

Haben Sie Trinkwasser?  
Habun Zee Trinkwasser?  
Have you drinking water?

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J'ai soif  
Jay swaf  
I'm thirsty

## Flight



From Aachen's raid shelters, where they covered during the assault on the city, a German mother and lad, a white surrender flag in his hand, head for the American lines and, eventually, a refugee camp in Belgium.

## 550 Heavies Hit Cologne Fourth Time in 5 Days

More than 550 Fortresses and Liberators went back to Cologne yesterday, hitting industrial targets and marshalling yards there and at Kassel.

It was their fourth attack in the last five days against Cologne, the Rhine industrial city which is supplying the German forces along the Siegfried Line. Cologne lies only 40 miles east of Aachen. Kassel is also an important war industry center.

Bombing was by instrument through a solid overcast. Ack-ack was light and no enemy aircraft arose in opposition.

More than 450 Thunderbolts and Mustangs escorted the heavies.

Ninth Air Force Havocs Tuesday bombed a railway bridge at Euskirchen, an important link in Nazi communications 30 miles southeast of Aachen.

Hampered by bad weather, Ninth fighter-bombers bombed rail targets at Bad Kreuznach, Bellheim and Rheimbarn in the Rhineland.

## Germans Organize New Home Guard

Adolf Hitler issued a decree yesterday calling up all available German men between 16 and 60 to be organized as "people's storm troops"—a Nazified home guard for defense of the fatherland.

Conscripts get no uniforms, only arm bands. Their boss will be Heinrich Himmler.

"The working men of Germany will take up arms the moment their home district and place of work is threatened," a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman told correspondents in Berlin. Their importance was obvious, he said, "taking into consideration the possibility of breakthroughs on the fighting front and airborne landings in the rear."

## 7 More Isles Fall; Manila Hit Again

U.S. carrier planes continued their pre-invasion blitz against the Manila area yesterday, while Adm. Chester W. Nimitz disclosed that the grip on the Caroline Islands, probable jumping-off bases for the impending advance to the Philippines, had been strengthened by seven new landings.

Units of the 82nd Infantry Division landed unopposed on Ulihi Atoll, just east of Yap and some 1,000 miles from Manila, and also occupied six neighboring islets. The landings, supported by warships whose guns were not needed, were made Sept. 20-21 but were kept secret until now because it was thought possible the Japanese were unaware of them.

In the latest Manila raid, Navy planes bombed airfields, military bases and supply lines in the northern Philippines. Enemy reports said 16 of 80 participating planes were shot down.

Meanwhile, Washington announced that not a Superfortress was lost in the latest B29 blow against Formosa. Thus, for three Superfort raids against that island in four days, only one bomber was lost. Photo reconnaissance of the latest mission, 20th Bomber Command said, "reveals excellent results. Of the 34 major buildings of the Okayama target all but two have now been destroyed and most of the subsidiary buildings have also been hit."

Enemy reports told of still a fourth Superfort raid, this time against Swatow, port on the Chinese mainland opposite Formosa. There was no immediate confirmation from U.S. sources.

CHUNGKING, Oct. 18 (AP)—A supplement to Gen. Stilwell's communique disclosed today that Japanese shipping suffered even heavier losses than first reported from Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault's bomber attack on Hong Kong on Oct. 16.

## Reds Deepen Czech Wedge

Soviet troops of the Fourth Ukrainian Army swept into Czechoslovakia to a depth of 12 to 30 miles along a front of 170 miles, Moscow announced last night.

Marshal Stalin disclosed this breaching of the Carpathians in an order of the day as troops to the south steadily pushed back the Germans in Belgrade and Gen. Ivan Chernyakhovsky's new offensive against East Prussia moved within sight of the Nazi frontier station of Eydtkyhn, on the Kaunas-Konigsberg road.

Stalin's report, the first dealing with the Carpathian fighting in weeks, said the Russians broke through the Jablnica, Uzhok, Tartar and three lesser-known passes, captured the Czech towns of Jasina, five miles inside the border, and Rahov, 20 miles inside, and seized the northern Transylvanian town of Sighet, 82 miles north of Cluj.

### No Blood, No Guts

WITH THE THIRD ARMY, Oct. 18 (AP)—A shell from one of the Germans' huge railway guns landed within eight feet of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton today.

The shell was a dud and the General was not injured.

## Iron Ring at Aachen Hurls Back Probing Thrusts by Germans; Yanks Mopping Up Inside City

### Doleful Duo Due for Durance



It's usually called "durance vile," but for this Nazi pair it means a duration-plus stay in a U.S. Army PW camp. Captured in Aachen, the two sit moodily on a barrow under the watchful eye and ready trigger of a First Army doughboy as they wait to be moved.

## Military Rule of Reich Outlined; Allies Will Execute Guerillas

SHAEF, Oct. 18 (UP)—Death will be the penalty for Germans who wage partisan warfare against the Allies or who attempt to interfere with Allied progress after their part of Germany has been occupied.

The complete plan for the military government of Germany was revealed at SHAEF today by Brig. Gen. Julius Holmes, assistant chief of staff of SHAEF's G5 section. He emphasized that the plan would apply until organized resistance ended, after which the Allied governments will fix and administer their respective zones of occupation.

The French will take part in the military government of Germany, Holmes revealed. Gen. DeLatre de Tassigny's First French Army will set up its own military government on the same lines as the British and Americans.

The apprehension of war criminals and the elimination of Nazism are declared objects of the military government along with ensuring the health and safety of the occupying armies and maintaining public order. As the Allies advance German government will be suspended immediately and Allied military government will take its place.

May Use German Police  
Nazis will not be allowed to work with Allied administrators, Holmes said, except in exceptional instances where minor members of the party may be found to be the only people capable of doing certain jobs. Asked whether the Allies would use German police, Holmes said it would depend on circumstances.

Germans tried by Allied military courts will be given every chance for a fair trial, including the right to call and cross-examine witnesses, and will have the right to appeal to a higher military authority. The supreme commander will have power to review and alter any decision by any German court.

Allied military marks will be the compulsory currency. German private property will not be seized, but government and party property will. Normal business will be allowed.

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## Venray Captured, Allies Push On in South Holland

Probing for a weak spot in the First Army's ring around Aachen, German troops and tanks attacked American positions near Wuerselen yesterday, but were beaten off by infantry and artillery fire.

The attack, which broke a spell of 30 hours of relative quiet on the sector, was not on a large scale, and it was believed that the Nazis were hunting a soft place against which they might muster a stronger assault.

One front correspondent estimated that the Germans' previous attempts to regain Aachen had resulted in at least two enemy divisions being virtually wiped out.

Battles on Rooftops  
A Reuter correspondent in Aachen, calling the fight for the city "one of extraordinary contrasts," said American troops were working their way through gardens, down fire escapes and over rooftops to clear the Nazi garrison from hideouts.

One First Army lieutenant talked 100 Nazis into surrendering their pillbox.

Sterner methods were needed elsewhere. The crew of one pillbox, sheltered from grenades or artillery by an office building in the line of fire, gave up when a doughboy squad circled the position,



set up a mortar on a nearby roof and fired "white smoke" phosphorous shells against the pillbox, setting the building ablaze.

In southern Holland, the six-day fight for Venray, junction of five strategic roads, ended in victory for British Second Army bayonets and American First Army tanks supporting the Tommies. The Venray forces then advanced two miles southeast in a move to link up with British units pushing eastward toward the Meuse, four miles away.

A report from SHAEF said demolitions were carried out yesterday at Bressens, Nazi stronghold in the Scheldt pocket. Canadian troops were having tough going against the dug-in foe and bad weather.

## Hurricane Batters Western Cuba

A 100-mile-an-hour hurricane battered Havana and western Cuba yesterday, and warnings were hoisted throughout the Florida Keys and the South Florida mainland.

A late dispatch from Miami, however, said that the storm had passed into the Gulf of Mexico, appearing to indicate that the threat to Florida had passed.

There were no immediate reports on damage in Cuba.

## Not 'Too Good to Be True'

Photog Comes Out of His Ditch to Tell How Dramatic Picture Snapped Itself

The story behind one of the most remarkable combat pictures of the war (reprinted at right)—a shot caught at the moment a German shell burst near two American soldiers with a towering spray of Dutch earth—was told yesterday by the Signal Corps cameraman who snapped it.

The picture, printed on page one of The Stars and Stripes Oct. 11, was taken by Pfc Murray Poznak, of Newark, N.J., a pre-war free-lance photographer before he entered the service 22 months ago.

When Poznak's shot reached London a week ago, it was thought too good to be true—and The Stars and Stripes' caption carried the same thought. Yesterday the 21-year-old combat cameraman told how he got it—by accident, he said modestly.

"Don Sothorn, another Signal Corps cameraman, and myself were up with the — paratroop infantry during an advance near Arnhem, Holland," he explained.

"Suddenly the Jerries started shelling the entire area Sothorn and myself headed for the nearest ditch.

"After sweating out a half-dozen shells we poked our heads out. Everything seemed quiet and we brought our cameras above ground. Two GIs in the apple orchard crawled out and started to cross the field.

"I began panning my camera along as they advanced and tried to keep them framed in my viewfinder. My finger was on the front shutter release when the explosion took place.

"The noise caught me by surprise and I accidentally set the shutter release off.

"The picture you published was the result."



## Pulls Siegfried Teeth With 75

WITH AN AMERICAN TANK BATTALION, Germany, Oct. 13 (delayed) (AP)—Lt. Joseph H. "Skeeter" Dew, 24-year-old tank platoon leader from Redfield, Ia., has been recommended for a decoration for heroically climbing out of his tank and aiming his 75-mm. gun to breach some Siegfried Line defenses in complete disregard of enemy fire from near-by pillboxes which had stopped the infantry.

A Sherman tank was only 15 feet from a row of "dragon's teeth," concrete tank barriers. It was too close to use sights,

so Dew, squatting on the front of the tank, sighted along the barrel of the "75" and gave the order to fire.

He continued sighting in this manner until the powerful "75" had blown a row of four "dragon's teeth" to bits, leaving a gap through which the tank and the rest of the platoon rumbled on toward the pillboxes.

In the ensuing battle, the Germans knocked out a couple of his tanks, killing two men and wounding six, but Dew helped to even the score, destroying two anti-tank guns and forcing another to withdraw.



An Editorial

# Who Wants His Pan in the Paper?



Private . . . and his buddies on the Western Front. Home-town papers please copy. share of the credit in print, will you take time out to think? peace we're after, it's worth more than anybody's name in print.

To think that the things we're fighting for in this war are a dam-sight bigger than anybody's puss in the paper. That if we win the

To think that freedom is wonderful and forever young . . . that nothing's as old as yesterday's paper.

## Hash Marks

A Special Service outfit in France is set up in a building that makes the famed Pentagon look like a simple structure. Lost in a corridor we asked a sergeant, "Where is Col. Blank's office?" "I don't know," he replied blithely, "I've only been working here three weeks."

Fun on the Home Front. A delinquent grammar school youngster asked his pop, "When I bring home my report card why



do you always sign it with an 'X'?" Pop replied wearily, "I don't want the teacher to think that anyone who can read and write would have a son like that."

And then there was the guy who married a widow with four kids so he would be re-classified out of I-A. But the draft board got him anyway. They said any man brave enough to do a thing like that was just what the armed forces needed.

The next time guys of a certain armored division unit send a man foraging for potatoes they won't send Sgt. Robert Hansler. Told that he could find some spuds in a field near his bivouac, Hansler set off only to come back a few minutes later shouting, "What are you guys trying to do—kid me? There are no potatoes on those vines."

Signs of the Times: Scrawled on the wall of the hold of a Liberty ship transporting troops to the Continent is this inspired inscription: "Join the Navy and See the World."—"Join the Army and C-Rations."

Unsigned verse left in our typewriter: The girl who went riding in a jeep And had to walk back home. Had better beware of airplanes 'Til her wings are fully grown.

A WAVE on the home front reports that the letters received from "Somewhere in England" and "Somewhere in France" when answered are headed "No Man's Land."

Take Your Choice: A statistician claims that marriage is a preventive



against suicide. And suicide is a preventive against marriage, we suppose.

Overheard in the Blackout: A girl commented to her girl-friend: "How many lessons did you take to learn to make love?" "I didn't count them, dearie, all I know is that they came by male."

J. C. W.

HOWD you like to have your puss in the paper, Joe?

Well, here's your chance. Just pull your pencil out of your pocket and fill in the blank space in the picture with your features—or a reasonable facsimile thereof.

Then write your name in the caption, cut it out and send it home. You'll be a hero, Joe—a success—a guy whose pan was printed in the paper.

We're sorry we can't do better by you. We wish we had the space, the reporters and cameramen to get around. We wish the censors would release some units still on the secret list. We'd like to write up the whole team—but that's impossible. The team's too big, the paper too small.

So may we make a suggestion, Joe? Next time you get upset because you're not getting your

## S & S Writers Ring the Gong

# Books on Fliers' War Meaty Works

**AIR GUNNER.** By Sgt. Bud Hutton and Sgt. Andy Rooney. New York: Farrar and Rinehart. \$2.50. This review of a book by two staff writers of The Stars and Stripes was written specially for the Stars and Stripes by Lewis Gannett, whose column, "Books and Things" has been a "must" for New York Herald Tribune readers since 1928. Author, critic and translator, Gannett is now a war correspondent in the ETO, on leave from his reviewing chores.

By Lewis Gannett

These sergeants wrote a book that doesn't sound a bit like a communique, and even less like a war correspondent's glory-story. There's nothing about strategic bombing in it, no map (and no reason for one), no oratorical hunting, and hardly anything about the authors' own extraordinary adventures.

When your mother or your sister gets through reading this book they'll know pretty much how an air gunner eats, sleeps, bellyaches and talks—what makes him tick. Maybe your mother will gasp a bit in spots, and gulp in others. But what makes "Air Gunner" good is that probably an air gunner could read it without vomiting.

The sergeants suggest on one page that gunners never read. Maybe they meant it. But on another page they let fall that one of the Air Forces' problem children, a turret-gunner known as Arizona Harris, who went down in the Bay of Biscay because he was too busy firing at a couple of FWs to think about getting out, sometimes wrote poetry. They

say it was bad poetry, but the story suggests that he sometimes read a book.

It's the Army pose to be belligerently lowbrow and tough, and "Air Gunner" holds the Army pose. It doesn't fit all the home-paper patterns. These boys don't spend their leaves looking at pretty Tudor villages; they go to London and toss their money around Piccadilly. Then they go back and shoot at Germans "not because they hate them but because they refuse to let the Germans be better at anything than they are." They hate flak not because it kills but because you can't fire back at it. These gunners like to compete with something, particularly when it's good, and they say the Luftwaffe is good.

### Loathe Correspondents

They loathe correspondents whose stories suggest that any Yank is better than ten Germans, and headlines that report our losses as low. The headline the boys who came back from the murderous Schweinfurt raid liked best said "Six Hundred American Airmen Lost." That was what they remembered about it, and there would be a better understanding between Home Front and War Front if PROs, SHAEF, briefers and censors, correspondents and make-up editors came closer to their way of looking at things.

They don't like to talk about the constant change of faces at the mess-table, but they live with it. They know that an average four per cent loss per raid means that 25 missions are enough, and they have a lot of fun.

"Air Gunner" sounds to this ex-book reviewer and amateur war correspondent like the kind of book fighting Americans would like to have written about them. It is utterly lacking in what the authors call the "Holy Grail-cum-Shining Armor" mood. The book has a GI airman flavor, and that's praise.

**FIGHTERS UP.** By Sgt. Samuel W. Taylor and Capt. Eric Friedheim, edited by Maj. Arthur Gordon. 220 pp. 14 64 at Pks. Royalties devoted to the Air Forces' Aid Society.

By Richard Wilbur

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

To many chairborne GIs, including this one, it's a matter of great wonder that a Thunderbolt pilot can in the first place get his six-ton plane off the ground.

That a Thunderbolt pilot can also slam that seven-ton plane through the air at 400 miles an hour, maneuver its "power of 2,000 horses" in combat in apparently all directions between the ground and 30,000 feet up, blast the hell out of Nazi individuals and installations, get back to earth, and still be a natural American—these matters make a chairborne GI like

## Notes from the Air Force

It was "Pennsylvania Day" in the vicinity of Wesel, Germany, when 1/Lt. Robert H. Ammon, of Reading, and Edward H. Beavers Jr., of Scranton, and 2/Lt. Raymond D. Mayer, of Swissvale, destroyed four of the six planes shot down by the Mustang group led by Col. John D. Henry Jr., of San Antonio, Tex.

Maj. James N. Wood, of Riverton, N.J., who was recently appointed a squadron commander in the Thunderbolt group headed by Lt. Col. Philip E. Tukey Jr., has been awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action.

THE Fortress group commanded by Lt. Col. Robert W. Burns, of Ecu, Miss., recently completed 200 combat missions, dropping 10,125 tons of bombs on Nazi targets.

this one very damn glad also to be American.

The same wonder and respect go for Mustang and Lightning pilots doing their stuff with equal guts.

"Fighters Up" does a great deal to increase your admiration for fighter pilots. A highly readable, though sprawling, kind of book, it shows what kind of guys these Eighth and Ninth Air Force fighter pilots are, and how they do their jobs. It also includes an ample supply of statistics as of D-Day, shortly after which the book went to press.

One of the best pilots told the authors of "Fighters Up" that combat flying was the greatest sport in the world. "There's no more exciting game," he said. "The stakes are supreme; they're not money, but human lives."

This game—a game in the same sense that 2,000 pounds of high explosive can be considered a doodlebug—is admirably detailed by Taylor and Friedheim. They tell you how, in this game, one slip can mean you're finished, how an expert who doesn't make slips can be finished by flak, how one pilot dictated his last will and testament by radio telephone before he bailed out over Europe.

### Particulars Stand Out

Some notable particulars stand out. There's a penetrating chapter on Bob Johnson, second high-scoring American ace in the ETO for planes destroyed in aerial combat, which shows what makes him tick both in the air and on the ground.

One chapter by itself, A Snapshot of Berlin, is worth your one-and-six. A Snapshot of Berlin is a quiet, masterly study of that lone non-combatant over enemy territory, the photo recon pilot.

Other notable particulars include the experiences of three Mustang sergeant-pilots, one of whom once admitted, "Scars hell out of me, a jeep. It won't bank on the turns," and a French peasant's ground view of a bombing and strafing attack by Lightnings.

The book involved plenty of hard work to produce, and offers plenty of reward for readers. Royalties from sale of the book are to go to the Air Forces' Aid Society.

## AFN Radio Program

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- 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.
  - 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.
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- 0755—Sign On—Program Resume.
  - 0800—World News.
  - 0805—Songs by Anita Ellis.
  - 0830—Music by Lenzy Conn.
  - 0900—Headlines—Combat Diary.
  - 0915—Personal Album.
  - 0930—Waltz Time, with Nora Martin.
  - 1000—Headlines—Morning Air (Fred Allen).
  - 1030—Strike up the Band.
  - 1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
  - 1105—Duffie Bag.
  - 1200—News.
  - 1205—Duffie Bag.
  - 1300—Headlines—Sports News.
  - 1305—Corporal Saddlebags.
  - 1330—Bonnie.
  - 1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour.
  - 1500—Headlines—French Lesson.
  - 1505—Strike up the Band.
  - 1530—On the Record.
  - 1630—Music We Love.
  - 1700—Headlines—Showtime.
  - 1715—Canadian Swing Show.
  - 1740—Melody Roundup.
  - 1755—American Sports News.
  - 1800—World News.
  - 1805—GI Supper Club.
  - 1855—Mark up the Map.
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  - 2000—Headlines—Combat Diary.
  - 2015—Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians.
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## THE B BAG

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

### They Earned Those 'Bags'

Oct. 12, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
We quote, "Who in the hell do you think you are—don't blouse those pants soldier; you are not a paratroop yet." That was an instructor in paratroop jump school hollering at a boy going through it. We go through all sorts of training, if you can't do 50 push-ups when they tell you, if you lose your nerve on the "shock harness," if you can't make a 12-mile run without stopping—out you go—all is lost.

Brother, we sweated blood all through school—we made the first jump after sweating a long time, it wasn't bad; then we went up to make our second jump—we knew what was going to happen but we wondered if it would—don't think you don't "sweat it out." We finally got to blouse our pants and they give us our wings and we are really proud of them too.

Then we go to town. What do we see? QM, SOS, Air Corps, other units, all wearing boots with their pants bloused. Do you think that is right? We don't. We have one thing to say: Don't let it happen in the States unless you are authorized to wear them. Someone is going to get their feelings hurt and we are not kidding.—Some Wounded Paratroops back from Holland.

### How Big Is the Monster?

Oct. 16, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
Not to but-in on the arguments on "You wanna go Home," etc., but we, as ardent fans of the comic strip Li'l Abner, are desperate to know the height of the monster who has our Li'l Abner captive?—Guys from Gyn No. 4, ETO, Lt. Gerald Smith, Cpl. Bernard F. Kirkner, Cpl. Gerard Murray, Cpl. Edward Olszewski, Cpl. Michel Oslawski, Cpl. Clifford Green.

[So are we.—Ed.]

### Anyway, She's Pretty

Oct. 12, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
In regards to the picture of "ETO's Prettiest WAC" in today's issue, I would like to know if she has been reduced from Sgt. I have had the pleasure of corresponding with her since the early part of 1943. In fact we began our correspondence while she was still in the States. The last letter I received from her she was a Sgt., and if she is still a Sgt. I'm sure she would like to have the Cpl. amended to read "Sgt. Ruby Newell." I might add I agree with her "backers."—M/Sgt. J. W. Thompkins.  
[Cpl. Newell's picture was sent in from an air base with that rank identifying it.—Ed.]

### Salvo to Cavalry Recon

Oct. 7, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
I have read in The Stars and Stripes about almost every outfit imaginable—combat or otherwise—and of their great deeds. I am not trying to deprive those of their credit, but I think that someone has forgotten about the Cavalry Recon. outfits. So won't you give us at least an honorable mention?

I need not say what we have done—for the doughboys and the tankers with whom we work know only too well. We have no "Combat Badge" to show, even though we fight right alongside of the infantry—that extra pay would also add to our encouragement—but then maybe we are too small in number to bother with? I (and a lot of others) would like some comments on this subject.—A Hopeful Cavalryman in a Hosp.

### Red Cross Likes Us, Too

Oct. 13, 1944

Dear Stars and Stripes,  
Sgt. Don Groth, R.C.D., filled my heart with joy by his letter printed Oct. 11, regarding American Red Cross volunteers. It has been my responsibility and pleasure ever since Red Cross came to this Theater to recruit volunteers for the ARC. I think it is only fair, in return, to tell Sgt. Groth and all the GIs for whom he speaks how much the volunteers enjoy serving the American Forces.

It would take all the pages in many issues of The Stars and Stripes to print all the warmhearted expressions of admiration and esteem of our soldiers who've come my way from the volunteers. Thanks a lot, Sgt. Groth.—Mrs. Frances Yates, Director, Volunteer Staff Division, ARC.



"It's Growing! My victory garden's growing!"



# Veteran Rainbow Corner Mentor Prepares for Third Boxing Season



Stars and Stripes Photos by Cordaro

Wally May, ex-trainer of former British Empire heavyweight champ Len Harvey, is back at his old stand at Rainbow Corner getting things ready for the big opening Oct. 31. Not only is Wally painting ring posts and answering the usual phone calls from ring hopefuls, he's also getting some of the boys in shape. Working out on the bag is Leo Matricianni, Air Force titlist who acts as Billy Conn's sparring mate.

## Once Over Lightly

By Charlie Kiley

NEW YORK, Oct. 18—It looks like Saint Thomas is going to get kicked out of "Heaven" again. The pugilistic saint of Father Divine's cult had his wings clipped in no uncertain manner by heavyweight Melio Bettina the other night in Philadelphia. Cpl. Bettina, without the horns of Satan, required only 16 seconds of the third round to flatten Thomas and start the angels singing.

It was a terrific blow to the good father, as well as the disappointed and perhaps disillusioned brethren and sisters, because it was only last week that they absolved the errant Saint of past sins and shepherded him back to the fold.

In fact, they dispatched several members of their heavenly choir to Brother Thomas' dressing room, where they sang "Violence Serenade" before the bout. The serenade was supposed to make Saint "invincible" and immune to soldier Bettina's diabolical attacks. But somewhere along the line something went wrong, for it was apparent to all that left-handed Bettina used not Satanic pitchforks but solid southpaw smashes to Saint's soft middle to put him away.

Fred Irvin, Thomas' manager, says it was an accident. Father Divine suspects his fallen sparrow sinned since his absolution and was punished. All Saint Thomas remembers is that he heard the angels singing.

Ted Broadribb, British manager of Freddie Mills and onetime pilot of Tommy Farr, has, through a self-styled "American representative" called Babe Culnan, allegedly put the blast on Joe Louis for expressing, at the request of boxing writers, his opinion of Mills as a fighter. In effect, Joe said Mills was a bum, which sounded strange coming from the sergeant because heretofore it has been characteristic of him not to belittle men of his trade.

Taking Mills solely on his record as a light heavy battling a poor crop of heavies in Britain, writers have decided Mills is not qualified to tackle Louis. It's funny, but the same writers didn't squawk half as loud when Mike Jacobs and the like matched Joe with worthy contenders like Nathan Mann, Harry Thomas, Jack Roper, Johnny Paycheck, Al McCoy, Red Burman, Gus Dorazio, Abe Simon, Tony Musto and pug-uglies of a like caliber. No, Joe, it doesn't pay to throw rocks.

## Hot AL Race Jumped Gate

CHICAGO, Oct. 18—President Will Harridge announced today that the hottest American League race in history lured 4,798,158 paying guests into the loop's eight ball parks—an increase of over 1,100,000 over last year. In making the announcement, Harridge stated that the jump in paid attendances presages a great post-war boom.

The Detroit Tigers, who weren't knocked out of the race until the last day, drew the largest number of fans in the league—923,176, more than 300,000 better than they drew last year. And the St. Louis Browns, who clinched the pennant on the last day, had the biggest percentage increase. Their '43 attendance of 214,392 was more than doubled.

Those who, like Joe McCarthy of the Yankees, think baseball is a daytime game, got some satisfaction from the fact that the Washington Senators, who played almost exclusively at night, were the only club in the league to show a decrease.

## Randolph Gets Bowl 'Invite'

HOUSTON, Tex., Oct. 18—Maybe there is such a thing as a football team being "just too good" after all. Members of the mighty Randolph Field grid team, which has rolled all over three Southwest Conference eleven this year, began to think so today when they were invited "not to participate" in the Cotton Bowl game next New Year's Day.

Four of the conference coaches said that if bowl officials chose a conference champion in keeping with custom, Randolph Field would not be an advisable opponent.

It was agreed that the Fliers have one of the best, if not the best, teams in the nation and that they don't belong "in the same league with college teams."

### Landis on Mend

CHICAGO, Oct. 18—The condition of Kenesaw Mountain Landis, baseball's high commissioner, who entered Saint Luke's hospital here just before the World Series to undergo treatment for a cold, was much improved today and the Judge said he intends to return home in a few days.

## Weekly Ring Programs Start At Rainbow Corner Oct. 31

By Mark E. Senigo

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

Joe Louis may be on the verge of tossing off a literary opus and Billy Conn may be headed for the Mediterranean, but the big news today for addicts of the antics of the squared ring is the announcement of the re-opening of London's Rainbow Corner boxing programs, the GI Madison Square Garden of the ETO. The third season of fistic activity at the Shaftesbury Avenue hall begins Tuesday, Oct. 31, and is expected to continue every Tuesday through the early spring months.

This new season of punch sessions will see many familiar faces absent. The famous 29th Division Blues, who swept all before them in the two past seasons, are at present busy in France. Barring furloughs, such crowd-thrillers as Charlie Schnappauf, Don Webber and George Spontak will not appear. In the heavyweight class the fans will miss rugged Vince Kozak, ETO titlist who was killed in the Normandy fighting.



VINCE KOZAK

However, there is an abundance of new talent, coupled with enough former stars to give Hank Lacy a wealth of material from which to draw his cards. Our pipeline informs us that Hank already has planned an excellent opening night program.

Also starting his third season at the Corner is Wally May, the rotund trainer who piloted Len Harvey to the heavyweight championship of the British Empire. Wally presides over a gym complete with bags, rowing machines, jumping ropes and other paraphernalia of the sport, which is available every day to servicemen on leave or stationed in London. These weekly bouts are staged by the American Red Cross Athletic Department in conjunction with the Army's Special Service Division. As in the past, travel to London by fighters on Army orders is authorized. Boxers will be billeted and fed at Red Cross clubs. Special Service officers seeking contests for men in their commands should contact Lacy at the Rainbow Corner, Shaftesbury Ave., London.

## Pete Cawthon Absolved Of Blame for Tiger Losses

BROOKLYN, Oct. 18—You'd think that with Leo the Lip Durocher still hanging around Flatbush after all the shame and suffering that his Bums have gone through of late, people would come to realize that they don't fire sports bosses in Brooklyn for a little thing like a bagful of defeats. But it seems the local folks never learn, so Tony Gallery, general manager of the Brooklyn Tigers' football team had to come out today and squelch some very mean rumors concerning the scalp of Coach Pete Cawthon.

Said Mr. Gallery: "Responsibilities for our three losses so far this season definitely are not his but due to causes beyond human control."

## Tigers' Foresight Pays Off for Scribes

DETROIT, Oct. 18—The Detroit Tigers' front office has demonstrated a commendable sense of humor and sportsmanship in sending to sports writers World Series lapel buttons and pencils with the following message:

"Although the club's efforts for the championship were unavailing you might wish to receive the button and pencil as remembrances of one of the most interesting pennant races in the history of the American League."

## Sinkwich Leads Ground Gainers

CHICAGO, Oct. 18—Despite an appendicitis attack which hobbled him for most of the game against Cleveland, Frankie Sinkwich, Detroit Lion backfield star and former Georgia All-American, grabbed the National Football League's ground-gaining lead Sunday when he lugged the ball 34 yards to increase his total to 193 yards in three games, displacing Lou Brock of the Green Bay Packers, who was idle Sunday.

Best passer in the league belongs to the Washington Redskins. Frankie Filchock has completed 35 of 51 passes thrown for an average of 6.86.

Len Younce, Giant guard, who does considerable punting, took over the lead in that department with an average of 42.3 yards in 13 attempts. And you get one guess as to who leads in scoring, passes received, yards gained with passes Green Bay, isn't even threatened. Don has scored 44 points, gained 426 yards, caught five touchdown tosses and 28 passes altogether.

## Connecticut Ref Sheds Some Light On His Technique

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Oct. 18—John Cluney, Waterbury Democrat sports editor, who referees boxing matches around the Nutmeg State, had a rather novel experience here recently, but he got in the last word and the Connecticut boxing commission now has a clearer idea of a referee's function during a fight.

Commissioner Coskey fined Bobby Ruffin \$25 for belting Brother Cluney on the whiskers when Cluney stopped a fight before Ruffin could finish his man. However, the commission then reversed itself, as commissions so often do, and censured Cluney for stopping the fight with only two seconds remaining in the round.

To which the adjective-tossing referee retorted, "I was looking at the beaten fighter, commissioner, not the clock."

## Grid Records Fall Before Illini

CHICAGO, Oct. 18—The University of Illinois' speed-crazy football team probably won't win the Big Ten title this year, since they've already lost to Purdue, but they are carrying out a sustained drive on the record books. In beating Illinois Normal, Indiana and Iowa and losing to the Boilermakers their aggregate of 190 points has established the Illini as an unpredictable team.

The record for average gain per rushing play is 5.7 yards, set by Missouri in

'41. The Illini are currently gaining at the rate of 7.9 yards a try. The mark for average rushing gain a game over a full season is 324.5. But the Illini are maintaining a 360-yard clip.

In the air it's the same. The national championship Ohio State team of '42 set a record for average gain per forward pass attempt at a flat ten yards. The Illini are getting 12. And finally, the overall average gain per play, whether running or passing, is 6.8 yards. The Illini have an average of 8.3.

## Release of 'Wild Hoss of Osage' Ends Colorful Playing Career

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 18—The active career of one of the major league's most colorful players ended officially yesterday when Sam Breadon, president of the St. Louis Cardinals, handed Pepper Martin his unconditional release. At the same time, word came from San Diego, Cal., that negotiations were definitely under way to bring Pepper there as manager of the San Diego Padres of the Pacific Coast League and that the team's president, Bill Starr, and Martin were "not too far apart" on the salary question.

Martin, who rejoined the Cards at the start of the '44 season after three years as a manager in AA leagues, belongs to that small group of athletes who shot from obscurity like a bolt of lightning. The stage for Martin's ascendancy to a full star rating was the '31 World Series when he swiped five bases, batted .500 in seven games and literally stole the show from Connie Mack's fence-busting Athletics.

No stylist at bat or afield, he was nevertheless a fierce competitor. One of the

## Coast Official Seeks More Cash for Players

SEATTLE, Oct. 18—The law of supply and demand applies to all businesses, and baseball should be no exception.

That seems to be the idea of Bob Milligan, business manager of the Seattle club of the Pacific Coast League, who wants the major leagues to pay \$15,000 instead of \$7,500 for players drafted from the loop.

## Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune



## By Chester Gould



By Courtesy of United Features

## Help Wanted AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, Stars and Stripes, 37, Upper Brook St., London, W.1, or APO 887, U.S. Army, Telephone, ETOUSA, Ext. 2331.

### Reunions

THERE will be reunion dinners for residents of the following towns and districts next week at the ARC Mostyn Club, Edgware Rd., London, W.1, at 7.15 PM:  
MONDAY, Oct. 23: Springfield, Jacksonville, Decatur, Alton—Illinois.  
TUESDAY, Oct. 24: McKeesport, Braddock, Allegheny, Johnstown—Pennsylvania.  
WEDNESDAY, Oct. 25: Chillicothe, Zanesville, Marietta, Pomeroy—Ohio.





Life in Those United States

A Snow-White Market In Liquor Now—OPA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (ANS)—The U.S. liquor black market, which "reached gigantic proportions" early this year, now is "virtually a thing of the past with liquor again moving in legitimate channels," Price Administrator Chester Bowles said today.

Bowles stated that the OPA order establishing specific pricing methods and a 30-day holiday during which distillers were permitted to replenish their supply of alcohol for beverage purposes were contributing factors to ending illegal dealings.



HENRY KAISER

At the same time, the OPA chief predicted that U.S. economy would meet its most severe test five to seven months after the defeat of Germany and said that to avoid inflation price ceilings would have to be imposed on articles which have been out of production. Bowles added that "we are hopeful the war in Europe will end within 90 days and victory in the Pacific will come in the next 18 months."

CAPITAL SHORT STUFF: President Roosevelt dismissed with a laugh at his press conference what one newspaperman described to him as "ominous reports on his health from our more rugged correspondents." . . . The President also suggested that headquarters for the proposed United Nations Security Organization should not be tied down to one place.

Henry J. Kaiser predicted around 50,000,000 people would vote on Nov. 7. . . . The War Shipping Administration disclosed that 32 U.S. merchant ships were destroyed on Normandy beachheads following D-Day. . . . A ten-day man delegation will represent the U.S. at an international aviation conference in Chicago Nov. 1, the American Aviation Daily announced.

Goon the Coon Took a Nap Too Soon

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 18 (ANS)—Goon the coon is dead, a victim of a barrage of pots and pans in the kitchen where he had gone to get warm.

Residents of the neighborhood said that Goon got what was coming to him, for they knew him as a midnight marauder of Montrose St. who had made a habit of eating shingles from their well-kept roofs. For weeks more than one household, awakened by a crunching noise, had discovered a hole in his roof and Goon the coon scurrying away with a mouthful of splinters.

Several expeditions organized by police had failed to trap the wily animal. But last night Goon, apparently flushed with his victories over police trappers and the harried residents of Montrose St., grew too bold. He scratched at the door of George Goldberg's house. Mrs. Goldberg, believing it was their dog, opened the door and in sauntered Goon. He made a beeline for the kitchen stove, curled up on top and went to sleep.

"It's Goon the coon," Mrs. Goldberg excitedly phoned police. Patrolmen Leo McCallister and Cornelius Lucy responded and for want of better weapons took after the animal with Mrs. Goldberg's pots and pans, and finally caught him on the head. It was curtains for Goon the coon.

No Rotation Assailed

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 18 (ANS)—Jean A. Brunner, commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, said "the only serious weakness in our military machinery is the virtual collapse of the War Department plan to rotate our troops overseas in the Pacific."

A Strike in the Gutter

ST. PAUL, Minn., Oct. 18 (ANS)—You could really hear a pin drop in St. Paul's 17 bowling alleys today. All of them closed at midnight, claiming it was impossible to operate under state and federal pay and employment regulations.

Funds to Aid Servicemen

CHICAGO, Oct. 18—The Finance Council of the National Jewish Welfare Board yesterday voted a budget of \$1,520,000 for 1945 to be used to aid men in the service.

4F Style Note: Zoot Suits for Spring

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (ANS)—Suits with belts, patch pockets and pleats—even reat pleats—probably will reach men's clothing stores in the late spring or early summer of 1945, the War Production Board reported today.

Announcing the dropping of all restrictions on men's suits except the ban on two-pants suits and vests with double-breasted coats, WPB said, however, that fancier models could not be expected to reach stores "in the immediate future." Manufacturers were reported loaded with Army orders that will keep them busy for the next three months.

Although most demands for pre-war styling have concerned the extra pair of trousers, WPB said, this could not be granted because of shortages of both labor and worsted fabric. Otherwise, the lid is off, with zoot suits restored to legality.

A Vote's a Vote

ROCKFORD, Ill., Oct. 18—Sen. Scott W. Lucas, campaigning for re-election, resorted to hitch-hiking yesterday to keep a speaking appointment.

It Can Happen There

NEW YORK, Oct. 18 (ANS)—Eddie Condon, the guitarist, had Carnegie Hall really jumping last night when he made his first appearance there in two years.

A Trial Right Out of This World

Puzzle: Who Gets Whom Pregnant in Whose Lifetime?

HOLLYWOOD, Oct. 18—Twenty little spirit men and a Russian dancer dead 300 years flitted from another world into a courtroom here today, where Mrs. Shannon Carter, 34, a real-estate operator, was battling for a \$70,000 legacy from her alleged "soul mate." The estate was left her by the late Eugene H. MacDonald, whose parents, Arthur T. MacDonald and Mrs. Marion Albrecht, are seeking to break the will.

They charged Mrs. Carter with having hypnotized their son, who died last January in a hunting accident, into naming her beneficiary of his insurance policies to atone for taking her life and that of her unborn child when she was his wife in another world.

Mrs. Carl Wickstrom, an Oakland housewife, testified today that MacDonald had told her that Mrs. Carter was to bear him an "occult child" that he had killed in another life.

"He said he had only one thing to live for, and that was to right the wrong he had done Mrs. Carter," Mrs. Wickstrom testified. "If he didn't do it in this life, he said he would have to return again and he didn't want to do that because this was her last reincarnation and he wanted to be with her."

Mrs. Wickstrom said that Mrs. Carter often told her of how a Russian dancer,

Hollywood Mail Call

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (Reuter)—The Postoffice Department's recent announcement that it would issue a three-cent stamp commemorating the 50th anniversary of the motion-picture industry has started a clamor by supporters of old-time stars and some present notables to get their favorite's picture on the stamp.

Mary Pickford and John Barrymore currently are reported heading the race, with Charlie Chaplin, Rudolph Valentino, Marie Dressler, Tom Mix and Will Rogers also having a big backing.



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Future Pork Props

HANLEY FALLS, Minn., Oct. 18 (ANS)—Frank Baker and M. R. Perce, of Stanton, Minn., flew here by plane for a visit, but made the return trip by bus. While they were absent 140 pigs chewed up all the fabric from the plane's fuselage and were attempting to reach the wings when the fliers returned.

A Pretty Miss—Maybe She'll Hit



Look what the mailman just brought in. A picture of T/5 Louise Negele, a WAC from Clifton, N.J., now stationed somewhere in the U.K. Keep sending 'em in fellows. They're good for our morale, and what's more, the prettiest WAC selected by a GI committee will be photographed by a former Hollywood portrait specialist. A portrait study, as an award, will be sent the lucky gal's parents for Christmas with the best wishes of you Joes in the U.K.

Germ Man Records Tell the Story

VD Found a Home in Brothels Run by Wehrmacht in Paris

By Charles W. White  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

PARIS, Oct. 18—The Germans had an elaborate and well-controlled string of Wehrmacht brothels in Paris, but despite all their precautions the Nazis had a venereal-infection rate of 124 per 1,000 men annually in a garrison numbering approximately 40,000 troops.

These figures, taken from a secret enemy document which fell into American hands shortly after liberation of the French capital, were revealed yesterday by Lt. Col. Paul V. Padget, of the Office of the Chief Surgeon, ETOUSA.

Padget observed that the high German VD rate was evidence that licensed prostitution serves to increase rather than prevent venereal infection.

According to the U.S. officer, German medics, suspecting the French were sabotaging them with diseased women, set up 42 brothels in Paris, where the charge was 40 francs. The girls were

inspected twice a week, and a prophylactic station was situated in or near each house.

Before a Nazi soldier could obtain a ticket permitting him to enter one of the brothels, he had to turn in his dog tag at the pro station. To get back his dog tag, he had to take a pro and fill in a detailed record.

Despite this "foolproof" system, Padget said, the captured records showed that from Jan. 1, 1944, to Aug. 16 there were 3,106 new cases of venereal disease in the Germans' Paris garrison. Eighty-four per cent of the infections came from licensed professional prostitutes in the official houses, ten per cent of the men were infected by girl friends, six per cent by casual pickups.

Though the Germans sentenced 3,560 streetwalkers to concentration camps, their own army brothels continued to spread a stream of infection. But despite the houses' bad record, somebody high up, Padget surmised, must have decided to continue their operation.

Quick Victory Held Doubtful

A U.S. AIR BASE, England, Oct. 18 (UP)—Rep. Ranulf Compton (R-Conn.) landed here today after a six-day tour of the Western Front and reported that "high-ranking officers" told him "we should not expect to finish the European operations until next spring."

Compton added, "Unhappily, due to the lack of proper information from OWI, the American people have expected the end soon. This should be corrected."

He said the high-command schedule never contemplated completion of the European war this year, but that the American people had been deluded into believing victory this fall was likely. Compton said that European operations actually were "well ahead of schedule."

Many U.S. Deserters Holding Down Aussie Jobs

SYDNEY, Oct. 18 (AP)—Many deserters from the American armed forces have taken jobs in Australia, the U.S. provost marshal's office revealed today.

"We have caught up with a number of them," authorities said, "but there are still some masquerading as Australians who have acquired an Australian accent."

U.S. Subs Knock Off 32 More Jap Ships

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18 (AP)—Destruction of 32 Japanese ships, including seven small warships, by American submarines was reported today by Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal.

He said 905 enemy craft had been sunk or damaged by the Third and Fifth U.S. Fleets in the last 4½ months.

The latest bag by American submarines raised to 956 the number of Japanese ships of all types destroyed by U.S. subs since the beginning of the war.

Suicide Army Holding Ports

PARIS, Oct. 18 (UP)—Sixty thousand men of a German "suicide" army are still holding out along the coast of Western France 500 miles behind the main front, FFI authorities here said today.

The German garrisons are being supplied by air and operational staffs are believed to have been flown in to plan new moves.

Garrisons are holding out in some of the Atlantic ports, including St. Nazaire and Lorient.

The FFI said the Germans were be-

Supply Crisis? Air Transport Trouble Shoots

Some remarkable details about the great mass cargo of war supplies flown from England to the Continent since D-Day by C47 transport planes of USSTAF Air Service Command Transport Wing were disclosed yesterday.

The C47s have flown everything from bayonets to fire-fighting platoons, and carried them right up to airstrips within earshot of German 88s on the front lines.

Here are some of the jobs that the air-transport planes have done and are doing:

When American paratroopers swam the Lower Rhine River at Arnhem, they left behind their steel helmets, wearing only liners. On the opposite bank they were issued new steel tops, but because water had caused the liners to swell, the tops would no longer fit. Three planes made a quick dash with new helmets and liners.

Telephone Poles, Too

Three plane loads of creosote-treated telephone poles have been flown across. Every day, 150,000 pounds of engines, generators, magnetos, ignition harnesses, carburetors and a thousand other items are distributed to airstrips throughout the liberated areas.

More than a score of aircraft do nothing but carry blood plasma, whole blood, stretchers, vaccines and other medical equipment to hospital units throughout France, Belgium and Holland.

While London and southern England were being hit by flying bombs, transport planes rushed back three of these captured weapons from occupied France. Technicians immediately seized on them for help in developing counter-measures against the bombs.

Carry Back Wounded

On return trips the planes have their most precious cargo—wounded men from the battle zones. In some cases the wounded are transferred to transatlantic airliners and transported by air to the U.S.

The man who developed this aerial transport system and brought it to its present peak of efficiency is Col. Leslie P. Arnold, of Englewood, N.J., a pilot in World War I and a former airline executive, assistant to Eddie Rickenbacker, of Eastern Airlines.

Pound Nazis Fleeing Greece

More British paratroops landed without opposition in the Athens area yesterday, and Allied planes hammered at German forces in the northern part of Greece, as well as at escape routes through Yugoslavia.

German attempts to get their troops out of Salonika have reached a state of panic, according to reports reaching Cairo.

Allied capture of another of the Dodecanese islands—Scarpanto—was announced in the Allied communique.

Joe Gould Faces Trial In Army Fraud Plot

NEW YORK, Oct. 18—Capt. Joseph Gould, former fight manager, has been ordered up for general court-martial proceedings on charges of fraud involving Army contracts, the New York Port of Embarkation, where Gould has been stationed, announced today.

Gould is charged with conspiring to defraud the government by unlawfully influencing the award of manufacturing contracts involving more than \$1,000,000 worth of Army equipment, with having accepted money in connection with the alleged conspiracy, and with having attempted to influence a material witness for the government to testify falsely in his behalf.

Army officials said Gould probably would be placed on trial within two weeks.

