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Reds 20 Miles into Reich, Seize Krakow and Lodz

Many Com Z Men Slated for Combat

Majority of Fit Troops Face Shift

By Ernest Leiser

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

In a sweeping move to replace losses in the infantry, Com Z troops fit for front-line duty are being turned over to the AGF Reinforcement Command and retrained as riflemen, Brig. Gen. Henry J. Matchett, ETO Reinforcement chief, revealed yesterday.

He declared that the number of men transferred to combat divisions eventually may reach 75 to 80 percent of able-bodied Communications Zone personnel, the AP reported. In their places, he said, will be put ex-combat men and others classified for "limited assignment."



Gen. Matchett

Gen. Matchett disclosed the moves in a Paris press conference, during which he outlined a program of "rigid manpower conservation" which has already retrained "thousands" of men from other branches as riflemen.

The current demand for infantrymen, officially termed the "prime critical item of the war today," resulted from a considerable underestimate of combat losses, it was disclosed.

In addition, Gen. Matchett pointed out additional non-combat casualties, such as those from trenchfoot.

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Italy-Based Planes Hit Brenner Pass Bridges

ROME, Jan. 19 (Reuter).—Patrols of the Fifth and Eighth Armies were active today, probing enemy positions along the front. Medium bombers of the Tactical Air Force attacked a number of bridges in the Brenner Pass, while fighter-bombers struck against railways in northeast Italy.

Here Pfc Means 'Perfect Firing, Chum'



With the enemy only 400 yards off, Pfc W. Edward Pierce, of Elizabethton, Tenn. (left) and Pfc James M. Piper, of Seattle, lay 60mm mortar fire on the line.

Robot Bomb's Flight Turned on Germans

WITH 99th INF. DIV., Jan. 19.—Machine-gunners of the 395th Inf. Rgt. of this division recently sent a Nazi robot bomb, headed for their lines, back to its senders.

Bullets from one MG struck the buzz-bomb's rudder, causing it to do a neat turnabout. Yanks saw it descend and explode in German-held territory.

British Expand Salient; First, Third Advance

British Tommies, backed by U.S. artillery, waded two miles through slush in the thawing Dutch panhandle to seize a string of border villages yesterday. At the other end of the Western Front, reinforced German thrusts in the Alsatian Rhineland heightened the threat to Strasbourg.

In the Ardennes, U.S. First Army forces drove deeper into the northern shoulder of the German salient to within four miles of St. Vith. Third Army forces attacking in the south, smashed across the Sauer River and entered Diekirch.

On the northernmost reaches of the front, Nazis raided Allied positions above Nijmegen across a flooded area. Two enemy attacks were crushed by artillery. The third penetrated Allied forward positions.

Strasbourg Threatened

The British expanded their panhandle salient to 20 miles, UP said. The Tommies took the German border towns of Hongen and Heide to the northwest. UP front reports said that Schilberg, in the neck of the panhandle, was occupied and Tommies moved along the Hongen-Susteren road.

In Alsace, Germans burst out of the northern end of their Rhine pocket at Gambshheim, 11 miles north of Strasbourg. They linked up with forces in the northern corner of Alsace to form a solid corridor for 30 miles or more along the Rhine's west bank.

The Germans took the Rhine towns of Statmatten, Dahunden

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Stars and Stripes Map by Baldr

In Southern Poland, Reds capture Krakow and cross German border in push from Czestochowa. Further north, Soviets seized Lodz, while troops in north advance to the East Prussian border.

SHAEF Claims Nazi Drive No Hindrance to Allies' Plans

The German winter offensive in the Ardennes, planned by both Hitler and Field Marshal von Rundstedt, has not seriously impeded Allied plans and preparations for future operations against Germany, SHAEF's operations division announced.

SHAEF estimated the enemy lost 120,000 men, of whom 80,000 were killed or seriously wounded and 40,000 captured. Allied casualties up to Jan. 11 were 55,421, of whom 18,416 are prisoners.

General Dies In Flaming B17

Brig. Gen. Frederick W. Castle, an Eighth AF bomb wing commander, rode to voluntary death in his burning bullet-riddled B17 over Liege recently, keeping the plane under control long enough for its crew to bail out, USSTAF disclosed yesterday.

Gen. Castle, leading a raid on Germany, refused to salvo the plane's bombs when seven Nazi fighters attacked, because Allied soldiers and civilians were below. He took over the plane's controls and, when the crew had cleared, ordered the pilot to follow. A wing fuel tank exploded and the plane spiraled down to destruction.

Gen. Castle, former chief of supply of Eighth Bomber Command, was transferred to a combat assignment as a group commander at his own request. He had flown 30 missions.

Anti-Saloon Leaguers Would Close U.S. Bistros

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (ANS).—The Anti-Saloon League wants the government to close night clubs and roadhouses as a war manpower measure.

In a telegram to the Office of War Mobilization the league also urged manpower needed for essential work be drawn from labor now used in manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages.

Five Armies Revealed in Huge Drive

Spearheads of Marshal Koniev's First Ukrainian Army yesterday drove across the Reich frontier, stabbing 20 miles into German Silesia near Oppeln, according to German reports. Marshal Stalin announced in Moscow that five Red Armies had been thrown into the gigantic week-old winter offensive, which has inundated three-fourths of Poland.

From the Kremlin last night came the 11th Order of the Day in 72 hours, saluting the capture of Krakow, ancient capital of old Poland, and Lodz, industrial and cultural center.

The orders also disclosed that the Fourth Ukrainian Army in southern Poland had gained 50 miles in three days in a new offensive drive along the Carpathian Mountains, while the Third White Russian Army had broken through German defenses 12 miles south of Tilsitt, East Prussia, on a 36-mile front.

Counter-Attacks Repulsed

As the Red Armies surged westward unchecked, Moscow radio announced that the "German front in Poland has collapsed... Berlin has not long to live."

Associated Press reports in London said the first German counter-attacks had been thrown against the Russians moving on Krakow but apparently they were puny efforts and were swept aside.

Marshal Koniev's advance across the Reich frontier was admitted by Berlin radio early yesterday, adding that the Silesian Volkssturm had received their baptism of fire from Soviet guns.

Koniev's army in this sector was reported moving along the Czestochowa-Breslau highway. Berlin reported patrols in the vicinity of Oppeln, a rail and road junction. Tanks of Marshal Koniev's army led the capture of Krakow, center of Poland's steel industry.

On the central Polish front, Red Army troops under Marshal Gregory Zhukov, swooping west from liberated Warsaw, stormed into Lodz, another industrial city. Kutno

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Nelson Sued for Divorce

CHICAGO, Jan. 19 (ANS).—Charging desertion, Mrs. Helen W. Nelson yesterday filed suit for divorce from Donald M. Nelson, former chairman of the War Production Board. They were married in 1926 and have no children.

It Was a Touchy Business

Doctor Removes Live Shell

A merchant seaman was brought into the 38th General Hospital in Com Z the other day. An unexploded 20mm. shell was lodged in his armpit and an operation was needed immediately.

Maj. William Denny, of Cambridge, Ohio, the hospital's chief surgeon, was called in. He asked a ballistics expert the safest method for removing the shell.

The ballistics man said that to avoid exploding the shell, he would have to keep it in a horizontal position, avoid touching it with surgical instruments, guard against jarring it or suddenly changing its position, and remove it in a backward position.

Maj. Denny listened, hesitated, and then proceeded. Partially exposing the shell with his scalpel, he discovered that a large blood vessel stretched across its base, making it impossible to follow instructions. Nevertheless, he dug deeper, beyond the shell, freed it, and carefully lifted it out in a horizontal position—unexploded.

THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

Lowering the Boom

Cpl. J. A. Weber, Ord., (who resents Arthur Murray's girl's preference for boys nautical), haven't you heard—A gentleman is a wolf who brings flowers!

On the more serious side, you might consider that the Army, being about empty-ump million more strong, contains "gentlemen from all walks of life, drafted and inducted, volunteered and shanghaied," and are as we all know called "GIs."

Lengthy columns could be written on the merits and demerits of these GIs, but we of this outfit are of the popular opinion that each and every one are individuals with their own code of morals and if that code makes them a gentleman, like yours does, well, don't break your arm, brother.—"Three of the Navy Wolves."

U.S. On the Ball

Naturally all of us in the service were pleased as hell to read the headlines on the "America" column of Jan. 7th. "Bond Sale Oversubscribed 7 Billions." Boy, that's the kind of news that sounds good and helps tone down the sensational stuff that gets written every time a few civvies go on strike. Shows us that the guys and gals in our hometowns do realize there's a war on, after all.—Lt. W. H. MacMelville.

Draft Women

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their country; but for heaven's sake don't draft the women. If they want to enlist, all the power in the world to them, but at least allow them to choose for themselves.—Leonard W. Badian, Signal Co.

Pacific Opinion

Here is a letter from a captain serving in the Pacific, which was printed in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and in our opinion should be reprinted in all the peace-loving nations of the world. It expresses exactly our feelings on the question of what kind of peace for Germany.—Maj. R. Graham.

(Also signed by one capt., one WOJG, nine sergeants and four T/5s.—Ed.)

A great number of us down here are afraid to the core of our hearts that we will be let down in the peace.

Japan and Germany will plead, "We are a peace-loving people, we love America, we love democracy, we want to trade with you, we have no more thought of war. We are a poor, innocent people, who have been misled by unscrupulous leaders. We have shown our good faith by overthrowing those leaders. Let us have peace on our terms."

What they will not say is, "Let us salvage enough out of this war and give us 25 years to rearm and prepare again, then we'll fight your sons and maybe beat them the next time."

Americans must not be soft again and permit such propaganda to sway them. It isn't just the leaders of those countries who are guilty, the people of those countries are just as guilty. The people permitted those leaders to take power and applauded them when they were winning.

Those nations wanted war, forced war on us when we wanted peace; they picked the day when the war would start. It is now our turn to pick the day when the war will end. Break them to their knees, make them beg and plead for peace as we did. Make them get so much war when they don't want it that they will always remember that war is hell. They must have no say in the peace, they must not pick their time for peace, they must long for peace so badly that peace at any price will be a bargain to them.

Surely America won't soon forget the treatment of American prisoners on Bataan, the Doolittle fliers grounded in Japan, the concentration camps, the Gestapo, the SS, the Blackshirts, Surely America won't forget the Jew-baiting, the Hitler and Tojo lies, the use of Chinese as bayonet targets, the bombing of missions, the murder of priests. Surely she won't forget the attacks on Poland, Czechoslovakia, Manchuria, Pearl Harbor, Wake, Guam.

How can people forget the bombing of London or the promiscuous use of the robot bomb?

If America gives in to anything but unconditional surrender completely and wholly on our terms, all this fighting will have been in vain. Nothing will have been accomplished. The men who have died in these steaming jungles, in Africa, Italy, France, on New Georgia, New Guinea, Bougainville, Buin, Saipan and

all the rest of these God-forsaken holes will have died in vain, and my sons and their sons will have to do it all over again.

When our enemies ask for peace on any terms but unconditional surrender, we must turn a deaf ear, advance a little farther into their country, blast another of their cities. Then they will soon be grateful for unconditional surrender. Why, if the war ends within the next six months, Japan will have never felt the war at all.

Our generation is willing that a few more of us shall die, that we stay away from our loved ones a few more months, to spend a few more hundred billion dollars now, and not have to see our sons going off to do once again a job we were too weak to finish. —Capt. H. E. Ransford Jr.

Stay in Foxholes

When the Luftwaffe makes one of its rare appearances, and the ack ack goes into action, for God's sake get the hell into your foxholes and stay there until the shooting is over. Rubbernecking will sometimes get you a Purple Heart or a grave, and here's why:

You may be hit by shrapnel falling back to the ground.

Jerry will probably strafe or bomb the AA guns.

You may be hit by your own AA fire.

Recently there have been instances where friendly troops have been seriously wounded by AA gunners firing at hedge-hopping ME109's. And don't get a stiff neck watching dogfights. If a P47 chases a FW190 down to the deck, he may be unintentionally aiming at you—and may even knock the Jerry down in your lap.—1/Sgt. Chas. A. Foote, AAA (AW) Bn.

Up-to-Date

With reference to Pfc Albert Rosina's letter captioned "Oil Right," where he complained about the 1,000-mile oil change period:

The oil change period was extended to 2,000 miles in Ord. Tech. Bulletin No. 29, April, 1944.

The B-Bag is a very interesting column and by its wide circulation reaches the individuals that even official channels fail to reach. . . . Printing this answer in the B-Bag would aid greatly in conserving oil.—Capt. W. Norris, Ord. Dept.

Spicy

Our cook, John Riblett, figured out a way to make Sageless Sauce dressing.

Save a quart of the broth when the birds are parboiled, add one quart of water to this with two dozen bouillon cubes. Bring to a boil and let it simmer until the cubes are thoroughly dissolved. Use the liquid to make the dough or stuffing and again we defy those eating it to tell whether you used the real McCoy or something else.—B. H. Johnson, Capt. FA.

Abilene Buzzes With the Name Of Town's Favorite Son—Gen. Ike

Supreme Commander's Mother Still Lives In Old Home

By G. K. Hodenfield
The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau
"Abilene, Kansas," the visitor mused. "Seems to me I've heard of this town before for some reason."

"Sure you have," the cabbie said. "This is Eisenhower's home town."

ABILENE, Kan., Jan. 19.—This is Gen. Ike's home town and every man, woman and child old enough to know there's a war on is waiting for Abilene's favorite son to come marching home. The town is almost busting its buttons—you can't be long in Abilene without knowing this is where Gen. Ike learned to fight and play poker and football. But there is none of the "Washington slept here" type of ballyhoo. Abilene is proud, but it's taking the spotlight gracefully.

Stop in at Sexton's Beer Tavern on Third St. for a short one. When Sexton sees your ETO ribbon he's apt to give you a free beer because he knows you're "one of General Ike's boys." Sexton was one year ahead of Gen. Ike in Abilene grade schools and loves to tell stories of the summers when Ike was pulling ice at the Bell Springs Creamery.

Mother Still Lives There

Charles Harger, editor of the Abilene Reflector-Chronicle, is an old friend of the family and is the main source of Eisenhower lore. Harger is a sort of liaison between visiting newspapermen and Mother Eisenhower, who still lives in the two-story frame building where the Supreme Commander lived from the time he was two until he went to West Point, about 30 years ago.

The Chamber of Commerce could be expected to go all out in Eisenhower publicity, but is showing admirable restraint. In the front window of the Chamber offices there's a large photo of Ike and two other famous sons of this prairie town—James B. (Wild Bill) Hickok and Thomas J. Smith, the frontier marshal. There's also a small sign in the window, "Eisenhower Pictures May be Had Free Inside." So far they've given away more than 5,000 photos.

Every time Gen. Ike gets back to Abilene he makes a beeline for the soft drink, newsstand and tobacco shop of B. L. "Joner" Callahan—the man credited locally with teaching Ike to play poker. Joner has moved across the street since Ike last was here but he's saving a special table for the next visit. On the walls are framed letters from Gen. Ike, a picture of him being presented the Legion of Merit by President Roosevelt, and a picture of the 1910 Abilene High football team on which Ike was a tackle.

A regular customer of Joner is



Gen. Eisenhower

G.M. "Bud" Huffman, captain of that 1910 team and now a mailman. His favorite story is about the time Gen. Ike was in the seventh grade and got in a fight with Wes Merrifield up at Garfield School. That's the only time Huffman remembers that Gen. Ike didn't score a decisive victory in any scrap.

On the corner of Third and Broadway there's a large wooden sign with names of all Dickinson County men in the armed forces. It's the kind of sign found everywhere in America these days. There are gold stars affixed to some names but no designation of rank or grade. Down at the bottom of the sixth column is printed "Dwight David Eisenhower."

Right below that is John S. Eisenhower, Ike's son. In the upper left hand corner is a modest-sized color photo of Gen. Ike with four stars.

Honored by City

Last June 15, the city fathers officially changed the name of the city park to Eisenhower Park. Some time after the war, the city hopes to be able to put an electric sign over the gateway.

There are three places in Abilene the townspeople like to show you. One is the park, another is Bell Springs Creamery, still using the same building in which Ike worked, and the Eisenhower home.

If there is anything in Abilene that could be called a shrine it's the Eisenhower home. It is a Midwesterner's home, built for comfort and durability. Across the street is a new grade school, in the same location as the grade school where Gen. Ike learned his ABCs. Mother likes to sit at the window and watch the children playing basketball, skipping the rope. She likes it there because she says she likes to see people happy, and children are always happy.

Mother Eisenhower looks just the way you expect General Ike's

Days of His Boyhood Are Recalled by Townspeople

mother to look—and she's "Mother" to everyone who meets her. She's 82, but sharp and alert. She hates war with a passion that seems strange in such a quiet person but she's proud of what "Dwight" is doing, just as she's proud of her other sons.

In summer months she likes to sit on the front porch in the sunshine. Many times she will see soldiers walking down the street, looking at her and the house. She knows what they want and she invites them to sit on the porch and talk with her.

Mother Eisenhower is like mothers all over America—she's proud of her sons, just as Abilene is like all towns in America—proud of their men in uniform. It just happens that Gen. Ike has a special place here.

PS. To Gen. Ike: Joner was sure you'd want to know about the weather. December had the coldest average in 17 years, but so far January has been just like spring.

U.S.—Britain Reach Agreement to Supply Liberated Europeans

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (ANS).—An agreement between the British and American governments to increase a regular flow of supplies to liberated Europe has been announced by the State Department.

The agreement came as a result of conversations with Richard Law, British minister of state, but the nature of the measures was not disclosed.

The State Department said the main subject of the discussions was how to maintain economies in liberated countries, so the countries would become an effective advance base for operations against Germany.

At the same time, the ASF told of a plan to obtain more than a billion dollars' worth of goods for the Allied armies from French and Belgian industry.

The arrangement, which at present is apart from lend-lease, calls for the U.S. and the U.K. to supply the bulk of raw materials.

Two-Term Limit

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (ANS).—Republican Leader Martin has proposed a constitutional amendment to prohibit any person from serving more than two terms as President. Martin said the resolution would carry out terms of the 1944 Republican platform.

Up Front With Mauldin



"Your wild, happy, free life is over. Tomorrow ya start luggin' ammo agin."

Bounce Hirohito, Tighten Up Nippon Industry, Experts Say

By Leonard Giblin
Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—Proposals to exile the Japanese emperor and for rigid control of the enemy's industry after the war found strong support here among the 160 Far Eastern experts who are attempting to decide how to keep the Nipponese from waging another conflict.

Sessions of the Institute of Pacific Relations, representing twelve United Nations bordering the Pacific, are studying most phases of the postwar Japanese problem. It was emphasized that the meetings are informal.

Since Jan. 10, assembled military men, economists and educators have heard proposals ranging from executing Japanese industrialists as war criminals and putting Emperor Hirohito "on ice" in China to seizing the Kuriles, north of the Jap homeland, and southern Loochow as Allied bases.

Nations represented include Australia, Canada, China, France, India, Korea, New Zealand, the Philippines, Thailand, United Kingdom, U.S. and the Netherlands.

The important exception is Russia, which is not at war with Japan. Discussions so far in this ten-day meeting can be boiled down to four main points:

- 1.—Make Japan realize she has been beaten: by humbling Hirohito, possibly by making him sign the peace treaty personally; by exiling him.
- 2.—Occupy Japan with forces from all the United Nations, not from

white western nations alone. This won general approval so that future Jap jingoists cannot make capital of the people's hatred for the white man.

3.—Destroy the power of the military caste along with the Emperor.

4.—Clip Japanese industry's ability to feed a future war machine.

A conference spokesman told reporters there was general agreement among the experts that industrialists should be treated as war criminals because they had been so closely allied with the military.

The Chinese propose taking Jap products as reparations, and they also like the idea of Jap labor battalions to rebuild their country.

Jobs Classified as Guide For Selective Service

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (ANS).—The War Manpower Commission divided its list of 35 essential activities into two general divisions yesterday, "critical" and "non-critical." The breakdown was issued as a guide to Selective Service in drafting men 26 to 29, in line with a directive from War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes.

Registrants in work on the top priority list will be held in jobs as long as possible to prevent disruption of war production. Those at work in activities making up the balance of the list will be called first to meet the need for some 200,000 men of this age group by July 1.

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This Was America Yesterday:

Crowd Ignores FDR's Plea To Stay Away from Inaugural

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The source of all good directives, Washington, seems today like one of those places down in Florida that shuts its eyes to the Office of Defense Transportation's question, "Is Your Trip Necessary?" Hotels are crowded, even for these crowded days, and more and more persons are arriving. And it's not only from those officially invited to the Austerity Inauguration—we still dearly love a parade and a lot of people arrived to peer through the railings of 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Eleven state governors will be there; Fala will be there; but Roosevelt's unsuccessful opponent, Gov. Thomas Dewey, has refused the invitation.

It looks like Chairman Andrew J. May, of the House Military Committee, is throwing pop bottles at the umpire. After the President's "green light to baseball," May, speaking as an individual, said: "Any man who is able to play baseball is able to fight or work in a war plant." Queried on the morale factor of the game, Chairman May added: "If baseball has morale value it can be just as great played in the Army."

A New Use for Barracks Bag

THE Troops at Home: Pvt. William Williams, travelling from Chicago to New York with his three-year-old son, solved the problem by carrying him in a barracks bag, papoose fashion. And an MP of Chillicothe, Ohio, fell asleep at the movies and had a dream. He dreamed he had gone to bed fully clothed. So he started to undress himself, and when he had only his shorts on he walked down the aisle with his hands outstretched into the hands of a civilian cop.

The other day an employee of Bendix Aviation Corporation, Philadelphia, pulled out a pack of butts. A fellow worker mentioned he'd heard that convalescent soldiers at Valley Forge General Hospital had difficulty in getting smokes. The owner suggested a raffle for his pack, proceeds to go for cigarettes for the wounded. Over \$150 was raised and the workers in their spare time scoured the neighborhood for the cigarettes. Now it's a weekly procedure.

DESCRIBED as "The Most Popular U.S. Sailor in Great Britain," George Wilbur Crosby, New York, is being held for grand jury action on charges of violating export laws. Police here alleged he took good things to the UK on his trips. In his room they found 1,000 fountain pens, 27 wrist-watches, ten cigarette lighters, 24 pairs of silk hose and a few other things.

NEW YORK needs some of those little books, maybe. Robert P. Lane, executive director of the city's Welfare Council, thinks that the furore made about "victory girls" and their effect on the rising VD rate is just a smokescreen. "The source," he says, "lies in commercialized prostitution, and not in warborn lowering of moral standards among teen-age girls." He criticizes the system of dealing with inmates after houses are raided—"the women are jailed, whereas men are usually released."

A former Chicago press photographer, Sgt. Johnny Pagoria, was in a roadside dispute near St. Louis with a large, tough guy who grabbed Johnny by the necktie and began to use such language as press photographers do not like to hear. Without excitement Johnny drew a black-jack, weighed it in his hand and casually inquired, "What do you hear from your draft board, Bud?" Whereupon the crude man withdrew. It is considered the sergeant must have learned those tactics in the Army as Chicago pressmen are very quiet people.

Danger to a Town Averted

ANY time in the last six months the business district of Nyack, N.Y., might have been blasted like a wartorn village. An underground pool of gasoline formed by seepage from a storage tank was the cause of danger. Fumes constituted such a hazard that a spark from a backfiring automobile could have caused an explosion. News of the danger was suppressed, and now all peril has been averted by draining the underground pool.

Sgt. J. S. Drexler, of Milford, Iowa, returned home unexpectedly from France on a furlough and found a scarlet fever quarantine sign on the door of his home. Making a rapid calculation of the quarantine period, etc., Drexler opened the door and walked right in. He might be late back.

THE HOUSE got the jump on the Senate yesterday by passing the first bill of the 79th Congress—a measure authorizing the Navy to construct new bases and facilities costing \$1,500,549,500. The measure, referred to the Senate, authorized expenditures of \$986,000,000 for advanced naval bases, \$230,222,200 for ship repair facilities, \$65,500,000 for ordnance works and \$71,416,500 for fleet training and aviation facilities.

Legislators Protest Draft of Farmers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (ANS).—A mounting flow of mail from home states stirred complaints from both Senators and House members today against a Selective Service order directing local draft boards to re-examine all deferred farm youths from 18 to 25.

An unofficial committee of 11 representatives met yesterday with Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director, asking that full consideration be given to the Tydings Amendment which permits deferring of essential farm workers. Hershey told the representatives that his recent order specifically stated that the Tydings amendment was to be considered.

AAF Orders More C46s From Curtis Wright Firm

BUFFALO, Jan. 19 (ANS).—Army Air Forces have awarded Curtis Wright a new contract for C46 Commandos, which will extend orders past mid-1946 and will increase present transport plane schedules, company officials disclosed.

The contract will up production 50 percent from June, 1945, to the end of the year, and in 1946 by one third. Buffalo and Kenmore, N.Y., will handle the bulk of the order, with remainder being absorbed by St. Louis.

Dog Priority Called Error Of Judgment

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (ANS). Presidential Secretary Stephen Early said today neither Col. Elliott Roosevelt nor the White House had asked for air priority for a dog which displaced three servicemen from an Army cargo plane. Early termed the whole affair "a most regrettable combination of errors."

The dog was sent to Col. Roosevelt's wife, actress Faye Emerson, in Hollywood. When the plane carrying it reached Memphis Jan. 11, 300 lbs. of high priority freight had to be put aboard, according to the War Department, and a soldier, sailor and Seabee were put off. The English bull mastiff stayed aboard.

Early said the dog belonged to Elliott, second oldest son of the President, but that "he was not responsible for shipment by air under any priority."

An 'Error of Judgment'

"The President knew nothing about it; no one here knew anything about it. No one here gave it priority. Apparently priority was put on the crate for the dog here in Washington," Early continued without clarifying who may have done so.

Maj. Gen. Harold L. George, of ATC, said "an error of judgment" had been made, an "error that won't happen again."

Michigan Graft Witness Slain

JACKSON, Mich., Jan. 19 (ANS).—A nationwide dragnet has been thrown out for the slayer of Warren G. Hooper, Republican state senator, who was the principal witness in investigation of state capital graft charges.

Hooper, who had given evidence before Judge Leland W. Carr, Michigan's one-man grand jury, was shot three times through the head. His body was found in the burned remains of his car at a lonely point on the Lansing-Albion highway.

The case, in which his evidence was essential, involved state legislature graft charges.

The dead man's evidence cannot now be used, legal authorities said.

Work-or-Fight Bill To Be Ready Soon

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (ANS).—Chairman Andrew J. May (D-Ky.), of the House Military Affairs Committee, hopes to have his work-or-fight bill, forcing all men between 18 and 45 to get or keep war jobs, ready for consideration on the House floor next week.

The committee is expected to take cognizance of farmers' fears that the bill will nullify the Tydings Amendment, which exempts essential farm workers from the draft.

Marvin Jones, who as War Food Administrator directs all food production, contended that the bill would help keep 4Fs down on the farm.

Wedding Bells for St. Lo Veteran



T/Sgt. John Glass, of Lynchburg, Va., who lost a leg at St. Lo, gets a kiss from his bride, Mary Ann Gotschall, of Vincennes, Ind. They were married at an Atlanta hospital where she is a civilian worker. Her left leg was amputated because of a bone disease a year ago.

America Is Like Dream To Yank Back from ETO

By James Powers

International News Service Writer

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—When he came out of the railroad station from the separation center into the streets, Sgt. Walter Mille said that the thing he noticed first was "lights—wonderful lights everywhere."

"People who live here all the time don't realize what a paradise America is," he said. "When you're away from it for a while you begin to dream about it and when you get back you wonder for a while if you're not still dreaming."

Mille talked quietly but with deep conviction that came from innumerable bull sessions with comrades who had fought almost continuously for nearly 30 months from North Africa to Germany with the First Div.

"I just want to sit here and talk," he said on his first day home in a small sun-filled living room in Brooklyn. "Maybe in a couple of weeks I'll want to go out and raise a little hell, but now I'm tired—but I'm happy."

Mille returned to the U. S. recently, one of more than 1,300 beribboned and decorated veterans of the Western Front.

"It's hard to explain how it feels," he said again and again as his family and neighbors crowded into the little room, overflowing into a shiny kitchen. He talked all in one breath. About fresh milk, ice cream, butter, beer, the price of cognac in Paris, the attitude of German civilians, what soldiers wanted after the war.

"People here don't seem to realize—I guess they can't realize—what those men are going through. It's so totally different here they can't appreciate what it means to be fighting. Sometimes you think, forever, on and on and on. I can't tell you..."

Arnold Says Nazis Lack Aerial Power

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (ANS).—Gen. H. H. Arnold, AAF commander, declared that Germany does not possess sufficient air power to sustain a decisive offensive. As to Japan, he said, "the curtain has yet to go up on the first act."

Nipponese islands will receive full scale assaults from B29s, Forts, Liberators, and even small craft he said.

He said it was only because of bad weather that Von Rundstedt was able to mount his counter-offensive. When the weather cleared, vastly superior airpower was able to cut German supplies and turn the balance in our favor, he said.

Gen. Arnold, however, predicted a "long, hard and bitter struggle" against Japan.

Challenge of Peace FDR Ready for 4th Inaugural

By Carl Larsen

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—President Roosevelt begins his fourth term tomorrow at high noon in a simple inaugural ceremony. With 12 years of service behind him, Roosevelt launches on four more that hold in store unparalleled problems incident to victory and the return of a strife-torn world to stability.

The inauguration will be held on the White House south portico, instead of the Capital Plaza, traditional site since 1825. Attendance is limited to Supreme Court justices, Cabinet members, Congress, agency heads, diplomats, the electoral college, Democratic national committeemen and special guests.

The President was 50 years old on March 4, 1933, when he took over the nation in the trough of depression. Today, at 62, he is grayer and his face is more lined.

Since that day, he has steered the nation through nine peacetime years of social and economic upheaval and three years of the most savage war in history. He has bowled over four aspirants to the White House—ex-President Herbert Hoover, Alfred M. Landon, Wendell Willkie and Thomas E. Dewey. And he has had, or will have, three vice-presidents—John Nance Garner and Harry Truman, and next Saturday, Harry Truman.

He has travelled more than any President in history. Most of the mileage was chalked up since the war, in historic meetings with Churchill and Stalin. They are expected to meet again after the inauguration.

Roosevelt began in 1933 with a preponderantly sympathetic Congress, but its Democratic strength gradually waned until in the past few years a coalition of Republicans and southern Democrats has frequently defeated administration measures. The November election, however, bolstered the Democratic edge, but the coalition still is effective.

Roosevelt's first inauguration took place before 100,000 persons who watched Chief Justice Charles Evans Hughes administer the oath. There was a two-hour inaugural parade as 96 airplanes flew overhead.

Second Inaugural

The second Roosevelt inauguration—Jan. 20, 1937—was first held under an advanced date stipulated in a lame duck amendment. The New York Times said: "This inauguration was the President's accolade. The depression had not been beaten, public relief and unemployment were still the greatest national problems, but the country had looked on the first Roosevelt term and found it good—so good that a majority of voters in 46

states had swept Mr. Roosevelt triumphantly back into office."

The President's third inauguration—which brought thousands of words both pro and con from the nation's editorial writers about the precedent involved—was held Jan. 20, 1941.

Arsenal of Democracy

People across the nation scanned the President's inaugural address for his observations on the war in Europe, as war dominated the thoughts of the country. The U.S. stood in a state of emergency—an arsenal of democracy—sending limited lend-lease aid to Britain but as yet shipping scrap iron and oil to Japan.

On that day the German armies stood along all shores of the Baltic and held the Channel ports of France. German bombers roamed over Great Britain.

The Japanese were deep in Asia and the Chinese headquarters already had been pushed back to Chungking.

And now the fourth inaugural—with Americans engaging German and Japanese forces around the world. In Europe, the Nazis are being beaten on the ground and in the air; in Poland and Hungary by Russians. In the Pacific, Americans under MacArthur—who watched the first inauguration twelve years ago—are pushing back the Japanese on Luzon.



Combat 'Youngsters'—They Took the Village Wearing Long-handles

TODAY'S roundup story on "Our Dumb Friends" ranges from a pig in a poke, or something, to a pigeon in Cpl. Schiller's paws.

The pig shared Pvt. Joe Spencer's medium tank during an artillery barrage. When Joe, of Washington, D.C., and the Third Tank Bn. of the Tenth Armored Div. scrambled inside for shelter, he found the porker already there, rooting around and having a helluva time. The crew still hasn't been able to figure how the pig got inside.

It was a bull that made things uncomfortable for Capt. Edward West Jr., of Haddonfield, N.J. The Fifth Div. captain was trying to spot enemy machine-gun fire when a bull spotted him.

George Daniels, of St. Mary's, Pa., figured they were enemy paratroopers when he saw a bunch of white forms milling around a field near his guard post. He got the sergeant of the guard and some riflemen in the Second Inf. Div. to form a defense line. When the mortars opened up, the flashes showed the "paratrooper force" was a flock of sheep.

Other guys got wine and cognac, but Cpl. Raymond Schiller, of Astoria, L.I., got the bird when his Eighth Inf. Div. outfit cut up the Brittany Peninsula. A kid with a paper bag full of something reached in and pulled the something out to hand it to Schiller as his truck rolled through town. "It" was a live pigeon.

BOOBY-TRAP scare proved to be a jarring experience for 735th Tank Bn. of the Fifth Inf. Div. shortly after the outfit hit up a CP.

Cpl. Wayne Berry and Pfc Marvin Anderson noticed some of the bricks in the cellar floor seemed to be newly laid.

The pair became suspicious. Proceeding cautiously and probing beneath for wires, the men removed the bricks to find two wooden cross-beams underneath. These also were given careful handling and removed to reveal a large metal lid with a handle.

The CP was cleared of all personnel except the self-appointed "booby neutralizers," who attached a rope to the handle, passed it out a cellar window and went outside to tug. Nothing happened.

After a cautious wait, Anderson and Berry returned to the cellar to find an opening packed with jars of home-canned cherries, pears, plums and raspberries.

Cpl. John P. Dunlap, of Mathiston, Miss., is pretty touchy these days. Sticking the nose of his light tank cautiously around a street corner in a German town, he saw four Mark VI tanks coming up. As Dunlap's tank started back up the street, a German sniper, holed up at a second-story window, jeered at him in perfect English, "What's the matter, Johnny, you getting scared?"

AMONG the men of M Co., 407th Inf., 102nd Div., Pvt. James G. "Muscles" Leacock enjoys a reputation as a coffee brewer. When Leacock sets a pot on the stove the java friends gather quickly.

On one occasion, Muscles, a wireman, had just started operations when a call came to repair a break in communications. The Detroit soldier, as proud of his wire ability as he is of his coffee making, wagered he would have the trouble fixed before the water came to a boil. He traced the wire several hundred yards to find the break, repaired it and hustled back to his buddies.

The coffee wasn't boiling, but Muscles Leacock was one lather of sweat.

It's a good idea to pick a safe rank if you have a weakness for tossing snowballs. T/5 Lawrence Schuit, of Midlothian, Ill., a half-track driver with the Third Armored "Spearhead" Div., hit a major by mistake. To Larry's relief, the victim smiled as he scooped the cold Belgian snow out of his collar.

"Lucky you didn't hit a second lieutenant," remarked the major.

POSES, PRATTLINGS AND POISON-PENS.—That jeep on the "Somewhere in Europe" column head has been chasing Hitler long enough. It's about time for a 6,000-mile check—signal section in a combat outfit.

"I baked some delicious strawberry short-cake with thick whipped cream for our boys at the front recently—and there was plenty of seconds."—Pfc Edward E. Fieseler, Co. M, 115th Inf., 29th Inf. Div. "It was the Second Regt. of the Fifth Div. and not the 11th Regt., which took Driant."—Pvt. Cleo P. Drake and others. "This division (Eighth Inf. Div.) started in the middle of the Hurtgen Forest, fought its way to the fringe, and in subsequent action took Hurtgen, Kleinbau Forest, Vossenack, Brandenberg, Wurtzel, Besselbach Hill 401, Badonast, Kreuzbeck and Bergstein."—T/4 W. B. H. "What the dickens are you people, the personal press agents of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr.?"—Sgts. Frank Napal and R. J. Alagna, 32nd Armored Regt. "Our company was the first to reach Devil's Hill."—The Lucky Four, 508th Parachute Inf. "MPs of the 783rd Bn. have turned in 18,125 jerriacans."—Lt. Compton, S/Sgt. Priore and Sgt. Harris. "How about a piece about the Navy?"—The Fighting Seabees. "A little credit to the 'dirty 19' that are stormboat operators of an Eng. Bn."—A. Dombroski and others.

Combat 'Youngsters'—They Took the Village Wearing Long-handles

By Ken Dixon
Associated Press Correspondent

WITH 84th INF. DIV., Belgium, Jan. 18.—This Rail-splitter Div. has only been in combat a couple of months or so, so it must be excused if it keeps pulling those rookie tricks.

You see, it's been busy fighting ever since it hit Europe. Consequently, there wasn't time for anybody to explain that, according to the recognized rules of warfare:

A battalion commander just doesn't walk across no-man's-land at night and capture the German battalion commander opposing him.

And a whole battalion doesn't dress up in white long-handed winter underwear to sneak 900 yards across a snow-covered open field, surprise and capture a heavily-defended village.

Led 5-Man Patrol
Maj. Roland L. Kolb, of Fond du Lac, Wis., certainly should have known better. After all, he's the commander of the First Battalion. But last night he led a five-man patrol on a little reconnaissance mission.

Stooging around in the thick Ardennes woods, suddenly they saw a lanky figure strolling down the forest trail towards them. Kolb stepped behind a tree until the figure came up, then jumped out in front of it and said sharply: "Haende hoch!"

The prisoner was a German captain, commanding the battalion opposing them. It also was the First Battalion.

Forced to Withdraw
The other stunt was strictly the responsibility of Maj. William C. Stone Jr., of Westminster, Md. He's commander of the First Battalion which for two days unsuccessfully attacked a little Belgian village.

So the major called for white longhandles to provide camouflage for the third attack.

Pulling them over their other clothes, Stone's soldiers waited for the darkness. Then white against the snow's whiteness they moved stealthily across the field. For 300 yards they went undetected. Then it was too late to halt them.

The enemy tanks withdrew and the ghostly doughboys started shooting up the infantry.

Gen. Hodges Decorated For Dash to Germany

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, commander of the First U.S. Army, has been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to the DSM by Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, 12th AGC commander, for his handling of the First Army in the dash across France, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg into Germany. Bradley commended Hodges and units of the First Army for the "masterful manner" in which Von Rundstedt's Ardennes offensive had been stopped.

Saves Gas Truck

In the middle of an artillery barrage, with a blazing jeep a few feet away, T/5 John T. Catrett Jr., of DeFuniak Springs, Fla., and the 41st Armored Inf. Regt. got into a truck loaded with fuel gasoline cans and drove away to safety.

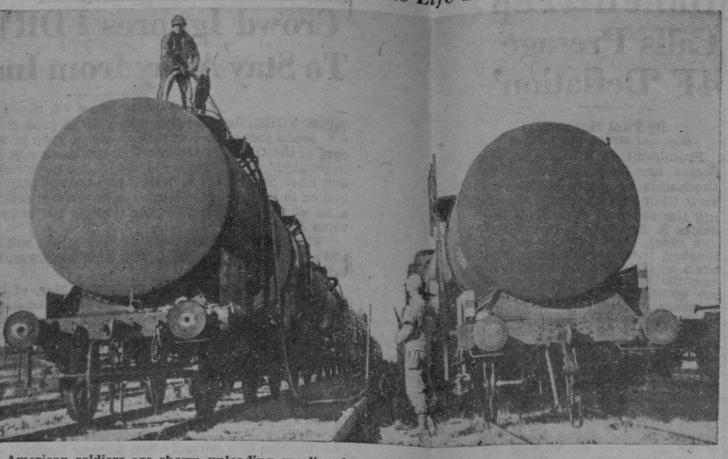
Missed by a Hair—Close Enough for Andy

S/Sgt. Joe Miniccozzi, of Jessup, Pa., examines a bullet gash in the helmet of Pfc Andy Masiero, of Newburgh, N.Y. (right), near Beffe, Belgium. Both are in First Bn., 290th Inf., 75th Div.



S/Sgt. Joe Miniccozzi, of Jessup, Pa., examines a bullet gash in the helmet of Pfc Andy Masiero, of Newburgh, N.Y. (right), near Beffe, Belgium. Both are in First Bn., 290th Inf., 75th Div.

Through This Pipe Line Flows the Life Blood of the Army



American soldiers are shown unloading gasoline from French tank cars into a pipe line through which it is pumped to Allied depots and bases on the Western Front. To this pumping station, built by U.S. engineers, come vast quantities of gasoline, loaded directly into tank cars at French ports.

Pockets Weren't Full—It Was a Nazi Dame

WITH 90TH INF. DIV., Jan. 18.—Female Jerries are similar to the real "supermen" if they're in Nazi uniform, T/Sgt. Myron B. Varwie, of McCook, Neb., and a platoon sergeant of Co. C, 359th Inf., knows. He captured one.

"When I first saw her," he related, "she was lying on the ground, playing dead. She was in complete Wehrmacht uniform with helmet and a P38 pistol. I noticed the curves, but thought they were grenades in the uniform pockets."

"We each made a small sortie during the fourth night. We'd been living on our nerves, coaxing each other not to surrender, kidding ourselves that our battalion would be coming up anytime. On our one-man patrols I got rations from a dead Joe and Gene picked up an Army-issue Protestant Bible from another Joe.

"The rations helped the first day—that and eating snow—but the Bible brought us through. I got a wife and two kids, with a third now overdue. We'd take turns reading and that's what helped us to hold out."

The two reinforcements had one blanket which, covered with snow, concealed their hideout, and they breathed under it in order that the Germans would not detect their presence. On the seventh day they walked back into Luttrebois with their hands overhead so that Yank sentries, seeing their strange, emaciated figures, would not mistake them for Germans in GI clothing.

Trapped Yanks Had Word for Nazis' Demand

WITH 39th INF. DIV., Ligneux, Belgium.—The German infantry kicked the door open and shouted, "Kommen sie heraus." They had a Panther tank in front of the house and they weren't expecting anything more than a dozen-odd American prisoners.

What they hadn't counted on was Capt. Victor Salem, of New York, who had the CP of his Co. G in the basement and didn't figure on being taken prisoner. Neither did T/4 Benny Bohon, of Nashville, Tenn., company executive officer who was on the first floor.

And what's more neither did Pfc Robert Robinson, of North Carolina; Ernest Poulton, of Boston; Robert Ward, of New Jersey, or any of the men in Co. G headquarters. The answer from the Germans got was a burst of fire from Bohon, who was in the first floor hall, bullets from Poulton and Ward through the basement door, and a bazooka shell from Robinson. When it was over the Germans had eight dead—three from the shell with which Robinson damaged the tank and caused it to withdraw—and Salem still had his CP.

Learns the Hard Way

The bazooka was a strange weapon to S/Sgt. Jack C. Loooper, of Great Falls, S.C., but he caught on to its tricks in a hurry. When some members of a bazooka team became casualties, Loooper, exposed man, ran to their position, exposed himself to tank fire, and put the weapon back into action. He fired eight rockets, knocked the tank out of action and killed the crew.

---the Last Letter from Home

WITH AMERICAN FORCES, Jan. 19.—Tragedy stalked Cpl. Peter Hashem from France to the UK and back again—and finally caught up with him.

Hashem became ill and entered the hospital Dec. 30. He was transferred to the UK for the operation. In making the trip he lost his wallet, which contained his only photograph of his wife and their seven-month-old baby, who was born after Hashem came overseas. Though he made requests for its return, the picture hasn't yet reappeared.

Until this week it had been a sentimental request, but now the loss of that photograph has taken on tragic importance for Peter Hashem. When he rejoined his outfit Jan. 6, he had 20 letters waiting for him. Slacking them chronologically, he opened the most recent one first.

It told him that his wife and the baby he'd never seen had been burned to death in a fire that destroyed his home.

People of Houffalize Smile As Month of Nazi Hell Ends

By Dan Regan
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

HOUFFALIZE, Belgium, Jan. 19.—German artillery shells still burst on the sides of the high hills which surround Houffalize as the surviving civilians—cold, hungry and frightened—crawled out of the cellars and smiled for the first time in a month of terror.

The town, which the Germans held so tenaciously, for which troops of the First and Third Armies fought so hard, today was deserted by German soldiers.

Yesterday, the last Germans inside Houffalize fired some desultory shots as they left, dragging their guns behind them. They fired at a patrol of the 84th Div., led into the town by 1/Lt. Jack Genser, of Chicago, who is in the 33rd Regt. His division, working with the Second Armored Div., drove the Germans from the town.

Relate Tale of Horror
The story of what happened to the town's civilians was gleaned from conversations with Father Louis George, the parish priest, and from a girl in her early twenties, named Marie, who said "My last name is German but my heart is Belgian."

Today was the first time in a month that these people felt safe outside the cellars. Seventy-five of them, including the priest, were crowded into a deep cellar beneath the parish house. Since the day the Germans overran the town, a few days before Christmas, these people lived like the ancient Christians did in the catacombs.

Two hundred and ten civilians died during that awful month. One hundred and seventy-five still remain in the town. The rest have fled or were evacuated by the Germans.

Germans Took Food
The Germans came into Houffalize and took all the food. They also rounded up all the livestock in town. But many times at night a brave boy sneaked into the barns and stole cows and pigs, which were quickly killed and cooked by the Belgian civilians.

They still were in the cellar today when an American patrol and a few correspondents entered the town. Two old women were eating a vile-smelling stew from a common dish. One held the dish and the other a candle so they could see.

Tonight there isn't a building left in the whole of Houffalize, the people haven't any food, but they greeted the Americans with a friendly smile, extended hand and a cheer "Ca va?"

Service Units Helped Block German Drive

Four engineer general service regiments from Communications Zone base sections were rushed into front-line positions to plug a gap in the U.S. First Army's defense along the Meuse River during the recent Nazi counter-offensive, it was revealed yesterday.

The engineer regiments on the line were the 342nd, 366th, 374th, 392nd and the 1308th. When these engineers took up their positions they were the only organized defense forces behind the highly fluid front lines and the open roads to Paris and the interior of France.

When the German panzers started rolling into Belgium, Brig. Gen. Charles O. Thrasher, commanding the Gas Base Section, was given orders to defend the Meuse River line. The regiments were transported to the Meuse by QM trucking units and issued machine-guns, hand grenades, ammunition and other supplies.

The orders to the engineers—turned-combat-troops were to throw back any German attempt to thrust a bridgehead across the Meuse. Two days after being alerted, all the regiments were well dug in at assigned positions. Barricades were erected on the approaches to all bridges and they were wired for demolition. Road blocks were set up and guards posted at every important highway intersection over a wide area west of the river.

Reconnaissance and security patrols operated deep inside the "no-man's-land" territory east of the river.

The engineers' positions were strafed occasionally, and one unit—the 1308th—received almost nightly bombing and strafing attacks.

The 366th and 392nd Regiments are Negro units, the former being the first outfit to reach the Meuse to check the German offensive.

GI Lumberjacks Become Fightin' Doughs in Pinch

WITH ADVANCED U.S. SUPPLY HQ IN BELGIUM.—United States Army lumberjacks dropped their axes and their saws, and took to rifles and machine-guns when the Germans broke through.

At least two forestry companies became combat units, while two other companies were forced to move, leaving four sawmills and much equipment behind. Defending its positions, a unit lost four killed and seventeen wounded.

The lumberjacks, members of engineer forestry companies, have been logging and working sawmills behind front lines to provide lumber for bridges and roads.

Makeshift Stove Flue Becomes Pipe-Dream

AN ADVANCED FIRST TAP FIGHTER BASE, FRANCE.—Soldiers in a Thunderbolt fighter group personnel section substituted a section of lead drain pipe when stovepipe was unavailable.

One cold noon they returned to their tent to find the lead had melted, coating the stove.

Airmen Share Prisoner Haul

WITH XV CORPS IN FRANCE.—Plak over Frankfurt that lit a Flying Fortress and a Liberator of the Eighth AF started a chain of events that brought 34 more prisoners to the XV Corps PW enclosure.

S/Sgts. Clarence W. Gieck, Long Beach, Calif., and Nicholas Peters, Wyandotte, Mich., descended in chutes, walked for a while and came upon two armed SS men, one of whom asked for help. Peters, who can speak German, bandaged the leg of the wounded Nazi and then demanded to be directed to the Americans. The Germans escorted the sergeants to a Yank outpost whereupon the Nazis surrendered.

Doughboys of XV Corps' some thousand yards away moved up to rescue some of the others who bailed out of the two planes and came upon 20 Nazi soldiers who quickly threw up their hands. After the fliers were returned to safety, one of the GIs remembered seeing other Jerries. A squad returned and brought in 12 more prisoners.

Extra! Melvin Does It Again!

Win the War ... in 1944 THE GOODMAN GAZETTE Let's Work—Not Wait For VICTORY!

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MELVIN WINS DOUBLE AWARD

Arthur Writes-- "When you write 'how peaceful it must be over in your end of the world and along the Seine, Daddy, you probably didn't realize how true it actually was. The war passed thru that part of the country just as fast as Patton's trucks and tanks could move and the Boche could run. I remember the day the Seine and surrounding area shows less sign of war or anything military than probably anywhere else in the world. It's the most peaceful I've ever seen. I would want to see, and the country side is just checker-boarded with farm lands and dotted with orchards. It's hard to believe that just a little further east all isn't so quiet and calm."

We do keep very well informed on the war news, because every minute we're in the air, we have our radio on, and same goes for the time we're in the tent. That accounts for about 23 hours per day and we don't miss much because the GIC has a newscast every hour. Besides, we were flying along when they interrupted a program with the announcement to stand by for one minute for an important dispatch from Supreme Headquarters. We're car impatient. We want to know what came to."

The Queen of the Battles
You can talk about your Air Corps and their daring up so high! Of wonderful deeds of the paratroops who float down from the sky. The fearlessness and color of those battle-brother Marines; The bravery and courage of the tars in submarines. Of the P. T. boys who fill about in towns so fast and trim. Of the Coast Guard and their cutters, who fight through thick and thin. Yes, they all deserve a big salute, they really do a job. The Pilot, Marine and Trooper, the Guardsman and the Gob. Men who fight through slugs and stop. On aching feet that never stop. Who keep on moving ever ahead. For whom retreat can never be said. A bunch of Joes with courage great. Who give and take without a break. Then doff your hats to the best we've got. The Doughboy who equals the entire lot. Of pilots, troopers, tars and all. The GI ever on the ball. Boys who'll free the world of its shackles. The Infantry, the Queen of the Battles.

ARMY GIVES HIM REST; GAZETTE GIVES ORCHIDS
Recent letters from Melvin indicate that his company, after having spent some time right up in the lines of battle, have been sent to points well in the rear for a well earned rest and a little recreation.

We are all sure that not only Melvin, but all the boys with him, are merely getting a little rest and enjoy "down of them."

Goodman Gazette Keeps Track of 65 Kinfolk

"MELVIN WINS DOUBLE AWARD." "ARTHUR WRITES." "MELVIN ARRIVES IN ENGLAND." "MELVIN NOW IN FRANCE."

The above are headlines from the Goodman Gazette, family news paper published in Bayonne, N.J., by Uncle Nathan of the Goodman family, which has 65 listed members. Besides Melvin, who is in the 121st Regt., Eighth Inf. Div., there are Goodmans in the Air Force, Signal Corps, Artillery, Medical Corps and Navy.

Uncle Nathan, who runs a warehouse in Jersey City, gets out the Gazette weekly and mails it to members, who in turn are supposed to write at least once each three weeks. Melvin was the best correspondent and that's how he won "Orchids" from the family gazette.

Another big story was when Aunt Anna successfully outlived an operation. The paper is made up in four columns, looks professional enough with win-the-war slogans in the "ears." The Oct. 30 edition carries a cartoon cut of Melvin and his poem, "The Queen of Battles."

Off Secret List
Removal of the 745th Tank Bn. from the restricted list makes public another of the outfits which took part in D-Day landings. The 745th participated in the breakthrough at St. Lo and went on to Brecy, Mortain and Mayenne before helping to close the Falaise gap. Near Mons, Belgium, the 745th helped the air forces wipe out an eight-mile-long Nazi column.

Workman has been wounded seven times, yet has only one Purple Heart. The other six times he just went on fighting and then let a company medic dress him when the battle died down. He's been recommended for both the Silver Star and Distinguished Service Cross.

Machine-guns, fragmentation grenades and Garand rifles have all contributed to Workman's shooting score, although he likes the M1. His biggest day was Sept. 23, when he knocked off 135 Germans counter-attacking Fourth Armored positions on Hill 265, near Rechlécourt, France. Fragments nicked him three times. In the left elbow and in both legs. Once he got his big hands on a 50 cal. MG, Workman mowed down the charging Germans.

He burned up a Nazi light tank by firing a burst of incendiary slugs at its rear end.

The enemy fought harder during the recent break-through in Belgium than ever before, Workman believes. Yet he got 35 of them in Chaumont alone when his division was pushing through to Bastogne.

Eleven Germans were hiding in a cellar in Chaumont when he yelled at them to come out and give up. One of the Nazis laughed at him. Workman tossed in a couple of grenades, then followed up with his beloved M1. None of those 11 Germans will ever laugh again.

Ever since he started rookie training with this division back in April, 1941, Workman has been in the same squad, same platoon, same company—Co. A of the 10th Armored Inf. Bn.

Irish-Indian Killer of Nazis, DSC Prospect, Takes a Break

Tankers Get Furloughs
WITH NINTH ARMORED DIV.—Two tankers from this division's Second Tank Battalion, heroes of the bloody battle east of Bastogne, left for 30-day furloughs in the U.S.

Sgt. Carl E. Jordan, of Dixon, Mo., was wounded by shrapnel near Oberwampach, Luxembourg, on Dec. 18, but fired the blast from his tank cannon that knocked off a Nazi tank moving to destroy the battalion CP.

Sgt. Albert B. Cummins, 39, a veteran of 18 years of Army service, a tank commander, doubled as loader on his tank during the fighting near Bastogne.



Belgian Civilians (above) view the remains of one of Hitler's vaunted Tiger Royal Tanks, destroyed by American forces near Stavelot during the German counter-drive. Pfc William Boyd (left) of Hillsboro, Texas, and Sgt. Jose Velasquez examine a German tank smashed as it attempted to plow through American lines.

Behind the Sports Headlines

BAINBRIDGE, Md.—The local Naval Station's powerful basketball team boasts the cage game's most famous Damon and Pythias duo in former Indiana University stars, Paul Armstrong and Herman Schaeffer. The two are playing their 18th season together with the Bainbridge Commodores. They started in grade school, went through high school and Indiana U., then paced Great Lakes Naval for two seasons . . . **EMPORIA, Kan.**—Roy Woodward, 17-year-old Emporia high school athlete, is the new world's situp champion, according to his coach, Alfred Smith. The youth did 5,666 situps to break the record of 5,555 held by Bill Forelig, of Great Lakes Naval, performing the task in five hours . . . **LOS ANGELES.**—The local draft board stepped in and saved the Philadelphia Athletics a pitcher for next year by recalling Jesse Flores to this country. Flores signed a contract to hurl for Mexico City of the Mexican League and was jumping an American League contract—but the draft board put the damper on the entire deal.

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—George Klumpp, a funeral director and member of the city council, is the new president of the citizen-owned Sacramento ball club of the Pacific Coast League. Klumpp succeeds Harry Ludwig, who was forced to resign at least week's league meeting, due to pressure from Leslie O'Connor, of the baseball commissioner's office. Seems as though Ludwig, who tossed in \$20,000 last year to save the Sacramento franchise, suddenly has been discovered to be an outcast in the eyes of O'Connor, as he allegedly operates pinball machines . . . **MADISON, Wis.**—Wisconsin University faculty representatives are busy denying that Wisconsin will play Yale and Penn State in football next year. Negotiations for both games fell through . . . **BIRMINGHAM, Ala.**—Harry Gilmer, Crimson Tide's ace passer in the Sugar Bowl game, will re-enter Alabama next fall. The Tide's ace back dropped out of school after the New Orleans game to take pre-induction exams and enter the Army, only to be classified 4F.

NEW ORLEANS, La.—Sportsmen here are wondering what happened to all ducks. The State Game Commission has estimated that 35,000,000 ducks would winter in Louisiana, providing excellent hunting. Not five per cent of the total showed up for the first time in history and those didn't remain long enough for the hunters to get their guns oiled . . . **PITTSBURGH.**—Eugene "Scrapiron" Young, who resigned as trainer at Notre Dame several weeks ago, ostensibly to enter business in South Bend, was signed as trainer of the Pittsburgh Steelers of the National Professional Football League, by Owner Art Rooney . . . **LOS ANGELES.**—Mike Hirsch, Ocean Park boxing promoter, is continuing business at the same old address, but it is costing him \$5,000 to do so. The State Boxing Commission found him guilty of laxity in handling tickets, fined him \$2,500 and asked him to donate \$1,250 each to the boxers' and wrestlers' benefit fund and to Service Sports Inc., before voting him a 1945 license to operate. And some robbers use guns . . . **CHICAGO.**—There's nothing like good old amateur hockey. The Chicago Black Hawks recently turned up with a deal making the Moose Jaw (Saskatchewan) Canucks a Black Hawk hockey farm. The Canucks are leaders in the Saskatchewan Junior Amateur Hockey League.

Louis Confirms Cordaro's Tip On Conn Fight

CAMP SHANKS, N. Y., Jan. 19.—S/Sgt. Joe Louis, world heavy-weight champion on duty here, confirmed the exclusive announcement by the London Stars and Stripes that he will retire after he gives Cpl. Billy Conn a shot at his title when the war is over. Tony Cordara, Stars and Stripes writer, reported in yesterday's London edition that Louis, while on his ETO tour last summer, had told him he would hang up his gloves after a return engagement with "Billy the Kid."

"It's true that I'm going to defend my title only once after the war and that Billy Conn will be my opponent," the champ said here yesterday. "Conn deserves the first crack at me, because he's the No. 1 contender. He gave me my hardest fight."

Conn Boxes in London

LONDON, Jan. 19.—Billy Conn jabbed to a three-round decision over T/Sgt. Bill Dirks, Purple Heart winner from Cumberland, Md., at the Rainbow Corner boxing show last night. Conn was making his first appearance in England since his tour of the Continent began.

XIX Tactical Command Stages Boxing Show

XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND HQ, Jan. 19.—The first of a series of boxing shows, presented by Special Service of the XIX Tactical Air Command, which will culminate in the Air Command championship, will be held here Sunday.

Marcel Thil, former middleweight champion of Europe, and Maj. Isador "Hotsy" Alperstein, former Maryland University boxer, will be the referees.

The 10-bout card follows:

Cpl. Dave Peebles, Fond du Lac, Wis., vs S/Sgt. Harry Ashmore, Boston, Mass.; Sgt. Raphael Guarado, Oklahoma City, Okla., vs Sgt. Holland Upchurch, Muncie, Ind.; Pvt. Tony Bellinger, Chicago, vs Pvt. Josie Greer, Detroit; Pfc. Frank Fassals, East St. Louis, Ill., vs Pvt. H. Robinson; Pvt. J. Sharkey, Fond du Lac, Wis., vs Pvt. B. Ayers, Allentown, Pa.; Sgt. E. Ross, Asbury Park, N.J., vs Pfc. Ed. Block, Garden City Park, N.Y.; Pvt. J. Lanier, Decatur, Ala., vs Pfc. J. Taylor, Tulsa, Okla.; Sgt. R. Willmen, New York, vs Sgt. A. Longstretch, Oil City, Pa.; Cpl. H. Mansberger, New York, vs Pfc. L. Thompson, Seminole, Okla.; Cpl. Sol Askinazi, Akron, Ohio, vs Cpl. Leo Carahan, Wooster, Mass.

Paris Elevens Will Try Again

Victorious over the Normandy League championship Mudcloggers last week, the SHAEF Invaders will play for football championship honors, facing the Second AADA Thunderbolts tomorrow afternoon at Parc des Princes Stadium. The undefeated teams had two scheduled meetings postponed for security reasons, but officials at SHAEF declared late today the contest definitely will be played. Kickoff is at 1:45 P.M.

The Invaders defeated the Terrors, 7-0; Blue Devils, 19-0; Raiders, 7-0; Defenders, 6-0; 217th Hospital, 67-0, and the Mudcloggers, 2-0. The Thunderbolts' record: Defeated First General Hospital, 6-0; Raiders, 20-0; ADC, 7-6; Blue Devils, 13-0; Terrors, 13-6, and Ninth AF Hqs., 32-6.

Com Z in Hockey Match

Hockey teams representing Com Z and the French Chamonix will meet tonight at 8:30 P.M. at 17 Rue Mesnil in a return match. Last week the two clubs played to a 3-3 tie.

Boxing Head Says Matches Aid Unity

PATERSON, N.J., Jan. 19.—Allied unity would be greatly stimulated by international boxing championship matches, says Abe J. Greene, president of the National Boxing Association. Greene offered as his first suggestion for such a match a flyweight title fight between Jackie Peterson of England and Dado Mario, a Filipino now serving with the U.S. Army.

The quarterly NBA ratings, with champions and leading challengers, were released by Greene today:

Heavyweights—Joe Louis, champion; Billy Conn, Joe Baksi and Jimmy Bivins, contenders; **Highweights**—Gus Lesnevich, champion; Lloyd Marshall and Freddie Mills, contenders; **middleweights**—Tony Zale, champion; George Abrams, Holman Williams and Jake Lamotta, contenders; **welterweights**—Freddie Cochrane, champion; Ray Robinson and California Jackie Wilson, challengers; **lightweights**—Juan Zurita, champion; Beau Jack, Bob Montgomery, Ike Williams and Willie Joyce, contenders; **featherweights**—Sal Bartola, champion; Willie Pep, contender; **bantamweights**—Manuel Ortiz, champion; Rush Balma, Kui Kong Young and Little Dado, contenders; **flyweights**—Jackie Peterson, champion; Dado Marino and Joe Curran, challengers.

Indians Put Padlock on Calverly



Erna Calverly (3), Rhode Island State star who has averaged 23 points a game, is stopped in his tracks by Bill Kotsoris (3) and Hy Gotkin (12), of St. John's, in their recent game at Madison Square Garden, New York. St. John's won, 66-58.

Brooklyn Influence Sparks Great Lakes Cage Offensive

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—Midwestern coaches, long accustomed to the belief that their section was the producer of the best basketball in the nation, are rubbing their eyes these days at the exploits of a couple of characters from the wheatfields of Brooklyn, U.S.A., who have revolutionized the game in the midlands.

The slambang tactics and fast breaks have given way to fancy passing and studied defense in at least one Midwestern basketball foundry, the Great Lakes Naval Training Center under the direction of Dick McGuire, of St. John's, and Walter Budko, of Columbia, both now in Uncle Sam's Navy. The Sailors, playing in Brooklyn fashion, have run up 17 straight victories and 18 out of 20 for the season against teams which always have held to the fast break as the surest way to victory.

McGuire Leads with 192
McGuire, All-Metropolitan guard last season with the Redmen, is top scorer for the Bluejackets with 192 points. Budko, who played center for the Lions and set scoring records at Morningside Heights, is fifth with 160.

"I couldn't get those two to speed up to our usual style of play, so we compromised and slowed down with them," said Coach Forrest Anderson, "and we are now playing a game much slower than is usual in this section."

The entire squad seems to have benefited from the style imported from the East, as six men on the team have scored more than 100 points.

Basketball players, as well as trees, apparently grow in Brooklyn.

Will Hamline Defend?

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 19.—The National Intercollegiate basketball tournament, victim of the war last year, will operate again this year with 32 teams entered, according to Emil Liston, Baker University athletic director and sponsor of the tourney. Hamline, currently center of the AAU controversy over the use of pro baseball players, won the last tournament.

The Question Box

Sgt. Don Reynolds.—Al Simmons did play for Detroit while Mickey Cochrane was manager during the season of 1936. The next year, he went to the Washington Senators. Don Hutson has been playing nine years as a pro.

Cpl. Lawrence Ciper.—Hugh Duffy of the Boston Nationals compiled, in 124 games during the 1894 season, a batting average of .438. Rogers Hornsby, in 143 games during the 1924 season, batted .424.

1/Sgt. Frank Vergamini.—Joe Louis was born May 13, 1914, Lexington, Ala. He won the world's title in 1937 from James J. Braddock at the age of 23.

Cpl. Willard Lewis.—Score by periods of the '45 Sugar Bowl game: Alabama 12, 7, 0, 7-26. Duke 7, 6, 7, 9-22. The Orange Bowl game: Tulsa 14, 0, 12, 0-26. Georgia Tech 0, 0, 6-12.

Cpl. Philip McKeane and Speedy Staal.—The official world record in the 100-yard dash is held jointly by Frank Wykoff and Jesse Owens at 9.4 seconds.

Buddy Young's 9.4 century last year isn't officially recognized, but he has an official mark of 9.5 to his credit.

S/Sgt. Edward Buresh.—Score by periods of the Rose Bowl game: So. Cal. 6, 6, 0, 13-25. Tennessee, nothing.

T/Sgt. Bernard Mieszkowski.—Hack Wilson hit the most home runs in the National League in 1930 when he clouted 56 for the Chicago Cubs.

S/1c Sam Neigeborn.—Here's dimensions of the Polo Grounds: Left field, 279 feet; right field, 257 feet; center field, 505 feet. Yankee Stadium: Left, 301; right, 296; center, 461. Ebbets Field: Left, 356; right, 297; center, 400.

Pfc. Lloyd Baker.—Notre Dame defeated Stanford, 27-10, in 1925, the only Irish visit to the Rose Bowl.

Cpl. A. B. Postel.—In 20 years of the Shrine East-West game, West has won 11 games, East six, and three have ended in ties.

Donelli, Pep Calls Presage 4F 'Deflation'

By Paul Horowitz
Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

Prominent 4F athletes in the States are sweating it out as thousands of draft boards review their service status, heeding the order of War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes to Selective Service chief, Maj. Gen. Louis B. Hershey, that reclassification physicals be instituted immediately to ease the critical manpower shortage, both in military and industrial branches.

GIs in the ETO seem indifferent to the furore President Roosevelt created when he asked for legislation which would find a place for men between 18 and 45 years of age in limited service, or in essential industries. The average doughfoot's reaction is: "We're facing tougher problems, let the 4F athletes in the States take part of the rap. There shouldn't be any soft jobs for anybody. We've got a job to do, and everybody ought to help shorten the war. Morale at home will improve when the war news gets better. It doesn't depend upon the caliber of baseball, football, hockey and basketball played there."

Donelli Gets the Call

During the past week, two nationally-known sports figures have been inducted, which may presage a wholesale invasion of the sacred 4F sanctuary enjoyed by thousands of American athletes. Willie Pep, previously discharged by the Navy, has been accepted by his New Haven, Conn., draft board, and Aldo "Buff" Donelli, football coach of the professional Cleveland Rams, yesterday was taken for Navy service by his Pittsburgh, Pa., Selective Service branch.

Of course, acceptance of Donelli and Pep is the old story of somebody with a prominent name going into the service, and the same thing might have happened to hundreds of guys named Joe Doakes without anybody paying any attention to it, but the experience of those two probably will be shared by thousands of other athletes—in fact, it seems certain to be now that the complacency in the States has been so rudely rocked by casualty figures and the dogged defense of the Nazis on the Western Front.

'Play in the Army'—May

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 19.—"Any man who is able to play baseball is able to fight or work in a war plant," said Representative Andrew J. May, Kentucky Democrat and chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, today, when asked by an Associated Press reporter how his committee felt in view of President Roosevelt's stand that baseball can go on if it doesn't use manpower which could be better utilized in the services or war industries.

"If baseball has a morale value, it can be just as great if played in the Army," May answered. "Let those fellows play their baseball with the Japs or the Germans," he concluded.

Varoff Safe in China

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.—Capt. George Varoff, 30, former world pole vault champion reported missing in action Dec. 7, 1944, has returned safely to his air base in China, his parents said today. Varoff is a pilot in the CBI war zone.

Dons Navy Blues



Aldo "Buff" Donelli, coach of the Cleveland Rams of the National Football League, was accepted by the Navy at the induction station in Pittsburgh, Pa., yesterday. Donelli, who recently signed a three-year contract to coach the Rams, had formerly coached at Duquesne and Brooklyn of the National Football League.

HASH MARKS

An ack-ack outfit somewhere in Germany writes in stating they've had a lot of Christmas packages, "Miss Sent." Now they would like to know where she lives.

Sign above a GI reading shelf: "Reading matter for all who can read."

This little verse is dedicated to all the guys with pin-ups in their huts.

Our walls are graced by Sunday
pix
Of shapely Jills and lassies,
Who show de luxe accessories
Upon the female chassis.

Talk of a postman's holiday, the story is making the rounds at the front of a battle-weary infantryman, who, upon finding a delightful damsel at a rest center, took her out for a hike. What's more, they actually hiked. (It sez here in fine print.)

A home front manpower shortage scene: Blondie: "What would you do if you had a man chasing you?" Margie: "I'd stand still."

Did you hear about the moron who took the clock to bed with him after hearing it was fast?

Maybe the girls on the home front are being true to the Joes



over here after all—at least that's what this little thought indicates:

Girls who close their eyes when kissing
Substitute the guy who's missing.

Have you heard the story about the fellow who took his girl out in the night and mist?

"Sorry we can't have any fun tonight, honey," the pic said. It's the end of the month and I've only got some small change left."

"Well, for Pete's sake, soldier, what do you think it takes to send my kid brother to the movies, a five-dollar bill?"

GI in a Paris cafe: "Do you serve women at this bar?"
Bartender: "Naw. You gotta bring your own."

The Army doctor was questioning the new nurse about a soldier patient: "Have you kept a chart of his progress?"

The nurse, blushing, replied, "No but I can show you my diary."

And then there was the GI who wants a musical top—So it will play tunes when he blows it.

J. C. W.

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

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Births

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

PFC. Sidney Schwartz, Brooklyn—Barbara Margery, Jan. 10; Pfc Jack A. Harman, Plymouth, Ind.—Herbert Elson, Jan. 10; Pvt. Raymond C. Webb, Indianapolis—Paul Eugene, Dec. 29; Sgt. James F. Polew, New York—Thomas Edward, Jan. 7; Pfc George Kelso, Brooklyn—Katherine Susan, Dec. 31; Lt. E. K. Gibbons, Philadelphia—girl, Dec. 15; Pfc John O. McAlean, Brooklyn—Dorothy Frances, Jan. 15; Pvt. Gerald Vouden, Bronx.—Elaine, Dec. 15.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



Terry And the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



Abbie an' Slat

By Courtesy of United Features



Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate Inc



Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate



Jane

By Courtesy of The London Daily Mirror



By Al Capp

By Milton Caniff

By Raeburn Van Buren

By Chester Gould

By Chic Young

By Norman Pett

Japan Force Is Trapped in Hills of Luzon

Saipan-based Superfortresses bombed industrial targets on the Jap home island of Honshu in a daylight raid yesterday, striking an important aircraft plant at Akashi.

On Luzon, the UP reported that Sixth Army troops had punched their way to the outskirts of Rosario, on the northeast corner of the beachhead, and by seizing almost complete control of the town, had sealed off strong Japanese forces entrenched in the mountains around Baguio, 14 miles away.

Supported by Fleet

Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger's forces were supported by the U.S. Seventh Fleet, whose cruisers and destroyers shelled Rosario and aided the ground troops to overcome resistance in the town, where the Japs have battled stubbornly for four days.

Earlier yesterday, other elements of MacArthur's invasion forces captured the highway junction town of Urdaneta after a 24-hour fight—the bitterest they have had so far in the Luzon campaign.

The seizure of the town, on MacArthur's left flank, opened the northern section of the main Manila-Baguio highway to the Americans.

Another American column, ten miles south along the same highway, captured the road and rail junction of Paniqui in a five-mile gain and pressed to within 12 miles of the city of Tarlac, 79 road miles from Manila.

Manila Area Bombed

The Tokyo radio reported that the Manila area was bombed and strafed by 32 American bombers and fighters in a daylight raid. The report said the planes presumably came from Leyte and Mindoro. Simultaneously, Gen. MacArthur disclosed that U.S. fighter planes are now operating off the Lingayen airfield, captured within the first half hour of the Jan. 9 invasion. Yesterday's Superfort raid was the first on Honshu since Jan. 14 when aircraft factories also were attacked. Further details were withheld in the headquarters of the 21st Bomber command pending operational reports.

Vital American Base Planned for Luzon

WITH SEVENTH U.S. FLEET IN THE PACIFIC, Jan. 19.—Luzon island will be converted into a base from which American warships, planes and submarines can patrol the South China sea, establishing an effective blockade across Japan's lifeline to her rubber, oil and tin empire in the Indies and Malay, Vice-Adm. Thomas Kincaid declared today.

He stated this not just as a possibility but as an already partially-realized certainty. Adm. Kincaid warned, however, that the enemy "is still capable of inflicting considerable damage upon our shipping," despite infrequent air attacks for the past week.

WAC Unit Is Formed To Handle TC Duties

The first traffic regulating group composed of WACs is on duty with Transportation Corps Headquarters. The company, commanded by Capt. Joy E. Fincke, of Santa Fe, N.M., is the 29th Traffic Regulating Gp. WACs work as clerks, typists, couriers, statisticians, correspondents, drivers, switchboard operators, receptionists, interpreters, stenographers and secretaries.

WAC Pfc Harriet C. Anderson, of Toledo, has been awarded the Bronze Star by Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, Com Z commanding general.

Yanks in Belgium Experience Winter Warfare at Its Worst

By Laurence Mascott
Stars and Stripes Special Writer

WITH 83rd INF. DIV., Jan. 19.—This is Belgium and this is Valley Forge, and this is cruel, savage winter warfare at its worst.

For four days and four nights, infantrymen of this division have attacked incessantly and made good progress in the face of bitter, last-ditch Nazi resistance. The temperature is almost always below freezing and except for last night, all night attacks have been made in snow storms and biting winds.

Drifts have accumulated to over 36 inches in depth and blankets of snow cover the icy roads.

Here are some examples of probably the most miserable fighting conditions under which Americans

Burning Milestones on the Way Back Into Belgium



German shells scored direct hits on the American half-track and weapons-carrier shown burning in Lanir, Belgium, but U.S. Infantrymen soon took care of the enemy guns which knocked vehicles out.

Soldiers Fill War Job Gaps

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19 (ANS).—A high government official said today that the Army and Navy have lent 16,000 men capable of combat duty to fill labor gaps in critical war production, according to the Associated Press.

These men, totalling more than a full division of troops, went from uniforms into overalls to work on such items as tires, copper and foundry products.

Officials, who could not be quoted by name, characterized the present production situation as akin to that in 1942 when the nation was straining at every seam to boost the flow of munitions to the war zones.

President Roosevelt asked legislators on Wednesday to speed the enactment of a pending bill to make deferred draft registrants from 18 to 45 subject to penalties if they refuse to accept essential jobs.

Mr. Roosevelt had said previously that he didn't think voluntary methods would work. The Army and Navy have estimated that 600,000 additional men are needed for overseas duty by June 30, with 1,000,000 reinforcements in training.

Gen. Somervell in ETO For Tour of Com Z Units

Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, commanding general of the Army Service Forces, has arrived in the ETO. He is visiting supply installations throughout Com. Z and conferring with Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, Com. Z, commanding general and various chiefs of services.



He is accompanied by Maj. Gen. Levin H. Campbell, chief of ordnance, WD; Maj. Gen. Clinton F. Robinson, director of the control division, ASF, and Brig. Gen. Frank A. Heileman, director of supply, ASF.

2 U.S. Soldiers Hanged For Rape and Murder

A U.S. soldier was hanged Jan. 9 at Lerouville, France, after being sentenced to death by a court-martial for rape.

Another soldier was hanged Jan. 17 at Beaufay, France, for murder. Both sentences were reviewed and confirmed by Gen. Eisenhower.

have been engaged since the trials of Valley Forge and Trenton.

Morphine syrettes freeze. It was impossible to administer the crucial drug on the battlefield until the medics hit on the scheme of keeping the syrettes warm under their armpits.

Plasma also freezes and must be kept under the hoods of medical jeeps.

Automatic weapons freeze over and it is only after they are worked manually a few times that they will function automatically.

But they continue to fight on, day and night, almost without sleep, subsisting on K rations, unshaven, unwashed, sweating out mortars and artillery, walking over snow-covered mine-fields, hoping that the mines will not detonate.

A Pot Shot Did It—They Got the Rooms

WITH 80th DIV., Jan. 19.—"Yes, there's room for 14 men," said the woman, "but there must be some mistake. It's already occupied by Germans."

Lt. Lloyd Schneider, of Baltimore; S/Sgt. Jack Thompson, of New York, and 12 men of an AA battalion decided to invade anyway; they needed rest. It was a fine Wild West type free-for-all, and the Yanks won. But not without some discomfort for the enemy.

"One Jerry," said Sgt. Thompson, "got his head caught in a night pot."

Com Z Fit Men Face Transfer

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as factors making the switchover necessary.

So far, the retraining program has drawn mostly from EM of the lower grades. Gen. Matchett indicated, however, that as the need arose, higher-ranking non-coms would be called, and additional numbers of officers.

Extensive training programs for ex-combat troops and other limited assignment men scheduled to replace those transferred into the line have been inaugurated, Matchett said, and it is anticipated that ultimately every physically qualified man will take his turn on the front line and thus allow the wounded veterans to handle rear echelon jobs.

AA Transfer

In addition to service personnel, the Reinforcement Command has drawn, and will increasingly draw, on men from such other combat arms as the Anti-aircraft Artillery and certain branches of the Engineers. Matchett indicated that surplus in all other arms would be absorbed in the same fashion.

He disclosed that the program to expand the "retraining" of Com Z personnel was now in its final stages of planning.

The present rate at which rear echelon troops are being converted is "now not anywhere near as high" as the 75 percent figure, Gen. Matchett admitted. He said that the switchover of personnel "will be expedited as fast as facilities make it possible."

The three steps described by Matchett in taking troops from the U.S. hospitals, and rear echelons, and sending them to front line units included: (1) classification and equipment of personnel at a reinforcement center, (2) shipment to a forward depot where they receive from six to eight weeks' training and (3) shipment to one of the various reinforcement battalions supplying each Army corps.

Cited Bastogne

Gen. Matchett cited the work of the 101st Airborne Div. at Bastogne as proof "that the reinforcement command works." He pointed out that the 101st has had thousands of reinforcements since D-Day, and that those reinforcements became the division's mainstays.

He also cited the records of the First, Second, Fourth, Ninth and 35th Divisions, whose wounded veterans have been returned to their outfits through the reinforcement system as many as three times.

With Gen. Matchett yesterday was Col. Phillip S. Wood, commander of the 16th Reinforcement Depot. He said that the "reinforcement problem was one of convincing the men that they were being promoted, not demoted—selling them on becoming doughboys, even when they originally feel that they're being sabotaged and shanghaied into a reinforcement depot."

British, Third, First Advance

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and Dengelsheim, north of Gamsheim, to link up with other Nazis east of the Maginot Line.

South of Strasbourg, the enemy made no material gains from its enlarged Colmar salient. Strasbourg's position is at the center of a 21-mile Allied strip between German Rhine corridors north and south of the city.

Cracking the southern shoulder of the bulge in Luxembourg, Third Army's Fourth and Fifth Divisions crossed the Sauer River, east of Diekirch, along a five-mile stretch between Erpeldingen and Hosdorf. A delayed report from The Stars and Stripes correspondent Pat Mitchell with Third Army said the divisions made six surprise assault-boat crossings and advanced up to two miles northward.

The Eighth Regt. of the Fourth Div. gained a mile and a half to take high ground northeast of Hosdorf, he said. Co. A of the Eighth Regt. by-passed Battendorf and took high ground northward, he reported, and Co. L took high ground north of Reisdorf.

Beat Off Attack

The Tenth and Second Regts. of the Fifth Div. took high ground northeast and northwest of Diekirch, Mitchell said. These regiments, separated by a narrow draw, command all escape routes from the town, he reported.

Fifth Div. infantrymen smashed into the town itself and had cleared about one-third of it after beating off three small counter-attacks.

Southward in the Duchy, Germans launched five counter-attacks supported by tanks of 94th Div. elements and forced doughs out of the town of Butzdorf after heavy fighting.

The Stars and Stripes Correspondent Dan Regan with First Army reported that the Nazis were battling U.S. advances in a strong rearguard action. He quoted a high Army staff officer who said he believed the Germans would not make a strong stand west of the Siegfried Line.

Advance 1,000 Yards

Regan said the First Div.'s 18th Inf. Regt. advanced 1,000 yards and the 16th Regt. pushed 2,500 yards south of Paymonville to clean out the village of Schoppen.

Doughs of the 75th Div. continued to clear the woods east of Vielsalm after occupying the villages of Bortonville and Ville de Bois. Units of the 83rd Div. were clearing out a woods south of Bovigny. Third Armored Div. forces pressed their attack near Cherain, south of the St. Vith-Houffalize road.

No Joke to Jerry USO Comic Nabs Two Nazis

Willie Shore, half-pint comic who headlined the "Bandwagon" USO show which played to troops on the Western Front, collared a couple of strapping Germans in Yank uniforms recently when an MP fell on his face.



Shore was cutting a few touches with his MP friends in Herve, Belgium, near the breakthrough. A couple of GIs rolled by on bicycles. "Where you going," called one of the MPs. "Liege," came the reply.

But they were heading the wrong way, so the MPs took after them in a jeep. Willie went along.

When the MPs caught up, the bike-riders refused to halt. One of the MPs drew his gun, leaped out of the jeep and fell flat on his face.

Willie, jumping out after him, picked up the weapon and took charge. He ordered the disguised Germans into the jeep and they were dumped off at the POW point.

Reds 20 Miles In Reich, Take Krakow, Lodz

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important communications city on the main Berlin-Warsaw highway, also fell to Zhukov's army.

Driving north from its Narew River bridgehead, Gen. Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army captured Mlava, less than 15 miles south of the East Prussian border on the main highway between Koenigsberg, capital of East Prussia, and Warsaw.

60 Miles East of Koenigsberg

Stalin announced that on another East Prussia front, Gen. Cherniakovsky's Third White Russian Army had opened a drive from the Niemen River, smashing forward 30 miles on a 36-mile front in four days. More than 600 places fell to this Red army, which was reported by the Germans last night driving toward Brettenstein, 60 miles east of Koenigsberg.

Other units of the Third White Russian Army drove to a point four miles south of Tilsit, important East Prussian communications center and industrial city.

At the southern end of the blazing 300-mile front, the Fourth Ukrainian Army under Gen. Petrov crashed west from the Vistula, gaining 50 miles in four days. More than 400 towns and villages were captured.

Forward elements of Petrov's army were heading toward Krakow from captured Gorlice and Jaslo, Polish towns on the main highway running west along the foot hills of the Carpathian Mountains. Sanok, important highway junction which controls a mountain pass into Hungary, also fell to the Fourth Ukrainian Army.

Between Czestochowa and Krakow the Russians were reported meeting their stiffest German resistance. Elsewhere, isolated German units made stands which swiftly were plowed under by the Red drive.

German Radio admitted last night that "sizeable German forces have been overrun, cut off and outflanked in the tremendous Soviet forward surge."

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battle became casualties. Allied air losses were one percent of total sorties dispatched.

Nazis used a complete armored combat command dressed in U.S. uniforms and equipped with American tanks to spread confusion.

Von Rundstedt threw in the Fifth and Sixth Panzer Armies and the Seventh German Army, SHAEF said. These included eight panzer divisions and two panzer brigades, two panzer grenadier divisions, two parachute divisions and 13 Volksgrenadier infantry divisions.

Prisoners have testified that air operations starved attacking Germans of fuel, food and ammunition.

Heavies Are Grounded, TAC Hits Near St. Vith

The assault on Germany's contracting oil reserves was interrupted yesterday, as England-based heavies of the Eighth AF and the RAF were grounded. The Ninth AF flew less than 100 fighter-bomber and reconnaissance sorties. Targets at Glad, near St. Vith, were bombed through the overcast.

Thunderbolts of the First TAC flew 247 sorties in the Strasbourg-Bitche-Bischweiler triangle to blast two large concentrations of German tanks as well as transport and supplies.