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Ou est le lavabo?
Oo ay lub la va bo?
Where is the toilet?

French Tanks in Strasbourg

Ike Orders A Probe of Butt Sales

While conflicting explanations continued last night to throw a shroud of mystery around the shortage of smokes in the ETO, Gen. Eisenhower moved to pierce the fog by ordering an investigation of all cigarette sales. Supreme Headquarters, announcing that the Supreme Commander had taken a personal interest in the cigarette problem and had ordered a check on all cigarette sales, said all allegations of illegal sales were to be investigated and that, if found to be true, those responsible would be court-martialed. All distribution will be handled through the Communications Zone, SHAEF said, with a new distribution scheme made effective shortly which would provide five packs of cigarettes weekly for combat troops and two for rear-echelon men. Meanwhile, in Washington, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson declared that the cigarette shortage in overseas theaters "will be corrected as soon as possible."

Military Needs First
He said he believed the shortage was caused "mainly by an enormous supply problem" posed by U.S. offensives. Critically-needed military materials, he said, were being given the highest priorities.

At the same time, a Communications zone official in Paris denied that the shortage was due to distribution problems within the ETO.

"The cigarette shortage," he said, "is due to the lack of ARC gratuitous kits which have been the means of supplying combat soldiers with smokes. These kits have not arrived in sufficient quantities from the U.S. and as a result it has been necessary to draw upon cigarette bulk stocks of the Army Exchange Service to supply the combat troops."

Previously, anonymous War Department spokesmen in Washington had said that "sufficient" cigarettes had been shipped overseas, but that "what happens to them after they get there is another matter."

Belgian Black Mart Has Smokes to Burn

By Lawrence Fairhall
Manchester Daily Dispatch Correspondent
BRUSSELS, Nov. 23—Millions of cigarettes intended for Allied fighting men are being sold at from \$1 to \$1.50 per packet of 20 on the black market in Belgium. Even supplies for troops fighting in Germany are being stolen. At Geilenkirchen, a correspondent reported having seen a crate of chocolate opened to reveal only bricks. Bottles of "rum," intended to revive soldiers after battle, contained only water or sawdust. (A Dispatch reporter in London said many high-ranking British officers thought such offenses should be treated as looting.)

While nearly every bar and cafe in Brussels and other Belgian towns can sell at a price practically any quantity of popular brands of American, Canadian and English cigarettes, thousands of our soldiers fighting under the foulest conditions...

Political Hot Stove League

Dutch Chef Serves the Turkey Thinking It a 4th-Term Feast

By Edward Roberts
United Press War Correspondent
U.S. NINTH ARMY HQ, Nov. 23—Gustav Hamin, 44 years a chef, prepared his first Thanksgiving dinner today, firmly believing it was a feast celebrating the re-election of President Roosevelt. Gustav, roly-poly 60-year-old Dutchman, formerly chef of some of the best hotels in Amsterdam and Rotterdam, is now head cook at the Ninth Army press camp. "The boys have been pulling his leg," Mess Sgt. Lawrence W. Gudger, of Care, Ky., said. "I told him we ate turkey because the President was re-elected and he said, 'Yah, gudt.'" Gustav was preparing the stuffing when Daniel Galanty, of Newark, N.J., elected to tell him the story of the Pilgrims—with the aid of a Dutch-American dictionary. Gustav was a little suspicious. "Nein, nein, Roosevelt not Pilgrims. Who is the Pilgrims?" he said. However, Galanty persisted and finally got across the entire story of how the Pilgrims left England in search of religious freedom, of hardships, of kind-

Even a Dead Nazi Is No Good



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo
U.S. engineers know full well that Nazis never outlive their usefulness. So Pfc Richard F. Huffmann, Bogalusa, La., uses a mine detector on this dead Fritz' body somewhere in Germany.

Battle to Turn Budapest Flank

MOSCOW, Nov. 23 (AP)—The Red Army was reported today to be throwing waves of tanks and infantry against the German flank northeast of Budapest, trying to find a weak spot to break through, and, by turning the flank, bring the battle to Central Slovakia and the Vienna and Bratislava areas.

Although the Germans were putting more anti-tank weapons into the line, their defenses were being steadily hammered apart in the Hatvan area.

(New Red Army attacks from bridgeheads over the Danube in southern Hungary were reported in the German communique, which said also that several Russian divisions were attacking southeast of Uzhorod, in Czechoslovakia.)

Report Horthy a Captive, Son Slain by Gestapo

ZURICH, Switzerland, Nov. 23 (Reuters)—Reports reaching here said today that Adm. Nicholas Horthy, Nazi-deposed Hungarian regent, was confined with his daughter-in-law and grandchildren in a castle near Munich and that his son had been killed by the Gestapo.

Mystery Blasts in France

PARIS, Nov. 23 (AP)—A series of blasts in towns throughout France perplexed French police tonight. One blast occurred in a restaurant at Royat shortly after Gen. Henri Giraud had been dining there.

Paris Chorines Demand Some Heat to Get Hot

PARIS, Nov. 23 (UP)—Chorines here, freezing in unheated theaters, are threatening to strike unless the joints are warmed up—and not by capacity audiences wrapped up in mufflers and overcoats either.

Suggestion that the bump-gals wear more clothing was turned down by horrified managements who said box-office receipts would decrease as a result.

8th Nears Faenza; Winter Drive Seen

Eighth Army troops were reported last night less than four miles south of Faenza, in what the United Press said appeared to be the opening of Gen. Harold Alexander's promised winter offensive in Italy.

Supported by the Tactical Air Forces, and aided by the finest weather in weeks, Polish troops took Monte Piano and three villages against heavy opposition, while British troops advanced along the Bologna highway.

Proud Papa Films His Baby



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo
Lt. Gen. George S. Patton records on his own movie camera a demonstration by flame-throwing tanks. These weapons were used effectively by the Third Army in closing the ring around Metz.

Street Battling On In Nazi Rhine City; Yanks Following Up

Units of the French Second Armored Division, serving as part of the 15th Corps of the U.S. Seventh Army, lunged 20 miles through the Germans' broken Saverne Gap defenses in the northern Vosges Mountains yesterday and roared into Strasbourg, meeting only light resistance in street battles inside the great Rhine city, SHAEF announced.

Led by Gen. LeClerc, the Second Armored slashed through the Saverne Gap, with American doughboys following in the tracks of the tanks that sped across the open country to Strasbourg. At latest reports, the Americans were about 18 miles from the city.

At the same time, according to Reuter, the French moving up along the west bank of the Rhine from the south were beyond Colmar and were steadily closing a ring around the estimated 70,000 Germans jarred loose from their positions west of the Rhine.

Ike in Third Appeal to U.S.

SHAEF, Nov. 23 (UP)—Gen. Eisenhower tonight made his third appeal in a week to the home front for more arms.

In a broadcast urging over-subscription of the Sixth War Loan, he told of the hardships suffered by his troops. "Mud, bitter cold, bullets and minefields cannot stop them if they are plentifully supplied and supported from the homeland," he said.

"They need myriads of shells, tires, blankets, guns and planes—thousands of things to enable them to keep up the incessant pressure. These they must get from the money you lend to the government. Another thing—they are entitled to a constant assurance of your understanding, of your resolution and of your unflinching zeal in the cause for which they are offering their lives."

"We here—all of us—count upon you to over-subscribe the war loan, and then to transform the money quickly into vital fighting equipment. It is needed—now."

150 Forts Hit Nazi Oil Plant

The Nordstern synthetic-oil plant at Gelsenkirchen, Germany, was given a Thanksgiving Day pounding by approximately 150 Fortresses of the Eighth Air Force.

Also in daylight yesterday RAF Lancasters bombed the same target.

About 75 Mustang fighters escorted the Forts. All returned safely. Three missing P51s were believed to have landed in friendly territory.

The Nordstern plant is the largest of ten synthetic-oil plants in the Ruhr, with a capacity of 400,000 tons a year.

Italy-based 15th Air Force Liberators and Lightnings returned to Yugoslavia again yesterday to bomb and glide-bomb the Serajevo-Brod railway line.

Gain 4 Miles North of Mulhouse

In the south the French were reported to have gained four miles north of Mulhouse. Allied artillery was pounding the German-held bridgehead at Hueningen, to the southeast, where SS troops were said to have been ordered to fight to the finish to bar an Allied breakthrough over the Rhine. The battle for Belfort was over except for one small pocket within the city.

An American major general, described by The Associated Press as taking a prominent part in directing the Vosges campaign, was quoted as saying:

"The enemy is completely disorganized, and prisoners said that all German troops have been told to abandon their equipment, break up into small groups and get back to the Reich as fast as possible."

While the American and British forces on the northern sector of the Western Front were meeting stiff going, troops of the U.S. Third and Seventh Armies linked up near Sarrebourg after a four-mile advance by tank units of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's forces.

Patton's troops, their control of German soil extended to 30 square miles by tank thrusts northwest of Metz, were only 15 miles southwest of Saarbreycken.

Infantry made four-mile gains on a 14-mile front east of Metz, where five bypassed forts still held out. Dispatches said it was known that the enemy had pulled fresh strength into the defense of this sector, where the Germans, helped by bad weather, continued an orderly withdrawal to the Siegfried Line.

Nazis Lose More Than 70 Tanks

The Germans facing the Ninth Army threw in a series of counter-attacks yesterday—the seventh day of the battle for the Roer River valley. Nazi tank losses in that time were more than 70, including some of the 70-ton King Tiger tanks, fast, heavily armed and armored mammoths first used on the Russian front.

Countering the giant tanks were new 90mm. tank destroyers. At least four remote-control or robot tanks were knocked out on this front, dispatches said.

The Ninth Army already has captured more than 6,000 prisoners, of mixed abilities, some ill-trained, others the cream of Panzer troops.

The First Army, battling through Wednesday night, gained two miles and reached Weisweiler, three miles east of Geilenkirchen. They beat off two enemy counter-attacks, one by tanks and troops and the second by infantry alone.

Speaking at a Washington press conference about the progress of the Allied campaign, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said: "The Germans are giving every evidence of their intention to throw all their resources into holding the..."

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THE B BAG

BLOW IT OUT HERE



Smoker Blows His Top

Nov. 21, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes, Having just read your editorial in today's B-Bag, I think it's time that every American soldier in the ETO blows his top to the utmost. Myself, along with many others, ask the same question as was asked in your editorial—WHERE ARE THE CIGARETTES? There are just as many being manufactured now as there ever was, and there's not any more smokers to consume them.

Yes! We agree that the boys on the front should have priority—it's only fair that they do, but why in the hell should we have to do without when cigarettes are being rationed in the States in order to retain a sufficient supply for troops overseas? Clean up the canteens on all troopships, PXs in the States, and this "help yourself" at the Red Cross clubs and the problem should be solved to a certain extent.

If a little more care would be taken at a majority of our own PXs the shortage could be eliminated still more. If a close checkup will be made I think it will be found that a large percentage of the supply shipped overseas is never seen by any of us.—Cpl. C. West, Engrs, and a group of other browned-off GIs.

Nov. 21, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes, I've been in this theater since the days of USAFBI, long enough for me to take out British citizen papers, and I never bitched before, but lend me an ear: All my service was done in London. (You think me lucky?) I never asked for any medal or award for going through the heaviest part of the blitz; I never asked for a campaign star to wear in my Spam ribbon because I went through the flying bomb era; and I'm not asking for a few extra points towards my discharge because I'm undergoing the epoch of the rockets. All I ask for is a square deal; all I ask for is a chance to buy a few items in the PX that make life more bearable.

I didn't begrudge my "Ally" when he went into the PX and bought the same rations at the same prices as I. I did begrudge the fact that I had to pay a 100 per cent purchase tax on some items made here in England while my "British Buddy" bought American cigarettes made in America and brought over here in American ships tax free.

Now, how about some reverse lend-lease? Can't Britain supply a few million packs of Woodbines (smoke one and find out why cigarettes are known as coffin nails) to be sold in the PX tax free? I wonder if we can go into a NAAFI and get cigarettes at the same price as our "ALLIES."—A Nicotine Fiend.

Freedom of Religion

Nov. 14, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes, . . . Are we or are we not fighting for the four freedoms? And isn't freedom of worship one of them? If so, then why are we being compelled to attend church services? I don't doubt that "there are no atheists in foxholes," but till I find that out from first-hand experience I'd like to continue in my own beliefs. . . . Of course I realize that this is a nasty subject to start a bitch about, but here is hoping that something is done about it.—Pvt., Para. Inf. Co.

GI Offers to Fly Mail

Nov. 16, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes, Here is a suggestion to help out with the mail. There are a lot of us in the U.K. who can fly fairly large ships, such as C47 or commercial DC3. We have plenty of hours in civilian flying. Why not let us have a try at it? We could be more useful flying the mail across the Atlantic than walking our legs off in a Repl. Co.

Maybe we haven't had any formation flying. It doesn't take formation flying to get the mail through. Let them give us some old bombers or transports and let us have a try. There are three of us that are willing to try. Are there any others that will try?—A Flyer in the Inf.

Who'll Help Him Marry?

Nov. 17, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes, An article in your grand little paper has finally forced me to "blow my top." The Nov. 16 issue states: "A German prisoner of war in the Maine woods has been allowed, with the help of U.S. authorities, to marry his sweetheart, via proxy, back in the Reich."

Now, I think that is really swell of our authorities, but damn, I've been trying for two years and haven't found anyone kind enough to help me marry my girl back in Illinois. At the same time, with little fuss and bother, I could marry a girl over here. Got any suggestions?—An ETO W/O Joe.

Hash Marks

The Arizona contact makes this sage observation: The war news makes you feel pretty good—if you don't stop to think how many Americans are dying to make it good.

Our spy in the States tells about the GI who received an anonymous telegram. But he knew it was from his girl because there were four "stops" in the ten words.

GIs of the 95th Infantry Division are out to get a certain kraut—if and when he shows up again. Each morning for



several days the kraut would get out of his foxhole, stretch and yawn lazily and wave to the Yanks who were quite a distance away. When the GIs shot at him, the kraut would jump into his foxhole and wave a red flag—Maggie's drawers!

A group of Americans stationed in Russia found that the facilities of the rural community did not include cleaning and pressing. So, for their own use, they requisitioned some hand irons, through channels. The request was handled in Merrie Olde Englande and the boys were surprised to receive a shipment of what the English call hand irons! Handcuffs.

Another unsigned verse left in our typewriter:

With graceful feet a maiden sweet Was tripping the light fantastic, She suddenly tore for the ladies' room door, You can't trust this war-time elastic.

In a certain hotel taken over for use as a military headquarters there sits a non-com who busily shuffles papers and documents all day. To cut interruptions to a minimum, he has a sign over his desk reading, "I haven't seen it."

Our grandmothers believed there was a destiny that shapes our ends. But the modern miss places her faith in girdles.

Simile of the week: As dangerous as reaching for a cigarette butt.

Most honest slogan we ever saw was by the firm that advertised, "When better goods are sold we'll be out of business."

Cry in your beer for the sailor who wrote his mother, "I joined the Navy because I admired the way the ships were



kept so clean and tidy. This week I learned who keeps them so clean and tidy.

What's in a name? Pfc Ed Balmforth named his jeep "Roll Me Over." And it did just that when he hit a muddy stretch.

J. C. W.

Air-Transport Accord Detailed

CHICAGO, Nov. 23—The U.S., Britain and Canada have published a partial draft for an international air-transport agreement which the Chicago correspondent of the New York Times described as a substantial victory for the American program, as opposed to the British plan.

The question of traffic division, on which the British have been adamant, was left untouched, however. It also appeared that the U.S. yielded on its proposal for a general grant of the right to fly across or stop in countries signing the agreement.

Close to Original Proposals

On most other points, the U.S. brought the draft agreement close to its original proposals. Some main points in the 21-page agreement provided for:

- 1—An "international air administration," comprising an assembly on which each nation would have equal representation.
2—Each country to retain the right to carry air traffic within its territory.
3—Each country to be granted the right to designate routes to be followed in its territory by aircraft of other countries.
4—No country to grant exclusive privileges to any other country or airline. (This would abrogate exclusive agreements made between Pan-American Air-



Kristiane Photo

While post-war air plans go forward at the International Aviation Conference in Chicago, a new U.S. Navy cargo plane—which can carry a jeep and Navy ambulance, in addition to other cargo—is undergoing final tests back home. Laden with a cargo of 10,400 pounds, the plane has a flying range of 650 miles. It can land on and take off from short runways.

- lines and some other countries, notably Portugal.)
5—Rates and fares for freight and passengers to be established through regional groups of airline operators, with regional boards sitting in review.
6—Each nation to have the right to make bilateral agreements for international air services with member or non-member countries.
7—Meteorological services to be made available for all member countries.
8—A board to recommend to member

states that they form joint organizations to operate air services. (This is in line with a U.S. suggestion that Scandinavian countries pool their resources for an airline to New York, rather than operate separately.)

9—"Air matters directly affecting world security" to be left to a general organization set up by the nations to preserve peace.

10—Equality of opportunity, to insure nations less fortunate in the aviation field an initial share in traffic from their own countries at such time as they are able to begin international operations.

Eschweiler Is Aachen All Over

Germans "Glad" to See Us and Our Food, but They Still Fight On

By G. K. Hodenfield and Russ Jones

Stars and Stripes Staff Writers

WITH THE FIRST ARMY INFANTRY AT ESCHWEILER, Germany, Nov. 23—Eschweiler is like Aachen—the same kind of fighting, the same kind of civilians, the same kind of Joes, the same kind of prisoners.

The artillery and Air Force had a go at Eschweiler before the troops moved in and the town is now just another big pile of rubble and debris stacked around walls that hide only movie-set versions of what once were the homes and shops of 34,000 persons. There is plenty of mortar activity on both sides these days and little by little the town is being beaten down to village size.

Nearly all of Eschweiler now is in our hands and the fighting is just a matter of looking for Jerries, finding them, killing or capturing them. Many are taking refuge in cellars and have to be

pried out, one at a time. Resistance in some places is stiff.

S/Sgt. Raymond Paquin, of Sacramento, Cal., and Pvt. Athul Stogner, of Henryetta, Okla., brought in nine civilians—four women and five men. The civilians said, as Germans always do, the SS and Gestapo had beaten the men, women and children to make them leave, but about 3,000 had stayed behind, hiding in cellars and nearby woods.

Told to Get Moving

This particular group had been told to leave by a Jerry loogie, but he left before he could see whether his order had been carried out. And again, like all Germans, they said they had been waiting anxiously for us to come, since they knew the war was lost. This line of talk didn't gather much sympathy from the interrogator, Cpl. Joseph Rafelz, of New York City, who has seen "too damned much damage and death caused by the Jerries," he said.

1/Lt. Jerry Hooker commands one of the companies fighting in Eschweiler. He says that when men are not in the line they like to loaf around in Derby hats—every GI seems able to find a Derby or a tall silk somewhere along the line—but they throw them away when the going gets tough. Lounging around the company CP was Pvt. Mike Arviso, of Lordsburg, N.M., a small, dark-faced medic, who looked at the map and asked Hooker, "What in hell town is this anyway?"

Comes In For Help

T/Sgt. Robert Allen, a platoon sergeant, came in to ask for help on a strong point which had pinned down two of his men in a house. He was dirty and bearded and spoke in a raw whisper like a man who has done too much shouting at a football game.

1/Lt. William Chappell, of Pasadena, Cal., had some mortars lay shells on Allen's target and hit it with the first round. One of the prisoners was a Jerry ordnance man. He came into Eschweiler on business and was shanghaied

into the infantry. Another had been in the army exactly nine weeks. He was a sailor by trade and had once spent nine months in New Orleans. He knew just enough English to repeat the phrase every German seems to learn in basic training—"I haven't eaten for three days."



The Frost is on the Ground

The frost is on the ground, The leaves are dead, And flocks of southbound birds Speed overhead.

The last sad rose droops low, Its petals soiled— And chill winds blow to mind The dreams war spoiled.

I stare up at the sun And feel no heat, And stamp and clap to warm My hands and feet.

But deep inside my heart, As bleak clouds form, Curled squirrel-like, my love Lies snug and warm.

T/5 Peter Alfano.

The Unnamed

We have only died in vain if you believe so; You must decide the wisdom of our choice By the world which you shall build upon our headstones And the everlasting truths which have your voice.

Though dead, we are not heroes yet, nor can be, 'Til the living, by their lives which are the tools, Carve us the epitaphs of wise men And give us not the epitaphs of fools.

Pfc David J. Phillips.

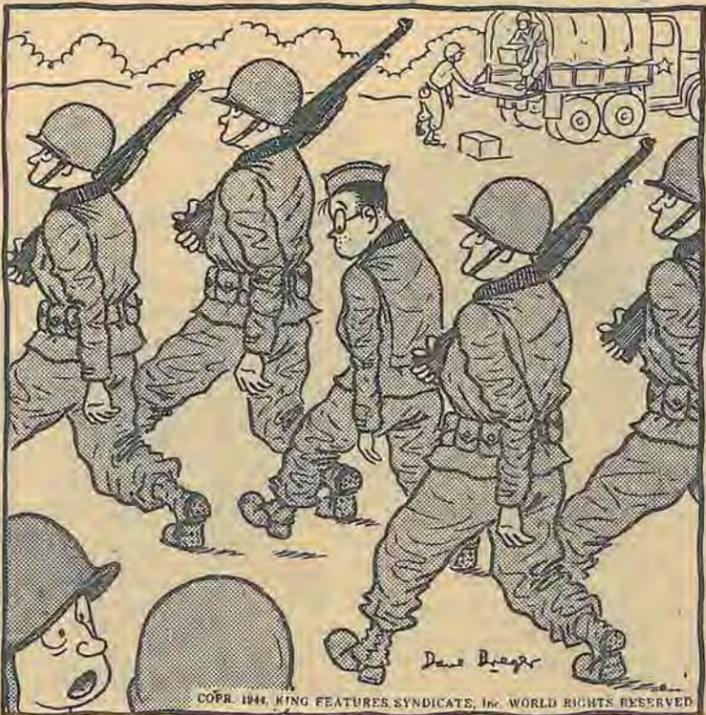
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1505—Strike up the Band.
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"He's been ordered to the dentist!"

Newman's Yankee Doodles

WASHINGTON—Number of new inventions has dropped sharply since 1938, says Patent Office, apparently because inventors are in the services.



"Your plan for eliminating KP duties is workable but how dare you interfere with a fine Army punishment!"

Once Over Lightly

By Andy Rooney

NEW YORK, Nov. 23—The newspapers are saying a lot of nice things about a guy by the name of Stephen Owen these days. The New York Giant football coach is generally conceded to be one of the best in the business, and when the Giants beat the favored Green Bay Packers, 24-0, Sunday it didn't do Steve's reputation in the play-for-pay league any harm.

The Giant coach figured out a way to bottle up the great Don Hutson so effectively that Curly Lambeau, Packer coach, didn't even waste his pass-catcher's talents in the last half of the game. Lambeau conceded defeat early in the third quarter and sent out a substitute for the man with the million-dollar fingers. Hutson never did come back into the game.

Steve is one of the few coaches who have ever been able to do anything about the Alabama Antelope. The great glue-fingered pass catcher was in the league seven years before he scored against an Owen-coached team. Sunday Steve put two rough linemen on Hutson to see that he got a good going over before he broke away from the line of scrimmage, and when he finally got away from those two characters a gentleman by the name of Howard Livingston took over to do everything but lasso Hutson as the Packer end tried to break loose.

Chicago Bear Coach George Halas once remarked that he didn't even try to stop Hutson. "I just concede him two touchdowns every game and hope we can score three," Halas said.

Talk about Owen's coaching ability brings to mind others who from time to time have been considered the world's greatest by someone.

Notre Dame's Knute Rockne would probably win any all-time poll for the greatest football coach but certainly Pop Warner, Clark Shaughnessy, Amos Alonzo Stagg and Tad Jones would rank right behind South Bend's legendary Swede. And anyone who named those and stopped there without naming Lou Little, Tuss McLaughry, Frank Cavanaugh, Andy Kerr or Bob Neyland would be sticking his neck out further than a Thanksgiving turkey.

All those men have added something definite to the game. Rockne gave football a thousand stories that old-timers like to tell, but he also gave it one of the soundest offenses. The Rockne, or Notre Dame, system depends on a smart signal-calling quarterback operating behind a balanced line. Glenn "Pop" Warner is generally credited with developing the single wing system with an unbalanced line (four men on one side of the center and two on the other side).

You can't stop there though. Clark Shaughnessy developed the powerful T-formation and Andy Kerr did a lot toward loosening up the game when he and his Colgate Red Raiders started tossing the ball around like a basketball downhill.

And if you let it go at that there would be a great war from the midwest. "What about Dr. Eddie Anderson?" And the south would want to know how come Wallace Wade got left out, and someone from the east would claim they never came any better than Carl Snavelly, and what about Harvard's cross-blocking Dick Harlow-coached teams of the late thirties?

The wail would come from every institution which ever had a football team and a man to coach same, but that still leaves Steve Owen, the Giant football coach right where we started with him—one of the best.



ALL-AMERICA FUTURE BOOK



BUDDY YOUNG—Illinois



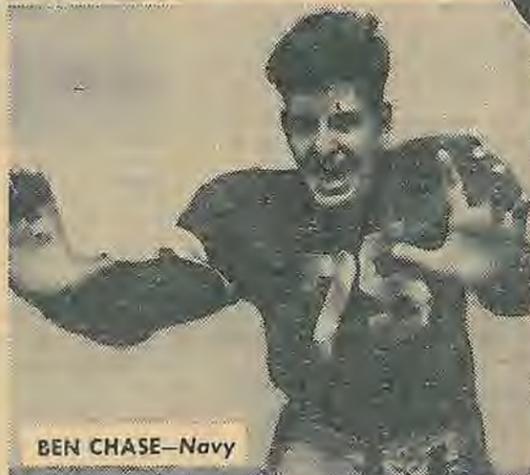
GEORGE WALMSLEY—Rice



TOM DAVIS Duke



BORIS DIMANCHEFF Purdue



BEN CHASE—Navy

Navy Grid Power Will Leave Cadets Groggy, Say Quakers

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 23—GIs planning to wager a few pounds, francs or marks on the Army-Navy game Dec. 2 may be interested to know that the University of Pennsylvania football team thinks the Middies will come out on top. The Penn lads are speaking from the painful experience of a 20-0 pasting by Navy and a 62-7 defeat by Army.

According to the Philadelphia Record, 15 of 23 men polled said they would bet on Navy if they were betting men. Comments of the Quaker team boiled down show they feel the Navy backfield will wear down the Army line, while the Navy has the best line in the nation. One player said he was worn out after the Navy game but merely mad after the Army battle.

Twelve of 23 picked Navy as the toughest team they'd faced this year and the remainder picked Michigan. (Ohio State supporters, take note.) There was not a single vote for Army.

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 23—They draft 'em in Sweden, too, and this may or may not have something to do with American track fans getting a break this winter. Gunder the Wonder Haegg was scheduled to begin his military duties today, but authorities have promised him a furlough if he accepts the much-discussed invitation to run on American tracks for the benefit of the Sixth War Bond Drive. And Hurdler Hagg Lidman, who was invited to the States along with Haegg and Arne Andersson, said today that prospects "look good concerning Haegg and myself." Andersson maintained he wasn't interested.

Furlough May Decide Haegg's Trip to U.S.

Philadelphia, and after deliberating whether to commit Reed for observation decided to release him in the custody of his manager, Fred Irwin.

The judge undoubtedly figured that a Jacobs Beach character like Irwin knows more about handling the likes of Saint Thomas than the average psychopathic ward expert. And besides, Irwin might be able to make a little money with the Saint while the latter is training to become an honest parson.

Dick Tracy



By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune

Li'l Abner



By Courtesy of United Features

All Bowl Bids Out for Yale

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Nov. 23—There will be no post-season games for Yale's unbeaten football team, Athletic Director Ogden Miller said today, but the athletic department's gratification over Bowl feelers extended to the Eli graders, who will be all out to finish their first perfect season since 1923 when they entertain Virginia here Saturday.

Miller said he was flattered at the bowl talk but that most of his squad consisted of Navy and Marine trainees who would not be allowed away from the campus for more than 48 hours. The clincher against a bowl game for Yale is Miller's announcement that classes will be held on New Year's Day.

Sinkwich No League Leader, But He's Ace Triple Threat

CHICAGO, Nov. 23—Statistics released by the National Football League reveal that the Detroit Lions' Frankie Sinkwich, although he doesn't lead in any offensive department, is the league's ace triple threat back.

The flat-footed, high-blood-pressured Frankie pitched four touchdown passes against the Chicago Bears Sunday—and that is his weakest department. He's fifth in the league with 48 completions in 123 attempts. He is second behind Don Hutson in scoring with 56 points, third in ground-gaining with 533 yards in 134 tries, his 40.9 yards is third among the punting averages, and he is third in punt returns with a 13.3 average.

Hutson, stymied Sunday by the New York Giants, still leads the league in scoring with 68 points.

Venezuelan Ump A Blood Brother To Ebbets Variety

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 23—Whether they are earning their dough in Brooklyn or South America, umpires all smell. But if you take the word of Chile Gomez, manager of the Mexican team that played in the recent amateur baseball world series in Venezuela, the officiating in Flatbush is less odoriferous.

Claiming today that he would not send another team to visit our Venezuelan "good neighbours," Gomez said, "The umpiring down there is the worst I've ever seen." He said that when Venezuela won the series the biggest hero of all to the fans was the umpire, whom they carried off the field on their shoulders.



Frankie Sinkwich

Canadian Draft Board Keeps Hextall on Farm

NEW YORK, Nov. 23—Bryan Hextall, ace right-winger of the New York Rangers hockey team, will be unavailable this season, having been ordered by the War Mobilization Board of the province of Saskatchewan to remain on his farm.

George Allen and Doug Bentley of the Chicago Black Hawks, also Saskatchewan farmers, were likewise refused permission to cross the border by the Saskatchewan board, regarded as one of Canada's toughest.

War Held No Terror As Great as Nagurski

NEW YORK, Nov. 23—Lew Kern, who gained fame as "Bullet Lew" when he played on the football team at Annapolis, returned to the States recently richly decorated and bemadeled. Someone asked him what was the biggest fright he ever had.

"That's easy," Kern said. "It was in 1931 and we were playing Minnesota. Bronko Nagurski broke through the line and headed straight for me."

Crime Wave Not Even a Ripple

NEW YORK, Nov. 23—A saint can do no wrong.

Thomas Reed, the Negro heavyweight who calls himself Saint Thomas, was released in felony court in the custody of his manager today when it became known that his confession of 50 robberies in Dayton, Ohio, between 1936 and '41 was not true. Dayton police informed the New York coppers that no such crime wave ever occurred there.

Reed, a follower of Father Divine, walked into the Elizabeth Street station house here and informed astounded cops that he had perpetrated the crimes and requested that they put him in the cooler immediately. It seems his conscience was bothering him.

Magistrate Ramsgate asked Saint Thomas today why he told the story and got the reply, "Because I am sincere and I hope to be an honest minister."

Ramsgate opined that Saint might still be suffering from the knockout punch Melio Bettina handed him last month in

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W.1, or APO 887, U.S. Army. Telephone, ET0USA, Ext. 2131.

Reunions
The following towns and districts will hold reunions at the American Red Cross Mostyn Club, Edgware Rd., London, W.1, next week at 7:15 PM each evening: Monday, Nov. 27—McKeesport, Braddock, Altoona, Johnstown, Pa. Tuesday, Nov. 28—Chillicothe, Zanesville, Marietta, Pomeroy, Ohio. Wednesday, Nov. 29—Ellsworth, Lyons, McPherson, Hutchinson, Kansas. Thursday, Nov. 30—Hattiesburg, Biloxi, Ellisville, Magnolia, Miss.
THERE will be a reunion of residents of Patchogue, L.I. Saturday Dec. 2 at 18.30 hours at Sunnyside Mansions, American Red Cross, Southampton. Pic Jack Rider and Pte Maurice Gelfer. Meet at 11 AM.

WILL M/Sgt. C. E. Giborn, 61283299, contact S/Sgt. W. N. Gardner re Overcoat Mix-up.

Life in Those United States

Phone Strike Spreads; Army May Take Over

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23—White House intervention was expected today in a women telephone operators' strike which started in Ohio last week and spread to the Capital and Detroit this morning, threatening a national communications crisis.

A spokesman for Fred Vinson, director of economic stabilization, predicted that "action would be taken" without hinting what form it would take, although it was anticipated the Army might be asked to take over. Vinson usually transmits unsolved disputes to the White House.

Meanwhile, Vice-President Jeannette Reedy, of the Ohio Federation of Telephone Workers, wired her union colleagues from here that prospects of a settlement were good. The 5,000 Ohio operators walked out in a dispute over wages and alleged favoritism to girls transferred from other areas to key Ohio cities. Washington and Detroit operators joined the walkout in sympathy.

Although some of Washington's 2,500 operators were involved, critical calls were being handled in and out of the capital. The War Labor Board previously had told the Capital's Telephone Traffic Union "interference cannot be tolerated."

In New York three New York branches of the Federation of Long Distance Operators served notice they would support the Ohio operators by handling only essential calls. But late today they had not walked out.

Cigarettes Only

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Nov. 23 (ANS)—Fifty cartons of hard-to-get American cigarettes sold at three cents a pack today at a U.S. customs auction of smuggled goods, but they had to be taken to Mexico before they could be smoked. W. B. George, customs collector, explained that the butts were originally exported to Mexico and smugglers had attempted to bring them back minus internal revenue stamps.

The Impatient Virgin

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 23 (ANS)—Singer Jane Churchill, testifying today at the opening of the trial in which band-leader Tommy Dorsey and his wife are charged with assaulting actor Jon Hall, told the judge she "was broke and without a husband" because of the various delays. She said she wanted to get to Kansas City to marry S/Sgt. Wallace Feig, but changed her mind when told to "stick around your apartment or go to jail."

Scandal Rears Its Head in Harlem

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 (ANS)—Harlem's society-folk up Sugar Hill way were all in a dither today, when Mrs. Adam C. Powell, wife of the Negro Congressman-elect and Harlem's leading clergyman, filed a suit for separation, charging her husband was "infatuated with another woman, a night-club performer, and visited her home in White Plains."

The performer turned out to be Hazel Scott, sepi boogie-woogie pianist, who freely admitted today she was "the other woman." "I realized he was a married man," she said. "And I would have been content to remain friends. But if he were free I would consider myself an extremely lucky girl to marry him. Together we could do great things for our people."

Company for Clare

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 (ANS)—The War Department, thinking of everything, has arranged for a WAC lieutenant to accompany Clare Boothe Luce (R. Conn.) on her tour, with 16 other House Military Affairs Committee members, of European battlefields. The Army, meantime, told the Congressmen to be ready to leave this week.



CLARE LUCE

Although Mrs. Luce has the least seniority of any member on the trip when it comes to Congressional service, she does have the most battlefront experience. She toured the fronts in 1940.

Skid Row

HOUSTON, Tex., Nov. 23 (ANS)—Tires are so hard to get that Jack M. Crawford admitted in court he ran into the back of Mrs. Mae Woodruff's car because "it would be better than sliding on my precious tires to a stop." He was fined \$5 and costs.

So Should He

BROOKLYN, N.Y., Nov. 23 (ANS)—Mrs. Joseph Pearlman's stepfather, 78, refused to return her copy of D. H. Lawrence's "Lady Chatterley's Lover." Mrs. Pearlman sued, stating that after ten years of married life "I should know the facts of life."

No Thanks to Give

CHICAGO, Nov. 23 (ANS)—Thieves broke into Robert Anderson's butcher shop—cleaned out some 1,400 pounds of turkey—and ruined the Thanksgiving feasts of his customers.

Ministers Offer President Their Apologies

GLENDALE, Cal., No. 23—The Ministerial Association of Glendale, which last week criticized President Roosevelt "for using shocking profanity" after Time Magazine reported he had said "goddamned" when a voting machine failed to work at Hyde Park, N.Y., on election day, offered its apologies today for stirring up a rumpus.

The association's action followed an admission by the President that he DID say "damn"—but that there was nothing profane about it.

Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher Sr., head of the organization, said he was gratified to learn of the President's denial that the latter had "taken the name of God in vain in the voting booth."

The Idea Took Hold

BOSTON, Nov. 23 (ANS)—Two weeks ago today in Yorkshire, England, T/Sgt. Leonard T. Giblin, of Lowell, Mass., attended the wedding of his lieutenant brother, a member of the U.S. troop carrier service. Today, the sergeant, who last week flew back to the U.S. on special duty, participated in his own wedding ceremony, marrying Madelon Heath, of Boston.

Bogey Woogie

OKLAHOMA CITY, Nov. 23 (ANS)—Directing the Oklahoma Symphony the other day, conductor Victor Alessandro waved his baton in small circles instead of the customary sweeping moves. Worried music lovers were assured later that Alessandro planned no innovation. The maestro explained that his new suit hadn't arrived and the one he had on was too tight.

No Claws in His Contract

Democratic Mr. Fala Wants No Royal Puss in White House

NEW YORK, Nov. 23 (ANS)—Will Fala, scotty-pal of the President, take to two kittens, born to Buckingham Palace's blue-blooded mouser?

"No!" said the White House when offered the kittens, Jane and Belinda, in a paws-across-the-sea gesture, explaining that Fala—undiplomatic dog that he is—doesn't like cats, Anglo-American relations notwithstanding.

"Fala's likes and dislikes have nothing to do with the issue," Robert L. Kendall, secretary of the American Feline Society, asserted today, however, declaring that it's "an old superstition that a cat in the White House is bad luck to its occupant."

"President McKinley had a cat and he was assassinated, and there hasn't been a cat there since to give comfort and companionship to the Chief Executive." "Let the President end this silly superstition at once," Kendall demanded. "He prides himself on being a tradition-smasher—he broke the third-term precedent—let him accept these royal kittens." Fala's dislike of cats? "Rubbish," said Kendall. "If introduced to the scotty properly, the three of them would soon be romping together on the White House lawn."



Fala

Kendall disclosed he had dispatched a cable to Queen Elizabeth urging her to forget the protocol and send the kittens anyway.

Winant at Abbey



Associated Press Photo

American soldiers listen to Thanksgiving Day sermon given by the Rev. Henry W. Hobson, bishop of Southern Ohio, at Westminster Abbey while Ambassador John G. Winant follows the program.

West Front

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Dusseldorf and Cologne areas and the Saar Valley."

In Holland the British Second Army—part of which is fighting in Germany in the sector northeast of Geilenkirchen—cut a new gap in the German bridgehead before Venlo, making gains through mine-infested mud but without meeting any major battle by the foe.

Northeast of Geilenkirchen British infantry stormed the village of Hoven, on high ground, after their formations had been twice broken by a rain of mortar shells and machine-gun bullets. Reforming for the third time the British bayoneted their way into the village and held it against enemy counter-thrusts.

Broadcasts All In Fun—Wodehouse

PARIS, Nov. 23 (UP)—Those five broadcasts he made from Berlin were at his own request and were intended not as propaganda but as descriptions of humorous experiences at prison camps he had been in. P. G. Wodehouse, British author, told French police today. He was questioned before leaving for Hesdain, where he will live while making periodic reports to the French authorities.

Tito Wants More Ships For Importing of Food

Marshal Tito has asked the British Military Mission in Yugoslavia to seek the release from Allied convoy duty of four Yugoslav merchant ships, which could be used to import needed food supplies, the Yugoslav Telegraph Service reported yesterday.

Crossword Puzzle Solution

Grid with crossword puzzle solution: DESIGNATE, APPROACHS, VARM, INDIRECT, TETOAC, SAASTPA, CANTAVN, SENTENCED, ASCRKEY

Owing to the fact that our crossword puzzle expert mistook his dictionary, Monday's solution was delayed until today, with The Stars and Stripes regrets.

Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



Cubs Bear Supplies to Front

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE THIRD ARMY, Nov. 23—Frail 95th Division liaison planes, until now used mostly for artillery spotting, have developed into important rescue aircraft on the Metz front. Twice they supplied units cut off from medical aid with food, ammunition and dry clothing.

When a small unit of the division was cut off in the Uckange bridgehead early in the Metz campaign, it was supplied for two days by Cubs which flew as many as 104 missions each day to drop radios, socks, sleeping bags, ammo and food.

From then on the Cubs were used to supply men all along the 95th's front. Once, when a company was fighting beyond a road swept by German machine-gun fire which prevented the entry of ambulances, Maj. Elmer Blaha, of San Antonio, Tex., chief Cub pilot for the division, flew Maj. Eugene Cleaver, Philadelphia surgeon, to the area to care for the wounded, and in the middle of the fighting evacuated six wounded soldiers. Cleaver had to take off from a pasture that was pockmarked with shell holes and battle debris.



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OH—I'M NOT!

NO WONDER I'M STILL A BUCK SERGEANT!

FIRST OF ALL, THE WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS IS A PART OF THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES. WE ARE SUBJECT TO ALL ARMY REGULATIONS—AND PAY AND BENEFITS ARE JUST LIKE THOSE OF THE MALE SOLDIER...

AND THAT'S THE STORY, WILLOW...

By Milton Caniff

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