

20,000 Japs Die; China Sea Battle Still Rages

Man Spricht Deutsch
Sind dort Zivilisten?
Sind dohrt Zivilistun?
Are any civilians there?

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Reds Race Toward Reich

1st Army Cuts Last St.-Vith Highway

Foe's Loss Estimated At 150,000

U.S. First Army forces cut the last major east-west highway in the crumbling Ardennes salient between Houffalize and St. Vith yesterday, but it appeared from front-line reports that there were few Germans left west of the roadcut to be trapped.

Von Rundstedt's armies continued their orderly withdrawal toward Germany as forward elements of the First and Third Armies narrowed the gap between them to less than six miles, according to Stars and Stripes Correspondent Dan Regan.

Regan reported the Germans were moving their best units to other sectors, apparently considering the bulge a lost cause.

Bulge Cost 150,000 Nazis

UP from the front said the Germans apparently had moved out everything worthwhile from Houffalize. The road to the town was found mined and blocked.

The cost of Von Rundstedt's Ardennes gamble so far was tallied by a First Army staff officer at 150,000 Germans killed, wounded or captured and 900 tanks, Regan reported. But the Germans, according to the staff officer, had gained over four weeks' time.

It was disclosed officially that 317 enemy tanks, 293 other vehicles and 178 artillery pieces had been knocked.

Second 'Quake Strikes Japan

The Japanese home island of Honshu has been rocked by another earthquake, the second to hit Japan in a little more than a month, Domei Agency reported.

The tremor struck at 3:55 AM Saturday (Japanese time) 2:55 PM Friday (EWT), according to Domei, which admitted damage had resulted.

"Little damage to a small number of houses was caused," the agency reported in a wireless transmission recorded by the Federal Communications Commission.

The affected area was identified as the Chuba district, that portion of Honshu running from north to south along the coast in a belt west and south of Kanto, or the Tokyo district.

Three More Stand Trial Today for Train Looting

Three more EMs are scheduled to go on trial today before the Paris court-martial hearing cases against 182 men and two officers charged with train looting and black market sale of cigarettes.

The court was adjourned yesterday, after a week in which 15 men were tried and convicted, with sentences ranging from 25 to 50 years.

Took Great Pains To Become Captive

WITH THE 82nd AIRBORNE DIV.—A German prisoner taken near Nijmegen explained how he rode the sick book to avoid combat in Russia. He had his family doctor break his leg. Then he arranged with an Army doctor to prolong hospitalization. A new inspecting medico came to the hospital and the soldier was alerted for duty on the Russian front. He connived with a friend to make a raft, on which he floated down the Waal River by night to American lines.

20,000 Troops In Six Ships Die Off Saigon

An estimated 15,000 to 20,000 Japanese troops were believed drowned on six of 12 troop transports sunk off Indo-China last Thursday by carrier planes of the U. S. Third Fleet. This was the highlight of the far-flung Pacific war which, during the last week, has flared up on five separate fronts and started the curtain down on Japan's dream of an empire in the stolen Far East.

Striking at the heart of Nipponese sea-lines of communications from the homeland to Malaya, Adm. Halsey's Third fleet was still locked in battle with the Japanese Navy somewhere in the South China sea but radio silence prevented further details.

On other Pacific fronts:

1—LUZON: Sixth Army troops gained eight more miles in their advance inland against light resistance. Some patrols were within 86 miles of Manila after reaching the Agno River which cuts across the northern Luzon plain and then swings northward to the Lingayen Gulf.

2—JAPAN: Superforts showered destruction again yesterday on Nagoya, 60 miles south of Tokyo, on Honshu Island.

V-Bomb Attack on England
LONDON, Jan. 14.—Flying bombs were launched against southern England early today by German planes, the Air Ministry announced.

They Stormed the North River Beach

ETO Yanks Arrive in New York

By Joe Fleming
The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The largest group of non-casualties yet to be sent from combat zones—1,368 officers and men—were back from Europe today and en route home on 30-day furloughs.

All were from the First, Third and Ninth Armies and all had been decorated. They were hand-picked for American merit furloughs according to length of service, number of decorations and times wounded.

Some will be discharged for dependency, medical or other reasons. Others will be shipped back to combat duty. The majority will be labelled for temporary duty in the U.S.

The men who took the beaches at Normandy and Salerno, who broke loose in France and swept the Germans back, marched down the gangplank

Reds Slash Toward Nazi Border



A new Red offensive, unconfirmed by Moscow, is reported in East Prussia (A). The big winter drive announced by Stalin has carried the Red Army to within 70 miles of the German border through southern Poland (B). The Reds have advanced farther in bitter battling in Budapest (C).

Once-Scorned Mediums Drop 100,000th Ton On Germans

By Bud Hutton

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE 323rd BOMB GP, Jan. 14.—The medium bombers of the Ninth AF dropped their 100,000th ton of high explosives on the Germans today.

As winter weather broke clear over the Nazis' salient on the west front, the bombers went back to the task of smashing enemy communications and supply lines and cut bridges and roads with their attack.

There were Havocs and Invaders hammering through the massed flak above St. Vith and Bullay, Ahrweiler and Rinthal, but it was the slim-winged B26 Marauders of Maj. Gen. Sam Anderson's bomber command which carried the major load of the attack. It was a story-book angle that they should.

A year and a half ago, the twin-

engine Marauders were the target of public scorn and Congressional condemnation. Even the rest of the air force was dubious about them; they called the Marauders the "flying prostitutes" because their scant wings showed "no visible means of support." For two months it looked as though the critics were right.

The Marauders flew a low-level

East Prussian Drive Is On, Nazis Say

Russia's long-awaited winter offensive gained momentum yesterday, rolling through the heart of southern Poland to a point last reported less than 70 miles from the German border, according to the Associated Press.

Marshal Konev's First Ukrainian Army, which jumped off from its Sandomierz bridgehead on the west bank of the Vistula River last Friday, has rolled some 60 miles straight for the heart of Germany's war industry in Silesia. Not a single important natural obstacle lies between Konev's army and the Oder River, just inside the German border in Silesia.

German Communique

An official German communique read on the Berlin radio told of a new "great" Soviet offensive in East Prussia, but there was no confirmation from Moscow. The drive was launched in the Ebenrode sector, seven miles inside East Prussia on the main road and railway to Koenigsberg, 85 miles away. The Germans said the offensive—started between Pillkallen and Eydtkuhnen after heavy artillery fire—included several rifle corps and tank brigades.

A BBC commentator, broadcasting from Moscow, said the Germans would be lucky if they found enough reserves to fling into gaps which will be torn in their lines once "gigantic operations" actually hit them "before many days are past."

A German news agency reported new large-scale attacks launched by the Russians from their bridgeheads at Bularz and Magnuszew, southeast of Warsaw, and that other forces were reported attacking north of Warsaw on the Nareb front.

Konev's drive through southern Poland opened a corridor between Cracow and Kielce, splitting German forces facing the Sandomierz bridgehead. The latest Russian reports indicate spearheads are approaching the important rail junction of Jedrzejow, 40 miles northeast of Cracow, United Press says.

Artillery Barrage

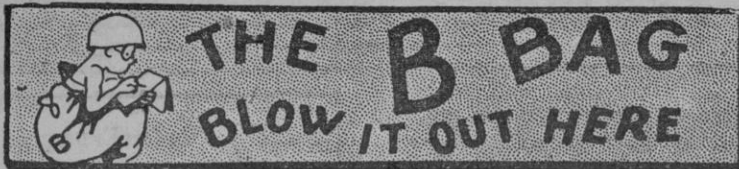
The Red Army jumped off at 10 AM, January 12 after a terrific two-hour artillery barrage by thousands of guns. By noon, the Soviet forces had penetrated three enemy defense lines, averaging three to eight kms. in depth each.

Russian infantrymen found trenches filled with half-conscious men, stunned by the frightful shelling. Konev immediately shoved reinforcements and white-painted tanks into the attack behind the first waves. He also moved mobile

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Snowstorms in Italy Hamper War Activity

ROME, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—One of the most severe snowstorms of the winter is sweeping the high Apennines, with eight inches of snow falling in the past 12 hours. Activity on the Fifth Army front, as a result, has been limited to spasmodic patrols. Eighth Army operations have been curtailed by rain and thaw. The Germans are maintaining active defense the whole length of the Senio River.



Men Wanted

I read in The Stars and Stripes that the nursing staffs of general hospitals will be cut 10 to 15 percent to help fill 1,600 vacancies.

Why not commission the numerous excellent nurses who now carry the ignominious title of "ward boys"? They are male nurses and have not been used so far because they are male and not female.

I have worked beside several male nurses—am not a nurse myself—in the Army and always found them to be OK, and I feel that with the critical shortage of nurses the time has arrived when they should be commissioned and placed in nursing jobs where their professional skill can be utilized to the best advantage.—Pvt. E. N. Cleaveland, Medic.

She Understands

I wish to share the enclosed translated letter with you and with others if you wish.—Pvt. R. C. Stare.

Dear Dick, . . . We French understand the tremendous sacrifice that each American soldier is making for us. You have all left your homes, your wives, parents, well-being and ease to come to deliver us. . . . From the bottom of our hearts we say: Thank you, and we ask God to protect you and aid you in your hard crusade for liberty of all peoples.

If our cupboards are empty, if we are poor in clothes, food, in all our hearts are overflowing sincere feelings and gratitude. You have freed us, you have restored liberty to us. Thanks to God who has permitted it.

When you can, come, even without notice. When you have five minutes and you would like to play the piano a bit to alleviate your troubles, come. To us you are a brother who has left so much for us. It is only by opening our door to you, in creating a place for you in the family circle, that we shall thank you.

All our wishes are that you shall soon be in America. With our deep gratitude for the immense sacrifice that you are making for us, our feelings of Christian sympathy go to you from—

A mother who shall raise her children so that they shall never forget the good that you have done us in liberating us.—Hélène René Caron.

Jitter-Bund

My post-war plan is to go in the pin-ball and juke-box business in Germany. In this way they would use all their critical metals making slugs to beat the machines and also dance so much that they would be too tired to fight for the next 100 years.—A. L., Inf.

Windy City Notes

Through the generous support of The Stars and Stripes nearly 6,000 Chicagoans of all ranks and services organized the "Chieto" Club.

In the past few months 1,100 members have written to me as President asking what has happened to "Chieto" and the time and place of future meetings. Some recommend Paris and others Brussels, London and even Berlin.

It has been decided by the Board of Directors who could contact each other that the next meeting or "Chieto" will be postponed until after V-Day, for Chicagoans will be much too busy until that date.—Lt. Col. Harry J. Dooley, T.C.

In Line of Duty

I was in a line company and during a battle I have been a pfc, squad leader and platoon sergeant. In a recent attack I was a squad leader when my platoon sergeant was hit. I was appointed to take his place by my platoon leader and this was verified by my CO. Then I appointed a squad leader to fill my vacancy and carried on. I was hit the next day and sent to the hospital. Am I a tech, staff or buck sergeant or a pfc?—Pfc-Sgt. O. H. Fisher Jr., Inf.

(AG HQ ETOUSA said you should get your platoon leader to have the verbal orders he gave you confirmed by regular standing

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order. You will then receive the rank and draw the pay from the date the incident on the battlefield occurred—the facts should be stated on the standing order. And you'd better hurry.—Ed.)

Victory Aids

The response the men gave to your tire conservation program was heart-warming. It shows GI Joe's willingness to put in his two bits worth for all worth-while causes. More of these constructive contests will keep the ball rolling better, helping us to a sooner, surer victory.

A contest for the best "helpful hint" for winter vehicle operation would be in order.—Pvt. Harry Pride, Medic.

Teamwork

We received an order from HQ. to wire the lights on all our vehicles according to their specifications. We did this and now we are confronted with an order from a different HQ. to change them again. The dates on the orders were only one day apart. We are willing to comply with orders, but why can't they get together? It takes teamwork to win the war.—Four disgusted GIs, AAA.

You Can Take It With You

To T/4 A. A., who deploras the fact that every time his FA unit moves to a new location they find small arms ammo laying around.

Wake up bud. There is a crew who pick up ammo, clothing and equipment closely behind the front lines and police the area formerly occupied by troops. If you would just place the salvage you mention in a pile and then notify your salvage officer, I'm sure it would be picked up the same day. Please, artillerymen, carry your ammo with you instead of allowing it to remain in the old positions, even if you have a good fighting infantry in front of you.—S/Sgt. Lyons and Salvage crew, 29th Div.

Dimming the Stars

Why do they call it a battle star when a person does not have to participate in a battle to receive one? For example, Rome fell June 4, and a star was given if you were in Rome before Aug. 18. GIs serving in rear echelons are given the same amount of points as the infantrymen who give, in many cases, their lives.

I know men who have six battle stars and have yet to be exposed to any real danger. Yet a man who has been in the infantry the same length of time, injured twice, has only three battle stars because he has been only in Sicily and Italy. And by this, a man is judged whether he should receive a furlough.—Pvt. N. H. N., T/Sgt. C. L. H., Airborne.

being called mister by children who innocently call them by an offensive nickname they picked up from their elders. "It doesn't matter much what they call me" said Pfc James E. Green, of Hendersonville, N.C. "I want to be called a civilian but GI is no insult," said Sgt. William P. Dushian, of Archibald, Pa. "What a silly argument" said T/5 Peter Bernardino. T/5 Clyde Bjorkman, of Superior, Wis., couldn't think of a better name. But Pvt. John Sheftic, of Chicago, thinks soldier is what he should be called because GI, he said, makes a man sound like a bum or a tramp. T/5 Edwin W. Loomis, of Shilington, Pa., of the Fourth Armored Div., was insulted without reason every time he heard the word GI. T/5 P. Z. Kawka, of Perth Amboy, N.J., wondered why people go around making up names for soldiers. They didn't make up any names for civilians, he said. "If I can't be called a civilian call me anything you like. There's nothing wrong with GI" declared Cpl. Carl Lebowitz, of Chicago, and Pfc Glenn H. Park, of Akron, Ohio, and S/Sgt. Albert J. Wright, of Tuskegee, Ala., agrees with them. So do at least 25 other soldiers asked at random along the roads and in the towns of this combat area. What about it?

Private Breger



"What some people won't do for a warm, dry spot!"

An Editorial Believe It Or Not, It's H.....

HE takes the war more seriously than any other statesman. No details, favorable or unfavorable, are hidden from him. Nobody can fool him.

Never does a word of levity or coarseness pass his lips. Not for him the comforts of bourgeois life and everyday delights. He strikes you as a young man.

He is a master of thoroughness. It is a thousand pities that his enemies do not know the depth of his contempt for them, and for their methods of warfare and politics. He is the miracle. Everything else can be explained. He . . . is . . . mystery and myth . . . The whole nation has been changed fundamentally by the sheer force of his will, while he remains always the same, always unchanged.

It is a miracle that he still remains inexhaustible in his ideas and unshaken in his faith. He is in the



hands of a higher Providence which guides him, even if sometimes on tortuous byways, to his goal. He has a sixth sense, that is, the gift to see what is hidden from the human eye. He knows about things to come. He is truth personified. Faith and will power radiate from his person, and nobody escapes his spell.

... his love extends beyond

his own people towards the universe . . .

... he has no personal ambitions at all, only the unflinching desire to rebuild by himself our shaken world. He stands so high above all things human that one feels small and insignificant beside him.

(From Dr. Goebbels' Christmas tribute to Hitler.)

Combat Poll Finds Most GIs Don't Resent Moniker 'GI Joe'

By James Cannon Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THIRD ARMY, Jan. 14.—It started out to be a funny story but you couldn't find any humor in it. The New York Times editorial writer flew into a prim rage and stated that it was degrading to call a soldier a "GI Joe."

The idea was to go out and ask a lot of soldiers what they thought of being called GIs. They would say comical things and you would write down what they said and it would cause every one who read it to burst out laughing.

The majority didn't mind being called GIs or anything else. They didn't believe the term GI was good or bad and they had no substitute name for themselves. A few took a cynical pride in being described as government issue.

The ones who disliked being called GIs were bitter about it. They demanded a dignity the Army can't give to a soldier. They insisted on being called soldiers and they found no humor in being called anything else.

Somehow they had a sadness like old men back home who insist on

Test Tube Births Reported in UK Medical Journal

LONDON, Jan. 14 (Reuter).—

Successful results of human artificial insemination in Great Britain over a five-year period are reported in the British Medical Journal.

The article asserts that the infants showed no abnormalities. Two methods are described—insemination by the husband and the use of semen by selected, anonymous donors. In the second method, the Journal says, infants' "physical types differ widely and parents state in every case they are glad to have availed themselves of this service."

The report adds, "A donor submitting two specimens weekly could, with ideal conditions, produce 400 children weekly."

Undeclared Truce Spares Evacuees

WITH FOURTH INF. DIV.—Men of the Second Bn., Eighth Inf. Regt., were firing from positions on one steep hill. Germans were answering from another about 200 yards distant.

Suddenly the firing ceased. Along a road which snaked its way through the valley, a group of evacuees moved slowly on foot and in wagons drawn by ox teams. Dogs pulled smaller carts, heavily loaded with goods. White sheets were draped across the top of each cart.

For 15 minutes the war stood still in this sector as the group plodded across more than 500 yards of No-Man's-Land.

Coming out of the valley, they turned down a muddy road. Second Bn. GIs removed dozens of mines from the route. The group moved safely past. The GIs put the mines back in place.

Then the firing started again. Intermission was over.

Births

Folks at Home Send These GI Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival:

T/5 Francis E. Holden, West Roxbury, Mass.—Joyce Carol, Jan. 7; Pfc Francis R. Strawbridge Jr., Germantown, Pa.—Elizabeth Ann, Jan. 8; Edward Jaffe, Philadelphia—Betty, Dec. 8; Pvt. David Zuckman, Brooklyn—Sherry Ann, Jan. 5; Cpl. Don R. Bull Jr., Webb City, Mo.—girl, Jan. 9.

Lt. Steve A. Forgas, Gary, W. Va.—Luise Ellen, Jan. 8; Cpl. Bernard Langella, New York—girl, Jan. 9; 2/Lt. Henry Nagel—Charlene, Dec. 14; Capt. Woodrow W. Bledsoe, New York—Margaret Gayle, Jan. 3; S/Sgt. J. James, Quinn, New York—girl, Jan. 9.

78,794 Tons of Food

WITH U. S. SUPPLY FORCES IN FRANCE.—From July 21 to December 5, the Transportation Corps' truck and rail facilities have transported 78,794 tons of perishable food to the United States Army mess halls on continental Europe.

8-Engine Flying Boat

LONG BEACH, Cal., Jan. 14 (AP).—Believed to be the largest in the world, an eight-engined cargo transport flying boat is nearing its test-flight stage here. Hughes Aircraft Co. engineers, while not giving specifications, described it as "the largest thing on wings."

This Was America Yesterday

Educator Declares Federal Aid Needed To Keep Colleges Open

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Only extensive Federal aid will prevent the closing or serious crippling of large numbers of American colleges and universities if the war continues through 1946, Dr. C. H. Marvin, George Washington U. president warned at the closing session of the Association of American Colleges in Atlanta. Marvin, head of a committee on higher education appointed by the House of Representatives, said his committee is considering recommendations to the House that would incorporate the principle of Federal aid to education.

FROM education to irony—it was nearly intolerable for an Evansville, Ind., man who went on trial recently while snow covered the ground and the temperature hovered below freezing. He was charged with stealing an electric fan.



Strange Doings

AND back to culture—"It looks as if all an author has to do to get into the Armed Forces Library is to be banned in Boston," Archibald G. Odgen, director of the Council on Books in Wartime, noted as he spotted three examples in armed services editions, printed 140,000 at a time. Lillian Smith's "Strange Fruit" was barred from Boston bookshelves last March; a collection of short stories by Erskine Caldwell, and Kathleen Sinsor's "Forever Amber" also are on the list for soldiers, but anathema in Boston.

With public, pundits and press giving tongue on the question of postwar military service, Columnist Marquis Childs comes out with the suggestion that it is more important to keep a nucleus of scientists working on war research than to have 2,000,000 men under arms. Childs points out that the Germans "have been working for 20 years to perfect new techniques of mass murder." He emphasizes that conscription alone is no cure—France had compulsory military training.

Scribe Sees Russia, Japs Warring

PROBABILITY of Russia joining the war against Japan is voiced by Washington political columnists Charles Van DeVander and William O. Player Jr. Chief evidence is the fact that Japanese consular and press staffs in Sweden have been enlarged. "Responsible Washington observers," they state, "while refusing to predict the time or exact nature of the expected break have long been convinced that Russia will be in on the kill in the war against Japan."

The other day it was reported that a Detroit fox-terrier inherited 20,000 bucks. Now, via the Free Press, comes a proposal of marriage from "Yippy Girl," lady dog, whose owner, Mrs. Blanche Miller, wants to know if the pups would inherit the estate.

CATTLE are living the life of Riley in a newly reconstructed dairy barn near Urbana, Ill. Feature of the building is a "lounging parlor," where the cows loaf in ankle-deep straw in the rays of sun streaming down from skylights. Object is production of milk with a minimum cold-weather loss.

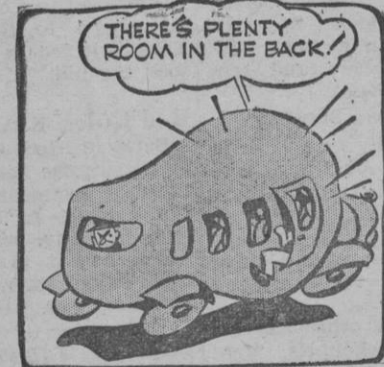


Lee Van Atta, 22-year-old INS correspondent now covering the Lingayen Gulf operation, has been placed in 1A on order of the Washington District Appeal Board. Van Atta was one of eight Americans living overseas whose plea for deferment was turned down.

Two state legislators from Boston think LIFE is less than a bowl of cherries. This week's magazine features the Cod City and one picture bears the caption—"Irish kids in South Boston are aggressive and adventurous. The world in which they live is a tough place, very far removed from polite Beacon Hill." Senators Murphy and Flaherty protest this "futile attempt to ridicule the Irish people of Boston," and Murphy wants Police Commissioner Sullivan to ban LIFE Magazine. "It is believed Murphy, Flaherty and Sullivan are Irish."

'Just Another Guy'—Bob Taylor

LT. ROBERT TAYLOR, onetime movie star, is now on leave in Chicago with his wife, Barbara Stanwyck. Taylor, who just received a promotion, says he is "just a gub," and that "I'm old, brother, I'm 34."



The driver of a crowded Miami bus was about to pass up a would-be passenger when a commuter already aboard advised him there was "plenty of room in the back." From the rear end came a stinging rebuke: "Tattle-tale!"

BING CROSBY and Johnny Mercer had this conversation: Mercer: "Paramount isn't treating you right." Crosby: "How's that?"

Mercer: "They put you in a picture with Bob Hope and he tells jokes better than you. They put you in a picture with Fred Astaire, and he dances better than you. Next thing you know they'll put you in a picture with Frank Sinatra."

'I Should Have Stood Out of Bed'—Loy

Myrna Loy, after a fling at marriage to a non-professional and relative obscurity, is back. In her next picture, "A Woman's Place," she has a scene where she leaves a nursery containing two crying kids. As she leaves she remarks, "I should have stood out of bed."

Time devotes its cover this week to the picture of "slim, restless Maj. Gen. Hoy Sanford Vandenberg, Ninth AF commander." The inside story says he rates "as one of U.S. air force thinkers as well as doers." A smiling picture of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton decorates LIFE's cover.

Newsweek features the need of "men to finish the job." The Germans are charming people—when beaten, finds Writer Ernest O. Hauser in the Satevepost after he had talked with prisoners in PW camps.

Strip Teasers In Command Act for Judge

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14 (ANS).—Municipal Judge Twain Michelson today pondered the question of whether or not what he saw at a command performance at a burlesque theater here was an indecent exhibition.

The judge had ordered a repeat performance of the show, which had been raided Christmas Eve.

First there was Margie (Dimples) Sullivan, who started her routine clad in a robin's-egg blue negligee and finished it wearing a smile and a flimsy two-piece costume comprised mostly of a red-spangled G-string.

The judge put on his best poker face and watched intently. Photographers snapped pictures of the judge, recording his every expression.

The Judge Looked Bored

The judge had a bored look during Gracie Hathaway's performance. She made her exit in a minute costume that included a black satin ribbon tied around her waist.

"From where I sat," he told Skolak after the show, "it looked as if they all wore two-piece costumes, so if you'll just have the girls step up here as they last appeared on the stage—"

"That's all right, judge," Det. William Valentine said. "The arresting officers are willing to stipulate that all defendants had on two-piece costumes tonight, but that's not saying what they had on Christmas Eve."

The judge said he would issue an opinion later.

Catholic Paper Assails Dick Tracy as Unfunny

BOSTON, Jan. 14 (ANS).—The Pilot, official weekly newspaper of the Boston Archdiocese, editorially denounced as "not funny" such children's comics as Dick Tracy and those which highlight under-dressed women.

"A generation ago dime novels were contraband in well-ordered families," the editorial said. "Fathers and mothers of an older day knew one of the modern psychiatric terms but as amateur psychologists they frowned on Dick Carter and other two-gun worthies who shot their way through yellow-covered dime novels."

Chicago Meat Ceiling Ordered Cut to \$17.50

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (ANS).—Fred M. Vinson, economic stabilizer, has ordered an \$18 meat ceiling at Chicago to be lowered to \$17.50 July 2, in an effort to relieve retailers who have complained of inability to operate at a profit. The order, severely criticized in Congress, will not materially affect consumers.

One Man's Meat Shortage Ended With Single Shot



The meat shortage ended with a bang for Lawrence Peters. He killed these two deer with one bullet from a 30-30 rifle. Peters saw only one deer, but the bullet reached a second one in the background. Under New Hampshire law one must go to charity.

Encore



Here's another picture of Toni Seven, promptly supplied by her press agent after The Stars and Stripes chose her Cheesecake of 1944. New pix upcoming.

N.Y. Ring Steals Butts, Paper Says

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Hundreds of thousands of cigarettes intended for overseas shipment and sea stores are being stolen from warehouses and sold to civilians in the "meanest and most profitable black market" to hit New York since Pearl Harbor, The New York Daily News charged yesterday.

The story said that a Daily News investigation revealed tax-free packs can be purchased over the counter or from peddlers in Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island.

New Discharge Emblem

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (ANS).—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt disclosed today that War Department has been approached on the subject of authorizing a more conspicuous honorable discharge button for ex-servicemen. She said that discharged servicemen favor a larger emblem to forestall questions from the public.

Tale Worth 80 Trillion Dollars All Told in 5 Pounds of Budget

By Frederick C. Othman
United Press Correspondent.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—My boss tossed a copy of the new Federal budget my way and said, "Analyze it!" He missed, I am happy to report.
The document weighs five pounds flat and can be classified as a blunt instrument. Blunt is the word. It says we're going to spend better than 80 trillion dollars this coming year.
You don't catch a dope like me monkeying with a sum like that. I'll just leaf through the 851 pages

New Jerseyite Slated as Head Of Dies Group

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP).—Rep. Edward A. Hart (D-N.J.) is scheduled to be chairman of the new permanent House Committee on Un-American Activities, succeeding Rep. Martin L. Dies, (D-Tex.).

Normally a supporter of the administration, Hart is a compromise choice between southern conservatives and northern liberal forces. Hart was endorsed last fall by the CIO's Political Action Committee, and is at present chairman of the War Claims Committee. He is expected to relinquish the latter post.

Also slated for membership, the AP said, is Rep. John E. Rankin (D-Miss.) whose maneuvering on the opening day of the new Congress established the committee on a permanent basis.

Hart, Rankin and four others—Reps. John R. Murdock (D-Ariz.), J. W. Robinson (D-Utah), Herbert C. Bonner (D-N.C.) and J. Hardin Peterson (D-Fla.) were selected by the Democratic Committee on Committees.

Rankin and most other southerners backed Rep. John Gibson (D-Ga.) for the chairmanship, while the administration supported Rep. Jerry Voorhis (D-Calif.), who resigned from the Dies Committee in protest against its procedures. Voorhis, however, declined, since it would have forced him to relinquish his membership on the House Agriculture Committee.

GIs Needn't Join Union, URWA Official Declares

AKRON, Ohio, Jan. 14 (ANS).—Servicemen released to work in tire plants "are under no compulsion to join the United Rubber Workers of America," a union official declared today. The comment followed a request by Rep. Lyle H. Boren (D-Okla.) for an investigation of work of released soldiers.

"The executive board has adopted a policy that any soldier may join if he desires, but he is not required to do so," said Charles H. Lanning, URWA executive.

and stick to things that I can understand, such as \$22,200 for the operation of the District of Columbia Dog Pound and \$3,500 for the rental and operation of a launch by our ambassador to Turkey.

There are items for \$970 for senatorial boxes; \$40,000 for repairs to House of Representatives furniture (those boys must play rough) and \$25 for street car fares of officials of the National Botanical Garden.

Smallest item in the book is \$4.00 for transportation of "things" at the White House. It doesn't say what things.

The government needs \$500,000 to inspect locomotives; \$30,000 to buy a building lot for a post office in Baltimore; \$204,700 for the Bureau of Entomology, which concerns bugs. The Weather Bureau has got to have \$11,960,000 for continued reporting of its news, mostly bad right now.

Secretary of the Interior Ickes and helpers will get \$1,148,320 in wages. The High Commissioner of the Philippines has turned in an account for \$296,000, including travel expenses in the islands during 1944—hear that, Tokyo?

The State Department insists on \$1,725,000 for hire of autos, kuvasses (you look it up), dragomen, porters, interpreters and prison guards in far places. The District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board wants \$1,000 for purchases of samples.

(EDITOR'S NOTE.—We looked up "kuvasses." They're consular guards in the Near East.)

Nisei Soldiers Get DSCs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (ANS).—Award of the DSC to seven Japanese-American doughboys, including one who attacked a German position armed only with a shovel, has been announced by the War Department. All were members of the famed 100th Inf. Bn., which fought in Italy and is now in action in France.



IT was a cold, bleak day in the Hurtgen Forest and a small group of GIs were huddled around a fire, trying to keep their feet warm.

"Anyone got any paper we can use to get this thing going?" one of the men asked. Pfc Harry Bordoff, of New Rochelle, N.Y., jeep liaison driver from 13th Regt. Hq., Eighth Inf. Div., pulled a wad of letters from his pocket.

"Good fire, huh, Harry?" remarked the GI next to him. "Should be," answered Bordoff. "It cost me 450 marks (\$45) that I had stuck in with some of those letters we just burned."

DOUGHBOYS of the 39th Division's 120th Inf. Regt. were crouched in positions dug in frozen ground in the outpost line surrounding Malmédy.

There was yelling and shrieking suddenly on the slope which was "no-man's-land" and Lt. John Bryant, of Columbus, Ga., said to the doughboys around him: "Get set, men. Here they come!"

The Yanks relaxed and joined in the yelling when from the wooded road a bunch of Belgian kids popped up pulling sleds. The kids spent the afternoon sliding in no-man's-land.

Something new in challenging was shown by T/5 Fulton T. Lewis, of Hopkins, Va., on guard at B Btry., 43rd FA Bn., of the Eighth Inf. Div. Lewis heard someone approaching. It was S/Sgt. John B. Silotto, of Clinton, Ohio.

A "TOONERVILLE trolley" system helped the 226th Chemical Base Depot company move crated tank and truck motors from storage points in mud-covered Normandy fields when trucks were unable to operate.

Lt. Hjalmar H. Boyesen, of New York City, remembered a small-gauge track system at a captured German CW depot. His unit moved the tracks to the fields, built a 15-foot trestle bridge over a stream and moved the motors out to hard ground where they were loaded on trucks.

While troops of the First Army were mopping up Aschen, a Jewish company commander noticed a sign at the entrance to a small park in the ruined city. "Jews are prohibited from walking in this park," it said. The Yank walked on about 100 yards and looked around as he heard an enemy mortar shell explode behind him.

A COUPLE of Nazi nags provided seconds for breakfast at the Second Bn. mess area of the 80th Division's 317th Inf. the other morning. The nags, frightened by artillery fire, galloped in hauling a Wehrmacht field kitchen.

Kelly, of Chicago, halted the team and found the kitchen contained bread, sausages, steaming coffee and cigars!

INCIDENTAL Information: Pfc John G. Gatelido, of Newark and the Eighth Inf. Div., improvises candles from the wax on K-ration boxes. T/Sgt. Edward B. Coley, of McVeigh, Ky., and First Bn., 16th Regt., of the Fifth Inf. Div., caught a Jerry prisoner wearing two pairs of pants. Coley found a water pistol in the pocket of the inside pair. T/5 Marvin G. Mays, of an Engr. Bn. medical detachment, figures he has pedaled the equivalent of approximately 1,692 miles on a foot-operated dentist drill. Pvt. Harry Polanco, of Miami and the Second Inf. Div., slept through all kinds of bombardments while he was fighting in the Siegfried Line, but he didn't get a wink of sleep the first night at a Belgian civilian's home in a rest area. Complained Polanco: "The baby's bawling kept me awake all night." Pfc A. T. Lightner, of a QM Salvage company, received a letter from his girl friend that contained 6,020 words (by Lightner's count, not ours). T/5 Benny Makowski, of Buffalo, N.Y., Cavalry Regt. Sq. cook in the 10th Armored Div., challenged a tree stump and emptied a carbine clip into it when it failed to answer with the proper password one night.

Fightin Fourth U.S. Cavalry Rides Blizzard To Avenge Hogan's 400, Recapture Laroche

Trained in the Dakotas, Men Are Accustomed To Cold Weather

By Wes Gallagher

LAROCHE, BELGIUM, Jan. 13 (Delayed) (AP).—Fighting muffled, icy, Indian war in a mountainous area American cavalry recaptured this shattered road junction town where the smell of death is heavy.

Members of the Fourth U. S. Cav., one of the oldest forces in the American Army, attached to the 34th Reassortment Inf. Div., beat the British by a few hours into this largest town yet retaken from the Germans in the battle of the Belgian bulge.

Blizzard conditions which are making this the most difficult fighting yet experienced by doughboys in Europe, Italy included, coated this Ourthe River town with a merciful mantle of white. But the overpowering sickly smell of decaying bodies left no illusions as to the savagery of battle.

Civilians suffer heavily in the bombing and shelling, and an estimated 2,000 were buried under the rubble.

Late yesterday the Fourth Cavalry task force under Col. John C. MacDonald, of Fort Sam Houston, Texas, former commandant at Norwich University, avenged Task Force Hogan.

Task Force Hogan's 400 had abandoned all of its equipment in the little mountain town of Marcouay, north of Laroche. The 94th Division's cavalry retook Marcouay, driving the Germans back to the south.

Trained in Dakotas, bitter cold and snow is exacting a toll in frost-bite, particularly among the infantry who are having to fight their way forward and must go in comparatively light clothes to allow freedom of movement. At night they huddle in foxholes, out in the wind in below-freezing temperatures.

Most troops are suffering, but this Fourth Cavalry, which trained in the Dakotas, during the winter, finds the going to their liking. This morning there were two sharp cracks of an M1 rifle around the bend of the river and a sudden chatter of machine-gun fire. Coming down the road in a jeep was Lt. Stephen Blossom, former Cleveland Plain Dealer reporter, whose home is in Birmingham, Ohio.

The American lieutenant entered Laroche yesterday with a patrol against light opposition, took a dozen prisoners, and withdrew with the main body of troops passing through and beyond this morning. Blossom was offered a decoration for advancing ahead of schedule but he refused it.

Give Her a Name



Latest excuse for running Cheesecake:—Adams (above) was told by an astrologist that her first name was unlucky, so, (you guessed it) she is asking servicemen for help in picking another.

Pacific Island Turned Aircraft Carrier



Here's an example of what the Air Force has done in the Pacific to maintain air protection for convoys and bombers entering waters of the Western Pacific. This is Middleburg airstrip—which runs from one end of the island to the other—used by the 13th Air Force as a transport stopover base and operational fighter base. It's another way station on the skyroad to Japan.

Second Division Cited by Hodges For Great Stand

By Pat Mitchell

WITH ALLIED FORCES, Belgium.—The Second Div. has been cited by Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges for its defense of the right flank of V Corps after two supporting divisions had been overrun by the Nazis in the first four days of the breakthrough.

In a week marked by individual acts of heroism, the men of the Second knocked out 3 German tanks, disabled 75, took 244 prisoners and accounted for 700 German dead and 1,030 wounded, according to V Corps figures.

From the night the German attack started to six o'clock the following morning a PA battalion fired 2,560 rounds of 105mm ammunition. Every weapon available was in constant use, from bazookas to jerricans loaded with gasoline. At least two Tigers were destroyed by flaming gasoline at the hands of Staff Sgt. Odis Bone, of Melissa, Texas, and Staff Sgt. Charles L. Roberts, of Lometa, Texas.

Battle Streamers Unfurled by 317th

WITH 78th INF. DIV.—Battle streamers won at St. Mihiel, Argonne and Meuse battles in World War I were unfurled with the 317th Inf. Regt. colors for the first time on foreign soil as 110 members of the "Timberwolf" Regt. were awarded Combat Infantryman badges at a review "somewhere in Germany."

The award had been earned by 317 men, 207 of whom were at front-line posts or being treated for wounds.

Presentation was made by Maj. Gen. E.P. Parker, Jr., 78th Div.

Maybe It Wasn't Strictly GI But Vet's Back In Old Outfit

By Pat Mitchell

WITH THIRD ARMY, Jan. 14.—Some Joes will do anything to get back into their old outfits and Pvt. Samuel Swanson, of Charlestown, Mass., did.

Swanson, 45 years old, is a veteran of the 26th Div. in World War I, where he fought alongside his father. For months he ran assignment clerks of seven reinforcement centers raged trying to re-enter the 26th.

Swanson enlisted and was sent to Iceland. He talked fast and got himself sent to the ETO. A semi-permanent guest of reinforcement depots in England and France he was unsuccessful in getting himself assigned to combat. He went AWOL in Paris and proceeded to get picked up by zealous MPs.

"What outfit are you from, soldier?" they asked. "The 101st Inf. of the 26th Div.," he answered.

Worked as Wireman The truck loaded with reinforcements for the 26th arrived at a small town undergoing Jerry artillery blasts. In the confusion he was mistaken for someone else.

For three weeks he worked as a wireman and then was sent out as a machine-gunner. Meanwhile, paper work caught up with the combat eager Swanson.

A runner tapped him on the shoulder and said, "The first sergeant wants to see you." Because there have been Jerries posing as GIs, Swanson was placed under guard in a truck with 13 German prisoners and sent back to division HQ.

Member in Good Standing G-2 officers finally were satisfied that Swanson was on the up and up after he proved his father's record and also that Swanson sr. was vice-president of the Spanish-American War Veterans and one of the founders of the American Legion.

Things broke the other way for Swanson when channels were cleared for him to become a member in good standing of the 26th. "Loyal?" said Swanson. "Hell, yes. I was born and raised within the shadow of Bunker Hill." Five 9th Div. Men Honored Two officers and three enlisted men of the 9th Infantry Division have been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. Cited for extraordinary heroism in combat were Lt. Col. Donald G. Clayman, Rochester Junction, N.Y.; Capt. Anthony V. Dana, Brooklyn; Sgt. Thomas R. Earl, Baltimore; and Pfc Lee Wetherolt, Huntington, W.Va., and Leonard P. Elder, Hiddenite, N.C.

Busy Shavetail —Or— Can You Top It?

This shavetail is so busy that 200 of his men have voted him the most valuable officer of the war. They say he doesn't have time to go to bed.

He has 14 assigned jobs. They are administration, intelligence, special service, PX, claims, censor and postal officer. He is EM mess officer and officers' mess officer. He is in charge of gas, war bonds, finance, fire marshal and provost marshal.

30-Million Mi. Flown by ATC In Two Years

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The ETO Division of Air Transport Command, which flies everything from combat aircraft and VIPs to V-Mail and blood plasma over its 12,000-mile aerial supply network, can look back on two years of operations today.

Its aircraft, under Brig. Gen. Earl S. Hoag, division commander, have flown 30,000,000 miles. Additional figures are: 180,000 passengers carried, among them Gen. George C. Marshall, who flew to Paris last Oct. 5 on the first through-passenger flight from the U.S.

Twenty-two million pounds of cargo transported. Twenty million pounds of V-Mail delivered, representing almost 2,000,000 individual letters. 13,624 aircraft delivered, including thousands of four-engine bombers.

Operation up 383% During 1944, arrivals of tactical and transport aircraft exceeded by 263 percent the total for 1943. Transport operation alone shot up 383 percent over 1943.

A fleet of ATC transports flew 200,000 gallons of gasoline to the tanks of Lt. Gen. S. Patton's 3rd Army when it was charging across France last summer.

The division, in its air- evacuation and medical program, flies wounded back to the U.S. and carries whole blood daily to European battle areas. In four months beginning last Aug. 23, 71,684 pints of blood were flown across the North Atlantic.

Nazi 'Refugees' Booby-Trapped CP

WITH FIFTH INF. DIV. IN EUROPE.—The rear CP of a chemical mortar company, while attached to the 11th Inf. at Saarlautern, learned a harsh lesson soon after entering Germany.

The CP contingent was located in a building adjacent to that housing EM.

Civilians appeared at the CP one morning saying they had returned for clothing and other personal items left in the house occupied by the EM. They were permitted to rummage about on their own, and departed within two hours. Later, when enlisted men returned to their quarters they found and neutralized six pull-type booby traps—containing open explosives to demolish their own, as well as the CP building.

Confusion Was Unconfined When Yanks Mistake Nazis For Buddies, and Vice Versa

By Ralph G. Martin Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH SEVENTH ARMY, Jan. 14.—This is how confusing everything was in this tiny frontline town shortly after midnight: When two American tanks rumbled down the road behind shadowy shapes of a large group of Germans, the Yank tankers thought the Germans were Americans; the marching Nazis thought the tanks were theirs, and the American soldiers in town, watching them both, thought these two American tanks were bringing in lots of German prisoners.

Of course, as soon as everybody found out differently the war was on again. By this time more German infantry had infiltrated from the hills and a few Jerry tanks had come in on a side road.

Some of the war landed on two nearby houses, setting them both afire. The burning buildings dimly lit the town, telling both the Germans and the Yanks who was who. Quickly four Signal Corps boys in a house nearby burned their operation instructions sheet and T/5 George Nichol, of Wilkes Barre, Penna., grabbed some important equipment.

Then all four ran toward the battalion CP. But they didn't get very far. Nichol dropped a small machine and had to go back for it, also for the dog he picked up at Anzio. The other three kept running until a machine-gun opened up at them.

The three stayed flattened out until one bullet creased the shirt of T/5 Joseph Moore, of Stony Point, N.C. That convinced Moore and the other two—T/4 Roy Cornforth, of Pocatello, Idaho, and T/4 Elmer Schafer, of Fort Wayne, Ind.—that they didn't have a chance, that they ought to surrender.

Fired On His Buddies They called out their surrender in English. Nothing happened. Then Schafer said it in German. They heard a tough Brooklyn accent say, "Okay, you Krauts, but come out with your hands up, and no funny business."

In the dark it had been an American doughfoot who had been shooting at them. Meanwhile, Nichol and his dog and a medic who had gone back to the house were taken prisoner by four Germans. Minutes later, Nichol and the medic were walking with Krauts close behind waving burp guns. Around them, from windows and alleys and houseposts, soldiers were shooting. Soon there was a definite, unmistakable rumble of Sherman tanks and the two Yanks were no longer escorted.

When dawn came it was all over. The Krauts had decided to clear out of town. The three Signal Corps men had convinced their Yank captors that they, too, were Americans, and they rejoined Nichol at their house.

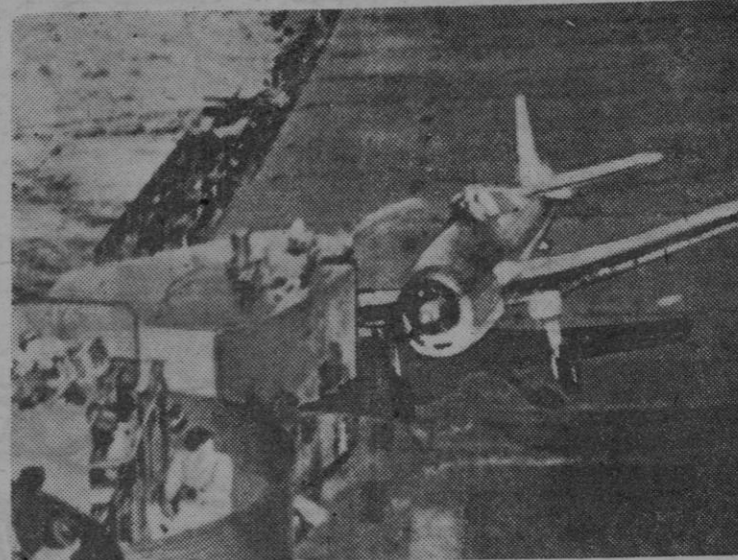
"Well," said Nichol. "At least, maybe, the boys won't call us rear echelon any more."

Wounded Medic Keeps On T/5 Edward Singer, of Beverly Hills, Cal., a dental technician with the 84th (Railsplitter) Div. in Germany, was knocked out by a rifle bullet while evacuating wounded under fire. When he regained consciousness, he continued aiding other casualties before accepting treatment.

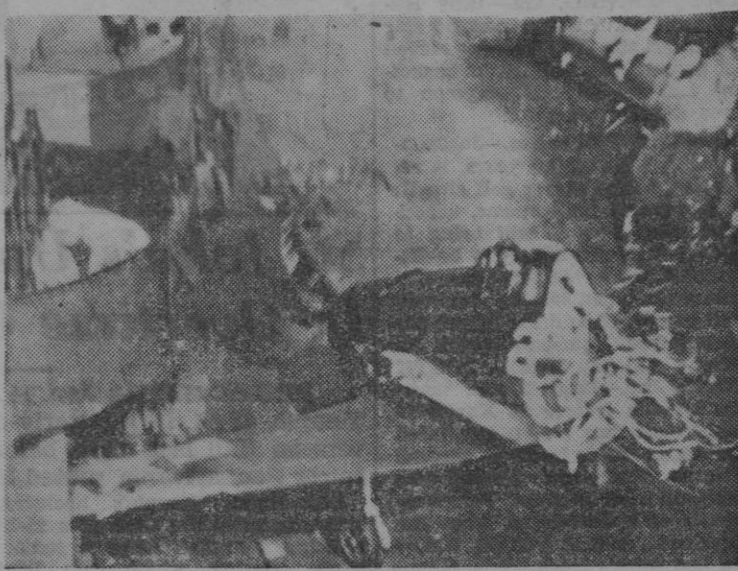
Cosmopolitan Artillery Collected by Germans

WITH XX CORPS.—Artillerymen claim the Germans have used the following guns and howitzers against this corps: 75 AT, German; 76.2 Russian; 88 AA and AT, German; 100 How., French; 102 How., Italian; 105 How., German; 105 How., Italian; 106, German; 122 How., Russian; 150 How., German; 152 How., Russian; 155 How., French; 170, German; 194, French; 210 How., German; 220 How., French; 240 How., German; 280 RR Gun, German; 340 RR Gun, French; 380 RR Gun, German.

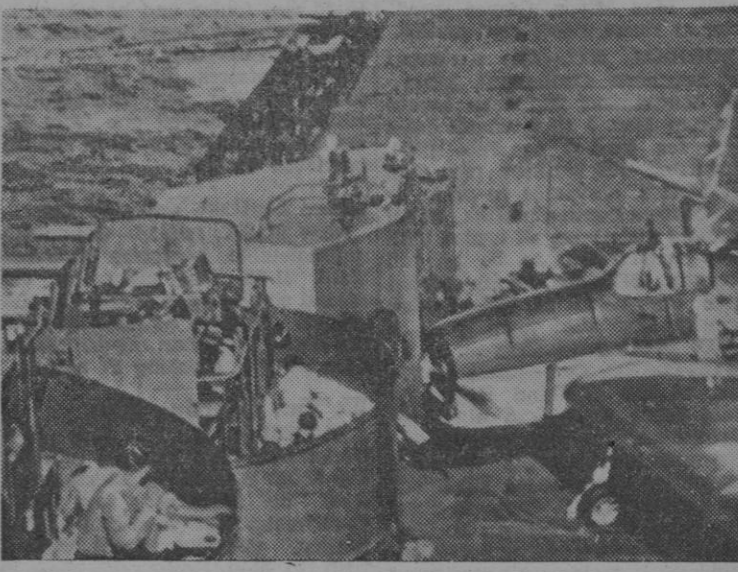
Drama Aboard a U.S. Carrier



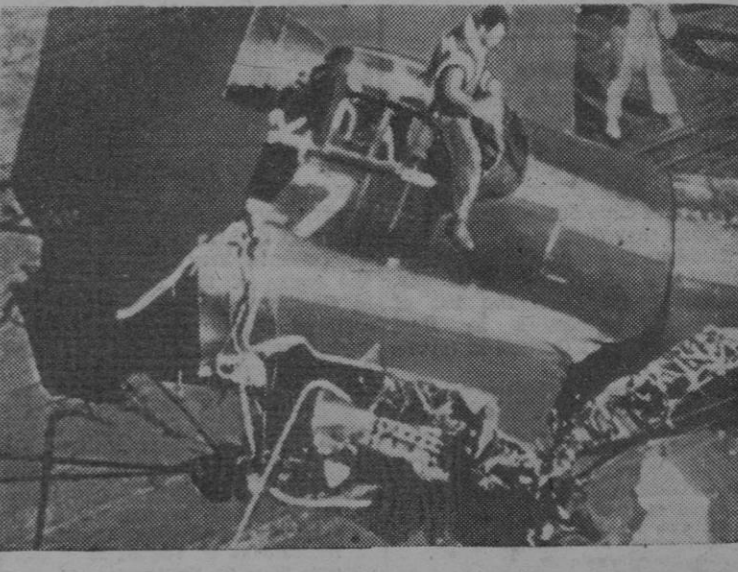
This series of pictures depicts one of the dramatic incidents which occur on a Jap-hunting carrier. Coming in for a landing...



...on the carrier's deck this damaged Navy fighter, with propeller whirling, swerves into the 'island.' As the right wing...



...is smashed, the plane swings around, telescoping the nose and splitting the plane in half. Note wires trailing from fuselage...



...The other of the plane is thrown to the middle of the deck before it stops. The pilot, miraculously unhurt, climbs out.

Table Service à la CO

WITH 317th INF. REGT.—Next-best thing to breakfast in bed is having the CO as a waiter. Pfc Lloyd E. Hatt of F. Co., 317th "Timberwolf" Regt., says. Hatt, of Sheldonville, Mass., recently received a Presidential Citation he earned on Guadalcanal and other Southwest Pacific islands. After the ceremony, he was guest of honor at a dinner in the company CP tent. His CO, Capt. William J. Curran, of Northboro, Mass., served chow to Hatt.

Behind The Sports Headlines

AKRON, O.—They must start to school a little late in Tiretown. Russ Garcia, freshman center on Akron University's basketball team, is 27 years old. And in this year of youngsters the rest of the Akron club is a little incongruous. Forwards Fritz Nagy and Bill Falor are 24, and Guard Sammy Serves is 25. Fifth starter is Frank Yahner, only 17... **MORGANTOWN, W.V.**—West Virginia's basketball team, already assured of a Garden Invitational Tournament bid by its crowd-pleasing showing against Long Island, has notified Garden authorities its acceptance hinges on the service status of the Mountaineers' star footballer and basketballer, Jimmy Walthall, at whom West Point and Annapolis are both making passes... **FORT BENNING, Ga.**—Billy Hildenbrand, former Indiana grid star who paced the Fort Benning eleven last season, has turned to basketball and led the infantrymen to three straight victories.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Jacksonville, after many years, is returning to the winter golf circuit. A five-grand tournament, scheduled Mar. 1 to 4, will bring to \$75,500 the prize money to be distributed in Florida this year. The Pensacola Open late in February will pay \$5,000 and the Miami International Four-ball event on Mar. 8 will pay \$7,000... **SOUTH BEND, Ind.**—Hugh Burns, veteran athletic trainer at Xavier in Cincinnati, has been appointed trainer at Notre Dame to succeed Eugene "Scrapiron" Young, who resigned after 15 years. Burns recently was discharged from the Marines... **WEST POINT, N.Y.**—In last week's track trials, Glenn Davis, Army's speedy All-America, skipped off a 6.3 60-yard dash to lead the squad in sprint trials, while Max Minor, former speed king at Texas, didn't even qualify.

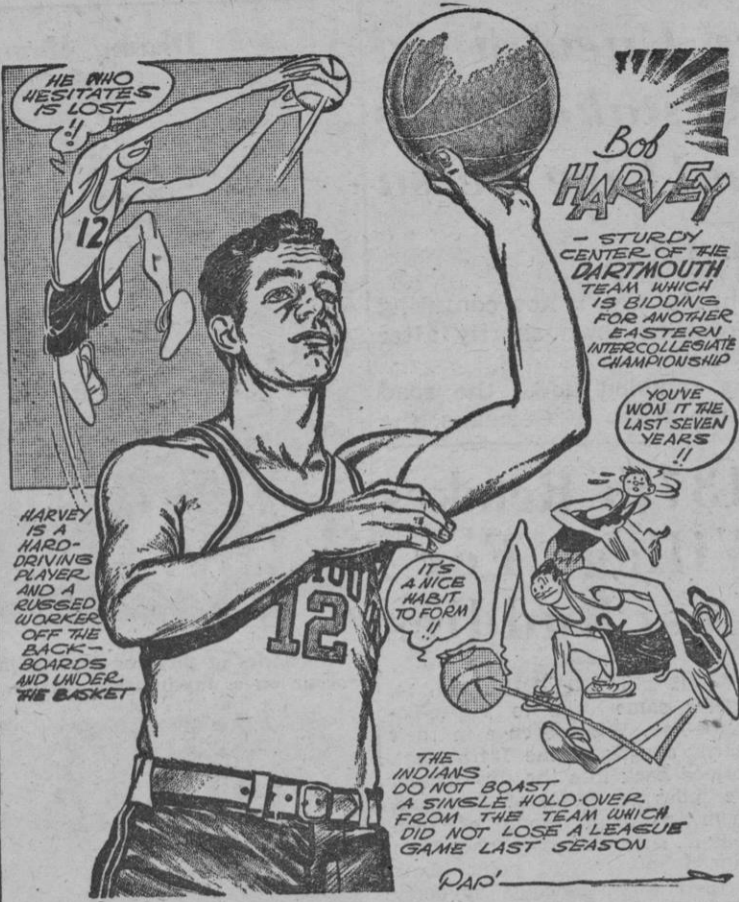
DURHAM, N.C.—The annual Southern Conference basketball tournament has been moved up from Mar. 1 to 3, which dates were set earlier, to Feb. 22-24, permitting V12 trainees, who ship out Mar. 1, a chance to play. It also enables South Carolina, North Carolina and Duke, all loaded with Navy trainees, to be at full strength... **BEULAH, Mich.**—With a listed population of 379, Beulah recently saw the opening of a \$69,000 bowling academy...

PORTLAND, Ore.—Eddie Shamlock, of the Portland Eagles, is about ready to take a night off whenever his club schedules a Christmas hockey game. On eight consecutive Christmases, Shamlock has suffered facial cuts, requiring from three to 17 stitches... **BALTIMORE, Md.**—The city of Baltimore estimates the closedown order on racing will cost the city at least \$75,000 annually in revenue. That's the average amount the city collected in fining bookies.

Kane Still Hunting

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 14.—Robert J. Kane, Cornell University athletic director, currently looking for a new football coach, admitted today he had talked to Carroll Widdoes, of Ohio State, but wouldn't say what they discussed.

"Widdoes is a very shrewd young man," was all Kane would say. Widdoes is high on the list of prospective successors to Carl Snavely, who left Cornell to return to North Carolina.



St. John's Upsets Temple In Overtime Game, 43-41

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 14.—St. John's toppled formidable Temple, 43-41, in a bitterly-contested overtime tilt at Convention Hall last night before 10,000 fans. In the curtain raiser Pennsylvania routed St. Joseph's, 63-46.

Bill Budd, Temple's hookshot artist, paraded the Owls to a 21-19 halftime margin. After a seesaw battle, during which the lead changed eight times, the Redmen stormed to a 39-38 edge with two and a half minutes remaining. Budd was fouled and he cashed in on the charity heave to send the game into overtime.

Bill Kotsoros and Hy Gotkin connected for the Brooklynites, while Budd heaved one from far out for the only scoring in the abbreviated session.

Lions Outlast Yale, 41-38

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Columbia's unpredictable hoopsters outlasted Yale, 41-38, last night for the second success against the Elis this season. Norman Skinner, 17-year-old Negro freshman, again headed Lion scorers, swishing 17 points.

W. Va., Canisius Win

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 14.—Undeclared West Virginia inflicted the third reversal in 12 starts on New York University last night, 41-40 in the first game of a double-header. Canisius closed with a rush to stop Rochester, 46-43 in the finale.

Army Defeats Raiders

WEST POINT, N. Y., Jan. 14.—Army's high-g geared quintet pummeled Colgate, 65-38 here yesterday for its 18th successive victory over a two-year span. Speedy Doug Kenner led the Cadets with 23 points.

Jack Knott Commissioned

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Jack Knott, former pitcher with the White Sox, Athletics and Browns, was commissioned in the field from the ranks of the 104th Inf. Div. in Germany, according to the Associated Press. Knott had been a first sergeant and managed the division baseball team.

Basketball Scores

- Akron 44, Geneva 41
- Alabama 31, Ga. Tech 26
- Albright 67, Dickinson 29
- Army 65, Colgate 38
- Baldwin-Wallace 36, Oberlin 43
- Bunker Hill Naval 48, Freeman Field 38
- Bowling Green 68, Case 37
- Brown 58, Dartmouth 51
- Canisius 46, Rochester 43
- Capital 71, Ashland 47
- Catawba 47, High Point 30
- Clemson 32, Wofford 21
- Columbia 41, Yale 38
- Cornell 55, Hobart 33
- Dubuque 51, Wartburg 38
- Duke 60, Wake Forest 35
- Illinois 53, Michigan 37
- Illinois Tech 49, Lawrence 36
- Iowa 61, Purdue 34
- Iowa Pre-Flight 74, Missouri 38
- Kansas State 51, Herington AAF 46
- Kentucky 66, Michigan State 35
- Maryland 46, VMI 28
- Miami (O.) 34, Denison 32

- Muhlenberg 62, Franklin-Marshall 33
- N. Mexico Ags 33, Abilene Christian 26
- No. Carolina 42, Virginia 35
- Ohio State 52, Northwestern 46
- Ohio U. 53, Ohio Wesleyan 41
- Oklahoma 48, Nebraska 45
- Oklahoma Ags 49, Arkansas 40
- Oklahoma State 44
- Oregon 51, Oregon State 44
- Otterbein 48, Kenyon 24
- Pennsylvania 63, St. Joseph's 46
- Pittsburgh 58, Penn State 51
- Rice 50, Texas Christian 44
- Sampson Naval 49, Syracuse 28
- Seranton 50, Cornell Midshipmen 47
- Southern Methodist U. 50, Texas Ags 28
- Taylor 46, Anderson 45
- Texas 54, Baylor 36
- Tuskegee 26, Florida Ags 14
- UCLA 37, California 26
- Wabash 53, Earlham 35
- Wagner 57, Newark U. 31
- Washington 60, Idaho 41
- Wisconsin 46, Minnesota 37

Fighter Gets Split Decision in Chicago

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—Johnny Flannagan, Chicago heavyweight, kayoed Dave Mason, of Cleveland, here last night, but the fighting didn't stop there. Almost immediately after taking his bow he needed the assistance of Chicago cops to help him out of the ring.

Two women entered the ring and started belting away at the Chicago boxer with their purses and anything else handy. And they even went farther—they assaulted commission members and officials who came to Flannagan's rescue. Police finally quelled the disturbance and led the gladiator to safety.

Heavies Top GI Punch Bill

A 12-bout boxing card has been arranged for GI fight fans tonight at the Palais de Glace, under the auspices of the Red Cross and Special Service. The first bout is scheduled for 7:30 P.M.

A team of 12 boxers from the 19th Reinforcement Depot will trade punches with leather-pushers from the Ninth Air Force and nearby military units.

Sgt. Johnny Murdoch, 185-pounder from Philadelphia, who decided Timmy Seals last week, meets Pvt. Joseph Mells, 190, from Brooklyn. Cpl. John Jones, 210, from Williston, N.D., fights Pfc Lloyd Rognam, 215, of Chicago. Two other favorites, Pvt. Vern La-Cross and Pvt. Jimmie Johnson will be seeking their fifth and sixth wins, respectively.

The Program

- Pvt. Harvey Matthews, 126, Detroit, VS. Cpl. Harold Lindsey, 130, Franklin, Pa.
- Pvt. Francis Ward, 126, Chicago, VS. Pfc. Steve Ampellas, 126, San Antonio, Tex.
- Pvt. Jimmie O'Brien, 135, Shreveport, La., VS. Sgt. Glen Harbaugh, 135, Calumet, Pa.
- S/Sgt. Wilbert Brewer, 148, Detroit, VS. Pfc. Earl Judge, 150, Gary, Ind.
- Pvt. May Bufort, 155, Chicago, VS. Pfc. Vern La-Cross, 153, San Francisco, Cal.
- Pvt. Nat Argento, 165, Brooklyn, VS. Pfc. Jack Nowitzke, 166, New Brunswick, N.J.
- Pvt. George Berger, 175, New York, VS. Pvt. John Witt, 170, Philadelphia.
- Sgt. Ed Orris, 175, New York, VS. Cpl. Calvin Post, 180, Hilton, Pa.
- Pvt. Costello Cruz, 175, Los Angeles, VS. Pvt. Jimmie Johnson, 175, Fort Worth, Tex.
- Pvt. John Thompson, 156, New York, VS. Pvt. Andrew Gioski, 160, Sharon, Pa.

Iowa, Badgers, Ohio State Win

IOWA CITY, Ia., Jan. 14.—Iowa's undefeated basketball team grabbed the Big Ten lead here last night, drubbing Purdue, 61-34, the worst defeat ever inflicted on the Boilermakers by the Hawkeys.

The Big Ten pacemakers ran up a 27-13 half-time lead with Iowa's starting five dividing the scoring honors. C. Wilkinson was high man for the winners with 16 points.

Bucks Trip Wildcats

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 14.—Ohio State's defending champions scored their second conference basketball victory here last night, defeating Northwestern, 53-46, after leading at the intermission, 24-17.

Freshman Jack Pfeiffer paced the Buckeyes with 15 points, but the Wildcats' center, Max Morris, was high man for the night with 21. The defeat was the first for Northwestern, which dropped to a tie for second place with Ohio State.

Badgers Victorious

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 14.—Wisconsin's basketball team coasted through the second half to ring up a 46-37 victory over Minnesota here last night. It was the Gophers' third defeat in four conference starts.

The Badgers led 24-6 at one time, and left the floor at halftime with a 31-10 advantage. With the exception of a light scoring spurt by Minnesota at the start of the second half, the Badgers were never threatened.

UCLA, Oregon, Huskies Win on Pacific Coast

BERKELEY, Calif., Jan. 14.—California's hopes of defending its Pacific Coast southern division cage title dwindled last night when the Bears bowed to UCLA, 37-26.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 14.—The University of Oregon trounced Oregon State, 51-44 last night despite 18 points poured through the hoop by Oregon State's Bernie McGrath.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 14.—Washington University's powerful quintet remained the only unbeaten team in the northern division of the Pacific Coast loop by defeating Idaho last night, 60-41.

Canadiens Put Red Wings On Skittle, 8 to 3

MONTREAL, Jan. 14.—The Montreal Canadiens, National Hockey League pace-makers, scored five times in the first period and went on to slaughter the Detroit Red Wings, 8-3, last night.

Elmer Lach had two assists and one goal in the first-period scoring spree. After "Toe" Blake had started scoring operations midway in the first period unassisted, Lach passed to Emile Bouchard for one goal and to Maurice Richard for another before he tallied on a pass from Leo Lamoureux. Dutch Hiller scored the fifth goal with help from Fernand Gauthier.

The Red Wings' first goal came in the third period with Herb Lindsay converting on a pass from Flash Hollett. Joe Carveth and Mud Bruneteau finished Detroit's scoring before Glen Harmon of the Canadiens stole the puck and went through unaided for the final tally.

Leafs Shade Bruins, 2-1

TORONTO, Jan. 14.—Veteran Bob Davidson rifled a 15-foot angle shot past Goalie Paul Bibeault early in the third period to give the Maple Leafs a 2-1 victory over the Boston Bruins.

Lorne Carr scored for the Leafs late in the second period when he took a pass from Gus Bodnar and Babe Pratt. Bill Jennings tied it for Boston before the third period was one minute old on an assist by Bill Cowley, then came Davidson's winning tally.

Hockey Standings

National League

	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	20	5	2	42
Detroit	17	7	4	38
Toronto	14	11	2	30
New York	6	13	7	19
Boston	3	17	1	19
Chicago	3	16	4	10

American League

Saturday Night Scores

Providence 8, Pittsburgh 3.
Hershey 4, Buffalo 0.

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pts
Buffalo	18	13	5	41
Hershey	17	13	5	38
Providence	13	17	3	29

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pts
Indianapolis	16	10	10	42
Cleveland	16	9	6	38
Pittsburgh	15	16	5	35
St. Louis	6	22	4	16

Nelson Paces Arizona Golf

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 14.—Byron Nelson shot a 65 here yesterday to take the lead at the halfway mark in the \$5,000 Phoenix Open golf tournament. Harold "Jug" McSpaden moved into second place with another 65. Nelson's 36-hole total is 133, McSpaden's 135.

Bob Hamilton, of Evansville, Ind., and Herman Barron, of White Plains, N.Y., wound up in a third place deadlock with scores of 138. Each shot 70 yesterday. Sammy Snead had a tough time again, being in the rough and traps throughout to wind up with a 75, which dropped him to 17th in the tournament.

Pvt. Leland Gibson, of Randolph Field, Tex., was all alone at 139, and Sammy Byrd was tied with Denny Shute, of Akron, Ohio, with 140. Ed Furiol, of Detroit, topped amateurs with 147.

Army Expels 5 Gridders



Dean Sensenbauger

WEST POINT, N.Y., Jan. 14.—Dean Sensenbauger, former Ohio State football star who played with Army last fall, has been found deficient in three subjects and dropped from the Military Academy. Dewitt Coulter, tackle from Fort Worth, Tex.; Hank Foldberg, end, from Dallas, Tex.; Art Gerometta, Gary, Ind., guard, and Fullback Elmer Raba, Washington, D.C., flunked one subject each and will go to prep school for the remainder of the year and re-enter the Academy next fall as plebes.

Sensenbauger is expected to seek reappointment to the Military Academy.

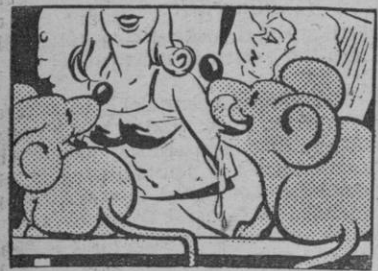
HASH MARKS

Somebody who really gets around among the fair sex told us that the word SNAFU describes most aptly his five feminine acquaintances: Sometimes, Never, Always, Frequently, Usually.

One of our cartoonists, Ralph Newman, was studying a book of Japanese insignia. One of their awards is a star denoting a year's voluntary service. We wonder if the Japs, too, had a song, "I'll be back in a year, little dear."

T/5 Gene Sabin and T/5 Angelo Gariboldi, of an artillery battery somewhere in Belgium, say that they don't worry about any German SS troops that might oppose them. They claim they are SS, too—selective service.

We've heard a lot of tales about mice in Nissen huts in Britain, but we think T/Sgt. Richard T. Thompson has the saddest gripe of all.



Mice are now nibbling his pinup gals. Already they've nibbled Betty Grable and Jane Russell. "Oh, for the life of a mouse," muses Thompson.

Overheard at a Thunderbolt base on the tannoy during a mission. Pilot calling to wing man: "Hey, what was that, that just buzzed past me?"

Wing man: "ME109."
Pilot: "Great! I just shot it down."

Pun of the Week: An artilleryman, rejoining his old outfit after several months' absence, quipped: "Long Tom, no see."

"A true musician," observes a Pfc, "is a man who puts his ear to the



keyhole when he hears a woman singing in the bathtub."

Overheard in the Metro. "Look at that girl, pretty as a picture!" "Yeah, nice frame, too."

Repeated by request. And then there was the wolf who knew all the ankles.

Signs of the times. A poster in a bistro over here reads: Do not leave the bar during the blackout—you may be half-lit.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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FOUND

WALLET belonging to Pfc Charles A. Van Horn. 36614866.
RIFLE, M1, No. 648074, Cpl. Manuel Pedro.

WANTED

FOOT LOCKER with tray. Lt. C. Forstener.

APOs WANTED

PVT. Charles O'Sullivan, 35242728; T/5 Donald O. Lambert, 33449559.

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Time TODAY

1301—N.Y. Philharmonic.
1930—Comedy Caravan.
2135—Duffy's Tavern.
2207—Calif. Melodies.
(News every hour on the hour.)

TOMORROW

0925—Music America Loves.
1830—Blondie and Dagwood.
2105—Charlie McCarthy.
2207—Hit Parade.
(News every hour on the hour.)

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

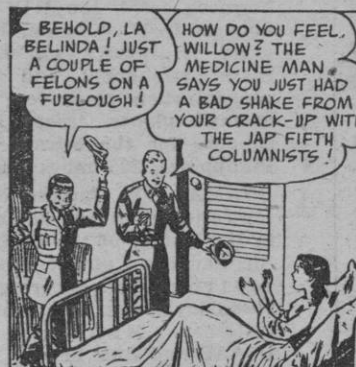
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Terry And the Pirates

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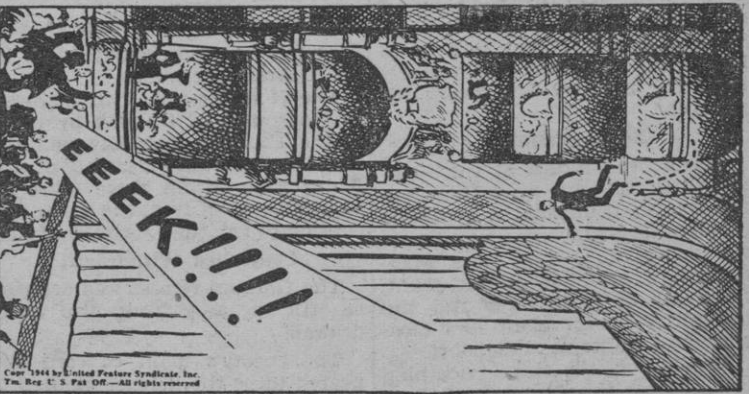
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(News every hour on the hour.)

160 Luftwaffe Planes Downed By Allied Fliers

Wave after wave of U.S. aircraft delivered a new series of punishing blows on and behind the enemy lines yesterday, destroying at least 160 German planes in fierce dog-fights. The combined Allied air forces flew more than 3,500 sorties through cloudless skies and were joined by 1,000 British planes.

The already-battered German oil industry was hammered in the strongest of the blows by more than 900 Flying Forts and Liberators of the Eighth AF, in the teeth of strong opposition by German fighter planes rushed into the air in a desperate bid to cloak the targets.

Incomplete reports last night indicated that at least 140 German planes had been destroyed by the heavies and their 850-plane fighter escort in violent dogfights over the target area.

The attack was preceded by an order of the day from Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz, USSTAF chief, in which he told Eighth fliers that their mission was comparable in importance to the concentrated operations against German aircraft plants in February, 1944. He declared that the German oil reserves were now in a "critical" state, and said, "Your task is to besiege his desperate efforts to rebuild the industry and renew his reserves."

Strike Refinery

The heavies struck at the Hemmingstedt refinery near Heide, in the Danish peninsula; a synthetic oil plant at Magdeburg; an oil storage depot at Derben, near Magdeburg; a second synthetic plant northeast of Brunswick, and the Saltzmitter benzol plant and Goering steel works at Hallendorf.

In addition, the three remaining bridges over the Rhine at Cologne were bombed. The attack on the Magdeburg synthetic plant was the sixth that the factory, which produces 15,000 tons of oil a month, has undergone.

The Ninth AF took advantage of clear skies yesterday to roar out in its greatest strength since New Year's Day. More than 1,000 fighter-bombers concentrated on eastward-fleeing convoys, and pilots reported destruction of more than 300 trucks and the damage of an equal number. More than 30 tanks were also destroyed, along with 140 rail cars.

Early's ETO Assignment Hints FDR Visit Here

Reports that President Roosevelt was coming to France soon were renewed yesterday, when SHAEF revealed that Presidential secretary Stephen Early was coming here for consultation with the SHAEF public relations division.

It was still uncertain whether the President would visit France before or after the "Big Three" meeting. There was also a possibility that the meeting might be held in France, based on the supposition that De Gaulle might be invited to the conference and that Stalin might repair his visit to Russia.

Paris Night Clubs Shut Down As Light Curb Goes Into Effect

By Ernest Leiser

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Gay Paree? Not tonight, nor for some time to come.

They're closing down the night clubs and cabarets in the Paris area, turning off the lights in the store windows and closing all shops except groceries and pharmacies at five PM.

In addition, the supply of electric power for domestic, commercial and small trade use will be cut off between 8:30 AM and 5 PM, and tomorrow all passenger steam-trains in France will be suspended.

The moves have been made by the French government in an attempt to relieve the coal shortage and the bans will be lifted as soon as sufficient coal is available.

Learned Lessons Well



Lt. Albino A. Dell Antonia, 22, was trained under Mussolini's glider and aeronautics program. He learned well. Recently, he was awarded the DFC for a spectacular flight and crash landing of AC47 in the invasion of Holland with U.S. Troop Carrier forces.

First Severs Main Highway

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ed out by air and ground action in Third Army operations.

The Houffalize-St. Vith highway was cut west of Cherain by units of the Third Armored Div. and 83d Inf. Div. Advance elements of the Third were within three miles of Houffalize itself from the north, according to frontline correspondents.

Controlled Withdrawal

The German retreat was described officially as a "controlled withdrawal."

The enemy's main concern appeared to be the defense of the St. Vith approaches and the shoulder south of Vielsalm along the north flank. On the south, strongest German resistance was found northeast of Bastogne on the road to Houffalize.

On the north, the new attack by the 30th Div. and other U. S. forces drove into Thirimont, seven and one-half miles from St. Vith. American forces were driven back from the town by a German counter-attack of an infantry battalion and ten tanks. Then they pushed to the edge of the town again.

Attacking forces seized Geromont and approached Hedomont, two miles south of Malmédy.

Northwest of Houffalize, U. S. forces pushed through the Wibrin Forest to within two miles of the town of Wibrin. Units of the 84th Inf. and Third Armored Divs. took the villages of Pisserotte, Bertmenil, Borzie and Maboge.

British troops moving in from the west occupied Champlon, Erneville and Nieramont, south and southeast of Laroche. In the Champlon sector, British and U.S. forces were in contact.

On the south, Third Army forces fought in the streets of Bertogne, north of Bastogne, after crushing three counter-attacks.

Northeast of Bastogne, 101st Airborne men pushed up the Houffalize road and took the village of Foy.

20,000 Japs Dead in Battle Of China Sea

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Japanese radio said yesterday, describing the raiding force as "powerful." Nagoya is the site for the Mitsubishi aircraft factories which furnish Japan with 55 percent of her aircraft.

3-FORMOSA: Other B29 formations, flying from bases inside China, made their second raid since the New Year on military installations off the Formosa coast, the WD announced in Washington. Formosa is Japan's mightiest island stronghold and the concentration point for the enemy's planes, troops and supplies for the beleaguered Philippines, 225 miles south.

4-BURMA: The largest concentration of heavy bombers in the history of the Eastern Air Command struck Japanese troop convoys ringing Mandalay in northern Burma yesterday. Hundreds of USAAF and RAF heavies, escorted by USAAF fighters, blasted the Jap targets for nearly four hours in daylight Saturday. Jap air opposition was non-existent.

Radio silence from Adm. Halsey's Fleet indicated the attack of the Indo-China coast was still in progress on Sunday or was coming to the critical stage. AP reports from New York said the Japanese had been trying to put together a huge force to sail 1,000 miles across the China Sea and strike at the Luzon positions of Gen. MacArthur's troops.

One dispatch from New York said six transports leaving the breakwater of Saigon Harbor were sunk and between 15,000 to 20,000 Japs were believed to have perished. The decks were jammed, the report said.

In the North Pacific, meanwhile, three targets in the Kurile Islands came under attack by U.S. bombers in a stepped up attack by the 11th AF. Fires were started on two bases on Paramushiro Island and at Tershima Retto, both 500 miles north of Japan's northernmost island.

Yanks Arrive . . .

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they had left them and hinted that they might be just a little impatient with civilian complaints of rationing.

"I'll eat nothing but bread and water for the duration," said David Hughes, of the Eighth Div. and Franklin, N.J.

And Kordasiewicz said, "I'll come home and pay the government \$50 a month if they'll just let me stay here and work in a war plant."

Maj. Robert B. Ritchie, of Charlottesville, Va., was swallowing "good American home-brewed coffee" when asked how he got his Silver Star. "I suppose I was wandering around where I shouldn't have been," he said.

T/Sgt. Francis J. Drosselmeier, of the Bronx and the Eighth Cav. Recon. Troop, First Army, said, "I zigged when I should have zagged," in explaining how he won the Purple Heart.

"Somehow, I would like to be back there right now. You see, I left a lot of my buddies over there," Pfc Matty Dabkowski, of South River, N.J., said. He served with the Sixth Armored Div.

Also among the returning veterans was one of the heroes from the "battered bastards of the bastion at Bastogne." He was Pvt. Theodore Kowalski, a 21-year-old paratrooper. "Sure I'll enjoy my furlough—but I want to go back to the fighting when the furlough is over," Kowalski said.

Newsprint Regulation

The French Information Ministry has appointed an advisory committee among capital newspaper executives to help regulate newsprint consumption since the shortage forced Paris' 17 dailies to half-size publication. Papers which have been printed on single sheets, eight-column size, will start publishing tabloid-size sheets today.

Reds and Poles Plan Poland Offensive



Bending over battle maps in a headquarters building in Praga, Poland, officers of the Polish and Russian Armies plan operations to liberate the remaining Polish soil held by the Germans. Saturday, Marshal Stalin announced that a winter offensive in this sector had been launched.

Mediums Drop 100,000th Ton Russians Race Toward Reich

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mission to Ijmuiden, Holland, and were shot to pieces. Three days later they went back with ten planes. Everyone of the 10 was destroyed.

Two months afterward, the 323rd Bomb. Gp., led by Col. Herbert Thatcher with Lt. Col. Wilson R. Wood, leading a flight, made the first medium level bombing attack in the ETO, spattering the Abbeville freight yards in the first of a long series of attacks on German communications in western Europe which helped pave the way for D-Day nearly a year later.

This afternoon, from some two miles above the German border, southeast of St. Vith, the 100,000th ton of Marauder bombs slipped out of a bomb bay, slanted earthward and plunked into a Nazi bridge. From a Marauder of the 323rd Gp, commanded by the same colonel, Wilson Wood, of Chico, Texas, who flew to Abbeville, July 16, 1943, we saw that 100,000th-ton bomb explode and so marked an era.

80,622 Sorties

In the year and a half it took to haul those tons of Nazi targets, the mediums of the Ninth flew 80,622 sorties, lost 311 planes and claimed 73 enemy fighters destroyed, 37 probably destroyed and 94 damaged.

The figures didn't include the men and machines that went down today. As we turned into the bomb run, and black flak clumped hollowly beneath us, Capt. Arden Freer, the Washington, D.C. pilot, called out a ship hit ahead and just to the left. It was our lead bomber, and as flame and smoke burst in the old frightening swiftness from an engine, three parachutes blossomed helplessly white in its wake. Two more came out later before the burning bomber wheeled earthward and crashed.

For Wilson Wood's pioneering group, the day's work brought total tonnage to 11,198, losses to 21 ships. Of the group 131 men have never come back from their targets and 13 more came home dead.

Gone Home or Gone Down

The crews were different today. The men who flew a year and a half ago have gone home, or gone down. But the flak was the same as it always has been when it's tough, and the cold, dead chill of the sub-zero air two miles up was the same.

In place of the pioneers flew Freer, with 23 missions; 2/Lt. Richard G. Anderson, Racine, Wis., co-pilot, with 20 missions; 2/Lt. Doug Aune, Rice Lake, Wis., bombardier, with 22; S/Sgt. Albert Abramson, Long Beach, Calif., engineer, with 21; T/Sgt. Joe Alpert, Syracuse, N.Y., radio gunner, with 20; S/Sgt. Manuel Alonzo, Modesto, Calif., tail gunner, with 20.

There was another guy, who was racking up mission No. 19, who remembered what the flak was like the day the Marauders dropped their 4,000th ton, almost a year and a half ago, and that's the reason this story says the flak and the cold and the men in the bombers haven't changed.

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artillery and rocket-firing katushas into the breach to increase his firepower.

Flanking attacks quickly captured Khelmnik, Busk and Stopnice, eliminating the Nazis' principal communication points facing Sandomierz. Leningrad veterans, commanded by General Baklanov, were distinguished throughout this phase of the fighting.

Heavy fog blanketed the entire area and denied the Russians air support—a fact which drew comments of amazement by Berlin broadcasters.

Thorough Reconnaissance

During the long lull on the Polish front, Russian air and ground reconnaissance units had plotted every German position. The Germans, during the same interval, had been deepening their lines and bringing up guns and laying out extensive minefields. The night before the drive opened, Russian sappers cleared corridors through the minefields.

In Budapest, the Russians report capture of additional city blocks in rooftop fighting. Northwest of Budapest, Marshal Malinovsky's forces met strenuous German opposition in the drive on Komarno, the Nazis' supply junction on the Danube.

The Russians captured undamaged a Messerschmitt works in Budapest where aircraft parts were manufactured.

Cabinet Dissents Over Greek Truce

Dissension has arisen in the cabinet of Premier Nicolas Plastiras over the terms of the truce signed Friday by Lt. Gen. Ronald M. Scobie, British commander, and ELAS representatives, according to Associated Press reports from Athens.

British military authorities said the object of the truce was merely to facilitate political discussions for peace. Dissension resulted because Plastiras believed the beginning of discussions with ELAS delegates before hostages were released "would provoke public feelings."

Going My Way? Generally, Yes

WITH AMERICAN FORCES, Jan. 14.—The war went on apace last week—and a good deed by an unidentified GI driver had a lot to do with it.

Four American officers were huddled together on a snow-buried Belgian road when this GI samaritan drove up in a weapons carrier. Spotting the disabled staff car he offered the four a ride.

He was asked to drop them at First Army H.Q.

When they checked in at a First Army conference later, they registered as: Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz, commander USSAF; Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, commander Eighth AF; Maj. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, commander Ninth AF; and Maj. Gen. E. R. Quesada, Ninth TAC.