

Man Spricht Deutsch
Sechs, sieben, acht, neun, zehn.
Sex, seeben, akht, noyn, tsehn.
Six, seven, eight, nine, ten.

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Ici On Parle Français
Voici une boule de neige.
Wwasee ewn bool duh nayj.
Here's a snowball.

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4 Towns Fall Near Breslau

If U.S. Were Battlefield, Here's How Fronts Would Look



Maybe this will bring the war closer to home. Placing the outlines of the United States over the map of Europe, the Russian front would run along the Atlantic seaboard from New England to the Carolinas. The western front would run smack down through the midwest from southern Michigan to Kentucky. In the Allied-Soviet

wise is an area of Nazi Germany roughly equivalent to the middle-Atlantic states of Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, W. Virginia, Virginia, Maryland and Delaware. From Breslau, in Silesia, it is about 500 miles to Allied lines west of the Saar city of Saarbrücken, about the distance between Cincinnati and Philadelphia.

Tannenberg Captured in E. Prussia

Deepening the wedge into southeast Germany on a 56-mile front, the Red Army yesterday captured four important enemy strongholds protecting the city of Breslau. The Soviets' winter drive has been so rapid and consistent that it suggested to Moscow observers either a complete German rout or a decision by the Nazi High Command to pull out of the whole of Poland.

Amid victory reports from the Kremlin telling of fresh impetus along the entire 400-mile-front from the Baltic to the Carpathians came the announcement that tanks of Marshal Ivan Koniev's First Ukrainian Army had smashed through fortified German defenses along the Upper Silesian frontier and captured the German towns of Kreuzberg, Rosenberg, Pitschen and Landsberg, important communications points on the Breslau-Krakow highway.

Although reports yesterday both from Russian and German sources said that forward elements of Koniev's forces had reached a point within 30 miles of Breslau, dispatches tonight indicated that the main body of the Red Army actually was fanning out on the snow-blanketed hills about 45 miles from Breslau.

On the southern sector of the (Continued on Page 8)

Allies Push Ahead On Western Front

Two American armies were flattening the remaining German bulge west of the Siegfried Line in Belgium and Luxembourg yesterday while in Alsace First French Army forces widened their attack in the Vosges snows along a 25-mile front, comparable in scale to their Belfort Gap breakthrough in November.

British Second Army troops advanced two miles in a northward push from positions across the German border, AP said, and beat off a series of counter-attacks. Heavy snowstorms raged over the battle area where Tommies were ironing out a German salient between Gellenkirchen and Roermond.

Reserves Thrown In

In northern Alsace, from five to six German divisions pressed against U. S. Seventh Army positions between Hatten and Rittershofen. Identified in this sector were: the Tenth and 21st SS, Panzer Divs., the 25th Panzer Grenadier Div. and two infantry divisions.

It was evident that the Nazis had put some of their best units into this sector in order to win a political and propaganda victory by re-occupation of parts of Alsace, including Strasbourg, France's traditional bastion in the Rhineland.

Identified to the northwest was the Eleventh Panzer Div. in the area of Butzdorf and Tettingen southwest of Trier. Both this and the Tenth had been out of contact with Allied forces for some time in reserve.

Fighting along the German corridor north of Strasbourg diminished in intensity. Most of it centered around Drusenheim where U.S. Seventh Army and Nazi troops were engaged in a seesaw struggle to seize the town. At last reports, they divided the battered town between them.

Northward in the Bitche salient (Continued on Page 8)

Weather Break That Changed Tide of Battle

By Bud Hutton
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The short winter daylight of Dec. 22, 1944, began to fade across the West Front. On both sides of the lines, fighting men looked up and watched the murk of another evening change to darkness. The weather was bad, lowering skies of the sort which had masked the German breakthrough in the Ardennes from the first rush on Dec. 16 to its high point this night.

No flying weather. Hitler's weather. The doughs dug deeper.

Back behind the lines, in a room filled with weather charts, a slight, young first lieutenant peered suddenly at the lines his four-o'clock readings were tracing on the evening chart.

Dramatic Hours

Now, a month afterward, can be told the story of the dramatic night hours of Dec. 22-23, when the weather on which the Nazis were counting changed in the darkness and let the Allied command pour five days of almost uninterrupted bombing attack against the German push.

Allied observers feel sure that Hitler's weathermen gave him a prediction of continued bad flying weather before the winter drive jumped off. From Dec. 16 to the morning of the 23rd, those Allied airmen who got off their fields flew through fog, haze, deck-level clouds and bitter icing as the Germans rolled westward toward the Meuse (Continued on Page 3)

'Less Hoocy'—Maverick

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (ANS).—Maury Maverick, WPB vice-chairman, today came out against the term "GI Joe." It's beneath the dignity of the American soldier, Maverick insisted. Maverick said he wants "less-hoocy" about soldiers.

Heavies Batter 3 Rail Centers

More than 900 Eighth AF heavy bombers tore through icy storm clouds yesterday to strike at three arterial marshalling yards in western Germany.

The Forts and Liberators were escorted by approximately 500 fighters as they unloaded 3,000 tons of bombs on Mannheim, Germany's second largest rail yards, and on Aschaffenburg and Heilbronn.

Heilbronn, the junction of two vital double-track lines was hit for the second day by the Eighth fliers, who braved 67 below zero weather and heavy flak. Mannheim, which has a daily capacity of 7,300 cars (Continued on Page 8)

Soldier Is Acquitted In Butt Theft Trial

The first acquittal since the Army began its series of trials of 182EM and two officers for cigarette black-marketeering was recorded.

The Paris court-martial acquitted Sgt. Norman G. Andrews, of Chicago, when it was established that he took rations only for his personal use and not for sale.

Five other defendants, tried with Andrews, were given sentences ranging from ten to 36 years. The trials resume today.

Surrender Terms 'Ridiculous,' Say Japs

The Allied insistence on unconditional surrender is a "ridiculous dream," Jap Premier Kuniaki Koiso told the Imperial Diet today, according to a Tokyo radio broadcast recorded by the AP.

He said, however, that "today our country is faced with the gravest situation since the outbreak of the war."

Hungary Truce Terms Are Told

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (ANS).—Under the terms of the armistice signed in Moscow Saturday with representatives of Russia, Britain and the U.S. the Provisional Government of Hungary has agreed to turn over to the Allies all war facilities, Nazi material and plans in its possession, the U.S. State Department announced yesterday.

Hungary will pay \$300,000,000 in reparations, in the form of machinery, river craft, grain and livestock, to be delivered over a period of six years.

Of the total, \$200,000,000 is to go to Russia and the rest to Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia.

The armistice also provides that Hungary will provide "not less than eight infantry divisions with corps troops" for the war against Germany.

Other major provisions include: 1—Hungary undertakes to disarm and hand over all German armed (Continued on Page 8)

New Fighter Plane

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 21 (ANS).—A new type of fighter plane, high on the Air Forces priority list, will go into production within a short time at the North American Aviation Company.

88 Hits Sands Or Can You Top It?

WITH 99TH INF. DIV.—Talk about hot news. A recent issue of The Stars and Stripes was too hot to hold for Pfc Charles E. Soule, of Fremont, Ohio, and Pfc Joseph F. Nielson, of Melrose, Mass.

The two soldiers of the 395th Inf. Regt. had just settled on the edge of their foxhole to share a

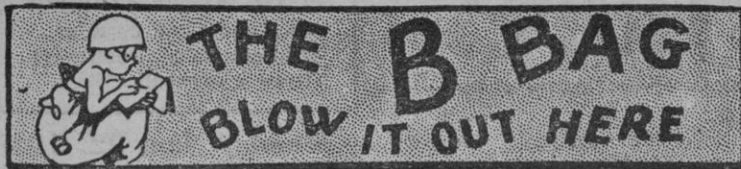


copy when a familiar "whrrrr" sounded. A German 88 whistled by, neatly taking their newspaper with it, leaving only a couple of corners of the paper in their fingers.

One Purple Heart for The Stars and Stripes.

Himmler at Silesia Front

MOSCOW, Jan. 21.—Moscow radio reported that Himmler has visited the front line in Silesia to inspect the Silesian Home Guard. The SS controls all mobilization centers in Silesia and all able-bodied men are being sent to the front.



Praise

It isn't the eagle, it's the man who wears it that counts. This week, while waiting to purchase my rations, the colonel's orderly walked into the PX carrying a carton of cigarettes, candy, etc., came up to the clerk and said "The colonel is returning these for he already received his and the executive officers' rations." The room was silent and all eyes were fixed on the orderly. He was asked to repeat what he just said. "That's right, the colonel simply refuses to take more than the allotted ration." So again I say, it isn't the eagle that counts, it's the man who wears it. —T/5 C.A.K. Engr. SS Regt.

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Presto

Electricity is man's greatest servant and the basis for practically all manufactured goods. If it were arranged so that France and surrounding countries could control all Germany's electrical power and release same only for necessary operations, there could be no possible way for Germany to begin war production.

Should she act suspiciously it would be a simple matter to turn off all electrical current conveyed to the Rhineland and thus cripple a very anticipated move! —Cpl. G. Morozz, Shop Bn.

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Wattawar

The officer inspecting our kitchen gave us one demerit for—hold your breath—for having two cases of milk stacked upside down! —T/5 W. J. K. Repl. Bn.

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Carelessness!

I read that they are taking up a collection of funds in the U.S. for the rebuilding of the Monte Cassino abbey which was destroyed in the battle for Cassino. What are we doing? Paying the Axis' bills? I'm not objecting to the rebuilding of a holy institution, nor to the cost involved. However, as one small part of our plan to win the peace, the damages of the war should be charged against the aggressors, not the victims of aggression.

As for paying the cost of any battle merely by rebuilding some magnificent structure—neither we nor Germany can do that—the price was paid by those who fought and died there.

Our job now is to assure them that what they won in battle we will not lose in peace.

Of course by now the American people realize this and they know better than to let Germany pull the wool over their eyes—so did their fathers. Their fathers didn't lose the peace due to ignorance; they lost it due to carelessness.—R. Dyer, Sig. Corps.

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Voice from the Dead

We in the field artillery have had very friendly relations with the visiting chaplains. Inevitably discussions included the why of the war, and measures to prevent warfare in the future. We toyed with some new ideas, most of them coming from the chaplain. They sounded so good that I urged him to submit his thoughts to The Stars and Stripes. A few days later he was accidentally killed.

In this particular discussion, the chaplain started rather pessimistically. Most of his contacts with the men in the field left him with the understanding that they were anxious only to get this war over, return home and forget all they had been through. Future diplomatic policies were to be left without question in the hands of those at home—many of whom have no idea of what the doughboy must go through. In other words, the armed forces, a tremendous power that can represent our nation's policy, wishes to forget it all!

We discussed the beginning of this war; how inadequate our world-wide diplomatic concepts were at the time; how little everyone knew, and knows now, of a U.S. foreign policy. If asked, the average soldier and citizen of the States could not express in

words what we as a nation can expect of the world.

The Chaplain's first idea was why not incorporate a course in the secondary schools that will give everyone a chance to learn what our future aims and policies are. American history is required of all school children at some time or other.

An American citizen should know; he should be able to make up his own mind on the activities of other nations—as to whether those actions are friendly or inimical. Our individual and collective weakness in understanding has led to failure in the past and will again in the future.

Such a course will eventually provide a reservoir of capable students that can later be selected to attend such a school of diplomacy. In diplomacy and foreign relations we are "babes in the woods," but we needn't be.

I should like to drop a suggestion on the educational program for the troops of occupation. Have some courses on the subject now—it is too easy to forget after a few months of quiet. Certainly, capable instructors can be rounded up for a long-time investment such as this. This would be a time when the "iron is still hot" and by keeping this before us it can be kept hot. Or do we want another war in another 20 years? —Medic Capt. FA.

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Johnny-on-the-Spot

Our supply sergeant here at the front must have been a scavenger in civilian life. He has us going around gathering up shoes, mess kits and equipment which other outfits leave behind. So when our things get beat up pop's Johnny-on-the-spot and hands us one quick like, but we sure don't like using every Tom, Dick and Harry's stuff except when really necessary. —Swing Shifters, FA.

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Chow Chart

Some of us kind of changed our menu for today's dinner around to suit this territory and climate here. Here it is:

Dine and relax in our beautiful snow-covered, ice-conditioned, Olive Drab Room, music by Jerry's 88-Piece Band featuring vocals by Moaning Minnie.

Happy New Year from Germany

- MENU
Jan. 1, 1945
Rhine River Egg Nog
Tiger Royal Turkey (Roasted)
Strasford potatoes
Incendiary Beans
Foshoie Cranberry sauce
Black Buster Cake
Shrapnel Dressing
Grendle Gravy
Ack-Ack Corn (Tracer style)
Dragon Tooth Salad
Panzer Apple Pie
Camouflage Fruit Cocktail
Air burst head
Butter (G. P./1)
Flame thrower Coffee
Coca Cola (Mial)
P-38 Beer (Belgium Variety)
Siegfried Hard Candy

Prepared by Birly, "B" Mess Makers: S/Sgt. Edwin R. Meeker; T/4 Bennie Boling; T/5 Raymond Elizondo; Pfc Robert Young; Pfc Grover C. McLaughlin.

Our Slogan: "GET WEAKER WITH MEEKER." —Sgt. Bob Anderson, F.A.

Private Breger



"So sorry to spoil your real estate career, but we're movin' eight miles up today!"

It's Rough in the ETO, but...

Home Folk Know a War Is On

1/Lt. Shay, an 8th Air Force navigator, has just returned from leave in the U.S. He has written his impressions of the home front for The Stars and Stripes.

By 1/Lt. Arthur Shay

Special to The Stars and Stripes

"The States," when I was flying missions as a B24 navigator, was a mystic expression, arrived at in bull sessions by the customary devious routes of conversation—flak, fighters, food, drink and women.

Some of my friends who leaned back dreamily and said, "When I get back..." never got back. I counted 'chutes once, watching my roommates bail out over Merseburg. Once, four of us got back after mixing with 200 Focke-Wulfs. Yes, it was rough in the ETO. I was lucky. I drew 30 days of "rest and recuperation" in the States.

Gaped at Statue

Twenty-three of us gaped at the Statue of Liberty as we circled New York. Some of the men had been overseas nearly three years. Some had walked out of Germany, been harbored by the underground in France and liberated as the Allied armies advanced.

LaGuardia Field was closed in so we headed for Buffalo.

Civilians ringed the apron as we climbed down the tall ladder. Trim girls waved from the operations building. A group of older people applauded as they caught flashes of overseas ribbons. I felt like crying.

I phoned my mother. When was I coming home? "Tonight," I said. I heard her say something that sounded like "rocket-plane" to my little brothers. War-time has pitched my mother to accepting almost anything with credulity.

Discuss Robot

New York papers were discussing with great calm the mechanical possibilities of robot terror raids. They took issue with blabbermouths who said, "A good bombing would wake up this country." I found the country wide awake.

What struck me most happened



Back Home—Ice Skating in Central Park.

every time I rode the subway. Middle-aged men and women devoured any movement I made, looked at me, questions bursting from their eyes, worrying about their boys overseas somewhere. Could I perhaps run across so and so. He was in England, too. At least 50 strangers asked me. People know there's a war on.

A man in a restaurant asked me what a battle star looked like. His son had fought through the African campaign and won four of them. An old woman wondered if I might be able to send her a picture of her

son's grave when I came back to the ETO.

My girl and I decided to elope. We looked up a service committee, who gave us a mimeographed "flight plan" of the papers to get and places to register in order to marry in one day. By 7 PM I was a married man.

From everything I saw when I was home, and the people I spoke with, they know that war is rugged and mud is thick and flak is awesome and that many men don't get back. They work grimly and keep sending the stuff out.



THE game they played was for high stakes.

Either Major Ralph Kerley, of Houston, Tex., or Capt. Joe Reaser, of Gettysburg, Pa., both heroes of the 120th Inf. Regt's "lost battalion" in the defensive fought by the 30th Div. at Mortain, was to get a 30-day leave in the States.

Col. Branner P. Purdue, of Fayetteville, Ark., CO of the 120th, checked the officers' records. He found each had been awarded a Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

Each had fought at St. Lo, the Mortain defensive, the Siegfried Line north of Aachen and in the Nov. 16 offensive, and the German counter-offensive.

"I can't choose between you

two," Col. Purdue said. "Cut the cards."

Major Kerley turned up the ace of spades. The major is on his way home.

Two odd-shaped piles of straw on the east bank of the Roer River aroused the suspicions of the First Bn. of the Ninth Inf. Division's 60th Regt. Observers called for artillery fire on the straw piles. The stacks started exploding after the shells hit, and sent small-arms ammo popping all along the river in that area.

It sounded like an attack to some Jerries hidden in a factory nearby so they returned fire on the uninhabited strawstacks. The fight between the Germans and the "unseen enemy" continued for some time, with the Ninth Div. men sitting on the sidelines, strictly neutral.

S/Sgt. Cyrus Ainsworth, of Groesbeck, Tex., was accosted by a German soldier who shouted from his covered position: "How are you feeding the American Army these days? Same as in the last war?" "Better," answered the Second Inf. Div. soldier.

"Good. I want to surrender then," declared the Kraut. The German, who had a wooden leg, had been captured by the Americans in World War I.

Over in the Tenth Armored Div., Pvt. Dewey R. Castle, of Manassas, Va., dressed for the occasion when he took a Jerry prisoner. Castle was probing around the cellar of a house in Germany and found a top hat and walking stick. He put on the hat and sauntered along, swinging the cane.

In his methodical search, the tanker opened the furnace door. Huddled inside was a Jerry. Castle, whose gun was lost in a tank fire a short while before, brought the walking stick to firing position and ordered the Nazi out.

"After I got him away from his gun, I wasn't worried, because if he had caused trouble then it would have been 'bone and skull,'" Castle said. The Ger-

man must have thought so too. He went peaceably.

A tough nut to crack—that's what the guys in a FA battalion of the 99th Inf. Div. are saying about T/5 Albert Panik, of Allentown, Pa. The AA cut loose at a buzz-bomb coming over while Panik was in a house shooting the bull with a



couple of buddies. A 40mm shell came through the window, ricocheted off the wall and conked Panik on the head. It didn't explode.

Panik got a bruise that didn't hurt half as much as the ribbing he took about having a concrete noggin.

Who said it could only happen to Dagwood in a comic strip? On Christmas Eve, T/5 Frank J. Gundy made and ate a sandwich consisting of: a) two pieces of fruit cake instead of bread; b) sliced chicken; c) peach preserves; d) sardines; e) dill pickles; f) sliced onions, and g) brandy hard-sauce. The corporal is in a medical detachment of the Second Inf. Div.

Births

Folks at Home Send These GI Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrivals:
CAPT. Samuel Gelbrand, Brooklyn—Leslie Phillip, Jan. 10; Arthur D. Whittington, Bolton, N. C.—Arthur Donnell, Dec. 15; Pfc Francis Pacanowski, Blue Island, Ill.—Carol Marie, Dec. 21; Pfc Bernard Lalor, Racine, Wis.—boy, Jan. 13; Lt. Christopher L. Livzey, Los Angeles.—John Francis, Jan. 15; Pvt. Joseph F. Martin, Lynn, Mass.—Joseph F., Nov. 23; Lt. Leon Barbanel, Brooklyn—girl, Jan. 2; Cpl. Raymond F. Outler, Kalamazoo boy, Jan. 14; Cpl. Ralph Danat, New York—girl, Jan. 9.

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Lightning Struck 3 Times, And Men Who Were Rookies Became Veterans Overnight

WITH 78TH INF. DIV., Germany, Jan. 21.—The early morning of Dec. 13 was thick with fog. In the darkness the fog assumed fantastic shapes to the men of the 309th Regt. of the 78th Lightning Division, under Col. John G. Ondrick, who had been dug in for some hours.

The men were in their first battle. Two months ago they had been in England. Less than 12 hours before they had received final instructions.

Four words ran through their minds as they waited. "Bickerath, Witzerath, Simmerath and Kesternich", all German towns. They knew artillery was behind them. Their own artillery, plus veteran units that had been through this kind of thing before. But the friendly artillery did not come down—for this was to be a surprise attack.

Germans Open Up

At 0600 they shoved off. They moved in thick weather for 30 minutes. Then the Germans discovered them and opened up.

But when darkness fell on the first day only one word rang in the minds of the newly battle-christened men. And that word was "Kesternich" for Bickerath, Witzerath and Simmerath had fallen.

The next day they moved on Kesternich but were repulsed after working their way partly through town.

Jerries Infiltrate

The Germans commanded all the high ground beyond Kesternich, and at night large numbers of Jerries infiltrated back into the buildings in the town.

On Dec. 15 the Second Bn., of the 310th Regt., also a unit of the 78th Lightning Div., commanded by Maj. Gen. Edwin P. Parker Jr., moved in to assist the 309th. The 310th blasted through the town. Later they were driven back and other elements of the 309th moved up. Then the men dug in and it was well they did for on Dec. 16 the Germans struck.

Von Rundstedt tried at Kesternich, but the line at the western edge of Kesternich held.

And the men of the 309th became veterans

Officer Gets DSC After Tank Battle

WITH FOURTH ARMORED DIV.—1/Lt. Arthur L. Sell, of Madison, Wis., and the 35th Tank Bn., was moving forward through a village in eastern France when his small task force was ambushed by three German tanks.

Sell deployed his forces to cover the flanks and then rumbled to within 50 yards of the enemy panzers, firing as fast as he and his crew could.

He knocked out two of the tanks before the third got his own. The rest of his force knocked out the last German tank. Two of the five men in Sell's tank were killed, two others were seriously wounded, and he himself was so dazed he had to be evacuated.

For his part in the battle, Sell has just been awarded the DSC.

Post-Christmas Puppies

Millie, a brown and white mixed-breed dog, observed Christmas a day late. Her gift to the personnel section of the Fourth Arm'd Div's 53rd Inf. Bn. was four puppies.



Weather Break That Changed Tide of Battle

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and a crisis in the Battle of Europe. That was the way it was when the daylight began to fade in the Ninth Bomber Command weather room, where 1/Lt. Lloyd W. Vanderman, onetime federal meteorologist from Eureka, Kan.; 1/Lt. Carl W. Wegener, of Portland, Ore.; M/Sgt. Harold Wyman, of Dover Plains, N.Y.; Capt. Robert F. Rosenberg, of Williamstown, Mass., and others had been dolefully watching the bad weather make its lines on their charts.

Right for Dirty Weather

"There was a weather front out of England over the battle area, and behind it another front moving southeast," said Vanderman. "Just right for dirty weather. Then about 1630 hours, our reports began to change."

From front-line observers began to come new figures. Temperatures down. Moisture down. And an area of high pressure beginning to move into the battle area from the east, from Germany and beyond.

"It was what we call the 'Russian high,'" Vanderman explained. "An area of high barometric pressure moving eastward across the European continent, emptying its mass of air of moisture over the long stretches of land and arriving over the West Front stable and clear."

Between 1700 and 1800 hours, telephones began to jangle all across Allied-held Europe.

First Clear Sky in Week

Into the office of Maj. Gen. Sam Anderson, Ninth BC chief, went the figures. Anderson ordered his staff to work through the night if necessary to make the bombers ready.

On Dec. 23, from fields across France and Belgium went up swarms of American and RAF fighters and mediums. In England every plane that could get off its runways took to the air. Down onto German communication lines, supply columns and strongpoints hurtled tons of bombs. That day and night, the 24th and Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, the bombers and fighters roared out.

Offensive Past Peak

On the 26th, the weather began to fall off. It was still flying weather, however, and even on the 27th, when the skies were back to their old lowering gray the fighters and the bombers got off the ground.

When the weather shut down on Dec. 28 and operations were reduced to almost zero, the Nazi winter offensive seemed past its peak.

Where the bombers could point to bridges cut, supply lines sealed off, communications in such fantastic chaos that some Nazi prisoners reported their only access to hot food was to haul it the last 8,000 yards by hand, the fighters showed a record for the battle of the bulge that included 445 enemy craft destroyed for 187 lost, 15 more destroyed on the ground, nearly 5,000 trucks destroyed, 718 tanks and armored vehicles, 254 gun positions, 771 buildings, 131 locomotives.

New U.S. Carbine

Capt. Jack Lacy, noted marksman, demonstrates slight recoil of the Army's new Winchester carbine by firing it from the palm of his hand.



A 105mm howitzer gun crew with the Fifth Inf. Div. send their shells toward enemy positions somewhere in Luxembourg. The gun section includes (left to right) Pvt. Murry T. Lewis, Birmingham, Ala., gunner; Sgt. Robert J. Ryan, Minneapolis, Minn., section chief; Pfc Harry Welter, Chicago, No. 1, and Pfc Anthony C. Fink, Cleveland, loader.

'Old Hickories,' Chasing Foe, Tank Busters Follow Trail of Atrocities Laud Bazooka

Capt. Joseph E. Brown switched on the captured Tiger's radio in his jeep as he rolled southward from the Roer River with the 30th Div. It was Dec. 17 and suddenly the division was on the move. It was almost psychic. He heard Axis Sally's broadcast that the crack 30th was on its way to meet Von Rundstedt's winter offensive in the Ardennes.

'How Do You Do?' Said Yank Officer, And Nazis Gave Up

WITH THE 84TH INF. DIV. IN BELGIUM.—Lt. William Dowling, of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, platoon leader, captured two Germans the easy way by walking up to them and introducing himself.

On a mission to lay a road block in enemy territory, he was told there would be two guides at a



specified point to show him where the block was to be set up.

Seeing two figures standing in the road, he called a warning that he was an American. Receiving no reply, he thought they didn't hear him, so he walked up to the pair and started to introduce himself.

"I am Lt. Dowling," but that is as far as he went.

The two soldiers threw their hands up and surrendered.

\$10,000 Foxhole Prize Eludes Nazi Patrol

WITH FOURTH INF. DIV.—An enemy patrol which infiltrated American lines missed a prized haul when T/5 Jan Zencheck, mail orderly for Co. E, 22nd Inf., eluded the Germans.

Zencheck was carrying about \$10,000 which he had collected from men in his company who wanted to send home money orders. En route to the rear, he was pinned down by a mortar barrage. Sometime later, an enemy patrol came through the woods, skirted the foxhole in which Zencheck was hidden, but failed to inspect it.

After dark the mail clerk made his way back to battalion CP.

Spare Saves Kingpin

Pvt. Marco Albertelli, of Tough Jenamon, Pa., and the Second Inf. Div. was herding a group of nine prisoners down a road. One of the Germans stepped on a mine, which killed all nine prisoners. Albertelli escaped unharmed.

"That," said Capt. Brown, "cleared it up—where we were going." The men of the 30th pushed down into the surging north flank of the salient. They came across a trail of atrocities which shocked even the Nazi-wise veterans of the "Old Hickory" Div.

Capt. Brown, S-3 of the 120th Regt.'s Second Bn., who comes from Swansea, S. C., and Sgt. Robert C. Jones, 743d Tank Bn. platoon leader from Hamilton, Ohio, told about it at a Paris press conference.

Atrocities Aplenty

When the division entered Trofondroy, they found 50 doughs from another outfit lying in a field, where, as prisoners, they had been shot down. That was the initial evidence that the First SS Div. had passed that way. There was more.

They found the body of a pregnant woman whose stomach had been slit; two more bodies of old women shot through the head and the body of a baby, also shot through the head. In one house an old man sat dead in his rocker where he had been shot.

They found the stripped body of an invalid woman of 30 near her wheel chair. At LaGleize, they found the bodies of two raped girls whose throats had been cut.

Used Blankets as Footwear

It was 20 degrees colder in the Ardennes than it had been up on the Roer River. The pair of dry socks which are supposed to reach front-line troops with daily rations arrived about once a week. Capt. Brown described how they made moccasins out of blankets to wear in galoshes.

The infantrymen used TNT to blast the frozen surface. Then they made the foxholes deeper with picks and shovels. Entrenching tools weren't of much use there.

Sgt. Jones' outfit captured the crew of an outpost near Bellevaux. The crew consisted of two 15-year-old kids and two women.

Three Service Units Win Highest Award

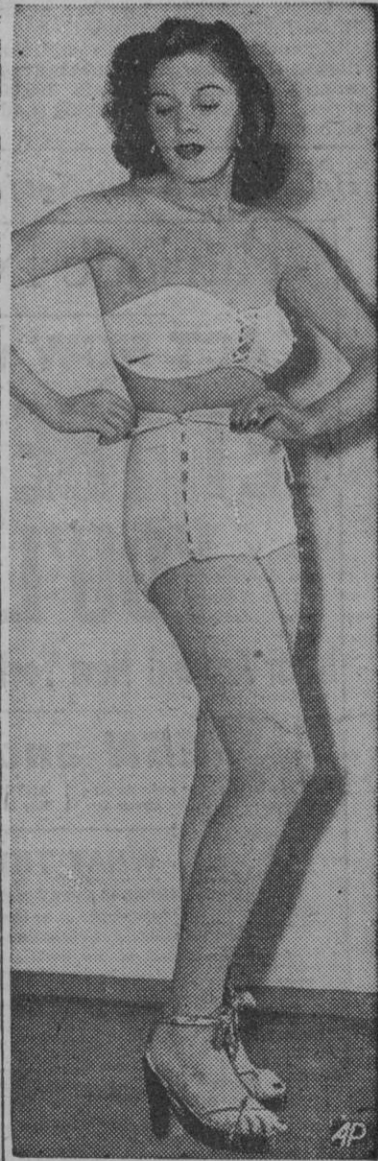
For superior performance of exceptionally difficult tasks and for maintenance of a high standard of discipline, three service units have been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit plaque by Com Z Hq. This award, the highest of its kind, is especially designated for ASF units.

The three units receiving the award are the 52nd QM Base Depot's Hq. and Hq. Co., the 786th Engineer Petroleum Distribution Co. and the 359th Engineer General Service Regt.

WITH NINTH ARMORED DIV.—The only way to knock out enemy tanks with bazookas, in fighting like the 52nd Armored Inf. Bn. experienced around Bastogne, is to go after them, says Maj. Eugene A. Watts, of Union, S. C.

"At the last town we hit, we knocked out at least two tanks by getting to within less than 50 yards of them."

"I would rather have three or four bazooka teams than a 57 crew," said the major. "At close range, you couldn't get at them with the 57."



What little there is to this costume—a strapless bra and side-laced shorts, in case you're snowblind—is made of the same cloth that goes into parachutes. The model is Frances Vorne, more intimately known as "The Shape." Oh, for a ripcord!

Manpower Bill Likely to Reach House Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (ANS).—House Military Committeemen predicted today that they would have an Administration labor draft bill armed with prison penalties for evaders written and ready for House consideration Monday.

The bill, asked by the White House as a means of forcing men from 18 to 45 into war jobs and keeping them there, faces stiff House opposition. Organized Labor supporters are against it and some farm state representatives say that they fear the heightened manpower drive may strip farms of workers.

New Penalties Introduced

Abandoning military labor battalions as punishment for those who quit war jobs, the committee yesterday substituted draft dodger penalties of the Selective Service Act: maximum of five years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

The Committee also voted to give War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes power to determine which jobs are critical.

Farm representatives backed a resolution demanding that Selective Service Director Lewis B. Hershey "comply with" the present law, deferring essential farm workers, and Rep. Lemke (R-N.D.) insisted that Hershey issue a directive telling draft boards they must not induct essential farm workers. He said that they are doing this now through misunderstanding of their duties, and farms are being abandoned.

Bids for Farm Support

In a bid for farm bloc support, Chairman May (D-Ky.) said that the committee would write into the legislation the proviso that nothing in the bill shall be construed to set aside the operation of the Tydings Act, which blueprints for draft boards the procedure for considering the deferment of farm workers.

A fight over union status of war work draftees also looms. Some members said that they would ask for a provision that drafted workers need not join unions.

Fancy Pipes for Gals Becoming a Fad in U.S.

CHICAGO, Jan. 21 (ANS).—Pipes exclusively for women—with daintier bowls, stems designed with grace, and colored plastic mouthpieces (interchangeable to match milady's ensemble) now are a "definite factor" in the trade.

An industry spokesman said that during the acute cigarette shortage women smokers purchased 200,000 pipes. Pouches also are being made to match.

1 Word, Page 1 Line Tells of Russia Drive

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (ANS).—The newspaper PM came out today with the one-word, page-one headline, "Look!" and a two-inch arrow pointing below to a large map showing the Red Army spearheads aiming at Berlin.

Congress Notes Solemnness of FDR Inaugural

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (ANS).—The deadly seriousness of President Roosevelt's face and voice during his brief inaugural address keenly impressed members of Congress, they declared today.

The consensus was that Roosevelt had never been as solemn in a public address. "It was a very impressive ceremony," said Sen. Ed. Johnson (D-Colo.). "The President's solemn expression was entirely in keeping with the great events. The President's demeanor and the whole situation plainly showed that the problems ahead weigh heavily upon him."

Johnson said that he particularly liked the portion of the address in which the President said the problems would be met with resolution.

Sen. Joseph Guffey (D-Pa.) characterized the inaugural address and the ceremony as "the most impressive in my experience. I never saw the President so serious," he added.

Sen. Richard Russell (D-Ga.) said that Roosevelt "expressed the hope that I think every American has in his heart—that is, that things can be worked out. I think it was well that he said there would be imperfections."

He added: "All any human can do is the best possible. I thought he was as solemn as I ever saw him." Russell said he was sorry the President did not keep his hat and coat on. "He was taking quite a chance in that raw atmosphere."

400th Victory Ship Built by Kaiser

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 21 (ANS).—Henry J. Kaiser's Oregon Shipbuilding Corp. launched its 400th ship this weekend, just four years after the yard's first contracts were signed. The S.S. Appleton, a Victory ship, slid down the ways on the spot which before the war was swampland.

Workers have completed 20,000 miles of welding since operations began in 1941. This record-shattering yard has turned out 322 Liberty vessels, 48 Victory ships and 30 troopships.

Wintertime Smoke 'Blacks Out' Chicago's Loop at Midday



Smoke and fog combined to shut out the sky at 1 P.M. one day last week in Chicago's loop district. The "blackout" coincided with a smoke abatement campaign being waged in the Windy City by a local newspaper. The scene above was taken at State and Randolph Streets.

Critics Queue Up for Blasts At Elliott's Airborne Mastiff

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (ANS).—"Servicemen going home because of death or sickness in the family are entitled to transportation priority over generals," Rep. George P. Miller, (D-Calif.), declared today as the controversy over Col. Elliott Roosevelt's plane-riding bull mastiff took a new tack.

"In a great many cases these high ranking officers are merely being transferred from one camp to another. It doesn't make much difference whether they show up for inspection today or tomorrow," Rep. Miller said.

The San Francisco Chronicle found two more servicemen in addition to the four previously reported delayed by the imported dog's A-priority ride. S/lc Perry Buhler, of Houston, said he and an Air Force flight surgeon were prevented from boarding a westbound plane at Houston.

Wired the President

In Texas, Lt. Gov. John Lee Smith told the press he sent a telegram to the President. The wire, he said, asked whether dogs get higher ratings "when they belong to persons who happen to be related to you." In Washington, Sen. Owen Brewster (R-Me.) said recently he was lectured by a colonel for asking air priority.

Here from California for the inaugural, Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt, nee Faye Emerson, revealed the dog had been met at the airport by an Army major who later delivered it to her. Critics hit at the Army, which, they said, "seems to be able to spare high officers as dogwatchers," while complaining about manpower shortages.

Casualties in ETO 74,788 in December

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (ANS).—American casualties of 74,788 on the Western Front in December have brought the total from D-Day to Jan. 1 to 332,912. Secretary of War Stimson, reporting this today, said that the total for that period includes 54,562 killed, 232,672 wounded and 45,678 missing. The December figure includes 10,419 killed, 43,554 wounded and 20,815 missing. Most of the missing, Stimson said, probably are prisoners.

German losses on the Western Front for the month, Stimson said, are estimated at between 110,000 and 130,000, including 50,000 taken prisoner.

The losses of the American Army's 106th Inf. Div., partly overrun in the initial stages of the counter-offensive, were placed at 8,663, including 416 killed, 1,246 wounded and 7,001 missing.

U.S. Bank Holdups Increase

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (ANS).—FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover revealed yesterday that bank robberies increased during 1944 for the first time in 12 years. Bandits robbed or attempted to rob 37 banks last year.

Army Can't Buy Oleomargarine — It Says Here

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (ANS).—The Quartermaster Corps will get \$3,000,000,000 from the Army Appropriation Bill, provided it doesn't spend a red cent on oleomargarine.

An obscure clause in the bill allots this amount to the Army quartermaster, but adds: "Provided: none of the money appropriated in this act shall be used for purchase of oleomargarine or butter substitutes for other than cooking purposes, except to supply an expressed preference."

(For instance, if the entire regiment said butter gave it hives and they'd sooner have margarine) —"or for use where climatic or other conditions render use of butter impracticable."

Charles A. Michie, of PM's Washington Bureau, says, "As far as anyone knows this clause has been included in the Army Appropriation Bill for many years unnoticed and unmentioned upon."

Soybean Sub Rejected

Michie said it was brought to the attention of a businessman who recently came to Washington to convince the Army that a soybean substitute for butter which he had developed would solve a lot of supply problems for the armed services and maybe divert more butter to civilian use. He was told no matter how appetizing or cheap it was the Army couldn't buy it by law.

He looked it up and sure enough, there it was. Michie claims "the fine buttery hand of the Dairy state lobby" in Congress can be detected.

Reason Enough

SHREVEPORT, La., Jan. 21 (ANS).—A sign on the door of a downtown Shreveport beauty parlor read: "Closed for weekend—husband home on furlough."

Midriff Makeup Fad For Glamor Girls

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 21.—Women in the know will use "midriff makeup" if they want to stand out in the springtime glamor ranks here, Max Factor, makeup expert, said today.

Factor made his prediction when he learned 1945 spring fashions will feature bare flesh between the shoulders and the waist, which will stick out between brassiere tops and skirt or slacks waistline.

Nazis May Have Copied Rocket Bomb from U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (ANS).—The German V2 rocket bomb is similar to rockets developed in the U.S. before Pearl Harbor, the National Geographic Society reported yesterday, raising a possibility that the Germans may have copied U.S. rockets built by Dr. Robert H. Goddard, rocket expert.

The Society said that from 1914 to 1932 Goddard patented such unique features as liquid fuel and pilot gyro to control flight. Most of Goddard's innovations were found in a German bomb captured in Belgium.

In 1941, the Society said, the Army and Navy called Goddard off the rocket experiments and put him on jet-propelled planes.

Loose Morals to Hit New High After War, Doctor Predicts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (ANS).—A period of lax morals and undress exceeding even the riotous living of the "roaring 20s" will follow this war, Dr. Winifred Overholser, superintendent of St. Elizabeth's Federal Mental Hospital, predicted today.

"Loosening of morals started after the last war and has continued ever since. It is reaching a new high now as evidenced by the soaring tide of illegitimacy," he said in an interview with United Press. "I see no early return to the Victorian era in the United States," he said.

He believes that the same reaction which gave birth to the flapper age and "emancipation of women" can be expected after the current conflict.

It was during and after the last war, UP recalled, that girls began tossing inhibitions out the window and the flapper developed swiftly.

Shocked parents heard themselves called old-fashioned, home shackles were thrown off, hair bobbed, faces painted and skirts went above the knees for the first time in history. Cigarette smoking and drinking became commonplace at the same time.

The "single standard" of morals for men and women took over, although not openly sanctioned.

Overholser said that there is no reason to fear a "wave of sex crimes" due to return of members of the armed forces who suffered shell-shock or battle fatigue and know how to kill. Present promiscuity, he said, was due not so much to "predatory activities" of soldiers and sailors as to the fact so many young girls are unsupervised with parents working.

"When girls are willing, immorality cannot be considered rape," he said.

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- 1,000 credit trades workers.
- Urgently sought to provide coats and warm clothing as that this winter's equipment arrives in Europe BEFORE spring!
- 1,000 skilled ship and aircraft workers.
- 6,000 unskilled shipyard workers.
- 1,000 with some industrial experience.
- 1,000 machine operators.
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This is an advertisement which appeared in New York papers last week after the President and other high members of the Administration called upon Congress to enact National Service legislation.

Home Front Feels Weight of War Setbacks

This Was America Yesterday:

Soviet Offensive Gives Experts Shot-in-Arm on V-Day Guesses

By Phil Bucknell
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—It's hard to get the war situation straight over here. Just when it looked like the Nazis were on their last legs they smash into our lines and people here came to the conclusion the war in Europe was a long way from being over.

Now, with the Reds storming into East Prussia, some optimists are looking for a rapid termination of the war.

But the lesson that the German advance gave has stuck. When in September people were asked by the Gallup Poll when they thought the war in Europe would be over, sixty-seven percent thought within three months. Only nine percent thought it would take six months, and seven percent voted for a struggle lasting over half a year. Figures now issued by Gallup show the extent of realization now prevailing. Only four percent give the European war less than three months and 64 percent give it over six months.

IN Bainbridge, Md., a sailor at the Naval training center has a 20-page letter from a girl who wants to marry him. The catch is, there is no return address or signature on the letter.



The Army and Navy have released 16,000 men capable of combat to fill gaps in war production, it was stated in Washington. The men, equivalent to more than a division, are working on priority items such as tires, copper and foundry products. They are drawing both Army and civilian pay.

AND while we are bringing things up to date let us amend the report we gave you a week ago. When we said the counter clerk in a cigar store in Butler, Ky.,

drew a gun and shot a would-be cigarette customer, we and the news agency were wrong. The clerk did pull a gun but it was himself he shot—not the customer

People take things a little more calmly in New York. The manager of a Fifth Ave. store didn't shoot himself but he did get mighty worked up. Within a few minutes of delivery of 250 cartons of cigarettes there were 600 happy people milling around the store, with two cops making them form lines. The manager declares, the New York cigarette grapevine would teach the Polish underground a lot.

New York City Farmers Called Up

FARMERS of New York City will soon be doing their bit in the U.S. armed forces following an order calling 74 up for pre-induction examinations. Original deferment of the men, all between 18 and 25, was not a mistake, Col. Arthur V. McDermott, N.Y. Selective Service director, says. Most work on Staten Island truck farms and the rest on Brooklyn dairy farms.



MRS. Esther Z. Preyss, 19-year-old wife of Sgt. Leonard Preyss, of The Bronx, landed here today—and saw her first tree. Mrs. Preyss, whose former residence was Reykjavik, was the first of 250 Icelandic wives of U.S. servicemen to land at Hampton Roads POE.

(Ed. Note.—The N.Y. Bureau fails to tell us here, what the Icelandic bride did when she saw her first tree, or what she said, or what we may expect the 249 other wives to do, when they see their first tree.)

Ginny Simms in Hospital for Rest

FROM Hollywood, news that Ginny Simms is in the Good Samaritan Hospital for a rest. The NBC singing star returned recently from a hospital tour during which she sang as many as 150 songs a day.

BUT Our Gal Sal is still there, and the country is reasonably sound. Sally Rand's manager (this comes from San Francisco) got fined \$100 by Municipal Judge Twain Michelson, who went to see her in burlesque. "Hizzoner didn't mind Sally peeling off the bubble or whatever it was—he said it's the way she shakes that gives him aches in short takes. There doesn't seem to be any chance of getting her in USO, though.



In Chicago a businessman asked a girl travel agent for a berth on a west coast train. "You mean," he inquired coaxingly, "a box of excellent candy won't get me to Los Angeles?" "I don't know," the young lady replied. "Try it in your gas tank and see."

AND now to Broadway, where it's getting grim: The New York Herald Tribune says a proposal that show folk be permitted to work part time in war plants and continue to entertain, in event of work-or-fight legislation, was considered at the Theater League meeting. Lawrence Langner, founder of the Theater Guild, said he understood the WMC would be asked to authorize stage employees to work four hours a day in war plants.

In this item we promise to make no puns on the word "wolf"—probably the first time it has happened in World War II. A wolf got to hanging around the Naval air base at Grosse Ile, Mich., and frightened WAVES stationed there. So two sailors went out in a jeep, shot the wolf, and collected \$20 bounty from the state.

Great Day for Boston Irish

IT was a great day for the Boston Irish. . . three unrelated O'Connors featured in courts, all on charges of reckless driving, and Docket Clerk Andrew O'Conner put their sentences on file. . . and in Pasadena, Calif., the emergency hospital had its first case of pig bite: A pig got loose from a Junior Chamber of Commerce parade, sought refuge in an office building, and bit Lawyer Charles Hollopeter who was trying to help.

Memo to the Judge Advocate General: What is it when a pig bites a lawyer?

Bob Hope was honored by the Philadelphia Poor Richard (advertising) Club, and messages commending him and other war zone entertainers were read. Hope introduced Frances Langford, Jerry Colonna and Tony Romano, his fellow troupers. He said they were "wonderful companions" but tight with their money. "They insisted on doing their own laundry," he said—"wouldn't even pay my price."

License Plates? He Eats 'Em Up!



Wistful is the word for this mongrel pup as the Springfield, Ill., police chief grants him a reprieve with a wave of an admonishing finger. The dog was sentenced to death for eating nearly 25 Illinois license plates, made of soybean compound. He confined his diet to the 1944 variety—he didn't like the steel ones.

War Plant Shift Asks for Limit To France Seen On Time in Line

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 21 (ANS).—A possible shift of some war industries to France as a solution for Western Front supply problems has been disclosed by Frank L. McNamee, Philadelphia regional War Manpower director.

McNamee, on his return from a three-week tour of European battlefields, said that the transfer of U. S. plants would "Give workers of France an opportunity to contribute toward the war effort and tend to stabilize the economic situation in France by providing jobs."

"We're going to have to help France anyhow and we've got to equip five of her new divisions," he added. "They might as well have a part in it."

He said that he had discussed the problem with Gen. Eisenhower and quoted the Supreme Commander as saying that there was a "possibility" of moving the war plants to France.

McNamee was part of a touring party which included WMC Chairman Paul V. McNutt.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (ANS).—Reporting that many soldiers are bitter because they are kept in battle too long, Rep. Clare Boothe Luce (R-Conn.) called for a fixed limit on the time a man is required to serve under fire without relief.

In a statement to House members on her December tour of European war zones as a member of the Military Affairs Committee, Mrs. Luce said: "There is no overall or fixed policy which will get the individual soldier out of battle when he shall have reached the limit of human endurance."

She said "the combat soldier too often comes to feel he can't win," that if his division fights on a front which will be bitterly contested for months his only future is to be "replaced—which generally means killed or wounded."

Victor Mature 'Panics' Woman a la Sinatra

PORTLAND, Ore. (ANS).—Victor Mature loomed as a possible rival to Frank Sinatra today when a woman emerged from a theater where he was appearing shouting, "I've seen him—I've seen my idol." She walked dreamily through the lobby, knocked down a fish pond and a war bond booth and moved on starry-eyed into the street.

Best-Dressed Women

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (ANS).—The Duchess of Windsor, a fashion leader for several years, turned up last today on a list of the world's best-dressed women. Clare Boothe Luce and eight socialites completed the list.

Investigates Murder of Michigan State Senator



Special Prosecutor Kim Sigler examines the automobile, bullet-riddled and fire-charred, in which the body of Michigan State Sen. Warren Hooper was found murdered. Hooper was the prosecution's star witness in a forthcoming graft case. A state-wide dragnet has been thrown out for the killer.

Representative Wants War Relief Probed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (ANS).—Rep. Thomas J. Lane (D-Mass.) demanded an investigation yesterday to determine what relief is being given to civilians in Italy and other Allied-occupied territory.

"There is a quantitative limit restricting the source of supply from here, and there is a bottleneck preventing the distribution of it over there," he charged, and called for the allocation of a few ships to transport supplies. He urged better co-operation between the Allied Military Government and the Provisional Italian Government to work out distribution.

Ward Head Accuses FDR Of 'Unequal Treatment'

CHICAGO, Jan. 21 (ANS).—Sewell Avery, board chairman of Montgomery Ward and Co., has accused President Roosevelt of having "singled out" his company for unequal treatment in seizing properties.

In a telegram to the President, Avery sought to justify the firm's resistance to the government's seizure order on Dec. 28 under which the Army moved in on 16 of Ward's properties in seven cities.

Famed 'Cellist Killed

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 21 (ANS).—Max Hochstein, 80, described by United Press as "famed 'cellist of four decades ago and intimate friend of Franz Liszt, Edward Grieg, Anton Dvorak and Camille Saint-Saens," was killed by a train yesterday. He was run down in a fog while seeking rags and bottles to sell to buy food. He had been a resident of the U.S. since 1914.

New Rationing, Draft Reflect Battle of Bulge

By Joe Fleming

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau
WASHINGTON, Jan. 21 (ANS).

—The resistance of the Germans, particularly their recent counter-offensive, has forced a swarm of changes on the American home front. They dip into everyone's life in one way or another: food, fuel, clothing, business and a lot of men who may have thought it never would happen to them are Army-bound.

The changes have piled up piece by piece. Here are some of the big ones.

Food rationing is as stringent now as at any time during the war. Only 35 per cent of meat was rationed before Christmas, now 85 per cent is on the list. So are the major canned vegetables.

Civilian Goods Hit

Instead of increased civilian production of consumer goods, the War Production Board has ordered no more to be produced in the next three months than was produced during the last three months of 1944.

Plans for building homes have been almost entirely shelved and building is back where the only homes to be built are those for war workers.

All worsted yarns have been frozen for military use until June 1. Sixty percent of woolen yarn is expected to be frozen and manufacturers of overcoats have been told to make no more for civilians until Army orders are filed.

Tire Production Cut

The supply of passenger car tires, supposed to have reached 8,000,000 in the first three months of 1945, has been cut to 5,000,000, a drop of 1,000,000 from the last quarter of 1944.

Fuel supplies have been cut. Civilians have been asked to keep the temperature in their homes no higher than 68 degrees, and advertising signs and display windows have been ordered "browned out" to save fuel.

Starting Feb. 1 the whip will be cracked over men and manpower. Draft boards had been taking only men under 26, now they're sweeping into the group from 26 to 30. They'll take men up to 38 who don't get into essential work.

Must Stick to Jobs

Men up to 38 who leave essential work without draft board permission will be taken too. Even 4Fs, who are deferred in essential work, and leave without their boards' approval, will be drafted.

Selective Service officials say draft boards have been told to hunt for deferred farmers who are under 26, because the Army wants young men.

To spread out the thinning manpower supply for jobs needing it, the War Manpower Commission has slapped employment ceilings on about 200 different areas.

Finally, excursion trains have been banned. The government has asked an end to conventions, and horse racing was stopped. The tracks were blamed for absenteeism of war workers, besides using up manpower, transportation, telephone and telegraph facilities.

Fifth Quarter Tally Decides For 2nd AADA

Playing the first known "fifth quarter" football game in the ETO, the Ninth Air Force, AADA Thunderbolts defeated the SHAEF Invaders, 6-0, before 12,000 spectators yesterday.

After four scoreless periods, the teams decided to settle the outcome by playing an extra period.

The game's only touchdown was set up on a pass interception by Dick Tewksbury, former Purdue fullback, who ran the ball back to the SHAEF three-yard line. From there Jim Anderson, halfback, passed to Quarterback Rudy Petrina for the score.

The statistics:

	AADA	SHAEF
First downs	6	6
Passes attempted	25	13
Passes completed	9	3
Yards gained passing	98	21
Penalties	35	10

Jug McSpaden Tucson Leader

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 21.—Harold "Jug" McSpaden shot his second 67 in two days to take a one-stroke lead in the Tucson Open golf tournament here yesterday. He had a 36-hole total of 134.

Byron Nelson, Bruce Coltart and Joe Zarhardt were next with 135s. Sammy Byrd had a 67 for the day, and Ed Furgol paced the amateurs with 141.

Three birdies and a bogie going out, and two birdies and a bogie coming in, gave McSpaden his three-under-par round. Every golfer in the tournament had trouble on the greens, with a strong wind making the ball behave like a ping-pong ball.

Feathers Feature Red Cross Program

Two featherweight matches high-light tonight's 12-bout GI boxing show at the Palais de Glace. Pvt. Steve Ampellas, of San Antonio, Tex., will attempt to avenge an earlier defeat by Pvt. Harvey Matthews, Detroit Negro. Pfc Jose Rivera, winner of 16 professional victories in Puerto Rico and New York, fights Pvt. Ivan Davis. The card starts at 7:15 P.M.

Other bouts:

Cpl. Charles Medary, 135, Alexandria, La., vs Pvt. Jimmie O'Brien, 135, Shreveport, La.; Pvt. Fred Sanetra, 135, Chicago, vs Pvt. Norman Bolduc, 135, Hartford, Conn.; Pvt. Vern LaCross, 153, San Francisco, Calif., vs Cpl. Willie Brown, 152, Little Rock, Ark.; Pvt. William Furlan, 165, Hartford, Mich., vs Pvt. Frank Leal, 165, Houston, Tex.; Pvt. Jimmie Johnson, 175, Fort Worth, Texas, vs Pvt. Fred McKenzie, 175, Chicago; Sgt. Johnny Murdoch, 185, Philadelphia, vs Pvt. Richard Zireick, 184, Gloucester, N.Y.; Pvt. Homer Johnson, 160, Hawthorne, Calif., vs Sgt. P.H. Porter, Sacramento, Calif.; Pvt. John Thompson, 154, New York vs Pvt. Warren Steffin, 159, Des Moines, Iowa; Pvt. Calisto Gonzales, 153, New York vs Cpl. Salite Ramirez, 150, Laredo, Texas; Pvt. Earl Martin, 150, New York vs Pfc Earl Judge, 150, Gary Ind.

Technical KOs Spark Cherbourg Boxing Card

CHERBOURG, Jan. 21.—Three TKOs featured the 11-bout card held here under the sponsorship of the Port Special Service. Nolon Tolbert, Toledo, Ohio, put away Marlin Edwards, Vellajo, Calif., in 45 seconds of the first round; Willie Hall, Columbus, Ohio, defeated Bill Voltz, of Philadelphia, in 1:55 seconds of the first round, and Lonni Perry, of Durham, N.C., won from Reginald Kimbrough, St. Louis, in the third round of the heavyweight feature.

Other results follow:

Jack Mingo, Trenton, N.J., decisioned Jack Battley, St. Louis, Mo.; Pete Gorsyc, Philadelphia, decisioned Finn Neal, San Angelo, Calif.; Woodrus Gaffney, Los Angeles, decisioned Ernest Knight, Harrisburg, Pa.; Charles Nichols, drew with Jerry Stevens, Flushing, N.Y.; Samuel Thompson, Pittsburgh, Pa., decisioned Albert Bess, Richmond, Va.; James Watts, Cleveland, Ohio, decisioned Ulyseus Dobson, Harkville, S.C.; Oscar Hamp, Gary, Ind., drew with James Logan, Evansville, Ind.; and Ben Pickett, San Francisco, Calif., drew with Frank Simone, Chicago.

Ramos Signs With Reds

CARACAS, Venezuela, Jan. 21.—Churcho Ramos, Venezuelan outfielder, has signed a contract to play with the Cincinnati Reds this year. He played four games with the Reds and batted .500 before being sent to Syracuse last year. He hit .260 in 111 games with the Chiefs.

Violent Viola Presents Ring Action from the Distaff Side



Action not on the card occurred at the Chicago Coliseum after Dave Mason, right, was kayoed by John Flanagan (not shown). Mrs. Viola Richardson, sister of the defeated gladiator, starts to climb into ring offering to take on Flanagan herself. Referee Bernie Weisman watches as boxing official Ike Bernstein, center, restrains her Mason, a bit groggy, doesn't seem to notice the disturbance.

Tennessee Snaps Kentucky Cage Streak in 35-34 Tilt

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 21.—Tennessee scored the major upset of the weekend by knocking Kentucky's powerhouse from the nation's unbeaten ranks with a 35-34 cage victory here last night. The victory was the Vols' ninth in ten starts and gave them the Southeastern Conference lead. The Wildcats had won 11 in a row previously.

Center Irv Barnett topped Tennessee's marksmen with 11 points, but Kentucky's Jack Tingle was high for the evening with 13.

Penn Tops Columbia

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 21.—The University of Pennsylvania conquered Columbia, 59-43, in an Eastern Intercollegiate League game, the Quakers breezing through after holding a 26-17 halftime lead. Bob Carlson led Penn's goal-makers with 15 points. Johnny Profant hit 12 for the Lions.

DePaul 45, Hamline 41

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—DePaul's cagers, paced by George Mikan, who hit for 26 points, downed Hamline University, 45-41. Coach Joe Hutton of Hamline stepped on the court early in the second half to protest a goal and DePaul was awarded a technical foul, which Mikan sank to give the Blue Demons a 31-29 lead, and they were never caught. Mikan held Howie Schultz, Hamline center and Brooklyn Dodgers' first-baseman, to 13 points.



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Ray Mack to Retire

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 21.—Ray Mack, Cleveland Indian second baseman, announced yesterday he would retire from baseball for the duration because he felt he could do more for the war effort in his war plant job.

Chicago Kid Cagers Blank Rival, 105-0

CHICAGO, Jan. 21.—Colleges which boast point-a-minute basketball teams are slow stuff to a Chicago grammar school team—and with a good reason, for it poured in baskets at a rate of four points per minute and held its opponent scoreless.

The "whiz" team is Junior Military Academy, of a private school league, which in 24 minutes of play scored 105 points and blanked Chicago Latin.

Name Jones, McLaughry To NCAA Rules Board

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 21.—Col. Lawrence "Biff" Jones, of the U.S. Military Academy, and D. Ormond "Tuss" McLaughry, of Dartmouth, were appointed to the National Collegiate Athletic Association Rules Committee, it was announced yesterday.

Jones succeeds Asa Bushnell in the Second NCAA district and McLaughry succeeds Bill Bingham, of Harvard, in the First NCAA district. Bingham will remain as member at large.

Bussey Missing in Action

BATON ROUGE, La., Jan. 21.—Lt. (j.g.) Young Bussey, former Louisiana State football captain, who later starred with the Chicago Bears, is missing in action, the Navy Department notified his mother in Houston, Tex., today.

Basketball Scores

Akron 32, Canisius 25.	Miami (Ohio) 42, Ohio U. 40.
Army 67, Princeton 34.	Muhlenberg 46, Philadelphia Marines 40.
Albright 47, Pantathlon (Mexico) 44.	Navy 71, Villanova 28.
Baldwin-Wallace 56, Ohio Wesleyan 43.	Notre Dame 55, Great Lakes 51.
Brown 65, Connecticut 45.	No. Carolina State 57, Maryland 42.
Bucknell 53, Franklin and Marshall 48.	No. Illinois Techs. 57, Illinois Normal 45.
Cornell 46, Dartmouth 28.	Oklahoma 44, Kansas 43.
Citadel 60, Furman 52.	Ohio State 61, Michigan 47.
Culver 47, Mo. Valley 45.	Otterbein 42, Capital 38.
Denison 62, Oberlin 45.	Oregon 64, Washington State 48.
Duke 50, North Carolina 41.	Pennsylvania 59, Columbia 43.
DePaul 45, Hamline 41.	Purdue 52, Northwestern 48.
Dubuque 45, Wartburg 37.	Panzer 54, Ithaca 48.
Drew 38, Webb 31.	Rochester 40, Colgate 33.
Florida Aggies 40, Morris Brown 13.	Rhode Island 91, St. Joseph's 63.
Georgia Pre-Flight 50, Atlanta Naval 30.	St. John's (Brooklyn) 58, Syracuse 35.
Georgia Tech 55, Alabama Poly 49.	St. Lawrence 66, Middlebury 29.
Geneva 68, Wooster 30.	Southern Methodist 56, Baylor 34.
Hobart 55, Union 43.	Southern University 35, Wiley 30.
Highpoint 43, Guilford 30.	South Carolina 66, Cornell (Iowa) 34.
Indiana 48, Minnesota 46.	St. Louis U. 50, Texas Christian 38.
Illinois 52, DePaul 31.	Toledo 68, Heidelberg 43.
Kansas State 70, Nebraska 48.	Tennessee 35, Kentucky 34.
Lafayette 43, Swarthmore 35.	Upper Iowa 37, LaCrosse 24.
Luther 43, Coe 33.	Utah 56, Idaho 36.
Lockbourne Airbase 49, Case 39.	Valparaiso 53, Western Michigan 43.
Loyola (Balt.) 44, Washington College 39.	West Virginia Tech. 46, Rio Grande 38.
Loyola (New Or.) 62, South La. Inst. 47.	Worcester Poly 60, Harvard 37.
Marquette 51, Lawrence 19.	West Virginia 67, Carnegie Tech. 48.
Michigan State 47, Wayne 38.	Westminster 68, Pittsburgh 47.
Marshall 57, Louisville 52.	Yale 59, Holy Cross 51.
Missouri 38, Iowa State 32.	

Canadiens Nip Rangers, 3-2; Leafs Triumph

MONTREAL, Jan. 21.—The Canadiens defeated the Rangers, 3-2, in a National Hockey League game here last night. Hector "Toe" Blake, who had spent only two minutes in the penalty box all season, had a major penalty slapped on him for belting Walt Atanas across the face with his stick during a melee. Blake now probably can kiss goodbye to his chances of winning the Lady Byng Trophy for gentlemanly conduct.

Buddy O'Connor and Maurice Richard scored for the champions, and Atanas and Phil Watson made it two-all, but Dutch Hiller won the game with a goal late in the second period.

Leafs Crush Hawks, 8-4

TORONTO, Jan. 21.—The Maple Leafs walloped the Chicago Black Hawks, 8-4, as Lorne Carr and Sweeney Schriner scored four points apiece. Carr made two goals and two assists, Schriner one goal and three assists. Red Kennedy and Art Jackson made two tallies each. Babe Pratt got the other Leaf goal.

Chicago markers were scored by Mush March, Cully Dahlstrom, Johnny Harms and Rookie Butch McDonald.

Canada Limits Visas

MONTREAL, Jan. 21.—Canadian Selective Service officials have ruled that no further exit permits will be issued to discharged servicemen who wish to play hockey in the United States, unless the applicant has served overseas.

Detroit was the first club affected, for Billy Reay, former sailor who captained the Quebec Aces to the Dominion championship last year intended to rejoin the Red Wings.

Hockey Standings

National League				
	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	23	5	2	46
Detroit	19	7	4	42
Toronto	15	13	2	32
Boston	10	17	1	21
New York	6	16	7	19
Chicago	4	19	4	12

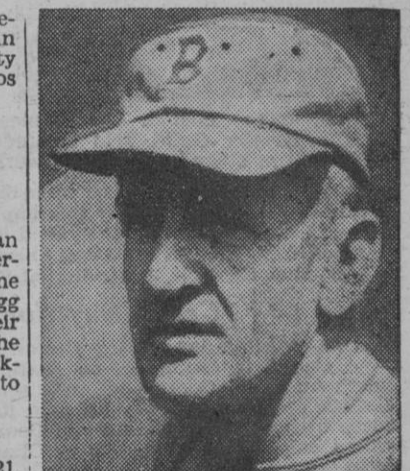
American League				
Saturday Night Scores				
	W	L	T	Pts
Indianapolis 6, Hershey 1.				
Cleveland 6, Providence 3.				
Buffalo 0, Pittsburgh 6 (tie).				
EASTERN DIVISION				
	W	L	T	Pts
Buffalo	20	13	6	46
Hershey	17	14	6	40
Providence	14	20	3	31
WESTERN DIVISION				
	W	L	T	Pts
Indianapolis	18	11	10	46
Cleveland	17	9	7	41
Pittsburgh	15	17	6	36
St. Louis	7	23	4	18

Rowland Is Proposed As Landis' Successor

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Jan. 21.—Members of the Pacific Coast League wired the name of Clarence "Pants" Rowland, league president, as their choice for commissioner of organized baseball.

The text of the request was: "The Pacific Coast League requests that you place before the proper committee for consideration as baseball commissioner, Clarence Rowland, who is thoroughly conversant with baseball from every angle and has fine baseball connections." The wire was directed to Leslie O'Connor, a member of the three-man committee governing the game.

Pilots Blues



Casey Stengel, who resigned as manager of the Milwaukee Brewers at the end of the 1944 season, will manage the Kansas City Blues next season, General Manager Roy Hamey announced today. Stengel replaces Jack Saltzgraver, who will remain as coach of the American Ass'n. club.

Indiana Cagers Nip Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 21.—Guard Ray Brandenburg tossed a field goal with six seconds remaining to give Indiana a 48-46 Big Ten basketball victory over Minnesota here last night. Kleggie Hermesen, Gopher center, dropped in seven field goals and six foul shots to lead both teams with 20 points.

Buckeyes Beat Wolves

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 21.—Ohio State scored its third victory in four starts easily outclassing Michigan, 61-47, with Arnold Risen leading scorer with 11 points.

Purdue Stops Northwestern

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 21.—Purdue rallied in an overtime period to defeat favored Northwestern, 52-48, the Boilermakers tying the score at 46-all at the end of regulation time on Bill Gosewehr's long shot. Max Morris of Northwestern netted 20 points for scoring honors.

Missouri Upsets Cyclones

COLUMBIA, Mo., Jan. 21.—Missouri's basketball varsity upset Iowa State, 38-32, for the Cyclones' first defeat in Big Six competition this season. The Tigers led 29-14 at the half and coasted through. Jimmy Myers was the only Iowa State player able to penetrate Missouri's defense consistently. He led all scorers with 16 points.

Sooners Trip Kansas

NORMAN, Okla., Jan. 21.—Oklahoma's Sooners beat Kansas, 44-43, in an extra-period game. Harold Hines and Bill Whaley scoring the points that stopped Coach Phog Allen's proteges.

Dodds Win Final Race At Boston in Slow Time

BOSTON, Jan. 21.—Gil Dodds closed his track career here last night when he won the two-mile event without any competition at the Boston YMCA Games in the slow time of 9:58.4 minutes.

Dodds, who announced his retirement earlier this week in order to assume ministerial duty in California, left today for Los Angeles.

Ferris Gets Air Service For Haegg and Lidman

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Dan Ferris, AAU secretary, said yesterday he had arranged airplane transportation for Gunder Haegg and Haakan Lidman for their U.S.A. track tour. Ferris said he cabled the information to Stockholm and expects both athletes to be here within a week.

Kelly Won't Sell Millers

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 21.—Mike Kelly, owner of the Minneapolis American Association club, announced yesterday he had rejected an offer from Rogers Hornsby and Oscar Salenger of Chicago to buy the Millers. Kelly told them, "After considering all aspects of your proposal, I have made other plans. I shall continue to operate the Minneapolis club."

HASH MARKS

Repeated by request. A fool is a man who argues about whether a woman has brains or not—a wise man busies himself with the things they have.

Cpl. Bob Brucker wrote home to his sister telling her that he had lost 300 francs with the deck of playing cards she had sent him. Some time later, the corporal received an answer saying that it was a good thing he wasn't playing for money.

Overheard in the chowline:
First GI: "What kind of dress did Gertie wear last night?"
Second GI: "I don't recall much, except that it was checked."
First Joe: "Boy, that musta' been some party!"

They're starting 'em out early back home, according to this info passed our way:
First Small Boy: "See that little



girl over there? Her neck's dirty."
Second Small Boy: "Her does?"

Which reminds us of a feat that takes real control. A guy brought a box of exploding cigars over here just for a gag; but now, with the rag shortage on, he has been driven to smoking them and liking it. He had a little trouble with the first ten—but now he has it timed so he throws them away just before the bang.

Pfc Emil Rissman sends this verse from a foxhole in Germany.

When we capture old Hitler
And prepare him for the worst,
Shooting's too good for him,
Make him take basic training first.

Our spy on the home front quips that a lot of women's husbands are getting to be almost as hard to keep as secrets.

Ode to calvados. The doctor examined his patient and advised, "My good man, don't you know you're going to ruin your stomach



by drinking so much?" "Aw, that's all right, Doc," replied the inebriate, "it won't show with my coat on."

A GI was strolling down the street with a lovely babe on his arm. A girl passing by smiled at him sweetly and said hello. In a fit of jealousy, the girl on his arm asked, "Who was that girl you just spoke to?" "Never mind just now," sighed the wolf, "I'll have enough trouble telling her who you were."

And then there was the strip-teaser who couldn't learn to knit. She had been trained to drop every stitch.

J. C. W.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, The Stars and Stripes, Paris, France. APO 887.

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PICTURES marked STEVIE (in a high chair), and Stevie and Jamie.—S/Sgt. E. Murphy.

FOR SALE: 16mm Victor movie camera, model 4, 3 lenses, case, 600-ft unexposed film, including Kodachrome. Cpl. Francis H. Ewald.

WANTED: Rollei-flex, Rollei-cord or Speed Graphic, film, filters. G.P. light meters, photo-flash, synchronizer.—T/5 M. E. Koen; f2.5 or f3.5 Poth Derby.—Capt. E. J. Ashline; Argus C-2 or C-3, or similar 35mm.—Major Howard Jones, Jr.; Major S. Leslie, Cpl. Mae F. Hurn; with Contax, Leica, Argus Model A with available attachments.—Major George J. Kane; Rollei-flex.—Pvt. Edmond Oxeda and Capt. M. Widmann; Eastman or Bell & Howell 8mm movie, 2.7 lens.—Lt. J. H. Reese; Argoflex.—Cpl. F. R. Soike.

CAMERA EXCHANGE
FOR SALE: Perfen 35mm, accessories, 10 rolls film.—1/3 Howard H. Wood.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



Terry And the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

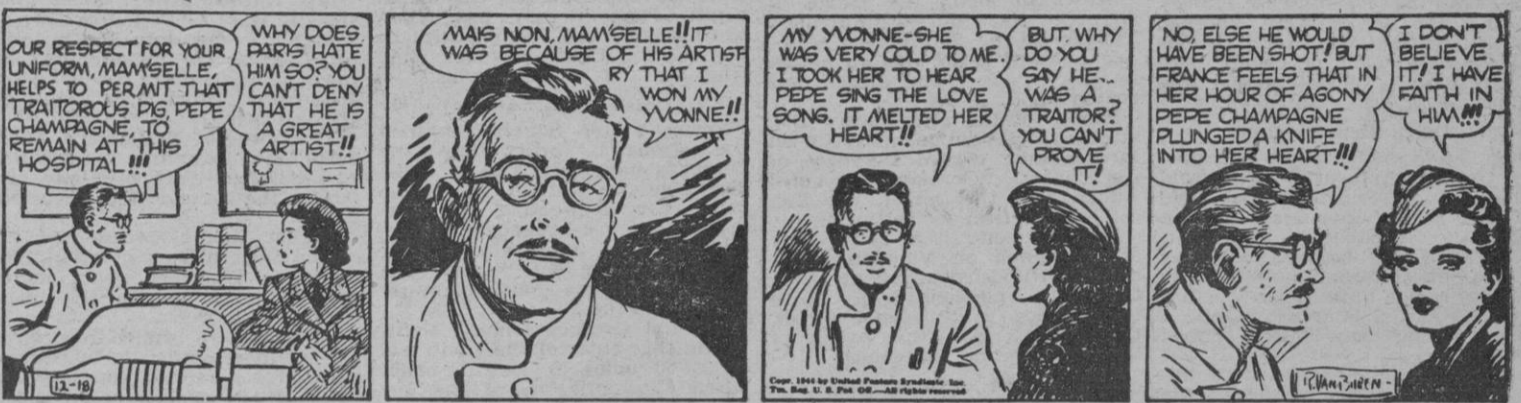
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Jane

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Norman Pett



Japs on Luzon Split in Two By Yank Drive

The U.S. Sixth Army, its left flank secured against crumbling Jap resistance, last night was rolling south toward Manila, Gen. MacArthur's headquarters reported. A Tokyo dispatch, picked up by Reuter, said that American forces on Luzon had driven almost 60 miles inland.

Jap resistance collapsed in the Cabaruan hills and Americans seized the towns of Villasis, Carmen and its nearby airfield, and San Manuel. The Yanks now control 37 miles of Luzon's main north-south highway from Paniqui to Sison.

Practically Cut in Two

MacArthur said: "This practically cuts the enemy in two, severing his forces in northern Luzon from those in southern Luzon."

Field dispatches from the Sixth Army told of long Yank columns and stores of equipment resuming a strong southward push down the central plains toward Manila. The drive, pushing through Tarlac province, was made possible by relief of the enemy peril to the left flank after the fiercest fighting in the Luzon campaign.

In Burma, the last major obstacle to the reopening of the India-China land supply route toppled with the capture yesterday of Wanting by Chinese forces. Other Jap forces were knocked back from the Ledo road junctions they were blocking when two Chinese units closed in on the Burmese village of Mongyu.

Tokyo Reports Raid

A Tokyo radio report, recorded by U.S. government monitors, said that U.S. Superfortresses had "thrice raided" the Osaka district and the neighboring Kii strait area in Japan between Saturday night and yesterday morning. The Tokyo radio also reported that B25s attacked Marcus island, a bypassed Jap base in the central Pacific.

The Japanese reports were unconfirmed by U.S. air chiefs in the Pacific, as were earlier reports that Formosa and the neighboring island of Okinawa were undergoing a heavy attack by carrier-borne U.S. aircraft.

The Yank invasion in the central Philippines spread yesterday to the Camotes islands between Leyte and Cebu where U.S. forces made landings on the small islands of Ponson and Poro, Adm. Nimitz reported.

Heavies Batter 3 Rail Centers

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and is the focal point of rail communication with the central sector of the Western Front, received the heaviest pounding.

Partially clearing skies yesterday afternoon permitted fighter-bombers of the Ninth AF to fly more than 500 sorties, ripping motor transport and armored vehicles in what remained of the Bulge and east of the battle area.

The fighter-bombers met no Luftwaffe opposition as they destroyed 307 motor vehicles and damaged another 208, and knocked out 20 tanks and armored vehicles. Communications and rail yards east of the Ninth Army front were bombed and strafed and 118 railcars reported destroyed.

Ninth medium and light bombers flew 170 sorties, their first mission in five days. Invaders hit a rail bridge at Euskirchen, Marauders pounded a railway junction west of the town, and Havocs and Marauders delivered a twin blow to the railyard at Mayen.



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Time TODAY	1810—Sports r'nd-up
1200—News	1815—BBC Orchestra
1210—Program sum.	1901—Songs by Sgt. J. Desmond
1215—Starlight	1915—Strings with Wings
1230—Strike a Home	
Note	TOMORROW
1301—N.Y. Philharm.	0601—Rise and shine
1400—News	0700—News
1415—AEF Extra	0715—Bing Crosby
1430—Village Store	0725—Program sum.
1501—Music While You Work	0730—Dance Band
1530—Combat Diary	0801—Combat Diary
1545—On the Record	0815—Album
1630—Fiesta	0830—Dance Music
1700—News	0900—News
1715—Music Parade	0925—Musica
1800—News	1001—Canada Show
1805—Mark up the Map	1030—Music
	1102—U.S. News
	1145—Piano Parade

Overseas Veteran



Cpl. Mae Finucane, 26, of Biwabik, Minn., spent 17 months overseas, in Africa and Italy. Now she's home convalescing from an injury received abroad. She was a model before joining the WAC.

Allied Troops Push Forward

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which juts down into the plain, sharp fighting was reported northeast of Reipertsweller and along the east side of the Bitcher bulge.

Westward along the fringe of Germany, Nazis hurled an artillery barrage at the Saarlautern sector and followed it up with an attack by 450 troops. The attack was beaten off.

Troops of the 11th Panzer Div. attacked U.S. positions in Tettingen farther west toward the base of the bulge. Germans occupied Butzdorf in this sector, but U.S. forces held firm in Tettingen.

In Luxembourg, U.S. Third Army troops moved on Viandon, hinge of Von Rundstedt's salient, from the south and southwest. North of Diekirch, in this same sector, the doughs took the towns of Brandenburg and Bastendorf.

Sixth Div. Clears Town

To the west, the town of Burdin was cleared by 80th Div. troops who kept going another quarter mile to the north in a gain totaling a mile and one-half.

In the sector east of Bastogne, 90th Div. troops drove into Allerborn, one and one-half miles north of Oberwampach.

On their left, Sixth Armored Div. forces advanced a mile and one-half and cleared Moinet, pushing on from there to occupy high ground a mile to the northeast.

Infantrymen gained a mile and one-half in the Houffalize area and they took the towns of Vessoule, Alhount, Tavigny and Celluru to the east.

Northward, First Army troops fought over icy ground and snow. Armor and infantry advanced north of St. Vith to take Didenberg and pushed on to enter Born, three and one-half miles north of St. Vith.

U.S. to Prosecute Two Nazi Agents

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—The government will try two German agents, who landed Nov. 29 on the Maine coast, before a military commission at Governors Island, N.Y., the Justice Department announced.

The pair, William Curtis Colepach, 26, of Niantic, Conn., and Eric Gimpel, German, were turned over to MPs last night and taken to prison on the island.

'Bishop of Sing Sing' Dies

NEW YORK, Jan. 21 (ANS).—Mgr. William E. Cashin, 73, whose 12 years service as prison chaplain gave him the title of "Bishop of Sing Sing" and the grim duty of bringing his blessing to 150 persons as he walked beside them to the electric chair, died yesterday.

Nazi Resistance Seen Cracking On East Front

By Duncan Hooper

Reuter Special Correspondent

MOSCOW, Jan. 21.—New disasters, which may change the whole face of the war, tonight confront the shattered German armies reeling back across Poland to the Reich border. The collapse of all German resistance right back to the Reich frontier is now likely.

Stalin's offensive has reached such a pitch that it probably will be impossible for the Germans to slow—far less to halt—the Russians for another week.

Arc of Steel

Marshal Ivan Koniev has a 50-mile arc of steel around the frontier of Silesia. His troops advanced 25 miles in an overnight leap from the first point at which they reached the frontier—Praszna. They are now reported fighting only a few miles from Breslau, the capital of lower Silesia and one of the greatest manufacturing cities in Germany.

Two other armies are carving a path into East Prussia. Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky, striking from the south, breached the border on a 30-mile front in his race northwestward toward Dantzig.

Gen. Cherniakovsky is supplementing this advance with a thrust across the north of East Prussia. He is 30 miles in on a front of approximately the same depth. Tilsit already has fallen to Cherniakovsky, heading straight towards the Baltic 25 miles away from his first wave of tanks.

Crack Fortifications

Soviet winter fighters smashed the strongest fortifications the Germans have been able to build. The supreme test in the whole battle now is whether the Germans can muster enough panzers and motorized infantry to embark upon an active defense over the last miles of the Polish plain remaining to them.

Marshal Gregory Zhukov, fighting in the center of the front, has about 60 miles to go to reach Posen (Poznan), one of the few important Polish towns left to the Germans. He is already 100 miles west of Warsaw—one-third of the distance between the German and Polish capitals.

Zhukov has maneuvering room in which he can give his strategic tactics full play. But it is Marshal Koniev's meteoric dash which swept the war right to Hitler's doorstep.

Massing Forces

Koniev appears to be massing forces along 50 miles of the Silesian frontier. It is possible he may switch one army into a head-on smash against Breslau and fork another northward to join Zhukov in the march toward Berlin. And it is more than probable that he has men and material at his disposal to do both.

South of Koniev's line, Gen. Petrov is driving on across the hills of the Polish-Czech frontier, straightening the line and throwing the Germans back. His Fourth Ukrainian Army has already captured Kosice, Czech communications center, controlling the roads and railways linking Petrov's front with the Russian wedge hammered into southern Slovakia from Hungary.

17 Million 'Fire Bombs' Rained on Reich in 1944

AIR SERVICE COMMAND HQ., France.—More than 17 million "fire bombs" were dropped by the 8th and 9th Air Forces during 1944, it was disclosed today by Col. Harold J. Baum, chief of the Air Service Command's chemical warfare service.

Incendiaries were used in large numbers on German industrial targets after it was found that they had greater destructive value than an equal weight of high-explosives.

Street Fighting—Russian Style



The Red Army drives relentlessly toward the heart of Germany. Here a Soviet machine-gunner and rifleman battle in a Budapest street.

4 Towns Taken Near Breslau

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East Prussian front, the Second White Russian Army, under Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky, smashing deeper into Reich territory, seizing the historic Prussian town of Tannenberg, scene of the Hidenburg victory over Russia in the last war.

The towns of Neidenburg, Allendorf and Jedwahnno, main towns on the Danzig-Warsaw railway, also fell to the Second White Russian Army.

Taking their gloomiest view yet on the Eastern front situation, Berlin radio reporters went out of their way to prepare the home front for the worst.

Berlin papers printed reports 50 percent more optimistic than those destined for foreign consumption. One German commentator pleaded with citizens of Breslau and other German Silesian towns to be calm and await the turn of the tide.

130 Miles West of Warsaw

Another Moscow announcement told of fresh gains on the eastern front of East Prussia. Troops of Gen. Cherniakovsky's Third White Russian Army carried their assault toward the East Prussian capital of Koenigsberg, seizing the road junction of Gumbinnen, 22 miles inside the border.

On the central Polish front, Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First White Russian Army drove steadily west of Warsaw, capturing Konin, 130 miles west of Poland's capital, a DNB report said last night.

No official news was available last night on the whereabouts of the southern prong of Marshal Koniev's army, which three days ago captured Krakow.

Observers in Moscow said it was possible that Koniev was purposely slowing his drive into Silesia while some of his best assault units which had attacked Krakow were brought north to the Silesian sector.

Jerries Planned Break From St. Nazaire Pocket

WITH U.S. FORCES IN ST. NAZAIRE AREA, Jan. 21 (AP).—This so-called "forgotten front" might have jumped back suddenly into the headlines had Von Rundstedt's desperate plunge through the Ardennes succeeded.

German prisoners taken recently said the 35,000 Nazis in the St. Nazaire pocket were poised for an attempt to break out of the Allied ring as soon as Von Rundstedt's offensive passed Liege in a drive for Antwerp.

The prisoners said Germans planned to head northeast to raid and demoralize Allied supply lines between Cherbourg and the main front.

Hungary Truce Terms Are Told

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forces as prisoners of war and intern all German nationals with the exception of those who are Jews; 2—Hungary agrees to give the Allies as booty all German war material on its territory, and to make available her land, sea and air forces as requested by the Allied powers; 3—When the war with Germany is over the Hungarian armed forces must be demobilized.

All Hungarian troops and officials will be evacuated from Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Roumania within the limits of the frontier existing Dec. 31, 1937, and all legislative and administrative provisions relating to the annexation or incorporation into Hungary of territories of these three countries repealed.

The armistice also contains clauses providing for facilities of free movement for Allied troops, the release of Allied prisoners of war and internees, the repeal of discriminatory legislation against Allied sympathizers and the return of all appropriated equipment.

Spurred by Cold, Doughs Capture Warm Quarters

By Russell Jones

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
SCHOPPEN, Belgium, Jan. 19 (Delayed).—Fighting under some of the worst weather conditions ever encountered by an American army, an infantry regiment of First Div. fought its way through a blizzard in pre-dawn darkness today to capture this town eleven kilometers southeast of Malmgedy.

While six-foot snowdrifts isolated the division's forward C.P. from the rear, and the wind blew sandhard snow in the men's faces, Company I, commanded by Captain Carl E. Wolf, of Weathersfield, Conn. ploughed through four-foot drifts against the 1,500-yard approach to town. So bad was the weather that doughs caught Germans still snug in cellars and dugouts.

What they didn't count on was the fact that they—the Germans—had more comfortable quarters and the Americans wanted them. So anxious were the men of I Company to get those quarters that six of them, whose feet were too swollen to get into their shoes, refused to be evacuated and made the attack in overshoes and socks.

8th Army Front Quiet Except for Patrolling

ROME, Jan. 21 (Reuter).—Activity on the Eighth Army front was limited to patrolling, with both sides crossing the Senio River, today's communique from Allied HQ said. Groups of Germans dressed in British uniforms were detected trying to penetrate Allied lines and were shot.

Heavy bombers of the 15th AF ranged over Austria and Germany yesterday.

Enough Super Fuel

AIR SERVICE COMMAND HQ., France, Jan. 21.—The new super aviation fuel, which is credited with increasing engine performance 20 percent, is now available in sufficient quantities to meet present demands in the ETO, the Air Service Command said.

Yank Calls Artillery on Himself

By Bob Krell

Stars and Stripes Special Writer

WITH ADVANCED ELEMENTS OF AN AIRBORNE DIV. (Delayed).—From his foxhole OP ahead of an attacking company of parachute infantry, Capt. C. Jones, of Cleveland, a forward observer for a parachute FA Bn., was directing fire against enemy tanks. His sector had been quiet. A patrol had reported a pair of Tiger Royals in the vicinity but locating them was proving a problem. Suddenly Jones, whose foxhole observatory was on a tiny crest of woods, spotted the tanks coming around a bend less than 50 yards away from him.

Before he could rouse the man on the other end of his phone the huge tanks had rumbled on another 25 yards and come to a dead stop.

The captain called back. It was a brief message: "Zero on me."

Crouching low, he heard the whine of the shells as they came over. There was a terrific roar followed by a concussion that slammed him back and forth against the snow-covered confines of his hole.

Seconds later, bruised, and battered, Jones peered over the edge of the hole to take inventory. Out of the four rounds two had scored direct hits and the other two had hit close enough to finish what remained of the tanks and the crews.