

In the News



This young Nazi wears a tag for the benefit of his Ninth Army captors near Ubach, Germany. The tag requests that he be handled carefully due to a possible sprain in his back.



Pvt. Arthur Seher, of Putnam, Okla., an MP at an Air Service Command depot in northwest England, nabbed four Nazi fliers attempting to escape to Germany in an American bomber. The flicker of a lighted match betrayed the Nazis, and Seher hauled them out of the plane before they were able to flee. They had escaped from a British prisoner-of-war camp.



A Yank doughboy cautiously advances on a German fort near Metz, France. Ultimately, 82 Germans surrendered to an American infantry company when U.S. engineers blasted the fort.

Congressman Says War Won't Be Over Soon

PARIS, Dec. 11 (AP)—"The war may not be over as soon as we would like or as soon as we at home were led to believe it might," Rep. J. Parnell Thomas (R.—N.Y.), one of the members of the House committee visiting the Western Front, declared today.

The Germans are strong, the weather bad, Thomas said, adding: "Trench foot is taking almost as high a toll as is the enemy."

1,600 Heavies Hit Reich

Nazis Flee Over Roer Before 1st

The bulk of enemy forces facing the First Army's drive to the Roer have been withdrawn east of that river—one of the four that serve as a moat on the western border of Hitler's shrunken European fortress—it was disclosed Monday in dispatches which said Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' doughboys were meeting mostly delaying actions.

The Battle for the Rivers, as the Western Front might be called at this stage, continued Monday without appreciable change. The First was still seeking to set up a Roer line in the sector south of the Ninth Army, which announced officially that its campaign west of the river had been concluded and that the next assignment was on the other side.

To the south, where the Third Army has stabbed across the Saar at several points, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's troops smashed 11 German counterattacks, three of them in three hours around Dillingen, north of Saarlautern. Dillingen was described in dispatches as a defense point in the Siegfried Line.

One counter-thrust was made by 85 German soldiers who were mowed down as they charged the American positions, yelling "Heil Hitler."

An Associated Press dispatch from SHAEF said German resistance in the Saar sector was assuming the fanatical character that met the Allied armies at Cassino, in Italy, with tanks firing from inside buildings and infantrymen fighting from behind the rubble of bombarded towns.

On Patton's right flank, Seventh Army troops captured Haguenau, 16 miles north of Strasbourg and one of the last main enemy positions in northern Alsace. The Seventh's drive north in this region threatens the flank of the enemy forces facing Patton along the Saar.

In Holland, the British matched the Germans' tactics of dam-busting along the Rhine, as waters freed by plane-torn breaches northeast of Nijmegen began to flood the Nazis' positions. Dispatches said the operation might decrease the level of waters around the British-held area at the same time.

More British Athens-Bound

ATHENS, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—British reinforcements were on their way to Athens today, it was announced here, as Maj. Gen. Ronald M. Scobie's forces opened a large-scale sweep against ELAS (resistance) forces in the capital's eastern suburbs.

More ELAS men have infiltrated into Athens and its suburbs in the last 48 hours, and 25,000 are now estimated to be in and around the capital.

Meanwhile, the food situation steadily became worse. Though the Anglo-American relief commission had hoped to set up street kitchens, sniping and house-to-house battles have thus far prevented this.

(United Press said Salonika was under ELAS control, "and no attempt is being made to hide this fact.")

Reveal Death at Saipan Of Jap Naval Chief

Tokyo Radio announced yesterday that Vice-Adm. Chichuichi Egumo, supreme commander of Jap naval forces, had been killed in action in the battle for Saipan, captured by the Americans in July. At the same time, it was disclosed that since May 73 Jap admirals and 18 generals had died.

Specially-Selected Germans To Help Allies Police Reich

WITH THE NINTH ARMY, Dec. 11 (UP)—Specially-selected Germans—some of whom as recently as a few weeks ago took orders from the Nazi Party—soon will start policing conquered German towns and villages under supervision of the Allied Military Government.

AMG officials frankly admitted today the use of these Germans, but they said it was all experimental, with good grounds for success. They realize there will be criticism, especially on the grounds that many of the Germans have been members of the Nazi Party.

They also recognize the danger of sabotage but AMG officers justify the experiment on the ground that somebody has to police the conquered areas. There is a shortage of qualified German-speaking personnel to do the job, they point out: Three conditions must be fulfilled

Bombing Nazi Rail Yards



This is a picture which probably was duplicated in the Eighth Air Force raid on German marshalling yards Monday in what was believed to be the heaviest single-mission daylight raid. Shown are the Hereford rail marshalling yards, 35 miles southeast of Osnabruck, Germany, after they had been hit recently by a force of 1,100 heavies.

German Main Body Fleeing Budapest as Reds Close In

The main body of German troops in Budapest was reported fleeing the city last night as Russian forces, closing on the Hungarian capital from three sides, pressed forward against Nazi rearguard units left behind to cover the retreat.

Marshal Malinowsky's troops, along the Danube to the north, were only seven miles from the city. To the south they were between five and six miles away. On the western bank of the Danube Soviet forces were eight miles south of the Hungarian capital.

Northeast of Budapest, other elements of Malinowsky's army gained more ground in their drive toward Bratislava, capital of Slovakia and gateway to Vienna.

Last night Moscow announced the capture of Dregely Palank, on the Hungarian-Slovak border only 100 miles east of Bratislava.

Berlin reported a flareup in eastern Slovakia, where Gen. Petrov's offensive has been at a standstill for several weeks.

Enemy of Franco Says 'I Am Ready'

PARIS, Dec. 11 (UP)—"The moment has arrived. I am ready." Miguel Maura, who hopes to unseat Gen. Francisco Franco and seize power for the Republicans in Spain, said this in an interview published in Paris today.

A few hours later he told the United Press: "I am not expecting to leave Paris immediately."

Rumors that he was going to the Spanish border were premature, he said.

This is a sample of the confusion that is helping to cloak what really is going on inside and outside Spain.

Labor, Business Score Critics

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (UP)—Resentment over "shortage hysteria" and "unjust criticism" was voiced by both management and labor during a three-day conference of War Manpower Commission regional directors, just concluded here.

"None of the shortages is the fault of labor or management lying down on the job, yet by inference it has been laid at their doorstep," one WMC official said.

Manpower officials said they realized the urgent necessity of stepping up production of such vital items as ammunition, and were inaugurating a campaign for 300,000 additional workers. However, they pointed out that these needs had arisen from such unavoidable factors as unexpectedly stubborn enemy resistance and the realization that some production schedules had been too low to begin with.

Raid Sets Mark; 15th AF Also Out

The largest force of heavy bombers ever dispatched in daylight on a single mission by the Eighth Air Force—1,600 Fortresses and Liberators, convoyed by more than 800 Mustangs and Thunderbolts—comprised the bulk of approximately 3,500 warplanes of the U.S. Strategic Air Forces hurled against German targets Monday.

Manned by 16,800 airmen, more than 2,400 heavies and pursuits of the Eighth flew across the Rhine to smash rail centers in western Germany, while upward of 1,000 heavy bombers and fighters of the 15th, based in Italy, blasted rail and industrial objectives in Vienna and Austria.

Early unofficial reports indicated the Eighth lost 12 bombers and two fighters. Unopposed by enemy fighter opposi-

Big Air Mission Means 622 Millions in Planes

EIGHTH AF HQ, England, Dec. 11—This is what is involved in an "ordinary" mission to Germany by 1,500 heavy bombers and 900 fighters:

Crews total 15,900 men; planes' value is more than \$622,700,000; aircraft form a column 100 miles long; engines pulling planes generate 7,518,000 horsepower, equal to output of four Boulder Dams; enough gas is consumed to take 15,200 passenger autos from New York to San Francisco; the 21,200 50-cal. machine-guns, if placed at 50-foot intervals, would form a line of fire 200 miles long.

tion, Eighth heavies struck at Frankfurt and Giessen, 35 miles to the north, and Hanau, just east of Frankfurt. All bombing was done through heavy clouds by means of instruments.

All three rail targets are links in the enemy communications lines in the supply and reinforcement of the Western Front, situated on main lines of supply between the principal industrial centers of northwest and central Germany and the German defenses in the sectors facing the U.S. First and Third Armies.

The Eighth's tremendous attack was carried out between 11 AM and noon. Flak was generally light.

Meanwhile, the 15th's Forts and Libs pounded the Mossbierbaum oil refinery, 22 miles northwest of Vienna, and rail yards at Graz in southern Austria. Ordnance depots in Vienna also were hit.

Ormoc's Fall Seals Jap Fate

After eight weeks of bitter Leyte Island jungle fighting, U.S. troops of the 77th Division yesterday captured the main Japanese port of Ormoc, situated at the southern end of the "Corridor," and drove on to within a mile of a link-up with the U.S. Seventh Division.

Within that mile were the last remaining Japanese on the island—estimated at several thousands—who have no alternative but to "surrender or die."

Preceding possible future American ground activity, AAF fighters and bombers already were "softening up" the islands west of Leyte and northward to Manila itself, United Press said.

British Demonstrate Flame-Throwers



These mechanized monsters are British flame-throwing Crocodiles spitting fire and smoke in a demonstration on German soil against a knocked-out Nazi self-propelled gun.

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THE B BAG



BLOW IT OUT HERE

NOTE: Lack of space forces us to limit all letters published to not more than 200 words.—Ed.

A Soldier's Pride

Nov. 30, 1944

To the B-Bag: In one of his speeches President Roosevelt told the people of America that our objective in this war was to "make it possible for all free peoples to walk the face of the earth in dignity." As enlisted men we have had to give up a great deal of our freedom in the interests of discipline, and necessarily so. But in addition to sacrificing our liberty, do we have to be robbed of our dignity as well by having to submit to a search, just as a common criminal, before going out on pass?

We have been told, and our people at home have been told, that the American Army is the best Army in the world, and that the American soldier is the best soldier in the world. This insidious practice of searching us certainly does not tend to add weight to those statements, and may cause concern to our folks back home as well as rob us of our pride as soldiers. Loss of pride may result in a feeling of inferiority ending in a marked decrease in efficiency.

Treat us with respect and allow us the dignity that is our birthright, and we'll show the world that we are in fact the best soldiers in the world.—T/3 J. Emma, Sta. Hosp.

Freedom of Religion

Nov. 22, 1944

To the B-Bag: The Thanksgiving services to be held at Westminster Abbey are going to be attended only by those who march down in formation—and our notice states definitely that "those not in formation will not be admitted"! Since when is our American religion regimented? And since when do churches close their doors to anyone, for no matter what reason?

I for one, as a passive protest, will not attend—and I'm but one of many. I will find myself a small church with open doors—and get quietly on my knees and thank God for the American way of life as I knew it—with religious freedom, which included the freedom of walking to any church at any time in any numbers—simply to worship, and not to make a dress parade of it!

And, Stars and Stripes, as a special favor, will you see that those RIGHT PEOPLE see this so we may walk to church in our own way to do our worshipping at Christmastime? Sincerely fed-up—Cpl. Ruth Gillette.

[Whoever worded your notice was in error. According to the U.K. senior chaplain, five minutes before the Thanksgiving service began enlisted personnel who had not marched in formation to the Abbey were among those admitted to take the few remaining seats. The formation procedure was used, the chaplain said, mainly because of limited seating space in the Abbey, and because the service had to begin promptly for radio broadcast. You have the chaplain's assurance that your worshipping at Christmastime will be subject to no Army regulating.—Ed.]

Medal for APO Boys

Nov. 23, 1944

To the B-Bag: I would like to give a little credit where credit is due—believe it or not, I'm not going to bitch. The credit goes to the APO Esp. APO 472. There are several other paratroopers here with me who also want to add a word of thanks.

Most of the fellows here in the hospital have waited up to two or three weeks before they got mail at our hospital address. Not so with us. The boys at our old APO were on the well-known "ball." They stopped our Xmas boxes and a great deal of mail that was to be sent to Holland to us and we got it here in the hospital just eight days from the date the letters were mailed. Thanks a lot, fellows, we sure do appreciate it no end. We'd like to give you fellows a medal.—Some Paratroopers, Hosp. Plant.

Faster Film Service

Nov. 22, 1944

To the B-Bag: We of the crew of "Section Eight" agree wholeheartedly with Sgt. Dutton on the need for faster service on film processed through Army Exchange Service. . . . We've been waiting 11 weeks for the prints of the last roll we sent in. If the PX service is too rushed to handle all the films they receive, why not let our group photo sections process them? The latter have the facilities and personnel to handle them, we believe.—Lt. Geo. C. Hood Jr., Bomb Sq.

Hash Marks

This happened at one of those lectures a long time ago during basic training back in the States. Quite a number of GIs were dozing off and someone was heard to observe, "If all the GIs who sleep in class were placed end to end—they would be much more comfortable."

We can't seem to get up enough courage to sympathize with Pfc Mitchell Simmons, of Mt. Herman, Ky. Simmons makes 500 gallons of ice cream a week for a Fighter Group but he doesn't touch the stuff himself. "I used to love ice cream, but now I can't stomach it," he says. "Maybe I'll get to eating it again in civilian life."

Afterthought. To be sitting on top of



the world isn't such a hot idea. Consider the Eskimo.

Today's daffynition. A strip-tease artist is a gal who looks well in anything she takes off.

The \$64 question. Does a fourth term entitle a President to draw longevity?

A restaurant owner put this sign in his window: "Due to conditions beyond our control our menus, our service and our attitude are not what they should be." (We're sure we ate there.)

This verbatim conversation took place at a USO show the other night:

Pfc: "Can you see all right?" Pvt.: "Yes." Pfc: "Is there a draft on you?" Pvt.: "No." Pfc: "Is your seat comfortable?" Pvt.: "Yes." Pfc: "Let's trade seats."

It happened at a dispensary. "Just a minute," said the doc, "I didn't tell you



to say 'Ah.' "I know you didn't" replied the GI, "but I just caught a glimpse of your nurse."

The other day we heard a combat guy singing these words to a popular song hit. "Hitler—keep those buzz bombs quiet." J. C. W.

A Tableau of Democracy—On the Line



International News Photo

More significant than words is this photo of Jewish religious services on German soil—the first since we drove into the Nazis' own domain. The quiet group standing among the Dragon's Teeth of the Siegfried Line presents one of democracy's four freedoms. In the land where Jewish persecution developed into flagrant butchery freedom of religion must be bitterly ironic to those men whose fortress was "impregnable," whose career forgot prayer books.

It Was a Big Fort

Smell of GI Cooking Mingles With That of Death at Driant

By Jimmy Cannon
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION, Fort Driant, Dec. 11—The chamber was filled with newly-oiled bicycles and a Cadillac made in America. "This place is so big their runners used bicycles," said Lt. Robert J. Barnett, of Sandy Ridge, Pa. "There must be at least ten miles of corridors in this main fort and the tentacles that lead to the minor forts. They even had a machine shop to manufacture their own shell casings. It takes up one of the six floors."

The eastern entrance is demolished and the concrete broken into jagged blocks strewn across the road which curves

Developer of APS Gets Legion of Merit

The Legion of Merit was awarded in Paris Sunday to Col. Kirke B. Lawton, of Athol, Mass., chief of the film and photo section, SHAEF public-relations division, for "outstanding service" in developing the Army Pictorial Service since July, 1942, when it was organized. Lawton, who is a Regular Army officer, also organized the photographic end of V-mail operations.

through the stone-arched iron gates. Across the ugly valley, Fort Jeanne D'Arc, last of the Met forts held by the enemy, fired now and then in the sleet-streaked dusk. The generator growled pleasantly inside the massive hill-top fort from which 670 prisoners were taken. Dim electric bulbs lit the chambers where shadows frolicked in a somber ballet. Mess gear clattered and a chow line moved in the gloaming of the halls where the Fifth had fought a pitched battle. The smell of death was foul in the good smells of cooking food and coffee.

"They had quite a few wounded," said Barnett. "Few dead. They evacuated the prisoners they took back to Germany. But we found the graves of some of our men inside the fort. They had their own dynamo and reservoir dug out of the rock and several wells for water supply. "But those two self-propelled 155s did them no good at all. Those 155s caved in the small forts in a lot of places. Do you know what the commander, Col. Richiver, said? He said, 'I enjoyed your K-rations.' The men who pulled out after the hand-to-hand fighting in the corridors in September left them behind."

Now in the fort that smelled of death there was music. Pvt. Earl Knox, of Belton, S.C., sucked "Weep No More, My Lady," out of a harmonica. It was a song with many echoes. The music followed you down the dark crooked halls.

AFN Radio Program

On Your Dial
1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.
218 fm. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

- 1200—News. 1205—Duffie Bag. 1300—Headlines—Sports News. 1305—NBC Symphony. 1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour. 1500—Headlines—German Lesson. 1505—Strike up the Band. 1530—On the Record. 1625—Saludos Amigos. 1700—Headlines—Melody Roundup. 1715—Canadian Guest Show. 1755—American Sports News. 1800—World News. 1805—Mark up the Map. 1810—GI Supper Club. 1900—Headlines—GI Journal. 1930—Here's To Romance. 2000—Headlines—Combat Diary. 2015—Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians. 2030—American Band of the AEF (Major Glenn Miller). 2100—World News. 2105—Charlie McCarthy. 2135—Dinah Shore Show. 2200—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A. 2205—Listen Characters. 2300—Final Edition.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

- 0755—Sign On—Program Resume. 0800—Headlines—Combat Diary. 0815—Personal Album with Maxine Sullivan. 0830—Music by Gus Arnheim. 0900—World News. 0905—Songs by the Elm City Boys. 0925—Music from Canada. 1000—Headlines—Morning After (Major Glenn Miller). 1030—Strike up the Band. 1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A. 1105—Duffie Bag.

Notes from the Air Force

PATIENTS at the 96th Bomb Group's base hospital will be Christmas Day "guests" of the Firemen's Sunday School Class of Big Springs, Tex. A native of Big Springs, Col. Robert W. Warren, commanding officer of the Fortress outfit, received a check "to be used to spread cheer among the soldiers under his command."

Former mayor of Buena Vista, Ga., and now a supply sergeant in the 55th Mustang Group, S/Sgt. Ernest C. Stevens was selected to christen the P51 Buena Vista, an honor bestowed upon him for purchasing two \$1,000 War Bonds. 1/Lt. William K. Pope, of Elkhorn, Wis., is the pilot.

A FORTRESS of the 303rd Bomb Group recently crashed near the English village of Wenlock, Shropshire. Later, Lt. Col. William S. Raper, of Wheeling, W. Va., group commander, received a letter from there with a £1 note enclosed.

The letter read: "Would you please place a small floral tribute on the graves of the boys, so far from home, who lost their lives near here?" It was signed: "A Wenlock Mother."

Army Frees Vets—15, 17

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

FT. SHERIDAN, Ill., Dec. 11—Two of the nation's youngest battle-scarred veterans of fighting in France and Germany, James J. Garvin, 17, and Raymond B. Wallace, 15, both of Chicago, were honorably discharged here yesterday.

Their chests bedecked with ribbons, including the Purple Heart, the beardless youngsters, proud of their Army records, stated they would be glad to get back to civilian life.

Wallace, 14 when he enlisted in 1943, planned to return to school and Garvin said he hoped to return to work on a farm near Verona, Ill.

Both were fighting in Europe when Army officers learned their real ages and sent them home. Garvin was wounded July 7, but returned to battle the same day.

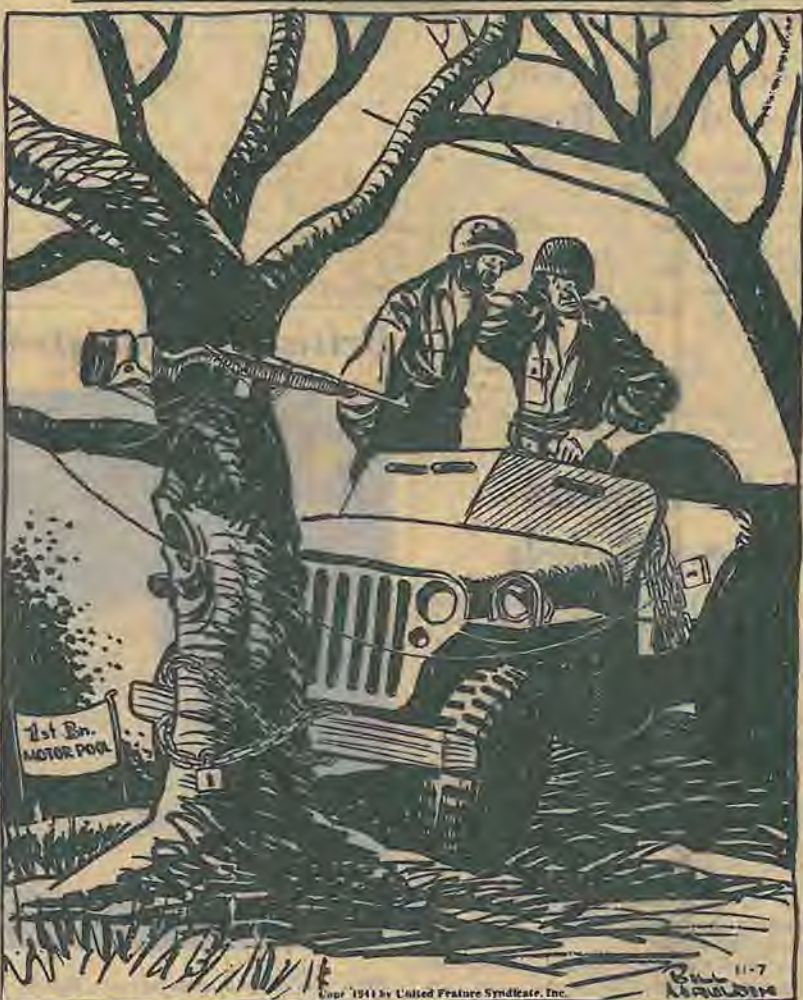
Through losses in the unit, Garvin eventually became leader of a squad in France. Wallace was wounded at St. Lo.

Newman's Yankee Doodles

NEWS ITEM — PHILADELPHIA — Man-power shortage has caused a definite lack of street-corner Santa Clauses for this Christmas.



UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



"It's a habit Joe picked up in th' city."

Once Over Lightly

By Andy Rooney

NEW YORK, Dec. 11—Last week after the Giants beat the Redskins, George Preston Marshall, Washington owner and president, indicated that he thought his team was robbed of the victory. Didn't Sammy Baugh have one of the greatest days of his career connecting with 25 passes out of 35 attempts? And didn't the team make 20 first downs while the Giants made only 13?

Well, if Prexy Marshall thought he wuz robbed last week we wonder what is he thinking today. Washington pushed over 17 first downs yesterday while the best the Giants could get was six, and while that was FRANK FILCHOCK going on Baugh and Filchock were connecting for 20 out of 49 passes. The Giants threw only six passes and completed three of them. And yet look at the score: Giants 31, Skins 0.

The explanation is simple. The Giants have a great ball club of veterans who know when and where to apply the pressure. They gained almost half as much with Arnie Herber's three good passes as the Skins did with 20. The game yesterday was a pretty good example of why those campaigning to change the rules so that first downs count points are dead wrong. There never was any doubt about who was the best team on the field despite the statistics.

When one of Knute Rockne's great teams beat Pop Warner's Stanford eleven in the Rose Bowl, Warner remarked mournfully that his Palo Alto Indians had made more first downs than Rockne's Four Horsemen and stated that something should be done about incorporating first downs in the scoring system.

Sleepy Jim Crowley heard the remark and as usual had the perfect answer. "Yeah Pop," Crowley drawled, "they'll start scoring first downs in football as soon as the baseball people begin to decide games by ignoring runs and counting the number of men left on base."

The funny thing about the Redskins' situation is that they had been called the luckiest team in the league all year—up until last week's game with the Giants. Consistently they had been out-scoring teams which had been pushing them all over the field as far as the other statistics went.

Ferrier's 277 Wins Oakland Tourney

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 11—M/Sgt. Jim Ferrier, on furlough from Camp Roberts, walked off with the \$7,500 Oakland Open golf championship yesterday with a score of 277. GI Jim started the tournament with a 72, but he settled down to three straight 68s to top Ky Lafoon of Chicago by one stroke and grab the \$1,600 in bonds first-prize money.

Jug McSpaden, the third-round leader, went two over par yesterday for a 72 and a total of 279, while Sammy Byrd, former Yankee outfielder, took fourth with a 280 total. George Schneider of Salt Lake City was fifth at 282 and Byron Nelson was tied at 283 with Craig Wood.

Harrison Annexes Miami Open
MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 11—S/Sgt. Dutch Harrison of the Air Force withstood the pressure of five other players on the last nine holes yesterday to gain the \$2,500 first prize in the Miami Open golf tournament with a 72-hole score of 274, six under par. Dutch carded a 69 yesterday to nose out Henry Picard of Harrisburg, Pa., by one stroke. Third place went to Johnny Revolva of Evanston, Ill.

Judge Landis Gains Baseball Hall of Fame

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y., Dec. 11—The late Kenesaw Mountain Landis, high commissioner of organized baseball from 1920 to 1944, was elected unanimously to membership in baseball's Hall of Fame yesterday by the Hall of Fame Committee in a special meeting here.

The committee also voted to erect a suitable memorial at Cooperstown in memory of Landis' valuable service to baseball.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, The Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W.1, or APO 813, U.S. Army, Telephone U.K. Base HO, Ext. 2151.

Stamps
YOU want your Christmas packages and we want the stamps from them! Please remove them (without mutilation) and mail them to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund, where they will be sorted and sold to dealers and the money thus gained will be used to swell the fund.

"Tain't No Use"
We are discontinuing publication of "lost" ads because of the fact that these ads have brought hardly any results. It seems that if the person who finds a lost item is honest, he notifies the MP's or Help Wanted, who in turn locates the owner.

Giants Rap Skins, 31-0, for Eastern Title

Ex-Champs in Verbal Clinch



Cmdr. Jack Dempsey of the Coast Guard (left) and Cmdr. Gene Tunney of the Navy shake hands and get in a little close-up talk at a Washington meeting in support of plans for a national memorial stadium to be erected in Washington after the war. Both ex-heavyweight champs spoke in favor of the program.

Unbeaten Randolph Rolls Up 20-7 Victory Over March Field

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11—The Randolph Field Ramblers had too much for the tricky Fourth Air Force football team of March Field here yesterday and walked off with a 20-7 victory before 50,000 spectators.

Randolph started to ramble in the first period when Bill Dudley intercepted a pass from Jimmy Nelson on the March Field 40 and galloped to the 17. Bruising bucks into the line resulted in a touchdown seven plays later with Elmer Madarik cutting over left guard and Causey converting.

Wings Down Boston, 7-6

DETROIT, Dec. 11—The Bruneteau brothers, Eddie and Mud, netted two goals apiece last night to lead the Detroit

Hockey League Standings

Team	W	L	T	P	W	L	T	P
Montreal	11	4	1	23	Boston	7	9	15
Toronto	10	6	0	20	New York	2	8	4
Detroit	9	4	2	20	Chicago	2	10	2

Red Wings to a 7-6 victory over the Boston Bruins before 12,929.

The game was tied three times before the Wings went ahead to stay with ten minutes to go in the final period on Mud's backhand shot and another by Steve Wocho. That made it 7-5 and Bill Cowley's goal for the Bruins with five seconds remaining was just a futile poke.

Rangers, Black Hawks Battle to 1-1 Deadlock

NEW YORK, Dec. 11—The Chicago Black Hawks and New York Rangers, currently locked in mortal combat for last place in the National Hockey League, battled for 60 minutes last night and wound up with a 1-1 tie.

American Hockey League

Team	W	L	T	P	Team	W	L	T	P
Providence	5	1	0	4	Pittsburgh	4	1	0	5
Buffalo	7	2	0	15	Indianapolis	6	3	0	11
Indianapolis	6	3	0	11	Hershey	1	11	2	16

Team	W	L	T	P	Team	W	L	T	P
Buffalo	12	7	2	25	Providence	7	11	2	16
Hershey	9	9	2	20					

Team	W	L	T	P	Team	W	L	T	P
Indianapolis	11	7	0	28	Cleveland	10	7	2	22
Pittsburgh	11	7	2	24	St. Louis	4	12	2	10

Sports Scribes Name 6 Army, Buckeye Stars

DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 11—The undefeated, untied football teams of Army and Ohio State placed three men apiece on the All-America eleven picked by the Football Writers Association of America and announced by Secretary Bert McGrane here today.

The team: Ends—Jack Dugger, Ohio State, Paul Walker, Yale; Tackles—Don Whitmire, Navy, John Ferraro, So. Cal.; Guards—Bill Hackett, Ohio State, Joe Stanowicz, Army Center, John Tavener, Indiana; Quarterback—Les Horvath, Ohio State; Halfbacks—Glenn Davis, Army, Bob Fenimore, Oklahoma Aggies; Fullback—Felix Blanchard, Army.

Washington Seeks Olympics

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Dec. 11—Bids from Washington and London for the next Olympic games were heard at the closing session of the National Amateur Athletic Union meeting here yesterday, but no action was taken. Willard N. Greim of Denver, Col., was elected president succeeding Lawrence DiBenidetto.

New Yorkers to Tackle Packers for Loop Crown

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11—The New York Giants captured the Eastern Division championship of the National Football League here yesterday by whaling the Washington Redskins, 31-0, and will meet the Green Bay Packers, Western Division titlists, next Sunday at New York for the circuit title.

A capacity crowd of 35,540 saw Steve Owen's tough, alert Giants turn the Redskins' vaunted passing attack into New York's best offensive weapon. The veteran Giant team gained more yardage with intercepted passes than they did on either their own ground or passing attacks, in each of which they were surpassed by the Marshallmen.

The Giants locked the door in the opening quarter with two touchdowns directly attributed to fumbles by Washington's Sammy Baugh. Guard Frank Cope recovered Sammy's first fumble on the Washington 39-yard stripe after three minutes and Billy Paschal promptly carried to the 25 for a first down. Arnold Herber then shot a bullet pass to Ward Cuff, who stepped across from two yards out, and Ken Strong added the extra point from placement.

Herber Connects Again

Baugh fumbled on his own 15 three minutes later, and Herber followed up by connecting with Frank Liebel in the end zone for the second tally. Strong added the point and the period ended, 14-0.

The second quarter was all Redskin, with Baugh and Frankie Filchock shooting passes all over the place, but they couldn't dent the Giants for a score. The New Yorkers had better luck when they took to the air again in the third period, and with the Redskins drawn in by the Giant ground attack, Herber shot another touchdown toss, this time 24 yards to Liebel, who stepped off 24 yards to pay dirt. Strong added his third extra point.

With one minute gone in the fourth period, Ward Cuff booted a field goal from the 30, and with five minutes remaining in the period Guard Charlie Aveisian ended the scoring when he intercepted a Baugh pass on the Redskin 45 and went all the way home. Again Strong kicked the point.

The statistics:

	SKINS	GIANTS
First downs	17	6
Yards gained rushing	123	107
Passes attempted	49	6
Passes completed	20	3
Yards gained passing	178	77
Interceptions	0	6
Yards in re't's run back	0	126
Average distance of punts	42	36
Yards kicks returned	179	34
Yards penalized	50	85

Third AF Gremlins Stop Superbombers

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 11—Charlie Trippi, former Georgia star, passed to two touchdowns and ground out 117 yards through the line here yesterday as the Third Air Force Gremlins scored an upset 14-7 victory over the Second Air Force Superbombers.

The Bombers tallied first in the second period on a 13-yard pass from Glenn Dobbs to Nick Klutka, but the Gremlins bounced back with a 77-yard drive climaxed by a Trippi touchdown pass to Ernie Bonelli, and in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter Trippi flipped a game-clinching toss to Jack Kelleher, former Columbia player.

Purple Heart Vets on Fight Bill

By Mark E. Senigo

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

Five combat veterans, all holders of the Purple Heart, feature tonight's ten-bout Rainbow Corner fight card.

Top man in the quintet is the Fifth Division's ace, Cpl. Johnny Bagley, who ran through all ETO opposition last season until he met up with Pvt. Jack Martin, who took Bagley on points at Belfast. Bagley is paired with Pvt. Bliss Croft, of Newark, N.J., second-round kayo winner last Tuesday over Pvt. John Pearson. Croft, at 185, will give away five pounds.

Cpl. Delman Smith, 135-pounder from West Tulsa, Okla., seems slated for the roughest tussle among the Purple Hearters as he is matched against Pfc Hebbie Williams, sensational New Orleans 136-pounder who two weeks ago suffered his first setback at Rainbow when he dropped a thriller to Pvt. Jess Puente.

Rounding out the quartet are Cpl. Helman Dudeck, Kenosha, Wis., 147; Sgt. George Young, Chicago, 140, and Sgt. Bill Tiger, Tulsa, Okla., 145. They are paired respectively with Cpl. Al Lindsey, San Antonio, Texas, 142; Cpl. George Yentzen, Nederland, Texas, 144; and Cpl. Trinidad Marquez, El Paso, Texas, 143.

Here is the lineup for the remaining bouts:
Pvt. Pete Mead, Truman, Ark., 165, vs. Cpl. James Campbell, New York, 164.
Pvt. Paul Shields, Newark, N.J., 175, vs. T/5 Paul Williamson, New York, 177.
Pvt. William Bertholl, Middletown, N.Y., 185, vs. Pvt. John Pearson, Los Angeles, 190.
Pvt. Tony Willis, Philadelphia, 160, vs. Sgt. Bill Lockert, Pittsburgh, 162.
Pvt. Frank Scrosani, New York, 144, vs. Cpl. George Jones, Cleveland, 182.

On the Side

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 11—Swedish sports fans will get eye-witness on the spot reports of what transpires when Gunder Haegg and Haakan Lidman visit the U.S. next month. Lidman has signed to file news of their activities to Stockholm's Tidningen newspaper and Haegg has agreed to write for the Swedish paper Idrottsbladet. Whaddaya read Mac?

Pro Grid Standings

Team	EASTERN DIVISION					P	OP
	W	L	T	Pt.	P		
New York	8	1	1	889	206	75	
Philadelphia	7	1	2	875	267	131	
Washington	6	3	1	867	169	180	
Boston	2	8	0	200	82	233	
Brooklyn	0	10	0	000	69	166	

Team	WESTERN DIVISION					P	OP
	W	L	T	Pt.	P		
Green Bay	8	2	0	800	238	141	
Detroit	6	3	1	867	216	151	
Chicago	6	3	1	867	258	172	
Cleveland	4	6	0	400	188	223	
Card-Pitts	0	10	0	000	108	329	

Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune



By Chester Gould



Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



By Al Capp



Life in Those United States

October Arms Output Was Not Up to Schedule

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (AP)—The U.S. produced 20 per cent more tanks in October than September, but none of the major categories of munitions met its October schedule, the War Production Board announced today.

"Among the programs that are currently behind schedule are heavy bombers, heavy ammunition and artillery, heavy trucks and tires, assault transports and assault cargo ships, radar equipment and cotton duck for tents," the statement said.

The report placed the value of the month's munitions output at \$5,240,000,000, substantially the same as September. On an over-all basis, production fell two per cent behind the reduced schedules at the beginning of the month. In October 7,429 planes were accepted.

CAPITAL SIDESHOW: The Associated Press reported the likelihood of a meeting soon between President William Green of the AFL and John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers. . . . Two weeks ago at the AFL convention in New Orleans, Green invited Lewis' organization to rejoin the AFL fold.

Reorganization plans to streamline and speed administration in the State Department are expected to be announced this week. . . . The War Department announced that as of Sept. 30 there were 701,000 Negroes—more than half of them overseas—in the Army.

Butchers May Strike

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (AP)—The proprietors of 10,000 butcher shops here, angered at what they claimed to be unworkable OPA regulations, have voted to strike on Christmas Day, unless the regulations are changed immediately. They claim they are caught in a price squeeze because they can't buy meats at the official minimum but are required to sell at the official maximum, making for little profit.

Cashes Bogus Checks

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 11 (AP)—Within a few hours 21 local merchants cashed bogus checks, each for \$34.09 for an "attractive ash blonde." The blonde still is at large.

Artie Shaw Says Men Want to Be Left Alone

CHICAGO, Dec. 11 (ANS)—If there's anything that gets a serviceman overseas sore it's "morale broadcasts" supposedly designed to lift his morale, Artie Shaw, band leader recently medically discharged from the Navy after a year's Pacific duty, said today.

Shaw, who has organized a new musical group, said: "As far as I'm concerned, I just wanted to be left alone, and I think most of the men felt the same way. The less radio talk the better."

Shaw entered the Navy two years ago as an apprentice seaman on a minesweeper. He later was assigned to leadership of a Navy band—which followed the Marines in their island-hopping. He has organized a new band, which is currently touring the U.S.

Plan Shoe Factory

POCATONTAS, Ark., Dec. 11 (ANS)—The Brown Shoe Co. of St. Louis will construct a shoe factory here, the first in the state. Local residents have subscribed most of the \$65,000 necessary for the factory's operation.

Receive Roses

PLEASANTON, Cal., Dec. 11 (AP)—A "Moonlight and Roses" dance given by the USO here was helped along by a gift of 10,000 roses from one of the country's largest nurseries.

Daughter for Ann Sothorn

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 11 (AP)—A daughter was born yesterday to Ann Sothorn, Hollywood's "Maizie" and wife of Lt. Robert Sterling.

New Diet Adopted to Slenderize WACs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (ANS)—A special low-calory diet was authorized for WACs by the War Department today, who announced that "dietary habits based on standard Army rations has caused undesirable obesity" among the GI Janes.

The department issued a table of "range of ideal weight for women of 21 and over" to aid WACs who have settled down to chair-warming activities after their more rugged basic training.

The table gives different figures for small, medium and large frames. For example, a WAC five feet two with a small frame should weigh 111 to 119 pounds. With a medium frame, the WAC should weigh 118 to 126, and one with a large frame 125 to 136. Weight of 161 to 175 is OK for a large-framed gal six feet tall, the WD said.

Favors Military Training

GARDEN CITY, Kan., Dec. 11 (ANS)—Milton S. Eisenhower, president of Kansas State College and brother of Gen. Eisenhower, said today that universal military training was "decidedly more compatible with our democratic philosophy" than a large standing army.

Posted Letters in Wrong Place

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 11 (AP)—Postal authorities have advised both the Army and Navy to warn their personnel local trash boxes are not mail boxes. In recent weeks several packages "posted" by servicemen have been found in the wrong boxes.

Snow Blankets Midwest In First Big Fall of Year

NEW YORK, Dec. 11—A blanket of snow, ranging from three to 12 inches deep, covered the Midwest yesterday as the first big snowstorm of the year swept across the Mississippi Valley and the lower Great Lakes region.

The heavy fall so hampered driving that 14 persons lost their lives in traffic accidents and automobile clubs warned motorists to drive slowly and to avoid country driving. Airline schedules were canceled in most parts of the affected area.

Although it was still snowing in Lower Michigan, the storm had abated in most of the area. The Weather Bureau pre-

Cigarette Shortage

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (ANS)—Life magazine this week carries a double page picture-story on the cigarette shortage. One photo, showing the many little-known brands now selling like hot cakes, includes a package of American-made Players.

FDR Lauds Science

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt yesterday paid tribute to science at a dinner in which Nobel prize awards were presented to five Americans and one Dane. "Here in America," Mr. Roosevelt said, "we have always believed that science should be the servant of the people."

Vets Get Medal

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (ANS)—Discharged World War II veterans from both



the Army and Navy have been authorized to wear the accompanying medal.

Four WACs Model New Uniforms



These four WACs model their latest uniforms, designed for the varying climates in which they may be called upon to serve. The uniforms, left to right, are: A full Arctic uniform, a tropical uniform, the liner for an Arctic uniform, and the regulation winter uniform.

Julich Has Always Gone Down In Its War-Torn History

WITH THE 29TH DIVISION BEFORE JULICH, Dec. 11 (UP)—Two thousands years ago the dateline for this story would have been "WITH THE ROMAN LEGIONS BEFORE JULICH."

Ten times in bloody history this important Roer River crossing site has been besieged. Today there are doughboys' foxholes in ancient ditches which well may have outlined the fortified camps of Caesar's legionnaires stationed here to guard the Roman road from Cologne to Maastricht from onslaught by the barbarian ancestors of the German race.

Julich's history is one of eternal war and the city has suffered the fate of those who live by the sword. It is a dead city.

The proud battlements of its citadel, where the city's first duke, Gerhard I, walked a thousand years ago, is battered to nothingness and by an ironic jest of the gods of war, another Gerhard stands before it, surrounded by military might that would have awed his tenth-century namesake.

This "Gerhardt II" is Maj. Gen. Charles H. Gerhardt, commander of the U.S. 29th Infantry Division. The general is short, bald, peppery, profane.

Gerhardt I was a mighty warrior. In the year 912, Emperor Otto I named him Reichsmarschal—the title held today by Hermann Goering. But he's an amateur beside this Gerhardt, who stormed ashore with his troops in Normandy on June 6—his 49th birthday.

Since H-Hour the division has fired 7,000,000 rounds of smallarms ammunition—35 for every minute that has ticked off since they stepped ashore.

History books note that the army of the Prince of Nassau captured Julich in

1610 after breaching the walls with 5,000 rounds of artillery. The 29th artillery men have fired 267,000 rounds of 105-mm. shells since June 6—just warming up for the assault on Fortress Germany.

In the rubble of Julich and on the surrounding heights, the Germans have dug in to grimly defend this bastion. History offers them little hope. In the 30 Years War the city was taken and retaken by Spanish, Swedish, Dutch and German forces. In 1801, troops of Napoleon stormed the town, confident and not knowing that the road to world conquest ended in the Russian snows.

Today Julich's number is up again.

Crossword Puzzle Solution

THOMAS KINKAID REVERE ENTENTE CRETE ESS TEE TERN KEPT HEMP ES VICE-ADMIRAL PA CORAL THOMAS ASTER IRATE C STALE DATED SS KINKAID EN PACT ILLS STAB ARABIAN ERODA TERMITE MEAGER SOLOMON ISLAND

Ike Gets Queries, Grits, Bourbon From Visitors

By Sgt. John Carlove Combined Press Representative

SHAEF, Dec. 11—Gen. Eisenhower hit the jackpot in official visitors the other day when 17 U.S. politicians, representing the House Military Affairs Committee, slopped through the mud of the Advance Command Post to pay a visit to the Allied Commander-in-Chief.

But the party—while it is here to find out what GI Joe and his CO think about such things as the shell and cigarette shortages—didn't concentrate entirely on subjects of war. They presented a bottle of Kentucky Bourbon whisky to Ike. The bottle, containing a picture of the Supreme Commander, Ike later sent to a nearby field hospital.

Other gifts the junketing congressmen brought over included a jar of pork sausage and hominy grits, which Rep. Overton Brooks (D-La.) had remembered was one of Ike's favorite meals.

The meeting was brief. It took place in a large fireplace-heated room where detailed maps of the front had been set up.

The Congressmen, including Clare Boothe Luce (R-Conn.), fired questions at Ike. They wanted to know what's what about the reported shell shortage. They wanted to know who was to blame.

Ike explained that no blame was implied on any one quarter, pointing out that the fluctuating conditions of warfare and weather had upset previous estimates on shell requirements. Main point, Ike emphasized, was that more ammo was needed—and fast.

To another question Ike said that France would share with other Allied nations in the eventual occupation of the Reich.

About combat pay? Ike recommended to the Congressmen that such pay should be included for medics serving with fighting battalions.

Clare Luce was at her vitriolic best when asked how she



Gen. Patton greets Congresswoman Luce on Third Army front. She replied serenely: "Oh, I knew where they were." Mrs. Luce also visited Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. on the Third Army front.

Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff

