

THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

Très Mauvais

...While driving along toward our CP we were pretty low on gas so we decided to see how many of those "empty" jerrycans really were empty. By the time we got to our CP we had a tankful of gas and some 10 or 12 cans in the truck. Such carelessness should be avoided. This war is lasting too long as it is without making it last that much longer by having a shortage of gas.—Sgt Charles R. Hero, AAA Bn.

Checks and Balances

We are only too glad to agree that the 322nd Bombardment Gp was the first group of Marauders in this theater, and also that they have the distinction of having run the first combat mission for our type of aircraft.

Here is where we can't agree with Maj. Dougherty's (of the 322nd) B-Bag letter. He seems to be of the impression that they pioneered the B26. That, we know, is incorrect.

After the 322nd's disastrous results at Nijmegen, they didn't make another combat mission for over two months. In the meantime, our 323rd Bomb Gp ran at least ten combat missions without loss, proving that the B26 could be flown with success in this theater.

We just wanted you to know that although the 322nd probably deserves a lot of credit, they do not rate the orchids on those specific counts.—Cpl. R. E. Schmitter.

To Major Dougherty:—We know the 322nd was the first group to fly a mission in the ETO, and you also received the Presidential Citation, but they only flew two missions and then had to wait for us to come along and help. Yes, the 386th and 387th and 323rd. —Pfc Sal. Pierre, 1st Pathfinder Sq., Prov.

To Pay or Not to Pay

We feel that we are taking a reaming. We are so close to the front, we listen to the incoming and outgoing artillery shells day and night. But still are paying for our PX rations, except cigarettes.

What are front-line soldiers to do in the way of free rations?—Pvt. S. R. AAA Bn.

(The OCQM tells us that the basic principle for the issuance of gratuitous PX items is the availability of sales facilities within the area.

Proximity of the enemy or active combat is not a determining factor. In fact, original plans called for cessation of free issues to all troops within three months after the invasion. The conditions encountered, however, have not made it possible to establish sufficient sales facilities. For this reason free issues have been continued, but not to all troops.—Ed.)

Cat-o'-Nine-Tails

Never, in all my six years of military service, had I the misfortune of being in a group of morons such as the Replacement Group Packet ... and particularly on Train This group, not all, but the majority, are not fit for society.

The greatest assortment of petty thieves, inconsiderate destroyers of property ... non-appreciative of the efforts being made by the of-

ficers in charge to give them the best possible treatment, food and quarters. (These uncivilized creatures probably never had better in civilian life, under these conditions) ... sound off under the leadership of a perpetually discontented instigator who had nothing better to do than get men worked up into a mass protesting group that had no sense to it.

I was discontented only because of these men who abused the freedom of speech and other privileges as Americans.

I've seen the "boys" who got a big kick out of their "fine job of stealing," the guy who enjoys degrading women and marriage; the fellow who resorts to profane language to express his every thought, the inconsiderate person who cares nothing for the other man's position as long as he is set up comfortably; the guy who takes advantage of intoxication to feel important; the GIs who do all the boisterous griping on the chow line, to the discomfort of those who are more patient and can realize the conditions. Yes, I've seen all I want to see in that one group, and I've seen the considerate GIs too, but very few.—Pvt. Bill Nickerson, Repl. Co.

And How!

Ever since I have been in the Army and more so since hitting this side, I have been hearing GIs all around me saying, "Boy, that is one lecture I wish I had not went to sleep during!" etc.

I am writing to all the fellows I know still in the U.S. who are in training or are sweating it out in an attempt to convince them how important it is to stay awake. Coming from me, that is going to attract some attention.—Pvt. F. F. Jenkins, Third Armd Div.

Bouquet

We would like to congratulate the people who possessed the good common sense and foresight to put the XIX Corps Recreation Center into operation... just what the doctor ordered besides affording us an opportunity to get away from the front for a short while. They leave no stone unturned to make your stay as pleasant and relaxing as possible...

We wish to thank everyone connected with this unit, including the Red Cross personnel, for a job well done.—A few Engineers.

Wacs Radio Front-Line Photos to States, Giving Home Folks Latest News Pictures



Wac T/5 Vondel Judkins, of Sansaba, Tex., operates an intricate radio-photographic device.

Jap Civilian Morale High Despite Curbs

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP).—The Office of War Information has been unable to detect even a hint of a crack in Japanese civilian morale.

According to Under Secretary of State Joseph Grew, last Ambassador to Japan, civilians there "while undergoing privations and living under severe restrictions, are doing so willingly and energetically."

Because luxuries, amusements and travel are restricted, OWI said, "the full resources of Japan can be devoted to the war." However, non-essential civilians are being evacuated from Tokyo and other Jap industrial cities, while war workers have been ordered to report to their jobs regardless of air raids.

Rationing of all food and clothing, compulsory labor service, increased taxes, higher living costs, and shortages are accepted by the Japanese. Most Geisha houses and restaurants and many theaters are closed. Geisha girls are running street cars and working in war plants.

Trio Operates Telephoto Station Which Links U.S. and Battlefronts

By Claire Kerlee
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
LONDON, Feb. 28.—Far beneath London's busy war-time streets, in a compact room full of fascinating gadgets and control panels, work three young women who are a visual link between the folks back home and their men on the fighting fronts. They send home the war news pictures labeled "By Radio."

Like many of their 75,000 sister Wacs, these girls had different occupations in civilian life. Cpl. Wanda Wojtyczek, from Milwaukee, Wis., was head of a shoe company's shipping room. T/5 Vondel Judkins had a department store job in Sansaba, Texas. And Cpl. Vivian Holloway, from Mount Airy, N.C., taught in a high school.

Phrases like "changing the levels," "wave change," "checking the oscilloscope" are perfectly clear to these girls. Operational contacts with Paris and Washington are daily routine.

These three Wacs man the Army's London radio telephoto station which receives and transmits the Army's "hot" news pictures between Europe and the War Department in Washington. Together with eight enlisted men and one officer, they are responsible for Signal Corps photographs made on the battle-fronts getting to Washington fast, for distribution to newspapers and news services so the folks at home can see what their fighting men are up against.

Transmission and reception of photographs by facsimile—radio telephoto—is a comparatively new field. The Army has stations all over the world, but the London station is the only one with WAC operators at last reports.

The London station was started in December, 1943, when 1/Lt. James Kovel, M/Sgt. Paul Snider and their facsimile equipment were flown to London from the U.S. During the invasion month of June, 1944, more than 1,000 facsimile transmissions were made to the States, enabling newspapers to show as well as tell the progress of the invasion.

Handling the bulk of facsimile traffic out of this theater, the section has operated and maintained four sets of radio-facsimile equipment without one major breakdown in operations. The Wacs operate as "trick chiefs" on shifts which keep the station in operation twenty-four hours a day.



Cpl. Wanda Wojtyczek, of Milwaukee, Wis., helps run the radio telephoto.

Ernie Pyle Writes... Pacific Hop All Eating And Sleeping

IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS. —After you take off from one of the island stops crossing the Pacific your plane climbs noisily and laboriously for about a half hour, then levels off into steady and less labored flight.

Gradually the intense tropical heat of the ground fades away and a chill comes over the cabin. Then the flight orderly turns on the heater and adjusts it until you're comfortable in your light clothes, even without a jacket.

It was after midnight when we took off from the little island of Kwajalein in the Marshalls and we weren't to stop again until we reached the Marianas.

Passengers aren't allowed to smoke until the plane has stopped climbing and leveled off. Then the flight orderly stands at the head of the cabin and shouts in good Navy language, "Smoking, lamp's lit," and then brings around paper cups for you to use as ashtrays.

Crew Gets a Rest
The flight orderly is a sailor who does the same job as a steward on the airlines. We had two crews and two flight orderlies during our long trip, since the same crew stops off half way for a day's rest and a new crew comes on.

Both our flight orderlies were swell boys. There were 16 passengers—12 officers, including a Marine Corps general; three enlisted men and myself, the only civilian aboard.

Sleep is a Problem
The worst part is trying to sleep. You doze for a while and then you start squirming because you can't stretch your legs out and your knees start to hurt. Consequently, those who have traveled a lot by air try to find some place to lie down. The floor is good but a stack of mail sacks is better.

They had mail piled in the rear four seats so I got my blanket and started fixing myself up on the mail bags. An Army colonel ahead of me said, "I just tried that but had to give it up. There are too many square boxes inside the sacks and they stick into you."

But I went ahead and, being smaller than the Colonel, discovered I could sort of snake myself in between the hard places in the sacks. And that way I slept most of the journey to the Marianas.

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"So I smiled and said, 'Why you can't spare me Sir, who'll make out the old Com-Z morning report?'"

U.S. Spends 200 Million In Aiding French Fleet

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (ANS).—The U.S. Navy has spent more than \$200,000,000 in helping to rebuild the French Fleet since 1942, the Office of War Information disclosed today.

Since the Allied landings in North Africa, the OWI said, the U.S. has also transferred four squadrons of planes to the French, and given the French Navy more than \$6,000,000 worth of clothing. The U.S. has also undertaken to train about 300 French naval fliers in this country during 1945.

Thrice-Married Wac Is in Double Trouble

NEW YORK, Feb. 22 (ANS).—Julia Pearl Davis Steele, Hopewell, Va., Wac charged with being AWOL since Sept. 1, is under arrest accused of illegal receipt of allotment checks from two or three service men she married.

E. E. Conroy, in charge of the New York FBI office, said the young woman was married Dec. 4, 1940, to Seaman James Clayton Steele, assigned to Norfolk Navy Base. On Nov. 16, 1941, she married Cpl. Frederick George Brown, of Camp Berkeley, Tex. Husband No. 3 was Pvt. David Laub, on Jan. 16, 1943, at Augusta, Ga.

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This Happened in America Yesterday:

Marines Pen Answer To Editor—In Force

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Police sirens screamed, Navy shore patrol men galloped up on the double and eye-shaded editors felt their dyspeptic stomachs quiver today when 70 to 75 steamed-up Marines called at Hearst's San Francisco Examiner to bitch about an Iwo Jima editorial.

The editorial had stated that the Marine Corps is paying "perhaps too heavily" in the Iwo Jima battle, and proposed that Gen. MacArthur get supreme command of the Pacific war because "he saves the lives of his own men."

But when the cops reached the scene, all was calm. There were no arrests, no wreckage and no sign that even a city editor had been socked in the nose. Managing Editor William Wren said he had had "a very pleasant talk" with two Marines, and "everybody was satisfied." A Marine officer investigating the row said of the men, "They had read the editorial and didn't like it."

While the Examiner mopped its brow, the home front reflected over Churchill's speech, and Pres. Roosevelt signed the George bill which separates big financial agencies from the Commerce Department and clears the way for a Senate okay of Henry Wallace for department boss. Churchill didn't reveal new facts, the American press editorialized, but he showed the sincerity of purpose of the Big Three.



Husband-collector Vilma Suberly

Boone, 68, and Dean C. Brewer, 76. They first held hands and adored the moon in Burtis Corner, New Brunswick.

THE midnight curfew puzzled such Broadway characters as Damon Runyon, Billy Rose and Columnists Danton Walker, Earl Wilson and Leonard Lyons. The columnists wondered where they could get stories, and all of them didn't know what to do until 3 or 4 AM.

Ed Reed brought a pet bald eagle back from the Aleutians to his home in Knoxville, Tenn., and soon discovered that the eagle, a fan of GI food, refused to eat horse meat. Ed wanted to hang on to his red meat points, so he sent the eagle to the St. Louis Zoo, where the bird went on a hunger strike for a few days. Yep, the bird now eats horse meat.

HOME folks in Vancouver got worried about five-year-old Clon Gray whose heart is five times the normal size. They dug down deep to raise \$3,000 and sent Clon by plane to Los Angeles to be examined by Dr. Robert Jones, one of only two surgeons qualified to perform the life-and-death operation.

UAW Calls Heads Of Local to Explain Dodge Plant Strike

DETROIT, Feb. 28 (ANS).—United Automobile Workers-CIO international union moved today to discipline the leaders of rebellious Local No. 3 for failure to end a strike by 13,500 members at a plant making parts for B29 bombers, tanks, trucks and anti-aircraft cannon manufactured by the Dodge division of Chrysler Motors.

George Addes, UAW-CIO international president, summoned Mike Novak, Local 3 president, and members of the local's executive board to explain why back-to-work orders from the War Labor Board and the international union had not been carried out.

Lewis Drafts Wage Demands

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (ANS).—John L. Lewis and 31 district presidents of his United Mine Workers union today molded tentative wage demands and asked the approval of their policy committees on the still undisclosed proposals before negotiations are begun with bituminous coal operators tomorrow. Lewis has served notice under the Smith-Connally act that the required 30-day cooling-off period before a strike can legally be called began Monday.

IN PORTLAND, Ore., a U.S. commissioner ordered blonde Vilma Suberly, who collected husbands one after another without bothering to divorce them, to be held for a trip to California, where she'll stand trial for using the mails to defraud. Vilma's alibi was that she got hitched "when I was drunk."

A ONE-WOMAN rampage was going on in another part of California, throbbing Los Angeles, where Dolores Gunn, a 37-year-old grandmother, was carrying on her campaign to become mayor by vowing to turn "this hick town into a real city." Dolores is sore at the city because the cops wouldn't license her escort bureau unless she charged fees. She wouldn't and went to jail. Now one of her campaign slogans is: "Take the Steel Out of City Jail Bunks."

There was much nostalgia, on the other hand, in Portsmouth, N.H., where a boy-and-girl romance dating back to the Spanish-American war triumphed with the wedding of Lavinia

Sen. Wheeler Flays Yalta Pact, Offers Own Security Plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (UP).—Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont.) charged in a radio address today that the Big Three Yalta agreement is based on principles of brute force and power politics and will lead inevitably to another war. Wheeler, asserting that the Yalta decision is a shocking violation of the Atlantic Charter and an expression of abject appeasement to Stalin, offered a substitute plan which he said must be adopted to save the blood of future American generations.

The Montana Senator referred to the Polish decision as an immoral outrage, called the promise of free elections for liberated countries a mockery and said that the declaration to crush Germany was a psychological blunder which will cost thousands of American lives.

To guard against the possibility of another war, Wheeler recommended the immediate setting up of a United Nations political council, including small countries with the power to act as well as to talk. "I know of no other alternative to domination of Europe by the Big Three," he said.

'Isolationism Behind'



Harold E. Stassen
Conferring with GOP leaders to get views on what San Francisco conference should do.

ALBANY, N.Y., Feb. 28.—Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen, one of the three Republican delegates to the United Nations conference at San Francisco in April, said last night that the U.S. has left isolationism behind and must join other nations in formulating a basis for a permanent world peace.

Stassen has been conferring with Gov. Thomas E. Dewey to learn his views on what should be accomplished at the Frisco parley. He will visit other GOP leaders throughout the nation before leaving for the conference.

Missouri Votes For Entire New Constitution

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 28 (ANS).—Voters of Missouri approved a new State constitution yesterday which, advocates say, will streamline the government, and halt abuses which grew up in 70 years under the old code of laws.

Approval was emphatic, according to the latest unofficial election returns, with the proposed constitution having a majority of between 100,000 and 150,000 votes. The strongest support came from the urban centers of Kansas City and St. Louis.

Eighty-three bi-partisan delegates from every section of the state spent a year and about a million dollars in writing the document and some legislators believe the State Legislature will be in session for two years, rewriting from 3,000 to 10,000 laws to conform to the new code.

The constitution streamlines the government by providing for the grouping of more than 70 State agencies under 15 major executive departments.

Flood Waters Rising in East As Cold Grips Midwest U.S.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (AP).—Rising flood waters east of the Mississippi River and a snowstorm in the southwest highlighted the nation's weather map today.

Chicago forecasters said temperatures were below freezing as far south as Texas. Although the midwestern cold wave moderated snowfalls in southern Missouri, southern Kansas and Oklahoma, as much as three inches fell at Oklahoma City.

There was sleet as far north as Evansville, Ind. In Memphis, Tenn., and Denison, Tex., rain freezing on trolley wires disrupted street-car service and snapped communication and power wires.

In the midwest and New England, temperatures were in the twenties and thirties by yesterday afternoon. But Miami, Fla., basked in a temperature of 80.

F.D.R. Back in Capital; Plans an Early Report To U.S. on Crimea Pact

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (AP).—President Roosevelt returned to the capital today after a five-week, 14,000-mile journey, and announced that he will report tomorrow or Friday to Congress and the nation on the Crimea conference. The President was in fine spirits and in what his physician, Vice-Admiral Ross T. McIntire, described as "tip-top" physical condition.

Points made by Roosevelt at a press conference aboard ship included:

1—Unlike the Teheran meeting, the Yalta conference did produce some secret understandings. The President regards these as necessarily secret, but they will probably become apparent in time.

2—The President believes the United Nations organization will develop into the best method ever created to stop war and wipe out some of its causes.

3—Russia has been completely neutral to Japan, and the U.S. is respecting that neutrality.

May See Churchill

Roosevelt, who will probably personally welcome delegates to the peace conference at San Francisco, April 25, may meet Prime Minister Churchill after the conference. The British have frequently suggested he visit London.

Discussing the Yalta decisions on postwar occupation of Germany, Roosevelt said the plan is to have Russia take over the eastern area, Britain the western and northwestern area, and the U.S. the southern area. The U.S. is to have the area below the bend of the Rhine at Mainz, including the provinces of Baden, Bavaria and Wuerttemberg, with a supply corridor to the sea at Bremen.

Roosevelt cautioned that the arrangement is subject to change, particularly in the proposed British and American zones, because of the decision to offer France the opportunity of keeping a thumb on part of the Reich. The President was not ready to say how long American troops might remain in Germany.

A Purge is Necessary

Germany and Japan could possibly become members of the world peace organization, the President said, but they first must purge themselves and reverse the militaristic tendencies they have shown for decades. They must prove their ability to live peaceably among nations, he said.

Roosevelt based his belief that Germany and Japan can some day return to the fold of the peaceful nations on the relatively short history of their militarism.

The President said the American people do not realize that there will be a long, hard battle to defeat Japan. People blow hot and cold on the subject, he said. He stressed the need for industrial concentration on the Pacific war once Germany is defeated.

House Stresses Feeling Against Flat Farm Draft

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (ANS).—The House yesterday reasserted in emphatic terms its desire to retain the Congressional prohibition against drafting of necessary young farmers into military service.

The Chamber passed by voice vote a resolution written by Chairman J. W. Flannagan, jr. (D-Va.) of the Agriculture Committee, declaring that if a man is "necessary to and regularly engaged in" agriculture and is "irreplaceable" he shall not be inducted, regardless of the manpower needs of the Army.

The resolution now goes to the Senate for action. It particularly affects approximately 360,000 farmers in the 18 through 25 age group. The House struck from the Flannagan resolution a stipulation that no farmer classified as 4F should give up his farm occupation for work elsewhere under a penalty of five years imprisonment or \$10,000 fine.

Bolsters Amendment

Effect of the resolution is to redeclare and strengthen the existing Tydings amendment to the selective service law which supports the Flannagan resolution claimed has been utterly disregarded by Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service chief.

Senate Democratic Leader Alben W. Barkley (Ky.) had hoped to get the Senate started voting on the "work-or-else" bill yesterday, but debate was delayed by other legislation and none of the proposals was considered.

Expects Crisis Soon

Yesterday's Senate debate brought out a sharp difference of opinion over whether the war fastest passed the critical stage. Sen. Harold Burton (R-Ohio), speaking for the pending measure, said he expects the crisis in the next few months. Sen. Kenneth McKellar (D-Tenn.) asserted the crisis is past and "the rest of it is just mopping up."

Confronted by official figures showing almost 600,000 Army and Navy personnel in hospitals, House leadership moved to meet another recommendation of the military—drafting of nurses.

Tentative plans call for final House action Friday on the May bill which would subject all unmarried nurses aged 20 to 40 to induction.

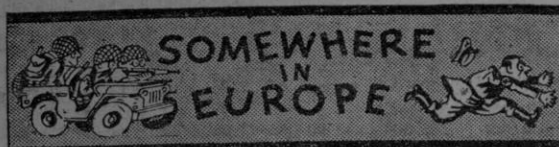
Chairman Andrew J. May (D-Ky.), of the House Military Committee, said he believes the House will pass the nurse draft measure after brief debate.

It is expected that efforts will be made to amend the measure to make married as well as unmarried qualified nurses liable for induction, with deferments for those holding essential civilian health positions.

Rouge With Cigarettes Annoys Smith Girls

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Feb. 28 (ANS).—Four Smith College girls revealed they would bring suit against a Northampton drugstore for alleged violation of OPA regulations concerning tie-in-sales.

The students claimed they were forced to buy \$5.12 worth of rouge, powder and lipstick to obtain a carton of cigarettes.



With Our Contemporaries

FIRST Inf. Div. American Traveler—"One of the prisoners taken recently on the Western Front claims to be 'Pete' of the corny German propaganda program, 'Sally and Pete.' He formerly broadcast from Rome, but lately moved to the north. Pete was very anxious to dispel any notions about Sally, of the soft, seductive voice and 'goodnight kiss.' Far from being a luscious creature worthy of pin-up, she is bowlegged, cross-eyed, and wears glasses. For those still interested, she is 27 years of age."

Something Lousy in the Reich

A newly-captured Nazi officer confessed to Capt. Paul Loeser, of the 80th Inf. Div., that during the recent Rundstedt breakthrough his outfit had captured some desperately needed U.S. Army insecticide.

Well, He Was Half Right

THERE was plenty of racket from the artillery when the Second Bn. of 318th Inf. 80th Div. moved into its new CP. Pfc Ira A. Ferguson, of Noblesville, Ind., was unconcerned. As the explosions grew louder and louder, he assured his skeptical buddies that "it's our own artillery zeroing in on the enemy."



The next round hit the CP, shattering the soldier's illusions as well as a good hunk of the building. Ferguson headed for the first door he saw and was going so fast he didn't stop to turn the knob. He just crashed through the thin paneling and found himself in a hallway leading outside.

The Captain Wastes No Words

The Army has terse battle reports, too. Capt. Charles F. Tisdale, commanding officer of Co. L, 28th Inf., Eighth Div., sent in the following report one night: "Fifteen Germans appeared, fifteen Germans died. One counter-attack repulsed."

Golden Acorn Shines Afar

FEW people have ever accused the staid Associated Press of giving nicknames but the 87th Inf. Div. owes its "Golden Acorn" to a war correspondent, AP Correspondent Lew Hawkins spotted the gold-and-green shoulder insignia and prefaced the existing "Acorn" cognomen with the appropriate adjective in his accounts home.

Mechanized Warfare

"In the last war we called 'em cooties," observes T/5 Doyle (Old Man) Carver, of the 419th Armd FA Bn., Tenth Armd Div. "But now it's motorized dandruff!"

There's a Moral to This Story

A glass of beer saved the life of Pfc Joseph Samson, of Lewiston, Me., medical technician in the 90th Gen. Hospital. He retired early one evening, tired by a hard day's work. Shortly before midnight he was awakened by Sgt. Barend Barendson, of Brooklyn, who invited him out for the refreshment.

U.S. Holds Up Surprise Plan At Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 28 (AP).—The United States managed today to postpone for 24 hours action on a surprise proposal which would commit all American nations to a policy of guaranteeing the frontiers and political independence of the countries in this hemisphere with their armed might.

The surprise came in the determination of other countries represented at the conference to forge links of steel among the American republics immediately, without waiting for the establishment of a world security organization.

The U.S. position had been not to make such commitments, requiring Senate action, until after the United Nations conference at San Francisco in April.

The resolution, combining proposals by Brazil, Uruguay and Colombia, provides that the signatory nations would be obliged to use force when aggression or the "sure threat" of aggression developed in this hemisphere.

If approved by the commission, the resolution would be considered by all delegates, probably at the end of the week. It seems clear that full adherence by the U.S. would require Congressional approval, probably by a two-thirds Senate ratification.

Economic Charter Offered at Parley

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 28 (UP).—An "Economic Charter of the Americas" has been presented to the Inter-American Conference by the U.S. It is designed to protect the "natural right" of peoples to live decently.

The charter is concerned with the elimination of subversive activities, wartime trade controls, cooperation in health, sanitation and food programs, social questions, maintenance of internal economies and the admission and surrender of criminals.

The charter would pledge the Americas to the following principles:

- 1. Raising standards of living.
2. Equal access to the world's trade and raw materials.
3. Reduction of trade barriers.
4. Elimination of cartels restricting international trade.
5. Elimination of economic national barriers.
6. Just and equitable treatment of foreign enterprise and capital.
7. Endorsement of financial and agricultural proposals agreed to at Bretton Woods and Hot Springs.
8. Promotion of private enterprise.
9. International action to facilitate the distribution and production of surpluses.
10. Appropriate steps to assure working conditions set forth at the recent International Labor Conference.

First Army to Operate Its Own Radio Station

FIRST U.S. ARMY HQ., Feb. 28.—Beginning at 6:55 Thursday the First Army will have its own radio station, broadcasting 18 hours a day seven days a week.

The entire broadcasting unit—studio, control room and transmitter—is housed in a trailer. Station manager and chief announcer Sgt. John McNamara, of New York, said that the new station will broadcast to troops of Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' command on a wave-length of 1447 kilocycles or 207 meters and will carry Allied Expeditionary Forces programs as well as programs originating with the First Army.

Other AFN stations are at Paris, Marseilles, Dijon and with the Seventh Army. A Ninth Army unit will make its debut soon.

29th Division Doughs Push War Closer to the Rhineland



Men of Co. C, 115th Regt., were about to enter the town of Jackerath when Jerry shells interrupted. They sweated out the barrage in this foxhole.



Engineers put finishing touches on the second pontoon bridge across the Roer. The other bridge carried infantrymen across earlier in the drive.



Jerry prisoners taken at town of Titz, Feb. 27.



Tanks of the Second Armd. Div. rumble through the shambles that was Julich, after pushing across the Roer.

4th Armd. Div. Startles Nazis In Swift Drive

By James Cannon, Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE FOURTH ARMD. DIV., Feb. 28.—Herd of horse-shell-shy and lather-streaked, galloped through these hills today in a rodeo of fear. Cows, their udders big and sore with milk, trotted along strange roads far from pasture.

Only the pigs, wallowing in the new mud of mud-shells, seemed to have estates of their own along the route this division took in its devastating rush from the Enz River to the Kyll.

From Sinzpell to the woods near Bickendorf the Germans lay dead beside guns they never fired. So swift was the advance of this armor that the Germans ceased to be an army of companies and regiments and became isolated bands of fugitives who were killed or captured by tanks they thought were miles away.

Enemy Disorganized

"The enemy was completely disorganized by the armor," said Lt. Col. Richard R. Fleisher, of Philadelphia, of the 80th Inf. Regt., which mopped up behind the tanks. "They have no transportation at all. We captured an officer who was discharged from a hospital in Coblenz. They had no transportation for him and told him to get back to his outfit the best way he could. He reached the front by hitch-hiking."

Officers rounded up scattered remnants and tried to form them into defending forces. But in their flight before the armor they had abandoned much of their equipment.

They tried to defend Atrscheid with only one rifle for every third man. The history of the penetration is written in the ruins of vehicles and dead men piled along the road between the two rivers.

The Fourth took 700 prisoners, 25 artillery pieces and 20 anti-tank guns out of Rittersdorf. Some of the weapons were still in barns, their crews asleep, the muzzles covered by canvas.

Germans Surprised

"They were the most surprised people you ever saw," said Lt. Col. Creighton Abrams, of Springfield, Mass. "These people thought the fighting was miles away. The last I heard of us advancing we were at Sinsfeld, where their regimental commander was killed while defending the bridge with a machine-gun. They had no time to do anything. We did not find one mine in this area and the division had only 14 casualties in the operation."

German cannoners, suddenly ordered to fight with bazookas, were captured as they tried to master the weapon they had never used before.

All along the path of devastation through the war-maimed villages in the hills were uncompleted anti-tank ditches, uncut road-blocks, and foxholes partially dug.

Supply by Air Highlights War Against Mud

By Pat Mitchell, Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THIRD ARMY, Feb. 27 (Delayed).—The seriousness of the problem of supplying the Patton front, with the main roads broken down for long stretches by the great-chopping combination of heavy trucks and spring thaw, was illustrated today when 75 C47 transports flew over the tiny drop zone area in the rear of the Fourth Div. and dropped priority cargo.

An undisclosed number of paratroopers also jumped from the cargo-carrying planes, escorting the food and ammunition down to attend to the distribution.

The drop zone is located several miles back from the lines but within sight of the Germans holding high ground beyond recently captured Prum. All roads leading into the Fourth and 90th Div. sectors are now knee deep in many spots in heavy mud.

Roads Badly Chewed

In the 90th Div. sector long stretches of Class A roads through Bastogne, Houffalize and St. Vith are practically impassable. Already chewed up by shell craters, the roads suffered when frost came out of the ground, swelling asphalt and exposing soft clay beneath it. Merely the work of tanks and heavy trucks was needed to turn them into vehicle traps.

Meanwhile, it was learned that many top echelon organizations have issued orders that no vehicle was to use the roads without written okay from a staff officer.

The MPs are doing their best, assisted by engineer units, to keep the roads operational, but invariably traffic is detoured to the secondary road which breaks down even faster than did the primary artery. Then the detour is detoured and heavy high-priority ammunition and food and ambulance vehicles clog country lanes.

Detours Are Frequent

In the area around St. Vith, long lines of replacements were standing alongside the quagmire road. Although forced to walk because they had no trucking priority, they laughed when hapless truck drivers failed to make four-foot-deep stretches of ooze or avoid almost fathom-deep craters.

Incidentally, it took the men 17 hours to go one hundred-plus kilometers, with what detoured detours, mud concealing shrapnel which ribboned tires, and driving snow which melted as soon as it hit the mud.

Old Faithful Forever

WITH 3611th QM TRUCK CO. Old Faithful, a five-ton tractor, recently completed more than 15,000 continuous miles of operation without a breakdown. It has been on the road since August.

The Man Who Came to Dinner Two Stars And a Mess Kit

By Jules B. Grad, Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

ALLIED ADVANCE COMMAND POST, Feb. 28.—S/Sgt. Van Osterberg, of Grand Rapids, Mich., looked up from his desk outside Gen. Eisenhower's office today.

Waiting patiently was a flock of stars. "Where can I get something to eat?" asked Maj. Gen. Robert M. Littlejohn, ETO Quartermaster General.



"I can get you a car for the Officers' Mess," the sergeant offered. "Where do you eat?" the general asked. "Downstairs," Van told him. "Let's get going, then," Littlejohn suggested. A few minutes later the ETO chief of all mess halls was quickly eating lunch—out of a mess kit—alongside some of the amazed kitchen crew.

Task Force Church Is on Its Way—To Berlin

By Ralph G. Martin, Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE 84th DIV., Feb. 27 (Delayed).—Task Force Church has plenty of gas, plenty of ammo, plenty maps and they say they're going to Berlin.

Jumping off at 0700 hours at Matzerath, they completely smashed through disorganized German resistance, advanced at least ten miles by nightfall, overrunning and capturing more than 1,000 prisoners, including a replacement pool and a field artillery battalion intact. The guns of the artillery outfit already have been turned around and are shooting the other way.

Task Force Church—which consists of beaucoup motorized infantry, tanks and tank destroyers—has been meeting little resistance so far except for some occasional SP gunfire along the flank which was mopped up quickly. Four hours after the jumpoff, the task force spearhead had already progressed to the town of Waldneil, six miles east of Munchen-Gladbach.

There has been no time to bury the dead—German dead, who still lie in the fields alongside the road; and there has been no time to bring back all the huge mass of captured soldiers and civilians who have overflowed all available setup PW cages. Prisoners are streaming back by the truckload, walking by the hundreds, carrying their own litters of wounded. MPs were so rationed all day long that in

several instances a single soldier was detailed to bring back as many as 300 prisoners. Among the prisoners there were 13 smartly dressed German MPs who were still directing the traffic at one town when the American MPs took over.

Spearheading the task force push is the First Bn. of the 334th Regt., the same battalion that made the assault crossing of the Roer and has led the speedy 84th Div. drive through a dozen different towns. The battalion is commanded by Capt. Al C. Peters, of Monroe, La.

When the marching doughfeet, going frontwards, passed the massed columns of German prisoners, coming back, there was a deadening sort of silence, with the doggies just staring at the Germans. Occasionally, some doughfoot would pop up with: "They're babies. They're just lousy goddam babies."

Actually, although many of them probably will not have to shave for several years yet, most of them were good average specimens of the Nazi fighting soldiers. And practically all of them were Germans. There were very few half-hearted ersatz troops, like the Poles or Czechs. And most of them, though obviously dazed, still seemed very happy that war was all over for them.

Pfc Marion Ingram, of Parwater, Washington, an MP who had brought back hundreds of PWs, pointed to the jam-packed mass of Germans and said, "Hell, this looks like Berlin already, doesn't it?"

Ninth Sending 1,000 Home on Leave in March

By Ernie Leiser, Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH NINTH ARMY, Feb. 28.—More than 1,000 soldiers from the Ninth Army are joining 1,100 First Army troops heading home during March for 30-day furloughs and leaves, under the new ETOUSA directive which awards the trips on the basis of time served overseas.

The original program, begun in December, gave preference to twice decorated soldiers, or to men twice hospitalized from wounds in combat. Under the Ninth Army's new system, the only troops who will be awarded the furloughs on any basis other than that of overseas service are men who have been wounded three times. No preference is being given to men in combat divisions or their attached units.

As in the First Army, officers will constitute eight percent of the men sent home. No troops with less than two years overseas will get furlough preference, except those who receive "compassionate" leave, given in cases of serious domestic problems.

Since the Ninth Army, though under the operational control of 21st Army Group, is administered by the 12th Army Group, its new program will be similar to that of the First and Third Armies.

Special Mass for Yanks

A special Pilgrimage Mass will be held for American forces in Paris, at 6: PM tomorrow, when the body of Saint Therese of Lisieux, "The Little Flower," which has been brought to Paris to invoke the intercession of the saint as a patron of France, will be taken to the Madeleine Church.

Hiding Before They Go Seek Panzer Opponents



Camouflaged light M5 tanks snuggle among a maze of pillboxes at the edge of a roadway east of Schmidt, Germany. The miniature fortresses were situated on high ground guarding the approaches to the Cologne plain and the Rhine.

U.S. Must Rule Skies—Arnold

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The U.S. will be the first nation attacked in any future war and therefore must be "the world's first power in military aviation," Gen. Henry H. Arnold, commanding the Army Air Forces, warned yesterday in a report to Secretary Stimson.

When Germany is defeated, Arnold said, most American fliers in Europe may go directly to the Pacific. Where it is possible, airmen will be given leave to visit their homes, but the urgency of war may strictly limit the number of such leaves.

Three new bombers—B35s, B36s and B42s—are now in production, Arnold said they would be "more powerful and capable than those now in operation."

The AAF lost 17,830 planes while destroying 50,658 Axis craft in the first three years of the war. Arnold said the Air Force flew 1,271,748 sorties in 1944 and dropped 1,082,818 tons of bombs.

Boyhood on Roer Pays Off for Allies

WITH U.S. FORCES, Germany, Feb. 28 (AP).—A young American lieutenant who swam in the Roer as a boy gave the Allied High Command its first tip that the Germans planned to unleash flood waters on the advancing Yanks.

He is Lt. Ernest Kaufman, of Philadelphia, a native of Germany, who was released from a concentration camp in 1939. When the Americans took Aachen, he recalled that the Nazis had built a new dam on the Roer. He obtained permission to search power company officers in Aachen, where he found detailed plans for the flooding of the entire Roer Valley.

They Topped It It's a Busy, Busy Army!

It all started when 1/Lt. H. E. Green was listed in The Stars and Stripes as the most overworked officer in the ETO.

A flood of letters followed from chief clerks who contended their officers were carrying a bigger load of the war.

1/Lt. A. E. Hartman, of Co. C of the 371st Engr. Constr. Bn., was cited as a man who holds 17 positions ranging from administrative officer to fuel economy and prison officer.

1/Lt. Thomas J. Cudmore, of the 2006 Engr. Avn. FF Plat., handles 23 posts of great responsibility, which include mud-control officer, VD officer, and graves registration officer. And 2/Lt. Robert A. Grace, of the 358th Harbor Craft Co., holds 36 jobs, which include the chaplain's and "the commanding officer's" during the CO's frequent absences.

From the Third Army front came a curtailed letter from an infantry platoon leader who started to tell what he was doing to win the war but had to stop, "because I have to go dig my men out of their foxholes for a physical inspection."

Behind The Sports Headlines

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—The Phillips "66" Oilers, National AAU basketball champs, got tired of hearing "the tallest team" when that outfit went against Evansville Shipyard's Bud Browning, former Oklahoma All-America coaching the Oilers, started Gordon Carpenter, Arkansas' six-foot seven-inch star, at guard. The midget of starters was Fred Pralle, guard from Kansas, at six-foot-three, Charley Halbert, of West Texas State, six-foot-ten, at center, Frank Schwarzer, of Kirksville (Mo.), Teachers, six-foot-six, at forward, and Paul Lindeman, former Washington State center, at six-foot-seven at forward. The Oilers won.

CHICAGO.—"I was looking for his left when his right hit me between the eyes," was the post-fight comment made by George Costner after Ray "Sugar" Robinson lulled him to sleep in the first round of their "stinkeroo" here the other night. . . . **JERSEY CITY.**—Ken Brondell, Little Giants' righthander, was the International League's leading percentage pitcher last season with 13 victories and six defeats. Charley Embree, Baltimore veteran, won the most games, 19, and struck out the most batters, 225. The Orioles' Stan West twirled the league's only nine-inning no-hitter.

WEST POINT.—The Cadets are not going to the wailing wall over the matter, but the loss to Pennsylvania for the first in 28 games occurred in the spacious—and privately promoted—Convention Hall in Philadelphia. Army's been on record as opposed to playing off the college campus, but was forced to go through the game with the Quakers because Penn's field house has been taken over by the military.

Wildcats Bow To Notre Dame

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 28.—Notre Dame defeated Northwestern, 71-66, to set a new season's scoring record for Irish teams, 1,154 points in 19 games. The previous Notre Dame high was 1,095 in 29 games. . . . **Boryla**, with 20, paced the locals in their second half assault that erased the Wildcats' 33-33 halftime lead. Max Morris, Northwestern ace who tallied 18 points, left the game with an injured ankle midway in the second half and the visitors never caught up, although Guard Ben Schader scored seven points in the last three minutes.

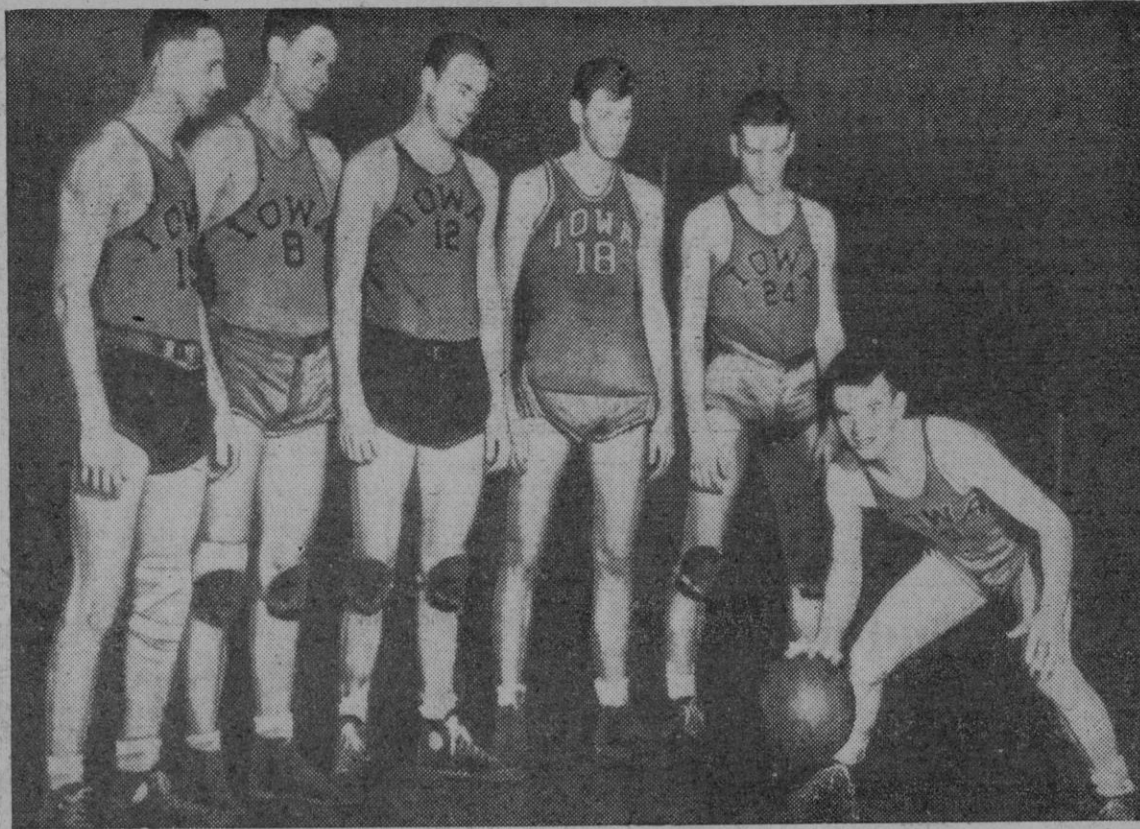
Schott TKO's GIBlevins For 34th Straight Victory

CLEVELAND, Feb. 28.—Freddie Schott, Akron heavyweight, ran his victory streak to 34 bouts last night by scoring a technical knockout over Pvt. Bob Blevins, of Camp Millard, Ohio, in the fourth round of a scheduled eight-rounder. Blevins went down five times before the referee stopped the fight. It was the first defeat in ten fights for Blevins.

Bribe Case Cager Rejected by Army

BROOKLYN, Feb. 28.—Larry Pearlstein, one of five Brooklyn College basketball players dismissed from school after admitting acceptance of a bribe to throw the game with Akron University at the Boston Garden last month, was rejected for military service at Grand Central Palace Induction Center yesterday. Pearlstein's knee was found still suffering from a basketball injury which caused him to receive a medical discharge in January, 1944, after attaining the rank of staff sergeant in the Army.

Hawkeyes Only One Game From Big Ten Basketball Title



A victory over Illinois Saturday night will mean a championship for Iowa. Murray Wier, frosh sub, dribbles before Ned Postels, Clayton and Herb Wilkinson, Jack Spencer and Dick Ives (24).

Title in Sight, But Iowa Fears Big 10 Bugbear

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Iowa's rampaging Hawkeyes have everything but tradition with them this week as they enter the last lap of the 1945 Big Ten basketball season. The Hawkeyes, Monday night, trounced Minnesota, 55-48, to stay

Big Ten Standings

	W	L	Pct.	P	OP
Iowa	10	1	.909	549	448
Ohio State	10	2	.833	632	505
Illinois	7	3	.700	509	453
Purdue	6	6	.500	563	583
Michigan	5	7	.417	507	561
Wisconsin	4	7	.364	480	544
Northwestern	4	8	.333	552	533
Minnesota	3	8	.272	474	531
Indiana	2	9	.181	527	635

in the Conference lead with ten won and one lost. One game remains, that with Illinois at Iowa City Saturday. If Iowa wins it takes the crown; if they lose, the Hawkeyes share the title with Ohio State. This same Illinois team chalked up the only league defeat charged to Iowa this year.

It sounds easy on paper, but the Hawkeyes haven't even shared the title since 1926 when they finished in a four-way draw with Michigan, Indiana and Purdue. They haven't won 11 Conference games since 1923, and last year they lost a share in the title in the last seconds of the last game.

Morris Scoring Leader

Max Morris, lanky Northwestern center, has the individual scoring record in the Big Ten tucked away with 189 points, 30 points ahead of his nearest rival, Arnold Risen, of Ohio State. Dick Ives, Iowa leader who won the individual scoring honors last year, is tied for ninth at 114, points with one game to go.

Morris, Northwestern	12	68	53	189
Risen, Ohio State	12	65	29	159
Hermes, Minnesota	11	48	44	140
C. Wilkinson, Iowa	11	47	36	130
Smith, Wisconsin	11	54	16	124
Kirk, Illinois	10	45	32	122
Kralovansky, Indiana	11	39	38	116
Grate, Ohio State	12	48	20	116
Patterson, Wisconsin	11	41	32	114
Geahan, Michigan	12	45	24	114
Ives, Iowa	11	42	30	114

McKeever New Cornell Coach

ITHACA, N.Y., Feb. 28.—Edward C. McKeever, acting head coach and athletic director at Notre Dame, was named head football coach at Cornell yesterday to succeed Carl Snavely, Robert J. Kane, athletic director at Cornell announced at a luncheon given in McKeever's honor. Terms of the one-year contract were not announced.

McKeever said he would have to see what material was available at Cornell before deciding whether he would use the T-formation employed at South Bend. A four-week spring training session will begin April 19.

The new Big Red mentor began his coaching career as assistant to Pete Cawthon at Texas Tech in 1935. He played halfback at Texas Tech in 1932-'33-'34, after spending his freshman year at Notre Dame.

While at Lubbock, Texas, McKeever met Frank Leahy and when Leahy was named head coach at Boston College, McKeever went along as backfield coach and later followed Leahy to Notre Dame, where he succeeded Elmer Layden as the Irish mentor.

CAGE RESULTS

Chanute Field 61, Illinois Wesleyan 57
Ellis Island CG 58, Fordham 42
Guilford 35, High Point 19
Merchant Marine Acad. 54, Maryland 41
Notre Dame 71, Northwestern 66
Tufts V12s 54, Hofstra 43

Covering GI Sports

U.S. Army boxers will meet a trio of former French champions tomorrow night at the Palais de Sports, Velodrome d'Hiver, Paris, in the feature bouts of an eight-bout benefit show for French prisoners of war.

Pfc Jose Riveras, of New York, will trade blows with Roger Tison, 1942 featherweight champion of



Pete Morelli

Jose Riveras

France, in the ten-round opener at 8 PM. Riveras, as a professional, won 14 of 18 bouts—nine ending in knockouts.

Pfc. Pete Morelli, of Stockton, Calif., Ninth ADC heavyweight titlist and Golden Glove Pacific Coast Champion in 1942, is pitted against Stephane Olek, former French heavyweight champion. He lost a close decision to the European heavyweight champion, Carl Sisek, of Belgium.

In the windup at 10 PM, Pfc. Ken Stribbling, of Washington, D.C., trades punches with Victor Buttin, one-time light-heavyweight champion. Stribbling fought as a pro for seven years.

Chess Challenge

S. W. Hanauer, member of the 1928 American Olympic team in the International Chess Tournament at The Hague, and a master of the American Federation of Chess, has issued a challenge to GI chess players. He plans to play 50 opponents simultaneously Friday, March 9, 3 PM, at Circle Caissa, 41 Ave. Gabriel, Paris. Servicemen who wish to oppose Hanauer, apply to Mme LeBey Taillis, at the above address.

HQ. OISE SECTION.—Pvt. Frank Smith, Milwaukee, Wis., knocked out Pfc Fritz Glazer, Chicago, Ill., in one minute of the opening round to feature the Oise Section boxing show. Two other bouts of a 14-card show failed to go the distance.

T/5 Lawson Day, Logan, W.Va., drew with Pvt. Alphonso Gates, St. Louis, Mo.; Pvt. Wilmer Warren, decided Sgt. James Handon, Shadburn, N.C.; Pvt. Sa-

muel Logan, Rocky Mount, N.C. TKO'd T/4 Eddie Kolebuk, Carbondale, Pa.; Pvt. Bradley Schloemer, Madison, Wis., drew with Pfc Paul J. Masi, Chicago, Ill.; Pvt. Irwin S. Goldstein, Brooklyn, decided Pfc Willie E. Kossareff, San Francisco; Pvt. Nathan Bailey, Pittsburgh, drew with Pvt. John Hull, Philadelphia; Pvt. L. T. Duna, Harrisburgh, Pa., decided Pfc Charles Meyers, Danville, Va.; Cpl. Dick Mack, Harrisburgh, Pa., TKO'd T/5 Harry L. Landry, New Orleans; Pvt. Willie Roberts, Balenzer, Texas, decided T/5 Wesley Bradley, Lynchburg, Va.; Pfc John Royster, Winter, Ga., decided Pfc George A. Yates, Portland, Ore.; Pvt. Paul Peters, Wheeling, W. Va., drew with Cpl. Floyd V. Newton, Wabeno, Wis.; Pvt. Jefferson Gray, Monroe, La., decided Pfc Dempsey Teach, Kingston, N.C.; Pfc M. Hutchins, Los Angeles, decided T/Sgt. Tony Kramer, Cincinnati.

HQ. NINTH BOMB DIV., France.—The Ninth Bombardment Div. will determine its basketball champion when teams representing Marauder, Havoc and Invader groups meet in a two-day tournament, Friday and Saturday.

Rouen Fight Results

ROUEN.—A crowd of 4,000 GIs recently saw Pfc Tony Gallina, of Cleveland, punch his way to a three-round victory over Pvt. Edward Dixon, of Philadelphia, in a welterweight match that topped the evening's 11-bout card sponsored by the 11th Port Special Service.

Results of other bouts:

Pvt. David Forbes, St. Louis, decided Pfc Emmett Nance, Cincinnati; T/5 Thomas Hughley, Gary, Ind., decided T/5 Tony Galluc, Brooklyn; Cpl. John Hamilton, Harrison, Ill., decided Pfc Jack Lent, New York; Pfc Charles Hamilton, Louisbourg, Va., knocked out, second round, T/5 David Harmon, DeSota, Ill.; Pfc Vernon Watkins, Norfolk, Va., decided Pfc Lucky Brown, Philadelphia; T/4 Davey Jenkins, Columbus, Ga., decided S/Sgt James Woolridge, Chicago; Pvt. Harold Gadsdon, Pittsburgh, Pa., decided T/5 Harry Cochrane, Beacon, N.Y.; Pvt. David Galanton, Newark, N.J., decided Pfc Isreal Allen, Peoria, Ill.; Pfc Samuel Edge, Cleveland, decided T/5 Melvin Coleman, Fairmont, W.Va.; Pvt. Frank Colosil, Philadelphia, decided Pfc Grady Wilson, Middlebourg, Ky.

A QM DEPOT, FRANCE.—Warren Peterson, Jamaica, N.Y., knocked out James Kendall, Paris, Tenn., in the second round to feature an eight-bout card arranged by Special Service.

Clinton Bacon, Jacksonville, Fla., TKO'd Alvin Tindell, Sumter, S.C.; Caesar Cooper, Chicago, TKO'd Harry Robinson, New York; William Bowman, New York, decided Claude Fields, Farmville, N.C.; Dominick Friello, Schenectady, N.Y., decided Earl Jacobs, San Francisco; Lonnie Edwards, Jamaica, N.Y., decided James Norman, Atlanta, Ga.; Jacob Ray, Chicago, decided Ollie Chappell, Pittsburgh; LeRoy Ellis, Gass Lake, Minn., decided George Church, Seattle, Wash.

Leafs, Hawks In 3-3 Draw

TORONTO, Feb. 28.—The Chicago Black Hawks came from behind twice to gain a 3-3 tie with the Toronto Maple Leafs in the only National Hockey League game played last night.

Art Jackson scored in the opening period for the Leafs, but goals by Bill Mosienko and Wilfie Field sent the Hawks ahead, 2-1, in the next session. Nick Metz tied it for Toronto within the first minute of the third period, on a pass from Reggie Hamilton, and Ted Kennedy put the Leafs ahead four minutes later.

Doug Brayshaw took a pass from Mosienko to net the tying goal at 12:37 of the final period.

The Maple Leafs' management, incensed by derogatory remarks in Toronto papers, bought space in the sports pages devoted to an advertisement quoting the adverse

Hockey Standings

National League				
W	L	T	Pts	
Montreal	33	5	4	70
Detroit	27	12	4	58
Toronto	19	20	4	42
Boston	14	25	3	31
New York	10	23	10	30
Chicago	9	27	7	25

American League				
W	L	T	Pts	
Hershey	4	1	0	8
St. Louis	2	0	0	4

comment by different scribes. The advertisement concluded with one line announcing: "Free List Suspended."

Lach Scored 67 Points

MONTREAL, Feb. 28.—Maurice Richard's single point during the past week gave him a new all-time National Hockey League goal-scoring record of 45, but it wasn't enough to give him the scoring lead in the red hot race. His Canadiens' teammate, Elmer Lach, tops the loop at the moment with 67 points, on 21 goals and 46 assists. Right behind Richard is another Montreal player, Hector "Toe" Blake, who chipped in three points to go into a third-place tie with Bill Cowley, of the Boston Bruins. They have 57 points, nine behind Richard.

Minor Leagues Demand Voice in Picking Czar

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—A committee composed of representatives from each of ten active minor leagues caused surprise here today when it demanded an equal voice with the major leagues in the election of a successor to the late Judge Landis, baseball's high commissioner. The meeting was called originally to draft a new major-minor league agreement.



Our sincere sympathy goes out to a certain GI who despairingly finished a letter to his fiancée back home: "From the way the present 'demob' plan shapes up it looks as if we will never get married. I don't have enough points, dearie." And all "dearie" wrote back was, "You're telling me!"

Silly question: If an automobile is known as a horseless carriage, can it be said that many a girl now sports a horseless undercarriage?

Overheard in the blackout: "Boy, what a gal! She's as fast as a bistro clock!"

Lt. Charles Bradley tells this one. Under a blazing tropical sun on an island in the Pacific, three Marines idly watched their can of C rations heating over a small fire. Two of the men, satisfied with the temperature of



their food, drew their can from the blaze. The third continued to lie propped on one elbow, just looking at the fire. "Hey," shouted his buddies, "your chow's burning." "I know," he replied languidly, "I'm letting it burn a little so it will remind me of my wife's cooking."

Daffynition (Thanks to Lt. Robert Graham of the Navy) Peroxide blonde: An established bleach-head.

Note from our spy in the Pacific. The file clerk entered the office of the Japanese naval commander and bowed. "Oh, honorable one," he said, "I have completed the new,



simple filing system you requested. Only four files are now needed for the entire Japanese Navy. We classify all craft—"under construction, finished, sinking, sunk."

Commenting on the oft-postponed trip of the Elusive Swede to the States, sportswriters quip, "I wonder who will show up first—Gunder Haegg or Judge Crater?"

And then there was the soldier overseas who received the following cable from his wife: "Baby arrived. Features yours. Fixtures mine."

J. C. W.

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1301-G't Guildsleeve	2005-Your War today
1330-Dance Music	2015-Fred Waring
1400-News	2030-McGee & Molly
1410-AEF Extra	2100-News
2430-Allen Young	2165-Soldier & Song
1500-Strike Up Band	2115-Yank Bandstand
1530-Combat Diary	2130-Eddie Garr
1545-On the Record	2200-U.S. News
1630-Amos and Andy	2267-Navier Cugat
1700-News	2335-Reminiscing
1715-Swing Show	2300-News
1745-Fly Away Paula	2305-One Night Stand
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0615-Rise and Shine	0910-Spotlight Bands
0700-News	0925-AEF Ranch H'se
0705-Song Parade	1000-Morning After
0730-Dance Band	1030-Strike Up Band
0800-Combat Diary	1100-U.S. News
0815-Personal Album	1105-Duffie Bag
0830-Modern Music	1145-Piano Parade

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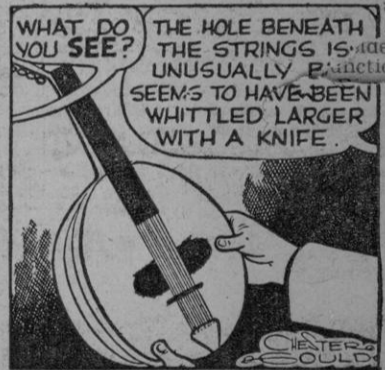
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Births

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

Sgt. Ralph L. Gill, Cleveland—girl, Jan. 26; Pvt. Charles Wallace, Roxbury, Mass.—girl, Feb. 5; Pvt. Albert Braunstein, Brooklyn—girl, Feb. 26; Pvt. Ross C. Thompson, Chicago—girl, Feb. 2; Capt. John J. Sholl, Cleveland—Deborah Louise, Feb. 26; Pfc Garner Sherrill, Attica, Ind.—Nancy Sue, Feb. 14.

Sgt. James H. Lhommedieu, Calistoga, Calif.—girl, Feb. 18; Cpt. Henry Poster, New York—18; Sgt. Arthur Newman, Bronx—17; Cpl. Henry Tuch, Brooklyn—17; Sgt. Robert York—Joan

Elise, Feb. 11; Pvt. Irving G. Venitsky, Philadelphia—boy, Jan. 31; Pfc Melvin Cannon, Grenfield, Ind.—Jimmie Lee, Nov. 26; T/Sgt. James T. O'Brien, Cincinnati—boy, Nov. 21.

T/4 Robert Joseph Bender, Forest Park, Ill.—boy, Feb. 23; 2/Lt. Henry C. Beutelman, Dallas—Henry Christian, Feb. 7; 2/Lt. Roy Edward Smith, Washington—Roy Edward, Feb. 24; S/Sgt. Daniel Robert Martin, New York—Dennis, Feb. 15; Lt. Earl Wilbur Wonderly, Aurora, Ill.—Janet Lou, Feb. 24; Pfc Gerald Harcastle, Grand Junction, Col.—Patricia Michaelle, Feb. 24; Lt. R. W. Mackey, Oakdale, Pa.—girl, Feb. 26; Lt. I. M. Santoro, Newark—Kenneth Michael, Feb. 24; S/Sgt. John W. Wilhelm, Minneapolis—boy, Feb. 20.

By Al Capp

By Milton Caniff

By Raeburn Van Buren

By Chester Gould

By Chic Young

Marines Pound Iwo Jima Foe For Tenth Day

U.S. PACIFIC FLEET HQ., Feb. 28 (AP).—U.S. Marines along a line bisecting Iwo Jima kept up heavy pressure today in a supreme effort to crack the Japanese, known to be short of water and believed to be husbanding their ammunition.

After noticeably slackening their artillery and mortar fire Monday, the Japanese loosed a heavy barrage yesterday on Marines straightening out their line, with slight northward advances up high ground densely dotted with pillboxes and blockhouses.

The Marine line, manned by three divisions, cuts across the island's center and the northern end of Iwo's fighter-plane field, where the Japanese still have a fingertips' grasp.

Battle Enters Tenth Day

As the fight for Iwo entered the tenth day, the Japanese dug in on the higher northern half still showed marked powers to resist, although they have been shelled incessantly from the sea, bombed from the air and pounded by artillery.

The Japanese even have tanks left. Marine artillery broke up a tank-led Japanese counter-attack Monday night.

The Third Marine Div., which has counted 800 pillboxes in its zone of action, inched northward and westward yesterday from the virtually-captured fighter field.

On the right flank, the Fourth Div. straightened out its line near captured Hill 332. There was no mention in Adm. Nimitz's communique of the Fifth Div., last reported assailing Hill 362 on the left flank.

Libs Support Marines

Liberators based on the Marianas closely supported the Marines yesterday, as did carrier planes and warships. The Liberators dropped 500-pound bombs on pillboxes.

The Japanese garrison is getting no reinforcements, no naval support, no more supplies and virtually no air support. Infiltrations of the American lines are carried out chiefly to obtain drinking water.

But the Marines, gaining strength hourly, met bitter opposition yesterday and could make only limited gains.

Parley Open to Public

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28 (AP).—The World Security Conference which will be held here in April will be "as public as possible," William D. Wright, of the State Department, announced today.

A Kansan Applies For a Post-war Job

By Jules B. Grad

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE, Feb. 28.—Two Kansas citizens talked over post-war employment last week. One was going to England for a rest, the other was returning to the front.

"What was your job before the war?" the Abilene visitor asked. "Farming," replied Pfc Rolla Ummel, of Ness City.

"How about giving me a job after the war?" the onetime farmer suggested.

"I don't know, sir, but I'll keep you in mind," the restbound pfc told Gen. Eisenhower.

Yanks Capture Two Mountains East of Manila

MANILA, Feb. 28 (ANS).—U.S. troops driving into the Marikina watershed east of Manila under cover of Marine dive-bombers captured two mountain peaks Monday in a three-mile advance against heavy Japanese mortar and artillery fire. Gen. MacArthur announced today.

The Americans were encountering some of the fiercest resistance of the 51-day-old Luzon campaign as they advanced into the mountains on a 25-mile front.

Marine dive-bombers blasted Japanese pillboxes and artillery positions in support of the drive, aimed at smashing the Japanese holding the Kobayashi line, barring the way to Luzon's east coast.

Sixth Div. Advances

In the north, the Sixth Div. advanced three miles to seize 1,300-foot Mt. Mataba, eleven miles northeast of Manila and 30 miles from the east coast. The division also seized dominating positions on Mt. Tacawaban, three miles northeast of Mataba.

The First Cavalry Div., in the south, was meeting determined opposition as it sought to break resistance around Antipolo, the southern anchor of the enemy line, 10 miles east of Manila.

On the tiny island of Verde, midway between southwestern Luzon and Mindoro, U.S. Fourth Div. troops annihilated the Japanese garrison which was trapped by last Sunday's landing. Possession of the island helps to clear the main sea lane through the central Philippines.

For the Protection of Their Allies



Holding the northern tip of the Allied line opposite the Rhine, Canadian troops of the Black Watch post a sign warning of the possibility that they may meet up with their Allies from the East in the near future.

First Army Crosses Erft River, 6 1/2 Miles From Cologne

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scale industrial town. There were public reports yesterday that American patrols had entered the town but there was no official confirmation of this today.

At Munchen-Gladbach, 44 buildings, six gun positions and ten motor transports were destroyed by a Thunderbolt squadron today.

Ninth Army troops also had reached the west bank of the Erft River yesterday before the blackout was ordered. This was at Konigshaven, 16 miles southeast of Waldniel, and about 15 miles from the Rhine.

The Erft River flows northward through the Cologne Plain about half-way between the Ruhr and the Rhine, joining the Rhine near Dusseldorf. It forms a natural protective arc around Cologne, and for this reason is the foundation for the German line of defense for the plain. A few miles north of Konigshaven, where the river turns eastward towards the Rhine, the line of fortifications leaves the river and extends overland to Rheindahlen, already securely in Ninth Army hands.

First Army troops also had reached Erft on a three-mile front tonight. This front extended from Pindorf, just 12 miles below Konigshaven, to Modrath, a fair-sized town on the Duren-Cologne highway.

The Eighth Inf. Div. is fighting in Modrath tonight. Bridgeheads have been established at three places, not only across the river but also across the Erft canal beyond. The bridge at Modrath was blown by the Germans just as Eighth Div. troops attacked this morning, but they quickly established a new crossing.

Five More Towns Taken

It was in the vicinity of Modrath that the First Army was closest to Cologne, a bare six and one-half miles from the fringes of the city which straddles the Rhine on the southern tip of the great Ruhr industrial area.

First Army captured five more towns this afternoon, raising to approximately 100 its total since the push across the Roer started last Friday morning.

Although German resistance stiffened, with tanks and artillery thrown in, troops of the First advanced on all sectors.

The first official report that Volksturm troops had been put in the line came today from the First Army which reported the capture of 100 of them by American armored groups. They were waiting to surrender in a church in Bergendorf.

The participation of the Veteran First Inf. Div. in the offensive was revealed. The division took three towns—Norvenich, Hochkirchen and Gladbach. (The town of Gladbach

is many miles west of Munchen-Gladbach).

Other infantry took Thuir and drove to the edge of Muldenau, where they met heavy artillery fire. The towns of Refcheid and Kamburg also have been cleared by infantry.

Civil affairs officers of the Eighth Infantry division reported 5,000 civilians were rounded up in Blatzheim and Kerpen, many of them Russian and Polish slave laborers.

While resistance was crumbling in the Rhine elbow under the weight of the Canadian First Army, which overran Calcar and Udem, it had not yet been broken to the same extent as on the Ninth Army front. The Germans had concentrated a large number of first-class troops along the narrow Canadian Army front between the Maas and Rhine Rivers. Southwest of Goch, there were signs of an enemy withdrawal and small bodies of troops cut off by the Allied advance were surrendering.

The Alsatian Rhineland was quiet.

Bradley, Two Other Generals Receive Soviet Awards

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

TWELFTH ARMY GP. HQ., Feb. 28.—Alexander Bogomolov, Soviet Ambassador to France, pinned the Order of Kutuzov, First Grade, on Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, Commander of the 12th Army Gp., here yesterday.

Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow and Maj. Gen. J. Lawton Collins, who commanded the Fifth and Seventh Corps respectively, in the Normandy assault, received the Order of Suvarov, Second Grade, in the same ceremony.

The decorations were awarded last October for the work of the three generals in the assault on the Normandy coast and the sweep across France to Germany.

8 Yanks Freed by Reds Reach U.S. From Soviet

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (ANS).—Eight American Army officers liberated from a German prison camp in Poland by the Red Army have arrived here after one of the fastest flights on record between Moscow and the U.S. The flight was completed in 56 hours and nine minutes by a C54.

Giant Clippers Planned

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 28 (UP).—The Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp. announced today that they are going to build giant six-engine land-based clippers accommodating 204 passengers for Pan-American airways. The planes will be able to fly from New York to London in slightly over nine hours.

What Hats!

Paris Sees New Styles ...And a Wac

By Georgette Spelvin
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The swivel-hipped mannequins prouetted and smiled brightly. The hats were some of the most extraordinary ever seen on women, even in a Paris spring. But the spectators were the show.

In the midst of the turbans with that new squashed look, sat a gray-haired little Frenchman in spats and morning coat, with Pepe, a wire-haired fox terrier, sitting on his lap. There was a plump blond in a conservative rich mink coat with a little penthouse flower garden on her head. There were Frenchmen, who looked very much at home in this woman's paradise as they watched their wives, who watched a lone Wac.

For Wacs in Spring

And she was wearing her new spring costume—six-gore khaki skirt, mannishly-tailored khaki jacket, over the ankle-brown leather shoes and khaki overseas cap that always looks the same, regardless of the angle.

Any GI could have guessed the thought in her mind . . . can't salute in that . . . as a leggy brunette swished by in a honey-colored Chinese coolie hat, open in the back, with a big bow of veiling tied under one ear.

This showing of spring hats was taking place in a salon of haute couture in the fashionable Faubourg Saint-Honore, and the Wac didn't look quite at ease in the high-ceilinged white room with crystal chandeliers, soft, thick gray rug on the floor and black marble fireplace in front of which each model did a quick turn with just the right amount of oomph.

Most of the hats went in for high crowns, with the down-over-the-eye brim in front making the head look fashionably long and narrow—a sort of delayed reaction in hat fashions from the pencil-slim lines in dresses that were in style a year back.

A tiny white straw perched over the left eye, with white veiling caught tightly to the hat and frothed out in a sort of ruffle effect . . . a bright red felt turban with more material than a desert tribesman ever thought of using, with yellow braid trim . . . fat rolled-brim red straw, with a blue chiffon crown.

Never mind, Wac, most French women can't buy these hats because they cost between \$60 and \$100, and by the time the war is over they'll be in fashion in the States—at Macy's!

Cuddle Up, Baby



Gypsy Rose Lee, celebrated strip dancer and more recently an author, cuddles her two-month-old son Eric Lee, in New York as the infant makes his camera debut. The child's father is Alexander Kirkland whom Miss Lee divorced two months before the birth of the child.

Picture of a Blitzed German Town



This is Cleve—German town near the Rhine on the northern end of the Western Front—after it had been worked over by American and British bombers. The town was recently captured by the Canadian First Army.