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Avez-vous une cigarette?  
Avez-vous une cigarette?  
Have you got a cigarette?

Haben Sie eine Zigarette?  
Haben Sie eine Zigarette?  
Have you got a cigarette?

## 2,300 U.S. Planes Storm Reich; 66 Nazis Shot Down Nazis Retreat on 100-Mi. Front

No Butts About It, This Stuff Has Gotta Cease

### But Enemy Stiffens in The North



Unofficial sources state that 53 billion cigarettes were sent to troops overseas in the first seven months of 1944 and that 88 billion were expected to be sent over by the end of the year. Which still leaves unanswered the question puzzling GIs in the ETO as a result of the ban on cigarette sales to noncombatants: "What has

happened to the smokes?" In New York, model Mickey Nadel (left) shows how civilians at home are being forced to roll their own. Here the ban produced the scenes above—GIs at a London Red Cross club help themselves less abashedly at the counter, while others queue up at a tobacconist's shop for the only brands now available—British made.

Stars and Stripes Photo by Corbarn

German forces in Alsace-Lorraine were reported yesterday to be in general retreat eastward toward the Rhine along a 100-mile front from the foot of the Vosges Mountains north to Saarebourg, which fell to American Seventh Army troops in pursuit of the withdrawing enemy, who put up only erratic rearguard actions.

But while the Germans on the southern sector of the Western Front showed signs of cracking after the French tank dash to the Rhine had turned their flank, Allied armies moving into the Reich found the Nazi opposition had increased, with counter-attacks thrown in near Geilenkirchen and on the Third Army front near Merzig. All enemy thrusts were beaten off.

Infantrymen of the 80th Division of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army were reported to have breached the Maginot Line defenses at two points about ten miles south of the German bulge westward to Luxemburg, entering the fortified zone near Falquemont and Lelling, about 20 miles southwest of Saarbrücken, after a three-mile advance carried out in bad weather, without air support and through dense mine fields.

At the same time, Patton's Tenth Armored Division, blunting a Nazi attack staged under a heavy artillery barrage from German guns east of the Saar River,



had advanced to within two miles of Merzig.

#### 95th Cleans Up in Metz

Doughboys of the 95th Division were working to quell the last sparks of resistance in Metz, where the commander of the enemy-held northern portion of the town had ignored an Allied ultimatum to give up. Five fortress groups, bypassed in the drive to cut off Metz, still were active. Damage to Metz was not great, dispatches said. The cathedral, for example, was intact.

Gains up to three miles were scored by the 26th and 35th Divisions northeast (Continued on page 4)

### Superforts Rip Jap Home Isle

A "large" task force of China-based Superfortresses yesterday bombed the huge Omura aircraft factory on the southernmost Japanese home island of Kyushu and for the first time encountered strong enemy fighter-plane opposition. Part of the raiding force was diverted to bomb the docks at Nanking and objectives at Shanghai.

Twenty Jap fighter planes were destroyed, 16 probably destroyed and 19 damaged. It was not announced whether the Superforts suffered any losses. However, Japanese announcements claimed that 14 B29s were shot down, 11 others believed destroyed and seven damaged.

A Pacific Navy communiqué announced that at least 110 Jap planes and three merchant ships were destroyed on Saturday when carrier-based planes raided Manila.

On Leyte, in the Philippines, U.S. forces, fighting in a tropical typhoon, closed in on a Japanese pocket south of Limon, at the northern end of the Ormoc corridor.

### Germans Masquerading As Soldiers Captured

METZ, Nov. 21 (UP)—Members of the Volkssturm (German home guard) who did not even know how to load their rifles were captured by the Third Army today.

Their guns were obsolete French models. The men ranged from 16 to 60. They wore regulation trousers and tunics, and Italian greatcoats.

### Armada Tears At Oil Vitals

The now-you-see-it, now-you-don't Luftwaffe came up in strength yesterday for the first time in three weeks, and preliminary reports last night indicated that Eighth Air Force fighter-pilots shot down more than 60 enemy fighters and destroyed six more on the ground.

Not since Nov. 2, when Eighth pilots racked up their record one-day bag of 130 Nazi craft in the air, has the Luftwaffe shown itself in any strength.

More than 1,100 Eighth and Ninth Air Force Mustangs, Thunderbolts and Lightnings flew with more than 1,250 Fortresses and Liberators of the Eighth.

This was one of the largest combined U.S. bomber-escort forces ever dispatched in a single day.

The heavies plastered oil industry objectives at Hamburg, Harburg and Merseburg, as well as other targets in Germany. Forts bombed the Leuna synthetic-oil plant at Merseburg, while Libs pounded the Deutsche and Rhenania oil refineries at Hamburg and Harburg.

Maj. George E. Preddy, of Greensboro, N.C., a P51 squadron commander in the 352nd Fighter Group, shot down one FW190. He is the top active Eighth fighter-pilot in the ETO, with a score of 30½ enemy planes destroyed, 25½ in the air and five on the ground.

Meanwhile, Capt. William T. Whisner Jr., of Shreveport, La., another 352nd (Continued on page 4)

### Cigarettes?—an Answer

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (AP)—The Army declared today that the shortage of American cigarettes in post exchanges in England "is only temporary," and asserted that sufficient cigarettes were being shipped to the Army in Great Britain.

"What happens after they get there is another matter," the Army said.

### GIs Burned Up—Minus Smoke

GIs in the U.K. were plenty burned up yesterday about the ban on cigarette sales in PXs, judging from reactions of soldiers and sailors on furlough or pass in London.

Some blamed "big shots" in Washing-

### Kayo's Fag Steals Show in Rainbow Ring

They had a six-bout fight card at the Rainbow Corner last night, but the feature attraction turned out to be the weekly scramble for free cigarettes. The sweet little Red Cross girls couldn't have drawn more whistles had they walked into the ring in two-piece bathing suits, and the accuracy with which some of the lads at the ringside speared the banned butts made even the jabs of main bout performers look rusty in comparison.

ton, others said it was the fault of the folks back home tolerating a black market, and a few charged it to incompetence at ETO Headquarters in Paris.

But all agreed with Sgt. Lewis J. Sandler, 32, of Dorchester, Mass., when he said: "Something is rotten and it's not in Denmark."

Wherever servicemen gathered the butt (Continued on page 4)

### Russians Breach Nazi Baltic Line

Russian troops attacking in southwestern Latvia have breached German defenses in the Vainode area, 35 miles southeast of the Baltic port of Liepaja, German News Agency said yesterday.

There was no confirmation from Moscow of this reported drive to crush an estimated 30 Nazi divisions trapped along the Baltic, nor of two other Red Army offensives said by the Germans to be under way in the eastern tip of old Czechoslovakia and along the Tisza River line in northeastern Hungary.

Moscow dispatches did indicate, however, that a resumption of the Russian drive in East Prussia was imminent.

### Output Highest In U.S. History

By the Associated Press  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 21—The mystery of the missing cigarettes became more confused today with unofficial revelations that cigarette production was at the highest point in history, one-quarter or more of the total assigned to troops overseas.

Fifty-three billion cigarettes were sent to troops overseas in the first seven months of 1944, and the total was expected to reach 88,000,000,000 by the end of the year, as compared to 51,000,000,000 sent overseas in 1943, 27,000,000,000 in 1942 and 11,000,000,000 in 1941.

The War Food Administration, denying rumors that Lend-Lease had caused the shortage, said, "The percentage of tax-free cigarettes sent abroad for other than our armed forces is negligible."

Despite the 1944 over-all production—241 billion—New York's stands are bare or display unfamiliar brands.

Officials insist that black-market operations domestically are a negligible factor. They blame the shortage here on increased consumption as a result of full employment, high wages and war-time tension.

### Brooklyn Calls Noel to 'Mess'

By Jimmy Cannon  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE 35TH INF. DIV., Nov. 21—Playwright Noel Coward, the British theater's fashionable dramatist of decadence, who peopled his stages with rich and neurotic drawing-room loafers, today was invited to a vegetable and egg dinner with fruit for dessert by the Brooklyn men of this division.

"He'll need no mess gear either. We'll hit him right in the kisser with it," said Pvt. Julius Rapp, of Brooklyn, who was wounded at St. Lo.



NOEL COWARD

### Get In and Pitch, Ike Warns All

PARIS, Nov. 21 (AP)—Gen. Eisenhower today warned those at the front and at home that unless every one kept on the job with everlasting and mounting intensity the day of victory would inevitably be postponed.

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

The Supreme Commander said that to achieve this breaking point every one must understand that enemy morale had not yet broken and that pressure must go up and up to break it.

(Other dispatches reported Eisenhower as saying that the Nazis would attempt to fight the battle for Germany west of the Rhine rather than east of that great border barrier.)

To break the Hun, he declared, greater supplies are necessary. "I want more supplies than we are getting," he shouted. "The soldier wants more than he is getting, both now and in the future."

The Supreme Commander paid high tribute to the British, Canadian and French armies.

"No single instance has pleased me so much in a long while as the capture of Belfort by the gallant French Army," he said.

The "prescription for victory," Gen. Ike concluded, "is an all-out effort both at the front and at home. There is no sign of a German crack up, but if confronted by failure after failure the Germans would inevitably crack."

It was the Allied job, he said, to confront the Germans with more and more of these failures.

In his new book, "Middle East Diary," Coward took a crack at "mournful little Brooklyn boys lying in hospitals in tears."

"He couldn't fight his way into Ebbets Field with nine tickets, and he's knocking guys fighting their way into Berlin," said Pvt. Charles Burns, of Brooklyn. "I got hit at St. Lo and so did a lot of Brooklyn guys. I'll take him with me and get him a reserved seat in a foxhole if he wants to see how Brooklyn guys act when hit."

T/4 Peter Olson, a Brooklyn Purple Heart man, said, "The kids in Brooklyn could lick the toughest playwright in the world. So I challenge him to fight my wife. No man in Brooklyn would hit a playwright. A man who would take advantage of a playwright would be run out of Brooklyn. My wife is the sweetest, nicest little thing in Brooklyn. But I'll bet she'll punch the living stuff out of him if she ever grabs him."

### Vignettes of War—A Church... And 2 Men

By Stars and Stripes Staff Correspondent  
WITH THE U.S. FIRST ARMY, Nov. 21—It was a bright Sunday morning, but there was nothing sabbatical about the faces of the men streaming by, peering into the church out of sheer curiosity. Their faces were dirty and unshaven and their clothes weren't their Sunday best.

Two men stepped into the church through one of the holes in its walls and suddenly, in there, it was quieter. One was a captain, one was a private. They bent their knees in worship and then walked up the aisle, stepping over the body of a dead German. At the altar they knelt, crossed themselves, bowed their heads in silent prayer.

After a time they walked back down the aisle. This time they stepped around the German. The private looked down. His expression did not change. He picked up his rifle, and he and the captain walked out of the church, back into the war.



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

### A Tribute to Our Hosts

Nov. 14, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
That piece in The Stars and Stripes of  
Nov. 13 by an RAF Pilot about the  
hospitality and kindness shown him and  
his buddies back in the States while they  
were training there was a swell compli-  
ment to the people in the States. Having  
been in England almost 27 months,  
although I have not had the opportunity  
to train with the English soldiers, I have  
been fortunate enough to be privately  
billeted in several English homes in many  
different parts of England, and I can  
truthfully say that the hospitality and  
kindness that was shown me will equal  
any I have ever received anywhere.  
What amazed me most was that after  
being in war for almost five years and  
sacrificing a lot of necessities I have  
never heard them complain one bit and  
they were always cheerful and very willing  
to share whatever they had with me.  
Furthermore, they made me feel at  
home. The trust they placed in me shall  
never be forgotten and I sure appreciated  
everything they did for me. This is only  
a small tribute but it is the way I feel  
about my English friends and many, many  
thanks to them.—Pfc H. J. Nunes, Rpl.  
Co.

### Hospital Joes Want Passes

Nov. 13, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
Why is it that wounded soldiers from  
the front can't get a furlough or three-day  
passes after spending four to six months  
on the front when the troops stationed  
here get them? In our estimation we are  
treated worse than prisoners of war.—  
Wounded GIs in England, Ward D6.

### Volunteers to Help APO

Nov. 11, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
After reading "An APO Sergeant's"  
letter of Nov. 8, I had to agree with what  
the other boys in the ward were saying.  
I think the sergeant is afraid of doing  
some work or seeing some combat duty  
instead of how much better the mail  
service would be if he remained rather  
than being placed in another position of  
"driving trucks, scrubbing pots or clean-  
ing latrines."  
If you are replaced at the front it is  
because something beyond your control  
has made you incapable of carrying on  
your work temporarily or permanently in  
some cases. There are six dog faces, in-  
cluding myself, here who would gladly  
go to work at the APO and put in the  
hours to get the mail out, as I believe it  
is a matter of getting it sorted and on  
its way to the right place more than  
experience.—A Patient in a Hospital  
Plant.

### Asks 3-Weeks Film Service

Nov. 10, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
Let's keep B-Bag for legitimate com-  
plaints that are in need of correction,  
and ones that affect many. This one is  
with the Photo Division of the Army  
Exchange Service. It would sure be a  
morale booster if what few films we do  
get nowadays could be processed and  
returned in less time.  
With the facilities the Army has avail-  
able is it unreasonable to expect two or  
three weeks service? In the past it has  
been more apt to be two or three months  
service. Here's hoping the proper  
authority sees fit to take steps necessary  
to correct this immediately.—Sgt.  
Robert T. Dutton, Depot Supply Sqdn.

### Praise for AFN Programs

Nov. 17, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
Note to Henry Poole, USN, etc., who  
purports to speak for American broad-  
casters when he objects to American  
stations in this country. Nov. 13 issue:  
I am one ex-announcer who feels that  
the AFN has done an excellent job in  
helping to maintain morale of U.S. forces  
at its high level. As every top-drawer  
producer is not employed by the American  
Forces Network, there are bound to be  
programs that do not appeal to everyone.  
Any fool knows that's one reason there  
is so much variety in radio.  
As far as presenting the "British . . .  
haphazard . . . programing"—I don't feel  
that the army created its network to  
impress England's citizens. If you don't  
like AFN, there's always the BBC. Per-  
sonally, I'll take my radio sans the broad  
"A."—T/Sgt. Gene Seadler, Q.M.

## Hash Marks

This one's probably been knocking  
around since the Civil War, or before, but  
we laugh every time we hear it.  
Guard: "Halt! Who goes there?"  
Rookie: "Aw, you wouldn't know me.  
I just got here today."  
\* \* \*  
The tough, typical movie-version of a  
sergeant was putting a bunch of recruits  
through their first session of close-order



drill. "Forward march!" "Halt!"  
"Right face!" "Left face!" "About  
face!" were his quick commands, one  
right after the other. One disgusted Joe  
threw his rifle to the ground and started  
to walk away. "Where do you think  
you're going?" asked the Sgt. "I quit,"  
answered the other. "I'm not going to  
drill with a darn fool who can't make  
up his mind."

Ordinarily the chow was consistently  
good. This particular night it wasn't so  
good. "Don't I get any choice?" asked  
one GI. The Mess Sergeant had a quick  
answer, "Yup," he said. "You can take  
it—or you can leave it!"

Draw Your Own Conclusion Dept.:  
A shipping order was received at an  
air depot recently for immediate attention.  
The following items were included in the  
request:

- 8 ea. Dogs.
  - 7 ea. Enlisted Men.
- (Kennels and rations for dogs and  
Enlisted Men to be included.)

While crossing Grosvenor Square on  
the way to lunch the other noon, a private  
stopped Lt. Clarke and asked him where  
ETOUSA was. Amazed, the Lt. asked  
him what he meant. "I've lost the  
address, but it's here somewhere. I want  
E-T-O-U-S-A," and he spelled it out.  
"What next?" asks the Lieutenant.

Nothing surprises us any more. Natives  
of an idyllic island in the South Seas  
thought New York was the most romantic  
spot in the world.

There's been a war on moron jokes, so  
we haven't used any lately. But we just  
heard the one about the guy who put a  
blotter to his ear so he could hear the  
Ink Spots sing.

Afterthought on gambling: A man who  
bets is no good, and a man who does  
not bet is no better.

They tell the story about the hillbilly  
who received his draft questionnaire. He  
sweated and struggled over it a long time,



but it remained a puzzle to him. Finally,  
in desperation, he returned the blank  
questionnaire to the draft board with this  
notation: "I've redid when you is."

Did this ever happen in your office?  
Lieutenant (angrily): "Who told you to  
put flowers on the Colonel's desk?"  
Pfc: "The Colonel, sir."  
Lt.: "Pretty, aren't they?"

J. C. W.



## Queen of Battles



WE have just seen a handsome poster designed  
by the War Department in Washington. It  
couldn't have come out at a better time. It  
can't be distributed widely enough for enough men to  
see. So we'd like to tell you what it says. It's one of  
the best editorials ever written.

"The battle line is where the infantry is. . . ."

"On every war map the extent of progress is shown  
by the location of the infantry."

"The function of all other combat troops—air force,  
armored force, artillery—is to help prepare the way for  
the infantry. These tough fighters must seize, mop up,  
press on, or the ground is not won. As the infantry  
moves—so moves the battle line."

### The Flight Surgeon's Report:

## Introvert or Extrovert? You'll Cool Off Under Fire

AIR SERVICE COMMAND HQ,  
Nov. 21—"Sure, I'd like to be a flier,  
but I'm not the type. Too nervous."  
How many times have you heard that?  
Or—"I couldn't do well up in the air  
under fire—no nerves, too stolid."

Today, after two years of investigation  
of AAF personnel in combat, Air Service  
Command medical officers have come to  
the conclusion that personality doesn't  
mean a thing—once you're under fire.

You can be bashful or noisy, introvert  
or extrovert, but faced with flak or fighter  
planes, you'll react fairly uniformly—  
you'll develop a coolness which makes  
individual traits or variations disappear.

Here is a report, by a flight surgeon  
with psychiatric training, on the per-  
sonality make-up of a typical crew under  
fire:

### Easy-going Character

"The pilot was intelligent, easy-going,  
and emotionally stable, but unaggressive  
and introverted. The co-pilot was tightly  
wound and aggressive, with a history of  
previous manio-depressive attacks of dis-  
abling degree. The navigator was a  
quiet, well-balanced person. The bom-  
bardier was a vigorous, fast-thinking  
extrovert. The engineer gunner was an  
energetic, over compensating extrovert,  
uninhibited to the point of eccentricity.  
The ball turret gunner was quiet, cool,  
impersonal, and emotionally tough. The  
right waist gunner was a conscientious  
introvert, who never drank, never  
smoked, never let himself go at all. The  
tail gunner was basically rigid, limited in  
imagination and completely dependable.

"During violent combat, the reactions  
of the men were remarkably alike. They  
were all quietly precise on the interphone  
and decisive in action. Three of the crew  
were severely wounded early in the fight,  
but all three kept at their duties efficiently.  
The burden of emergency work with the

controls, oxygen, and wounded fell on  
the pilot, engineer, ball turret gunner  
and left waist gunner and all functioned  
with rapidity and skill. Decisions by the  
pilot, co-pilot and bombardier were  
arrived at with care and speed, were un-  
questioned once made and proved  
excellent. In the period over the Channel  
and over England, when disaster was  
momentarily expected, alternative plans  
of action were made clearly and with no  
thought other than the safety of the crew."

His conclusions: Under great stress  
the reactions of airmen, despite varia-  
tions in personality traits, tend to be  
uniform—usually a cool response to  
danger.

AIR SERVICE COMMAND HQ,  
Nov. 21—"Have a short round?" may  
sound good in a pub, but it used to be  
a headache to aerial gunners. A "short  
round" occurs when an abnormal caliber  
.50 bullet jams a machine-gun. Lt. Col.  
Robert G. Bennett, of the ASC's arma-  
ment section, announced that a device has  
been perfected which, when clipped onto  
machine-guns, does away with "short  
rounds."

AIR SERVICE COMMAND HQ,  
Nov. 21—Solution of yet another air-  
craft maintenance problem has been  
announced. Machine-guns were jam-  
ming, though repeated inspections un-  
covered no faulty parts. Finally, it was  
discovered that vibrations of guns while  
firing and vibrations of aircraft in flight  
were synchronizing perfectly, causing so  
great an impact within the gun that recoil  
mechanisms failed to operate. Solution:  
extra springs were installed in the guns  
to give them "an erratic twitch," ruling  
out the perfect synchronization.

### AFN Radio Program

On Your Dial  
1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.  
218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.  
Wednesday, Nov. 22  
0755—Sign On—Program Resume.  
0800—Headlines—Combat Diary.  
0815—Personal Album with Helen Forrest.  
0830—Music by Ted Flo Rita.  
0900—World News.  
0905—Sugar Report.  
0925—Music of Canada.  
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—Carnival of Music.  
1330—Downbeat with Jimmy Lunceford.  
1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour.  
1500—Headlines—German Lesson.  
1505—Strike up the Band.  
1530—On the Record.  
1630—Great Moments in Music.  
1700—Headlines—Johnny Mercer's Music Shop.  
1715—Music by Freddie Martin.  
1740—Rhythm Musicale.  
1755—American Sports News.  
1800—World News.  
1805—Mark up the Map.  
1810—GI Supper Club.  
1900—Headlines—Take the Air (Eighth Air Force).  
1930—Bandwagon.  
1945—Strings with Wings.  
2000—Headlines—Combat Diary.  
2015—Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians.  
2030—British Band of the AEF.  
2100—World News.  
2105—Mildred Bailey.  
2130—Bob Hope with Frances Langford, Jerry  
Colonna and Skinnay Ennis.  
2200—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.  
2205—Ten O'Clock Special.  
2300—Final Edition.  
2305—Sign off until 0755 hours Thursday, Nov. 23.  
On the Continent listen to your favorite AFN  
programs over the  
Allied Expeditionary Forces Program:  
583 kc. 544m.  
Also shortwave: 6.15mc. (49m. band) between  
0800 and 1900 hours.

## Vets Given A New Badge

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (ANS)—A  
new discharge emblem to be worn by per-  
sonnel honorably discharged from Army,  
Navy, Marines or Coast Guard has been  
adopted. The new emblem is made of  
cloth and is of the same design as the  
present lapel button.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 21 (ANS)—  
The Army wanted everything home-like  
in the several hotels comprising the re-  
distribution center here, so in each one  
it installed large cookie jars—with  
cookies.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (ANS)—  
The Army disclosed today that discharge  
certificates for men and women leaving  
the service no longer would mention  
physical condition. Some honorable dis-  
charges issued in the past contained such  
information, proving embarrassing to ex-  
servicemen looking for jobs.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (ANS)—  
Clark Gable's film of bombers over  
Europe will not be generally released to  
U.S. theaters, but will be shown to clubs  
and similar groups instead, the Office  
of War Information announced today.  
The reason given was that its subject-  
matter was "pretty well covered in the  
documentary 'Memphis Belle,' " plus  
shortage of celluloid.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (ANS)—  
The Coast Guard announced today that  
the recruiting of Spars on a large-scale  
basis, except for replacements, would end  
Thursday. The Spars enlistment was re-  
ported to be 10,000.



### Who Is This May

I've searched the world over and tried to  
find  
In order to satisfy my mind  
Just who in the hell is the man today  
With the biggest job compared with his  
pay.  
You may think it's Franklin, or possibly  
Joe  
Winston or Hitler or that rat Tojo  
And of course, we GIs think that we're  
underpaid  
But no, it's not even us, I'm afraid.  
Have you ever taken a minute or so  
To think of the Yanks in ETO  
We all have a nursemaid or so we are told  
And it's a damn big job for one man to  
hold.  
What his salary amounts to, I really don't  
know.  
But whatever it is, it is far too low.  
In case you are ready to hazard a guess,  
Just take one look at your present address.  
For we are all over here, as you can see,  
In care of the Postmaster, NYC.  
Cpl. Keith D. Hands.

### Morning Prayer!

When the new born light is flushed across  
the Eastern sky,  
And silver pearls are glistened by its ray,  
I lift my eyes to Him on high.  
A mighty speech I had prepared to pray,  
But now as I kneel in the solitude and  
still,  
Survey the beauty and hear the whisper  
of a rill,  
I bow my head in shame and simply say,  
"Lord, I thank thee for this, another  
day."

Pvt. W. H. Botticler.



## Giants' Livingston Cracks Tiger Line



Howard Livingston of the Giants (who bottled up Don Hutson in Sunday's Packer game) is shown just before he was stopped by Rhea (24) and Brown (26), both of Brooklyn, in the second half as the Giants beat the Tigers, 14-7, at Ebbets Field.

## 4 Rainbow Bouts Canceled, But the Other Six Were Pips

By Mark E. Senigo  
Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

"High temperatures, colds and military duties accounted for cancellation of four bouts on last night's Rainbow Corner fight card. And the much-publicized contest between Pfc Dick Shinn, of San Francisco, and Pvt. Jesse Puente, of Los Angeles, was one of the four casualties as Puente came up with a cold yesterday. But in the six bouts the GIs were treated to, they got plenty of swinging.

## Unbeaten List Whittled to 12

NEW YORK, Nov. 21—Mississippi State, Drake and Miami of Ohio were knocked from the lists of the perfect record teams over the weekend, leaving only 12 teams in the select circle. Here is the gang that's left:

TEAM	G	P	OP	TEAM	G	P	OP
Army	8	481	28	Cpl. Campbell	6	211	7
Ohio State	8	369	63	*Cal. Tech	4	159	0
Randolph F'd	8	375	6	*Maryville	7	206	21
B'n'd'e Nav.	8	299	44	*Minn. Tea	4	78	20
Yale	7	114	26	*St. Thomas	7	123	25
Ft. Pierce	6	323	9	*Norman Nav.	6	144	40

## Michigan Judge Rules Racing Law Unconstitutional

DETROIT, Nov. 21—Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia will be glad to hear this.

The statute under which horse racing is permitted in Michigan has been declared unconstitutional by Circuit Judge Guy A. Miller. The judge's ruling was on a preliminary motion in a suit brought by Edward Rohan and his wife, seeking to enjoin the state racing commission from allowing racing at the Fairgrounds track and to prevent the track from building a new stable within 50 feet of their property. (They thought the idea smelled.) Rohan's suit contends that races constitute a private and public nuisance and the stable a fire hazard.

Judge Miller denied a petition for dismissal and declared the horse racing act of 1933 unconstitutional. His ruling may lead to a permanent injunction.

## Riggs Handicap to Seven Hearts

BALTIMORE, Nov. 21—Seven Hearts sped to an easy two-length victory over Bon Jour yesterday in the \$25,000 Riggs Handicap over a track that was described as good despite a day-long drizzle which caused Trainer Ben Jones to scratch heavily favored Twilight Tear just before post time. Jockey Paul Eiper took J. Graham Brown's colt to the front and stayed there all the way home, paying \$3.30, \$2.40 and \$2.20.

## 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, ETOUSA, Ext. 2131.

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L. T. Lewis H. YOUNGLOOD, Petersburg, Va.; Pvt. Ralph BROOKS, Pvt. Howard JURGRAU, New York; Lt. Charles S. STEVENS, Beaufort, N.C.; Lt. Richard DeLAMARLERS, Geneva, N.Y.; W/O William A. BABCOCK, Troy, N.Y.; Cpl. John H. RISLEY, Waterville; Lt. Hilda FITZGERALD, ANC, Winoski, Vt.; Maj. Robert A. Goodman, Lt. Donald CRETE, Lodi, Calif.; Pvt. Mary DUNN, N.Y.; Lt. Chester DROOG, AAF, Iowa; WAC Pvt. Shirley HOYT, WAC, Albany, N.Y.; Lt. Bill WICKHAM; Lt. Johnny HOMMEL; Pfc Stanley SCHWARTZ, Bayonne, N.J.; M/Sgt. James JANCZAK, 20346073.

## Cadet, Middie Victories Point Up Service Classic

NEW YORK, Nov. 21—With two weeks to round into 'top shape for their "battle of the century" two weeks hence, Army and Navy seem to be in a class by themselves after Saturday battles which saw the Cadets pour it on Pennsylvania, 62-7, and the Middies roll over Purdue, 32-0.

Ohio State, easily the top civilian team in the nation, and Yale, whose competition hasn't been of the toughest variety, stayed with Army as the only major undefeated, untied teams in the country.

The Buckeyes ran their string to eight straight with a 26-12 victory over Illinois, leaving only Michigan to meet before realizing their first perfect season in 24 years. The Wolverines get their chance Saturday to not only foil State's bid for a perfect season but to cop the Western Conference title, having played one more conference game than the Buckeyes. Yale, 13-6 winner over North Carolina Saturday, has only Virginia to face to complete a perfect season.

Mississippi State and Drake, two other previously unbeaten teams, fell by the wayside Saturday, State bowing before Alabama, 19-0, and the Bulldogs losing, 9-0, to Iowa State.

### Influence Conference Titles

Among the victories that may influence conference titles were Southern California's 32-0 win over California, Texas Christian's 7-6 nod over Texas, and Oklahoma's 10-0 decision over Kansas.

In other eastern games Syracuse downed Colgate, 43-13, Brown beat Columbia, 12-0, Cornell edged Dartmouth, 14-13, Penn State ended its season with a 34-19 victory over Maryland, and Harvard beat Tufts for the second time, 12-6.

In the Big Ten, Michigan blanked Wisconsin, 14-0; Minnesota pounded Iowa, 46-0; Notre Dame recovered to topple Northwestern, 21-0; Indiana pasted Pittsburgh, 47-0; Great Lakes knocked Marquette over for the second time, 32-0, and Iowa Pre-Flight won its eighth straight after losing the season's opener to Michigan by belting Missouri, 51-7.

### Georgia Triumph an Upset

Down south, Georgia surprised by running up a 49-13 score on Auburn, Duke topped South Carolina, 34-7, Tulane bested Clemson, 36-20, and the Camp Peary Seabees beat North Carolina Pre-Flight, 19-7.

The hectic Southwest Conference race saw the Texas Aggies smack Rice, 19-6, and Southern Methodist upset Arkansas, 20-12. Randolph Field's juggernaut disappointed nobody by beating Southwestern, 54-0.

In the only other major west coast game UCLA beat College of Pacific, 54-7.

## Oklahoma Aggies Choice For Cotton Bowl Berth

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 21—Number one choice for the Cotton Bowl New Year's Day is the Oklahoma Aggies against the Southwest Conference title winner, Chairman Dan Rogers said today. Rogers added that this week would see the final decision.

The Aggies have been beaten but once — by the Norman Naval Zoomers.

## Davis Cinches Scoring Title

NEW YORK, Nov. 21—Glenn Davis, Army's hustling halfback, virtually clinched the '44 collegiate football scoring title Saturday with three touchdowns against Pennsylvania to run his total for eight games to 114 points.

Trailing the Army ace by 30 points is Tom McWilliams of Mississippi State, who was injured in the first period Saturday and was sidelined while his team was toppled from the unbeaten ranks by Alabama.

### The leaders:

PLAYER	SCHOOL	TD	EP	PG	TP
Davis	Army	19	0	0	114
McWilliams	Mississippi State	14	0	0	84
Tressell	Baldwin-Wallace	13	2	0	80
Cuckayne	Drake	13	0	0	78
Evans	Second AF	11	5	0	71
Young	Illinois	11	0	0	66
Dimancheff	Purdue	11	0	0	66
DeCoursey	Washington	11	0	0	66
Brinkley	Wake Forest	11	0	0	66
Cromer	Ark. Aggies	11	0	0	66
Collins	Missouri	10	0	0	60
Yates	Texas Aggies	10	0	0	60

## Long Count My Fault-Dempsey

CHICAGO, Nov. 21—Even such football fanatics as the Windy City's Monday Quarterback Club will forget naked reverses and clipping penalties when Cmdr. William Harrison Dempsey drops by to discuss that famous

"long count," and that's what happened here yesterday. Dempsey dropped by to address the club on the subject of bonds and before he finished that matter of the 1927 count in his second bout with Gene Tunney just naturally came up.

The former champ took full blame for the incident that gained Referee Dave Barry the nickname "Long Count" Barry, and said that what

turned out to be the crowning disappointment of his career was "all my fault." The Manassa Mauler stated, "The only person responsible was myself. I should have been in a neutral corner."

Dempsey was attempting to regain his title before a crowd that paid the largest gate in the history of boxing. Tunney, four years younger than the Mauler, was outboxing Dempsey when suddenly Jack floored the champ with a right. What followed has been the subject of countless arguments ever since.

Barry started to count over Tunney and some observers claim that the count went as high as 14 before Gene arose. Dempsey went to a neutral corner and apparently the referee started the count all over again. And Tunney finally got up and went on to win the decision and retain his title.

Dempsey's statement yesterday should settle the argument about who was to blame—but honest Joe, do you think it will?



JACK DEMPSEY

## Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune



## Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



## Packer Attack Fails as Giants Hold Hutson

NEW YORK, Nov. 21—Steve Owen accomplished what had been considered the impossible Sunday when he sent his Giants out to not only beat the Green Bay Packers but make them give up in disgust and take Don Hutson out of a ball game.

Steve has always maintained that once you got Hutson stopped you had the Packers beaten, and Coach Curly Lambeau apparently agrees with him. He sent Hutson to the showers in the middle of the third period while the Giants continued to plaster the Packers with the worst defeat they've ever absorbed, 24-0.

The young man who did the most to carry out the plan so carefully concocted in the mind of the veteran Giants mentor was 22-year-old Howard Livingston, a product of Fullerton Junior College, who



Don Hutson

stuck to Hutson as long as Don stayed in the game. Livingston gave an indication of what was in store for the veteran Alabama wraith in the first period when he committed the grossest kind of insubordination by intercepting a pass intended for the master and running it 34 yards to a touchdown.

But Livingston couldn't do it all alone. He had two brawny linemen helping all day. Each time the ball was snapped into the Packer backfield, Vic Carroll and Frank Liebel, Giant tackle and end respectively, closed off Hutson's route through the middle of the line, his favorite pass-catching highway. Hutson would then veer off to the left where Livingston took over. Don was held to a mere four catches and 34 yards gained, probably the worst afternoon he ever put in on a professional football field.

But though the chagrined Packers got no good news in the Polo Grounds, they did get some from Detroit, where the Lions socked the Chicago Bears, 41-21, giving the Western Division crown to Green Bay. The Philadelphia Eagles took over the Eastern Division lead by socking the Washington Redskins, 37-7, and the Card-Pitts and Brooklyn Tigers kept their records unsullied by losing, 33-6 and 13-6, to Cleveland and Boston respectively.

## Big Ten Bowl Ban Up for Vote Sunday

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 21—Big Ten Faculty representatives will meet here Sunday to decide on whether or not to rescind the conference ban on post-season athletic competition.

The meeting has been called at the request of Ohio State University, which is undefeated and untied and would like to accept a possible bid to the Rose Bowl game at Pasadena.

Prof. Henry Rothschaefter of Minnesota announced the meeting and said a majority vote of faculty representatives would be necessary to rescind the ban, which has been a subject of controversy ever since the start of bowl games.

## Griffith Gives Landis An Inside Tip for '45

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21—Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, knows all about the rule forbidding congratulatory telegrams, but that didn't prevent him from wishing Judge Landis the best of everything on the occasion of the commissioner's 78th birthday yesterday.

Landis, still confined to Saint Luke's Hospital in Chicago, received the following message from the 75-year-old boss of the Senators: "Judge, I feel sure that you're going to be okay soon and that you'll be with all us old fellows for a long time to come. Either Connie's Athletics or my Senators will win the American League pennant next year."



Life in Those United States

Ford Official Predicts Post-War Car Rationing

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 21 (ANS)—Post-war rationing of automobiles to insure their equitable distribution once the industry is given the green light for civilian production was forecast today by an official of the Ford Motor Co. at a meeting here.

"We have reason to believe that a rationing program will be put into effect by OPA," C. B. Ostrander, Ford's Southwestern regional manager, said. "Ford believes there will be 10,000,000 more car-owners after the war than in pre-war days. That means the number of car-owners will reach at least 40,000,000 in the U.S."

It was pointed out that a post-war rationing program would not be too difficult, since OPA already is rationing the dwindling supply of "new" 1942-model passenger cars and the system could easily be extended.

Meantime, Ford headquarters in Detroit announced that the company would grant job-seeking veterans seniority equivalent to their length of service. Seniority dating back to Jan. 1, 1942, would be granted veterans inducted after that date. The company also asserted its right to hire honorably discharged vets while laying off other employees.

Nelson Gets Cabinet Rank

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (AP)—Donald M. Nelson, former chairman of the War Production Board now in China on a special mission, has been designated "personal representative" to President Roosevelt with the rank of Cabinet member and will occupy offices in the White House, it was announced today.

A Presidential letter notified Nelson of the appointment shortly before he left for China last week. It was understood that the letter mentioned another trip to the Pacific—possibly to New Zealand and Australia—for Nelson after his present job was completed.

Grease Monkey

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 21 (ANS)—Leo Abernathy's automobile went haywire yesterday. He called a garage which wanted to know what was wrong. "It won't start," Abernathy said. "Well, bring it over then," the garage man directed.

Winter Timed

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 21 (ANS)—Far-sighted J. E. Graven moved his orchard inside his home ahead of the first frost. As a result he has harvested a crop—nine oranges from a potted tree bought at a nursery four years ago.

Pat. Finnegan, Doubles

DENVER, Nov. 21 (ANS)—Mrs. Lola B. Smith has received four telegrams from the War Department about her son, a private in France: 1—He was missing in action; 2—He was safe; 3—He was missing again; and 4—He was safe again.

Boogie Woogie Cow Cows 'Em, Doctor Finds

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 21—War workers, allergic to the boogie woogie music played in industrial plants, are among the war-time psychiatric casualties on the home front, Dr. Robert V. Seliger, of Baltimore, told the Southern Medical Association convention here.

"Some men found it nearly impossible to work with large groups and in large plants, constantly surrounded by people and dinned at by noise of machinery and of boogie woogie music over loudspeakers," the psychiatrist explained, reporting on the increasing number of war workers treated for nervous conditions at Johns Hopkins hospital.

Other "casualties" were caused, he said, by frequent shifting of personnel from job to job within a plant and by the sudden change from being on relief rolls to working up to 66 hours a week.

Life Is Just a Game of Tennis

OMAHA, Nov. 21 (ANS)—The Assistant Attorney General of Virginia, registering at the national convention of attorneys general, told the woman at the desk: "My name is Doubles." "And mine is Singles," the clerk responded. Thus, Agnes Singles registered M. Ray Doubles.

'Reel Efficient'

SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 21 (ANS)—Police officers discovering autos parked overtime now snap a photo of the parking meter as well as writing up the car's owner for future evidence in court.

Cud It Out

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Nov. 21 (ANS)—Nobody rang the gabbon and nobody was caught expectorating in the streets—so the city's anti-spitting campaign has been called off.

Catholic Church Criticizes Hope's Service Shows

BOSTON, Nov. 21 (ANS)—Bob Hope's programs for servicemen were assailed today as "offensive" by The Pilot, official organ of the Catholic Archdiocese of Boston.

The Pilot, while paying tribute to Hope's activities on behalf of servicemen, said "some of the men who hear the comedian's artful filth and whose minds recur to it afterward are going to die. The Church has no invocation against sudden death, but she does have incessant and very earnest prayers against sudden and unprovided death."

"Does it mean nothing to Hope that some soldiers may face God unprepared for reckoning?"

In Chicago Hope said he was "astounded and amazed" by the editorial. "My record of entertaining servicemen and women speaks for itself," he said.

Heaven's Juke Box

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Nov. 21 (ANS)—Members of the Twelfth St. Christian Reformed Church no longer are in the dark about the whereabouts of their servicemen. One need only press a button under the name of a man and a light pops up on a large world map showing the proper area, along with the inscription: "Brethren, pray for us."

Burning Question

CHICAGO, Nov. 21 (ANS)—Firemen rushed to answer the alarm on the city hall's second floor. Arriving at the door from under which the smoke poured they were greeted by a sign, "Ladies." A huddle followed. Then the chief knocked twice. No answer. So he cautiously led his men in to put out a blaze in a wastebasket. No gals screeched.

Armies Outrun Production, Somervell Calls for 'More!'

CHICAGO, Nov. 21 (ANS)—Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, head of the Army Service Forces, told the CIO national convention here today that Allied armies in Europe "have moved so fast, we haven't caught up with them in production."

Calling for "more production nearly all the way down the line," Somervell said fighting tools now were needed "in greater abundance and in shorter time than any other nation anywhere ever needed them."

"We've simply got to have them, and fast," the General said. "There has been a steady increase in the degree in which we have met our production schedules. The curve is always up. But it isn't up as sharply as the curve of the doughboys' advance."

Meantime, Paul V. McNutt, chairman of the War Manpower Commission, speaking to AFL delegates at their national convention in New Orleans, said that "to fail now means World War III—a rocket war of fatal death. We dare not fail ourselves, our children or our democratic civilization."

McNutt listed four problems "confronting this invading nation": 1—To defeat Germany; 2—to defeat Japan; 3—to meet the challenge of reconversion; and 4—to meet the challenge of peace.

Moselle Aerobatics



Here's a wireman's own bridgehead over the Moselle. Pvt. Arley Norman, of Newcomerstown, Ohio, crosses by cable-car to check telephone lines over river.

Where There's No Smoke, There's Fire in GI Eyes

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shortage was the number one topic of discussion.

One mournful quartet chanted a ditty which went thus:

"Where o where can our cigarettes be, they're not at the front or lost at sea. Why doesn't Congress have the guts? To conduct an investigation—to get us the butts."

Pfc Dan Jonker, 21, of Forest Hills, L.I., said there were plenty of butts "piled high" in London warehouses. "If they stay in the warehouses, then they're not going to do the boys at the front any good," he said.

However, if the butts are going to the front, GIs emphasized, it's OK with all of them. Sgt. Marion S. Lemman, 37, of Memphis, Tenn., said: "If they are going

think that civilian supplies of cigarettes should be reduced sufficiently to permit all soldiers seven packages a week?" 81 per cent of the men said yes.

A third point revealed by the poll was that three-quarters of the noncombatants (who are the only ones completely cut off from PX supplies) planned to continue smoking, even if it meant buying British cigarettes at nine times the PX price. Exactly 26 per cent said they planned to quit; 74 per cent said they wouldn't.

The cross-section of men polled was about one combat airman to every three noncombatants—roughly the way personnel on the base is split.

Asked if they favored "U.S. government subsidization of British cigarette supplies sufficient to permit U.S. soldiers to purchase their regular ration at three cents per pack," only 29 per cent of the men replied in the affirmative.

Cigar Men Say Forces Get 91,000,000 a Month

The Cigar Institute of America announced in New York yesterday that 91 million cigars were going to the armed forces every month.

On the basis of 12 million men in uniform, simple division shows that if every soldier, sailor and marine smoked cigars he could buy seven-plus cigars a month.

up front, I am perfectly willing to do without, but the truth is I'd like to know why." The Navy in the ETO is automatically in on the ban because it gets its supplies through the Army.

At least one gob was happy about the shortage. He was Rod MacLeod, of Boston, who said, "It's a swell break for me. I've been trying to give up smoking and couldn't stop. Now I have to."

Airmen Demand Probe by Congress

Special to The Stars and Stripes

A FORTRESS BASE, England, Nov. 21—Both combatant and noncombatant airmen of the 388th Bomb Group, commanded by Lt. Col. Chester C. Cox, of Superior, Wis., reacted quickly and violently today when the ban on sale of American cigarettes to noncombatants went into effect at the local PX.

Polled by the public-relations office, 91 per cent of 240 airmen questioned stated flatly that they favored "an immediate Congressional investigation of the cigarette shortage."

In reply to the question: "Do you

Where Map Lines Are Worry's Creases

At the Front, No Armchairs—And Strategy Is Kill or Be Killed

By G. K. Hodenfield

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE U.S. FIRST ARMY AT ESCHWEILER, Germany, Nov. 21—Armchair strategists figure the war out just by looking at a map. "Break through this line, capture these three towns, and then all you have to do is roll right over the Germans all the way to Berlin."

On the map it's easy. Three kilometers of terrain is maybe an inch. Move up three inches, and look where you are.

But up here they fight the war the hard way. They don't figure they're part of an offensive that may move ten or 20 miles. They don't think in terms of defeating an army.

Up here they figure that the first job this morning is to cross that ravine and get that 88 behind that barn. They think in terms of pockets of men, of dug-in positions, of mines and booby-traps and snipers.

Sgt. Tom Walsh, of New York, wasn't thinking this morning that his outfit was part of a plan. He was worried about a machine-gun position abandoned in face of a counter-attack. You could see it sitting there, pointing toward the German

Nazis Retreat On 100-Mile Front in South

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of Metz. Doughboys of the 35th were only seven miles from the Maginot forts.

Troops of the French First Army, whose tank stab to the Rhine shook loose the German hold on Alsace-Lorraine, were quashing Germans still holding out in the southern part of Belfort. Tanks and troops were pouring into the fortress town.

The trans-Rhine tank bombardment was discovered to have knocked out several villages and a rail yard on the eastern bank.

The Seventh Army, under Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, was rolling rapidly through Lorraine, taking a dozen towns in a seven-mile advance northeast from Blamont. Goals of the American-French forces were the cities of Strasbourg, Colmar and Mulhouse. German reports said Allied troops had reached Mulhouse and that house-to-house fighting was in progress in Saarebourg.

Patch's troops were already at the entrances to two of the main passes eastward through the Vosges.

The First and Ninth Armies made gains of nearly two miles after defeating German tank-led thrusts on Monday night. The First, swinging south of Eschweiler, was threatening to break across the eight-lane Adolf Hitler Highway to Cologne. Indications were seen, Reuter said, that the Germans were ready to pull out of Eschweiler. Weather on this sector improved, and the airmen were able to support the ground advances.

The Ninth, already ten miles deep in the Reich, beat off a German attack by 20 to 30 tanks and captured five towns, after crossing one of the Nazis' most formidable barriers in this strongly defended sector—an anti-tank ditch 15 feet wide and deep and ten miles long.

British Second Army forces, also engaged in throwing back the German attacks on the sector north of Aachen, had reached the outer edge of Wurm, more than three miles northeast of Geilenkirchen. In Holland, the British were about three miles from Venlo.

Air - - - -

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pilot, claimed shooting down six FW190s to tie the record of German fighters bagged in a single engagement. This was set by Freddy, who shot down six Me109s on Aug. 6.

Whisner also claimed a probable, which, if confirmed as a kill, would break the record.

Italy-based 15th Air Force heavy bombers again attacked retreating German troops spread out along a 150-mile-long escape route in Yugoslavia.

Lines of jammed convoys along a 15-mile stretch of road were pounded by the heavies after Mustangs had immobilized most of the transport. Lightning fighters carried out a special glide-bombing technique.

RAF Lancasters in daylight yesterday bombed the synthetic-oil plant at Homberg, in the Ruhr.

lines. Walsh was impatient to get it back to work again.

Pvt. Emerald Dietz, of Detroit, and Pfc Herbert Wheeler, of Whiteman, "Mass.," were planning to get that Jerry sniper behind the rock pile. He was making trouble.

Cpl. Charles Rosen, of Brooklyn, N.Y., a medical-aid man, was figuring how to crawl up and get that man whose arm had been pierced by a shell fragment.

To the lieutenant who led the platoon, to the captain who led the company, to the lieutenant colonel who led the battalion—the war was reduced to basic principles.

They figure out how they're going to get rid of those damned Jerries ahead so they can move up and occupy their objective.

They see that their men get fed, and have a chance to clean their rifles, and dig in if they're going to be there for a while.

They take care of themselves. They take care of the men fighting with them.

Up here they figure the war will be over when: 1—the Germans give up, or, 2—when all the Germans are dead.

Up here they fight the war the hard way. They leave the map-marking and the armchair strategy to the guys who have time for it.

Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff

