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## GI Handiwork On Siegfried Line



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos.

Huge columns of black smoke and debris fill the sky after Ninth Army engineers set off charges under a German pillbox in the Siegfried Line.

## 77th Div. Takes Ormoc, Dooms Leyte Garrison

The battle for the Philippines took a decisive turn yesterday as the veteran 77th Div. seized the Leyte port of Ormoc, the enemy's last seaport on the island where reinforcements and supplies could be brought in to aid their doomed garrison.

The fall of the port came late Sunday night after infantrymen, veterans of the Guam campaign, had worked a squeeze play on a Jap force south of Ormoc, Gen. MacArthur announced.

Late dispatches last night said that the U.S. Seventh Div., entrenched in the hills north of Ormoc, had engaged elements of the Jap garrison retreating from the captured harbor base. Gen. MacArthur predicted a link-up between the 7th, moving from the north, and the 77th, in Ormoc.

Seizure of Ormoc by the 77th followed closely the surprise landing last Thursday three miles south of the port.

American fighter planes smashing Jap troop concentrations and supplies (Continued on Page 8)

## End of Jap War In 1949 Seen

BOSTON, Dec. 11 (ANS).—The U.S. Navy estimates it will take five more years of fighting in the Pacific before the Japanese are defeated, Walker Mason, WPB regional director, told a labor conference yesterday.

He said that a European victory will "have absolutely no effect on arms and armament for the Navy, so great is the offensive program against Japan." He quoted the Navy as saying the astronomical amounts of ammunition that are being used in the Pacific war have just nicked the skin.

## Bradley Lists 'Battle Orders' For GIs Dealing With Nazis

12th ARMY GROUP HQ.—"Stern courtesy and firmness tempered with strict justice" toward Germans was ordered yesterday by Lt. Gen Omar N. Bradley, 12th Army Group commander for the "conquering" troops of the Ninth, First and Third Armies.

Seven "battle orders," issued in booklet form, govern conduct of Army personnel with German soldiers and civilians. In a letter to unit commanders, Gen. Bradley wrote that "this war is not a sporting proposition. We must not

treat the Germans as we would our opponents in a football game after the final whistle. We do not want to play a return game next year or in 20 years."

In an introduction to what he called special "battle orders," Gen. Bradley wrote to his troops, "It is imperative that you do not allow yourselves to become friendly with Germans, but at the same time you must not persecute them. American soldiers can and have beaten German soldiers on the field of

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# 2 Key Alsatian, Saar Cities Fall to Yanks; Mightiest Bomber Fleet Hits Reich

## 500 Italian-Based Heavies Assault Vienna Area

The mightiest heavy bomber fleet ever hurled against the Nazis by the Eighth Air Force—more than 1,600 Liberators and Flying Fortresses—thundered over the Reich yesterday, blasting railyards in the Frankfurt area with nearly 6,000 tons of explosives.

Escorted by 800 fighters, and flying in columns 300 miles long, the armada of heavies pounded the rail network behind the Rhine at Frankfurt, Hannau and Giessen, unloading its bombs through heavy, low-lying clouds which prevented observation of results of the raid.

### 500 15th AF Heavies Attack

At the same time, nearly 500 more Ports and Libs of the 15th Air Force, supported by 350 fighters, drove over the Alps to attack an ordnance depot and railyards at Vienna, an oil refinery 22 miles northwest of Vienna, and marshalling yards at Graz, 100 miles south of the Austrian capital.

Yesterday's record assault by Eighth heavies followed by a few hours an attack by an estimated 500 RAF Lancasters and Mosquitos on the Ruhr industrial area at Osterfeld, Heiderich and Bruckhausen.

Late reports last night indicated (Continued on Page 8)

## Julich Sportpalast Hit by U.S. Planes

WITH 29th CORPS, GERMANY, Dec. 11.—It took just 120 seconds to get quarter-ton bombs thudding into the enemy-held Julich Sportpalast after the 29th Div. had requested fighter-bomber support, it was revealed today.

Three flights of 29th TAC fighter-bombers were circling Schophoven, waiting for 30th Div. radio to approve another target, when the 29th Div. called the 29th Corps Air Support officer, Major D. R. McGovern, of Providence, R.I.

Maj. McGovern was about to call for fresh air support when the 30th Div. decided they didn't need the fighters. At a nod from McGovern, S/Sgt. Joseph A. Buckley, Jr., of Staunton, Ill., radioed the fighters over Schophoven to fly north and attack the Sportpalast.

## Nazi Counter-Attacks Halted by 8th Army

ALLIED HQ, Rome, Dec. 11 (AP).—German counter-attacks against the Eighth Army bridgehead west of the River Lamone have been defeated decisively, today's communique reported.

## House Votes 5th Star For 'General of Army'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The House voted without dissent to put a new temporary five-star rank atop the Army and Navy to be known as "General of the Army" and "Admiral of the Fleet."

A House member said he believed the new top ranks will go to Gen. Marshall, Arnold, Eisenhower and MacArthur and Adms. King, Leahy, Nimitz and Halsey of the Navy. The Bill provides an annual base pay of \$13,000.

## Patterson Tells U.S. Drive Is 'Ahead. Of Schedule'

American armies hammered at the great Ruhr and Saar industrial regions of Western Germany yesterday in fog, snow and rain while overhead the mightiest Allied air fleet ever sent against the Reich blasted railheads behind the bending German lines.

U.S. Third Army troops seized the key city of Sarreguemes in the Saar and U.S. Seventh Army troops to the east captured the northern Alsatian city of Hagenau without the expected house-to-house struggle, United Press front reports said last night.

The Stars and Stripes front dispatches revealed for the first time that Nazis were withdrawing their forces east of the River Roer as U.S. First Army troops smashed 2,000 yards eastward in a snowstorm to within a mile of the swollen river's western bank.

### Waited for Supplies

In the United States, meanwhile, Undersecretary of War Robert Patterson disclosed that renewal of large-scale operations after the drive through France and Belgium—which were cleared "months ahead of schedule"—had to be deferred until supplies could be accumulated.

Patterson said Paris was taken by the Allies 60 days ahead of schedule, although the Allied forces had fallen behind the military time-table when they were penned on the Normandy Peninsula at the outset of the campaign. He discussed the time-table in an address prepared for radio broadcast em-

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## Nazis Rush Aid To Stem Drive For Budapest

The Germans announced yesterday that fresh tank and SS units had been thrown into the battle for Budapest with orders to give not an inch of ground to the Red Army forces battering at the suburbs of the Hungarian capital.

Moscow dispatches, quoted by the Associated Press, said that Soviet forces were within four miles of Budapest on the north and south, while Red Army artillerymen were shelling the city from the east. The AP said there was no sign of any German withdrawal from the city, and supplies were rushed over the enemy's last highway into Budapest from Vienna.

After breaking through on the northern, eastern and southern approaches to the city the Soviets have maintained unflinching pressure on all sectors, keeping the entire German garrison in Budapest occupied. North of Budapest, Gen. (Continued on Page 8)

## Hacking at Siegfried Defenses



American forces surge forward into the Saar's Siegfried defenses from Metz, in the north to Hagenau, which fell yesterday.

## Nazi's Diary Reveals Might of Yank Assault

American soldiers of the First U.S. Army got an idea how it feels to be under one of their own attacks when they captured a German medic who had kept a diary of the fighting in the Gey-Grosshau sector. His story starts Nov. 26:

"The hours pass slowly and as I peer out of my hole the first dim light shows in the east. The hour is approaching. We expect the 'Ami' (German slang for American) to attack at 7:30. Then our fate will be decided. Our CO is looking toward Grosshau, he has a good vantage point.

"It's Sunday. My God, today is Sunday.

"To our left, machine-guns begin to chatter—and here come the Amis. In broad waves you can see him come across the field. Tanks all around him are firing wildly. Now the American artillery ceases and the tank guns are firing like mad. Can't stick my head out of my hole—finally there are three German assault guns. With a few shots we can see several tanks burning once again. Long smoke columns are rising toward heaven. The infantry attack slows down—it's stopped!

### Nazi Counter-attack

"Unbelievably, with this handful of men, we hold out against such attacks. And now we go forward to the counter-attack. The captain is leading it himself. Can't go far though, our people are dropping like tired flies. We have to go back and leave a number of dead and wounded.

"Nov. 27.—Amidst yells, they are breaking out of the forest again among their tanks. The Ami is getting closer now but the murderous fire of our MGs force him to the ground.

"Nov. 28.—Suddenly the tanks and then herds of Amis are breaking out of the woods.

### Take Up New Positions

"As they get within 70 paces, I turn and walk away. Very calmly, with my hands in my pockets. They are not shooting at me, perhaps because of the red cross on my back.

"Maybe I'll get out of this alive. If so, I can tell the story myself. But if I remain in this torn-up woods, perhaps a comrade will find this book and send it to my wife." Then the Germans surrendered.

### Photo Section Chief Honored

Col. Kirke B. Lawton, Signal Corps, chief of SHAEP Public Relations Division Film and Photo section, has been awarded the Legion of Merit for outstanding work in developing the Army Pictorial Service. Lawton, is credited with successful establishment and operation of the V-mail system in this theater.

### We'd Be Proud, Too, If Fifth Were Ours

Men in the 735th Tank Bn. have been quietly smouldering for a long time, they say, because The Stars and Stripes published an article saying that the Fifth Inf. Div. made the trek across France on Seventh Armored Div. tanks.

Having fought with the Fifth from Caumont to Metz, the 735th has come to regard the Fifth as its own infantry and its tankmen say anyone who wants to dispute ownership will find he has a job on his hands. The battalion CO says the mistake was understandable, however. No one could possibly read the battalion number on those tanks—too many infantrymen festooned on them.

## FW190 Factory In Cave to Build Allied Aircraft

By Pat Mitchell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A French airplane factory, subsidized by the Nazis to make FW190s and driven underground by Eighth AF bombs before D-Day, is now tooling up for four-motored transport plane production, it was revealed yesterday.

The factory, 65 miles east of Bordeaux, was moved into a limestone cave. The Germans installed air-conditioning and lighting fixtures and built a cement floor for the underground production line.

Before the war, the factory, owned by the Societe Nationale de Construction Aeronautique du Sud-Ouest (SNCASO), manufactured two-engined French bombers in five plants in the Bordeaux area. When the Germans overran France, two factories were converted to turn out FW190s, German reconnaissance planes.

### Then U.S. Planes Struck

The two plants netted the Germans about 30 aircraft a month. Then the Fortresses and Liberators struck.

In May, 1943, Liberators knocked out one factory. Then B17s and B24s followed up with four attacks on the second plant. At that point, the Nazis moved underground and converted the machinery to produce FW190s, according to USSTAF officials.

But Maquis-inspired sabotage disrupted production so that not one plane ever became airborne.

USSTAF reported four other instances of Nazi-controlled factories having to go underground. A ball-bearing plant was set up in a grotto near Paris; Ratier propeller factory moved into the Metro tunnels under Paris streets; Nazi V1 and Volkswagon assembly lines were forced into caves at Longwy, and Messerschmidt fuselages were made underground at Algranges.

### Whole Blood for Leyte

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11 (ANS).—Whole blood will be available to wounded servicemen as far away as Leyte Island 48 hours after being drawn from the donor in San Francisco under a new medical program being inaugurated this week.

## Army Talks—of Babes and Bullets

By Ralph G. Martin

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE SEVENTH ARMY, Dec. 11.—The Reppel Depple boys in the pyramidal tent were waiting for the chow line to shorten.

Some were young men, wearing new-style field jackets issued to them in the States only a short time ago; others were veterans in war-dirtied clothes. Still others were pale Joes just out of the hospital.

They were talking about women. They discussed the fine points of cleanliness, anatomy, culture and love-making ability in America and overseas. The new fellows kept their mouths shut, their ears open.

From sex, the conversation shifted to Reppel Depple griping about

## Snow Helps Ack-Ack Crews Camouflage Gun Sites



Sifting snows on the Western Front provide added camouflage for this Seventh Army anti-aircraft emplacement (above), but elsewhere the weather offers little but discomfort. At right, Sgt. Richard Taylor, Signal Corps photographer, cleans rapidly-freezing snow from the windshield of his jeep.



## G5 Locates Art Stolen by Nazis At Pas-de-Calais

Fire-fighting, care of refugees and repair of disrupted civilian services are among the types of work supervised by SHAEP Civil Affairs officials in Germany, France and the Low Countries, according to a report summarizing their activities on the Continent during the last two months.

Officers have checked looting and destruction of historic treasures and archives, and recently uncovered art works hidden at the Château des Vaux in France which had been taken from the Pas-de-Calais and Nord departments.

Several trials involving civilians have been held, G5 reported. In France and Belgium, detachments are aiding in distribution of food and coal. Flood victims are receiving aid in the Netherlands.

## New Jungle Uniform Frustrates 'Skeeters

FORT BENNING, Ga., Dec. 11 (Reuter).—A new mosquito-repellent uniform for Americans fighting in jungle areas has been announced.

"We have finished a test where a number of men sat for an hour and a half in the worst mosquito-infested spot we could find," Maj. John Brinsmead, of the U.S. Infantry Board, said. "Those men wearing the old type uniform averaged 19 bites a man. The men wearing the new uniform averaged less than one bite."

## 'Bivouac-Built' Bridge Cuts Engineers' Time Under Fire

WITH 35th INF. DIV.—When you're building a bridge under heavy enemy fire, the idea is to get in there, get the job done, and get out—fast. Latest feat of the 60th Combat Engineers, miracle-working unit of the 35th Div., is a "bivouac-built" bridge that they placed across a river in 20 minutes, with no time out for ducking Nazi shells.

Thanks to the ingenuity of the 60th, tanks of the Third Army were

able to cross the flooded, muddy river in Lorraine a few hours after their current offensive was launched, enter and hold a strategic town and receive supplies and ammunition immediately.

"The idea of the bridge," explained S/Sgt. Harold D. Miller, of Warsaw, Mo., as the first tanks crossed the swollen stream, "is that we rig it up in the rear and then move it up as a ready-made artery. That way, it cuts down the enemy's time shooting at you."

## Non-West Front Britons To Get 4-Week Leaves

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Prime Minister Churchill revealed to the House of Commons recently a plan to give four-week leaves at home to 80,000 British soldiers who have had long service overseas. About 6,000 men a month will be brought home. The plan excludes soldiers on the European western front.

## Blue and Grey Division Captures 19,000 PWs

NINTH U.S. ARMY HQ, Dec. 11.—A chunk of the Wehrmacht, numerically greater than the 29th Div. itself, has been captured by the "Blue and Greys," which since D-Day has sent more than 19,000 prisoners to PW cages.

In the last six months the 29th has fired 7,000,000 rounds of 30 and 50 cal. bullets and 267,000 artillery shells from the Normandy beaches to the shores of the Roer River. The division signal company has laid enough telephone wire to stretch twice around the world.

## Stimson Says Yanks Are 'Brave, Homesick'

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Dec. 11 (ANS).—"No country ever need fear a United States army of occupation," Secretary of War Stimson said yesterday. "Our boys want to get home. The American soldier is not afraid of anything but is a most homesick creature when he's at war in foreign lands."

He also said that returning soldiers must be made to realize that America was a place where the sun shone all the time and that the country is not made up entirely of strikers and exploiters.

## Supplies Pour From Rebuilt French Ports

Fully 75 percent of all U.S. Army supplies for the Western Front are being shipped directly to France from the United States, Maj. Gen. Frank S. Ross, ETO Chief of Transportation Corps, disclosed yesterday.

One ton of supplies has been unloaded at continental ports each month for every American soldier in France, Belgium and Germany, he said.

In the artificially-constructed beach ports of Omaha and Utah, in the rebuilt ports of Cherbourg, Le Havre, Rouen and Antwerp and in lesser Channel ports "more than 1,000,000 long tons of supplies were discharged in one month alone," he revealed.

### 1,000 Locomotives Put Ashore

European transportation, Gen. Ross said, was badly mauled by Allied bombings and German demolition squads. "There is a dire shortage of rolling stock and the continental waterways, which before the war were the best developed in the world, have not yet carried anything like their normal capacity."

He said: "We have put ashore 1,000 locomotives and more than 2,000 railroad cars to carry the burden of freight we discharge from cross-Channel and transatlantic vessels. Port facilities have been repaired to the extent that we are landing many times the peace-time traffic of such ports as Cherbourg."

### Shorten Supply Routes

Gen. Ross said that the Transportation Corps had brought to the Continent more than one million GIs, more than 4,000,000 dead-weight tons of freight, and more than 300,000 vehicles of all types.

In 1944, both in UK and European ports, more than 6,000,000 long tons of food, weapons, vehicles, ammunition, and other supplies were unloaded from more than 2,800 cargo ships. Record use of French ports has shortened supply routes to the front by 800 truck miles and brought about the end of the Red Ball Highway, which carried half a million tons of supplies in its 81-day life, it was disclosed. Also ended before its existence was officially disclosed was the Green Diamond Highway, which ran between Cherbourg and Brittany rail heads.

Two new freight highways have been opened. These are the White Ball route from Le Havre and Rouen to the east, and the American-British-Canadian (ABC) Express, which trucks supplies eastward from Allied-operated Antwerp, world's third largest port.

## Now They're Giving GIs Keys to Foxholes

WITH 94th INF. DIV. IN FRANCE, Dec. 11.—The French are not only turning over the keys to the cities to the American soldiers but are giving them the keys to foxholes, according to Lt. Donald L. Renck, of Wehner, Ark.

Lt. Renck had completed digging a foxhole when he decided he needed added protection. In his search he came upon a house with the roof blown off, and decided the door of the house would make an excellent cover.

Just as Lt. Renck was about to camouflage the hole and door, a Frenchman strolled over, put out his hand and offered him the "keys to the door." They worked, too.

## Combat Joe Is King In Non-GI Rest City



Soldiers on pass from the battle grind live in hotels for two days at a recreation center in Belgium. Left: T/4 Paul F. Little, Gettysburg, Pa., takes that hot shower. Center: The landlady's niece pours a cup of coffee for Sgt. James W. Helton, Stanley, N.C. Right: Pvt. Robert E. Krugger, Erie, Pa., pens a letter home.

## No MP Worries Here —Guys Do What They Like

By Charles W. White

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BELGHUM, Dec. 11.—Several outfits up here in the Aachen neighborhood have established rest camps for combat soldiers, but when Maj. Sol Radam, of Akron, O., got orders to do something about it he took over a whole town, complete with hotels, movies, barber shops—even a brewery.

If you're one of the GIs who draw 48s to this town you don't have to worry about MPs. Wear anything you like, go anywhere you please, drink all the beer you can at three francs a glass or cognac at 15 francs a shot and if you get too much the MPs will carry you home.

The passes are rationed out to units in the corps on a general directive that two percent of the men can be off at any given time. According to Sgt. Walter Novick, of East Walpole, Mass., who is sergeant major of the camp, they also get a lot of stragglers, men who have lost their outfits, etc., and take care of all comers.

### Real Beds and Mattresses

Organization is like any big army camp, with CO, first sergeant, supply sergeant, PX and all—but the first sergeant hasn't any whistle and there isn't any reveille. The hotel managers, cooks and GI staffs are mostly combat men themselves, out of action for one reason or another.

Suppose you are one of the lucky individuals out of your company assigned to this camp. They jerk you right out of the line. You pile into a truck and the batch is delivered at the depot center. You register, get your tags, get assigned to a hotel and the place is yours. Most of the hotels have "civvy" beds with mattresses. Some men prefer cots. Men are asked to bring one blanket because of a shortage. If you need any clothing, you get it—and no statement of charges.

Although there are virtually no rules, Major Radam says there isn't any need for them.

### XV Corps

WITH THE XV CORPS. — Pvt. Clarence Ness, of Gold Bar, Wash., climbed a drain pipe to the roof of a two-story building and yanked a soldier loose from a high-voltage cable, using the victim's shirt as insulation. For saving his buddy's life, Ness, member of an AA battery, was awarded a Soldier's medal.

## Pillbox Had a Number, But—Yanks Came and It Was Up

WITH FIRST ARMY COMBAT ENGINEERS. — Fifteen minutes and 500 yards behind infiltrating infantrymen, 12 First Army combat engineers stumbled over the frozen mud of the Hurtgen Forest southeast of Aachen as they approached the Nazi-held pillbox No. 32-241-08.

## 'Halfway House' Is Tourist Home In Army Manner

First it was GI "hot dog stands" on the way to the front. Now the first militarized "tourist home" has been set up, halfway between Paris and the front lines, to handle soldiers looking for a hot meal and a place to hit the hay.

The Halfway House—it has even been named in tourist home fashion—has been established by the Olse Base Section primarily for combat troops en route to Paris on furlough, or on the way back to their outfits.

Manned by six sergeants and a captain, Halfway House provides dinner for transients in individual cars or in convoy, and if the hot food runs out there's always a reserve of coffee.

Halfway House claims to be one of the most popular tourist homes in existence. From Nov. 1 to Nov. 21, approximately 17,000 guests were fed.

### 5th Inf. Div.

WITH THE FIFTH INF. DIV., FRANCE.—The inter-com system went dead when S/Sgt. Richard F. Heinzelman, of Waukesha, Wis., was guiding his tank forward under heavy enemy machine-gun and mortar fire, near Cormolain, so Heinzelman climbed to the turret to direct the driver.

He was wounded while in this position but he stuck to his post, enabling the tank to wipe out several mortar and machine-gun positions, until the vehicle was immobilized by enemy action. Then he helped evacuate members of the crew before seeking safety.

Heinzelman received the DSC.

### 30th Div. Well Decorated

WITH 30th INF. DIV. — Since the 30th Div. landed in Normandy it has received 1,535 decorations.

## Ozark Division Led by Keating, Aided 9th Dash

WITH THE 102nd INF. DIV., GERMANY.—Brig Gen. Frank A. Keating's 102nd Inf. Div., which interrupted preparations to embark for France to help settle the Philadelphia street-car strike last August, supported the opening of the U.S. Ninth Army drive to the Roer River on Nov. 16. It was officially disclosed, according to Associated Press Correspondent Franklin Banker.

Arriving in France Sept. 24 the Ozark Division slipped up to Germany a few weeks before the attack to get a first taste of combat against some of Hitler's best troops guarding the gateway to the vital industries in the Ruhr Valley.

The 102nd units were sandwiched between battalions of battle-tried Second Armored and 29th and 30th Divs, while cutting their battle teeth.

### Ordered to Aid in Strike

The War Department ordered two of the division's regiments from Ft. Dix to Philadelphia in August to guard property of the Philadelphia Transportation Co. during the strike. The regiment returned to Ft. Dix a few days later and took up where they left off in embarkation arrangements.

Gen. Keating, 49, has commanded the division since January. He rose to general from buck private, serving in France in the 29th Div. in World War I.

Gen. Keating, a resident of Ridgewood, N.J., studied journalism in the college of the City of N.Y. After working on the Ridgewood News for a while he gave it up for a military career.

Activated in Sept., 1942, at Camp Maxey, Tex., the 102nd Inf. Div. did most of its training in Texas. The division received its officer cadre from the Second Inf. Div. while Keating was chief of staff of the Second.

## Recon Pilot, P47s Bag Train in Double Play

NINTH AIR FORCE RECONNAISSANCE BASE.—Armed only with cameras, 1/Lt. David R. Stober, Baton Rouge, La., a Ninth Air Force Mustang reconnaissance pilot, spotted a Nazi freight train north of Aachen.

Heading for home, he met a Thunderbolt squadron all oombee up, but no place to go. His radio frequency different, he drew up alongside the lead P47, sign-language them into following him. From his grandstand seat he watched the fighter-bombers blow up the train.

### Kills 12 Nazis in Night

WITH FOURTH ARMORED DIV.—Sgt. Russell J. Breece, of Rome, N.Y., killed ten Germans with his rifle and two others with a grenade when he directed assault gun fire that smashed back a night attack.

## 'Tokyo Raiders' in France

THE Tokyo Raiders, who first blasted the Heavenly City under command of Lt. Col. Jimmy Doolittle, are now in France, flying First Tactical Air Force Marauders in support of the U.S. Seventh Army.

The group, whose 16 Mitchell bombers took off from the USS Hornet April 16, 1942, to take the first crack at Nippon, have been in action three years, flying 25,000 sorties and dropping 40,000 tons of bombs.

The Raiders operated in the Far East, in the Mediterranean and in Italy before coming to France, and have participated in five amphibious operations, it was stated. The group has been cited four times and is the first Allied unit, ground or air, to win the Croix de Guerre in World War II.

"Targets in Germany are no more impressive than those in other theaters," said Maj. Joseph Magdich, of Moundsville, West Va., who led a group attack on a 275-foot rail bridge at Bontzenbach, northeast of Mulhouse.

## U.S. Shoppers Spend 3 Billion On Xmas Gifts

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (ANS).—Approximately \$3,500,000,000 will be spent on Christmas gifts in the U.S. according to estimates by retailers who foresee the greatest holiday shopping spree in the nation's history.

A UP survey of seven key cities supported the retail estimate. In spite of such optimism, complaints about shortages continued to accent reports from shoppers. Luxury items are especially hard to find, it was indicated.

A retail credit organization estimated that retail sales for October, November and December would be five to ten percent greater for the country as a whole than the same period last year.

### Chicago Sales Up

In Atlanta, sales for the week ending November 25 were 3 percent greater than for the same week in 1943. Chicago merchants estimated their total would exceed \$160,000,000—more than ten percent increase over last year. The same thing was true in New York where a gross of \$200,000,000 was anticipated.

San Francisco retailers looked forward to a gross of \$30,000,000—\$5,500,000 greater than in '43.

Toy stocks were holding out fairly well except in Denver where one store reported its stock was ten percent of normal. Some stores in the U.S. were selling used tricycles and other reconditioned items.

## Stettinius Plans Big Shakeups

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (ANS).—State Department reorganization plans to streamline and speed administration are about completed and scheduled for announcement this week.

Under the new scheme responsibility for policy decisions is reported more broadly distributed.

Official disclosure of the new setup may be delayed until the Senate has acted on the nominations of Undersecretary Joseph C. Grew and five new assistant secretaries. An extensive personnel shake-up is expected after the new men take office, although there is no indication of important policy reversals.

Composed of comparatively young men, the new state department high command, headed by Secretary Stettinius, will have direct lines of authority through the department, relieving the undersecretary and secretary of many details.

### Women Riot in Store, Butter, Sugar Vanish

WATER TOWN N.Y., Dec. 11.—William R. Navarra, chain-store manager, found out about women who, near 200 of them staged a two-hour riot in his store, cleaning out all the butter and sugar.

It started when one woman walked out with two pounds of butter, ignoring the half-pound quota. Ladies yelled, sugged and provisioned themselves. One shopper fell into a crate of eggs, smashing 15 dozen. The one other man there, Navarra said, grabbed some sugar and escaped. Navarra won't prosecute, as he doesn't know whom to sue.

## King Winter Slaps States With An Icy Hand



This was the general scene in parts of United States last night after weekend snows had fallen to the depth of twelve inches in some sections. The picture above is of the first snowfall of the season in the Vermont Mountains.

## 14 Persons Lose Lives In Auto Crashes on Midwest Roads

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (ANS).—A blanket of snow ranging in depth from three to 12 inches covered the Midwest today in the lower lakes region and in the upper Mississippi valley, where 14 persons lost their lives in traffic accidents on icy roads.

Although it was still snowing in lower Michigan, the storm had abated in most of the area and

only scattered flurries continued. Weather Bureau predictions for today anticipated only light snow in some sections, and temperatures ranging down to 20 above.

Slush turned to ice on streets and highways. Traffic conditions grew more hazardous, and automobile clubs warned motorists to drive slowly and avoid country driving. Meanwhile, airline schedules were cancelled in most of the affected area.

Rain which preceded the snowfall in such of Kansas and Missouri left an undercoating of ice as temperatures fell. It was three above at Denver last night, nine above at Garden City, Kan., and 16 above in northwestern Oklahoma. In the south, Jacksonville, Fla., reported murky and cold conditions with 32 to 35 degrees forecast for Tuesday morning. Little Rock, Ark., had a reading of 25 degrees, with traces of snow.

## 4,400,000 GIs Cast Votes, Giving Roosevelt Big Lead

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (ANS).—Approximately 4,400,000 soldiers voted in last month's presidential election—a figure far in excess of any pre-election estimate, the New York Times reported today on the basis of a vote survey in thirty states.

The paper said that in thirty states for which the figures were available the armed forces cast a total of 3,094,042 ballots. A canvass of soldier and civilian votes in seven states—Arkansas, Colorado, Maryland, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island—confirmed indications immediately after the election that Mr. Roosevelt was a stronger favorite of military than of civilian voters.

### GIs Carry New Jersey

The Times revealed that the service vote affected the decision in New Jersey, where the President's military vote lead of more than 30,000 overcame a slight lead held by Dewey in the civilian vote and put the state in the Democratic column.

In New York State almost 600,000 applications were received, but only 442,698 ballots were cast. Likewise in Massachusetts only 91,000 ballots were returned out of 144,000 sent out. Ohio mailed 258,333 ballots and received 164,472.

### Ballots Canvassed Separately

In the seven states where the military votes were canvassed separately, the Times tabulated the war ballot results as follows:

ARKANSAS: Roosevelt, 9,480; Dewey, 3,149; COLORADO: Roosevelt, 13,265; Dewey, 13,066; MARYLAND: Roosevelt, 21,317; Dewey, 13,331; NEW JERSEY: Roosevelt, 95,351; Dewey, 64,748; OKLAHOMA: Roosevelt, 21,091; Dewey, 12,511; PENNSYLVANIA: Roosevelt, 145,098; Dewey, 106,554; RHODE ISLAND: Roosevelt, 15,809; Dewey, 7,900.

### Butt Shortage Delays Ships

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—Several coastwise vessels have been delayed and a number of merchant seamen refused to sail until assured of "enough smokes," according to Harrington Pike, port representative of the War Shipping Administration. He said he had "asked Washington to try to do something."

## 'Teen-Age Veterans Get Discharge Slip

PT. SHERIDAN, ILL., Dec. 11.—Two battle-scarred veterans of fighting in France and Germany, James J. Garvin, 17, and Raymond S. Wallace, 15, both of Chicago, were honorably discharged from the Army here yesterday.

Chest bedecked with awards—including the Purple Heart—these bearded combat veterans said they were glad to return to civilian life. Wallace, who enlisted at 14 last year, planned to return to school, and Garvin said he hoped to return to work on a farm near Verona, Ill.

The Army sent them home when their real age was revealed. Garvin was wounded July 7 but went back to fight the same day and later became a squad leader.

## New Congress Will Get Bill To Consolidate Army, Navy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (ANS).—This is the last week of the 78th Congress—it hopes. The legislators plan to recess Dec. 18 for the holidays.

A major task is forecast for the new congress, which will convene after the first of the year. That task, the first direct step toward consolidating the Army and Navy by legislation, would bring about the establishment of joint chiefs of staff under the provisions of a bill introduced in the House by Chairman May (Dem., Ky.), of the Military Affairs committee, and Chairman Vinson (Dem., Ga.), of the Naval committee. May has introduced another bill,

### Red, White and Blue Not for Capitol Dome

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (ANS).—The President's mail brought a suggestion that the Capitol dome be painted red, white and blue. "It would make every American feel proud," wrote Oscar O'Neill, of Washington.

David Lynn, Capitol architect, blinked once or twice and dictated the reply: "We appreciate your interest, but 'long has been the custom to paint sandstone and cast iron in color' to harmonize with the marble-face wings. The traditional appearance is very satisfactory."

### Gov. Donnell in Lead As Count Nears End

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 11 (ANS).—Gov. Forest C. Donnell's election as U.S. Senator from Missouri was made certain yesterday as a state canvass showed him 1,977 votes ahead, with only about 3,000 votes still to be counted.

The incomplete canvass showed 777,554 votes for the Republican governor and 775,577 votes for his Democratic opponent, Attorney General Roy McKittrick.

## Job Protection For War 'Vets' Termed Weak

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (ANS).—Sniping at the Selective Service Act, Frederick H. Harbison, University of Chicago Industrial Relations Center director, asserted the measure would give jobs to only 20 percent of returning soldiers and declared that "no one knows exactly what the law guarantees veterans." Even those among the fortunate 20 percent might have little protection under the act, Harbison said, asserting that those with junior seniority will have to wait their turn for promotion regardless of their war service.

### Claims System Arbitrary

Harbison quoted Selective Service officials as saying that veterans previously employed would be returned to former jobs without regard to seniority. He described this as a weakness which, by imposing a completely arbitrary system, would make it possible for veterans with short seniority to displace a person with long seniority who has stayed on the job.

But since the Selective Service law requires a company to rehire a veteran only for one year, he continued, after that period he could be displaced by a person who had accrued more seniority as a temporary war worker.

Meanwhile the War Labor board last night asked Selective Service headquarters to decide whether the war veteran who had been serving apprenticeship at the time of his induction may qualify for automatic promotion to a journeyman's wage rate without completing his apprenticeship.

## Farm Advisers Ready for GIs

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (ANS).—The government stands ready to lend a hand to any GI Joe who wants to become a farmer after the war, Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, administrator of Veterans' Affairs, said today.

Advisory committees have been set up in almost every county in the nation. Through the Agricultural Extension Service, these committees will offer free advice to veterans on local farming conditions and will help him pick his farm. Certifying committees will be set up to pass on loans.

Hines announced that the regulations governing the guaranty of farm loans under the GI Bill of Rights authorize the government to guarantee half of loans up to \$2,000.

## 26-37 Draft Seen As Manpower Aid

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Manpower officials expressed today that tighter draft regulations, due this week, will "go a long way" toward bolstering the war labor force, the Associated Press reported.

The most important result of James F. Byrnes' directive to Selective Service, they said, will be an appreciable cut in the huge labor turnover that has been the main problem in lagging war production.

At the same time, Byrnes' "produce or fight" ultimatum was viewed in Washington as marking his assumption of full policy control over the home front effort.

Byrnes' weekend instructions to increase the drafting of men 26 through 37 "who are not now doing their part to contribute to the war effort" are viewed principally as a club over war workers to keep them at their lathes and benches.

# Giants Crush Redskins, 31-0, For East Title

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The New York Giants captured the championship of the Eastern Division of the National Football League by routing the Washington Redskins, 31-0, before 35,540 fans here yesterday. The Giants will meet the Green Bay Packers, Western Division champs, next Sunday at New York.

In the first period, the Giants scored two touchdowns, both attributable to fumbles by Sammy Baugh. Frank Cope recovered one on the Skins 39. Three minutes later Arnie Herber shot a bullet pass to Ward Cuff, who stepped across from two yards out. Baugh fumbled on his own 15 shortly afterward and Herber pitched a strike to Frank Liebel in the end zone.

With 35 seconds remaining in the third period, Herber shot another touchdown pass to Liebel, who stepped off 20 yards to the goal line. Early in the fourth quarter, Cuff booted a field goal to put the Giants ahead, 24-0. Just before the final whistle, Guard Charley Avedisian intercepted a Baugh pass to score and Ken Strong kicked his fourth straight extra point.

## Eagles Trip Rams, 26-13

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—The Philadelphia Eagles closed their football season with a 26-13 victory over the Cleveland Rams today, thus clinching second place in the Eastern Division. The Eagles lost only to the Chicago Bears this year and played ties with the Giants and Redskins.

Steve Van Buren, Jack Hinkle, Ben Kish and Ernie Steele ripped off touchdowns for the Eagles, while Lou Zontini and Ray Hamilton scored for the Rams, the latter running 61 yards after grabbing a short pass from Albie Reisz.

Statistics:

	GIANTS	SKINS
First Downs.....	6	17
Yards Gained, rushing 107	123	
Passes Attempted.....	6	48
Passes Completed.....	3	20
Yards Gained, passing 77	178	
Penalized.....	55	50

## National Football League Final Standings

EASTERN DIVISION						
	W	L	T	Pts	Opp	
New York.....	8	1	1	206	75	
Philadelphia.....	7	1	2	267	131	
Washington.....	6	2	1	169	186	
Boston.....	2	8	1	82	233	
Brocklyn.....	0	10	0	69	166	

  

WESTERN DIVISION						
	W	L	T	Pts	Opp	
Green Bay.....	8	2	0	238	141	
Detroit.....	6	2	1	216	151	
Chicago.....	6	3	1	238	172	
Cleveland.....	4	6	0	188	223	
Card-Pitts.....	0	10	0	166	329	

## Ferrier, Harrison Cash In on Golf

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 11.—Sgt. Jim Ferrier, former Australian golf champion, now an American citizen, won the Oakland Open Golf Tournament yesterday with a score of 277. He started the tourney with a 72, but settled down to three straight 68s to top Ky Lafoon by one stroke and grab off \$1,600 in War Bonds as first prize.

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 11.—S/Sgt. Dutch Harrison, AAF, captured the Miami Open Golf title yesterday, nosing out Henry Picard by one stroke to gain \$2,500 first-prize money. His 72-hole total was 274 and he shot a 69 in the final round. Third place went to Johnny Revolta.

# 1944 SERVICE ALL-AMERICA

**LEN ESHMONT**  
Norman NAB Back

**JACK RUSSELL**  
Randolph Field End

**WILLIAM DUDLEY**  
Randolph Field Back

**CHARLEY TRIPPI**  
Third Air Force Back

**NICK SUSOEFF**  
Second Air Force End

**OTTO GRAHAM**—Back  
No. Carolina Pre-Flight

**RUSS LETLOW**  
Camp Peary Guard

**JOHN WOUDEMBERG**  
St. Marys Pre-Flight Tackle

**JOE STYDAKAR**  
Fleet City NTS Tackle

**GEORGE STROHMEIER**  
Iowa Pre-Flight Center

**GARRARD RAMSEY**  
Bainbridge Guard

## Landis Gets Niche In 'Hall of Fame'

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The late Kenesaw M. Landis, high commissioner of baseball from 1921 to 1944, was elected unanimously to Baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y., today.

The committee also voted to erect a Landis Memorial monument at Cooperstown.

## AP's Service All-America Meets a Tough Competitor

By Paul Horowitz

The 1944 Service All-America team is released today by the Associated Press. There was a long story with the pictures above, extolling the players and their glittering performances this season. We chucked it in the waste basket, for the pictures tell the story. We'll take the AP's word for it that they're the best footballers in the States. This is another story.

It's the tale of another All-American Service team, the stars who threw the Japs and Germans for great losses and gained more ground than all the backs in all the colleges in the States. It's an all-time, All-Service team.

### Britt Cited Three Times

There's Maurice "Footsy" Britt, ex-Arkansas and Detroit Lions' end, Third Division officer, who received the Silver Star for heroism at Salerno, the Medal of Honor for repulsing a Nazi counter-attack practically singlehanded at Mt. Rotund and the DSC for heroism at Anzio, where he lost his right arm at the elbow.

Cited for heroism recently in the Leyte jungles was Charles R. "Monk" Meyer, 155-pound chunk of dynamite with Army in 1936. He'll do for a backfield post. And George Franck, ex-Minnesota All-America whose Corsair fighter was shot down near Jap-held Wolje Atoll, where he was rescued after floating for hours in the Pacific.

Remember Paul Lillis, captain and tackle of the 1941 Notre Dame team. He was wounded in the Battle of the Admiralty Islands. Abe Shirer, tackle on Tennessee's Rose, Orange and Sugar Bowl teams; and Jim Gaffney, 1936 Harvard guard and captain. Both were

## Randy Eleven Rips 4th AAF

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11.—Randolph Field's Ramblers had too much for a tricky Fourth AAF football team of March Field yesterday and walked off with a 20-7 decision before 50,000 fans.

Elmer Madarik scored for the Ramblers in the first period, Ken Holley in the second and Johnny Goodyear took a 20-yard pass from Bill Dudley for a fourth-period tally. Indian Jack Jacobs pitched a short payoff pass to Gene Meeks for the loser's only score in the second period.

### Fort Pierce Perfect

FORT PIERCE, Fla., Dec. 11.—The Naval Amphibious Training Base football team hammered its way to a perfect season by defeating the Keesler Field Filers, 34-7, here yesterday. Bill Daley, former Minnesota and Michigan star back, was the big noise with two touchdowns, one on a 76-yard run.

### Gremlins Upset Bombers

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 11.—The Third AAF Gremlins scored a 14-7 upset victory over the Second AAF Superbombers yesterday. Charley Trippi, ex-Georgia ace, passed to both touchdowns and personally ground out 117 yards through the Bombers' line.

### Davis 'Player of Year'

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10.—Glenn Davis, Army's All-America back, was chosen the "football player of the year" by the Maxwell Memorial Football Committee. He will receive the Maxwell Trophy at the annual banquet here January 10th.

### More GI Grid Results

Niath ADC 7, 409th Bomb Group 8—217th Gen. Hosp. 14, Com Z 8.

## Red Wings Nip Bruins on Ice

DETROIT, Dec. 11.—The Detroit Red Wings last night defeated the Boston Bruins, 7-6, in a wild game that was tied three times.

The Bruneteau brothers, Eddie and Mud, each scored twice for the Wings, Steve Wochy getting the payoff goal in the final minutes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—The Chicago Blackhawks and New York Rangers played a 1-1 tie before 14,124 spectators here last night.

Fido Purpur's goal on a pass from Curly Dahlstrom in the first period put the Hawks ahead, but the Rangers knotted the score with 11 minutes gone in the second on Ab DeMarco's goal.

## Hockey Standings

National League

	W	L	T	Pts	G	OG
Montreal.....	11	4	1	23	59	38
Toronto.....	10	6	0	26	63	55
Detroit.....	9	4	2	20	71	50
Boston.....	7	9	1	15	70	76
New York.....	2	8	4	5	43	66
Chicago.....	2	10	2	6	56	75

## American League

Sunday's Results  
 Providence 3, Pittsburgh 4.  
 Buffalo 2, St. Louis 1.  
 Indianapolis 6, Hershey 1.

# THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

## He Means Business

We who have been sweatin' the flak out for ever so long are beginning to wonder: If this war is a game or is it the grim task of reducing the last German, man, woman and child, to complete surrender. Let's get tough and here is one simple way o' accomplishing that end:

The Germans in 1940 paralyzed French communications and transportation by sealing the highways which were cluttered with French civilian evacuees. Why can't we issue an ultimatum to all German civilians in an area five miles ahead of our lines to the effect that any and all civilians will be shot on sight after a specified time limit? This would result in: (1) no fraternization, as there would be no Germans as we advanced, (2) paralysis of all highways for the use of the German army because of civilian evacuees, (3) remove all difficulties and expenses in as far as our having to furnish men and transportation to evacuate German civilians, and (4) reduce to a great degree possibilities of snipers and saboteurs.

This seems like good Yankee common sense. Sherman did it, why can't we???—Major Haynie S. Bastian.

## Truck Tip

I have heard lots of Joes cuss their trucks when they are crawling up hills. Most o' the time there's mud in the exhaust pipe. Just hammer it a few times, race your motor and see the difference.—Pfc George (Red Ball) Cashajol.

## Road Congestion

The only traffic encountered on the front lines is usually cross-country. The only traffic congestions are usually knocked out Jerries. All this is fine and good, and the way it should be. Why, when we are fortunate enough to be drawn off the front lines for a hurried trip to the rear installations for mail, supplies, etc., are we held up in traffic jams caused by men using the already inadequate road facilities for loose order drill and the like?

It isn't the fellows' fault. Some of these guys have been pulled off the front lines for rest periods, and they deserve the rest rather than a continuation of training.

If you just have to make a training schedule, and have to include close order drill in order to fill it, keep them off the roads.—Delayed - TD.

## We Stood By

Most of the talk and writing about preventing future wars seem to assume that the next war will start with a bomb explosion or some other military attack. Before military weapons were ever used in World War II, there was a different kind of war, the war of thoughts, attitudes, and international morals. Berlin and Tokyo were directing their international propaganda and fifth-column machines to get us to take the attitude that their victims, Poles, Czechs, Jews, etc., should be bullied and

mistreated, while the rest of us, who were not racial minorities or small nations, were apparently to go unscathed.

We stood by while others were vilified and oppressed long before the shooting was started. We came to accept that international immorality, and were kept mentally disarmed for the next step, the military war. Then, lacking sufficient arms, we saw that we could be victims, too, the same as the others.

There's your pattern for the next war—allowing bullying of the weak or defenseless and tolerating evil, only to become victims ourselves. Are we going to fall for another such buildup by Germany? Maybe, besides keeping an international force to strike down military aggression, we ought to have an international intelligence to protect minority nations and races against propaganda and fifth columnism directed from a central source.—Pvt. M.K., AAA.

## Great Injustice

In the Nov. 24 B-Bag, I noticed that Sgt. Edwin A. Cole was reduced to private, while hospitalized for wounds received in action, "because of his long absence."

AR 615-5 (30 June 1943) par. 14 (1) says: "A non-commissioned officer will not be reduced because of absence due to sickness in line of duty."

If the Sgt. will notify an officer in the Inspector General's Department of his division, I am sure that action will be taken to reinstate him, with no loss in pay or time in grade.—W/O D. H. Martson.

## We Hope

Perhaps a reminder in your column would start the fellows to writing to their old mail clerk, who would forward that much-wanted mail to the proper owner.—Mail Clerk.

## Grateful

Orchids to the Fifth Armored Div. What they did may not mean much to others, but it meant an awful lot to me. As I was passing their moving convoy with a load of steel beams on my truck near Belgium, the drivers and others in the convoy—including a major—would wave to me on blind curves and hills to help me pass. Thanks a million.—Cpl. J. C. Walker, Engrs.

# An Editorial A Salute to the People



THIS Theater of ours is host to sixteen Congressmen and one Congressman. The other day they visited General Ike's advance headquarters. Ike told them he thought combat pay should be given to medics serving with fighting battalions.

There in a nutshell is a classic example of democracy at work. It wasn't Von Rundstedt asking Hitler. It wasn't Von Bock phoning Himmler. It was Ike Eisenhower talking things over with representatives of the people of the United States.

Whether it's medics getting combat pay—or the U.S. declaring war—or Congress framing a GI bill of rights—it's not the will or whim of an individual. It's a matter which affects the people—and on which the people, through their elected representatives, have the final word.

We like that system so much, we're fighting to keep it.

We like it so well we'd like to say how glad we are to have our Congressmen here among us. Since all the home folks can't come over, we're glad to greet their—and our—representatives.

We want them to see where we're fighting, how we're doing, what we're lacking. We'd like them to learn first hand what war is like.

We'd like every American soldier who sees them to cheer them. They are the American people. They remind us that the people and the Army are one and indivisible. And that George Washington hit the nail on the head when he said—"When we assumed the role of soldier we did not lay aside the role of citizen."

# SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE

## Maj. Gen. Rose Decorated

A general who stayed with the most advanced elements of his command to direct their attack personally, and who assisted in the evacuation of wounded, recently was awarded a DSC.

He is Maj. Gen. Maurice Rose, commander of the Third Armored Div. and three-time Silver Star winner. The DSC was issued for his

action during his division's smash across Belgium in ten days.

## Plenty of Reason to Grow

"Elmer" has something to crow about. He lived through Thanksgiving. Elmer is a rooster and the mascot of the 218th Eng. Bn. A field artillery battalion lured him away from the motor pool parts truck, planning on an extra treat for Thanksgiving dinner, but the Engineers found him in time to save him from the block.

## 5 Put Out on 1 Pitch

The own looked like a good spot to set up a command post for their Sixth Armored Div. unit, but it was still held by German tanks and infantry.

Capt. H. E. Wortsmit, of North Little Rock, Ark., went forward on foot, spotted two enemy tanks and called up tank destroyers which knocked out both. When Wortsmit entered the town with the infantry, he saw some Germans run into the cellar of a house. Wortsmit picked up a rock, threw it in the cellar and yelled "grenade". Two Nazi officers and three EMS walked out with hands raised.

## Scout's Honor?

Armored Infantrymen of the Third Army's Tenth Armored Div. believe that either the Volksturm is recruiting from the cradle or the Germans are getting more original in surrendering. Men of C Co, 54th Armored Inf. Bn., say their re-

cent prisoners have forsaken the time-honored "Kamerad" for a new one—"Me, Boy Scout."

## Jep Knocks Down 88

The jeep was going one way and the 88 shell was traveling in the opposite direction. They met head on.

The shell split the bumper, exploded under the vehicle and knock-



ed off all four wheels. The passengers, 2/Lt. Oliver J. Bussen, of St. Louis, Mo.; S/Sgt. Andrew Cox, of Pittsburgh, Penna.; and T/4 Carl Hoffman, of Crestline, Ohio, were uninjured. They hitchhiked back to their 305th Engr. headquarters with the 80th Inf. Div.

## New Anti-Yank Gun

Hitler's newest "People's Army" weapon is the Y1—or, as the Yank kids call it, a slingshot.

Pvt. Kurt E. Marcus, of New York City and the 35th Inf. Div., says: "The little Kraut soldier who had the slingshot in his pocket claimed he was 18, but he looked about 14. He seemed very embarrassed when I asked him what he used it for."



"It's only natural for the fellows to be attracted by civvies!"

## THE STARS AND STRIPES

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Booby Trap. "Oh, come on, buddy, sit in for a few hands. We only play for low stakes."

Last Straw Department, T/4 John R. Gallo has struggled to make good meals out of "most every type of ration the Army has—and succeeded. But this week they stumped him. He received for rations for the men a supply of Gerbers Baby Food.

GI Observation. The Man in the Moon isn't half as interesting as the Lady in the Sun.

Today's Daffynition. Allotment: An arrangement whereby the government guarantees that some of a serviceman's pay is spent on the woman entitled to it.

Overheard in the Blackout. "Some girls are not afraid of mice—others have pretty legs."

A WAC once said her boy friend was like the fourth man in a conga



line. You know—"one, two, three, jerk!"

Meanest Man in the World. A Vancouver citizen was bowled over by a speeding car. The driver then stopped, ran back, stole the guy's wallet and sped away.

Afterthought. Some guys have no respect for age unless it's bottled.

This comes under our Anglo-American Relations Dept. The British tar and the American gob were discussing their respective aircraft carriers. "Low fast are they?" asked the tar. "To tell you the truth, I don't know," answered what must have been a Texan. "We've never really opened them up. All they've been required to do so far is to keep up with the planes."

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

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

Hit Them Hard In One Big Drive. Then Come Home In '45. J. C. W.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, The Stars and Stripes, Paris, France, APO 887.

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LETTER written "Mon. eve., July 3," enclosing photo of wife and daughter Barbara Jean, "who looks about a year old." Sgt. F. Tarney.

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PVT. Dan D. Lewand, 26566359; Lt. Norris G. McGowan, 34202073; Lt.; Sgt. Thad. Newman, St. John, Utah; Cpl. DeWayne Newman, St. John, Utah; Clenton Rhodes, Swansboro, N.C.; Cpl. Ross Russell, St. John, Utah; Capt. Jacob M. Williams, Monticello, Ark.

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# 6 Days of Hell, And on the 7th They Rested...

**By Bill Barton**  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

**WITH SECOND ARMORED DIV IN GERMANY.**—For six days of hell, men of the 41st Armored Inf Regt. fought for yardage through the mud and rain on the Ninth Army front. On the seventh day they found rest.

The first day, they followed tanks over flat open ground raked by Nazi heavy artillery, mortar and small-arms fire to take a certain village 1,000 yards from their jump-off position.

**Dig In With CP**

That night they dug in with the CP in the captured village. On the second day, German artillery and anti-tank guns, positioned on high ground, picked off the American tanks which had led the doughs in. The infantry was then on its own. Then, wave after wave of Wehrmacht charged the village, only to be cut down by automatic and small-arms fire. T/Sgt. Bill B. Klosky, of Chicago, dodged from hole to hole, passing out the dwindling stocks of ammunition.

Later, it was decided that the village was untenable, and while riflemen fired clip after clip, the machine guns pulled out.

**Entrench in Orchard**

The night of the second day, the doughs entrenched in a little orchard and for three days wallowed in the rain-filled foxholes while Nazi 88s shelled their positions. No movement was possible during the daylight.

At night, the wounded were evacuated by Pfc Arlon F. Dick, of Denney, Ky.; Sgt. Virgil Jones, of Beaumont, Tex.; Pvt. Raymond Infante, of Brooklyn; Pfc John W. Morris, of Lorain, O.; Pfc George E. Dehn, of Clinton, Mo.; Pfc Francis Moore, of Rice Station, Ky.; Pfc Harold L. Groesbeck, of Lansing, Mich., and Pfc Malcolm O. Jones, of Marydell, Ky.

On the sixth day, they counter-attacked the high-ground positions from which the artillery fire had come. That night, the relief force arrived and the 41st Rgt. moved back to rest billets.

# Budapest Nazis Are Reinforced

*(Continued from Page 1)*

Malinovsky's troops are moving along the highway that runs down the Danube bank and have almost reached the suburb of Ujpest from which it would be possible to stage a decisive thrust into the city.

The Russians announced that in four days they had captured 5,600 prisoners, most of them Hungarians who had surrendered voluntarily.

# Bond Given Orphan By Dad's Outfit

ATLANTA, Dec. 11 (ANS).—Jefferson Lamar Banks Jr. was seven weeks old yesterday and he received a \$100 war bond from the boys his dad fought with in France.

Lamar's father was killed in action Aug. 23. Lamar was born Oct. 12. The boys of a headquarters battery of field artillery with whom Lamar Senior fought had looked forward to the baby's arrival. When they learned of it they collected \$100 and sent it to Mrs. Catherine Banks, mother of the youngster, and asked her to buy a War Bond for him.

"May his future be one to bring credit upon his father's memory," they wrote.

# She Sings, Too



Lupins are very lovely flowers, appearing in the early spring in delicate shades of baby blue. We figure it doesn't make much difference what we say down here. Who reads this anyway after the way blonde Miss Martha Tilton, former soloist with Benny Goodman, is looking out of the picture? Ah, lupins.

# New Ration Authorized To Help WACs Reduce

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (ANS).—Army has authorized special low-calorie balanced rations to help WACs reduce, warning that "dietary habits acquired in training may persist, causing undesirable obesity," the Army and Navy Journal disclosed today in a WD table of "ideal weights."

The table says that a WAC five feet two inches tall with a small frame should weigh 111 to 119 pounds. Medium frames of the same height may tip the scales at 118 to 126, while large frame gals may go as high as 136.

# The Long and the Short of It—

**6-Foot-5 GI, in First Battle, Proves He's 'Man to Look Up To'**

WITH FIFTH INF. DIV.

PVT. Dale Rex, of Randolph, Utah, is six feet five inches tall. His buddies used to kid him about being a soldier one could look up to.

In one of his first combat actions, Rex took over a machine gunner's position when the gunner became a casualty. The Germans were attacking the battalion beachhead on the east bank of the Moselle with fixed bayonets. They were coming on in waves across a field.

It went on for about 60 hours, until the battalion was forced to evacuate because of losses.

Rex took off his clothes and wrapped them around a wounded soldier who was lying on the ground, waiting for a litter. Then the private swam to the opposite bank to find a landing place for withdrawing troops.

He saved a GI from drowning and has been recommended for an award.

**Little Man Who Wasn't There Wrote Six Letters—Now He Is**

FORT SHERIDAN, Ill., Dec. 11 (UP).

IT took five letters to President Roosevelt and one to Gen. Henry H. Arnold to convert Stanley C. Salzenstein, 19, into Pvt. Stanley C. Salzenstein, the shortest man in the service.

Salzenstein, only four feet 10 1/2 inches tall, is an inch and one half under the Army's minimum.

His first letter asking admission to the Air Force was sent to Gen. Arnold, who turned him down. Stanley then wrote to the President and his first four letters were referred to the War Department. In each case officials agreed with Gen. Arnold—that Stanley was too short.

His sixth letter was referred to the Illinois Selective Service headquarters with a note that Salzenstein be inducted if he passed other physical tests. He did and is now stationed at Fort Sheridan, the same post where his father, Adolf, served in World War I.

# France Faces Most Difficult Winter of War

By one of the strange quirks of warfare, France will suffer more in the first winter of liberation under the Allies than during any of the previous four winters under Nazi domination, the Associated Press reports.

There have been some improvements since the flight of the Germans but living conditions nowhere approach the relatively comfortable months before D-Day. With transport facilities and food and coal-supply lines disrupted, the French face the worst winter since the war of 1870.

**Franc Poses Question**

Part of the Frenchman's trouble is that, even though his pockets may frequently bulge with franc notes, he never knows how much this money will be worth tomorrow. In addition, bombings and sabotage and removal to the Reich have cut deep holes in his country's industrial capacity, and many of the most skilled technicians were deported by the Germans.

The nation's ports, railroads, bridges, marshalling yards, rolling stock and locomotives have been the victims of every means of destruction at war's command. What escaped or has now been rejuvenated is used for urgent military transport—all of which means France must freeze, must eat meagerly and must attempt to run factories and mills on a fraction of the power that is needed.

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battle. It is equally important that you complete the victory over Nazi ideas."

He continued, "You personally must prove to the German people that their acceptance of Nazi leadership is responsible for their defeat and that it has earned for them the distrust of the rest of the world."

The seven special orders are: 1. To remember always that Germany, though conquered, is still a dangerous enemy nation. 2. Never to trust Germans, collectively or individually. 3. To defeat German efforts to poison thoughts or influence attitude. 4. To avoid acts of violence, except when required by military necessity. 5. To command the respect of the German people for the soldiers, for the United States, and for the Allied cause. 6. Never to associate with Germans. 7. To be fair, but firm with Germans.

# Strange Setting, Familiar Joes



Combat troops in the snow and bitter cold of the Western Front will recognize the sprawled positions and facial expressions of these infantrymen under fire half a world away, dodging Jap machine-gun fire on Leyte Island, now almost completely occupied.

# Port of Ormoc Two Key Cities Seized by U.S. Fall to Yanks

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ply dumps. Heavy bombers, meanwhile, struck at Jap shipping and airports in the Southwest Pacific.

Tokyo Radio yesterday reported that B29s had made their fifth straight attack on the Jap capital on Sunday. This report was not confirmed by any U.S. source.

**Six More Jap Admirals Die**

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (ANS).—Deaths of six Japanese admirals and another army general were reported today by Domei News Agency, boosting the total reported dead by Tokyo to 73 admirals since May 7 and 18 generals since May 23.

The announcement followed by 48 hours an announcement by Yokosuka naval station of the deaths of 13 other admirals.

# 1,600 Heavies Hit Frankfurt

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that another force of British heavy-weights had crossed the Channel, apparently heading for the third raid on Germany within a seven-hour period. Berlin radio reported bombers over Hanover and Brunswick, and the Hamburg radio went off the air.

Incomplete reports from the Ninth Air Force revealed that 332 fighter-bomber sorties were made yesterday against marshalling yards and troop concentrations on the First and Ninth Army fronts.

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phasizing the government's plea for increased war production.

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army men pushed along both sides of the Aachen-Cologne superhighway. They captured the town of Doru and Echtz, a village near the Roer, and entered the western outskirts of Merken, 1,500 yards from the river.

**Counter-attacks Repulsed**

Southward, U.S. Third Army men beat off 11 counter-attacks in 24 hours against their bridgeheads over the Saar at Saarlautern and Dillingen.

One was made by 85 Nazi fanatics who charged wildly, yelling "Heil Hitler," until they were wiped out by doughs of the 90th Division's 359th Regiment.

In Holland, floodwaters released when the Germans breached the lower Rhine dykes between Nijmegen and Arnhem, restricted action on the British-Canadian front to patrolling. Associated Press front reports said.

**Germans Digging In**

South of this front, U.S. Ninth Army artillery and mortars duelled with enemy guns. Southeast of Julich, Ninth Army men saw Germans digging in at Hambach.

In the Saar Basin, Nazis have been pouring 6,000 shells a day on the Saarlautern and Dillingen bridgeheads. Fighting was savage in Saarlautern where the enemy was holding out in a brickyard in the Roden suburb. Men of the 377th Rgt. who fought bitterly for two city blocks captured a big hotel, in which they fought a pitched battle for the ballroom, according to The Stars and Stripes front reports.

**Awards for Patton, Hodges**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11 (ANS).—Lt. Gens. Patton and Hodges, commanders of the Third and First American Armies, respectively, have been awarded Oak Leaf Clusters for their Distinguished Service Medals. Both awards, the War Department announced, were for their leadership in the campaigns in France last summer.

# British Reinforcements Oppose Greek Rebels

ATHENS, Dec. 11 (AP).—British reinforcements were arriving today to oppose an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 members of the ELAS in the battle for Athens.

A British spokesman said that the British had not yet "gone all out" in fighting. He expressed doubt that the ELAS would be able to call up any more forces since these were required elsewhere.