

**Daily German Lesson**  
*Der Autobus geht schneller*  
*Der Outabooss gayt shneller*  
The bus goes faster

**Daily French Lesson**  
*Deux premieres, s'il vous plait*  
*Duh prumyair seel voo play*  
Two first-class tickets, please

# Big Tank Battle Reported On

## Speedy OK On Stettinius Is Expected

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (AP)—Quick Senate confirmation was predicted today for the nomination of Edward R. Stettinius Jr. as Secretary of State to succeed Cordell Hull as a long list of urgent international problems, headed by the need to complete the Dumbarton Oaks world security plan, awaited action.

Chairman Tom Connally (D-Tex.) called a meeting of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee for tomorrow, and Vice-President Henry A. Wallace said he was confident "the Senate will support the President's choice by confirming him unanimously."

At the State Department, Stettinius, who had been carrying the double burden of Undersecretary and Acting Secretary of State since Hull entered Bethesda (Md.) Naval Hospital in October, buckled down to the enormous job confronting him.

It was expected Stettinius' policies would follow Hull's closely. However, it was also expected that Stettinius, who calls himself "primarily a business man," would rejuvenate the State Department, possibly bringing in new personnel.

If confirmed, Stettinius, only 44 despite his silvery white hair, will be the youngest man to hold the office since George Washington appointed Edmund Randolph, 41.

Born in Chicago, son of a millionaire partner of J. P. Morgan and Co., Stettinius is the product of a private school in Connecticut and the University of Virginia. In his youth "Stet," as he is known to his friends, wanted to become a preacher.

At Virginia, Stet organized a one-man employment agency for fellow students. He was so successful that John Lee Pratt, then vice-president of General Motors Corp., offered him a job at 44 cents an hour. Three years later, Stettinius became Pratt's assistant and shortly after was promoted to a vice-presidential desk.

From General Motors, Stettinius went to the U.S. Steel Corp., and by 1935 was chairman of its finance committee at the age of 35.

Since 1940, Stettinius has been working exclusively for the government. Until his appointment as Undersecretary of State in September, 1943, he headed various emergency and war-time agencies in the capital.

### Asks Highest Honor for Hull

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28—Sen. Albert B. (Happy) Chandler (D-Ky.) today proposed a Congressional Medal of Honor for Cordell Hull, 73-year-old retiring Secretary of State.

Chandler offered a Senate resolution authorizing the President to make the award for Hull's "outstanding work in the promotion of peace and his years of magnificent service to the people of the United States."

## Vignette of War A Hero, In Sky or Out

By Marshall Morgan  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE SEVENTH ARMORED DIVISION—A guy named Joe came down from the skies to an obscure Dutch village near here ten months ago and became the leader of the underground band.

Joe planned by day in candle-lit cellars and worked by night, systematically chopping at the German military network in Holland.

Joe wasn't his real name. All he ever offered was the drawled assertion that he was 24 and that his home town was a faraway place called Boston.

One day last January, after the roar of American bombers had faded on the horizon, Joe came limping into the village, dazed and hurt. He had bailed out of a flak-riddled Liberator.

Luckily, two partisans saw him first. They whisked him underground. Joe was pretty sick for a while. Later, when a tan color was back in his cheeks, he began to go out with his rescuers on nightly missions of sabotage.

Three nights before American troops liberated his foster-home Joe talked to his partisan followers. He needed two volunteers to go with him on an especially dangerous mission.

An hour later two Dutch fighting men staggered back, wounded, somehow carrying between them a bleeding body. A German ambush had caught them.

They buried Joe the following night by stealth. They buried him in the place they thought would best honor his deeds. It was their own churchyard.

## Dynamite Writes Finis to Nazi Pillboxes



Blasted by dynamite placed by Ninth Army engineers, German pillboxes in the Geilenkirchen sector mushroom toward the sky in a thick column of smoke. Two GIs hit the dirt to escape the force of the explosions.

## Fliers Share Their Smokes

Special to The Stars and Stripes  
396TH BOMB GROUP, England, Nov. 28—In a voluntary "Share Your Smokes" move inspired by the current cigarette famine, combat airmen of this Fortress station, commanded by Col. James S. Sutton, of Findlay, Ohio, held a meeting today and unanimously voted to let noncombatants share in the limited cigarette ration.

Under the plan, which will go into

## FDR's 20-a-Day Plenty Since He Cut Down

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (ANS)—Commenting on the cigarette situation from a personal standpoint, President Roosevelt declared yesterday he wasn't suffering because he had cut down on his customary daily quota.

The President said he used to smoke more than two packs a day but that since his illness last Spring he had smoked less than a pack daily.

effect immediately, combat fliers will get only three packages of smokes a week, while noncombatants will get one pack.

As has been the case throughout the Communications Zone for more than a week, combat fliers previously got five packs a week while noncombatants got none.

Following today's meeting, the fighters will voluntarily take only three packs of American butts when they visit the PX. As noncombatants outnumber the others about two to one, this will leave one package for every other man on the station.

### Gain in South Hungary

German Radio reported last night that Russian troops had taken Mohacs, 98 miles south of Budapest, and had pushed 25 miles west to the outskirts of Pecs, coal town in the Danube region.

## The Pen and the Sword Agree

## N.Y. Post Editorial Demands Combat Pay for the Medics

By Carl Larsen

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Nov. 28—Congress should act immediately to give combat pay to the medics, the New York Post urged editorially today.

"One of our boys walked into the office the other day," the editorial asserted. "There was a small piece of purple ribbon on his tunic and he held his left leg stiff against a cane."

"His answers about his wound were brief. But when somebody asked him how long he had lain in the dust of France before he got help he began to talk excitedly:

"There was a medical corpsman by

## Weather Grounds Heavies; Monday Battle 8th's Biggest

While adverse weather curtailed operations by Eighth Air Force aircraft yesterday after two straight days of heavy Luftwaffe opposition, complete reports indicated that Monday's battle was the war's biggest clash between fighters of the Eighth and the German Air Force.

Ranging over the Magdeburg, Hanover, Munster and Brunswick areas on a strafing mission about 500 Mustangs and Thunderbolts encountered approximately 400 enemy pursuits, shooting down 98.

Apparently the Luftwaffe was deceived, because simultaneously about 500 Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by 250 Mustangs, carried out a bombing attack at Offenbach, ten miles southeast of Strasbourg, and at Bingen, west of Mainz, unopposed by Nazi fighters.

U.S. losses in the day's operations were 13 fighters and one bomber.

Meanwhile, the Eighth Air Force yesterday received a letter of congratulation from Air Vice Marshal J. B. Cole-Hamilton, commanding an R.A.F. Fighter Group, "on the outstanding and truly magnificent achievements of both your bomber and fighter air crews and pilots in destroying no less than 236 German aircraft during the last two days."

The letter added, "... convey particularly to your fighter-pilots the warmest admiration, congratulations and good wishes of mine on the tremendous war-winning successes they have and are achieving in shooting down the enemy."

Thirty-one miles of the Dortmund-Ems and Mittelland Canals in Germany were drained dry in a night attack Nov. 21 by 120 RAF Lancasters, it was disclosed yesterday.

The Dortmund-Ems now has been breached three times in two months by the RAF.

The Mittelland Canal—linking central and eastern Germany with the Ruhr and the Rhineland—was breached Oct. 26 by Eighth Air Force Liberators.

my side in a couple of minutes. I never got a chance to thank him, because he was killed that day. Those guys are great—they're the greatest outfit in the world. Then we learned that medical corpsmen in the U.S. Army don't get combat pay."

"The Associated Press reported from Germany that infantrymen of one outfit were angry because medical enlisted men don't receive combat pay. They made up a fund to pay the medics ten dollars monthly extra out of their own pockets."

"We think that act by an anonymous outfit of foot-slogging soldiers toward one of their own corps tells us a lot more than words, citations or accolades of generals."

## Britain Adds Up Its War Effort

The story of Britain's total mobilization for war—a closely-guarded secret for more than five years—was revealed to the world yesterday when the Government published a 64-page White Paper.

By the middle of this year, the White Paper showed, almost 22 million men and women out of Britain's total population of 45 million were registered for the armed forces, industry or civilian-defense jobs. Highlights of the story were:

Arms—102,609 planes, 25,116 tanks, 732 major naval vessels, 5,000,000 tons of merchant shipping, 3,729,921 machine guns, 2,001,949 rifles produced since start of war.

Losses—176,081 servicemen, 57,298 civilians, 29,629 merchant seamen killed. Submarines sank 782 ships, totalling 3,695,000 tons.

Houses—Of 13,000,000 homes in U.K., 4,500,000 damaged, 202,000 totally destroyed.

Food—Far more bulky, starchy foods, less meats and vegetables eaten than before war.

Women—Seven million out of 16,000,000 between 14 and 59 in auxiliary services, CD or industry.

### No Shell Shortage—Churchill

Prime Minister Churchill told the House of Commons yesterday that there was no shortage of shells for the British armies in Europe or the Far East.

Replying to a question which was prompted by the recent shell appeals made to the American people by President Roosevelt and Gen. Eisenhower, Churchill said:

"I am prepared to say that, provided factory workers maintain... the present planned output, there is no reason to suppose that the British armies will be short of necessary ammunition to fight their battles."

## 'Raid-Tokyo' Bases Attacked by Japs

Japanese pilots, attempting to cut down the strength of the "raid-Tokyo" bases in the Marianas, carried out two attacks against Saipan yesterday, according to New York Radio.

Meanwhile, ground operations in the Philippines were bogged down by rain, though Gen. MacArthur's bombers hit enemy airbases on Cebu and Negros Islands. The fighter escort downed eight of 30 interceptors.

## Nazis Tell Of 7th Army Vosges Blow

German reports said yesterday that a great tank battle had opened on the southern flank of the Western Front, claiming that the Seventh Army had thrown 200 tanks into three thrusts south of Saar Union, on the western approaches to the northern Vosges Mountains.

While there was no direct confirmation of the enemy assertions, The Associated Press reported that the Seventh Army, its flank secured by the earlier breakthrough to the Rhine in the Strasbourg area, had sent a force of tanks against German forces retreating northward above Sarrebourg.

### Planes Batter Foe

Allied planes were said to have hit troop concentrations in this area as the weather enabled the air forces to raid behind the enemy lines, hitting bridges, gun posts and rail yards along the battle front. Black Widows were reported operating on the First Army sector.

The Seventh was said to be making good progress north along the Rhine's west bank above Strasbourg, but roundabout reports that Allied troops had crossed the Rhine in this region went without confirmation.

First Army troops were three miles from the Roer River town of Duren, next major objective along the Adolf Hitler Highway to Cologne, as they fought through the streets of Jungersdorf.



Other house-to-house battles continued in the towns of Inden, Grosshau, Hurlgen and Langerwehe. The doughboys were said to have the advantage now of fighting downhill toward the Roer, chief Nazi barrier in this sector before the Rhine.

### Ninth Reported at Roer

On the First's left flank, troops of Lt. Gen. William Simpson's Ninth Army were reported to have reached the Roer at two points, clearing the village of Kirchberg, less than a mile south of Julich, on the far bank. Gains on this sector were measured in hundreds of yards, as the Ninth ran into the same grinding resistance besetting the First doughboys. Simpson's men recaptured (Continued on page 4)

## Vignette of Peace It's the Law —Or Is It?

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (ANS)—Chairman Sol Bloom (D-N.Y.) of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, who is recognized as an authority on the Constitution, posed the interesting proposition today that the "U.S. Constitution is unconstitutional."

Bloom explained that the Constitution was "illegally drawn up," stating that the meeting in Philadelphia in 1787, which was known as the Constitutional Convention, "was nothing of the sort. It was merely a meeting of deputies to amend the Articles of Confederation. And that was its sole purpose."

The Congressman said that "everyone conversant with parliamentary law knows that when a group is called together for a specific purpose it has no right to consider something else."

"But that is just what the members did," Bloom added. "They proposed amendment after amendment to the Articles of Confederation but couldn't get any place."

"So instead of amending the Articles, the job for which they were called, they scrapped the Articles altogether and proposed the Constitution."

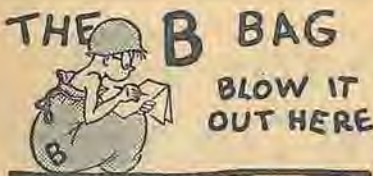
"Any of the states could have raised a point of order."



SOL BLOOM



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**Amendments for ARs**  
Nov. 18, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
Below is a list of suggestions which, if  
adopted as regulations and enforced with the  
utmost rigidity by the Army, the Air  
Force and the Service Forces, will un-  
doubtedly help to:

A—Shorten the war; B—Make the war  
easier for the masses of the men; C—  
Bring home the realities of war to a  
minority of the men.

1—All officers and EM will use messes  
on an equal basis.

2—Officers' barracks, showers and  
facilities shall be of the same quality, and  
adjacent to EM barracks, showers, etc.

3—It shall be a crime, punishable by  
life imprisonment, to sell, trade or barter  
government food for material gain, or  
favors, or both.

4—The mailing of packages to men  
shall be prohibited.

5—All men shall be limited to receiving  
one personal letter per week from his  
home, to be sent by a person of his  
choice. This shall not include papers,  
periodicals, or magazines, which will be  
sent only by his request.—D. Y. D.,  
B.A.D.

**"Ugliest GI" Candidate**  
Nov. 21, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
I meet with approval the suggestion  
made by 1/Sgt. Raishly for a contest to  
select the ugliest GI in the U.K., as I  
know I would win it hands down.

I'm a former professional wrestler, and  
Maurice "The Angel" Tillet looks like  
Victor Mature compared with me. I have  
no pictures available, but I am enclosing



a very remarkable likeness of myself  
which was drawn by a former professional  
artist.

I'm sure if you print this you will not  
be bothered by any other boast, as the  
readers can see for themselves that I am  
the "King."—S/Sgt. Sam B. "Tojo" Bowen.

**The Cigarette Shortage**  
Nov. 21, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,

We would like to know since  
when did one GI get to be better than  
another? We think that if there isn't  
enough cigarettes for everyone to get their  
equal amount, that everyone should do  
without or roll their own. Hell, we have  
all rolled a cigarette one time in our life,  
so why not divide them with everyone,  
and when they are gone, then we can do  
without. . . . We have anywhere from  
seven to 27 missions and some of them  
were rough and we are shaky as hell,  
but we don't need cigarettes that damn  
bad, so see if there can't be something  
done to help everyone. . . . —A Few Boys  
on Three B17 Crews, S/Sgt. Ray T.  
Underwood, S/Sgt. Louis A. Frosali,  
S/Sgt. Richard R. Marshall, S/Sgt.  
Charles R. Warteney, S/Sgt. R. W. Van  
Hove, T/Sgt. W. J. Ryan, S/Sgt. R.  
Hornvall.

**War or Social Affair?**  
Nov. 18, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
This is in regard to the article, Luff  
Finds a Yay. I would like to know if  
the U.S. is running a Lonely Hearts Club  
for these internees in our prison camps?  
It seems that I have never heard of an  
American getting married, by proxy or  
otherwise, in one of their (German)  
prison camps. Is this supposed to be an  
all-out war or just one big social affair  
between the involved countries? . . . —Some  
Befuddled GIs, Cpl. Harold Brunton, Pfc  
M. S. Ludgin, T/Sgt. G. Spain, Pfc.  
Raymond E. Balfour, Cpl. Chester L.  
Burnette.

**Editorials on Krauts**  
Nov. 21, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
Read in a B-Bag letter the irritation  
and lament of a chaplain over your edi-  
torials, which, unadorned by the conven-  
tional bluster and blather, lack, to his  
mind, "rationalization." He doesn't seem  
to understand that the time for easy  
rationalization has quite passed our stage  
of action, and that the time now is for  
the straight facts which will contribute  
to our action, for the simple lessons that  
we've come to learn through contact with  
and observation of the Krauts. . . . —  
T/S Jerome Balmuth, Sig. Corps.

**Hash Marks**

Who said that? "Things are becoming  
so confused in Washington that German  
spies don't know what's going on."

Silly conversation (on the home front):  
"Good morning, Mrs. H., how is your  
son doing in the Army?"  
"Oh, fine. He has reached the grade  
of AWOL and next week they're going  
to make him a court-martial."

GI philosophy. When a man gets too  
old to set a bad example, he starts giving  
good advice.

Pvt. Bill Flood and other GIs in a  
range-finder section of an AA battalion  
claim they've found an almost-guaran-



teed way of getting home quicker than  
other guys in the ETO after Germany is  
licked. They are going to seek readmis-  
sion to the States under the immigration  
quota.

Cpl. Dave Halberg, of a signal photo  
company, sends us the following defini-  
tion of his girl: "Her lips are kissproof,  
her skin is waterproof and her breath  
is 88 proof."

Guys named Herman get no sympathy  
from one MP lieutenant when they com-  
plain about newspapers referring to the  
Nazis by this name. The lieutenant is  
George Jerry Jr.

Sign in a cigarette-less PX—"No Ifs,  
and or Butts."

Still in a daze, he demanded, "Who are  
you?" "I'm the lieutenant in charge of  
this club," was the answer. "Well, sir,  
that's a helluva way to get new members,"  
said the GI, popping to attention.

The big bomber was limping back to its  
base when the engineer rushed up to the  
pilot who was preparing to land and  
warned, "We're almost out of gas and I  
just discovered our landing gear has been  
shot off." The pilot turned to the bom-  
bardier and shouted, "Hey, George,  
better stick your feet out of the bomb  
bay and run like hell."

We never had much use for swagger  
sticks, but now we think one would come  
in handy. We just talked to a second lieu-

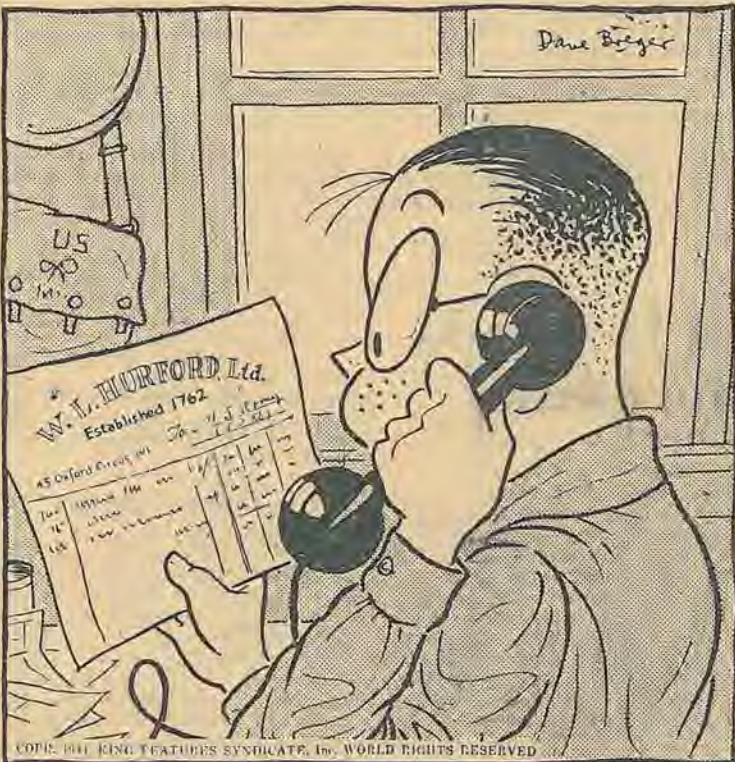


tenant who put a nail at the end of his  
stick. Sez it's just the thing for spiking  
cigarette butts.

Most unappreciated man in the Army  
—a table waiter—when the chow's bad  
he gets the blame. When it's good, the  
mess officer eats there, too.

J. C. W.

**PRIVATE BREGER**



"Operator, get me 'Established 1762'!"

**Another Peek at the U.S.A. of Today**

Reporter Kiley Finds It No Better, No Worse, and He's Grateful

In view of the controversy stirred by recent articles on the  
home front written by Stars and Stripes reporters Bud Hutton  
and Ben F. Price, who emphasized a lack of awareness of the  
war among people in the U.S., we herewith present a picture  
of life at home by another Stars and Stripes reporter. Before  
going home on a three-month assignment Kiley spent nearly 2½  
years in the ETO covering both the air and ground war. He  
has just returned from New York, and here are his views.

By Charles F. Kiley  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

You have your own idea of the America you want to  
find when you go home. It may be different than the  
one we hoped would still be there after 2½ years. But  
if it is the same, your U.S.A. will be your home town,  
your family and friends, the house with the white flag  
pole in the front garden and the girl who promised to  
wait—and did.

Your America will be the one place in the world you  
will be glad hasn't changed much and the one place you  
will want to go back to.

There will be some changes, of course. Your father  
will look a little older. Mother has passed away. Your  
sister will be married and mother of the healthiest kid  
you ever saw. Your kid brother, who was a civilian when  
last you saw him, will be in a field hospital in France. A  
lot of your friends will be married with children. Some  
will have as many overseas stripes as you have. People  
you know will be making good money, \$75 to \$100 a  
week, but they will not be making much headway, what  
with taxes and the war-time cost of living.

But everything will be pretty much the same as you  
left it—no better, no worse—and you'll be damned  
grateful.

After you are home a while you will begin to notice the  
chiselers. There are enough of them who got fat on the war  
and chances are they will be the same ones who chiseled in  
peace time, so there won't be much difference there.

If you live in a city you will spend hours just looking at the  
restaurants and bars, because you had almost forgotten there  
was food and drink aplenty, even in America. And you will  
add about 20 pounds to your frame on the home cooking the  
family will shovel into you.

There will be several things to make you uneasy. Like Bud  
Hutton said a couple of months ago, people will proudly boast  
of the War Bonds they bought while you were away, of the  
donations they made to the Red Cross and the time they put  
in with the local USO. They will tell you how much over-  
time they worked in a war plant, all the time trying to make  
you feel that America at home did its part. It will all seem  
like a pretty small contribution by comparison. But if you look  
at America as this reporter did you will bear with them,  
because in a couple of years it will straighten out.

You will see civic organizations and politicians and Holly-



This Is Home—Youngsters Fish in Kansas

wood people capitalizing on what they did for the servicemen  
and you'll burn up a little inside. In fact, you'll burn up  
about a lot of things. You will hear of some labor organiza-  
tion that doesn't want to give servicemen preference in post-  
war jobs and you will get into some hot arguments about it.

Maybe, like us, you will feel able to make your own post-war  
life without any help from labor or veterans' organizations.  
You will not want anybody to "pity the poor soldier."

You will discover that your family, in particular, will make  
a big fuss over you when you get home. It will be embarrass-  
ing, but you'll be able to stand it.

You may go home with the idea there are a lot of guys,  
healthy and young, who are still wearing civvies. You won't,  
however, find too many of them. When you see service flags  
in the windows of four out of five houses, you will realize  
Uncle Samuel is just about getting everybody in sight.

There will be football games, baseball, hockey, basketball,  
good shows, beautiful women, steaks, ice cream, bourbon and  
rye, green mountains, fishing, clear lakes. Why go on—you  
know them all.

**Conquered, but No Stoop**

**Irritating Germans Expecting—  
And Getting—Good Treatment**

This is the last in a series of articles  
describing American military government  
in Germany.

By Jack Fleischer  
United Press War Correspondent

WITH THE U.S. ARMY IN GER-  
MANY, Nov. 28—One of the most  
characteristic and irritating features of  
the way civilians in western Germany are  
reacting to American occupation is that  
all of them profess to be anti-Nazi,  
although only a few weeks ago they were  
wearing party buttons and heiling Hitler.  
They apparently expected the Americans  
to treat them the same way the Yanks  
treated the French, Belgians and Dutch.

Outwardly, the Germans are extremely  
polite, even fawning, but they're ready  
to grab every opportunity to ignore or  
evade regulations laid down by AMG.  
Maj. Joseph Ackerman, of Colorado  
Springs, Colo., now working in Her-  
zogenrath, neatly summed up this aspect.

**Lacking in Workers**

"We post proclamations that no Ger-  
man men are permitted in the streets.  
But, especially the first few days after a  
town is captured, there are not enough  
AMG people available to enforce such  
regulations. Consequently, some German  
watches American troops roll past his

doorway. Nobody challenges him, so  
he steps into his front yard. Still nobody  
says anything. Next thing, the Jerry is  
wandering around the streets as he  
pleases."

The Germans are not insolent, but they  
often display amazing brass.

One AMG official told about the  
wealthy farmer who complained, with a  
straight face, that encampment of  
American troops in his orchard was  
gravely damaging his property. "That,  
coming from a Jerry, after we had ripped  
hell out of farms all the way across  
France and Belgium to clear out the  
Germans!" said the AMG man.

**Wonder About Attitude**

If such things are typical while war  
still rages only a few miles beyond these  
conquered areas, it is reasonable to  
wonder what the German attitude will be  
after hostilities cease.

I still am looking for Germans who  
will admit Germany's and the German  
people's guilt for this war, or at least  
show some semblance of moral repen-  
tance for the crimes committed in  
occupied countries. The only reaction I  
am able to get, no matter whether I  
approach the Germans coldly and  
formally or in a friendly manner, is that  
each one methodically damns Hitler and  
the Nazis, making a distinction between  
"us Germans and the Nazis."

The food situation for German civilians  
looks comparatively good for this winter.  
I asked Walter Aschke, operator of two  
coal mines, whether he didn't agree that  
it was even better than for the Dutch,  
just across the frontier.

He merely replied, in a matter of fact  
voice, "Yes, I believe it is." And from  
previous experience with other Germans,  
I knew that it was useless to mention how  
the Germans had looted Holland.

**Damage Self Inflicted**

Later I walked through the streets of  
Kohlscheid, which was only slightly  
damaged, and even had Aschke admit  
that nine-tenths of the damage had been  
inflicted by German artillery.

I saw the heads of two teen-age boys  
leaning out of a second-storey window,  
one boy smoking a long-stemmed pipe.  
Both were laughing and joking with a  
couple of nicely dressed girls in the street  
below. I saw a couple of young women  
wearing fur coats and silk stockings.

I could not help but think of the  
Norwegians, with whose troubles I became  
so well acquainted during 19 months in  
Stockholm. The fur coats I saw in  
Kohlscheid might well have been brought  
from Norway by German soldiers.

Jeeping back to the base, I also thought  
about the German mayor of Alsdorf, with  
whom I talked yesterday. He was the  
same mayor Alsdorf had when the Ameri-  
cans entered the city. In fact, he had  
been mayor of Alsdorf since 1934, the  
year after Hitler came to power. He had  
been a Nazi since May, 1933. He still  
had 90 per cent of his old staff working  
with him under AMG.

It all made me wonder.

**Newman's  
Yankee Doodles**

HOLLYWOOD—Radio, screen, and  
stage. gag-writer, shortage, has  
become serious because writers are  
in the services.



"What are you griping about? This old  
gag always gets a laugh!"

**AFN Radio Program**

American Forces Network—With the AEF  
on the Road to Berlin

On Your Dial

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## Navy's Great Line in Action Against Georgia Tech



## Once Over Lightly

By Andy Rooney

NEW YORK, Nov. 28—You can't enjoy the game without the names and draft numbers of all the players!

More than one seller of programs at America's college football games this fall has urged customers into buying his wares with sales talk along that line, and in a good many instances there is a lot more truth than poetry behind the words. Take the case of Ohio State for example.

The Buckeyes, who climaxed an unbeaten, untied season Saturday by knocking off Michigan for the Big Ten championship and thereby laid claim to the civilian football championship of America, are touchdown-producing proof that 4-Fs aren't necessarily lads who can be pushed around. No less than five members of the Ohio State starting lineup are in the 4-F class.

Militarily speaking, here is the way the Buckeye roster reads: Jack Dugger, left end, 4-F; Bill Willis, left tackle, 4-F; Tom Snyder, left guard, sweet seventeen; Gordon Appleby, center, 4-F; Bill Hackett, right guard, 2-A (veterinary student); Russ Thomas, right tackle, 4-F; Traian Deadiu, right end, 17; Les Horvath, quarterback, 2-A (dental student); Dick Flanagan, left half, 17; Bob Brugge, right half, 17; Ollie Cline, fullback, 4-F.

Folks who bet on the horses are slightly worried for fear they may be deprived of their favorite entertainment. Latest to serve them up a winning session is Lt. Gen. William Knudsen who, in a speech to Los Angeles war workers suggested it would be a good idea if the nation abandoned horse racing for the duration as it is pulling too many workers away from the factories. It was only two weeks ago that New York's Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia suggested the same thing in a radio speech.

The 29th Division should be happy to hear this. Officials at Staunton Military Academy have hired a sculptor for the job of carving a suitable memorial to Maj. Thomas Howie, who was killed leading his men into St. Lo last summer. Maj. Howie used to coach football at Staunton, one of the most sports-minded prep schools in the country.

**SHORT SHOTS:** Does this bring back memories? One of the rules of the Pacific Coast pro football loop reads: "Stealing towels, tableware or equipment from any hotel or public conveyance may result in fines or immediate dismissal."

Word is that prexy Ed Barrow, of the New York Yankees, doesn't want any professional football played in Yankee Stadium now or after the war. Unless Mr. Barrow changes his mind that's going to make it a little tough on the New York club of the All-America Conference, since they have been figuring on the Stadium as their home grounds. . . . A crowd of 45,000 turned out for opening day at Mexico City's race track, Hippodrom de los Americas. . . . The Chicago Herald-American's annual poll resulted in the selection of Ray Meyer, of DePaul, as the outstanding basketball coach in the country, with Joe Lapchick, mentor of St. John's Redmen, who drubbed DePaul in the national tournament, getting only third place in the voting.

## Ack-Ack Salvoes Punctuate Cheers In Holland Game

SOMEWHERE IN HOLLAND, Nov. 28 (UP)—A war correspondent riding along only a dozen miles from the German border got the surprise of his life here Sunday. Passing an enlarged cow pasture he looked up to see two football teams wearing standard equipment playing for keeps, and the first thing he heard as he pulled to a stop was a Brooklyn GI voice yelling, "Get that punk belly off the field. He's a bum!"

It was late in the third period and the teams turned out to be the 29th Tactical Air Force Maroon Wave and the Ninth Air Force Thunderbirds. And though the big battle of the day in this section of the world was a few miles away, customers did see a fair fist fight between a Thunderbird linesman and Referee Capt. Joe Patterson, formerly of the University of Nebraska. In Holland, as in Brooklyn, needless to say, the referee finally won the argument.

Two advertisements on the grandstand (the pasture used to be a soccer field) read "Gun Uw Vrow Ook Wat," which is Dutch for washing machines, and "Ridder Bieren," which isn't too hard to figure out. They even had an announcer. And just to liven things up, Jim Brown of Chicago kept yelling as a rib, "Get your hot dogs now. Peanuts, cigarettes and soda pop!"

The lads of the 29th finally copped the game, 3-0, on a 28-yard field goal by 290-pound Thurman "Tiny" Garrett, of Oklahoma City.

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Here's a sample of how Navy linemen maul the opposition. Ralph Ellsworth (right) goes 14 yards as his line not only holds but bowls over Georgia Tech's forward wall. Stansfield Turner, shown hurdling his own men, acts as a convoy for destroyer Ellsworth. Behind Ellsworth is Clyde Scott, who also hopes to get up in time to act as an escort for the ball carrier. The three players standing at the left are part of Tech's secondary.

## Middie Mentor Prepping Line To Stop Cadets' Potent Attack

BALTIMORE, Nov. 28—Even though Navy's line is rated by many football experts as the best in collegiate circles, Head Coach Cmdr. Swede Hagberg is plenty concerned with the puzzling little item called the T-formation which Army's Doc Blanchard, Glenn Davis, Dale Hall, Dean Sensenbaur, Max Minor, Tom Lombardo and other Army backs will be operating against the Middies here Saturday.

In eight games the Navy line has held opponents to a net gain of 301 yards from scrimmage. They tacked negative marks on three opponents, holding Georgia Tech to a minus six, Penn to a minus 16 and Cornell to a minus 20 yards on the ground.

Army's line has yielded 464 yards on the ground, including a minus 38 for the



TOM LOMBARDO



MAX MINOR

Villanova game, for an average of 58 yards per game.

Yet Hagberg isn't interested in his opponent's defense. He believes his powerful backfield, strengthened by the return of Bobby Jenkins, will take care of itself against the unbeaten, unthreatened Cadets. What he wants is to get his line ready to break up those T-formation razzle-dazzles before they get started.

## 8th AF Elezens to Play At Norwich, Cambridge

Four Eighth AF football teams will celebrate the "traditional" American Thanksgiving Day tomorrow by locking horns in grid games that are expected to draw big crowds at Norwich and Cambridge. The gridders of the 384th Bomb group of the First Division and the 445th Bomb Group of the Second Division will settle their differences at Norwich. The 384th team, which has won five, tied one and lost none, is led by S/Sgt. John Gardiner, former Minnesota halfback from Minneapolis, while Lt. Joseph E. King, 190-pound former University of Maine quarterback, has paced the 445th team all year.

At Cambridge, the Blue Blazers of a Fortress Base will tackle the Grayhounds of another Fortress base. The Blue Blazers have two wins in four starts, while the Grayhounds have rolled to three victories in five games.

## Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune



## Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



## Farley, Walker In Running for Baseball Post

NEW YORK, Nov. 28—The question of a successor to Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis as baseball's high commissioner, often discussed in the past, has become a must on the docket of the forthcoming baseball meetings. The 78-year-old jurist was recommended for another term as baseball's boss a few days before he died, but there is a doubt whether the moguls will turn their business over to one man again or revert to a three-man commission such as functioned before the advent of Landis.

Leslie O'Connor, Landis' secretary, is generally regarded as the judge's personal choice for his successor, but O'Connor is not too popular with the majority of baseball men and, apparently noting the handwriting on the wall, has said that he doesn't want the job.



JIM FARLEY

Among those mentioned as possible successors to the job are James A. Farley, former postmaster general; Ford Frick and Will Harridge, presidents of the National and American leagues respectively; Tom Courtney, unsuccessful candidate for the Illinois governorship; Frank Shaughnessy, president of the International League, and Jimmy Walker, former mayor of New York City.

Before a successor is chosen, however, it's almost certain that the clause calling for an appeal to the President in case the leagues cannot agree on a selection will be dropped. The clause was inserted in the agreement 24 years ago when scandal and dissension were dominant notes in baseball. The magnates feel now that they can handle their own business, even to making their own choice as to who will run it for them.

## U.S. Circuit Picks Grange

CHICAGO, Nov. 28—The United States Football League, with eight teams, including one from Honolulu, announced today that Harold "Red" Grange, Illinois' Galloping Ghost of two decades ago, had been elected president, and that the loop will operate in 1945.

Grange was elected at a meeting in which franchises were granted Akron, Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia, Washington, Chicago, New York and Honolulu. The "Ghost" said that the league, incorporated under Illinois laws, would have its headquarters in Chicago and extract \$10,000 guarantees from each franchise holder.

Grange said he had investigated the professional football business from all angles and was convinced that under proper management his league would prosper side by side with the National Football League. He said his circuit would not attempt to sign football players already under contract to the National League, "but as for players they call under their draft that's another story. Final choice should be up to the player himself."

## Joe Baksi Kayoes Buddy Knox in 4th

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 28—Joe Baksi, Kulpmont, Pa., heavyweight, kayoes Cpl. Buddy Knox, of Fort Dix, N.J., and Dayton, Ohio, in 39 seconds of the fourth round of a scheduled ten-rounder here last night.

Baksi was in front all the way, dropping Knox twice for nine counts and twice for an eight. The blow that spelled the finish was a terrific left hook to the solar plexus.

## Puente Decisions Williams To Even Score in a Thriller

By Mark Senigo

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

ETO fight fans who watched Pvt. Jesse Puente win the lightweight championship of the Eighth Air Force, only to be beaten by Pvt. Herbie Williams for the USSTAF crown last spring, were treated to a fist surprise at the Rainbow Corner last night as Jess pummeled his way to a decision over Williams in one of the greatest exhibitions this reporter has seen in three seasons of Rainbow bouts.

Williams had been scheduled to meet

Pfc Dick Shinn, but Shinn failed to appear.

Puente, a 143-pounder from Los Angeles, twice dropped Williams to the canvas in the third round, at five seconds for no count and again at 28 seconds for nine. Only Williams' stamina and ring wile saved him from a knockout as Puente piled it on in that last frame.

Although the opening stanza was devoted to feinting on both sides, Williams, 138-pound Negro from New

## No Pot of Old Gold At Rainbow Corner

The cigarette shortage hit Rainbow Corner's weekly light program last night when, for the first time since Jan. 5, 1943, the sunshine girls—ARC workers—failed to throw out smokes to the GIs who packed the hall. Only explanation for the lack of free butts from Rainbow Corner ARC personnel was, "There aren't any cigarettes."

Orleans, built up a slight points margin with aggressive lefts and rights to the head, while Puente relied on defensive counter-punching. But the second round, a slugfest like the third, saw Jess pound Herbie in close, while Williams missed.

Newcomer Cpl. Ben Starnes, of Monroe, N.C., 145, stayed off a first-minute assault by Sgt. Roy Sweatt, 150-pounder from Newport, Ark., to win handily over the three-round distance in the opener of the six-bout card. Only the bell saved Sweatt from being kayoesd.

In other fights: Pvt. William Torrence, Iowa City, Iowa, 165, and Pvt. Joe Reilich, Chicago, 158, went to no decision. (Reilich suffered a cut eye in the first.)

Cpl. Trinidad Martinez, El Paso, Tex., 141, outpointed Cpl. George Yentzen, Nederland, Tex., 144.

Cpl. Al Lindsey, San Antonio, Tex., 142, kayoesd Pvt. Joe Tessauro, Philadelphia, 142, in 10 of the first.

Cpl. Allen Reado, Seattle, Wash., 150, outpointed Sgt. Al Beacon, Providence, R.I., 148.



## Life in Those United States

## Says FDR Favors Plan For Citizenship Training

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (ANS)—Rep. James W. Wadsworth (D-N.Y.), co-author of the Selective Service Act, asserted today that Congress believed President Roosevelt favored legislation which would compel the nation's youth to take a year's training in citizenship rather than along military lines.

However, Wadsworth predicted that neither the lame-duck Congress nor the new Congress, which takes over in January, would pass such legislation. At the same time, Wadsworth added that the Army and Navy would refuse to propose compulsory citizenship training.

Wadsworth said that "there is nothing in the Constitution which permits Congress to employ compulsion except for military purposes." Meantime, the House Committee on Post-War Military Policy reported to Speaker Sam Rayburn that the question of peace-time military training "should be most carefully explored at an early date."

**CAPITAL SHORTS:** Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.), head of the Joint Congressional Inaugural Committee, said that President Roosevelt's fourth inaugural speech "will last only four minutes" and that "the whole affair will cost only \$2,000—an epochal in brevity and economy." . . . OPA announced that Christmas trees for everyone would be available this year.

The House Judiciary Committee met to consider plans to propose an amendment which would give the Representatives a voice in the making of the peace treaties. . . . The Army and Navy Journal said it understood the Navy soon would establish a policy placing reserve officers on an equal basis with Annapolis graduates in rank standing.

## Oil Demand Soars

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (Reuter)—Petroleum Administrator Harold L. Ickes disclosed today that military demands for all types of gas and oil had increased to more than 800,000 barrels a day in 1944 as compared with the 1941 figure of 150,000 barrels daily. In addition, military demands for other petroleum products have brought the daily minimum requirement to 1,600,000, Ickes said. He added that civilians were getting only 36 per cent of amount available in 1941.



HAROLD ICKES

## Stopping the Clock

SEATTLE, Nov. 28 (ANS)—A local newspaper received a call from an irate woman who asked where she could have an alarm clock repaired. When told that such repairs required materials vital to the war effort, she retorted: "Well, I read in the paper where the White House is getting a new cabinet. If they can spare material for that, they can surely let me have enough for my clock."

## Affirm Doris Duke's Decree

RENO, Nov. 28 (Reuter)—Doris Duke Cromwell's divorce from James Cromwell, ex-U.S. minister to Canada, which was granted here last year, was affirmed today. The court said that a ruling obtained by Cromwell in New Jersey last May challenging the decree was "obtained by fraud and imposition."

## We're a Profane Influence on Army Profanity

FORT MONMOUTH, N.J., Nov. 28 (ANS)—Is swearing a lost art in the Army? "Yes!" said the soldier editor of Today's War News, who argued today that the tremendous influx of civilians into uniform had made Army swearing "something it's not what it's cracked up to be."

"The most superficial observer cannot fail to see that most Army profanity is monotonous reiteration of four-letter words," he said. "Such deadly repetition is sapping the lifeblood of a race, vigorous Anglo-Saxon verb. It no longer means anything. It is tossed off, casually, like a mark of punctuation."

"Researchers say this corrosive influence extends to all branches of the service. Even in the Field Artillery, once an enlightened center of plain and fancy swearing, the drop in quality is manifest. Low-grade modern swearing has dragged the mule skinner's lively idiom down to its own level."

"Our Army has a proud tradition of swearing."

## Mechanized White Wing

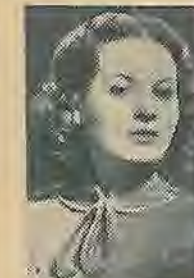
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 28 (ANS)—A truck, overturning on a wet pavement and spilling its load of soap chips, gave a street here the most thorough cleaning in its history.

## Must They, Doc?

NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 28 (ANS)—Girls should be encouraged to be "tomboys," Dr. Bruce B. Robinson, of the Board of Education, said today. "They make the best teachers," he said.

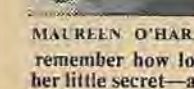
## Film Producers Going Stork Raving Mad

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 28 (ANS)—The we're-having-a-baby announcements of glamorous screen stars are worrying Hollywood producers, who have a new year of film schedules to meet.



Even as Maureen O'Hara and Ruth Hussey, after recently having babies, returned before the cameras this week, Ann Southern was momentarily awaiting the summons of the stork. A little bundle is also soon expected in the home of Mrs. Orson Welles—she is Rita Hayworth, to you.

Next year's announced entrants in the baby parade include Paulette Goddard, wife of Burgess Meredith; Hedy Lamarr, who is Mrs. John Loder; and Susan Hayward, Mrs. Jess Barker.



Studios' biggest worry is over those actresses who aren't telling—yet. They remember how long Betty Grable (she's the wife of handleader Harry James) kept her little secret—almost until her offspring arrived.



BETTY GRABLE

## YWCAT

SEATTLE, Nov. 28 (ANS)—YMCA officials held a hasty rechristening when their mascot, "Yum Causo"—short for "Young Man of the Christian Association"—gave birth to five kittens. Name now is "Bluebell."

## My Son, My Son

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 28 (ANS)—"My boy has been hit by a car," a woman excitedly telephoned police today. Two squad cars and an ambulance rushed to the scene, to find that "My Boy" was a dog.

## In the Arm Chairs, No Rising

## Senator Says Overseas Brass Gets Priority on Promotions

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (ANS)—A lively dispute developed today with the disclosure that the Senate Military Committee had held up the promotions of officers described by one senator as "armchair generals."

Sen. Chan Gurney (R-S.D.) protested that the committee had "unfairly" delayed action on 25 or 30 boosts for officers stationed in the U.S., while the advancements to the rank of brigadier and major general had been OK'd for more than 60 serving abroad.

Furthermore, Gurney said, the overseas promotion list was approved without the customary committee hearing and at

a time when only two of the 18 committee members were present.

Sen. Edwin C. Johnson (D-Colo.), meantime, defended the committee for giving priority to combatmen, saying:

"There never has been an objection to promoting overseas generals, but there has been quite a bit of objection to the promotion of so-called armchair generals down here at the Pentagon Building."

Gurney countered that "officers serving under Gen. Marshall are members of a team and I object to the way this list has been handled. I for one don't intend to differentiate between those serving at home and those overseas."

Gurney added: "Those at home would give their right arms to get overseas."

## A Nazi Outburst Demands an Answer



A U.S. mortar crew sets up shop in a street of Hoven, Germany, during a Nazi counter-attack

## Plucked From the Air News

## 'Crazy Landing' Saves Lives; Bluff Saves Crippled Lib

92ND BOMB GROUP, Nov. 28—With five "dead" machine-guns, jammed by frozen moisture, and with four FW190s stalking the crippled bomber, the Fortress Hubert returned to base on a bluff and a prayer.

"It's unorthodox to bluff with five of a kind in poker," 2/Lt. Walter Woodrow, a co-pilot from Newton, Ia., said, "but it looked as if the Jerries were going to call us—until our Mustangs, bless them, cut in on the game."

Flak had knocked out two engines on the way to Hamburg. Despite the fact he was forced to trail the formation by 20 miles, 1/Lt. Cyrus Broman, pilot from Winnetka, Ill., got Hubert over the target and swung around for home.

Several minutes later the four Nazi fighters began to tail the bomber, remaining just out of range of its .50-cal. machine-guns. Although the guns were inoperative, the crewmen pointed the barrels at the threatening planes. The Jerries flew along for five minutes, apparently deliberating on a plan of attack.

Just as the enemy fighters swung into position for an attack ten Mustangs appeared and the Nazis fled.

## Belgian Chief Voted Powers

BRUSSELS, Nov. 28 (AP)—With British troops and tanks guarding Parliament, the Belgian Chamber of Deputies today approved, 116 to 12, Premier Hubert Pierlot's bill for extraordinary powers.

It was the first time British forces had been on open display in the bitter wrangle between the Pierlot government and the resistance movements.

Meanwhile, columns of marchers were reported converging on the capital to join in the "national day of protest" against Pierlot's regime tomorrow.

British troops set out to disarm one column of 600 marching from Mons, and first reports said 200 had surrendered their weapons without a struggle.

## 24 Hours of Rain Slow 8th Army

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Nov. 28 (Reuter)—Twenty-four hours of rain have slowed up the Eighth Army's drive towards the Po Plain, but fierce fighting continues along the Lamone River above and below Faenza.

Except for isolated German outposts which have been overrun by the British advance, the Allies now hold the whole east bank of the Lamone for 12 miles northeast and southwest of Faenza.

## Keyhole Reporter Unlocks a 'Big Secret'

NEW YORK, Nov. 28 (ANS)—"Churchill confirmed my statement that the government is figuring on a July, 1945, windup in Germany," according to Broadway columnist Ed Sullivan.

## Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



## Overseas Duty Stirs 'Mutiny' In Canadians

Three regiments of drafted troops have staged daily demonstrations since Sunday at Terrance, British Columbia, protesting the government's proposal to send conscripted men overseas and demanding to be returned to their Quebec homes, Canadian dispatches said yesterday.

A brigade spokesman at the scene, characterizing the incidents as "mutiny," said the unrest "boils down to the fact that they just don't want to go overseas." Pay and allowances of the men, who have refused to obey officers' orders, will be stopped until the situation has been settled, it was said.

The men have paraded with rifles, and over the weekend took mortar bombs and Bangalore torpedoes from the stores, returning them later with the comment that they were too dangerous to fool with, the dispatches said. In yesterday's demonstration the marchers were followed by officers in cars.

Other incidents were said to have occurred at Prince George, where 500 men staged a protest march, and at Vernon, where military police broke up the demonstration. There also have been protest meetings in Montreal.

Meanwhile, at Ottawa, the House of Commons was said to have planned a secret session for a vote of confidence in the government on the conscription issue.

## West Front -

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Merzenhausen, northwest of Julich, but were still fighting to grasp Koslar, to the west. Two counter-attacks were beaten off.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army also occupied the attention of German broadcasters, who said his offensive was now in full swing. "Rearguards are protecting the withdrawal of German troops against the Third's right wing and the Seventh Army's left wing," said a commentator, asserting that the Nazis were pulling back to "newly-prepared positions a good way south of the frontier."

Patton's troops were reported five miles from Saarlautern and about ten from Saarbrücken. The 95th Division made a four-mile gain along a six-mile front toward Saarlautern, while the 80th Division advanced more than three miles to a town ten miles southwest of Saarbrücken. German counter-attacks against Third Army units already inside the Reich were beaten back at Tettingen.

On the French First Army sector, the Allied troops captured Dannemarie and pounded the German salient south of the Rhone-Rhone canal.

## Early Peace? Troops In Line Can't See It

By Ross Munro

WITH THE FIRST ARMY, Nov. 28 (Reuter)—On this front you don't get any impression that there is going to be any spectacular breakthrough to the Rhine.

Ahead of the First Army is the Roer River. There is the big town of Duren and there is a mixed mass of Germans, crack troops and home guard outfits who are fighting like maniacs.

You don't find GIs here talking about the war being over soon. And it's the same with the British and Canadians who are fighting battles on the Western Front.

Any optimism about an early windup comes from places down the line. The fighting troops are reconciled to a winter campaign.

## Halifax Asks Enduring Ties

CHICAGO, Nov. 28 (UP)—Lord Halifax, British ambassador to the U.S., in a blunt speech before a bankers convention here urged continued co-operation between Britain and the U.S. "in self-defense against a recurrence" of the tragedy of war.

"Some Americans," Lord Halifax stated, "would almost appear to think that the British were a crowd of smart crooks, compared with whom they themselves were a bunch of simple simons. . . ."

"And I have no doubt there are plenty of British who think that Americans are out to grab the world and run it on lines that will bring fat profits to big business with the devil taking the hindmost."

"There is too much of that kind of talk going on."

## They Were Tored to Death

## The Fly in Victims' Ointment Was the Flit in Bluebeard's Gun

PARIS, Nov. 28—Some of the choicest nicknames for shady characters—bringing back nostalgic memories of the Prohibition era's check-suited, 38-toting, hop-sniffing gangsters of New York, Detroit and Chicago—were trotted out in court here yesterday at the trial of Dr. Marcel Petiot, otherwise known as "The Mad Doctor" and "Dr. Bluebeard."

Petiot, a glittery-eyed, bearded gent straight out of a shilling shocker (excuse it, dime novel), who is charged with having murdered 50 women in his Rue de la Souer home in

Paris, told the magistrate that he had turned his "secret weapon" loose on Gestapo stool-pigeons, thus doing in "George the Boxer," "Francois the Corsican," "Adrien the Basque" and "The women, Hererane."

Without describing his secret weapon, Petiot, polishing his nails on his coat lapel, said that later on he became known as "Dr. Eugene" and was a member of the "Fly Tox" crowd. (For the benefit of the uninitiated, a "fly" in the lingo of Paris underworld is an informer. Tox, of course, means poison. In other words, a Flit Gun affair on a large scale.)

Then, said Petiot, he fell into the hands of the Gestapo in October, 1942. "I was tortured," he said. "My teeth were filed and I was put in an electrified bath, after which my head was put in a vice."

The questioning over, Petiot smilingly signed his statement and returned to his cell.

By Milton Caniff