant moles from Cuba, won't eat when in captivity. So attendants twice a week will cram a hamburger and water mixture into their



mouths, then tickle their stomachs and make them gulp.

Passes Jap Buck

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Oct. 31 (ANS)—Charles Wollenberg, State Director of Social Welfare, disclosed today that he and "the State of California would have nothing to do" with a request from Washington to return evacuated Japanese to the State. Wollenberg said it was the federal government's job, not the State's, to return them.

Credit for GI Study

CHICAGO, Oct. 31 (ANS)—Credit for work done during Army service will be given to all veterans entering the University of Chicago, it was announced today. "Much of the preparation given in the services constitutes preparation for comprehensive examinations," the announcement said.

"You allured me as though I were Europa, you a handsome Jupiter. . . . You have awakened me and now my young heart longs to be caressed and I desire to be in one's strong arms for a moment."

Then there was Sylvia, who commented, "Friday morn, after a miserable week of unhappiness, all my little aches and sorrows have vanished as though by magic. I know whose magic touch performed this miracle. Yes, my Prince of Glamorous Darkness."

Jap Chats With Ancestors Under the Log, Then Joins 'Em



Jap-U.S. Losses
8-1 on Leyte;
Yanks Link Up

Lashed and slowed by a 70-mile typhoon, American soldiers in the Philippines last night had chased the Japanese on Leyte Island to a point ten miles from Ormoc, one of the chief ports on the west coast and last important escape point from the doomed island.

While the Japs ferried reinforcements from Cebu Island, directly west, a New

Subs Sink 18 More

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (Reuter)—U.S. Navy submarines have sunk 18 additional enemy vessels in the Pacific and the Far East. The sinkings include one destroyer, one transport, five cargo transports and ten cargo ships.

This brings the total of enemy ships blasted by U.S. submarines to 974, including 822 vessels sunk, 37 probables and 115 damaged.

York broadcast said the Americans driving north through Leyte Valley had linked with other U.S. units pushing south from the top of the island.

Meanwhile, Gen. Douglas MacArthur revealed that 706 Americans were killed, 2,245 wounded, 270 missing, during the first ten days of the Philippines operation, "a relatively low casualty rate that is unsurpassed in the history of war."

MacArthur said enemy casualties on Samar and Leyte were estimated at 24,000.

Pearl Harbor observers, quoted by United Press, said fresh Allied landings could be expected in the near future, and that Luzon, most important island in the archipelago, might be the new battle-ground.

Coyote Hunting Pays

AVA., Mo., Oct. 31 (ANS)—Coyote hunting has developed into a profitable business for local farmers. The government pays \$10 for each dead animal.

Contest Entry



Pvt. Noreene F. Montie, of Ecorse, Mich., was omitted because of space limitations from yesterday's quartette of "Copperettes"—candidates of the Army Airways Communications System, known as the "Traffic Cops of the Air," in The Stars and Stripes contest to name the U.K.'s prettiest WAC.

Terry and the Pirates



Cpl. Ralph Cook, of the 112th Cavalry, is shown with his .45 trained on a Jap he found under a log in the South Pacific. The Jap evidently didn't understand his position and was shot trying to resist capture.

A Parting of Good Joes

To GIs, Recall of Stilwell
Sounds Like Taps for a Pal

NEW DELHI, Oct. 31 (UP)—"Gen. Stilwell said that we are out to win battles, not dress parades."

Thus spoke a GI at the Red Cross club in New Delhi, crossroads of the old CBI Theater, on the day "Uncle Joe's" recall to Washington was announced.

He was quoting Sgt. Ted Cunningham's article, "Stilwell, the GI Joe's Favorite," in Yank Magazine. (Generally, the GI Joes are asking "What the hell goes," since the announcement was made.)

The soldier read again, "Stilwell's understanding treatment of men is responsible for his popular nickname 'Uncle Joe.'" Thanks to his rulings, a GI is not a social outcast and "Officers Only" restrictions are at a minimum.

Another GI said he had been in other theaters where he found many places out-of-bounds. "Sometimes we wondered if there was something wrong with us. Hell, here it's a miracle, thanks to Uncle Joe."

"I was on the Ledo Road," another continued, "I'm going home now on rotation. Many times I cursed Uncle Joe because the job was rough. But he was the commanding general of men who did the impossible. And I had the honor once of driving the general along the Ledo Road. He shared his cigarettes and gum. It was his last two sticks—and talking with some of the infantry later, I learned how Uncle Joe hated to part with gum."

For the first time since the CBI Theater started in this far section of the Orient American soldiers feel very much alone. It's almost as if they had lost their father.

Holland - - -
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the area of Flushing the Germans still have big guns with which to sweep the narrow estuary. Until these positions have been knocked out the waterway into Antwerp cannot be safely used by Allied shipping.

A German order of the day, captured by Allied forces, said the defense of the Antwerp approaches "represents a task which is decisive for the further conduct of the war."

The order added: "Should the Allies succeed in overrunning the Scheldt fortifications they would be in a position to land great masses of material in a large and completely protected harbor. With this material, they might deliver a death blow at northern Germany and even at Berlin itself before the winter."

Both the Walcheren force and a small pocket of resistance south of the Scheldt remain to be quashed before the estuary will be cleared. The Canadians advancing on Beveland ran into robot tanks and densely mined areas.

On the mainland, to the east, British tanks of one group had advanced to the Maas and other units were less than half a mile away. Dispatches said that the Germans had been able to get away the bulk of their force, although the campaign was estimated to have cost them about 16,000 casualties.

Bacon Brings It Home

FREMONT, Neb., Oct. 31 (ANS)—Three years ago, Bob Beck, then 13, started in the pig-raising business with two animals. This week he disposed of 50 porkers for \$8,930.

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



Seers at Sea,
Waver on Vote

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (AP)—The final week of the Presidential campaign began today.

The contest between President Roosevelt and Challenger Thomas E. Dewey has grown so close that even the professional poll takers and the political prophets threw up their hands at the task of forecasting the election results.

Finding the candidates so evenly supported and figuring the margin of error in testing public opinion, the best advice available was:

Don't try to guess who the next occupant of the White House will be.

Meantime, both candidates are concentrating on the highly important Eastern states. Dewey speaks in Buffalo tonight and then swings across Massachusetts tomorrow for a talk in Boston before returning to New York for his final major talk Saturday.

President Roosevelt will speak from the White House Thursday, it was announced today, then go to Boston Saturday. From there Mr. Roosevelt will tour Central New York before going to Hyde Park to vote.

U.S. Deal for Bases
With Liberia Told

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31 (ANS)—Liberia, West African Negro republic, has granted the U.S. permission to establish and operate military and air installations there.

The agreement, negotiated Dec. 31, 1943, and disclosed today by the State Department and the Foreign Economic Administration, permits installations "for protection of strategic interests of the U.S. in the South Atlantic."

Child Found Strangled
In Dumb-Waiter Shaft

NEW YORK, Oct. 31 (ANS)—William Drach, 4, whose trussed and gagged body was found by his father in a dumb-waiter shaft, was believed by police today to have been strangled to death by his eight-year-old brother Robert while they were playing their favorite game of "commando."

The boys' father, however, refused to accept the theory, pointing out the handkerchiefs tied around Billy's face did not belong to the family "or to anyone we know."

Legless Woman a Flier

CINCINNATI, Oct. 31 (ANS)—Mrs. Alvina Babbs, 26, legless since infancy because of an accident, made a solo flight in her own plane today, Civil Aeronautics officials said she was the first person so afflicted to gain a license. The plane is equipped with specially-constructed hand controls.

By Milton Caniff

