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# Germanans Forced Back 3 Miles

American Ground Guns Take Part in a Sky Battle—and Score



Silhouetted against a German sky streaked with vapor trails left by Allied and German planes engaged in a Christmas Day dogfight, anti-aircraft troops of an M51 battery (left) stand ready to fire their shells against an approaching Luftwaffe fighter. At

right, U.S. troops search for signs of life among the crushed bodies of 17 Germans scattered with the wreckage of a Junker 52 brought down by another American anti-aircraft battery. The plane loaded included 15 Nazi paratroopers.

## Nazi Pockets Pounded by U.S. Artillery

The western tip of the German salient toward the Meuse has been pushed back three miles and large enemy forces, surrounded between Rochefort and Celles, are being pounded by concentrated American artillery barrages, according to dispatches last night from SHAEF which sounded the most hopeful note since Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt's counter-offensive began two weeks ago.

Under strong pressure on both flanks the enemy's 2,000-square-mile bulge into Belgium and Luxemburg was shrinking slightly but surely, Reuter reported, adding that the battle had been centered into three chief and fairly separated areas, with principal Allied gains being scored in the west.

On the northern flank, it was said, the Allied forces were giving more than they received as the Germans tried unsuccessfully for a weak spot without finding one.

## Nazi V1 Almost Gets U.S. Tank-Ace General

WITH U.S. TROOPS IN BELGIUM, Dec. 28 (AP)—A German buzz-bomb almost robbed the U.S. Army of one of its top-ranking armored generals at the peak of the Nazi breakthrough.

He was riding in a jeep with Cpl. Robert M. Ballinger, of Brooklyn, when the bomb exploded in a field 100 yards away. Ballinger was blown out of the jeep but also escaped unhurt.

"Only a slight rise in the road saved us from being killed," said the general.

The two were on the way to see their army commander. "I was still punch-drunk from concussion when I saw the commander, and had a headache for two days," the general said.

Both sides were reported sparring in the Malmédy-Monschau sector.

Hundreds of prisoners already have been taken from the trapped enemy force west of Rochefort, which is 17 miles from the Meuse, and the American guns have taken a heavy toll of the enemy, who was putting up a stiff fight along the perimeter of the encircled area.

The battle was becoming one of salients within a salient as the Americans pushed their own wedges into the enemy bulge. Two such wedges, United Press reported, were being driven into the extended neck of the German-held area, threatening to chop off other sizable forces inside Belgium.

Yesterday's dispatches disclosed for the first time that Echternach, southern limit of the enemy thrust, had been captured by the Germans. A few hours later, it was reported that the Allies had retaken the town, which is on the Luxemburg border. There was a time lag in all reports of at least 36 hours, dispatches indicated.

Relief of the American garrison at Bastogne was said to have threatened further the enemy communications to advanced troops. Reports that large fires were seen in the area north of St. Hubert were interpreted to mean that the

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## Sneak Attack On Mindoro by Japs Repulsed

U.S. planes and PT boats combined Tuesday night to sink three destroyers and damage a battleship and cruiser out of an eight-vessel Japanese task force which had sneaked to within three miles of American positions on the west coast of Mindoro Island, dispatches from the Philippines disclosed yesterday.

The enemy naval force threw some ineffectual shells into the island even after the Allied attack. A Jap air raid, coordinated with the surface crafts' sortie, did little damage, it was reported.

Meanwhile, Liberators again bombed Clark Field, north of Manila, destroying 13 of 20 enemy interceptors.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced that U.S. warcraft and planes had bombed Iwojima Island, in the Bonins, southeast of Japan, base for enemy bombers which have struck at the American Superfort base on Saipan.

Two direct bomb hits were scored on the enemy battleship off Mindoro. The PT boats struck against the cruiser after the latter was damaged but were forced to withdraw.

## B29 Fire-Bomb Raid On Tokyo Reported

The Tokyo area was raided yesterday afternoon by Saipan-based Superforts which dropped incendiary bombs, German News Agency announced, quoting a Tokyo account, but giving no details. There was no confirmation.

## This'll Make a Stink in Tokyo

KANDY, Ceylon, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—Indian troops have reached Foul Point, at the tip of the Mayu Peninsula in Western Burma, after an advance southward of 30 miles in the last 14 days.

## Reds Nearer Austria; Grind Budapest Nazis

Red Army troops, driving westward from Budapest, yesterday captured Felsogalla, important road and rail center on one of the main routes to Vienna, while other Soviet forces began a systematic house-to-house advance into the Hungarian capital.

From all sides the Russians closed in on the trapped German garrison inside Budapest. On the west bank of the Danube, Marshal Tolbukhin's troops captured Kelenfeld, only one mile from the Royal Palace in the heart of the capital, while on the east bank, Marshal Malinowsky's forces attacked from the northeast and southeast.

German losses were heavy. Their forces were split in two, with one group surrounded in the city's inner defenses and the other trapped northwest of the capital.

The Russians meanwhile developed two new fronts toward their next objective—Austria. North of Budapest, in Slovakia, and northwest of the city in Hungary, their spearheads were within 100 miles of Vienna.

In a fresh thrust yesterday Tolbukhin's troops moved up the Budapest-Vienna railroad as far as Banhida, 63 miles from the Austrian frontier and 70 miles south-east of Bratislava, puppet capital of Slovakia.

German News Agency admitted that Nazi troops, in the face of "fierce Russian pressure," had withdrawn to the west bank of the Hron River, one of the main water barriers protecting Bratislava and Vienna.

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

**On 'The Perfect GI'**  
Dec. 9, 1944

To the B-Bag:  
In reply to Major Leake's letter in  
the B-Bag Dec. 8:  
In the first place, if you were a "GI"  
for 22 years, you're bound to know about  
"T/O" troubles. Maybe that accounts  
for the T/5 rating—we know hundreds of  
GIs who know too well what it means to  
work and wait for a little appreciation,  
and still others who get nothing at all!  
In the second place, no matter how  
perfect the guy was, he would not be  
eligible for the Women's Army Corps—  
no man is! And let's not use the name of  
the Corps in vain—you see, Sir, we're  
proud of it.  
And, in the third place, it was an  
article of interest as far as a lot of us  
are concerned and certainly was not  
intended to spoil the newspaper. It was  
the story of one man who is helping to  
win this war and therefore should not be  
considered "trash."—A couple of  
"Janes."

**Dec. 8, 1944**

To the B-Bag:  
In regard to Major Leak's letter as  
to the perfect GI being only a Tech. 5  
being the bunk, that's something a major,  
with 22 years service, shouldn't say.  
The story may be the bunk and trashy,  
but the rating surely doesn't disprove it.  
It merely tends to prove it. Since when  
does rank denote a perfect soldier?—  
Model Soldier A/c (Pfc for three years).

**Veterans Groups**  
Dec. 22, '44

To the B-Bag:  
It looks as if some of the boys in the  
ETO haven't yet heard of the American  
Veterans Committee. It was formed in  
January of '43 by half a dozen men in  
the ETO. . . .  
In its Statement of Intentions—a sort  
of temporary constitution—it declares  
the membership's intention to obtain  
those things for which we're fighting this  
war. They don't want any bonus, but a  
"job for every veteran, with private enter-  
prise and government working together to  
provide full employment for the nation."  
They want the disarmament of  
Germany and Japan, and the continuance  
of the United Nations as partners, to  
stop any threat to peace.  
For the complete dope, write The  
American Veterans Committee, 654  
Madison Ave., New York, 21, New York.  
—Cpl. Martin Roth, Bomb Sq.

**ETO Home Journal**  
Dec. 21, 1944

To the B-Bag:  
I for one don't give a damn if Rudy  
Vallee is having a divorce case or if  
Gypsy Rose Lee has a baby, or if she  
has a dozen at once. I hope you will  
understand that there are a lot more guys  
who don't like to read that crap. If you  
are going to print that stuff, why a fellow  
might as well read the Ladies Home  
Journal or quit reading at all. I am  
quite sure more news about the war  
would do just as well. What say—how  
about a little more news that we care  
about.—Pvt. C. G., Hospital Plant.

**The Flying QM**  
Dec. 22, 1944

To the B-Bag:  
We were formed into QM Depot outfit  
nearly two years ago and assumed,  
according to the popular conception, that  
we could avoid casualties by merely keep-  
ing clear of falling sugar sacks. However,  
we soon learned that "QM Depot" was  
to be our designation only by the wildest  
stretch of imagination. We discovered  
that becoming a casualty isn't difficult  
while spending your time in the open  
door of a flying C47 shoving out ammu-  
nition and supply bundles which weigh  
200 to 300 lbs. each. If the enemy ground  
fire or flak doesn't get you, the maneuvers  
of the ship are likely to throw you out.  
If you are still lucky, the static line from  
the 'chutes of one of the six to eight  
door loads can yank you out while you  
are shoving, or a hit in the ammo-loaded  
para-racks can blow the whole ship up.  
But it isn't publicity we want—just tell  
us how we can explain our Silver Star,  
Bronze Star, or Air Medals while wearing  
the Quartermaster braid? Did you ever  
hear of us?—Sgt. S. J. H. and the rest  
of the "Flying QM."

[In Thursday's story on C47s para-  
chuting supplies to Americans trapped  
near Bastogne, space limitation prevented  
mentioning QM air cargo detachment men  
who helped make the missions possible.  
They installed the door loads and para-  
packs before each mission; one "flying  
QM" per plane ensured dropping the  
doorloads over the drop zone.—Ed.]

**Hash Marks**

Conversation. Happy prospective bride  
to a girl friend: "I don't know a thing  
about him—except he wants to get  
married."

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Who Said That? She was only an  
usher's daughter, but she could put a  
fellow in his place.

\* \* \*

This Week's Fable. And then there  
was the general who consoled a bucking



Pfc with this remark, "Don't be impa-  
tient, son. I waited four years for my  
second star."

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New approach observed in a bistro.  
A Pfc left his buddies, stepped up to a  
babe and said, "Pfc Jackson has the first  
sergeant's permission to speak to the  
young lady."

\* \* \*

This utility make-up is something  
awful, sez the guy who left this verse in  
our typewriter:  
He took her gently in his arms  
And pressed her to his chest.  
The lovely color left her face  
And lodged upon his vest.

\* \* \*

GI Observation. It takes a lot of expe-  
rience for a girl to kiss like a beginner.

\* \* \*

Overheard in the Blackout. "The old-  
fashioned girl wanted an all-day sucker.  
The modern miss wants one just for the  
evening."

\* \* \*

Today's Daffynition. A gentleman is a  
fellow that a girl doesn't know very well.

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Signs of the Times. Scribbled 'neath  
some pin-ups in a Nissen hut are these  
words, "I'd gladly give my Army pay to  
have a date with Alice Faye."

\* \* \*

A sweet young thing looked up at her  
GI guy and asked, "Why is beauty more  
important in a woman than brains?" The



Joe replied logically, "Because no matter  
how stupid a man may be, he is seldom  
blind."

\* \* \*

Shades of the Sad Sack. Many a GI  
woke up this morning with a glass of beer  
in his hand after dreaming all night of  
a Black and White Christmas.

J. C. W.

**HUBERT**  
by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"Some joker told me all you had to do was stand on a corner and beat 'em  
off with a club."

**The Dead Cannot Speak, Yet They Are Eloquent**



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo.  
For those who believed it was "all over but the shouting" here is a grim reminder.  
Taken from captured German film of the Nazi counter-attack, this photograph shows  
American soldiers lying dead among their artillery pieces. The equipment will be  
used again by the Germans. The American soldiers will fight no more.

**Tin Minnow**  
**German One-Man Submarines**  
**Operating Off French Riviera**

By George Dorsey  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

ON THE MARITIME ALPS FRONT,  
Dec. 28—It was officially revealed for the  
first time today that the Germans had  
been using one-man submarines in Medi-  
terranean waters behind the lines held by  
the Allies along the Maritime Alps.

Several of these pocket-sized under-  
water craft have been captured by Ameri-  
can troops holding the coastal sector of  
the front. Although the tiny subs are  
equipped with charges to destroy their  
inner workings, at least one was seized  
before its operator could detonate the  
explosive.

These submarines appear to be con-  
verted Italian torpedoes. They are long  
cylindrical affairs equipped on top with  
a plexiglass bubble which resembles  
the machine-gun turret of a bomber. The  
one-man crew sits on the bottom of the  
tube looking out through the turret as  
he operates the sub.

It is believed by American officers here

**C47 and a Seagull**  
**Collide in Midair**

A U.S. TROOP CARRIER BASE,  
Dec. 28—Remember the poor guy in  
the packed stadium who was singled  
out for a passing bird's attention?

Capt. Charles H. Immschweiler, of  
Pottsville, Pa., says he's the guy.

A 439th Troop Carrier Group pilot,  
Immschweiler was flying his C47 on a  
re-supply mission when he flew head-  
on into a wandering seagull.

Result: A broken window, a cabin  
full of feathers, a lacerated shoulder,  
presumably one dead gull.

It is believed by American officers here

that the submarine goes into action with  
a regular torpedo attached below the  
craft. If the operator can sneak up to an  
Allied vessel he can then release his  
torpedo, turn around and beat it for  
home.

However, navigation facilities in the  
cramped machine are apparently rather  
poor. One sub and its operator were  
captured in one of the bays of the French  
Riviera in broad daylight by an anti-tank  
platoon, commanded by 1/Lt. Alvin J.  
Meier, of St. Mary's, Pa. The little Nazi  
who was pulled out of the sub said later  
that he thought he was sailing into a  
German-held Italian port.

"When the boys first saw the submarine  
from their OP, they thought it was a big  
fish," said Meier. "They were going to  
take a couple of hand grenades and go  
fishing when one of them looked more  
closely and decided it was a sub. They  
got excited and called me up, saying,  
'There's a submarine coming into the  
bay.'"

**Checks on Going-Ons**

"Lord, I had visions of a full-sized  
submarine coming in and shelling every-  
thing in sight. I called up battalion head-  
quarters and then went down to the water-  
front to see what was going on. By this  
time, the sub had come in close to shore  
and had gotten stuck on a sandbar. We  
brought a 57-mm. up and watched the  
thing from cover for a minute or two.  
We soon realized that the sub had no  
weapons and one man waded out to it.  
The German would not get out, so this  
GI tried to break the turret glass with  
the butt of his tommy-gun, but the stuff  
was about three-quarters of an inch thick  
and he couldn't even dent it. We finally  
had to get a screwdriver and unscrew  
the lid.

"The man inside was a little guy. He  
was loaded down with all kinds of equip-  
ment, including an oxygen mask, and he  
looked like a man from Mars.

"By the time we had everything under  
control, all kinds of troops were coming  
down to see if we needed any help, so I  
called battalion and said, 'Sighted sub  
and captured same.'"

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- 1500—Headlines—German Lesson.
- 1505—Strike up the Band.
- 1530—On the Record.
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- 1755—American Sports Roundup.
- 1800—World News.
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- 2105—Fibber McGee and Molly.
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- 2300—Final Edition.
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**Saturday, Dec. 30**

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- 0830—Music from America.
- 0900—World News.
- 0905—Music by Freddie Martin.
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**Medics Say**  
**What the Hell,**  
**Fly Into Trap**

By Jimmy Cannon  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH AMERICAN FORCES,  
France, Dec. 28—Nine rear-echelon  
medics volunteered and went to the aid  
of the wounded in the cut-off Bastogne  
pocket by glider. Towed by a C47 and  
protected by Thunderbolts they had an  
unexpectedly calm flight to the sur-  
rounded area, as neither the supply-  
packed glider nor the C47 was marked  
with a red cross and they went over many  
enemy ack-ack batteries.

Their only disappointment was that  
they didn't get to jump, although some  
hadn't even been in an airplane before.

"Too bad we're not going by para-  
chute," complained Capt. Edward  
Zinschlag, of St. Louis.

"Can you handle a chute, Mac?"  
asked the pilot.

"No," said the Captain, "I've never  
jumped, but it's something I've always  
wanted to do. None of us has been up  
in a glider, either."

T/3 Jack Donahue, of Newark, N.J.,  
admitted he was excited, because he had  
never been up in a plane before.

"But I'm not worried," he said. "I'm  
one of the lucky Irish. We can do a lot  
for those wounded guys. I'll bet they'll  
be glad to see us."

Lawrence Rethwisch, a T/4 from Jer-  
sey City, who also was making his first  
flight, stalked the snow-patched field as  
he waited for the take-off.

"My main concern is to get there and  
start to work on those wounded guys,"  
he said. "I think flying is really some-  
thing," said T/4 Clarence Metz, of  
Chicago. "I've only been up once back  
in the States and I wouldn't miss a flight  
for anything."

Someone asked Sgt. John Knowles,  
of St. Joseph, Mo., why he had volun-  
teered for such a dangerous mission.

"The way I figure it is this," he said  
gravely. "Someone has to go and it  
might as well be me."

"You're right," said Capt. Henry M.  
Hills Jr., of Iowa City. "Some fellows  
need help and someone has to help  
them."

Maj. Lamar Soutter, of Boston, and  
Capt. Foy Moody, of Corpus Christi,  
Tex., completed the two teams. As they  
clambered into the supply-crowded glider  
the ground crews shouted at them above  
the hurricane roar of the tow ship.  
Zinschlag looked back at them and yelled,  
"If anything happens, all you have to do  
is put a handkerchief over your head  
and make out you're a bird!"

**Newman's**  
**Yankee Doodles**

NEWS ITEM—WASHINGTON—New  
ration is authorized to help WACs re-  
duce because present dietary habits in  
training may persist, causing undesirable  
obesity.



"General, I'll have you know that my Effie  
Lou comes from a family of big eaters, and  
I don't want her starvin' herself!"



# Once Over Lightly

By Andy Rooney

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—When Byron Nelson won the vote of the nation's sports writers as 1944's outstanding athlete of the year he joined an illustrious list on the sports record books. The \$45,000 he won in war bonds may look better now, but if the golfer who averaged less than 70 in 78 rounds of big time golf looks over the people ahead of him on the list it must give him a thrill as big as a glance at his bank book.

Take a look at Nelson's predecessors. In 1931 it was Pepper Martin; '32—Gene Sarazen; '33—Carl Hubbell; '34—Dizzy Dean; '35—Joe Louis; '36—Jesse Owens; '37—Don Budge; '38—Don Budge; '39—Nile Kinnick; '40—Tom Harmon; '41—Joe DiMaggio; '42—Frank Sinkwich; '43—Gunder Haegg.

PUT those names in a hat and if you can't tell one good story about any man drawn you aren't much of a sports fan. Say you grab the name of Owens. There have been fast men before and since, but there never has been anyone who did what Jesse Owens did that hot May day in '35 out in Ann Arbor.

Start your story four nights before that Big Ten meet—that would be May 21. The great Negro sprinter was horsing around in his fraternity house at Ohio State. He had trained to a fine peak and being young and frisky he indulged in his share of wrestling and free-for-alls which go on in college living quarters. He got to the top of the stairs on the way to bed and started one of those friendly tussles. Somehow Jesse slipped and went head over heels down the stairs. Ohio State's hope for the Big Ten title got up slowly, rubbing one ankle. The ankle hurt as he limped back upstairs.

OWENS' biggest worry was how he was going to break the news to his coach. Coaches don't appreciate any horsing around their athletes do. Well, Jesse got through the rest of his week's training and it was decided he was fit to run come the day of the Big Ten meet at Ann Arbor.

The rest of the story is history. Jesse Owens went out and in two races ran faster than any man had ever travelled the same distance, in the third event he ran 100 yards in world record time and in the fourth event he jumped further by inches than anyone had ever jumped before.

MAY 25, 1935, was one of the great days in the history of sport. Jesse Owens ran 100 yards in nine and four-tenths seconds to equal Frank Wykoff's world record; he raced 220 yards in 20.3 seconds to set a new world mark; he cleared ten hurdles and covered another 220 yards in 22.6 for a new world record; he broad-jumped 26 feet, eight and three-quarter inches for a fourth world's record.

There is one more Owens story you should be able to tell. It happened in the '36 Olympics. The Germans had a blonde adonis they thought was going to win the broad-jump and after the officials disqualified Jesse on his first two jumps—which looked okay to American observers, by the way—Owens realized he had to do something.

ON his third jump Owens steamed down the runway towards the pit and those who were watching noticed he was way off the markers he had put down to judge where his foot was to land on the takeoff board. It looked bad; it looked as though he was really going to miss his takeoff this jump. But almost a foot and a half behind the board where his foot was supposed to hit, Jesse took off. And when he finally came down in the sandpit he was well beyond the mark of the best German jumper, and the most partial judge could hardly call the jump foul.

## CAGE RESULTS

Nebraska 54, Pentathlon (Mexico) 40  
Temple 33, Tennessee 31  
Western Kentucky 81, St. Josephs 48  
OKLAHOMA CITY TOURNAMENT  
Arkansas 50, Denver 36  
Oklahoma Aggies 63, Baylor 16  
Rice 60, West Texas 44

## Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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College Reunion  
REUNION DINNER will be held at No. 3 Grosvenor Sq. Club, Jan. 13, for former students of Northwestern, Illinois, Chicago and Michigan, at 6:30 PM. Reservations should be sent to The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, 37 Upper Brook St., London, W.1.

## Turf Ban Cuts Tax Gravy



## Rader, Warrior Teams Studied With Former College Players

By John Wentworth

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Graduates of colleges all over America will have a chance to see how much Army life has taken out of former gridiron stalwarts of their old alma maters Sunday when the Eighth Air Force Shuttle-Raders and the Air Service Command Warriors clash in the championship Tea Bowl game at White City Stadium.

Some of the more outstanding players on the two elevens are Joes who

## Leafs Smack Rangers, 8-2

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—Ted Kennedy came through with three goals and two assists here last night as the Toronto Maple Leafs skated to an easy 8-2 victory over the lowly New York Rangers.

After Grant Warwick put the much-beaten New Yorkers ahead with a goal

W L T Pts					W L T Pts				
Montreal	14	4	2	30	Boston	8	11	1	17
Detroit	13	5	3	29	New York	3	12	5	11
Toronto	11	8	2	24	Chicago	3	12	3	9

early in the first period Kennedy promptly started going to town. He scored his first goal on a pass from Babe Pratt at 9:17 and passed to Bob Davidson 19 seconds later for another. After that the whole Toronto team took the cue and proceeded to make the Rangers look even more futile than they are.

## Vines Shatters Par In L.A. Open Tuneup

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28—Ellsworth Vines, lanky Denver Country Club professional, shot a record-smashing 62—eight under par—yesterday to lead the pro-amateur tuneup for next week's \$13,333 Los Angeles Open golf tournament.

The former tennis king racked up eight birdies to knock one stroke from the course record held by George Von Elm and Bruce McCormick.

## Leading Ice Scorers

PLAYER	T	G	A	P
Blake	Montreal	15	19	34
Cowley	Boston	11	22	33
Howe	Detroit	7	19	26
Lach	Montreal	5	21	26
Richard	Montreal	19	6	25
C. Smith	Chicago	7	17	24
M. Brunetteau	Detroit	13	10	23
Bodnar	Toronto	7	16	23
Cain	Boston	15	8	23
Mosienko	Chicago	13	9	22

## American Hockey League

Cleveland 5, Hershey 0					Other teams not scheduled.				
EASTERN DIVISION					W L T Pts				
Buffalo	15	10	3	33	Providence	8	16	2	18
Hershey	13	11	3	29					
WESTERN DIVISION					W L T Pts				
Indianapolis	15	7	7	37	Pittsburgh	13	12	3	29
Cleveland	13	8	5	31	St. Louis	5	17	3	13

had just finished tearing up the turf for their neighborhood high schools when Uncle Sam called, but playing alongside those Joes are a lot of Huberts who performed with higher larnin' institutions from New Hampshire to California.

Six of the Warriors slated for action used to have their names listed on college programs back home, and five of the Raders are acquainted with fraternity house shindigs.

Giving the Raders that educational

touch are 185-pound Pvt. Earl Dosey, former Purdue back; Pvt. Ed Snow, 193-pound quarterback from the University of New Hampshire; Halfback Cpl. Ashley Anderson, 190 pounds of University of Wisconsin loyalty; S/Sgt. Tom Baddick, pile-driving 200-pound fullback from LaSalle University, and M/Sgt. Frank Schweda, who tips the scales to 315 pounds and played a hefty tackle for Saint Mary's.

Heading the Warrior collegians is Sgt. Dick Woodring, six-foot two-inch, 194-pound back who used to cavort for Texas A and M, but others are Pfc LeRoy Schuette, former All-State back with Kansas State Teachers College; Pfc Harold Stevenson, 197-pound end from Duke; S/Sgt. John McKenzie, 236-pound guard from the University of Michigan; S/Sgt. Tom Johnson, 180-pound Murray State Teachers College tackle, and Pvt. Wilson Allen, 189-pound halfback from Rollins College, Fla.

## Navy Ruling Halts Lesnevich Buffalo Tiff

BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 28—A surprise Navy Department order yesterday caused the cancellation of an eight-round non-title bout between Coast Guardsman Gus Lesnevich, world light heavy champ, and Phil Muscato, of Buffalo, scheduled at Memorial Stadium last night.

Billy Michie, matchmaker of the Fairview AC, said a naval officer from New York advised him of the order but would give no reason for refusing Lesnevich permission to go through with the battle, and rather than sign a substitute for the champ he cancelled the entire card.

## Frankie Hayes Lowers Two AL Fielding Marks

CHICAGO, Dec. 28—Four major league fielding records were broken in the American League in '44, but Frankie Hayes, Philadelphia catcher who broke two of them, got nothing better than a tie with Ray Mueller of the Cincinnati Reds, who duplicated Hayes' iron man feats in the other loop.

Hayes caught 155 consecutive games, thereby busting the record of 151 games in one season held by Ray Schalk of the White Sox, and the consecutive game record of 133 held by George Gibson of the Pirates.

The other two records broken in '44 were in the double-play department. Lou Boudreau, shortstop and manager of the Cleveland Indians, participated in 134 twin killings to break his own former shortstop standard of 122, and Rudy York of Detroit took part in 163 double plays to erase the former record held by First Baseman George McQuinn of St. Louis and the late Lou Gehrig of the Yankees.

### All-Star Fielding 'Nine

The all-star American League fielding team with averages: Boudreau, shortstop—.978; McQuinn, first—.994; Starnweiss, New York, second—.982; Christman, St. Louis, third—.972; Outfielders, Tucker, Chicago—.991; Spence, Washington—.989; Estalella, Philadelphia—.988.

Roy Partee of Boston and Buddy Rosar of Cleveland led the catchers with .989, and Eddie Lopat, Chicago southpaw, fielded 1,000.

Club fielding honors were split by the Yankees and Indians with .974 apiece with the Indians accepting the most chances and making the most errors, 165.

## Temple Quint Whips St. Joseph's, 81-48

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28—The Western Kentucky basketball team set three new Convention Hall basketball records last night in defeating St. Joseph's, 81-48. Thirty-four field goals, 81 points and a combined total of 129 points were all new marks.

Leading the Kentucky team were Sink-

## Cage Gamblers Arrested

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28—Ten men described as "big time gamblers" were arrested during the basketball double-header at Convention Hall last night and charged with disorderly conduct and gambling.

Officers said no attempt was made to hide the fact that gambling was going on. Money was passed openly and bets made audibly.

horn, a forward, and Huter, a guard, each with 17 points, while O'Neill collected 16 points for St. Joseph's.

In the windup Jim Joyce connected with a field goal in the last two seconds of play to give Temple its fourth straight win, 33-31, at the expense of Tennessee and knock the Vols from the unbeaten ranks.

### Bluejacket Five Stops Bunker Hill

BUNKER HILL, Ind., Dec. 28—The Great Lakes Naval basketball team was pushed the limit here last night before downing Bunker Hill Naval, 48-46. Bunker Hill had a 25-24 lead at the half. In the second session the Lakers came back strong and pulled away to a 38-31 lead at one point, but the locals, led by Stan Miesek with 14 points, finished strong. Dick McGuire, former St. John's player, led the winners with 15 points.

## Wilson Bulwarks Tulsa Offense

By Ben Funk

Associated Press Sports Writer

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 28—Tip to the Georgia Tech football team:

If you can stop Fullback Camp Wilson in the Orange Bowl game at Miami, you'll stop Tulsa's running attack.

How to stop Camp Wilson? Well, now, there's quite a problem. Confidentially, none of Tulsa's other opponents knew the answer.

Wilson, a tall, 200-pound line crusher, is the guy who makes the Golden Hurricane offense roll and—win or lose—it always rolls.

As a freshman he was the nation's fifth leading ground gainer. As a junior he has become one of the most feared running backs in the nation.

He is used primarily as a battering ram. He can be sent thundering into the middle for big chunks of yardage and if the enemy defense draws up close to stop him there goes that Tulsa passing attack! But Wilson's talents aren't restricted to busting up the opposition's line. He also is a speedboy who can gallop for long distances.

Against the Iowa Seahawks he returned a kickoff 94 yards for a touchdown, setting off a last-half scoring spree in which Tulsa piled up 27 points, highest total scored on the Sailors in two seasons.

Against Southwestern of Texas, when the line disintegrated before one of his bull-like rushes, he sailed 89 yards for a touchdown.

On both of these occasions Wilson was in the clear at midfield and gaining ground like Whirlaway in the stretch,

## Legg Work



Phyllis Legg

Phyllis Legg, of St. Paul, Minn., wearing her "stilt" skates, holds her breath as Hazel Franklin, of Bournemouth, England, glides between her legs during a rehearsal for the 1945 Ice Follies at Madison Square Garden.

## Collegians Face Exam Checkups

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28—The manpower authorities' order to the draft boards for the re-examination of professional athletes either discharged or disqualified physically for military service applies to collegians too, it was disclosed yesterday.

Although the order by War Mobilization Director Jimmy Byrnes calling for a review of the 4-F athletes' qualifications for military service is expected to have no effect on ordinary selective service procedure, officials said it might serve to speed up settlement of "border-line cases."

Selective Service officials pointed out that nobody is deferred simply because he is an athlete. They added, however, that the armed services and not the draft boards decide whether a man is accepted or rejected. Heretofore men put in 4-F for physical defects which might clear up in time have been called back regularly, but from now on a closer check will be kept on them.

## Beau Jack Named 'Boxer of the Year' By Ring Magazine

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—Beau Jack, former lightweight champion (New York state version) now at Fort Benning, was today named the "Boxer of the Year" by Nat Fleischer, editor of Ring Magazine.

Fleischer said the Georgia Negro did the most to keep boxing going during '44 and "certainly was the outstanding figure in a tremendous boxing boom in New York." In five main events as a civilian at Madison Square Garden Beau attracted \$460,610 in gate receipts, which includes the year's largest gate, \$132,823 against Al "Bummy" Davis, Brooklyn welterweight.

Listed as the most thrilling fight of the year by Fleischer's publication was Tami Mauriello's eighth-round kayo victory over Lee Oma. Mauriello was beaten in a return engagement.

## Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp





## Life in Those United States

# U.S. Income Reaches Record 159 Billions

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (ANS)—The national income soared to a record high of \$159,000,000,000 in 1944, while production reached a new peak of \$197,000,000, the Department of Commerce announced today in reporting that the U.S. had passed the peak of war-time economic expansion.

Commerce officials said business hit its top early in the year, then leveled off. The department said it did not expect 1945 totals to be as high.

The production figure topped by \$13,000,000 the record set in 1943. Total income, which includes all earnings of individuals through participation in production (wages, salaries, dividends, etc.), exceeded 1943's record by \$12,000,000,000.

**CAPITAL SHAVINGS:** The Navy's Seabees, with a record of participation in every major amphibious operation to date in World War II, celebrated their third birthday today. . . . The State Department announced France would become the 36th member of the United Nations at a formal ceremony here New Year's Day.

Rear Adm. D. C. Ramsey, chief of the Navy Bureau of Aeronautics, revealed that the Navy was rushing several new types of fighting craft into production to combat improvements in Japanese aircraft. He said the three outstanding fighters now in service were the Grumman Hellcat, Vought-Goodyear Corsair and Grumman Wildcat.

### 50,000 in Tribute to Lupe

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 28 (ANS)—Lupe Velez, film actress who committed suicide by taking an overdose of sleeping tablets, was buried here today in what was described as Mexico's largest funeral since 1928. Special police and a riot squad were on hand to control the crowd of more than 50,000 persons which filed past the body as it lay in state in a downtown mortuary before the burial ceremony.

### Words Fail Us

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28 (ANS)—Fire following a train wreck near Portland yesterday destroyed 168,000,000 cigarettes destined for the Christmas market here.

### Octung

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Dec. 28 (ANS)—J. F. Gish, a filling-station operator, saves unnecessary words when out of high-grade gasoline. He drapes the pumps in black.

### Wife of 4F Gets \$4,000 in 'Army Allotments'

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28 (ANS)—

Having paid out \$4,000 in allotment money under snafued circumstances to Mrs. Arline Bookman, the Office of Dependency Benefits today demanded that she return it.

Meantime, Mrs. Bookman declared she didn't have the money, which she said she had used to support herself and her two-year-old daughter, Karen Kay. Besides, she said, she didn't know what it was all about, this business of Bookman's being in the Army.

She received monthly payments from November, 1942, to October, 1943. But, Mrs. Bookman said, Bookman can't be in the Army, because he is crippled and classified 4F.

The Bookmans were divorced last July.



Mrs. Bookman

### Beautiful but not Dumb

PORTSMOUTH, N.H., Dec. 28 (ANS)—Mrs. Mary C. Dondero, one-time holder of the "Miss Portsmouth" beauty title, last night was ruled the city's new mayor when a recount showed her victorious over Ira A. Brown by seven votes. Mrs. Dondero is the first feminine chief executive in the city's history.

### Triplets Sell a Share in Nation Daddy Died For



NEW YORK, Dec. 28—Triple-threat bondsmen in the recently-concluded Sixth War Loan Drive in the U.S. were the Bachant triplets—Karen Ann, Nancy Sue and Janet Lee—of here. With them here is their mother, Mrs. Muriel Bachant, widow of Cpl. Herbert Bachant, who was killed in France before he could see his new daughters.

### Ho, Hum

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 28 (ANS)—Mrs. Humphrey Bogart announced today that her film star husband "had returned home" and that "naturally there would be no divorce proceedings." The couple had split two weeks ago for a second time.

### Sick Call

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (ANS)—With the need for surgical and medical technicians acute, the War Department announced today that recruiting in 1945 for the Women's Army Corps would be aimed principally at obtaining qualified hospital personnel.

## Nazi Attack in Italy Nets Fresh Gains

German troops in the second day of their counter-attack against Fifth Army positions along both sides of the Serchio River in western Italy have made further gains along a six-mile front, dispatches from Allied HQ said yesterday. Striking from the mountains, the Germans took Barga and threatened the road junction of Galliciano, 40 miles northeast of Leghorn, the Fifth's supply port.

## Doctors Insist Chaplin Didn't Father Joan's Baby

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28 (ANS)—Two medical specialists testified yesterday that a paternity blood-grouping test showed that Charlie Chaplin was not the father of Joan Barry's baby daughter, despite the fact a supplementary test based on other factors did not exclude the comedian as the father.

The physicians, stating they accepted the first test as the more conclusive, said Chaplin's blood and that of the baby were not of the same group.

### Lottery Possibilities Here

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28 (ANS)—Among the latest contributors to the servicemen's blood bank was Joseph Cirminello, the father of quadruplets.

## Doughboys Move Up to Knead Foe



Keystone Photo

American doughboys move up to the front to stem the advancing Nazi horde near Stavelot. Full field equipment on their backs, the infantrymen slog along the road—that is the battlefield these days—determined to stop the Germans from taking another inch.

### "Nuts"

## GIs at Bastogne Had a Reply To Nazi Surrender Demand

WITH U.S. 1st ARMY, Dec. 28 (Reuter)—The American garrison at Bastogne, holding one of the main road and rail hubs in the path of the German winter drive and rejecting a Nazi ultimatum surrender with the single word "Nuts," was relieved during darkness Wednesday morning when a U.S. armored column broke through enemy positions and reached the town, followed by supplies for the men who had held out for nine days against German tanks, infantry and planes—and tricks.

Complete details of the relief operation are still cloaked in security censorship. The men who held Bastogne told tonight what had happened.

The battle began on the foggy morning of Dec. 19 when Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt tried to overrun the town with mass armored formations. "We knocked them off like flies," recalled a bearded sergeant from Chicago, who himself killed four Germans with the first hand grenade he threw. "Our artillery really did a butchering job."

Elements of one American division alone knocked out more than 100 enemy armored vehicles during the first two days. According to officers at Bastogne, the Germans lost almost 200 tanks trying to crack the town.

After the Americans had rejected a surrender ultimatum, the Germans laid down a concentrated artillery barrage, followed by more infantry and tanks. Once more they were hurled back.

The Luftwaffe was called in, and on Christmas Eve it bombed the American positions heavily.

In the last four days, the largest formations of C47s ever flown—842—parachuted relief supplies, facing heavy flak to do it. Late Tuesday several gliders landed on the outskirts of the town with supplies, and planes successfully landed and took off under German fire to bring in volunteer medical workers.

The Germans tried infiltration tactics, sending in officers and men wearing American uniforms and in some cases driving U.S. vehicles. They were caught. A mimeographed news sheet was put out daily for the besieged troops.

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Germans were destroying equipment before pulling back.

After having lifted enough to enable Allied airmen to get in telling licks earlier this week against German armor and communications, the weather yesterday turned foggy again and cut down tactical air-force operations.

Reuter reports from the front said the Germans seemed to be "on the road back" in some sectors, and a Blue Network correspondent said it was believed that one of the panzer divisions used by the Germans had been mauled so badly that it was being pulled out of the line.

Perhaps one of the best indications of the way the battle was going—some dispatches said the tide had been turned east of the Meuse—was the admission by German spokesmen that their forces had gone over to "an elastic defense" between Echternach and Bastogne.

### Terry and the Pirates

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## Stimson Says Push Will End In Nazi Disaster

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson told his press conference today that it was too early to pass judgment on anyone "who might be censured in connection with the failure of Allied intelligence on the First Army front immediately before the German offensive."

Although he said that "the situation on the Western Front continues critical," Stimson declared that the Germans "had committed almost all their crack panzer divisions" and expressed confidence that "this German throw of the dice will have disastrous consequences for them."

"Further advances at the tip of the German salient," he explained, "are relatively unimportant by comparison with the German necessity for expanding the base of their salient." In this, he said, time already was working against the Germans.

Saying that "we are suffering severe casualties," Stimson paid tribute to the heroism of U.S. troops on every sector of the 1st Army front, mentioning "company cooks and clerks who fought like tigers beside our riflemen in snow and mud and freezing cold."

Meanwhile, Gen. Peyton C. March, Army chief of staff in World War I, in an interview on his 80th birthday, blamed Allied intelligence for the German success.

"The movement of 200,000 enemy troops," he said, "should not have come as a surprise to anybody. Beyond the failure of Allied military intelligence, it is obvious that the Allied High Command failed properly to evaluate the information it had on hand."

## 5th Army GIs 'Proud, Bitter'

ROME, Dec. 28 (AP)—The American infantryman on the Fifth Army front is "both the proudest and bitterest man in the Army," Rep. Clare Boothe Luce declared in a broadcast to the U.S. last night, following her return from a Christmas trip to the Italian war zone.

He is bitter, she said, that any American should think he is or has been on an inactive front in a countryside "that only an idiot could call sunny Italy."

He is proud because "he knows the infantry has borne the hardest brunt of the battle in these endless mountains," she added. Mrs. Luce lashed out at Americans at home who contributed to the bitterness of Fifth Army troops with "overly complacent letters" telling them it would be all over any minute. "Some of the boys even get letters from their families saying how glad their families are that they are not in France where all the shooting is, but here in sunny Italy," she said.

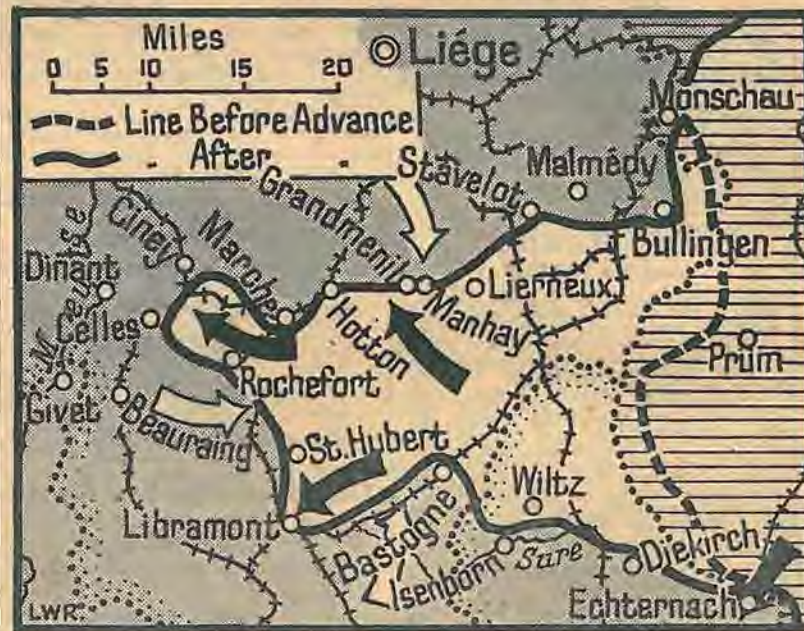
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### \$500,000 Kansas City Fire

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 28 (ANS)—Damage estimated at more than \$500,000 was caused here by a five-alarm fire which destroyed a wax company warehouse and several other buildings.

## Nazi Thrust Starts Recoil



By Milton Caniff