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Daily German Lesson

Haben Sie Verbandszeug?

Haben Zee Ferbahndszoyg?

Have you a bandage?

Daily French Lesson

Faut-il des tickets?

Foat eel day teeKAY?

Are coupons needed?

First on Roer Below Duren

Say Plants Moved Back In Austria

By Associated Press

Repercussions of the Red Army's triphammer blows against Budapest shook the Nazis all the way to Vienna yesterday and brought reports that the industrial evacuation of eastern Austria had begun.

As Marshal Rodion Malinowsky's forces pushed their way through minefields and anti-tank barriers in the northeastern outskirts of the Hungarian capital, Red Star, Soviet Army newspaper in Moscow, said the Germans had started to move their military depots and war plants deeper into the Reich.

Meanwhile, a push to the Slovakian border north of Budapest gave rise to reports that the liberation of Czechoslovakia was high on the Soviet agenda. In Moscow, Izvestia proclaimed: "Complete liberation of the Czechoslovak republic is near."

The battle for Budapest itself, in its final stages, hourly grew more intense. Russian guns pumped shells into the city from three directions, while the Red Air Force battered it from above.

The sector to which the Germans devoted most of their attention in foreign broadcasts was above the big bend of the Danube, 18 miles north of Budapest. There the Russians were in position both to drive toward Vienna, through the Bratislava Gap and to swing south to cut Budapest-Vienna communications.

Own Prisons Beckon Nazis

By The Associated Press

Gen. Eisenhower told the German people yesterday that the concentration camps built by the Nazis for their campaign of terror would be used to detain those same Nazis when they were arrested by the Allies.

In the latest of his series of broadcasts to the Reich, Eisenhower said one of the first moves of the Allied armies would be to "liberate innocent victims interned by the Nazis." He added that "the camps then will be used for the detention of arrested Nazis."

Other points made by the Supreme Commander were that responsibility for maintenance of law and order in the Reich would fall chiefly on unarmed local German police under Allied supervision. He said that only in special cases would the police be allowed to carry light arms and limited ammunition.

The entire German police system will be decentralized, Eisenhower said.

Canadians Bridge Lamone in Italy

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—In a 24-hour battle, Canadian troops made two crossings yesterday over the swollen Lamone River and established a bridgehead southwest of Ravenna.

The Eighth Army, meanwhile, smashed through the German defense line guarding the Po Valley, both north and south of Faenza, and obtained a firm footing on the river's west bank.

The Germans threw in a number of determined counter-attacks to prevent the two Canadian assault parties from linking up. They used Tiger tanks and self-propelling guns, and fighting was heavy.

Combat Men Go Home on Rotation

Happy? That's a Masterpiece of Understatement; One Turns Down Bars

By Earl Mazo

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE THIRD ARMY, Dec. 13—The happiest men in the Third Army today exchanged mud-caked combat clothes for wrinkled blouses, shirts and pants they had dug from the bottom of their reserve barracks bags, were "decombatized" at a replacement center, and headed west for the U.S.A.

They were the Third's contingent of soldiers going home on the rest and recuperation plan just instituted.

(ETOUSA Headquarters in Paris announced that 2,000 American fighting men on the Western Front were the first to leave under a new plan allowing a limited number of combat veterans to return to the U.S. for a 30-day leave. They are being flown home via England and will be able to designate the places in the U.S. where they wish to recuperate. They will be returned to their old units upon completion of their leave. Others will follow monthly under quotas to be announced later. Recuperation time will not apply against furlough or leave credits.)

T/Sgt. Jack L. Frost, 22-year-old Emporia (Kan.) platoon leader in the 35th Division, turned down a direct commission

Flaming Bird Streaks for Nest



In these spectacular pictures released by the Navy, a Navy F6F (Grumman Hellcat) is shown (top) bursting into flame like a meteor as it approaches a carrier, the USS Cowpens, during operations in the Pacific. Aboard the carrier, fire-fighting units awaited the plane's landing. Pilot, Lt. Alfred W. Magee Jr., of Pittsburgh, brought plane in (below), jumped out dragging his parachute, and hot-footed it along the wing of his flaming craft as crews went to work smothering the fire with chemicals.

WD Tightens Discharge Policy For U.S. 'Name' Athletes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—Criticism over release from service of athletes and stage, screen and radio stars has been so great that the War Department has decided to tighten the controls on their discharges.

A policy has been put into effect which requires all such cases hereafter to undergo a special War Department examination. Heretofore, COs had authority to approve the discharge of any men in their commands.

The new policy, which went into effect Nov. 29, says:

"Discharge of able-bodied, prominent figures to permit them to participate in activities not considered essential to national health, safety or interest cannot be justified to the general public.

"While it is not intended to discriminate against any group in the matter of opportunity for discharge, cases involving the discharge of nationally prominent athletes, stage, screen and radio stars, and so forth, which might occasion criticism of War Department discharge policies, will be referred to the War Department.

A War Department spokesman said: "What the general public doesn't realize is that these fellows have suffered injuries during their playing careers which

can't be seen from the stands. These chaps can pace themselves on the athletic field, and rest if necessary. But when they are in the service, long grinds of hour after hour without letup completely exhaust those weakened legs or arms."

Hayes Quits; Armour To Be Envoy to Spain

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt announced today the resignation of Carlton Hayes as ambassador to Spain and the nomination of Norman Armour to succeed him.

The President also nominated Laurence A. Steinhardt, ambassador to Turkey, to be ambassador to the Czech exiled government in London.

Says V1, Used Earlier, Would Have Won War

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 13 (AP)—If the Germans had started using the robot bomb a year ago "they would have won the war with it," Capt. G. R. Wilson, president of the National Aeronautics Association, said yesterday when he returned from a tour of world battlefronts.

"It is impossible for you to realize what you are escaping," he told the Portland Executive Club.

He described V1 as a "very effective weapon" with greater destructive power than V2.

'Big' Force Of Superforts Bombs Nagoya

Nagoya, Japan's third largest city and one of its most inflammable targets, was bombed yesterday by a force of Saipan-based U.S. Superforts equal to or exceeding the largest number yet to raid the Jap home islands. Tokyo Radio said 80 B29s made the attack.

Upsetting enemy defenses, the B29s made a feint toward Tokyo and then cut northwest to Nagoya, which, according to a War Department statement, provided the most concentrated group of targets yet attacked in Japan. Results of the raid were not disclosed, however.

The flight involved a round-trip of about 3,000 miles, approximately 400 miles less than required to reach Tokyo.

Simultaneous with the attack on Nagoya, Jap Radio reported that single Superforts appeared over Tokyo and Yokohama. Other nuisance raids were made by lone B29s on Tokyo during the night, a German News Service report said.

Meanwhile, it was reported from Washington that U.S. Liberators hit the Volcano Islands again over the weekend, apparently to neutralize enemy airfields north of the Saipan Superfort bases.

To Combat Units

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13—More than 65,000 individual soldiers from the Air and Service Forces have been transferred into combat Ground Forces units and still more may be shifted, Lt. Gen. Ben Lear, chief of the Army Ground Forces, said today.

As America's war role changed from defensive to offensive, units were transferred from duties no longer necessary and given fighting jobs, Lear said. He said 40,000 men had been shifted from Air Forces surpluses and 25,000 men from Service Forces surpluses.

"This is not a sudden, emergency manpower shift," Lear said. "It can be taken as an index of the changed mission of the Ground Forces, though no intelligent person attempts to say the Navy does more than the Air Forces, or the Air Forces more than the Ground Forces. But it is a military fact that the final action of all wars is an infantry action."

More British Troops Join In Unabated Battle of Athens

ATHENS, Dec. 13 (AP)—Fresh British reinforcements were thrown into action today against fiercely-fighting ELAS (resistance) forces as Greece's undeclared civil war continued unabated.

ELAS leaders still had not replied late tonight to the "surrender your arms" terms given their peace emissary yesterday by Maj. Gen. Ronald M. Scobie, British commander in Greece.

Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, Mediterranean supreme commander, in Athens while negotiations were in progress, has left.

Centers of heaviest fighting today were the British barracks near the center of Athens and another three miles from the capital's heart.

Reuter, commenting on the peace terms presented the ELAS, pointed out that Scobie based his policy on the Caserta Agreement, reached Sept. 28 at Allied Mediterranean Headquarters, under which "the two generals commanding Greek guerrilla forces declared their full acceptance of the orders of the Greek government and of the Supreme Allied commander."

Gas-Filled Fire Engines An ELAS Weapon?

ATHENS, Dec. 13 (AP)—ELAS today was reported preparing a new "secret weapon" for use against the British: Captured fire engines, their water tanks filled with gasoline, to be turned toward the enemy lines as self-propelled flamethrowers.

ELAS also was reported to have adopted the American technique of loading street cars with explosive and sending them against the British.

2-Mile Gain Registered By Hodges

Doughboys along the southern wing of the First Army front in Germany opened a new local offensive yesterday to erase the last rear-guard elements of Germans trying to hold up Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges's drive to the Roer, which American troops have now reached on both sides of the key town of Duren, blocking the road to Cologne.

Gaining nearly two miles, the First overran three villages south of Duren. The report of the U.S. foothold on the Roer south of Duren came from German broadcasts, which claimed that the Americans had not yet been able to break into the town.

The enemy was forced to keep guessing where the Allies' powerhouse blow will



be struck. Enemy broadcasts have stressed that the Ninth Army—already on the Roer to the north—was waiting only an opportune moment before striking, but meantime the Germans are concerned with the First Army on the southern Roer sector and farther south with both the Third and Seventh Armies, which are hammering at the gates to the Saar Basin, one of the chief industrial areas of the Reich.

The Seventh Army, its advance slowed yesterday by blown bridges along its path, gained 2 1/2 miles northwest of Seltz. The Seventh was about 15 miles from Karlsruhe, but the Rhine still stands between the doughboys and this great Saar city. A drive by the Seventh into this area might possibly catch up the Germans holding desperately against the Third Army's blows along the Saar River to the west.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's troops, already fighting inside the Siegfried outer defenses—which the Seventh Army has

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38-45 Face Work Draft

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (ANS)—Drastic steps to force men between 38 and 45 to remain on their war jobs were urged today by Col. Francis Keesling, legislative officer for the Selective Service System.

He suggested to Congress that steps be taken to provide that no man in this age bracket leave a war job without official approval, and that legislation be provided to enforce this regulation with penalties.

This extension of the latest edict of James F. Byrnes, war mobilization director, he said, would eliminate war-plant turnover and help meet war production deficiencies.

Byrnes' directive makes eligible for immediate induction any occupationally deferred man between 18 and 37 who leaves a war job without his draft board's permission.

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THE B BAG



Good Germans

Dec. 4, 1944

To the B-Bag:

In reply to the asinine and naive statements made by J. C. H., 2/Lt., MAC who elucidates in these words: "I've only seen one 'good' German. He conked out three hours before I got there," we can all be thankful that said "loogie" will not be counted present at the final settlement following hostilities.

How does said "loogie" account for the fact that 800 pastors of the Confessional Church of Germany were thrown into the concentration camps in 1938? How about Martin Niemöller? How about the students and professors of Munich who were executed and others thrown into concentration camps in 1943 when they uttered and published some sentiments of a definite anti-Nazi nature?

British Radio Tax

Nov. 25, 1944

To the B-Bag:

Yesterday evening while listening to the AEF program on my German-made radio I was approached by a British GPO (General Post Office) representative, who asked to see my British wireless license.

I immediately informed him that I was an American officer, quartered in a government billet, and had never been told that I needed a license before I could listen to my radio.

[U.S. military personnel do not have to pay a wireless licensing tax, according to officials of the British GPO headquarters in London.—Ed.]

S and S and Spam

Nov. 30, 1944

To the B-Bag:

On three previous occasions I was about to begin corresponding with you, postponed it for further and deeper consideration, then gave it up. This time, however, my request is simple and short. Your daily lesson in French and German is a bit of all right.

That's all, except for congratulations on a good, readable job with enough interest and punch to make it an indispensable piece of resistance at the lunch table.—Chaplain Louis Milgrom.

PS—On second thought you may be curious to know when my critical faculties were aroused. 1—When the absence of Ernie Pyle's column for the first time made me wonder whether The Stars and Stripes is worth the paper its printed on.

Colin Kelly

Nov. 24, 1944

To the B-Bag,

The gang here had a hot and heavy discussion (shall we say?) the other day. These are some of the questions we would like to have cleared up about Colin Kelly: 1—What branch of the service was Colin Kelly in, and what rank did he have when he dove at the Jap ship?

[Capt. Colin Kelly, USSAF, flying a B17 with a ten-man crew, bombed the Jap battleship Haruna on Dec. 10, 1941, during the early days of the first Philippine campaign. Cpl. Meyer Levin was enlisted bombardier aboard the Fort. The bomber was seriously damaged by anti-aircraft fire during the sortie, and all crew members bailed out successfully on its return to its base, except Capt. Kelly, who was killed while attempting to land the flak-torn Fort.—Ed.]

Hash Marks

Latest suggestion about what to do with the Germans comes from the brain of Clinton (Pat) Conger, UP Correspondent. His idea is that we should have enemy civilians handled by "un-civil affairs" officers. Why be polite about it, sez Pat.

Then there was the GI who smoked quarter cigars but someone else usually smoked three-quarters.

Five Joes who call themselves the wanderers received this request from a chick in the States:

Hit them hard in one big drive, Then come home in '45.

GI Observation. The man in the moon



isn't half as interesting as the lady in the sun.

And then there was the pooch in the K-9 Corps who asked for a tree-day pass.

Today's daffynition (from Lt. Charles Taylor). Neck is something that if your girl doesn't want to you feel like ringing her.

Encountering a chaplain from Texas who was lavish in his praise of the Lone Star State, a second loogie asked, "If you thing so much of your state, Chaplain, I suppose you tell the boys they'll go to Texas when they die." "No, Lieutenant," replied the chaplain, "I tell them if they're good they will go to heaven. But if they're exceptionally good, they will go to Texas while they're alive."

Comment. Mary had a little wolf—she fleeced him white as snow.

Overheard in the blackout. "He had neither the money nor the will power to keep her in clothes."

Glasses definitely help to cure that tired feeling, the oculists say. The trouble is most people can't afford to keep filling them.

GIs in Germany have changed the song bit "Can't Get Out of This Mud."

It happened at the front. A GI, awakened from his slumber by a Nazi



who wanted to be taken prisoner, cried out sleepily, "Okay—wait till I get my gun."

A colonel once asked his corporal, "Where did you file those discharges? They aren't under the Ds." The corporal replied suavely, "Sir, I filed them under the Cs—for congratulations." J. C. W.

Aerial Artery Carries Home Front's Blood to Front

A little over 48 hours after Chesla O'Brien, 22-year-old teletype operator, donated her blood in San Francisco (as shown in the picture on the right) it was pumping its life into the veins of a badly-wounded Seabee, Willie R. Boyter, of Pine Bluff, Ark. (shown below), in a hospital in the Marianas, within 1,500 miles of Tokyo.

Miss O'Brien's blood, taken by Nurse Beverly Silvestri, was flown across the Pacific by Jack S. McDowell, of International News Service, in the first feat of its kind. McDowell saw not only Miss O'Brien's blood put to its life-saving use, but also some of his own.

In the picture below, McDowell is seen at the right. Lt. Cmdr. S. W. Obenour, of Zanesville, O., is at the left, and Lt. Herbert R. Brown, of Rochester, N.Y., is kneeling by the bed.

Boyter was badly burned while saving a plane from destruction by dragging a drum of blazing turpentine out of its way.



U.S. Satisfied With Allotment Of Manpower to West Front

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (ANS)—The U.S. appears to be satisfied with the sharing of Allied fighting strength on the Western Front, according to the Associated Press.

On that front, where the world's greatest battle of attrition has developed, the U.S. apparently has committed more men and material than other Allies in that theater.

Asked about this recently, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson replied he is quite convinced that all Allies were contributing to their full measure of resources.

Allocation of forces is a matter decided upon by the Combined Chiefs of Staff of the U.S. and Great Britain. The Secretary declined to discuss percentages of allocation, but available information today gives an indication that on the Western Front there are four American armies, one British, one Canadian and one French.

The situation in Italy, the A.P. commented, is reversed. There Prime Minister

Churchill reported that three-quarters of the forces are British or British controlled. In Southeast Asia the number of American combat troops is definitely in the minority, though in the Pacific it is mainly an American show.

One reason for the heavy preponderance of American forces over British in Western Europe is primarily one of populations. Military experts point out that the U.S. population is about 131 million and that of the U.K. about 46 million.

The U.K. has provided about 4,500,000 fighting men, or more than half of all the British Commonwealth's armed forces. The U.S. forces now total about 11,000,000.

A recently-published British White Paper reported that more than one third of all British men between 14 and 64 were in the armed forces. The proportion for the U.S. in approximately the same age group is less than one fourth.

Second reason is to be found in the fact that the Western Front provides the closest and largest area to which U.S. forces can be sent. Because the U.S. has a greater number of men deployed along that front, it is quite probable that this country will have the greater number of losses there.

AFN Radio Program

- Thursday, Dec. 14
1200—World News.
1205—Duffie Bag.
1300—Headlines—Sports News.
1305—Corporal Saddlebags.
1330—Blondie.
1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour.
1500—Headlines—German Lesson.
1505—Strike up the Band.
1530—On the Record.
1630—Music We Love.
1700—Headlines—Showtime with Janet Blair.
1715—Canadian Swing Show.
1740—Fly Away Paula.
1755—American Sports News.
1800—World News.
1805—Mark up the Map.
1810—GI Supper Club.
1900—Headlines—Crosby Music Hall.
1930—Ray McKinley Orchestra.
2000—Headlines—Combat Diary.
2015—Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians.
2030—Burns and Allen.
2100—World News.
2105—Soldier and a Song.
2115—Swing Sextet.
2130—Mystery Playhouse.
2200—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
2205—Lister Characters.
2300—Final Edition.
Friday, Dec. 15
0800—Headlines—Combat Diary.
0815—Personal Album with Joan Barton.
0830—Music by Ted Fio Rita.
0900—World News.
0905—Songs by the Sentimentalists.
0925—AEF Ranch House.
1000—Headlines—Morning After (Crosby Music Hall).
1030—Strike up the Band.
1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
1105—Duffie Bag.

B-Bagatelles

Labor Journal Says The S & S Is Fair

Irvin S. Taubkin, Prop.

BRIGHTENING our day comes the November issue of the Journal of Electrical Workers and Operators, official publication of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, with the report, based on a reading of every column of every issue of The Stars and Stripes for the year, that "on the whole, a disinterested investigation must reach the conclusion that in 1943 The Stars and Stripes did a statesmanlike job in a trying period, and rather than being against labor it was eminently fair." For which medal polishing we doff our tall silk overseas cap and say much thanks.

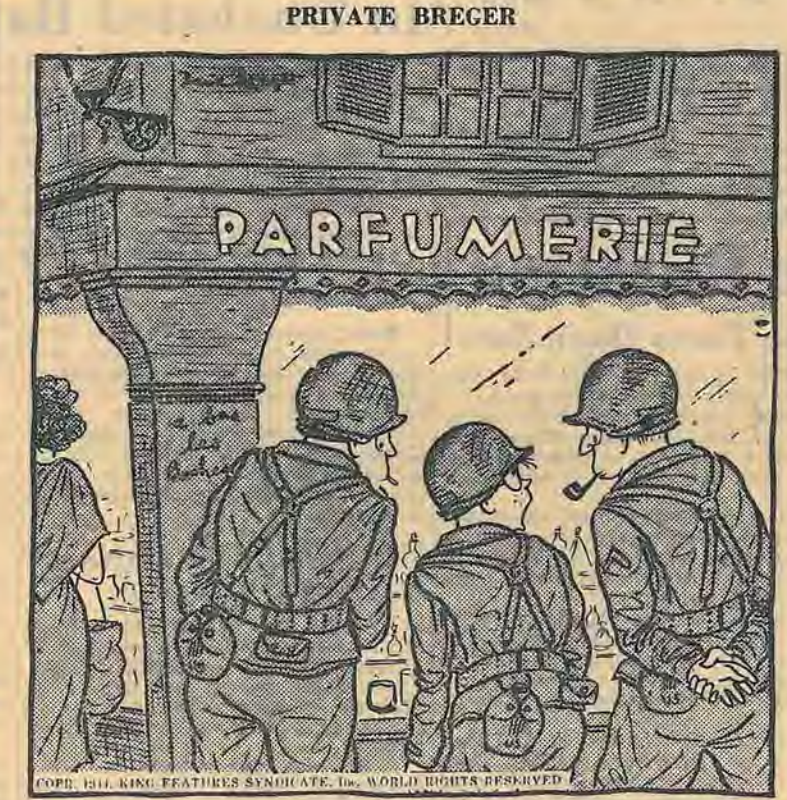
What we can do to keep him from cracking we don't know, but Cpl. Sidney Porcelain squirms out of his straitjacket long enough to write that "Every morning at 7.30 we have a police call in the pitch blackness, rain or freeze! Does this make sense? Also, we have a screwy order to keep mess kits in duffie bags!" Squirm back in, Sid, and move over.

PFC Cyril A. (Killer) Keller has been sulking ever since we ran that beautiful WAC contest. He wants to get into a handsomest GI contest. He's even willing to start it off with his own photo. "I'm



not very good looking," he plays coy, "but hundreds of girls think different. Back home I used to hang around the pool room and hardly anybody ever took notice of me, but over here, English gals break their necks trying to dare me. What do you think of the idea?" Frankly, we don't see any contest. The Killer says us, too.

FOR no reason we can discover, Pfc James E. Scully Jr. and the rest of Ward 81 offer us Pfc Ernie Leggett as "the one and only perfect GI who claims he is afraid of nothing." And for obvious reasons, the boys in Ward 3 chuckle in with the news that two first sergeants, Toner of the 35th Division and Kelly of the 83rd, are detailed latrine orderlies in their ward.



"I wonder how you say 'Eau-de-Cologne' in French?"

Life in Those United States

Workers 'Running Out'? Survey Scotches Reports

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—All the talk about war workers "running away from their jobs" took a sock in the kisser today when the War Manpower Commission issued the results of a special survey which showed: "Workers in non-war jobs are doing more changing than workers in war and essential tasks." The report revealed that war workers were quitting their posts in munitions industries, etc., at the rate of 40-55 per 1,000 monthly.

Connection

CLEVELAND, Dec. 13 (ANS)—Governor-elect Frank Lausche, who is still mayor of Cleveland, sat in his City Hall office and called long distance to make a hotel reservation in Columbus (the state capital). He identified himself to the operator. Then, without covering the mouthpiece of the phone, he turned to his wife and said: "Let's go some place to eat."

"I can't right now, Governor," came the sweet voice over the wire. "But I'll be through at 11."

Simplicity Is the Trend in Yule Greeting Cards

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (ANS)—The trend in Christmas greeting cards "definitely is away from sophistication," a spokesman for the manufacturers of such items, now gathered here to talk over "their works," said today. "People want more of the Christ Child, the Wise Men, the Star of Bethlehem, Babe in Manger or home scenes, plus enough blank space to write short notes," he said.

As far as the manufacturers are concerned, however, their biggest headaches come from verse writers. They agreed that there were as many verse writers (self-styled) as so-called short-story writers. Chief would-be stylists on verse are housewives, who think the business can be turned into a lucrative one.

GIs Buy Billion in Bonds

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (ANS)—Service-men have purchased more than a billion dollars worth of bonds, it was disclosed today, as total subscriptions in the Sixth War Loan Drive passed the \$14,000,000,000 mark.

Army Discharges Jack Holt

CAMP BEALE, Cal., Dec. 13 (ANS)—Maj. Jack Holt, veteran movie actor, who has spent two years in the Army at Fort Reno, Okla., was discharged yesterday. Holt said he planned to return to the films.

Jackie Cooper Wed

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13 (ANS)—Sailor Jackie Cooper, one-time child movie star, and actress June Horne were married yesterday.

Kid Bandit Proves Bad Ideas Get Around

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 13 (ANS)—Police said today they had a confession from 16-year-old Gerald Wayne Barnes, who admitted using a five-year-old child as a shield while holding up the Puget Sound National Bank and escaping with \$5,000.

Sober Reflection

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 13 (ANS)—A jury in Judge Allie Peyton's court yesterday decided that Robert Obets must have been sober, and not drunk. Otherwise he would have argued with a woman motorist after their cars crashed, instead of just smiling at her.

Death Parts Twins, 93

BERWICK, Pa., Dec. 13 (ANS)—The nation's oldest twins—William and Wilbur Pennington, 93—were parted yesterday when Wilbur died at his home.

Army Cut

GIs Send Some Pipe Tobacco To Tamp in Co-Eds' Corncobs

LAWRENCE, Kan., Dec. 13 (ANS)—A decorated Christmas parcel—contents, two packages of pipe tobacco and a letter from five GIs in France which said: "It's a shame you must smoke corncob pipes"—arrived today for Kansas University co-eds.

Fears Weapons of Next War

CHICAGO, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—If there is a third war, "terrific and as yet unimagined instruments" probably would be used against the U.S., "blotting out our cities and a percentage of our civil populations," Joseph C. Grew, under-secretary-of-state nominee, said here today. "These awful visions sound fantastic, but they are not," he said.

Commons' Stone for Princeton

PRINCETON, N.J., Dec. 13 (ANS)—Princeton University will receive a piece of stone from Britain's bombed House of Commons Saturday in recognition of Princeton's contributions to British-American understanding.

Ethel Barrymore Back

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (ANS)—Actress Ethel Barrymore, whose illness last month forced cancellation of all performances of "Embezzled Heaven" on Broadway, returned last night to the stage of the National Theater as the show was resumed.

Strip Tease

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (ANS)—Perplexed OPA agents today tackled the matter of how to determine ceiling prices for nude pictures collected by Tommy Manville at his New Rochelle estate now being sold for auction.

Disarm of the Law

RENO, Nev., Dec. 13 (ANS)—Guntoing no longer is legal here unless one gets a special license. The County Commissioners voted the change after a few errant husbands trailed divorce-seeking wives and started asserting themselves.

Captive Nazis Who Survived Own Fire



These Nazi prisoners, among the first to be taken by the Ninth Army at Julich, arrive at the town of Koslar, staggering and bloody from the hail of German mortar fire which was directed at their captors as they were being hauled out of the line.

ETOMologist

G(reen)I Finds Self—Blimey!—In a Blinkin' Combat Zoone

The Yank, still wearing the furry look that told of recent arrival from the States, poked open the pub door, saw it was almost empty enough to take a chance and went in. Moodily leaning at one end of the small curving bar was another American soldier, looking like a disgruntled copyreader.

"We were on the blinkin' beach by then, see," he heard the soldier say. "I went in with the alligators, and Tom—you remember Tom Brentley—he took a buffalo in. Blimey, there were so many you couldn't begin to count 'em. And the weasels and the ducks—well, they were all over the place." The Yank looked at his bitter, sipped it again. The Tommy ordered another "arf-narf" and went on.

Weather Halts Big Air Assault

Bad weather curtailed activity by the Eighth Air Force yesterday after two days of large-scale operations against German oil production and rail facilities. The heavies severely damaged four key railyards and destroyed rolling stock, sidings and repair factories in Tuesday's attack on Darmstadt, Hanau, Aschaffenburg and Friedberg, all in the Frankfurt area, photos taken during the assault showed.

British Air Chief Decorated By Ike

In recognition of his work in integrating U.S. and British air forces in the Egypt-Libyan and Tunisian campaigns, and in the Ploesti raids, Air Chief Marshal Sir Sholto Douglas has been awarded the Legion of Merit, degree of chief commander, it was announced Wednesday. The presentation was made by Gen. Eisenhower at a brief ceremony in London.

Terry and the Pirates



Storm Leaves Huge Drifts And 58 Dead

NEW YORK, Dec. 13—The season's first heavy storm today gave the U.S. a preview of a white Christmas as it blanketed sections of the East from Canada to Georgia with snow and left parts of the West and Midwest still buried under drifts piled up the day before. The death toll was 58 in the U.S. and 18 in Canada.

8th Jap Convoy To Leyte KOD

Three Japanese transports and three escorting destroyers were sunk Monday when U.S. planes smashed the eighth Jap attempt to relieve their beleaguered garrison on Leyte Island, Gen. MacArthur's headquarters announced yesterday. The attack on the convoy also left another destroyer and two medium transports burning.

West Front -

not yet encountered, though it has swept through the unmanned Maginot Line—continued yesterday to beat back German counter-attacks, though dispatches indicated that the latest enemy thrusts were waning. On the sectors north of the First Army both the Ninth and the British Second Army had a relatively quiet day.

U.S. Navy Now Has 35,575 Planes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—Since the autumn of 1942, when it had only three aircraft carriers in the Pacific the U.S. Navy has built up a fleet of nearly 100 carriers, according to a report today from the Navy Department of Aeronautics. The report, issued by the House Naval Affairs Committee, disclosed that the Navy's plane strength had increased sevenfold since Pearl Harbor to a total of 35,575 aircraft at the end of last September.

GI Heart Gives Nicolle's a Beat

AIR SERVICE COMMAND HQ., France, Dec. 13—Nicolle Duchaillet, French and 18 and pretty, is alive today, thanks to a couple of American Army officers who had a heart—and some penicillin. Nicolle got a German bullet in her temple last August during the final flare-up of Nazi terror in the streets of Paris.

By Milton Caniff

