

# Trap Threatens 70,000 Nazis

## Washington Butt Replies Conflicting

By Carl Larsen  
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WASHINGTON, Nov. 22—Cigarettes? Cigarettes? Where are the cigarettes?

That was the big question being asked here today and there were several "official" and conflicting answers. Some Army officials here, and in New York as well, said the cigarettes were in the U.S. where they had piled up for the lack of shipping space. The priority of ammunition movements was advanced as an explanation for the "piling up."

Across the Potomac, anonymous War Department spokesmen in the Pentagon Building had a different story. Sufficient cigarettes were going overseas, they claimed, adding that "what happens after they get there is another matter." Shipments are allocated, they explained, "in such a way that there is supposed to be enough for everybody."

War Department officials stated they did not know how long the ban on butt sales would continue, but they added, "Obviously the soldiers won't be denied cigarettes indefinitely."

### Output at Peak

The New York newspaper PM stated: "What happens to the cigarettes set aside for shipment to the armed services is one of the unsolved mysteries of the war." PM said that in the first seven months of this year enough smokes were withdrawn from warehouses for shipment to the armed services to give every one of five million men overseas 24 packs of butts daily, seven days a week. Cigarette production, the newspaper added, is at its highest level. This year's

Our Camels came over the ocean,  
Our Luckies came over the sea,  
But nobody knows where they went to.

\*Whoever best fills in the last line wins the \$500 colophane-covered pack of butts in The Stars and Stripes office.

production will hit a total of 329 billion butts—some 20 billion more than were produced last year.

PM also said that only a negligible portion of U.S. cigarette production was sent abroad for customers other than American troops, adding: "It's not true that the cigarette shortage is caused by Lend-Lease or other export. Nor is the black market apparently an important factor in causing the present domestic shortage."

The WD, however, officially side-stepped the editorial question, "Where are the cigarettes?" as raised in the London edition of The Stars and Stripes. Pentagon officials said that question was one for the ETO Army Exchange officer to answer, because he was in charge of PXs there.

Meanwhile, cigar stores throughout the country were displaying "No Cigarettes Today" signs in an effort to help in giving the troops an extra smoke. Civilians appeared willing to bear the shortage when they thought it was caused by the extra demand for smokes by the men in the services, particularly those at the front, but neither civilians nor soldiers had them.



TODAY'S BELLY LAUGH

U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Pfc Samuel G. Trimm, of North Jackson, Ohio, a patient in a U.S. hospital, sticks his neck out and predicts he will wrap himself around a good portion of turkey today.

## Squeeze Nazis In Riga Gulf

Remnants of the German garrison on Oesel Island, key to the Gulf of Riga, last night had been pushed into a narrow pocket, where they faced annihilation by Russian troops.

In western Latvia, 30 trapped Nazi divisions faced destruction. Forty German counter-attacks have been beaten off in this area and the Nazis were being pressed back toward the coast.

In northern Hungary, Marshal Rodion Malinowsky's troops were reported to have captured communications in four passes to Slovakia through the Matra mountains. The Germans, meanwhile, were reported blowing up buildings inside Budapest and preparing for a street-to-street battle for the Hungarian capital.

## Seek Allied Pacts, Stalin Tells Poland

LUBLIN, Nov. 22 (AP)—Marshal Stalin has told the president of the Warsaw National Council that Poland must seek an alliance with the Soviet Union in the East and with Britain, France and the U.S. in the west.

Returning from a visit to Moscow, Col. Spychalski, mayor of Warsaw's liberated Praga district, said Stalin told him: "Poland should be a strong and independent democratic country. She should have a strong army which, together with the Allied Red Army, would stand guard for democracy, security and peace. The Soviet Union is always ready to aid such a Poland."

## Turkey 'n Trimmings Today; Winant to Speak at Abbey

Turkey and the traditional Thanksgiving fixings will be provided for most American soldiers in six countries, including Germany, comprising the ETO, SHAEF announced yesterday in Paris. More than 1,600 tons of Grade A turkeys, which arrived in France by refrigerated ships, have been delivered to Army messes.

Church services, in some of the historic cathedrals in Europe which the doughboys helped to liberate, are also scheduled. Wherever possible, GIs will be given the opportunity of attending Protestant, Catholic or Jewish festivals to commemorate the day of Thanksgiving.

U.K. personnel will feast on the following, the QM subsistence division said yesterday: Tomato juice, roast turkey with giblet gravy and dressing, candied sweet potatoes, peas, cranberry sauce, apple pie with cheese, fruit, and hard candy. Soldiers on TD, stationed with the British, or on the move, cannot be supplied with this repast, QM officers stated.

A Thanksgiving Day pageant sponsored by the Daily Telegraph as a tribute to the people of America will be held at 7 PM today at Royal Albert Hall.

Three services, Protestant, Catholic and Jewish, will be held for U.S. troops stationed in the London area.

In a Protestant service at Westminster Abbey, U.S. Ambassador John C. Winant will read the Thanksgiving Proclamation. The sermon will be delivered by the Right Rev. Henry W. Robson, Bishop of Southern Ohio and official representative in the ETO of the General Commission of Army and Navy Chaplains representative in the ETO. Archbishop Griffin, of Westminster Cathedral, will preside at the solemn high mass of Thanksgiving in a Catholic service held at the Brompton Oratory.

Jewish services will be held in the West London Synagogue, where Chaplain Max J. Routenberg, senior Jewish chaplain, U.K. base, will deliver the sermon.

## Ex-Aide to deGaulle Killed Near Belfort

PARIS, Nov. 22—Gen. Brosset, formerly Gen. deGaulle's assistant chief of staff, was killed Monday on the Belfort front when he was thrown into a flood-swollen river after swerving his jeep to avoid a mine, it was announced today.

## Nazi Oil Plants Badly Hit

While bad weather grounded Eighth Air Force heavies yesterday, photographs taken during Tuesday's large-scale attack indicated that severe damage was done to the adjoining Ebano and Rhenania-Osag oil refineries at Harburg, near Hamburg.

Heavy concentrations of high explosives and incendiaries were dropped by Liberators through breaks in the clouds on the two refineries.

Meanwhile, it was announced that Eighth fighter pilots shot down 72 enemy fighters Tuesday, and destroyed six more on the ground. Eighth losses were 35 heavies and 13 fighters.

Italy-based 15th Air Force heavy bombers yesterday pounded targets in the Munich and Salzburg areas. The Villach rail yards in southern Austria and the Ferrara rail bridge in northern Italy also were bombed.

Ninth Air Force medium bombers Tuesday struck at enemy-fortified towns near Duren, east of Eschweiler, in the path of the U.S. First Army, and two rail bridges on the Rhine.

## Strasbourg Goal of Dash In the South

Lightning advances by the U.S. Seventh Army and the French First Army threatened yesterday to trap 70,000 Germans pulling out of their Vosges Mountains positions in Alsace-Lorraine toward the Rhine, where French tanks were racing north along the west bank for Colmar after capturing the city of Mulhouse.

Shattering the Nazi defenses in the Saverne Gap, at the northern end of the Vosges, doughboys of the U.S. 45th Division and tanks of the French Second were striking eastward toward Strasbourg, 30 miles above Colmar. Paris Radio said Gen. deGaulle, telling the Consultative Assembly of the liberation of Mulhouse, declared the French troops were at the gates of Colmar.

### Nazis Mass to Cross River

Front-line dispatches said the Germans, with only three trans-Rhine bridges intact in a 40-mile stretch below Strasbourg, were massing barges and boats in what appeared to be a move to organize a stand on the farther bank of the Rhine.

On the northern end of the Western Front, American and British troops pushed slowly but steadily through the depths of the Siegfried defenses, battling



against stiffening opposition by armor and infantry.

The First Army captured Eschweiler, and dispatches from the city said it was a sodden ruin of broken buildings. Other doughboys beyond were about three miles east of Duren, the next important locality on the Aachen-Cologne highway.

On the Ninth Army front, Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's doughboys were a little more than two miles northwest and southwest of Julich after capturing high ground overlooking both that city and Linnich, to the north.

Rain slanted down all along the northern sectors, where British Second Army Tommies, having sliced diagonally into the Siegfried Line, were meeting up for the first time with the maze of mine-defended, mutually-supporting pillboxes, the backbone of the Reich border positions.

Hurling more strength against the German frontier, doughboys of the 90th Division of the Third Army crossed the border after a ten-mile advance northeast of Metz. Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's forces were reported moving into the Reich on an 11-mile front. While the Tenth Armored Division beat off German attacks on its salient near Metz, other tank units pushed on to Tunsdorf, six miles northwest.

"Official" capture of Metz itself came at 3 PM yesterday, SHAEF announced (Continued on page 8)

## '... Proof Through the Night'



In the blackness of night combat the muzzle flare from M-4 tanks lights up the sky as they fire from Luxembourg into Germany in support of divisional artillery.

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BLOW IT OUT HERE

You Guessed It—Cigarettes! Nov. 21, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes, There is no doubt that the boys in the front lines should have the cigarettes.

Just where in hell do they go, why doesn't someone investigate and let the boys know.

Dear Stars and Stripes, Where are the cigarettes?

Part of the cigarette shortage can be averted by restricting the use of the PX system to members of the U.S. Armed Forces ONLY.

I served with an American outfit on a permanent British post where NAAFI was strong. Even though we had no PX, NAAFI would sell us nothing in the way of candy or tobacco.

Dear Stars and Stripes, I have been reluctant in the past about bitching as it always amuses the fighting boys.

In the Nov. 21 issue the editor asks in an editorial, "Where are the cigarettes?"

If a check were made of debarkation points and landing strips, both here and on the Continent, maybe a more definite answer to the shortage could be found.

It Takes ALL of Us to Win Nov. 17, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes, We wish to compliment you on your editorial, "Are You a Parochial Xenophobe," also the article written by T/5 Andy F. Kisacky.

To us the United States IS the most wonderful place in the world, but far from winning the war alone, as some GIs claim after they have had a couple of biters, we believe the United Nations, not just one, will win the war.

Wounded Officer's Gripe Nov. 20, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes, My beef concerns the luggage of officers who were wounded and expect to be sent back to the States or retained in the U.K. on limited service.

So here we sit with \$300, or more, worth of clothes rotting over in Europe while we freeze in a field jacket they've been good enough to issue us.

So, The Stars and Stripes, just what can we or you do? Take our problem to Mr. Anthony or the Chaplain?

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Hash Marks

This should come under our Trend of the Times Dept. It seems that the typing exercise for girls back in the States now goes like this: "Now is the time for all good men, if any—"

Then there was the dope who ran around the top of a box of Wheaties because it said "Tear around here."

The fact that the ban on ice-cream making was lifted on a cold day didn't at all take away from the pleasure of



having it once again after all this time. "Austerity" ice-cream isn't too bad, either, we'll have you know.

Maybe we don't get around much any more, but we just heard that the Republican Party's campaign song was "Yankee Dewey Dandy."

Fun on the Home Front: A dean of a large co-educational college recently began an important announcement to the student body as follows: "The president of the college and I have decided to stop pecking on the campus."

Today's Daffynition comes from the Air Corps: A squaw is a pistol packin' mama with a rear gunner.

We have just heard about the draftee who claimed exemption on grounds of bad eyesight and brought his wife along as evidence.

The curse of drink, sez a certain Pfc, is being stuck with the check.

It was one of those dreary, typically English rainy days only 48 hours ago. (The weather ban has now been lifted so



we can tell you this.) To us, though, the height of something or other was when we heard, for the first time, no less than four Englishmen complain about their own weather.

In writing of a new picture, a London daily critic said that it "presented a crooner whom, I'm thankful to say, I've never seen before."

Hubert . . . WE Give Thanks for YOU



Why everybody has something to be thankful for. Now me, I'm thankful that I'm alive . . . I think.

Company Polishes Up Old Man's Medals

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE, Nov. 22—Members of his company claimed today that Capt. Kimball R. Richmond, of Windsor, Vt., offers stiff competition for the mythical title "most decorated and most-wounded Joe in the ETO."

Their entry resulted from a story in The Stars and Stripes on the imposing array of ribbons that 1/Sgt. Darwin D. Purvis, of Mars, Pa., was entitled to wear.

Here is the list they present for Capt. Richmond: Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star with two oak leaf clusters, Purple Heart with two oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters, Distinguished Unit Badge, ETO ribbon with six stars, American Defense ribbon and the Good Conduct ribbon.

Sidelights of the Battle

Nazis Put Up the Sign at Metz, But GIs Beat Their 'Off Limits'

By Earl Mazo Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

About the only obstacle the Germans didn't throw into the path of the Metz attackers was an ocean, and flood waters from the Moselle almost produced that.

Several German MPs were captured on the outskirts of Metz by men of the 11th Regiment. One of the doughboys in on the capture said happily, "We got 'em before they could put up off-limits signs."

A doughboy evacuated for trench feet was asked by a doctor, "Did you have a change of socks along?" "I had them," the soldier answered, "but I've been standing up to my hips in water for 18 hours and there didn't seem to be much sense changing socks."

Americans who manned the big guns in the Metz assault, with almost unlimited ammo to shoot, kept everything

they had hot. In one typical operation, artillery with the Fifth Division shot about 5,000 rounds in one day.

While the records show no direct participation in the Metz offensive by the 90th and 80th Divisions, these two outfits played star roles as blocking backs for the ball-carriers, the Fifth and 95th Divisions.

In the north the 90th's bridgehead across the Moselle at Koenigsmacher drew off a lot of German opposition that otherwise might have opposed the 95th. South of Metz the 80th, by dashing north, then east, from the Nancy area, drew off hordes of Germans who thought that here was the major Metz attack.

When the Germans went to meet the 80th's threat, elements of the Fifth caught them in a flank movement between the 80th's sector and the Moselle River.

One of the toughest maneuvers in the fight for the city was staged by the Second Battalion of the 378th Regiment. On the eve of the attack it moved from its bivouac area more than 30 miles to Thionville between midnight and dawn, then, under the guns of Fort Yutz, fought across the Moselle in broad daylight to establish the Thionville bridgehead.

The same day infantrymen in that battalion stormed Yutz and captured more than 500 Germans. The next day they turned south to attack Fort Illange, which was captured the following day after a stiff battle.

After Illange, the battalion continued to move south, fighting its way to join the First Battalion of the 377th Regiment, which had a small bridgehead across the Moselle at Uckange.

UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



"This damn tree leaks."

AFN Radio Program

- On Your Dial 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1442 kc. 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.

Newman's Yankee Doodles



# For Today It's Hand To Mouth



This is the day when a moratorium is declared on all the rules of table etiquette, when knives and forks become decorative pieces for the table, when the old saw, "Fingers were made before forks," gets its annual outing. You can't do a very good job on a drumstick or on a wing with all the silverware from a Rogers warehouse. So even the most fastidious are forgiving on Thanksgiving when Americans follow the customary handy route from plate to palate.

# Thanksgiving from the Free

It will always be a great and significant holiday in the U.S., of course, but the meaning of Thanksgiving this year goes beyond all national borders. Each day since the liberation of the first town in Europe has been a day of thanksgiving for people who have become free again.

In Paris, the bells of Notre Dame tolled a welcome. In Brussels, they crowded the streets, yelling, waving their arms, cheering Allied leaders. In Eindhoven they went wild greeting airborne troops. In Bucharest, Allies found new allies. And in Dover, the families of "Hellfire Corner" emerged from their caves after four years of shelling from across the channel. And they all gave thanks.



DOVER, ENG



BELGIUM



HOLLAND



RUMANIA



FRANCE

# Wounded Soldiers Form Own Rehabilitation Unit

By Gerald Brekke

Stars and Stripes Special Correspondent

A U.S. STATION HOSPITAL, Nov. 22—Wounded GIs are working their own way back to recovery at this Army hospital commanded by Lt. Col. J. F. Havice, of Fort Wayne, Ind. A novel convalescent battalion, run by the patients themselves, is providing quick rehabilitation for patients.

A completely separate unit from the rest of the hospital, the battalion has its own non-coms, instructors, tailors, carpenters and electricians, all of whom are convalescents. Even the acting first sergeant, T/Sgt. Raymond Cornelisen, of Ortonville, Minn., a Ninth Division infantryman who was wounded in the St. Lo offensive, is a convalescent.

Each day the convalescents attend classes, conducted by convalescent instructors, in subjects which include military intelligence, tank and aircraft identification, map reading, current events, demolition, range firing, communications, booby traps, scouting and patrolling, first aid, prisoner of war conduct and radio.

## Two Hikes a Week

In addition, the men take daily exercises over a field of obstacle-course dimensions, and even work in two 12-mile hikes a week.

The set-up is administered by 2/Lt. Wolf Levine, of Bridgeport, Conn., whose insistence that the men must get back into a soldier's frame of mind before returning to action is largely responsible for the trend which the rehabilitation program has taken.

S/Sgt. James Fowler, of Fountain Inn, S.C., a heavy-weapons section leader in the 83rd Division, wounded near Carantan, is sergeant-major of the battalion. "This is the first chance I've had to feel like a real soldier again for months," he said.

## Weapons Course Popular

Most popular of the courses is demolition and weapons, conducted by another wounded infantryman, 2/Lt. Robert C. Krueger, of Kenilworth, N.J., who found that many Purple Heart men were not familiar with weapons other than their own.

Sweating out their return to duty soon are Sgt. Lawrence Fritz, of Los Angeles; Pfc John Smith, of Rock Island, Ill., and Pfc Martin Greenfield, of Martinsburg, W. Va. Average time in the convalescent battalion is 26 days.

A permanent staff of instructors included Sgt. Frank Casellini, of San Francisco; T/5 Leonard Lieberman, of Cleveland; Cpl. Robert Rushford, of St. Albans, Vt., and Pfc Earl Miller, also of Cleveland.

## Bomb Expert

S/Sgt. Lee G. Spong, of Jersey Shore, Pa., who is a bomb reconnaissance instructor at the ASC school center in the U.K., will soon be about the most well-informed GI bomb expert in the ETO.

After learning all about the Nazi variety from books and actual experience, he is now instructing a class in Jap bombs and explosives.

## ASC Doings

# NCO Prevents Bomb Shortage

AIR SERVICE COMMAND HQ, England, Nov. 22—With Ike—and practically everybody else in the high command from the C in C down—yelling for more shells and bombs to shoot at the Nazis, credit S/Sgt. Ernest H. D'Orsay, of Lynn, Mass., with a noble single-handed assist. D'Orsay, working at one of this Command's ordnance depots, smashed a threatened bomb shortage by inventing a die that punches out bomb fins like doughnuts.

The bomb shortage was serious. News came to the depot that 500-pounders were perilously scarce in Britain, and that shipments from the U.S. were at least two weeks away. At the same time, increased missions over the Continent were calling for more and more bombs.

Officers scoured the depot for some solution. They found bomb shells of one type. They found fins of another. Trouble was, the two wouldn't go together.

An ordnance crew was put to work on a day and night schedule, hand-cutting and grinding to enlarge the openings on the fins so they would fit the 500-pounders. But with the practically primitive methods they were using, the crew could turn out only 28 fins a day.

Here's when Sgt. D'Orsay swung into action. Using discarded materials, he produced a special die that punches out the inside of fins like doughnuts.

Within a few days, thousands of fins for the 500-pounders were piling up. The jam-up was busted.

T/4 George M. Mihalich is really cooking with gas these days.

Faced with a shortage of aluminum and copper castings for gears on over-worked bomb cranes and heavy-duty vehicles, Mihalich, employed at an ASC ordnance maintenance shop, devised an ingenious gasoline-fired blast furnace.

Made from scrap and salvaged materials, Mihalich's furnace is really blasting out the castings that keep the bombs hustling.

T/Sgt. Henry J. Koczur, of East Chicago, Ind., spends his time around his ASC ordnance depot trying to keep from being busted. But not the way you think.

Koczur and a crew of four ordnance specialists are employed in saving bombs

## He'll Really Bark an Order



He won't wear the uniform but it's indicative of the work he'll do. Both RAF and US MPs are training dogs as guards for airfields in the U.K.

## Pilot's Superstition Costs Sixpence a Trip

A U.S. TROOP-CARRIER STATION, Nov. 22—Capt. Charles L. Powers, C47 pilot from Chicago, claims he isn't superstitious, but each time he crosses the Channel, heading for the Continent, he slips a sixpence out of his pocket and flips it into the drink.

What with the number of flights Powers has made since he came to the ETO a year ago the procedure has proved a bit expensive. But the pilot feels the gods-appeasing gesture has been worth the cost.

Powers has taken part in three assaults on the Continent—Normandy, Southern France and Holland. In between operations he has been shuttling supplies to the front-lines. And the only damage his C47 has suffered to date is a few-scattered bullet holes.

from the demolition dumps. When planes come back carrying bombs that have been chipped or dented by flak so that liquid death is oozing out of them, it's their job to decide whether they will set them off.

The crew, daring death with every job, has repaired or removed the kick from more than 6,000 damaged TNT bombs at airfields all over Britain.

"One slip-up in our work," Koczur said, "and you're out of this world. That's the only kind of bust that worries us."

# DOLDRUMS IN THE PRO

Last week we gave you the dope on this unit news supplement. But in the light of what has transpired since then, it will bear repeating. These two pages are held open exclusively for news from all units in the U.K.—two pages are held open exclusively for news from all units in the U.K.—air forces, ground forces, service forces. We called upon public relations officers and unit correspondents of all outfits to send us through established PRO channels all the worthwhile material they have, to tell us in words and pictures what the men in their units are doing. This edition of The Stars and Stripes is for men in the U.K.—thus it is the correct medium for GIs here to tell each other what goes on at their stations.

So far the response has been negligible. If you look in vain for something about your outfit in this issue, then you can conclude that someone's not on the ball. If your PR office maintains its static calm, then you can blame it for your continued anonymity. We'll be out with this again in two weeks, and in the interim we'll still need plenty of items, with names and with pictures.

## Air Force Notes

# Pilot Takes Up Brush Again To Keep Promise to Daughter

CAPT. Randall T. Chadwick, Fortress pilot from Homer, La., has called upon his talents as a peace-time commercial artist to keep a promise to his seven-year-old daughter, Randy Lou, that he would bring home his bomber Randy Lou for her to see.

Home on leave, Chadwick found it difficult to tell his daughter the Randy Lou had gone down with another pilot at the controls in a bombing attack over Ruhrland, Germany.

Now back in the ETO flying Randy Lou II, Chadwick is keeping the promise by spending his spare time on a painting of his first bomber. Using parachute silk for his canvas, the former artist is completing a sketch of the original Randy Lou soaring through Nazi skies.

Morale is very high at the strategic air depot commanded by Col. William H. Gist, where there is no mail call, but mail is distributed to GIs of a supply division through individual "mail boxes," which were built of old packing boxes and other scrap material. GIs and officers are assigned pigeon holes, covered on the outside by wire.

Thus the individual can see at a glance if he has any mail, and gets it by calling the postal clerk on duty.

"What's really most satisfying about the system," said 1/Lt. Frederick L. Ford, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., a squadron adjutant, "is that the men devised it themselves. Cpl. Curbly L. Anderson, of San Francisco, built it during his off-duty time."

Sgt. Joseph I. Salem, of New York, a postal clerk, explained that if a soldier receives a package or newspaper which won't fit into the pigeonhole a colored-slip is inserted, indicating mail.

"This innovation saves valuable time by telling the men immediately whether or not they have any mail, instead of standing around through a full mail call," Maj. Frederick H. Dearborn, of Birmingham, Ala., a squadron commander, commented.

MUSTANG pilots of the 355th Fighter Group who are adept at getting the bird—clay pigeon variety—will dine in style Thanksgiving Day. Supervised by Capt. James P. Murphy, group armament officer from Jefferson, Ohio, pilots of three squadrons are banging away at clay pigeons in an elimination skeet tourney.

The winning squadron will be feted at the station's ARC Aero Club with the officers and enlisted men of the losing squadrons acting as waiters and pulling KP. Last year the match was won by the squadron currently commanded by Maj. Gordon H. Graham, of Taft, Calif.

American girls, traditionally frightened by mice, may lose their inhibitions by wearing an Army uniform, according to the experience of some WACs at Eighth Air Force headquarters. Awakening one cold morning they were surprised to find a fat little field-mouse cuddled up to the still-warm stove in their Nissen hut, fast asleep.

"Not one girl screamed," Cpl. Jane E. Hastings, of Washington, D.C., said. "We just woke the little fellow and he scurried off." However, the WACs adopted a cat as their hut's mascot the same day.

THE first blood donor in line when a blood-collecting team visited his bomber station was Sgt. Vincent F. McNauley, of Binghamton, N.Y., whose brother, Leo, was wounded during the Cassino battle in Italy and later saved from death by a front-line plasma transfusion.

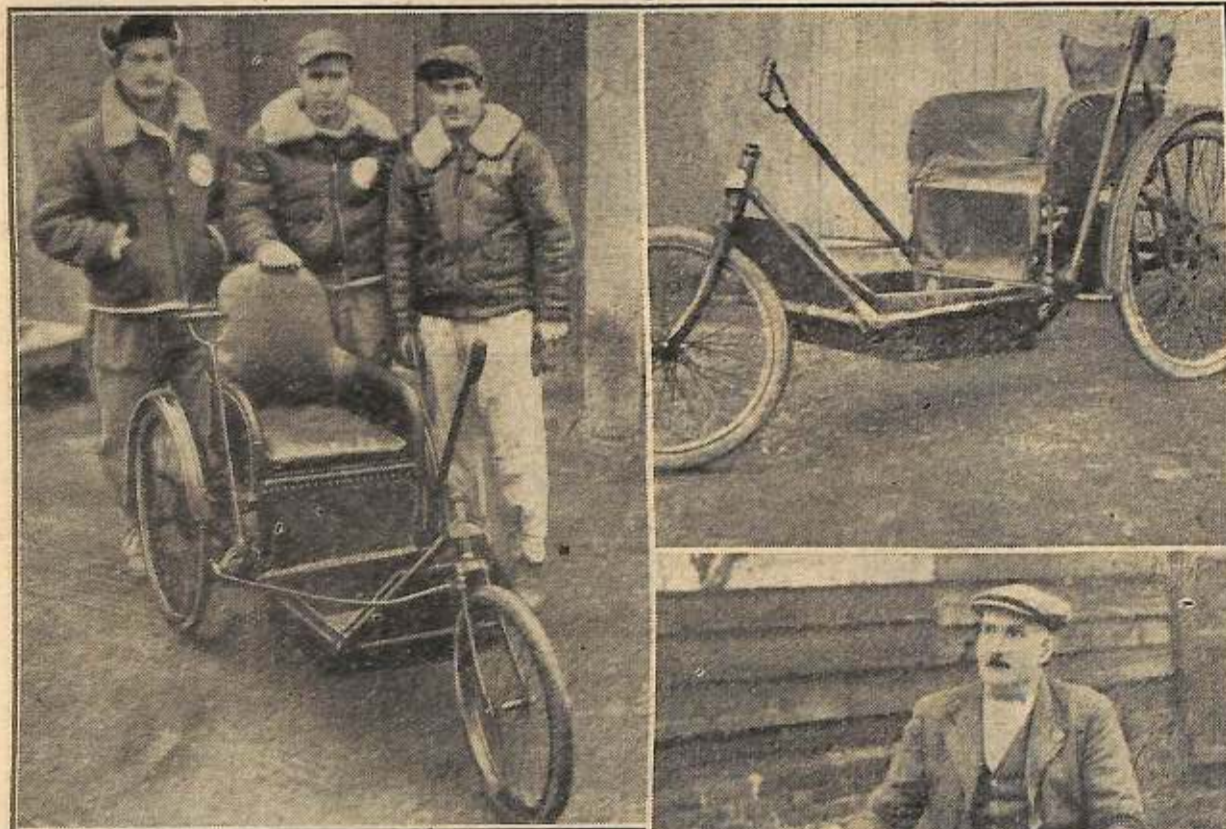
1/Lt. Gilbert L. Swanson, a troop-carrier navigator, sat down at an officers' mess in London recently and discovered that he was dining with two Army nurses, 2/Lts. Bonita Shenkyr and Helen Tatarka, both from his home town of Hopkins, Minn. He had not seen them in five years.

THE Rohan family of Miami, Fla., is waging a personal war against the Axis. With the Eighth Air Force are 2/Lt. Robert J. Rohan, a Fort pilot, and his brother, Sgt. W. F. Rohan. Also overseas is Cpl. L. B. Rohan, serving with the infantry. In the U.S. are H. E. Rohan, an aviation cadet, and Seaman J. R. Rohan, while their sister and father work for the U.S. Engineers.

Four sub-depot repairmen of the 457th Bomb Group have perfected a method for changing Fortress wing nacelles which eliminates the need to change the entire wing panel, thus saving many man hours. They are S/Sgts. Harlan W. Heeren, of Lemars, Ia.; Bradford C. Briggers, of East Point, Ga., and Samuel N. Sloan, of Kentucky, and Sgt. Obie D. Smith, of Lafayette, Ala.

SHORT-SHORTS: The 487th Bomb Group, commanded by Col. Robert Taylor III, of Ruxton, Md., has completed 100 combat missions. . . Lt. Col. Roy B. Caviness, of Oil City, La., has been named CO of the 361st Fighter Group, a P51 outfit, formerly headed by Lt. Col. Joseph J. Kruzell, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. . . A film based on the exploits of Maj. Gus Daymond, of Great Falls, Mont., former RAF Eagle Squadron ace, and now with the Eighth Air Force, is being put into production by Warner Brothers. Daymond received the British DFC and bar while flying as the youngest member of the famed Eagle Squadron. . . The Fortress Swamp Fire in the 379th Bomb Group has completed 100 consecutive combat missions without an abort. M/Sgt. Dominick L. DeSalvo, of Los Angeles, who was awarded the Legion of Merit, is crew chief, assisted by Sgt. Jim H. Tolleson, of Nashville, Ark.; Sg. Joseph A. Simonette, of Frankfort, N.Y.; Cpl. William F. Riegall, of Newport, R.I., and Pfc Henry Gerhart, of Reading, Pa. . . The Mustang engine heard on BBC air dramas belongs to the P51 piloted by 1/Lt. Glenn L. Bowers, of Chillicothe, Ohio. He turned it over, took off, buzzed the field and then landed, while BBC engineers recorded the sound.

## Where There's a Wheel There's a Way



For years, the best means of locomotion for 64-year old Alfred Wade, British World War I veteran, had been his battered old wheelchair. Without it he could move only slowly and painfully with the aid of two canes. Lately, the chair had been breaking down more and more frequently until it was of no further use.

The local blacksmith, whose skill had been keeping Mr. Wade's chair in use, threw up his hands, said he could make no further repairs without new parts, which were unobtainable. Five organizations tried in vain to secure a used chair; delivery of a new one could not be made for a year.

Mr. Wade's plight was brought to the attention of the Red Cross field director of a neighboring bomber base and within a few hours the chair was in the base machine shop. Using parts from salvaged planes, EM of the base had the rig repaired and ready for the appreciative Mr. Wade's use in four days.

Photos show the repair men gathered around the rebuilt chair, the chair in its damaged condition, and Mr. Wade trying it out after it had been fixed. The GI workmen, left to right, are S/Sgt. George Kasparian, Los Angeles; T/Sgt. Clifford Johnson, Minneapolis; and T/Sgt. Davis J. Broussard, Port Arthur, Tex.



# Georgia Tech to Battle Tulsa in Orange Bowl Tilt

## Once Over Lightly

By Andy Rooney

NEW YORK, Nov. 22—Old Charlie Kiley, who has been writing this column for the past few months, pulled out of the New York office of The Stars and Stripes this morning and headed back for France. The MPs on 42nd Street, used to picking up guys for unpressed pants, didn't even bother to stop Charlie, he was so out of uniform.

The Stars and Stripes reporter wore paratrooper boots that he had picked up in France when he came in shortly after D-Day, and a leather ETO flying jacket which he acquired back in the days when he was flying with Col. Elliot Vandevanter's Fortress group. His pants were tucked into the top of his boots and held there, baseball style, with a rubber band. Third Avenue and 42nd never saw anything like it before.

The front of the former Jersey Journal sports writer's leather jacket was still wet from the soft eyes of his new and lovely wife as she said goodbye in their Greenwich Village apartment this morning.

"Here, take this," Charlie said sadly, handing over a season pass for the Giant football games at the Polo Grounds. "You can't bring your wife with it," he added. "Working press," the ticket said, "not transferable, ladies absolutely not admitted, good only when on assignment." Signed, Johnny Mara, president.

"Write Ned Irish at the Garden," Charlie told me, "and you can probably get tickets for the basketball games this winter."

"The Question Box is a pain in the neck. Answer the questions as soon as possible. The reference books are in the left-hand drawer of the desk and the Daily News is right across the street. They've got all sorts of files and reference books. Lotta times you gotta wire people all over to get answers to questions the boys ask. Just send a wire and tell 'em to send the answers collect." Charlie finished. "It's on us."

In the left-hand drawer of the desk I find Charles has left the following reference books: Who's Who in Baseball, a Spalding official baseball scorebook, the Little Red Book of Baseball, Baseball Guide, Baseball Register and an old clipping of a Dan Parker column about baseball.

Charlie leaned towards baseball. "I sent for tickets for the Army-Navy game," Charlie said, "but they haven't come yet."

With that, Charlie and Ben Price climbed into an Army car which whisked them away to LaGuardia Field, where they will climb aboard a C54 and fly to Paris via London. And that's how a guy takes over a sports column from another guy.

## Hulse, Dodds Entered In Cross Country Meet

BALTIMORE, Nov. 22—Between 50 and 60 harriers, including Bill Hulse, Gil Dodds and national steeplechase champion Forrest Efw, are expected to compete tomorrow in the national senior AAU cross country championships at Clifton Park here.

In addition to the "name" runners, the Naval Academy's undefeated distance team will be on hand to defend its team championship, and the national high school and college cross country championships will be held.

## Judge Landis' Condition Is Termed 'Serious'

CHICAGO, Nov. 22—Kenesaw Mountain Landis, who celebrated his 78th birthday Monday in Saint Luke's Hospital here, has taken a turn for the worse, his doctor said last night, and is in serious condition.

The doctor said Landis had a bad spell over the weekend and is "a pretty sick man." The hospital would not comment on the doctor's statement.

## Jim Crowley Signed as Czar Of All-America Football Loop

CHICAGO, Nov. 22—Lt. Cmdr. Jim Crowley, a halfback in Notre Dame's famous Four Horsemen backfield of 20 years ago, yesterday signed a contract as commissioner of the newly formed All-America Football Conference, it was announced by Arch Ward, acting president of the league.

Crowley's contract—for five years—is for \$25,000 a year. Crowley, recently returned from service in the Southwest Pacific, was released from a contract which he had previously signed



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## Four Stalwarts of Yellowjacket Line



This quartet of Georgia Tech linemen may spell the difference between victory and defeat when the Engineers meet Tulsa in the Orange Bowl on New Year's Day. Reading in the usual order are Deane Gaines, Bill Chambers, Phil Tinsley and Jim Daniels.

## Thanksgiving Day Grid Fare Meager

### Canucks Gain Tie for First

BOSTON, Nov. 22—The Montreal Canadiens scored twice in each of the second and third periods last night to defeat the Boston Bruins, 4-1, before 12,000 and gain a tie for first place in the National Hockey League with the idle Toronto Maple Leafs.

Three of the Canadiens' four goals were on quick thrusts through the Boston team. First blood was drawn when Toe Blake

### Hockey League Standings

Team	W	L	T	P	Team	W	L	T	P
Toronto	8	2	0	16	Boston	2	6	1	5
Montreal	8	2	0	16	New York	1	5	2	4
Detroit	5	3	1	11	Chicago	1	7	0	2

scored on an assist by Maurice Richard, and Richard went through alone for the second.

Fernand Gauthier made it 3-0 unassisted, and Wilfie Field banged home the last one. Armand Gaudreault took a pass from Dit Clapper and Art Jackson to tally and avert a shutout for the Bruins.

### American Hockey League

Other teams not scheduled.									
EASTERN DIVISION					WESTERN DIVISION				
Team	W	L	T	P	Team	W	L	T	P
Buffalo	7	5	2	16	Providence	2	6	2	6
Hershey	6	5	1	13					
Pittsburgh	5	5	1	17	Cleveland	5	6	1	11
Indianapolis	6	4	5	17	St. Louis	2	5	2	6

## Sweeney Schriener Slips in Ice Race

MONTREAL, Nov. 22—Although he failed to score last night, Bill Cowley, veteran Boston Bruin forward, remained tied for the National Hockey League scoring lead with Gus Bodnar of Toronto. Cowley and Bodnar crept up during the week to grab the lead from Sweeney Schriener of Toronto, who missed one game because of injuries. Schriener, however, still leads in goals with 11.

The ten leaders:

Player	Team	G	A	P
Cowley	Boston	11	6	12
Bodnar	Toronto	11	6	12
Schriener	Toronto	11	6	17
Carr	Toronto	7	9	16
Blake	Montreal	8	8	16
C. Smith	Chicago	4	8	12
Lach	Montreal	3	9	12
Brunetta	Detroit	6	5	11
Richard	Montreal	8	3	11
Cain	Boston	6	4	10
Woehy	Detroit	5	5	10

## Miller Quits Chiefs

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Nov. 22—Resignation of Leo T. Miller, vice-president and general manager of the Syracuse Chiefs of the International Baseball League, has been announced by Clarence M. Schindler, club president. Schindler said Miller is one of a group negotiating for the purchase of the Chiefs' franchise and is also considering positions offered by two other Double-A teams.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22—Tomorrow's Thanksgiving Day gridiron menu finds good football even scarcer than turkey, with only four major games being served up. However, they are all of the old school tie variety that bring back memories to fat old grads: Missouri and Kansas clash in neutral Kansas City, Tulsa plays Arkansas in a longstanding southwestern feud, Wake Forest battles South Carolina and Franklin and Marshall hooks up with Bucknell.

With Army and Navy, the nation's top teams, both idle until they clash Dec. 2 in the "game of games," a highly important contest will command the nation's attention Saturday when the Big Ten championship is settled between Ohio State and Michigan. If the unbeaten, untied Buckeyes can get past this one they will not only be the big frogs in their own little pond but the top civilian team of the nation. Michigan, of course, is aiming at that conference title which will bring with it national acclaim and a possible bowl bid, which they might or might not be able to accept, depending on the outcome of a Big Ten faculty meeting Sunday regarding the lifting of its rule banning post-season games.

Irish May Mar Orange Bowl Contest In another top Saturday tilt, Notre Dame will have a chance to embarrass Orange Bowl officials who have already invited Georgia Tech to play. Both the Irish and the Wrecks have been beaten, but it's the biggest intersectional game of the day. Unbeaten Yale will close its season against Virginia, while among the "traditional" eastern games, Pennsylvania clashes with Cornell, Brown plays Colgate, Rutgers meets Lehigh and Pittsburgh opposes Penn State.

In other Big Ten tilts, Wisconsin plays Minnesota, Northwestern tackles Illinois and Purdue fights Indiana for the Old Oaken Bucket. Iowa is paired with Iowa Pre-Flight and Great Lakes locks horns with Fort Warren in other midwest games.

Other Dixie features include Auburn-Miami on Friday, Georgia-Clemson, Mississippi State-Mississippi, Kentucky-Tennessee, and Duke-North Carolina engagements.

In the southwest, Texas Christian plays Rice with the conference lead the issue, while Southern Methodist meets up with Texas Tech in a non-conference affair. Randolph Field should have another soft touch in Amarillo AAF.

Southern California can clinch a Rose Bowl bid with a victory over UCLA in the leading west coast game, while California plays Saint Mary's Pre-Flight in the only other major game.

## Virginia State and Morgan To Vie for NIAA Grid Title

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau GREENSBORO, N.C., Nov. 22—With its 25-0 victory over the Greensboro Aggies, Virginia State became the leading contender for the Negro Intercollegiate Athletic Association football crown. Virginia State and Morgan College, both undefeated in league competition this year, will meet for the title in December. Morgan holds a two-touchdown decision over the Greensboro Aggies.

## Cards' Ernie White Now an ETO T/5

By Ray Lee Stars and Stripes Staff Writer AN INFANTRY DIVISION HQ, Nov. 22—Ernie White, 28-year-old southpaw who has over three years' mound experience with the world champion Cardinals, is now a T/5 and has over nine months' experience with Uncle Sam's aggregation, where he is, in his own words, "putting in time" until the end of the war so he can rejoin Billy Southworth's staff. Slow-talking Ernie, now assistant athletic director of this division, was inducted Feb. 11, just as the Cards were making preparations to have his shoulder fixed in order that he could make up for two mediocre seasons. "They sent those 'greetings' a month too soon," he said. "Now I'll have to wait." He received five weeks' basic training at Ft. Bragg, N.C., and was assigned to the star-studded reception center diamond squad along with Van Lingle Mungo, Mickey Livingston, Jake Early, Norman Brown and Buster Maynard. The team won seven and lost none before being disbanded. "We had more pitchers than we knew



Ernie White

## Both Elevens Have Suffered One Setback

MIAMI, Nov. 22—The Ramblin' Wrecks of Georgia Tech will meet the Golden Hurricane of Tulsa University in the Orange Bowl on New Year's Day, the bowl committee announced today.

The Tech-Tulsa game is in keeping with the committee's desire to present flashy football. Each team features razzle-dazzle tactics, and the Yellowjackets will display two All-America backfield candidates in Fran Broyles and freshman Allen "Dinky" Bowen.

Both teams sport great records, with a 19-13 loss at the hands of Duke the only setback for the Engineers, and a 46-40 upset by the powerful Oklahoma Aggies the lone black mark on the Tulsa slate.

Tech beat Tulsa last New Year's Day in the Sugar Bowl at New Orleans, 20-18, in one of the best games in the nation that day.

Tech's Bid a Surprise Both Tulsa and Tech had been mentioned in connection with other bowl games, and today's announcement came as a surprise, especially in the case of Georgia Tech, referred to often as a likely choice for the daddy of 'em all, the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Cal.

The Wrecks are the only team in the nation to play in all three major bowl games. In '29 Bill Alexander's Yellowjackets beat California in the Rose Bowl, in '40 Tech topped Missouri in the Orange Bowl, and in '43 they lost to Texas in the Cotton Bowl.

Tulsa will be setting a record with its fourth straight bowl appearance. In '42 the Hurricane defeated Texas Tech at the Sun Bowl, in '43 they lost to Tennessee in the Sugar Bowl, and this year they lost to Georgia Tech in the Sugar Bowl.

Two canny coaches will meet in the Orange Bowl when veteran Bill Alexander tangles with Henry Frnka, whose team is led by End Clyde Goodnight and Backs Maurice Wade and Bobby Jack Stuart.

## Jap Radio Gives Clue Zamperini May Be a POW

TORRANCE, Cal., Nov. 22—Despite the fact he has been killed in action, a report of Lt. Louis Zamperini, former Southern Cal and Olympic track star, think their son is a prisoner of the Japanese.

Anthony Zamperini said today that a recent broadcast from Tokyo by someone represented as their son contained information known only to members of the family and led the athlete's parents to believe he is alive.

Zamperini was listed as missing in action June 5, '43, and recently given up for dead by the War Department. He is an Air Force lieutenant.

## Jock Whitney, Sister Share Greentree Stables

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 22—The property of Greentree Stables, whose owner, Mrs. Payne Whitney, died recently, was divided equally between her son, Col. John "Jock" Whitney, and her daughter, Mrs. Joan Whitney Payson, it was disclosed here after her will was filed in the office of the Fayette County clerk.

Among the bequests was one of \$50,000 to Maj. Louis A. Beard, for many years manager of Mrs. Whitney's turf holdings. The first lady of the American turf owned two Kentucky Derby winners, Twenty Grand in '31 and Shutout in '42.

## Navy Releases Tiger Hurler

DETROIT, Nov. 22—Al Benton, ace relief pitcher of the Detroit Tigers, has been given a medical discharge by the Navy and will be back with the team next year.

what to do with," says Ernie, "so I played first base and the outfield." He then was assigned to a group of baseball stars for an overseas barnstorming tour, but plans were cancelled.

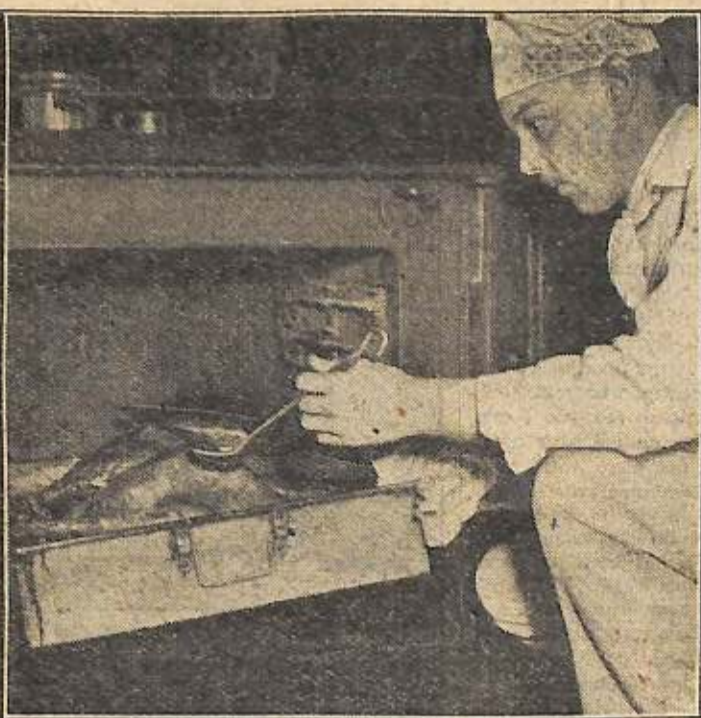
In convoy at the end of the season, the World Series was two games old before he knew who had won the American League race. Once during the crossing he asked the radio operator if he could find out who had won the game the day before.

"Don't know," the operator replied, "but Creighton played Essex cricket—rousing game."

The native of North Carolina, who thinks Dizzy Dean is the greatest hurler of all time and Mort Cooper the greatest pitcher of the moment, broke into the big time in '40 after leading the American Association in won and lost percentage and earned run average while with Columbus. His best year with the National League champs was '41, when he copped 17 while losing seven. In his only World Series mound performance—in '42—he stopped the Yankees, 2-0, with six hits.



# Turk Key to Joy Today, When Drum Sticks Beat Out Our Thanks



Soldiers convalescing from wounds at a U.S. hospital in the U.K. may be recuperating from something else—a sick stomach from overeating—after they get through with the Thanksgiving Day meal which is to be placed before them today, according to QM promises. In picture on left, 2/Lt. Jean Thorpe, of Hastings, Neb., points out to (left to right) Pvt. Henry L. Carreau, New Bedford, Mass.; Pvt. Benny Capobianco, Brooklyn, and Pfc James O'Boston,

Sunbury, Ohio, the list of food items on the menu. Center, Sgt. Charles R. Stanford, former catering manager of Chicago's famed Pump Room, works over a turkey in the patients' mess. Right, five wounded GIs make ready to pitch in. Seated from left to right around the table they are Pfc John Perryman, Clanton, Ala.; Cpl. Frank Capacchione, Philadelphia, and Pvt. Ben H. Stevens, Grand Prairie, Tex.

## Life in Those United States

### Army Has a Robot Bomb To Use Only 'If Needed'

WRIGHT FIELD, Ohio, Nov. 22 (AP)—The Army's Air Technical Service Command headquarters here announced today the development of a robot bomb—a version of the Germans' V-1—which could be used "if we need it."

Maj. Gen. Bennet Myers, deputy director of the command, said the weapon was completed within 60 days after an unexploded "buzz bomb" was rushed here by air from England. Myers said the bomb, jet-propelled, had been under flight test since Oct. 11.

Myers revealed that the launching ramp was better than the German one, and could be built in four days, whereas the Germans needed two weeks. He added that "no stones were left unturned" in the construction.

"We may never need the robot bomb," Myers said, "for the Army Air Forces do not go in for indiscriminate bombing attacks. But if we do need it, we've got a good one."

#### Rooney to Be a Papa

HOLLYWOOD, Nov. 22 (ANS)—Betty Jane Rose, 17, wife of film-comedian Mickey Rooney, now a private overseas, disclosed today she would become a mother next summer.

#### Stout Fala

NEW YORK, Nov. 22—According to Walter Winchell, President Roosevelt's Scottie Fala "is increasing the population."

#### Distaff Side Chimes In Against Noel Coward

CHAPEL HILL, N.C., Nov. 22 (ANS)—The battle of Brooklyn against Britain's playwright-actor Noel Coward swung down South today when Betty Smith, Brooklyn-born author of "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," let Coward have it with a few well-chosen Brooklyn words.

Commenting on Coward's remarks about the fighting qualities of Brooklyn soldiers, Miss Smith said the playwright was "cruel and snobbish." She also termed his works "outdated, trivial and senseless."

#### Kitchen Propaganda

NEW YORK, Nov. 22—"If I knew that American food was as good as this, I'd have surrendered sooner,"



ERICH ELSTER

Maj. Gen. Erich Elster, the German commander who surrendered 20,000 men along the Loire River, France, last September, said upon reaching the U.S., Columnist Leonard Lyons reported here.

Lyons also said that the General, who was flown across the Atlantic, told another passenger, Capt. William Friedman, of New York: "I'm not convinced that the Japanese are our blood brothers. We ought to combine, your country and mine, and take over England and France."

#### A Change of Art

NEW YORK, Nov. 22 (ANS)—Cartoonist Peter Arno said today he would give up drawing "meaningless society people" and instead would travel through the country sketching "real Americans." "Society celebrities," Arno declared, "have gone underground since the war. I refuse to watch them crawl out again when peace comes. I don't want to see them beat their brains out any more in champagne traps."

#### Publisher Named to Senate

COLUMBIA, S.C., Nov. 22 (ANS)—Wilton E. Hall, Anderson newspaper publisher, was appointed yesterday by Gov. Olin D. Johnston to serve the unexpired senatorial term of the late Ellison D. (Cotton Ed) Smith, who died last Friday. Hall's term will expire Jan. 20, 1945.

#### Fire Destroys Maine Plant

WINTERPORT, Me., Nov. 22 (ANS)—A \$200,000 fire destroyed the main building and boiler house of the Maine Processors Dehydrating plant, one of the town's chief industrial organizations. The blaze made 150 jobless.

#### Private Acquitted of Rape

FORT KNOX, Ky., Nov. 22 (ANS)—Laura Miller, a civilian attorney, yesterday won an acquittal for Pvt. Walter H. Finn, of Berkeley, Calif., who was on trial before an Army court-martial on a charge of rape.

## Censor Even Censors

### What You Say to Yourself

Lt. C. H. Taylor of Air Transport Command wrote several letters to a buddy in Normandy but got no reply. For a gag, he wrote himself a letter, sent it to his friend with this note enclosed:

"If you're so darned busy, here's a letter all written for you. All you have to do is sign it."

Taylor got it back. But his buddy's unit censor had cut out several sentences.

## Plea for Shells Made by FDR

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22—President Roosevelt, backing up Gen. Eisenhower's urgent plea for increased production on the home front, said yesterday that American soldiers' lives had been lost because of the necessity of rationing shells in Europe.

Mr. Roosevelt's statement, which according to one report "shocked" the U.S., was made at his regular press conference shortly after Eisenhower declared that he and his soldiers wanted "more supplies than we are getting."

It is perfectly clear, the President said, that not enough shells are being sent to the other side, that rationing has resulted, and that this has been costly in life. He wanted, he continued, to add his little plea to that of Gen. Eisenhower's for materials essential to Allied strategy.

#### Asks Workers to Stay

Part of the trouble, the President explained, is that people are quitting jobs in war plants because they want to get into civilian production. He asked workers to stay on the job in war plants, and gave his opinion that reconversion from war production to civilian production would be much quicker than most people expected.

Meanwhile, Chairman J. A. Krug of the War Production Board revealed that Eisenhower—while still charting the drive on Germany—had sent word to WPB officials: "You tell us what you can deliver and we'll tell you when the war will end."

"We have tried to tell him," Krug said. "He has used the information to plan the attack. Now it is up to us to make good."

## Aces Cross Ocean to Meet

A couple of Eighth Air Force Mustang pilots who live about 60 miles from each other in the U.S. and are stationed much less than 60 miles apart in the U.K. met at a press conference yesterday for the first time, shook hands and congratulated each other on their respective "kills" in Tuesday's big air battle over Germany.



WHISNER

They are Capt. William T. Whisner Jr., of Shreveport, La., in the 352nd Fighter Group, who shot down six FW190s to tie the Eighth record of German fighters bagged in a single engagement, and 1/Lt. Claude J. Grenshaw, of Monroe, La., in the 359th Fighter Group, who bagged five FW190s in the air.

Also present at the conference was Maj. George E. Preddy, of Greensboro, N.C., who set the six-kills-in-one-engagement record Aug. 6.

## The Censor Bares Their Fangs

### Allen's Timber Wolves Made the Nazis Howl

By Boyd Lewis

W.T.H. CANADIAN FIRST ARMY (delayed) (UP)—The fangs of the American Timber Wolf Division, commanded by Maj. Gen. Terry Allen, helped to turn the Germans into their headlong withdrawal above the Maas-Waal estuary, it may now be revealed.

Men of the 104th Division, wearing the Timber Wolf patch on their shoulders, shouted as I passed their convoy: "Tell 'em the Yanks are here!"

But military security up to now had prevented disclosure that a full division of Americans had joined the Canadians' international lineup.

Their grizzled commanding general said that dogged, persistent teamwork had made the Timber Wolves a fighting team. It had not been easy going. It was tough for untried men to go into battle over the same difficult terrain that had taken all the battle-worn Canadians to enable an advance over sodden fields and bullet-swept dikes.

Their battle lore was gained at a stiff price.

One company, bursting through a minefield to the Mark River, south of the Maas, gained a bridgehead by crossing over a footbridge from which Lt. Robert Neill, of Garfield, N.J., had extracted the mines.

The men were surrounded 800 yards inside the enemy lines and stood off a pasting from self-propelled guns, mortars, machine-guns and grenades for three days and nights of hell in water-logged shallow foxholes.

It was easy to see by the way the Timber Wolves carried themselves after that action had been consolidated into a firm bridgehead and the "lost" company relieved, that they had gained a spirit from that battle which will be a divisional legend long after the war.

## Wodehouse Seized, Freed

PARIS, Nov. 22 (AP)—P. G. Wodehouse, the British author, arrested on a charge of aiding the Germans by his broadcasts from Berlin in 1941, has been released, French police disclosed today.

Wodehouse was released on condition that he live under surveillance at a distance of more than three miles out of Paris.

The wife of the 63-year-old author was taken into custody with him two nights ago but also was released today.

## 30,000 in U.K. Study In AFP's Courses

American soldiers in the U.K. are looking forward to going into business after the war, it would appear from figures released by the Armed Forces Institute yesterday, disclosing that one-tenth of the 30,000 men and women taking its courses were concentrating on bookkeeping and accounting subjects.

The AFI in the U.K., which is the largest of nine separate branches, enrolled its first student, Sgt. Frank Helmecci, one year ago.

## Two B29s Lost In Japan Battle

Superfortresses of the 20th Air Force, in an air battle over the Japanese homeland Tuesday, lost two and possibly three planes, the War Department announced yesterday.

A communique said that for the first time Japanese airmen succeeded in shooting down a B29. Twenty Jap fighters were destroyed, 19 probably destroyed and 22 others damaged.

The two definite losses were suffered by planes attacking the aircraft factory at Omura, on Kyushu. A third plane of this force still had not reported last night and was presumed lost. No losses were suffered by planes raiding targets at Nanking and Shanghai.

Tokyo Radio claimed 63 of the giant bombers were destroyed.

## West Front -

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in a communique which disclosed that the Third Army's 20th Corps had made the attack on the fortified city and quoted Gen. Eisenhower as saying: "I congratulate the Third Army on its success in restoring to France the historic city of Metz."

However, about 800 Germans still held out on Sauley Island, in the center of Metz, dispatches said. About 1,500 prisoners have been taken, including the Metz garrison commander, who was found wounded in a hospital. Negotiations were under way, it was said, for the surrender of the five fortress groups bypassed outside the city.

In the last week of operations by the U.S. Seventh and the French First Armies, 1,600 square miles of France were cleared and 443 communities were liberated.

The Germans in the southern sector had not lost all their fight. They were reported attacking in the Danemarie sector east of the Belfort gap where the French were pouring in reinforcements to bolster their rapidly-advancing armored units. In Belfort itself street fighting was still going on, and the Germans were shelling the city with self-propelled guns cited in fortified positions east of the city.

## Help Wanted - AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W.1, or APO 887, U.S. Army, Telephone, ITOUSA, Ext. 2131.

## Said the GIs to the Mayor:

### Don't Ask Damnfool Questions, We Wanna Forget the War

SOMERVILLE, N.J., Nov. 21 (ANS)—Mayor Lyon of Somerville has just finished tabulating results on a questionnaire he sent to 869 Somerville GIs and has found that the men agree on only one thing.

They don't want to be asked a lot of damn-fool questions about the war. They want to forget the war as quickly as possible when they come back.

On every other question the soldiers split in all directions. Only 319 want their old jobs back; 230 want different jobs. Post-war ambition of 45 was to "sleep and loaf." And 52 want to stay in the Army.

A majority of 418 hoped to find

Somerville "a more modern community," but 369 declared they'd like to find Somerville just exactly the same as when they left.

Most of the men turned thumbs down on a big celebration when they return. "Just being home will be enough," said one. A few suggested that a big community beer party would be excellent.

The mayor says he's more confused than ever after tabulating the survey. "We can't prepare plans now," he said. "The Bill Smith who went away to war isn't coming back that same Bill Smith. The only thing certain about our post-war planning is the uncertainty of it."