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Uncle Santa Claus



Santa came from Rochester for the Christmas party given for children of Wiltz, Luxemburg, by a U.S. infantry division. He is Pvt. Richard W. Brookins, of Rochester, N.Y.

Smash Yamashita Line As Japs on Leyte Flee

Strong drives by the 77th Infantry Division and the First Cavalry Division have destroyed the Jap Yamashita Line on Leyte Island, and the enemy, disorganized and abandoning supplies sufficient to last an estimated six months, has fled into the northwest corner of the island, Gen. MacArthur's communique announced yesterday.

Though small pockets remained to be mopped up at isolated points, the Leyte campaign was finished so far as concerted enemy opposition was concerned, the communique indicated. During the day the Americans found 1,541 abandoned dead Japs.

The 77th, moving north in the Ormoc Valley from Valencia, captured the road junction of Libungao, four miles away, while the First Cavalry, in a three-mile push from Lonoy, took Kanagao, where the two forces were only a mile apart. These operations erased the enemy's so-called Yamashita Line, which consisted of a string of defensive positions in the Ormoc Corridor running north and south across the northern part of the island.

On Mindoro, to the west, there was no ground action, but nine enemy planes were shot down out of formations which came over naval units and shore batteries.

Belated announcements at Pearl Harbor disclosed that Liberator bombers had hit two Jima, in the Volcano Islands, 750 miles south of Tokyo, on Monday for the 12th consecutive day. Raids on Marcus Island and bypassed Maloelap atoll in the Marshalls also were made Monday by Liberators and Marine planes.

Superforts Hit Mukden Again

Superforts of the 20th Bomber Command, flying about 60 strong from China bases, yesterday hammered industrial targets in Mukden, Manchuria, one of the main cogs in Japan's war machine, it was announced in Washington. Three planes failed to return.

Results of the blow have not yet been received, but in the previous raid, on Dec. 7, the B29s destroyed or damaged 60 enemy planes and hit an aircraft plant and other military objectives.

Manchuria, Japan's arsenal in Greater East Asia, has many important steel works, shipyards and other war industries, and serves as a store for stockpiles of looted petroleum, rubber and tin.

Reds Glide Ahead On Frozen Front

Red Army troops, taking advantage of ground and streams frozen by bitter winds sweeping southern Slovakia, rolled on yesterday along a 125-mile front, while Russian tanks and infantry fought a bitter battle with German defenders of Kassa, southern anchor to routes leading to southern Poland.

North of the Danube bend, a tremendous battle was reported taking place on the road to Vienna.

Stalin's 65th Birthday Just Another Work Day

MOSCOW, Dec. 21 (UP)—Marshal Stalin was 65 years old today, but there was no mention of it in the Soviet press. It was believed that, as in former years, it was just another working day for the Russian leader, who is in good health, though showing the strain of war.

1st Army Retakes Stavelot As German Winter Offensive Drives 30-Mi. Into Belgium

Nazis Also Regain Part of Luxemburg; Ends of Line Hold

See Map on page 4.

Lifting the news blackout of First Army operations to cover developments up to noon Tuesday, SHAEF disclosed yesterday that Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt's German forces—many of them in captured American and British uniforms and using Allied vehicles—had made six separate thrusts into Belgium and Luxemburg along a 60-mile front, with the deepest penetration scored by a tank spearhead which reached Habimont, 30 miles inside Belgium.

Berlin, also close-mouthed concerning the great winter counter-offensive, claimed that German troops had cut the Liege-Bastogne-Arlon road, which runs through eastern Belgium. The road is about six miles west of Habimont, which is 14 miles west of Malmédy.

Still in U.S. Hands

On the encouraging side was the official report that Stavelot, between Habimont and Malmédy, had been recaptured by the First Army, and that St. Vith, southeast of Malmédy, was still in American hands. Malmédy itself was being contested.

Enemy thrusts into Luxemburg, about which little had been revealed previously, were disclosed to have reached to a point east of Wiltz, 13 miles west of the border town of Vianden, where the drive began. Farther north another group of Germans drove five miles past the frontier to Clerf.

The Americans were holding on both ends of the battle line—at Monschau, in the north, and at Echternach, on the south. Fierce fighting was reported in progress at Echternach, on the Luxemburg border, but some U.S. units which had been surrounded there have been relieved.

Dull Spearhead Drive

Stiffest fighting raged in the Stavelot area, where veteran First Army units dulled the spearhead driving along the Malmédy-Stavelot line. Near Stavelot U.S. tank destroyers broke up enemy attempts to rescue trapped German forces, knocking out five captured American Sherman tanks.

Making up the attacking force, according to SHAEF, were 13 to 15 enemy divisions, five or six of them panzers and the others Volksgrenadiers, which would mean comparatively fresh troops. Some of the divisions were defeated at Caen and have been reconstituted, it was said.

It was admitted that Rundstedt struck just when the weather was right for such an operation. Again yesterday mist and fog cut off Tactical Air Force support to the troops. Flying bombs were being used by the Germans.

On the Seventh Army front, the Americans were forced to withdraw from one town northwest of Wissembourg to the west bank of the Lauter River when Siegfried gunfire became too great.

Air Blows on Nazis Cut By Weather

In daylight Thursday, RAF Lancasters, escorted by U.S. Ninth Air Force fighters, again attacked the garrison and railway town of Trier.

Italy-based 15th Air Force heavy bombers pounded rail installations at Rosenheim, 39 miles southeast of Munich. For the second straight day, Eighth Air Force aircraft were inactive because of adverse weather.

Russian Woman 'Chutist Set Free



Red Army woman parachutist, Tamara, 21, tells her story to a woman war correspondent on the Duren Sector of the Western Front. She was found with eight Soviet women in a dugout with skulking Nazi supermen. Tamara was captured by the Germans at Smolensk, forced with several hundred Russian women to dig tank traps and trenches.

The Boys Grow Older

Monschau Forest's Hellfire Burned Hatred Into 1st Army

By John Wilhelm

Reuter Correspondent

WITH U.S. FIRST ARMY, near Stavelot, Belgium, Dec. 20—In this mist-filled forest outside Stavelot, the tragic story of American soldiers fighting German Royal Tiger tanks with only rifles and bazookas—fighting with tears in their eyes over the extent of the German drive, fighting even when surrounded beyond hope—may be partly pieced together.

Ban Holiday Rail Travel

American military personnel in the U.K. cannot travel by rail beyond 20 miles on the 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 30th or 31st of December, nor Jan. 1st, with three exceptions, it was announced yesterday by G1 of the U.K. Base section.

In emergency cases passes will be issued, and endorsed by unit COs in red ink on the face of the pass: "Authorized to travel by rail."

Those persons already on leave or pass are authorized to return to their proper stations by train on these dates. If necessary, in order to purchase rail tickets, RTOs will endorse passes to give this exception effect.

Those persons on travel orders are authorized to travel, and if necessary RTOs will endorse orders to make this exception effective.

Warn Chinese to Shun Likely U.S. Targets

CHUNGKING, Dec. 21 (Reuter)—Chungking Radio issued today the first of a series of daily broadcasts warning Chinese in Jap-occupied areas to keep away from targets likely to be hit by American bombers. Among the places listed were Canton, Hong Kong, Hankow, Nanking and Shanghai.

For St. Nik, a Black Christmas



Another touch of irony for the Hitler gang to swallow. These men of a cavalry reconnaissance unit are passing through a road block just outside the German town of St. Nikolaus, captured at the beginning of the Christmas season.

Only a Few Trails

To realize what a trap these American columns were in, you must understand Monschau Forest, where there are only a few trails over which equipment could be evacuated. You must visualize huge dumps and large rolling convoys. Then can be seen what happened when the German offensive broke over the area and it was necessary to retreat under bursting shells and bombs.

All this has unbelievably changed the First Army—those still fighting. There is hatred in their eyes, bitterness in their hearts. There are tales of soldiers so filled with lust for revenge that they have fallen on the enemy with knives in their hands.

While more and more German forces are being hurled against the line, the men no longer talk. The sting of defeat is too salty to permit of idle talk—only death to this gray horde will relax these grim faces of men who were once only American youths and businessmen in uniforms, but now are soldiers from the heart out.

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

Wants More News
Dec. 15, 1944

To the B-Bag:
I have been a regular reader of The Stars and Stripes since I arrived in the U.K., and as a general rule have enjoyed it very much.
However, since it is a small paper with limited space, I think you should publish more political and war news, as well as a complete account of the expenses, sacrifices, casualties and efforts made by each of the Allies toward winning the war.
Since you are limited in space, you could well use the columns you devote to editorials for this purpose, as they are merely one man's opinion anyway.
Frankly, lots of the editorials stink, and are not appreciated by a large percentage of GIs.
Give us the straight dope, and let us form our own opinions. After all, isn't that the American way of doing things?
Yours for a better paper with more news and less editorials.—T/4 J. W. Wiggins, —Ord. Avn.

Ammunition
Dec. 18, 1944

To the B-Bag:
I've seen a lot of newspaper articles recently, but none which made my blood boil like the ones which intimated that the people making ammunition back home let us down.
My home town has the largest ammunition-making plant in the country and I feel that I know those people that work there.
If we need the ammunition for our offensives they will get it rolling. But let them know it beforehand and please don't come out and say that they are letting us down back there, because we all know better.—Pvt. W. T. W., —Army Hospital.

No Medals, Or Pubs Either
Nov. 17, 1944.

To the B-Bag:
So the boys who fly the "heavies" in the ETO are browned off. Our heart bleeds for them.
Of course, we realize that we are from the bush leagues: that 50 or so missions over Africa, Sicily and Italy, where there are no pubs, fish and chips, or English lassies, does not compare with the hardships suffered by the majority of fighting men.
Nevertheless, we feel that we, too, helped fight the war, but we've never seen any letters complaining of not receiving medals in that area.
Do the boys realize that DFCs are supposed to be given for distinguished flying? What's distinguished about 25 or 30 missions?
True, men before them received numerous medals for so many missions, but does that give these boys the right to beg for the same medals?
As we see it, the ones who deserve the medals are the men who fight on the ground. All they receive is the Purple Heart and a theater ribbon thrown in.
We'd be ashamed to ask for a medal when we consider what the boys on the ground go through to go home. Let's not ask for medals just for doing our job.—Lts. Alvin L. Chambers and Warren M. Wolfe, 33rd Ferry Group.

A Cavalryman Speaks Up
Dec. 18, 1944

To the B-Bag:
This can go for any GI Joe who might want to know if the cavalry is still riding horses on the Mexican Border.
I have had lots of fellows look at me as if I were writing a new T.O. when I told them that I was a cavalryman. No fooling, lots of the fellows think that the cavalry is a thing of the past. Try to make Patton believe that!
I turned in my horse in '42, and have jockeyed a jeep since. I've been a member of the "Ghost" outfit since it was activated, and you can take it from me that they are all there when the fighting is on.
Cavalrymen are reconnaissance men, and we slap the Jerries, then take cover, and then slap him again like a smart boxer, and in the meantime find out what we want to know about the enemy.
And let's not complain because the infantry gets combat pay. Although we cavalrymen find out what the score is, it's the doughboys who have to go in and do the hard fighting to capture the positions.—Sgt. A. F. Delardo, —Army Hospital.

Hash Marks

How to win the war. A group of unhappy KPs somewhere in Belgium thinks the Army could get along better if they started sending over dehydrated spuds.

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Quip of the week. Accused of "shooting the same line" to six girls, a GI blithely replied, "Well, that's all the French I know."

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GI Philosophy. An old maid is a girl



who said "No" once too often.

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T/Sgt. Ray Tiron calls "I'll Walk Alone" the garlic song.

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A guy we know lost 125 pounds when he left England. She was a brunette.

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The little moron says he knows how to end the cigarette shortage—make them all King size.

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GI observation. Many a girl can cast a spell over a man with hypnotism.

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Pfc Ray Stamm sez he now understands why the French are such great wine drinkers. It rains so much there they hate the sight of water.

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"Shades of Sitting Bull," says S/Sgt. C. L. McConnell. The men had been at the front for two weeks and a non-com. was sent around to ask how many guys wanted "access to their duffle bags." He put the question to a T/5, who created quite a stir by asking his buddies, "How many of youse guys want axes in your duffle bags?"

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A bombardier we know doesn't see how Germany can be fighting with her back to the wall. He doesn't think there are any walls left.

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And then there was the big league pitcher who was drafted and wound up overseas.

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A Pfc we know sez that there are two



kinds of people in the Army—enlisted men and the people with clothes that fit.

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Afterthought. Courtship makes a man spoon and matrimony makes him fork over.

J. C. W.

A Briton Looks at GI Joe, Takes Off His Hat
He's a Civilian at Heart, Reporter Finds, but in Battle a Super-Soldier

This appraisal of GI Joe was made by a British war correspondent who has just completed a 14-week assignment with the American First Army. It was titled "Summing Up That Great Fighter—GI Joe."

By Stanley Baron

London News-Chronicle Correspondent

Last Friday night as I got out of a train after a three-hour jeep ride from the German border and an hour and a half's flight from Belgium, a greeting voice came out of the darkness—the property of a man I have not met for years. "And what?"—this was his second or third sentence—"do you really think of the Americans?" I began to tell him, and as I spoke I began to write this article—in my head.

What do I think of the Americans? I have been with them since they cracked the dragon's teeth of the Siegfried Line last September.

Listens to GI Jokes

I went with them into Aachen as the last fights were being waged in the streets and listened to the good-humored joking of filthy, bearded men filing cautiously along the ruined walls of Eschweiler. "Look," they said, pointing to my British tin hat, "he's been here since 1918."

With Ernest Hemingway for a guide, I have scuttled apprehensively through the green and sinister shades of the Hurtgen Forest.

In such shattered villages as Hamich I have seen the bodies of American men and Germans interlocked in the last embrace, and there I wondered what the war could mean to them—to these GI Joes fighting so far away from home in a land so strange.

To appraise the American soldier properly you have to shake off some impressions. If you go from Brussels to the American zone you see, first, the English Tommy, and he looks every inch a soldier—you have to scratch your mind to remember that he was ever a civilian at all. Then you see the American and you scratch it all over again. Is this man a soldier or just a civilian in disguise? With a shock you notice a GI on guard holding hands with Belgian children on either side.

You go into an office and a sergeant cracks blandly about the captain on the opposite side of a desk: "You don't want to listen to him—he's just a boy from a one-horse town."

You realize that your doubt was half right—these are civilians; they will go to the utmost pains to convince you that they really are civilians under the khaki, and that they only want to be civilians.

Get the Other Side

Then you arrive at the front line and you get the other half of the picture. The soldier half. The half which fights, and if need be dies—grimly, desperately, earnestly—with bravery as utterly complete and selfless as any man, anywhere, can fight and die. Then you realize the two halves are not incompatible, but in a way symbolic of all the American soldier believes that he stands for.

I am thinking now of a couple of sergeants I met in a village on the edge of the Hurtgen Forest. One of them had been cited for the Congressional Medal.

What his story was in detail I cannot tell you—he looked at his feet, he stumbled in his speech. Red with embarrassment, he muttered something deprecating about a feat which his general told me afterwards had saved a whole company as it advanced into Normandy.

His comrade was a linesman. The dirt was still on him. You will remember, if



"You gotta keep the communications going."

you followed the news of a few weeks ago, that the Americans had broken out of the forest at Merode and had then had to withdraw. What the published story did not tell was that two companies had been cut off because the tanks which went in to support them had foundered in the mud. That bottomless mud of the Hurtgen Forest.

In the depths of it the leading tank failed to find a bottom and capsized on its side as a ship rolls over in the sea. Behind it other tanks were blocked.

An attempt was made to winch them out. This failed because the tanks used for haulage stuck also. Then came the mortars in a persistent rain, cascading on the cut-off troops and the tanks alike and breaking the line to Merode. There is no adequate way to describe mortar fire. In the mud it is misery and death.

Along the telephone wire through the forest and out in the open the signaller-sergeant worked, methodically repairing

it as it broke. He was the last man to see Merode that day. He was the last man out.

"You gotta keep the communications going," was all he had to say to me.

Is this exceptional? No, it is normal. It is ordinary life at the front, an ordinary man doing his job, patiently, systematically, selflessly—hating it, but doing it. I have nowhere ever seen an American failing to do his duty, though often he will do it in his own way—and far beyond his duty.

Twice I have been at a command post when American soldiers fighting hand-to-hand in a village called down our own artillery fire on themselves in an attempt to shake the enemy free.

I wonder about my friends, whom I left last week so boisterous and gay. They are no better or worse than British men. But they are Americans with whom I have lived. They are the Americans of whom I write.

Merry Christmas—From the Boss



Gen. Eisenhower extended personal greetings to all armies under his command through these representatives of each, including: American, British, Canadian armies; U.S. and Royal Naval and Air Forces.

Notes from the Air Force

FIFTEEN Eighth Air Force GIs who had missed the "liberty run" back to their base were first on the scene when a V-bomb landed in an English town. The men were in a local ARC club when the explosion occurred.

Headed by 1/Lt. Ashley L. Hamory, of Peekskill, N.Y., lone officer in the group who divided the men into squads, the soldiers went from house to house searching for injured persons and assisting Red Cross workers in giving first aid.

Cpl. Leslie H. Maxwell Jr., of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., was chased out of a house by a hysterical woman wielding a broom, but the other GIs reported unflinching calmness and courtesy among victims of the V-bombing. Sgt. Frank J. Cormacci, of Omaha, Neb., said the replies were invariably, "No, thank you," or, "I'm not hurt very badly—there must be others who need attention."

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Sgt. Robert Pacquin, of Hollywood, Cal., will be the 94th Bomb Group's Santa Claus, presenting the outfit's gifts to a group of British war orphans. Col. Charles B. Dougher, of Fresno, Cal., is CO.

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1/Lt. Warren T. Smith, pilot from Rapid City, S.D., and his crew of the Fortress Round-Trip Topsy, in the 91st Bomb Group, brought their flak-shattered bomber back to England, but it was Topsy's last round-trip.

The tail gunner had been wounded, part of the oxygen system knocked out, bomb bay doors sprung open, ball and tail guns jammed and the instrument panel smashed.

Over the target, the enlisted-bombardier, S/Sgt. James J. Matthews Jr., of Ridge-wood, N.J., discovered the bombs wouldn't release. He crawled back to the bomb bay, tugged and kicked with his hands and feet, and finally loosed the bomb-load somewhere over Germany.

Homeward bound, the pilot-decided to land at the nearest airdrome. The windshield was coated with ice as they came in for a landing, making it difficult to see. One of the landing flaps was jammed and as the wheels touched ground the Fort swerved off the runway, crashing into two trucks and a concrete mixer.

The crewmen managed to get out safely, but Topsy was destroyed by fire.

Allied EMs Greeted by Ike

SHAEF, Dec. 21—Gen. Eisenhower, meeting today with enlisted men of the American, British, Canadian and French armies and the U.S. and Royal Naval and Air Forces, extended through them his personal Christmas greetings to the respective services.

U.S. representatives were Sgt. Charles Heflerich, of New York City, a tankman, and T/5 Troy Lofties, of Ardmore, Okla., a driver, for the Army; S/Sgt. Albin W. Les, the Air Force, and BM/1c Daniel Scrima, of Pittsburgh, the Navy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 — Gen. George C. Marshall, in a Christmas message made public last night, declared: "On behalf of a grateful nation, I send to the men and women of our armed forces everywhere warm and confident good wishes."

AFN Radio Program

On Your Dial			
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Friday, Dec. 22			
1200—World News.			
1205—Duffie Bag.			
1300—Headlines—Sports News.			
1305—John Charles Thomas.			
1330—Yank Swing Session.			
1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour.			
1500—Headlines—German Lesson.			
1505—Strike up the Band.			
1530—On the Record.			
1630—They Call Me Joe.			
1700—Headlines—It Pays to be Ignorant.			
1730—Music by Harry James.			
1755—American Sports News.			
1800—World News.			
1805—Mark up the Map.			
1810—GI Supper Club.			
1900—Headlines—Command Performance.			
1930—Kate Smith.			
2000—Headlines—Combat Diary.			
2030—Moonlight Serenade.			
2045—Johnny Mercer's Music Shop.			
2100—World News.			
2105—Fibber McGee and Molly.			
2135—California Melodies, with Frank Duval.			
2200—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.			
2205—Listen Characters.			
2300—Final Edition.			
Saturday, Dec. 23			
0755—Sign On—Program Resume.			
0800—Headlines—Combat Diary.			
0815—Personal Album with Margaret Whiting.			
0830—Music from America.			
0900—World News.			
0905—Music by Gus Arnheim.			
0925—Canada Dance Orchestra.			
1000—Headlines—Morning After (Command Performance).			
1030—Army Talks.			
1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.			
1105—Duffie Bag.			

Shuttle-Raders, Warriors to Tangle in Tea Bowl Tilt

Unbeaten Elevens Clash Dec. 31 at White City

By John Wentworth
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The second Tea Bowl football game slated for London's White City Stadium Dec. 31 is going to pack the biggest wallop of any grid game ever played in the ETO—if you take the word of the publicity drum-beaters for the teams locking horns. And if you lean over the drum-beaters' shoulders and take a squint at the records of the Eighth Air Force Shuttle-Raders and the Air Service Command Warriors you're quite likely to agree.

Once Over Lightly

By Andy Rooney

NEW YORK, Dec. 21—There is a lot of loose talk going around about whose football team could beat whose. Sports Writer Stanley Woodward touched off one controversy when he returned from the Ohio State-Michigan game with the report that "Ohio State has a nice little football team."



When the Columbus sports writers and the Buckeye coaches heard the remark they gave forth with a verbal blast the warmth of which was felt hundreds of miles around.

"We don't like that stuff Woodward wrote," one Ohio State representative said. "We take our football seriously and we had a great team. He said Army would beat us five or six touchdowns. Well, just find us the Army any old afternoon in the year and we'll show you."

Later, Giant Coach Steve Owen closed an argument which had been raging for weeks. "These Ohio State gentlemen keep asking for Army. Well, I've seen Army play and I've seen pictures of the Ohio State-Michigan game and here's what I say. Let Ohio State have Army, but don't give Army to me. We're only champions of the Eastern Division of the National Football League and I'm not going to turn my Giants loose on the same field with that Army bunch."

THE facts remain that Ohio State had a good little wartime football club, while Army had one of the greatest football machines of all time. Woodward made his estimate before he saw the Army-Navy game. Probably he would have raised the score against the Buckeyes after it.

The Army eleven of this year is in the same league with the Southern Cal team of '39, and the professional Chicago Bears of '40. Just for a refresher as to what caliber team Army had this year in comparison with the teams you knew, take a look at Minnesota's team of '34: Pug Lund, Butch Larson, Bill Bevan, Stan Kostika, George Svendsen, Ed Widseth, Vernon Oech, Jay Bevan, Frank Dellera and Dale Rennebohm. That is the kind of team Army had this year.

HERE for your disapproval is our selection of the first ten teams in the country, no holds or professional teams barred: Army, Philadelphia Eagles, Giants, Randolph Field, Navy, Green Bay, Third Air Force, Chicago Bears and Ohio State. That is final and we know the Packers won the pro title.

(For argument-settling here is the record of that Minnesota club. They beat: North Dakota State 56-0, Nebraska 20-0, Pitt 13-7, Iowa 48-12, Michigan 34-0, Indiana, 30-0, Wisconsin 34-0, and Chicago 35-7. That was in the days when the Big Ten were men and Jock Sutherland coached Pitt.)

Godoy Wins on KO in 2nd
SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 21—Arturo Godoy knocked out Juan Ulrich of Peru in the second stanza of a ten-round contest last night before 6,000 fans.

Dick Tracy
By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune



Li'l Abner
By Courtesy of United Features



The teams are good. They're rugged, fast and so capable at producing touchdowns that they both boast unbeaten and untied records over the season. The Warriors have rolled to ten straight triumphs with only six points scored against them, while the Raders haven't been beaten since they started bowling over opponents in early autumn of '43.

Of the two elevens, the Raders are the better known. In their last appearance at White City the Shuttlers poured it on the Navy Sea Lions, 20-0.

But the Warriors haven't exactly been declared winners of their games by order of the commanding general, and while they may not be quite as hefty in spots as the Raders they are as tough to dent as bear steak with a cellophane fork. Among other things this fall, they performed the iron man stunt of rolling to three victories in eight days.

Color enough to offset a London fog will be provided by marching formations of 500 WACs, Indian war dances, by S/Sgt. Barton Mumaw and his troupe, a United Nations flag-raising ceremony, the release by the Eighth Air Force "Varga Girl"—beautiful S/Sgt. Mary Watanabe, of Dells, Wis.—of 1,000 homing pigeons bearing read, white and blue ribbons, and an exhibition of horsemanship by a Cossack troupe. Music will be supplied by the Dagenham Girl Pipers, bands of the Irish Guards, the RAF, and the Eighth AF Flying Yanks.

The show is sponsored by Central District Special Services and the ARC.

Raders in Warmup Against Big Red Eleven

NORWICH, Dec. 21—The unbeaten and untied Shuttle-Raders will do most of their holiday celebrating pretty close to the gridiron, with two major games in six days. The Raders will warm up for their Tea Bowl battle with the Air Service Command Warriors at White City Stadium Dec. 30 by playing the 445th Bomb Group Big Red eleven Christmas Day on the Carrow Road football field here.

The Raders should get a real test from the Big Red eleven, which has swept to seven wins against one tie and a loss. The "Red" is led by Lt. George Cherokee, former Ohio State back from Shadyside, Ohio.

CAGE RESULTS

- Bunker Hill Naval 54, Stout Field 33
- Corpus Christi Naval 63, Texas Aggies 20
- Drew 52, Princeton Naval 43
- Ft. Benjamin Harrison 47, Butler 42
- Great Lakes 52, Illinois 45
- Indiana State Teachers 54, Loras 32
- John Hopkins 54, Mt. St. Mary 35
- Kearney Teachers 74, York College 33
- Lafayette 52, LaSalle 45
- Louisville University 50, Ft. Knox 39
- McAlester 49, Carleton 16
- Muhlenberg 34, Columbia 33
- Penn State 32, Bucknell 30
- Presque Isle A Base 49, Bowdoin 33
- South Carolina 51, 300th Infantry 13
- Swarthmore 47, Franklin and Marshall 41
- Syracuse 63, St. Lawrence 37
- Temple 42, Princeton 25
- Tufts 54, MIT 50
- Union 43, Cortland 42
- Wesleyan 57, Trinity 46
- Western Union College 51, Buena Vista 28
- Wichita 40, McPherson 33
- Wisconsin 51, Iowa Pre-Flight 43
- Yale 60, Marshall 42

By Chester Gould



By Al Capp



Their Smoke Dreams Include Victory Over Shuttle-Raders



What with the butt shortage, these Warriors have had to resort to the peace pipe. But there'll be no peace for the Shuttle-Raders when they meet the unbeaten and untied Air Service Command eleven at London's White City Dec. 31. The backs splitting a "drag" are Pfc Leroy Schuette, of Clay Center, Kan.; Cpl. Henry Piper, of Chicago; Pfc Joseph George, of Orchard, Neb.; and Pfc Wilson Allen, of Atlanta, Ga.

Stringent Rules Complicate Entrance to Hall of Fame

NEW YORK, Dec. 21—Baseball writers throughout the nation cast their ballots yesterday on candidates for baseball's Hall of Fame, but the results will not be announced until after the first of the year and there are so many candidates up for niches in the Cooperstown (N.Y.) baseball monument that it's highly possible nobody will be elected.

Before a player can gain entrance he must meet three qualifications. He must have played since 1900, his career must have been over one full year, and he must be named on 75 per cent of the ballots cast. That makes it a bit rugged.

Bluejacket Five Topples Illini

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Dec. 21—Somebody once said that the third time never fails, and it rang true for the Great Lakes Naval basketball team here last night when, after two previous setbacks, they rolled to a 52-45 triumph over Illinois' flashy whiz kids. The Illini held a 23-20 lead at the half, but the Bluejackets bounced back to hand them their first setback of the season.

Don Delaney, Illinois center, took scoring honors for the evening with 14 points, while Luke Majorki, who teamed with Clark Rand to lead the Lakers' second half surge, pushed 12 points through the hoops.

Badger Quintet Upsets Iowa Pre-Flight, 51-43

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 21—Wisconsin's basketball team overcame a stubborn Iowa Pre-Flight quintet, 51-43, last night for their third victory in four starts to break the Seahawks' six-game winning streak.

The score was tied at 22-22 at the intermission and the lead changed hands frequently in the second half until, with six minutes left, Bill Johnson, Des Smith and Ray Patterson connected in that order to give the Badgers the victory. Johnson was high man for the night with 15 points.

Nats Flop Team of '44

NEW YORK, Dec. 21—Many of the experts who last spring picked the Washington Senators to win the American League flag got even today by naming them the "outstanding disappointment in sports for the year 1944" in an Associated Press poll.

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Rangers Dump Hawk Six, 3-1

CHICAGO, Dec. 21—The New York Rangers emerged from the National League cellar last night with a 3-1 victory over the Chicago Black Hawks.

Hank Goldup's goal after 15 minutes of the second period settled the issue, breaking a 1-1 tie following goals by

Hockey League Standings

	W	L	T	P		W	L	T	P
Montreal	13	4	2	28	Boston	8	11	1	17
Detroit	10	5	3	23	New York	3	10	4	10
Toronto	10	6	2	22	Chicago	3	11	2	8

Cully Dahlstrom of the Hawks and Ranger Phil Watson. Kilby MacDonald notched the final New York goal in the third period.

Blake Ousts Cowley In Ice Scoring Race

MONTREAL, Dec. 21—Toe Blake, Montreal winger, replaced Boston Center Bill Cowley as the National League's leading scorer the past week by adding seven points to his total.

The leaders:

PLAYER	TEAM	G	A	P
Blake	Montreal	15	18	33
Cowley	Boston	11	21	32
Lach	Montreal	5	21	26
Richard	Montreal	19	6	25
C. Smith	Chicago	6	16	22
Howe	Detroit	6	16	22
Cain	Boston	14	8	22
Mosienko	Chicago	12	9	21

American Hockey League

Hershey 8, Pittsburgh 3
Other teams not scheduled.

EASTERN DIVISION					W	L	T	P	
Buffalo	14	8	3	31	Providence	7	15	2	16
Hershey	12	10	3	27					
WESTERN DIVISION					W	L	T	P	
Indianapolis	13	7	6	32	Cleveland	11	7	3	25
Pittsburgh	12	13	2	26	St. Louis	5	14	3	13

Oklahoma Aggies Will Stress Speed Against Horned Frogs

SPECIAL TO THE STARS AND STRIPES
STILLWATER, Okla., Dec. 21—Oklahoma A and M's ever running Cowboys are banking on winning the Cotton Bowl game with Texas Christian the same way they topped seven other college opponents this year—with sheer speed.

Using a wide open offense, the Cowboys gave Oklahoma A and M the most successful gridiron season in its 45-year history, finishing with a perfect record against collegiate opposition and losing only to unbeaten and untied Norman Naval.

Coach Jim Lookabaugh's all-civilian squad has more color than a rainbow, and the most brilliant is All-American Bob Fenimore, sophomore triple-threat. He runs the hundred in 9.7, which makes him a shade faster than the number two offensive man, Cecil Hankins. Hankins, who had been discharged from both the Army and Navy, caught 19 passes during the year and scored nine touchdowns, one less than Fenimore.

In spite of his size, big Jim Spavital, 190-pound freshman fullback, can run the century in ten seconds, but his real forte is splintering plunges. He is also shifty enough so that he is a threat as a break-away runner once through the line.

Pacific Vet Stars at Tackle

Number one man in the Aggie line is Tackle Ralph Foster, who played three seasons with A and M before leaving in '39 to become a Naval ensign. He got asthma in New Caledonia, was discharged and returned to complete his education—and play a little football.

Other standout linemen are Thurman Gay Jr., a 200-pound tackle, and two 17-year-old kids from Wichita, Jim Barger and Dick Fulk, who will rate starting guard positions.

At end, Neill Armstrong is the team's leading pass-catcher, hooking on to 26 during the year, and in addition he called the signals and did the team's kicking. His running mate on the other side of



Bob Fenimore
the line is Glenn Moore, an Indian boy who has been improving, while Center Jim Gattis is quite a pass interceptor in addition to being a crack pivot.

Life in Those United States

U.S. Spending in '44 A Record 97 Billions

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (ANS)—The Commerce Department estimated today that \$97,000,000,000, a record figure, will have been spent by U.S. consumers for goods and services in 1944. That's six per cent higher than last year and more than half again the total of \$61,000,000,000 spent in 1939.



ADM. KING

Despite the war and its inroads on production, the department said enough civilian goods were turned out this year to satisfy most of the consumers' wants. There were some "inconveniences" but "no hardships," an official stated.

Civilians this year have spent \$2,000,000,000 more for food than in 1943, even though 1944 prices have averaged slightly less.

CAPITAL SIDESHOW: Adm. Ernest J. King, chief of the U.S. fleet, was sworn into his new five-star rank as "Fleet Admiral of the U.S. Navy." . . . Economic Stabilizer Fred M. Vinson turned down a request by the Inter-American Coffee Board to reconsider his decision of last month in which he rejected an increase in the price of coffee.

A War Department survey showed that 500,000 enlisted men planned to attend either school or college after the war. The Justice Department indicted Carl Krepper, ex-clergyman, on charges of establishing himself in the U.S. as a contact for German spies.

Pinned Down

BROOKLYN, N.Y., Dec. 21 (ANS)—Diapers were presented as an alibi in Traffic Court here today. Irving Weber, 40, who was picked up for parking at a busy street intersection, said his job was to collect soiled diapers from a dozen trucks and then rush them to a laundry to be ready for the next morning's delivery. Reason for the haste, he said, was the diaper shortage. Weber won postponement of his case.

Ex-Sen. Moses Dies

CONCORD, N.H., Dec. 21 (AP)—Former Sen. George Higgins Moses, 75, died last night. He had served for eight years as president pro tempore of the Senate.

No Fare

BUFFALO, Dec. 21 (ANS)—When an intra-city bus plowed into a snowdrift yesterday and became stuck, 30 men piled off and started to push. They got it going and watched it drive away—leaving them behind.

Contemptuous, He Loses His Contempt—and 30 Days

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 21 (ANS)—After sentencing a woman to ten days in jail for contempt of court, Judge S. J. Clendinning turned to her husband and said: "I don't want any trouble out of you." "And I don't want any trouble out of you," the husband snapped back, to which the judge did a little snapping of his own—slapping a ten-day jail term on the protester. The same procedure went on twice more. The judge won each time, running the penalty up to 30 days. That stopped the husband.

Probe Lupe's Death Potion

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 21 (ANS)—Four investigations headed by one conducted by the FBI were instituted today into the origin of the sleeping potion which Actress Lupe Velez used last week to take her life. Officials said labels on the bottles indicated the tablets came from Mexico. Funeral services for Miss Velez will take place tomorrow, after which the body will be sent to Mexico for burial.

Bill of Rights at Work

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (ANS)—Returning war veterans are already receiving loans for purchasing homes and farms under the GI Bill of Rights, Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, Veterans Administrator, announced today. Honorably discharged GIs will begin receiving financial assistance for establishing small businesses this week, he said.

SFDNSTBCCH Has Answer to Butt Famine

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Dec. 21 (ANS)—Wanna join the SFDNSTBCCH? We repeat, SFDNSTBCCH. That is, if you're a cigarette fiend or a chain smoker. Invitation is from Lt. Lloyd E. Kisner, of Frank, West Va., an ETO bombardier veteran, recuperating here at an AAF hospital. SFDNSTBCCH stands for Society for Doubling the Nation's Smoking Time by Cutting Cigarettes in Half. Organizer Kisner claims just that could happen if the average smoker would take up using fog holders. The average smoker, Kisner says, will add three more hours of smoking to each pack by following the society's plan. "A slow smoker like myself can add five hours and 22 minutes to a pack," he claims. A division of soldiers, if they all joined SFDNSTBCCH, would gain about 45,000 more smoking hours, Kisner calculates.

Zombie

OMAHA, Dec. 21 (ANS)—Arrested for wearing feminine attire, Edward Kinney, of Council Bluffs, Ia., told police he frequently dressed as a woman and sat in cocktail bars where, he said, he "gave some silly masher the eye and then spent all afternoon drinking at the fool's expense."

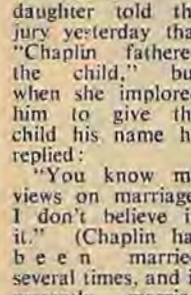
Legless Beauty a Mother

TEANECK, N.J., Dec. 21 (ANS)—Mrs. Jesse Simpson Steward, 25, a former beauty contest winner who at 18 lost both of her legs while trying to catch a train, gave birth today to a five-pound boy. Mrs. Steward had been advised by doctors after the accident never "to try and have a child."

Liked Babes, Not Babies

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21 (ANS)—Joan Barry in her suit to have Charlie Chaplin declared the father of her 14-month-old daughter told the jury yesterday that "Chaplin fathered the child," but when she implored him to give the child his name he replied: "You know my views on marriage. I don't believe in it." (Chaplin has been married several times, and is presently married to Una O'Neill, daughter of Playwright Eugene O'Neill, who recently bore him a child.)

Miss Barry said she had had four sexual intimacies with the 55-year-old comedian and that she had had "no relations" with any other man since meeting Chaplin in June, 1941. She said she



JOAN BARRY

For Parents of 'Doomed' Boy, A Yule Gift From Heaven



In mother's arms tiny "Nubbins"—with Santa, a Cheyenne, Wyo., neighbor, at his side—looks at falling snow. The tot, doctors said, didn't have much time to live. An operation, however, put him on the road to recovery.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 21 (ANS)—Little Nubbins—whose month-early Christmas party last November touched the heart of America—was home today, his operation in Denver a complete success.

For his once-anguished parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall H. Hoffman—who just a few months ago were informed that their three-year-old son Forest, nicknamed Nubbins, was bound to die by Christmas of an incurable bladder ailment—this was the best holiday gift of them all.

And the modest Hoffman home is flooding over with gifts sent from people throughout the U.S. For weeks preceding the early Christmas party—Santa Claus and all—held to give Nubbins "a real Christmas party" before he died, presents poured in for the "doomed" tot.

But the child withstood the dangerous operation last week to remove a bladder obstruction. Doctors predicted today a sure recovery.

Mrs. Hoffman said it was a "miracle." Father Hoffman just grinned and said he was "tickled pink." Main problem now is what to do with all the presents.

Send a Banana, Make A Dying Child Happy

A little seven-year-old English girl is not going to have a very cheerful Christmas this year. Recently she underwent a serious operation which doctors said didn't turn out too well. In fact, they told the child's parents she hasn't too much time to live.

Pain-wracked, she lies on her bed at the modest home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ayson, 117 Cobham Rd., Seven Kings, Essex, asking for one Christmas present.

The child would like a banana. "I'd be very happy if I can have one," the tortured girl tells her heartbroken parents.

The parents wrote to the Minister of Food, who has turned their request over to The Stars and Stripes with the plea that if there are any bananas in Army messes in the U.K. they be rushed to the child.

Blow, Counter-Blow



Terry and the Pirates



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Sub-zero Marks Great Winter's Arrival in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (ANS)—The season's coldest weather struck a wide section of the U.S. today as King Winter made his official entry.

Subzero temperatures prevailed over the mid-west states as a mass of cold air moved from Montana into the Texas panhandle, Oklahoma, Northern Arkansas and Kentucky, and spread eastward as far as New York and Pennsylvania.

The lowest temperature was reported at International Falls, Minn., where the mark hit 19 below zero.

Supplies 'Amazing'—Solons

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (ANS)—House members returning from a trip to European battlefronts today left the definite impression that they found everything going well—although more ammunition could be used.

They said that the American troops "wanted for nothing," including cigarettes, gasoline and supplies of all kinds; that their morale was high, although they wanted to get the war over quickly and return home, and the supply system is "simply amazing."

Albanians Join ELAS Forces

Continued progress in clearing ELAS forces out of Athens and Piraeus was reported yesterday in a communique from Gen. Ronald Scobie, British commander. One-third of the Greek capital was said to be cleared of resistance troops. Calling up of Athenians for the National Guard was meeting "an enthusiastic response," Scobie declared.

While British and American relief agencies were distributing food to the people of Athens, ELAS gun positions in the city were being pounded by British artillery. Meanwhile, the Associated Press reported that Albanian partisans were crossing the northern Greek frontier to join left-wing bands massing in the Epirus region.

Stettinius Trip To London Is Seen

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP)—Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's recent call for re-establishing "quarterly meetings of the foreign secretaries" of the major Powers may result in a trip to London by Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr., though such a decision, which according to informed sources rests with President Roosevelt, has not yet been made.

While in London, Stettinius might also meet with Russian diplomats to lay the groundwork for an Allied agreement on voting procedure in the proposed world peace agency. This point, it was believed, must be settled in advance of any United Nations conference.

Italy V1 Plants KO'd

PARIS, Dec. 21—Paris Radio said today Italian patriots had located and destroyed flying-bomb factories in northern Italy.

G-String Music Case

While Her Heart Flamed, Duce Took a Bow and Fiddled

In his palmy days Benito Mussolini used to stand on a balcony and beat his bemedalled chest, while in the square below a bemused populace harked to the parallel he drew between Fascist Rome and the Rome of the Caesars.

What he did when he went inside his subjects had no way of knowing, but it seems now that he played at being Caesar—not Shakespeare's Julius but another, Nero Claudius Caesar Drusus Germanicus, better known by his first name.

While Il Duce's subjects burned—conditions in Italy never being ideal for anyone except the Fascists—Benito himself, copying the example of his notorious predecessor, played the fiddle. But Mussolini, his outburst chin hooked over the violin, went Nero one better—he had a poetess to dance as he played. Fiddles have G-strings, too.

The poetess was Cornelia Tanzi. Yesterday in Rome, where the 36-year-old dancer is on trial on charges of having aided the Germans, extracts were read to the court from one of her books recalling evenings with the Duce and his fiddle.

As United Press reported it, Cornelia, who is alleged to have been one of Benito's mistresses, summed up her ardor in the following line: "His fiddlestick goes up and down rhythmically and rhapsodically upon my heart."

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