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Un verre d'eau, s'il vous plaît.
An vair do, seel voo play.
A glass of water, please.

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Weitergehen—nicht stehen bleiben
Vaitergehen—nisch stayen blayben
Go on—don't stop.

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British Forces Enter Cleve

Liegnitz Falls as Soviets Cut Berlin From Silesia

In a runaway offensive through lower Silesia, Marshal Ivan Koniev's First Ukrainian Army yesterday gouged a hole nearly 40 miles deep in German defenses west of the Oder River. The industrial city of Liegnitz was taken, thus severing enemy communications between Berlin and lower Silesia.

Koniev's new breakthrough north of Breslau took the Eastern Front spotlight from Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First White Russian Army, which is massing along the Oder east of Berlin for the final push into the Reich capital.

After emerging from a bridgehead at Steinau, 35 miles northwest of Breslau, Koniev's men have carried the four-day push toward the heart of the Reich more than 47 miles on a 100-mile front. Other towns seized in this push were Leuben and Neumarkt, northwest of Breslau.

The aim of Koniev seems to be a junction of this column with his troops pushing westward from another Oder bridgehead south of Breslau.

Reds Take 3 Towns

On the northern flank of Marshal Zhukov's "Berlin Bulge" three towns in eastern Pomerania fell to the First White Russian Army.

In East Prussia, troops of Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army regrouped yesterday in preparation for a push across the lower delta of the Vistula River and a drive into Dantzig.

Fighting inside Koenigsberg still raged yesterday, with Soviet artillery shelling heavily-defended German positions northeast of the East Prussian capital.

The siege of Budapest is now localized in the battered remnants of the Royal Palace. More than 12,000 Hungarian troops surrendered in western Budapest yesterday as the battle entered its 45th day.

Greek Peace Hits New Snag

ATHENS, Feb. 11 (AP).—New difficulties arose today to balk final settlement between the Greek government and the EAM-ELAS factions, now negotiating peace terms as a follow-up to the civil war armistice terms.

Three unsettled points include, according to Foreign Minister Sofianopoulos, the question of re-employment of civil servants who took part in the fighting on the ELAS side; the date of effecting the amnesty; and the date for ending martial law.

The Greek minister said it was agreed that no Communists or ELAS members would be included in the government for the present.

Seized Rocket Ramps Were Aimed at U.S.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 11 (AP).—Huge launching ramps which American troops captured at Cherbourg were intended as platforms for rockets aimed at the U.S., Joseph D. Keenan, vice-chairman of the WPB, declared yesterday.

Yanks Fighting House to House For S. Manila

House-to-house fighting continued in southern Manila yesterday as Yanks of the 37th Div. went ahead with the job of rooting out Japanese units holed up in strong pillboxes, residences and other buildings.

Troops of the U.S. First Cavalry Div.—the liberators of the Santo Tomas internees—crossed the Pasig River near San Pedro Makati and moved in to join the 37th.

Gen. MacArthur reported that the spirit and morale of Manila's civilian population was high, despite widespread destruction.

Yanks pushing eastward on the northern Luzon plain were within 22 miles of Luzon's east coast.

Move Ahead Slowly

On the Bataan Peninsula, U.S. troops with powerful artillery support advanced slowly against strong Japanese positions.

India-based Superfortresses blasted the Rangoon area of Burma yesterday. The U.S. War Department also disclosed that the Nakajima aircraft factory at Ota was the target in the attack made against Japan on Saturday by Marianas-based Superforts.

At Ota, which is 40 miles northwest of Tokyo, U.S. gunners destroyed or damaged 66 Japanese planes. Four Superforts were believed lost.

Adm. Nimitz announced air strikes against the Kurile, Volcano, Palau and Caroline Islands.

In Burma, British troops drove to within nine miles of Mandalay, Reuter reported.

Mustangs of the U.S. 14th AF attacked the seaport of Tsingtao, in China on the Yellow Sea. They destroyed 46 Japanese planes on the ground and damaged 52.

Australian troops on Bougainville, in the Solomon Islands, pushed Japanese units from an important ridge. Australian Liberators flew from Western Australia to Java and knocked out a power station.

Canadian Ship Sunk

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 11 (AP).—At least five Canadian sailors were drowned and 38 presumed lost when a medium-sized Canadian ship was sunk, apparently by torpedo, off the New England coast in early December, the First Naval District announced.

Liaison Pilot Lands Plane in Tree



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Sgt. W. H. Latta, of Rochester, N.Y., is being lowered to the ground by means of ropes and an extension ladder after his observer craft crashed in a central Burma forest. He suffered a fractured leg and lacerations of the face.

Roer Surges to Flood Speed After Foe Opens Dam Sluices

By Ernie Leiser

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE NINTH ARMY, Feb. 11.—The Roer River, normally only about the width of a four-lane highway, was surging over its valley at flood speed today, and at one point, near Brachelen, had spilled over its banks to form a shallow lake nearly two miles wide.

Meatless Days Ahead in States

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Meat may disappear almost entirely from civilian markets by midsummer, government food officials predicted today.

With the livestock market falling below previous expectations, the Agricultural Department cut its forecast of total production this year from 22,750,000 pounds to 22,000,000. Last year, 24,700,000 pounds were produced.

Food officials said it was possible that the per capita civilian consumption this year may fall to the lowest level since 1935, when meat supplies dropped after the emergency slaughter of drought-stricken cattle on the western plains.

Flying over the river between Julich and Brachelen in an artillery spotter, piloted by 1/Lt. J. J. Meahan, of New York, you could see what looked like a chain of mud-colored ponds, covering the marshy valley to fence-top height, and burying hedges beneath the sheets of water.

Swept Over Flat Lands

Tree trunks, groups of houses, and bridges were submerged as the flood—unleashed when the Nazis cracked open secret tunnel gates leading from the Schwammenauel and Urft dams—swept over the flat lands bordering some sectors of the Roer River.

In the Ninth Army area the river itself had reached a maximum width of nearly 400 yards south of Julich, compared to a normal width of 60 or 80 feet. In the areas where steeper banks kept the river in its normal channel, its speed was reported between six and seven miles an hour, compared with a usual two-mile rate.

Engineers estimated that it has risen nearly seven feet since the Germans opened the secret conduits yesterday just after midnight, making it eight and a half feet higher than the seasonal average.

On the Ninth Army front, U.S. and German troops who had faced

2,214 V-Bomb Casualties

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AP).—Britain suffered 2,214 V-bomb casualties during January, the Air Ministry announced today. Of this number 585 were killed or missing and believed killed, and 1,629 were injured. Ninety-four of the dead were children under 16, while 228 more youngsters were injured.

Nazis Open Dam Gates, Flood Roer

British Tommies of the Canadian First Army pierced Siegfried Line concrete defenses on the northeastern edge of the Reichsforest yesterday and drove into the Nazi stronghold of Cleve, 12 miles southeast of Nijmegen.

Southward, the Allied drive to the Roer River was virtually completed by a 2,000-yard advance of U.S. First Army's 78th Inf. Div., which cleared the river's west bank after gaining control of the headwater dams.

Yesterday's developments on the Western Front showed:

1—Germans rushed parachute elements into the Canadian salient to stem the Allied advance, but were able to slow it only at one point at latest reports.

2—Tons of water were rushing down the Roer River toward Holland after Germans wrecked the floodgates of the main Schwammenauel Dam 24 hours before First Army forces reached it.

3—U.S. Third Army columns in Germany, north of Luxembourg, were enveloping the Nazi communications center of Prum, but the army's drive slowed along the Luxembourg-German frontier.

4—Official summary of the Sixth Army Group's campaign in southern Alsace revealed that the German 19th Army had been destroyed in three weeks by Franco-American forces.

Roer River Rises

Water pouring from the blasted Schwammenauel floodgates, combined with melting snow, caused the Roer River to rise seven feet above normal and inundated large areas north of Duren, Stars and Stripes Correspondent Dan Regan reported from the front.

Photos showed only a small overflow from the normal river channel south of Duren, Regan reported, but north of the city areas from 500 to 1,000 yards wide were inundated to depths of three feet.

In this area, however, strips of high ground remained dry and passable, he said.

On the flooded northern sector of the Canadian attack, Allied forces lost contact with the enemy near Millingen on the Rhine and Keeken, across the border in Germany. Southward, along the blazing ten-mile front, Tommies were slowed as they drove up the Cleve-Goch highway by Germans holding a crossroads stronghold with six SP guns.

British troops battled inside Cleve against determined opposition. As they drove into the Siegfried town, they cleared Materborn, a village two miles to the southwest.

Other forces battled deep in the Reichsforest and reached the eastern half of the tangled woods. South of the forest, they cleared all but a part of the road running southward from Nijmegen to Gennep, a Dutch village a half-mile east of the Maas on the southern flank of the attack.

The village of Gennep itself was still held by the enemy, but resistance there was being steadily reduced. Some Allied forces by

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French Deny De Gaulle Was Invited By Big 3

Widespread reports that Gen. Charles de Gaulle was invited to the final phase of the Big Three conference were denied yesterday by the French leader's aides, who said he has "no expectation" of attending the parley in the Black Sea area, the Associated Press reported.

Gen. de Gaulle was revealed to have taken a week-end tour through some regions of France. Paris circles had speculated that he was going to the conference.

Yank Armor Gets Its Fighting Teeth into Final Drive for Manila



Small tanks piling ashore on the last lap to Manila face Japanese cannon fire. A direct hit was scored on the vehicle at the left as it reached shore on Lingayen Gulf.

THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

Inside or Outside

I quote from the one and only dictionary in this headquarters. The definition of a sweater is "A heavy jersey-like outside garment." Why then, when the Army issued us a swell looking OD sweater, do we have to wear it as an inside garment, making the GI uncomfortable and making it of no more value than long-johns?—18 GIs in Belgium, Med. Depot.

Lest They Forget

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. With this thought in mind, when we've finished this job and Hitler and his gang are brought to trial, how about compelling every man and woman in Germany, and particularly the Hitler Youth, to view moving pictures of the executions of each and every one of these gangsters? The pictures could be made vivid enough for a lot of them to long remember.—Cpl. Al Beer.



When Germany is defeated we should put a statue of Hitler in all large cities of every country. Not something like Napoleon riding a horse. My idea of Hitler's statue is an image of him hanging by the neck at the end of a rope—the epitaph reading: This Man Tried to Conquer the World, 1939-1945. Who knows, maybe this statue idea will promote an everlasting peace.—Alfred Peiples, Inf.

Clean Up

Last week I went to Paris, not knowing it was off limits. I was confined in the so-called Paris Detention Barracks, where I ran into a GI Black Market. Here are some of the prices: cigarettes purchased from the MPs, 500 francs per package, "D" Ration 200 frs per, sandwiches 150 frs up. What is the reason for the food shortage, filthy latrines, etc?—Pvt. Roy J. Cassel, GFRS.

Bottle Post

Lt. J. A. C., Inf., left himself wide open with his suggestion that since it is impossible for the Army to furnish all enlisted men with liquor rations, they should be allowed to make requests and obtain it from the States. Doesn't he realize that the greater percentage of enlisted men would request liquor from home whether they drank or not in order that they might give it to their friends, or worse. I venture to say that a great many enlisted men, and officers for that matter, do not smoke, but most of them take their cigarette ration for personal reasons, and the same would be true regarding whiskey. If the Army could afford to transport huge quantities of whiskey requested by the Army personnel, it could transport it on its own and sell it to the enlisted men at the reasonable prices at which it is now sold to the officers.

I dislike intensely the question, but does the Lt. know there is a war going on and a rather serious shortage of shipping space? I, for one, do not believe that anything so vital to the war effort as transportation should be used to transport whiskey for anyone (medical purposes excluded), and I like my liquor as well as any Tennessee mountaineer ever did.—T/3. C. M.

Spanking

In reference to the B-Bag letter of Pvt. Joe Kurry of the 310th Ordnance Bn.: I would like to ask Pvt. Kurry when in hell he went six and a half months without seeing a movie? My ordnance depot has been in close contact with the 310th and I know for a fact that in one Belgium town in which this Bn. was stationed before the breakthrough in December, the men had the opportunity of seeing a movie two or three times each week.

If you never see a movie try to remember that perhaps some infantryman, tanker or combat medic up there where the going is tough, is possibly enjoying his last show. —Sgt. W. L. Barnes, Ord. Depot Co.

About Heavy Drinkers

...If the Sgt. "and 10 others," who want more tea and less coffee would be so kind as to send us their excess coffee we would gladly send them twice as much tea... Sgt. Alvin Lang, Tank Bn.

...We think perhaps the good sergeant spent too much time in the U.K. ... Java Lover, AAA AW Bn.

...Here we are sweating it out in foxholes getting just enough coffee to make one cup per man per day, you come along and say that everybody in this Army gets too much coffee... Pfc S.D. Anti-Tank Co., Inf.

Is it possible that mess personnel cannot follow the established menu in which tea or cocoa (tea preferred) is served for at least one meal a day?

There are non-coffee drinkers in this Army who would welcome more frequently a hot beverage besides coffee. Coffee Weary, Inf.

Well, of all things. You get enough coffee. Believe me, now I and my crew have heard it all. —S/Sgt A.L., Tank Bn.

...Tea is plenty O.K. in its place, but we feel that this isn't its place... "Flak Magnets," Bomb. Sqn.

...Less coffee? Why, we never get enough of the stuff. Ever since we hit the ETO it's been T E A... Are you any relation to that lemon powder gal? T/5 D.C., Engrs.

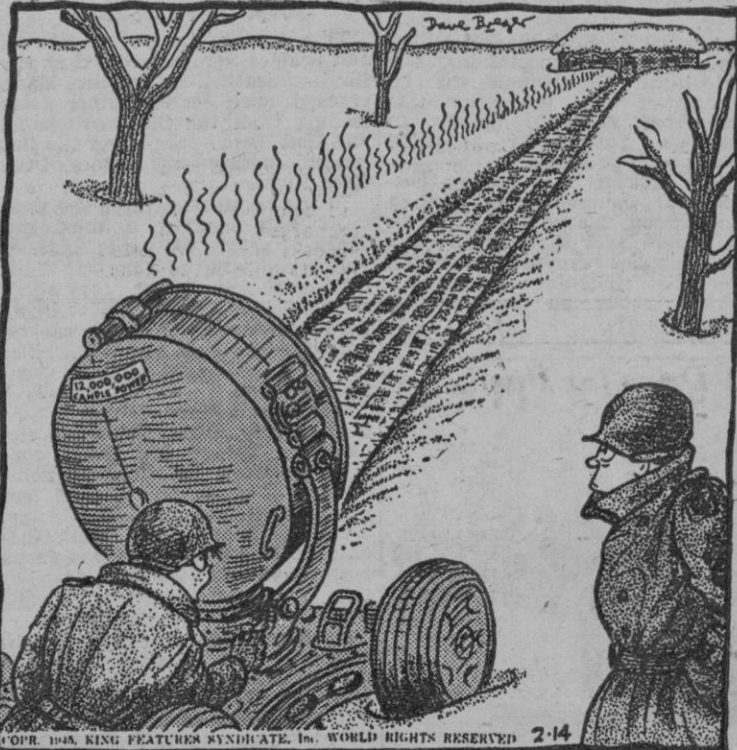
...I'm glad someone finally drew up courage to pop off steam about coffee... T/5 O.S.M., 272 FA.

Since I joined the Army Nurse Corps I've been cured of the following bad (?) habits: wearing colorful clothes; dancing a rumba in a long, swishing evening dress; listening to the radio; driving my car; drinking an occasional coke, sometimes with Bourbon; shopping for hats; seeing a movie through to the finish; smoking cigarettes; submitting suggestions to my boss for the improvement of our hospital.

My only vices after 16 months overseas, six of them spent in France, are griping and drinking coffee. I'm not the least bit afraid that the Army will cure me of griping. I would gladly curb it, however, to retain my other vice—coffee. There I draw a line! Please, Uncle Sam, don't take away my last connection with civilian life. Don't take the advice of Sgt. G. K. and 10 others, Inf. If they want tea, send them back to England or to India, or better still, give them dishwater—but give me my coffee. —2/Lt., ANC.

(To S/Sgt. R. E. N. and "The 4 Spendthrifts." We passed your personal notes on to G. K.—Ed.)

Private Breger



"Look, you told me to clear a path to the Command Post, didn't you? Then whatya care HOW I do it?"

An Editorial

The Men in the Squad



THESE were the men in the squad: Sgt. James H. Davenport, Pfc Calvin L. Krause, Pfc Floyd V. LaRue, Pfc Thomas V. Roe, Pvt. Frank A. Maestas, Pvt. Albert Salezar, Pvt. Mike Custode, Pvt. John Boucom, Pfc Saal Lesser.

A German, a Frenchman, a Spaniard, a Mexican, an Italian, a Jew—and guys with names like Roe.

They helped to take a little town called Konzen. Part of the Siegfried Line—but it never made the news. They started off one morning in waist-deep snow. Slipped, staggered, fought up the hill. Poured in their M1 and BAR fire. Chucked grenades wherever they did most good. Cleaned out the snipers. Moved the line another millimeter forward on the map.

Then they blasted foxholes and took turns standing guard. Through the cold grey day. Through the bitter night. Went off on patrols. Sought out the enemy. Came back wet with snow and sweat. Bone-weary and spent.

They shucked straw from a nearby loft. Cleaned out the cellar of a wrecked barn.

Built a small stove. Made a home for the squad for the night. Volunteered for a dozen details. For wire. For chow. For bedrolls. For ammo. Ran errands. Made reports. Stood by for signals. And slept fitfully in odd moments in between.

They were infantrymen. A mongrel crew. Dirty. Tired. Hemmed in by death and danger. Kids. Old and grim and taut.

But the squad had something to teach the world. A sense of belonging to a unit—and a family. What man can do when teamed with others. An understanding of life. The meaning of misery and sacrifice. The desire to help the other guy to live. So that thereby he himself might stay alive.

Too bad everyone can't belong to one small squad in one small battle. To learn how men of different breeds and creeds can live and work together when they must. How real are things like life and death. How unreal are the luxuries, privileges, prejudices and politics that separate men. And make war. And divert eyes from victory and peace.

German Revolt or Army Collapse May Obviate a Formal Surrender

By James Long
Associated Press Correspondent

This war, a war of movement and not of position, is regarded by observers at SHAEF as likely to end either in an Allied-enforced revolution within the Reich or in disintegration of the Wehrmacht's power

to resist, rather than in formal surrender and a fixed cease-firing hour as in the last.

As far as correspondents here know, this headquarters has received neither a formal German offer to capitulate—nor word of any. Probably none will come.

A Basis for Surrender

It is deemed highly probable, however, that a basis for acceptance of surrender, still on or along unconditional lines, is likely to be dangled anew before the German people as an outgrowth of the "Big Three" conference.

Hitler's last speech, on the anniversary of his rise to power, showed how little inclined he is to call quits to his ill-fated venture, even in its hour of imminent collapse. As a result, Nazi control over the country and SS domination within the Army are still unbroken.

The capture of Berlin, dazed, refugee-jammed, bomb-torn heart of Swastika rule, might be the beginning of an end that would work out more as a collapse than a capitulation.

Could It Be Effective?

It is believed by many here that Germany would continue to resist even after the fall of Berlin, but the question is, how effective could that resistance be, and for how long could it be maintained?

The loss of Berlin would break the great central link in inner communications between the Eastern and Western Fronts, the hub from which German armies have moved within their squeezed perimeter of defense.

Resistance probably would continue stiff longest in the west. But loss of Berlin is regarded as almost certain to break organized resistance in the east.

The result would be loosened control and disintegration of the

Nazi command, and German military mobility that would break fortress Germany down into isolated strongpoints.

But there's a second way it might end—in just about the same time.

As the end grows unmistakably clearer, there may yet rise within the Reich a group, unwilling to go down with Hitler's sinking ship, which will try to salvage what it can.

Such a group probably would spring some sort of coup to take control, even if only momentarily, in which it could purport to represent the German people at least long enough to contact either the Russians or western Allies with an offer of surrender.

Might Permit Allied Sweep

No one here is inclined to believe such a group could actually oust the Nazis. But conceivably it could create enough of an internal revolt to permit the Allies from either side to smash on in and enforce that revolution by weight of arms.

However the end comes, obviously there will be a time in which the military alone—the Russian Army from the east and Gen. Eisenhower's armies from the west—will control Germany on lines fixed by actual areas captured by armies from either side.

As it looks now, the Russians, at least originally, would control a vast section of Germany. The western Allies' primary interest is complete control along the Rhine, and over the great Ruhr triangle.

For the feeling has been expressed, both in London and Washington, that Germany's war potential is rooted in the Ruhr—that its loss would leave Germany incapable of long continuing the fight, and that its rigid control would leave her without the means to wage war or odds to risk it.

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This Was America Yesterday:

Woman's Place Isn't in Home, 11,690,000 Gals Tell Dr. Gallup

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Does the Little Woman plan to keep on working after you're mustered out? According to one of Dr. Gallup's polls, the chances are she does.

The Bureau of Census says 15,000,000 women over the age of 21 are working, and Gallup's poll indicates that 11,000,000 of them intend to continue.

Twin sisters in Hilton, N.Y., wedded to brothers have been widowed by the war. Pfc William F. Moran, 31, husband of the former Martha Reed, was killed in action in Belgium last month. Moran's brother, Pvt. Eugene Moran, 27, husband of Martha's twin, Emma, was killed in a glider crash in the same area last September.

LATEST on Sinatra: the Jersey City Journal said The Voice had been further deferred as an ear-punctured 4F. But a check around "places" indicates that the Army hasn't heard about it yet. However, it can't make much difference, as outraged bobby soxers have declared they won't let him go anyway.

THREE thousand onlookers in New York's Times Square yesterday showed their approval as 12 girls were sworn into the WAC in answer to a statewide appeal for members of a new unit to be known as Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt's Company. Authorities took the opportunity to ask available women to go and do likewise.

Japs Have Different Slant on Things

THIS week's greatest radio triumph belongs to the Japanese. They broadcast a claim that the American capture of Manila was a Jap victory.

IN New Orleans, the Navy's Lt. Robert Taylor and his wife, Barbara Stanwyck, arrived to stay awhile. He'll teach at a school for naval fliers, and she'll stand by—"Just a Navy wife," as she told reporters, adding: "Don't ask me about Hollywood."



Barbara Stanwyck
Just a Navy Wife

to arrest anyone annoying this bird.

Despite the fact that Los Angeles Superior Court says no authority exists for closing bars at midnight, L.A. night spots will do just that thing. Col. Charles Steele, of San Francisco, Provost Marshal for the area, says the midnight curfew will be maintained for service personnel. A representative of tavern owners adjusted his halo and said, "We feel morally bound to stick to that decision."

JUST to show how easy it is to be wrong about people: a doorman at a New York night club was chided for being cheerful by a war plant executive. "Don't you know there's a war on?" the executive said. But a colleague pointed out that the "cheerful" doorman had just received word that one son was reported missing after the Battle of the Bulge, and that he had another somewhere in Germany. A third son had been brought back from the Pacific badly wounded.

4 GIs Sail to U.S. On Fake Orders

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (ANS).—Four soldiers who, the Army says, made their way back from Europe on fraudulent orders and then "discharged" themselves from the Army were being held today at Fort Jay, Governors Island, on charges of being AWOL.

Two of the men were picked up by MPs in Richmond, Va. They were identified as Pvts. Carl H. Taylor, of Ashland, Ohio, and Bernard Wilson Tennis, of Hampton, Va. The other two soldiers were Pvts. Albert Walker, of Elmira, N.Y., and Ralph Henshaw Keller, of Chestertown, Md. Keller gave himself up to the FBI and MPs picked up Walker in Buffalo, N. Y.

The Army quoted Keller as saying that the four had returned to the U.S. aboard a troopship, having issued themselves fake orders.

All will be returned overseas to their units for trial by court martial or other disposition.

New Jet Plane To Join U.S. Fleet

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (ANS).—A new jet-propelled fighter plane is in production for the Navy and will soon be ready to join the fleet, Artemus L. Gates, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, has revealed.

He said that the plane's flight characteristics are still secret but declared it would play "a spectacular part in forthcoming operations."

At the same time Gates disclosed that the Navy has already re-organized plane complements of heavy carriers of the Essex class to include for the first time a large number of fighter-bombers, each of which would carry a 1,000-pound bomb 400 miles an hour.

Fourth Set of Twins

ALLEN TOWN, Pa., Feb. 11 (ANS).—Mrs. Peter Suranofsky, 36-year-old wife of a truck driver, gave birth to her fourth set of twins, a boy and girl. All of the couple's 14 children are living.

Second Tube Is Opened In Lincoln Tunnel



With the opening of the new tube of the Lincoln Tunnel between New York and Weehawken, N. J., two one-way passages are provided under the North River. Official cars are shown entering the new section, which opens between W. 39th and W. 40th Streets on the New York side. The first tube was completed in 1937.

ATC Accepts Full Blame for Giving Blaze 'A' Priority

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (ANS).—The Air Transport Command yesterday took the blame for giving Col. Elliott Roosevelt's dog a plane priority higher than a senator receives.

Embarrassed ATC acknowledged in a report to the Senate Military Affairs Sub-Committee that Blaze's "A" priority ride was "a serious mistake."

U.S. Rests Case In Spy Trial

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (ANS).—The government rested its case yesterday against two accused Nazi agents, and the defense lost a motion for dismissal of the charge that one of them, William C. Colepaugh, had been "found lurking" behind U.S. defense lines.

The Army-assigned counsel for Connecticut-born 26-year-old Colepaugh argued that he had not tried to conceal his identity after coming to this country with Erich Gimpel, 35, German-born co-defendant.

After the motion for dismissal was lost, Colepaugh talked for three hours. He said that when he failed to get into the U.S. Naval Academy and was discharged from the Navy he went to Germany and joined the army. He liked the German Army better, he said, because he didn't think the American Army "was backed very well by the people."

Wife Says MacFadden Has 'Crackpot Ideas'

MIAMI, Feb. 11 (ANS).—Health and physical culture programs of Bernard MacFadden are termed "crackpot ideas" in a divorce suit answer signed by Mrs. Mary Williamson MacFadden, of Englewood, N.J.

She denies his charges of cruelty and says she merely objected to his using their children as "guinea pigs in carrying out his experiments on health, sex and social conduct."

In his original suit MacFadden alleged his wife ridiculed his attempts to make their children physical culture-conscious.

"It cannot be justified," acridly commented Maj. Gen. Harold George, ATC chief.

The report corroborated the story of three service men who said they were "bumped" off an army transport at Memphis while Blaze stayed on.

Had 'C' Priorities

The general added, however, that servicemen would have had to be unloaded anyway as they were travelling on "C" priorities and there was a backlog of "B" priority freight at Memphis.

George told Senators that Col. Ray W. Ireland, assistant chief of staff for priorities and traffic at ATC headquarters, established the priority for Blaze after a telephone conversation with the colonel's sister, Mrs. Anna Boettiger.

He said Mrs. Boettiger had requested that the dog be transported from the capital to Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt in Hollywood, but he added: "No mention of the priority was made."

OPA to Assist Vets Entering Business

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 11 (ANS).—The Office of Price Administration yesterday assured veterans that its regulations would be amended to the advantage of discharged soldiers desiring to go into business.

In a message to Jean Paul Brunner, national commander-in-chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, OPA Director Chester Bowles said the agency would "amend our regulations whenever supply conditions permit to assist veterans in starting new businesses that use rationed products."

Bowles also said he planned to appoint a veterans advisory committee to assist the OPA. Brunner had complained that ambitions of discharged veterans to go into business now were often nullified by rationing restrictions.

Two Key Bills Facing Uphill Fight in Capital

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (ANS).—A week of opposition buffeting left the Administration fighting uphill today on two Congressional issues: a Cabinet post for Henry A. Wallace and compulsory-work legislation—the Associated Press reported. The compulsory-work bill, already passed by the House, appeared snagged in the Senate Military Committee, with its future in doubt.

The Senate-passed George bill, designed as Wallace's ticket to a stripped-down commerce secretaryship, was getting the same treatment in the House Rules Committee, which controls the road to House floor consideration.

Another White House entry, a bill to draft nurses, was being groomed in the House Military Committee.

The compulsory work—national service—bill had a comparatively easy time getting through the House and it started strong in the Senate last week-end. The Senate Military Committee gave it the go-ahead signal with only one major change, giving the Director of War Mobilization instead of Selective Service control over drafted workers.

Last Monday, however, the committee backed up and ordered open hearings. The bill's strength waned visibly as hearings progressed in the House, the AP said.

Meanwhile, the House Banking Committee unanimously approved the George bill, which takes the Reconstruction Finance Corp. and allied agencies out of the Commerce Department. Wallace backers want to have the bill passed before the Senate votes March 1 on Wallace's nomination.

Encounters Opposition

This measure hit trouble in the rules committee, however, where Wallace opponents got the upper hand in early reconsideration. They accused the Senate of making a horse trade with President Roosevelt—the George bill for Wallace's confirmation—and appeared determined to keep the George Bill off the House floor.

That would force the Senate to vote on Wallace's confirmation for the Commerce job with the RFC still attached to it. Even his supporters doubt if he could win in that circumstance.

As the House Military Affairs Committee began fashioning a bill to draft nurses, a War Manpower Commission official cautioned that failure to pass such a measure may wreck the voluntary nurse program. Dr. Paul Barton, WMC procurement director, told the committee that almost 14,000 nurses had filed volunteer applications since President Roosevelt first mentioned drafting nurses.

The Associated Press reported that the Senate was building a fire under another Roosevelt appointee, Aubrey Williams, former NYA head, nominated for rural electrification administrator. Part of his opposition came from influential Sen. Kenneth McKeller (D-Tenn.), head of the appropriations committee and the Senate's president pro tem. He says Williams is unfitted by political philosophy and financial experience to head the \$5,000,000 lending agency.

New Jersey Servicemen To Get Ballots Early

TRENTON, N.J., Feb. 11 (ANS).—State and municipal ballots will be mailed to New Jersey servicemen and women 60 days before elections, under provisions of a bill passed by the legislature.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. George S. Stanger, of Vineland, and awaiting signature by Gov. Walter E. Edge, provided that non-coms above the rank of corporal, as well as officers, may sign voting affidavits.

Girls They Left Behind Speak Up

Wives Would Brave Fire for Husbands

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (ANS).—Servicemen's wives would go right up on the front lines under fire, if necessary, to visit husbands serving overseas, an AP query of fighting men's wives revealed today. They were asked to comment on the proposal of Rep. James Fulton, (R-Pa.), to send wives, even families, on morale-boosting visits to their overseas soldiers, sailors and marines.

The wives' reaction was tempered by the question of the feasibility of sending boatloads of visitors abroad, and concern over the safety of their children.

Admitting that it would be wonderful, servicemen themselves were interested in the proposal—but also in the safety of their loved ones.

Mrs. Alice Bulkley, of New York, wife of Commander John Bulkley, whose PT boat carried Gen. MacArthur from the Philippines after the fall of Corregidor, said: "Naturally, I would go, but it

would be almost impossible to accomplish that, and to allow only a few to go would be unfair."

Mrs. Quincy Holmes, Jr., of San Francisco, whose husband is a captain with the Ninth Army: "Right now, I think it is out of the question for wives and families to go overseas. Too many would want to go—I know I would."

Mrs. Kathleen Murphy, of Mt. Vernon, N.Y., the wife of Cpl. John Murphy, an airborne engineer with the Ninth AF in France said: "I'd go. I'd be tickled to death. I'd put up with hardships."

"There'd be no serious opposition from men in the service if the plan were practical," commented Clark Gable, who spent many months in service overseas.

S/Sgt. Paul Davidson, of Topeka, Kan., a veteran of the first Fortress raid on Ploesti, said: "It would be wonderful while your wife was there, but when she had to go home it would be worse than ever."



Don't Count Your Chickens

NOT even a Nazi barrage can dull the appetite of a GI chowhound, especially when there's a chance to get a little variety in the menu. As the 11th Arm. (Thunderbolt) Div. was mopping up German positions in the Ardennes, men of a tank battalion had things pretty well under control but enemy artillery and mortar fire still was coming in heavily. "They were shelling hell out of us," Maj. Robert B. Knight, of Miami, Fla., said. "I heard some chickens squawking so I stuck my head out to see what was going on. There were guys chasing chickens all over the place. My driver, T/4 Thomas Burkhardt, of Donora, Pa., scooted out and caught four. "We didn't have a chicken dinner, though. The driver gave them to a Belgian girl to hold for him. We couldn't find her after the barrage lifted."

Should Auld Acquaintance

The Nazi prisoner took a long look at the sergeant who was at the interrogator's table and finally said, "Your face is familiar, but I can't remember the name"—or words to that effect—in German. The sergeant, member of an 87th Inf. Div. IPW team, told the prisoner his face, too, looked familiar but he couldn't place him. A few more questions solved the riddle. The captured Nazi used to sell newspapers on a Berlin street-corner and the sergeant, who had fled Germany in 1937 to come to America, had been one of his customers.

Practice Turned Out Perfectly

BATTERY C of the Tenth Arm. Div.'s 796th AAA AW Bn. was on its way to test-fire its weapons one morning when three Me109s were sighted, flying low. Eleven half-tracks opened fire and two planes crashed to earth. It was the most successful test course in the history of Btry. C.

No Butt Shortage Here

PFC Oscar D. Redden, 381st Bn., artilleryman from Owensville, Mo., was returning to his sleeping place one night when he stumbled over a body in his path. Redden reached out to break his fall and was nipped in the hand. From the body came the unmistakable odor of goat. Redden's retreat was accelerated by lusty butts from the enraged animal.



Next day the artilleryman's 102nd Inf. Div. outfit went to a rest camp for 48 hours. When the unit returned, Redden was met at the door of his quarters by the goat—this time in a less ferocious mood. A white shirt dangled from the horned one's jaws and the goat was his meal to notice the soldier as he slipped by. Just as Redden was congratulating himself on getting by without any trouble he discovered the goat was having a feed on the house. One of Redden's shirts was missing—and it was the one dangling from the animal's mouth.

Alliterative Account of Armored Action

The 60th Arm. Inf. Bn. is alliterative and brief in its summary of action during the German counter-offensive. The battalion's account: "Battered bastards battled from Beaufort and Bigelback to bastion of Bastogne on Belgian border in Battle of the Bulge."

The 60th, a Ninth Arm. Div. unit, held the Germans for ten days near Waldbillig, Luxembourg, and was cut off part of the time. After a night-long march, the outfit participated with the Fourth Arm. Div. in opening the Neufchateau-Bastogne corridor.

Franco-Ly Speaking, GIs Struck Gold

A couple of Yanks who ought to get clusters to their Good Conduct ribbons are Cpl. Anthony P. Percell, of Mt. Vernon, N.Y., and Pfc James E. Bond, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. They stopped their jeep to clear a big wooden box out of the road. Then they took a look at the contents, tossed the box in the jeep and hauled it to the CO of their Ninth AF SC unit. The CO took a look and called in a CIC agent. The CIC agent probably is on the trail of some black-marketsters. The box contained 400 pairs of silk stockings—worth about 1,000 francs a pair.

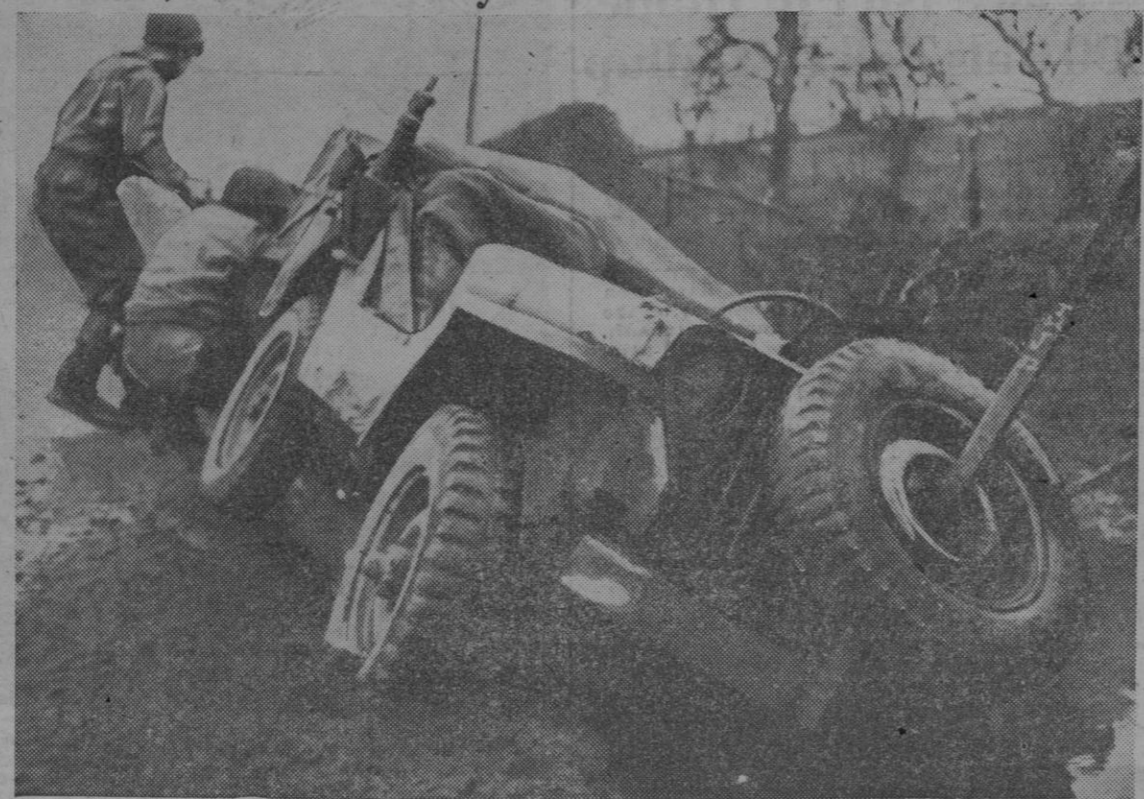
Same Clothes, Too

Coincidence Department: They are in the same squad, same platoon, of an engineer battalion, have one brother and sister apiece, are married and each has two children. They have had the corresponding finger of one hand amputated and to top it all, both have the same initials and last four serial numbers. The men are T/5 Wilfred Groder, of West Buxton, Mo., and Pfc Wendell Gordon, of Black Lick, Pa. No, they're not related.

Four-Footed Don Quixote

"A Lourk Orié Orié," mascot of an Air Service Squadron, is probably the only dog in the ETO to tangle with a whirling four-bladed Marauder propeller and live to bark about it. He tried to bite the prop while it was turning about a thousand RPMs and wound up in the dispensary where he underwent a facial operation. It required 11 stitches to close the wound and Orié had to be fed intravenously for some time. The dog is frisky as ever now—but he steers clear of propellers. S/Sgt. Harold Coleman, of Washington, Ind., bought Orié in England.

Water, Water Everywhere—But Yanks Go On



On two sides of the globe GIs find themselves pushing through, around or in water as the war is carried to the enemy. Mud, which has replaced snow on the roads of Belgium, makes the roads slippery. This jeep silted into a ditch. A passing truck helped pull it out.



What was once a nice, uncomfortable foxhole in Belgium isn't any more. This Joe is busy bailing it out after the recent thaw. The helmet makes a satisfactory substitute for a water bucket. Looks like he has plenty of dipping in store, the water running pretty deep.



When Japs blew bridges on Luzon these six-by-sixes took to the tropical waters of a river near Lingayen. The Nipponese did a very thorough job of destroying their bridges behind them but this failed to stop the U.S. columns from pouring into Manila from several expanding beachheads by wading across water barriers.

It Wasn't an Ideal Situation For TDs, But Negro Platoon Proved It Had What It Takes

WITH U.S. FORCES IN ALSACE, Feb. 11.—They knew the town was hotter than hell before they went in, but members of a platoon of M18s from Co. B of a Negro TD battalion had orders to help stop enemy armor. The lieutenant said to the sergeant: "You know, I'm a recon man myself, and this is new stuff to me. I'll have to depend on you a lot." The lieutenant was Robert F. Jones from Caspar, Wyo. He took over the platoon when its commander was killed; the sergeant was Harry Johnson, a husky young ex-pug from Philadelphia. A force of infantrymen of the Second Bn., 315th Inf., 79th Div., was battling against terrific odds from them by two crack Nazi units, the 21st Panzer and 25th Panzer Grenadier.

War Writers Hit 100 Million Word Milepost

More than 100,000,000 words have been written by newsmen covering the war in Europe since D-Day, SHAEF has announced. Press censors and other agencies have kept a tally of their work and estimate that the 100,000,000-word mark was reached last week—equivalent to 1,700 average-length novels. During the same period, SHAEF announced, Press Censors passed approximately 5,000,000 feet of movie film. It would take 25 days sitting at night, to view the films. At the same time, censors passed for home publication approximately 1,500,000 photographs.

But Sometimes The Wounded Will Talk...

By Ralph Martin Stars and Stripes Staff Writer WITH SEVENTH ARMY, Feb. 11.—They chased some of the kids out of the narrow courtyard so that the ambulance could back up and unload. Two of the passengers were walking wounded. The third was a litter case, a young lieutenant slugging with morphine. He had his hands folded high on his chest; his eyes stared at nothing at all, while his lips mumbled words to himself. "He thought he was still up at the front," the driver said. "All the way he kept repeating over and over again: 'We've got to attack, we've got to attack.'"

9th AF WACs In ETO a Year

Sixty-five members of the original Hq. and Hq. Squadron, WAC Det., 9th AF, completed one year of service in the ETO yesterday. A year ago they left the New York POE as part of the first AF contingent to be sent into this theater. Sixty-five served with the 9th AF in England and came to the Continent near the close of the Normandy campaign. Several remances have helped make company history in the past year. In a double wedding, Cpl. Alma Winn, Galveston, Tex., and Pfc Emma Lou Smythe, Springfield, Mo., married, respectively, Sgts. Francis P. Flynn, Seneca Falls, N.Y., and George F. Morris, Alliance, Ohio. All four are now with the 9th AF. Another company here was T/5 Louise Noreika, Oklahoma City, Okla., who married T/Sgt. James McMillan in England. WAC Maj. Katherine St. John is commanding officer of the WAC detachment.

Jerricans Go Forward

WITH U.S. SUPPLY FORCES, France.—Sixty-thousand Jerricans have been released for combat duty by Oise Supply Section with the inauguration of curbside gasoline service for Army truck drivers.

Confusion Shrouded by Fog

INSIDE SIEGFRIED LINE, Schnee Eifel Mountains, Feb. 11.—Five hundred Germans staged an unintentional counter-attack on Branscheid that couldn't have been timed better if they had planned it. The 500, who hadn't been told that Americans held the mountain road center, marched calmly into the town through the fog and the night in columns of fours. They were on their way to man sections of the Siegfried Line that already had fallen.

They came into Branscheid as one American infantry unit pulled out and another was taking over the positions. "Everyone started shooting at once and no one knew who got the cigar," said the prematurely-gray commander of the regiment that took the town. "For four hours they fought a pitched battle with clubbed rifles, bayonets, knives, fists and feet." The enemy was imprisoned in the town by barricades of fire as Yank artillery rined Branscheid with a continual barrage. But the enemy fired mortars and rockets into the village, killing and wounding more Nazi troops than GIs. Above the screams of the wounded and the tumult of battle came the shouts of many men in two languages. All over town men yelled in German and English to identify themselves. Dawn burned the fog away and also the confusion of the night. By 0730 the doughs had reformed their lines and killed, captured or wounded all the "counter-attackers" who had come into the town. But on a slope south of the town two Yank platoons were cut off in rain-flooded bunkers. Tank-ridden infantry tried to reach them but were driven back by fire from high ground. Smoke was used to protect the platoons that resembled the fog of the night. Some came down the slope, sliding through the thick mud under heavy fire. Some haven't come out yet. "When they came into the town we took it for granted they were the relief and the relief thought they were us," said 2/Lt. Delbert Bendrick, of Canton, Ill. "The first thing we knew we heard them jabbering, but by that time they were in the center of the town by the CP. When they saw our guys the Krauts wanted them to surrender but they opened up and killed three Jerries right off the bat. "I was working on a wire when a buck sergeant came charging out of a house and yelled a lot of Krauts were marching into town," said Sgt. John Godlesky, of Monongahela, Pa. "I thought he was kidding, because we had cleaned the town out at four in the afternoon and here it was four in the morning. But when I heard them I really shagged tail. "It was there and I heard the Krauts jabbering around me all the time," said T/5 Cantrell of Atlanta, Ga. "But it was so dark no one could tell who was who. I never heard such yelling in a battle in all my life."

GI Railroaders, 20,000 Strong, Ride ETO Lines

More than 20,000 GI railroaders in coal-blackened fatigues, have linked all corners of the ETO in a railway transportation system which today is delivering 50,000 tons of supplies daily to the frontlines. The saga of railroading in the ETO dates from D-plus-11, when the Second Military Railway Service landed in Normandy to begin organizing the French rail system for Army uses. The GIs in this outfit have been right behind the frontlines ever since. For their work in saddling the iron horse, the 21 railway operating battalions which comprise the service have been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque.

Drove Off Plane

GIs in these outfits deliver trainloads of ammunition, gas, food and all varieties of equipment to front-line railheads, often under strafing and artillery fire. Converted passenger cars, made into billets in some areas, have come under direct enemy attack. Europe have been made airworthy through continental operations of this command since D-Day. Many of them again are taking their place in formations bombing German targets. Salvage efforts eliminated the necessity of rushing replacements from the States. Planes damaged beyond repair have been made to serve too. Equipment and hard-to-get parts, worth millions, have been salvaged and used in Eighth AF maintenance work. As the Allies advanced towards Germany, the command extended its operations behind the lines.

GI from Evansville Takes His Fighting Along With Chow

WITH 26th (YANKEE) INF. DIV., Luxembourg.—It looked like a good deal that night, but came the gray dawn and Pfc Herbert L. Harrington and his buddies found the house they had slept in was surrounded by Germans. Harrington, who comes from Evansville, Ind., was the busiest of a lot of busy GIs in the subsequent defense of the house. His buddies in Co. E of the 328th Inf. Reg. say that he didn't even go off the alert to eat or drink. He just laid down his MI and plugged away with a .45 in one hand while he manipulated a sandwich and a glass of water in the other. By nightfall, 15 Jerries lay dead around the home. Harrington volunteered to cover an attempt to escape, and he and three others crawled 150 yards away to set up their run. Not until the last of the 60 Yanks in the house were out did the men pick up their MG and leave. The GI from Evansville was the last to eat or get soaked in the knee to a piece of shrapnel, but Harrington-like, he reached safety on his own power.

Japs Move Gen. Wainwright

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (AP)—The Japanese have shifted 177 American prisoners of war, including Lt. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright, from Formosa to Mukden and Morfuso in Manchukuo, the War Department said yesterday. The transfer may reflect Japanese fear that Formosa will be invaded.

UNRRA Shift to France For Move Into Reich

LONDON, Feb. 11 (AP)—Anticipating the possibility of an early collapse in certain areas in Germany, the UNRRA disclosed more than 2,000 members of the service would be shifted to France shortly to stand by for moving into the Reich to handle the millions of displaced nationals. An official explained that through an agreement between Gen. Eisenhower and Herbert Lehmann, the UNRRA would participate in the occupation of Germany, under Allied military supervision.

Washing Machine

Another section provides laundry and bathing facilities for thousands of troops in a widely scattered area.

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There Isn't a Prize in Every Package But, Oh, Those Lucky Seven!



You steps right up, pulls a number, and maybe you gets a trip home. The men are ground technicians of the 13th AAF who have been together in the Pacific for 29 months. Seven may go home on furloughs. Maj. Florian J. Koch, of Demopolis, Ala., officiates.

8th AFSC Here Puts 'Em Back In ETO Skies

EIGHTH AF SERVICE COMMAND, Feb. 11.—More than 400 bombers and fighters of the Eighth Air Force, which were unable to return to their United Kingdom bases and were forced down in Northern Europe, have been made airworthy through continental operations of this command since D-Day. Many of them again are taking their place in formations bombing German targets. Salvage efforts eliminated the necessity of rushing replacements from the States. Planes damaged beyond repair have been made to serve too. Equipment and hard-to-get parts, worth millions, have been salvaged and used in Eighth AF maintenance work. As the Allies advanced towards Germany, the command extended its operations behind the lines.

Mechanics Convert P47s Into 2-Seat Utility Planes

A NINTH AF SERVICE COMMAND BASE—War-weary P47 Thunderbolts are being converted into two-seater utility planes by mechanics of this Ninth AF Service Command unit. Crew chiefs and mechanics are able to go up and observe for themselves the reactions and flight characteristics of instruments and mechanisms on which they work. The planes also are used for combat observation and passenger transport. Installation of the second seat was accomplished by removal of the rear armor plate and a change in the position of the radio.

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Ghostly Patrols Cross Our As Moon Threatens Betrayal

By Bob Krell Stars and Stripes Special Correspondent WITH 17th AB DIV., Feb. 11.—"Ain't nobody gonna cross 'at river tonight?" drawled the cavalry captain, flattening himself against the snow as the mortars and artillery dropped fire all around. Machine-gun fire had pinned down the glider infantry company which was trying to get the ridge ahead. 1/Lt. Kenneth Palmer, of Milwaukee, who was to lead one of the platoons on his reconnaissance mission across the Our, admitted it wouldn't be easy. But later that night, two snow-capped groups, one under Palmer's command and the other under 1/Lt. John Bradford, of Lonoke, Ark., slipped over the frozen wastes toward the Siegfried Line. All was quiet. Jerry flares and our air bursts sporadically lit the sky as we looked into Germany. An occasional flurry of screaming meenies and spasmodic rounds of our own artillery fire were the only sounds.

52nd QM Keeps Supplies Moving To Battle Lines

WITH 52nd QM BASE DEPOT IN FRANCE.—Together with the sub-depots that it operates, this largest of the U.S. Army QM supply base depots is daily delivering more than 3,500 tons of food, clothing, shoes, gasoline and many other vitally-needed war materials for the American fighting forces on the Western Front. Set up near a large French port from which it receives a steady flow from the U.S., more than 5,000 soldiers keep an unending stream of supplies rolling daily to the many depots farther inland.

Rush Orders by Air

Aside from the air and rail transportation which haul considerable tonnage, the depot loaded more than 1,850 trucks with supplies during a two-month period. Daily more than 2,100 tons of foods go to the front. Each day 850 tons of gasoline, oil and other petroleum products are released. If supplies are urgently needed they are sent by air. Tons of clothing and shoes are also brought to the salvage branch of this depot for repair. A staff of 83 French civilians assist in sorting out this material.

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Lafayette Escadrille Flies Again

French pilots flying with the First USAF have adopted the famed "Lafayette Escadrille" insignia used by a group of Americans who flew with the French Air Force in World War I. Shown above, studying a map before starting on a strafing mission, are, left to right: Lts. Pierre Chanoine, Jean Honorat (in cockpit), Henri Ducru, Jacques Maleville and Jean Marillonet.

Army Defeats Rochester for 26th Straight

WEST POINT, N.Y., Feb. 11.—Army's basketball juggernaut rolled to its 26th straight victory by defeating Rochester, 79-42, here last night. The Cadets have won ten in a row this season, 15 during last year's unbeaten campaign, and the final game against Navy in 1943.

Doug Kenna, quarterback on the undefeated football varsity, scored 22 points and Johnny Nance added 16 to account for four points less than the entire Rochester team scored.

Ed Gniewek and Homer Marks scored 15 and 13 points, respectively, for the losers.

Navy Crushes West Virginia

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 11.—Navy's basketball team, beaten by Army in last year's finale, has built a winning streak of eight games this season and continued unbeaten last night by defeating West Virginia, 60-40.

The Mountaineers' superior floor-work and pass interceptions blocked the Middies during the first half, though Navy managed to lead, 23-17, at the intermission.

Navy's victims this year are Penn, 61-41; Duke 54-43; Penn State 60-27; Columbia 51-44; Temple 55-47, and West Virginia, 60-40. Muhlberg, North Carolina Pre-Flight, Fordham, Bainbridge Naval and Army are left on the schedule.

Dick Duden, of Englewood, N.J., captain-elect of the football team, is Navy's outstanding courtster.

New Orleans Golf Led by McSpaden

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 11.—Jug McSpaden continued to set the pace in the \$5,000 New Orleans Open golf tournament shooting a 69, three below par, in the second round yesterday. He has a 36-hole total of 137. McSpaden leads Byron Nelson, his pre-nuptial rival, who scored a 70, by three strokes.

Claude Harmon and Johnny Bulla each scored 71 for totals of 141 and 142, respectively. Sammy Snead, Henry Picard and Sammy Byrd improved over first round play, but lagged behind the leaders. Byrd was 16th with 147. Snead had 148 and Picard 149.

Horvath Offered Pro Grid Contract

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 11.—Les Horvath, all-America halfback on Ohio State's undefeated Big Ten Conference champions last fall, said yesterday he had been offered a contract to play post-war professional football with the Cleveland team of the All-America League.

Horvath doubted "very much whether I will play pro football, but if I do I would like to play for Paul Brown's team."

Two days ago Brown, former Ohio State coach, signed a contract to coach the Cleveland entry in the new league.

Horvath has repeatedly rejected bids from the Cleveland Rams of the National Professional League, who drew him in the league's draft pool.

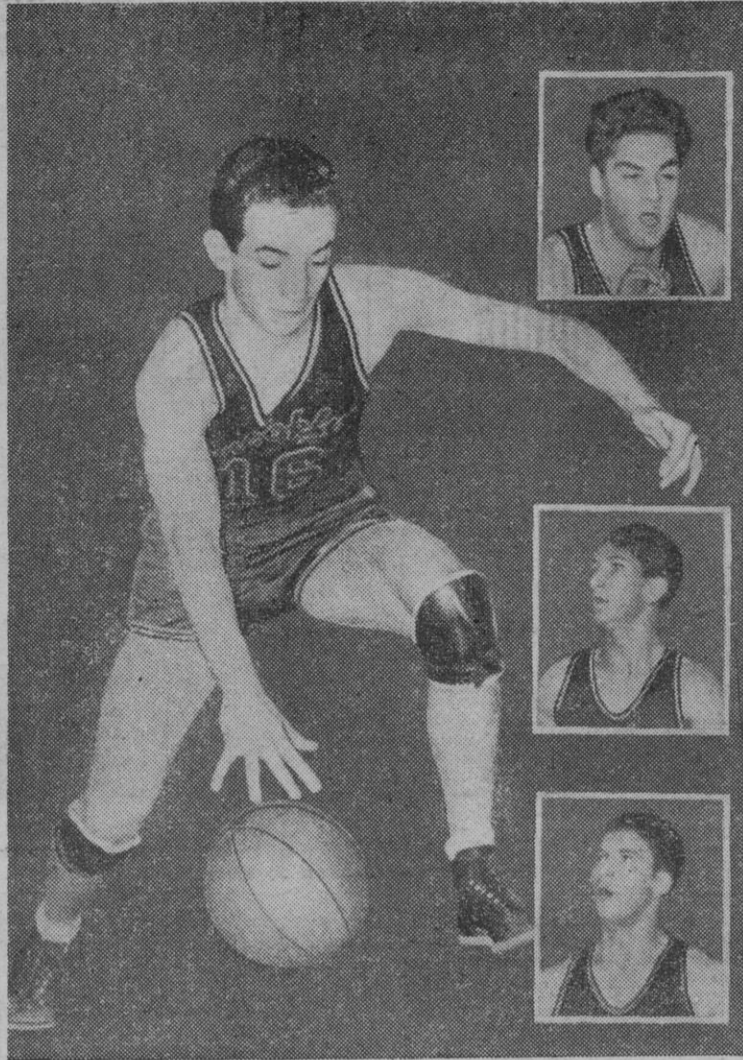
Name Baer Grid Coach At Detroit University

DETROIT, Feb. 11.—Charley Baer, assistant football coach at the University of Illinois, yesterday was appointed head coach of the University of Detroit football team and given a three-year contract.

Baer, who starred at guard for Illinois for three years, from 1926 through 1928, coached a high school team at Gary, Ind., before going to Illinois in 1942 as a scout and assistant coach under Ray Eliot.

The new Titan coach succeeds Charley "Gus" Dorais, who resigned in 1942, the last season Detroit played intercollegiate football.

Four-Fifths of the Brooklyn Scandal



Bob Leder, center figure, and three of his Brooklyn College teammates involved in the recent basketball bribe case, are pictured above. Insets are Stan Simon (top), Jerry Green (middle), and Buddy Barnett (bottom). A picture of Len Pearlstein, fifth member, was not available. All were expelled last week.

Ohio State, Iowa Maintain Hot Cage Pace in Big Ten

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—Ohio State's defending champions halted a bruising second-half rally last night and defeated Northwestern, 36-30, to hold the lead in the Big Ten Conference basketball race. The Buckeyes held the Wildcats to only two field goals in the first half and led, 26-7, but Northwestern's rally pulled the local cagers to within four points of the winning team. Max Marris, Northwestern ace, led the scorers with 17 points.

Iowa Tops Indiana, 45-40

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 11.—Iowa continued its drive for the Big Ten title by defeating Indiana, 45-40, in a game which saw the score tied 17 times.

Both teams scored 16 field goals, but the Hawkeyes netted 13 fouls to eight for the Hoosiers. Iowa led, 28-25, at the intermission.

Badgers Upset Wolverines

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 11.—Wisconsin bounced back from a one-sided defeat by Ohio State to defeat Michigan, 55-44, in a Big Ten game last night.

Ray Patterson, Badger center, scored 18 points to lead the individual scoring. Wisconsin led, 29-21, at the half and went on to win its third Conference game in eight starts.

Illini Blast Gophers

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 11.—Illinois' Whiz Kids had an easy time defeating Minnesota, 57-35, here last night

BIG TEN STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.	TP	OP
Ohio State	7	1	.875	383	296
Iowa	6	1	.857	324	266
Illinois	4	1	.800	244	199
Purdue	6	4	.600	472	471
Wisconsin	3	5	.381	325	374
Michigan	4	7	.363	461	515
Northwestern	3	6	.333	411	399
Indiana	2	6	.250	382	416
Minnesota	2	6	.250	335	390

for their fourth Conference victory in five games.

Slip Kersulis, Illinois center, ripped home eight field goals for 16 points and scoring honors, with Junior Kirk adding 14 to the Illini total. It was Illinois' fourth win in five Conference starts, leaving them still in the running for the title.

Nebraska Trips Kansas

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 11.—Nebraska upset Kansas, 59-45, last night to hand the Jayhawks their first loss in five Big Six Conference basketball games. Nebraska led at halftime, 30-24, as Strahan sank 15 points and Peterson 14 for the Cornhuskers' only victory in seven league contests.

Basketball Scores

Albright 57, Ursinus 37.
Army 79, Rochester 42.
Ashland 54, Heidelberg 42.
Akron 63, Case 41.
Ball State Tchrs. 64, Butler 36.
Bucknell 62, Scranton 55.
Bates 63, Bowdoin Naval 46.
Coast Guard Acdy 38, Brown 32.
Cornell College 58, Carleton 41.
Carroll 68, Montana Mines 43.
Cladell 52, Clemson 29.
Capital 74, Port Columbus 33.
Canisius 58, Syracuse 45.
Denison 69, Baldwin-Wallace 40.
De Paul 48, Oklahoma Ags. 46.
Duke 51, Temple 46.
Evansville 66, Georgetown (Ky) 51.
Franklin Marshall 42, Gettysburg 31.
Georgia Pre-Flight 46, N.C. Pre-Fl. 42.
Georgia Tech 53, Tennessee 49.
Great Lakes 65, Lawrence 29.
Geneva 61, Carnegie Tech. 41.
Harvard 44, MIT 34.
Hampden Sydney 42, Virginia Mil. 25.
Haverford 55, Dickinson 23.
Ind. State 53, Stout Field 37.
Iowa Seahawks 59, Missouri 36.
Illinois 57, Minnesota 35.
Jacksonville Naval 57, Auburn 23.
Louisville 60, Eastern State Tchrs. 40.

Lincoln 32, Hampton 21.
Loyola 48, Delaware 23.
Lafayette 48, Stevens 34.
Marquette 50, Detroit 32.
Muhlenberg 47, Columbia 44.
Nebraska 59, Kansas 45.
Notre Dame 66, NYU 60.
Navy 60, West Virginia 40.
Oklahoma 49, Kansas State 36.
Ohio U 48, Cincinnati 40.
Quonset 66, Princeton 32.
Ohio State 36, Northwestern 32.
Oregon State 55, Oregon 41.
Penn State 66, Princeton 52.
Quonset Naval 47, Tufts 40.
Rutgers 75, Rutgers ASTP 31.
Rensselaer Poly 70, Union 44.
Rice 72, Southern Methodist 53.
Randolph Macon 40, Virginia Med. 32.
Santa Ana A.B. 59, So. California 38.
South Carolina 68, Wofford 20.
Texas Christian 52, Texas Aggies 40.
Texas 54, Baylor 22.
Trinity 55, Holy Cross 54.
Utah 52, Wyoming 38.
Virginia 61, Maryland 33.
Washington State 65, Washington 43.
Western State Tchrs. 37, Murray 53.
Wesleyan 57, Worcester Poly 45.
Xavier 35, Alabama Tchrs. 33.
Yale 79, Connecticut 41.

DePaul Defeats Aggies, 48-46, As Mikan Excels

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—DePaul's Blue Demons, with George Mikan scoring 15 points, nosed out the Oklahoma Aggies, 48-46, before a crowd of 15,000 in the Chicago Stadium last night. The heralded "Battle of the Giants" between Mikan and Bob Kurland, of the Aggies, found Mikan with all the best of it. Besides scoring 15 points himself, the DePaul ace set up many more baskets under the rim and held Kurland to eight points.

Richard Ties Hockey Mark

MONTREAL, Feb. 11.—Maurice Richard, speedy right wing of the Montreal Canadiens, tied Cooney Weiland's all-time National Hockey League record as the league-leader defeated the Detroit Red Wings, 5-2, here last night. Richard scored early in the third period to tie the 43-goal mark set by Weiland in

Hockey Standings

	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	30	5	3	63
Detroit	22	11	4	48
Toronto	19	16	2	40
Boston	12	22	2	26
New York	7	23	8	22
Chicago	7	23	5	19

American Hockey League

Saturday Night's Results
Pittsburgh 4, St. Louis 2.
Cleveland 3, Hershey 1.

1930. It was his second goal of the game.

His mates fed Richard the puck at every opportunity, so he could equal the record. Elmer Lach passed to him at 1:24 of the second period and he whizzed the puck past Harry Lumley, Detroit goalie.

Buddy O'Connor, Toe Blake and Ray Getliffe scored the other Montreal goals, while Eddie Bruneteau and Carl Liscombe scored for Detroit as the Wings slipped 7 1/2 games behind the Canadiens.

Hawks Upset Leafs

TORONTO, Feb. 11.—The Chicago Black Hawks surprised the Toronto Maple Leafs, 2-1, to the dismay of 11,446 fans here last night. The last-place club in the league gave a brilliant defensive exhibition and held a 2-0 lead until the third period.

Don Grosso put the Hawks ahead less than five minutes after the game started on a sharp, unassisted shot. After a scoreless second period, Wilfie Field put Chicago two up at 11:40 of the third session. Lorne Carr took a pass from Art Jackson, who relayed the puck from Stan Stanowski, to prevent a shutout.

Callanan, 18, Elected USC Football Captain

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 11.—Jimmy Callanan was elected captain of the University of Southern California football team last night, school athletic officials announced. He is the youngest player ever to be captain of the Trojan squad.

Callanan, 18-year-old end, blocked a Tennessee punt to score the first USC touchdown in the Rose Bowl game last New Year's day.

LaCross Guns for Ninth Victory in Paris Ring

Five boxers from the 11th Port will meet fighters from the 19th Reinforcement Depot and other military units in tonight's 10-bout card at the Palais de Glace, Paris, under the direction of the ARC and Special Service. The first bout is scheduled for 7:30 PM.

Pvt. Vern LaCross, of San Francisco, will be seeking his ninth straight win when he meets Pvt. William Hall, of New York, in one of the feature bouts. Pvt. Jimmie Johnson, of Fort Worth, Texas, will be punching for his seventh win against Pfc William Collis, of New York.

Rest of the card follows:

Sgt. Charles Johnson, 142, Atlantic City, N.J., vs. Cpl. Willie Brown, 137, Little Rock, Ark.; Pfc Robert Booth, 158, Uniontown, Pa., vs. Pvt. Theodore Pritchard, 155, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Pvt. Samuel Edge, 182, Cleveland, vs. Sgt. Johnny Murdoch, 185, Philadelphia; Pfc William Collis, 174, New York, vs. Pvt. Jimmie Johnson, 175, Fort Worth, Texas; Pvt. William Hall, 152, Philadelphia, vs. Pvt. Vern LaCross, 153, San Francisco, Calif.; Pfc Earl Judge, 154, Gary, Ind., vs. Pfc John Thompson, 150, San New York; Pvt. Steve Ampelas, 125, San Antonio, Texas, vs. Pvt. Ivan Davis, 126, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Cpl. Charles Medary, 135, Orange, Va., vs. Pvt. Luther Alberts, 135, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; Pvt. Gordon Harper, 128, Detroit, vs. Pvt. Harvey Matthews, 128, Detroit; Sgt. Charles Porter, 155, Sacramento, Calif., vs. Pvt. Homer Johnson, 154, Hawthorne, Calif.

NYU Five Bows To Notre Dame

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Stemming a furious last-half rally, the Notre Dame basketball team defeated New York University, 66-60, last night in Madison Square Garden. In the opening game of the double-header, Brooklyn College, fielding its new squad, beat St. Francis, 58-41. A crowd of 18,210 gave the Brooklyn boys a great hand as the lineup was announced.

Vince Boryla paced the Irish to a 42-25 halftime lead and Notre Dame continued its attack to gain a 23-point advantage early in the second half. The Violets, however, got their attack clicking in the fading minutes and made a battle of the game, the 12th meeting of the rivals, ten of which have been won by the South Benders.

Deadly shooting from the foul line kept NYU in the game. Only four of 24 attempts were muffed.

Boryla and George Batterman each scored 24 points for Notre Dame.

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Baseball Men Not Enthused
Under an East-West "Victory League" alignment, the East would have two Boston, New York and Philadelphia teams, Brooklyn and Washington. The West would have two Chicago and St. Louis teams, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Detroit.

Baseball men are not expected to approve the idea, since the 1945 schedule already has been arranged.

Foxx Back in Philly, But in Different Loop

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 11.—Jimmy Foxx, one of the leading sluggers of all time, signed a one-year contract with the Phillies yesterday. The 37-year-old veteran goes back to the city in which he played his first major league ball, but in a different league.

Foxx joined the Athletics in 1925, was with Providence in the latter part of that season, then returned to stay with the A's from 1926 through 1935, when he was traded with Pitcher John Marcum to the Boston Red Sox for Pitcher Gordon Rhodes, Catcher George Savino, and \$150,000 in cash.

HASH MARKS

T/Sgt. Bill Sutter classifies military crap shooters into three groups: There are soldiers who wager the shooter does "eight," there are those who wager the shooter doesn't "eight" and there are soldiers who wager and "donate."

Pfc James E. Ely tells us about the honest advertiser who spoke of his product this way: "Use lumpo soap. Doesn't lather. Doesn't bubble. Doesn't float. It's just company in the tub."

Overheard in the blackout. "Yeah, my wife is very polite. Every time she throws a cup at me she always takes the spoon out."

A WAC we know claims she has a legitimate reason for going back to the States. She will be 40 years



old in July and she sez, "I hear life begins at 40—and I want to begin it back in the States so I won't be an alien."

Sideglances. A corporal, an ardent camera bug, was seen strolling out of the PX forlornly singing, "Some day my prints will come."

Daffynition: A paratrooper is a fellow who climbs down trees he never climbed up.

Suggested epitaph for a public relations officer—"for immediate release."

And then there was the hopeful miss who wrote her former boy friend, now overseas, and asked, "What are your intentions?" He replied, "My intentions are honorable—but remote."

J. C. W.

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1200-News	1815-BBC Orchestra
1215-Guess Who	1900-Johnny Desmond
1230-Home Note	1915-Winged Strings
1300-Music	1930-Duffy's Tavern
1400-News	2000-World News
1410-On the Spot	2010-Canada News
1430-Village Store	2015-Johnny Mercer
1500-Music	2030-Canada Show
1530-Combat Diary	2100-News
1545-On Record	2105-Top Ten
1630-Fiesta	2135-Comedy Caravan
1700-News	2200-U.S. News
1715-Music Parade	2207-Calif. Melodies
1800-News	2235-Fred Waring
1805-Mark Up Map	2300-News
1810-U.S. Sports	

TOMORROW

0600-Rise and Shine	0900-News
0700-News	0925-Music
0715-Bing Crosby	1000-Morning After
0730-Return Eng'm't	1030-Music
0800-Combat Diary	1100-U.S. News
0815-Personal Album	1105-Duffie Bag
0830-Dance Music	1145-Piano Parade

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

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CPL Fidel Ayala; Pfc Manfred Baer; Sgt. Ludwig Batis, Cleveland; Sgt. George H. Bensing; Pvt. Harry S. Bernot; John Brem; St. Paul, Minn.; Eddie Borchel, Mapleton, Minn.; Ernest T. Bumaster; Donald Best, Lina, Ohio; Pvt. Donald Coleman, Smithville, Mo.; Clayton L. Curtis; Donald Cowart, St. Joseph, Miss.; Sgt. Richard Connally; Pvt. William G. Corbus, Evanston, Ill.; Pvt. Victor Drechio; Sgt. Morris Davis; William Dean Danhof; Sgt. Jack F. Deighton; Pvt. Warren J. Deveny; 1/Sgt. Henry Hash, Stephensburg, Ky.

Births

Folks at Home Send These Gl's Swift News of Sir Stock's Arrival!

Lt. Oliver Schmidt, Cissna Park, Ill.; Lt. Thomas Robert, Nov. 30; Lt. Jack Teague, Milwaukee, Wis.; Jacqueline Louise, Jan. 21; Lt. Walter S. Smith, Alstead, New Hampshire—William Walter, Feb. 5; T/4 Jack Z. Jones, Arlington, N. J.—Pamela Beth, Feb. 5; Pfc Wilbur J. Maurer, Smithfield, O.—James Wendell, Jan. 27; Pfc Walter R. McKeegan, Whitehall, N.C.—boy, Dec. 8.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



By Al Capp



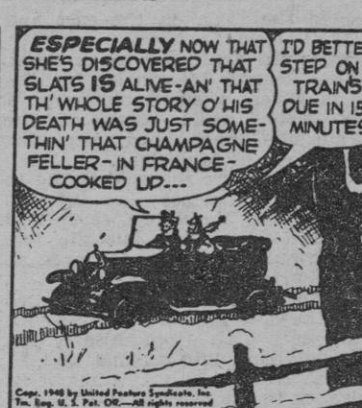
Terry and The Pirates

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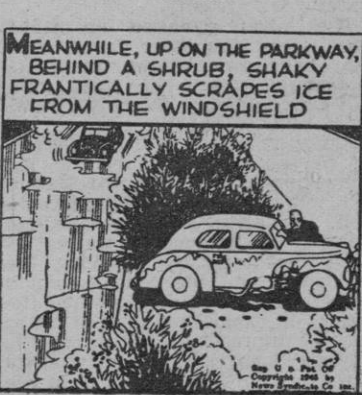
Abbie an' Slats

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Dick Tracy

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Male Call

By Milton Caniff



Jane

By Courtesy of The London Daily Mirror

By Norman Pett



First Convoy Travels Stilwell Road



The first China-bound convoy rolls over the 620-mile Burma-Ledo Stilwell Road. Chinese soldiers who fought battles with the enemy and the elements to carve the highway wave to the passing trucks.

1,000 Planes Hammer Nazis

Despite rain and low overcast, more than 1,000 Allied planes yesterday smashed at vital road and rail communications feeding supplies to German troops battling Allied attacks on the Western Front.

Eighth AF Mustangs 250 strong swept over northwestern Germany, to batter supply lines, while almost 500 Ninth AF fighter-bombers attacked rail cars, locomotives, motor transport, bridges and barges in the Cologne, Coblenz and Dusseldorf areas. British squadrons concentrated on enemy positions directly ahead of the Allied drive in the north.

About 100 Ninth AF Marauders and Havocs made early morning attacks without loss on rail yards at Bingen, west of Mainz, and on Kierby and Modrath, near Cologne. Thunderbolts of the First Tactical AF flew almost 200 sorties in the Seventh Army sector, claiming 120 rail cars and seven locomotives destroyed.

While the medium, light and fighter-bombers were hitting communications, more than 125 Eighth AF Liberators, escorted by 50 Mustangs, followed up Saturday's Fortress raid on Dulmen, southwest of Munster, attacking a motor-fuel storage depot.

More Than 69,000 Tons Of Supplies Moved Daily

HQ, ATC, EUROPE.—Between Jan. 12 and Jan. 26, the Motor Transport Service hauled 1,040,249 tons of supplies, a daily average of more than 69,000 tons.

Transportation Corps also revealed that 1,042,000 gallon semi-trailer tankers had been reconditioned by a French civilian firm.

More Norwegians Executed

LONDON, Feb. 11 (UP).—Fifteen more young Norwegians have been executed by the Germans and Quislings, it was announced by the Norwegian Information Bureau. These deaths are in addition to 19 uncovered yesterday.

Hit the Road

—Or—

Can You Top It?

WITH THE NINTH ARMORED DIV.—Three Nazi officers directed a Yank column back to Bastogne with all the assurance of traffic patrolmen.

Leading a column in a black-out and uncertain of the roads, Lt. Herbert C. Pulsifer, of Sanfor, Maine, stopped near Longvilly to check his route.

He saw a faint light in a house. With Sgt. John F. Mauthe, of Appleton, Wis., Lt. Pulsifer banged on the shutters and in French asked the directions to Bastogne. The information came back in French.

The two Second Tank Bn. men stepped into the house to thank their informants. There sat three Nazi officers.

"We were all surprised as hell. Who wouldn't be? They had pistols in their hands and we had no weapons. I just slammed the door and we took off! By the way, those directions were right."

British Troops Enter Cleeve

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passed the town on the east and took Ottersum, near by.

Eastward along the south flank, Allies cleared Zelderheide on the Niers River, a small tributary of the Maas, while south of the Nijmegen-Gennep road they took the village of Middelaar.

Germans were reported trying to establish a defense line between Gennep and Materborn, seven and one-half miles long, but the line was crumbling at Gennep even as they started to form it.

German reinforcements rushed into the area included the Seventh Parachute Div. from Alsace and another parachute organization.

First Army's 78th Div. made its advance to the Roer in the vicinity of Hasenfeld and Heimbach, 11 miles south of Duren at the north-eastern edge of the headwater waterworks system.

The advance closed up Allied lines along the Roer River from the headwaters downstream to Roermond, where the Roer joins the Dutch Maas. The river flows from south to north.

American patrols which penetrated to the south side of the big Schwammenauel Dam near Hasenfeld, found it unprepared for demolition. However, the Germans had released the impounded waters behind the dams by wrecking the floodgates and the controls which operate them. This explained the series of explosions doughs heard as they approached the dams.

Nazis also blew open control gates in a conduit leading from the Urtalsperre Dam south of the main waterwork. Water was pouring through the conduit into the Schwammenauel reservoir and gushing into the Roer Valley.

3rd in Prum Outskirts

Third Army troops to the south were in the outskirts of Prum, after advancing a half-mile yesterday. They cleared Steinmehlen, two and one-half miles west of Prum, and reached the Prum River southwest of the town. Four miles southwest of Prum, they also reached the river after expanding their Siegfried Line breach.

Third Army men consolidated their ten crossings over the Our and Sauer Rivers on the Luxembourg-German frontier into three bridgeheads, where they continued to build up forces, Stars and Stripes Correspondent Jimmy Cannon reported.

The southern bridgehead was three and one-half miles wide and a mile and one-half deep northwest of Echternach. The second bridgehead at Wallendorf at the junction of the Our and Sauer Rivers was four miles wide and one and a quarter miles deep. The third, four miles north of Dasburg, was four miles long and one mile deep, he reported.

NAM Chief Assails May Manpower Bill

NEW YORK, Feb. 11 (ANS).—Ira Mosher, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, declared in a radio address last night that passage of the May labor draft bill would be "a moral black-eye for 15,000,000 loyal war workers."

Mosher called manpower for war work a local problem, and said it "could best be solved by giving statutory authority to the War Manpower Commission at a local level."

Labor Leaders Pledge Big Rise In Tire Output

By Jules B. Grad

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Nine officials of the United Rubber Workers of America (CIO) said today U.S. factories would soon be producing a half-million tires a week for the armed forces.

At the end of a 13-day tour of Army installations where they inspected depots, ports and factories in France and Belgium, the group told Gen. Eisenhower they were "impressed" with the gigantic tire conservation program in the ETO.

"During the week ending Jan. 20, factories in the United States produced 335,000 tires for every military vehicle from jeeps to earth-movers," said George Bass, former president of the Goodrich Local, Akron, Ohio.

Peak Yet to Be Reached

"The all-time peak still has not been reached," the URWA spokesman added. "We hope to send almost a half-million tires a week to the armed forces within a short time."

Receiving the civilian committee, Eisenhower said he was very gratified with the efforts of all tire workers in supplying his armies.

"You have always sent us a great volume of tires of excellent quality," the Supreme Commander declared, "but to bring the war to a swifter conclusion, we need still more."

Roer Surges To Flood Speed

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each other across the Roer often less than 100 yards apart were now separated by a "no-man's-water" of several times that much in many places.

In one area at least, the Germans had felt the flood more keenly than U.S. troops, since the flood spread over the gentler valleys on the east bank, displacing Nazi defense lines there, while not affecting Americans on the river's west bank.

When the water subsides, the already marshy land will be nearly a morass.

Meanwhile, however, the Roer looks more like the Ohio River at flood time than a second-string German stream, formerly of fording depth in many places.

Gen. Stilwell Decorated For CBI Achievements

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (ANS).—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson yesterday decorated Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, commander of the AGF, for his "exceptional" record as commander of the China-Burma theater.

Stimson presented Stilwell with an Oak Leaf Cluster for his Legion of Merit award and with the Distinguished Service Medal.

The award ceremony was held in Stimson's office, in the presence of high-ranking War Department officials. The citation recognized the "tremendous magnitude and complexity" of Gen. Stilwell's achievement in building the Ledo Road, the new overland supply route to China, which now bears his name.

'Jeep' In Public Domain

DUBLIN, Feb. 11.—Eire's Industrial and Commercial Property Registration Office today refused an application of the Willys Overland Motors Co. of Toledo, Ohio, to use the word "jeep" as a trade mark. "Jeep" has fallen into public domain as a result of common usage, the court ruled.

A Rich Prize



Stettin, Third Largest Of Reich Ports, May Fall Soon

Stettin, third largest port in the Reich and capital of Pomerania, is one of the Red Army's main objectives. The northern prong of Marshal Zhukov's Third White Russian Army is only 15 miles from its outskirts.

A vital link in Germany's waterways system which carries supplies through northeastern Germany, Stettin's Hohenzollern Canal connects the Baltic Sea with 4,745 miles of inland waterways.

Much Wealth

Besides its importance as a port, it is a vital industrial center. It has ship and submarine building yards, a large synthetic oil plant and chemical works which have been bombed heavily.

The city is about 60 miles north-east of Berlin on the Oder River, and about 30 miles from the Baltic. It is about the size of Akron, Ohio.

Stettin, which is farther north than the northernmost point of Newfoundland, gets from 16 to 18 hours of daylight in the summer.

The city's history goes back to the 12th century, when it was known as Stedyn. It was Swedish from the middle of the 17th century until it came under Prussia's control in 1720.

Gen. Davis First Negro To Be Awarded DSM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (ANS).—The War Department announced yesterday that Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, only Negro general in the Army, has been awarded the first Distinguished Service Medal given a member of his race.

Davis, who is in his 46th year of army service, was cited for "meritorious service in a duty of great responsibility as inspector of troop units in the field, and as a special War Department consultant on matters pertaining to Negro troops."

Archbishop Flays Soldier Marriages

Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop in Paris, in instructions issued yesterday to French parish priests, deprecated hasty marriages between French girls and soldiers of the Allied forces.

He recalled that during World War I many such unions ended "unhappily." The cardinal, therefore, recommended that whenever a marriage was proposed with a national of the United States or the British Empire parish priests should not fail to notify his office.

U.S. In Move To Guarantee Atrocity Trials

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11 (ANS).—A Navy Department announcement today indicated that the U.S. is determined to punish Axis war criminals independently of other nations if necessary, the United Press reported.

The Navy said it is getting ready to try "international gangsters and their underlings." Evidence is being collected by the Navy in cases involving "cruelties, atrocities and acts of oppression" against Americans.

Rear Adm. Thomas L. Gatch, Navy Judge Advocate General, said the Navy would work with the Army through a war crimes office, existence of which was disclosed Jan. 31.

According to the UP, the U.S. move may have been prompted by the reported failure of the United Nations War Crimes Commissions to function fully as a result of differences between the U.S. and Britain.

Among the more shocking crimes now being investigated, according to the UP, are the Japanese execution of the Doolittle raiders, the Death March from Bataan and the slaughter of American war prisoners during the Nazis' western front offensive in December.

French Lauded For Rail Work

The important contributions by French military and civilian engineers in swift reconstruction of transportation networks, was outlined by Major General C. R. Moore, chief engineer of the ETO, in an address before the Association des Ingenieurs-Docteurs de France.

Speaking in French, to an audience which included Gen. Koenig, Major Gen. Virachef, USSR, and Brig. Gen. Briggs, of the British Army, Gen. Moore paid special tribute to the vital reconnaissance work by French engineers.

"Precious days were saved in all important reconstruction projects we undertook, particularly road and rail rehabilitation, as a result of the accurate information on damage provided by French military and civilian engineers," Gen. Moore said. Present military operations prevented the U.S. from diverting construction materials for non-military projects, he said, adding that the defeat of Germany would find the resources of the U.S. Army Engineers at the disposal of France in her rehabilitation problems.

AFL Head Takes Issue With Soviet Proposal

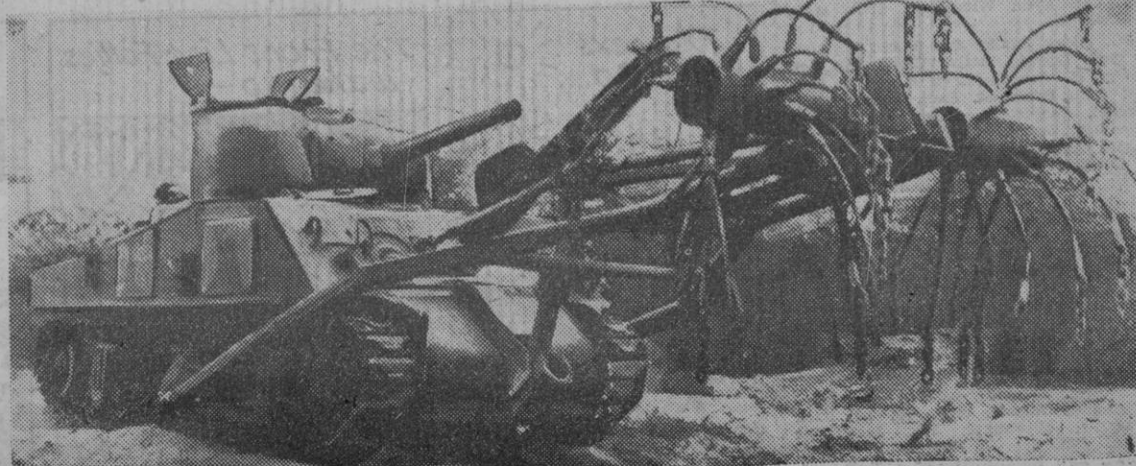
MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 11 (AP).—A Soviet proposal that German labor be forced to rebuild damaged cities in war-torn Europe was assailed by President William Green, AFL, as being "economically unsound and indefensible."

Green declared that the Russian plan, voiced at the World Trades Union Congress in London, which AFL refused to attend, would make slave laborers of the Germans and was "indefensible from a social point of view and contrary to the principles which the United Nations are seeking to establish when the war ends."

Wedding Bells for Bong

SUPERIOR, Wis., Feb. 11 (ANS).—Maj. Richard Ira Bong, the nation's top air ace, was married to his schoolteacher sweetheart, Marjorie Ann Vattendahl, today at the Concordia Lutheran Church.

Rambling Spider Takes Care of Land Mines



The attachment on the prow of this U.S. Marine tank was devised to explode mines. It consists of a number of chain-tipped flails mounted on tubular hubs which revolve. The chains lash the ground and create a magnetic field which explodes mines, according to caption received with photo.