

Republicans Sweep Off-Year Elections in 4 States



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8th Air Force on Biggest Raid

FDR Choice Is Trounced In New York

Hague-Backed Candidate Beaten in New Jersey; Kentucky Goes GOP

NEW YORK, Nov. 3—Republican candidates apparently made a clean sweep in Tuesday's off-year elections in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Kentucky, early and unofficial returns disclosed today.

The victories, which gave the Republicans a majority of governorships for the first time since 1928, were viewed by GOP leaders as evidence that 1942's anti-administration trend was continuing and they expressed confidence that it would prevail in the Presidential contest next year.

With the exception of Indiana, the GOP now controls the state governments of every populous state outside the "solid South." Of the 48 governors, 25 are Republicans, 23 are Democrats.

"Tired of New Deal"—Willkie

Wendell Willkie, defeated Republican presidential candidate in the 1940 election, said the returns of the election "all point one way—the country is very tired of the present national administration."

Rep. Joseph Martin (R-Mass.), Republican leader in the House, said that "all the contests were of major importance and emphasized that the political tide has definitely turned. The people are ready to turn out a bungling, wasteful, inefficient new deal."

One of the most important Republican successes was in New York, where Joe Hanley, supported by Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and Willkie, polled 1,791,000 votes

Won't Run, Dewey Says

NEW YORK, Nov. 3 (UP)—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, of New York, who has been mentioned as a possible opponent of Wendell L. Willkie for the Republican nomination in the 1944 Presidential campaign, said today: "I am not, and I shall not become, a candidate for the republican presidential nomination in 1944."

to triumph over Lt. Gen. William Haskell, personally endorsed by President Roosevelt, to be elected lieutenant governor. Haskell got 1,472,000 votes.

Political observers regarded the election of Republican Walter Edge, a former Senator, as New Jersey's governor to be an indication that the once powerful machine of Jersey City's Mayor Frank Hague was losing its influence.

Late returns gave Edge 625,000 votes to 504,000 for his opponent, Democrat Vincent Murphy, who was backed by Hague. This represented the largest plurality for any candidate for governor in New Jersey since 1931.

With ballots in several hundred precincts still uncounted, Republican Simeon Willis held a lead of several thousand votes over the Democratic candidate for governor, J. Lyter Donaldson. It was the closest election in 25 years in Kentucky, normally a Democratic state.

Two Republican congressmen also were elected to fill seats vacated by GOP members. In New York, Hadwen Fuller was sent to the House to replace the late

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Ailing Child Improves After Diet of Bananas

The condition of three-year-old Peter James Brockwell, suffering from a rare disease requiring a banana diet, was described last night as "improved" by doctors at Mayday Hospital, Croydon, Surrey.

After an appeal for the fruit had been published Tuesday in The Stars and Stripes, numerous bananas from United States servicemen were received at the hospital for the child, whose life depends on bananas because his system cannot derive nourishment from an ordinary diet.

New N.J. Governor



Associated Press Photo
Walter Edge

Republican Defeats Vincent Murphy

Austrian Unrest Rumored Rising After Allies' Bid

Demonstrations in Vienna, Disturbances Inside Reich Reported

Reports seeping out of occupied Europe last night indicated that the Moscow Conference's bid to Austria for an uprising to pave the way toward the independence promised by the Allies might be bearing fruit already.

Stockholm newspapers reported demonstrations in Vienna and other Austrian cities following the Moscow agreements. Heinrich Himmler was said to have hastily summoned a conference of police officials to discuss the Austrian problem.

Anti-Nazi slogans appeared by magic on walls throughout Vienna after announcement of the Moscow agreements, rumor said. Underground leaders forecast a "gigantic uprising" of Austrians with approach of Allied armies, and hundreds of Austrian troops were said to be deserting the armed forces of the Reich.

Trouble on Home Front

The Austrian problem evidently was no more serious than the home front for Hitler. Reports reaching Stockholm told of serious disturbances inside Germany, adding the information that a state of emergency had been proclaimed in Berlin, Flensburg and some 40 other German cities.

The nature and origin of the disturbances were not described, but they were believed to have resulted from a crisis in morale brought on by Allied air raids and bad news from Russia.

Seized letters from German soldiers on

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Ickes-Lewis Conference Yields Hint of Early Coal Strike End

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3—While most of the nation's 530,000 striking coal miners remained away from their jobs for the third day, indications developed in Washington tonight, after a busy day of conferences between John L. Lewis and Fuel Administrator Harold L. Ickes, that some kind of agreement had been reached to reopen the pits.

In spite of President Roosevelt's order to the men to return to work in mines now under government control and operation, the vast majority of them stayed away from work.

It seemed apparent that they would not end their walkout until Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, accepted the government's wage offer and told the strikers to mine the coal so vital to the nation's war production. No such order was forthcoming today after Lewis' third conference in 48 hours with Ickes, who was authorized by the President to seize the mines.

New Soviet Stab Perils Nazi Armies

Russians Ready to Bridge Lower Dnieper, Cut Off the Bend

A new German retreat within the Dnieper Bend was foreshadowed last night as another grave threat to Nazi troops within the river loop developed in the southwest, where Red Army forces were consolidating their hold along the southern bank of the lower Dnieper.

These units, part of the Russians' Melitopol army, had reached the river from Britany to Sergeyevka and were preparing to cross. Such a move would represent a southern arm to a pincers drawing tighter about Germans enclosed in the bend. A thrust upward from the north bank of the Dnieper in the area would cut off every German fighting in the Krivoi Rog sector and battling to hold off the Russians driving ahead from Dnepropetrovsk.

The surge forward to the lower Dnieper bank was but a part of great Russian successes yesterday. Other Red Army columns had thrust 40 miles past the Perekop Isthmus to capture Shadovsk, on the Black Sea. Cossack advance guards were pressing west below the Dnieper and were less than 25 miles from Kherson, at the river's mouth.

Russian forces which struck northward to the lower Dnieper stormed the last of the Germans' main crossings of the river, capturing Kakhova. Everywhere isolated German units south of the river were being captured or annihilated. Enemy losses in material were enormous.

Berlin radio told of fierce fighting on the Kerch Peninsula, at the east end of the Crimea, where Russian landing forces evidently had secured a bridgehead. Moscow still remained silent on this new thrust.

Stiff fighting continued at Krivoi Rog, within the Dnieper Bend, but Berlin admitted that Russian tanks had penetrated into the city.

Allies Switch Big Fleet To the Far East, Japs Say

Four or five British or American battleships, three or four aircraft-carriers, seven or eight heavy cruisers and more than ten destroyers were said to have been transferred from the Mediterranean to the Indian Ocean, according to German radio quoting Tokyo reports yesterday.

At the same time, Associated Press from La Linea, Spain, said an unidentified Italian battleship arrived in Gibraltar from the Mediterranean to join other Italian vessels anchored there. Sixty-two merchantmen were in Gibraltar yesterday, some en route to the Atlantic, others toward Africa and southern Italy.

As a sub-committee of the union's Policy Committee deliberated today on the War Labor Board's compromise offer of a wage increase, plus pay for four and one-half hours' portal-to-portal travel time weekly, reports from the nation's steel mills and war plants told of drastically curtailed activity resulting from the work stoppage.

A possible means of forcing the resumption of work in the pits was suggested yesterday by Rep. Claire Booth Luce (R-Conn.). Mrs. Luce urged the adoption of her bill, now before Congress, which would make a deferred person subject to induction in the armed forces if found by his selective service board to be "absent without cause" from work. Such an individual would then be assigned to work at the job he had abandoned.

The Department of Justice, meanwhile, was considering whether the Smith-Connally anti-strike law, which carries severe penalties for anyone fostering a strike in a government-operated industry, was applicable to leaders of the present strike.

Smash Into Germany Ends Lull in Attacks; Airfields on Coast Hit

More Than 1,000 Planes—Heavy Bombers, Mediums, P47s, P38s—Are Flung Into Massive Day Assaults

The biggest force of heavy bombers yet sent out by the Eighth Air Force bombed targets in northwest Germany yesterday.

The target was Wilhelmshaven, the Eighth Air Force announced late last night.

Marauder mediums simultaneously hammered two enemy airfields in France and one in Holland.

The official description of the raiding force as "the largest yet despatched" was interpreted, on the basis of past performance, as indicating that more than 1,000 United States planes were involved in the day's activities, including heavy bombers, mediums and P47 and P38 escorts.

Wilhelmshaven is by far the most important naval base on Germany's North Sea coast. It is a base for minesweepers and escort vessels, and the Germans have been building a considerable number of submarines in the shipyards, among which are the Marien Werft and the Deutsche Werke.

Both Fortresses and Liberators made the trip to Wilhelmshaven and were escorted all the way by P47s and P38s. The losses to the raiding force were exceptionally light—five heavies, two mediums and two fighters.

The Eighth Air Force made six previous raids on Wilhelmshaven. They were on Jan. 27, Feb. 26, March 22, May 21, June 11 and July 26.

Large forces of Marauders, escorted by Spitfires, attacked two airfields in France, St. Andre de l'Eure and Tricqueville. St. Andre is 50 miles west of Paris and about 75 miles into France.

St. Andre was one of the three targets in their last operation Oct. 24.

Changing pace against the Germans, the Marauders returned to their regular RAF Spitfire escort. In the last sweep the escort was augmented for the first time by Fortress-style Thunderbolt escort and twin-engined P38 Lightnings.

The operations followed by less than 24 hours the great assault by Fortresses and Liberators from North Africa on the Messerschmitt factories at Wiener Neustadt, near Vienna. Reports from Allied headquarters in North Africa last night said that the plants had been virtually destroyed and that it was reasonable to assume that they never would turn out another German fighter plane.

The raid on Germany was the first operation for the American heavy bombers here since Oct. 20, when the Fortresses struck Duren in western Germany and the Gilze-Rejen airfield in Holland.

The B26s had been idle since Oct. 26, when they struck three targets, including St. Andre de l'Eure, which was one of yesterday's objectives.

It was the first time since the great raid on eastern Germany and Poland Oct. 10 that the Forts and Libs had operated together.

American fighters alone destroyed 16 enemy aircraft in yesterday's operations. Eighth Air Force announced. British and Dominion fighters destroyed 12 more, 11 of them by Canadians, at a cost of two Allied planes.

Fortresses were escorted all the way by Thunderbolts and Lightnings, the fighters destroying 16 enemy planes—13 by the P47s and three by the P38s. The planes destroyed by P38 pilots were two by 2/Lt. Robert L. Butke, of Newton, Iowa, and one by Lt. Col. Jack S. Jenkins, of Levelland, Tex.

P47 pilots credited with planes destroyed were 1/Lt. James M. Poin-dexter, of Howe, Tex., who got two; Capt. Walker Mahurin, of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; and 1/Lt. Wayne J. O'Connor, of Aberdeen, S.D., one each and sharing the destruction of another; and 1/Lt. Wilbert H. Juntilla, Calumet, Mich.; 1/Lt. Robert A. Newman, Goose Creek, Tex.; 2/Lt. Clifford B. Hahn, Fredericksburg, Tex.; 2/Lt. Maurice Morrison, Schoolcraft, Mich.; Capt. Robert F. Johnson, Lawton, Okla.; 1/Lt. Alex Rafalovich, San Pedro, Cal.; and 2/Lt. Robert B. Fraser, Fullerton, Cal., one each.

Over Wiener Neustadt between 75 and 100 German fighters tried desperately to defend the three large factories and administration buildings of the Messerschmitt plant.

The huge plant, raided three times from the south in less than three months, was officially described as "severely damaged and probably destroyed."

The Ottoviano Augusto, laid down at the beginning of the war in September, 1939, was caught in Ancona harbor in daylight Monday by raiding Mitchells whose pilots at first mistook her for a merchantman. A second glance at her 444-foot length disclosed the error and bombs rained down.

Pilots reported the cruiser suffered direct hits and was left lying on her starboard side.

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A Splendid Record

Strikes are always reported, for labor troubles are news and, in time of war, important news. Strikes in key industries could well disrupt a planned offensive and prolong the war; so despite wartime censorship we hear of the labor troubles at home and reading these reports may get a wrong impression of the patriotism of American labor and management.

Recently William H. Davis, Chairman of the U.S. War Labor Board, spoke on strikes. He backed up his statements with cold hard statistics; but, surprisingly enough, his report was heartening. "The number of strikes," he reports, "has decreased. This," he added, "was mainly due to the patriotism of both employers and workers, and also to the willingness of both sides to submit their disputes to the Labor Board, on which labor, management and the public are equally represented, and to abide by the board's decisions."

"The plan has worked well. For every man-hour of war production lost through strikes there have been 2,000 man-hours of war work . . . that is, one year of work for every hour lost. This is not perfection but it is the best this nation or any other nation has ever done in war-time or peace-time."

America's "Labour - Management - Public" Board has been a great experiment. Nine times out of ten board members have been able to agree on the decision. No court can boast a better record and the result achieved is a tribute to democracy in action.

Atrocities

Russian, British and American foreign secretaries, meeting in Moscow, issued at the conference a declaration by President Roosevelt, Mr. Churchill and Premier Stalin containing a solemn warning that at the time of granting any armistice to any German government those German officers and men and members of the Nazi Party who have had any connection with atrocities and executions in countries over-run by German forces would be taken back to the countries in which their abominable crimes were committed to be charged and punished according to the laws of those countries.

The Moscow declaration was issued in the hope it would reduce the number of crimes now being committed in occupied Europe by German soldiers and civilian officials; but so far the horrible brutalities still continue.

Troops of the Fifth Army who fought their way over the Volturno and into the village of Cajazzo have seen some terrible examples. There they found that German troops, before evacuating the village, murdered 25 of the inhabitants, among them whole families, including women and children. Most of the victims had been killed by shots from revolvers and tommy guns, others from blows on the head, and some of the women had had their clothes torn off and their throats cut. The names of a dozen German soldiers who took part in those murders have been verified from reliable proofs and added to the long list of war criminals who one day will face trial for committing unbelievably horrible crimes.

And the fact that German brutality has been so terrible as to be unbelievable will not save them this time. The world once said: "It couldn't possibly be true." But this time our own soldiers have been witnesses, and the men who were at Cajazzo and Naples will damn German cruelty forever as their testimony becomes history.

Double Trouble

Nazi military experts, still reeling from the effects of the Moscow pact, have received a double-barreled jolt by way of the North African front.

Jolt No. 1: Allied headquarters disclosed the creation of a new all-American Mediterranean Air Force under direction of Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz—a set-up which forecasts "concentration on long range strategic bombing against Germany."

Jolt No. 2: A few minutes later came the announcement that the new command had carried out its first mission—a smashing attack on the Messerschmitt works at Wiener Neustadt in Austria.

Germany's military experts do not need to read between the lines of these communiqués to tell that this new development is an important part of the Allies' master blueprint for hastening the war's end.

It is all too clear that the new set-up heralds a tremendous new air offensive against Hitler's fortress from the south, in step with redoubled blows from Anglo-American bases in England.

Today one truth stands out more clearly than ever before—no German target is out of range of our bombers.

Hash Marks

Dear Readers, We know a little boy who is suffering from a dangerous disease known to medical science as *spanitis brusselsproutus*. Nothing can cure him except plenty of T-Bone Steaks. (Who is this little boy?—It's ME!)

Anti Climax Department. It was a big day for Sgt. Howard Oestler. He had a field day in the skies over Wewak.



On a single raid he was credited with one Jap plane destroyed plus one probable. When his B24 hit the home field, Oestler raced for his mail. On the bulletin board was a notice ordering him to report to the range to qualify as a gunner.

With comments about "Basic English" going the rounds, we take this opportunity to quote the observation of head of the department of phonetics, University College, London. Poking fun at the eccentricities of the language as she spoke, this gentleman reminds us that the word FISH might just as well be spelled GHOTI (gh as in rough, o as in women and ti as in nation). Shoot the aspirin to me, John boy!

From an as yet unidentified member of the U.S. Army has come a proposal whereby the scope of officer promotions could be greatly increased, thereby making thousands of people happy. This can be done, says the writer, with the establishment of the rank of captain (jg). And the War Department could have a choice as to the new insignia. These captains (junior grade) could wear two gold bars on each shoulder or have a set consisting of one silver and one gold bar each. Take your choice.

Signs of the Times. Ad. in a Wyoming newspaper. For Sale: Rabbit Steak. Also want three boys to catch alley cats.

This is the story of a pup—a small, nondescript pup adopted by a GI who was just getting ready to leave the States for



the ETO. First, the owner trained the canine to lie quietly in a barracks bag by carrying it around in one at night. The smuggling aboard ship was accomplished with ease, and nobody was the wiser until an MP noticed this soldier with the barracks bag over his shoulder, sweating out a line on the dock at a British port. Said the MP, "You'll be here quite a while, soldier. Put your bag down—it won't walk away!" So the soldier put the bag down—AND IT WALKED AWAY!

J. C. W.

'Help Wanted' Is Its Own Best Ad.

The Column Grew Out of a Pair of 13EE Shoes

By Andrew A. Rooney
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

When The Stars and Stripes took on the job of finding a pair of 13EE shoes for Pfc Dewey Livingstone, the staff didn't realize they were laying themselves open to a flood of requests for everything from information on a song published in New York in 1927 to the whereabouts of a first lieutenant's sharpshooting medals "lost somewhere in Hyde Park."

In a little corner of the office of the servicemen's newspaper T/4 Louis Rakin sits flanked by two secretaries opening 500 letters a week. Lou was a lawyer for 11 years as a civilian and sat on the police court bench for nine years in Linden, N.J. He knows how to handle things.

Shoes for Every Soldier

The legend of Dewey Livingstone still lurks behind Help Wanted activities. After Charley White, an S & S reporter, found Dewey's 13EEs he couldn't find Dewey. It was decided that Dewey had gone to Africa, so the brogans went to another big-footed soldier who had written in later.

A campaign—"A Pair of Shoes for Every Soldier"—swung into action, but the Quartermaster soon had that under control, and Help Wanted then was instituted to handle such miscellaneous off-the-record GI requests.

In the last six months, Rakin, operating behind the title Help Wanted, has answered 15,000 letters by and concerning soldiers in the ETO. The barrister-sergeant has figured in the transfer of between five and six hundred men, having placed railway crane operators, draftsmen, photographers, longshoremen, printers and countless other soldiers with specific skills into their right notches in the Army.

Puzzle The Army

Rakin and his Help Wanted puzzle the Army a little. They are strictly extra-curricular and classified, if anywhere, as miscellaneous. He handles little problems that the strict efficiency of the Army isn't quite up to—or down to. How, for instance, would the Army be expected to handle the case of Cpl. Paul Smith, who thinks that "You'll Never Know" is plagiarized from a tune he wrote years ago and sent to a New York publisher.

Cpl. Smith's problem got the immediate attention of The Stars and Stripes very special service section. Rakin wrote the publisher to whom Smith had sent his song, got a copy of it and compared it with a sheet of "You'll Never Know." Then Rakin put his legal mind to work and found out exactly what constituted plagiarism according to the law pertaining to things musical. Rakin found that "before plagiarism can be

claimed there must be at least four bars of identical music and harmony."

In the opinion of the ex-Linden police court judge, no plagiarism was involved. He wrote Smith, outlined his findings, and added that if he still thought he had a case he could write a civilian lawyer.

Help Wanted, Rakin claims, is a sort of super ETO chaplain. "We don't claim to know all the answers," he says, "but we know the people who do."

Rakin's head is full of phone numbers, names and office locations. Whenever he gets a request for information he either looks it up in his small library—if he hasn't the dope in his head—or calls one of his "contacts."

About Transfers

"Someone writes in and wants to know about a transfer," Rakin says. "Well, we all know that while the Army takes elaborate pains with its classification system, some mistakes are made, so I see what I can do for the guy. The Army is anxious to see that every round peg is in a round hole, and I get fine cooperation."

"Say a man writes in and says he's a printer. OK, I know that Marsh, out at the Army printing plant, needs men, so I give him a ring and see if he can use the man. If a draftsman calls in I go to Eighth Air Force headquarters. I know they've been looking for some good draftsmen. A man writes in and says he has been a clerk all his life and is now in an engineer outfit. I call Gummell here in London. I know he's been looking for personnel men. Thompson over at the post office is looking for men with postal experience."

The Help Wanted expert goes on indefinitely, naming the men who always have been helpful. Rakin is the soldier's own representative, stationed conveniently behind the red tape and maze of channels which stand between GI Joe and any kind of satisfaction.

One wise guy thought he could kid Help Wanted. His letter read:



"Dear Sir, Could you advise me as to where I can contact a Mess Kit Repair Shop in this vicinity? Some of the boys have heard there is one near here and are anxious to take their mess kits there. Please straighten this out for us at your earliest convenience."

Help Wanted, having looked for "sky hooks" as a child, knew how to answer: "We have located the Mess Kit Repair Shop nearest your camp. It is located adjacent to the underground balloon department, and will be open for business as soon as a supply of left-handed monkey wrenches can be obtained."

APO numbers are one of Help Wanted's biggest jobs. Everyone and his brother knows a WAC, a cousin, an uncle, a father or a friend he has heard is in the ETO and he wants to get in touch with him or her. Rakin recently made a deal with the Machine Records Unit to ship his list over to them each day. They check the names of the men, give the dope to Rakin and he forwards it to the men. In the case of Smiths and Jones, these are printed in the paper, because there is no way of telling which Harry Jones is Joe's friend.

APO Numbers Supplied

The best Help Wanted can do is supply APO numbers. English addresses and exact locations can't go through the mails. Rakin often arranges a meeting place in some town convenient to both parties.

One Jones wrote to Rakin asking him to please find his brother, John Jones. Rakin was prepared to go to work, but the letter was signed "John Jones." He wrote back to the inquiring Jones and told him he must have made a mistake. Rakin got an immediate reply. "There was no mistake. My name is John Frank Jones. My brother's name is John Vincent Jones."

Most of the requests Help Wanted gets are reasonable; some are fantastic. One man wrote in recently saying that he had copies of several old English newspapers. He gave the details: "One is the coronation issue of King George IV, printed July 22, 1821, another was printed in 1838 at the time of the coronation of Queen Victoria —." It was all very interesting, but what did this collector of old newspapers want The Stars and Stripes to do for him?

It was simple. "I would like to get

A Sergeant-Lawyer Is the Dorothy Dix of S & S

Mr. Churchill, the Queen and King of England to autograph them for me," the writer calmly requested, and, possibly an afterthought, he added, "If possible, President Roosevelt, too."

A British girl writes Help Wanted: "Would it be possible to put the following request in the Help Wanted columns of The Stars and Stripes—'Would the U.S. Soldier speaking to a girl at Nuneham Courtenay last Sunday at the bus stop at 7.30 like to get in touch with her through this department?'"

Help Wanted does a lot of Dorothy Dix stuff, but the answer to a request like the one above is, "Sorry, can't help."

Last week a first sergeant sent in a simple note:

"Lost: One pair GI trousers near Marble Arch. If found please return to 1/Sgt. —." (Help Wanted is reluctant to give out names in cases like this. The first sergeant obviously stopped on his way to the cleaners with an extra pair of pants over his arm to feed the pigeons. It is illegal to feed pigeons in war-time England. Help Wanted doesn't want to get the sergeant in trouble.)

The first sergeant offered no reward for the return of his pants, but he didn't come as well supplied as one captain who wrote to Help Wanted. He had lost a raincoat and offered his last bottle of Bourbon to the man who returned it. Officers are always either losing or exchanging coats and raincoats, Rakin claims, but few of them offer the "wet" reward.

Many letters come in from soldiers who want their marital affairs straightened out, but despite Rakin's experience in the police court, he can't help much there, either.

"Dear Help Wanted. I was marriage my wife before I came in Army the year of 1940. After I came in Army I had to make out A Class A. allotment to her the time it was made out I did not know her address I sent home and got it now I think she have marriage again and they I wont you to investigate it for me."

Help Wanted's reply read, "Sorry, we are not in a position to investigate your wife's extra-marital activities. It is suggested you take the matter up with . . . Red Cross representative . . ."

Financial Aid Given

Last summer a corporal wrote in stating that his family had cabled \$50 to him from New Orleans in April and he never received the money.

Help Wanted went to work. A letter went to the corporal and told him that the money had reached London and had been forwarded from the bank in London to him the same day. The letter added that Help Wanted was checking further with postal authorities and would write again with more information.

In three weeks the corporal got his answer, with complete information. The check had been cashed at the bank in the town near where he was stationed. It was endorsed with his name and there was a second endorsement in addition. Rakin suggested the authorities to whom he should write if the corporal's name had been forged, adding that if the corporal since remembered that he did get the check and cashed it, Help Wanted would like to know, so that its files on the matter could be closed.

Another man wrote and wanted to be transferred to the "Army Farming Corps." One wanted to get in touch with all men who belonged to the Ancient Auto Club, of Los Angeles . . . a third wondered where he could buy fencing foils in England . . . and hundreds want to know how they can get to be aerial gunners or how they can join the Merchant Marine.

Rakin has a form letter he sends out on each of the last two items. There is no form letter for the eight or ten GIs who write in to Rakin every week and ask him how they can get home.

"That's one answer I'd like to know myself," Lou says.

ARMY POETS

Have You?
Have you ever sat in Trafalgar Square
Beneath the morning sun, in the morning
air?
Have you looked at the lions' neath
Nelson's feet
And watched the traffic pass by in the
street?
Have you seen the people taking their
time
While Big Ben sounds out its hourly
chime?
I'm sitting here now and it thrills me
to see
A preview of peacetime. How good
it will be!
Pfc Sidney Krueger.

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"You put me on guard once more this month and I'll transfer right out of this stinking outfit into the rangers!"

Business As Usual



LOS ANGELES—The manpower shortage keeps J. B. Church so busy that he doesn't even take time out to be held up. When gunmen entered his gas station he kept right on working, and muttered: "Aw nuts!" The thugs hung around a few minutes; then left in disgust.

Features

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT

Thursday, Nov. 4, 1943

Service With a Smile

AURORA, Ill.—The women aim to please. The city editor told rookie reporter Shirley Anderson to wander over to the fire house and see if she could get a good fire story. Shirley was back with her story in two minutes—the composing room was on fire.



Objective: Hitler's Western Wall

Young expert on German tactics briefs U.S. Assault Troops for invasion in amphibious battle exercises

By Charles F. Kiley
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

"American manpower has been rightly looked upon as our grand strategic reserve in the west for the final moves of the war. The latest, freshest and most potent newcomer in the field . . . the United States may have to play the decisive part in the concluding act of the great war drama . . . for no nation has had so great a destiny marked out for it and on none have such high hopes been built."—Jan Christian Smuts, Premier of South Africa.

ALONG the continental European coast . . . behind what is probably the strongest and most deliberately fortified first line of defense against invasion in the world . . . the Wehrmacht is waiting.

For three years the heiling warriors of Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt have been digging themselves in behind walls of concrete and steel, hundreds of miles of wire, pillboxes, road blocks, mined beaches and fortifications . . . ever since Hitler called them back off the docks of France muttering:



Col. Thompson

Command makes no secret of the fact that it will take an "unparalleled attack" to crack that western wall of Festung Europa, and it likewise makes no effort to conceal the fact that its plans are already blueprinted.

Here along a stretch of English coast, topographically similar to many points on the German-held shores of Europe, thousands of American assault troops are preparing for their part in springing the lock on Adolf's front door.

Combined Operations

The preparations are intense, and in most phases severe. Every type of weapon and vehicle necessary for a successful stroke is used in the most extensive amphibious exercises undertaken by U.S. forces in Britain, at least, and in all probability anywhere else. The maneuvers combine operations between Army, Navy and Air Force. Nothing is spared. Ammunition and equipment are expendable.

Hand-picked by the War Department for the job of briefing these troops—no specialized units but ordinary infantry and armored forces designed and trained for assault purposes—is a 37-year-old Nebraskan who knows more than most military masterminds what Pvt. Joe Blow is

going to find when he scrambles into the surf from his LCPV and over the beaches where the Wehrmacht is waiting.

Young, able Col. Paul W. Thompson spent several months with units of the German army, as recently as 1939, during service as an assistant military attache in Berlin. Author of numerous articles on German tactics, chemical engineer and expert on amphibious operations, Col. Thompson carefully planned his invasion technique before adopting it for the Assault Training Center.

He presided over a conference of Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force officials that lasted for 30 days, gathering information gleaned from invading secret service agents.

The West Point graduate surrounded himself with a staff of capable and experienced officers from every branch of the Army, gathered commissioned instructors skilled in their work, many of whom were battle-trained in war zones. He reproduced enemy fortifications all over this maneuver area. Then Col. Thompson went to work.

The technique employed in assault landings is not for publication. At least not that which is to be employed in the liquidation of the Western Wall when the Allied High Command sets its watch on "H" hour. But the equipment used in the operation will be the best and most improved hurled against the enemy in the war.

The training center familiarizes soldiers and sailors with all phases of amphibious warfare—from embarkation on landing craft, navigation and debarkation on beaches to the establishment of bridgeheads, attacks on shore defenses and inland assaults on strong points.

Trained in small units first, the men are taught to embark and debark with tanks, heavy artillery, A.A. guns, trucks, bulldozers and infantry weapons with split-second swiftness and accuracy. They learn to recognize and neutralize enemy mines and



Thousands of American troops at the U.S. Assault Training Center are undergoing the most intensive amphibious training undertaken by U.S. forces in the ETO, like these scrambling from a half track during an "attack" on German hedge-hog defenses.

booby traps as well as put their own into effect. During the exercises live booby traps are planted over the ground covered by advancing troops, the theory being it's better to get shaken up now than blown up later.

During landing operations the Navy transports personnel and vehicles in 36-foot LCPVs (Landing Craft Vehicle Personnel) bearing one assault section and their weapons LCMs (Landing Craft Mechanized) built to carry a medium tank as a maximum load and LCTs (Landing Craft Tanks), 105 feet in length and capable of carrying 180 tons. There are larger craft, like LSTs (Landing ship, tanks) which also could be employed.

The first obstacles to overcome by invaders are pill boxes, coastal gun positions and bands of barbed wire. Enemy fire for these exercises is simulated by TNT explosions on the beach through which troops in the first wave must overcome to establish the initial bridgehead.

Supported by tanks, after consolidation of the bridgehead, troops move inland over and under more wire, invasion walls and steep hills to hit strong points beyond shore defenses.

It is during maneuvers against these German hedge-hog positions that assault troops here receive battle indoctrination that could only be more realistic in actual combat.

Area Well Fortified

The fortified area under attack consists of 11 concrete pillboxes, two of which are reinforced with steel, a number of open emplacements, slit trenches, observation posts and fox holes. Surrounded by bands of tactical double apron wire, ranging from two to six bands in depth, the area is planted with anti-tank and anti-personnel mines, tank traps and other obstacles.

Launching the hedgehog attack are medium bombers of the Air Force Ground Support Command which blast "enemy" positions with HE bombs. Batteries of 105mm. howitzers fire over the heads of advancing troops, M4 tanks and M10 tank destroyers add their supporting fire. Mortars lay on objectives and provide smoke screens. Under cover of the screen, the assault companies, tanks, destroyers, and anti-tank units deploy for the attack.

At "H" hour the mass attack is sprung, covered by the massed fire of all supporting weapons. Spitfires whistle in to strafe as the attack inches forward. Booby traps are cleared, sections close in on pillboxes with flame throwers, bazookas and demolition. Once the first line of defenses is neutralized artillery fire is raised to the second objectives.

Nothing stops the drive until it is finished. Injured are treated or removed under fire.

The reaction of the troops to this invasion rehearsal, according to Col. Thompson, is that it is "tough and exacting," but they are enthusiastic.



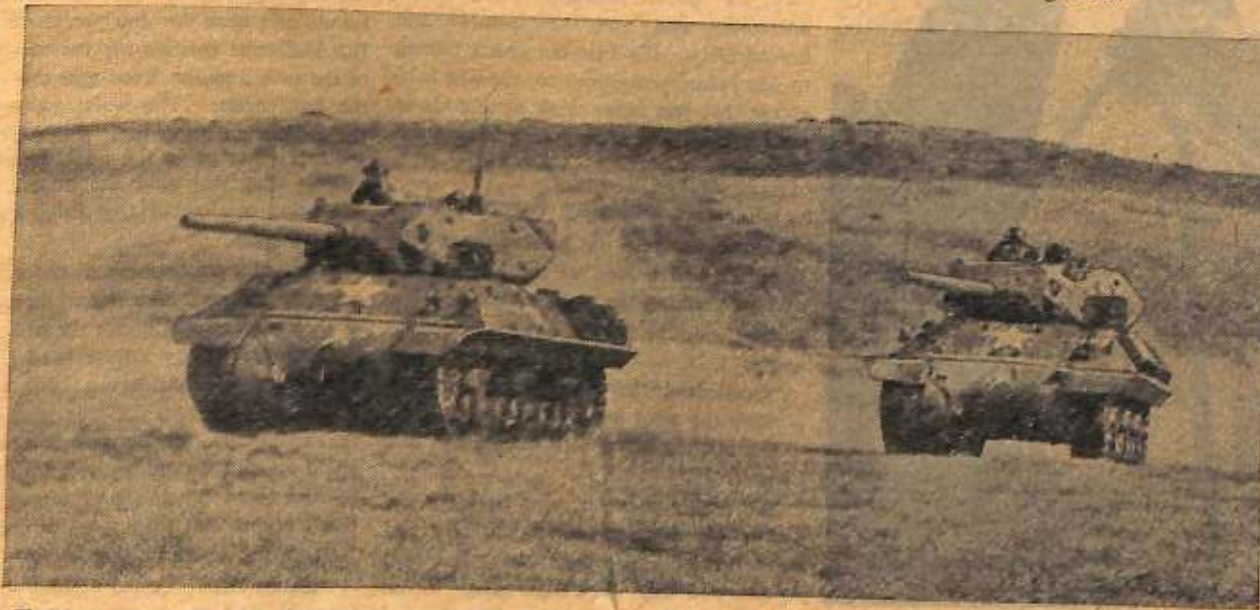
U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos
A soldier bridges barbed wire with his body as bazooka gunner rushes forward in attack.

No chairborne leader, he gets into fox holes with the men, prods them with questions and gets first-hand reactions.

Col. Thompson, naturally, isn't the only one interested in the preparation of these troops. Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, ETOUSA commander, and Maj. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, chief of ground forces in this theater, have been visitors. Liaison between American and British amphibious chiefs is maintained.

The training of assault troops here will continue through the winter and beyond, Col. Thompson said. Billeted at present in "tent cities," troops will soon move to Nissen hut areas now under construction.

The Wehrmacht is waiting . . . how much longer it will have to wait is a question causing anxiety not only to the defenders of Festung Europa but to Pvt. Joe Blow who has to go in and dig them out.



Taking part in the invasion exercises are powerful M10 destroyers, self-propelled 3-inch tank killers. As heavy as a medium tank but with the speed of a light tank, the M10 lends tremendous fire power to an attack.

Sweatin' It Out—That's

GI "Talk" in Nissen huts before the mission and over the intercom in the thick of battle tells a story that the formal phrases of the official communique cannot convey—a story that gives the inside dope

By Bud Hutton

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The communique said that strong formations of U.S. Eighth Air Force Flying Fortresses and Liberators attacked Bremen and Vegesack. It said that 130 enemy fighters were shot down by the Forts and Libs and another 12 by the Thunderbolts. It said, finally, that from these operations 30 bombers and three fighters were missing.

But communique are written in the stiff phrases that high commands mostly use on both sides of the Channel, and there isn't any way for them to tell about the people who went to Bremen and Vegesack and shot down 130 enemy aircraft, nor about the 30 and three. This communique could have been about Emden, or Schweinfurt or any one of those towns you'd never heard of three years ago. But it was Bremen. And since in a communique you can't talk about men in a Nissen hut, waiting to go to work, nor about men who laugh at very simple things while the 110s and the 88s are pressing in, nor about "sweating" and the restless gunner, this is the way it was:

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In the evening the mist began to lift from the far ends of the runways and a sergeant from operations came into the hut and said, "Standby alert, you guys." The gunners went out to stand in the mud the three days of rain had left, and looked up to where a few stars came through the patches of clear sky.

"It'll clear," somebody said.

Blackjack Game Restarts

They argued awhile about the clouds against the southeastern night horizon, because that is where Germany is. Back in the hut, the blackjack game started again, and some of the gunners went to bed and a couple wrote letters. The rest of them sat around on the bottom tier of double edged bunks and made the smoke thicker in the yellow light of the one bulb.

The crew of Lady Liz had a new left waist gunner, so Pete Bobulsky, the RWG who comes from Cleveland, went over to the new guy's bunk and sat down for a cigarette. After a little bit he began to talk about flying helmets and the new type of microphones which fit in a flier's oxygen mask, and the new gunner never realized until the next day that all the time Bobulsky was checking over his equipment and making sure the new gunner would be all right for his first job in Lady Liz.

Over on the edge of the blackjack game, Harry Edgins, the Georgia tail gunner, threw down in disgust four cards that just totalled 22. "Sweatin's always the hardest part of it," he said.

'The Rest Is Easy'

No one had been talking about "sweating," but everyone knew what Edgins meant and they picked up the conversation there because they all had been thinking about blackjack with one part of them and about "You get past that and briefing and the rest is easy." That was John Kelley, the technical sergeant from Beverly, Mass., who works the radio and the top hatch gun and the rest of the time plays solitaire when Lady Liz is over enemy territory. Kelley sat on his bunk, and while he argued he sewed a new pair of earphones into the fuzzy inside of his flying helmet. The blackjack game went on.

After 11 another sergeant from operations came into the hut and this time it was, "The alert's on, you guys. Cerrone's crew and Binks' and McIlveen's in here. Chow at two ayem, briefing at 2.45."

Somebody in McIlveen's crew called the sergeant a number of names in a good-natured way and the blackjack game went on.

Bill McDaniel, the top turret gunner from Atlanta, Ga., rolled over beneath a pile of gray and brown blankets and told

everybody to shut up, but it was still noisy, and finally everyone who wasn't playing cards went outside to look at the sky again. Over in the southeast it was clear so they went to bed.

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That's the way it was the night before the biggest force of American planes to fly out on a mission in this war started for Bremen. Mostly it doesn't vary much from that; if the crews have been waiting four days or five or six, they probably don't have as much to say, and the blackjack game doesn't last as long—the money already has been won. If they've had a raid the day before they're pretty apt to go right to bed—a gunner works hard. But mostly, before Warnemunde or Kassel or any of those towns you read about in the communique, it's like that.

The weather changed in the night, and it wasn't until six o'clock that the sergeant from operations came to get the runway unblocked and away from the hard stand and down the runway, this is the way it was:

Fried Eggs and Pancakes

The infantryman who gets that last meal before the enemy barrage starts to roll at him, and the artillerymen who eats at night knowing that as soon as it is light the enemy tanks will begin to come across the flat ground to his position knows what pre-flight breakfast is like.

Often it's pretty good—fried eggs and pancakes and the coffee is black as hell. More often it's just breakfast—scrambled dried eggs and pancakes and the same coffee.

Jim Reed, the ball turret gunner, lounges back over coffee and talks for a while with the new gunner. When Reed has gone, the new gunner realizes that the ball turret man has checked off every piece of clothing the new gunner will wear today



—the long John underwear and the clean woollen socks and the GI pants and the heated suit in his kit.

What most people who have a bad taste in their mouth at breakfast time might have difficulty understanding is that no one at these breakfast tables is crabby. Even the crabby guys aren't crabby. People are more considerate than is necessary and you can always get the canned milk passed on the first request.

They don't even insult the cooks before they leave the mess hall and go to the square room with the blackboards and movie screen where the brass tells them what kind of a job they'll do this day.

The gunners are briefed by themselves, the officers by themselves, and after that there are special briefings for the radio operators and the navigators and bombardiers. It's like the coach talking to you before you go out for the first half, except that you never think of that simile until a long time after you're home from Bremen.

The Briefing Room

On the way into the briefing room Pete Bobulsky had a look at the long stretch of tape marking the route for today.

"They must've run out of tape," he says, softly.

"Gentlemen, the target today presents possibly the most interesting task yet."

The briefing officer is a major, Mr. S-2 himself.

The major goes on, and he talks for five or six minutes before you hear the word Bremen. He talks about flak and fighters and what the target means in the

gets onto flak. Then they tighten up, and the ones who smile don't really want to smile, because gunners will swear to each other when there isn't any point in bragging that they'll take fighters all day long but that flak gets them.

Preparing for the Mission

They talk about some other things that are secret and pretty soon the major finishes his briefing, and you wait to hear someone say, "Let's go get 'em, men!" or something like that, but no one does and the gunners just get up and start hauling their kits of clothing to the planes. It's that simple. Briefings would drive a short story writer out of business.

They leave the zippered bags full of heated suits and shoes and paraphernalia at the circle of concrete on which Lady Liz stands and head for the armament shop. Bill McDaniel gets his top turret guns out of the rack and Jim Reed gets the two for the ball turret. The waist gunners and the radio man bring their single guns and the three that go in the nose, because the officers who will man the nose guns are still being briefed. Harry Edgins gets the two tail guns.

In the oily atmosphere of the armament shop the gunners take the caliber .50s out of their covers and break them down and clean them. They adjust headspace and oil buffers and put them back together. The armament men did this whole job on the same guns a few hours before, and they stand around watching the gunners, ready to find clean patches or more oil. They don't resent that their work is being done over again. There isn't anything to resent. "Kelley won't play any solitaire today," says the man who knows he's



They've all been scanning the sky, trying to peer beyond the flimsy clouds that ed-



... the tail turret open up. The noise of the tail guns is lost, and the waist guns and the radio are singles and don't pound.

The gunners check in, and for a long time the interphone is quiet. They've all been scanning the sky, trying to peer beyond the flimsy clouds that edge the horizon when the talker sounds again.

"Gettin' in there now, you guys. Better be on watch."

The P47s show up, but until they formate out on the wings and overhead no one is sure they're 47s. After they've been there a while Jerry arrives.

"Fighters at 2 o'clock, high."

It's Selby's voice and right after that McDaniel's guns begin to pound and this is where the communique starts to get written.

The rest of it is hard to describe, because on paper there isn't any difference between a guy saying "Fighters at nine o'clock" and "Fighters at nine o'clock." But mostly the rest of the crew can tell whether the fighter at nine o'clock is coming in or not from the way the gunner says it. And they're all different. Sometimes the gunner just goes to work and is too busy to call them off, and Selby gets on the horn and hollers about it because he worries if everyone is all right, and that makes you feel warm, later on when you get a chance to feel warm.

"Well, there it is ahead of us."

That's Cerrone. Everyone can't see what he's talking about, but Maryovich clears it up.

"Let's see us on the other side."

Somebody—no one remembered who it was later—came on the talker:

"That stuff's thick enough to fly through on instruments."

away, and some of the gunners watch the flak and some don't because this day Bremen earns the title of flak champion and it isn't easy to look at it and not want to run away.

"Anybody want to get out and walk?"

That's Cerrone, too, and this time the whole bunch laugh like hell because Lady Liz is right in the center and the bombs are just gone away and that's a good thing.

But for some of the others it has not been that way, and back in the tail Harry Edgins is calling out in a flat tone the B17s that have been hit.

Off to 10 o'clock a burst of flak lingers and Maryovich is on the talker again:

"The fighters will be in now!"

They are. The orange and black Ju88s come up and take a swipe, and the Me110s cut in with their twin fins high. The Me210s slash at a squadron while other 110s and 210s lay back on the edge of the sky and peg rockets in orange arcs at the Forts.

Homeward Bound

The Forts are on the way home, and once when a gunner sights down his .50 at an 88 passing under, the corner of his eye sees the pattern of the fields 'way down there. They're just like the English fields.

That bunch of fighters goes away, and Jim Reed asks Kelley if he's playing solitaire.

"No, I finished back there a way."

Then the fighters come back and this part will be the end of the communique.

A pack of 110s gangs up on a Fort that's limping on three engines. Flame sifts out of another engine and the Fort starts to slide off to the south. Out of the ship come little black dots that are men you ate breakfast with a million years or so before in the morning. Their parachutes open and they go on down while the Fort, bulky and big, heads off to the south. It lumbers along, losing a little height and still smoking, and the last you see, it is a lumbering giant shuffling down a long hill into the mist. It isn't good to watch.

They came back, all but the 30 and three, and landed. The gunners and the bombardiers and the navigators and pilots talked to intelligence officers who put down what had happened and sent it to com-



"... shall we try out our guns as we clear the coast?"

mand. Command put down what the intelligence officers had sent and handed it over to HQ. And after that, the communique was written, in the stiff phrases that high commands use.

But the communique can't tell about the people who go out to Vegesack and

Bremen, or Warnemunde or Schweinfurt, and they can't tell about sweating out the long hours before; most of all, the communique couldn't tell about the taste of a half frozen apple when the Lady Liz had gotten back to circling her own field. And since they can't, this is the way it was.

Chip on Your Shoulder!

By Col. Robert L. Scott, Jr.

pling in the light of the setting sun. Some of those waves were caused by the wind, but a few of them started with the splash of 19 Jap Zeros which seven of us had shot down in the last three minutes.

Just then I crossed the tip of Hong Kong Island and saw one more airplane silhouette. My gun switches were already on, my gunsight was reflected brightly in my windshield. There was not an instant of wondering whether it was a friendly plane, a shadow or a bird. At full speed I attacked.

A split second before I went for the six guns of my P-40. I saw our Air Force insignia on the other ship, saw it wig-wag its wings. Then I heard a Texas drawl coming over my radio, "If that's a P-40 in front of me, wiggle your wings."

I laughed, kind of hysterically, and on the way back to our base I kept turning that scene over in my mind. And then, I had the secret of America and the men who are fighting for her. I knew why, when the Japs in China outnumbered us five to one, we still knocked them down: Tex and I had both *attacked*. There had not been a moment of deliberation about whether the other plane was a friend or an enemy. We were alive because we never waited, never had a defensive thought.

It's an arrogant attitude. We deliberately put a chip on our shoulder. That chip is as necessary to fighter flying as our planes and our guns. You can give it a name and call it the American Fighting Spirit. It is the spirit that produced America—and Americans. And it's the spirit that stamps Victory on all our fighting forces in every part of the world.

But we don't think about it when we're in the air. Our mind is at ease once we are on a mission, for we are flying the best equipment in the world, we have received the best training anywhere—and we have *everything to fight for*.

You don't find fancy words to explain why you're there. You think of your wife and your baby daughter and the sound of church bells on Sunday morning. You remember how you suddenly stopped being an Army private and went to West Point and wonder what the aristocrat Japs would think of that. You think of what a nice kid Colin Kelly was, and you remember what a team he and another American named Meyer Levin made.

That's what you're fighting for. And you know that you have everything to live for, and that the Jap has mostly nothing but things to die for. That's his only hope of reaching his kind of heaven.

We carry a chip of superiority on our shoulders. That must be our character in the air. We must never wonder: "Can I

do this? Am I meeting a better pilot? We must have long ago learned to shoot so that as each Jap comes right at us, we will be glad that he helps aim the guns for us. We must be saying, "You poor sucker, I'll get you long before you come within range with your poor little guns!"

Afraid in combat? It never enters our mind. There isn't time for prayer or for fear. Sometimes when it's over we know that someone at home must have prayed for us. And we may experience fear before or after, but not during the fight.

There was always a fear gnawing at my heart the night before the takeoff for action. I could shut my eyes and see Zeros climbing into the bomber formation.

Sleep would never come. Not from personal fear but from fear that I would fail in my mission. Never fear that some little bullet would hit me. I was too arrogant for that. All of us were.

Soon it's almost time, and as you stand around and wait the interminable seconds for the operations officer to brief your mission, you are sharp and cross with the ground crewmen, but it's from the tension of the moment. And then you take off and you're the happiest man in the world. Soon you're saying to yourself, "Why don't the devils come up? Why?"

And there they are. At the first instant, the steepness of their climb chills you, then their numbers, but now you remember there aren't seven of you this time. There's a whole group; and more in reserve higher up; and you're attacking without realizing that you've moved.

In seconds, it seems, it's all over. Then you remember that you didn't even think about dying. You know if you don't worry about it, you probably won't die. And even if some accident—it could only be an accident—kills you, you'll know you died for the best place in the world. You look around into a sky that's filled only with American ships. The stars on the wings and fuselages look like a part of the United States—Main Street or the State Capitol. A cheer may rise to your lips, a tear blur your eye.

You're no warrior caste, and you're longing to get back home. But right now you think it's a privilege to be here to do this job for the greatest country on earth, and you realize that this is the way to keep the country you love just the way you want it. You'll insure by hundreds of such raids that your wife will live the way she was living when you first knew you loved her, your little boy will have the same future that you've always planned for him, that your Main Street—your America—will go on.

From 'This Week'

armament men asks for an ex-

celley gets his radion done," Pete explains, "and while there's too for any fighters to be around, he're in that damn radio room of says solitaire."

dy laughs a little, and the arma- believes it because that's the guy Kelley is.

the ship they put in the guns their gear, and about that time rrone, who is a first lieutenant of Lady Liz, arrives in a truck other three officers, 2/Lt. Dick the Matamoras, Pa., navigator; Selby, the Rockford, Ill., bom- and 1/Lt. Novo Maryovich, co- n Gary, Ind.

Her's Gear Rechecked

came out, bright and lazy yellow Indian summer sun back home. el lay down on the concrete and eep. Maryovich handed out kits and Bobulsky and Reed e new gunner's gear once again, e hell of it. One of them was and a ground crew man knew eans; they talked a long time eans because it was the kind you'd have been combining soy ou were back home. But you ck home, you were waiting to ry interesting target, the man had o after a little bit Mac awakened ne took the time to talk a little eather or women or leave with in the crew. Then it was time ot in and Cerrone and Maryono- Lady Liz down the runway and the rest.

* * * put down a verbatim tran-

scription of the inter-phone conversation of a Fortress crew at work. Somebody would object. Probably somebody who had never been to Bremen. So all you can do is to put down the snatches of it that stick in your mind, and it tells pretty well the way things were and the communique tells the rest.

"Pilot to navigator. Pilot to navigator. Go ahead."

"Go ahead, pilot."

"You all squared away?"

"Roger."

Lady Liz kept on climbing. McIlveen's guys were just below to the left in The Stars and Stripes. Binks' ship led, up above and in front. Strung out across the English sky the rest of four or five thousand gunners and pilots and bombardiers and navigators were talking about the same things.

"Top turret to pilot. Top turret to pilot."

"Pilot to top turret. Go ahead, Mac."

"Shall we try out our guns when we clear the coast?"

"As soon as we clear the coast, Roger."

Formations Leave

The fields down there grow small. They don't look a bit like checkerboards, though.

"Pilot to crew. We're getting up there now. Better go on oxygen. Check in, will you?"

The answers start with a Georgia drawl from the tail and move up through the ship. Up ahead, a navigator in the lead checks course and the formations go away from England.

"Co-pilot to gunners. Try 'em out now if you want to."

The inside of the B17 is filled with the comfortable sound of pounding as the

An Esquire Sports Feature

Return of A Trouble-Maker

O'Leary told the Old Timer here was his chance to save the game and stay on with the team as coach next year.

By James Kieran

WHEN they barred the spitter everybody said Phil was through, but he was a foxy devil and worked up a new curve and a change of pace and he kept hanging on year after year.

But when we made the first western trip that year, you could see he was all washed up, and in Cincinnati George O'Leary called Phil in and told him to pack his bag for Kansas City. He was a ten-year man and didn't have to go unless he wanted to, but I guess he had to have a job.

Going through the lobby, he waved to Frank Johnson and me. "I'll be back," he said.

"How come?" Frank Johnson said.

"Cause I've got a wife and four kids and you can't send girls to college on no minor league salary."

"Good luck, Phil," I said.

"I don't want no good wishes from you young punks," Phil said. He glared at me. "And if you don't like it you can go to hell."

"O.K., Phil, take it easy," Frank Johnson said.

"O.K.," Phil said as he left.

That was the trouble with Phil. He could have been a coach because he knew the game inside out and he'd been in the league a long while and had every hitter pegged. But he couldn't get along with anybody. He always wanted to start a fight.

We were very sorry to see him go, though, and even missed the fights he used to start. We got going good that year, and by the Fourth we were up there, one, two, three. It was a hot summer, but we played in luck, and when we hit Labor Day we were still in there.

Back that night I saw a little dispatch in the paper from Kansas City about Phil being unconditionally released. "The action followed rumors of a recent clubhouse row," the story read.

"The same old army game," Frank said.

All we were thinking about was that final home stand and that half-game edge we had.

And then Bill Jolson slipped, trying to field a bunt when the grass was wet. Bill had won 22 games for us, and the sports writers were saying he would pitch us right into the Series. When he slipped he fractured his ankle and that seemed to fracture our pennant chances too.

We broke even with the Braves and in a double-header the next day, and when we got back to the clubhouse who was standing there but Phil. We were feeling pretty good, and we all said hello, but Phil just stared at us.

I was walking past George O'Leary's cubbyhole when I saw Phil saying to George that George needed a tough, experienced pitcher for the home stretch, and O'Leary sighed, and he said:

"I'll tell you what I'll do, Phil. You and me seem to be able to get along even if nobody else could do it with you. I'm not kidding you, my job depends on coming through this year. I'll take you on, and if you can really help us come through before the end of the season I'll have a good chance of getting you on as coach." I heard Phil growling and I wondered

why he should kick about a proposition like that. But he took it because he was in uniform the next day.

Well, you had to call on the Old Timer," he said. "I told you I would be back."

His voice was jeering and sharp and a few of the boys stopped dressing to look at him hard. They let it drop. We had plenty of worrying to do about hanging on ourselves and somehow we did, even with Phil complaining all the time because George didn't have to put him in, not even once. When the Cards came east for the final Series it was us or the Bucs. If we won the last two games from the Cards, we'd finish a couple of percentage points in front.

We pulled through in the first game two to one and Ed Corwin went all the way for us. Phil kept grouching about getting a chance.

The next afternoon we stood to win or lose the flag. George told Phil to get out to the bull pen as usual and Phil began to grouse about what was the use of throwing them in that hot sun in the bull pen and stuff like that.

We did all right. Frank Johnson hit one into the right field boxes in the fourth and that put us three runs ahead. But the Cards picked up a couple in the sixth and in the seventh they would have gone ahead because Jack Marshbanks passed two men and it was only a running catch near the wall by Charley that kept us out of the soup.

In the eighth Marshbanks gave another pass. A single and another pass filled the bases. George waved Marshbanks out, and in from left field comes old Phil.

George O'Leary came over from the bench and said, "Well, here's what you've been asking for. Now let's see it." Phil Card's first baseman, could powder that old apple. A hit would mean the ball game for the Cards. Phil took his time warming up. He slipped one in, lost his man and finally got it up to two and two. Breslow fouled a couple off and Phil was standing on the hill watching Breslow when suddenly he walked back toward second base. He started over toward me.

"Why the hell don't you get in position?" he shouted.

I didn't know what he was talking about. He kept on coming toward me still shouting and waving his arms. Nick trotted across from short stop.

"You can't do that to me," Phil kept shouting.

It didn't make any sense. Two umpires came over. Nobody knew what it was all about.

The fight stopped as quick as it began and Phil went back on the mound. He wound up and sent a sharp breaking curve as you would want to see right past Breslow and Breslow swung hard and missed. He left the bases loaded when he missed that third one.

The crowd went wild. We pushed another run over and the next inning held them tight and when the crowd poured out of the stands we were in.

Half a dozen of us made for Dinty's that night. As I was coming in I ran into Phil.

"You sure did it," I said. "But let me in on something. What were you doing when you tried to start a fight in the eighth?"

"Hell, boy," he said. "I'm supposed to be a trouble-maker, ain't I? And the umpires watch pretty close, don't they?"

"Yeah," I said, "so what?"

"Well," Phil said, "the spitter's barred so I just started a row and everybody gets excited, and the umpires are watching something else, and I put that old spit on her and breeze that curve past Breslow."

I guess the girls will get through college all right, and I guess Phil will be a mighty valuable man to have around as coach next year, because you can't beat an old trouble-maker like that.

AIR FORCE HONOR ROLL

No. 10



... While returning from a mission over St. Nazaire his ship was hit heavily and put on fire. Disregarding his own safety, he crawled through the bomb bay, gave first aid to wounded crew members and then put out fires started by incendiary shells."



Taking your brain through the mental gymnastics of this week's Quiz is a task equivalent to taking your body through the physical workout of an Assault Training Course. If you get all the answers, you will have acquired information on a variety of operations that stamps World War II as an event which is causing the experts to rewrite the military textbooks.

1. We have Wavs, Waves, Afs, Spars, etc. Who are the Bams?
2. If it takes 5,000 pounds of bombs to destroy a given target with precision daytime bombing, how many pounds of bombs would it take to destroy the same target at night?
3. Can you translate the following, which appear after a soldier's names designating his branch of service: AGD, CAC, Ch., MP, CWS, FD, IGD, JAGD?
4. What is the difference between amphibious and amphibian operations in World War II?
5. If you're properly trained you should be able to identify this



tank in one second. Is it a German, British or American model?

6. What are the ranks of the men who normally command the following Army units: squad, section, platoon, company, battalion, regiment, brigade, division, corps, field army, war-theater?
7. Our planes are now flying in the stratosphere at 30,000-35,000 feet. If you're an arm on no heavy strategic bombing of harbors, factories, ammunition dumps, etc., before the invasion, what would your probable losses be as compared with what they would be if you had bombed before you attacked?
9. How many pounds of candy and chewing gum per year, would you say, each man in our fighting forces consumes?
10. How many tons of blueprints go into making of a 35,000-ton battleship?

GI JOE

By Lt. Dave Breger

Articles of War Part IX



Lt. Dave Breger writes

"YOU, BONZO THE CHIMP, DO SWEAR (OR AFFIRM) THAT YOU WILL WELL AND TRULY EXAMINE AND INQUIRE, ACCORDING TO THE EVIDENCE, INTO THE MATTER NOW BEFORE YOU WITHOUT PARTIALITY, FAVOR, AFFECTION, PREJUDICE, OR HOPE OF REWARD. SO HELP YOU GOD!"



ART. 100- The recorder of a court of inquiry shall administer to members the following oath:

LT. WILCOX, I'M BEGINNING TO WONDER ABOUT YOUR INTERPRETATION OF THE TERM EXAMINE!



ART. 101- The party whose conduct is being inquired into or his counsel... shall be permitted to examine... witnesses...

ADJUTANT'S OFFICE SPEAKING. A REQUEST HEREWITH NOTED FROM CONVENING COURT OF INQUIRY FOR PERMISSION TO EXPRESS OPINION THAT THE ATTITUDE OF SOLDIER KNOWN AS G.I. JOE, PRIVATE, 32091213, STINKS ON ICE. PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES SAID REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED IN TRIPLICATE TOGETHER WITH EIGHT LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION, ENDORSED BY CHIEF OF RED TAPE SECTION, E.T.O., S.O.S., S.O.B., SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY ANTI-PERSONNEL OFFICER, WITH CONFIRMING CABLE FROM CHUNGKING...



ART. 102- A court... shall not give an opinion... unless specially ordered to do so...



ART. 103- Each court of inquiry shall keep a record of its proceedings...



ART. 104- Any person punished... who deems his punishment unjust... may through the proper channel, appeal to the next... authorities, but may in the meantime... undergo the punishment adjudged.

TO BE CONTINUED

- ### Answers to GI Quiz
- 1-The unofficial name given to the lady marines is Bams—Broad Axle Marines.
 - 2-15,000 pounds. Night raiders must bomb wider areas to accomplish the same missions.
 - 3-AGD, Adjutant General's Department; CAC, Coast Artillery Corps; Ch., Chaplain; MP, Military Police; CWS, Chemical Warfare Service; FD, Finance Department; IGD, Inspector General's Department; JAGD, Judge Advocate General's Department.
 - 4-Amphibious operations are combined operations of the Army, Navy and Air Force. Amphibian is all Army, relating to the transfer of troops and equipment from one shore to another.
 - 5-German Mark II Light Tank.
 - 6-Squad, corporal; section, sergeant; platoon, 1st or 2nd lieutenant; company, captain; battalion, major or lt. colonel; regiment, colonel; brigade, brigadier general; division, major general; corps, major general or lt. general; field army, lt. general; war theater, general.
 - 7-The temperature ranges downward from 67 below zero.
 - 8-After heavy strategic bombing, it is estimated landing losses are cut 90 per cent—hence our tremendous drive for air superiority.
 - 9-Procurement officers figure on about 18 pounds per man.
 - 10-It is estimated that there are 37 tons of blueprints needed in the building of one battleship.

Grid Contests Outdraw Hope On U.S. Radio

Crossley Rating Double That of Comedians; Bonura Slipping

NEW YORK, Nov. 3—One of the baseball writers commenting on Zeke Bonura's recent award of the Legion of Merit by General Eisenhower said that if these were normal baseball times old Zeke would be a cinch to hold out for the Silver Star or maybe the Congressional Medal. . . . Weekly football game broadcasts at home have a Crossley rating of 42, or about twice that of the top professional entertainers like Jack Benny and Bob Hope.

When Mitchel Field put out its first call for basketball talent, five of Clair Bee's former Long Island U. stars turned out. They were Si Lobello, Lenny and Howie Rader, Stan Waxman and Max Scharf. Another former Blackbird, Ossie Schechtman, will report later. If the boys are as good as they were under Bee they'll be tough for anybody. . . . Abe Feldman, who once was a better than average heavyweight, has received a medical discharge from the Coast Guard.

Youngest to Score

When Mike Lyden intercepted a Wisconsin pass and ran for a score he set a Notre Dame record. The 17-year-old Lyden is the youngest man ever to register a Rambler tally. Also, as a center, he is in a position where very few men run for touchdowns. . . . Typesetters that have been breathing easy since Fordham dropped football should work out on the Scott Field 50th Mess Squadron Bowling team. The keggers are Kryzanowski, Kaczmarek, Rascati, Kashi and Racowski.

Al Skat, who has broken into the Notre Dame lineup several times this year, didn't even play while at Marquette. He concentrated on basketball, figuring he wasn't good enough football talent. Now the Hilltoppers could use anyone good enough even to get an Irish sub's uniform. . . . Out in Chicago's Sportsman's Park racing plant, Al Dougherty, seller at the \$50 window, punched out a ticket on a hayburner named Real Sad by mistake. He couldn't sell the ticket before the window closed and was all set to stand the loss himself when Real Sad came home at \$32.80. Al pocketed \$770 clear profit.

High and Outside

Another story coming out of the series on the greatness of the Yank's Bill Dickey is that on a train coming home an Army corporal walked up to Bill and asked, "Remember me?" "Sure I remember you," came back Bill. "We pitched to you high and inside. If you got one low and outside it was boom, and a lost ball." Then Dickey thought a moment and asked, "Say, what's your name?" It was Joe Gattenbein who used to play first for the As, who had been in the Army for two years.

Big Bill Klein, Miami Florida high school star of a few years back, rides a bicycle 15 miles a day in his bare feet to work at the Hialeah Air Depot. Klein received a discharge from a Marine Raiders battalion for injuries to his feet and hopes to strengthen them by the bike riding.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, Printing House Sq., London, EC4.

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Found

WRIST Watch, lady's, found Nov. 2, on Upper Brook Street; "Elicca" engraved on it.—Capt. Alenx Watt, care of Help Wanted.

SH Trays, left at Lyndale Club, A.R.C. Bristol.

A Thadca Harder, acting director, care of Help Wanted.

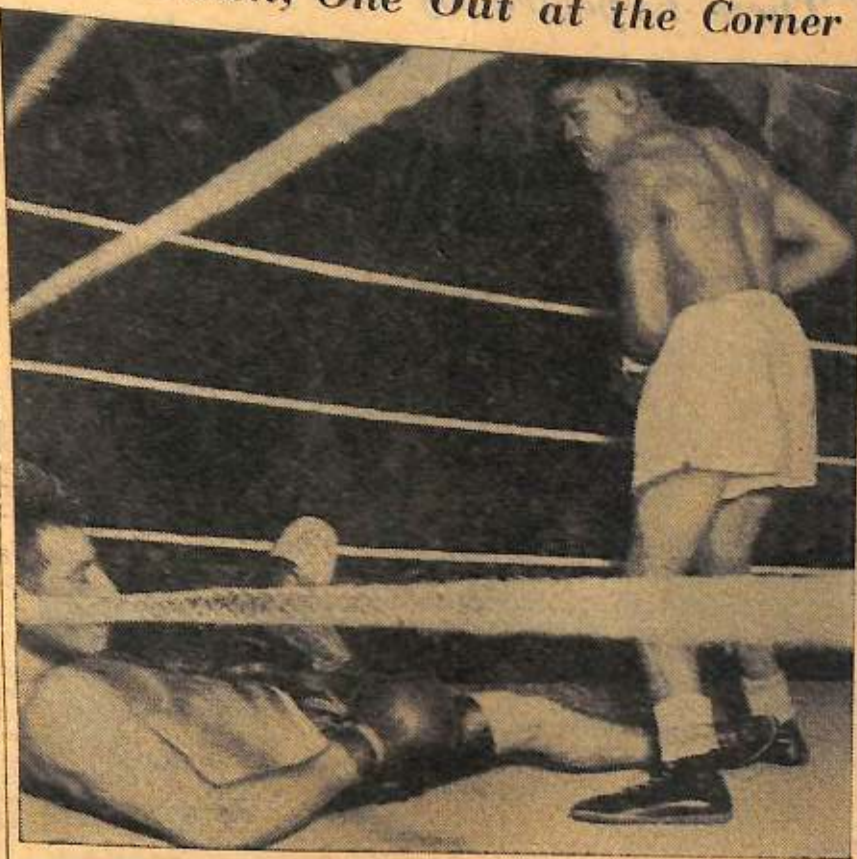
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PISTOL, German Luger or Mauser.—M/Sgt. James F. Coke, care of Help Wanted.

Miscellaneous

WANTED, Eighth Air Force with biggest, longest, most luxurious mistake.—Please submit names, APO numbers and hometown addresses, to Help Wanted.

Two Down, One Out at the Corner



ETO welterweight champion Pvt. Billy Garrett, Pittsburgh Negro, had little trouble in putting away Pvt. Nick Mauro, Bronx, N.Y., fighter, in their feature bout at the Rainbow Corner Tuesday. Here (top) Garrett has laid out Mauro for the count. Just taking to the canvas (bottom) is Sgt. Americus Decutis, of Providence, R.I., who was outpointed by Pvt. Tony Pavone, middleweight from Lynn, Mass.

Injuries Hamper Navy Squad In Preparing for Penn Game

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Nov. 3—"We've got that beating out of our system and we don't have to worry about an unbeaten season. We are back in our own league," said Capt. John Wheelhel, Navy athletic director and head football coach, referring to Saturday's 33-6 beating at the hands of Notre Dame at Cleveland.

Navy's spirit is on the rise for the forthcoming Pennsylvania game. The only trouble bothering the Middle coaching staff is the long injury list.

Hal Hamberg was the only Navy back

able to stay all the way against Notre Dame and he had a struggle because of injuries. Navy hopes to have Bobby Jenkins, former Alabama star, ready for both Saturday's game with the Quakers and the Army contest at West Point later. Injuries kept Jenkins from the Notre Dame game.

Commenting indirectly on the Army-Notre Dame game, Wheelhel said, "No-body is going to lick that Irish team, and that goes with or without Bertelli."

Jones Goes to Draw With Al 'Bummy' Davis

BROOKLYN, N.Y., Nov. 3—Johnny Jones, of Pittsburgh, 148, held the favored Al "Bummy" Davis, of Brooklyn, N.Y., 147, to a ten-round draw here last night.

In one minute 57 seconds of the second round of a scheduled six round semifinal Eddie White, of Brooklyn, N.Y., 197, TKO'd Steve Berks, of Brooklyn, 194. Stanley Miller, of Brooklyn, N.Y., 149, kayoed Verne Atkins, of Youngstown, Ohio, 151, in one minute two seconds of the fourth round of a scheduled six. Joe Manfro, of the Bronx, N.Y., 143, won a six-round decision over Sammy Rivers, of Mexico City, 137.

Stribling's Free Shot Trips School Center Angels, 30-29

AMERICAN SCHOOL CENTER, Nov. 3—A last-second foul shot by 1/Sgt. Marion Stribling, of Habersham, Ga., gave the — Special Service Unit a 30-29 decision over the American School Center Angels in the initial start for the losers.

The Angels, opening the second half with a six-point spurge, quickly dissipated their lead due to ragged passing and poor back-court play, enabling the moralemen to catch up and keep the game even until the climactic winning foul.

T/Sgt. Reid J. Moy, of Beacon, N.Y., poured in 14 points to lead both clubs, while Sgt. Lou Wilson's ten points were high for the winners.

Blaik Confident Cadets Can Stem Irish Attack

Teddy Atkinson Wins On Four of Six Mounts

NEW YORK, Nov. 3—Teddy Atkinson, New York's most consistent jockey, won on four of six mounts yesterday at Jamaica. Atkinson won the daily double aboard Kenty Boy in the first race and Topless Tower in the second, paying \$19.50.

He also won on Headoverheels, paying \$6.40 in the third race, making five straight victories. He won his last two Monday. In the fifth race yesterday he was on Spiral Pass, paying \$15.10.

Army Coach Believes Tie With Penn Helped West Pointers

By Lawrence Robertson
New York World-Telegram Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Nov. 3—A lot of football observers and probably the Army coaching staff are overlooking one thing about the Army team's approach to the big game next Saturday with Notre Dame at the Yankee Stadium—which is that annually the Cadet gridders rise to this game far above any other performance of the season.

Purdue Eleven Ranked Second

Army, Navy Slide in Poll Of Scribes; Irish Still on Top

NEW YORK, Nov. 3—Purdue climbed to second place in this week's Associated Press poll of the nation's sports writers on the top college football teams.

Army and Navy, erstwhile challengers to Notre Dame for the first place spot, were unable to maintain the pace. The Irish are still the country's best combination, according to the scribes. The South Benders garnered a total of 1,005 votes with Purdue picking up 726. Of the 101 votes cast, Notre Dame polled 97 first place ballots, Southern California two and Pennsylvania two.

Army, slipping to the third slot, polled 695 points, while Southern California is not far behind with 659. Rounding out the first five is Pennsylvania with 559.

Here are the remaining five with the number of votes polled: Michigan, 470; Navy, 284; Iowa Pre-Flight, 276; Duke, 187, and College of the Pacific, 155.

Rickey Backs Mickey Owen

NEW YORK, Nov. 3—Branch Rickey, Brooklyn Dodger president, has settled Mickey Owen's status with the Dodgers saying, "No other club in baseball has a chance to get him."

Owen frequently has been mentioned as the man meant by Leo Durocher when he said, "I get along fine with all the players except one."

Owen was openly critical of Durocher during the season and was reported for sale because his play dropped off from recent years. The Giants admitted interest in Owen.

By some strange transmutation of school spirit and a great public interest, the Notre Dame game is every bit as important to the Army as the traditional Navy game. Often the Irish have come to New York with a superior record and personnel, yet have been outfought though not beaten by an inspired Cadet eleven.

Talking to Coach Earl Blaik after the Penn game, the idea somehow presented itself that he thought the Penn tie would help the Cadets. For one thing, it turned up one glaring weakness—pass defense—and partly insured against a recurrence of it. This week the Army boys will somehow contrive to staunch that gaping defensive left halfback hole against pass completions such as were suffered against Penn. This error of omission led up to the first touchdown.

Revealing No Plans

Coach Blaik is revealing no plans whatever for the Notre Dame game such as the mid-signal jumping of his line that crossed up Penn Quarterback Bob O'Dell Saturday.

O'Dell explained afterwards that the Army's unexpected defensive shift caught him off guard again and again, coming too late for him to call any other play.

Some astute football minds figure that Blaik's main scheme will be to insert Doug Kenna, his star unknown, in the middle of the T backfield. Doug's few minutes in the Penn game showed him to be the type of a back that Blaik had always claimed him to be, especially on pass defense. Kenna also impressed with his elusiveness, especially the time he was trapped ten yards back on a pass play and went through those tough Penn tacklers to gain three yards.

May Start Davis at Left Half

It might be that Blaik will start Kenna in the middle backfield spot in the T with Glenn Davis in Carl Anderson's left half spot. That would seem to be the ideal arrangement if Davis can master the assignment. Anderson's defense against passes in the Penn game earned no praise from Blaik. The light, frail Anderson is not the right man for the left wing of the T anyway. Davis would seem to fit there much better.

And don't forget that Saturday morning arrival of Notre Dame. The evils of an overnight ride before a game have been over-emphasized by many coaches, but it isn't conducive to the very best efforts of a club.

Canadiens Clip Rangers, 2-1

MONTREAL, Nov. 3—The Montreal Canadiens defeated the New York Rangers, 2-1, yesterday in a National Hockey League game, scoring once in the first and once in the second periods.

Murph Chamberlain tallied on a pass from Getliffe after two and one-half minutes of the first period, but the Rangers tied the score 12 minutes later when Jack McDonald scored on a pass from Goheen.

Phil Watson, recently sold by the Rangers to the Canadiens, pushed in the winning goal four minutes after the second period started, assisted by Dutch Bouchard and Chamberlain.

Gordon Says He Will Play

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 3—Joe Gordon, Yankee second baseman recently reported through with baseball, said he was misunderstood. He said he will play baseball next year with the Yankees, but still doesn't like coming East for spring training.

Gordon claims he said he didn't know whether there would be spring training next year and if there is he won't be there. He didn't intend quitting baseball, but just remain home until the season starts.

"It is too cold to train at Ashbury Park, N.J. I can get in better condition here and be ready when the season starts," Gordon said.

Gordon returned from a hunting trip yesterday and expressed a doubt about baseball's future due to the war and father draft.

8 Two-Year-Olds Entered For Futurity at Pimlico

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 3—Eight two-year-olds have been named for the Pimlico Futurity, but the winner probably will not be the winter book Derby favorite, as is the recent custom.

Black Gang and By Jimmy are favored. Also entered are Middle Watch, Broad Grin, Smolensko, Bell the Cat, Picoite and Platter.

Not slated to start, but still rated highly for next year's Derby, are Pukka Gin, Pensive, Alorter, Twilight Tear, Mrs. Ames and Occupy.

Branch Rickey's Home Destroyed by Fire

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 3—The elaborate home here of Branch Rickey, Brooklyn Dodger president, has been destroyed by fire.

The blaze was discovered by Mrs. Mary Eckler, Rickey's daughter, who said the fire apparently started in the fireplace where she was burning papers. The house and contents were valued above \$50,000.



Raid on Gdynia Rude Surprise To Nazis, 2 Say

Refugees in Sweden Tell How the Non-Germans Cheered in Streets

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 3 (AP)—Two refugee eyewitnesses to the American bombing attack on Gdynia Oct. 9 reported here that the raid caught the Germans by surprise and that non-German workers stood in the streets and cheered amid terrific destruction.

The refugees provided this picture of the attack which occurred in the deepest thrust yet made into Europe by Britain-based American bombers:

The Germans thought Danzig might be bombed, but not Gdynia, since the latter is a Polish city. Germans were confidently walking in the streets when the alarm sounded, but they didn't take it seriously and failed to go to air raid shelters.

It came as a lightning surprise to them when 200 big American planes came over the city clearly visible in the cloudless sky. Italians kept separated in two camps because of Fascist and non-Fascist beliefs ran around frantically trying to get fog machines working, trying to obscure the target.

Fog Protected Fliers

But the fog prevented warships in the harbor from putting up an effective anti-aircraft barrage.

The bombers came in from two different sides of the harbor and from the direction of Marienburg. Five small warships and one larger vessel were wrecked by bomb hits on a drydock. Three coal boats and three tugboats were sunk. The biggest coal crane and unloading machinery, as well as six quays, were damaged.

The terrific bomb blasts shattered every window in Gdynia. Headquarters for the Gestapo and police were wrecked. The Germans announced only 180 casualties, but there were at least 1,200 German military personnel and 600 civilians, including 120 Poles.

Messerschmitt Plant Wrecked

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Pilots fought heavy flak but in spite of it they saw buildings collapse in huge clouds of smoke and flames leap into the air.

In addition to hitting the fighter factory, heavy bombers dropped a string of bombs across the nearby Steyer-Daimler-Puch works, where armored vehicles are turned out. Some bombs also fell at the edge of a factory making locomotive tenders.

Ground forces meanwhile slugged their way through the Germans' second defense line guarding Rome, puncturing it in two vital places. The Fifth Army made the most serious breach, fighting through to the dominating heights of the Massico ridge and four miles farther north to San Croce mountain.

The advance made the valley in between untenable and confronted the German commander with the possible necessity of falling back at least 14 miles to new mountain bastions.

German defenses gave way at another point on the Eighth Army front where British and Canadian troops surged across the Trigno river inland some distance from the original bridgehead at San Salvo, near the Adriatic coast.

2 of 5 Attackers Seized

NEW YORK, Nov. 3—Two policemen interrupted an attack on a 17-year-old girl in Central Park by five men, two of whom were captured. Two of the three who escaped wore the uniform of the British Royal Navy, police said.

American Forces Network Operated by Radio Branch, Special Service Division, SOS, ETO

- 1402 kc. On Your Dial 1420 kc. 213.9m. 211.3m.
- Thursday, Nov. 4
- 1100—GI Live
- 1115—Hi Neighbor
- 1130—Concert for Chowhounds
- 1200—BBC Northern Orchestra
- 1230—All-Time Hit Parade
- 1300—World News (BBC)
- 1310—Barrage Bag—a Grab-bag of entertainment
- 1400—Sign off until 1745 hours
- 1745—Program Resumé and Spotlight Band—Leo Brown
- 1800—World News (BBC)
- 1810—Personal Album
- 1825—GI Supper Club
- 1900—Sports—Presented by The Stars and Stripes
- 1905—The Aldrich Family—The Popular American Serial
- 1910—Crosby Music Hall
- 2000—News from Home—Nightly roundup of news from the U.S.A. presented by The Stars and Stripes
- 2010—Fred Waring Program
- 2025—This is the Army!
- 2030—Itma—a BBC feature with Tommy Handley
- 2100—World News (BBC)
- 2110—Novelty Time
- 2125—Mail Call
- 2155—Weekend Leave—Suggestions as to what to do on that leave that may be coming up
- 2200—Lawrence Welk and his Orchestra
- 2220—Final Edition
- 2230—Sign off until 1100 hours Friday, Nov. 5.

Five Million of These Expected by Christmas



There's no Santa Claus in this picture, but he's there in spirit, loading up his sled with Christmas cheer for the soldiers over here. The scene is the Morgan annex of the familiar "Postmaster, New York City." ETO million packages already have arrived and five million more are on the way.

London's Mostyn Club to Mark First Birthday This Sunday

The Mostyn club, 17 Portman St., London, W1, will celebrate its first anniversary Sunday. There will be program summing up the year's activities at 3.30 PM and a birthday ball from 8 to 11 PM.

The Service Club for Women, 48 Charles St., London, W1, will hold a New York party Tuesday night and a California party Thursday night. Both parties will be held in the snack bar from 8 to 11.

Heading the list of weekend dances scheduled by London Red Cross clubs is the Sadie Hawkins dance arranged for Sunday evening by the Officers' Club for Women, 10 Charles St.

Jules Officers
Afternoon tea will be served daily in the lounge from 4 to 5.30. Officers may bring Allied officers as guests. Movies will be shown tonight at 8.30.

Eagle
Thursday, Nov. 4—Broadcast to America, 3 PM.
Tuesday, Nov. 9—Movie, 3 PM.

Columbia
Thursday—Furlough club, 10.30 PM; dramatics classes, 6.30 PM; dancing classes, 8.30 PM.
Friday—Pirate ball, treasure hunt, 7.30 PM.
Saturday—Furlough club, 10.30 AM; dance, 7.30 PM.
Sunday—Table tennis tournament, 2.30 PM; dance, 7.30 PM.
Monday—Dramatics classes, 6.30 PM; bridge tournament, 9 PM.
Tuesday—Furlough club, 10.30 PM; dance, 7.30 PM.
Wednesday—Ice skating, 5.45 PM; movies, 7 PM.

Victory
Thursday—Secretary writes letters home, 7-8 PM; piano music, 9-11 PM.
Friday—Allied discussion group, "Poland," 8 PM.
Saturday—"Victory Varieties," 9 PM.
Sunday—Dance, 3-6 PM.
Wednesday—Dance, 8-10.30 PM.

Mostyn
Thursday—Square dance, 6.30 PM.
Friday—Quiz program, 9.30 PM.
Saturday—Staff anniversary party, 3-5.30 PM; dance, 8-11 PM.
Sunday—First anniversary party—open house, 2 PM; "One Year at Mostyn," 3.30 PM; anniversary ball, 8-11 PM.
Monday—International forum, 8 PM.
Tuesday—Movies, two showings, 6.15 and 8.15 PM.
Wednesday—Theater party, "Strike A New Note," 8.30 PM; dancing class, 6-7.30 PM; Union County, N.J., meeting, 7 PM; dice club rehearsal, 8 PM.

Rainbow Corner
Thursday—Carnival, 8 PM.
Friday—Dance, 7.30 PM.
Saturday—Movies, 2.30 and 6.30 PM.
Sunday—Movies, 3 PM; dance, 7.30 PM.
Monday—Boxing, 2 PM.
Tuesday—Boxing, 7.30 PM.
Wednesday—Boxing, 7.30 PM.

Washington
Thursday—Sightseeing tours, 10.30 AM; shorthand dictation practice, 7 PM; beginners conversational German class, 7 PM; variety show, 10.30 PM.
Friday—Sightseeing tours, 10.15 AM; Laz, the cartoonist, 2.30 PM; shorthand dictation practice, 7 PM; beginners Pitman shorthand class, 7 PM; movie, "Waikiki Weddings," 8.30 PM.
Saturday—Sightseeing tours, 10.30 AM; Windsor Castle and Eton College trip, 11.45 AM; dance, 8.15 PM.
Sunday—Sightseeing tours, 10.30 AM; Tower of London trip, 2 PM; tea dance, 3 PM; movie, "Jackass Mail," 9 PM.
Monday—Sightseeing tours, 10.30 AM; Tower of London trip, 2 PM; dancing lessons, 2.30 PM; beginners conversational French class, 7 PM; shorthand dictation practice, 7 PM; archery, 8 PM; beginners conversational Spanish class, 9 PM; piano music, 9 PM.
Tuesday—Sightseeing tours, 10.30 AM; beginners conversational Italian class, 7 PM; dance, 8.15 PM.
Wednesday—Sightseeing tours, 10.30 AM; Laz, the cartoonist, 2.30 PM; chess lessons, 8 PM.

U.S. Awaits Jap Counter-Blows

Yanks Widen Bridgehead, Push Inland; Enemy Warships Beaten

ALLIED HQ, Southwest Pacific, Nov. 3—Powerful United States air and sea fleets last night awaited an expectant powerful Jap counter-attack in the Solomons, while Marines, who landed on Bougainville Monday, widened their beachhead and prepared for the push inland.

Fresh signs of the extent of the American operation around Bougainville came today in an announcement that warships had shelled the important Jap base of Buka Island which lies on the northern end of Bougainville.

Following Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox's statement last night that Jap counter-blows may be expected, a headquarters announcement said that Allied warships had broken up a Jap attempt to thwart the Marine landing on Monday night. The "heavy engagement" took place north of Augusta Bay with a Jap naval force of cruisers and destroyers forced to flee toward Rabaul without hampering any flow of troops or supplies onto the Bougainville beaches.

Allied observers said that about 40,000 Jap troops were garrisoned on the island, but would not attack until they have reformed in more powerful force. The Japs, believed to be concentrated in the Buin area, were caught by surprise by the swift Marine thrust.

Veteran of 36 RCAF Missions Joins USAAF With 26 Others

A young American rear-gunner who has flown on 36 raids against German and Italian targets and a Typhoon pilot who shot an Me109 into the English Channel three weeks ago were among 25 Americans serving in the RCAF and RAF who transferred to the USAAF yesterday in London. They included pilots, navigators, gunners and ground staff.

M/Sgt. Edward J. Martin, 20, of the Bronx, N.Y., who joined the RCAF in Montreal two years ago, got through his 36 ops without a scratch. His total actually was 36½—the half being for an unsuccessful search by his bomber for a drifting dinghy in the North Sea.

After raiding most of Germany's most heavily-defended cities he was transferred to North Africa last June, flying from there in Wellingtons against Naples, Taranto and Sardinia during the Sicilian campaign. He hopes to become a flying cadet in the USAAF.

The man who got the Messerschmitt was M/Sgt. Robert Louis Shelton, 28-year-old fighter pilot from Richmond, Va., who has been flying Typhoons in the RCAF since August. He sent the German—a hit-and-run raider—down in flames near the Isle of Wight.

The other transferees were: M/Sgt. Robert Howard Dolbear, Hackensack, N.J.; T/Sgt. Jerry Jay Cohn, Chicago; Charles Homer Ramsdell, Englewood, N.J.; Paul Henry Hutsell, Athens, Tenn.; William H. Huebner, Wooster, Ohio; Carl McQuiston, La Junta, Col.; James Harold Conner, St. Louis, and Frank A. Morgan, Portland, Ore.; S/Sgt. Lloyd Jackson Atkins, Gastonia, N.C.; Sgts. Edward Arthur Havens, Windsor, Canada; Donald Townsend Parsons, Havre, Mont.; James David Sights, Indianapolis, and Robert Jennings Wolfe, Orangeburg, S.C.; Cpls. Donald Wilton Morgan, Detroit; Frank Arthur Ennis, Brooklyn; Melvin Robert Spender, Wyandotte, Mich.; Kenneth Robert Young, Reading, Pa.; Vincent F. Hedrick, Okarkertown, Pa.; Orville Taylor Rumfeldt, Mount Holly, N.C.; and Joseph Bliss Murphy, Needham, Mass.; Privts. Israel Eric Harris, Bakerfield, Cal., and John Haigh Scholes, Lynn, Mass.

NEWS FROM HOME Hingham Yard Launches Ship In Record Time

British Destroyer Escort Slides Down Ways In 25 Days

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3 (AP)—Rear Adm. Edward Cochrane, chief of the Navy's Bureau of Ships, congratulated workers at the Bethlehem Hingham Shipyard, Hingham, Mass., today for setting a new world record in the construction of a destroyer escort, HMS Reynolds, 25 days after the keel was laid.

The Reynolds will be turned over to British naval officers shortly, it was announced.

Food Conclave Opens Monday

BALTIMORE, Nov. 3 (AP)—An international conference on food production and consumption will be held on Monday in Ottawa, with Great Britain, Canada and the United States taking part, it was announced today. Preliminary discussions leading up to the Ottawa conference are now being held in Washington between British and American delegations.

Navy Gets the Martin Mars

BALTIMORE, Nov. 3 (AP)—The 70-ton Martin Mars, the world's largest flying boat, has passed all its preliminary tests successfully and has been handed over to the Navy for eventual use as a "Flying Liberty Ship" between the United States and distant theaters of war, the Martin Aircraft Co. announced yesterday.

Doris Duke Asks Divorce

RENO, Nev., Nov. 3 (UP)—Mrs. James Cromwell, the former Doris Duke, the tobacco heiress known as "the richest girl in the world," is suing her husband for divorce. In a bill of particulars Mrs. Cromwell alleged that her husband had spent his married life trying to secure a large cash settlement from her.

GOP Sweeps 4 State Elections

(Continued from page 1) Frances Ulkin, while Emmet Brumbaugh held a long lead in the race for the Pennsylvania seat vacated by the resignation of James Van Zandt.

The re-election of Bernard Samuel as Philadelphia's mayor appeared certain in late returns, which credited the incumbent with 344,000 votes to 280,000 for Democrat William C. Bullitt, former U.S. ambassador to France and Russia and who also was supported by President Roosevelt.

In Detroit, Incumbent Edward Jeffries was returned as mayor with a 32,000 margin. His opponent was endorsed by almost all the city's unions, but the city's three newspapers championed Jeffries.

Even more successful relatively than the Republicans throughout the nation were the numerically insignificant Socialists, who succeeded in retaining control of the mayoralties of Bridgeport, Conn., and Reading, Pa., the former for the seventh time. Many Democrats were swept from local offices by the general Republican landslide in those states.

Virginia and Mississippi balloted for purely local offices with results as anticipated—most of the Democrats being unopposed.

Invasion Fear

(Continued from page 1) the latter front were reported by informants who had served with the German Army in the east to have revealed a striking sag in soldier morale. This was credited by these informants, who had reached Sweden, to not only the retreats in Russia, but to word from home of the bomb havoc there.

Lending weight to the growing evidence of an approaching crisis in Germany was the first admission by the Wilhelmstrasse that Communists "in large numbers" were at work against the Nazis inside Germany and German-occupied countries.

Increasing German jitters regarding an Allied invasion were revealed in a Madrid story to the effect that Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, commander in north Italy, had toured German defenses

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Terry and the Pirates

