

Americans a Mile From Metz

Twilight's 'Gods' Learn Night Must Fall



Keystone Photos



Americans advancing on the fortress city of Metz have brought their own variety of twilight to Nazis of the Gotterdammerung Division, whose name means "twilight of the gods." Some of these ex-supermen are pictured above as they cover from rain and snow while waiting a trip to the prisoners' cages. Below, Pvt. Warren Keiser, of Lancaster, Pa., marches away a prisoner taken in a town just outside of Metz.

3 More Forts Fall; Driant Is Bypassed; Tell Civilians to Flee

While Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army narrowed the escape corridor northeast of Metz to about eight miles and closed to within a mile of the Lorraine city on the south, the German district leader yesterday ordered the civilian population to evacuate over roads not yet blocked by the American encircling pincers.

Three more forts were captured on the west, where the attackers were within two miles of Metz. Two other forts were bypassed, including Fort Driant, one of the strongest in the Metz chain of defenses.

In none of these instances was there stiff resistance, dispatches said. Two forts taken earlier were discovered to be defended only by machine-gun positions, the big-gun emplacements having been stripped.

British Advance

Nor was the British Second Army push in south Holland meeting any stiff going—except for the weather, which was bad along the entire front from the "canal corner" in The Netherlands to the Vosges Mountains in southern France.

The British, having gained almost five miles in the initial push, had linked up three bridgeheads across the Canal du Nord and the Wessem Canal and continued to move on against only rear-guard opposition.

Field Marshal Montgomery's spokesman said the new British operation was not "massive" but designed to clear out the last German pocket west of the Meuse in the southern corner of Holland.

Although the Germans ordered the Metz populace to get out—as reported over the Nazi radio—there were no indications that the German garrison itself would flee the city. At the same time, however, Berlin began putting out stories intended to get across the idea that Metz was not important strategically.

Nazi Tanks Counter-Attack

Although Metz' forts were not making any concerted defense as yet, tank fighting broke out when the Germans threw in a strong counter-attack in the Remilly Forest, in the Nied River sector southeast of Metz.

The 95th Infantry Division captured Forts Hubert and Jussy, west of Metz, while the Fifth Division took the town of Peltre, two miles southeast, after breaking up an enemy thrust. The third fort, Delange, surrendered unconditionally.

In the Thionville sector, north of Metz, the Americans lengthened their bridgehead along the eastern bank of the Moselle to 14 miles.

On the Seventh Army front, the weather was described as tougher than the Germans. The Yanks advancing made perfect targets against the snow, which also gave ideal concealment to mines and booby traps, which the Germans use lavishly in any terrain.

All along the Western front snow and rain cut out air operations.

In the sector southeast of Aachen, Germany, the U.S. First Army had one of its quietest days.

Blast 14 Ships In Manila Raid

U.S. carrier-based planes, making a large-scale attack Monday on Japanese naval units in Manila Bay, blew up two destroyers, damaged a cruiser, sank or set fire to 11 other vessels and wrecked a floating dock, it was announced at Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' headquarters yesterday.

Ten Jap planes were shot down in the attack which, according to Japanese radio reports, was made by 400 U.S. planes. The Navy communique said between 130 and 140 enemy planes were strafed on three Luzon airfields. One U.S. ship was damaged by counter-attacking enemy bombers, Nimitz said.

On Leyte, three U.S. columns were reported closing in on five Jap divisions around Ormoc.

Nazis Quit City Near Budapest

Russian troops yesterday continued their advance north of Budapest, trying to cut German supply lines between Hungary and Austria, and also penetrated "into the southern outskirts" of the Hungarian capital.

Jaszbereny, 35 miles east of Budapest, was evacuated by the Germans Tuesday night.

Red planes, taking advantage of a break in the weather, were active over Hungary.

To the south, Cetinje, capital of Montenegro, was captured by Marshal Tito's partisans, it was claimed by Free Yugoslav Radio. Cetinje is near the Adriatic coast just north of Albania and 130 miles from Skopje, Yugoslav rail junction penetrated by Tito's forces Tuesday.

PARIS, Nov. 15—Gen. Charles de Gaulle has accepted an invitation from the Soviet government to visit Moscow, it was announced officially today.

The General, who has not previously been to Moscow, plans to make the trip soon, accompanied by Foreign Minister Georges Bidault.

15th AF Hits Austria; Weather Halts 8th

Unescorted Italy-based 15th Air Force Fortresses and Liberators yesterday bombed targets in the Linz and Innsbruck regions of Austria. No enemy aircraft were encountered.

Eighth Air Force heavies were again inactive because of bad weather.

Nazis Say They'll Use V-2 on Allied HQs

Because of its "sensational accuracy," V-2 will soon be used against headquarters of Allied commanders under a new firing plan now being worked out, German News Agency declared yesterday.



Stars and Stripes Map

A GI Tunes In On Parliament's Demob Debate

By Richard Wilbur

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Polite English Parliamentary voices—audible only now and then to American gallery observers in the House of Commons over an amplifier system as frail as an antiquated car trumpet—debated yesterday the partial demobilization of British forces after the defeat of Germany.

However, one member of Parliament, a professor from Wales who served in the last war, was clearly heard to say:

"Commanding officers are generally extremely selfish and possessive in retaining their men. They shouldn't have the last word on releasing the men."

Churchill 'Tells All'

Prime Minister Winston Churchill also made himself clear—though not as explicit as anyone wanted—when he said he expected the war to go on "for a good long time."

Churchill, answering a question before the debate began, said he expected the war to continue "for a good many" then paused. Days? Weeks? Months? wondered GIs in the gallery and members of Parliament on the floor, leaning forward. But all they caught was a deft Churchillian substitute—"for a good long time."

The demobilization debate was opened by a lieutenant colonel who had received permission to return from Italy to present, in his Parliamentary capacity, the ideas of British men and women serving overseas.

It was "a point of national honor" that demobilized soldiers should get their civilian jobs back, this officer said.

No man should be sent direct from the Mediterranean to the Pacific war without having some leave in England, he declared.

For those "who foresaw the danger of Nazi Germany while John Bull was pulling the wool from his eyes"—British men and women who joined their Army's auxiliary services before war was declared—special provision should be made in the final demobilization plan, he added.

Akin to Congress

Although the restrained Parliamentary voices provided a great contrast from Congressional accents on Capitol Hill, the MPs' listening attitudes might have found counterparts in Congress. Clement Attlee, deputy prime minister, sat with feet comfortably propped on one side of the Speaker's table during the question period, and one MP, doubled up in repose during the demobilization debate, had his feet on the back of a bench as he sat with face covered by his hands.

Virginia-born Lady Astor roamed in and out of the debating chamber, while another woman MP, serving for her husband, killed in action, sat listening in a wheel-chair.

The seriousness of any man's responsibility in completing a final and fair demobilization plan was summed up by one MP, who said: "God bless him, but God help him."

Europe-Bound Plane Crashes; Nine Killed

NEW YORK, Nov. 15 (ANS)—Air Transport Command Headquarters announced today that five civilian crewmen and four soldiers were killed and nine other persons injured early Sunday when a four-engine transport bound for Europe crashed into the side of a mountain in Newfoundland.

The dead Army men were Lt. John F. Skupa, Omaha, Neb., Cpl. Robert E. Pitts, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., Pvt. Kenneth D. Granstead, Munger, Minn., and Pvt. Floyd M. Wilson, Warwert, O.

Strike Affecting B29 Output Ended

NEW YORK, Nov. 15 (Reuter)—The strike which for two days paralyzed Superfortress engine production in five New Jersey Wright Cyclone factories ended tonight when leaders of the 1,900 striking supervisors ordered the men back to work at midnight.

Decision to resume production followed a meeting in Washington between strike leaders and the War Labor Board. Cause of the strike was dissatisfaction among the supervisors over alleged transfers.

Now 'Hog Caller' Yodels Nazis Into Surrender

NEW YORK, Nov. 15—No longer do Allied psychological warriors have to move up to the firing line to bellow surrender appeals to Nazis over public-address systems housed in GI trucks—easy targets for enemy artillery.

Radio Craft magazine last week announced that a new P.A. system, which can hurl a voice two miles, nicknamed "Schweinheil" by Signal Corps members, already was in use. It consists of a multiple-unit horn, two lip mikes and two power units, and can be set up anywhere.

Christmas This Year on Dec. 25

Priority for the Front Lines Is Reason for U.K. Mail Delay

U.K.-based GIs today received the answer to their question, "Where are my Christmas packages?" when Army postal officials disclosed that priority was being given parcels designed for men on the front lines.

Postal personnel at ports and base offices in England have been increased by 25 per cent to rush Christmas packages for combat men to the Continent before Dec. 25. Since Oct. 1, 400,000 bags of parcels

have been delivered by the U.K. Postal Division and a total of 650,000 bags is expected to be received by Dec. 1. Christmas packages delivered this year will probably exceed last year's average of five parcels per man, according to Capt. Frank P. Kaine, U.K. Base postal chief.

Christmas cards, which have not yet begun to arrive in quantity, are expected to flood the mails in December, Kaine added.

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

He's 'Crazy' for Combat
 Nov. 10, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,
 When it comes to gripes and bitches I think I have the biggest wind that was ever blown out of any bag. I am a SOS soldier and am willing to change places with any super combat (I win the war myself) soldier. I reach the stage where I'm ashamed to go on pass. I feel like a 4-Per in Duffy's Tavern.
 I've run across ex-combat soldiers who probably acted more friendly to Germans than to their own kind. I have no parachute boots. I gave my overshoes and blankets and two packs of butts, and am willing to give the other five, because I don't smoke. I like to get in the front lines so I can get back my overshoes, blankets and develop a gun-shot nerve, so I can take up smoking.
 Surely there must be a man up in the front lines that needs a rest. I am willing to take a chance. I'll probably be scared as hell but it is something I wanted to do since I was inducted into the Army. I'd like the CO of the 29th Division to see this letter. I'm crazy as hell, but that's what I want.—Pvt. J. J. Rezek, Tent 12.

Even the Chaplains Gripe
 Nov. 6, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,
 For sometime now I, like the Cpl. at the general hospital, have ignored the tripe opinions that bear the name of editorials. I would have continued to ignore them had not a chaplain come out in their support. Like the Cpl. I resent the consummate presumption reflected in these so-called editorials. Any opinion that is no better substantiated than the average one of these editorials has no justification for being printed.
 I could write quite a bit more, but that might hinder the publication of this attempt to regain a little respect for a chaplain's judgment. (Isn't it nice to be an American?)—Harry L. Rogers, Chaplain, Aus.

Advice to Miss Manning
 Nov. 8, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,
 Even back in the "good old days" when I was in show business, before becoming a soldier, I knew it was unbecoming for a male to slug a female, no matter what the provocation. But since my old friend Peggy Wood has fired the first shot I'd like to add my three ha'pennies worth in the case of Miss Irene Manning and her Dime-a-Dozen Dillies vs. Show Business.
 Yes, I caught that nasty remark too, and I resented it in the name of all my former Broadway associates now in uniform who are damned proud to have been in the show business and thoroughly intend to go right back there.
 What goes on in the little mind behind that pretty face when Miss Manning makes a crack like that? With whom does she think she is ingratiating herself? The Chaplain? Does she really think that our boys are so Major Bowshappy that they would rather see a bunch of well-meaning amateurs than someone who can stand on anything from a muddy plank to a movie set and deliver?
 The stage has always welcomed newcomers. But let those newcomers beware. I would strongly advise Miss Manning to take her little flock and go sit at the feet of Miss Peggy Wood and see how things are done when they are done professionally. A little more humility, Miss Manning, please.—Gerard W. Van Loon, 1/Lt., P.A.

Gunner Yells for Smokes
 Nov. 15, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,
 I read about the cut in smokes for men here in the U.K. to give more smokes to the combat men in France. Well, I have 25 missions over Germany and France and yet it seems I am not a combat man.
 What the hell does the PX think we do? That dam flak sure isn't for looks. I think that this is the rawest deal I have seen yet. I sure hope that somebody in the right spot sees this and gets us poor non-combatant gunners back on combat status.—Lightly Browned-off Gunner.

Write Home About Bonds
 Nov. 13, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,
 The latest War Bond Drive in the U.S. is to commence the latter part of this month. Could we in this theater lend encouragement to the drive by writing to friends and relatives, simple reminders to purchase as much bonds as possible? In every drive the purchase of bonds, small denominational bonds, has fallen below quota. Perhaps with a little effort it will go "over the top." Your opinion would be appreciated.—T/4 Harold Mandheim.

Hash Marks

Just why women go for men with a mustache we don't know—but they do. And we even know a major who touches up his mustache with luminous paint to get rushed in the blackout.

Whether it's dollars, pounds or francs, the old saying still goes. "A fool and his money are soon a party."

According to "Command Performance" there's a shortage of entertainers back



home. A gagster quipped, "The show features a chorus of over 60—some are a little younger."

A long-suffering GI tired of necessarily frequent C rations at the mess run by Officer John Palmer posted a sign on the mess door reading, "The Palmer House—famous for fine C foods."

Overheard, "Yeah, that guy went through OCS. Officers' Clothing Store."

Daffynity by S/Sgt. Floyd Dziodowica. Time—a period between pay-days.

Reading his home-town newspaper, the Chillicothe Constitution Tribune, Lt. Ray Bauer spotted "the hashmark to end all hashmarks." An item in the personal columns read, "Miss Oma Achenbach went to Springfield Monday."

Could be the lack of real eggs that inspires this sort of poetry:
 I wish I was a wittle egg
 Away up in a tree,
 I wish I was a wittle egg
 As wotten as could be,
 And when some bonehead sergeant
 Would start to shout at me
 I'd throw my wotten wittle self
 And spatter down on he.

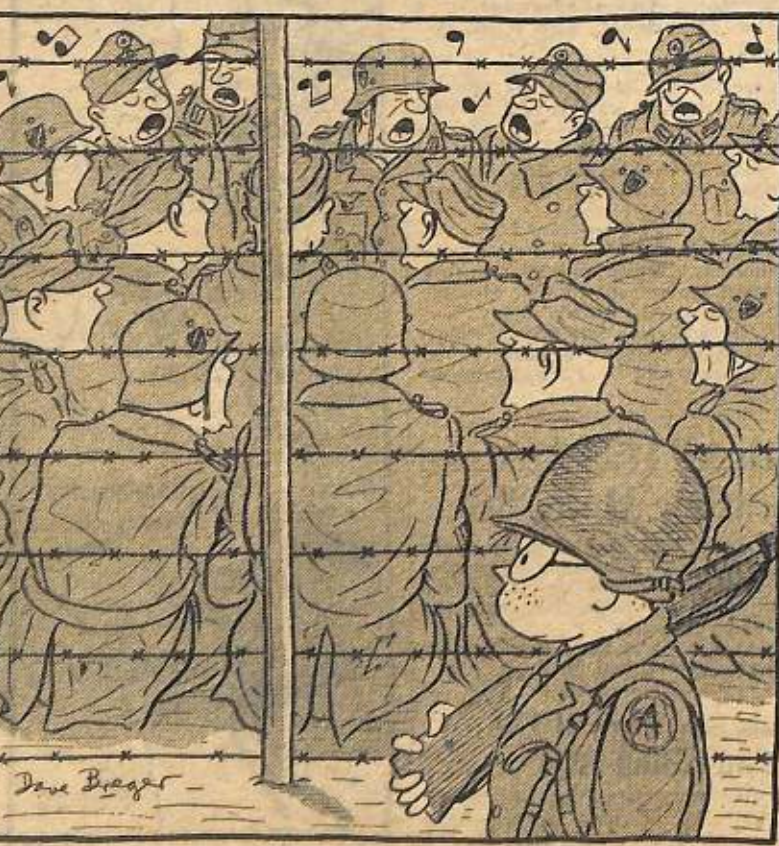
Funniest incident we've seen in Paris: The subway was packed and jammed and it looked like all the people waiting to



get on wouldn't make it. Last man on was an American major who noticed a lone woman standing on the platform. Gallantly he forced the door open. The major said, "We can make room for you, too," and pulled the woman into the car. The train pulled out and the woman blabbered in torrid French. The red-faced major learned she hadn't wanted to get on the train. She had just gotten off.

The chorus girl must have been thinking about her future when she addressed her letter, "Dear Bob and Gentlemen of the Jury."

PRIVATE BREGER



"Hail, hail, the gang's all here!"

An Editorial
The Man in the Street

HERE'S a picture of a typical German man in the street. Or, to use the Germans' own expression, ein kleiner Mann—a small man. He's just about the meekest, mildest, most inoffensive guy you ever saw in your life.

He and his wife live in a little house, on a little street. They have a bunch of little kids—just enough of them blue-eyed and tow-headed to boost the Nordic Aryan myth.

He doesn't earn much dough. He doesn't talk big. He doesn't have horns. He doesn't wear a tail. He's just a simple, meek little guy who you'd swear would never pull the wings off a fly or hurt a hair on anybody's head.

The Nazi party in the early thirties was made up of a few hundred thousand men in the street like this. The German Army of 1939 was built with ten million men in the street like him. The German factories are manned by 20 or 30 million men in the street—like our little friend in the picture. The parades on Unter den Linden, celebrating Nazi victories in Poland, Holland, Belgium,



France, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Yugoslavia and all the rest, were cheered by you know whom.

The headlines of the Volkischer Beobachter illumined his approving eye. Mein Kampf found a home in his little living-room. Hitler's ideas found a haven in his little heart and his little mind.

The man in the street will be waiting for us in German towns, along German roads, in German

fields. Germany's little man will come out of his little house to greet us with eyes that are sad with their tragedy, with tongues that wag with tales of Hitler's perfidy, with hands outstretched to welcome us as harbingers of democracy.

Whether we win this war or lose this war—depends on whether or not you fall for the kleiner Mann—the little man in the street.

A World of Humdrum Thrills
Troop Carrier 'Routine' a Prelude To Air Freight Lines of Future

By Robert Musel
 United Press Staff Correspondent

A U.S. TROOP CARRIER BASE, England, Nov. 15—Two tough colonels, still blushing from the ceremony in which they were awarded the Legion of Merit, swore there was nothing glamorous in beating the future world of freight aviation into shape, but just a humdrum routine.

"Better watch these guys," a sergeant said. "They seem to think nothing is unusual."
 So, armed with good advice from the sergeant, I discovered that "routine" to Cols. Glyn Jones, of New Orleans, and Silas Richards, of Naperville, Ill., includes taking a cargo of ammunition to a field and finding it in enemy hands, landing a big Dakota plane on a strip so small the ground crew had to remove a fence to add a few extra yards, and taking off and landing with visibility practically nil and ceiling not much better.

Variety of Activities

It includes rushing bombs to front-line airbases and dropping ether to invasion beaches, towing glider troops to Holland and picking up used gliders later, flying wounded back from battlefields and taking

blood plasma, tank-tracks, guns and ammunition there, and such glittering air epics as supplying the famous "lost battalion" of Mortain by air after everything else failed.

Jones and Richards weren't talking for themselves, but for the men who work with them as assistants to Maj. Gen. Paul Williams, who is an over-all boss of the setup which, surely as World War I set pattern for commercial-passenger flying, is establishing blueprints for great aerial freight convoys of our next peace time.

Lifetime of Aviation

Jones is grizzled and burly, Richards slender and hard. Both have a lifetime of aviation behind them—Jones as pilot, airport manager and inspector for Civil Aeronautics and Richards as pilot for United Airlines.

Under Williams' direction they've worked on the invasions of Sicily, Italy, southern France and Holland and thus helped develop the technique of moving supplies by air which is certain to become the basis of post-war commercial freight flying.

Allied commanders have always known there was available to them service which could fly thousands of men weekly and many thousands of tons of supplies at the same time and land them at any designated place short of no man's land.

Thus Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, in the startling race across France after fleeing Nazis, received fuel for his tanks from air-supply, enabling him to keep up the chase, advanced Allied airfields on the German border got hundreds of tons of bombs so they could continue the softening-up, and huge quantities of ammunition were rushed to the Brussels area at a vital point of the Allied campaign. Not to mention airborne troops dropping at strategic points in the European Theater.

Richards said he wanted praise for the "thousands of kids who fly our ships."
Plane-Handling Scares Him
 "I am a professional aviator," he said. "But it still scares me to watch them handle planes. I've seen them take off from grass fields into which cows sank knee-high and take off seconds apart with only a quarter of a mile visibility and 400-foot ceiling. I saw 140 planes land under those conditions, while 87 took off in the same period."
 Richards foresaw the day when big glider freight trains could cross the U.S., dropping gliders off at various destinations reached.
 The glider pick-up technique, incidentally, was used for the first time in this theater under combat conditions, but worked perfectly. And now Jones said he expected to salvage hundreds of gliders from the Holland operation, which was the biggest air-supply job of all-time.
 Jones said one of the strangest cargoes carried was Christmas turkeys for a garrison in Corsica, but Richards said there was one even more unusual. "Of course you can't print it," he said, "but it seems the morale of some of our front-line troops was suffering because of bad sanitation facilities. So we flew them some unmentionable plumbing devices."

ARMY POETS

"For McRae"

"To you we throw the torch.
 Be it yours to hold it high.
 If ye break faith with us who die,
 We shall not sleep though poppies grow
 In Flanders Fields. . . ."
 They broke the faith of those who died;
 They lost a world we could have made.
 The torch they held was dropped,
 denied
 We pay for stupid games they played.
 Hate holds no balsam for despair;
 We yet can hold the torch on high.
 No wounds can heal without clean air;
 No firm resolve comes with a sigh. . . .
 On beachheads round the world we've tried
 Once more to lift the torch you threw.
 It's your high hope that has not died;
 The world you dreamed we'll dream
 anew. . . .
 We are your sons in blood and deed;
 Our crosses mark the roads to Rome.
 We too won't sleep if faith and need
 Omit the essence of our home,
 The breadth and scope of all that's free,
 The fulness of world liberty. . . .
 These are the words from father and son
 We thunder out across the years.
 S/Sgt. Sidney Rosenthal.

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FDR Expected To Offer Vast Export Scheme

By John M. Hightower
Associated Press Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15—President Roosevelt will recommend to Congress a joint government and private finance program for the greatest peace-time export drive in U.S. history early next year, it is expected in Washington.

Some of the President's economic advisers believe that in the first years after the war it should be possible to approach the present annual volume of exports which, consisting almost entirely of Lend-Lease, amounts to some \$15,000,000,000.

How much public and private credit will be required remains to be determined. But France alone plans to obtain about \$2,000,000,000 worth of goods from the U.S. in the next 12 months and hopes to get most of it on credit.

Thus far, two main ideas appear to be developing in the government's part of the program.

The first is to expand the authority of the Export and Import Bank and to remove existing restrictions which prevent the bank from making loans in Europe.

The second is to set up a new agency to handle post-war business and let the Export-Import Bank continue to specialize in Latin-American finance.

In either case, it is contemplated that government loans will be made only when private capital is not interested, and only for clearly useful productive enterprises.

P. Harbor Action Foreseen

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 (AP)—Highly-placed congressional sources expect a decision within three weeks on whether courts-martial or exoneration will result from the Army-Navy board investigations of the Japanese attack against Pearl Harbor.

On Dec. 7 the statute of limitations governing prosecutions resulting from alleged negligence in the attack will expire, unless Congress extends it, as it has done twice before.

Rear Adm. Husband E. Kimmel and Lt. Gen. Walter C. Short, Navy and Army commanders in Hawaii at the time of the attack, were accused of negligence.

Gauss Heads Home
CHUNGKING, Nov. 14 (Reuter)—Clarence E. Gauss, American Ambassador to China, today left Chungking by air for Washington.

Latest Congressional Winners

NEW YORK, Nov. 15 (ANS)—Here is a list of Congressmen elected in districts which were in doubt up until Monday. (x)—indicates incumbent.

ALABAMA: 1—Sam Hobbs, (x) Dem.; 2—Carter Manasco, (x) Dem.; 3—Luther Patrick, Dem.; 4—George P. Miller, Dem.; 5—John H. Tolan, (x) Dem.; 6—John Z. Anderson, (x) Rep.; 7—George L. Outland, (x) Dem.; 8—Jerry Voorhis, (x) Dem.; 9—Ned R. Healy, Dem.; 10—Helen Gahagan Douglas, Dem.; 11—Gordon L. McDonough, Rep.; 12—Ellis E. Patterson, Dem.; 13—Cyde G. Doyle, Dem.; 14—Chet Holifield, (x) Dem.; 15—Carl Hinshaw, (x) Rep.; 16—Harry R. Sheppard, (x) Dem.; 17—Ed V. Isaac, (x) Dem.

COLORADO: 1—Dean M. Gillespie, (x) Rep.; 2—William S. Hill, (x) Rep.; 3—J. Edgar Cheneveth, (x) Rep.; 4—Robert F. Rockwell, (x) Rep.

CONNECTICUT: 1—Mrs. Chase Goring Woodhouse, Dem.; 2—At large—Philip L. Traynor, Dem.

FLORIDA: 1—Pat Cannon, (x) Dem.; 2—Joe Hendricks, (x) Dem.; 3—Dwight Rogers, Dem.; 4—At large—Emily Taft Douglas, Dem.; 5—William L. Dawson, (x) Dem.; 6—Thomas S. Gordon, (x) Dem.; 7—Alexander J. Rosa, Dem.; 8—Ralph E. Church, (x) Rep.; 9—Chamney W. Reed, (x) Rep.; 10—Noah M. Mason, (x) Rep.; 11—Leo E. Allen, (x) Rep.; 12—Anton J. Johnson, (x) Rep.; 13—Robert J. Chipenfield, (x) Rep.; 14—Everett M. Dirksen, (x) Rep.; 15—Leslie C. Arends, (x) Rep.; 16—Miss Jessie Sumner, (x) Rep.; 17—McMillen, (x) Rep.; 18—Sid Simpson, (x) Rep.; 19—Evan Howell, (x) Rep.; 20—Melvin Price, Dem.; 21—Charles W. Vursell, (x) Rep.; 22—James V. Heindinger, (x) Rep.; 23—C. W. Runt Bishop, (x) Rep.

INDIANA: 1—Ray J. Madden, (x) Dem.; 2—Charles A. Halleck, (x) Rep.; 3—Robert A. Grant, (x) Rep.; 4—George W. Gillie, (x) Rep.; 5—Forest A. Harness, (x) Rep.; 6—Noble J. Johnson, (x) Rep.; 7—Gerald W. Landis, (x) Rep.; 8—Charles M. LaFollette, (x) Rep.; 9—Earl Wilson, (x) Rep.; 10—Raymond S. Springer, (x) Rep.; 11—Louis Ludlow, (x) Dem.

IOWA: 1—Thomas E. Martin, (x) Rep.; 2—Henry O. Talle, (x) Rep.; 3—John W. Gwynne, (x) Rep.; 4—Karl M. LeCompte, (x) Rep.; 5—Paul Cunningham, (x) Rep.; 6—James J. Dolliver, (x) Rep.; 7—Ben E. Jensen, (x) Rep.; 8—Charles B. Hoeven, (x) Rep.

KANSAS: 1—Albert M. Cole, Rep.; 2—Errett P. Scripper, (x) Rep.; 3—Thomas D. Winter, (x) Rep.; 4—Edward H. Ross, (x) Rep.; 5—Clifford R. Hope, Rep.; 6—Frank Carlson, (x) Rep.

KENTUCKY: 1—Emmett O'Neal, (x) Dem.; 2—Andrew J. May, (x) Dem.; 3—Joe B. Bates, (x) Dem.

MARYLAND: 1—Dudley Roe, Dem.

MASSACHUSETTS: 1—John W. Heseltun, Rep.; 2—Charles R. Clason, (x) Rep.; 3—(Undecided) Philip J. Phillips, (x) Dem.; 4—(Undecided) Wilfred Bazinet, Rep.; 5—(Undecided) E. G. Holmes, (x) Rep.; 6—George J. Bates, (x) Rep.; 7—Thomas J. Lane, (x) Dem.; 8—Amiel L. Goodwin, (x) Rep.; 9—Charles L. Giffard, (x) Rep.; 10—Christian A. Herter, (x) Rep.; 11—James M. Curley, (x) Dem.; 12—John W. McCormack, (x) Dem.; 13—Richard S. Wintersworth, (x) Rep.; 14—Joseph W. Martin Jr., (x) Rep.

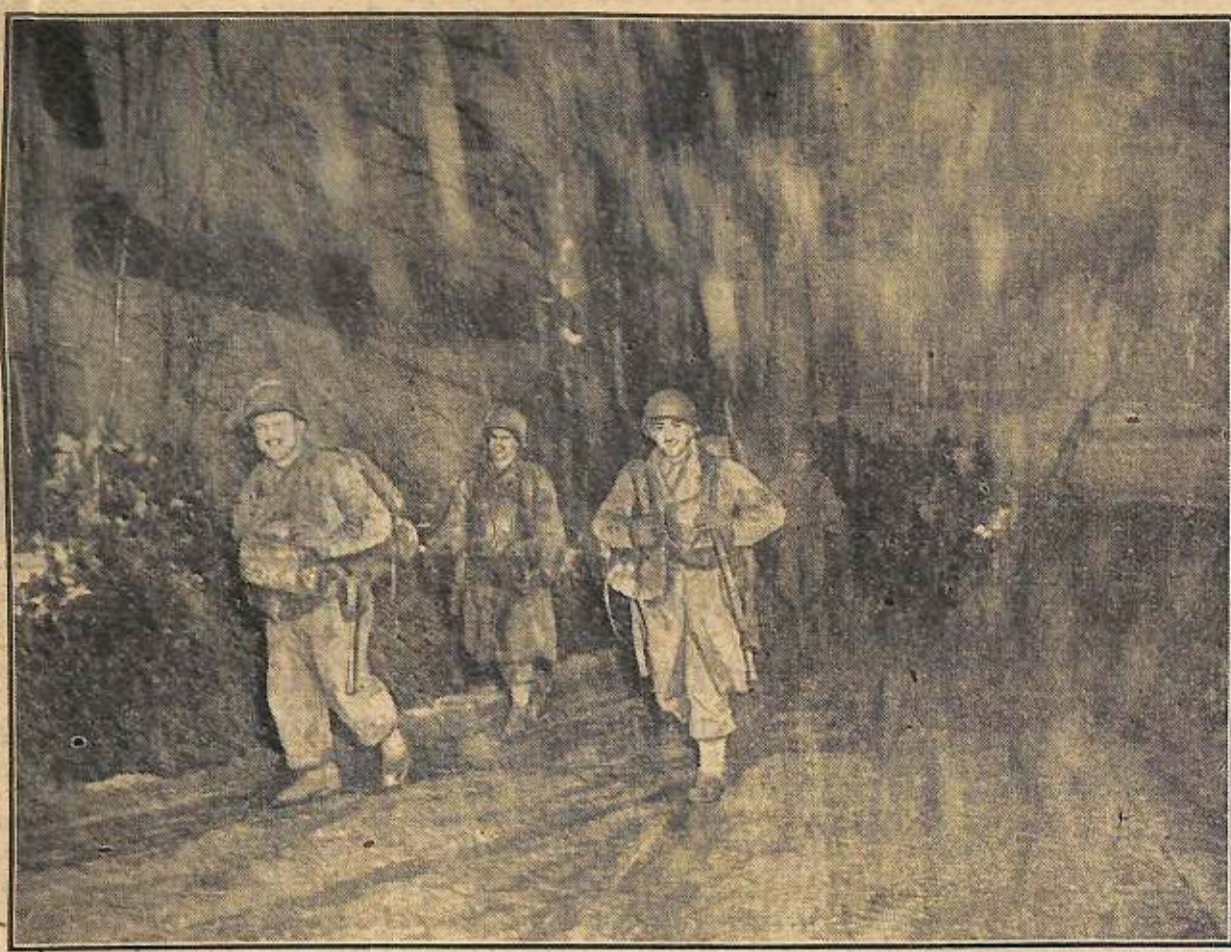
MICHIGAN: 1—George D. Sadowski, (x) Dem.; 2—Paul S. Shafer, (x) Rep.; 3—Bartel J. Jonkman, (x) Rep.; 4—Fred L. Crawford, (x) Rep.; 5—Ray O. Woodruff, (x) Rep.; 6—Louis C. Ribaut, (x) Dem.; 7—John D. Dingell, (x) Dem.; 8—John Leinski, (x) Dem.; 9—George A. Dondero, (x) Rep.

MINNESOTA: 1—August H. Andresen, (x) Rep.; 2—Joseph P. O'Hara, (x) Rep.; 3—William J. Gallagher, Farm Labor; 4—Frank T. Statkey, Farm Labor; 5—Walter H. Judd, (x) Rep.; 6—Harold I. Hanson, (x) Rep.; 7—Carl Anderson, (x) Rep.; 8—William A. Pittenger, (x) Rep.; 9—Harold C. Hagen, (x) Rep.

MISSOURI: (Districts 1, 2, 3, 8 in doubt); 4—C. Jaster Bell, (x) Dem.; 5—Roger C. Stauffer, (x) Dem.; 6—Clarence Cannon, (x) Dem.; 7—Walter C. Pflieger, (x) Rep.

MONTANA: 1—Mike Mansfield, (x) Dem.; 2—

The Doughfoot Becomes the Snowfoot



50,000' Chutists In 3 Landings

More than 9,000,000 pounds of combat equipment and supplies and over 50,000 paratroopers were dropped behind enemy lines in Normandy, France and Holland by U.S. Troop Carrier Forces in the three airborne operations on the Continent, according to statistics revealed.

Troop Carrier Forces carried out more than 9,000 aircraft and glider sorties in the three operations with a loss of only two per cent of the aircraft involved. Approximately 39,000 hours of flying time were involved and 2,700 gliders were used.

Airborne landings in Holland, the statistics revealed, were larger than the combined landings in Normandy and southern France.

Nor snow nor rain nor all the rest of it can stay the GI from his appointed task. Here you see him slogging along through a snowstorm in the Langefosse area on the Seventh Army front.

For Them, Guts Were SOP Famed Medical Contingent Finally Comes Off Secret List

By G. K. Hodenfield
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

PARIS, Nov. 15—You can't rightly call them "forgotten men." They'll never be forgotten by the men they treated on the blood-soaked sands of the Normandy beaches.

But the medical battalion of the First Engineer Special Brigade, overseas for 27 months and in four campaigns, has only now been taken off the secret list.

The stories they tell are the stories you always hear about the medics, stories of men found wherever the going is toughest—armed only with a red cross armband and the kind of guts combat men mention in awe.

The battalion landed at H plus 120 minutes in the face of heavy enemy artillery fire. Within sight of the retreating enemy, the medics set up their tents while medical officers and EM technicians gave immediate emergency treatment to hundreds of casualties collected in an open field.

Six hours later they had completely demined the area, cared for all casualties as they poured in, established clearing stations and were performing major surgery.

For five days this battalion was the only installation in the entire area performing definitive surgery. It supported troops of an entire corps.

The first company to land was com-

manded by Maj. Raymond L. Skinner. Shortly thereafter two other companies arrived, commanded by Maj. John Burns, of Milford, Mass., and Capt. Clifford B. Harwood, of Rutland, Vt. Treatment left nothing to be desired—blood plasma, sulfa-drugs, penicillin—every life-saving drug known to medical science which could possibly be brought in was there for all who needed it, including wounded POWs.

Bravery under fire is SOP for the medics. The battalion was full of tough little litter-bearers going from one group of wounded to another, administering first aid, hauling them back to waiting ambulances, or to the clearing station.

Transportation was a problem, getting the wounded to hospital and evacuation ships which could handle them.

During the first few days, when casualties were high and medical units few and far between, officers and men worked night and day until they themselves were ready for medical treatment. But these men, veterans of Africa, Sicily and Italy, knew, as medics always know, that theirs was a job well done.

All Ride With Us



California's Motor Vehicle Department has picked Marjorie Riordan as their "Share the Ride Girl." Idea is to inspire motorists to help the war effort by sharing their cars. We'd as soon walk and share the gal.

Lack of Smokes Grows Critical Back Home

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 (UP)—Millions of Americans were scrambling for cigarettes today and increasing the already acute nationwide shortage, a survey showed.

Everywhere men and women were ready to pay exorbitant prices, stand in line for hours and resort to all varieties of dodges to assure themselves of smokes.

Black-market operations were reported in New York, Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Detroit, Atlanta, Connecticut and Buffalo. National and regional OPA officials were investigating these exploiters of an-unavoidable war-time situation, and they threatened drastic action.

Dealers everywhere reported unprecedented demands for granulated tobacco and cigarette papers and it was a sight to see novices trying to roll their own. Sectional runs on pipes and pipe tobacco, particularly by girls, were revealed. Shortages even in these substitutes were threatened.

Memphis war-plant and office workers scrambled so for cigarettes that retailers decided to sell a limited supply only before and after business hours. In Chicago and other large cities, chain stores were selling at only stipulated hours and lines half a block long formed in front of them.

The Chicago Retail Druggists Association petitioned OPA for cigarette rationing, contending it was the only way to distribute the available supply fairly, but officials here indicated rationing was not being considered because it would be difficult to administer.

Packs Sell for 50 Cents Each
But OPA was moving against the Black Market. In Detroit, Regional officials received complaints cigarettes were being sold at 40 cents a pack and an OPA investigator in Atlanta found drug stores selling them at 50 cents a pack.

Black-market prices of 25 to 50 cents a pack were reported in New York and Connecticut. Detroit city officials threatened restaurants selling cigarettes at more than ceiling prices with revocation of their licenses.

OPA Administrator Chester Bowles pledged his agency would fight illicit operators by every means possible but called on the public to help by buying cigarettes "in a normal manner" and by refusing to pay more than the ceiling price.

He attributed the current shortage to a combination of black markets, hoarding by smokers, steadily increasing demands of fighting men overseas, and the fact that more people were smoking in these times.

Talk Byrnes For Hull's Job

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 (AP)—Senators were talking behind their hands today that James F. Byrnes, war mobilization director, might become Secretary of State.

Apparently Secretary of State Cordell Hull, 73 and ill, wants to keep his job and can, as far as President Roosevelt is concerned. However, Hull's doctors are not sure whether he will be able to return to duty.

The prediction that Byrnes would succeed Hull was based on the belief that no other man in the Administration would have as much influence in pushing peace compacts through the Senate.

Petrillo Lifts the Ban On Making of Recordings

NEW YORK, Nov. 15 (ANS)—The American Federation of Musicians' 27-month ban on the making of records by RCA Victor, Columbia Recording Corp. and the National Broadcasting Co. has been lifted, James C. Petrillo, AFM President, announced. All three companies have agreed to his requirement to pay the union royalties in each disc sold, Petrillo said.

Stark Is Feted On Birthday

More than 200 U.S. naval officers gathered in London Tuesday night to honor Adm. Harold R. Stark, commander of U.S. naval forces in Europe, on his 64th birthday, which also marked his 42nd year of naval service.

Stark, one of the six full U.S. admirals, formerly served as chief of naval operations and in World War I was flag secretary to the late Adm. William S. Sims, who then commanded American naval forces in Europe.

GI Musical Soon to Open

A musical extravaganza, GI-style, entitled "Bouncing Around the Big Town," will open next Wednesday night at the London Hans Crescent Club auditorium. Admission will be free to GIs.

With words and music by P/1s. Mike Caracappa and Ray Forest, the show is being produced by Sgt. Charles Orth. All are New Yorkers.

Costumes for the show, whose sequences are laid in swanky New York night clubs—El Morocco, The Stork, etc.—are being borrowed from Vivian Van Dam, Windmill Theater impresario.

There'll be plenty of gals—a dozen choice-looking charmers who'll display their gams in a full-dress specialty routine. Also, there'll be a dozen GI he-men (don't call 'em chorus boys or there'll be a fight).

Star of the show is an ARC lovely, Marie Houde, assistant program director of the H.C. Club, who dances, sings and plays straight "man" to a GI kibitzer. Pauline Foster, another ARC worker, will also sing.

On Saturday, Nov. 25, there will be a matinee at 3 PM. Other performances will be held on the nights of Nov. 26, 27 and 29.

If everything works out as planned, Miss Houde said yesterday, the show may tour air bases and other installations in the U.K. GIs are participating on a voluntary basis.



Marie Houde



ator That Needs uts Out the Noise

all P47s in this theater, Maj. Charles E. Lee, of Merit, it has been disclosed by Maj.-Gen. Hugh discovered that their powerful 2,000 horsepower radios unusable and prevent their use as bomber principle of basic electricity to squelch success- It consisted of inserting brass rings in the distributor and the metal casing enclosing the

raphone, 13 1/2 inches in length, the smallest of world, at the bomb base where T/Sgt. Ralph F. rmi, Ill., indulges in his unique hobby of making

music salesman, Stilwell had hit the Hobby Lobby the army, and in 1941 demonstrated an glass-o-phone, before the annual convention of Association of Music Merchants in New York. one contains .50 caliber machine gun shells, fiber and even plexiglass, all taken from a

not shop to repair flexible fuel tanks is the one 20th Bomb. Group base supervised by T/Sgt. of Ashtabula, Ohio, assisted by S/Sgt. Robert odesto, Calif., Sgts. William J. McNaughton, Mich., Ernest G. Michel, of Hollywood, Calif., of Salt Lake City, Utah., and Cpl. John Kovac,

chiefs of the 94th Bombardment Group have the Bronze Star Medal for maintaining their hough an outstanding string of combat missions. Sgts. Albert E. Fitzsimmons, of Mount Vernon, t. Goodenough, of St. Clair Shores, Mich., and lby, of Savannah, Ga.

oot-four 20th Fighter Group pilot, has to exhale 15 Mustang cockpit. But that extra size doesn't er pilot in the ETO, recently proved his aerial mission.

3rd Bomb. Group crew chief, said that his new he was given a polite horse-laugh. at up a score of 59 high altitude precision attacks were touched, and no mechanical failures. He is l. Clayton E. Pippert, of Wakeman, Ohio, and

arded the Bronze Star Medal for his work as

a 353rd Fighter Group Mustang pilot, waged a four Heinkel 111's and damaging three others. straining a Nazi locomotive, and made seven more running out of ammunition.

Bomb. Group crew chiefs. They are M/Sgts. onford, of Endeavor, Wis., Neal J. Pierson, of C. Hubert C. Burke, of Bland, Va., Samuel Wilson, N.C.

Fortress navigator with the 351st Bombardment an attack on Merseburg, Germany. When ardier, and seriously wounding Lt. Tollerson, open nose, took over the bombardier's duties, bombardier, and then because his equipment ver 500 miles back to England from memory.

port News, Va., and former Bethany College ns with the 390th Bombardment Group.



Icy-Veined WAC Saves Crew When Lib Goes Up in Smoke

By Dan E. Bayless
Stars and Stripes Unit Correspondent

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE LIBERATOR STATION, Nov. 15—When the engines of a big black B24 cough, catch and roar into four-part harmony here, a pretty brunette working in a building on the fringe of the field might just as well be aboard with the crew, taking off with a cargo of trouble for the Germans. For her heart will be in the clouds with the Liberator Lady Grace.

The girl's name is Grace, too. Naming the bomber in her honor was a tribute from the ship's crew to Cpl. Grace Sharkey, of Philadelphia, for helping save their lives.

Grace came to this field six months ago with a detachment of WACs as a Link trainer instructor. She had been highly trained in radio mechanics at Newark, N.J., and in Link trainer procedure at Marianna, Fla.

She was to teach pilots how to rely on instruments when running up against unusually bad weather. To her headquarters, just off the runway, came skeptical pilots knowing the value of training in "blind flying," but doubting the ability of a woman to simulate in the Link trainer conditions they would encounter in the air.

They found her an expert instructor, and "a fine gal along with it."

Her Big Day

Then came Grace's big day. She was allowed to go up on a test flight in a B24 as an observer. Here was her chance to see how the men put into practice what she taught them. The bomber reached its destination, but crashed on the home-ward lap.

"The ship was blazing fiercely," Grace related. "Smoke filled the interior, and everyone seemed so stunned or injured to move. For a minute I thought we were trapped. The ship was a mess, and the only way out seemed to be through the nose. I kicked out the plexiglass and crawled through the opening. Some of the other crew members were stirring by then, and I helped them out. The navigator was right behind me. The pilot and I helped the radio operator—the last man—out just in time."

A few seconds after Grace and the crew had cleared the plane six explosions shook it.

The pilot, Lt. Tommie F. Leftwich, of Pine Bluff, Ark., as well as the other members of the crew, said no man could have been cooler than Grace.

"She acted quickly when time was the difference between life and death," Leftwich said.

May Win Soldier's Medal

So it isn't strange that the crew members named their new ship after her. The first WAC to be so honored in the U.K. They've written an affidavit testifying to her courage and bravery that may win her the Soldier's Medal.

Before joining the WAC, in March, 1943, Grace assembled instruments at the Bendix aviation plant in Philadelphia. Her husband, Charles J. Sharkey, is an air force mechanic stationed at Sioux City, Ia. She has a brother in the China-Burma-India theater and a sister in the WAVES.

Other members of the crew were 1/Lts. John A. Maydick, co-pilot from Oakland, Calif.; Karl W. Ruthenbeck, navigator from Chicago; Carl A. Holtz, bombardier from Milwaukee, Wis.; T/Sgts. Ralph H. Sandmeyer, radio operator from Topeka, Kan.; David P. Christie, engineer and top-turret gunner, also from Milwaukee, and Lewis Eidle, right waist gunner from Cleveland, Ohio; S/Sgts. John Yessot, left waist gunner, also from Cleveland; Rexford L. Merritt, tail-gunner from Summitt, Pa., and James H. Hoplin, armorer-gunner from Broken Bow, Okla.

Canadian Pilot Reversed Field

So many Yanks joined the RCAF in the early days of the war that Lt. Melvin R. Baylor, of Saskatchewan, set out to reverse the situation. He went to the U.S., worked for Douglas Aircraft, and joined the AAF in October, 1942. Now he is a Thunderbolt pilot with the 356th Fighter Group, and recently won the Air Medal.

Old Story—New Twist

Pvt. Denvil F. Deeringer, of Topeka, Kan., medical aid man, landed in France on D-plus-2. He was under fire frequently in the St. Lo area, but always emerged unscathed. Recently he arrived in England—a casualty. He injured his foot while reinforcing his foxhole.



Grace Sharkey

Sgt. Top Marksman In AF Carbine Test

First place in the Eighth Air Force carbine marksmanship competition concluded recently went to Sgt. Lewis B. ReBarker, of Greenville, N.C., a former school teacher, who scored 395 points out of a possible 400. He was followed by Cpl. Burton S. McConnell, of Canisteo, N.Y., with 394.

More than 40,000 officers and enlisted men participated in the matches sponsored by station defense units at each base.

The Second Bomb Division's team defeated the other bomb divisions, Fighter Command, Service Command and the Composite Command by scoring 1,909 out of a possible 2,000.

Contestants fired 40 rounds at slow-fire and 40 at rapid-fire, using standard sitting, standing, kneeling and prone positions. All firing was on a 200-yard range.

No Rum Dum He

T/Sgt. Rex B. Youngblood, 20, of Monroe, La., was recently awarded his 19th combat decoration—the DFC, earned while flying as a tail gunner on the 385th Bomb Group Fortress Rum Dum. Formerly stationed in the Mediterranean theater, he holds the Air Medal with 17 clusters.

Most Repulsive Man

Headline event of a Sadie Hawkins Day party held recently at Third Bomb Division headquarters was a contest to pick the "most repulsive man." Cpl. Theodore P. Tracy, of Savannah, Ill., received the honor.

7 Escape As Bomber Blows Apart

A FORTRESS BASE, Nov. 15—Escape from a Flying Fortress that exploded in mid-air over the fighting lines at the French-German border brought four Eighth Air Force fliers back to their base to tell an unusual story of devotion to duty that cost their pilot and co-pilot their lives.

One of the Fort's engines stopped functioning before the plane reached its target, a marshalling yard near Saarbrucken. Although they might have dropped out of formation and made for home, the pilot and co-pilot elected to go on for the bomb run.

However, the heavy bomb load was too much for the three remaining, overburdened engines, and a cylinder head blew on one, setting it afire. In less than a minute the bomber was blown apart, wings vanishing in debris, the fuselage cracking into three sections.

Three Hospitalized

The pilot and co-pilot were killed, but the other seven crewmen 'chuted to safety in French territory. Three, the navigator, top turret gunner, and waist gunner, were hit by flying debris and are now in an Allied military hospital in Luxembourg. The others are in England.

1/Lt. Daniel F. Gilmore, of Luline, Texas, the bombardier, landed three miles from the German lines. He had been blown out of the plane's nose just as he was picking up his parachute. He said he fell unconscious for 10,000 feet, came to, snapped on the parachute hooks and opened it. During his entire fall, before he recovered consciousness, he had gripped the chute firmly.

The tail gunner, S/Sgt. Michael J. Kuzel, of Ironwood, Mich., went spinning in the detached tail section. While he was still inside his parachute opened, so he caught up the billowing silk in his arms and jumped clear.

Rolls into Space

T/Sgt. Arthur E. Weiss, of Chicago, Ill., radio operator, was knocked flat on the floor, crawled to what remained of his part of the fuselage and rolled off.

The ball turret gunner, S/Sgt. Samuel M. Longtine, of Marquette, Mich., in his turret when the plane exploded, picked up his 'chute, less than a foot from the broken edge, and climbed out while his section of the bomber was falling earthward.

The waist gunner was blown through the side of the fuselage and didn't remember opening his parachute; the navigator followed the bombardier out the hole in the nose, and the top turret gunner got out the escape hatch just at the time of the explosion.

You Can't Beat 'em

Capt. M. A. Wogaman, of Dayton, Ohio, finance officer at an ATC base where passengers arrive from all corners of the globe, has exchanged money in every kind of currency. He's handled piastres, pesetas, milreis, West African francs, Indo-Chinese francs, yen, sen, and what-not. Only recently did he get stuck with his first piece of counterfeit money—a lead U.S. quarter.

Primer for Plane Mechanics

A new book on airplane repair, written by Capt. Eckerman Sannes, of New York, ASC mobile repair unit chief in the U.K., has been ordered for distribution throughout the AAF.

Highlighting the volume are scores of pictures showing all types of battle-damage to aircraft, and detailed instructions on their repair.

Yanks Being Decimated

One of every ten enlisted men in the headquarters squadron of the Eighth Air Force Photo Reconnaissance Wing commanded by Col. Elliot Roosevelt is married to an English girl.

Purple Heart for Lace

Lace, veteran 453rd Bomb Group Liberator, sports a portrait of the comic strip cutie on his side. When flak scarred the lady's charms, crew members led by M/Sgt. Russell C. Bailey got together and formally awarded Lace the Purple Heart for "personal" injuries received in action.

Double-O



S/Sgt. John S. Doyle, of Seattle, Wash., chief mechanic at a Fortress base, has looked over thousands of signatures on this ship until all became a blur. Reason: his wife, electrical worker at Boeing's Seattle plant, squeezed in her name before the Fort shipped over. She didn't say where, though.

Bomber Crew Gets Religion, Completes 10 Trips Unscathed

390TH BOMB GROUP, Nov. 15—Ask the crew members of the Fortress Wing And A Prayer where they get their luck and they'll quickly quote Scripture.

For more than four months the men and their skipper, 1/Lt. Arnold E. Brower, of Hyde Park, N.Y., have been sweeping into the hell that tightened anti-aircraft defenses have thrown up over Germany and returning unscathed. The number of flak holes in their bomber can be counted on two hands.

The Wing And A Prayer has made ten trips into the Ruhr Valley, one of the most heavily defended areas in Germany.

In those four months Brower and his men haven't missed a Sunday morning chapel service.

"We decided from the start that we were going to trust in something stronger than luck," Brower said.

Other members of the crew are 1/Lt. Eugene A. Johnson, co-pilot from Euclid, Ohio; 2/Lt. Ray Kastory, bombardier from Sharpsburg, Pa.; T/Sgts. Will L. Kline, radio operator from Dallas, Tex., and Patrick G. Wolf, waist gunner from Van Nuys, Cal.; S/Sgts. William F. Wade, tail gunner from Alton, Ill.; Kenneth L. Adams, ball turret gunner from Stafford, Kan., and Robert E. Willard, top turret gunner from Van Nuys, Cal.

Lib Pilot To Ops Clerk: 'Now, May I Go Home?'

453RD BOMB GROUP, Nov. 15—Maj. Robert D. Coggeshall, of Tulsa, Okla., former commander of a squadron which was cited for a safe-flying record of 82 consecutive missions without loss of aircraft or crew personnel, had prepared to check out from this Liberator outfit for a leave in the U.S.

But he learned on his last day at the station that his chief operations clerk, M/Sgt. Louis Ginsberg, of St. Louis, Mo., who holds the Bronze Star, had him scheduled for "one more mission."

The "target": Coggeshall, a village in East Anglia.

Maj. Coggeshall climbed into his B24 Flak-Hack and set out on his "mission." Arriving over Coggeshall, he proceeded to cruise around his namesake. Then he returned to the ops office, ripped off his flying gear and reported to Ginsberg:

"Mission accomplished. Now Sarge, please, may I go home?"

One Long Movie for SHAEF Film Censors

Since D-Day, the film censorship theater unit of SHAEF has viewed enough film to make the most inveterate movie fans weary, even those who have the fortitude to sit through four-hour double features and come back for more. Only the other day the censors ran their jaundiced eyes over the 2,000,000th foot of battle film that has come up for inspection since the initial landings on June 6.

This boils down to a mere 378 miles, or—to get back to the movie-goer analogy—close to the length of 125 Hollywood feature pictures. Every inch of film taken in the ETO has to be cleared through this unit. It goes directly to the office from developing laboratories for clearance and classification by the SHAEF censors.

Much of this film, taken by cameramen of nearly all the United Nations, winds up in newsreels and other sections of it are earmarked for orientation, training, staff study and for documentary and historical purposes.



Lt. R. D. Hawkins, who heads the London office of the film censorship theater unit of SHAEF, looks over the 2,000,000th foot of battle film the office has viewed since D-Day. Looking on are T/4 Ben Mazza, of Brooklyn; Pvt. Donald McVee, of Edmonton, Alb., Canada, and T/S Earl Hart, of Flint, Michigan.

T/Sgt. Hewitt T. Dunn

ated by 1/Lt. John J. O'Connor of Middle utive, non-abortive mission, although Nazi and blasted a hole through the right wing.

in, has announced that telephone and tele- on a 24-hour schedule to meet the increasing

Geiger Field, Wash., recently observed its assault on a Nazi oil plant at Hamburg. Group has dropped 11,247.7 tons of bombs, 226, by official count.

Once Over Lightly

By Charlie Kiley

NEW YORK, Nov. 15—It was reported recently that our British brethren have a quaint description of "hockey on the ice" which goes something like this: "Played with restrictions against tripping, charging and high hitting. It is a most delightful game, enjoyed by men of middle age as well as by ladies among themselves, but if played in a rude and unrestricted fashion and in ill-natured spirit it becomes dangerous."

Okay! If they prefer their hockey along these lines, with a pot of Lipton's and a dash of lemon on the side, that's their business. But we rowdy-dowdy Yanks seem to prefer the rude, unrestricted, ill-natured style like the historical Stanley Cup playoff battle of a few years ago between the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Detroit Red Wings. Sticks were swung high all over the place that night. Skulls were cracked, legs were slashed and noses were flattened. Red Horner even was clubbed by a purse-swinging woman as he skated past the boxes.

The big blowoff came near the end of the game when two players dropped their sticks and started tossing punches in the corner of the rink. The puck and game were forgotten as the players on the ice and the benches joined in an "unrestricted and ill-natured" free-for-all. The fans threw down chairs, bottles, pipes and shoes when they weren't belting each other over the seats. The riot lasted about 15 minutes and stopped only because the combatants were exhausted.

Give me a bottle of Budweiser, will ya ole boy, and see what the l'dies'll have among themselves.

Jimmy Johnston, who makes his living managing the affairs of foreign freaks and pugs who are always challenging or getting knocked out by Joe Louis, has announced he will henceforth handle Lou Nova and says: "Nova now intends to start chasing Joe Louis until he catches up with him. He may be sorry, but he'll be well paid for it." Nothing like warning the suckers in advance. . . . Jolting Joe, incidentally, is doing all right on his exhibition tour. He picked up three grand for waltzing three rounds in Washington the other night. . . . It occurs that somebody is playing with figures when a baseball sellout in Yankee Stadium is announced as 82,000 and football as 74,000. . . . Army's "T" formation now is called the TNT. . . . Unless the Army and Navy game goes to Philadelphia the season's biggest will be 83,000 in the Cleveland Municipal Stadium this week to tackle Ohio State.

Don't worry about Army football teams not being stacked for several years to come. Not with plebes like Doc Blanchard, Glenn Davis and Dean Sensenbaur around and men like Tom McWilliams of Mississippi State, who ranks second to Davis among the nation's high scorers, heading for West Point next year. . . . Navy isn't far behind. Notre Dame's Bob Kelly and Penn's Tony Minisi are among the standout backs who will be at Annapolis in '45. . . . That Navy line, spearheaded by big Don Whitmore, who played in the Orange Bowl with Alabama last New Year's Day, has held seven foes to a total of 173 yards along the ground for an average of 25 per game. . . . Randolph Field's Ramblers, who are to be found up behind Army in the national ranking, have done even better, giving up an average of only 14 yards per game.

Only two hours after ex-lightweight champ Sammy Angott announced his retirement—again—he signed to meet Billy Arnold in Philadelphia. . . . Four of Fordham's "Seven Blocks of Granite" are still playing—Ed Franco with the Boston Yanks, Alex Wojciechowicz with the Detroit Lions, Al Barbaritsky with the Chicago Bears, and Harry Jacunski with the Green Bay Packers. . . . Add raves about Army: Pop Warner, who has seen 'em all, says that Blanchard's open field block that kayoed Notre Dame's six-foot-seven tackle, John "Tree" Adams, was the hardest block he has ever seen. . . . Hard luck team of the year must be Brooklyn's Tigers, who have lost seven straight by an average of one touchdown per game. . . . If Lester Patrick can claim a playoff spot for his hockey Rangers after they lost four straight he can claim the Stanley Cup title now that they have tied one, and won one.

Col. Red Reeder, who lost a leg with the Fourth Division in Normandy and saw the Army-Notre Dame game from the Cadet bench, was presented with the ball used in the game by team captain Tom Lombardo. Reeder, who understudied an All-American, now Brig Gen. Chuck Born, at end in 1926, admitted that the present Army backfield of Kenna, Davis, Minor and Blanchard is greater than that of Chris Cagle, Johnny Murrell, Lighthouse Harry Wilson and Bud Harding.

QUESTION BOX: To 1/Lt. William T. McGuinness—Notre Dame defeated Ohio State, 18-13, in 1935 by scoring three touchdowns in the fourth quarter. The first touchdown was scored by Wayne Millner on an end-around play from the two-yard line at the start of the period. Andy Pilney passed 12 yards to Mike Layden for the second touchdown with about three minutes to play. The third score came with about a minute left when Pilney ran 32 yards to the Buckeye 18 and Bill Shakespeare, who relieved the injured Pilney, passed to Millner in the end zone.

Pro Grid Expansion to Hawaii Sought by Honolulu Backers

NEW YORK, Nov. 15—Ralph Olson, Honolulu sportsman, is determined to have the Hawaiian Islands represented in professional football after the war and with that idea in mind has decided to listen to the best offers from all leagues. Already granted a "certificate of operation" in the United States League, Olson conferred with John F. "Chick" Meehan, president of the Trans-America league, yesterday.

Olson is also investigating the possibilities of obtaining a franchise in the All-America football conference, another professional loop which will operate after the war. Honolulu's place in the United States League picture will likely be decided Saturday when league officials meet in Baltimore.

"We in Honolulu are determined to field a team in professional football in '45," Olson said. "Our contracts thus far have been with the United States League, but we are making no definite commitments until the setup of all leagues is explored. Honolulu is a great sports center and the fans there are clamoring for and deserve professional football."

Hank Luisetti Suffering From Spinal Meningitis

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15—Angelo "Hank" Luisetti, former Stanford All-American basketball player, now a naval lieutenant, has been stricken with spinal meningitis at the Norfolk, Va., Naval Base, according to a story in the San Francisco Chronicle.

The paper quoted the wife of the 28-year-old athlete as saying he had taken nourishment and is apparently "getting better although still in danger." Mrs. Luisetti said he was stricken Oct. 24.

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.

Bag Mix-ups

WILL the person who picked up my bag and left me his on the Ipswich to London train, Nov. 2, please contact me. Sgt. Harold Alexander. WILL the person who picked up my bag and left me his at Peterborough East please contact me. My bag contained toilet articles, clothes and a camera, and was marked with my name and serial number. Pfc Earl E. Lomerly.

College Reunion

REUNION Dinner for men from Georgia, Georgia Tech., will be held at the No. 3 Grosvenor Square Club, London, November 25, at 6:30 P.M. Reservations should be sent to The Stars and Stripes College Registration Service, 38, Upper Brook St., London, W.1. No reservations accepted after Nov. 24.

Official's Ruling Gives Giants a Tie—And Owen a Beef

NEW YORK, Nov. 15—Stout Steve Owen, genial mentor of New York's football Giants, is still sore over what happened in Philadelphia Sunday and for the first time in his 14 years as Giants coach has seen fit to disagree publicly with officials. The Giants staged a great rally for 14 points in the last five minutes to tie the Eagles Sunday, and then had a field goal called back on them for delaying the game.

The field goal, which brought a "We Wuz Robbed" protest from Owen, was booted from 35 yards away by Ken Strong with a half minute left to play and apparently gave the Giants a 24-21 victory, but Field Judge Eddie Tryon ruled the New York gridders had delayed the game, called the play back and penalized the team five yards. When Strong tried again he was smothered by the Eagle line.

"Now in the last two minutes of play," Owen explained, "the clock starts when the official places the ball. We knew what we were going to do and we knew we had to hurry. We didn't huddle and we ran the play on the count of two. We couldn't have taken too much time, but Tryon said we did. That decision cost us the game and as far as I'm concerned we won it."

Dempsey Party Holds No Lure for Willard

NEW YORK, Nov. 15—Cmdr. Jack Dempsey played host to the press yesterday at the unveiling in his Broadway restaurant of a painting by James Montgomery Flagg depicting the Manasa Mauler's triumph over Jess Willard 25 years ago at Toledo.

Willard was invited to the party but wired Dempsey, "Sorry I cannot be with you, but after all, I saw enough of you 25 years ago to last me a lifetime."

Army-Navy Game Before FDR

Talented Tossor

By Pap



Square Marbles Not on Square

Ebbets Field Has No Monopoly On Brooklyn's Funny Business

BROOKLYN, Nov. 15—Such funny things happen in Flatbush sometimes that you can't believe your eyes. Or, at any rate, sometimes you don't like to believe your eyes. Which is the case in this story.

The yarn, which was broken by the New York Daily News yesterday morning, revealed that the district attorney's office is investigating circumstances under which Martin Shurin, president of the Hudson Aircraft factory, was taken for a faster "ride" than on any of his planes. And it all happened right in the apartment of Leo the Lip Durocher, manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Shurin, it is revealed, was cleaned of 18 grand in a crap game at Leo's house last March by a movie actor whose name was not given. The actor, according to the News, reeled off 13 straight passes, four tens, four fours and five nines, while winning from Shurin.

Durocher apparently is not involved since he was sick at Bear Mountain, N.Y., the Dodgers' training camp, when the game came off.

Shurin took his loss without complaint but went to the DA's office several days ago when a woman claiming to be the wife of one of the players told him the dice were loaded and that her husband, who apparently was nicked for \$8,600 in the game, was in reality a member of the ring that clipped Shurin.

Hoppe to Defend Title

NEW YORK, Nov. 15—Willie Hoppe, holder of the world three-cushion billiard championship, will defend his title here Dec. 3 against one of the strongest fields ever entered for the title. Prize money will total \$12,200.

Ortiz Scores Over Castillo

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 15—Manuel Ortiz of Mexico successfully defended his world bantamweight title for the 12th time here last night by scoring a TKO over Luis Castillo of Mexico City in the ninth round of a scheduled 15-round bout.

In winning, Ortiz confirmed a previous victory over Castillo. The pair fought in September, and Castillo was leading on points in the fourth round when Ortiz cut loose with a punch that split Luis' eye and the referee stopped the fight.

Ortiz scaled 117½ last night and his opponent half a pound less.

Sgt. Joe Gets There First—Fast

NEW YORK, Nov. 15—S/Sgt. Joe Louis wasn't in a time-wasting mood here last night. The world heavyweight champ danced out of his corner and kayoed Johnny Davis, Brooklyn heavyweight, in 53 seconds of the first round of a scheduled four-round bout before 6,000.

Joe answered the opening bell with his left extended and his right cocked, and when Davis attempted to force the fighting the Brown Bomber uncorked the only real punch of the fight, which had Davis

Okay Sought To Switch Tilt From Annapolis

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15—President Roosevelt gave the first official indication yesterday that the White House is giving serious consideration to proposals repeatedly offered for the past three football seasons that the annual Army-Navy grid game be restored to its pre-war status as one of the nation's outstanding athletic spectacles. The game this year is scheduled for Annapolis on Dec. 2, with ticket sales limited to residents of Annapolis and surrounding territory.



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The President told his press conference that he intended to discuss the matter later in the day with War Secretary Stimson, but he did not say whether an announcement would be forthcoming immediately.

Mr. Roosevelt also failed to say why Stimson was being considered rather than Navy Secretary James Forrester, who is a higher authority on this year's game since the Naval Academy is the host team. Stimson rendered the final disapproval on the switching of the '43 game which was played at West Point. Stimson also put the kibosh on the proposed heavyweight championship bout between Joe Louis and Billy Conn for the benefit of Army and Navy relief.

Stimson May Object

The President's statement that he intended to confer with Stimson was taken by some reporters as an indication that he was open-minded on the subject but that Stimson might have some objection.

Up to now, although officials have been silent on the whole matter, it has been felt that the war department held off because it was Navy's game this year, while the Navy Department wouldn't speak because it was President Roosevelt who moved the game to Annapolis in '42, and therefore his business.

Among the political figures who have spoken out on the subject in the past week is Representative Joseph Martin (Mass.-R.), house minority leader. Martin said he was in favor of tying the game in with the Sixth War Loan Drive and added that he felt it could fill any stadium in any big city.

A's Send Luke Hamlin Back to Toronto Club

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 15—Luko "Hot Potato" Hamlin, 39-year-old right-hander who won six and lost 12 this past season with the Athletics, has been sent back to Toronto. Connie Mack said today. Hamlin goes as part payment for Pitcher Luther Knerr, who will join the A's at spring training.

Infantrymen in Luxembourg Drop Rifles for Bats



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Men from two units of a U.S. Infantry regiment in Luxembourg relax in a game of baseball while two demolition charges are set off in the next field.

Cadet, Middie Elevens Face Light Weekend

NEW YORK, Nov. 15—The next two Saturdays will serve merely to provide preludes to what the appetites of football fans all over the world expect to see in comparative seclusion at Annapolis, Md.,—unless the powers that decide otherwise—when Army's mighty gridiron machine clashes with Navy's rugged, constantly improving eleven in the annual service classic.

Each team will have its final warmup game Saturday. Army, which came through in fine condition against Notre Dame, will play Pennsylvania, and Navy will tackle Purdue's Boilermakers at Baltimore. Penn started off with successive victories over Duke, Dartmouth and William and Mary, but was finally slowed down by Navy and Michigan by equally impressive scores. Not much trouble is forecast for the Cadets, who will have a good signal and running drill against opposition that is only fair. Purdue, despite victories over Marquette, Illinois, Wisconsin and Northwestern, should not trouble the Navy.

Other games in the east Saturday include Cornell-Dartmouth, Columbia-Brown, Penn State-Maryland, Syracuse-Colgate, and Yale-North Carolina.

Mississippi State Risks Perfect Record
Mississippi State risks its perfect record against Alabama, the toughest foe to date, in Dixie's top game, while other likely looking games down south include the Georgia-Auburn, Louisiana State-Georgia Tech, Tennessee-Temple, South Carolina-Duke and Tulane-Clemson battles.

Ohio State will have to contend with Illinois' speedy backfield in a game that may decide whether or not the Buckeyes will win the Big Ten crown and status at the nation's top civilian club. Other midwest features pit Notre Dame against Northwestern, Great Lakes against Marquette, Iowa against Minnesota, Indiana against Pittsburgh, Kansas against Oklahoma, Michigan against Wisconsin and Missouri against Iowa Pre-Flight.

Southern California will be out to enhance its Rose Bowl chances against California in the big Pacific Coast game. UCLA goes outside the conference to play College of the Pacific and the Washington Huskies take on the Second Air Force, while San Diego Naval meets March Field's Fourth Air Force eleven in the big coast service clash.



Free-swinging Primitivo Molina, of Concord, Cal., ETO bantamweight king, kept banging away with his good right hand to smash out a decision over Earle Dyer, of Kansas City, Mo., in the feature of the 466th Bombardment Group's winter opening fight card Sunday night before a crowd of 1,200. In other bouts Bobby Quinn, of Cleveland, 138, defeated Alex Salazar, of Denver, 137; Harry Conroy, of Cleveland, 147, outpointed Roger Sanchez, of San Antonio, Tex., 141; Ray Wright, of Kaysville, Utah, 140, edged Andy Carilla, of Indio, Cal., 135; Billy Wallin, of Amsterdam, N.Y., 167, decisioned Joe Dunn, of Pittsburgh, Pa., 161; Carl Hutchinson, of Pawhuska, Okla., 200, won over Lenn Buffalo, of Amarillo, Tex., 204, and Tony Carbonaro, of Brooklyn, N.Y., 160, won over Mike Gonzales.

Pfc Frank DiPtafi, of Derby, Conn., took a 25-yard pass from Cpl. Francis Kremer, of Louisville, Ky., in the third period and ran ten yards for the only touchdown as the — General Hospital Hypos defeated the — Station Hospital Mustangs, 7-0, Sunday. . . . Helton's Hellcats of the 493rd Bomb Group rolled to their second win in three starts Saturday, defeating Col. Gray's Greyhounds, 13-6. Quarterback Ernie Carpino, former Villanova star, bucked over for the first Hellcat touchdown, and Joe Kaselonis, of Pittsburgh, took a pass from Konrad Slaughter, former triple-threat back at College of the Pacific, for the second. Doc Critterden, 220-pound tackle from the University of West Virginia, took a short shovel pass and raced 50 yards to tally the Greyhound touchdown.

The Hans Crescent ARC golf team will tackle the Cambridge University clubmen Sunday afternoon on the university course for the aid of British war charities. In the first match between the teams the GIs won, 4-2, while the second match ended in a 3-3 tie. Sunday's match starts at 10:30 AM. Members of the Crescent team are: Cpl. Dick Austin, Lynn, Mass.; Sgt. Frank Cormaci, Omaha, Neb.; Sgt. Joe Fiore, New York; Sgt. Bobby Dunkelberger, Philadelphia; Cpl. Ernest Garlen, Washington; Sgt. John Anderson, Beverly Hills, Cal.; Sgt. Jake Peterson, Chicago; Pvt. Bob Lucas, Philadelphia, and Pvt. Sigmund Raymond, Rockaway, N.J.

Sgt. Lewis B. Barker, of Bowling Green, Ky., captured the small arms championship of the Eighth Air Force by scoring 395 out of a possible 400 with carbine. Second prize for individual shooting went to Cpl. Eton S. McConnell, with 394 out of 400, and third place was taken by 1/Lt. Edmond B. Lamson with a score of 392. The

Corner Fights Give Saroyan A Lift to Fame

By William Saroyan

Novelist, Dramatist—and GI

One of the unwritten traditions of American literature is that no man can be a successful writer of short stories, plays or novels until he has served an apprenticeship as a sports writer. That's a tradition they should have written.

Tony Cordaro told me about it Monday afternoon, but there I was already in my 37th year—no sports writing experience—and only a pfc.

But huckity-buck, the more you put down the more you pick up. I figured it might not be too late to make a beginning, so I asked in a nice way if I could write a piece about the Tuesday night fights at Rainbow Corner.

If you were at the fights you are going to find my account of what happened a little confusing because sports writing is something new for me, and if you weren't at the fights keep reading anyway, what can you lose? What's three minutes out of our young lives?

Fighting Like Writing

Fighting is a lot like writing, but I'm glad there isn't somebody standing over me now waiting to clout me over the head just because of some little typographical error. I don't think I could take very much of that. I'd have to tell him to cut it out, but in the ring nobody does that. If the other fellow gets funny and tries to pull a fast one on you, you get sore and try to beat him to it—but you don't tell him to cut it out.

Iowa City fought Brooklyn in the first fight, which was notable mainly for what shall hereafter be known as "The Marcella Jump." Referee Frank Marcella (two stripes) went about his work with a lot of style, and then suddenly, at the exact moment, executed "The Marcella Jump," which consists of leaping from anywhere in the ring to the clinched fighters and knocking them apart—in a split second. Brooklyn was getting along a little better than Iowa City when suddenly Brooklyn-Iowa City relations became a good deal closer than Anglo-American, whereupon Marcella made his famous jump—but it all happened so quickly that it almost went unnoticed. I decided to watch for it again because I felt it was worth having on record. A first-rate thing isn't first-rate until it happens at least twice—the old one, two, you know.

Brooklyn took the fight. A Lot of Heart

The next fight was Houston vs. Baltimore, and Houston showed the class of the card. Baltimore was no slouch. He had a lot of heart, but his second should never have told him to take it easy. There he was getting riveted on the head and his second hollering at him to take it easy. How easy can you take it when somebody's hammering your head? But the thing I wanted to see again was Marcella's Jump, and sure enough he did it again, but this time everybody noticed it and cheered. It was no fluke—it was the real thing. Marcella's Jump in the second fight was as good as anything by Nijinsky (T/5). In the third round Baltimore began to take it too easy, so Marcella stopped it.

The third fight was San Francisco vs. Oakland, and that really put me to dreaming because I used to live in San Francisco and every once in a while I used to find myself in Oakland, but the minute I found out where I was I'd get right back to San Francisco because it's awful lonely in Oakland. Hundreds of thousands of people there—they live there—but that's no place to be with San Francisco only across the Bay. Well, San Francisco took the fight of course, but Oakland was a good boy.

"Pull the Bell, Jim"

The announcer got hot in his introductions for the next fight and said of one of the boys, "—and he has been machine-gunned on many occasions." Heavyweights, Cumberland, Md., vs. Philadelphia. Cumberland not only took Pennsylvania as easily as Roosevelt took Dewey, he had enough left over to hit his own chin every now and then. His second kept urging him along by saying, "The old left." whereupon Cumberland would give himself a left uppercut. In the third round he was a little bored with the whole thing, and when he was up against the ropes he leaned over to the timekeeper and said, "Pull that bell, Jim—pull that bell."

During the intermission four Red Cross chicks sprang into the ring and started throwing cigarettes to their sweethearts, but I didn't get any. It takes time to get around with those girls, and besides every time I'd catch the eye of one of them she'd have a package of Camels in her hand, and I smoke Chesterfields.

After the intermission a fat man and an ex-Group Theater actor began to wrestle—but like all Group Theater actors the other fellow had to keep directing him, telling him what to do. Cordaro and I decided to go get some coffee and

Mudcats' Varon Picks Up Yardage



Pfc Judah Varon, of the Bronx, Fourth Strategic Air Depot Mudcats' ball-carrier, makes a short gain in Saturday's tilt at the Ipswich Stadium. Making the tackle is Lt. Raleigh "Rags" Ragsdale, former SMU performer. Ragsdale scored in the final period to give "Tukey's Terrors" a 7-0 nod over the Mudcats.

Football Troupes May Follow Baseballers on GI Junket

NEW YORK, Nov. 15—If present plans materialize football will follow the example set by professional baseball and send players, coaches and newspapermen overseas shortly after the season ends to entertain GIs in all theaters.

Col. Henry W. "Esqy" Clark, former Harvard football star and later athletic director at Lafayette until he entered the Army's Special Services Division, originated the idea and said, "I think GIs would get a tremendous thrill out of talking to, say, Fritz Crisler of Michigan or Lou Little of Columbia."

Weather and war conditions will have a great influence on whether coaches will be assigned to teams in the various theaters. But among those mentioned for the trip are Crisler, Steve Owen, coach of the New York Giants, and Ward Cuff, Giant backfield star who got a physical discharge from the Army.

Lou Zamperini Listed As Killed in Action

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 15—Lt. Louis Zamperini, the former Southern California distance runner who once climbed a flag pole atop the German Chancellery to swipe a Nazi flag, has been declared killed in action, his parents said yesterday. Zamperini, an Army bombardier, was reported missing in action in May, 1943, in the Southwest Pacific area.

The former Trojan star went to Berlin with the United States Olympic team in '36 and almost created an international incident by climbing the pole to grab his souvenir. Adolf was furious about the whole affair but allowed Zamperini to keep the flag when somebody convinced him it was just a boyish prank.

Dick Tracy



Terry and the Pirates



L'il Abner



Bruins Subdue Hawk Six, 7-5

BOSTON, Nov. 15—The Boston Bruins opened their home hockey season last night by defeating the Chicago Black Hawks, 7-5, before 13,000 fans.

The first period was tame and ended 1-1 after goals by Pete Horeck, Chicago rookie, and young Bill Cupolo of the Bruins. But the second chapter turned into a scoring orgy with eight goals going into the net. Veteran Center Bill

Hockey League Standings

Team	W	L	T	P	W	L	T	P
Toronto	6	1	0	12	2	3	1	5
Montreal	5	2	0	10	1	4	1	3
Detroit	3	3	0	6	1	5	0	2

Cowley led the Boston attack with two goals and two assists, and the other Bruin tallies were made by Rookie Frank Mario, Herb Cain, Cupolo and Bill Jennings.

Horeck tallied his second goal for Chicago in the second period, as did Bill Mosienko and Lude Check, and the final Hawk tally was banged home in the last period by Brayshaw. All proceeds were turned over to disabled war veterans.

Athletics' Deal to Buy Millers Falls Through

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 15—Connie Mack has announced that negotiations for the purchase of the Minneapolis Millers by the Athletics had fallen through. He didn't reveal his reasons but stated, "For the time being we won't try to get the ownership of any Class AA club but we will cooperate with Toronto under a working agreement."

By Chester Gould



By Milton Caniff



By Al Capp



In Those United States

FDR Plans to Save Money In Back-Porch Inaugural

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 (ANS)—President Roosevelt has decided just to step out on the back porch of the White House to be inaugurated Jan. 20 and thus break the monotony of previous inauguration fanfares at the Capitol, besides saving taxpayers around \$20,000, by eliminating customary stands and platforms.

In fact, the President said yesterday, he probably can get by for about \$2,500 or less, most of that going for chicken-a-la-king, coffee and other light refreshments at the modest reception which would follow the fourth-term oath taking.

The President figured he had a big joke on some of Capitol Hill's leading economizers. Sen. Harry F. Byrd (D.Va.) was among a group authorized to look after inaugural plans and had figured on spending at least \$25,000. Besides the simple swearing-in, no parade or inaugural ball are scheduled.

CAPITAL SHORTS: The Associated Press said opposition was piling up against early Congressional action on legislation to require peace-time military training. . . . Jane Freeman, of Roxbury, Mass., became the first Negro woman to join the Navy's Women's Reserve. . . . President Roosevelt said he had received a letter of congratulations from Gov. Thomas E. Dewey.

\$200,000 Fire in Bucyrus

BUCYRUS, Ohio, Nov. 15 (ANS)—The second disastrous downtown fire in three weeks destroyed two houses and ate into the town's largest drygoods store. Damage was estimated at \$200,000. The previous fire had caused \$50,000 destruction.

Kids Were Read Up

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Nov. 15 (ANS)—The pretty flames began to die in the family fireplace while Mrs. John W. Sanderson was elsewhere in the house. But her three-year-old twins soon had the fire roaring, and the fire department, too. They fed all the books from the family library into the blaze.

When DeMille Passes Buck, He Passes Plenty

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 15 (ANS)—Cecil B. DeMille, movie director and radio producer, is risking the loss of his \$5,000 a week radio salary over a single dollar.

He refused to pay to the American Federation of Radio Artists a \$1 special assessment for the fund to oppose proposition 12 on the California ballot last week. The proposition, which was defeated, was listed on the ballot as the "right of employment initiative." It declared for the "right of employment free from interference because an employee does or does not belong to a labor organization" and characterized any interference as unlawful.

The AFRA local said that DeMille was put on the dues and assessment delinquency list Nov. 1 but that no action would be taken by its board until Dec. 1. The suspension or expulsion of members who refuse or fail to pay dues and assessments is possible, Claude L. McCus, AFRA secretary, said.

And the AFRA constitution, he added, provides that radio artists must be in good standing to appear on the air.

Still Stalled

FRANKFORT, Ky., Nov. 15 (ANS)—The State Court of Appeals ruled today that \$610 was too much for a railroad to pay a passenger for discomforts resulting from a train being stalled in a tunnel. Mrs. Flora Nelson, of Somerset, had charged that her nose and throat became inflamed from breathing smoke and gas for an hour in the King's Mountain tunnel.

Click Discontinued

NEW YORK, Nov. 15 (ANS)—Publisher Walter H. Annenberg announced today he would discontinue publication of Click, the third largest U.S. picture magazine, with its January issue in order to transfer its paper stocks to Seventeen, his new magazine aimed for teen-agers. Seventeen's first issue, which ran 45 pictures of Frank Sinatra, sold 400,000 copies.

Gracie Goes To War

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 15 (ANS)—Actress Gracie Fields, who has been criticized by British soldier-newspapers for allegedly running out on her scheduled tours of the war fronts, announced today she shortly would visit all war theaters in a six-month tour.

Gracie said she was undismayed at the great amount of criticism. Last June there was criticism in the U.S. press when Gracie and her Italian-born director-husband, Monty Banks, gave a party in their home for 70 Italian prisoners of war. "The Army asked us to give the party," Gracie stated at the time.



GRACIE FIELDS

Howitz Done Now at the Siegfried Line



Negro gun crew of a 155-mm. howitzer sends a greeting from the Siegfried Line to the Heinies now in position north of it.

Negro Tankers Make Their Combat Debut Help in Patton's Breakthrough, Weathering Stern Baptism of German Fire

By Allan M. Morrison

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THIRD U.S. ARMY FORCES EAST OF CHATEAU SALINS, Nov. 15—Negro tank forces, making their combat debut with Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's troops sweeping northward across the Seille River and toward the Siegfried defenses, have figured in the successful U.S. breakthrough in this sector.

Early last Wednesday two companies of a Negro tank battalion started fighting in the vicinity of Bezange and Moncourt as H-Hour of the first round of the offensive struck.

But the main and sternest mission of the tankers began early Thursday morning when the unit spearheaded an important task force whose objective lay deep in German-held territory.

Commanded by Lt. Col. Peter J. Kopcsak, a TD battalion CO from Pittsburgh, the task force included tanks, TDs, combat engineers and assault infantrymen, who rode the Sherman.

Crossing the rain-swollen Seille just north of the recently-taken town of Myonvic, the column was subjected to enemy artillery emplaced on the hills northeast of the river. Shellbursts threw up huge geysers all around the bridge. At

the little village of Salival, it was stopped again by German artillery ranged in on the road. Tanks deployed in and around the little cluster of buildings housing German troops, rooting them out with direct HE fire while doughboys mopped up.

But the battle for the town of Morville-les-Vic was the real testing of the tankers. Furious shelling met them at the crossroads, 600 yards from the town. Tank-infantry teams moved down on the town from three directions and the battle was joined at once. While the infantrymen were cleaning the Germans out of Morville, German mortars and medium guns situated on the hills southwest of the town of Hampont turned hot harassing fire on the Americans. A platoon of self-propelled 105 assault guns from the Negro tank unit, led by 1/Lt. Charles A. Gates, of Kansas City, Mo., moved up, and using firing data radioed by Lt. Delmar N. Barnes, an artillery observer in a Piper Cub, knocked out two Mark Vs, nine other armored vehicles, 12 German heavy mortars and several artillery pieces. Tankers suffered their heaviest losses in a running three-hour fight with German guns concealed in woods capping a high hill northeast of Morville.

Within 90 minutes of the start of the push, Nazi prisoners were being sent rearward by the first Negro tank troops ever committed to combat operations.

Russian Colonel Publicly Cites Japan's Bleak War Future

MOSCOW, Nov. 15 (AP)—Before an audience which included Japanese newspaper correspondents, Red Army Col. Ivan Tolchenov declared today in a public lecture that the war in the Pacific was developing "unfavorably" for Japan.

"The outbreak of the German war changed conditions for Japan," he said. "The perfidious invasion of the Soviet Union by German troops was a favorable factor for the Japanese. Britain, meanwhile, was tied down in the European theater and compelled to keep her main forces there."

The veteran officer said the war in the Pacific had now entered the second stage—the Allied counter-offensive in which Japanese air and sea forces were inferior. Tolchenov said: "Important events are ripening—in circumstances unfavorable for Japan. Since the American landing in the Philippines, the battles have become stiffer."

"It is difficult to predict the outcome of the Philippines operations, but the Allies have prepared them well and there is reason to believe they will achieve success."

Japanese fleet losses will greatly affect Tokyo's possibilities of resistance, he said, adding: "The balance of power has shifted in favor of the Allies."

Is Hitler Is, Or Is He Ain't?

There were many explanations yesterday—official and otherwise—about the health and whereabouts of Adolf Hitler, but the big question remained unchanged: "Is he is or is he ain't?"

German officials tried to prove he "is" by publishing pictures showing Der Fuehrer handing out decorations, but the attempt backfired when it became known that many of the men were killed some time ago.

Rumors also tended to show that Hitler "is," but that he either was ill or being held a prisoner by Himmler, who was declared in some rumors to have plotted the former paperhanger's death in the July 20 bomb conspiracy but only succeeded in killing his double.

Ingersoll to Direct Pacific Fleet Supply

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15—Adm. Royal E. Ingersoll has been appointed commander of the Western Sea Frontier, with the status of Deputy Commander of the U.S. Fleet and Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, and will organize supplies to the Pacific Fleet. Vice-Adm. Jonas H. Ingram succeeded Ingersoll as Atlantic Fleet chief.

Plotting More Woe for Nazis



Gen. Eisenhower, Field Marshal Sir Alan Brooke, chief of the British General Staff, and Prime Minister Churchill confer.

Finder Finds Finding Fine If He Can Find Finding

HOLYOKE, Mass., Nov. 15 (ANS)—"Truth or Consequences," the radio show, took the consequences last night for a gag that backfired and incensed local city officials.

A special performance of the show was given here to raise money for repairs of damage caused two weeks ago by a treasure-hunting mob of 1,500 residents with spades and picks. They uncovered the treasure before a member of the Radio City studio audience, Rudolph Wickel, for whom it was intended, arrived from New York.

As consolation prize, Wickel received a \$1,000 check and a list of 14,000 U.S. banks. Only one bank will cash the check. It's up to Wickel to find that one.

"I haven't even tried yet," Wickel said. "Maybe I'll wait till the income taxes are a little lower so I can keep some of the dough for myself."

Osa Reassures the Gals

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 15 (ANS)—Osa Johnson, noted woman explorer, today assured women who fear their sweethearts may be intrigued by native ladies in the Solomon Islands. "They won't fall in love with those women," Mrs. Johnson said, "because the women there are fat and ugly."

Luff Finds a Vay

PRINCETON, Me., Nov. 15 (ANS)—A German prisoner of war interned in the Maine woods is to be married by proxy to his sweetheart back in the Reich with the aid of the U.S., the mails and the Swiss legation, Army officials reported today.

Pop Pops

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 15 (ANS)—A newspaperman, receiving word he was a father, found himself frantically short of cash. With a doctor to pay, he turned to the daily double at Rockingham race track, decided to play two entries named Early Delivery and Blue Booties. He won \$296—and paid.

Nature's V-2

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 (AP)—The Navy tonight warned the nation of an impending aerial bombardment—from leonid meteors. The naval observatory said the earth would be in their path tomorrow night.

Member Says He'll Keep Coward Out of U.S.

The Halls of Congress Ring With a Very Uncheery Noel

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15 (UP)—Noel Coward is not wanted in America, Rep. Samuel Dickstein (D-N.Y.) told the House yesterday.

"If he comes here, I'll see that he spends all his time on Ellis Island until a boat comes to take him back," Dickstein said.

Coward's book, "Middle East Diary," in which he referred to soldiers from Brooklyn as a "bunch of cry babies," had created disunity between Britain and the U.S., Dickstein said.

"When Coward again enters this country as a visitor to take more millions out of this country, I'll try to see to it that he stays back in England."

"I will tell Mr. Noel Coward to take care of his taxes back in Britain, and that we American people don't like the trashy books he is circulating throughout this country, threatening our fine men." Dickstein later told reporters that as

Chairman of the House Immigration Committee he would take steps to see that Coward was declared "persona non grata" by the government.

Meanwhile, in Brooklyn, five members of the Borough Council, with blood in their eyes, demanded in a resolution that Coward's books and plays be banned in New York City.

PARIS, Nov. 15—Noel Coward, author-playwright, informed today of criticisms levelled at him in the U.S. for slurring fighting men from Brooklyn in his recent book, said he didn't recall mentioning Brooklyn troops.

"I have no copy of the Diary here and I do not recall any group which could be described as Brooklyn," Coward said.

"Maybe on one of my visits to hospitals I met some boys from Brooklyn and I said they were homesick. But in hospital most boys of all armies long to be in their own home."

Send Xmas War Bonds To U.S. as late as Dec. 1

War bonds sent home from the U.K. as gifts will be delivered in time for Christmas if they reach the Army War Bond Office in Chicago by Dec. 10, and if they are designated as Christmas Bond Purchases, it was announced yesterday by the ETO fiscal director. They should be sent from the U.K. not later than Dec. 1. War bond, finance, or personnel officers in each unit are in charge of sending Christmas war bonds to the Chicago office.

New British Landing On Greek Isle Reported

A new British landing on the Aegean island of Milos, under cover of an aircraft carrier, a heavy cruiser and three destroyers, was reported yesterday by German Radio, which claimed that the Nazi garrison had driven off the destroyers disembarking troops and repelled subsequent attacks on German positions.