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Wo sind die anderen?
Vo sind de; underehn?
Where are the others?

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U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo.

Bastogne, Christmas Day looked this way as C47s dropped medical supplies and ammunition by parachute to the beleaguered garrison of 101st Air-

borne troops desperately holding out against the Germans who in vain had tried to capture the stronghold. Other pictures on the siege of Bastogne on pages 4 and 5.

'Tour of Duty' Home Leaves Urged for Joes

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (ANS).—Clare Boothe Luce (R.-Conn.) advocated today the establishment of a program for combat troops, similar to the Air Corps' "mission" system, whereby all combat men would have a specified tour of duty at the end of which they would be eligible for relief or furlough.

In an interview at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel Mrs. Luce, who recently completed a tour of the ETO with 16 other members of the House Military Affairs Committee, said combat troops should have some definite prospect of relief.

"Naturally I make this recommendation with due regard to military considerations," she said. "In the Air Corps a certain number of missions makes a man eligible to be sent home for further duty or to be assigned to duty in a rear area.

Hope of Something Better

"There is no such hope for combat teams of ground forces," she said. "For example, a certain division in Italy has had 400 days of actual combat, casualties have been heavy and eventually the men get into the frame of mind in which the only future they see is death.

"It seems to me such men should either be replaced or given furloughs. If the combat teams knew, for instance, that after 200 days of combat duty they would be replaced or earn furloughs, they would have hope of something better to keep them going."

Lack of shipping space and insufficient infantry replacements were given by Mrs. Luce as the reasons why some combat units are still in the line.

"The government is finding out rather late in this war that it needs more foot soldiers," she declared. "The infantryman, slugging it out in mud up to his hips,

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Ramsay Plane Crash Killed Four Others

The plane crash in which Adm. Sir Bertram H. Ramsay was killed also took four other lives. They were Cmdr. G. W. Rowell and Lt. G. M. Henderson of Ramsay's staff, Lt. Cmdr. Sir J. W. Lewis, pilot, and Petty Officer L. Morgan, radio operator. The plane crashed soon after its takeoff from France for Brussels.

It's 'Reinforcement,' Not 'Replacement'

The Army has deleted the word "replacements" from its military dictionary.

By order of Gen. Eisenhower, the use of the word will be discontinued in this theater and personnel now designated as "replacements" will be referred to as "reinforcements."

Gen. Eisenhower emphasized that reinforcements are to be considered as combat reserve and that battles cannot be won without them.

FDR Admits 'Differences' Among Allies

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (ANS).—President Roosevelt acknowledged today that there were some important differences among the Allied powers and implied that they concern European political and territorial problems, the Associated Press reported.

The President indicated he doesn't hope to settle them all at his forthcoming meeting with Prime Minister Churchill and Premier Stalin.

Sketching the background for this meeting, the President told reporters that the Allies have a pretty good set of principles but they are differently interpreted in different countries. The President said very close co-ordination exists between Britain, Russia and the United States.

Roosevelt also was asked about Prime Minister Churchill's statement that he had been in telegraphic correspondence with the President on handling of the Greek situation, the implication being that the President had in some way subscribed to British policy of using armed force in Greece.

Roosevelt replied, that the most important thing is to see that populations of rescued countries do not starve. We've all been thinking of that for a long time, he said.

3rd Army Drives 5 Miles Into Bulge from Bastogne; Nazis Step Up Saar Push

Heavies Hit Enemy 12th Day in Row To Set Record

The Eighth AF struck at German rail and road centers behind the Belgian salient in more than a dozen points yesterday to set a winter record for continuous aerial operations.

More than 1,100 Forts and Liberators, flying support for U. S. ground forces for the twelfth straight day, continued their attempt to knock out German communications to the front and prevent Von Rundstedt from building up supply concentrations for a possible new drive.

Approximately 600 Mustangs and Thunderbolts of the Eighth escorted the heavies as they dropped their bombs through the fog on communication centers northwest of Karlsruhe and near the Belgian-German border, and on marshaling yards near Cologne, Aschaffenburg and Fulda.

Bombers Fly 11,000 Sorties

Yesterday's raids raised to more than 11,000 the total of U.S. bomber sorties since Dec. 23. The twelve days of uninterrupted attack—longest unbroken series of raids in the Eighth AF's winter operations—have seen six forces of more than 1,000 heavies hit the German lifeline to the Bulge, including a record fleet of 2,000-plus Fortresses and Liberators.

The heavies have dropped 26,000 tons of bombs since the assault started and have been escorted by more than 7,400 fighters of the Eighth AF. Fighters and bombers

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21st Bombers Move to Guam

Headquarters of the 21st Bomber Command has been moved from Saipan some 175 miles southwest to Guam, it was disclosed yesterday as the Superfortresses made their first raid against Japan from the new base.

The reason for the transfer was not given immediately. The Saipan bases have been the targets of Japanese planes raiding from Iwojima in the Bonin Islands.

The Superfortresses hit industrial targets at Nagoya, Japan's third largest city, and Osaka.

Gen. MacArthur's headquarters at the same time reported Liberator raids against Formosa and the Manila area.

Off Formosa the B24s set five coastal ships afire and downed four enemy planes. Clark Field near Manila was heavily bombed.

The news from the Pacific fronts also included the arrival in Australia of a complete British fleet, including a carrier force, under Adm. Sir Bruce Fraser.

36-Hour Blackout Of News Lifted

An American Third Army assault team of tanks and infantry drove five and one-half miles northeast of Bastogne into the waist of the German bulge yesterday as the Allied High Command lifted the 36-hour security embargo on news from the Belgian front.

Field Marshal von Rundstedt, meanwhile, stepped up the tempo of diversionary attacks in the Saar Valley. These already have cost U.S. forces their narrow hold on German soil northeast of Sarreguemes and pose the threat of a new blitz into the Alsace Plain.

Yesterday's major developments in the Battle of the Bulge were:

1. Third Army forces advanced all along the south flank from St. Hubert, into which U.S. patrols penetrated, to a point three miles east of Bastogne.
2. Fairly heavy German troop movements to the east were reported on secondary roads in the southern part of the German salient.
3. No significant gains were reported in the Luxembourg sector, but official reports said fighting there was heavy.
4. The first 16 days of Von Rundstedt's counter-offensive cost Germany 20,000 men in prisoners-of-war and 400 tanks, it was officially estimated.

Official reports brought the Western Front situation up to yesterday morning except in the

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Medics Shun Offer of 'Combat Pay'

WITH 82nd AIRBORNE DIV., Jan. 3.—Parachuting medics of the 82nd Airborne Div. have refused to accept a voluntary monthly contribution—the equivalent of infantrymen's combat pay—offered them by the regular troopers of the division.

In a letter addressed to the 505th Parachute Regt., Maj. Daniel B. McIlvoy, detachment surgeon, said that although his men were "deeply appreciative" of the offer, "they

feel that they cannot conscientiously accept such money."

The paratroopers had volunteered to make up the difference in medic pay out of their own pockets. The CO of the 505th explained that the offer was made because his men were grateful to the medics, "who expose themselves to all the hazards of airborne operations without the privilege of fighting back against the enemy."

Maj. McIlvoy, explaining his refusal, declared that combat pay is "only one portion of the official re-

cognition accorded the infantry soldier; this recognition also includes a badge and an official citation."

Because the line medical soldier has not yet been officially recognized in such a manner, he added, "the men of the detachment feel that it is not justifiable to accept this token of recognition from their fellow soldiers in lieu of official recognition."

Some of the money, already collected and given to the medics, will be returned, Maj. McIlvoy said.

Turkey Breaks Off Relations with Japs

The Ankara radio reported last night that the Turkish National Assembly had decided to break diplomatic and economic relations with Japan.

The decision was received with satisfaction in London. It was pointed out there that a Japanese observation post would be removed from a part of the world from which Germany already has been ejected.

THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

Sticks to His Guns

More than 100 letters have been received by B-Bag criticizing "Worried Soldier" who wants to "prove to the German home folks that we're human."

He finds it difficult to follow the non-fraternization order because he has "met a young lady and has promised her that I will return after the war to become her husband." Here is his reply to those critics whose letters were published.

I am inclined to believe that my critics have never been up front when the infantry had just captured a town, or else they'd never be so harsh. . . . I am one of those infantry fighters whom our generals depend upon to carry out their orders so success will be ours.

Your letters do not change my mind; . . . only make me worry more about the future—when the day comes to settle our affairs with Germany. I'm afraid that there will be more like you around who will help gum up the works. . . .

Last week I shot a German soldier between the eyes and he fell as a falling tree. As I saw him fall I thought of some of my critics in the combat engineers, who don't know what the word fighting means.

I think the only way to wipe the slate clean is to start with the youth and teach them what we are like. We must teach them just why there is no reason for fighting with us.

I challenge you fellows to try to think of the best method to handle this great problem facing our nation today—the problem of what to do to end these wars with Germany. It is surely not to be cruel beyond the point of necessity, for we must think of tomorrow when peace comes, when Germany will have to build anew.

I agree this non-fraternization rule is a must but I still insist that I am determined to marry this German girl after the war.—**T/Sgt. George C. Cunningham, Inf.**

Call Him Hun

May I take this means of suggesting that we take a more realistic slant at the true situation and refer to Germans as "Huns" instead of "Jerrics." Some soft-headed soldier, or the folks back home, might get the cracked idea that our enemy is a nice guy.—**Capt. H. A. M., F. A.**

Not Father!

We are utterly disgusted with Dr. Ernest A. Hooten, Harvard anthropologist, who proposes men over 45 should be used for post-war occupation.

What did our fathers do in 1918? They were as young as we are now, but they went to war. If he thinks we are going to see our fathers endure the hardships we have, he has another guess coming. IF they can't find men to replace us, we can always volunteer for foreign service after the war rather than see our fathers come over. What do you say, fellows?—**1/Sgt. I.L. Wheeler, seven others, Medics.**

Count Us Out

We are part of the Flak City outfit that "doesn't have a chance," as Lt. A. R. B., Inf., describes our position. He is wrong in telling everyone that we are "holding men" who don't want to fight any longer.

Their artillery is not sending leaflets and they are not shooting blanks at us. Our medics are making out casualty reports for the real thing. Our dead have been

killed by the enemy who shot to kill.

If you crave action, don't ask Gens. Eisenhower and Bradley; your own regimental commander can arrange a transfer for you to a line company.—**Flak City Line Company.**

(There are about 40 more letters like this on file.—Ed.)

Commendation

I wish to commend Pvt James A. Decker for his comment in B-BAG of 25 Dec. In the midst of such disco-ordinated ideas, it is most refreshing to find a soldier, and an American citizen, with such splendid values of appreciation of the truly basic truths. The comment of Pvt. Decker is most deeply appreciated by all in this Section.—**L.C. Tierman, Theater Chaplain.**

Making Ends Meet

To make my cigarettes go farther, I bought a cigarette holder, cut each cigarette in half and get a good smoke which goes twice as far.—**Cpl. F. B. Thorne, AC.**

Boys Will Be Boys

We are considered combat troops, but we're not allowed to play poker. We would like to know if there is anything unhealthy or morale-breaking in the game? If you could enlighten us as to any harm in playing poker in off hours, please let us know.—**Pfc C. J. A., six others, Tank Bn.**

(We are whole-heartedly against gambling—especially poker. Only last night we lost 700 francs making with the cards.—Ed.)

Field Strip

We are just a bunch of renegades up here on the front, but we do like to relax and when we get the opportunity they give us a band concert—of all things. The chance to have fun comes seldom and when we can would like to shoot the works. How about giving us a good burlesque show?—**Anti-Classical Movement for Better Entertainment, Cav. Spdn.**

Hubert



by Sgt. Dick Wingert

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An Editorial

Kids, Kindergartens and Krupps

THIS kid—made in Germany—many—is not much different from thousands of other tots in Milwaukee, Chicago and New York. His life centers around toys, affection and things to put into that fat little tummy.



So far no thoughts of lebensraum have entered his head. He probably doesn't rate himself better than any other kid because his hair is yellow and his name is Hans. Maybe he squabbles with his playmates but, by and large, we'll bet he gets along okay. And when he doesn't, a few pats on the fanny straighten him out.

Should we hate this German kid? Not by a long shot. We think he can be brought up to become a good man and a decent member of the human fraternity.

We believe that on kids like him the future peace of Europe and the world depends. That's why our hunch on what to do with what's left of Germany is—educate the kids.

Watch Krupps—but watch the kindergartens, too. Supervise Siemens—but don't skip the schools. Look into the test tubes—look into the text books, too. Poke around Potsdam—but don't forget Heidelberg and Bonn.

One thing more: We believe that educating Germans is a job for experts. That sergeants (See today's B-Bag) who fancy the frauleins are asking for more than their share of marital woe. And that the Joe who goes in for kissing German kiddies will wind up convincing mutter and fater that those dumb Americans are back again with their crazy Kultur. You know the kind—that dumkopf Yankee design for living compounded of ignorance, weak discipline and spearmint gum.

Changes In 'Bill of Rights' Opposed by Rep. Rankin

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (ANS).—The "GI Bill of Rights" won't be changed substantially by the new congress if Rep. Rankin (D.-Miss.) has his way.

Rankin, who wrote much of the bill that is the serviceman's Magna Charta as chairman of the House Veterans Committee, said in an Associated Press interview today that he sees no need for major changes. Rankin said he regretted to see the developing move to pay returning soldiers a bonus.

"In all the history of the world," he said, "there has never been a time when servicemen have been cared for better than they are being cared for now. We have provided for liberal mustering out pay, we have provided for unemployment compensation, for government fin-

anced education and for government loans.

"Agitation for additional benefits for veterans is coming not from the servicemen themselves but from those who purport to represent them. Servicemen themselves want nothing more than to get the war over and return to their normal ways of living. They don't want government handouts, because they know they and their children must foot the tax bill."

Man-Made 'Quakes' Held a Possibility In Pacific War

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (ANS).—A plan to "shake" Japan's key industrial centers into ruin with man-induced earthquakes was once seriously considered—but never tried—by military and scientific authorities during the period immediately following Pearl Harbor, the United Press reported today.

The plan called for the explosion of millions of pounds of dynamite in the sea near the island empire at a certain "trigger point" in the earth's crust. It never was adopted, but it was not wholly rejected.

Top-ranking scientists advised that in theory the plan might be feasible. They pointed out, however, that it would take tremendous amounts of explosives, many ships and many men, and involve grave risks since operations would have to be carried out in waters close to Japan. Because the outcome was uncertain, the plan was pigeon-holed.

New Artificial Eye Is Developed For Wounded Veterans

Artificial eye: made of water-clear plastic that can be tinted to match exactly the natural eye are now being made for wounded veterans.

The new plastic eyes are superior to custom-made glass eyes, say technicians who make them. They are complete to the tiny network of red veins that cover the real eyeball.

Development of the new eye was started at the Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa. Three dental officers, Capt. Stanley Erpf, Maj. Milton Wirtz and Maj. Victor Dietz, are credited with its perfection.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, The Stars and Stripes, Paris, France. APO 897.

CAMERA EXCHANGE

WANTED: Eight-mm. movie camera, Lt. Stanton F. Benson. 35mm. camera, Argus or other make, Cpl. M. V. Arnau-toff.

FOR SALE: Rolleiflex camera, perfect condition. 15 rolls of film, 10,000ft. or trade for 35mm. camera. Sgt. Leonard Hecht.

SWAP: Carl Zeiss binoculars for 35mm. camera. Pfc Herb Aronson. 35mm. Univex Mercury and 12 rolls of film for 6x6 automatic Rolleiflex, T/5 J. Gagliardi.

WANTED

BINOCULARS. T/5 Walter Taylor.

TYPEWRITER, portable, Capt. G. A. Field. Will pay cash or trade German P39 pistol for portable typewriter. 1/Lt. S. Kinney

ACCORDION, small or medium size, 18 or less bass keys. W. H. Terry.

"Oh—there's—somethin' about a soldier, somethin' about a soldier, somethin' about a soldier that is fine, fine, fine . . ."

Work or Fight Plan Gets Priority by Congress

Soldiers Turn War Workers in Buffalo



A group of soldiers is checked in at the Dunlop Tire and Rubber factory in Buffalo, where about 50 servicemen have been assigned to the plant to help alleviate a manpower shortage and speed production of critically-needed tires for the Army.

Capital Press Finds FBI Knows Its Nazis

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (ANS).—A Young man in a Nazi Party uniform strolled down Pennsylvania Ave. at noon today. He "lasted" just one block and a half.

Two FBI agents executed sharp flanking movements, grabbed the lad and started asking questions.

It was an experiment by a Washington newspaper to demonstrate the alertness of the capital population. Gordon Shorb, a copy boy, wore the uniform picked up as a souvenir by a GI in Europe.

FBI Captures Escaped PWs

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 3 (ANS).—The capture last night of two of 20 Nazis who escaped from the Papago Park PW camp on Christmas Eve reduced the number still at large to 15.

The FBI announced that the two Germans, Heinrich Palmer and Reinhard Mark, were picked up near Sells, which is about 25 miles north of the Mexican border.

Palmer and Mark were found sleeping in a clump of sagebrush, 300 yards from the roadway. They had a highway map on which the route from Phoenix to Mexico was pencilled.

Disabled GIs Zero In On Texas Deer, Turkey

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 3 (ANS).—This is a tall tale from Texas:

Four convalescent soldiers from McCloskey General Hospital at Temple bagged four bucks and a wild turkey on a hunting trip last week—and they had but eight cartridges.

Sgt. Abe Beale, of Springfield, Mo., who lost both feet in action in Southern France shot an eight-point buck from his wheelchair.

New Mercury Plane Seen as Money Saver

CHICAGO, Jan. 3 (ANS).—The Glenn L. Martin Co. of Baltimore has announced the Mercury, a completely new twin-engine commercial aircraft, which promises to cut present passenger rates in half. Peyton Magruder, chief of new design, told a press conference at the International Aviation Conference that the plane is so economical to operate it "could put current planes out of business" and could make a profit on passenger fares of two and one-half to three and one-half cents a mile.

Film Actress Injured

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 3 (ANS).—Susan Peters, film actress, was pronounced "out of immediate danger" today following removal of a .22 rifle bullet that lodged in her spine as result of a hunting accident yesterday.

Byrnes' Draft Proposal Gets Nod from FDR

By Carl Larsen.
Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The administration's concern over the military challenge confronting the U.S. was reflected today in the proposal recommending legislation to force millions of 4Fs into military or essential industrial service. The legislation contemplates transferring able-bodied bartenders, waiters and entertainers into war jobs and steadily increasing draft quotas.

Optimism, prevalent only several months ago, that the European war soon would end, appeared to have vanished as newspaper headlines told of fresh German attacks.

As the 79th Congress convened today, observers said that War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes proposal—for the nearest thing to national service legislation this country has ever faced—would receive top priority by the nation's lawmakers.

Left to Congress

The President told his news conference today that the ideas of "assistant president" Byrnes on the manpower problem were substantially in agreement with his own. He declined to discuss details, however, saying they should be left up to Congress.

House and Senate leaders emerged from the White House conference with a call for action on the Byrnes plan to give physically unfit men the choice of limited military service or work in a war plant—a "work or fight" dictum.

Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.) said, "I have felt for some time that there should be some place in the war effort for those physically unsuited for actual fighting." He told reporters that Byrnes' 4F proposal could be handled as an amendment to the present draft law which expires in May.

May to Call Meeting

"I am for a law that will mean work or fight," Chairman Andrew J. May, (D-Ky.) said as he announced plans to call the House Military Affairs Committee to consider legislation designed to channel 4Fs into essential industry.

Sen. Harley D. Kilgore (D-W. V.), and Rep. Walter C. Andrews (R-N.Y.), pondered the same question—how much to pay the 4Fs in war plant jobs—the \$50 a drafted soldier gets or the \$250-\$300 a month the man at the next bench gets? Said Kilgore: "I am afraid they wouldn't get much production out of those \$50 monthly men."

U.S. Cracks Down

Other indications that the government was cracking down came in a forecast that tough treatment for violators of "employment ceilings" and virtual elimination of male workers from night clubs and other luxury establishments in war centers were imminent.

The manpower situation brought comments from editorial writers on newspapers in every state. The New York Telegram said, "It presents the sincere opinions of an official who is making a real effort to be frank with the country. As such it deserves earnest consideration."

But the New York Daily News carried this comment on Byrnes' order closing racetracks, even as an item on the news pages was carrying the details of the mobilization director's latest proposals.

"The explanation of the dictatorial way in which Byrnes cracked down on racing is to be found, it seems clear, in Franklin Roosevelt's re-election on the fourth term. Mr. Roosevelt is in the driver's seat and it is evident he intends to drive. He always did love power. The appetite for power is one appetite which grows by what it feeds on instead of being satisfied after a while."

The WMC announced that four new areas have been designated "acute manpower shortage areas," endangering essential production, by adding Minneapolis and St. Paul; Norristown and Paterson, both N. J., and Borger, Tex. The list of such sectors now totals 72. This compares to 68 for December.

This Was America Yesterday:

'Went to War to Defend Selves' Mrs. Roosevelt Reminds Nation

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Eleanor Roosevelt told a Washington news conference she is receiving letters asking why American boys are dying for the sake of what shall happen to various European countries. She recommended that the country start 1945 by remembering we went into the war to defend ourselves, and to beat Germany and Japan, because if we hadn't they would have beaten us.



Eleanor

"We forget modern history very quickly," she commented. The first objective of 1945, Mrs. Roosevelt said, should be "to do in this country whatever is necessary to win the war, and to realize that the war is being fought against Germany and Japan."

At his press conference yesterday the President admitted there were "differences" between the Allies, but said they are small and he isn't worried about them. Roosevelt added he is preparing to meet Churchill and Stalin in the near future.

Congressmen Go Back to Work

AS the 79th Congress convened, the solemn mood of its members was played up in the nation's press. Leaders and members warned against over-optimism, and a general toughening of policy, particularly on the home front, was foreseen as a result of Mobilizer Director Byrnes' proposals to get more manpower for the nation's factories.

Newspapers recalled the Hauptmann trial as Dr. John F. Condon, "Jafsie" of the Lindbergh kidnap case, died. Condon received a trouncing from the defense, but later was vindicated by Lindbergh himself. He died at 84, exactly ten years to the day the famous trial opened.

Chaplin Jurors Study Fate of 'Young Bull'

AND the Los Angeles jury began deliberating another trial of a century—that in which Charlie Chaplin outshone Primo Carnera—or at least got himself tagged "Young Bull" by Joan Berry's lawyer. Charlie's lawyer suggested Joan, at pistol point, forced him into embraces that could have meant nothing, anyway, because there were too many other people, and the Perfect Client obligingly went to hospital after kicking his own door in. Out of all this confusion seven women and five men are expected to come up in a week or so with something from Solomon and the war can go on.

THE 101st Airborne is still in the headlines for their Bastogne fight. Hanson Baldwin, New York Times military commentator, said, "The epic stand of the 101st Airborne Div. at Bastogne and the heroic fight of the 82nd Airborne Div. further north showed dramatically what splendid soldiers young Americans can make when their training and their leaders are worthy of them." Baldwin also picks out the First, Fourth and Seventh Armored as among "the Army's finest"—and says when the full story is told other units will be added to the roll of honor.

Liquor Ration Cut in Alabama

THE jug situation: Alabama's whiskey quota, which was upped to two quarts per person monthly for November and December, has been cut back to one quart per month. But four new liquor stores have been authorized for the Detroit area. Two will open in Flint, one at Hamtramck, and one at River Rouge.

Dorothy Dix, heartbalm wholesaler, is concerned about modern women popping the question.

"No longer do girls cherish a secret passion," she wails. "They institute a whirlwind courtship that sweeps their victims to the altar before they know what is happening to them."

Dorothy suggests boys should learn the technique of telling girls they will be "a brother" to them. . . . Brother?

IN fact the home is all shot to hell, girls. Carol Taylor, in the New York World Telegram, says fat women can't get clothes any more. Manufacturers coping with a piece goods shortage prefer making two whatnots for slim fraills rather than one whatnot for a fat broad. You can be thinking about this among postwar problems.

WOMEN'S corner, continued: This is for former Icelanders of the Fifth Div. Katrin Palsdottir, of Reykjavik, Iceland, who works in Trenton, N.J., says American men make better husbands than Icelanders. In Iceland, she says, "no man would ever do dishes. In Iceland women spoil their men." Katrin, as you may have surmised, is unmarried.

From Salt Lake City comes news of the final solution of the rank problem. For years, Sgt. William A. Caudell nursed a desire to kick a second lieutenant. Yesterday his son, William C., returned on leave—wearing gold bars. Whamml!

4 Die In East As Cold Wave Sweeps U.S.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (ANS).—Sub-zero temperatures with snow and strong winds kept a wide section of the nation bundled up and close to stoves today. Blinding snow struck towns around Lakes Erie and Ontario and falls ranging from ten to 12 inches were reported between Erie, Pa., and Buffalo.

The cold wave moved eastward from the midwest yesterday, touching some of the southern states. It moderated in the Mississippi and Ohio River valleys during the night but weather bureaus said new frigid blasts were on the way from Canada. The severe cold caused four deaths in New York and Pennsylvania.

New England weather was clear and cold in the wake of Tuesday's high winds, with temperatures ranging from zero to 15 above.

Temperatures remained fairly well up in Texas and Florida, but below freezing temperatures were reported from Oklahoma, Arkansas and Tennessee.

Grew Sees Success Of Peace 'at Sacrifice'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (ANS).—Whatever security plan emerges from the United Nations peace conference must be made to succeed, Undersecretary of State Joseph C. Grew is convinced. "The alternative is utter tragedy," he said.

Grew said the United States must be willing to make "what in the past has been considered a sacrifice." He said he did not mean a sacrifice of sovereignty, but that this and other nations "must be prepared to join our efforts and part of our armed forces, not only for the common good but for

Meats Restored to Ration List As U.S. Ponders Food Problem

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (ANS).—Food prospects for 1945 in the wake of increased rationing indicate that the home front is facing ample, but monotonous, menus for several months.

Meat is the biggest open market casualty of the New Year. More than 85 percent of the nation's meat supply will be restored to the coupon category and there is no prospect of slackening the restrictions in the early future, according to Chester Bowles, OPA Administrator.

Bowles attributed the belt tightening move to decreased supply throughout the country, explaining there is ten percent less meat than in 1944. Chicken is virtually among the missing in the East as a result

of the Army buying program.

Distillers are hoping for a "holiday month" in April to brew new stock. If there's a liquor shortage, however, restaurants and night clubs are ignorant of the fact; an abundance of popular trade-name brands is evident everywhere.

Cigarettes are woefully scarce. Civilians sweat out block long queues, and when they reach the counter "Big Five" brands are just a rumor. No relief is likely in the next few months, according to the Wall Street Journal.

Shoving back the issue date on the next shoe ration until midsummer means home fronts will obtain one pair during the year instead of two. The reduction is attributed to increased military demands.

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE

ADD novel ways of capturing Jerries:
Pfc Thomas Dougherty, of Philadelphia, a Third Armored Div. medic, captured a German at the point of a pistol—but the pistol was pressed against Dougherty's head. He was giving first aid to a GI when it happened and as Dougherty raised his hands, the Red Cross armband came into view. The Nazi then surrendered to the medic. Down in the cellar of a farmhouse in eastern France, S/Sgt. Millard Newton, 44th Div. doughfoot from Wabeno, Wis., kicked a bag in a pile of potatoes and found a Jerry. He kicked three more bags, got three more prisoners. His buddies were carrying straw out of a barn to bed down for the night, so Pfc Philip W. Houston, of the 41st Armored Regt., went in for an armful. He came out with 16 Germans, one of whom was wounded when Houston had to fire his M1 into the loft to convince the group.

On his way to the latrine one night, Sgt. Albery L. Campbell, of Ypsilanti, Mich., heard someone call, "Kamerad." Out the bushes stepped 11 Germans who wanted to surrender. Pfc John Teppich, of New York and the 101st Inf. Div., remained standing and raised his hand for silence when burp-guns opened up on some Yanks in eastern France. The gunfire stopped. Teppich, Berlin-born refugee, advised the Germans to surrender. They did.

A company of the Second Armored Div. had to awaken the German defenders before it could take one objective. The Yanks were starting to dig in about 10 PM when S/Sgt. Cosmond J. Mims, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., heard snoring. He found two Germans burp-guns, two rifles and a bazooka. Mims went back for help. The Yanks awakened 12 Jerries and started them back to the PW enclosure.

Into a First Inf. Div. PW cage recently went a German soldier who had served in all branches of the Nazi armed forces. He enlisted in the Navy in 1939, transferred to the coast guard and later was assigned to Luftwaffe air-sea rescue. Next he went ashore to begin pilot training, but after completing basic wound up in the paratroopers. When captured by the First, the Nazi was fighting as an infantryman.

N 80th Div. Service Company rolled into a small French town liberated short hours before. Tired Brooklyn-born Sgts. Robert L. Feingersh and Alan Alexander, hunting for a place to sleep, stumbled into a luxurious, lately-vacated Wehrmacht officers' lodgings, complete with modern plumbing, beauty rest inner spring mattress and crisp, clean linen sheets. They climbed into the beds but were disturbed by a hard, cold object under the sheets. It was a single well-chilled bottle of Coca-Cola!

The corporal in the 36th Div. recon troop was sitting by the radio, reading, when the announcer said, "And now we bring you Mal Hallett's band playing 'Blue Skies,' featuring Jimmie Line at the piano." Somebody poked the corporal and told him to listen to the piano. He listened, then said, "Not bad," and then he suddenly looked up a little sheepish: "Hell, that's me and I didn't know it," said Cpl. Jimmy Line, of Carlisle, Pa.

FOR weeks along the 44th Division front, a latrine legend spread about this honest-to-god Nazi superman who was seven feet tall with a pillbox chest and shoulders who carried a complete 120mm mortar as if it was an empty barrack bag and who shook off small arms fire as it were bees. They called him the Mad Mortarman. It was on a recent night patrol that some doggie finally found this Mad Mortarman. Sure enough he was almost seven feet tall and he had his 120mm mortar right next to him. But, it didn't take a 240mm shell to kill superman—just a single shot from an M1 rifle.

If you gotta live in foxholes, you might as well hole up in comfort, eight field artillerymen of the 28th Inf. Div. figured. So they built themselves a foxhole de luxe—an underground hut big enough for all, with wood-paneled floors and ceilings, bunks with mattresses, fluorescent lights, mirrors and radio. There's even a spring in one corner, to provide water for washing, and a sewing machine. "What we'd like now," says Pfc E. J. Glover of the "Redball Gang," is more stripes so we can use the sewing machine.

NOBODY knows quite how he did it, but Cpl. Harry Karpen, 86th Inf. Div. man from Ventura, Calif., directed fire on enemy counter-attacks for three hours from an exposed position. During that time Karpen's telescope mount was twice hit by enemy machine-gun fire, his discarded overcoat had 20 bullet holes put into it, the building he was in was hit dozens of times by enemy artillery fire—but Karpen wasn't even scratched.

9th Arm'd Div., In Bulge Battle, Off Secret List

By Earl Mazo
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
Split up as support for infantry units along the whole Luxembourg-Belgium breakthrough front, armored doughboys and tankers of the Ninth Armored Div. bore the brunt of many initial attacks in the German counter-offensive. It was revealed yesterday when that division was taken off the army secret list. This was Ninth Arm's first major action since coming into the line weeks ago. Like every other division originally in the breakthrough area, Ninth Arm's outnumbered elements were hit hard by the Germans and within 48 hours surrounded units were fighting individual, last-ditch battles all over the bulge area. One battalion, completely cut off in the south, threw AA guns into a wooded draw to protect a flank. The Germans attacking that flank frontally were mowed down by the Americans' banked 50-calibers. Those left alive withdrew, then attacked again, this time trying to flank the American AA positions. They came on down a road in columns of twos, parade style. The American gunners held their fire, then poured out everything their big machine-guns had, and the attacking Germans died, hundreds of them, still in columns of twos.

Island of Fighting
One combat command in the north was surrounded and for two days the command was an island of fighting. Another combat command, situated behind the infantry in the middle of the main German effort towards Bastogne, fought its way backward and, with 10 medium tanks, knocked out 30 German tanks before Bastogne.

In and around Bastogne men from this unit fought with the 101st Airborne and other troops there until relieved. **Nazi Medics Armed** In the south a combat command was operating in what had been the division's "training area." A medic returning from the sector said German dead littered covered the ground. Lt. Robert Duncan, of San Diego, Calif., said German medics were carrying arms. The division headquarters set up and held a road block at Marche on the road leading to Luxembourg city.

Hides 3 Days With 1 Ration

WITH 26TH (YANKEE) INF. DIV.—Pfc Joseph Zasluff, of Pittsburgh, was trapped for three days in the French town of Rodaibe, which was re-taken by the Germans after American patrols had entered the town.

Zasluff hid in a barn when enemy tanks rolled in. He heard the Germans establish their guard zones and decided war was the same on both sides when one Nazi caught hell for not reporting for guard duty on time.

His only food during the three-day enforced residence in the barn was one K-ration. Several times the Germans tried to force open the barn door, but left thinking it had been jammed by the force of shell fire. On the third night American artillery laid down a barrage on the town.

Zasluff took advantage of the noise and confusion to sneak through the German lines and reach his own company, outpost.

Armors Load Bomber At Two-a-Minute Rate

NINTH AF BOMBER BASE.—Six armors of the "Bridge Busting" Marauder Group loaded a B26 with sixteen 250lb bombs in eight minutes flat, two bombs a minute. They believe this is a record. Key man on the crew is Cpl. John V. Dahl, of Trevor, Wis., who puts his broad back under the bomb to help lift it.



Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., chats with Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, after pinning the DSC on the 101st Airborne Div. Commander. Patton's Third Army men broke into Bastogne on the day after Christmas to support the 101st's stand.



Reinforced with food and ammunition dropped by parachute, 101st Airborne infantrymen move beyond Bastogne toward a neighboring town where Germans had set up strong defenses. This photo was taken after the tenth day of the battle, and the day after U.S. ground troops had broken through the German lines to relieve the surrounded 101st.



Corpses—German corpses—littered the soil of Bastogne after a daring night attack by the enemy in an effort to seize the airborne division's command post. U.S. machine-gunner mowed them down after tanks behind which the Germans were attacking had been knocked out.



Silent Night, Holy Night... was the Christmas carol being sung inside Bastogne on Christmas Eve. Shortly after this picture was taken, bombers broke up the service with an air attack.

Badly-needed medical supplies are dragged across a snow-covered field outside Bastogne. These supplies saved the lives of many wounded men who could not be evacuated from the area.



After being silent for two days because ammunition had run out, a howitzer of a 101st airborne artillery unit speaks out in reply to the heavy German barrage which shook Bastogne. Transport planes dropped ammunition to this unit on Christmas Day.

101st Wasn't Rescued at Bastogne, Didn't Need Rescue, McAuliffe Says

Prepared to Attack Not To Retreat, He Asserts

To keep the record straight, Brig. Gen. Anthony G. McAuliffe emphatically asserted that his 101st Airborne Div. was not "rescued" at Bastogne.

Speaking at a press conference, the fighting general who made history by his epic reply of "Nuts!" to a German demand to surrender, declared: "Anyone who says we were rescued is who thinks we needed rescue is all wrong. On Christmas night, I called my regimental commanders together and told them we now were ready for pursuit."

Supplies Were Low

That was the picture after a solid week of siege in which the Germans threw in everything they had against the surrounded 101st. McAuliffe revealed that the division had moved into Bastogne at a most inopportune time when their ranks were filled with several thousand reinforcements and when their supplies had run low. But, he pointed out, after a week the 101st had knocked out 144 German tanks, taken 75 prisoners and killed thousands of Nazis.

One of the 101st's own wounded had described his comrades as the "Battered bastards of the bastion of Bastogne." McAuliffe's own story of how he replied "Nuts!" to the Germans who demanded his surrender was revealed in a dramatic Order of the Day which was hectographed and distributed to men of the 101st Christmas Eve.

The Order of the Day

"What's merry about all this, you ask? We're fighting—it's cold—we aren't home. But what has the Proud Eagle Division accomplished with all its worthy comrades of the Tenth Armored Div., the 705th TD Bn and all the rest? Just this: We have stopped cold everything that has been thrown at us from the north, east, south and west. We have identifications from four German Pz divisions, two German infantry divisions, and one German parachute division. These units, the last desperate German lunge, were headed straight west for key points. The Eagle Div. was hurriedly ordered to stem the advance. "How effectively this was done will be written in history: Not alone in our division's history, but in world history. The Germans actually did surround us, their radios blared our doom. Their commander demanded our surrender in the following impudent arrogance:

German's Demand
"Dec. 22, 1944. To the U.S.A. commander in the encircled town of Bastogne. The fortune of war is changing. This time the U.S. forces in and near Bastogne have been encircled by strong German armored units. More German armored units have crossed the river

GIs Solve 4-Star Mystery Of 'The Phantom Tanks'

WITH U.S. FORCES, Belgium, Jan. 3 (AP).—This critical front produces a dozen little dramas a day, but this was a four-star mystery. Company E Joes were ducking point-blank tank fire, but where were the tanks?

They could see everything in front of them. That is why the Germans had been unable to move those 41 hulls of wrecked, burned-out tanks and assault guns huddled there in snow-covered no-man's land. They provided grim evidence of how well the doughboys had been able to see that terrain. All 41 were useless and empty. Patrols had been sent out to be sure. They were crippled beyond repair, and lay there pooled by the dead.

Drifting fog spread a cold, freezing curtain over the scene, and darkness settled in. All during the night, direct fire from phantom tanks somewhere out ahead, at virtually point-blank range, laid an eerie barrage. In the morning one Joe had a brainstorm. He stared across the clearing as the dawn fog lifted. It looked just like the day before. Or did it?

"Count those tanks again!" Sure enough—43. All alike. All snow-covered. All looking equally blank and harmless. They opened up on all 43, and when the curtain dropped on the last act, all 43 really were alike—empty, battered hulls. That night the ghost of the Nazi tanks was laid, and all was quiet again.

Fresh Food for ETO
A total of 78,794 tons of perishable food was carried to ETO troops on the Continent by the Transportation Corps up to Dec. 5, Maj. C. A. Mulvehill, Perishable Freight Section chief, reported today.

'Nuts' to Nazis
"All these serious civilian losses caused by this artillery fire would not correspond with the well-known American humanity. (Signed) 'The German commander.' "The German commander received the following reply: "22 Dec. 44. To the German Commander: N-U-T-S. (Signed) American Commander."

"Allied troops are counter-attacking in force. We continue to hold Bastogne. By holding Bastogne, we assure the success of the Allied armies. We know that our division commander, Gen. Taylor, will say, 'Well done!' We are giving our country and our loved ones at home a worthy Christmas present and, being privileged to take part in this gallant feat of arms, are truly making for ourselves a Merry Christmas. (Signed) 'McAuliffe, Commanding.'"

Quick Fix-it Trailer
A mobile one-ton trailer for on-the-spot repairs has cut "idle time" of trucks by 20 percent for the 2,599th QM Truck unit.

'Blood Binge' in Belgian Town Staged by Nazis in GI Uniforms

By Dick Jones
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
WITH U.S. INF., IN BELGIUM, Jan. 1 (Delayed).—German SS troops, wearing GI uniforms, slaughtered and raped civilians in the Belgian town of Farfontroy during a three-day "blood binge." At least 78 civilians were clubbed, shot or burned to death by the SS troops, American infantrymen learned when they recaptured the town.

Lt. Walter A. Wert, Jr., a platoon leader who captured a Nazi tank officer wearing an American uniform, told part of the horror story: "We found a woman and child, both shot, lying at the bottom of a well. We were told that about 30 SS troops went around shooting helpless civilians. Another platoon leader, Lt. Carmen Thomas, of Youngstown, Ohio, entered a farm house and found a dozen persons wounded. A small boy, with both eyes blackened, clenched his fist and shouted 'Les Boches!' at Thomas, mistaking him for the enemy.

Pfc Leonard Barner, of Eastboro, Mo., told of finding the bodies of two girls. "One was about 16 years old and all her clothes were torn off. It didn't take my imagination to know what happened to her."

Sgt. Jimmy Overstreet, of Charleston, S.C., commented: "In every house we found someone dead or wounded. It was the worst thing I ever saw."

Lt. Raymond Levan told of entering a barn. "There were four charred bodies and the wrists of one of the victims were tied by rope. Those German bastards will pay for this," he said.

stone house they'd been using for a front line kip. Dynamite... TNT... primer cord... hundreds of gallons of gasoline, all stacked out in front... "That didn't bother me," Cook said, "but what makes me nervous yet is that I was using a case of TNT for a pillow and didn't know it."

GIs Encounter Jerry Giants

Some doughboys in the 35th Div. figure they've encountered the biggest Germans in the world. S/Sgt. Tom Wese, of Beverly, W.Va., said they looked like a company of Frankenstein's. A GI from Minnesota said, "Hell no, they were the German version of Paul Bunyan." The Americans, 21 of them, all swear not a German in the company was under seven feet tall, and "all seemed as dumb as they were big."

First contact was made with the "giant krauts" during a river crossing. One dough dashed from his assault boat into a house and was picked up off the floor by one of the big men. The American, twisting and kicking as the German lifted him, swung around and put three shots into his captor, but still he held on. It took three more shots to kill the giant.

Fighting was going on all over the place by now, but despite the noise of battle, the German Bunyans were surprised in almost every house the Americans searched. One drinking a cup of coffee. Four strolled out of a room—right into the fire of waiting American tommy gunners.

Tots Given 20,000 Francs
Soldiers and nurses of the 272nd Eng. Gen. Serv. Regt and 90th, 95th and 100th Gen. Hospitals presented 25,000 francs to the mayor of Bar le Duc as a Christmas Gift for needy children.

Lone Yank Fights Off Platoon Attack on CP
WITH NINTH INF. DIV.—An enemy platoon which succeeded in piercing front-line positions was advancing on the Battalion CP near a German town. Pfc Richard A. Young, of Greensville, Ohio, was the first man to spot the Germans. He picked up his rifle and ran into the street. Opening fire on the approaching platoon, he killed three Germans, wounded six and scattered the remainder in retreat.

Yank Quality Offsets Nazi Quantity

40 GIs Double Time to Victory Over 180 Bewildered Germans

WITH AN INFANTRY DIV.—The Nazis didn't expect a counter-attack, and they obviously didn't know that the force barreling toward them on the double totaled only 40 GIs. Nor did they stop to count and plan. They were so scared and confused they ran, leaving behind their arms and ammunition.

When the excitement was over, Maj. Albert E. Bruchac, of Marietta Springs, N.Y., executive officer of the Third Bn., and his men had routed 180 Nazis.

The 40-man offensive started after Maj. Bruchac learned the Germans had cut off part of the battalion and forward CP. Lt. Col. Keene N. Wilson, of Selma, Ala., battalion commander, had informed him of the enemy thrust before telephone communications were cut off.

Lone Yank Squad Stymies Foe's Attacks for 50 Hours

WITH AN INFANTRY DIV.—Fighting alone, completely surrounded by enemy forces, a single squad of U.S. infantrymen held off Nazi attacks for 50 hours and later aided in the capture of a town in Germany.

The GIs fought under the leadership of S/Sgt. Wendell F. Billoff, of Valentine, Neb., of an infantry regiment. The squad is part of the third platoon of Co. G.

Cut off from the company during a Nazi counter-attack, the squad dug in and repulsed repeated enemy assaults with heavy casualties to the Germans. On the third day, Co. G re-organized and launched an assault which relieved the squad and resulted in the capture of the village.

Once Over Lightly

By Andy Rooney

Stars and Stripes New York Bureau

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—It's a sad fact that the death in combat of great American sports figures who have been in the national spotlight has done a great deal towards making the public conscious of the great toll the war is taking. While they never heard of the ordinary fellow who died in combat, the death of prominent athletes from all sections of the country serves as a national indicator as to what men overseas are facing, and the number who are dying.

PERHAPS the best-known in their fields were Marine Capt. Charley Paddock, long the "fastest human," who died in an Alaskan plane crash; Tommy Hitchcock, greatest polo player of all time, killed as a colonel in a P51 crash in England; Nile Kinnick, amazing Iowa football ace, killed as a Naval ensign when his plane failed to reach a carrier, and Lou Zamperini, great miler, listed killed in action in the South Pacific.

COLLEGE football's honor roll is the longest. Football greats who have given their lives include: Clint Castleberry, Georgia Tech; Harold Hursh, Indiana; Don Scott, Ohio State; Joe Routh, twice All-America guard, and Bob Derace, Texas Aggies; Johnny Sprague, Southern Methodist; Willmeth Sidat Singh, Syracuse; Don Wemple, Colgate; Nick Basca, Villanova; Ken Cotton, California; Hovey Seymour, Frank Gallagher, both Yale; Jim Mooney, Georgetown; Pete Holovak, Fordham; Bill Nowling, Tennessee; Jim MacDonald and Frank Robusek, Illinois; Tom Smith, Iowa State; John Ogden, Swarthmore, and Bob Faurot, Missouri.

THE major league baseball players who have died in service are Gene Stack, rookie White Sox pitcher, and Larry Keller, who started the '44 spring season with the St. Louis Browns. Forty-one baseball players from the minor leagues have been reported killed.

THERE are 131 professional boxers listed among the fatalities, including Indian Johnny Rivers and Andy Callahan. Gus Sonnenberg and Tex Edwards, Olympic ace, are the wrestling representatives on the list. Johnny Burke, of Newport, R.I., former intercollegiate golf champ, and Jack Evert and Kendall Cram, well-known tennis players, have died. Other track aces who have been killed are Frank Cuhel, '28 Olympic hurdler from Iowa who was a war correspondent, and Bill Lyda, Oklahoma national collegiate half-mile king in '42. Joe Garber, Senior national singles handball champ, was posthumously awarded the "player of the year" title for '44, after he was shot down over Rumania. Harris Horder, American professional bicycle king in '27 has been killed, as has Billy Fisk, captain of the Olympic bobsled team in '32 and '36. He died as a pilot with the RAF.

OTHERS on the list include: John Condon, Parker Webster, George Hooper, Syracuse; Jack Clifford, Colgate; Alex Santilli, Joe Kovach, Fordham; Ulmont Whitehead, William Maxon, all of Navy; Bill Gillis, Ben Bailey, Tom Farrell, Harry Flint, Louis Storck, Herschel Jarrel, all of Army; Tom Howie, Citadel; Bill Howlett, Villanova; Chang Dunn, Wayne Forsythe, Carnegie Tech; Ell Supulski, end on the Philly Eagles.

Kansas State Beats Sooners

MANHATTAN, Kan., Jan. 3.—Jay Patton's field goal with 15 seconds left to play enabled Kansas State to defeat Oklahoma, 55-54, in a spectacular Big Six Conference basketball opener here last night.

Patton's goal provided a climax to a battle which saw the lead change eight times and the score tied 14 times. Kansas State held a comfortable 53-45 lead with six and a half minutes to play but the Sooners, led by Harold Hines and Lindy Lindberg, put together a string of nine straight points to take a 54-53 lead. Patton's clutch shot, however, gave State its victory.

Hines led both clubs with 13 points while Ed Weatherby contributed 12 to State's total.

Purdue Upsets Irish

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 3.—Purdue's basketball team trounced Notre Dame's high-scoring machine, 44-32, here last night and thereby avenged a two-point defeat suffered last Saturday at South Bend.

Purdue took an early lead and made a one-sided game of it midway in the second half when it led, 36-16, but George Ratterman started an Irish comeback against Boilermaker subs that lifted ND back up to a 30-40 count with two minutes to play.

Vince Boryla, Notre Dame's high-scoring center, was held to seven points. Paul Hoffman led Purdue with 11.

CAGE RESULTS

Bergstrom Field 38, Texas A & M 26.
Indiana 33, U. of Mexico 33.
Kansas State 54, Oklahoma 53.
Purdue 44, Notre Dame 32.
Trautfield 45, Marquette 42.
Westminster 96, Bethany 50.

AL Opens April 16

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—William Harridge, president of the American League, yesterday announced the 1945 opening date as April 16 with Washington getting the traditional opener at home against New York. The rest of the league gets under way the following day with Detroit at St. Louis, Chicago at Cleveland, Washington moving on to Philadelphia and New York entertaining Boston.

Mutuels Get Royal Sendoff

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Race-tracks throughout the country closed their doors today until such time as the government decides the war effort will permit their reopening. Among those who have made their living on tracks, there was some hint of despair, an occasional gleam of hope and general all-around aversion to anything resembling war work.

Tropical Park received a royal sendoff from players who set two wagering records for the nine-race card. The track handled \$857,414 and a new mark for one race at Tropical was established when \$114,230 was bet on the eighth race.

Teddy Atkinson, nation's leading jockey, rode the 1,000th winner of his career in the final event of the day.

There was considerable griping at Tropical over the government ban on transporting horses to tracks in Mexico, while it was permissible to send them home. Horsemen pointed out the strain on traffic would be just as great no matter where they shipped their steeds.

Fair Grounds at News Orleans also closed a nine-day meeting that topped any previous nine days in attendance and wagering.

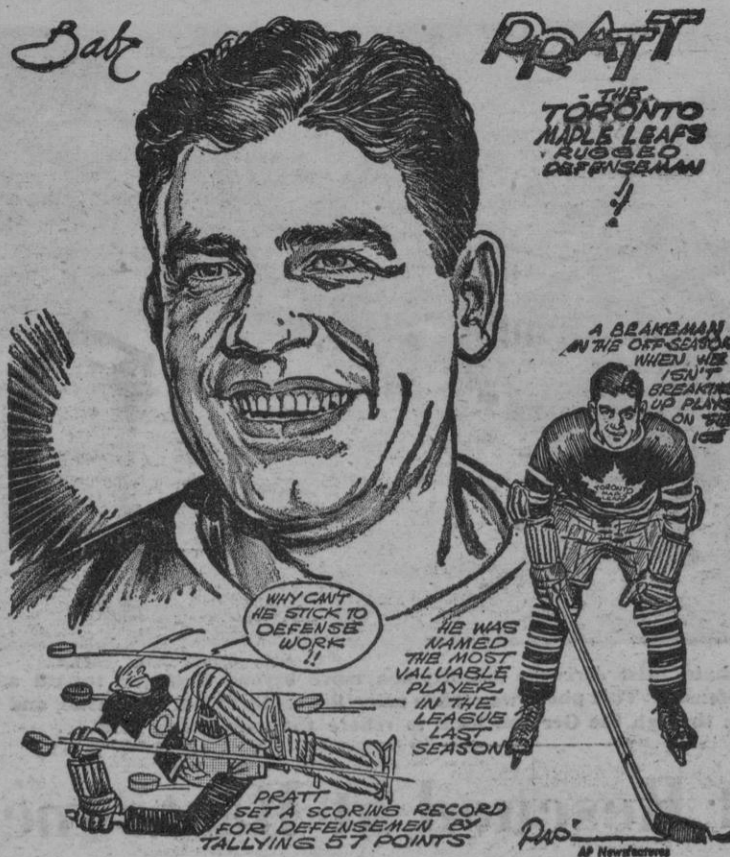
C'est la Guerre--Dodger Fan Gets Giant Pass!

What worse fate could befall a Brooklyn Dodger fan than to be presented with a season's pass to the POLO GROUNDS, home of the hated New York Giants?

Sgt. Arnold Spivack, of Brooklyn, has the pass—given to him by Mel Ott, Giant manager. Spivack, who is recovering in a hospital in Belgium from wounds received at the front, doesn't figure to use the pass right off so he's sending it to his brother.

Ott stopped in at the hospital together with Frankie Frisch, Bucky Walters and Dutch Leonard on a tour of the front with a USO baseball troupe. Before he left the hospital he gave Spivack the pass and, according to sound reasoning, came off second best in a bet he made with the Dodger roofer.

"Mel," Spivack said, "You got quite a few hits last year and belted a lot of home runs, but I'll



Wings Give 3 For Seibert In Swap With Black Hawks

DETROIT, Jan. 3.—The Red Wings, only three points out of first place in the National Hockey League and presently making a strong bid to overhaul the pace-setting

Montreal Canadiens, today announced they had obtained veteran Earl Seibert, long one of the outstanding defensemen in the league, in a three-for-one trade with the Chicago Black Hawks the most important deal of the 1944-45 season so far.

Seibert, regarded as the most valuable defenseman in the league since Eddie Shore hoisted foes over the boards in Boston, goes to the Red Wings for Don Grosso, a center, and Cully Simon, a defenseman, together with Butch McDonald, a winger, now playing with the Indianapolis entry in the American Hockey League.

Canadiens Increase Lead

MONTREAL, Jan. 3.—The Canadiens increased their NHL lead to three points over the idle, second-place Detroit Red Wings here last night by defeating the Boston Bruins, 6-3.

The leaders quickly posted a 3-0 lead in the first period on goals by Elmer Lach, Ray Getliffe and Frank Eddolls. But the Bruins stag-

Says Ban on Tracks

Due to Absenteeism

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Absenteeism in war plants located near racetracks was the real reason behind the government action closing dog and horse tracks, effective today, according to a Washington official who withheld the use of his name.

"There has been a regular pattern of increased absenteeism following the opening of tracks," he said, "in some instances as much as 30 percent."



Mel Ott

bet Dixie Walker beats you in both next season."

ed a spectacular comeback and tied the score at 3-3 after Bill Cupolo and Ken Smith netted goals in the last minute of the first period and Bill Jennings drove home the equalizer in 1:16 of the second.

Before the second period was over, however, the Canadiens were well out in front on scores by Maurice Richard and Moe Mosedell. Buddy O'Connor registered Montreal's sixth goal with only eight seconds left to play in the third period when the Bruins had five forwards on the ice.

Hockey Standings

National League

	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	17	4	2	36
Detroit	15	6	3	33
Toronto	12	8	2	26
Boston	9	13	1	19
New York	4	15	5	13
Chicago	3	16	3	9

American League

Hershey 6, St. Louis 4				
Eastern Division				
	W	L	T	Pts
Hershey	15	11	4	34
Buffalo	15	12	3	33
Providence	10	16	2	22
Western Division				
	W	L	T	Pts
Indianapolis	15	9	9	39
Cleveland	15	6	5	35
Pittsburgh	13	12	4	30
St. Louis	5	20	3	13

Mexico Scores a Point

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 3.—Barney Hoban, coach of the University of Mexico football team, which took a 35-0 shellacking in the Sun Bowl, yesterday, took the defeat philosophically.

"After all," he said, "Americans don't make very good bullfighters, either."

Tulsa's Novel Air Defense Stifled Tech

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The Orange Bowl game at Miami wasn't the best game on the New Year's Day calendar, but Henry Frnka, crafty coach of the Tulsa Hurricanes, is taking bows as the originator of new defensive tactics which may revolutionize football strategy. Frnka employed a novel and somewhat reckless 4-3-3-1 defense which stopped Georgia Tech's aerial attack often enough, and Tulsa defeated the Engineers, 26-12. Interceptions at critical points saved the Oklahomans.

"After studying motion pictures of the Navy-Georgia Tech game," said Frnka, "we realized Tech's brilliant passing game with Red Broyles throwing to such sure-fingered receivers as Phil Tinsley, George Matthews, Ray Enders and Charley Murdock, must be stopped at any cost. With Eddie Prokop gone, Tech's rushing game lacked the punch it had a year ago.

"For that reason, I decided to gamble on a four-man line taking the chance that Tech couldn't run over us. The gamble worked,

thanks to great backing up by Felto Prewitt, our All-America center, and by Allen Smith, our defensive fullback."

Frnka's unorthodox defensive maneuvers befuddled Georgia Tech, which lacked power plungers or sweep runners necessary to exploit Tulsa's thin line.

Trojans Marred Vols' Record

Southern California grabbed the day's biggest honors by trampling Tennessee, 25-0, in the only bowl contest between undefeated teams. West Coast experts now rate the Trojans behind Army and Ohio State and slightly ahead of Yale.

Other conclusions can be confirmed from the day's results, which included Duke's 29-26 victory over Alabama, Oklahoma Aggies over Texas Christian, 34-0, and the Western All-Stars over the East, 13-7, in the Shrine game.

The Oklahoma Aggies proved that superior football is played in the Southwest by the Oakes, for TCU's Southwest Conference champions suffered the worst defeat in the history of the Cotton Bowl.

Duke had to come from behind to beat Alabama and prove its superiority in the Sugar Bowl thriller.

The day's results showed the South wasn't as vigorous a power in 1944 as in the past. Perhaps that was because so many southeastern schools didn't play in 1943.

Expect Musial To Be Inducted This Month

DONORA, Pa., Jan. 3.—Stan Musial, St. Louis Cardinal outfielder and 1943 National League batting champion, has been ordered up for induction, it was disclosed today. Musial, father of two children, is expected to leave with Donora's next contingent of draftees late this month. He passed the Navy physical examination last June.

Brooklyn Fan Club After Rickey's Scalp

BROOKLYN, Jan. 3.—Brooklyn's No. 1 fan club has changed its name again. This time it is the "Get-Rid-of-Rickey-Before-He-Gets-Rid-of-the-Team Club." The club, whose members are among the most rabid of Dodger fans, served notice yesterday it is out to chase the club president. At various times in the past the club was known as the "Dolph Camilli Boosters," "Billy Herman for Manager Club," "Durocher For President Club," and others. Needless to say its constant motto always has been, "Wait Until Next Year."

"I'll take that bet," Ott replied.

"What's the stake?"

"I'll eat all the dirt in Ebbetts Field if you beat Dixie," Spivack answered.

"It's a deal," Ott replied, "And I'll eat all the dirt in the Polo Grounds if Walker beats me."

Spivack asked Ott if he would like a souvenir and the chunky Giant boss said he would like a shoulder patch, but the best Spivack could do was a miniature silk map and a tiny compass. Ott came across with the pass to the Polo Grounds.

Before Ott left, Spivack advised him from a faithful fan's viewpoint that the Giants needed a third baseman—badly.

"I've played a little third base myself," Ott said.

"I saw you play," Spivack replied, "and I still say you need a third baseman."

Hash Marks

Honest approach. A rugged GI stepped up to a formidable-looking gal who was sitting on the sidelines, patting her foot to the music, and said, "Madam, I challenge you to a dance."

Signs of the times. (Spotted by W. D. of Colliers.) Sign in a Detroit boarding house: "Bed to let, 7 AM to noon. Strictly private."

We like the philosophy of Pvt. Casimir Chmielewski. He sez he isn't worried about "the bullet with his name on it." Nobody has been able to spell it right yet, he sez.

ETO-happy incident. During a formal inspection the inspecting Colonel asked Cpl. Henry Boggs, "Why don't you wear the ETOUSA ribbon?" Boggs, who for two years referred to the ribbon as the "spam" ribbon, was puzzled and replied, "I didn't know I was entitled to wear one, sir."

And then there was the little moron who thought the Navy ate sea-rations.

Cpl. Jonas Clifton, somewhere in France, sighs his heart out in this little verse:

I wonder where I'll find a girl
Like mother—with a dangling
curl.
Who'll tend my house and ca-
lories
And let me keep my salaries.

Innocence on the home front. A Liberator pilot wrote his combat-anxious mother that he had



just purchased a new battle-jacket. His mom wrote back and said she hoped it was really bullet-proof.

Afterthought. It takes a broad-shouldered man to be a five-star general.

Neatest retort of the week. Up in the foxhole country, a high-ranking officer stopped Sgt. Ken Vallett and asked, "Sergeant, are you having much trouble with your men and their 'looting'?" Replied the sarge in all seriousness, "No, sir, they are doing very well."

French version of a "bulldozer." On a narrow, twisting country that winds itself over the lovely French terrain, a column of jeeps was held up for 20 minutes while a bull took a snooze in the middle of the lane.

After following a shapely miss for several blocks, a GI finally met her—but got a terrific letdown when he saw her face. He is now gunning for the guy who said, "Figures never lie."

Sgt. Irwin Kulbersh sez there are three "ships" involved in romance: Friendship, Courtship, and, after marriage, Battleship.

Revised sayings. "Early to bed and early to rise makes a GI sack-wise."

Old joke revised. Quipped the jeep driver, "We must be getting near our base—we're hitting more Yanks."

What's in a name? When the CQ stomped through the huts one morning yelling, "Pancakes," GIs at an Air Service Command depot hit the chow line hard—only to be let down. They expected flapjacks for breakfast, but got powdered eggs instead—the CQ was merely paging Cpl. Alfred G. Pancake, an aircraft mechanic.

J. C. W.

Births

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

PVT. Cleve A. Sizemore, Birmingham, Ala.—Robert Allen Oct. 18; Lt. Herbert Pulsifer Portland, Me.—girl, Dec. 30.

CPL. Martin N. Nelson, Los Angeles—R. Martin Theodore, Nov. 16; Lt. George R. Radliff, Clarksdale, Miss.—George Radman, Nov. 27; Sgt. Greg. B. Tissur, East St. Louis, Ill.—boy, Dec. 1.

Terry And The Pirates

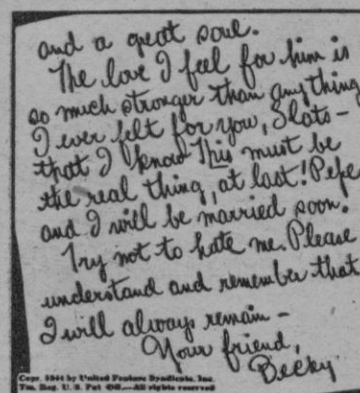
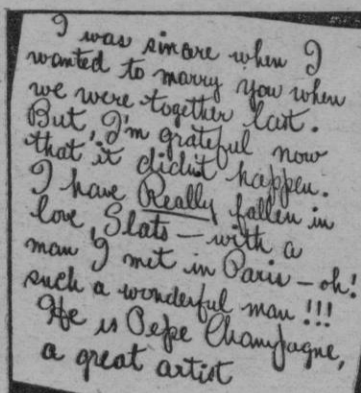
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By Milton Caniff

Abbie an' Slat

By Courtesy of United Features



By Raeburn Van Buren

Male Call

THE NAVY'S SHIP AND AIRCRAFT NOMENCLATURE IS OFTEN CONFUSING TO LANDSMEN... SINCE SAILORS THINK OF THEIR SHIPS AS FEMALES, THIS CHART WILL MAKE IT SIMPLER TO UNDERSTAND SOME OF THOSE GROUPS OF LETTERS...

PT (PARTY TYPE) SHE LIKES TO GO PLACES AND DO THINGS... SHE STAYS UP TILL THE SUN GOES DOWN!

BB (BROAD BEAM) SHE'S BIG AND TOUGH—AND A GOOD GAL TO BE WITH IN BANDIT COUNTRY...

AR (ALWAYS RELIABLE) SHE'S THE MOTHERLY SORT—NOT GLAMOROUS, BUT NICE TO TURN TO WHEN YOU NEED SYMPATHY

AO (ALL OUT) SHE'LL GET DIRTY WITH YOU IF YOU DON'T FEND HER OFF

FOR LUBBERS ONLY

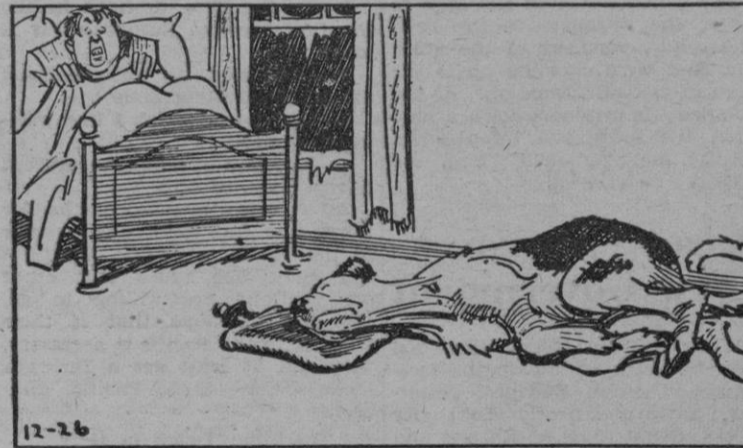
- DD - DESTROYER
- PT - PATROL TORPEDO BOAT
- SS - SUBMARINE
- BB - BATTLESHIP
- AO - OILER
- CV - AIRCRAFT CARRIER
- AR - REPAIR SHIP

DD (DANCING DEVIL) A FAST OPERATOR... SHE'LL ROLL YOU IF YOU DON'T LOOK LIVELY

SS (SILENT SENDER) WHEN YOU GO OUT WITH HER SHE HOLDS YOU SO CLOSE YOU SELDOM EVEN COME UP FOR AIR!

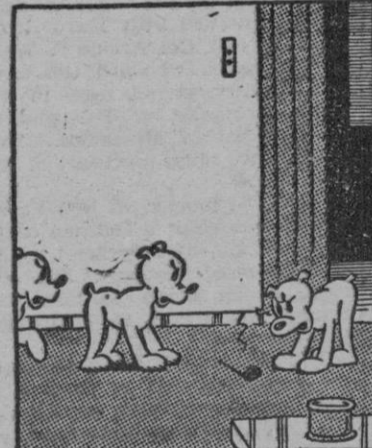
Napoleon and Uncle Elby

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Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate



By Chic Young

Jane

By Courtesy of The London Daily Mirror



By Norman Pett

79th Congress Assembles in Somber Mood

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (UP).—The 79th Congress, with the Democrats holding a majority in both houses, convened today in a somber mood to organize for legislative business incident to the war and the future problems of peace.

Sam Rayburn (D.-Tex.) will be re-elected speaker of the House. The new members of Congress, including two Negroes, will be sworn in before Congress recesses until Saturday, when the President's message will be read.

The message is eagerly awaited for the statement which will make the U.S. foreign policy more specific and precise. The fiscal message is expected to set a budget figure somewhat below the \$100,000,000,000 proposed in the last budget.

In addition to foreign policy discussions, Congress is expected to consider legislation effecting manpower, peacetime military training, labor affairs, taxation, and such international concerns as aviation, lend-lease, reciprocal trade, petroleum and finance.

MPs Lead PWs Out From Town GIs Are Taking

WITH 26TH (YANKEE) DIV.—The well-worn gag about MPs racing into a town ahead of the infantry to put up "off limits" signs seemed almost true recently in eastern France.

On a reconnaissance, a brigadier general of the Division Artillery, his MP guards, Pfc Richard E. Neely and Pfc Steve M. Moravek, and a small group of others entered a small town. Twenty-four Germans surrendered and the party went through the town.

The general ordered the MPs to escort the prisoners to the rear. Meanwhile, members of the 328th Inf. Reg. were crawling up to the town in tactical formation. As the MPs led the prisoners down a road from the town, the infantrymen got up and exclaimed, "Hell, the MPs are here already."

Karolyi Approves New Government

While Russian troops continued their battle to annihilate the German garrison in Budapest yesterday, occupying nearly 1,000 city blocks, Count Michael Karolyi and his Hungarian council in London announced their support of the provisional government set up at Debrecen under Soviet sponsorship.

The liberation and re-establishment of Hungary thus appeared to be on the way to accomplishment without the political strife attending the freeing of Poland, whose government in London is at odds with a Russian-sponsored regime at Lublin.

Karolyi, former Hungarian Premier and President, declared that Hungarians must "join with the Red Army and take part in the holy war against Hitler," re-establish a republic, and settle the land problem "quickly and radically."

Deanna Durbin Divorced

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3 (ANS).—Deanna Durbin was officially free of marital ties today. Superior court yesterday granted her a final decree of divorce from Vaughn Paul on grounds of mental cruelty.

P47s Stalk Snow 'Shadows'

WITH NINTH AF, Jan. 3.—A couple of flying Kentuckians stalked shadows in the snow recently, and when their hunt ended, they had bagged 80 German gasoline and ammo trucks, hidden under the trees in the counter-attack area.

The Kentucky hunters were Capt. Wilfred B. Crutchfield, of Madisonville, and 1/Lt. Arthur B. Staples, of Owensboro. They were prowling over the German lines in Ninth AF fighter-bombers, Staples related, when in the morning sun they spotted long shadows silhouetted against the snow. Diving in, they spotted the enemy convoy and "poured it to them" with 500-pound bombs.

1/Lt. Eldon L. Dunkelberger, spotting tank tracks in the snow, led another flight of Thunderbolts on the trail, following it to a clump of trees. The P47s strafed the area and left six Nazi tanks in flames.

Anti-Blackout Suit for Fliers



A Canadian airman shows how the new anti-blackout suit is to be worn by fighter pilots. Note how accurately it conforms to body contours in the sitting position. In use, columns of gas or fluid contained in the rubber lining exert compensating pressure permitting normal blood circulation to the brain.

'Tour of Duty' Record Is Set Urged for Joes By 8th Heavies

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always wet, always cold, needs more recognition at home."

Four questions were asked by almost every soldier Mrs. Luce spoke with, she said. These were:

1.—Do we have to fight in the Pacific when the European war is won?

2.—How soon do we get home after the shooting ends?

3.—Will I find a job I like waiting for me?

4.—How are we going to prevent a repetition of this war?

About every member of the Air Corps, she said, expects to transfer to the Pacific when the European war ends. She added that other organizations are willing to go, too, but all hope that if their transfer to the Pacific is necessary, they will at least get a furlough home before their Pacific duty begins.

Fighting Tough in Italy

"In no place has the fighting been so difficult as in Italy where the infantryman has had especially to bear the brunt because of the terrain," she said. "He has slogged away in mud for a long time in Italy and the fighting there is still bitter. So you can imagine how wild it makes him to receive letters from home saying, 'We're so glad you're on an inactive front in sunny Italy.'"

Eisenhower Tells Monty 1945 Is 'Victory Year'

Gen. Eisenhower, in a message to Field Marshal Montgomery made public yesterday, expressed confidence that "1945 will be for us a year of victory and will bring us peace."

The message was in reply to a New Year's greeting in which Montgomery told Eisenhower that he and his troops "will follow you anywhere."

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have downed 386 German planes.

Preliminary reports said that the bombers had little Luftwaffe opposition yesterday. Pilots of one Mustang group, commanded by Col. George Crowell, of Chicago, shot down three single-engine German trainers just north of the Swiss border. Three bombers of the Eighth are reported missing.

RAF Strikes Again

The RAF, which Tuesday made one of its biggest night raids of the war, attacking Nuremberg, Ludwigshafen and Berlin with more than 1,000 Lancasters and Halifaxes, yesterday sent strong forces out to bomb factories near Dortmund. Like the Eighth raid, bombing was done through the clouds by instruments.

RAF Spitfires, later in the day, continued their attacks on V2 targets in Holland, hitting at a rail line supplying the rocket area.

Weather blanketed tactical air operations all along the front yesterday. All fighters and bombers of the Ninth AF were reported grounded.

Front-line dispatches from the Associated Press reported yesterday that some of the planes used by the Germans in their attempt to shatter Allied airfields in Belgium Monday were American aircraft captured during the breakthrough.

The dispatches said that the planes had been repainted with German markings, but were "clearly identifiable." Ninth AF headquarters recently issued a denial that the Luftwaffe was using captured Thunderbolts in current operations against American troops.

Gen. Plastiras Named Premier of Greece

ATHENS, Jan. 3.—Gen. Nicholas Plastiras, former Liberal party leader, was designated Premier last night by Archbishop Damaskinos, the Greek Regent, and assigned the task of forming a new government. Meanwhile British troops, in stiff house-to-house fighting, cleared additional sections of the city of the ELAS (left-wing resistance) forces.

Canadians Gain in Italy

ROME, Jan. 3 (AP).—Canadian troops battling toward the road junction of Alfonsine, northwest of Ravenna, gained considerable ground yesterday against strong resistance. They captured 70 prisoners. Other sectors of the Italian front saw patrol activity.

Dog-Fight, P917 Style, Flops as Nazi Flees

WITH U.S. FORCES, Belgium, Jan. 3 (AP).—It looked as if the clock had been turned back on aviation progress yesterday.

A tiny German observation plane came over trying to spot Allied positions for German artillery while Allied air forces were busy elsewhere. To give battle, the pilot of a U.S. artillery observation Cub grabbed a Tommy-gun and took off.

But watchers on the ground didn't get to see a fight. The German plane fled.

Patton Forces Drive 5 Miles From Bastogne

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Blies River sector northeast of Sarreguemines where reports lagged from 24 to 48 hours behind because of communication difficulties. These reports revealed the Germans had crossed the Blies River and recaptured the border town of Bliesbruck.

American troops had been pushed out of the river, but farther east they still held positions across the border north of Wissembourg.

Along this 50-mile front from the Saar to the Rhine, Germans had made no significant gains up to latest reports. U.S. forces were edging them out of a small bulge five miles wide and two miles deep west of Volkingen, where the doughs recaptured the town of Schaffhausen, and northwest of Rimling, where Americans threw a battalion of German infantry out of the Bliesbruck forest.

Nazis threw a new attack near Ludwiller, two and one-half miles southwest of Volkingen, but there was no early indication that it was getting anywhere. West of Rimling, an attack by about a battalion of German infantry, supported by 10 tanks, was beaten off.

Bitche Sector Hot

Von Rundstedt's forces continued to keep the Bitche sector hot by light attacks and attempts at infiltrating into American lines. Germans apparently had some armor in this sector, but up to latest reports they were not using it.

U.S. troops attacked north of Philippsbourg and met only light resistance. Farther east to the Rhine, there was no change. German field guns continued to plaster villages on the Alsace Plain with harassing fire.

Stars and Stripes Correspondent Patrick Mitchell with Third Army said it was Lt. Col. Arnold R. Wall, of Cincinnati, who led the tank and infantry assault team in the plunge northeast of Bastogne to the outskirts of Michamps. This town is five miles northeast of the siege city.

The outfit jumped off New Year's Day and broke up a German counter-attack aimed at Margeret, which is due east of Bastogne. One element swung north to take Oubourcy and thrust to Michamps, Mitchell said.

Southeastward, Mitchell reported, the major strength of three German infantry divisions battled the U.S. 26th and 35th Infantry Divisions.

American armor smeared a counter-attack near Michamps and Harcy, about a quarter of a mile northeast of Wardin. U.S. forces battled in the Meister woods, which are five and one-half miles northeast of Bastogne.

Other American Gains

Other American gains, averaging about a mile, between St. Hubert and Bastogne, were reported. U.S. patrols entered St. Hubert, but were forced to withdraw.

American troops which took Moiricy to the east advanced more than a mile to enter a wood northwest of Bois-de-Lambays-Fays, 11 miles west of Bastogne. Another U.S. force advanced northeast of Moiricy to take the town of Bonnerve and to push on beyond due north for three-fourths of a mile. Gerimont, a mile south of Tillet in this sector, also was captured by Americans.

Naval Strength Tripled Since Pearl Harbor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (ANS).—The U.S. Navy entered the fourth year of war with 1,167 fighting ships and 37,000 planes—but officials warned that plans for 1945 are threatened by a "severely critical manpower shortage."

The total of combat ships is more than three times the number on hand when the war started and is backed by 59,878 landing craft and various auxiliary vessels, the Navy revealed. The report estimated the fleet's present tonnage at 11,770,000, as compared with 1,984,000 on Jan. 1, 1941.

In 1944, 420 combat ships, 640 patrol and mine craft, 630 auxiliary vessels, 37,724 landing craft and 557 district craft were built. Fighting ships included eight first line carriers, 37 escort carriers, 77 submarines, 197 destroyer escorts and 84 destroyers.

Built 10 Battleships

The Navy presented tables showing that from 1941 to 1944 it built 10 battleships, 25 first line carriers, 102 escort carriers, two 26,500-ton battle cruisers, six heavy cruisers, 27 light cruisers, 309 destroyers, 503 destroyer escorts and 178 submarines.

Some ships, more particularly the escort carriers and destroyer escorts, were turned over to certain allies under lend-lease. A Naval spokesman estimated that the fleet now has available at least 90 aircraft carriers of all types.

'A Gay Nightie'



Lovely Linda Darnell, who is not waiting for a bus, gives an appealing preview of how she looks as a Gay Nineties girl in the movie, "The Great John L."