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50 Pct. Raise For Combat Men Sought

Bill Is Before Committee In House; Easy Passage Foreseen by Sponsor

Special Cable to The Stars and Stripes
WASHINGTON, Mar. 10—A bill providing a 50 per cent increase in pay for all military and naval personnel in actual combat is in the hands of the House Military Affairs Committee and is expected to reach the House floor within three or four weeks.

Rep. Samuel A. Weiss (D., Pa.), who introduced the bill yesterday, confidently predicted "very little Congressional opposition."

Under its provisions, "officers, warrant officers, nurses and enlisted men of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Geodetic Survey and members of the reserve forces in these services and the National Guard would receive an increase of 50 per cent of their pay when actively engaged in combat or when under orders of competent authority they participate regularly and frequently in aerial flights."

The bill stipulates that only troops engaged in combat, or serving in combat zones, would receive the increase. Upon withdrawal from the lines for replacement or rest they would revert to the original pay scale. Personnel injured in battle, however, would continue to receive the increase while recuperating in hospitals or field stations.

Some Already Get Bonuses

(Army personnel already receiving bonuses include those in the Air Forces on flight orders, 50 per cent of base pay; non-flying officers whose duties require them to make three or more flights within a 90-day period, 50 monthly; paratroopers, \$50 monthly for enlisted men and \$100 monthly for officers and warrant officers. Navy men receiving bonuses include those on flight orders and submarine personnel, both 50 per cent of base pay.)

"The War Department," Weiss said today, "has been asked to estimate the cost, which naturally will vary with our future scale of operations. Whatever the cost, however, I consider it negligible when you consider the morale values involved."

Weiss said he conceived the idea for the bill while talking to maimed and injured soldiers here in Walter Reed Hospital.

"Since 1942, men in the Air Forces have received a 50 per cent increase for combat duty," he said. "Most of the men I talked with considered it unfair that a foot soldier didn't get the same recognition. I have checked with other members of the House and I can tell you that so far there is little opposition to my bill."

February Saw 24,000 Tons Rain Down on Nazis

Bombers of the British-based Eighth and Italian-based 15th U.S. Air Forces dropped a total of 24,000 tons of bombs last month on enemy targets in Europe, particularly fighter-plane industries, it was announced yesterday in a review of February operations.

In a month highlighted by the greatest number of aircraft ever put in the air against Germany (2,000 bombers and fighters of the Eighth and 15th which attacked Regensburg Feb. 25), fliers from Britain and Italy also destroyed 905 enemy planes in the air against the loss of 445. Eighth Air Force Forts and Libs were credited with 303, while losing 250; fighters of the Eighth with 294 against a loss of 70, and Ninth Air Force fighters with a score of 71 to 17. The B17 and B24 losses amounted to 2.5 per cent of those dispatched, it was said.

'Gen. Churchill' and Men Guard Tito's Base—Nazis

A force of 1,500 Anglo-American Commandos, under "Gen. Churchill," is installed on the Adriatic island of Lissa, 20 miles off the Dalmatian coast, German News Agency reported. "The task of these men is to make the island a secure base for Tito's supplies," the agency explained.

Proving the Angels Fly

DALLAS, Tex., Mar. 10—The undertaking firm of Shannon, Shannon and Shannon has asked the Federal Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington for permission to operate a helicopter ambulance and hearse service.

On 4 Berlin Jobs



Associated Press Photo
Lt. Don Larson, of Sioux Falls, S.D., dives into a Dagwood Special after returning from his fourth raid on Berlin within six days. Larson, pilot of the bomber Sheriff's Revenge, is one of the few Eighth Air Force bomber pilots to make all 4 raids on the Reich capital.

RAF Hammers Big Plane Plant In South France

Flying-Boat Factory Near Marseilles Hit; Forts, Libs Are Idle

Without losing a single bomber in a 1,250-mile round trip across France, RAF Lancasters flew almost to Marseilles to attack a Nazi flying-boat factory before dawn yesterday, even as neutral Stockholm heard unconfirmed reports that the Nazi high command had begun plans for total evacuation of Berlin if USAAF daylight raids continued.

Enemy fighters were completely absent as the Lancasters roared in to attack their target, a large plant at Marignane, a few miles northwest of Marseilles, where six-engine flying-boats and troop-carrier planes are produced.

The bombers, loaded with two-ton and four-ton blockbusters, did much of their raiding from a low level, under clear skies, with bright moonlight making for excellent visibility. They encountered some opposition from light flak around the factory and from heavy guns around Marseilles. Bombing was well concentrated.

U.S. Bombers Get Day Off

U.S. heavy bombers were idle yesterday after their fourth daylight attack on Berlin Thursday, when seven heavy bombers and one fighter were lost—phenomenally low losses as compared with 68 bombers and 11 fighters missing Monday and 38 and 15 Wednesday. Not a single enemy fighter was claimed to have been destroyed.

Though the Allied communique spoke only of an attack on Berlin Thursday, German News Agency said that American bombers on their way to the capital dropped a large number of high-explosive bombs on Hanover. The enemy claimed damage was "relatively limited."

The Air Ministry said the RAF's attack (Continued on page 4)

Uman Falls Before a 3rd Soviet Drive

Bug River Bastion Taken In Blow on 110-Mi. Front East of Vinnitsa

Adding a third great offensive to the two now rolling forward on the Russians' southern front between Tarnopol and the lower Dnieper, Marshal Ivan Koniev's Third Ukrainian Army group has stormed into the Nazi center of Uman, guarding the enemy's Bug River defenses, and in five days' fighting has smashed a hole 25 to 50 miles deep along a 110-mile front east of Vinnitsa.

More than 20,000 German dead were left on the battlefield and more than 2,500 Nazis were taken prisoner, last night's Soviet communique claimed.

Koniev's new blow, inflicting what Marshal Stalin in an order of the day last night called a heavy defeat for ten enemy divisions—six armored, three infantry and one artillery—brought the Ukraine front to life along its whole 500-mile length from deep inside Poland near Luck to the manganese center of Nikopol in the Dnieper Bend.

It was the third offensive announced by Stalin since Sunday, and with the armies of Marshal Gregory Zhukov and Gen. Rodion Malinovsky driving the enemy back toward Rumania, only Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's Fourth Ukrainian front south of the lower Dnieper was left marking time.

200 Big Tanks Seized

Stalin declared the Nazi divisions suffered crippling losses in equipment. He announced the capture of more than 500 tanks and self-propelled guns, "of which more than 200 are Tigers, Panthers and Ferdinands in full working order," about 600 field guns of various calibers and more than 12,000 trucks.

With Zhukov's troops fighting in the streets of Tarnopol, last main junction before Lwow on the Odessa-Berlin railway, and Malinovsky's scattering retreating Germans less than 45 miles north of the Black Sea port of Nikolaev, the fall of Uman cleared the approaches to Vinnitsa.

With Uman fell the railway junction of Khrustinovka, 16 miles northwest of Uman, dominating a branch line running down to the Odessa-Lwow trunk 50 miles below Zherinka. Thus the Soviets appeared in position to squeeze the big junction from Zhukov's front on the northwest and Koniev's on the southeast.

Marshal Zhukov appeared to be trying to achieve on his left flank another encirclement like that which trapped ten divisions near Kaniev in the Dnieper Bend. His troops around Kazatin, 20 miles southeast of Berdichev, went over to the offensive and pushed their lines within 20 miles of Vinnitsa on the northwest, threatening Marshal Fritz Von Manstein's stubbornly held Bug River defenses based on Vinnitsa and Zherinka.

Marshal Koniev's push to the railway below Vinnitsa appeared to be the first move to close this trap against the rising ground of the Carpathians.

Meanwhile, Moscow reported that Zhukov's increasing menace to the main German supply base at Lwow had alarmed the Nazi high command and resulted in crowds of German officials besieging railways for tickets home.

U.S. Note Asking Eire To Shut German-Jap Legations Revealed

Admits Plea to Eire



Cordell Hull Hopes to have some news

U.S. Fleet Goes Unchallenged in Japs' Anchorage

Move by Warships, Supply Vessels May Signal New Landing in Admiralties

In a daring new Admiralty Island sortie, American warships and supply vessels Thursday sailed into Jap-occupied Seadler harbor, chief anchorage of the group on Manus Island, in an operation considered a "feeler" attack to precede an imminent large-scale landing.

Some dispatches from the South Pacific last night hinted that landings already may be underway. Constant shelling and relentless air attacks are believed to have forced the Japs to evacuate the valuable harbor, only 45 miles from the newly won island of Los Negros.

In the new Allied landing on the Willaumez Peninsula, in New Britain, Marines and units of the 32nd Infantry Division were reported to have hacked their way through dense jungle to within two miles of the Jap airdrome at Talasea.

Both medium and heavy bombers supported the troops on New Britain, and other heavies struck at Manus Island in a co-ordinated blow supporting the convoy in the Seadler harbor area.

Meanwhile, reports told of new successes for American and Chinese moving down the Hukawng Valley, in northern Burma. Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's headquarters said another 300 Japs had been killed by U.S. infantry.

Irish Army's Brief Stand at Ulster Border Bared

BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10 (Reuter)—Secretary of State Cordell Hull announced tonight that Eire had rejected the U.S. request that Axis consular and diplomatic representatives be removed from Eire.

The announcement said the U.S. Government made the request Feb. 21 because the presence of Axis representatives in Eire constituted a danger to the lives of American soldiers and the success of Allied military operations.

By Judson O'Quinn

Associated Press War Correspondent
The U.S. has urgently requested Eire to close German and Japanese legations and consulates there—listening posts for the Axis on the Western Front—and the representation sent the neutral Irish army scurrying two weeks ago to take up a brief stand along the Ulster border amid rumors that America was ready to back its demand by force.

News of the general "stand to" order for Eire's army during the weekend of Feb. 25-28, following presentation of the U.S. plea by David Gray, American minister to Eire, reached London last Monday by way of Belfast but was held up by British censorship until an Associated Press dispatch from Washington yesterday reported that rumors of the protest were circulating in the capital.

(A Reuter dispatch from Washington last night reported that Secretary of State Cordell Hull had told his press conference that the U.S. minister in Dublin was taking the matter up "in all its aspects" with the Irish authorities. Hull said the State Department expected to have news for the correspondents today.)

Oral remarks Gray made when he presented the note—in which the British concurred—reportedly gave rise to the rumor of threats of force.

De Valera Reassured

President Roosevelt, through Eire's minister in Washington, Robert Brennan, was understood to have assured President Eamon De Valera later that there was no question of force.

First reports said Free State troops were sent to the Ulster border because De Valera was alarmed at the U.S. note. This was not confirmed officially in Dublin, but was regarded by informed circles there as authentic.

The German legation in Dublin has been watched closely since the war began because of the likelihood of direct communications with Berlin giving details of Allied ship movements and other war secrets.

Diplomatic pouches passed from the legations in Ireland offer the most concrete (Continued on page 4)

Ramirez Resigns; Hull Hints of U.S. Slap at Argentine

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10—While the Argentine supreme court met today to discuss the formal resignation of that nation's deposed president, Gen. Ramirez, Secretary of State Cordell Hull told his press conference such a state of confusion existed in the South American republic that it was impossible for him to comment intelligently at this point.

Asked if Argentine diplomatic visas had been halted, Hull admitted this might have been done, but termed as absurd stories that the diplomatic visas of Chile and Paraguay had been suspended.

Gen. Ramirez's resignation was reported in a Reuter dispatch from Buenos Aires which stated it had been tendered in a note from Ramirez to Gen. Farrell, acting president since a military coup Feb. 24 ousted Ramirez on the grounds of illness.

Meanwhile, the Associated Press reported that the court, in its morning session, had decided to place on record its copy of the resignation and manifesto, interpreted as meaning that it did not feel called upon to intervene.

The Washington Post today described Paraguay's recognition of the Farrell regime as "a slap in the face for the U.S."

Surgeon General in U.K.

Maj. Gen. Norman Thomas Kirk, U.S. surgeon general, is in the U.K. inspecting medical installations, ETOUSA headquarters announced yesterday.

A Common Sight These Days on Many English Streets



New York Times Photo
Powerful U.S. trucks are seen nearly everywhere these days hauling invasion cargo from English ports to bases in the ETO. Here, a load of fighters get their first peek at an English street, halting traffic as they roll toward an assembly plant.



BROOKLYN, Mar. 10—Drafts news and holdouts headlined today's baseball news. The Dodgers, who seldom take a back seat in any department, suffered the toughest blow as veteran Billy Herman, perennial second baseman, was accepted by the Navy and Pitcher Ed Head entered the Army.

BOSTON, Mar. 10—Bob Quinn, president of the Boston Braves, discovered today that he gifted the Columbus Redbirds of the American Association with \$7,500 when he paid that price to draft outfielder Chester Wieczorek.

HOUSTON, Tex., Mar. 10—Gus Mancuso, veteran catcher and 4-F in the draft, informed the New York Giants today that he will remain at his shipyard job here unless the club raises the ante on his 1944 contract.

HARVEY, Ill., Mar. 10—Cleveland Manager Lou Boudreau announced from his home here today that he will leave Sunday for Lafayette, Ind., site of the Indians' spring training camp.

READING, Pa., Mar. 10—St. Louis Cardinal worries were reduced considerably today when George "Whitey" Kurowski, star third baseman and hero of the Cards' World Series victory over the N.Y. Yankees in '42, deserted the holdout ranks.

ST. PAUL, Mar. 10—Howard Schultz, first baseman for whom the Dodgers gave St. Paul \$40,000 and players, is still six-feet seven inches tall, his draft board learned today after measuring him for the second time.

CHICAGO, Mar. 10—Phil Cavarretta, Cub outfielder and first baseman, today was ordered to report for his pre-induction physical exam.

NEW YORK, Mar. 10—A Yankee rule that has been enforced strictly since the heyday of Babe Ruth was thrown out the window today as a result of the manpower shortage.

PETERSBURG, Va., Mar. 10—Roland C. Bay, local public recreation director, today said his town again may have baseball this year.

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 10—Sammy "The Clutch" Angott, who threw the lightweight division into a state of confusion a couple of years ago by retiring as undefeated champion, did it again Wednesday when he lost his NBA title to Juan Zurita, a 4-1 underdog.

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IDENTITY bracelet, Feb. 4, in Cheltenham or vicinity. Pvt. Harold Greenwood. IDENTITY bracelet. Sgt. Francis L. Johnson, 36222693. MUSETTE bag taken by mistake from porter's desk, Randolph Hotel, Oxford, Feb. 15.—Capt. John H. Smith. Camera and Film Exchange FOR SALE—Graflex 4 x 5 7/8, F3.5 lens, speed up to 1/1000, film pack and film adaptor. £18.—Pvt. Bernard Field. WANTED—Kodak, Bantam F4.5 or F2 lens.—T/Sgt. F. A. Law.

Blues Favored Over Lightnings

Unbeaten Clubs Clash Sunday In Title Game

Absence of Ex-Eagle Back Not Expected to Hamper Infantry Squad

By Gene Graff Stars and Stripes Staff Writer A SOUTHWESTERN TOWN, Mar. 10—Barring a tie, an ETO football champion will emerge from the fireworks here Sunday when the high flying — Infantry Division Blues and the Eighth Air Force Photo Lightnings risk their unblemished records before an anticipated sellout throng.

Each squad is unbeaten in three appearances. But the Blues have crushed their victims more impressively than have the Lightnings and Lt. James Holston's eleven will be a decided favorite to annex the title, even though Sgt. Tommy Thompson, triple-threatener who starred for the Philadelphia Eagles before entering the Army, will not be in the Infantry lineup.

The Blues will rely on a versatile back-field combination operating from behind a massive, hard-charging line. In addition to the plunging of Dick Dreher, 195-pound halfback from North Hollywood, Cal., and sweeping end runs of fleet halfbacks Don Kelly, 205-pounder from Denver, and 195-pound Johnny Bayne, of Ridgeform, Ill., Division will provide plenty of headaches for the Lightnings' aerial defense.

In Jimmy Evans, brilliant passer from Williamsport, Pa., and Lt. Forest Ferguson, sticky-fingered end from Tallahassee, Fla., who toured with the Army All-Stars two years ago, the Blues possess the most formidable forward passing team in the ETO.

Made Debut Two Weeks Ago Ferguson made his debut two weeks ago when the Infantrymen trounced a Navy Seabee eleven, 32-0, and in less than a quarter scored once and set the stage for another touchdown by snatching passes aimed his way by Evans. With Ferguson on the bench after his brief workout, Evans later contributed another touchdown himself on a short sprint over tackle.

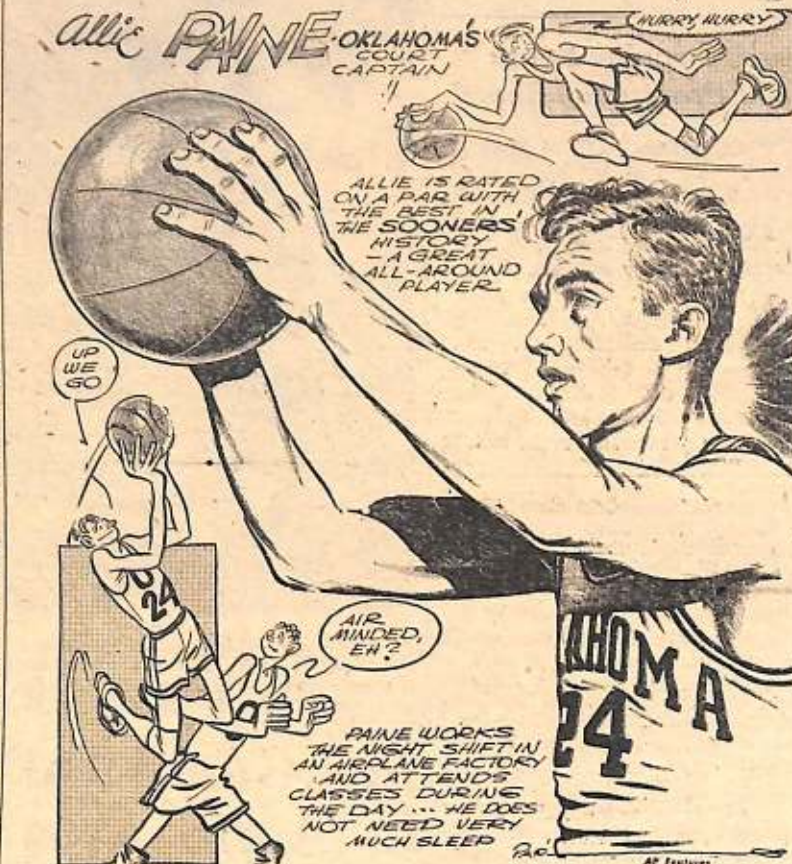
The Lightnings, however, will offer the Blues their strongest competition of the campaign, particularly in the passing department where Chester Janik, 150-pound ex-Marquette U. quarterback from Milwaukee, will find a pair of experienced receivers in Ends Bill Gates, of Waynesboro, Pa., and Roger Williams, of Hollywood, Cal.

On the ground, Johnny Angelich, 195-pound former UCLA fullback from Madera, Cal., again will be the key to Coach 1/Lt. John Anderson's offense. Angelich is the Lightnings' leading scorer, having tallied four touchdowns in three games, and if there's a runner in ETO who can dent Division's "invulnerable" line, Angelich is the gent to go it.

Although the Lightnings' forward wall will be outweighed, the fliers are proud of the fact no team has crossed their goal-line this year and they'll battle fiercely to maintain the record. How long they can repulse the Blues is problematical, of course, but fans here for the game anticipate a bitter duel before an ETO king is crowned.

Sooners' Star

By Pap



Fast Field May Push Dodds To New Indoor Mark Tonight

NEW YORK, Mar. 10—To give Gil Dodds an all-out chance to lower the world indoor mile record tomorrow night in the Knights of Columbus meet at Madison Square Garden, officials announced that only three runners will race against the Boston divinity student.

Dodds, who will be gunning for the mark of 4:7.4, will be opposed by Bill Hulse, America's outdoor mile champ; Don Burnham, of Dartmouth, and NYU's Rudy Simms. KC officials hope the reduction of traffic and maintenance of speedy competition will result in a sizzling event.

The large crowd will see Dodds in action twice, since he also is entered in the 1,000-yard event. He decided to try the shorter distance, too, after his performance two weeks ago, when he clipped the record during his mile romp. The mark is not official, however, because only two timers clocked the race.

Dodds is the people's choice to continue his unbeaten season, but Hulse, who has trailed the fleet minister with monotonous regularity, believes this time it will be "his night." He points to his tough luck last Saturday in the special Invitation Mile at the Garden when he led the parson for three quarters, then succumbed to a stitch in his side and had to drop out.

Hulse is aware that Dodds stores little energy for the stretch, while he invariably puts on a strong finish. "If I can get in front of Dodds and kick out every time he tries to catch me," Hulse explained, "I'll be able to wear him out and get home first."

Even if Dodds fails to cooperate so Hulse can hit the tape first, observers predict the fastest race of the indoor season.

Braves Schedule 4 Games Against Red Sox in Spring

BOSTON, Mar. 10—With spring just around the corner, the Boston Braves have announced a training schedule that includes four games with the Red Sox. The first game will pit the regulars against the rookies, Apr. 2, at Bristol, Conn., followed by games with Yale at New Haven, Conn., two games with the Newark Bears, Philadelphia Athletics, and New York Yankees leading into the Red Sox series.

Rams to Field an Eleven

CLEVELAND, Mar. 10—The Cleveland Rams, who dropped out of the National Football League last season, intend to field an eleven this year. Coach Chili Walsh said: "I'll pay \$50 for information leading to the capture and contracting of any football player who is available and eligible to play under the league rules and who will remain with the team for at least three games."

By Courtesy of United Features

Canucks Edge Chicago, 3-2, In Rough Tilt

14 Penalties Dished Out As Hawks Drop to Tie With Leafs

CHICAGO, Mar. 10—In the most brutal hockey game played here this season, the Montreal Canadiens edged the Chicago Black Hawks, 3-2, and dumped them into a third-place tie with the Maple Leafs.

Over 13,000 hockey fans watched the ice battle that was featured by 11 minor penalties, one major, one ten-minute and one match misconduct penalty.

The opening period ended with the game tied up, 1-1, on a Montreal goal

Hockey League Standings

Table with columns for Team, W, L, T, Pts., and a second set of columns for Toronto, Boston, New York. Rows include Montreal, Detroit, and Chicago.

by Maurice Richard and Joe Cooper's goal for the Hawks.

Glen Harmon received two minor penalties, Mike McMahon, of Montreal, got the major for drawing blood and Richard took a minor for tripping and ten minutes for misconduct.

In the second frame Toe Blake and Johnny Getliffe scored the Canucks goals and four minor penalties were handed out, including one to Murph Chamberlain, of Montreal, who then incurred a match penalty for charging the referee.

Dutch Wiebe ended the scoring for the Hawks in the last frame and the referees handed out four more minors.

Leafs Rout

Rangers, 8-0

NEW YORK, Mar. 10—The smallest Madison Square Garden hockey crowd this season—8,084—saw the luckless New York Rangers take it on the chin again when they were blanked by the Maple Leafs, 8-0, here last night.

Lorne Carr tallied three goals for Toronto, two within the first three minutes of the first period, and the Leafs scored twice more before the period ended on shots by Babe Pratt and Bob Davidson.

Ted Kennedy made the only second-period goal and Carr, Pratt and Gus Bodnar racked up counters in the final frame, Bodnar's unassisted effort coming five seconds before the game ended.

Paul Bibeault, Toronto goalie, was credited with his fourth shutout, which is high for the league. It was the Rangers' fourth shutout and 17th straight game without a victory.

Baksi Is 2-1 Over Savold

NEW YORK, Mar. 10—The wisecracks along Jacobs Beach have established newcomer Joe Baksi, former Kulpmont, Pa., coal miner who decided Tami Mauriello two weeks ago, as a 2-1 favorite over Lee Savold, veteran Paterson, N.J., heavyweight, when they meet tonight in a ten-round brawl at Madison Square Garden.

The shift to Baksi is surprising since Savold has been bouncing around the big time for several years and rates as one of the chief contenders for the "duration" heavy title, especially since Mauriello's downfall. However, he'll have to get past the current sensation tonight or join Mauriello in the ash pile.

Baksi is expected to enter the ring weighing 210 pounds, giving him an advantage of about 12 pounds over Savold.

Army Gets Sinkwich On Marine Fumble

FT. McPHERSON, Ga., Mar. 10—If this war lasts long enough Frankie Sinkwich, former Georgia All-American and star of the Detroit Lions, might even do a hitch with the Navy.

Sinkwich, who was discharged from the Marines for disability last summer after enlisting as an officer candidate, today was accepted for general service by the Army. He returned to his father's home in Youngstown, Ohio, to await call.

By Al Capp

Li'l Abner



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