

Red Tanks Bore Deep Into East Prussia

They Wanted Lebensraum, They Got a Wire Cage Polish Town Guarding South Flank Seized

The Soviet threat to East Prussia increased sharply last night with an unconfirmed Berlin report that a new Russian offensive had wrested the Polish fortress town of Modlin from the Germans, even as an unprecedented array of Soviet armor bored deeper into the province within a day's march of the key rail town of Insterburg and only 60-odd miles from the Junker capital at Konigsberg.

Modlin, 20 miles northwest of Warsaw at the confluence of the Vistula and Bug Rivers, has been one of the chief obstacles in the way of a Soviet drive to outflank East Prussia and bypass Warsaw with a sweep down the Vistula to Danzig.

United Press said the Germans had admitted it was now in Russian hands but there were no further details, although another Berlin report spoke of violent Soviet attacks only 15 miles away from Modlin at Serok, where the Narew River flows into the Bug about 20 miles north of Warsaw.



GEN. VON AULOCH
 ST. MALO, AUG. 17
 (605 SURRENDERED)



GEN. NEULING
 SOUTHERN FRANCE, AUG. 22
 (17,000 SURRENDERED)



GEN. VON CHOLTITZ
 PARIS, AUG. 25
 (10,000 SURRENDERED)

British Advance On 12-Mi. Front In SW Holland

British Tommies of Gen. Dempsey's Second Army were fighting in the streets of Hertogenbosch last night after breaking through along a 12-mile front south of the old cathedral city, a keystone of the German defense system in southwest Holland.

The Germans were reported last night to be holding the main business section of the city, while the British, taking the Nazis by surprise, were occupying the factory district in the northeastern outskirts.

Hitting out suddenly, the British also made a five-mile advance southeast of Hertogenbosch to capture Best, which the Germans had long and bitterly defended. In the Hertogenbosch fighting they captured more than 300 Germans for a three-day bag of nearly 1,500.

British tanks were plowing through mud and mines from the northeast to back up the infantry, who were reported fighting around Fort Orien, modernized bastion near an artificial lake on the edge of Hertogenbosch.

The Nazi garrison was under pressure from the south and southeast as other columns of the British Second Army drove on against moderate opposition. The forces moving up from the southeast have already crossed the Dommel River and were less than three miles from the town.

New Threat Develops
 A new threat to the German defense line developed against Tilburg, southwest of Hertogenbosch, when Scottish troops of the British Second Army swung off to the west as the main body steadily plowed north from Schinveld.

The Germans have fought back, but have not committed any large number of tanks, anti-tank guns or artillery, although perhaps 60,000 troops and 20,000 auxiliaries are endangered by the Allied moves.

Although Monday's dispatches said the Canadians had captured Fort Frederik Hendrik, west of Breskens on the Scheldt estuary, reports yesterday said the moat-encircled bastion still was in German hands. Canadian patrols had penetrated the fortified area, however.

On the Third Army front in France, the Germans took advantage of rain and dense clouds to send over 16 to 20 shells.

There were no changes along the American sectors from Aachen in Germany to the Moselle front in France.

Belgium Being Pounded By Nazi Flying Bombs

BRUSSELS, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—Wide-spread areas of Belgium left behind in the wake of the advancing Allied armies are now being subjected to flying-bomb attacks, it was disclosed today by publication of an official communique advising what to do in an attack.

Japs Use Wooden Tankers
 Wooden oil tankers "have been successfully tried and are now being produced in great numbers with excellent results," Tokyo Radio said yesterday.

Walking Swastika Is Ignored

A British civilian who walked the streets of Paris in a Luftwaffe uniform without being stopped and who later flew back to England and did the same in London, told yesterday how he had passed unchallenged through most of the West End before two American soldiers spotted him and ended his adventure.

The civilian, Clive Reffitt, said the Yanks were going to turn him in but that he was able to prove his identity, so "we all went and had a drink."

In Paris, where he was opening a British officers' club, he found the Nazi



MAJ. GEN. ERICH ELSTER
 ORLEANS, SEPT. 17
 (20,000 SURRENDERED)



GEN. RAMCKE
 BREST, SEPT. 20
 (17,000 SURRENDERED)



COL. WILCK
 AACHEN, OCT. 21
 (1,500 SURRENDERED)

With the surrender of the Nazi garrison at Aachen, sober-faced Col. Gerhard Wilck joined the fast-growing list of once arrogant, now chastened, German commanders who have capitulated before the might of Allied arms. Here is a selected gallery of the pride of the Herrenvolk, their superior attitude beaten down by U.S. offensives, eating crow in the face of the unequivocal demand: "Unconditional Surrender."

Bigger-Clawed Helicat Ripping Up Jap Planes

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (AP)—A new Helicat has been thrown into the Pacific war and is bringing down Japanese planes at the rate of three to one, the Navy announced today.

The new plane is the F6F3 and supersedes an earlier Helicat. It mounts six .50-cal. machine-guns and can carry rockets and bombs.

Nazi Remnant Flees Greece

MEDITERRANEAN ALLIED HQ, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—All that is left of the German garrison in Greece was fleeing tonight north toward Salonika.

Official reports placed the Germans between Allied-held Lamia, 100 miles northeast of Athens, and Larissa, 60 miles farther on.

The Nazis were vulnerable all along the route to attacks by Greek guerrillas and British aircraft.

Nazi Craft to Madrid Reported Shot Down

MADRID, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—Lufthansa's weekly passenger plane from Stuttgart, which should have reached Madrid over the weekend, still had not arrived today and there were unconfirmed reports it was shot down over France with the loss of its entire crew and passengers. A similar transport was lost on this route recently.

U.S. Invasion Of Big Isle Off Leyte Reported

Invasion of a second major Philippine island—the 110-mile-long Samar, north of Leyte—was reported in an Australian dispatch yesterday as Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced that American troops had completed occupation of Dinagat, Suluan and Homonho Islands, where invading forces went ashore three days before the main landings on Leyte.

With U.S. troops seven miles inland on Leyte and more than 3,000 Japanese already killed, Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger, Sixth Army Commander, said "a major threat from Japanese ground action is growing more remote daily."

Nevertheless, dispatches from MacArthur's headquarters told of stiffening resistance and Japanese counter-attacks supported by light tanks.

Eleven towns have been captured and the beachhead has been widened to at least 23 miles, Krueger said, revealing that U.S. troops were killing Japs at a rate of more than ten to one.

Simultaneously, German radio said units of the Japanese Army and fleet air arm began an "all-out" attack against the U.S. fleet in Leyte bay. There was no Allied confirmation.

Establishment of an American bridgehead on Samar was reported by the Melbourne Herald's correspondent at Tacloban, capital of Leyte. The dispatch was not confirmed by other correspondents or mentioned in MacArthur's communique.

Meanwhile, Japanese-controlled Manila Radio reported that 22 American carrier-based planes raided airfields in the Manila area yesterday. Tokyo Radio reported six Liberators attacked Paramushiro and Onnekotan Islands in the Kuriles, and Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced that American heavies last Friday pounded Fiwo Island, 750 miles south of Tokyo.

At the northern end of the Americans' Leyte bridgehead, tanks and infantry drove the Japs from hills blocking the entrance to Leyte Valley.

Says Ike Demanded deGaulle Recognition

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—U.S. recognition of Gen. Charles deGaulle's administration as the provisional government of France was made at the insistence of Gen. Eisenhower, Undersecretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. told his press conference today.

He said the U.S. government hoped a United Nations conference on world security would be held next January, but he could not say whether it would be preceded by a meeting between President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Marshal Stalin.

McLain, 90th Div. CG, Now Heads 19th Corps

U.S. FIRST ARMY HQ, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—Maj. Gen. Raymond S. McLain, of Oklahoma City, until recently commander of the 90th Division, has been given command of the 19th Army Corps, it was officially announced tonight.

8th Fighters Shoot Up 150 Locomotives in Reich

While the heavies were inactive over 400 Eighth Air Force Thunderbolts and Lightnings yesterday strafed railway targets in northwest Germany, between Hamburg and Kassel.

Early reports said the fighters shot up 150 locomotives and encountered no enemy fighter opposition.

Meanwhile, Italy-based Thunderbolts destroyed or damaged another 19 enemy

Reach River Barrier

Twenty miles inside East Prussia's eastern border, German Overseas News Agency admitted the Russians had penetrated as far as the Angerapp River, last barrier before Insterburg, center of a rail network dominating the province.

The position of the front line was obscure, but Moscow dispatches forecast that 36-year-old Gen. Ivan Chernyakhov-

Hermann Was Out

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 24 (AP)—Reichsmarshal Hermann Goering's lavish home at Goldap in East Prussia has fallen into Russian hands, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Stockholm Tidningen.

sky's artillery would have Insterburg within range in 24 hours.

At the southern end of the 80-mile East Prussian front, opposite Suwalki, the Germans admitted a 12-mile withdrawal to the west, in a commentary by Col. Ernst von Hammer, of German News Agency.

Berlin Claims Attack

Berlin said the Russians were attacking ceaselessly on either flank of their wedge into East Prussia, using "a mass array of men and material such as has never been seen before."

Farther north, a great artillery duel was being fought along the Niemen River, where Gen. Ivan Bagaryan's Baltic Army stood massed in strength opposite the German industrial town of Tilsit, on the river's south bank.

In the south, Gen. Malinovsky, moving north through Hungary, had almost reached the Czechoslovak border, virtually completing the isolation of German-Hungarian troops in northern Transylvania.

(Map on page 4)

Dog Bites Man

"There will be no Nobel peace prize this year," German Overseas News Agency reported from Stockholm last night—to the surprise of practically no one. It said the judges had decided to postpone the award until next year.

Navy Flies 7 O'Briens Home for Mom's Rites

MEDFORD, Mass., Oct. 24—Seaman second class Leo Roger O'Brien was home for his mother's funeral today after a top-priority flight from his naval base in England, arranged for him within an hour after he received word of her death.

Leo's six brothers, all in the Navy, also were flown home from their various stations for their mother's funeral.

This courtesy to her sons was the Navy's tribute to Mrs. O'Brien, who died before she could receive another Navy honor scheduled for her this week. She was to have christened the Navy's newest battleship.

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locomotives in a rail-busting assault throughout the southern Po Valley.

More than 1,000 RAF bombers made another heavy attack on the armament and railway center of Essen Monday night, flying over the Continent through severe snowstorms and dropping more than 4,500 tons of high explosives and incendiaries.

Berlin also was bombed.

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

'World Education' Plan

Dear Stars and Stripes, Let me compliment you on your fine editorials. They say much in few words.

Education, right education, will do much toward building a better and more secure life for all.

Why not have world education directed by the United Nations? This would enable the world's best educators to get together and plan a program of 'World Education' based on elevating the human race.

Best Bartenders in ODs

Dear Stars and Stripes, Hugo Ernst, president of the Bartenders of America, here as a delegate to a trade union conference in England, told reporters that: "The best bartenders are now in uniform and we imbibe in the States can easily discern the difference."

Football at the Front

Dear Stars and Stripes, There are many reasons why GIs near the front cannot hear the big football games broadcast directly from the States. But wouldn't it be relatively simple for the Special Services branch to record Bill Stern's play-by-play description of the big games, produce these records in some quantity and ship them overseas?

Skunk Hollow News Item

Dear Stars and Stripes, Hold Everything! Don't print another bitch or gripe! All Joes who haven't received their Oak Leaf Cluster for informing the colonel that Jerry was firing 88s in his direction—it's just TS.

All the GIs just back from the front lines around this Ground Forces Replacement Pool are in an uproar. We want to know point blank: Is Lt Abner is or is he ain't gonna marry-up wid Daisy Mae?

And by the way, Ed., if Daisy Mae had the courage to suffer the hardships she went through for Lt Abner surely we have the guts to finish the job over here without all this damn bitching.

U.S. Too Good for POWs

Dear Stars and Stripes, I read an article about sending men home on rotation and that non-availability of shipping space was one of the main problems. If shipping space is so scarce, how come those 200,000 prisoners landed in the States? Why send them? It wouldn't be such a difficult matter to build concentration camps in France or some other country over here.

Hash Marks

"The food situation in some areas at the front is terrific," says one GI. "We are living from can to mouth."

Transition. A Yank who spent a lot of time in England saying "I take a dim view of things" is now in France saying "I take a pour vous of that."

It happened in France. A captain fresh from hard campaigns in the hills of Missouri and the plains of England was inspecting the company area on one of those dark, dark nights.

Pvt. Ben Mark, at an ASC depot, knows three Chinese sisters who aren't



married: Tu-Yung-Tu, Tu-Dum-Tu and No-Yen-Tu.

Crystal Ball Department. Sgt. Sam Ashford, engine mechanic at an air service command depot, didn't use his pass one night and has kept it ever since, just in case. The pass is made out for Brest, December 8, 1918.

Unique Claims Department. Five guys of a Quartermaster Company say they are the only unit to stand roll call and go into calisthenics while 88s kept them on the ball by keeping their rear-ends close to the ground on push-ups.

Hillbilly's Lament, as interpreted by Pfc Thomas C. Chandler: I hope they don't make we'uns into Europeans.

A couple of other privates and Pvt. Kenneth Kazanjian—along with several thousand more privates no doubt—especially appreciate this one: And then there was the Pfc who refused mail at mail-dit because it was addressed "T.V."

Cpl. Frank Cady, Air Service Command political deopeter, has cranked out this election-year observation: In Eng-



land candidates stand for office; in the States they run for it. But in Germany Himmler says he won't stand for anybody running.

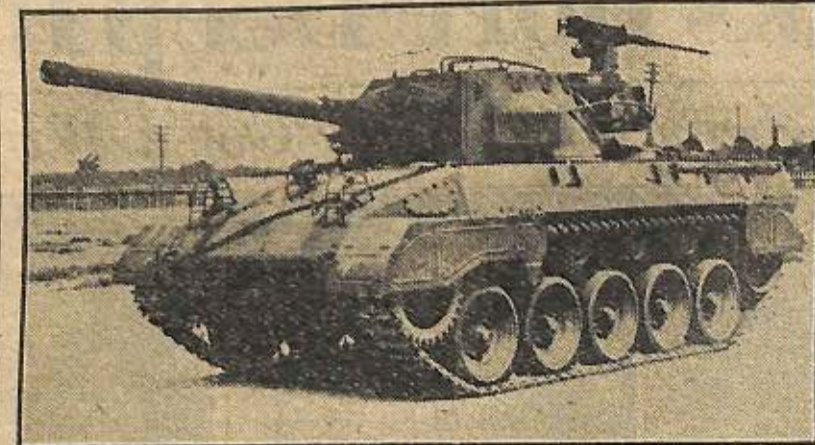
In a letter to a buddy in England, Pvt. Frank Taibe, an MP now serving somewhere in Belgium, queried: "Now that Rommel is dead, what is Hollywood going to do with Erich von Stroheim?"



FAULKNER

Ta - ra - ra - BOOM - de - ay

TD76s Give the Nazis A One-Note Serenade



U.S. Army's New 76mm. Tank Destroyer.

WITH THE THIRD ARMY, France, Oct. 24 (UP)—The over-sized field telephone in the map-cluttered, garishly lighted concrete cellar of the French farmhouse clanged.

"All right," he shouted. "We'll work up a little serenade for them right away. I'll ring you back."

The major flicked off one switch on the telephone board, flicked on another, and said, "Line me up a time on the target," and something security must veil.

Then the major jumped up, went to the big field map on the table, and began interleaving its series of transparent sheets of paper, some with weirdly criss-crossed red lines, some mysteriously dotted blue and red.

As he worked with a ruler and other draftsman's tools, he explained that he was going to have 40 of the U.S. Army's new 76-mm. tank destroyers each drop one shell simultaneously on a single battery of German 88s.

That's not the same as firing one round each simultaneously, because 40 guns scattered over several miles of front at various distances from the target, when firing simultaneously, would have shells arriving at intervals, which, even though brief, would give the Germans time to begin ducking into their foxholes when they heard the first shell coming.

What the major was arranging was music, consisting of just one long, loud boom, scattering 800 pounds into the German battery at the same time, without warning.

In three minutes the major had jotted down some figures which, to his gunner musicians, would indicate exactly where their shells must fall. Then he picked up the telephone again.

"Stand by for the serenade," he told the TDs. "Are you all there? Repeat, are you all there? In exactly two minutes, 20 seconds, it will be one two minutes. Repeat, one two minutes until the repeat."

Then he gave them their target. He was silent for a few seconds. Then he began to intone, like a radio announcer lining up his cast for a broadcast:

"One minute; 50 seconds; 40 seconds; 30 seconds; 20 seconds; 15 seconds; 10 seconds; 5 seconds; 4, 3, 2, 1, now!"

He flicked the switches and hung up. His serenade was being delivered.

Now He Wants to Fly B29s

Flak-Happy Nazi Worse'n Jap, Says GI After 102 Missions

By Sid Schapiro Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

401ST BOMBARDMENT GROUP, Oct. 24—A GI who ought to know said yesterday that it was rough in the Pacific Theater, but it's rougher in the ETO—"because you can't hit back at flak."

This voice of experience is T/Sgt. James W. Cannon, 21-year-old Eighth Air Force Fortress top-turret gunner and engineer from Youngstown, Ohio, who has completed 102 combat missions—68 against the Japs and 34 against the Nazis.

After he finishes his tour in the ETO, "I'd like to stick it out here, if they make me a ground-crew line chief," Cannon said. Otherwise, Cannon hopes to return to the U.S. on leave and then go to China to fly B29s.

In the Pacific he made 38 operational trips in Lucky Sylvester, a B26 medium bomber, and 30 in several B17 heavies.

In New Guinea he was on a reconnaissance flight over Rabaul Harbor when his Fort was jumped by 13 Zeros.

The tail gunner was killed, the radio

operator and co-pilot wounded, and Cannon himself stopped three machine-gun slugs. He was in a hospital in Australia for five weeks.

Cannon is credited with shooting down



T/Sgt. James W. Cannon

five Zero fighters while flying a B26, but has yet to shoot down a Jerry.

He took part in the Battle of Bismarck Sea, his medium bomber skip-bombing 30 feet over the water to sink a Jap heavy cruiser.

Cannon hit the Pacific theater in July, 1942, and completed Mission No. 68 in September, 1943.

"In my time, there was no regular mission tour," he said. "You returned to the U.S. only if there were replacements."

In those days there was no fighter cover over the targets. The fighters were needed to defend the airfields.

Cannon returned to the States in September, 1943, on leave, and then was assigned as instructor at McDill Field, Fla., where he was busted from staff sergeant to private for over-staying a pass 12 hours.

He arrived in the ETO in May, 1944, when he was upped to technical sergeant.

He flew his first 29 missions from here in the Fortress I. P., which went down over Cologne on a day Cannon and his crew-mates were on pass. He did Mission No. 30 in the Fortress Boche Buster, which went down over Politz the next day, when Cannon's crew was non-operational.

He has flown four missions in a new Fort which is still unnamed, but he calls his gun Miss Donna. The g. f. is Donna Anderson, of Youngstown, Ohio.

On his first mission in the ETO his bomber was badly damaged by flak over Leipzig.

"It was such a wonderful feeling to see escorting fighters, that I didn't think about the flak," he said.

Notes from the Air Force

FOR flying 82 consecutive combat missions without loss of aircraft or crew member, a Liberator squadron commanded by Maj. Donald H. Heaton, of Sheffield, Ala., has been cited by Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner, commanding the Second Bombardment Division. Heaton's squadron is part of the 453rd Bombardment Group. The new figure of 82 bettered the last high safe-flying mark to be cited by a considerable margin. That figure was 68, held by the squadron commanded by Lt. Col. Hugh C. Arnold, of Berea, Ohio, part of the 446th Group.

Stinson-built L1s, powered with nine-cylinder Lycoming radial engines, have been converted into "flying stretchers," as the medics call them, and will soon swoop down alongside front-line foxholes to pick up battle casualties where other means of transport is not feasible.

A fleet of the "stretchers" was recently assembled and prepared for service at the First Base Air Depot of the Air Service Command. The small L1s formerly were used as reconnaissance planes in the role of artillery spotters.

CAPT. Edward J. Steiner of Ford City, Pa., once regarded black cats, broken mirrors and walking under ladders as superstitious nonsense. But that was before he met up with the Fortress Forbidden Fruit—serial number 13.

Slated to accompany a force of bombers and fighters on a shuttle mission to Russia and Italy, Steiner, a fighter group intelligence officer, and Maj. William J.



Lamek of Knox, Ind., engineering officer, got aboard different bombers.

All went well until Forbidden Fruit was over the Rhine, when the plane developed so much engine trouble that the pilot shook his head and said, "Sorry, boys, she'll never make it." He coaxed the bomber back to land safely at its base in England, where Steiner learned that of nearly 100 bombers on the mission, No. 13 was the only one that failed to complete the trip.

F/O William E. Montgomery, P51 pilot from Taft, Tex., got on the tail of an Me109 and pressed the trigger. Nothing happened. His guns wouldn't work—but the Nazi didn't know that. Trying evasive action, the enemy pilot went into a flat spin and then bailed out.

CPL. Louis J. Lema, of Stockton, Calif., is a cook at a Fortress base. His father is an MP with a detachment stationed in San Francisco. His mother is a WAC. He has three brothers serving with the infantry in the Southwest Pacific and his sister is a Red Cross worker in Stockton.

Capt. Clayton L. Peterson, of Pontiac, Ill., flew P40s and P38s in the Southwest Pacific for 16 months, returned to the U.S., then came to England and was assigned to a P51 squadron.

He walked into operations and asked who was the CO. "I am," replied Lt. Col. John D. Landers, of Joshua, Tex. Peterson and Landers had served together in the same group in the Pacific.

LTS. Robert R. Welch, of Brown City, Mich., and Richard I. Barrett, of Fairfield, Conn., in the Mustang group commanded by Col. George T. Crowell, each shot down a Me109 over central Germany on their initial combat mission.

AFN Radio Program

- On Your Dial 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc. 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m. Wednesday, Oct. 25 0755—Sign On—Program Resume. 0800—World News. 0805—Songs by Gertrude Nielsen. 0825—Music by Bob Chester. 0900—Headlines—Combat Diary. 0915—Personal Album, with Anita. 0930—The New Organolians. 1000—Headlines—Morning After (Mail Call). 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—Saludos Amigos. 1330—James Melton Show. 1400—Headlines—Visiting Hour. 1500—Headlines—French Lesson. 1505—Strike up the Band. 1530—On the Record. 1630—Great Moments in Music. 1700—Headlines—Political Broadcast. 1730—Music by Freddie Martin. 1740—Rhythm Musicals. 1755—American Sports News. 1800—World News. 1805—Mark up the Map. 1810—GI Supper Club—Program Resume. 1900—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A. 1905—Take the Air (Eighth Air Force). 1930—Bandwagon, with Ted Fio Rito and Larry Adler. 1945—Strings With Wings. 2000—Headlines—Combat Diary. 2015—Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians. 2030—British Band of the AEF. 2100—World News. 2105—Carnival of Music, with Alice Templeton, man's Orchestra. 2200—Headlines—Ten O'Clock Special. 2300—Final Edition. 2305—Sign off until 0755 hours, Thursday, Oct. 26. On the Continent listen to your favorite AFN programs over the Allied Expeditionary Forces Program: 583 kc. 514m.

Pigskin Post-Mortem

Field Goals Main Factor In Three Grid Contests

NEW YORK, Oct. 24—The past weekend saw the resurgence of a weapon almost entirely ignored for the past few years in college football—the field goal. The three-point boot produced the week's outstanding upset in the Georgia Tech-Navy game and accounted for all the points in the North Carolina Pre-Flight-Georgia Pre-Flight contest won by Carolina. Allen "Dinky" Bowen's field goal brought Tech from behind to lick Navy, 17-15.

Once Over Lightly

By Charlie Kiley

NEW YORK, Oct. 24—It may have been Confucius or One-eyed Connolly, we aren't quite sure, who said, "If you're looking for trouble try telling someone else how to run his business." Which is to say that Mike Jacobs, who doesn't often make a bad move, committed a serious faux-pas yesterday by saying he expected Joe Louis and Billy Conn to be released from the Army after the European war ended and that they might meet for the heavyweight title as civilians in Yankee Stadium next summer.

Mike didn't say where he got the information in stating he believed "unquestionably that Louis and Conn will be released" and that "they deserve it. They've been in the Army three years." But it's a cinch somebody is going to be more than a little peeved at Mike for voicing his beliefs on the plans the Army has for its soldiers, especially a pair as prominent as Sgt. Joe and Cpl. Billy, who know as little about when they'll be civilians as any GI father who has similar service.

SHORT SHOTS: The outstanding backs with the grid season half over are Notre Dame's Bob Kelly, Illinois freshman Buddy Young, Wisconsin's Earl "Jug" ...

Buell Saint John kicked an eight-yard field goal with seconds remaining to give the Cloudbusters their victory, and Billy Jones' kick accounted for Tulane's 16-13 margin over Auburn.

Straight power football brought Army, Notre Dame and Ohio State to their fourth straight triumphs. Wisconsin did just about what was expected when they slowed down the powerful Irish and scored the first touchdowns of the year against Notre Dame, while Army plowed through defenseless Coast Guard, 76-0, and Ohio State showed itself a real fighting ball club in scoring 20 points in the last period to down a more experienced Great Lakes eleven, 26-6.

There were a couple of upsets on the Pacific Coast when the 2-1 underdog Fleet City Bluejackets downed California, 19-2, and Saint Mary's Pre-Flight, sparked by young Julius Davis, beat UCLA, 21-12.

Alabama Mars Tennessee Slate Mississippi State and Tulsa remained unbeaten and untied by defeating LSU, 13-6, and Mississippi, 47-0. Tennessee's perfect slate was marred by a tie with Alabama.

In the southwest, the Second Air Force shellacked the North Texas Aggies, and Oklahoma defeated Kansas State by a 68-0 score, while Randolph Field had an off day and ran up a mere 67 points against Camp Polk. The El Toro Marines another service team that has been doing right well, finally ran into trouble and met their masters in the Fourth Air Force.

The coming weekend will see a lot of schools, their examinations concluded, return to the gridiron. Duke and Army, Navy and Penn, Notre Dame and Illinois, Minnesota and Ohio State, Purdue and Michigan, Texas Christian and Oklahoma, Washington and California, Southern Cal and Saint Mary's, and March Field and Saint Mary's Pre-Flight should provide plenty of action.

Intercollegiate Rules For Rainbow Bouts

Intercollegiate rules will govern all bouts in the third Rainbow Corner ring season which starts next Tuesday night, matchmaker Hank Lacy announced yesterday.

However, instead of the usual 12-ounce gloves sanctioned for intercollegiate contests, eight-ounce mitts will be used.

Fights will be of three two-minute rounds duration with one-minute intermission between rounds.

Buckeye Coach Raps Allen

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 24—Continuing the case of Phog Allen, Kansas University basketball coach, versus every other coach in America with the possible exception of two mentors who are too old and tired to argue and two others who just don't give a damn, we have tempestuous Mr. Allen today taking an adjectival kick in the slats from Ohio State's hoop coach, Harold Olsen.

Mr. Olsen, who serves as chairman of the National Collegiate Athletic Association in his spare time, disputes the charges made by Dr. Allen that the integrity of college sports is being threatened by gamblers. "I have been coaching basketball for more than 25 years," said Mr. Olsen, "and I know of not a single instance where a boy has fallen for that gambling stuff."

However, Sgt. Lou Greenberg, former manager of the Syracuse, N.Y., professional basketball team, says he heard about this gambling business quite a while ago, although he won't help Mr. Allen out by saying he even dreamed that college boys had heard about it.

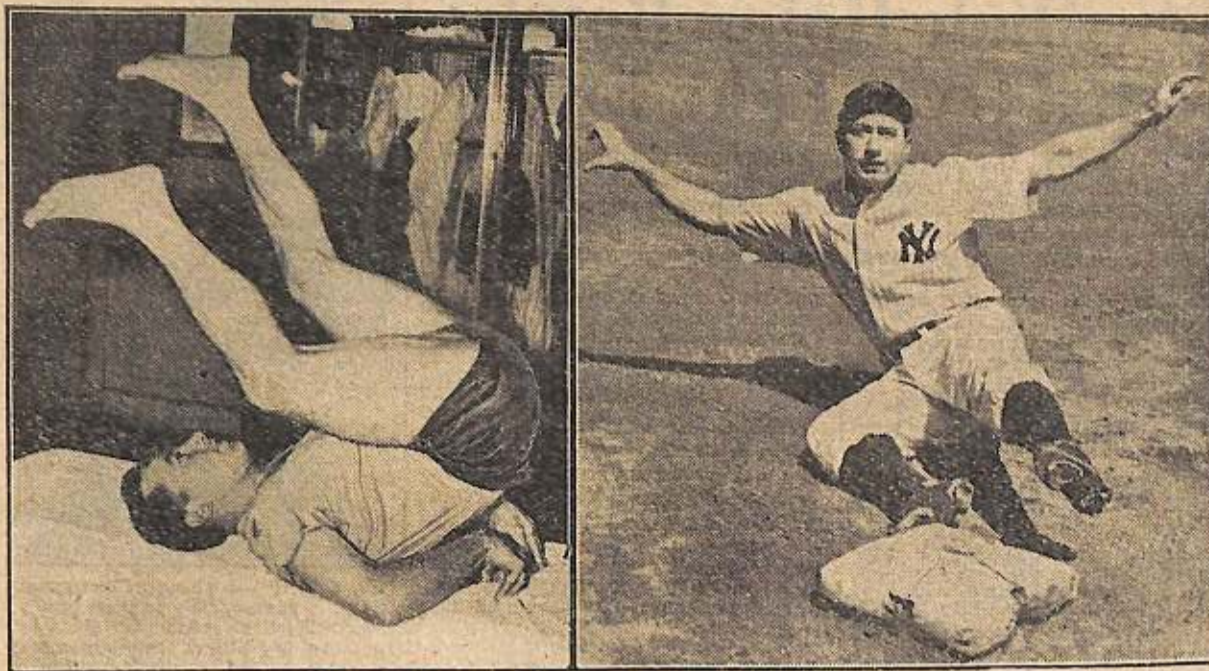
Greenberg, now stationed here, says he was told by eastern players that they had "cooperated" with gamblers in having the scores of their games come out to the gamblers' satisfaction.

What Greenberg meant, apparently, was that players cooperated to have scores come out "in the middle," which would make the gambler the winner on his bet no matter on whom he wagered. The gambler installs one team, for instance, at a 13 or 15-point favorite. If the sucker takes the favored team he gives the gambler 15 points, and if the chump takes the underdog the gambler spots him 13 points. Thus, if the favored team wins by 14 points the gambler collects on all bets.

Now is that clear? If not, then perhaps we shall have a more detailed explanation from Mr. Allen tomorrow.



King of Base Thieves Gives Secret of His Success



Keystone Photo

Success as a base stealer—he led the American League with 55 for the season—is no accident with Yankee George Stirmweiss. It takes hard work and plenty of practice. At left Snuffy demonstrates one of the daily workouts to put his muscles in shape. At right he's shown as he appears to enemy infielders who get the ball just too late to tag the Bomber speedster.

Wake Forest Paces Elevens

NEW YORK, Oct. 24—Wake Forest University leads the list of major unbeaten teams today with five straight victories, while Army, Harvard, Michigan State, Mississippi State, Notre Dame, Ohio State, the Oklahoma Aggies, Tulsa and Washington have four wins against no losses.

Pennsylvania and Yale each have three triumphs against no losses, and Iowa State, Tennessee, Texas Christian and Southern Cal have won three and tied one.

Service team leaders are Bainbridge Naval and Randolph Field, with four victories and no losses, and North Carolina Pre-Flight, with four and a tie.

Cromer Takes Scoring Lead

NEW YORK, Oct. 24—Bill Cromer, of the Arkansas Aggies, passed Les Tressel, of Baldwin-Wallace, this week to become the nation's top scorer in collegiate football. Cromer, whose team has completed its schedule, made 11 touchdowns in six games for 66 points to lead Tressel by four points.

Table with columns: PLAYER, SCHOOL, TD, FG, YDS. Lists top scorers like Davis, Army, Young, Illinois, Tressel, B'dw'n-W'ce, Warner, Iowa State, Bruce, W and M, Branley, Wake Forest, McWilliams, Miss. State, Cromer, Ark. Aggies, Yates, Texas Aggies, Strzykalaki, Second AF, DeCoursey, Wash., Roesch, UCLA.

Eagle-Giant Game May Decide Eastern Champin Pro Grid Loop

NEW YORK, Oct. 24—The National Football League spotlight shifts from the west to the east this week when the Philadelphia Eagles visit New York. Sunday's 30-21 victory for Green Bay over Cleveland just about sewed up the Western Division title for the Packers, and it's quite likely that the eastern scramble will be decided Sunday when the Eagles, who haven't had a single pass intercepted on them this year, run up against the loop's best ball swipers.

At least one perfect record seems destined for disaster Sunday when Boston visits Brooklyn for a struggle with last place the stake. Each of these teams has been bopped four straight times, but the Flatbushers have looked much more graceful in being floored so the wise money is on Boston to keep its record intact.

Frankie Filchock, Washington passer, is hitting on all cylinders and there are a couple of records endangered. Despite Sammy Baugh's return to the lineup, Filchock is still the top heaver in Washington and the circuit. And Baugh's seven completions in 15 tries Sunday was nothing compared to Filchock's 15 in 26.

Two other lads who did all right in the passing business Sunday are Gene Ronzani of the Chicago Bears and Cecil Johnson of Brooklyn's Tigers. The veteran Ronzani, who has been with the Bears for 11 years and until this year attracted about as much attention as a pair of poor legs on Hollywood Boulevard, came through with three touchdown passes as the Bears tied Detroit, and Brooklyn's Johnson tossed for a total of 115 yards against the Redskins.

Philly Prep Fighter Scores 27th Kayo In 29 Pro Fights

NEW YORK, Oct. 24—Billy Arnold, sensational Philadelphia high school welterweight, scored his 27th kayo in 29 professional fights here last night when he stopped Ernest "Cat" Robinson in 2:44 of the second round in a scheduled eight-rounder at the St. Nicholas Arena.

The youthful Arnold belied Robinson through the ropes for a nine count early in the second, and when Robinson fell to the lower strand from another flurry of lefts and rights, Referee Billy Cavanaugh stepped in and halted the bout.

At 146, Robinson outweighed Arnold by a pound and a half.

Trojans Triumph, 38-7

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 24—Southern California's Trojans walloped Washington, 38-7, here yesterday.

Big Ten Sports Czar Seeks Return of Ban on Freshmen



John Griffith

CHICAGO, Oct. 24—John Griffith, athletic commissioner of the Big Ten conference came out today and advocated restoring the ban on freshmen competing on varsity teams after the war.

Soft-spoken Mr. Griffith is pleased no end with the showings of such frosh stars as Wisconsin's Johnny Yungwirth, Northwestern's Paul Patterson and Claude Young of Illinois, but he believes there will be no need of rushing the youngsters onto the varsity teams once the war ends.

Griffith said that continued use of freshmen would eventually engender the practice of proselytizing that would eventually ruin the college game.

The commissioner admitted that he had not discussed the ban with college coaches, but expressed confidence that the league, which "saw the dangers of using freshmen in intercollegiate play as far back as 1906," would not be swayed by the current freshman experiment.

Girard, Army's Glenn Davis and Yale's Roger Barksdale. At least they are getting the most space on the sports pages. . . . Notre Dame's coach, Ed McKeever, and Ohio State boss Carroll Widdoes, whose unbeaten, untied football teams are among the nation's top three, have only temporary jobs in the absence of Frank Leahy and Paul Brown, both of whom are in the Navy. . . . The Dodgers' Pete Reiser is the latest big-leaguer reported on his way out of the Army, because of ulcers and severe headaches. . . . The Cardinals and Dodgers are said to be the leading opposition against 77-year-old Judge Landis getting a new contract when the present one expires in 1946. The American League is unanimous in support of Landis' continuance in office. . . . It now develops that Grant Field in Atlanta was named after a former mayor, not the Civil War general and ex-President.

QUESTION BOX: To Pvt. Ellis Carlson—Johnny Hopp, Card outfielder, has several brothers who are or were outstanding athletes. Harry "Hippity" Hopp is now playing with the undefeated Bainbridge Naval Training Station eleven. . . . To Lt. Max Holt—Hank Gowdy was the first major league ballplayer to enlist in the World War I, but boxing records only list Middleweight Mike O'Dowd as the first world champion to enlist. But there probably were other boxers who enlisted before him. . . . To T/3 J. Benedict Fleming—In three football games this year CCNY has scored zero points to 91 for its opponents.

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Camera Wanted KODAK or Agfa 127 non-folding type camera wanted.—Cpl. C., c/o Help Wanted.

Bill Veck Transferred From South Pacific

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 24—Marine Pfc Bill Veck, president of the Milwaukee Brewers, has been returned to California from the South Pacific, according to Fred Mendelson, Brewers' ticket manager.

Ankles infected with "jungle fungus" were reportedly the cause for the transfer.

By Courtesy of United Features

Life in Those United States

U.S.-Made Robot Bombs Tested Over Lake Erie

BUFFALO, N.Y., Oct. 24 (Reuter)—Residents reported today they had seen American-made robot bombs streaking out over Lake Erie. The bombs—made from parts of dud German robots shipped from England—presumably were launched from near the Buffalo plant of the Bell Aircraft Co., one of ten firms manufacturing test flying bombs for the War Department.

Opposes Trade Barriers

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (ANS)—Eric A. Johnston, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, speaking in connection with the International Business Conference scheduled next Monday, told American delegates today that "unless there is a freer exchange of goods and services across borders, we may find soldiers crossing these borders again."



ERIC JOHNSTON

Fee for Free

PUEBLO, Colo., Oct. 24 (ANS)—Couples from New Hampshire and Vermont may get married here for free, with the justice of the peace paying the license fee. S. A. Bates, the J.O.P., announcing he had married 1,173 couples from 46 states in the last 11 years, said he would like to "hitch up" couples from the Northeastern states—thus having an all-states record.

Been Waiting for a Stripe

MCCOOK, Neb., Oct. 24 (ANS)—Pvt. William A. Scharfenberger, stationed at the Army air base here, hasn't had a furlough in 22 years, despite requests from his CO that he take one. Recently he received his first letter in three years. It was from his sister, who asked: "Where have you been?"

Heroes With Billies Tackle an Odorous Billy

CHICAGO, Oct. 24 (ANS)—Merely by following their own noses, Patrolmen Tom and Jim Walsh returned to the Desplains St. station with nine missing goats from a Chicago packing company in tow. Herding together eight of the goats was a simple matter. The ninth was a slippery fellow who forced Jim Walsh to resort to a flying tackle.

Ex-GAR Chief Hits 100 NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (ANS)—Robert M. Rownd, former national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, observed his 100th birthday this week, commenting that he expected to live "considerably longer than a century."

The Pride of L. A.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 24 (ANS)—One hundred "coppettes" are employed by the Police Department as desk sergeants and investigators on a duration-plus-six-months basis, thus relieving regular policemen for more active duty.

South Puts Reel Punch in Its Accent

GADSDEN, Ala., Oct. 24—Will Hays, "dictator" of what Hollywood puts into its pictures, will be the recipient of correspondence showing how most Southerners feel about "the mutilation of their accent."

Warn of New Fire Peril

CLEVELAND, Oct. 24—Engineers of the East Ohio Gas Co., whose gas tanks exploded last Friday causing a death toll which may reach 200, warned Clevelanders today of possible "new danger" from two unexploded tanks.

Orson Welles Seriously Ill

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (ANS)—Actor Orson Welles, suffering from a throat infection, was reported today in "a very serious but not critical condition."

What's in a Name? Lots

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 24 (ANS)—Third Service Command Headquarters today nominated as their biggest name problem: Pvt. Leleieusszueisszesszes Willihilminizissteizzu Hurzizissteizzu, a native of Thailand. He says, "Just call me Pvt. Lee."

Plane Case of Thievery

MODESTO, Calif., Oct. 24 (ANS)—A thief opened the municipal hangar here and flew away with the \$4,500 plane owned by Harold Hilton, local business man.

Who Reads the Minutes?

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 24 (ANS)—Gents with time on their hands will assemble here Saturday for a meeting of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors.



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East's Pride



This, USAAF Air Transport Command claims, is Connecticut's prettiest lass—and on that claim submits her photo in The Stars and Stripes contest to name the prettiest WAC in the U.K. She's Cpl. Helen Dawley, of Plainfield, Conn., she works in the personnel section at European division, ATC headquarters, and one glance puts weight behind ATC's claim. Remember, deadline for entries is next Monday.

French Trade For U.S. Firms To Start Slowly

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (ANS)—American businessmen quickened their interest in France today, anticipating trade resumption as a result of the recognition of DeGaulle's government, but they were cautioned by government officials not to expect normal commercial channels to open right away.

Foreign Economic Administration officials said transportation is so scarce and conditions so unsettled, it would be remarkable if many American businessmen are able to visit France soon. The State Department said yesterday it would receive applications for passports under certain conditions, but pointed out transportation is meager.

Private trade deals between the two countries can't come immediately, since the war still rages and French assets in this country are still frozen. When conditions are more settled, the U.S. will not be able to restore private trade by its own decision. The French government must also agree.

First step probably will be to lift restrictions against the free exchange of business information between the U.S. and France. Recognition of the DeGaulle regime won't immediately change the military lend-lease picture. We have been supplying French troops with virtually all their equipment.

A new arrangement is likely for supplying essential civilian needs in France. In North Africa, these have been supplied through lend-lease facilities, but paid for in cash under special agreement with the French.

Slow Advance In Italy Continues

Allied troops continued their slow but steady advance in Italy yesterday. South of Bologna, Fifth Army troops captured more mountain positions and improved their positions south of the Rimini-Bologna road.

Eighth Army troops, driving along the swampy Adriatic coast toward Ravenna, pushed a mile behind Cervia.

Now Kid Needs a Bigger Pair

Thunderbirds Log Luck On Tiny Pair of Baby Shoes

U.S. AIR FIELD, England (UP)—In the cockpit of a battle-scarred Thunderbolt here hangs a tiny pair of white kid baby shoes. On their uppers in cryptic lettering is the story of one of the most famous American fighter-bomber squadrons of the western front.

Sixty-three daring low-level missions—from D-Day to the battles of Metz and Aachen—are logged on the white kid in blue ink.

The Germans have developed a healthy respect for this squadron, known along the western front as "LaRoque's Thunderbirds," but the young veterans who fly for Maj. Richard LaRoque, who looks a bit like Charles Laughton and hails from Winston-Salem, N.C., pay sacred homage to the tiny shoes.

The shoes belong to LaRoque's 17-month-old son, Ricky, who lives with his mother in Columbia, S.C.

When one day the Thunderbolts discovered the shoes hanging on a big safety pin in the cockpit of LaRoque's ship, they immediately adopted them as the squadron's good luck talisman.

And now pilots refuse to take to the air until they're sure Ricky's shoes are safely aboard the Thunderbolt named Ricko-shay.

When Gen. Patton sent for LaRoque to congratulate the Thunderbirds for help they had given him at Metz, the 27-year-old commander took along Ricky's shoes.

A few days later LaRoque received a German Luger from Patton, and, what was more welcome, five cases of cognac for the squadron.

"I didn't have nerve enough to ask Patton to autograph Ricky's shoes although I had taken them along for that purpose," LaRoque said.

When LaRoque once got a hurry call

We'll Bet the Batman Is the Better of the Two

WITH THE AMERICAN FIRST ARMY, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—Col. Gerhard Wilck, surrendered commander of the Aachen garrison, was fuming about in a First Army prison cage today.

He had lost his batman, who for years had made his bed and polished his boots.

The colonel complained bitterly that the batman had not been located and sent to him, despite explanations that the U.S. Army does not recognize such an "institution."

Terry and the Pirates



By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff

Death Watch



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

These GIs of an armored unit, bayonets poised, squat in a trench along a canal somewhere in Holland while German mortar and shell fire sprays their forward positions. Pvt. Harry Lindberg, of Grand Forks, N.D., is shown in foreground.

Report Szalasi Slain In Budapest Coup

ANKARA, Oct. 24 (UP)—Gen. Ferenc Szalasi, leader of Hungary's Arrow Cross Party, who seized power as regent when Adm. Nicholas Horthy asked for an armistice, was assassinated Friday when Hungarian patriots staged a coup d'etat and stormed government buildings in Budapest, reports reaching Ankara said today.

German Blackshirt troops and Hungarian police wiped out the insurgents with tanks after several hours' fighting, the reports added.

Chicago Will Hear FDR Campaign Speech

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—Presidential Secretary Stephen Early said today that President Roosevelt would deliver a campaign speech in Chicago, although a date had not yet been fixed. Democratic politicians believed the speech would be made next Saturday.

Herald Tribune for Dewey

NEW YORK, Oct. 24 (Reuter)—The New York Herald Tribune announced today it would support Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for President. Stating that President Roosevelt, if re-elected, "would face a Republican House and uncontrollable Senate," the paper said "the question is not so much what the next President desires the country's role to be in the world as what Congress will support."

Hams Meet Saturday

A meeting of radio amateurs will be held at 2 PM Saturday at the ARC Mostyn Club in London.

Headed for the Junker Pile



The war comes home to Junkerdom as Soviet tanks thrust along the Kaunas-Insterburg-Konigsberg railway toward the East Prussian capital and Gen. Bagramyan wants to strike across the Niemen River into Tilsit.

'Rough in Italy,' Bebe Says

By Richard Wilbur Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Sixty yards away from the spot where Bebe Daniels was with an American outfit in Italy there was a medic collecting station. The Germans threw in some mortar fire and wiped it out. Eighty GIs were killed.

That's one first-hand glimpse Miss Daniels had of the war in Italy. The American stage and screen actress, wife of Lt. Col. Ben Lyon, had others. Back in England after more than two months of singing and acting for Allied soldiers in Italy, she called the Italian campaign "one of the roughest things I've ever seen."

Miss Daniels qualifies to say a word on rough going. She was the first civilian woman to land in Normandy, where she arrived to entertain GIs fighting "on that little spot on the map"; she was in Carentan when the Germans shelled the bridge there, and later got Lt. Col. Stanley Ungar, of New York, to take her within 100 yards of the German lines at St. Lo.

In the Italian mountains, constant rain doesn't make it any easier for American soldiers, according to Miss Daniels, who recalled being up there on Highway 65 about 45 miles north of Florence.

"I talked to one GI who said they were supposed to change socks twice a day," she said, "and he wanted to know how he could do that when he was knee-deep in water in a foxhole most of the time."

The attitude of soldiers in Italy was far from "the crying-on-each-other's shoulder stuff that you hear stories about," Miss Daniels said, although they were inclined to make cracks about newspapers back home "only giving them a few lines near the lingerie ads now."



Bebe Daniels