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## U.S. Keeps Up Huge Bombing of Reich

### Gomel Falls; Reds Drive For Poland

#### Russians Stream Through Big Breach as German Defenses Crumble

Josef Stalin reported in an Order of the Day last night the capture of the great German base of Gomel, while other Moscow dispatches stated that the entire 200-mile German front in White Russia was threatened, with the southern 200 miles of it already crumbling beneath blows of the latest Russian offensive.

Stalin's Order of the Day, broadcast by Moscow radio, hailed the victorious Soviet troops and said that the triumph would be celebrated by 20 salvos from 224 guns in the Russian capital.

Berlin earlier had admitted the evacuation of Gomel, the important junction city which was the Germans' last bastion east of the Dnieper River. It had been virtually encircled for some time.

#### Say City was 'Destroyed'

The German communique stated that the city was "completely destroyed" before German troops pulled out to "shorten their lines" in another of the Nazi "detaching movements."

Red Army troops which smashed

### No Sun Up in the Sky—Stormy Weather



With a handful of icky Italian soil, Pvt. Canner Madden, of Evarts, Ky., peers from his soggy shelter-half near Capua, where he has been spending most of his time since the torrential rains have nearly halted land operations along the front.

### 'Trigger Happy' Yanks Mow Down Sword-Swinging Jap

"We killed every Jap we sighted!" The lieutenant, whose name is withheld, came back from the battle scene with the first wounded of the 27th Infantry Division by air evacuation.

Every man had a story filled with accounts of typical Japanese fanatical defense of the tiny Central Pacific island which they held for nearly two years.

But after three days of bloody fighting, Makin was in Allied hands and today so is Tarawa, another Jap-held base in the Gilberts, just south of Makin.

The wounded lieutenant didn't succeed in taking the Jap officer prisoner as he was trying to do. The Jap was killed instead.

#### Shelling Began at Dawn

"The Navy began shelling about dawn and poured a heavy barrage into their shore position for over three hours," the officer related.

"Then troops moved onto shore. I was in the first wave. We had to wade through surf waist deep and had no opposition until after hitting the beach.

"Then the snipers began operating high in coconut trees which fringe the island. They let us move on shore before they began picking us off.

"I was heading for a machine-gun squad and had managed to get some distance inland when I saw a Jap officer come jumping over a fallen tree toward us with a big sword held over his head. He kept shaking his head and I thought it was a token of surrender.

"I advanced cautiously and motioned

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### Northwest Germany Is Blasted; RAF Hits At Berlin, Frankfurt

#### Unspecified American Target May Have Been Bremen; Marauders Raid Points In Northern France Again

American heavy bombers carried on the massive aerial offensive against the Nazis yesterday with an attack on targets in northwest Germany, only a few hours after the RAF had dealt its fourth consecutive night blow at Berlin and had dumped 2,000-pound block-busters on Frankfurt.

Eighth Air Force headquarters did not specify the target immediately, but Bremen radio went off the air shortly before midday, suggesting that the much-battered northwest German port might have been the objective.

The heavy daylight raid was supplemented by Marauder mediums' second operation in four days. They struck at Pas de Calais, the long narrow strip of French country extending inland about 80 miles from the Channel promontory closest to England.

It was the third recent Marauder operation against unspecified objectives in northern France.

#### 18th Big Raid This Month

The attack on northwestern Germany was the American heavy bombers' first operation in a week, but it was the 18th heavy Allied raid from Britain in November, the ninth for the USAAF. Indications were that the combined Anglo-American air forces were moving rapidly toward one of the biggest operational months of the war. A record 22 raids were made in August—when the weather is

### 25% of Berlin Now in Ruins, Sweden Hears

#### Nazis Reported Admitting 3 More Raids Would 'Hamburg' City

Officials admitted, and two expert Swedish eye-witnesses said that the greatest damage was in the heart of the Reich capital, which has been virtually wiped out by the RAF's concentrated attacks on Monday and Tuesday.

(High Berlin officials are reported to have said that three more Berlin raids of this week's strength will reduce the city to Hamburg's condition, the United Press reported, quoting the Berne correspondent of Svenska Dagbladet, the Stockholm newspaper. Eye-witnesses of the two raids quoted by the newspaper say that the Gestapo prison was hit. Prisoners escaped and SS men mounted machine-gun posts in the prison area.)

#### Picture of Chaos

From censored reports from Berlin and from eye-witnesses came this highlight picture:

No bread or milk was on sale on Thursday in Berlin shops.

Many people are still sleeping at night in the debris-littered streets.

(United Press quoted reports in Stockholm to the effect that 400,000 people are homeless in Berlin, 8,000 are severely wounded, mostly from burns, and thousands of foreign workers have been called from other parts of Germany to help clear away the debris.)

Firemen are so busy that they have been unable to dig into the ruined air-raid shelters for the bodies of victims.

Only fragmentary and heavily censored reports came over the crippled communication lines from neutral correspondents.

### Fort Crews Claim ETO Record; Tie in Race to Do 25 Missions

AN EIGHTH BOMBER STATION, Nov. 26—Two crews who had battled evenly in a race to set a new ETO record for completion of 25 combat operations finished in a dead heat here today, scarcely more than three months after they started hitting at Hitler.

The pilots, 1/Lt. William A. Royal, 23, of Des Moines, Iowa, and 1/Lt. George W. Harmon, 22, of Granite City, Ill., commanders of the Flying Fortresses Royal Flush and Skippy respectively, staked their claims to the record after they set their big bombers down at their home stations following their 25th return from attacks on Germany and enemy-occupied Europe.

Their slates were clean. Neither had lost a ship or a crew member to German guns and both had been through some of the roughest rides yet recorded by Eighth Air Force.

T/Sgt. Mearl L. Houck, of Dudley, Pa., engineer on Royal Flush, disclosed after today's raid that he had been plotting an escape from France all the way into the target and out.

"I merely wanted to be certain that

I'd get back from the 25th one," he said, "even if it meant crawling through France and swimming the Channel."

Among the happiest of the crewmen was 2/Lt. Joseph F. Doyle, of Chicago, navigator of Skippy, who flew the 25 missions in spite of chronic air sickness.

"I didn't want anyone to think I was a quitter," he said. "The boys covered me up through cadet school and through my missions. I've been plenty sick over Germany, but I feel like a new man now."

Both Fortresses belong to a combat group commanded by Col. Edgar M. Wittan, of Portage, Pa. The other crew members were: Skippy—2/Lt. L. Kramer, Lamona, Wash., co-pilot; 2/Lt. Kenneth J. Brown, New York City, bombardier; S/Sgt. Frank M. Valle, New York City, radioman; S/Sgt. Clarence G. Lonsway, New Riegel, O., right waist gunner. Royal Flush—F/O. James E. Oyer, Pittsburgh, co-pilot; 2/Lt. Robert W. Saunders, Morreroft, Wyo., navigator; 2/Lt. Robert E. Waites, Middletown, O., bombardier; S/Sgt. Henry E. Wooley, Tyler, Tex., waist gunner; S/Sgt. Enrique Perez, New York City, ball turret gunner.

### Bills Introduced To Aid Veterans

#### Unemployment Insurance, \$300 Mustering-Out Pay Proposed

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26 (AP)—Bills have been introduced in both houses of Congress to provide unemployment insurance of from \$15 to \$20 weekly and social security credits for servicemen after the war.

Rep. Andrew W. May (D-Ky.), chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, also promised swift committee action on a bill he said he planned to introduce which would provide \$300 demobilization pay for men holding ranks no higher than Army captain or Navy lieutenant.

The Federal unemployment insurance would continue up to 52 weeks and would supplement state assistance to the jobless. Sen. Robert F. Wagner (R-N.Y.), a co-sponsor of the unemployment insurance measure, said the cost would approximate \$4,000,000,000.

### Joe E. Brown in New Delhi To Entertain U.S. Troops

NEW DELHI, Nov. 26 (AP)—When Joe E. Brown arrived here to entertain American troops after their Thanksgiving dinner, the Indian hotel clerk, before registering the Hollywood comedian, asked, "Will you laugh just once for me, please?" Joe obediently opened the famous ear-to-ear mouth and complied with the request.

Joe E. Brown, who is the first film star to reach the troops here, left the States by air Nov. 9 and did 12 shows en route.

### Air Expert Urges Use Of Long-Range Bombers

NEW YORK, Nov. 26—Maj. Alexander P. de Seversky, noted aviation authority, in the December issue of American Mercury, urged the immediate construction of a great fleet of super-bombers which could bomb Germany and Japan and return without refueling to their bases in America.

He said that long-range air power was "the one force that can give us victory most surely and most speedily at the minimum cost of life."

### Travel Curbed At Christmas

ETOUSA headquarters announced yesterday that seven-day furloughs over the Christmas holidays may be extended to nine days this year "to fit into the leave travel schedule," but to keep transportation facilities free for civilian travel it ordered unit commanders not to grant furloughs beginning Dec. 23 to 28, inclusive.

Forty-eight hour passes may be extended to 72 hours and may be granted up to and including Dec. 20, but none may be granted on Dec. 21 and none may be granted between Dec. 23 and 28, inclusive, where the travel involved exceeds 20 miles.

Furlough travel from Northern Ireland will not be affected by the restrictions, and unit commanders there were authorized to permit their men to travel by rail where necessary.

#### Leather Belt Banned for EMs

The leather belt, previously banned for enlisted men while on duty, now are prohibited even while off duty or on pass, it was learned at headquarters yesterday. Only military police on duty may wear the leather belt, under an order which went into effect Sept. 25.

### Raid-Fearful Vienna Sees 'End War' Signs

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 26 (UP)—Anti-war placards are appearing on the walls in Vienna working-class districts, according to the Zurich correspondent of the Stockholm Dagens Nyheter.

"End the war; we don't want to share Berlin's fate," is the inscription on the placards. Large crowds have been gathering before them, making lively comments, until dispersed by the S.S. Many arrests have been made.

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Hash Marks

Patriotism, 1943 Style. When police arrested a 19-year-old Boston youth for passing bad checks, the lad replied, "I just had to pass bad checks to keep up my war bond quota."

Army life back home. At Ft. Monmouth a GI went on sick call instead of reporting for KP. The medical officer



examined him, and said, "Son, there's nothing wrong with you. You're in as good health as I am." The GI looked the doc over, and replied without batting an eyelash, "Sir, I didn't come here for comparisons—I'm a sick man." But not as sick as he was when he got through KP some ten hours later.

This is the pay-off. It's bad enough when a guy steals your car, says Mrs. Dean Banks, of Los Angeles, but when he takes your car and then drives by and tries to "pick you up," that's the limit. Mrs. Banks came from a theater to find her car missing. She started walking and was amazed to see the car come along the street. As the car neared the curb, a strange man stuck his head out and leered, "Get in baby and I'll take you wherever you want to go."

Somewhere out in the hinterlands there is a rather clever T/5. After a long dose of KP duty he was shifted to KP at the officers' mess and put to work assisting the mess officer who was re-arranging the whole room in an effort to make the atmosphere a little more cheerful. The T/5 helped things along by suggesting that what was needed to help the officers' digestive processes was soothing dinner music on the piano, and he was just the man to provide it. So now our hero reports to the mess hall twice a day, soothes the officers with sweet melodies and nonchalantly side-steps ALL other duties—having informed his bewildered first sergeant that he's on "permanent KP."



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Is Hitler Bluffing on Secret Weapon?

Secret No Longer—the Rocket:

Maybe Yes, Maybe No, but Fear Is His Best Aide

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The Nazis are whispering again into the ready ears of neutral capitals: "Secret weapons. Secret weapons."

They've done that before. Sometimes the "secret weapons" were effective and blasted new paths of conquest for the Wehrmacht. More often, the weapons were neither "secret" nor very effective.

Now the whispers have begun again, growing into shouted threats from Hitler's raspy throat; into "informed sources" dispatches from Stockholm and Berne and Ankara; into pseudo-scientific conjectures in newspapers and magazines around the world.

"Hitler has a new secret weapon."

They all begin pretty much that way, and then divide: The "secret weapon" either is another propaganda bluff, or it is a super-super - super - rocket - gun - poison - gas - atomic-explosive-death-ray.

The truth probably lies somewhere between the extreme views.

The chances are that the Nazis do have a new and quite possibly secret weapon which they are preparing to use against the Allies. Hitler and his spokesmen have gone almost too far this time in committing themselves to reprisals for the Anglo-U.S. air raids to the very heart of the Reich.

The chances are equally good that the Allies are ready for that weapon, if it really exists. And the chances are just as good that the Allies have a secret weapon or two of their own.

Not unnaturally, neither side is likely to disclose weapons or antidotes until they are in use, and that is just where Dr. Goebbels' whispering galleries count on at least a psychological victory before a single rocket or super bomber or Buck Rogers disintegrator goes into action.

An Old Nazi Trick

From the very day the Wehrmacht began to form, from the very day that Germany began trying out its newest bombers and fighter planes in the Spanish civil war, it has been Nazi policy to start talking in vague generalities about weapons to come along before they left the experimental laboratories. Often enough, just the whispering campaign, that bred a tight, brain-drugging fear, itself was the secret weapon. But sometimes the weapon existed; i.e., Stuka, Mk. 6 Tiger tanks, rocket guns on interceptor planes, siege guns mounted on caterpillar chassis, flame throwers, and so on to a list of weapons which were more or less secret and more or less effective.

There are scores of conjectures about the newest Nazi threat. If the Allied high command knows, it isn't telling. Those conjectures are what the Nazis count on, even if the weapon never is fired or takes off or whatever it is supposed to do.

Ten years and some months ago, when Franklin D. Roosevelt was going into the White House of a country shaken with financial and civic crisis, he told the nation it had nothing to fear except fear itself. The same prescription applies today.

Steadfast ack-ack and even mediocre fighters, as long as there were enough of them, licked the Stukas. High speed anti-tank projectiles and the Americans' own secret weapon, the Bazooka rocket gun, licked the Mk. 6 Tiger tank. Far-hitting caliber .50 machine-guns and high-speed fighter escorts are licking the rocket-firing Nazi interceptor planes.

It goes on like that all down the list. Some of Germany's secret weapons have gained a momentary success, such as the parachute flares dropped over the approaches to Berlin by the Luftwaffe night fighters to bring raiding bombers into sharp relief, but have been coped with immediately. Some never had any success, such as the vaunted Mk. 5 Panther tanks.

But always there has been some grain of success for Dr. Goebbels' bureau of verbal sabotage, because always, when the Allies were being shoved back as they fought for time, there was a fear that they might not have the answer to the boasted secret weapon.

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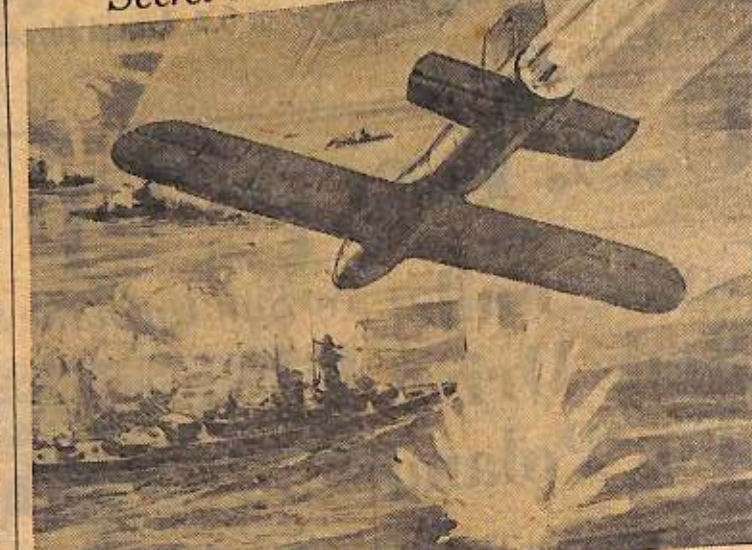
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Germany: The Nazi rocket-assisted glider is directed toward its target by remote control from other aircraft, has been used to release aerial bombs against ships at close quarters.



United States: The bazooka looks like a hunk of stovepipe equipped with gun-sights. A particularly effective anti tank weapon, it can be carried by a soldier on foot.



Russia: The katusha has been a well-guarded Russian military secret. Unlike the bazooka, it fires a volley of projectiles, is probably operated by remote control.

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Three Statements

"The Battle of Berlin will progress until the heart of Nazi Germany ceases to beat." These words, spoken by Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, carry weight, for they reflect the determination of Allied armen to crush the German will to resist.

"We ask for only a few days. Then things will go ahead for us again. Things will be easier when Germany decides to wage the same type of aerial warfare as Britain. Every German knows this is coming soon, and every Englishman fears the hour of retribution. Do not decide that the war is already lost because it has brought great difficulties. The raids came as a surprise to me, as I have always worked to humanize warfare." These words, spoken by Hermann Goering to miners in the Ruhr, are probably false, for in the past statements by Goering have been largely misleading, and he has never hesitated to lie to his own people if he felt his lies would serve his own ends.

"Influential Germans are attempting to open negotiations for their country's surrender, and some United Nations leaders expect the collapse of the Reich about Christmas." This statement was made by Senator Downey, who claims his information came from an "unusually well-informed source," but it should be accepted with reservation, for it lacks verification.

These three statements are examples of the hundreds that come pouring daily into a newspaper office. The evaluation of such material is difficult at best, impossible at times. But of one thing we are now certain. Allied victory is coming, and sooner, we believe, than many people now suspect.

The Prescription

east of the Pripet marshes, has fallen to a victorious Red Army. This fact, confirmed by Berlin, comes as heartening news, for it follows closely on the collapse of Mamaiskii's day counter-offensive aimed at the Caucasus river.

But to fully assess the importance of these two Russian victories they must be added to British victories, for the Eighth Army has smashed forward across the Sangro River to establish a bridgehead on its north bank, and British airmen have left Berlin a mass of smoking ruins.

These four blows, struck as Germany enters the fifth winter of war, must be having a serious cumulative effect on Nazi morale, for three of the assaults have shaken the German soldier and one has struck the Nazi government a blow which will be felt throughout the Reich.

Germany in all her arrogance unleashed "total war" on a peaceful world, and the military leaders who wrote the prescription for that "bitter pill" pronounced it good. Today those same leaders are getting a belly full of their own medicine, and what looked like a "cure-all" now tastes more like "castor oil."

Perhaps it will teach the "bad boy" of Europe that it pays to be good.

China and the Pacific

With a new phase of the war developing in the Pacific, it is well to look to China to see what part she is playing in tying down Japanese troops that otherwise might be used against us.

And China has been active, striking hard in a counter-offensive against the Japanese drive south of the Yangtze between Shasi and Lake Tungting. Chinese troops have hit the Japanese bridge-heads located on the south banks of China's greatest river and in places have pushed the enemy from his advanced positions and in others held the weight of his newest attacks.

In one sector, northwest of Lake Tungting, the principal prize wrested by the Japanese, the city of Nansien, has been recaptured by Chinese troops, while the Chinese, using a spearhead of guerrillas backed up by regular divisions, are attacking strongly the Japanese defense system around Ichang, thus preventing enemy troops from being dispatched across the Yangtze to reinforce other heavily engaged sectors.

The continual process of reinforcement and supply across the Yangtze from the Japanese bases on the north bank has presented many targets for the Chinese and American air forces, operating jointly in daily sweeps along the river. Steamers, motor boats, barges and sampans laden with Japanese troops and supplies have been systematically attacked and many have been sunk.

All this pressure against the Japanese forces in China has had its effect on global war and on the Japanese ability to resist in the Pacific. Japanese calculations as a result must be recast, for from many directions the threat of military disaster looms darkly.



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PRIVATE BREGER



"Waddya mean, 'Friend'? After the way you treated me last night?"



# 3,000 More Japs Die in Defense Of Bougainville

## Yanks Mop Up in Gilberts; Subs Sink 9 Ships in Far East, Pacific

Communiqués on the operations in the far-flung battle areas of the Pacific brought good news last night with announcements from Gen. MacArthur's Southwest Pacific headquarters that 3,000 Japs had been killed in the Bougainville operations; from Pearl Harbor that "few alive Japs" remained in the Gilberts; and the Navy Department in Washington that nine more Jap ships had been sunk in the Pacific and Far East.

### Bougainville

Pushing forward through the rain-drenched jungle, Marines beat off a counter-attack made by the Japanese on Bougainville Island and killed about 104 Japanese.

This brings the number of Japanese who have died in their bid to defend Bougainville to well over 3,000, Allied headquarters announced.

A second counter-attack launched by Japs in New Guinea against the Australians was crushed.

### Gilberts

Few live Japanese remain on the Gilbert Islands of Makin, Apamama and Tarawa, Adm. Nimitz's communique announced last night. Mopping up operations are now going on.

Thirty-four Japanese fighter planes were destroyed by one U.S. aircraft-carrier division covering the Gilbert operations. Nine Japanese bombers and three four-engined patrol seaplanes were also destroyed. The U.S. losses totaled four planes.

One group of carrier-borne fighters shot down 16 out of a group of 20 enemy planes. Later, the same group met 15 Japanese bombers and fighters. Ten of them were shot down. The U.S. group lost only one plane.

### Nine Jap Ships Sunk

The Navy Department announced yesterday Pacific and Far East submarines have sunk one medium tanker, one medium plane transport and seven medium freighters. These actions have not been announced in any previous communique. This brings to 505 the number of Japanese merchant and war

## Report Planes Hit Island 600 Miles South of Japan

NEW YORK, Nov. 26 (AP)—About 20 Allied planes raided Formosa, a big Japanese island 600 miles south of Japan, yesterday, according to a Domei agency broadcast, heard by the U.S. radio intelligence service.

The Jap agency claimed that three planes were shot down which attacked Shinghiku, on the northwest part of the island.

(The raiders probably were part of Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault's 14th Air Force and flew from a base in China. Formosa lies 100 miles off the China coast in the China Sea.)

## 8th Prepares To Push North

### Bridgehead Over Sangro Now Firmly Held; 5th Front Quiet

ALLIED HQ, North Africa, Nov. 26 (UP)—With a bridgehead on the north bank of the Sangro now firmly in hand, and enemy attempts to smash crossings beaten off, the Eighth Army tonight prepared to move northward.

New pressure aimed at widening and deepening the bridgehead has been exerted by Gen. Montgomery in spite of weather conditions, which are still bad, both for actual fighting and for bringing up supplies and reinforcements to the northern side of the river.

The Sangro still is swollen by the floods of the past days, but the weather now is less rainy and a fall in the river is expected. The battlefronts, however, are extremely cold.

The Germans have little hope now of pushing the Eighth bridgehead back into the river. Yesterday the enemy threw his air forces, particularly fighters, into attempts to smash the foothold.

Further west the Fifth Army in the Alfedena area exchanged artillery fire with the Germans, but fog and rain made visibility very poor.

## American 45th Division Has Arrived in Italy

radio yesterday. over 1,000 American Indians.

## Ex-Newsy Opens a GI Newsstand



Men at a fighter base queue up for Stars and Stripes and Yank at what is believed to be the first American-style newsstand in the ETO. Pfc Oscar Spielberg, who used to run a stand in the Bronx, collects the one fees. Painted on the stand are Private Breger, the Sad Sack and other GI comic favorites.

## Flak-Suit Inventor Cites Cases In Urging All Crews to Use It

Eighth Air Force bomber crews, who already have proved the "flak suit" to be one of the most valuable pieces of protective body armor used in aerial combat, were urged yesterday to make use of the supply now available for almost every member of heavy bombardment crews in the ETO.

Brig. Gen. Malcolm C. Grow, Air Force surgeon and designer of the manganese steel plated "vest and apron," said reports from flight surgeons and airmen themselves show that hundreds of severe or fatal injuries have been avoided since the general distribution of flak suits six months ago.

Increased production of the armored suits in Britain and America, he said, has made possible since Oct. 15 a supply for practically every man on heavy bomber operations.

Designed to protect crewmen from low velocity flak and fragments of exploding 20mm. shells, the two-piece flak suit weighs 22 and a half pounds with vest and apron. Some fliers complain the suit is too heavy or that it takes too much time to remove if they have to bail out.

Gen. Grow pointed out that new crews who may frown on the suits may profit by experiences of men who owe their lives to the protective body armor.

A report from 2/Lt. Thomas Sellers, a bomber co-pilot, showed the value of a flak suit in combat. "I was fortunate to have it proved to me on a recent raid to Germany," Lt.

## Second Training Film To Get Public Showing

"Divide and Conquer," a widely shown U.S. Army training film, produced by Lt. Col. Frank Capra, is being screened for the public at the Empire, Leicester Sq., London.

It is the second of the orientation films to have commercial bookings. "Battle of Britain," also produced by Capra, was shown at the Tivoli, London, last month. A further film, "The British Public," is in production now.

## 103 Die on Thanksgiving Day

NEW YORK, Nov. 26 (AP)—The Thanksgiving holiday accounted for 103 violent deaths throughout the nation, with travel restrictions and other war-time factors credited with holding traffic fatalities to 41. In 1941, the last peacetime Thanksgiving Day, 115 people were

## NEWS FROM HOME 36-Hour Snows Hit NE States; 6 Deaths Listed

### 12 1/2 Inch Flurry at Albany; Blizzard Sweeps N.Y., New England

ALBANY, N.Y., Nov. 26—New England and northeastern New York were blanketed with snow tonight after a record November snowfall which lasted more than 36 hours and crippled communications and transportation.

Six deaths—three in New York and three in New England—were attributed to the blizzard. In New England three deer hunters were reported missing.

A snowfall of twelve and one-half inches was recorded in Albany and broke a 43-year-old record.

In some other localities there was as much as 20 inches of snow, which was blown into high drifts and snapped power and telephone lines.

### High School Stampede Fatal

CHICAGO, Nov. 26—One boy was killed and two others were injured when students at St. Rita's high school trampled them in a homeward-bound stampede after classes were dismissed at the end of the day. John P. Madigan, 14, and two other boys his age stumbled when they went down a short flight on an inner stairway leading to the school vestibule. Chicago Lawn police said the rushing crowd of boys passed over them. Madigan died of internal injuries. James Lesk and Rudolph Cizmar were taken to a hospital.

### 3 Killed in Bus Crash

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Nov. 26—Three persons were killed and 20 others were injured, 17 of them seriously, in a collision yesterday between a Pacific Greyhound bus and a passenger car on highway 99 near Roseville.

The bus had left Sacramento and was en route to Portland, Ore., when the collision occurred. The bus ran off the road and turned over several times, according to an eye-witness.

### Merchant Marine Combat Bar

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26—More than 19,000 officers and seamen serving on U.S. merchant ships have been awarded the Merchant Marine Combat Bar authorized by Congress in 1942. The award is given to those who have served on merchant ships during the war.

### Allied Rubber Board Formed

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26—The Combined Production and Resources Board announced the formation of a committee to deal with production and distribution of rubber tires and tubes in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. The committee will be composed of representatives of three nations and will be under the chairmanship of L. D. Tomkins, deputy director of the Office of the Rubber Director, War Production Board.

## Raids - - - (Continued from page 1)

results difficult, but Berlin radio called the attack a "terror raid," and said the old part of the city had been particularly hard hit.

Berlin also said that Offenbach, a small town six miles east of Frankfurt, had been hit. The town has extensive leather-goods works and also some units of I. G. Farbenindustrie.

Meanwhile, Zurich, Switzerland, had a morning air-raid alarm yesterday, hinting that the Allies' Mediterranean air force was attacking somewhere in southern Europe.

## Sword - - - (Continued from page 1)

him to drop his sword, but he kept on coming and so did I.

"Two of my men were on each side when the Jap suddenly lunged forward and brought down his sword in a sweep. I put up my arm to ward off the blow and he slashed me across the left wrist. The power of the blow continued until the point of the weapon struck me on the left foot.

"Before I knew what had happened one of my men let the Jap have it right between the eyes.

"He's deader than a mackerel now.

"The Japanese were just as treacherous as we had been told they would be and just as ruthless.

"It was our first action, but it didn't take our men long to get 'trigger happy' once they saw their buddies dropping around them.

"Before I was evacuated I learned that we took 'very few' prisoners. We killed every Jap in sight. There was no air opposition over Makin. Some tanks were put ashore, with artillery, but the Japanese dug in so deep that it was hard to shoot them."

## Reverse-English on the Boston Tea Party Brews a Cuppa Java

Olde Engleande emptied the tea leaves out of the pot yesterday and, giving eloquent proof that this war is a global business, set out to give Java back to the Americans.

The famous NAAFI canteens, where Tommy Atkins gets his mugs of tea and "biscuits," tacitly admitted that English coffee leaves much to be desired. In a gesture of hospitality to the American forces, the canteens are turning over a new leaf (or ground) and are undertaking to serve American-style coffee.

The formula for it is listed among recipes for "American" dishes in a special pamphlet newly distributed to NAAFI managers.

On the pamphlet cover appears a cartoon in which a Yankee (the Mason-Dixon line is blithely ignored) says to a NAAFI cutie in lend-lease Americana: "Stack me if that ain't the best coffee Ah have had since Ah came over. Say, d'you think bah any chance that cooky would appreciate some real American recipes? Ah guess she kinda couldn't help but make a mighty fine show of these."

Here's the NAAFI version of the American coffee recipe: "A half-pound of coffee, a gallon of boiling water, ten ounces of canned milk, two and three-quarter ounces of sugar. Tie the coffee loosely in a bag, plunge into freshly boiling water. Add salt. Let simmer five minutes, then brew five minutes. Remove the coffee bag, add sugar and milk to make up to the required quantity with freshly boiling water."

ETOUSA headquarters was understood to be organizing a light reconnaissance party of Rangers to sally forth on a testing mission.

The pamphlet starts out bravely with recipes for hamburgers (remember?) and hot dogs (we sure do), such as: "One pound of beef sausages and eight finger rolls. Fry sausages, place one between cut roll." It ends up with things like "savory eggs" and "treacle tart," as British as "stack me" in Tommy Atkins' slang.

(Editor's note: The recipe for English coffee remains a closely guarded military secret.)

By Milton Caniff

## Terry and the Pirates



## AFN Will Give Play-by-Play Of Army-Navy Game Tonight

The American Forces Network will broadcast a play-by-play description of the Army-Navy football game tonight at 6.45, atmospheric conditions permitting. Tomorrow, at 10.15 AM, Pvt. Johnny Kerr will read reports from Hartford, Waterbury and Bridgeport, Conn., on the "Your Town" program.

1402 kc. On Your Dial 1420 kc. 213.9m Saturday, Nov. 27 211.3m.

- 1100—GI Jive.
- 1115—Hi, Neighbor.
- 1130—Happy Normans Ranch House.
- 1200—Concert for Chowhounds.
- 1230—Pop Concert.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Novatime.
- 1330—Hello, India—Special feature to the GIs in India.
- 1400—Sign off until 1745 hours.
- 1745—Program Resume and Spotlight Band—Kay Kyser.
- 1800—World News (BBC).
- 1810—GI Supper Club.
- 1845—Army-Navy football game: play-by-play account if atmospheric conditions permit.
- 1900—Sports.
- 1905—South American Way.
- 1915—Bandstand (BBC).
- 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A. with Corporal Ford Kennedy.
- 2010—Harry James Show.
- 2120—Commentary—Raymond Gram Swing (BBC).
- 2025—Miniature—A musical spot.
- 2030—Jubilee.
- 2100—World News (BBC).
- 2110—Remember.
- 2120—News Commentator.
- 2135—Hi Parade.
- 2205—Saturday Night Variety—the best in entertainment.
- 2245—Final Edition.
- 2300—Sign off until 0800 hours Sunday, Nov. 28.

### Sunday, Nov. 28

- 0800—Program Resume—Organ Recital.
- 0815—Melody Roundup.
- 0830—Major Bowes Amateur Program.
- 0900—World News (BBC).
- 0910—I Hear a Rhapsody—Your favorite vocalists.
- 0930—Sunday Serenade (BBC)—Scottish Variety Orchestra.
- 1015—Your Town—Radio News-Letter from three American Towns.
- 1030—Music While You Work (BBC).
- 1100—Weekly News Roundup—Presented by the Stars and Stripes.
- 1110—Guy Lombardo and his Orchestra.
- 1130—Program Resume.
- 1135—Music From America.
- 1200—Harry Roy and his Orchestra (BBC).
- 1230—ITMA—BBC feature with Tommy Handley.
- 1300—World News (BBC).
- 1310—Serenade.
- 1315—Duffy's Tavern (Return Engagement of a popular feature).
- 1340—Sports Stuff.
- 1345—Sound Off.
- 1400—National Barn Dance—Regular cast of the American musical feature.
- 1430—John Charles Thomas—Metropolitan Baritone sings popular favorites.
- 1500—Take Your Choice.
- 1530—Sammy Kaye's Sunday Serenade.
- 1600—News Flash.
- 1605—Radio Chat—Chaplain John Weaver.
- 1630—Andie Kozietanetz and his orchestra.
- 1700—The Great Gildedeve.