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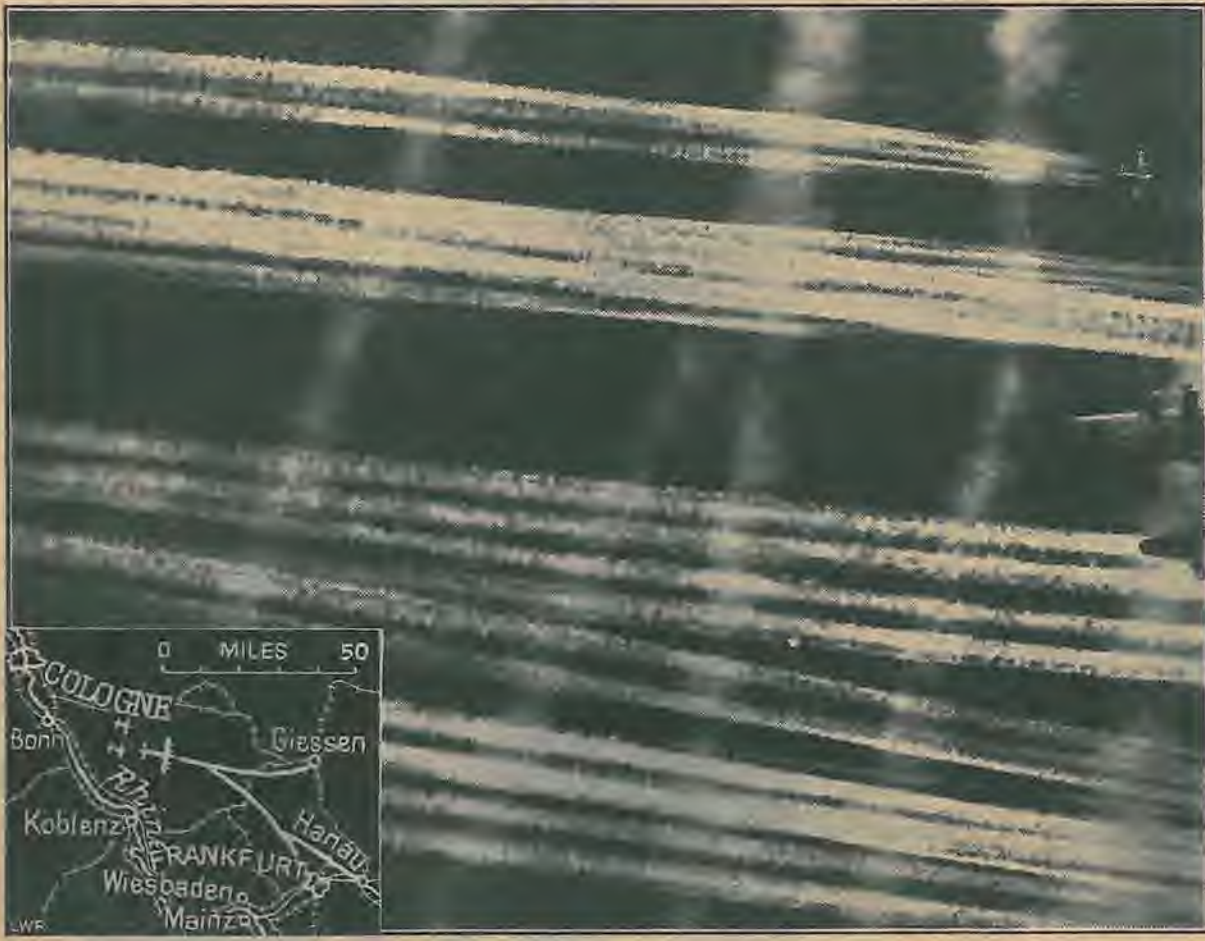
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Record Bomber Force Flies Against Reich



U.S. Army Air Force Photo

Contrails crisscrossing German skies emphasize the force of heavy bombers dispatched by the Eighth Air Force Monday in a smashing attack upon rail centers in the Reich. It was the largest single-mission force in daylight, and comprised the bulk of approximately 3,200 warplanes of USSTAF—which embraces the 15th Air Force as well—flung against Germany. Map inset shows the area attacked, including Hanau, whose railyards were again pounded Monday.

Ike's Scotty Bites The T/4 Picture Man

PARIS, Dec. 12—Fala of the White House to the contrary, Gen. Eisenhower's little black Scotty with a four-star collar is no publicity hound.

When a high personage visited Gen. Ike's headquarters recently, cameraman T/4 Albert Meserlin Jr., of East Orange, N.J., bounded up the steps of the general's caravan to snap the picture. The dog, amazed at such insolence, nipped Meserlin's leg.

ELAS Steps Up Athens Attacks

ATHENS, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—Greek ELAS (resistance) forces were strengthening and co-ordinating their attacks against the British in the center of Athens today, apparently in an effort to force an issue in the undeclared civil war before the arrival of British reinforcements.

Maj. Gen. Ronald M. Scobie, British commander in Greece, said: "There has been no slackening of rebel resistance. The general situation has improved little." After a three-hour battle during the night, ELAS firmly held the town hall early today, after one wing of the building had been set afire by a British tank.

After a week's fighting in many scattered localities, it appeared tonight that the British were trying to build a perimeter defense immediately north of the center of Athens, which they hold.

Meanwhile, both political and military observers were awaiting the results of Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander's trip to Athens with Harold MacMillan, British minister resident in the Mediterranean. Alexander's Greek assignment is his first job since he became Mediterranean commander-in-chief.

Delivery of International Red Cross medical supplies to both sides has been halted because of casualties among civilian personnel.

Vignette of War Shell Lands In His Hands

WITH FOURTH ARMORED DIVISION, Dec. 12 (AP)—When a German armor-piercing shell plopped into his hands as he sat in the driver's compartment of his tank, Cpl. John J. (Swede) Nelson knew what to do. He beat it.

Telling of the incident, which occurred in a recent tank tiff, Nelson, a Brooklyn redhead, said, "Damn if the shell didn't come right through in front of me. It must have had just enough force to get through the armor."

"It was so hot it burned my gloves. But I didn't look at it long. In two seconds I got out of that driver's compartment and did some fast crawling until I got into a building where I could take time to find out that I wasn't hurt."

British Fleet Under Nimitz

MELBOURNE, Dec. 12—Adm. Bruce Fraser, chief of the new British fleet in the Pacific, said today that the fleet would operate under the command of Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, U.S. naval chief in the Pacific.

Red Army Battling Nazis In Suburbs of Budapest

Red Army troops last night were fighting with bayonets in the northeastern suburbs of Budapest while Germany's last satellite capital in the Balkans rocked under a 36-hour deluge of shells and bombs.

The suicide German garrison, left to hold the city to the last possible moment, rolled out giant mobile guns and Tiger tanks, carefully husbanded for this showdown battle, and roared out to meet the Russians in the outskirts.

Though there was still no indication of a wholesale German withdrawal from Budapest, the enemy seemed unable to hold back the tide of Russian armor and infantry. The Germans apparently were fighting for time to consolidate on the route to Austria and Vienna, to the west.

The last escape corridor to Vienna was rapidly being cut by a two-way Red squeeze.

Unconfirmed reports from inside Budapest said the underground had burst from its hiding and was battling the Germans, while Associated Press described the capital as "a city of chaos."

Meanwhile, on Marshal Malinowsky's northeastern flank, Soviet tanks and cavalry were advancing over the hill roads bordering Czechoslovakia, spreading a trap for the Germans and Hungarians hammered against the Carpathian foothills by Marshal Petrov's army.

Falange-Maura Meeting Denied

MADRID, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—Gabriel Arias Salgado, undersecretary for popular education in the Falange office—the equivalent to a ministry of press and propaganda—denied today reports abroad concerning an imminent meeting on the Franco-Spanish frontier between Miguel Maura, former Spanish Republican minister of the interior, and representatives of the Falange.

There had not been a meeting of the Political Council of the Falange and all reports of the resignation of General Francisco Franco or of any one minister, let alone four, were equally without foundation, Salgado said.

Salgado previously had spoken with Jose Luis Arrese, cabinet minister and secretary general of the Falangist Party, who qualified Maura's statements in Paris as "sheer buffoonery."

Threat to Chungking Is Believed Removed

CHUNGKING, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—The sudden change in the military situation in China has cleared the air here, and it is believed that the earlier Japanese threat to Chungking has been removed.

Japanese troops driven by Chinese forces from the province of Kweichow, south of Chungking, continued to retreat south along the railway. American planes bombed the Japanese as they pulled out.

Superforts Hit Japan 4 Times

Superforts bombed Japan four times yesterday and dropped incendiaries on Tokyo, from which 20,000 sick persons, children and expectant mothers are being evacuated, according to Tokyo Radio. There was no confirmation of the raids.

Under the evacuation order, persons employed in armament production, transport and the press are not allowed to leave the city. Persons employed in gas, water and electrical works, doctors, chemists and ARP workers also must remain, according to the broadcast.

From the Philippines, Gen. MacArthur announced that the so-called Yamashita line on Leyte Island had been eliminated after the 77th and 7th Divisions linked up and that the entire Jap garrison in the port of Ormoc was wiped out.

Nazis, Home, Must Behave

Now that the Germans are fighting on their own soil, the troops will have to give up practices they followed in occupied territory, according to a captured document of an SS panzer regiment.

"For the first time after a long absence we are no longer in occupied territory," said the order. "Henceforth attention should be given to exemplary discipline, and all habits to which troops have become accustomed in occupied territory are to be avoided."

"Smashing window panes, damage of furnishings and so-called 'organizing' (stealing) are strictly prohibited."

Save the Young, Says Harvard Anthropologist

Proposes Men Over 45 Be Occupation Army

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 12—"Older men are no longer needed by their families and often both have had enough of each other," Dr. Ernest A. Hooton, Harvard anthropologist, stated yesterday as he advocated a world police force made up of men over 45 to handle post-war military occupation problems.

"These men would have completed families and a greater part of their life work and might as well devote their remaining years to service in payment of benefits and happiness they have enjoyed," said Hooton, who turned 57 last month. "Why should the old do all the dancing and the young pay the piper? We might as well have our coronary thrombosis on the battlefield as on the golf course," the Harvard educator pointed out.

"We had better wait and see how the old Germans fight before we scratch off the senile as unfit for military service," he cautioned, adding that the army of middle-aged males

could be increased by automatically qualifying for Selective Service anyone who applies for divorce.

"Since our main purpose is the preservation of the American family, it is clear that we need not exempt from military duties individuals who have failed in family life," he explained. "Older men are no longer needed by their families and often both have had enough of each other."

"Anyhow, these men would be satisfied with plenty of cigarettes. Their wives, emancipated from maternal duties, could become nurses, WAVES and WACS."

Hooton pointed out that when a man of 50 falls in battle he loses only about one-sixth of his lifetime and nothing at all from the standpoint of biological survival.

When a boy of 18 is killed, the country has lost his whole life and the possible progeny of the individual as well, he declared.

1,250 U.S. Heavies Hit Reich Again

Following up the previous day's terrific assault on rail objectives in the Reich, more than 2,000 U.S. heavy bombers and fighters for the second straight day hammered rail objectives in the Frankfurt area Tuesday, as well as the Leuna synthetic-oil plant near Merseburg.

Meantime, it was disclosed that all of the synthetic-oil plants in the Ruhr now had been knocked out of production by Allied bombing.

7th Army Stab Develops New Threat to Saar

A new threat to Germany's Saar Basin was developing Tuesday as Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army, driving northeast in Alsace toward the Reich frontier, sliced through the Maginot Line defenses and reached Seltz, 13 miles above Haguenau and only a mile west of one of the main Rhine crossings where the main motor road from northern Alsace leads to Karlsruhe, Mannheim and Stuttgart.

The push to Seltz, which is only four miles south of the junction of the borders of the German provinces of Baden and the Saar Palatinate, may be the opening move in a bid to flank the Germans defending the Saar Basin against Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army, which was still meeting bitter resistance in two Saarlautern suburbs.

Causes Nazis to Crumble

The capture of Haguenau, accomplished Monday after the Germans had been forced to pull out of this strong position, was said to have caused the Nazi defenses in Alsace to crumble. A late Reuter dispatch said that German resistance along the 30-mile front along the Rhine from Strasbourg to Seltz had collapsed.

Forging a band around the lower edge of the Saar where it bulges westward

Tommy Gets Tea, Courtesy of Ike

British signal troops maintaining communications at Gen. Eisenhower's advance command post enjoyed American Army rations, but there was one minor flaw, according to a combined press dispatch received yesterday at SHAEF, Reuter said.

But the Supreme Commander fixed it up. He arranged for the Tommies to have tea—instead of Army coffee.

above Alsace-Lorraine. Patch's and Patton's troops were reported to have linked up east of Sarreguemines at a point south of the German border.

Patton's Saar bridgeheads at Saarlautern and Dillingen were being bitterly contested. It was reported that, as of Monday, the two crossings had been under fire of about 6,000 enemy shells daily for three days. The Associated Press said there was no comment at SHAEF on German reports that the Saar battle has cost Patton 20,000 to 30,000 men. It was admitted that the losses in the Saar offensive and in the drive to the Roer, on the First and Ninth armies' sectors to the north, had been severe.

Had to Rub Nazis Out

Indicating how confused was the fighting on the Saar front was a report that doughboys of the 90th Division had to rub out Germans who had infiltrated through the advance lines and recaptured pillboxes from which the Americans had once driven them.

The First Army, meanwhile, succeeded in establishing a 1,000-yard line south of Duren along the west bank of the Roer, though street battles continued in three villages on the American side of the river.

A dispatch from the Ninth Army front, where activity yesterday was confined to patrols, said that the Germans had stepped up flying-bomb attacks. And anti-aircraft gunners of the First Army shot down three of ten planes which attacked on Monday night.

Berlin's version of the campaign in Alsace was that a new Allied offensive along a 60-mile front had been opened, with several tank divisions and about 15 infantry divisions in action.

Nine in French 'Gestapo' to Die

PARIS, Dec. 12 (AP)—Nine of 12 Frenchmen accused of being leaders of a French version of the Gestapo—they exterminated resistance leaders and utilized medieval-like torture chambers, according to testimony—were sentenced to death here today. Two prisoners, the youngest in the group, were given life terms. One died in prison today of diabetes.

Among the victims of the gang—headed by Henri LaFont, an ex-car salesman, and Pierre Bony, who has been called the "greatest French detective" for his work during the Stavisky scandals—was Genevieve de Gaulle, the General's niece, who was trapped, beaten and handed over to the Germans.

LaFont and Bony were among those sentenced to death.

Hope for Xmas

Rome Tommies Out of Cigarettes; Blame Shipping

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—British troops in the Rome area are without cigarettes. "Union Jack," their newspaper, said today.

"Mainly owing to a delay in shipments, the cigarette stock in Italy is low," the newspaper said. "Furthermore, recently some railway trucks crammed with cigarettes were somehow misrouted and finished up in the forward areas. One was located in Rimini."

"For seven days no cigarettes have been available for army units in Rome. Although all troops have been promised a Christmas ration of 250 per man next week."

14th AF Knocks Out 1½-Million Ship Tons

CHUNGKING, Dec. 12 (Reuter)—The U.S. 14th Air Force, based in China, sank or damaged more than 1,500,000 tons of Japanese shipping during the 24 years up to the end of November, it was officially announced today.

Japanese aircraft losses in combat were 170 per cent higher than those of the 14th Air Force.

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Guts and Government
Dec. 4, 1944

To the B-Bag:
Will somebody please tell me what the hell we are fighting for, please? I, along with a lot of other guys, joined up with the idea we were fighting for freedom for the world. Are we? I wonder! Our Allied big-wheels are shoving governments into liberated countries against the peoples' wishes, and when the peoples who fought against Fascism revolt against these chosen wheel-chair, top-hat selections—we use our troops to these so-called subversive elements, such as Greece and Belgium.

These so-called subversive elements were the guys who stayed in their own country and gave their lives and blood in their fight against the invader, while the so-called governments and leaders reclined on their fannies in some safe place in London. If that's justice—then I'm a monkey's uncle. Let's get wise to ourselves in a hurry. If a gang of guys have guts enough to stay in their country and fight—then they should be made to govern their country after liberation. Or are we just preparing to lay the basis for another war 20 years from now? Will someone please inform me of what's going on?—Yours for winning the war and the peace soon, Cpl. P. Galante, FCS.

Scenery for the Sick
Dec. 3, 1944

To the B-Bag:
What good is there in a hospital but a pretty nurse? Should she have to hide her light under a bushel? We think not! In this get-well-factory the head nurse is an old bag with a face like a dehydrated prune. Today she apprehended the slick chicken on our ward in the act of wearing lipstick and red nail polish. Now our cutie wears no cosmetics and an over-size "gunny-sack" sweater—just because the boss, whom nature failed to endow with the finer things in life, is envious.
We think that a girl should be allowed to make the best of any and all she has—without having natural tendencies suppressed by hospital "Gestapo." Good scenery doesn't hurt the sickest man.—Patients of Ward 2, U.K. Hosp.

Boys From the Range
Nov. 30, 1944.

To the B-Bag:
In response to the "92 Continent-Bound GI Joes" who were shipped from their outfit with those boys don't feel too bad about leaving. You see I am one who was left behind. A Medico. Boys, I know some of those first three graders who wish they were with you. They miss you boys already. As for the "Expert Infantryman" badge, let the first three graders have them. I have seen most of you boys on the range and know it is time for me to start to feeling sorry for the Jerries. I know what you can do with an M1. Good luck, boys, and keep your heads down.—A six-year Private in the Medicos, Guenita.

D.Y.D. on the Carpet
Nov. 29, 1944

To the B-Bag:
I've highly enjoyed your bitching column, but after reading the suggested amendments to ARs that the person who so bravely signs the initials D.Y.D. of B.A.D. writes, I'm thoroughly disgusted. I can readily see why he would favor only one letter per week. In all probability that is all that he receives, and that one from his mother (for only a mother could love him enough to write to him). No one else could care to write to anyone who has ideas of that type. Disgustedly yours.—Sgt. Arthur Penwell (and 10 normal GIs), Repair Sq.

To the B-Bag:
In reference to the article "Amendments for ARs": Is this guy kidding or does he mean it? I sure hope the guys who are doing all the work don't think that everybody back home and us guys in the Z.I. are of the same caliber.

It's so stupid and typical of just what we are fighting against—or don't you know why in hell you and I were sent over? There's no place for profanity in a newspaper so I'm leaving a blank — Yes you!—Pvt. Marco Fiore, Sig Port Co.

Thanks for an Offer
Nov. 29, 1944

To the B-Bag:
We wish to thank the boys of three B17 crews for thinking of the rest of us GIs. But we think we could do a better job of rolling our own cigarettes in a GI truck than they could in a B17. But we do thank them. But the way we feel they deserve them more than we do.—Some of the QM boys who have been over there a long time.—Cpl. C. Burns, Pvt. Joseph Gilroy, Cpl. George V. Duvall.

Hash Marks

An officer, used to much regimentation, entered a very busy office full of EMs, where he received little or no attention. "Well, what do you say?" asked the officer of the nearest EM. "Not much, Sir," replied the private.

It just occurred to us that it must be confusing as all hell sometimes to Hitler, with all his stand-ins. We can just imagine this conversation taking place: "Oh no! You're the real one."

Kindly clergyman, pinching a little



boy's knee: "And who has the nice chubby pink legs?"
Little boy: "Betty Grable."

ODE TO A WISFUL THINKER
In time of war I will not cheat,
I'll eat less butter, cheese and meat,
Black market food won't cross my lips,
For God, for country, and for my hips.

Two soldiers were sitting outside a sidewalk cafe in Paris. One GI said to the waiter: "What wine would you suggest to go with K rations?"

Aren't we all? It's reported that a certain Pfc at a certain base sewed M/Sgt. stripes on his pajamas. "I can dream, can't I?" is his explanation.

Jascha Heifetz, concert violinist, toured the jungle outposts and wondered how the GIs would react to his highbrow entertainment with "Pistol Packin' Mama" and "Mairzy Doats" the musical order of the day. His opening remark, though, won for him an enthusiastic audience: "Classical music," he said, "is like spinach. Whether you like it or not, it's good for you."

A GI we know polished off a bottle of calvados and had a dream which he thinks should revolutionize sea warfare. He envisioned a battalion of navy "paratroopers" descending on a Jap battleship and capturing the vessel intact.

A GI once beamed at his supply sergeant, "Gee, Sarge, this shirt, pants and



blouse fit me perfectly." "Ye gods," beamed the sergeant, "you must be deformed."

Nifties from the Nineties. "Do you like bathing beauties?" "Can't say. I never bathed any."

J. C. W.

A Nazi's Quest for Lebensraum Fulfilled



Air Force Notes
Crippled B17 'Jettisons' Load On Coblenz

"We had to leave the formation because one engine had gone out," S/Sgt. Everett E. Morton, 490th Bomb Group waist gunner from Mt. Sterling, Ky., related. "It looked like we would have to jettison our bombs, but the bombardier asked the pilot if he could pick out a target of opportunity and everybody voted, 'Hell, yes,' so he picked out Coblenz."

2/Lt. Marvin J. Richmond, bombardier from Palisade, N.J., laid down a line of bursting bombs 1,600-feet long across the railyards at Coblenz. The city's flak-gunners scored hits on the Fortress Lucky Strike, piloted by 1/Lt. Arthur S. Taylor Jr., of Plainfield, N.J., cutting the rudder and elevator control cables and tearing up the right wing.

While T/Sgt. John L. Pearl, engineer-gunner from Barborton, Ohio, was repairing the control cables with the electric cord of his heated suit, two Mustangs flew alongside Lucky Strike and shepherded the crippled bomber to the coast. One of the P51s was the Alabummer Rammer Jammer.

A Sgt. York, who has done credit to his World War I namesake while serving as a Fortress engineer-gunner, is a member of a 486th Bomb Group crew. He is S/Sgt. Joseph A. York, of San Jose, Cal., who holds the DFC and Air Medal with three clusters, and has a confirmed score of five enemy planes destroyed, six probables and two damaged.

S/Sgt. Roy C. Berridge, of Fontana, Cal., is a 357th Mustang Group crew chief who maintains the P51 Speedball Alice, piloted by his cousin, Capt. Donald H. Bockkay, of North Hollywood, Cal.

M/Sgt. Samuel Urmson Jr., of Niles, Ohio, and Archie C. Pittman, of Bronte, Tex.; T/Sgt. Charles R. Wagner, of Liberty, Mo., and Sgt. William L. Keller, of Mooresville, Ind., of the 467th Bomb Group, a Lib outfit, recently accomplished an engine change in less than 8½ hours.

The 445th Bomb Group, commanded by Col. William W. Jones, of El Centro, Cal., has completed 200 combat missions. The Liberator outfit's first operation was carried out Dec. 13, 1943.



The German soldier in top picture has finally found lebensraum—his body partly buried beneath the snow in a desolate field before a shell-smashed German home near Grosschau, Germany. Promising the same kind of lebensraum for all Nazis, American doughboys (in lower picture) advance on a hill overlooking Gey, Germany, hugging the banks of a snow-covered trail leading into the village.

Sees Philippines, Not China, As Key to Invasion of Japan

(After a 25,000-mile tour of the Pacific war zone Sandor S. Klein of the United Press returned to the States and gave this survey on the strategic angles of the current Philippines campaign.)

By Sandor S. Klein
United Press Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12—The whole trend of the war in the Pacific depends on the outcome of the battle for the Philippines. It is there that the Japanese are determined to make the sternest effort to forestall the advance toward their homeland.

The Japanese, never sparing manpower, are prepared to sacrifice a vast portion of their army to stop Gen. Douglas MacArthur and drive his forces from the islands. There are indications the enemy is pouring heavy reinforcements into the Philippines for this purpose.

Military men are convinced the Japs believe that if they can beat MacArthur in the Philippines they can prevent an invasion of their homeland. There appears to be pretty sound reasoning behind this belief.

Only Masses of Size

The archipelago constitutes the only land masses of sufficient size, and close enough to Japan, to accommodate the huge ground forces necessary for an operation of such daring and magnitude. China, under ordinary conditions, would be ideal as an invasion base, but landings on the China coast would entail great military hazards. The landing forces would be flanked not only by Japan's great army on the Asiatic mainland, but sea communications would be precarious so long as the enemy remained

in control of the northern Philippines, Formosa and the Ryukyu Islands. The truth is that little was heard in the Pacific to encourage suggestions of landings in China.

Fighting Will be Stiffer

The fighting on Leyte was tough and will be stiffer on other islands, but American military leadership is confident that the Japanese can be beaten there. MacArthur has committed only a portion of his available ground forces thus far. He has not yet brought to bear the full weight of ground-based air power, largely because of the typhoon season. His position will be greatly improved once he can employ offensive air power.

Meanwhile, there is a need for more air bases from which destruction can be directed against Japan's war industries. Actually, Saipan is the only base in the Pacific from which the newly-created strategic air force under Lt. Gen. Milward F. Harmon can function around the clock against Japan. New islands even closer to Japan will have to be taken eventually to make strategic bombing more effective.

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1300—Headlines—Sports News.
1305—Saludos Amigos.
1330—Downbeat, with Charlie Barnet.
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—Melody Roundup.
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 Warina'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—Listen Characters.
2300—Final Edition.
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0755—Sign On—Program Resume.
0800—Headlines—Combat Diary.
0815—Personal Album with Pat Friday.
0830—Maritza Players.
0900—World News.
0905—Music by Louis Prima.
1000—Waltz Time with Abe Lyman's Orchestra.
1025—Headlines—Morning After (Bob Hope).
1030—Strike up the Band.
1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
1105—Duffie Bag.

Newman's Yankee Doodles

NEWS ITEM—N.Y.—Members of the Vegetarian Society of New York say that world-wide vegetarianism will ultimately put an end to all wars because people will lose their bloodthirstiness.



"A vicious case, doctor. He's been eating nothing but brussels sprouts for a year."

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"Dames, Dames, Dames! Why don't you guys talk about the war for a change and give a man a chance to get some sleep around here."

1944 SERVICE ALL-AMERICA



JOHN WOUDEMBERG
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Third Air Force



JACK RUSSELL
Randolph Field



BILL DUDLEY
Randolph Field



OTTO GRAHAM
No. Carolina Pre-Flight

Behind the Sports Headlines

HOUSTON, Tex.—Holly Brock, chairman of the Oil Bowl committee, announced today that the football game here New Year's Day has been cancelled because of Army's order prohibiting service teams from participating in any games after the Bond Bowl game at New York Saturday. Brock said no outstanding team could be gotten at this late date to substitute for Randolph Field, which plays the Second Air Force in New York, and "rather than depart from the high standard set by the Oil Bowl's inaugural game" the committee decided to cancel the game for '45. They will have to return \$46,000 worth of tickets.

NEW YORK.—Athletic activity for uniformed men in the continental limits of the United States was staunchly defended today by Col. Donald Storck of the Second Air Force, who told the Football Writers' Association that 19 men on the Second AAF football team had seen overseas service and that seven of them had been wounded. "There has been some questioning by the uniformed about these athletes," said Col. Storck, a former Rutgers and West Point athlete, "and I would like to make the true facts known. In addition to those who have been in many engagements abroad we have sent another score into combat in the last year." Storck called attention to Army's rule limiting servicemen to two years' sports activities. "That rule," he said, "will cause the Superbombers to lose Glenn Dobbs, their All-American passer."

CHICAGO—Sgt. Arthur Passarella, 34, former American League umpire, was released from the army today at the Fort Sheridan separation center. A native of Pine Bluff, Ark., Passarella said he would return to major league umpiring. . . . NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Paul Corneau, wingman for the Providence Reds, maintained his American Hockey League scoring leadership during the past week, holding a five-point margin over Tony Bukovich of Indianapolis. Corneau has 32 points.

LOS ANGELES—After several weeks of negotiations Juan Zurita of

Mexico finally signed yesterday to defend his NBA lightweight championship against John Thomas, local Negro, February 27 at the Olympic Auditorium. . . . WASHINGTON—Mellie Bettina, former light-heavyweight champ now campaigning as a heavyweight, punched out a close ten-round decision over Georgie Parks before 10,000 at the Uline Arena last night. Bettina, 194, puzzled Parks, 184, with his southpaw style in the early rounds and scored the only knockdown of the fight in the second.

NEW YORK—Major League Short Shots: Next year's All-Star game has been awarded to Boston's Red Sox and will be played July 10 at Fenway Park. . . . The Browns have announced that Pete Gray, one-armed outfielder, has signed a one-year contract. . . . The first trade of the major league meetings was concluded between the Yankees and White Sox, with Jake Wade joining New York in exchange for Johnny Johnson. Both are southpaws. . . . The Browns are reportedly offering the Indians the choice of Mike Kreevich or Chet Laabs for Jeff Heath. . . . Indian Boss Lou Boudreau balked at the deal whereby the White Sox would trade Bill Dietrich and Guy Curtwright for Jim Bagby and Oris Hockett. Boudreau wants Ralph Hodgins instead of Curtwright. . . . United Press says Ford Frick is campaigning for Landis' job. . . . The majors are expected to reject the minor league action in raising the draft prices.

Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune



Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



Service All-America Team

POS.	PLAYER	H	W	COLLEGE
End	Russell, Randolph Field	6-1	215	Baylor
Tackle	Stydahr, Fleet City NTS	6-4	260	West Virginia
Guard	Ramsey, Sp(A)1c, Bainbridge	6-1	195	William and Mary
Center	Strohmeier, Iowa Pre-Flight	5-9	205	Texas A & M
Guard	Letlow, CSP, Camp Peary	6-2	230	San Francisco
Tackle	Woudenberg, St. Mary's Pre-Flight	6-3	220	Colorado College
End	Susoeff, Second Air Force	6-1	210	Washington State
Back	Graham, North Carolina Pre-Flight	6-0	190	Northwestern
Back	Trippi, Third Air Force	5-11	185	Georgia
Back	Dudley, Randolph Field	6-0	185	Virginia
Back	Eshmont, Norman NAB	5-11	180	Fordham

SECOND TEAM

End Lt. Charles Perdue, St. Mary's Pre-Flight (Duke)

End Pvt. Kenneth Whitney, Ft. Warren (Xavier of New Orleans)

Tackle Vic Schleich Sp2c, Iowa Pre-Flight (Nebraska)

Tackle Donald Cohenour, BM1c, Ft. Pierce Naval Base (Texas)

Guard Harold Jungmichael, CSP, San Diego Naval Training Center (Texas)

Guard Morris Klein, AS, Great Lakes (Miami)

Center Pvt. Thomas Robertson, Randolph Field

Back 2/Lt. Jack Jacobs, Fourth Air Force (Oklahoma)

Back Charles Justice, SP(A)2c, Bainbridge

Back Lt. Glenn Dobbs, Second Air Force (Tulsa)

Back Ens. William Daley, Ft. Pierce (Minnesota and Michigan)

Northway Raiders, SubChasers Clash Sunday in Service Tilt

By Ray Lee
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

London's second Army-Navy grid game will find the Army Northway Red Raiders taking on the Sub Chasers, a Navy aggregation fresh off the U.S.S. Melville, a supply and repair ship, at White City Stadium Sunday.

Both squads got off slowly this season. The more experienced Raiders dropped their first three attempts by close scores but came back to win four in a row, rolling up 70 points to their opponents' 38. The Chasers, who did most of their early training aboard ship, dropped a 15-0 opener to the 12th Replacement Depot Moore's Maulers, who last Sunday fought to a scoreless tie with the Eighth AF Fighting Eagles.

With an average of 183 pounds, both teams will be evenly matched in the weight

By Chester Gould



By Al Capp



3-Man Board To Rule Majors Until February

NEW YORK, Dec. 12—The major league steering committee yesterday appointed National League President Ford Frick, Will Harridge, American League prexy, and Leslie O'Connor, secretary to the late Judge Landis, to an advisory committee which will fulfil the functions of the commissioners' office left vacant by Landis' death. The appointment must still receive the okay of the 16 major league clubs, but it's a foregone conclusion that they agreed in advance.

The resolution appointing the committee also terminated the present major league agreement and stipulated that the committee would retire when a new agreement, which will contain the name of the new commissioner, is entered into.

The appointment called for Frick and Harridge to designate a third member at any time O'Connor was unable or un-

Whaddya Read, Mac?

NEW YORK, Dec. 12—The New York Daily News came out this morning with the following line across the top of the back page: "BASEBALL CZAR RULE ENDS," in 72-point type. The Daily Mirror, published three blocks north of the News, came out with the following in 60-point type across the back: "BASEBALL KEEPS 1-MAN RULE." (Have you two fellows met each other?)

willing to participate. O'Connor also was designated as the sole authority in matters involving the claim of a player against a club or league.

A dual committee representing both leagues was appointed to draw up a new agreement which will restore Landis' powers to the new commissioner, and the committee's report will be submitted to the league meetings in February.

The only other joint action by both leagues was the establishment of a "Landis Award," to be given annually to a player in each league named by the Baseball Writers' Association as most valuable.

During the separate league meetings, Frick was re-elected for four years as National League President and Sam Beardon of St. Louis was named vice prexy for another year.

Williams Cops Split Decision

A split decision with two points spelling the margin of victory gave Pfc Herbie Williams, of New Orleans, 139, a much booted triumph over Cpl. Trinidad Marquez, lanky 142-pounder from El Paso, Tex., in the feature event of last night's seven-bout Rainbow Corner fight card.

Only Williams' aggressiveness saved him from defeat in what for a time looked to be the upset of the local ring season. Marquez used a flicking left to Williams' face and took full advantage of Herbie's poor timing to stay the distance with the Louisiana slugger.

The scheduled co-feature between Cpl. John Bagley, of Tampa, Fla., 190, and Pvt. Bliss Croft, Newark, N.J., 185-pounder, was washed out when Croft failed to show up.

In other events:

Cpl. George Yentzen, Netherland, Tex., 151, outpointed Sgt. Helman Dudeck, Kenosha, Wis., 147.

Cpl. Delman Smith, West Tulsa, Okla., 135, outpointed Pvt. John Curtis, Chicago, 132.

Sgt. Bill Tiger, Tulsa, Okla., 146, TKO'd Pvt. Frank Scrofonti, South Norwalk, Conn., 141 (Scrofonti unable to come out for the third).

Pvt. Pete Meade, Truman, Ark., 161, TKO'd Cpl. James Campbell, Tulsa, Okla., 163, in 1:10 of the second.

T/5 Paul Williamson, New York, 177, outpointed Pvt. Sam Shields, Newark, N.J., 177.

NewProLoopGrants Franchise to Miami

NEW YORK, Dec. 12—A franchise was granted to Miami, Fla., at a meeting of the All-America Football Conference today, and it was announced that Lt. Cmdr. Jimmy Crowley, one of Notre Dame's Four Horsemen 20 years ago and later coach at Georgia, Michigan State and Fordham, had signed a five-year contract as league commissioner.

Sleepy Jim will take over his duties after the war.

Other teams in the new circuit, which will operate in '45, are Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Cleveland, Baltimore, New York and Buffalo.

Henline to Umpire NL

NEW YORK, Dec. 12—National League President Ford Frick has announced the purchase of Umpire Butch Henline from the International League. Before turning to officiating Henline was a catcher for the Giants, Phillies and Dodgers.

Beau Jack on Way Out

FORT BENNING, Ga., Dec. 12—Pvt. Sidney Walker (Beau Jack), the former Augusta bootblack who rose to attain New York State's version of the lightweight championship, expects to be discharged from the Army soon for physical reasons.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, The Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W.1, or APO 413, U.S. Army. Telephone U.K. Base HQ, Ext. 2131.

APOs Wanted

EDWARD ANDERSON, Holy Cross; S/Sgt. Kyle C. BAILEY; Pvt. Franklin S. BARDY; Lt. Elizabeth BRADICAN; Capt. Harold F. BOER, O-1579400; S/Sgt. Nels BARSNESS; Cpl. H. C. CHAPMAN, 13171156; Lt. Dolores CONNER, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Cpl. Helen CHILDRESS, Portland, Ore.; S/Sgt. Devoc CONNELL, Pawhuska, Okla.; Tom COLLINS, Buffalo, N.Y.; Herbert CORNETT, Washington; Cpl. Irving ERDMAN, 32817081; T/4 Isadore EINSTEIN; Pfc Richard GANTHIER, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Sgt. Horace GRISSO.

Life in Those United States

U.S. Married Women Swarm to War Jobs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (ANS)—The married gals really have scrambled out of the kitchen and taken jobs, the Women's Bureau of the Labor Department reported today in disclosing that this year for the first time married female workers outnumbered single women workers.

The bureau said that one in every seven workers—male and female—was a married woman and that only a comparatively small percentage of the ladies were married to men in service.



SEN. TRUMAN

At the same time, the bureau declared that more married women than ever would be at work after the war, for the "time has passed when a woman automatically can leave the labor market merely because of her marriage."

CAPITAL SIDESHOW: Sen. Harry S. Truman, of Missouri, will be sworn in as vice-president on the south portico of the White House Jan. 20 at the same ceremonies inaugurating President Roosevelt for the fourth term, it was announced.

... The President signed legislation extending from 40 to 90 days after discharge time in which a World War II veteran may apply for re-employment in his pre-war job.

Little prospect for more gasoline in the near future for civilians was forecast by the Petroleum Industry War Council.

... Selective Service Headquarters notified state draft directors to take immediate steps in reclassifying for servicemen, including those between 26-37, who leave essential jobs.

The Senate passed and sent to the White House a bill creating the ranks of four five-star "Admirals of the Fleet" and four five-star "Generals of the Army."

P51 a Photo Recon Ship

ENGLEWOOD, Cal., Dec. 12—The P51 Mustang has taken on a new job—that of a heavily-armed photo recon ship, the North American Aircraft Co. revealed today. The makers said the plane, called F6, "if necessary can fight its way to the target area, photograph the area, bomb the target, photograph the bomb results and effectively deal with enemy aircraft on the way home."

'Doomed' Child May Live

DENVER, Dec. 12 (ANS)—Three-year-old Forrest Hoffman, for whom a Christmas party was staged last Nov. 19 because his parents feared he would not live until Dec. 25, may be home for a second Yule celebration, doctors said today. The youngster was reported "getting along very nicely" following an operation for the removal of a bladder obstruction which was taking the boy's life.

Supreme Court to Define Mann Act

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12—The Supreme Court agreed yesterday to rule whether the Mann Act applied to a three-block taxicab ride taken by a girl in the District of Columbia for the purpose of prostitution.

Carmen Beach, accused of having thus transported a girl from her apartment to a hotel, was convicted in Federal District Court and sentenced to one to three years in prison.

Miss Beach's counsel had contended the Mann Act applied only to transportation across state lines. The Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia reversed the District Court by deciding the law did not apply to transportation solely within the district.

Quads Out of Incubators

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12 (ANS)—The quadruplets born to Mrs. Joseph Cirminello six weeks ago moved out of their incubators today. The children all weigh over four pounds and were reported to have "healthy appetites."

Boy Gets Crayons

CENTRALIA, Ill., Dec. 12 (AP)—The youth, 6, hiked into the Red Cross branch here and asked if "you help people to get things." The secretary nodded, and the lad retaliated: "I need some crayons for school." He got them.

Salt Blows Out Lights

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 12 (ANS)—Salt in the air which caused a 23,000-volt insulator to blow out left this city without lights for two hours early today.

Worried by Butt Shortage, GIs Smoke More

CAMP LEE, Va., Dec. 12 (ANS)—Surveying the cigarette situation here, the post paper said soldiers were smoking a lot more than usual because they were worried over the butt shortage. ... NEW YORK—Linda Lanham, 11, when asked by a department store Santa what she wanted most for Christmas, replied, "cigarettes." ... Add Smoke Rings:

PORTLAND, Ore.—Sign in cigar store: "If we had 'em, we'd smoke 'em." ... CALDWELL, Ida.—Approximately 130,000 butts, enough to supply every one in this town with a pack, were destroyed when a truck caught on fire. ... NEW YORK—Add matches to current war-born shortages. The National Association of Tobacco Distributors warned today that, while match production was nearly as high as that of last year, there weren't enough to go around.

Vallees Split Again

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 12 (ANS)—The Rudy Vallees, whose marital troubles started almost from the day they were married, have divided, again. Vallee said it was "just to talk things over"; Mrs. Vallee, the former Bettejane Greer, said "this time the parting is final."



MRS. VALLEE

The couple were married in December, 1943. Eight months later they were divorced but were reconciled before the final decree came through.

Gypsy Rose Lee a Mother

NEW YORK, Dec. 12—Gypsy Rose Lee, actress and author, today was the mother of a baby boy born the eve of the day her divorced husband, Alexander Kirkland, was to be married to Phyllis Anne Adams, 20-year-old debutante.

Miss Lee was divorced from Kirkland Oct. 7. Her son, weighing seven pounds four ounces, was born late last night.

Lettuce Comes First

PONCA CITY, Okla., Dec. 12 (ANS)—Mrs. Norb Killiams received a letter from her soldier husband now in India, where fresh vegetables are nil. Wrote the soldier: "You're gonna feel funny when you come down to the station to meet me and I rush right past you to grab a head of lettuce."

4,400,000 GIs Cast Votes And Were Strong for FDR

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (ANS)—Approximately 4,400,000 soldiers voted in last month's Presidential election—a figure far in excess of any pre-election estimate, the New York Times reported today on the basis of a vote survey in 30 states.

The paper said that in 30 states for which the figures were available the armed forces cast a total of 3,094,042 ballots. A canvass of soldier and civilian votes in seven states—Arkansas, Colorado, Maryland, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island—confirmed indications immediately after the election that Mr. Roosevelt was a stronger favorite of military than of civilian voters.

The Times revealed that the service vote affected the decision in New Jersey, where the President's military vote lead of more than 30,000 overcame a slight lead held by Dewey in the civilian vote and put the state in the Democratic column.

In New York State almost 600,000 applications were received, but only

442,698 ballots were cast. Likewise, in Massachusetts only 91,000 ballots were returned out of 144,000 sent out. Ohio mailed 258,333 ballots and received 164,472.

In the seven states where the military votes were canvassed separately, the Times tabulated the war ballot results as follows:

ARKANSAS: Roosevelt, 9,480; Dewey, 3,140; COLORADO: Roosevelt, 13,265; Dewey, 13,066; MARYLAND: Roosevelt, 21,317; Dewey, 13,231; NEW JERSEY: Roosevelt, 95,581; Dewey, 64,748; OKLAHOMA: Roosevelt, 21,091; Dewey, 13,511; PENNSYLVANIA: Roosevelt, 145,098; Dewey, 106,534; RHODE ISLAND: Roosevelt, 15,800; Dewey, 7,000.

Five Objectives Are Outlined By Stettinius

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—Edward R. Stettinius, secretary of state, today outlined to legislators five objectives of American foreign policy key-noted by a pledge of post-war foreign-trade expansion.

Testifying in the crowded Senate caucus room in hearings having a potentially heavy impact on world affairs, Stettinius urged the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to approve the appointment of six State Department staff members. He outlined these five major objectives:

1—The fullest possible support in the conduct of foreign relations for the armed forces.

2—Effective steps to prevent Germany and Japan after the United Nations' victory from ever again acquiring power to wage war.

3—The establishment at the earliest possible moment of a United Nations' organization capable of building and maintaining peace.

4—Agreement on measures to promote a great expansion of American foreign trade and of productiveness and trade throughout the world and toward the maintenance of full employment so that the United Nations can enter an area of constantly-expanding production, consumption and rising standards of living.

5—Encouragement of all those conditions of international life favorable for the development by men and women everywhere of institutions of a free democratic way of life, according to their customs and desires.

Combat Vets Aided APO

Convalescent combat veterans left their U.K. rehabilitation centers to help in the distribution—in one recent month—of more than 3,000,000 Christmas parcels sent to ETO troops from home.

At a sprawling group of buildings, which is the Army Base postoffice in the U.K., a combined operation of the vets, regular APO personnel, including WACs and British civilians, succeeded in licking the overwhelming task of getting the parcels through by Christmas, in addition to the more routine—though vast—mail tasks.

"When I was up at the front it helped a lot when I got a letter from home," Pfc Lewis A. Clemmer Jr., 19, of Dayton, Ohio, who was wounded in Normandy, said yesterday at the BPO, where he was interviewed while throwing packages into their right cubbyholes. "I know what it means," he said. "I'm glad to do all I can to help get the mail across to the men who are doing the fighting."

Name Group to Pick Best Tire Letter

Contest officials announced yesterday the formation of a committee to decide the best letter entered in the current "Tire Conservation for Victory" competition.

The contest, which began last week on the heels of Gen. Eisenhower's dramatic announcement of an impending tire shortage, will end Jan. 6. Entries should be sent to "Tires for Victory," APO 413. Letters should be limited to 100 words and they need not be typewritten, contest officials stated.

Committee members include: Maj. Gen. Harry B. Vaughan Jr., C.G. of U.K. Base; Lt. Col. T. F. Donahue, ordnance officer, U.K. Base; Col. D. S. McConaughy, transportation officer, U.K. Base; Sgt. Marvin Levin, PRO, and Cpl. A. Victor Lasky, of The Stars and Stripes.

500-mile-an-hour Speed Foreseen for Airliners

DETROIT, Dec. 12 (ANS)—Commercial airlines in the near future will operate at 500-mile an hour speeds, Glenn L. Martin said here yesterday. Martin said "aeronautics hardly have scratched the surface of its possibilities," adding that all present models would be "obsolete and ugly" within six years.

PEARL HARBOR, Dec. 12 (ANS)—The Navy's gigantic flying boat Mars flew more than 33,000 miles in November to break all previous records, it was announced today.

GI Bigger Than in Last War

NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (ANS)—A Metropolitan Life Insurance survey has revealed the present doughboy is about two-thirds of an inch taller than in World War I. The height for men now induced is 68.15 inches as compared with 67.49 for 1917 draftees.

Terry and the Pirates



Signs on the Roads Into Reich



In a village somewhere near the German border, American soldiers take a breather near a building which bears the Nazi exhortation: "Here or Siberia."



Men of the 95th Infantry Division erected their own sign on a road near Saar-lautern, Germany—a sign which bespeaks their pride in divisional achievement.



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos

In another German village, a Yank pauses before proceeding with his duties, to look at another Nazi signurging "People Arm."

Ducks CO's Bullet Barrage

Stars and Stripes Paris Bureau

SOMEWHERE IN GERMANY, Dec. 12—Many a junior officer has sweated out a verbal barrage from his CO, but Lt. Joseph F. Dougherty, of Baltimore, Md., underwent the unique experience of ducking a real barrage of bullets from the "old man's" carbine for an hour and a half.

Dougherty, a platoon leader in an infantry division, became separated from his men while out on a patrol and was pinned down by enemy fire. In desperation, he made for the nearest cover—which, as it so happened, was a Kraut machine-gun nest.

Minus both breath and ammunition, he tumbled into the hole to discover it already occupied by two Jerries—one dead and the other a boy too frightened to do anything but gape at his unexpected "guest."

Two nearby Germans attempted to rush the nest and recapture the gun, but Dougherty, ignoring his still-dazed "companion," turned the machine-gun on the would-be rescuers and liquidated them.

Meanwhile, Dougherty's patrol, noticing his absence, instituted a search under the leadership of the CO, Capt. Jacob W. Gravely, of Dangerfield, Tex. Gravely, noticing what he thought to be an enemy helmet popping in and out of a Jerry machine-gun nest, concentrated the patrol's fire on this position—occupied by Dougherty and a still frozen "superman."

For the ensuing 45 minutes Dougherty was kept busy dodging his own CO's bullets every time he lifted his head in search of his lost patrol. Finally, tiring of playing hide-and-seek and of unintelligible conversation with his "room mate," the lieutenant took matters into his own hands and bolted up the hill toward his own lines—at last being recognized by his men and his superior.

Senate Group Delays Action on Palestine

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (UP)—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, on the advice of Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr., today deferred at least until the next Congress action on a resolution advocating the opening of Palestine to unlimited Jewish immigration and colonization.

Lights Go On in Paris, 4-Year Blackout Ends

PARIS, Dec. 12 (UP)—The lights will go on in Paris tonight for the first time in four years.

Hoods are to be lifted from street lamps, cars will be allowed to show more light and blackout curtains need not be put up in windows and houses and shops. During alerts lights will be extinguished.

By Milton Caniff

