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Roymen Zee dee Strahse
Get off the street

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Les Français sont des gens
merveilleux
Lay fronSAY sawn day jon
mairvay-yuh
The French are marvelous people

26 Big Jap Ships Blasted

2 Enemy Carriers, 1 Battleship Sunk

In one of the most lopsided victories of the Pacific war, the U.S. Third and Seventh Fleets sank or damaged at least 26 Japanese warships in the three-day battle in Philippine waters, dispatches revealed yesterday. Incomplete reports of the engagement, which has now become a chase, showed these results:

SUNK (8)

Two carriers, one battleship, five cruisers.

PROBABLY SUNK (3)

Two battleships, one carrier.

DAMAGED (15 PLUS)

Seven battleships, four cruisers, four destroyers and several more destroyers. The main American losses, according to reports which may overlap, are two escort carriers, one of them the Princeton, announced previously.

It was impossible to establish a definite figure on Jap losses. Reports have been issued from both Pearl Harbor and from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's Philippine headquarters, with possible duplication. There were three principal actions—one southeast of Formosa, where the Third Fleet sank or damaged with bombs and torpedoes more than a dozen enemy ships—and the other two off Leyte, where the Seventh Fleet, aided by escort carrier planes and units of the Third Fleet, beat off two enemy forces attempting to attack MacArthur's invasion troops.

Six of Eight Sunk

A Reuter dispatch said six of eight ships which approached Leyte from the south had been sunk and the other two vessels damaged.

Believed based at Singapore, this enemy fleet, the dispatch said, came from the Sulu Sea through the Surigao Strait, southeast of Leyte.

American surface ships and planes, it said, sank two battleships, one cruiser and three destroyers and damaged another cruiser and destroyer.

A dispatch from MacArthur's headquarters reported that two Jap naval groups approached Leyte Gulf from the east Wednesday morning.

Although his forces were outnumbered, Vice-Adm. Thomas C. Kincaid, Seventh Fleet chief, split his strength, sending two task forces, one including an Australian squadron, in opposite directions to beat back the threat to Leyte.

First Ship-to-Ship Battle

Backed by carrier planes, Kincaid's fleet fought the first American ship-to-ship battle against the Japanese in more than a year. They sank a 29,000-ton battleship, a number of cruisers and destroyers and damaged three other cruisers and several destroyers, the dispatch said, for a loss of an escort carrier and several torpedo boats.

A Pearl Harbor communique said a Third Fleet task group went to the aid of

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Back Home



This is a typical salvo from a big U.S. battle wagon now slugging it out with the Jap fleet in battle off the Philippines.

Guderian Takes Over in East; Reds Step Up Prussia Blows

By The Associated Press

Col. Gen. Heinz Guderian, the ardent Nazi who became chief of the German general staff shortly after the attempt on Adolf Hitler's life last July, yesterday was given supreme command of the German armies on the Eastern Front. His appointment came as the Russians, in an attempt to get their offensive moving again through East Prussia, pummeled the whole Nazi line with fresh infantry and armor.

Guderian's switch to the East came as Marshal Stalin, in an order of the day, last night announced the capture of Munkacs, a Czechoslovak mining town and communications center 100 miles northeast of Debrecen.

Simultaneously, Col. Ernst von Hammer, German News Agency commentator, announced the Germans in East Prussia had given up Stallupoenen, on the Kaunas-Liepzig-Konigsberg railway about six miles inside the Reich province.

As Guderian took over, Gen. Chernyakovsky was launching a mass onslaught on the southern end of the East Prussian front, from Augustow, north to the Niemen River, according to German radio.

Battle Around Augustow

One battle swayed around Augustow. Another blazed 15 miles east of Insterburg.

Many East Prussian villages are being leveled by the fury of the fighting, but as yet the German secondary line—plugged with scores of tanks—has not cracked.

Enemy reports said the Russian offensive north of Warsaw between the Bug and the Vistula subsided after a number of penetrations.

In Norway, a Reuter dispatch from Moscow said Gen. Meretskov followed up the capture of the Arctic port of Kirkenes by seizing several airfields from which German bombers and torpedo planes had attacked Allied convoys bound for Murmansk.

Pass Ban Traps More AWOLs Here

MPs in London picked up "considerably more" AWOLs during the 42-hour roundup which ended midnight Wednesday than they did during the last previous roundup May 15, the Provost Marshal's office announced yesterday. The May bag netted 42. This week's figures were not announced. The roundup lasted from 6 AM Tuesday, placing a restriction on all U.S. Army personnel in the U.K. except combat aircrew men on leave, men just back from combat, men on emergency leave, and men on special duty.

At That Rate He Could Afford Not To Work

PARIS, Oct. 26 (Reuter)—Louis Renault, head of the Renault motor firm, who has just died after being arrested for collaborating with the Germans, was given to a sudden temper which made him feared by employees.

Seeing a man sitting down doing nothing in his factory, Renault asked him, "What do you earn?"

"5,000 francs a month," replied the man.

Renault turned to his secretary: "Pay this man 10,000 francs. I don't want to see him again."

The cashier paid the money and then asked the man what job he did in the factory.

The latter replied: "I don't work here. I was making a delivery. But thanks for the 10,000 francs."

Big Day Blow At Reich Again

For the second straight day more than 1,200 U.S. heavy bombers swarmed over Germany yesterday, battering rail and industrial targets in the Hanover, Munster and Bielefeld areas. They were followed up by RAF heavies in their second successive daylight attack on the Reich.

Upward of 600 Thunderbolt and Mustang fighters escorted the Fortresses and Liberators, which bombed through solid cloud. One bomber and one fighter were lost.

The RAF Lancasters, shepherded by Mustangs, attacked the I. G. Farben Industrie chemical works at Leverkusen.

Nazis in Greece Yield Larissa

ROME, Oct. 26 (AP)—Greek guerrilla forces have occupied the important Greek communications center of Larissa, the Allied communique announced today.

Larissa is less than 100 miles by air from Greece's northern frontier. By evacuating it, the Germans have lost not only their remaining air base within 300 miles of Crete but also the last hope of evacuating any real part of the Crete garrison, between 12,000 and 15,000, by air.

English Church Head Dies

Dr. William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, died of a heart attack yesterday. He was 63. He was the 9th Archbishop of Canterbury, and had served as head of the Church of England since 1942.

Say Allies On 2 Islands Off Antwerp

Allied landings on Walcheren and South Beveland, the two Dutch islands north of the Scheldt Estuary which cover the approaches to Antwerp, were reported by Berlin yesterday.

Combined Allied naval and land forces sought to gain access to the harbor of Antwerp—which would greatly shorten Allied supply lines to the 600-mile long battlefield—by landing on South Beveland and "attempting a landing" on Walcheren, German sources said.

Meanwhile, the British advance to Hertogenbosch continued to force 40,000 Nazis into a general withdrawal from western Holland, and from the Third Army front came an official report that German troops there have shown marked deterioration in morale in the past few weeks.

Rumors that Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt had been ousted were discounted by the German News Agency, which declared that he is still supreme German commander in the West.

Canadians in Oostburg

Field Marshal Montgomery's offensive pushed forward along the whole length of his 75-mile front, and British infantry were fighting their way last night into the outskirts of Tilburg, important Dutch communications center.

British tanks crossed the Tilburg-Hertogenbosch road at three places, and the railway at one place, as Tommies in Hertogenbosch battled their way through the southwestern district after clearing the Germans from about three-quarters of the town.

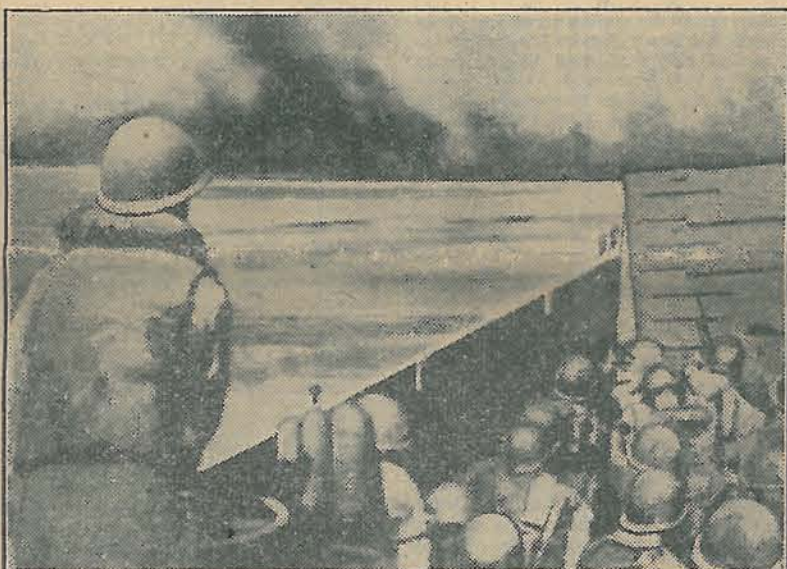
New gains were made by Canadian troops in the sector north of Antwerp. The Canadians were fighting in the streets of Oostburg, four miles from the location of the last big guns which command the southern entrance to the Scheldt.

On the Canadian and British sectors, it was estimated, the Germans were losing daily the equivalent of a full battalion, 800 men, in prisoners.

Two U.S. Subs Lost

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26 (AP)—The Navy announced today that the submarines Herring and Golet, carrying crews of 65 men each, were overdue and presumed lost in the Pacific.

Bataan Payment, Installment No. 1



U.S. infantrymen return to the Philippines. A landing craft, loaded with doughboys, cuts its way to the shores of Leyte, still smoldering from preliminary air assault and naval bombardment.



Official U.S. Photo
Old Glory again flies over Philippine soil as a GI raises the flag after the initial landings in the central islands.

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BLOW IT OUT HERE

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

A WAC Talks Back
 Oct. 24, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,
 We WACs have been listening to fellow GIs gripe over little petty things concerning us; such as, getting sheets, more clothes, etc. Ever since May 15, 1942, they have been fussing and saying "What does the Army need women for?" Then they decided (on the leary side) to give us a chance to prove ourselves. And I think we have done our best in whatever was put before us.

Now, "The Orphans," of RCD Sq. bring up the old subject of WACs overseas. If one of us was asked would we ever marry, you never heard us say "No," because we thought we could do as good a job over here, and it has been proven whether you want to admit it or not. Just take a good look around. The gals who are in France were asked for by their office or section chiefs, and, if you don't believe me, I can give you some very good references.

Why don't you guys admit the truth! You don't want your women to be able to do the things you can. We'll leave the muscle part to you, but we'll shoot a gun if the occasion arises. Don't you think it's about time you quit griping about the WACs? You can still wear the pants in the family!—T/4 Johnson, WAC.

Zipper on the Bottom
 Oct. 20, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,
 A suggestion to the Quartermaster Corps: Why not modify duffle bags by placing a zipper on the bottom? Everything we look for is always there and that would make it easier to get to.—Inspection Happy.

Pinups for Pfc Doherty
 Oct. 21, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,
 This is an answer to poor Pfc Doherty's laundry gripe. Let him do his own laundry in a helmet; that's what combat men do, or why don't he make friends with Umbrigo? Good God! Doherty, why don't you wise up? It's guys like you who make life miserable for the rest of us soldiers. We can give you individual instruction on the threading of the M94 needle.—3 ex infantrymen, now K-5, hospital commandoes.

In Defense of 'The Voice'
 Oct. 22, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,
 Since we have nothing to do here at the hospital I'm sure we can find time to sew on buttons for Pfc Doherty. But I wonder what he would do if it were 88s, mortars or screaming mimis knocking his buttons off for him instead of the laundry?
 Enclosed are two safety pins. Please forward them to our dear boy. I'm about well enough to start looking forward to going back to the front where my buddies are and not looking forward to buttonless laundry.—S/Sgt. Lewis E. Fite Jr., Inf.

Dear Stars and Stripes,
 Oct. 23, 1944

We've been washing all of our own clothes—including ODS—for months—and with cold water. If Pfc Doherty continues to be abused by the laundry this way, we might be able to talk the boys into contributing some of our buttons for a worthy (?) cause. Oh my Airborne back!—T/Sgt. Jack Torchinsky, S/Sgt. Harold Florence, Sgt. Lawrence D. Caplane, Airborne Infantry.

Dear Stars and Stripes,
 Oct. 24, 1944

I fail to see a justification in your recent, humorous (sic) pannings of Frank Sinatra, nor do I think it in good taste. That your sheet is slanted to fill the needs of what your conception of the "average GI likes" is evident; but, inasmuch as ETOUSA limits American newspaper publications in this theater to "Stars and Stripes" (leaving no alternative) I think the editors might show a little more discretion in voicing what are apparently their own opinions as far as evaluating popular vocalists is concerned.

Judging from the frequency with which Sinatra appears on such GI-requested shows as Command Performance, I think your pannings, aside from being cheap and childish, are out of order. And that goes double for your "three grateful GIs," the aging WAC, and juvenile delinquent Edward J. Dorogoklepetz.—J.W.D., A.A.F.

Hash Marks

He may be with the Yanks in France, but Cpl. Julius Nathan sleeps in Chicago every night. When Nathan moved through a French coastal city he found a sign reading "Chicago" and he hangs it wherever he pitches his tent.

Despite his name, PX Manager Sgt. Robert W. Cash, of an air depot in Ireland, extends credit on Red Cross chits.



The "Cash credit" business booms especially on Pay-Day-plus-29 among Air Service Command mechanics.

We believe there's more truth than rumor in what Cpl. Ed Glick claims to have heard. He says that Japanese naval authorities have decided to concentrate on submarines, as most of the ships launched thus far have wound up under water anyway.

We like the way Pfc Clifton A. Johnson introduces himself. "Johnson's my name," he says, "I guess you know yours."

Every once in a while we like to use one of our old ones. (No cracks, please.) We chanced upon a couple of Joes the other evening and overheard what is perhaps the newest version of one of the oldest jokes. "Who was that lady I saw you with last night?" asked one Joe. "That was no lady, that was my WAAF," replied the other.

We were amused the other morning when a BBC announcer said, after the midnight newscast, "The time will very nearly be 12.20 AM."

Which brings to mind the direction offered by a well-meaning Englishwoman: "Second on the right, first left, then bear vaguely to the right."

A group of four girls was discussing their respective husbands. The first girl said her husband had just received his



majority, the second girl's husband had just been promoted to captain and the third girl's husband was a recent graduate of OCS. The fourth girl, who had remained more or less in the background, then came forward and proudly said, "Well, my husband still has his privacy."

Current version of an oldie. GI Barber: "Haven't I shaved you somewhere else before, sir?" Shavetail: "No, I got this cut on maneuvers."
 J. C. W.

UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



"Sure I got seniority. I got busted a week before you did."

An Editorial

Do These Guys Really Matter?

HITLER must be having a good belly laugh at our war-time election. The idea of juggling bullets and ballots in the middle of a battle must strike him as clean out of this world.

Come to think of it, it IS an odd idea.

Why print all those ballots in war time when paper is precious? Why use up valuable cargo space to ship those ballots over here? What's the idea of having GIs like these take time out to pick leaders to run a country thousands of miles away?

For all the trouble they're taking you'd think what these Joes think actually matters.

The fact is—it does.

That's why this slit-trench suffrage is just about the biggest miracle on the face of God's green earth. It seems you and I and every other Joe has something to say. And that it's worth a heap of time, trouble and money to give us a chance to say it.

It seems we count for something—that we're not just robots or machines or servants of the state.



To Hitler it's democratic rot. To the liberated people it's the sweet breath of hope. To us it's just one of those things that makes a man feel good inside about being an American.

Ups and Downs of the Air Force

10 Forts Bagged 60 Nazis, Then Took On Fog

AFTER reading in The Stars and Stripes about the ten Forts which shot down 60 Nazi fighters in the Munster raid a year ago, 1/Lt. John A. Holzauer, flying control officer, writes:

"But that story did not end for the boys of the 390th Bomb Group when the P47s charged in. Instead, they ran into a second pack of trouble.

"After the boys had coaxed their battered ships to within ten minutes of their base, an east wind blew in an unexpected fog off the North Sea. Everyone was low on gas. And then a group of P47s saw what was happening and settled down on us like a swarm of bees.

"In five minutes the tower could barely see the ends of the runways and there was no time to arrange a diversion. The few we could contact by radio we told to fly west. Meanwhile, what could barely be called a pattern was filling with B17s and P47s making right and left hand circuits, altitude 50 feet.

"Some of the boys had to land or bail out, so in they came. We used all three runways and the sky was full of flames fired from ground and aircraft. The tower

crew were frantic trying to tend to crash landings and log times and types as well.

"The final count showed that in approximately 30 minutes we got seven damaged B17s all over the field, only three or four our own; 25 P47s parked everywhere; and, to top it off, in one corner of the field we found a Piper Cub we never even saw land."

Compiling 2,045 out of a possible 2,200 points, a five-man team from the QM service company attached to the 467th Liberator Group recently copped the base carbine marksmanship tournament.

High-scorer was Sgt. Clarence E. Hall, of Osborne, Ohio, who racked up 388 tallies out of a possible 400.

Other members of the winning team were Capt. Albert L. Touchette, company commander from Forestdale, R.I.; T/Sgt. Gordon E. Sammons, of Huntington, Mass.; T/Sgt. Jack T. Sammons, of Tampa, Fla., and Pfc Elio Cultreru, of New York.

THE Fortress Miss You III in the group commanded by Col. Harris E. Rogner, of Masury, Ohio, has flown 61 combat missions in 726 hours without once turning back for mechanical reasons. Members of the ground crew are T/Sgt. Robert Cardin, of Lexington, Mass., crew chief; Sgt. Maynard E. Stratton, of Corning, N.Y., assistant; Pvt. Ronald Borders, of Prattville, Ala., and Pvt. Horace W. Stover, of Columbia, Pa.

1/Lt. William C. Chun, Chinese-American Fortress bombardier in the 92nd Bomb Group, who hails from Honolulu, Hawaii, has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

PFC Mary R. Jaques, of Beacon, N.Y., serving at an Air Service Command depot, is one of the few WACs authorized to wear the World War I Victory Medal. She served in France with the women's auxiliary of the British Army in that war.

In a recent decoration ceremony, three Eighth Air Force Service Command department chiefs received Bronze Stars from Lt. Col. Howard A. Moody, Santa Cruz, Cal., station commander. The recipients were Lt. Cols. Claude O. Perry, of Fairfield, Ohio, and James W. Rice, of Austin, Tex., and Maj. William J. Schukraft, of Chicago.

THE first U.S. dance band to play at London's Stage Door Canteen, the Eighth AFSC Hi-Fliers, led by Lt. Harry Blum, of Baltimore, Md., recently made a second appearance there.

A check for \$4,333 (over \$17,000) was presented to the American Red Cross by Maj. Gen. Robert B. Williams, First Bombardment Division commander, on behalf of the division's combat crewmen, who donated the money for the relief of U.S. prisoners of war.

FIVE enlisted men in the Liberator group commanded by Col. Lorin L. Johnson, of Payson, Utah, have been awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious achievement.

Two of them, M/Sgts. Joseph Haluko, of New Brunswick, N.J., and Earl Havins, of Somerton, Ariz., crew maintenance chiefs, have serviced B24s for 120 mis-

sions between them without a turnback for mechanical reasons.

M/Sgt. Albino J. Lemone, of Pittsfield, Mass., squadron armament chief, and T/Sgts. Paul L. Wright, of Osawatomie, Kan., photo interpreter, and James T. Kehoe, of Chicago, squadron ordnance section chief, are the other three.

Capt. Joseph Shulman, dental officer from West New York, N.J., and his 12 Cavities give out with band music at their Troop Carrier Command base. Sgt. Bob Shmook, of Detroit, is vocalist.

DECLINING a 30-day leave in the U.S., Capt. Erro Michelson, of DeKalb, Ill., 92nd Bomb Group squadron bombardier, has completed 43 Fort missions, including 19 group leads, five wing leads, and three division leads.

Capt. George E. Bostwick, P47 pilot from Wausau, Wis., has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

THE Fortress Ice Cold Katie in the squadron commanded by Capt. James A. McKinney, of Walla Walla, Wash., has completed 557 hours' flying time on its original set of engines, going 40 missions without an abort. Crew chief is Sgt. Melvin W. Schrader, of Quincy, Ill., assisted by Cpl. Orville Karsteadt, of Newton, Wis., and Cpl. Mason A. Novinger, of Phoenix, Ariz.

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Once Over Lightly

By Charlie Kiley

NEW YORK, Oct. 26—The latest American League bulletin listing the transfer of Peter Weisner from Memphis of the Southern Association to the St. Louis Browns brings one-armed Pete Gray into the news again. Gray, whose real name is Weisner, is getting his chance in the majors not out of pity because he lacks a right arm or because he will be a freak for the curious customers to gaze at. Don Barnes and Luke Sewell made that clear during the World Series when questioned about Gray.

He is coming up on the strength of a lustrous minor league record which reached its peak the past season when he won the league's most valuable player award, hit .333 in 129 games, collected 167 hits in 501 trips to the plate, drove in 60 runs batting in the number two slot, and stole 68 bases. His base thefts equalled the league mark set by Kiki Cuyler in 1923. No doubt there of Gray's ability.

But how about the majors? It's a big leap from a class-A league to the top. Sewell admits he has never seen Gray play, but on the strength of the record and reports from scouts he feels one-armed Pete rates a chance. Fresco Thompson, who, as pilot of the New Orleans Pelicans had a chance to observe Gray all season and is well qualified to pass judgment, is one of Pete's most enthusiastic boosters.

"No team can afford to go easy on Gray, not even a major league club," Thompson said. "Despite his disability he can catch an outfield fly as expertly as any player with two arms. Sometimes he has trouble fielding ground balls but he never handles them as poorly as some outfielders I've seen in the major leagues. His timing at bat, swinging the stick with his left hand, is almost faultless and his speed is something to reckon with. On the bases he is going to be just as annoying to pitchers as Stirrweiss and Case.

"Gray has a good chance of being a regular with the Browns and if he makes good he'll be one of the biggest attractions baseball has ever known."

That "lady in red" who is sending New England racetracks to the cleaners has now run her streak to 19 straight show winners worth \$16,000, according to William Jubb, an executive of Rockingham Park. This lady, whose huge show bets have caused several minus pools around New England tracks, also has wagered at Baltimore and Jamaica, said Jubb. He believes she is a Revere, Mass., housewife, and her exploits have attracted letters from all over the country seeking her identity and information about her "system."

Jubb says she has wagered as high as \$12,000 on a favorite to show, and she also bet \$10,000 at Narragansett. He shattered one legend about the mysterious female, however, when he stated that she has worn her red coat only a few times and usually wears something else.

"She doesn't confine herself to one wager a day as some people think," Jubb said. "She often makes small bets, but she usually can be found at the \$100 show window with a bundle of cash and she often makes two thumping wagers a day."

SHORT SHOTS: Dick Waterhouse is something of a place-kicking ball of fire for the Army's gridiron juggernaut. In three games he has booted 20 extra points in 25 tries, including nine out of ten against Pitt and eight of 11 against Coast Guard Academy. . . . The sad situation in the boxing business is best told in an item which reports Lou Nova still around and elated to mix it with a geezer named Irish Johnny Flynn in Boston next month.

Beat Up Bronc Busters Ride Range on New York's 8th Ave.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26—Probably the roughest deal in all professional sports is currently being contested at Madison Square Garden. The buckaroos from the wild and woolly west have been getting their lumps for three weeks now, but the show goes on, although most of them are limping.

Not only rough on bones and muscles, the rodeo presents the toughest proposition of all sports in the all-important matter of corraling an errant dollar bill. The contestants in this bone-busting circus must pay their own way to and from each event, keep themselves in beans and coffee while the rodeo is in progress and then, if they don't place pretty high on the list for prize money, start thumbing their way back home, broken bones and all.

They are an entirely different breed among the different types who play for pay in the sports-crazy United States. Ballplayers, golfers, boxers and football players look like ordinary healthy citizens when they take off the distinguishing habiliments of their trades, but these steer jockeys don't take 'em off. They roam the streets of New York clad in multi-colored shirts, high-heeled boots and stetsons, much to the great awe and wonderment of the city slickers.

Occupational Injuries

The draft has hit the rodeo business just as it hit every other professional sport, but there are still plenty of top-flight performers left for the very peculiar reason that a great many rodeo riders manage to accumulate enough internal injuries and broken bones at an early age to make Army medical officers say no.

One of the best of the performers at the Garden right now is Hank Mills, who used to be a riding sensation around New York tracks in '32 and '33. He had to quit the race-track end of it because his weight got out of control.

Hank, who has been taking the ten-month rodeo tour for the past four years, says, "I guess I did the next best thing. I own a little ranch at Montrose, Col., where I have 12 horses for rodeo and farm purposes. It took me three years before I won a bareback bronc riding contest, but I think I have the hang of it now. My bulldogging is improving, too."

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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Found

S/SGT. Milton G. Giltz, ASN 6944430—your wallet was found near Tidworth on Oct. 20 and we have it in this office.

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—family photographs in folder stamped with the name of this town. A very new baby appears in each picture. Write to Help Wanted.

Personal

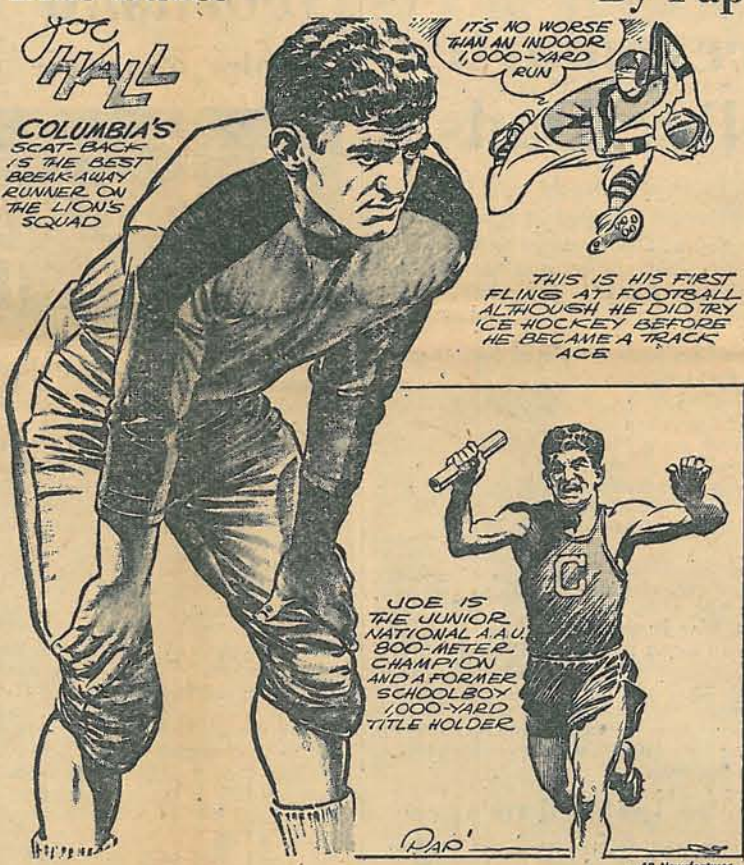
To Whom It May Concern—Unable to give results of Virginia, Denver, Utah, etc., as they are not available here. Will try later. Repeat inquiry with name, rank and unit. Warren (Buddy) Rosar caught for N.Y. Yankees 1938-42 inclusive, Cleveland 1943-44.



PETE GRAY

Blue Bullet

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COLUMBIA'S SCAT-BACK IS THE BEST BREAK-AWAY RUNNER ON THE LIONS SQUAD



By Pap

IT'S NO WORSE THAN AN INDOOR 1,000-YARD RUN

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Sinkwich Rolls Up Yardage To Lead Pro Ground Gainers

CHICAGO, Oct. 26—Official figures released by the National Football League today show that Fireball Frankie Sinkwich, despite high blood pressure, flat feet, appendicitis and countless minor ailments, is leading the circuit in ground gaining. Ninety-five yards ripped off Sunday put the Lion ace's total at 288, 73 yards ahead of Bill Paschal of the Giants.

Frankie Filchock of the Redskins strengthened his lead over the passers when he connected with 15 of 26 against Brooklyn Sunday. He has thrown 78 passes, of which 50 were completed for 642 yards gained and seven touchdowns. Irving Comp of Green Bay surpassed Filchock's yardage by four yards, although he has completed only 45 passes out of 88 attempts for a .511 percentage. Comp's receiver, the incomparable Don Hutson, has no doubt accounted for a great part of that bulge.

Hutson, of course, leads the scorers and pass catchers. He has brought down 35 tosses for 513 yards and five touchdowns. And his 48 points scored lead Jim Benton of Cleveland and Lou Brock of Green Bay, each of whom has tallied 30 points.

They've been in the Army three years and they deserve it," was Mike's advice, offered entirely free of charge to the War Department.

Eagles, Crusaders Meet

At Fenway Park, Nov. 26

BOSTON, Oct. 26—One of New England's better beak-busting parties, suspended last year, will be resumed here Nov. 26 when Holy Cross and Boston College play football again at Fenway Park.

The series was interrupted last fall when B.C. fielded an informal, all-civilian team. But though the Eagles are still all-civilian and "informal," apparently murder will out.

Cartier, Irish Alumnus, Dead

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26—George Cartier, a member of Notre Dame's first football team in 1887, has died here at the age of 76. Cartier and four brothers donated the field at Notre Dame which bears his name. The field was used for football until the new stadium was constructed during Knute Rockne's regime, and is still used for baseball and track.

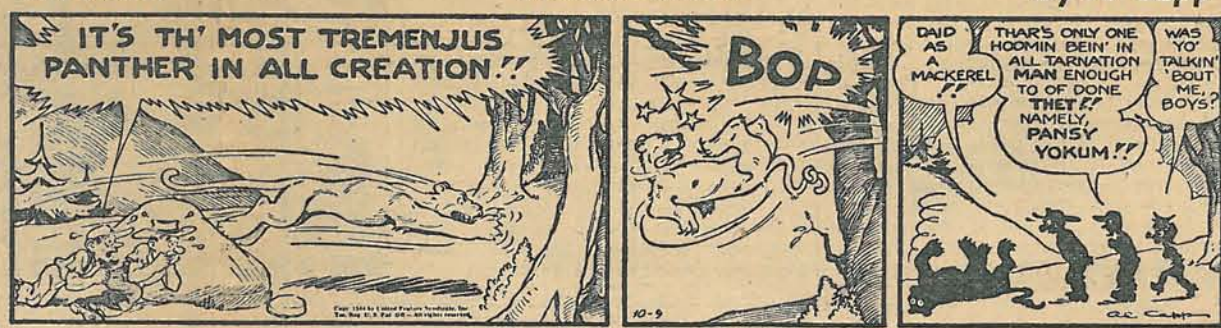
Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune



Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



Layden Nixes Brooklyn's Bid For Luckman

BROOKLYN, Oct. 26—Attempts by the Brooklyn Tigers to acquire the services of Sid Luckman while the Chicago Bears' great passer is stationed at nearby Sheepshead Bay were snuffed yesterday by National League Commissioner Elmer Layden.

Tom Gallery, general manager of the Tigers, said he had received a wire from Layden in which the former Notre Dame coach demanded a hands-off policy as far as the Tigers' interest in Luckman was concerned. "Stop immediately all stories on Luckman," the wire said. "Luckman is active on the Chicago Bears 1944 roster."

But while that message probably would settle the issue anywhere it did not please Mr. Gallery of Brooklyn. He



Elmer Layden

announced immediately that the wire would not cause him to cease his efforts to land Luckman for the foundering Tigers and said, "I want to talk with the commissioner and find out just what his objection is. As far as I can see we've violated no rule."

The general manager of the Flatbushers went on to say it was obvious that Luckman is valueless to the Bears this season, but that he feels as long as the great quarterback can't travel to Chicago, the Tigers ought to have the opportunity at least to use him "strictly on a loan" at such time as Luckman returns to Sheepshead Bay from sea duty.

Gallery pointed out that the Bears used Jim Benton of the Rams last year and that Detroit used Tom Colello of the Rams while that team suspended activities.

Navy Transfers Hit Purdue's Title Hopes

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Oct. 26—The Navy stepped on Purdue's Western Conference hopes rather solidly today in announcing the transfer of six Boilermaker stars immediately after the Michigan game next Saturday.

Frank Bauman, right end, and Chalmers Elliott, left halfback, are among those departing. Also slated for duty elsewhere are place-kicking artist Stan Dubicki, Center Walter Peremba, Quarterback Jim Walley and Tackle Calvin Dugas.

All those men go next week, and Ray Schultz, youthful Chicago passer and signal caller, will go after the Wisconsin game Nov. 24.

Fumble Epidemic in Southwest

DALLAS, Tex., Oct. 26—The Southwest Conference is suffering an epidemic of fumbling this season and there seems no remedy in sight.

Texas Christian and Arkansas committed 11 miscues in their game and the Horned Frogs and Texas Aggies entertained the customers with ten poor juggling acts. Other conference schools have been almost as bad.

Intricate formations and the inexperience of those called upon to carry them out

are blamed by the coaches for the condition, but after watching his team play clubs from three other sections, Glenn Rose, Arkansas coach, says, "Our conference is no different from any others."

Most disgusted of the mentors seems to be Jess Neely of Rice. "It's just faulty ball-handling," he said. "After all, football players are expected to hold on to the football, experience or no experience." Jess can't understand why his men insist on treating the leather as though it was hot.

By Chester Gould

By Al Capp

