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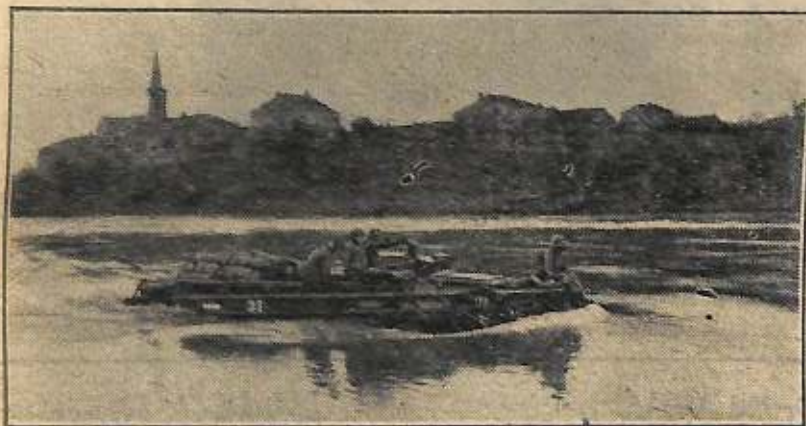
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What is it?

Yanks 20 Miles From Rhine

The Ducks Fly East



Loaded down with men and supplies, a deck cuts its way across the Moselle in operations to strengthen the U.S. hold on the eastern bank of the river.

First, Ninth Armies Push On; Allied Superiority Is 3-1 in West

Thrown off balance by the weight of the concerted U.S. First and Ninth Armies' drives into the Rhineland, the Germans yesterday gave up considerable ground before bristling back against the Americans, whose drive had carried them at one point to within 20 miles of the Rhine.

A SHAEF dispatch said that 1,500,000 troops were matched along the 400-mile Western Front against 50 German divisions available to Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt for defense of the German frontiers from Holland to the Swiss border—a ratio in the Allies' favor of 3 to 1.

Both the First and Ninth, aided by fighter-bomber support, pushed steadily ahead on a wide front through half-frozen mud and an intricate system of defenses, scooping up towns as they went.

The Ninth gained six miles, beating off the enemy's first counter-attack, as Tiger tanks tried to blunt the penetrations east of Geilenkirchen. The enemy thrust was said to have been defeated with heavy German losses. Lt. Gen. William H. Simpson's forces were said to be developing a drive toward Juelich, on the Roer River, the first big town in their path.

Gains Couple of Miles

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army gained a couple of miles east of Aachen and were six miles from Dueren, which brought them within 20 miles of the Rhine. The doughboys were said to have broken the German line in several places, with the enemy falling back along the axis of the American attack.

While the doughboys had trouble with pillboxes, mines and dug-in machine-gun posts, tanks were said to have rumbled through village after village without encountering enemy armor, although some is in the area.

A SHAEF dispatch said the shortage of manpower was the Germans' big problem on this sector. One division, it said, can hold from 25 to 30 miles of prepared positions, such as the Siegfried Line, but these positions were now behind the American front, and those which the Germans may improvise will require one division every three or four miles.

Prisoners were still dazed by the tremendous air and artillery bombardment which preceded the opening of the new offensive. One prisoner said 200 of his company of 350 were killed.

Clean Up Wooded Area

On the Third Army front, prisoners taken in fighting south of Metz, where the Americans cleaned up a wooded area, said the German garrison in the Lorraine city was preparing for a last-ditch fight by barricading the streets, building anti-tank traps and throwing up new defenses. The Germans themselves were said to be guarding the escape routes to prevent any flight toward Germany through the three-mile corridor between the American lines east of the city. Thunderbolts pounded these escape roads and railways.

The Metz fighting was said already to have cost the Germans the equivalent of two full divisions.

In the area northeast of Thionville, the Americans were said to have met fire from the Maginot forts, which failed, however, to stop their advances.

In Holland, units of the British Second Army crossed the Zig Canal at the junction with the Deurne Canal in the face of determined resistance. From the opposite bank the Germans were throwing in heavy artillery fire.

On the Seventh Army front, French troops were only eight miles from the Belfort Gap, gateway to Germany.

200,349 U.S. Casualties In Western Europe

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (ANS)—American ground-force casualties in Western Europe now stand at 200,349, which included 35,884 killed, the War Department announced today. The figure embraces the Seventh Army, as well as the armies in the north.

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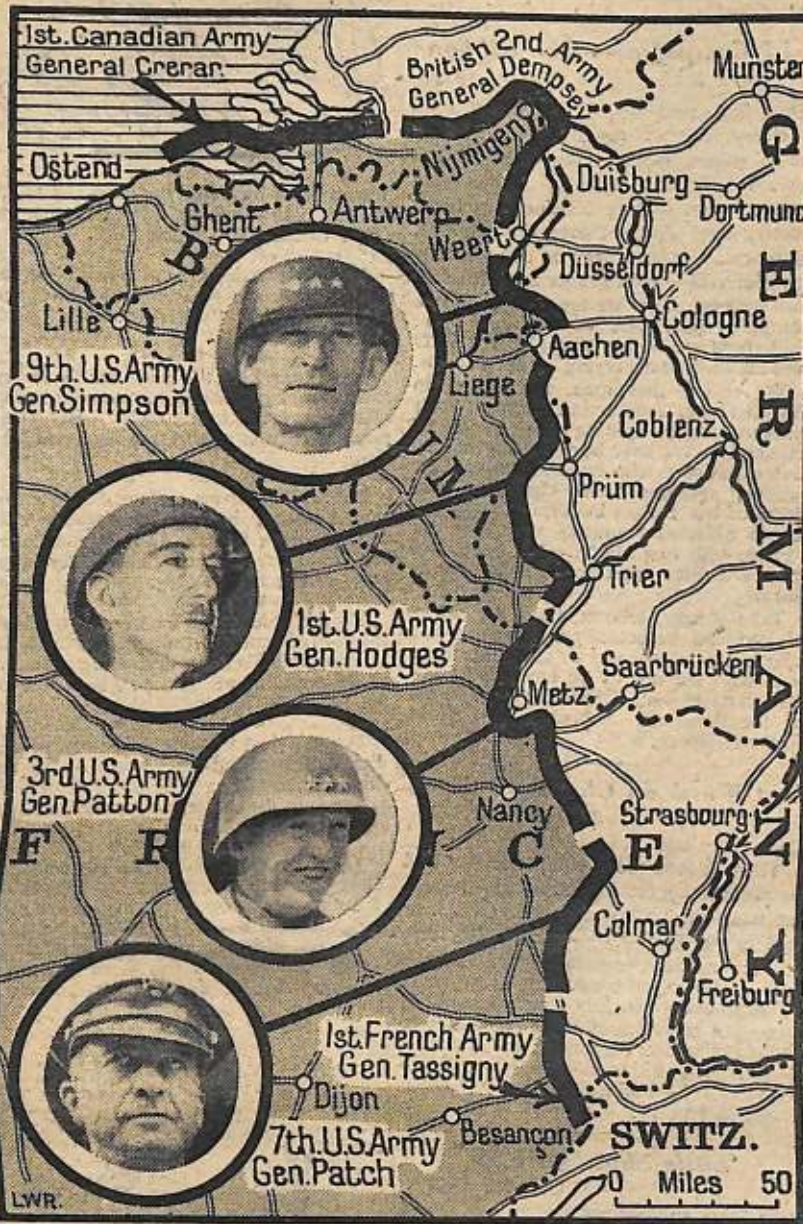
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Gen. Jones said that while most men

did not have real complaints, Gen. Henry H. Arnold, Air Forces commander, "realizes that many have troubles of some kind." He added that many did have personal problems and did not know where to go with them.

At the personal conference hour, all personnel, including civilians, may recite their gripes or suggestions to the commanding officer or his representative. Complete files are to be maintained so that complaints and suggestions will not be "overlooked." These will be reviewed by higher headquarters.

Jones said that inquiries would be made to see if any "punitive action" resulted from a soldier voicing his grievances.



Sectors held by the six armies along the Western Front are indicated on the map by breaks in the solid black line.

War is War, Wherever It Is

No Sun, And the Mud Is Cold, But Metz Recalls Normandy

By Earl Mazo
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH U.S. THIRD ARMY, Nov. 17.—War at Metz and in Lorraine, just east of Nancy, is more like Normandy than anything else since the breakthrough.

It is yard-by-yard, mile-by-mile fighting by pushing, punching doughboys, supported by artillery and armor.

Infantry veterans of Normandy fighting—members of the 90th, 35th and Fifth Divisions—make the comparisons grimly. "The only thing missing is Calvados," said one doughboy, grinning behind a face caked with mud.

Like Normandy before the breakthrough, the advance at times is slow and hard won. Among Normandy reminders are the battered, burnt hulks of tanks, mobile German artillery vehicles, dead horses, Nazis, pigs, cows and sheep strewn over all the contested fields.

There are gaping walls where churches once stood. Wires hang aimlessly from half-torn poles. Plentiful are German ammunition cases and ammunition and luxurious dugouts where the Germans hoped to hold out for the winter.

Unlike Normandy, the present terrain has no hedgerows. But it is plenty hilly, with natural defenses everywhere, plus forts, dugouts and casements used in wars dating back a hundred years.

In addition, the doughboys are pushing today through a new-kind of mud. It is the oozy variety, made more miserable by cold, continual rain, sleet and snow.

June sunshine in Normandy was little enough comfort in the hell of the 88s. Now there is little or no sunshine and the worst of all weather, which means little or no friendly aircraft overhead in the past few days.

Leigh-Mallory and Wife Missing on Air Trip

Air Chief Marshal Sir Trafford Leigh-Mallory yesterday was reported missing while en route to India to take up his new post as air commander-in-chief of the SEAC. His wife accompanied him on the flight.

'Cotton Ed' Dead at 80

LYNCHBURG, S.C., Nov. 17—Ellison D. (Cotton Ed) Smith, dean of the Senate who was defeated in the July primaries for re-election after serving in the upper chamber since 1909, died today at the age of 80.

Smith, who acquired his nickname from his championship of the cotton growers of the South, had been an opponent of the New Deal and one of President Roosevelt's sharpest enemies.

Cotton Ed was chairman of the Agriculture and Forestry Committee and also served on the Interstate Commerce and Naval Affairs Committees.

Italy-Based Heavies Pound 4 Countries

ALLIED MEDITERRANEAN HQ., Nov. 17 (Reuter)—Heavy bombers from Italy yesterday attacked targets in four countries: Railway yards at Salzburg and military objectives in the Vienna area in Austria; railway yards at Maribor, in northern Yugoslavia; and targets in Silesia and western Hungary.

Tactical Air Force planes, with the second consecutive day of good flying weather, continued the offensive against German communications in northern Italy and enemy positions along the Eighth and Fifth Army fronts.

Adverse weather, meanwhile, grounded Eighth Air Force heavies.

Blakeslee Sent To Fly a Desk

Col. Don Blakeslee, 27-year-old veteran ETO fighter pilot and group commander from Fairport Harbor, Ohio, has been taken off operations and ordered to return to the U.S. to take a desk job. Eighth Air Force headquarters announced yesterday.

Upon learning this, Blakeslee, who has put in approximately 1,300 hours of combat time in almost four years, asked: "How can they do this to me?"

Blakeslee went to the U.S. in September for a brief rest. He suspected the



BLAKESLEE

GODFREY

War Department wanted to hold him there. So he returned to England.

Commander of a crack Mustang outfit, the Fourth Fighter Group, Blakeslee had under his command some of the Eighth's most brilliant fighter pilots.

Among them was Capt. John T. Godfrey, of Woonsocket, R.I., who destroyed 18 enemy craft in the air and 18 on the ground before being reported missing in action Aug. 24, and is now a prisoner of war. It was announced yesterday.

Blakeslee joined the Canadian air force and came to England in 1941.

In September, 1942, he transferred to the USAAF, joining the Fourth Fighter Group, which began operations with the Eighth Air Force flying Spitfires, and later became one of the groups to introduce the Thunderbolt to the Germans.

He assumed command of the Fourth Jan. 1, 1944.

Late in February Blakeslee persuaded Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner, then chief of Eighth Fighter Command, to equip his group with long-range Mustangs.

"General, I give you my word I'll have them on operations in 24 hours," Blakeslee said. Twenty-four hours later he had a group of Mustangs in German skies.

3,000 Planes Out To Help Doughfeet

Thursday's 1,150-bomber blow by the RAF against three fortified towns in the path of the U.S. First and Ninth Armies' new offensive, which followed up the assault by 1,250 Eighth Air Force heavies, marked the first time since D-Day that the British Bomber Command attacked in direct and close support of American troops.

More than 3,000 planes carried out the double air blow, under direction of "master" craft. The Eighth sent out 450 fighters with the Forts and Libs; the RAF had 250 escorts aloft with its heavies; and the Ninth Air Force had about 100 Marauders in action.

Ex-Resistance Arms Called In

Possibility of internal crises mounted last night in two liberated European countries—Belgium and Greece—as a result of governmental orders to ex-Resistance fighters to turn in their arms.

In Belgium, where members of the "White Army" have been told to hand over their guns by midnight tonight, marching crowds of partisans and their sympathizers called upon Premier Hubert Pierlot's government to resign.

In Greece, the government announced that, to end an "unsatisfactory state of affairs," no soldiers—partisan or regular army—would be allowed to carry arms while off duty.

In Holland, there were fears that former Resistance fighters would stage a mass demonstration Sunday.

Associated Press said Pierlot might call on Gen. Eisenhower for help should serious trouble develop.

The Greek and Belgian orders came as a result of widespread disorders, allegedly caused by armed Resistance men "running wild" now that their original purpose of harassing the enemy has been accomplished.

Nazi Gobs on Mud Duty

MADRID, Nov. 17 (UP)—Admiral Karl Doenitz, German navy chief, has ordered special regiments of sailors to duty on the Western front, according to reports reaching Madrid today.

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An Editorial

Silent Night, Unholy Night



There isn't any point we want to make, or have to make. The idea that war is hell and why the hell does it have to be in an adult world is obvious.

So just take another look at the picture, and at your buddy in it. And, recalling other Christmases you have known, let's just keep it in mind, shall we?

Hash Marks

My, How Times Have Changed Dept.: Sweet young thing to her soldier date: "Let's wait until tomorrow. I don't believe in hasty marriages."

According to Sgt. E. Henning, the Jerries are singing this version of that very popular song: "Oh! That GI Drive, Man Alive!"

With all the girls employed by the railroads these days, this song might have



been written by a fugitive from the Santa Fe, "Run to the Roundhouse, Nellie, He Can't Corner You There."

A newly-married GI made this observation: "Marriage is a game of give and take," he said. "What you don't give, she takes."

Sgt. Einar Egg, the poor man's Harry James, was practicing his trumpet most after hours the other night. His most popular request was "Long Ago and Far Away."

Political observers on the home front say there are many office-seekers who will not have to have food ration cards for quite some time. They'll be kept busy eating their words.

There's at least one Joe over here whose face is red and will probably have to do a little explaining. In describing a newly-made acquaintance and pal, he wrote of his "boozum buddy."

We can just imagine Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau getting up to the microphone after a War Bond campaign, addressing the American public and saying, "Thanks a billion!"

Our attention was just called to the fact that the sun never sets on the British Empire and it never rises on England.

S/Sgt. Edward Cavanaugh, at an air force station, is six feet three inches tall. His girl friend, a very chic brownette,



stands five feet in her stockings. Someone asked Ed how he liked going out with a short girl. "Well," he said, "I don't mind it at all, except that there's nobody to talk to."

There was an article in a current magazine "How to Keep Your Youth." Our advice is, "don't introduce him to your girl-friends."

J. C. W.

THIS is a preview of Christmas trees somewhere on the Western Front in Germany. Not many weeks from now, hundreds of thousands of GIs will be celebrating Christmas pretty much like this—and worse.

For them, no sleigh bells will jingle, no reindeer will prance, no Santa will come down the chimney, no friendly laughter will ring out gayer and louder with each gulp of warming eggnog.

When they wake on Christmas morning nothing will hang from the boughs of their Christmas trees but snow and ice. No candy canes. No colored doodads. No fancy-wrapped presents from the folks.

Nazis Lose a Free-for-All in the Night

Each Thought Other Yielding, But GI Alfonse Nail Gastons

By Morow Davis

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE 30TH INF. DIV., Nov. 17—The boys in a company commanded by Capt. Edward E. McBride, of Somerset, Ky., like to tell about a little argument which grew out of a misunderstanding, flowered in confusion and resulted in loss to the Wehrmacht of two officers and 38 EM replacements, plus some new equipment, up Bordenberg way.

This situation developed at night after the company was cut off in an advance. Superior German forces hit on the unit's exposed left flank, were repulsed, then hit farther down with tank support as close as 40 yards. McBride was forced to establish his company in a tight little knot and await relief.

At one position, with a light machine-gun covering the road, was posted Sgt. Joseph E. Price, of Augusta, Ga. He heard people approaching and a voice call, "Surrender, Comrade." Price answered, repeating, "Surrender Com-

rade." The German group hove into sight, led by a captain and a lieutenant. The latter spoke English.

Price led them across the road to a platoon CP. Here the Jerry lieutenant and Price put on an Alphonse-Gaston act. Price stepped aside and motioned the Jerry to precede him. "You go first," said the lieutenant, "we'll treat you nice."

Right there, Price realized each side believed the other was surrendering. He glared at the German captain and said, "Kamerad," but threateningly. "Kamerad," replied the captain—and threw his helmet. And then the fun—and shooting—and confusion began.

Price killed the German captain with his pistol. The light machine-gun began to chatter. It was manned by S/Sgt. W. J. Widener, platoon guide from Logansport, Ind., who isn't a machine-gunner but who dabbles in it as a "hobby." Next morning there were eight dead Jerries in the road, the aid station was filled with German wounded, and the remainder were prisoners.



ARMY POETS

Home in the ETO
Iron walls,
Concrete base,
Looking glass
To see my face.

Stirrup pump,
Blackout shades,
Water pots
In case of raids.

Mattress, straw,
Pillow, nil,
Blankets, wool,
Against the chill;

Heating coils,
Radio,
This is home
In the ETO.

T/S Marshall H. Johnson.

Protest Return To Duty Abroad

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (ANS)—Sen. Guy M. Gillette (D-Iowa) said today that Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson had informed him that members of the 34th Division invalidated to the U.S. would have to return to active duty if their theater commander wanted them.

Gillette asked Stimson to investigate, following complaints from wounded members of the division that they were being ordered back overseas after 2 1/2 years' foreign service without relief. Gillette said the soldiers were "tremendously bitter."

In a letter dated Nov. 7, Stimson informed the Senator that 2,000 of the division's 3,000 members had been returned to this country on a standard rotation of leave policy, and another 1,000 wounded were in the country on temporary duty for rest and recreation.

Stimson said the latter still were under authority of their theater commanders and must be returned to active duty if their commanders needed them.

Welded Brass



Capt. Katherine E. Young, of Provincetown, Mass., commanding officer of the WAC detachment at Eighth Air Force headquarters, and Major Thomas E. Hulings, of Marienville, Pa., commanding officer of a Fortress squadron in the 306th Bomb Group, leave St. Saviour's Church in London after saying "I do" recently. Both returned to duty following a wedding trip.

German Birth Rate Up, News Agency Says

The German birth rate is going up. There were 710,289 births in Germany in the first six months of this year, compared with 659,207 in the same period in 1943, German News Agency said yesterday. The number of German marriages was 261,509, compared with 294,695 last year.

A Damn Good Night's Sleep

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Nov. 17 (ANS)—Mr. and Mrs. Ray N. Gadeney, who don't trust banks, reported to police the loss of a purse containing \$9,700 from their home. After sleeping on it a night the Gadeney visited the police again and apologized. "It was stuffed in the mattress," they explained.

HUBERT

by SGT. DICK WINGERT



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Saturday, Nov. 18

- 0755—Sign On—Program Resume.
- 0800—World News.
- 0810—Songs by Frank Sinatra.
- 0820—Sugar Report.
- 0845—Victory Parade with Tommy Tucker.
- 0900—Headlines—Combat Diary.
- 0915—Personal Album with Margaret Whiting.
- 0930—Music from America.
- 1000—Headlines—Morning After (Command Performance).
- 1030—Army Talks.
- 1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
- 1105—Duffie Bag.
- 1200—News.
- 1205—Duffie Bag.
- 1300—Headlines—Sports News.
- 1305—Grand Old Ory.
- 1330—Yanks Radio Edition.
- 1400—Headlines—Downbeat with Tommy Dorsey.
- 1430—College of Musical Knowledge with Phil Harris.
- 1500—Headlines—American Dance Band (Sgt. Ray McKinley).
- 1530—On the Record.
- 1630—Strike up the Band.
- 1700—Headlines—Johnny Mercer's Music Shop.
- 1715—Miss Parade.
- 1745—Raymond Scott Orchestra.
- 1755—American Sports News.
- 1800—World News.
- 1805—Mark up the Map.
- 1810—Your State.
- 1815—Glenn Miller Sextette.
- 1830—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street.
- 1900—Headlines—All Time Hit Parade.
- 1930—Waltz Time with Abe Lyman.
- 2000—Headlines—Combat Diary.
- 2015—Top of the Evening.
- 2030—Frank Morgan.
- 2100—World News.
- 2105—Sunday Night Serenade.
- 2130—Garcia Fields.
- 2200—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
- 2205—Xavier Cugat with Don Rodney and Nita Ross.
- 2230—Inhibite.
- 2300—Final Edition.
- 2305—Sign off until 0755 hours, Sunday, Nov. 19.

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- 0800—Headlines—Combat Diary.
- 0815—Bandwagon with Les Brown.
- 0830—Music for Sunday.
- 0900—World News.
- 0905—Music by Jimmy Dorsey.
- 0925—Hour of Charm with Phil Spitalny All-Girl Orchestra.
- 1000—Headlines—Radio Chapel.
- 1030—Strike up the Band.
- 1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
- 1135—Morning After (Jubilice).
- 1200—News.
- 1205—WAC's Works.
- 1225—Sports.
- 1230—Stanley Black Orchestra.
- 1300—Headlines—Atlantic Spotlight.
- 1330—Sammy Kaye's Sunday Serenade.
- 1425—Headlines—Music from the Pacific.
- 1455—Football Scores.
- 1500—Headlines—National Barn Dance.
- 1530—They Call Me Joe.
- 1600—Headlines—New York Philharmonic Orchestra.
- 1700—Headlines—Melody Roundup with the Sons of the Pioneers.
- 1715—AEP Special.
- 1750—American Sports News.
- 1800—World News.
- 1805—Mark up the Map.
- 1815—Andre Kostelanetz.
- 1845—Johnny Mercer's Music Shop.
- 1900—Headlines—Comedy Caravan with Jimmy Durante and Gary Moore.
- 1930—Hit Parade with Mark Warnow's Orchestra and Frank Sinatra.
- 2000—Headlines—Combat Diary.
- 2015—At Ease.
- 2030—Globe Theatre—"The Sun Field" with George Raft and Ruth Hussey.
- 2100—World News.
- 2105—Mail Call with Rudy Vallee and Fred Allen.
- 2135—Guy Lombardo's Musical Autograph.
- 2200—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
- 2205—Family Hour.
- 2230—Suspense.
- 2300—Final Edition.
- 2305—Sign off until 0755 hours, Monday, Nov. 20.

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15 Campaigns—One Ribbon

Nov. 2, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,
Every time we get a chance to read your paper, which is only in lulls, it always contains a series of bitches from various units griping because they don't receive their share of campaign ribbons, stars, etc. We have been on two airborne invasions (D-Day in France and Holland) and by your paper we are entitled to one campaign star. Are we bitching? No. Still there are outfits sitting in the ETO who are continually crying for decorations.

We realize that men, still sitting in England have ample time to sport their ribbons while fighting the battle of Piccadilly. We have been fighting side by side with our British buddies, eating their rations, smoking their cigarettes, etc. Some of our British buddies have fought in 15 different countries and they are wearing only one ribbon. Not once have we heard them bitch about their decorations.

Take it easy, fellows, there are plenty of men who are actually fighting this war who really deserve more decorations than you, who are not doing any bitching.—PS—Contact your Editor for the address of the Parachute School—Boys from Hell's Highway.

Last Word on Christmas Trees

Nov. 14, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,
There it was today—the letter we had been expecting for several weeks—regarding who had the first decorated Christmas tree in the ETO!! We knew this vital subject would command space in your very good paper sooner or later—so in an off moment last July 4 we trimmed our tree—just in anticipation of being able to settle the matter beyond a shadow of a doubt. It's withered—but still DECORATED!!—Three Flak-happy Combat Crews in Hut 17.

'Little Shots' of USO

Oct. 30, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,
Regarding top movie stars entertaining overseas, it is true that some big names have visited the ETO between commitments at home, but the workmanlike day-to-day job of bringing morale to the troops is done by the people we seldom hear of.

Not the big shots of Hollywood or Broadway, but the small troupes who put on three or four shows daily and make every performance seem like a special one. Nothing formal, no brass introducing the notables. Just a few nice girls and guys entertaining the GIs. They make that Purple Heart circuit, too, kidding the lads into forgetting their aches and scars for an hour.

The important people in USO-Camp shows are not the Sheridans or Crosbys. The ones who deserve the applause are the ones you don't read about—"Little Shots" of USO.—S/Sgt. E. Brinkman, Hosp. Pl.

Gripe on 'Name' Discharges

Nov. 9, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,
We've been reading from time to time of some prominent sports figures being discharged from the Army because of some petty physical disability. There are in this war fellows who have a little more than weak knees or punctured eardrums, but are they being discharged? Hell no, they are being fixed up for the eventual return not to baseball or any other sport but to combat. We believe that things like that should be omitted from your paper because what we don't know don't hurt us.—The Wounded of 5-12, Hosp. Plant.

Orchids for the Red Cross

Nov. 5, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,
I've been reading so many gripes lately, I thought I'd kind of change the tone and write something praising someone. In my opinion not enough praise has been given to the American Red Cross. I know, countless GIs agree with me when I say they are doing a swell job.

When we go to town here in England and want meals, entertainment and board, who comes to our rescue? That's right—the American Red Cross.

And those pretty mobile unit girls are sure a sight for sore eyes. Don't you agree, fellows? Many, many thanks, Red Cross, and continue your good work.—Lawrence Kraft, GFRS Pool.

Warweek

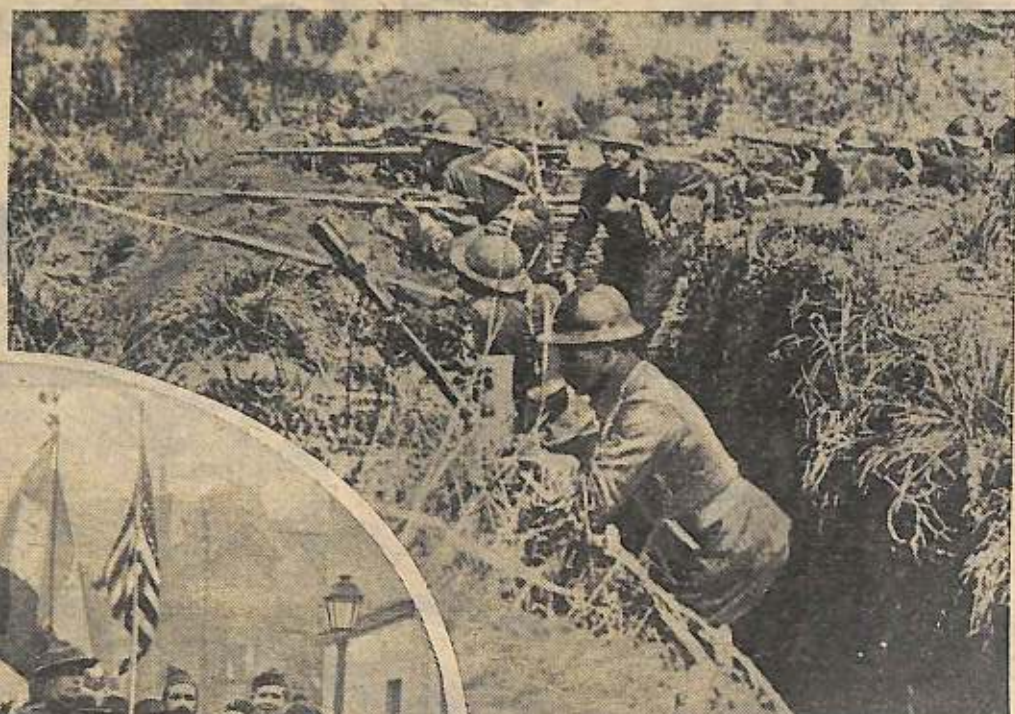
Same Terrain, Same Foe—Same War?
The Recon Men Haunt Wehrmacht
Nazi Guns Made Wire Crew Infantry

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Looking Backward to a War 'Won' in '18



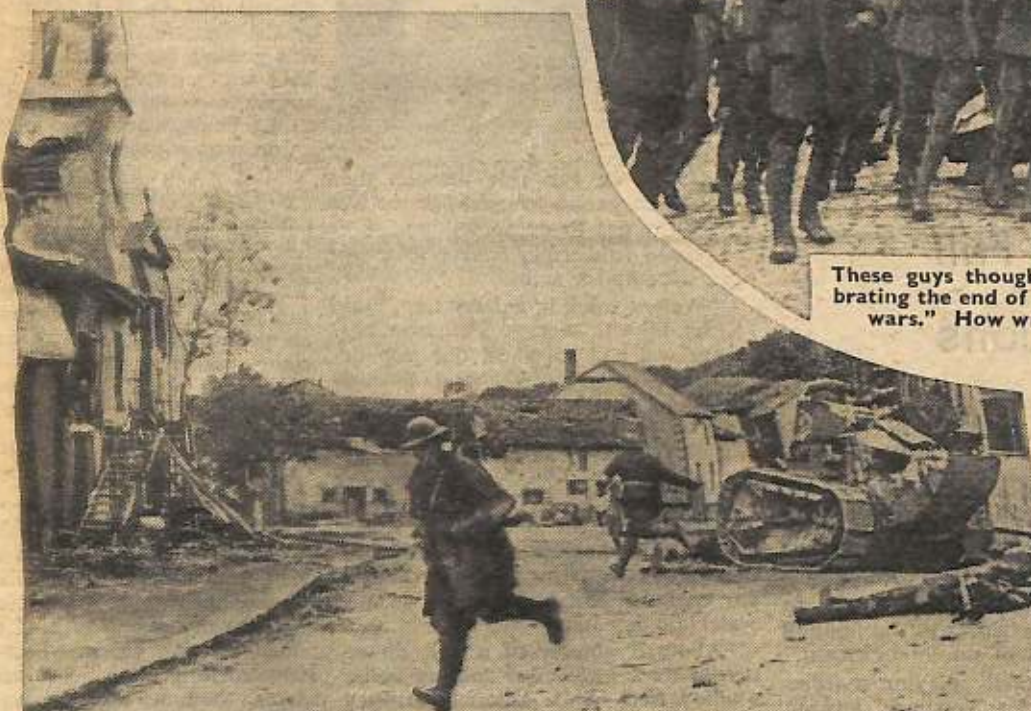
Germans used message dogs in 1918, some pedigreed, some just like Krauts we fight today.



American Negro troops in front-line positions against Kaiser's 1918 legions.



These guys thought they were celebrating the end of the "war to end all wars." How wrong they were.



Two Yanks flee German barrage in Exermont, France. One month later war "ended"—but peace only lasted 22 years.



Stone slab was best table available to this group of staff officers of 1918 AEF at start of historic Meuse-Argonne campaign.

This is Where First AEF Came In

Chateau-Thierry, Chalons, Verdun—the road to to-day's fighting front reads like a communique of 26 years ago. This is practically where the First AEF came in. It's the same place, the same enemy—maybe, even, the second part of the war. Whether there'll be a third round depends on keeping the war won after the fighting's over. Knowing why we have to fight Nazi Germany is first step toward never having to do it again.

1918

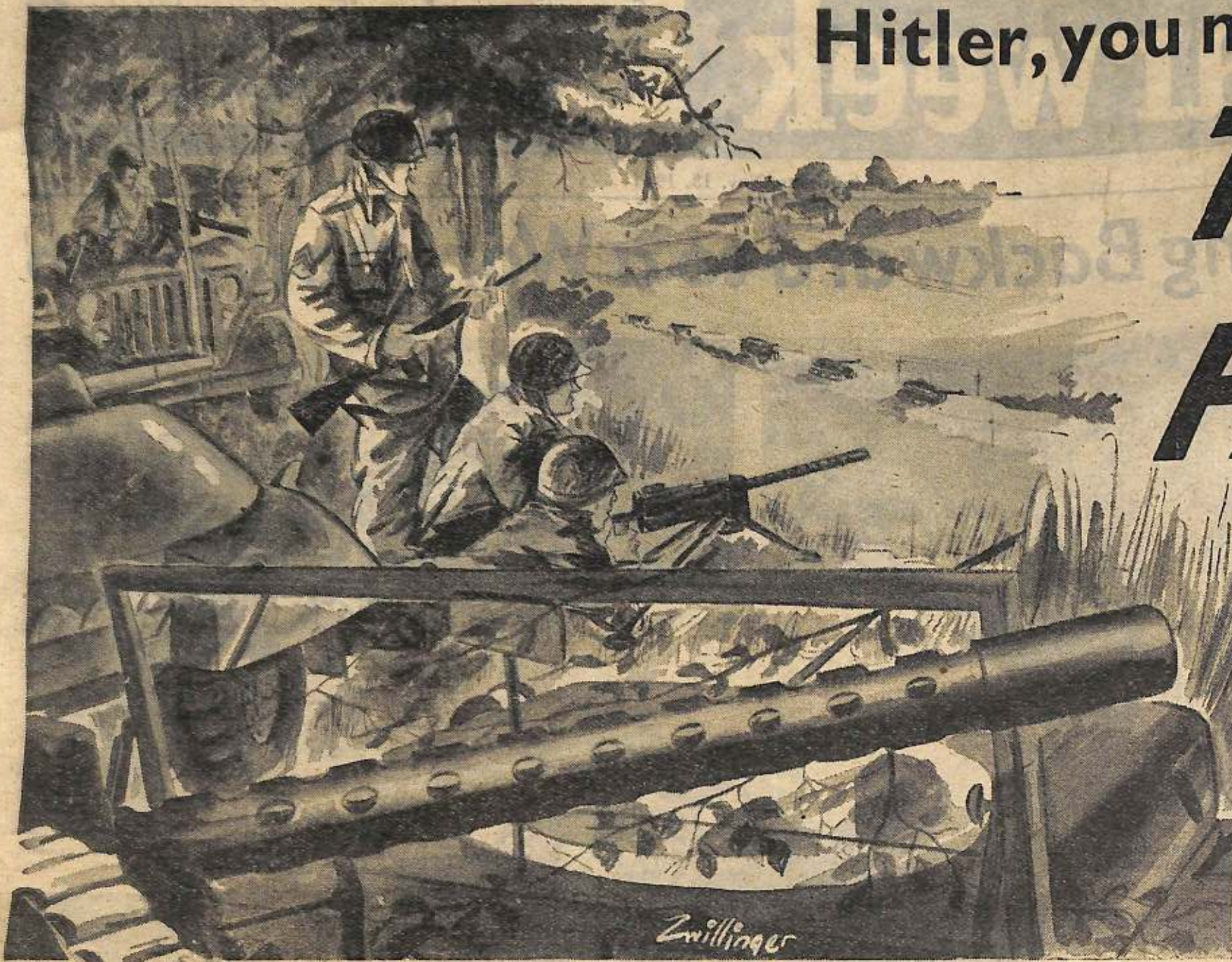
1944



American Jeep is symbol of more than 20 years of uneasy "peace" as it stands in the street of sleepy Carlemont, near Compiegne. Two pictures, one taken in 1918, the other a few days ago, tell the whole story of two-part war. Today's job is winning war—Tomorrow's keeping it won, so we don't have to repeat.

Hitler, you never stop

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with us and we kept our wits and didn't give up. If you just stick it out, some times, you can make it."

Lt. William C. Pridgen, a good-looking kid from Cordele, Ga., was snooping around in the dark behind enemy lines. He was in charge of an M8 and two jeeps and was cut off from the rest of his outfit.

"I got out to read a signpost, by shining a light through my fingers," says Pridgen. "Then I heard three vehicles draw up—about 30 yards apart. They didn't see us and, frankly, I couldn't tell if they were Yanks or Germans."

"I sneaked up out of the ditch to see what was what. When I got right by the car I shined the light in—and found it full of Germans. I rolled into the ditch, after throwing my flashlight at the first face in the car—and my boy opened up. An M-1 rifle was shooting up the first car, my armored car MG was getting the second and the jeep's MG was turned on the third. We wiped them out to a man."

Lt. Pridgen described why this operation was a success.

"If we hadn't placed our vehicles in strategic positions—even though it was only a simple little thing like reading a signpost—we might have been surprised and mopped up. But the break were with us—and at five in the morning we got five more enemy cars and an ammunition truck. A good haul—eight vehicles and their personnel. After that we got the hell out. Jerries were dead all over the place."

Attacked Train

Among other notches on the Ghost Cavalry's record is the shooting up of German horse-drawn artillery which might have been maneuvered into position to raise Cain with Yank forces. Another assignment was to clear a route into a town the entrance of which was mined for 300 yards. Between these 100-yard long mine fields were cleared spaces, then at the end was a road block and a tank trap.

The cavalymen dismounted, probed the road with bayonets and called in assault guns to help blast the mines

Phantom Cavalry Raiders Spring from Hill and Dale to Haunt Enemy Communications

"YOU'RE the Ghosts, aren't you? The Ghosts of Patton's Army." The SS officer spoke pretty fair English. He stood on the road side, far behind his own lines, while a young American lieutenant disarmed him and his four companions as they poked their hands toward the sky. Their staff car had been halted by one of our M8 recon jobs, and a 37-mm. gun on its turret stood ready to blow the Germans off the earth.

Around the prisoners were some mud-streaked Yanks; hard-bitten guys whose helmeted faces bore two days' growth of beard. They stood silently with their carbines leveled at the Germans.

"Yeah, Herman," said the Lieutenant, "since you put it that way, we are the Ghosts."

Cracked Superman Myth

Not long before this the German radio—accustomed to making "slight errors"—had announced that the "Ghosts had been wiped out." But the five SS elites, now fresh captives, had their doubts.

But that is how it has been ever since the tough and rugged days of Cherbourg and Brittany. The Germans have been fooled many times. These Ghosts have tacked up a remarkable record, and have had the Germans referring to them as a "crack armored division, sent behind the lines on suicide missions."

The Ghosts have ridden roughshod over the flat lands and hilly regions of France with complete disregard for the "superman" myth. They've bucked tough jobs and easy jobs—and they make them all look alike. Operating way out in front of their own Army—and behind the German front lines—they strike with deadly accuracy at supply trains and moving columns of enemy vehicles. They ride out of the night like roving highwaymen, pounce on the Germans with incredible speed, and then make a clean getaway faster than a couple of Notre Dame halfbacks.

During General Patton's sweep through France the 2nd Cavalry clicked off more than 3,000 miles laying down reconnaissance screens—and most of the route was strewn with dead Germans and kayoed German equipment.

By all the rules of logic, these unsung Ghost guys should have been annihilated on numerous occasions because they are light and small, and no match for some of the Nazi big stuff. How-

ever, rules don't count any more with them; they've used up all the tricks and are inventing new ones each day.

"Speed, teamwork and fast, straight shooting does it," said Lt. Raymond J. Kraatz, tank man from Chicago. "Those are our bywords. There can be no SNAFU when the noise starts. We make our hits—then get out."

These ghostly road agents—who wear the "Always Ready" insignia on their helmets—manage to get into more stiff scrapes than a pack of school kids in a farmer's orchard—and their specialty is getting out of these scrapes with few or no casualties. Their job, basically, is to get information about

that they get away almost unscathed—leaving a battered enemy behind.

"Smell" Traps Now

"On one occasion," said a high ranking officer, "We took 500 prisoners in one week, killed 'don't know how many, shot more than 30 vehicles to pieces—and nine-tenths of the fighting came as a result of stumbling into it."

That's not exactly playing marbles—especially when you are kicking around in Hitler's front yard, to the tune of 30 or 40 miles out in nowhere.

The 2nd has been in and out of traps so many times that the boys think they can actually smell one coming up. Probably the toughest trap of all came when the Germans were retreating before Patton's onslaught. The Ghosts, as usual, were behind the Germans, and were threatened to be caught by the retreating forces. One Ghost unit, in fact, found itself surrounded by the enemy and cut off from its main units.

Its only hope of ever getting back intact involved a wild scheme of racing through a German bivouac area. This, they figured, was better than tossing in the sponge and becoming prisoners.

Carbines vs. 88s

They assembled their vehicles for a discussion of the touchy matter, then—like the Dalton Boys at Coffeeville—they moved in. Drivers kept the gas pedals pressed against the floor, MGs blazed from both sides of their cars and as they thundered through the bivouac a lot of surprised Germans looked up to see their area being shot to bits by some Americans—who should have been some 20 miles to the west.

Adding insult to surprise one of the drivers pulled over to the side. A GI in his car reached out and yanked a shaving German into the jeep and they kept on going.

It was their old elements again—surprise, quick, straight shooting and lots of fast movement. With these advantages, Lt. Marvin J. Heffner, Racine, Wis., CO of the unit, led his men and vehicles to safety without suffering a casualty or a lost vehicle.

Said one of the men who was on the amazing ride: "Of course, we don't go around looking for German bivouac

An infantry colonel called the men who do patrol work "the tough guys of the war." He also referred to them as "the loneliest men in the Army" because they operate behind enemy lines, surrounded by enemy guns. Some do reconnaissance work on foot, some do it in vehicles—but all of them draw rugged assignments. They become the eyes and ears of an outfit; on them depends the answer to the question of what has the enemy got in store for us. Here is a view of the "tough guys"—these "loneliest men."

This story is typical of all reconnaissance units.

the enemy while keeping the enemy from getting information about the Americans. They call this a "reconnaissance screen," and the idea is to get hold of vital dope and shoot it back to HQ either by courier or radio.

But to get information from the Germans is no goldbrick assignment, therefore the Ghosts usually find themselves in some crazy trap with less than a rat's chance of getting out half alive. It is in these spots that they turn on the heat and commence shooting up the works. By the time they've dumped all sorts of lead into the Germans the situation becomes so utterly confused



ped them. . . Here are GHOSTS OF ON'S ARMY

By France Herron

Warweek Combat Correspondent

All the time German fire from the town—small arms and 88—burst around them.

But they got into the town, cleared out the Germans and had it ready for the infantry when the Doughboys arrived. They attacked a trainload of equipment, which was heavily guarded by German troops. To carry out this operation they decided it was a good idea to shoot up the engine with a couple of rounds of HE, and then spray

as they passed out of a town a lone German car hooked on to the end of their column. It was near dusk and the German driver never imagined that the column he had joined could be anything other than his own. An alert American spotted this naive German and tore him and his vehicle to bits with a 37mm. burst.

"We can't afford to loaf around and sweat out these jobs," says S/Sgt. Raymond Gaynor, of Philadelphia.

become the greatest trap-breakers of all—and they learn, too, a whale of a lot about avoiding traps.

Says Sgt. John Kelly, Ogden, Utah: "To avoid traps you've got to watch everything. Trust nobody and nothing. Don't jump eagerly to attack a lone motorcycle or other lone vehicle. Many times they are decoys—used purposely to draw your fire. Remember, every man is a potential enemy. Every hill, shrub or curve is a potential trap. Think it over—make sure you're right!"

Sometimes the Ghost raiders learn more about the Germans themselves than the Germans know or realize. One of these instances was the case of the enemy attempting to use the cavalrymen as artillery spotters—a wonderful trick—if it works.

To do this the Germans learn code names and then carry on conversations with Yank radio operators. They endeavour to feel them out—learn of their positions and strength—and then dump 88s all over the place.

They Haunt Jerry

German artillery was coming in and hitting—but it still was considered anything but close. Then a voice came over the radio:

"Hello, this is Tom. We are trying to hit the Germans behind you, but we're afraid our shells are landing near you. Where are you? Are we right? Are they hitting near you?"

The voice on the air sounded American enough—legitimate enough, yet those cavalrymen had to be sure. The Yank CO said back:

"Tom? Tom, who?"

"Just call me Tom," said the voice. "You know, Tom. Hell, man, I gotta know if our shells are landing too close."

Again the CO demanded: "Tom, who?"

"Just Tom—that's all."

The American commander told him to blow it out his duffle bag and then turned off the radio. Later it was confirmed that the man "Tom" was a speculating Jerry. He was hoping to talk the Americans into giving away their positions.

"Had we done that," said the CO. "Had we been fooled by 'Tom's' American-sounding voice, we would have zeroed those shells right in on top of us. You can't afford to give out any information concerning your position or anything else—unless you know for damned sure that the guy you give it to is on your side. Take no chances."

Another threadbare trick—which still works on occasions—is exposed by the 2nd Cavalry men. They'll tell you that the Germans will place a captured jeep or other vehicles in front of their columns. This old trick always draws a sucker out into the open.

They have learned a lot of lessons in their romping across France, and they have become a terrific thorn in the German side. To them it is a sort of game—with no holds barred. The German is always out to trap the Ghost—and the Ghost is always out to foil the German—and to kill him.

Thus far in their ramblings they have turned up trumps and aces on each play. They have topped the German hand on each occasion. They are elusive and lightning-fast, and they have learned to melt into the shadows and hills before the enemy can lay anything on them but a nickname.

Queried as to what they would like to do next, an officer summed it up this way:

"We're waiting for the old man to turn us loose. The boys are champing at the bits. Remember, the Germans first called us The Ghosts—so when we're turned loose we're going out to do some more haunting!"



How Recon Men Trick Foe

LIKE so many other GI Joes, the men of the 2nd Cavalry got their first glimpse of a "mighty" Nazi Army when they watched the newsreels back home. The Germans pulverized Europe and set up some sort of idea that they were unbeatable. On newsreel they looked just about like that.

But that was before Pearl Harbor Day, D-Day and lots of other days.

It is no longer newsreels for GI Joe. The war is a real McCoy business now, and Americans know quite a bit about this business because they've done a good deal of fighting. They know a lot of brand new fresh tricks which were trial and error stuff yesterday.

Battle Lessons

In the school of war they are graduates, and their diplomas are the flags of freedom that bedeck the streets of liberated France and other lands.

Through WARWEEK the students of yesterday—who are today's teachers—pass on the lessons of battle. Many of them will tell you that they wished they could have learned simply by reading a book or a paper, but these combat lessons were just discovered recently—in the mud of France.

"Here's an example of what fellows can do when they're cut off and surrounded by Germans," says Sgt. James M. Hart, of Frederick, Md. "The boys and I had an M8 recon car guarding a bridge. The Germans counter-attacked, and we were cut off and left alone. They were all around us.

"We first maintained radio silence—so we wouldn't give away our position. Then we got into a woods to hide, fight, sweat it out—or whatever came our way. We figured that we had to keep an eye on the Germans—yet keep them from seeing us. We watched their Tiger tanks and infantry prowling around us. We were tempted to make a break—but realized that was a dumb trick.

"About fifty German infantrymen infiltrated the woods and were getting close so we opened up with some shots. They scattered and ran—because they didn't know how strong we were. Then we moved to another place. A

Tiger tank spotted us, but when it got close we threw eight shots at him with our 37-mm. gun and knocked out his turret 88.

"The Tiger also ran away. We got out—without a casualty. I think the fellows with me did a great job. Remember, we were in that woods—surrounded by the enemy—for three days and three nights. Many Americans have been doing jobs similar to this."

Removed Shoes

"Another boy and I got in a trap," said Sgt. Robert Magher, Kearny, N.J., "and we had to wade through a wet, muddy field. We were going too slow, and it looked as if the Germans would catch us. We slipped off our shoes—in a hurry—and found that we could move a lot faster in our bare feet. We made it okay."

Lt. Thomas W. Kelly, of New Orleans, was in some stiff going with a 2nd Cavalry unit in the Loire River sector. He says:

"Stress that a man shouldn't expose himself while leaving and taking up positions. A lot of us know already that you don't expose yourself while actually in position. But keep under cover while getting there and leaving.

"Another thing is keeping clean. That's awfully tough for frontline boys. But if a guy can sneak in a good washing or bath, he'll feel much better and be more alert and, therefore, fight better.

Cooks Built Bridge

Lt. George R. Lindoerfe, Elgin, Ill., says:

"Men have done everything and anything in combat. We had cooks rebuilding bridges at one point—and they did a grand job."

Yanks up at the front see a lot of signs that read "Mines Cleared to Hedges" and it means just exactly that. It pays to beware of small trails that lead from the main highway—trails that are marked with car tracks. The Germans might have made those trails themselves—but an unwary GI driver figures that any area marked by vehicular tracks is safe. So in he goes—so in he stays.

"Many men do not realize the power of their own small arms fire. Recently, one of our outposts of four men, located about 200 yards in front of the main line of resistance, saw a German night patrol of eight men move across their front only about thirty yards away. Another group of five of the enemy went in the other direction. The outpost personnel said that they did not fire because they were outnumbered, and firing would disclose their position. Both groups of Germans could have been eliminated by a few blasts from the BAR and with two or three grenades."—Combat tip passed on by M. T. Didelot, 30th Division.

the cars with MG fire. When the train was knocked out, the Ghosts took a prize in concrete mixers, bulldozers and small weapons—plus 27 prisoners.

In the Toul sector the 2nd Cavalry received word that the Germans were sending a column of 15 vehicles over a certain highway—and it was important that this column be "detained."

They situated themselves in the wooded hills that overlooked the highway, mapped out their plan of attack—and then waited.

Check "Cleared" Roads

Word was passed along to let all of the vehicles come over the rise and get into the valley below before any shots were fired. Without this caution there was fear that the rear vehicles would make a break and escape. Up came the column led by a motorcycle. Without warning the lead vehicle was stopped cold when a 37mm. shell ripped through it. This stopped the rest of the column—and the fireworks began in earnest.

Tank guns barked and assault guns opened up. Some of the vehicles burst into flame, others were rendered useless. The troops dismounted and attempted to fire back, but were wiped out by ugly sprays of machine-gun fire.

When the last shot died away, all 15 vehicles lay destroyed; 135 Germans were dead and 150 were wounded—while 68 were taken prisoner.

The Ghosts have liberated as high as 17 towns in one day, and they have travelled as far as 440 miles in two days—to go smack into the line.

"We have many advantages in these actions," said Lt. Burton W. Mitchell, Glenn Elynn, Ill. "You see, we are so far behind the German lines that they never expect to see us. Then when we open up on them they are so surprised and frustrated that we manage to beat them to the punch. By this surprise process we are able to play havoc with forces larger than ours. Our slogan is to hit hard and fast. No hesitation allowed."

Members of the Ghost Group also like to tell of the time when they were so far into enemy-held territory that

"These Germans are pretty good scrappers and if you don't beat them to the punch you're sunk. We hit and run—hit and run, but mostly hit."

At Bainville the Ghosts moved in during early evening and surprised some German paratroopers and got them into a wild fight. The paratroopers beat it out of town to the high ground beyond. At least 30 of the enemy were killed and the Ghosts took the town.

"But you can't always consider the German out of the picture just because you beat him once," said 1/Sgt. Elmer C. George, Junction City, Kan. "We got in a beautiful ambush on account of that kind of thinking. After we had declared a road clear, some of us went up to draw supplies. This same road had been used by our men at least four times after we drove the Jerries out.

"Yet, on our way back we ran into an 88, which was set up so it could command a curve in the road. We suffered very slight casualties—but it was a lesson learned. From now on—we don't get caught off-guard by 'cleared' roads."

Don't Stall Around

Another headache which confronts the rambling Ghosts is that of planes—which swoop down to strafe them on the highways.

At one time American planes—having been told to 'hit anything that moves on the roads back there'—came across a Ghost unit. Somehow, the airmen didn't spot the identification panels, so they came down to give them the works. Miraculously the cavalrymen got away without casualties. Here is how one of them—Capt. Henry J. Ebrej, Lansdown, Pa.—puts it:

"The best thing is not to get caught in a ditch or alongside the road when planes come after you. Don't pull up and stop your vehicles—keep them moving. Zig-zag, if you can. If possible, get into a wooded sector where the trees offer protective camouflage. But above all, don't stall around."

Traps always threaten the cavalrymen. Men who do their type of work

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- Keep contact with your men at rear & flanks. Then the Jerry can't ~~even~~ surround you.
- Stay off of high ground; you ~~to~~ make a good target that way.
- They use our cars as decoys, so be on the ball.
- Hit hard & fast. Don't delay.
- Don't be overconfident. Cocky guys don't last long, and

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JULIUS STREICHER, NOV. 30, 1938



"The innkeeper, Ludwig Schopp, Ravensburg, had, during a broadcast of the Fuehrer's speech from the Party Rally, switched off the radio, thereby making it impossible for the guests to listen in... The authorities have ordered his inn to be closed, and Schopp is awaiting his punishment by the Special Court for the crime of treason."



"When, as Home Secretary, I... warned against anti-Semitic outrages, I did not, of course, do it in order to grant the Jews a special legal protection, but only because that kind of outrage does not hurt the Jews themselves. When windows are smashed, it is the insurance companies who have to pay for it."

War Is Just Where You Find It!

Third Armored Signalmen Figured The Mons-Maubeuge Road Was Clear Then the Nazi Halftrack Showed Up

THIS is a war that isn't fought according to Hoyle—and anything that's possible or even "impossible" is liable to break loose at any given moment. The rule book is strictly pigeon-holed, and the guys who shoot at each other don't give a hoot how they do it.

drunk prize-fighters, a series of unrecorded and recorded actions occurred which found Yank and Kraut alike pulling rabbits out of hats and dead men out of squashed vehicles. No referee blew a whistle and said "that's the kickoff, fellows—now let's play." It became a mad scramble, where wits and steady trigger fingers decided whose dogtags were being shipped where.

was no orderly conducted retreat. It was a fair sort of shellacking. One of these actions—a recorded one that occurred during the Second Battle of Mons—saw a bunch of scrappy Third Armored Signalmen assume the role of Doughboys and play havoc with the Germans. Haltrack in the Night This is one of a thousand small fights that happened in France. Every outfit boasts of numerous scraps that never made the headlines—that's how war goes. Warweek puts the spotlight on this particular story because it just goes to show how a bunch of guys located out in nowhere can find themselves in the middle of a war without formal introductions.



... Swung the .50 toward the halftrack and hit her dead center"

On the road to Mons this signal company set up its CP, and during the early hours of evening retreating Germans from the West attempted to infiltrate through the lines—through the CP—to reach their own units. They met with little success because some guards along the road spurted MG lead all over the area. Nigh on to midnight Cpl. John E. Kelley, Charlestown, Mass., heard the roar of an approaching vehicle. "It was pretty dark," said Kelley. "The vehicle bore down on us at a fast clip. By the time we realized it was a halftrack packed with Jerries it was out of our line of fire." A quick call was relayed back to the second post: "Halftrack full of Germans coming your way." Germans Open Fire Guns were manned back at the second post. Pvt. Leonard Ethridge, of Franklin, Tenn., and Pvt. Stanley Presgrave, Metropolis, Ill., bent over a 50-caliber MG and pointed the muzzle downroad, from which the halftrack was heading. A couple of seconds passed and then the halftrack came into view. The Germans, realizing the situation, opened fire with practically everything the Wehrmacht issues. Burp guns, pistols, rifles and stick grenades greeted the signalmen. "Naturally everybody was excited," said Ethridge. "But Presgrave swung the 50 toward the halftrack and hit her dead center. Somehow, you

could tell that the burst he let go was made to order as soon as it hit." The vehicle weaved and careened down the road, out of control. Then—like a Roman candle—it burst into flames and sparks. Grenades In His Hands Germans leaped from the burning wreckage. Some were on fire, some shooting and some yelling "Kamerad." "One of the Krauts came toward me," says Pvt. Wayman Lawrence, Harlingen, Tex. "His hands were filled with grenades. As he shouted 'Kamerad' he raised one arm to toss a grenade at us. I got him before he could throw it. "That's the way it is with these Germans. You've got to watch 'em. They sometimes say they want to give up—while they take a bead on you." The other Yanks—wire-layers, code men, switchboard operators and teletype men by trade—were taking care of the other Germans, while the halftrack exploded and threw ammo bursts all over the place. Then it was all quiet. The Germans' attempt to break through was a flop. Now they were dead, and now the mess was being cleared. They put out the fire—which was once a halftrack, and removed the scorched bodies.



The other boys from the first post came down later to take a look. They were Pvt. Charles W. Dewey, Randolph, Vt.; Pvt. Max D. Troha, Hamtrack, Mich.; Cpl. Richard Carlson, Manchester, Conn.; and Pvt. W. E. Schreckengast, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Manning post number two, besides Presgrave and Lawrence, were Pvt. Leonard C. Ethridge, Franklin, Tenn.; Pvt. Harry E. Good, Philadelphia; and Cpl. Norman W. Steele, Metropolis, Ill. Everybody felt a little proud because he had helped. Then, when it was all over, they went back to their "regular" jobs of putting down wires and tending to codes and teletypes. Fritz had been stopped cold.

THE OLD SERGEANT'S CORNER



MEN who have been through the combat mill have been more than generous with their contributions to the creaking Old Sergeant in recent weeks. For this the veteran is most thankful, has but one request further—keep 'em coming, gents. You'd probably be surprised at the number of guys the combat tips have helped. Pfc Joseph F. Naples, Brooklyn, N.Y., a gallant medic with the rugged 30th Infantry Division, has been fighting the war now since early in June. He's seen a lot of guys come and go. He's observed plenty. "The thing that stands out in my mind," says Joe, "is the way new men—replacements—react to their first wounds. Most of them think the wound is more serious than it actually is. They immediately yell for a medical aid man—take the latter away from more serious cases many times. "I know the new men don't intend to complicate things—after their first contacts with combat, replacements are

just as brave as any veteran (for my dough the American soldier is the bravest guy in the world)—but being new to the thunder of battle they tend to scare easily. "Tell the new men to think, be sure they need a medic before they yell for one. That way they'll save the lives of their more seriously shot up buddies. Many times an injured man can take care of his own wounds. "Another thing a man should never give up his first aid packet—unless it is absolutely necessary, unless another man's life depends on it. If an injured man has lost his packet get one from a medic. There is always one of the "Red Cross" boys in the neighborhood. You never know when you're going to need your own packet.

Unsung Linemen Come Into Own on All-America

NEW YORK, Nov. 17—One of the unique qualities of American football is the fact that the bigger part of every team sweats and toils anonymously Saturday after Saturday while a select group known as the backfield makes off with the touchdowns, long runs and consequently the headlines. Ball carriers and passers grow famous and retain their fame down through the years, but how many linemen can you name offhand besides the ones with whom you went to school or who married your sister? Only when the All-America teams are selected do the front-line Joes hit the headlines.



Felto Prewitt
Tulsa's All-America Center Candidate

Probably the outstanding lineman in the country today is Navy's 215-pound tackle, Don Whitmire. Agile, fast and bruising, Whitmire was All-Southeastern tackle at Alabama before coming to Annapolis and has been "The Muscle" in the Middies' great line this year. Ranking right next to Whitmire is John Ferraro of Southern California, 235 pounds of dynamite. Other fine tackles are Russ Thomas and Bill Willis of Ohio State, Hillery Horne and W. D. Garrett of Mississippi State's unbeaten Maroons, Lester Bigaman of Illinois, Jack Fathauer of Iowa State, George Kavisky of Penn. Monte Moncrief of the Texas Aggies, and Duke's John Kerns.

Six Guards in Running

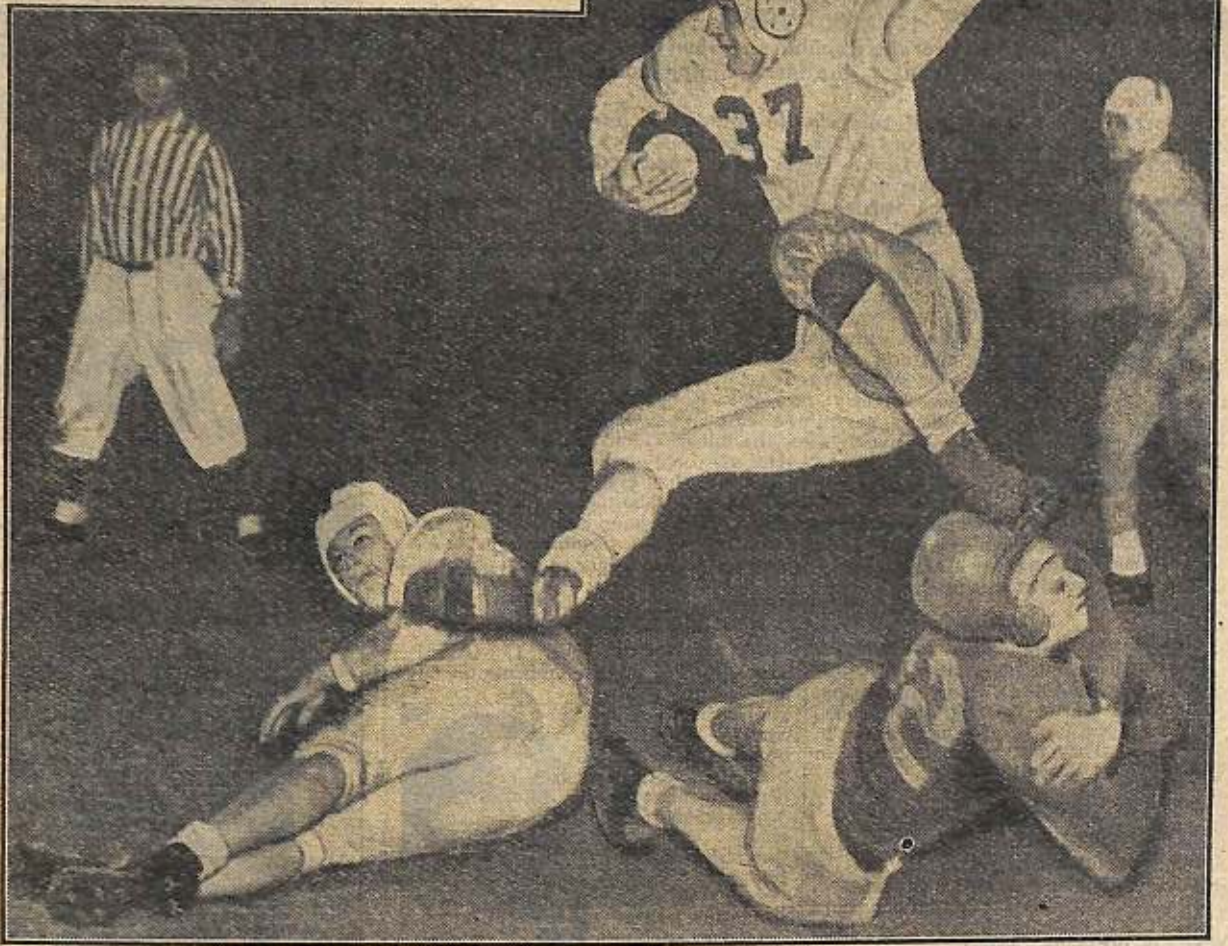
Guards mentioned most frequently for All-America honors are John Green of Army, H. J. Nichols of Rice, John Hackett of Ohio State, Bill Hachten of California, Maurice Furchgott of Georgia Tech, and Jim McCurdy of the Washington Huskies.

There's an unusually good group of centers around the country this year with Tex Warrington of Auburn generally considered tops. Others are Jack Martin of Navy, Felto Prewitt of Tulsa, Bob Saint Onge of Army, and Jack Tavener, Indiana ace who was outstanding in the All-Star game at Evanston against the Chicago Bears last August.

From among the following will probably be chosen two All-America ends—Barney Poole, Army plebe who was All-Southern end at North Carolina last year, Lean Bramlett of Navy, Hank Walker of Virginia, Phil Tinsley of Georgia Tech, Pat Trash of Texas, Ed Dugger of Ohio State, Clyde Goodnight of Tulsa, Paul Walker of Yale, and Paul Robeson Jr. of Cornell, whose father was All-America at Rutgers 25 years ago.

He Floats Through the Air

Bob Zeck, Washington quarterback, after catching a forward pass from Halfback Bob Gilmore, leaps over two fallen players, just before he lateralized to Center Gordon Berlin who scored standing up in the third period of the game against Southern California. It was one of the most spectacular plays of the game, which Southern Cal won, 38-7.



Morgenthau Boosts Service Tilt Switch To Big City Stadium

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17—Lovers of America's great fall pastime who know a whole of a football game when they see it approaching and have been wandering around thinking out loud what a wonderful thing it would be if the coming Army-Navy game could be switched to a big city stadium from Annapolis so that they could get a peek at the action were thrown another bone of hope today. Secretary of the Treasury Henry W. Morgenthau Jr. came out with the statement that he hopes the game will be moved.



No word came from President Roosevelt, who had added to the speculation on a change when he told his press conference this week that he would discuss the matter with Secretary of War Stimson.

Apparently nobody outside of the President was in a mood to query Mr. Stimson as to his feelings because most of the finger-crossing by those hoping to see the game switched is due in part to the fact that the Secretary of War never has seemed agreeable to such things. He gave the old thumb to changing the game from West Point last year and also squelched what should have been a perfectly swell little fight between Joe Louis and Billy Conn.

Dartmouth Mentor Stricken

HANOVER, N.H., Nov. 17—Earl Brown, Dartmouth football coach, was rushed to the hospital last night and will not accompany his team to Ithaca, N.Y., for the Cornell game Saturday. The nature of Brown's illness was not revealed. Backfield Coach Milt Piepul, former fullback at Notre Dame, will direct the team in Brown's absence.

Army-Penn Tilt on Air

The American Forces Network will bring football fans a play by play description of the Army-Penn game tonight, starting at 6.45. AFN and AEF will carry scores of today's games Sunday afternoon at 2.55 and 5.50.

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Pro Averages To Include Ties

CHICAGO, Nov. 17—The system whereby National Football League percentages are figured without taking ties into consideration is all changed now. Hereafter tie games, according to Commissioner Elmer Layden, will be regarded in the standings as a half game won and a half game lost—whatever that means. Curly Lambeau, Green Bay Packers' coach, was informed today by Layden that an official statement on the matter would be forthcoming soon.

Here's how it works. The Washington Redskins with five victories, no defeats and one tie, have been given 1,000 per cent up to now, while the Philadelphia Eagles, with four victories, no defeats and two ties have also been given 1,000. Hereafter Washington's record would give them .917 and Philadelphia would have .833.

It's all as simple as advanced trigonometry. Sports editors now have all this and ticket moochers too.

Major League Ballplayers To Train in North Again in '45

CHICAGO, Nov. 17—There are still no palm trees, orange groves or siestas on sunny southern beaches in store for major league ball players. It was announced today by Leslie O'Connor, secretary to Commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis, that they will train in the north again next spring.

O'Connor said that baseball was in complete accord with the Office of Defense Transportation on the matter and that the athletes will have to endure the cool breezes of the northern states while working the kinks out of their muscles for the third straight year.

ODT said last December that if the war with Germany were over by training time in '45 there was a possibility that the transportation ban would be lifted to allow the clubs to go south. O'Connor said, "But after all, transportation problems are worse than ever now and we are making no changes whatsoever in our plans."

ODT Director J. Monroe Johnson, in Chicago for transportation conferences, said that baseball had been extremely cooperative and that there would be no change in ODT's request for curtailed traveling.

Judge Landis' Condition Fails to Improve

CHICAGO, Nov. 17—Saint Luke's Hospital attaches today described the condition of Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis as "not so satisfactory as it has been." No further comment was forthcoming at the hospital and the aged jurist's personal physician could not be reached.

Landis, who is 77, entered the hospital for a "rest" shortly before the World Series.

American Hockey League

Providence 4, Indianapolis 3

EASTERN DIVISION			
W	L	T	P
Buffalo	6	5	13
Hershey	6	4	13
Providence	2	5	2

WESTERN DIVISION

W	L	T	P
Pittsburgh	7	6	15
Cleveland	5	5	11
St. Louis	2	4	2

By Chester Gould



By Al Capp



Paul Brown Backs Frosh Ban

CHICAGO, Nov. 17—Lt. (jg) Paul Brown, football coach at the Great Lakes Naval Station, is of the opinion that freshmen, regardless of physical and mental maturity, should be banned from varsity football competition "for the good of the game."

"Speaking personally," Brown said, "if I had a 17-year-old son who could make the varsity team at Ohio State I'd let him play."

Brown said he believed freshmen were physically capable of playing football but that the practice would encourage wandering athletes who put their football fortunes ahead of their classroom work.

Bill Cowley Trails Schriener in Ice Race

NEW YORK, Nov. 17—Dave Schriener of the leading Toronto Maple Leafs is setting the scoring pace in the National Hockey League, according to figures released. The Leaf ace has nine goals and six assists to his credit, while Bill Cowley of the Boston Bruins is in second place with six goals and nine assists.

The ten leaders:

PLAYER	TEAM	G	A	P
Schriener	Toronto	9	6	15
Cowley	Boston	6	9	15
Bodnar	Toronto	4	11	15
Carr	Toronto	6	7	13
Howe	Detroit	4	9	13
Blake	Montreal	6	5	11
Bruneteau	Detroit	5	8	10
C. Smith	Chicago	5	8	10
Fraser	Chicago	5	4	9
Lach	Montreal	2	7	9

N.Y. Turf Fans Set New Marks

NEW YORK, Nov. 17—New York's 1944 racing season which ended yesterday was by far the most successful in the history of the sport in this state. Records were broken in attendance, wagering and amount of taxes turned over to the state government. And along with these records a new one undoubtedly was set in the matter of torn up mutual tickets.

Total play for 189 days of racing was \$410,230,402. Attendance was 4,496,788 and the breakage of those pennies which are kept away from the winners so that prices will come out at the next dime amounted to a mere \$3,230,294.56.

The state government is in for about 28 million in taxes, a figure which would have been considered fantastic in '40 when mutuels were introduced in the state. That year the state's take was \$6,066,367.35. In other words, from chicken feed to gravy.



East

Dan Parker of the N.Y. Daily Mirror picks Army to bury Penn, Brown to defeat much-beaten Columbia, Cornell to down Dartmouth, Navy to stop Purdue, and Yale to maintain its unbeaten record against North Carolina.

Midwest

Arch Ward of the Chicago Tribune says Notre Dame will get back into win row against Northwestern, Ohio State will keep rolling against Illinois, Indiana will join the list of winners over weak Pittsburgh, Minnesota will smack Iowa, and Michigan will prove too strong for Wisconsin.

South

Jack Troy of the Atlanta Constitution likes Georgia Tech over Louisiana State, Mississippi State to edge Alabama, Georgia to top Auburn, Tennessee to beat Kentucky, and Florida to win over Miami.

Southwest

Weldon Hart of the Austin American-Statesman thinks Arkansas has too much for Southern Methodist, Texas will belt Texas Christian, the Texas Aggies will beat Rice, Randolph Field will murder Southwestern, and Texas Tech will batter New Mexico.

Far West

Bill Leiser of the San Francisco Chronicle takes Southern Cal over California, UCLA to humble College of the Pacific, Saint Mary's Pre-Flight to eke out victory over Fleet City, the Fourth Air Force to sink San Diego Naval, and the Second Air Force to best the Huskies of Washington.

Hank Gowdy Returning To Reds' Coaching Line

CINCINNATI, Nov. 17—Hank Gowdy, recently released from the Army as a major after serving for two years as director of recreation at the Infantry School, Ft. Benning, Ga., will return to the Reds' coaching line next season and John Lobert, coach during Gowdy's second Army hitch, has been unconditionally released, according to the Reds' front office.

Gowdy was the first major league player to enlist in World War I and was a buck sergeant upon his release after front-line service in France. He entered this war as captain.

Life in Those United States

Democratic Plurality In House at Least 50

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (ANS)—The Democrats will enjoy a plurality of at least 50 members over the Republicans when the new House of Representatives convenes in January, the latest compilation of Nov. 7 election returns showed today.

Barring the possibility of soldier-vote counts swivching results in a few districts, the House will line up this way: Democrats—243; Republicans—190; Progressive—One; American Labor—One. In the present Congress, the Democrats enjoy only a two-man margin.

In the Senate, the Democrats will have 57 members, the Republicans 38 and the Progressive Party a single representative. This would give the Republicans a net gain of one.

CAPITAL SIDESHOW: The Senate confirmed President Roosevelt's nomination of James F. Byrnes as Director of the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion. . . . The President also nominated Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, veterans' administrator, to be administrator of retraining and re-employment for World War II veterans.

Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson, writing in Collier's, gave three reasons why Japan could not be disposed of quickly after the fall of Germany: 1—Japan's navy still is a menace; 2—Her air force continues to expand, and 3—Her army is more powerful than ever.

Because of essential war-items shortages, War Mobilizer Byrnes threatened to halt complete resumption of civilian-goods production. . . . Members of the House Military Affairs Committee headed by Chairman Andrew May (D-Ky.) have completed arrangements to visit European battlefronts before Christmas.



FRANK HINES

Date

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 17 (ANS)—Last August, while hospitalized in British India, Maj. Eugene D. Henry, of Omaha, and Capt. Warren Ludwig, of St. Louis, promised each other to meet again in the U.S. They met again yesterday—in the Winter General Hospital.

He Rides Alone

GLENDALE, Cal., Nov. 17—The applicant for extra gas rations said he couldn't get people to ride with him. "No lifts, no extra gas," the ration board ruled, but relented when the applicant said he operated a hearse.

No Lye

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., Nov. 17 (ANS)—Ivory soap has a better percentage, but according to the Associated Credit Bureaus of America 98 per cent of U.S. citizens are honest. The report is based on records of 40,000,000 persons.

Wants Roaming Buffalo Home Off the Range

BUFFALO, N.Y., Nov. 17 (ANS)—Mayor Joseph J. Kelly today insisted on behalf of servicemen that a stuffed Buffalo be returned to the Central Railroad Terminal lobby where it symbolized the city for five years.

Kelly said letters had been received "from soldiers, one as far away as Egypt, saying that they want to see the Buffalo in the station when they return." The bison was sent back to its owner, the Buffalo Museum of Science, by Miles R. Dwyer, division superintendent of the New York Central. He said it needed repair and that he feared that playful travelers placing lighted cigarettes in its mouth might set it afire.

Museum officials said the animal could be repaired and fireproofed "in ten minutes."

Donnell Wins in Missouri

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Sept. 17 (AP)—Although no one thought it was possible, GOP Gov. Forrest C. Donnell finally has won out in his battle with Roy McKittick in the State's U.S. Senate race by 1,766 votes.

Donnell was assured of election yesterday when the tally of votes in Democratic St. Louis was completed. It slashed his margin, but failed to wipe it out. As in 1940, when he was named governor, Donnell was the only Republican to win a major state encounter.

F. C. DONNELL

No Hits, No Runs, No Errors—If This Gadget Works

ROCHESTER, N.Y., Nov. 17 (ANS)—Comes that big day—the one after the war—the cops are going to find life a picnic with nary a hit-run case to solve. At least, Kenneth W. Jarvis, Chicago consulting engineer, predicted as much yesterday at the annual meeting of the Radio Manufacturers' Association.

Jarvis said a proposed device could automatically stop a moving car when an object loomed before it. A sound-receiving and projecting device would control the brakes and gasoline feed, determine the distance to the nearest object and slow the vehicle or stop it if there were a possibility of impact.

Whiff of Freedom

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 17 (AP)—A husband seeking a divorce complained he was forced to enter a hospital three times and became a nervous wreck because he was allergic to onions and his wife insisted on eating them. The Judge, granting the divorce, said the husband "had a strong case."

Southhoof

CAMP LEE, Va., Nov. 17 (ANS)—The quartermaster's shoe-repair unit here has informed WAC Pvt. Fortha Defeau that "we are glad to fix your shoes, but better co-operation on your part is necessary. After careful study we find that it is impossible for anyone to have two left feet." She had sent in two left-footed boots.

Between Acts, He Saw 'The Walking Dead' Says He Slashed 2 Women, 1 for Greed, 1 for Cussedness

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 17—Otto Steve Wilson, dapper 32-year-old cook who confessed to the crime yesterday, told police today how within a few hours he backed to death two women—one because she was greedy and the other "just for cussedness." Between the two slayings he attended the motion picture "The Walking Dead," Wilson said.

Wilson's first victim was Mrs. Virgie Griffin, philandering 25-year-old wife of a truck driver, whom Wilson met and picked up on Skid Row, a district of taverns and burlesque houses.

"She propositioned me and we went to a hotel room. She wanted more money. I knocked her on the jaw, got mad and cut her up," Wilson explained. Wilson, a recent Navy dischargee, said he then went to the movie and met Mrs. Lillian Johnson, 45, wife of a merchant seaman, who accompanied him to another hotel. "She didn't want any money. I cut her up for cussedness," he explained. Wilson was arrested at a bar near the two hotels after his description had been broadcast. His fingerprints tallied with those found in the rooms.

Tea for Two, and Christmas, Too



U.S. soldiers at the front stop for a spot of cheer from home and from their quondam home. Top photo proves that it does get through, as three members of an armored unit in Belgium open a Christmas parcel. Left to right, the GIs are Sgts. Bill Northwood, of Grosse Pointe, Mich.; Bill Lane, of Hardwicke, Vt., and R. A. Wenierof, of Los Angeles. Below, Sgt. Bill Hedrich, of Chicago, queues up with a Tommy at a British YMCA mobile canteen in Holland for a spot of tea.

A Dangerous Curve Well Rounded

Rough GI Riding Facing Her, Irene Bumps It Out Smoothly

By Gerald Brekke

Stars and Stripes Special Correspondent

AN AIR SERVICE COMMAND DEPOT, Nov. 17—More than 3,000 quizzical air-force GIs went to see Irene Manning with her troupe of "different" USO entertainers at this depot last night. Many arrived carrying copies of The Stars and Stripes containing the B-Bag letter



MISS MANNING

which toasted Miss Manning for reputedly implying that her show was maybe a teensie weensie bit superior to those of other USO troupers, and they were ready to make the comparison. But when the show started and the Ohio-born star of such hits as "Harvest Moon," "Desert Song" and "Yankee Doodle Dandy" bumped a few of her more prominent curves at the house, all doubts were settled. This show was "different"—but only because of the expert quality of Miss Manning's curves. And when singer Merriell Harvo, of Dayton, Ohio, a member of the show, playfully tugged Miss Manning's super-stylish evening gown into an even more dazzling position, the program would have been a hit even if she hadn't sung a note. Between gaps, the audience heard her warble several classical numbers, plus "Amor," a duet with Miss Harvo. As for her statement that her enter-

tainers were "different," Miss Manning said: "I was misquoted. What I really meant was that our show is different because it is of the concert variety."

(Two Stars and Stripes reporters, present at Miss Manning's London press conference, heard her say: "I selected the young ladies because of their reputation in the concert field. They're not from the show world. They're refined, skilled people.")

Regarding Peggy Wood, Broadway actress starring in the stage play "Blithe Spirit," one of the "other" USO shows in the U.K., Miss Manning said, "I think Peggy Wood is a wonderful actress. I've worshipped at her shrine for many years, and it is a real treat of the theater to see her."

More Advances Scored in Italy

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Nov. 17 (UP)—British and Indian troops on the right flank of the Fifth Army yesterday captured Modigliana, a road hub south of Faenza.

They walked in unopposed, but it had taken a week of fighting to force the Germans to give up the town and the heights to the east.

U.S. troops farther west made gains of over a mile in the Serchio Valley.

Eighth Army troops improved their positions north and west of Forli. The floods holding up the Eighth's right flank on the Adriatic were made worse when the Germans blew up the banks of the Fiumi Uniti, joint channel of the Montone and Ronco rivers below Ravenna.

Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



By Milton Caniff

FDR Wants Early Action On Peace Draft

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17—President Roosevelt at his press conference today expressed hope that Congress this year would pass legislation providing for a year's peacetime service for young men in the U.S.

(Earlier in the week, Associated Press reported that opposition appeared to be mounting on Capitol Hill for any quick move on Congress' part to pass legislation for compulsory peacetime training.)

The President did not specify military service and refused to be pinned down on what sort of service he meant. The basic idea, he said, was that every man between 18 and 23 should give at least

Presidential Profanity Shocks the Ministers

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (UP)—President Roosevelt has shocked the Ministerial Association of Glendale, Calif.

Members read a report in Time Magazine that when the President was casting his vote at a voting machine he was heard to mutter: "The God-damned thing won't work."

The Glendale Association has gently reprimanded him. In a letter, Mr. Roosevelt was told:

"We earnestly pray that you may feel contrition at your shocking profanity and seek forgiveness and publicly apologize to reassure your faithful constituents and friends whom you have so gravely grieved."

one year of service to his country. He did not elaborate, either, whether women would be included in the plan.

Mr. Roosevelt also said no progress had been made toward a planned meeting between himself, Winston Churchill and Marshal Stalin. He reiterated a remark of last week—all three wanted to see each other as soon as possible.

Asked whether he planned to accept Gen. deGaulle's invitation to visit Paris, the President said he hoped to some day, but it was still vague since he felt it more important to see Churchill.

'Recount' Ups Jap Ship Toll

Japanese shipping losses in the raid on Manila by American carrier-based planes earlier this week were greater than first reported, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz's headquarters said yesterday, listing the total number sunk as one cruiser, four destroyers and 11 merchantmen and tankers.

Previous accounts had said only that 14 warships and cargo vessels had been sunk or damaged.

Meanwhile, the fighting on Leyte was restricted by heavy tropical rains, though troops of the 24th Infantry Division and the First Cavalry Division continued to pound back the enemy salient at Limon, where the Japs were under bombardment from long-range guns.

Japanese broadcasts yesterday said 40 American planes had raided positions on Borneo Thursday and that a Superfortress had flown yesterday over Kyushu, southernmost island of Japan without dropping bombs.

Reds 4 Miles From Budapest

MOSCOW, Nov. 17 (UP)—Russian troops were slowly grinding their way yesterday into the southern outskirts of Budapest, with about only four miles to go to reach Pest, the part of Budapest on the east bank of the Danube. East of the city, the Russians were last reported 14 miles from Pest.

The Red Army now holds the main roads leading to the Hungarian capital from the south, east and northeast.

The Russian southern bridgehead over the Danube at Batina was steadily expanded in preparation for what is expected to be a big new drive toward Austria.

Hazel Was the Apple Of S & S Eyes Only

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ., Nov. 17—She may have been the toast of London for two days—feted as one of the finalists in The Stars and Stripes' WAC beauty contest—but when Cpl. Hazel Apple, of El Paso, Tex., got back to base here, she had to go on KP. It was next turn on the roster, and Hazel had it.