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## First on Roer Below Duren

## Say Plants Moved Back In Austria

By Associated Press

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

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

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

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

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

## Own Prisons Beckon Nazis

By The Associated Press

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

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

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

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

## Canadians Bridge Lamone in Italy

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

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

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

## Combat Men Go Home on Rotation

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

By Earl Mazo

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

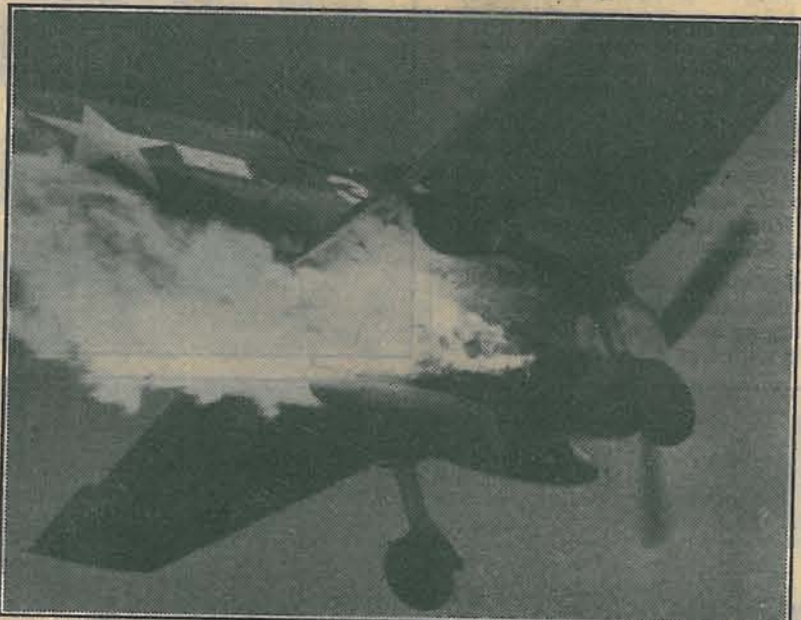
WITH THE THIRD ARMY, Dec. 13—The happiest men in the Third Army today exchanged mud-caked combat clothes for wrinkled blouses, shirts and pants they had dug from the bottom of their reserve barracks bags, were "decomatized" at a replacement center, and headed west for the U.S.A.

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

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

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

## Flaming Bird Streaks for Nest



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Hayes Quits; Armour To Be Envoy to Spain

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

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

## Says V1, Used Earlier, Would Have Won War

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

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

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

## 'Big' Force Of Superforts Bombs Nagoya

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

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

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

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

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

## To Combat Units

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

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

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

## More British Troops Join In Unabated Battle of Athens

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

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

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

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

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

## Gas-Filled Fire Engines An ELAS Weapon?

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

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

## 2-Mile Gain Registered By Hodges

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

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

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



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

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

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

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## 38-45 Face Work Draft

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

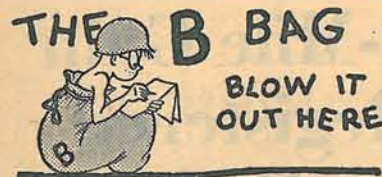
He suggested to Congress that steps be taken to provide that no man in this age bracket leave a war job without official approval, and that legislation be provided to enforce this regulation with penalties.

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

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



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**Good Germans**  
Dec. 4, 1944

To the B-Bag:  
In reply to the asinine and naive state-  
ments made by J. C. H., 2/Lt., MAC  
who elucidates in these words: "I've only  
seen one 'good' German. He conked  
out three hours before I got there," we  
can all be thankful that said "looiie" will  
not be counted present at the final settle-  
ment following hostilities. Dogmatic  
statements like this leading to such a  
wild generalization are false, and they  
only lead to emotionalism and conclu-  
sions which are unfounded.

How does said "looiie" account for the  
fact that 800 pastors of the Confessional  
Church of Germany were thrown into the  
concentration camps in 1938? How about  
Martin Niemöller? How about the  
students and professors of Munich who  
were executed and others thrown into  
concentration camps in 1943 when they  
uttered and published some sentiments of  
a definite anti-Nazi nature? Let's get  
all the facts assembled, Lt., before we go  
on record with a statement of this sort.  
I'm positive that you might find two or  
three people even in Germany who might  
be categorized as "good" if you bothered  
to make an honest search.—Cpl. Kenneth  
R. Rathert, U.S. Group Control Council.

**British Radio Tax**  
Nov. 25, 1944.

To the B-Bag:  
Yesterday evening while listening to the  
AEF program on my German-made radio  
I was approached by a British GPO  
(General Post Office) representative, who  
asked to see my British wireless license.  
I immediately informed him that I was  
an American officer, quartered in a  
government billet, and had never been  
told that I needed a license before I could  
listen to my radio. He then agreed that  
if I was in a government billet I didn't  
need one, but that if I were living in a  
civilian billet I would be required to purchase one.

I know U.S. military personnel in the  
U.K. would appreciate an official decision  
on this matter. Do we or do we not  
pay the British to listen to the American  
Forces Network over our own radios?  
—A Bewildered Lieutenant.

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

**S and S and Spam**  
Nov. 30, 1944.

To the B-Bag:  
On three previous occasions I was  
about to begin corresponding with you,  
postponed it for further and deeper  
consideration, then gave it up. This time,  
however, my request is simple and short.  
Your daily lesson in French and German  
is a bit of all right. It would be better  
still were you to underscore the syllables  
that should be stressed.

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

PS—On second thought you may be  
curious to know when my critical facul-  
ties were aroused. 1—When the absence  
of Ernie Pyle's column for the first time  
made me wonder whether The Stars and  
Stripes is worth the paper its printed on.  
PPS—I have changed my mind. 2—When  
you began to clutter up pages 2, 3 and 4  
with seminudes captioned with unasthet-  
ic insinuations. PPS—You have (haven't  
you?) changed your mind. 3—When you  
demonstrated a lack of tact and taste in  
printing that overpublicized letter about  
social competition. PPS—It turned out  
to be a good outlet for inhibited minds.

**Colin Kelly**  
Nov. 24, 1944.

To the B-Bag,  
The gang here had a hot and heavy dis-  
cussion (shall we say?) the other day.  
These are some of the questions we would  
like to have cleared up about Colin  
Kelly: 1—What branch of the service was  
Colin Kelly in, and what rank did he have  
when he dove at the Jap ship? 2—What  
type plane and how many men were in  
it? 3—Was Meyer Levin a member of the  
crew? 4—What was the date and what  
was the name of the Jap ship.—  
Steven M. Laprote.

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

**Hash Marks**

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

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

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

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

\* \* \*  
GI Observation. The man in the moon



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

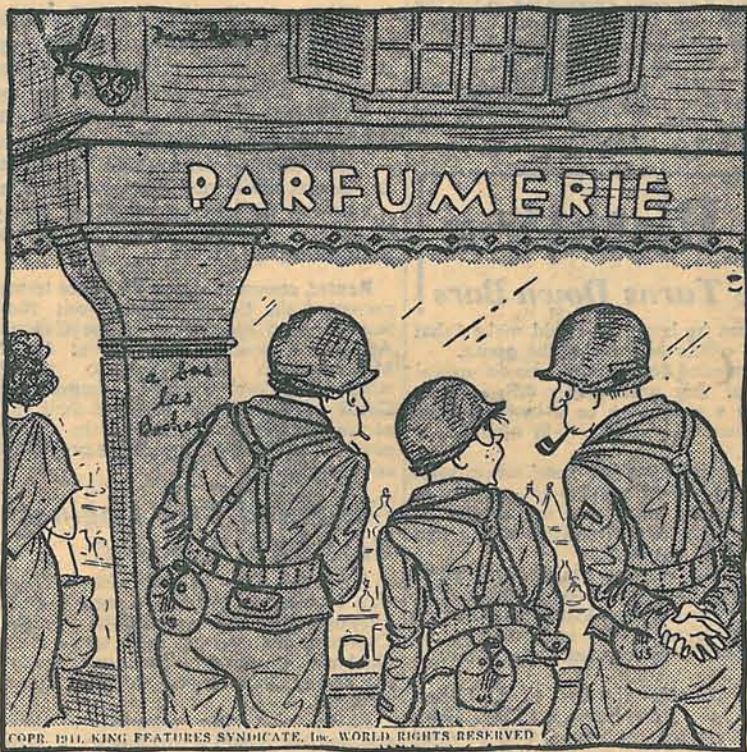
\* \* \*  
It happened at the front. A GI,  
awakened from his slumber by a Nazi



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

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

**PRIVATE BREGER**



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

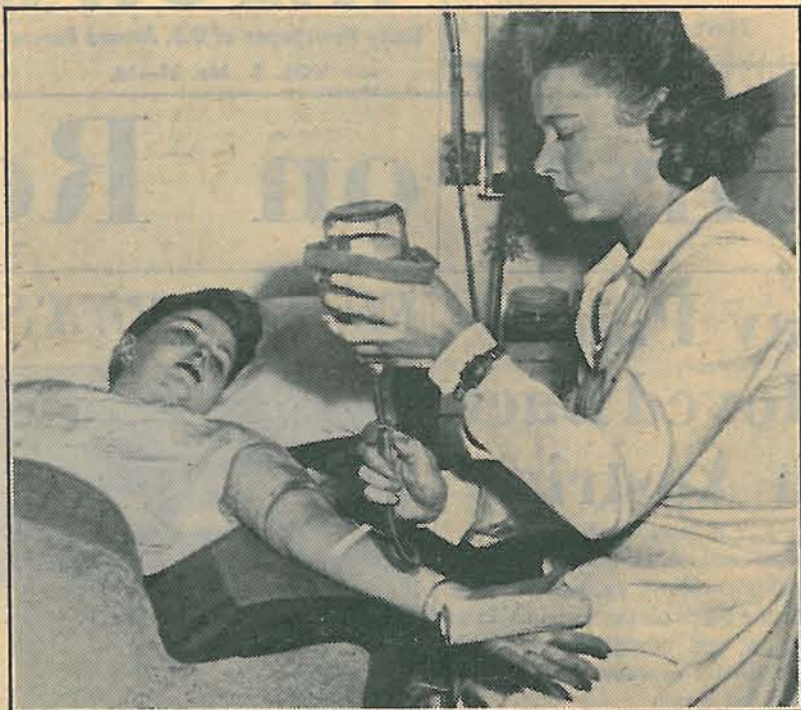
**Aerial Artery Carries Home Front's Blood to Front**

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

The situation in Italy, the A.P. com-  
mented, is reversed. There Prime Minister

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

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

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

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

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

**AFN Radio Program**

Thursday, Dec. 14

1200—World News.  
1205—Duffie Bag.  
1300—Headlines—Sports News.  
1305—Corporal Saddlebags.  
1330—Blondie.  
1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour.  
1500—Headlines—German Lesson.  
1505—Strike up the Band.  
1530—On the Record.  
1630—Music We Love.  
1700—Headlines—Showtime with Janet Blair.  
1715—Canadian Swing Show.  
1740—Fly Away Paula.  
1755—American Sports News.  
1800—World News.  
1805—Mark up the Map.  
1810—GI Supper Club.  
1900—Headlines—Crosby Music Hall.  
1930—Ray McKinley Orchestra.  
2000—Headlines—Combat Diary.  
2015—Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians.  
2030—Burns and Allen.  
2100—World News.  
2105—Soldier and a Song.  
2115—Swing Sextet.  
2130—Mystery Playhouse.  
2200—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.  
2205—Listen Characters.  
2300—Final Edition.

Friday, Dec. 15

0800—Headlines—Combat Diary.  
0815—Personal Album with Joan Barton.  
0830—Music by Ted Fio Rita.  
0900—World News.  
0905—Songs by the Sentimentalists.  
0925—AEF Ranch House.  
1000—Headlines—Morning After (Crosby Music  
Hall).  
1030—Strike up the Band.  
1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.  
1105—Duffie Bag.

**B-Bagatelles**

Labor Journal Says  
The S & S Is Fair

—Irvin S. Taubkin, Prop.

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

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

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



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

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



### In Again



Dick Wakefield, batting ace of the Detroit Tigers, takes the oath as he is inducted into the Navy for the second time. Richard the Rifle was released from pre-flight school last July because of an excess of fliers. He becomes an apprentice seaman.

### Once Over Lightly

By Andy Rooney

NEW YORK, Dec. 13—If the United States Treasury Department is not careful it is going to have to hang out the fire sale sign in Washington and sell merchandise at half price.

The commodity the Treasury Department is dealing in these days is tickets for the so-called Bond Bowl game between the Randolph Field Ramblers and the Second Air Force Superbombers. The secret is—and in view of the officials' panicky plea to sports writers to give publicity to the game it wouldn't be safe to print the facts in New York—Morgenthau's men, of all people, have a white elephant on their hands—a cold herring.

THERE are two reasons why tickets aren't selling. One is that the Giants are playing the Packers for the pro title at the Polo Grounds Sunday and are therefore monopolizing both the football interest and the ticket-selling facilities. Consequently, Treasury officials have conceived a semi-complicated system whereby a prospective customer for the game is asked first to buy a bond at the Chase National Bank, Macy's or one of several other designated sales spots and then take the exchange ticket they are given to Madison Square Garden to get a real ticket for the game.

The second reason is simpler. The two ball clubs just haven't got it. They have no color, that indefinable something about which all sports promoters have always worried.

CONSIDERING Randolph Field's amazing record of ten victories, only two of which were won by a margin of less than three touchdowns, it probably has aroused less national interest than any other great football team in history. Despite the fact that Bill Dudley, Bobby Cifers, Pete Layden, Dippy Evans and company boast former college and professional football greats and that the Ramblers are considered about the best club in the nation, including the West Point eleven as well as pro teams, no one seems to care. The answer is color.

It is not hard to recall over a period of years that as had it and them as ain't. Babe Ruth had it. A Boston or Philadelphia ball park could be running an average crowd of five or six thousand, but not when the Babe showed up. The park was packed with from 25 to 30 thousand every time Ruth knocked one over the fence. In the boxing game it was Jack Dempsey. He had been beaten by better boxers maybe, but he was the attraction. In golf it was Bobby Jones; Johnny Weismuller attracted more attention to swimming than anyone before or since, despite the fact that his records have been eclipsed by comparative unknowns. Bill Tilden was the greatest tennis attraction; Hank Luisetti, the Stanford hoopster, drew 'em in to gyms all over the country, and Jim Londos, as dull as he was as a wrestler, had that crowd appeal.

THE game Saturday may be a great football battle, but no matter what the sports writers here say, they are dull teams. They just ain't got it.

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WILL all former advertising men, men in fields allied to advertising and men interested in advertising WRITE in their names and addresses to Mr. Arnold Deutsch, c/o Help Wanted Department.

Reunions

THE following towns and districts will hold reunions at the American Red Cross Mostyn Club, Edgware Rd., London, W.1, at 7.15 PM.

MONDAY, Dec. 18, Glen Falls, Hudson Falls, Saratoga Springs—New York.

TUESDAY, Dec. 19: Buffalo, Kenmore, Niagara Falls, Batavia—New York.

# Judge Landis' Successor to Be Selected in February

NEW YORK, Dec. 13—A committee of ten men, nine of them club officials and the tenth a legal representative of the American League, was appointed yesterday to formulate and submit a new major league agreement to a joint meeting of the American and National leagues in February. After the agreement is presented and approved, the successor to the late Kenesaw Mountain Landis as commissioner of organized baseball will be named.

The National League members of the committee are Sam Breadon, president of the Cardinals; Horace Stoneham, president of the New York Giants; Warren C. Giles, general manager of the Cincinnati Reds; Phil Wrigley, president of the Chicago Cubs, and Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers.

The American Leaguers are Jack Zeller, general manager of the Detroit Tigers; Don Barnes, president of the St. Louis Browns; Alva Bradley, president of the Cleveland Indians; Tom Yawkey, president of the Boston Red Sox, and Joseph C. Hostetler, of Cleveland, American League lawyer.

Although the new commissioner's authority and duties will be clearly defined in the new document, there is a strong indication that Landis' successor will be no hand-shaker. The moguls are almost 100 per cent in favor of a man with the absolute powers over baseball enjoyed and wielded by the late commissioner, with certain reservations. The only change expected is a clearer definition of the commissioner's power in contrast to the arbitrary authority in all matters held by Landis.

The White Sox continued active in the trading market and concluded straight player swaps with Detroit and Cleveland. Jimmy "Skeeter" Webb was sent to Detroit for Joe Orenco, and Eddie Carnett was sent to Cleveland for Outfielder Oris Hockett.

## Kerr Names East's Squad For Shrine Tilt

HAMILTON, N.Y., Dec. 13—Ohio State's All-American back Les Horvath and his team-mate Bill Hackett, selected on most of the mythical "All" elevens as a guard, were named today by Andy Kerr, head football coach at Colgate University, to the squad which will represent the East in the annual Shrine football game against the West at San Francisco New Year's Day.

In addition to Horvath, Kerr will have such great backs as Notre Dame's Frank Dancewicz and Bob Kelly, Jug Girard, Wisconsin's freshman whiz, and a big, tough line.

**19 From Midwest**

The team of 24 men, 19 of whom are from the midwest, will assemble at Northwestern University next Sunday and leave that night for the coast. George Hauser of Minnesota and Bernie Bierman, former Minnesota mentor recently released from the Marines, will assist Kerr in handling the team.

The squad:

Ends—Harrison (South Carolina), Marcotte (Minnesota), Mead (Wisconsin), Brogger (Michigan State); Tackles—Sikich (Minnesota), Hughes (Purdue), Savitsky (Pennsylvania), Podorski (Lafayette); Guards—Serpico (Illinois), Hackett (Ohio State), Ciolli (Indiana), Ranni (Pittsburgh); Centers—Bujan (Illinois), Syzmanski (Notre Dame); Backs—Dancewicz (Notre Dame), Cannady (Indiana), Walthall (West Virginia), Kelly (Notre Dame), Brugge (Ohio State), Girard (Wisconsin), Flanagan (Ohio State), Kulbiski (Minnesota), Beslin (Michigan State), Horvath (Ohio State).

## Bruins Edge Rangers, 7-5

BOSTON, Dec. 13—The Boston Bruins defeated the New York Rangers, 7-5, here last night in a nip and tuck hockey

### Hockey League Standings

	W	L	T	P		W	L	T	P
Montreal	11	4	1	23	Boston	8	9	1	17
Toronto	10	6	0	20	New York	2	9	4	8
Detroit	9	4	2	20	Chicago	2	10	2	6

battle that saw the New Yorkers tie the score three times in the second period.

Ab Demarco rammed home a goal for the Rangers to tie the game at 4-4 nine seconds before the end of the second frame, but the Bruins tightened their skate strings and came back with tallies by Joe Cupolo, Ken Smith and Herb Cain in the final period while Grant Warwick was the only Ranger able to connect.

### Leading Ice Scorers

PLAYER	TEAM	G	A	P
Cowley	Boston	10	20	30
Blake	Montreal	13	13	26
C. Smith	Chicago	6	15	21
Bodnar	Toronto	4	17	21
Lach	Montreal	15	5	20
Jennings	Boston	11	9	20
Cain	Boston	12	8	20
Mosienko	Chicago	11	8	19
Howe	Detroit	5	14	19
Schriner	Toronto	11	6	17
M. Bruneteau	Detroit	9	8	17
Carr	Toronto	8	9	17

# American Hockey League

Hershey 5, St. Louis 2  
Others not scheduled.

EASTERN DIVISION					WESTERN DIVISION				
	W	L	T	P		W	L	T	P
Buffalo ..	12	7	2	26	Providence	7	11	2	16
Hershey ..	10	9	2	22					

EASTERN DIVISION					WESTERN DIVISION				
	W	L	T	P		W	L	T	P
Indian p'lis	11	7	6	28	Cleveland	10	7	2	22
Pittsburgh	11	7	2	24	St. Louis ..	4	12	2	20

## Dick Tracy



## Li'l Abner



## Victory Smile



Sammy Sneed, back on the fairways after 26 months duty in the Navy, grins happily after walking off with first prize in the Portland (Ore.) Open.

## Western Conference Fives Face Tough Warmups Over Weekend

CHICAGO, Dec. 13—Western Conference basketball teams, successful for the most part in the last two weeks, move on to tougher foes this week in a series of games that will give future opponents a better idea of what to expect after the circuit schedule opens Dec. 30.

Of the eight teams playing last weekend, only Minnesota was defeated, while Illinois' new "Whiz Kids" surprised their followers by dumping Great Lakes twice, 44-40 and 56-53.

Ohio State, the defending champion, and Iowa and Wisconsin, tied for the runner-up spot last year, all won but the games of the first two were indecisive. Iowa used its first team but a few minutes, while the Hawkeyes smashed Western Illinois Teachers, 101-23, with Dick Ives, conference scoring champion, racking up 17 points. Ohio State handed Michigan State a 58-31 thumping, and Marquette gave Wisconsin a good workout before succumbing to the young Badgers, 45-40.

Illinois' power will get a real test Saturday when Coach Doug Mills' charges meet DePaul University, victors over Wyoming last Friday. The game will be part of a double-header in Chicago Stadium with Northwestern and Marquette playing the other game.

The remainder of the Saturday hoop card in this section sees Indiana meeting Kentucky, Wisconsin playing host to Notre Dame, Michigan seeking a second victory over Western Michigan, Iowa opposing Nebraska and Minnesota entertaining Great Lakes. Ohio State is idle this weekend.

## Neil Award to Leonard

NEW YORK, Dec. 13—Lt. Cmdr. Benny Leonard, retired undefeated lightweight champion of the world, was today awarded the Edward J. Neil Trophy by New York boxing writers for his outstanding contribution to the sport in 1944. Leonard is in charge of recreation and morale at the Sheephead Bay (N.Y.) Maritime Base and will receive the award at the writers' dinner next month. Other ring notables honored with the Neil award were Jack Dempsey, Billy Conn, Henry Armstrong, Joe Louis and Barney Ross.

## Ramblers Easy Victors Over Alma Hoopmen

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 13—Notre Dame's speedy, straight-shooting basketball team, which is shaping up as one of the best to represent the Irish in recent years, turned in its third high-scoring game of the young hoop season here last night by defeating Alma College, 71-30.

The Irish varsity played the first half and bewildered the visitors with an attack which netted 47 points by intermission, while the best Alma could manage was 11. Freshman Center Vince Boryla tallied seven points within the first four minutes, and then he and Forward Johnny Dee cut loose and poured in 25 points between them, while the Ramblers held Alma scoreless.

The Irish reserves took over in the second half, and while they didn't put on quite as spectacular a show as the Rambler first-stringers, they had little trouble maintaining the lead they had inherited.

Dee and Boryla connected for 18 points apiece to lead the Irish, while Trause was high man for the losers with 11.

## Great Lakes' Spurt Tops Lincoln AB, 62-57

GREAT LAKES, Ill., Dec. 13—Luke Majorki connected three times in the last minute and a half to give the Great Lakes basketball team a 62-57 victory over the Lincoln (Neb.) Air Base.

Two former pros, Jake Ahearn of Detroit and the great Goose Tatum of the Harlem Globe Trotters, led the scoring with 17 and 15 points respectively for the fliers with Dick McGuire, former St. John's star, pacing the Bluejackets with 14.

## Hawkeyes Rout S.D. State, 87-37

IOWA CITY, Iowa, Dec. 13—The Iowa Hawkeyes trounced South Dakota State, 87-37, here last night, bringing their total to 188 points in two games—over two points a minute. Murray Wier and Dick Spencer each hit for 18 points and Dick Ives got 15 for the winners.

## DePaul Wallops Ill. Wesleyan, 66-43

CHICAGO, Dec. 13—DePaul's basketball team made it six in a row here last night by whaling Illinois Wesleyan, 66-43, with big George Mikan dunking 19 points.

## CAGE RESULTS

- Albright 48, Kutztown Teachers 28
- Chicago 48, Wheaton 44
- DePaul 66, Illinois Wesleyan 43
- Dubuque 68, Upper Iowa 34
- Floyd Bennett Field 48, Brooklyn A Base 46
- Great Lakes 62, Lincoln AB 57
- Iowa 87, S.D. State 37
- Kansas 47, Rockhurst 23
- Kansas State 33, Washburn 29
- Louisville Medical 59, Georgetown 32
- New Mexico 58, Hardin Simmons 18
- Notre Dame 71, Alma 30
- Ohio University 60, Lockburn AAF 32
- Oklahoma 39, Norman Navy 38
- Olathe Clippers 53, Pratt Whitney (Kan. City) 51
- Simpson 67, Des Moines Boys 43
- Toledo 45, Wayne 39
- Waco AAF 62, Baylor 23
- Warburg 57, Penn (Iowa) 34
- Washington 47, Johns Hopkins 35

## Northway Raiders Will Show Strong Aerial Attack Sunday

By Ray Lee  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

CHELLENHAM, Dec. 13—The Navy Sub Chasers who, judging by their title, expect most of their trouble from below when on duty, will undoubtedly get a good deal of it through the air when they visit White City Stadium for the season's second Army-Navy grid classic against the Northway Red Raiders Sunday.

In the Raiders, the Sub Chasers will be facing a team that "throws the book away" once the opening whistle blows and plays a wide open game. Using a single wing formation, the Army gridders feature a topnotch passer in S/Sgt. Lester Dooley, an all-conference halfback from Beloit, Wis., who does more heaving than a homesick landlubber on a tanker in the North Sea during a nor'easter.

On the receiving end of most of Dooley's passes is T/5 Pat Ingles, 175-pound fullback from Woodcliff, N.J., but in the event the sailors concentrate on Ingles too closely there are plenty of other glue-fingered lads on the Raider outfit.

The Raiders got off to a bad start this season, dropping their first three games, big alibi being that they lost the services of their first string quarterback, T/5 Norman Andrews of Easton, Pa., through injuries. They made a comeback, however, and took the next five in a row, rolling up 70 points to their opponents' 38.

Dooley has paced the Raider eleven in the scoring department with four touchdowns on some fancy broken-field running in addition to passing for others.

## By Chester Gould



## By Al Capp





Life in Those United States

# Workers 'Running Out'? Survey Scotches Reports

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—All the talk about war workers "running away from their jobs" took a sock in the kisser today when the War Manpower Commission issued the results of a special survey which showed: "Workers in non-war jobs are doing more changing than workers in war and essential tasks."

The report revealed that war workers were quitting their posts in munitions industries, etc., at the rate of 40-55 per 1,000 monthly. On the other hand, non-war workers were deserting their positions at a monthly rate of 60-70 per 1,000.

Furthermore, the report showed that in manufacturing industries—where war workers are heavily concentrated—there has been less job quitting this year than in 1943. It was pointed out that for every 50 workers who left jobs in October, 1944, there were 52 who had done the same in October, 1943.

There was a spurt in job quitting in the late summer and in September this year, the survey disclosed, which was cited as a possible indication that the German disasters in France at the time made workers think the war soon would be over. But since, both the war and working situations have changed.

**CAPITAL SIDESHOW:** The House passed a bill which would provide American citizenship for children born of American fathers who are under 21 overseas. . . . War Production Board officials have launched a drive to get commercial concerns to lend manpower to vital industries for 90 days.

**Connection**

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

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



F. S. LAUSCHE

**Fears Weapons of Next War**

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

**Commons' Stone for Princeton**

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

**Simplicity Is the Trend in Yule Greeting Cards**

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

As far as the manufacturers are concerned, however, their biggest headaches come from verse writers. They agreed that there were as many verse writers (self-styled) as so-called short-story writers.

Chief would-be stylists on verse are housewives, who think the business can be turned into a lucrative one. While most are failures, there is the general exception—the doctor's wife in New York who makes around \$10,000 yearly thinking up new ways of saying, "Hello" or "How are You?" in verse.

**GIs Buy Billion in Bonds**

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

**Army Discharges Jack Holt**

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

**Jackie Cooper Wed**

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

**Ethel Barrymore Back**

NEW YORK, Dec. 13 (ANS)—Actress Ethel Barrymore, whose illness last month forced cancellation of all performances of "Embezzled Heaven" on Broadway, returned last night to the stage of the National Theater as the show was resumed. Miss Barrymore had been stricken with a lung congestion which necessitated the missing of her first theater appearance in more than 50 years of entertaining the show-going public.



MISS BARRYMORE

**Kid Bandit Proves Bad Ideas Get Around**

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

Barnes had picked up Sonny Fisher near the bank and held the youngster before him during the robbery, at the same time flashing a note reading: "Hand over the money, or I'll shoot both of you and the kid—he doesn't belong to me."

Miss Shannon Mitchell, the teller, promptly pushed out a stack of currency. Barnes later confessed that his idea for a boy shield was not original. He pointed to a similar holdup in Los Angeles last month as inspiration for his daring act.

**Sober Reflection**

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

**Death Parts Twins, 93**

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

**Strip Tease**

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

**Disarm of the Law**

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

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

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

The soldiers' letter evidently referred to a recent article in The Stars and Stripes concerning the complaints of KU girls about the cigarette shortage—and how "we have had to turn to smoking pipes."

"Oh, you poor distressed girls," the letter said. "Gee, just think. It seems

a shame that you must smoke corncob pipes. If it will make you happy, we will give up our smokes to keep you and your 4F pals from being dejected.

"No cigarettes for you! We just can't sleep since we read your article."

Acting Dean of Women Marie Miller thought the soldiers were misinformed.

"The humorous and greatly imaginative article concerning KU women smoking corncob pipes does not reflect the wartime spirit of the university," she said. "Actually they are doing many worthwhile things to aid in the war effort that are never given the wide publicity corncob pipes got them."

## Captive Nazis Who Survived Own Fire



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

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

By William E. Taylor  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

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

to watch 'em long—with a couple of centaurs alongside, we trickled along in back of the scorpions."

His companion nodded. The Yank lit a cigarette, shoved his bitter aside. He looked perplexed.

"Well, it began to look like we'd made it," said the Tommy, wiping a sleeve across his lips. "The lads piled on a kangaroo, because the bulldogs, most of 'em, had already toddled off."

"We went along the road a way, seein' staghounds and greyhounds waitin' ready along the side."

"We'd just put a beehive into a second Nazi hole when we got the word to dig in. That's where I made me blinkin' mistake. I poked up me silly head to look around—and when I woke up, the bloomin' MO was patten' me on the cast and sayin' 'He'll be O.K.' And here I am."

His colleague ordered a round. The Yank moved off slowly toward the door. He'd heard about how the English spoke, but it was plain on his face that he'd never understand them.

All the Yank had to know, of course, was the animal lingo used to denote the various weapons used by the Allied and German forces. Here are translations of some of the terms used:

Alligators, buffaloes, weasels and ducks—amphibious landing vehicles.

Locusts and tetrachs (short for tetradactyl)—airborne tanks.

Scorpions—flail tanks, used to clear enemy minefields; centaurs—infantry support tanks; rams—Canadian tanks. A sexton is a 25-pounder gun mounted on a ram. Deacons are six-pounder guns, bishops are 25-pounders on Valentine tanks and priests are 105-mm. guns on the U.S. M7.

Kangaroos and bulldogs—Sherman tanks used as troop carriers.

Staghounds and greyhounds—armored cars; others, lynxes and dingoes (Australian wild dogs)—recon and scout cars.

Crocodiles—flame-throwing Churchill tanks; wasps—flame-throwing Bren gun carriers. Lifebuoy—hand-carried explosives. Beehive—special explosive charge. Pheasants—17-pounder anti-tank guns.

Tigers and Panthers—German tanks.

## Weather Halts Big Air Assault

Bad weather curtailed activity by the Eighth Air Force yesterday after two days of large-scale operations against German oil production and rail facilities.

The heavies severely damaged four key railyards and destroyed rolling stock, sidings and repair factories in Tuesday's attack on Darmstadt, Hanau, Aschaffenburg and Friedberg, all in the Frankfurt area, photos taken during the assault showed.

Eleven enemy planes were shot down by Ninth Air Force fighter-bombers Tuesday when approximately 440 sorties were flown, mainly on the U.S. Third Army front. Weather restricted air operations on the U.S. First and Ninth Army fronts.

## British Air Chief Decorated By Ike

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

## Terry and the Pirates

BEFORE SHE DISAPPEARED TO ESCAPE THE BRITISH POLICE, MISS BURMA TOLD ME I AM A STRONG PERSON. I SHALL KNOW IF SHE'S RIGHT WHEN MY CAPTORS START THEIR QUESTIONING.

THIS WAY, WOMAN!

BURMA SAID A WOMAN CAN OUT-BLUFF A MAN ANY TIME BECAUSE IT IS NATURAL FOR A WOMAN TO ACT A PART! BUT I'M SUCH A NOVICE IN ALL THIS!

YOU ARE SGT JANE ALLEN OF THE YANKEE WOMEN'S ARMY CORPS...

I GUESS YOU FLUBBED ONE THIS TIME, BROTHER!—MY NAME IS WILLOW BELINDA—AND I'M A VERY UNWILFUL CIVILIAN! ...START TALKING!

WILLOW BELINDA?

THAT'S IT, BUSHY!... AND I'M NO MORE A WAC THAN YOU! I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT SOMEBODY HIGHER UP WILL RAISE CAHN WHEN THEY HEAR HOW YOU BUNGLED THIS WAC KIDNAPPING!

## Storm Leaves Huge Drifts And 58 Dead

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

The death toll was 58 in the U.S. and 18 in Canada.

The Weather Bureau reported the heaviest snowfall in an area extending eastward from central Illinois and Lower Michigan into Pennsylvania and western New York. In West Virginia the fall measured 36 inches.

While snow still fell today in several Eastern sections, the Weather Bureau predicted it would stop before nightfall. Meanwhile, temperatures dropped over the Midwest and a drop was forecast for the East tomorrow.

The storm inflicted severe hardship on thousands and caused curtailment of production at numerous war plants through absenteeism caused by crippled transportation.

## 8th Jap Convoy To Leyte KO'd

Three Japanese transports and three escorting destroyers were sunk Monday when U.S. planes smashed the eighth Jap attempt to relieve their beleaguered garrison on Leyte Island, Gen. MacArthur's headquarters announced yesterday.

The attack on the convoy also left another destroyer and two medium transports burning. Fifty enemy planes were shot down. Eight U.S. planes were lost.

Navy patrol boats added a 5,000-ton transport to the growing list of Japs ships destroyed while trying to reinforce Leyte. The toll now stands at 39 transports and 28 escorting vessels, mostly destroyers.

American troops, meanwhile, consolidated their position at Ormoc and continued their slow advance against enemy forces crowded into the northern part of the island.

## West Front - (Continued from page 1)

not yet encountered, though it has swept through the unmanned Maginot Line—continued yesterday to beat back German counter-attacks, though dispatches indicated that the latest enemy thrusts were waning.

On the sectors north of the First Army both the Ninth and the British Second Army had a relatively quiet day.

SHAEF dispatches said the First Army's new thrust—mounted well below Duren—was directed east toward Bonn, Rhine River city south of Cologne. Among villages entered yesterday was Rollesbroich, 13 miles south of Duren and about 35 miles west of Bonn. Other units farther north were about 28 miles from Bonn.

Since the fighting on German soil has gone slowly ever since the borders were first crossed, it would be difficult to say just what the immediate goal of Hodges's troops was—and a goal 20 miles farther inside Germany might take some little time to reach, unless a spectacular breakthrough could be made.

## U.S. Navy Now Has 35,575 Planes

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (Reuter)—Since the autumn of 1942, when it had only three aircraft carriers in the Pacific the U.S. Navy has built up a fleet of nearly 100 carriers, according to a report today from the Navy Department of Aeronautics.

The report, issued by the House Naval Affairs Committee, disclosed that the Navy's plane strength had increased sevenfold since Pearl Harbor to a total of 35,575 aircraft at the end of last September.

## GI Heart Gives Nicolle's a Beat

AIR SERVICE COMMAND HQ., France, Dec. 13—Nicolle Duchaillet, French and 18 and pretty, is alive today, thanks to a couple of American Army officers who had a heart—and some penicillin.

Nicolle got a German bullet in her temple last August during the final flare-up of Nazi terror in the streets of Paris. Rushed to a hospital, she hovered between life and death. A famous French surgeon performed a delicate brain operation. She seemed to hover closer

## By Milton Caniff

TO DEATH THAN TO LIFE. IF ONLY, THE DOCTOR SAID, IF ONLY HE COULD GET SOME PENICILLIN.

LT. COL. ALEXANDER HUNTER, OF SPRINGFIELD, MASS., HEARD ABOUT IT. HE PHONED MAJ. BOB OSBORN, OF McALLEN, TEX. OSBORN HAD JUST RECEIVED SOME PENICILLIN FOR HIS ASC TROOPERS. HE COULD SPARE ENOUGH FOR A 24-HOUR TREATMENT. HE RUSHED IT OVER.

HUNTER AND OSBORN HAVE A LETTER FROM NICOLLE'S PARENTS EXPRESSING GRATITUDE "TO THE MEN WHO GAVE US BACK OUR DAUGHTER AS WELL AS OUR FREEDOM."

