

20 Counter-Attacks Hurlled Against Third Army

Terrific Flak Costs 56 Heavies

Patton's Men Advance on Saarlautern

German tanks and infantry reacted savagely yesterday to Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's threat to the Saar, throwing in 20 counter-attacks against the Third Army, ten of them against the 95th Infantry Division, which captured dominating positions only two miles from Saarlautern.

A Reuter dispatch from Third Army HQ said that shells from Siegfried Line forts beyond the Saar River were pocking the countryside through which Patton's forces were advancing.

Advance elements of the 95th, in a mile gain Wednesday night, ran into ten enemy attacks on the front between St. Barbara and Oberlimberg, approach points to Saarlautern.

On two sectors southwest of the town, the Germans mounted nine counter-thrusts, three of them only 24 miles from Saarlautern and the other half-dozen about five miles farther southwest.

North of Saarlautern, a German blow gained some ground against the 10th Armored Division east of Tettingen, 11 miles northwest of the Saar River town of Merzig, before the Yank tanks struck back and restored the situation. American infantrymen were only two miles

Ike Warns Slave Labor In Reich to Hide or Flee

SHAFF, Nov. 30 (UP)—A spokesman for Gen. Eisenhower, in a broadcast over ABSIE today, warned foreign workers in Germany's Ruhr and Rhineland to go into hiding or flee, saying: "The time has come to give you precise instructions on what to do when the Allied troops expel the German Army from the area where you work."

west of Merzig after taking high ground on the Saar's west bank.

At Ninth Army HQ, it was disclosed that the 19th Corps—made up of the "Hell on Wheels" Second Armored Division, the "Blue and Gray" 29th Infantry Division and the 30th Infantry Division—had extended its wedge into Germany to 12 miles, a gain of eight over the four originally held when the offensive started on Nov. 16. It has captured 52 German communities and 72 square miles of soil.

This corps, which has reached the west bank of the Roer against some of the toughest fighting along the Western Front, has knocked out three enemy divisions in the last two weeks. Yesterday Lt. Gen. William Simpson's troops, opening a new attack on the northern sector, were fighting into Lindern, between Beek and Linnich, against machine-gun, mortar and artillery fire.

Below the Ninth Army, doughboys of the First cut the Kleinhaus-Brandenberg road and were within less than two miles of the Roer, on high ground overlooking the Roer plain.

Though they lost a little ground in Merode, the Americans took Grosschau and forced the Nazis back across the Inde River after putting the squeeze on Lamersdorf.

On the southern end of the front, the Seventh Army was reported to have gained four more miles south of Strasbourg.

Smoke Rings

Fag Fast Is Proposed

CHICAGO, Nov. 30 (ANS)—The Chicago Times suggested today that a nationwide one-day cigarette fast led by President Roosevelt might put smokes back on store shelves.

"The day would have to be organized so that the President takes the lead," the paper said. "Mr. Roosevelt smokes cigarettes (less than a pack a day he told his press conference this week). There is a shortage in the White House, too."

"Why couldn't the President proclaim a national smokeless day. He could lead the parade by saying that such and such day he was going to quit for 24 hours. He could ask all other cigarette smokers if they wanted to join as volunteers in the good-will experiment."

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 30 (ANS)—The crowd in the street car jammed the front end. So the motorman yelled: "All right, folks. There's a cigarette machine in the rear, full of cigarettes and one pack to a customer." It worked.

Aid Men Hurt Helping Foe



Here's another gory episode in the story of the medical corps and its concern for all who need help, friend or foe. In the top photo three medics are aiding a German civilian who was badly hurt when he stepped on a Nazi box mine. A few seconds after the aid men got him on a stretcher another mine went off, resulting in what you see in the lower photo. One badly-hurt medic lies face downward in the brush at right, another obviously blown clear out of the range of the camera. Third man, an officer, unhurt, goes to aid of his men and civilian, who looks badly mangled by the second blast.

U.S. Bans British Exports Of Lend-Lease Materials

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30—The U.S. today killed plans reported to have been suggested by Britain to let that country get a headstart on rebuilding its export trade by exporting goods obtained from the U.S. under Lend-Lease. It was officially announced today that unless such goods were paid for, thus taking them out of the Lend-Lease category, they could not be re-exported.

The announcement was made by a U.S. committee which has been meeting with a British delegation headed by Lord Keynes. Members of this committee include Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. and Foreign Economic Administrator Leo T. Crowley.

"Some raw and semi-fabricated materials, such as iron and steel," the announcement said, "will no longer be provided by the U.S. to the U.K. under Lend-Lease after Jan. 1, 1945."

Lend-Lease exports to Britain for 1945 are expected to total \$5,600,000,000—a cut of nearly 50 per cent from the 1944 export total.

Although Lend-Lease goods themselves cannot be re-exported, the announcement declared that similar items produced by Britain itself may be exported, and that Lend-Lease goods paid for in cash may be exported.

Prime Minister Churchill, addressing the House of Commons yesterday on his 70th birthday, declared that cutting down of Lend-Lease imports after the defeat of

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Diving P47 Shot Bullets and Pictures

Films Indicate It Was a Yank Who Gave Rommel the Works

SANTA ANA, Cal., Nov. 30 (UP)—Bits of information pieced together indicated today that 20-year-old Lt. Harold O. Miller, of Santa Rosa, Cal., was the Allied flier who fatally injured Nazi Field Marshal Edwin Rommel last July 24.

Films released by the AAF showed bullets from Miller's machine guns spewing into a German staff car 20 miles behind the Normandy lines on that day as the American zoomed his P47 toward the ground. An interview with Miller filled in the background.

The car was the only Nazi staff car destroyed by the American Air Forces that day, and the German Radio admitted that high-ranking Nazi officials were injured July 24, "when a staff car on the

Most Eloquent Tribute To Churchill Is Foe's

AT A U.S. INFANTRY COMMAND POST IN GERMANY, Nov. 30 (AP)—Of all the compliments paid to Prime Minister Churchill on his 70th birthday today, perhaps the strangest was paid by a captured German soldier. He told an American lieutenant: "I have to admire Churchill in a way. He promised the English blood, sweat and tears—and he's giving them victory. Hitler promised us victory, and he's giving us blood and tears."

Fires Still Rage In Tokyo After B29 Night Blow

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP)—While Japanese Radio admitted some fires were still raging in Tokyo's industrial districts today the War Department confirmed last night's blow by 21st Bomber Command Superfortresses against the Nipponese capital.

The number of B-29s which took part in the attacks, first night raid against Tokyo, was not revealed, but no planes were lost to enemy action in the raid from Saipan.

Bombing was done from great height and through clouds by instrument. Results were not observed.

An indication that the B-29 raids might already have precipitated industrial problems was seen in a Tokyo Radio announcement that a new Cabinet council had been formed to cope with war-production snags. "In due course bottlenecks are expected to appear," the radio added cryptically.

13 Jap Ships Sunk Off Leyte

LEYTE ISLAND, Philippines, Nov. 30 (Reuter)—Three Japanese destroyers and ten other vessels of a convoy bound for Leyte were sunk in a sea-air battle off Leyte's west coast Tuesday night, Gen. MacArthur's communique reported today. Four thousand Japanese troops were lost.

This was the sixth convoy bound for Leyte destroyed by MacArthur's forces. The Japanese have now lost 21,000 troops, 26 transports and 17 escort vessels in attempts to reinforce the island.

The Japanese ships sunk in the latest battle include three large cargo transports, four large and three medium troop transports and three destroyers.

Full Air Freedom Demanded by U.S.

CHICAGO, Nov. 30—The U.S. tonight placed before the International Civil Aviation Conference a "freedom of the air" plan which would permit airlines to compete for the world's air commerce with practically no international limitation over capacity or frequency of operations.

The proposal was offered virtually on a "take it or leave it" basis, which returned the U.S. to its original stand and indicated rejection of some of the minimum controls previously accepted as a concession to Britain.

Support of a majority of the 54 nations participating in the conference was claimed for the U.S. proposal.

30 Fighters Also Lost in Big Oil Blow

The Germans yesterday met one of the heaviest air blows of the war against their fast-dwindling oil production with a furious barrage of anti-aircraft fire that knocked out of the air 56 of the attacking U.S. heavy bombers and 30 fighters.

More than 1,250 Eighth Air Force heavies and more than 1,000 Eighth and Ninth Air Force fighters made the attack against German synthetic-oil plants at Bohlen, Zeitz, Mersburg and Lutzendorf—all in the Leipzig area.

Germany's oil production is reported already to have been pounded down to less than one-fourth what it was in the spring.

Since the spring, according to Eighth AF reports, the Germans have been steadily reinforcing the 40-square mile area in which most of their synthetic-oil plants are located, moving anti-aircraft installations into the area from all parts of the Reich.

One of Heaviest Protected

Today, the report said, the area is one of the most heavily defended in the Reich, with twice as much flak protection as Berlin is reported to have had.

The attacking force knocked out four Me109s, although some German fighters were seen, reports did not indicate whether they had put up a fight.

Enemy flak was so heavy, according to some returning bomber crews, that they could hardly see the bomber formations ahead of them.

Some of the fighters shot down are believed to have landed in friendly territory.

It was the first time in several weeks that the heavies were able, because of clear weather, to see their targets. Some of the attack, however—that on the Leuna synthetic-oil plant near Mersburg, and the attack on railroad marshalling yards at Saarbrücken—was through cloud.

All Previously Hit

The oil targets hit yesterday, all of which are clustered together in the same area, have all been hit before, some of them more than half a dozen times.

The yards at Saarbrücken constitute one of the main rail-control points along the German southern front. They have been blasted by the RAF in attacks over the last several months. Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr.'s U.S. Third Army forces are within eight miles of Saarbrücken.

While the Eighth's bombers and fighters of the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces were making their attack an unannounced number of RAF heavies were hitting three benzol plants in the Meiderich district of Duisburg, in the Ruhr. They dropped "many" 4,000-pound bombs on their targets, which included also Oberhauser and Bottrop.

Russians Sever Key Rail Line

Russian troops in Hungary have cut the railway between Kosice and Miskolc with the capture of Eger, 62 miles northeast of Budapest, and Szikszo, nine miles from Miskolc, Marshal Stalin announced last night in an order of the day.

Marshal Malinowsky was reported continuing to chop up the enemy's communications on the approaches to Budapest and between Hungary and Czechoslovakia, preparatory to a grand assault on Budapest itself. The order described the towns as important enemy communications bases and defense strongholds.

With the capture of Eger, the Russians eliminated one of the last two bastions the Germans had in northeastern Hungary.

Germans in Italy Regain Some Ground

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Nov. 30 (Reuter)—Heavy fighting has flared up on both the Fifth and Eighth Army fronts as a result of an improvement in the weather. The Germans, using rocket-launchers, armor and artillery, have thrown in a series of counter-attacks and won back some ground.

Northwest of Forretta Terme, on the Pistoia-Bologna road, the Germans recaptured Monte Belvedere, taken by American troops of the Fifth Army last weekend.

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

Combat Man Answers

Dear Stars and Stripes, To "Crazy for Combat,"... I think you're hoping for a Section Eight, and not combat. I don't think you want a combat CO to see your insane plea...

The Cigarette Shortage

Dear Stars and Stripes, Several CS things have happened in the ETO in the past, but this latest deal tops them all. No cigarettes for ground personnel. What goes on here, anyway?

UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN

It becomes increasingly evident that there has been gross mismanagement in the distribution of cigarettes to armed forces personnel. According to the AP story in your Nov. 22 issue, the total of cigarettes sent to troops overseas is expected to reach 88,000,000 by the end of 1944...

All Germans Are The Enemy

Dear Stars and Stripes, Let us never forget that this enemy includes, not only the armed Germans, but ALL the Germans. Those who have sold their rights to liberty and freedom and human dignity to live as slaves are an equal enemy. For the lines are very sharply drawn, and only those who will fight for liberty may enjoy it...

Hash Marks

Here's an old jingle brought up to date by Adolf Hitler: I shot a V2 into the air, It fell to earth, I know not where—I lose more darn V2s that way!



British civilian the other night looking up at one of the "moonlights" and singing, "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine."

Another unsigned verse left in our typewriter: It was just the other evening In a fortune-telling place, A gypsy read a sergeant's mind And smartly slapped his face.

Afterthought. A wolf is a member of the male species who devotes the best leers of his life to women.

The first gust of the Yuletide has blown over the Siegfried Line to the Third Armored Division. It was the first Christmas package of the season—a large carton of luscious Lifesavers.

And then there was the fellow—no kidding—whose girl sent him a can of Spam and one of Vienna sausages. And this is his second year in the ETO, too. He's now looking for a new girl friend, and has one picked out in a mail order catalogue.

M/Sgt. Dave Smiley tells of the two Nazis who came in contact with the business end of a flamethrower—they were accused of "burning their britches behind them."



Some GIs in Belgium were huddled around a radio listening to Frank Sinatra sing "Stardust." Just as the crooner let go with the words "Sometimes I wonder why I spend the lonely nights dreaming of a song," a realistic GI blurted out "It's because of that blankety-blank draft board."

UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



"He's pretty sore. He says we didn't even try to ketch his orderly."

Toy Time in Germany

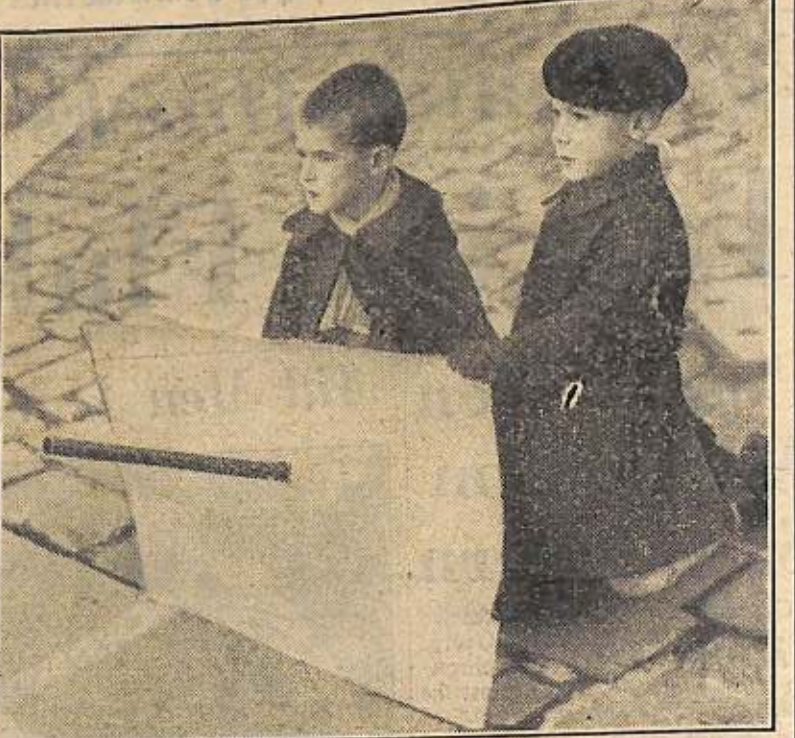
THIS is a true story. It happened just inside the German border on the way to Aachen.

A convoy of replacements was tearing toward the front. Opposition had been cleaned up weeks before by the infantry that had hit the Siegfried Line and which was now engaged in reducing Nazi cities to arable land.

The convoy came to a crossroad where two German kids were playing. They were fat, red-cheeked farm kids—not more than six years old.

One of them had a piece of cardboard about two feet square. The other had a broom handle. The broom handle was pushed through a hole in the middle of the cardboard. It was a home-made toy anti-tank gun. The broom handle was the barrel. The cardboard was the shield. They set it up right off the crossroad.

Then these two youngsters squatted down behind it. As the convoy rolled by, one of the kids yelled "Boom!"



The GIs in the convoy had been riding all night and most of them were dozing and probably never even knew they were being "attacked." But one of them who wasn't

altogether asleep reached into his overcoat pocket and pulled out a package of Life Savers and pitched it over the side to the kids. Then he went back to sleep.

Report from a B29

Tokyo Easier Than Germany To Flier Who Bombed Both

Of particular interest to Eighth Air Force crews who bomb Berlin, the following dispatch tells what it's like to bomb Tokyo from a Superfortress. Maj. Robert K. Morgan, of Asheville, N.C., piloted the famous Fortress "Memphis Belle" in the ETO. Last Friday he rode "Dauntless Dotty," first B-29 over Tokyo, and Monday he made another raid. This account is in the form of a letter to Morgan's wife, Dorothy, and was transmitted to the U.S. by radio.

By Maj. Robert K. Morgan

As Reported by Associated Press ABOARD "DAUNTLESS DOTTY," Returning to Saipan, Nov. 27 (delayed)—I am writing this after having just left the coastline of Japan behind. The target again today was Tokyo. Only 72 hours ago I was over the same coastline, when I led the whole flight...

Trip Twice As Long

The trip to the target is a long one, twice as long as some complete missions to Germany. As we approached Japan about noon, Mt. Fuji stuck out above

the clouds like a traffic light directing us to the target.

As we turned toward the target the gunners kept their eyes searching for fighters, but all we saw were B-29s leaving the target after having dropped their bombs.

Since we were the high flight today, all the other planes were below us. As they left the target we turned onto our bombing run, opened the bomb doors and began the run less than a minute later.

Bombs fell from all the planes in my squadron. Downward they fell toward Tokyo. The sight of all those bombs dropping on the Tokyo war machine does my heart good. Even more satisfaction is gained than in dropping bombs on Germany.

Only the Beginning

I have waited a long time to drop those bombs. Now my wish is coming true. And this is only the beginning.

Fighter opposition on both raids has been very light. Flak also has been extremely light and inaccurate. Therefore, it goes without much debate that both of these raids were much easier than any I had over Germany: I can add that I am surprised...

We have left Tokyo behind with many fires burning in the industrial area, and soon we will be back at our base.

I might add that my boys have done a swell job, and I am proud of them. We have only begun the bombing of Tokyo, and there is much ahead...

AFN Radio Program

- American Forces Network—With the AEF on the Road to Berlin On Your Dial 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc. 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m. Saturday, Dec. 2 0755—Sign On—Program Resume. 0800—Headlines—Combat Diary. 0815—Personal Album with Georgia Gibbs. 0830—Music from America. 0900—World News. 0905—Music by Stan Kenton. 0925—Canada Dance Orchestra. 1000—Headlines—Morning After (Command Performance). 1030—Army Talks. 1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A. 1105—Duffie Bag. 1200—World News. 1205—Duffie Bag. 1300—Headlines—Sports News. 1305—Grand Old Opry. 1330—Yanks Radio Edition. 1400—Headlines—Downbeat with Jimmy Dorsey. 1430—College of Musical Knowledge with Phil Hart. 1500—Headlines—American Dance Band (Sgt. Ray McKinley). 1530—On the Record. 1630—Strike up the Band. 1700—Headlines—Johnny Mercer's Music Shop. 1715—Miss Parade. 1745—Raymond Scott Orchestra. 1755—American Sports News. 1800—World News. 1805—Mark up the Map. 1810—Your State. 1815—Glenn Miller Sextet. 1830—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street. 1845—Football Game—Army vs. Navy. 2130—All Time Hit Parade. 2200—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A. 2205—Xavier Cugat with Don Rodney and Lina Romay. 2230—Jubilee. 2300—Final Edition. 2305—Sign off until 0755 hours, Sunday, Dec. 3. On the Continent listen to your favorite AFN Programs over the Allied Expeditionary Forces Program: 583 kc. 514m. Also shortwave: 6.195mc. (49m. band) between 0800 and 1900 hours.

This Is a Tale Of Hearts—And Flowers

THE 101ST GENERAL HOSPITAL, Nov. 30—It was Thanksgiving Day. T/Sgt. Jack Teach, of Los Angeles, and T/4 Lyman S. Shields, of Grand Rapids, Mich., were putting away the day's work—thinking of that turkey dinner—when there was a knock on the door.

A small, gray-haired woman entered. In her hand she clutched a bouquet of newly-picked marigolds.

"I brought these for the patients in the hospital," she said nervously. "I hope they bring a little cheer to the boys on this holiday."

Handing them over to Shields, she said: "Just a gift from England to America."

With that, she left the room, disappearing as mysteriously as she came.

Japs Lose Supplies To Swifter GIs

14TH ARMY, Burma, Nov. 30—The Japanese lost over \$6,000,000 in ammunition, guns and other stores when an English captain and five Americans won a race against 200 Japs for a major Nip supply dump during the 14th Army's drive across the Chindwin River.

Adding insult to injury, the Allied patrol conscripted an entire native village's population to carry away the most valuable supplies before blowing up the remainder.

The Americans included Lt. John Ensminger, of Wadley, Ala.; Sgt. Claude D. Mach, of Erie, Pa.; Sgt. Arthur Lauson, of Baltimore, Md.; Sgt. Kurt Gostel, of Akron, Ohio, and Sgt. Irving Ulgubernik, of Yonkers, N.Y. The Britisher was Capt. R. F. Hearn, of Lahore, India.

Pyle Ready for Pacific

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., Nov. 30 (ANS)—War Correspondent Ernie Pyle, who returned from France several weeks ago for a rest at home here, disclosed today he had been accredited to the Navy and would leave for the Pacific Theater within a month.

Newman's Yankee Doodles

NEWS ITEM—ETO fax famine still prevails.



"Money, money, nothin' but money! Not one stinkin' pack of cigarettes!"

Army, Navy Win 7 Berths On UP's All-America

NEW YORK, Nov. 30—Army and Navy snagged seven of 11 places on the United Press All-America football team for 1944. Only four schools were represented on the mythical team selected by sports writers from all over the country, the other two being Indiana and Ohio State. It's the first time in over a decade that the east has dominated the selections and also the first time so few schools were represented.

Once Over Lightly

By Andy Rooney

NEW YORK, Nov. 30—The trouble with rumors is that one good rumor is always killing another, and the latest rumor that Joe Louis is going to the Pacific for a boxing exhibition sure puts the freeze on the happy talk about Louis meeting Billy Conn in Paris before an all-soldier crowd. The rumor was too good to be true, but it was fun while it lasted.

When the story first got abroad here it was attributed to pretty good authority, but even then the boys in the business said it never would come off. "Not that one," they said. "They'll never pull that one out of the fistic fedora until they can hold the fight in Chicago, Philadelphia or New York. That's the million-dollar gate receipt no one has been able to pull off since Tex Rickard died and Jack Dempsey pulled off his mittens. And besides," Jacobs Beachers explain, "Conn and Louis together are into ole Uncle Mike Jacobs for something like \$90,000. They are not going to pitch leather for hay with that over their heads. That Conn-Louis fight will be the first big clam-bake when they are both civilians again."

The fight game today, never lily white, is the unloueliest in the business. Most of the good young boys who normally would be moving in on the oldsters are in the services, and the good young boys already near the top of the ladder have been drafted, with the result that managers throw pretty nearly anyone into the ring to draw blood and customers.

Old troupers like Fritzie Zivic, and they don't come much better than Fritzie in his prime, are roving the bush leagues, taking on all comers in Beaumont, Louisville and all tank towns between for cuppa coffee money. That's the sort of thing which breaks the heart of the true ring lover, just as seeing Seabiscuit and War Admiral hooked up to plow would break a horse lover's heart. Fritzie and the boys should all be turned out to graze before their heads get not only beaten in but knocked off.

Lou Nova, the battle-weary heavy-weight, is still on the stage here as a boxer too. Yesterday he proudly announced from a War Bond sales platform on Fifth Avenue that he beat someone last week. It might have been Joe Doaks he beat, but for the record it was one Buddy Knox. (Knox also was flattened by Joe Baksi in Pittsburgh Monday night.)

Harry Bobo, a better than average Negro boxer, is still fighting, despite the fact that the Pennsylvania boxing commission refuses to let him scrap in the Keystone State because the retina of one eye is partially detached and one blow could render Bobo blind for good. Bobo was taken into the Army, but detached a short while later only to be snapped up by a fight manager. Bobo's manager is one of those "you can't hurt us" kind of guys.

Ray Robinson, another Army dischargee, seems to be doing okay. He won his third straight fight since his discharge this week over Vic Dellicurti in Detroit. Al "Bummy" Davis is still fighting. He trimmed Boston's Frankie Ross in Brooklyn Wednesday. Gene Tunney still looks like the only boxer who knew when to quit—and did.

QUESTION BOX: To Sgt. John McPartlin and Sgt. Rowland—Southern Methodist and Notre Dame have played twice. In 1930 Notre Dame won, 20-14, and in '39 the Irish won, 20-19. . . . To Vincent Ross—In '40 Tennessee won ten and lost the post-season Sugar Bowl game to Boston College. In '41 they won eight and lost two. In '42 they won eight and lost two during the season and beat Tulsa in the Sugar Bowl.

American Hockey League

Buffalo 4, Providence 3
Cleveland 7, Pittsburgh 3
Other teams not scheduled.

EASTERN DIVISION				
W	L	T	P	
Buffalo	9	6	2	20
Hershey	8	5	1	17
Providence	4	8	2	10
WESTERN DIVISION				
W	L	T	P	
Pittsburgh	9	8	1	19
Indianapolis	7	6	5	19
Cleveland	8	6	1	17
St. Louis	2	8	2	6

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Found
Lt. Myron Hammond—Your overcoat has been found.—Capt. W. J. Kelly.
BUNCH of photographs found in Bristol—one is of George Verndran taken at Camp Cushing, San Antonio, Texas, and there are a lot of "Virginia" and "Baby Sandy" records which

Major League Troupe in France

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

PARIS, Nov. 30—Mel Ott, manager of the New York Giants; Frankie Frisch, pilot of the Pittsburgh Pirates; Bucky Walters, ace right-hander of the Cincinnati Reds; and Emil "Dutch" Leonard, Washington Senators' knuckleballer, have arrived here with J. Roy Stockton, sports writer of the St. Louis Post Dispatch, who will act as MC in their shows.

The group, representing professional baseball's first junket to the ETO, will entertain combat Joes for almost two months. The four big leaguers will hit the road tomorrow morning, taking with them films of the '44 World Series. Each appearance will consist of a showing of the film and an old-fashioned ball session on baseball, with Stockton and the GIs tossing questions at the major league stars.

Trip to U.K. Undecided

(Robert Rappport, executive administrator at the USO Camp Show offices in London, said yesterday that he wasn't able to say definitely whether the stars would make any appearances in the U.K. after touring the combat areas. "It all depends on how much time they have," he stated.)

It didn't take long to discover today why umpires fear to tangle verbally with Frankie Frisch. But what proved mildly surprising is the fact that Master Melvin Ott can hold his own very well in the oratory league.

After Leonard shrugged off his recent telephone-bribing episode with, "It was a crank, nothing more," and Walters seemed more interested in talking about Paris than about the four victories he fashioned over the Cardinals during the National League season, Frisch and Ott took over the stage.

The conversation went something like this:

"My Vince DiMaggio sure has a healthy appetite," Frankie said. "He could spend a season's profit, if there was any, in a hotel dining room."

"If you're sure you don't want him, Frankie, I might consider taking him off your hands," Mel said.

"I'll give him to you for Bill Voiselle,



Bucky Walters, Frankie Frisch, J. Roy Stockton, Mel Ott and Dutch Leonard are the interested spectators as Pfc Joseph Wiktor, of Buffalo, N.Y., shows how a bed roll gets that way. (Ed. note—Our cameraman forgot to include the bedroll in his picture.)

Billy Jurges and a few others," was the answer.

"Don't you want Ott thrown in on that deal too?" Scribe Roy Stockton chimed in. "He could be used occasionally as a pinch hitter."

"No," Frankie said. "If I get Voiselle, Mel will have to stay in New York and become a pitcher. Or did the Giants have two pitchers this summer?"

The conversation was, of course, merely idle chatter because neither man-

ger intends to talk business while in the ETO. Before the troupe departed from the States, Frisch and Ott deposited memos with their respective front offices, outlining their needs and likely trading material when the major league meeting takes place in Chicago next month. Both agree, however, that trading will be light because of the war-time manpower shortages; clubs are holding tightly to any players they now have.

The voting produced three standouts—Felix Blanchard, Army's hard-charging piebe fullback; Les Horvath, who led Ohio State to an undefeated season; and Don Whitmire, powerful Navy tackle. Blanchard led the balloting with 813 votes of a possible 1,056 while Horvath polled 787 and Whitmire 741.



BOBBY JENKINS

Bobby Jenkins of Navy and Army's Glenn Davis rounded out the backfield. Davis, the nation's leading scorer, crossed the goal line 19 times to lead the Cadets' point-a-minute scoring attack with 114 points. Jenkins, who may miss the Army game because of an infected foot, beat out Buddy Young of Illinois for the first team. Like Whitmire, Bobby played at Alabama before entering the Naval Academy and was the sparkplug of the Navy offense.

The team, giving position, school and weight: end—George Poole, Army, 220; tackle—William Willis, Ohio State, 215; guard—Benjamin Chase, Navy, 195; center—John Tavener, Indiana, 220; guard—Joseph Stanowicz, Army, 215; tackle—Donald Whitmire, Navy, 215; end—Jack Dugger, Ohio State, 210; quarterback—Les Horvath, Ohio State, 167; halfbacks—Bob Jenkins, Navy, 195, and Glenn Davis, Army, 170; fullback—Felix Blanchard, Army, 205.

The UP second team: ends—Tinsley, Georgia Tech, and Walker, Yale; tackles—Coulter, Army, and Ferraro, Southern Cal; guards—Filley, Notre Dame, and Hackett, Ohio State; center—Martin, Navy; quarterback—Young, Illinois; halfbacks—Kelly, Notre Dame, and McWilliams, Miss. State; fullback—Dimancheff, Purdue.

Glenn Davis Retains College Scoring Lead

NEW YORK, Nov. 30—Glenn Davis, Army's prospective All-American back, retained his scoring lead among the nation's collegians last week-end, even though the Cadets didn't play. And as his nearest rival is 30 points behind, the West Point halfback seems a cinch to grab scoring honors for the year.

Del Cockayne, of Drake, climbed into a second-place tie with Tow McWilliams, of Mississippi State.

The leaders:

PLAYER	TEAM	TD	EP	IP
Davis	Army	19	0	114
Cockayne	Drake	14	0	84
McWilliams	Miss. State	14	0	84
Tressell	Baldwin-Wallace	13	2	80
Young	Illinois	13	0	78
Brinkley	Wake Forest	13	0	78
Underwood	Murray Teachers	12	2	74
Evans	Second AF	11	5	71
DeCoursey	Washington	11	0	66
Collins	Missouri	11	0	66
Cromer	Ark. Aggies	11	0	66
Yates	Texas Aggies	9	0	54

Army, Navy Wind Up Training As Pre-Game Fever Hits Peak

NEW YORK, Nov. 30—The Cadets at West Point have been perusing their books on how to win wars as usual this week, but their talk and actions are mostly concerned with the annual Army-Navy battle at Baltimore Saturday, and no team ever got more pre-game encouragement than the football team of Coach Earl Blaik is getting. The entire Academy is all pepped up over the game, and the traditional bed sheets with designs appealing for an Army victory hang from windows throughout the Academy grounds.

AFN to Broadcast Army-Navy Contest

The American Forces Network will carry the play-by-play account of the Army-Navy football game tomorrow direct from Municipal Stadium in Baltimore. Pre-game dope will hit the air at 6.45 PM, with the kickoff at seven.

The Allied Expeditionary Forces Program will join AFN just after the 9 PM news broadcast and present the remainder of the game from that point.

AFN will carry a 45-minute re-creation of the Middle-Mule game starting at 8.15 PM Sunday.

The unbeaten West Point gridders will leave for Baltimore by train tomorrow morning and work out in the afternoon before going to Gilam School in Baltimore to dream of victory on Saturday.

Blaik, who was made a full colonel yesterday, says his Army squad is in top shape with the exception of a couple of second and third string guards.

Jenkins Big Question Mark

The big question at Annapolis is whether Bobby Jenkins, the Middies' ace power runner, will be available for the game. Jenkins entered the infirmary Tuesday with an infection in his left foot, and Cmdr. Oscar Hagberg, Navy mentor, said today that he still has hopes the former Alabama flash will be ready. In any case, the Middies still have Hal Hamberg, 150-pound passer from Lonoke, Ark., who has been a terror to the Cadets for the past two years.

The whole Cadet Corps and all the Middies will be on hand for the game. At Annapolis they also have brought out their signs, and each day when they hit formation there are loud shouts of "Beat Army." Tecumseh, the bronze Indian who is the Middies' good-luck charm, has been painted a gaudy crimson and gold.

Capt. Owen Humphries, Naval Academy athletic director, has ordered a tarpaulin spread over the gridiron at Municipal Stadium and announced today that there will be exactly 66,569 persons at the game.

90-Yard Run Just Another Play

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30—Someone finally has been located who has more endurance than the men who sell insurance. It's the fellow who goes to football games and keeps statistics.

Jules Schwartz has followed more than 100 games with his charts and pencils during his 15-year statisticking career, which has been spent mainly at the University of Pennsylvania's Franklin Field.

"Some day I'm going to a football game without my pencil and I'm really going to enjoy it," Schwartz said today. "As it is now I have to read the papers

in the morning to see what actually happened."

A 90-yard run which brings the crowd screaming to its feet is nothing more than a note on his chart to Schwartz, who forgets it, because the next play, which may be an offside, has to be jotted down too.

It gets pretty dull after a while just marking down what happens, Schwartz says. He loves football and would like to "keep his head up" through just one game. He doesn't say so, but he might even like to sit back and remind a few referees that they are bums, which is the privilege of all true fans.

Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune



By Chester Gould

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



By Al Capp

Buckeye Aide Scores Big Ten

CLEVELAND, Nov. 30—The Western Conference's refusal to allow its member schools to participate in post-season athletics is working to the disadvantage of Big Ten schools, Ernie Godfrey, assistant football coach at Ohio State, declared today. Godfrey feels that southern schools take advantage of big gate receipts realized from bowl games to "professionalize" college football.

Godfrey told the Ohio State Alumni Club that this is "one of the hardest things we have to fight when attempting to influence Ohio schoolboys to enter college in their home state."

Carroll Widdoes, Ohio State's head coach, modestly gave credit for the Buckeyes' great season to his predecessor, Lt. (jg) Paul Brown, now coaching at Great Lakes Naval. "I was just a rookie hanging on to Paul Brown's coat tails for a good many years," Widdoes said. "We should give him credit for quite a bit of the success."

Deep Pass Attack Will Sink Middies, Saunders Advises

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30—Brig. Gen. Laverne "Blondy" Saunders, star of Army's 1925, '26 and '27 football teams and line coach from '32 to '39, advised the Cadets from his bed in Walter Reed General Hospital today that they could beat Navy by passing deep.

Saunders, who led the first B29 raid on the Japanese mainland, played in the 1926 game generally regarded as the greatest of all Army-Navy grid battles before 110,000 at Chicago.

Saunders recalls how Knute Rockne pulled in the Army defense and Notre Dame came through with an upset 7-0 win. The ace airman, who suffered a fractured heel and leg in India, said he thought that from what he'd read Doug Kenna was just the man to pass deep against Navy.

Randolph Sought for Oil Bowl

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30—An announcement is expected soon from Army and Navy authorities on the request from promoters of the New Year's Day Oil Bowl football game at Houston, Tex., that Bainbridge Naval play Randolph Field for charity.

Your Uncle Dan Has Sure Winner—He Says

NEW YORK, Nov. 30—Dan Parker, Daily Mirror sports editor, who has been picking losers for The Stars and Stripes ever since the '44 football season started, has come up with his final selection of the year, a guaranteed winner.

"Army will positively defeat Navy Saturday at Baltimore," large Dan predicted fearlessly, "and in case Noel Coward contemplates wagering a few farthings on the outcome I can tell him Army will win by 14 pernts, as they say in Brooklyn where dear dear Noel is so widely known and univer-

Life in Those United States

Roosevelt Acts to Give Disabled Vets U.S. Jobs

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (ANS)—The White House announced today that President Roosevelt had signed an executive order setting aside civil-service and war-service regulations in the cases of disabled veterans who have completed training courses under the Veterans' Administration.

The President's order stated that following the completion of training for service with the federal government, veterans may be appointed to jobs on a preferred basis, providing:

- 1—that veterans are recommended by an employing agency; 2—that the Civil Service Commission determines the adequacy of the training course, and 3—that veterans "pass such a non-competitive examination as the commission may prescribe."

Civil-service officials pointed out, meantime, that despite the provisions in the President's order, a disabled veteran is entitled to open up any job register which has been closed by merely making application. If qualified for the job, the veteran is immediately placed at the head of the list.

CAPITAL MERRY-GO-ROUND: Former OPA chief Leon Henderson has been assigned to handle economic affairs in the U.S.-controlled area of occupied Germany and will leave for Europe next week. . . . Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones sent to Congress the Civil Aeronautics Administration's national-airport plan calling for the construction of 3,000 new fields and the improvement of 1,625 existing fields.

U.S.-paid civilian help dropped 2,000 to 2,800,000 last month. . . . The Navy informed Congress it planned to train twice as many naval-officer candidates after the war as it did before.



LEON HENDERSON

The Reel Thing

NEW YORK, Nov. 30 (ANS)—Allen Artonchuck, 25, testified in court today that he stole six reels of the film "Bathing Beauty" because the blonde swimming star, Esther Williams, "was so alluring in it" that he "had to have the film if I couldn't have her."

Away, Foul Superstition

BOSTON, Nov. 30—A campaign to abolish the superstition of "three on a match" was launched today by local USO officials on the grounds "it's patriotic" for three to light up together, providing it's possible for three persons to produce three cigarettes.

N.Y. Serves Coward a Pan Full of His Own Words

NEW YORK, Nov. 30 (AP)—The New York City Council has adopted a resolution deciding to "pan but not ban" Noel Coward for his reference to "mournful little Brooklyn boys" in his "Middle East Diary."

A proposal by publishers and booksellers to boycott Coward's works was eliminated from the resolution.

The resolution said that the Council "affirms" Coward's appraisal of himself in another book—"Present Indicative"—published in 1937, in which he said he was a "poor weavling, a spineless creature of no integrity unable to cope with anything more formidable than a row of footlights and a Saturday night audience."

Foss Eager for Action

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Nov. 30 (ANS)—Maj. Jos. Foss of the Marines, first U.S. flier in World War II to equal Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker's record of 26 downed enemy planes in World War I, is recuperating here from malaria.

Foss, who two weeks ago said he doubted whether he'd ever again fly in combat, today said he was confident he'd be able to return to the South Pacific, adding that he expected "to be set to go in three months."



JOE FOSS

Wants Absentee Ballots Only

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Nov. 30 (ANS)—Secretary of State Frank C. Jordan announced today he would propose to the next State Legislature that voting by person be abolished in California and a system of voting by absentee ballots be substituted. He said the State would save around \$5,000,000 yearly and figured a vote of up to 98 per cent in comparison with the present average of 80 would be attained.

Cattle Drown as Barge Sinks

JERSEY CITY, Nov. 30—Thousands of dollars' worth of war-scarce beef, on the way to New York consumers, was lost in the Hudson River when a stockyard barge sank. Only 73 of the 340 head of cattle aboard were rescued by dock workers, who lassoed the beasts and hauled them ashore.

The Weekend Was a Dragged-Out Affair

MOODY FIELD, Ga., Nov. 30 (ANS)—The provost marshal checking the guardhouse personnel paused in front of a bunk occupied by a Negro GI.

"You're new here, aren't you, son?" the officer asked. "Yes, sir." "Do you know why you have been arrested?" "Yes, sir," stammered the prisoner. "I just overstayed a weekend pass."

"That's right," amplified a nearby guard. "He overstayed it 14 months."

She Knocked Him for a Lupe

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 30 (ANS)—Actress Lupe Velez finally has a man—she is the French actor, Harold Raymond—she has announced. They are engaged, she said. The Mexican bombshell, whom even he-man Johnny Weissmuller couldn't tame when they were married, said that Raymond "tells me where to go" whenever she tried to give him the lip.

130 Prs. of Printer's Errors

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 30 (ANS)—Matters got off the beaten track today when the beautiful Pat Dane (Mrs. Tommy Dorsey) took the stand to testify at the trial in which she and her bandleader husband are accused of slashing actor Jon Hall's nose last summer.

Miss Dane said she wanted to correct a newspaper item about her owning 144 pairs of nylon stockings. "I only have 14 pairs," she said, crossing her legs at the same time to show at least one pair, "and I didn't buy them in any black market."



PAT DANE

Snow in Mississippi

WEST POINT, Miss., Nov. 30 (ANS)—Northeastern Mississippi had a 30-minute snowfall—the first of the winter—yesterday.

D.C. Federal Judge Dies

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP)—Chief Justice Edward C. Eicher of the District of Columbia Federal Court died today.

French-Canucks Tops (Remember Papa Dionne?)

Pea Soupers Are in No Fog When It Comes to Making Love

Some years back, when there was time to read such stuff, Esquire ran an article called "Latins Are Lousy Lovers." Since it was written by a gal, who professed to know whereof she wrote, it caused much pain to genuine Latins and even more to those would-be Don Juans who dreamed of Seville but lived in Schenectady.

(We were going to say Brooklyn, but look what happened to Noel Coward.)

The Esquire lass didn't say (or we don't remember) who made the best lovers, but we'll go out on a limb, backed by the words of a vitamin expert, and nominate the French-Canadians. The secret, it seems, is in the Canucks' diet, which—Army cooks, please note—consists of plenty of pea soup.

At least that's what Albert Cliffe, a

Montrealer who knows his ABCs in the vitamin line, had to say the other night at Toronto, according to Reuter. He didn't say it in so many words, apparently not seeking to throw a bone of contention into the pea soup theory.

But the facts speak for themselves: The Canucks eat plenty of pea soup and they have many children. French-Canadian families in one Ontario town averaged 15 children.

Peas, said Cliffe, are the richest source of vitamins necessary for healthy reproductive organs. He added that the percentage of sterility among French-Canadian women was the lowest in the world.

It's our own idea, but the ruckus raised by French-Canadian troops recently against going overseas may have been due principally to reluctance in having a change of diet.

Germans Never Got a Chance to Use These Trenches



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo Germans forced French civilians to dig these 1918-type trenches in the Sarrebourg area of France. They were of little use before the Allied advance, though, so the Nazis took off for more suitable locations.

9th Army's Lost Are Found

Guts About All They Had Left, But GIs Had Enough to Win

By Franklin Banker

Associated Press Correspondent

ENGELSDORF, Germany, Nov. 30—Drinking rainwater and treating their wounded with blood plasma dropped by Cubs, two Ninth Army infantry companies, cut off from the rest of their battalion for two days and two nights, held out heroically against superior German forces until rescued Monday night.

In the absence of medical aid men, GIs suffering from painful trench foot bandaged each other's wounds with first-aid kits and administered plasma to the wounded.

Lt. Col. Sidney Bingham, of Dallas, Tex.,—battalion commander, said the companies attacked Koslar, 15 miles northeast of Aachen, early Saturday despite tremendous odds.

"They had trench foot from walking through deep water for a week," he said. "They were covered with mud and few of their weapons fired properly. They got in by sheer strength, barrelling in like a football team and hurdling trenches on the outskirts."

There were just too many Germans, but no one knew this in advance.

The big factor enabling them to avoid capture or annihilation was the artillery support, directed by Lt. Emmett House, of Atlanta, Ga., over the radio—the only means of communication.

Typical of the way they made every bullet count, Pvt. Robert Sanderson, of Hillside, N.J., sniping from an attic, got three Germans with three shots when Tiger tanks and infantry attacked.

They shot up a couple of companies preparing to counter-attack them. Keyes said S/Sgt. August Bruno, of Esmond, R.I., did "fine work" in reorganizing the infantry in a tight spot, and Pfc Edwin Zintader, of Bayonne, N.J., "took dandy care of the wounded."

Shell Shortage Delayed Drive

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30 (AP)—Gen. Eisenhower had to delay his general offensive until enough artillery and ammunition was accumulated, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson told his press conference today.

Stimson said the ammunition situation bid fair to become more critical "unless production rates in the U.S. are greatly increased."

Following the rush across France, Stimson said, rail-line disruption delayed delivery of ammunition available at some ports. As this was cleared, the next bottleneck was the incapacity of ports to receive the ammunition available in Britain.

"Now we are reaching another limitation in the availability of ammunition in the U.S.," Stimson said.

Spans Atlantic in 6 Hours

An RAF Transport Command Mosquito set a new record for the Atlantic crossing yesterday, spanning the 2,230 miles from a Labrador airfield in six hours eight minutes.

Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



1,095 GI Cars Stolen in Paris

Stars and Stripes Paris Bureau

PARIS, Nov. 30—In the first 20 days of November, 188 Army vehicles, some of which have been recovered, were stolen in the Paris area, it was revealed yesterday by Col. E. G. Buhrmaster, Paris provost marshal. He said that unless mitigating circumstances absolved drivers of responsibility, they would have to pay the replacement cost of their lost vehicles.

Latest costs announced by ordnance officials put the price of a new jeep at \$1,000, a weapons carrier at \$1,465, and a six-by-six cargo truck at \$2,910.

Buhrmaster disclosed that through the joint efforts of MPs and careful drivers fewer vehicles are being stolen now than in the first month of Paris' liberation, when 530 Army vehicles went AWOL. The total figure of jeeps, trucks and other vehicles reported missing up to Nov. 20 is 1,095.

Since Aug. 30, MPs have picked up 1,673 vehicles, some of them abandoned after being stolen, most of them illegally unattended. Of this number, 1,356 have been returned to units claiming ownership, and 176 have been sent to ordnance reassignment pools.

Buhrmaster disclosed that most thefts occurred when drivers negligently left their vehicles unattended.

France for Most Part Free

By Earl Mazo

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE U.S. THIRD ARMY, Nov. 30—Little of France as Frenchmen knew it in 1939 remains to be liberated.

While French First Army troops and men of the U.S. Seventh Army cleaned up pockets of resistance left in the south by sudden thrusts to Strasbourg and through the Belfort Gap, doughfeet and tankers who crashed through the last remains of the Maginot Line in the Third Army area this week now are clipping off the last miles to the German border.

The German border at this writing measures anywhere from a fraction of a mile to 13 miles from the American front lines. From St. Avold to the border is three miles, and Tuesday, Americans of the 80th Division took St. Avold and pressed on. American lines a few miles south are 13 miles from the border.

If consideration were given to the Greater Germany border as set up by Hitler after the defeat of France in 1940, then the Americans were fighting inside Germany on this front a long time ago.

Greater Germany, according to that interpretation, took in Luxembourg and all of Alsace and Lorraine running west of the Moselle above Metz some five miles beyond Thionville to Aumetz. The boundary line swung across the Moselle south of Metz at Arnville and moved along the 1918 stretch of the Hindenburg Line through Chateau-Salins and Dieuze to Sarrebourg, then south.

Really French towns in this "greater Germany" area have been thoroughly Germanized. All their names have been changed—Thionville, for instance, is Diedenhof to the Germans, Chateau-Salins is Salzburgen and Dieuze is Duss.

In what is left of the schools, books are nothing but German, and indications are that the French language as such was literally outlawed. Few civilians left by



the retreating Germans speak French. In fact, to the north there is little difference between the people on the French border and those in Germany itself. Some of those on the French side at least claim, in German, that they are French.

By Milton Caniff