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# First 50 Mi. Beyond Rhine

By Ferry and Bridge, Trucks Cross Rhine



Stars and Stripes Photos by Riordan  
Ponton ferry (above), powered by U.S. Navy LCT and crew, debarks vehicles on east bank of Rhine. Ferry service is used mostly for relatively small east-to-west traffic while bridges carry heaviest flow of eastbound traffic. Ponton treadway (right), one of bridges carrying men and materiel east of lower Rhine, clears traffic in sector originally crossed by 30th Inf. Div.

## Reds Capture Strehlen in South Silesia

Marshal Stalin last night announced the capture of Strehlen in Silesia, 22 miles south of Breslau, and Rybnik in Polish Silesia, about the same distance northeast of Moravska-Ostrava, gateway to Czechoslovakia.

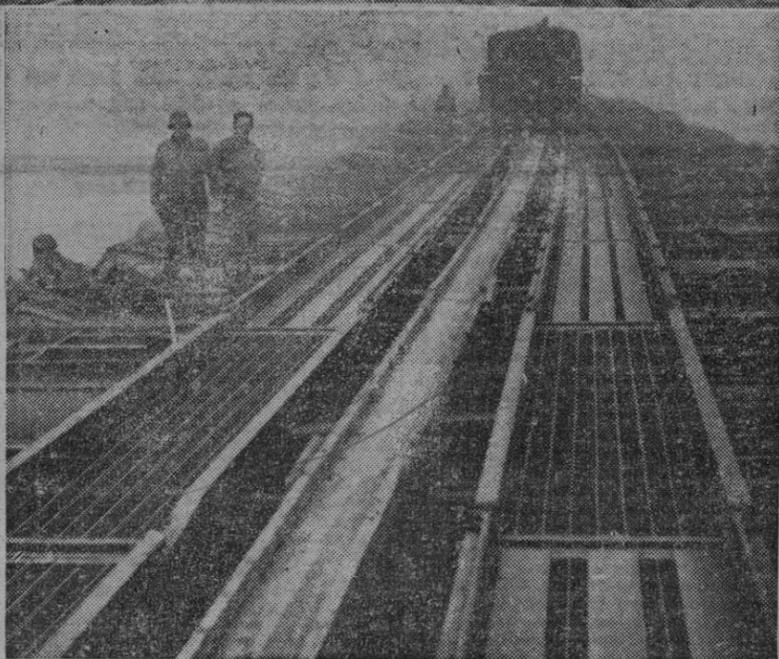
The German communique reported that in bitter fighting 40 miles due east of Berlin the Russians had increased their attacks in the Kustrin area and achieved "a few" breaches. Six miles northwest of Kustrin, the Germans claimed to have used artillery to break a Soviet tank grouping west of Genschmar, 36 miles from Berlin's outskirts.

In Hungary, a bitter battle was building up 60 miles from Vienna, along the Marcal canal and lower Raab River, last water barriers before the Austrian border. A Berlin spokesman said the Russians were pushing preparations to bridge the two waterways, which run in a generally southwest direction from the Hungarian communications town of Gyor, 70 miles from Vienna.

Moscow reported a further narrowing of the Danzig pocket, where 21,000 prisoners were picked up Monday. Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's men were fighting in the Danzig suburb of Emaus after breaking through two of three Nazi defense lines.

## Argentina Declares War

BUENOS AIRES, Mar. 27 (AP)—Argentina today declared war on the Axis.



Worst of All—

## They Didn't Recognize

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By Dan Regan

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer  
WITH FIRST INF. DIV., Mar. 27—They didn't know what the big, red "1" meant, the division insignia worn proudly through Africa, Sicily, France, Belgium and Germany. Some thought it was the First Army shoulder patch. Most didn't know what it was.

They asked questions like: "Did you fight at night? Did you ever kill a German? What is that purple ribbon you're wearing? Where did you get all those ribbons, in a five-and-ten cent store?"

But, worst of all, they didn't know what the big, red "1" stood for. And that was what hurt most.

Back From Furloughs

The 30-odd officers and men of the division, just back from 80-day furloughs in the States, still thought it was a

great place and that it was good to get home, even if it had to be for a few days or a few hours. They didn't mind coming back, although they "dreamed a little."

Their reaction to the home front, after being away for two years or more, was not a favorable one mainly because they felt too many people didn't know what war is like. That is, except their immediate families and those of other soldiers overseas. Perhaps, they thought, they were expecting too much of people who weren't geographically close to the war.

Good for Morale

Asked if he thought the furloughs were good for morale, even if they knew they had to return to the line, S/Sgt. James Hines of Manchester, N.H., said, "Sure it's worth it. Any chance to see your

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## 2 Armored Forces Speed Eastward; Doughs Meet Third

Two armored spearheads of the First U.S. Army rolled almost 30 miles farther into Germany yesterday, and last night they were 50 miles east of the Rhine in the deepest announced penetration into Germany from the West. At the same time, it was reported that the First and Third Armies joined east of the Rhine in the vicinity of Lahnstein, south-

## Nazi Defense Line in West Smashed-Ike

SHAFF, Mar. 27—Gen. Eisenhower today said that the main German defense line in the West is smashed.

The Supreme Commander also declared that there would not be a negotiated unconditional surrender by Germany, but rather an imposed unconditional surrender, when the Allies in the West link up with the Russian armies driving from the East.

Gen. Eisenhower also warned against expecting a clear road to Berlin.

"I would say that the Germans, as a military force on the Western front, are a whipped army," he told a press conference. "But, that does not mean that a front cannot be formed somewhere where our maintenance is stretched to the limit, and their defensive means can be better brought to bear."

There will be no "negotiated unconditional surrender," said the general. "There will be an imposed unconditional surrender, and the first thing to do is to enforce order, and we're going to have to do that by force of arms."

Eisenhower also reviewed the smashing Rhine-bound campaign, climaxed by the river crossing. He asserted the end of this campaign meant the Allies had reached the conclusion of one phase and were now entering another.

"There have been a quarter of a million Germans captured since Mar. 1," the general said. "You can see what a quarter of a million men would mean to the German Army east of the Rhine if they were available now."

He said the Rhine crossing "has gone much quicker, and has been much less costly than we expected," and recalled that on the first day's crossing two U.S.

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## First's 300,000th PW Sees German Defeat

WITH FIRST U.S. ARMY, Mar. 27—Oberfeldwebel (S/Sgt.) Wilhelm Zachmann, 29, of Mannheim, the 300,000th PW taken by the First Army, was processed yesterday.

Zachmann, an infantry platoon leader with eight years of service, was captured along the Wied River March 23 along with 30 others.

Depressed and disillusioned by the non-appearance of the Luftwaffe and the lack of Nazi artillery support, he does not believe a German victory possible.

east of Coblenz, where unidentified forces of the First met the Third's 87th Inf. Div.

To the southeast, Third Army tanks smashed into Bavaria, in southern Germany, across the Main River, but a news blackout screened their progress. They were last reported 40 miles beyond the Rhine in the Aschaffenberg area.

Ninth Is Counter-Attacked

Above the Ruhr, in the Ninth U.S. Army sector, the Americans held a bridgehead 14 miles deep, but progress was slowed temporarily yesterday as the first counter-attack since the crossing was reported from the 30th Inf. Div.'s front.

Just north of Mannheim, at the southern end of the Rhine front, the Seventh U.S. Army had a bridgehead 19 miles long and four miles deep.

The First Army tanks which burst out from the Remagen bridgehead were facing only light resistance. One column reached the vicinity of Herborn, 50 miles east of Bad Godesberg on the Rhine as another armored tip reached a point two miles north of Wetzlar, about the same distance from the river.

Wetzlar is the home of the Leica camera factory.

Tanks Near Wiesbaden

It was disclosed yesterday that the Ninth Armd. and Second Inf. Divs. are participating in what was described as "the First Army's Berlin drive."

Ninth Armd. spearheads rolled 21 miles southeast of Limburg to reach a point five miles southeast of Wiesbaden, just north of Mainz.

Hundreds of First Army tanks—one of the greatest armored forces ever assembled—rolled through Germany, by-passing unimportant towns. Motorized infantry followed close behind for mopping up operations. Behind them came the old-fashioned doughfeet, who took care of the final cleanup.

The First Inf. Div. pushed ahead five miles along the Sieg River. Chief resistance was at one stronghold containing four self-propelled guns and rockets. The doughs flushed the stronghold, kept

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## Nazi Sub Pens Bombed by RAF

Using 11-ton "volcano" bombs, RAF Lancasters yesterday flew through rainstorms to raid Nazi submarine pens at Vegesack, 10 miles from Bremen, and two oil storage centers near Hamm, in northern Germany.

Nineteenth TAC claimed destruction of more than 600 German motor transports fleeing in front of the Third U.S. Army.

While 19th flew 400 sorties, weather grounded other Ninth AF planes and American heavy bombers. RAF reported a Mosquito raid on Berlin Monday night.

Twenty-Ninth TAC reported destruction or damage of more than 400 German planes in attacks on Luftwaffe fields around Munster in the last eight days of good flying weather.



Belgian Friends

We feel that the enclosed letter displays a fine example of the deep and true friendship established by the United States and Belgium.—Capt. James M. Spedden, MAC, Evac. Hosp.

On the moment we three Belgian soldiers are leaving 96th Hospital, we want to thank you for the good cares we got here, and for the gallantry we met, from our American comrades, nurses and doctors.

We were surprised and very glad to hear how U.S.A. forces like Belgium. We are proud to return U.S.A. compliment. We Belgians too like U.S.A., and I personally have a good reason for that sympathy.

As a student of Louvain's University, I don't forget that after World War I U.S.A. helped Louvain U. to build itself again, having been wholly destroyed by the Germans.

I daresay that such courtesy we got here at 96th Hospital is going to induce our two peoples in deeper and tighter connections. War is an awful thing but as a compensation is a very good soil for new friendship.—Alain Steamans.

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Gangin' Up

A slight rebuke to the Hq. Adsec. Co grader, who wrote the B-Bag letter captioned "For Dear Old Adsec."

Before we blow our tops about the way we company graders are treated here at Hq. Adsec, let's sound off about the way our men are treated. I've been in this Army for five years now. Have never seen anything comparable to the CS these boys have to put up with.

Waking everyone up at 0100 to rouse out the few who failed to draw certain equipment, having two and three and sometimes more inspections of the men's quarters on Saturdays and threatening the men with disciplinary action if they complain to the staff officers, are some of the sadistic contributions to the morale of the men by personnel of our HQ Comdt Section.

True, our mess is not of the highest standards, but the men's is worse.—Another HQ Adsec. "Company Grader."

Up Front With Mauldin



A Juggernaut—Just a Line Of Tired Men

By Ernest Leiser  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 30th INF. DIV. EAST OF RHINE, Mar. 27—The headlines—big black ones—said: "Ninth Army Knives East." Correspondents back at SHAEF wrote about the "Ninth Army juggernaut plowing irresistibly through the Wehrmacht."

Riding ten miles east of the Rhine along rutty, dusty roads, past columns of tired, dusty infantrymen, past tanks hiding in the woods, you finally reached the front—the juggernaut itself.

Unshaven, hollow-eyed doughs were digging in along the road, or watching Thunderbolts dive down on targets ahead, or just trying to rest.

1/Lt. Edward Cope, of Denver, acting exec of I Co. of the 117th, looked up from his map and said, "We moved up this morning, to this point on the high ground, see? Damned if I know what's on our left flank, but we're supposed to go on to this other high ground here, as soon as the Second Battalion can clean out their sector on our right."

Holes Surpass Engineers'

Back a little down the road, a pair of machine gunners, Pfc John Greenawalt, of Philadelphia, and Pfc Marvin A. Feller, of Hustiford, Wis., from Co. K were covering a hole with railroad ties. "We dig holes the engineers never thought of," Feller said. "And we live longer that way," added Greenawalt.

To the left, a German machine gun and a couple of American rifles opened up. Pfc Harold Morgan, of Savannah, Ga., ducked behind a tree and tried to see what was going on. "There's supposed to be a Kraut patrol over there," he explained.

Back a little and out of the woods from the left—where the sound of firing had come—Sgt. Ralph Todd, of Preston, Md., shepherded in three Kraut prisoners, two middle-aged men and a kid, the first two slightly wounded.

"They killed five more," he announced without a shade of emotion.

Still farther back a handful of men looked out of their hole, spat, and slumped back wearily.

This was the front. This was the juggernaut.

Editorial

A Report to the Editor

THE Stars and Stripes War Orphans' Fund, organized by the Allied Expeditionary Force in World War I and revived in England on September 26, 1942, with the indorsement of General Eisenhower, followed this newspaper and its readers to France where the Continental fund was organized November 29, 1944.

The French fund, approved by the French Ministry of Health, is administered by the American and French Red Cross. Its job is to sponsor French war orphans. During World War I, American doughboys contributed enough funds in 1918 and 1919 to support 3,444 parentless French children for a year. The following report is dated March 22, 1944.

IN UNITED KINGDOM

Total of fund to date... Fr. 2,106,607.—  
Contributions received during the week ..... 160. 5. 10  
Number of orphans sponsored ... .. 661  
Number of orphans in process of being sponsored ... .. 6

ON CONTINENT

Total of fund to date... \$71,703. 14. 5  
Contributions received during the week ..... 85,490.—  
Number of orphans sponsored ... .. 67  
Number of orphans in process of being sponsored ... .. 25



If there is a better way of cementing ties among peoples, The Stars and Stripes would like to sponsor it. Send in your suggestion or your contribution—to the Stars and Stripes War Orphans' Fund, APO 887, U.S. Army.

PWs Cheered in Phony Triumph By Villagers, Glad Battle Is Over

By Jimmy Cannon  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

EAST OF THE RHINE, Mar. 27—Along the roads back from the Rhine to the Luxembourg frontier today moves a dirty and sombre pageant. It is as though many bread lines joined the New Orleans Mardi Gras in a celebration of Germany's disgrace. In the battlebroken villages through which the main roads curl, war has declared a mournful holiday.

The convoys of PWs roll through the dust in bogus triumph. The citizens greet them as though they were a proud army going forward in victory. But the curious joy of the citizens doesn't deceive the PWs. They behave like what they are, the fear-tortured tatters of a beaten army.

You realize the great courage of the English people when you hear the Germans cheer their captured countrymen. They salute the PWs, not with the old homage all civilians pay to their soldiers all over the world. They are being welcomed because their surrender quickened the end of the war. Soldier and civilian are a small-hearted people who need victory to give them pride in their heritage of wanton conquest.

In every town the people fling candy, cigarettes and wine to the prisoners. The roads back are strewn with broken bottles and puddles of wine, which the dust soon dries up. The children, many wearing German garrison caps thrown away by Nazis in their flight, frequently thrust out their arms in the Fascist salute as the big trucks waddle by.

Along the same roads walk the dusty, filthy liberated people who have come from labor battalions. They move slowly with their heads down to protect their faces from the dust, and it gives them an appearance of great sadness.

Some have two-horsed carts in which are piled as many as 30 people. Four ride on a big-bellied farm horse, holding their suit cases on their heads. Many wear high silk hats. Some carry canes. Three walk barefooted, their shoes slung around their neck. All of them have bundles.

They ignore the convoys of PWs. They seem still to be governed by fear of their former wardens, most of whom are now prisoners themselves. They rummage in the wreckage of villages. They change clothes in village squares and hunt for horses in the woods and vehicles in barn yards.

Along these dusty roads the Americans move up and the PWs and the liberated people go back. And the villagers are the only ones glad to be here.

Frankfurt a Hub Of Reich Rails; History Long

The Third U.S. Army last night was mopping up Frankfurt-on-Main, once Germany's ninth largest city with a population of 550,000 and one of the Reich's leading commercial centers.

Most of Frankfurt lies on the north bank of the Main River. It is a junction for railways leading to all important cities in south and central Germany.

One of the Reich's most artistic cities, Frankfurt dates back to the First Century. It was long a seat of government of the Holy Roman Empire. The city once was one of Europe's leading banking centers. The Rothschild house originated there.

Goethe, perhaps Germany's greatest philosopher-statesman-poet, was born in Frankfurt and the city has a museum containing many of his writings.

At the Swan Hotel the treaty ending the Franco-Prussian war of 1870-71 was signed, handing Alsace-Lorraine over to the Reich. Germany was forced to return these provinces to France after World War I.

Storm Boats Flown To Rhine From U.S.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (ANS).—Hundreds of small storm boats used by the Americans in their Rhine crossings were only stacks of plywood in the U.S. less than two months ago.

The order to construct 699 boats was received Feb. 1. Workers rushed production and some of the craft were flown directly to the battle zone.

Maj. Gen. Eugene Reybold, chief of Army engineers, has sent letters of commendation for what he called "a production miracle" to the Sentry Boat Co., Manistee, Mich.; the Minnetonka Boat Works, Wyzata, Minn.; the Foster Boat Co., Charlevoix, Mich.; and the Castle Boat Co., Pinecastle, Fla.

Help Wanted—AND GIVEN

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

APOs WANTED

1/Lt. Roy J. Aldritt, Bozeman, Mont.; Capt. L. Cruza, Bridgeport, Conn.; Lt. Michael Dragon; Lt. Robert A. Erhart; 2/Lt. Marie Fuelland, Des Moines, Iowa; Lt. Abner Fox, Newark; Lt. Earl Humbertson, Cumberland, Md.; 1/Lt. Arnold B. Krujan; Capt. James E. Kester; Lt. Mike Moto, New York; Capt. Terry Nickolson; Lt. Walter Patykulo, Trenton, N.J.; Stanley Pasek, Harvey, Ill.; Lt. Harriett J. Quer, Clinton, Ill.; Capt. Fred Roberts, Oakland, Calif.; Lt. W. H. Wilhelm, Spokane, Wash.

FOUND

WALLET, in truck between Chalons and Bethel. Left there by two hitch-hiking GIs—Pvt. V. Kueper.

PHOTOGRAPHS, at Vaals, Holland, studio (Achel) photographs of unidentified soldier, possibly named McFarlin. Apply, Stars and Stripes, Liege, Belgium.

Births

Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Their Births

W/O John H. Byrd, Spring Hill, Ala.—Thomas Wayne, Jan. 12; Pvt. Paul A. Hewitt—son, March 16; Cpl. Ben Coleman, Newark—Ann, March 20; Lt. Joseph F. Silbaugh, Kingwood, W. Va.—Jan Howard, March 13; Pfc Irving Payntee, Detroit—Sandra Marlene, March 14; Lt. William T. Edwards, Santa Monica, Calif.—William Thomas, March 4; 1/Lt. Richard S. Cornell, Jamaica, N.Y.—Richard, March 19; T/Sgt. Sidney H. Nalter, New York—Alan Neil, March 17; Pvt. John S. Kabesh, Bristol, Conn.—girl, March 16; Lt. Col. Ellery W. Niles, Pasadena—Mary Page, March 18; Pvt. Coy H. Gillis, Lutts, Tenn.—Linda Marie, March 1; Lt. Eugene H. Barber, Dillon, S.C.—boy, March 18; Capt. Lawrence P. Meltesen, Croton on Hudson—Jack, March 19; Lt. Robert M. Duncan, Memphis—Susan Diane, March 1; Sgt. Richard A. Decker, Oskaloosa, Kansas—Richard Addison, March 14; Pvt. Milton Fuss, Brooklyn—Michael, March 17; Cpl. Robert Schroeder, Brooklyn—Bruce Leslie, March 18; Lt. Emmet G. Motz, Rochester, N.Y.—David, March 19; Cpl. Nathaniel Comden, St. Louis—boy, March 16.

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## GIs Cleared At 12 From Bar Eateries

NEW YORK, Mar. 27 (ANS)—Soldiers and sailors, already ordered to leave bars at midnight, today found that the War and Navy Departments order applied also to restaurants equipped with bars. Crowds of hungry servicemen were ordered to leave New York restaurants, although their bars had been closed at midnight, by MPs and Navy Shore Patrol. Civilians, merchant seamen and members of Allied forces were permitted to remain.

The New York Daily News, conducting a survey, said the War Department indicated that application of the order was a task of individual service commands.

The Second Service Command, under which New York falls, said the original curfew orders from the War Department specifically exempted only restaurants serving nothing but food, the News reported. These instructions, the paper added, have been taken literally by the Second Service Command.

### MPs Are Defied

Some servicemen openly defied MPs, while others left restaurants reluctantly, according to the News. At Toffanetti's Restaurant on Times Square, MPs set up a picket line and barred servicemen from entering. At Childs 42nd St. restaurant, MPs won management cooperation, and servicemen were turned down when they asked for food.

Scores of soldiers and sailors at Reuben's restaurant refused to listen to the management's plea that MPs had ordered a ban on the serving of food. Arnold Reuben was told they would take the place apart if they were not served, the News said, and finally the men ate.

"What could I do?" Reuben asked. "I didn't want a riot."

Maj. Robert Lawson, of Boston, denied food at Childs 42nd St. restaurant, stalked into the kitchen and demanded a meal. The startled kitchen staff hastened to serve him, and he in the kitchen.

While he was eating, two MPs sought to persuade him to leave, and when Lawson refused, they called an MP captain. According to Lawson, the captain came in and said: "You can't eat here."

### MP Refuses Challenge

"You stop me," Lawson replied. The captain didn't try and also didn't arrest him when Lawson challenged him to do so.

The News said soldiers and sailors could go into any all-night eatery in Chicago and receive a meal, whether the restaurant has a bar or not. However, the bar must be closed after midnight. The News said the situation in Chicago was similar to that in Washington, Philadelphia and Los Angeles. In New Orleans, enlisted men are ordered off the streets at 11:30, but commissioned officers are not affected.

## War Crime Group Secrecy Assailed

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (Reuter)—Rep. Emanuel Celler (D-N.Y.) demanded that Congress lift "the lid of secrecy" from operations of the Allied War Crimes Commission.

Celler told the House Foreign Affairs Committee, "The work of the commission cannot remain secret. Let the pitiless light of publicity reveal the places where ineptitude and indecision are crippling its efforts. I am convinced that there will be a world wide wave of terrific indignation if war criminals escape unpunished."

Rep. Daniel J. Flood (D-Pa.) said, "Some United Nations are trying to avoid and evade the whole issue."

## Cyclone Razes Farms, Injures 4 in Arkansas

EUREKA SPRINGS, Ark., Mar. 27 (ANS)—An accurate estimate of the damage done by a cyclone which swept through the King's River area, east of Eureka Springs, awaited repair of telephone lines today.

The twister demolished farm dwellings in Shady Grove, Antioch and the King's River bridge communities, and seriously injured at least four persons. It traveled over the area in northwestern Arkansas from ten to 20 miles below the Missouri boundary.

## Cognac?



Sad-eyed Simian Sam, of the Bronx Zoo, pours his spring tonic, drinks it with surprised look—then licks the spoon and smiles.

## Marrying Barber Making 11th Trip To Divorce Courts

RENO, Mar. 27 (ANS)—Arthur (Frenchy) DuPont, Reno's marrying barber who believes that a woman's place is in the kitchen, will make his eleventh trip to the divorce courts this week.

He will sever matrimonial ties with Mary Walsor Beard DuPont of Chicago, but that doesn't mean that the dapper, curly-haired 40-year old barber plans to abandon all hope of finding his dream mate.

"Sure I'm going to get married again," he said. "I don't know when, but why should I quit now?"

DuPont started on his marrying marathon at 22. He admits that he has trouble remembering the names of all his wives.

The grounds for divorce from Mary will be mental cruelty, he said.

"She filed first, then I counter-filed," he said. "I am only too sorry that Mary and I couldn't make a go of it. She's a grand person when she's herself."

DuPont and Wife No. 11 were married here March 27, 1944.

## Neglectful Mother Was Riding Coaster

COMPTON, Calif., Mar. 27 (ANS)—Mrs. Ruby Bishop, 33, appeared before Judge H. Leonard Kaufman on child neglect charges setting forth that there had been "no hot water in her house since Christmas, no drains working in the bathroom, no cleaning for several months and no food."

"Young woman," the judge demanded, "what were you doing all this time?"

"I was riding roller coasters, your honor," Mrs. Bishop replied. "I can't stay away from them."

She was given a suspended sentence of 180 days.

## 95 Billion Cigarettes

NEW YORK, Mar. 27 (ANS)—Joseph Kolodny, executive secretary of the National Association of Tobacco Distributors, reported that 95,000,000,000 cigarettes were shipped to U.S. armed forces overseas in 1944.

## Senate Group Will Collect Europe Data

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (AP)—A group of Senators is going to Europe next month to survey military operations and economic conditions and to give the Senate first-hand information on war-end problems.

Chief objective of the group will be to find out what the Army intends to do with equipment and supplies when German resistance collapses and the full weight of the war is shifted against the Japanese.

Tentative plans are for Senators Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.), Lister Hill (D-Ala.), Albert B. Chandler (D-Ky.), Burnet R. Maybank (D-S. C.) and Styles Bridges (R-N. H.), to make the trip. Sen. Chapman Revercomb (R-W. Va.) may be added to the list. Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.) also wants to go.

### To Study Criticisms

The group will represent the Senate Appropriations, Military Affairs and Foreign Relations Committees.

Criticism of military operations and decisions voiced at a recent closed session of the latter committee with Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff, may come in for first hand investigation.

Hill said the group will interest itself primarily in what the Army plans to do about transferring men, equipment and supplies from Europe to the Pacific.

GI complaints that American tanks are inferior to German armor have occupied the Military Committee recently.

Hill said the group also will look into complaints that this country has lagged behind the Nazis in use of jet propulsion planes.

In addition, the Alabaman said, the group probably will confer with British and French representatives about postwar economic needs and plans.

It will go into Germany to survey conditions there and expects to visit the Italian front.

## Navy Man Shoots Wife, Kills Self

NEW YORK, Mar. 27 (ANS)—Navy Capt. Oliver Wolfard, 58, changed to his civilian clothes yesterday and shot himself fatally in his room at the Athletic Club after slightly wounding his 20-year-old British-born wife at her hotel.

Wolfard was attached to the Third Naval District Port Directors Office and had been separated from his wife since last Fall. She had asked for a divorce.

Police said that the naval officer went to a hotel where Mrs. Wolfard was a guest and begged her to return to him.

When she refused, they said, he fired three shots from a .32 calibre pistol and Mrs. Wolfard was slightly wounded in the hip by one shot.

Wolfard left the hotel and went back to the Athletic Club where he shot himself four times.

He had served in the Asiatic and European Theatres and met his wife in 1942 when he was stationed in England.

## GI Meat Ration Is Twice Civilians

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (ANS)—American soldiers, on an average, get 307 pounds of meat a year, 160 pounds more than the average civilian ate in 1944, the Army disclosed today.

It was emphasized that the figure was based on Army issues and the quantity might vary considerably with the individual according to the area in which he is located and the duty he is performing.

Figures on butter show that troops in the U.S. receive 25.48 pounds a year and soldiers overseas get 16.74 pounds, compared with the 1944 civilian consumption of 11.8 pounds. Overseas butter ration is supplemented with jams and jellies.

## New Torpedo Bomber

LINDEN, N.J., Mar. 27—The Navy is hitting the Japanese with a new and more powerful version of the Avenger torpedo bomber, the General Motors Corp. revealed today. The model saw action for the first time in the recent carrier strikes on Japanese home islands.

## This Happened in America Yesterday:

# Urge Alaska Be Admitted To Union as 49th State

NEW YORK, Mar. 27—Development of Alaska as a postwar frontier for veterans and war workers was urged upon Congress by Reps. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) and Homer D. Angell (R-Ore.).

Mansfield urged speedy admission of Alaska as the 49th state, saying, "With its huge territory, great natural resources and fine citizenry, it is capable of becoming a state with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities that go with it."

Mansfield and Angell are members of the House Committee on Territories, which has jurisdiction over Alaska.

A letter from Alaska, meanwhile, made the New Jersey Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission reconsider its revocation of the tavern license held by Mrs. Anna Zuck, of Clifton, N.J. because of violations. The letter came from Mrs. Zuck's soldier son, who wrote: "I think she did an excellent job as a mother and as a member of the community. I can't seem to realize that mom could have done anything so seriously wrong as to have her license revoked."

## Heaviest Mail Is Incoming

LETTER-WRITING, said Postmaster General Frank Walker, is the soldier's principal delight when he's not on duty. But folks at home write more letters than their soldier sons. On an average, Walker said, seven letters per week are sent to servicemen, and six per week received from servicemen.

Newspapers graphically connected the Rhine push with the annual Red Cross campaign. The New York Daily News ran a picture of a soldier killed at Coblenz, sprawling face downward, with a caption: "He gave everything—and you?" The campaign for funds appeared to be highly successful throughout the country; Kansas City, Mo., for example, over-subscribed its \$1,195,000 quota by \$153,378.

Churches were packed on Palm Sunday. Observance of Good Friday is expected to be on a scale surpassing any previous Holy Week period, with elaborate services planned under joint Catholic-Protestant sponsorship in San Francisco, Detroit, Buffalo, Washington, Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Toledo and Philadelphia. In Philadelphia, more than 6,000 stores will close from noon to 3 PM and public transportation vehicles will halt one minute, at 2:59 PM.

## Absolute Necessity

CORSETS and brassieres, says John Hahn, National Retail Dry Goods Association executive, contribute immensely to the morale of women war workers. Urging corset and brassiere priority for women war workers, Hahn said: "For many women, they are an absolute necessity."

A billion-dollar dispute between state and federal government over property rights to the submerged beaches of the nation's lakes, rivers and oceans loomed in Congress. Rep. Clyde G. Doyle (D-Calif.) said Interior Secretary Harold L. Ickes had informed him he would grant federal leases soon on California coast lands. States have been collecting millions of dollars yearly in royalties from oil and other resources. More than 25 Representatives, from all sections, introduced identical bills reaffirming state rights to such property.

A Massachusetts legislative committee is studying an anti-discrimination bill similar to that recently passed by New York. The measure would make unlawful any discrimination in employment because of race, color or creed.

Australian girls "are more attractive than American beauties," says Lt. Donald M. Detry, bombardier, of Chicago, who has just returned from the southwest Pacific after 44 combat missions. But after his lavish praise, Detry admitted that when and if he marries, his bride will be an American because "they have those extra qualities that make a good wife."

## Latest Pastime—Egg Standing



LATEST rage in the States is standing eggs on their ends. It all started in China when a United Press correspondent uncovered an ancient Oriental legend that eggs would stand on their ends during the first hour of the first day of Spring. He tried it, found out they would stand on their ends any old hour of any old day.

Scientists throughout the world, including Albert Einstein, said it couldn't be that eggs shouldn't stand on end by any laws of physics. But more humble people found out that eggs would stand on end. In the U.S.A., finding the eggs was no problem.

## 200,000 See Cherry Blossoms

MORE than 200,000 citizens flocked to see the famous cherry trees in bloom in Washington. The day was balmy, and park police later reported that 23 persons had been stirred to snatch twigs as souvenirs. They paid \$5 fines.

FDR asked the nation's motorists to continue to take care of their automobiles. In a letter to the National Highway Users Conference he said that "if this nation is to avoid collapse of public transportation facilities and assure movement of workers and materials. . . we must conserve. . . our over-burdened motor vehicle transportation."

### SOMEWHERE IN GERMANY

When two American tanks opened up on a group of Jerries in a trench, S/Sgt. Edward H. Etter, of Baltimore, and Cpl. Robert F. Moore, of Atlanta, Ga., found themselves in the line of fire. They were sure the tankers hadn't seen them. They had to do something—and fast.

The two men grabbed a front line marking panel and leaped up in plain view of the tanks. "We held the panel aloft between us," said the men, of Co M., 390th Regt., 83rd Inf. Div., "and at once the tanks stopped firing. Hope we never have to face the fire of our tanks again."

2/Lt. Morris Goldberg of the Fifth Arm. Div. and Harrisburg, Pa., entered a barn to get hay for a bed. He spotted a German coming out of a small room, buttoning his civilian trousers. Goldberg examined him, found underneath the civvie a Nazi paratrooper's uniform, a pistol in one boot.

Btry, 111th FA Bn. claims to have the man with the hardest dome in the division. He's Sgt. John E. Hyllon, Woolwine, Va., known to his



buddies as "Egghhead." During a recent engagement he was "knocked on the noggin" by a large hunk of shrapnel which knocked him flat. The only damage was to his head which developed a prominent lump.

When a Lancaster of the RCAF burst into flames and plunged earthward, in a 29th Inf. Div. area, Sgt. Stanley Bernstein, of Philadelphia, and Pfc Louis N. Raynor, of Kensington, Md., Service Co., 115th Regt., worked through the intense heat and exploding 50 caliber ammo in a gun turret to pull out a crew member—believed to be the co-pilot—before the plane was destroyed. The crew member did not live.

The 12th FA Observation Bn. and the Irish celebrated the same day, Mar. 17. The Irish for the obvious reason and the 12th because it is the anniversary of its activation at Ft. Sill, Okla. in 1942. For a good many of the 12th, including Capt. E.J. Fogarty, of Savannah, Ga., and 1/Lt. Leroy E. Sullivan, Jr., of Caldwell, N.J., "two birds got knocked around a bit with the same stone."

War-created shortages threatened to ruin his magicians act in the 19th Special Service Co.'s show, "Blow It Out." T/4 Wesley Whitehouse, of Boston, needed some hemp rope. Then the company moved into Germany and found plenty of manufactured hemp rope—enough to make magicians out of the whole Army.

### Recon Troopers Give Out



Men of the 75th Inf. Div.'s Recon Troop give rations of candy, gum and soap—even packages from home—to these Belgian orphans. Here T/5 Millard Perry and S/Sgt. Irving C. Neilson dish it out.

## Negro Troops Win Praise In First Combat Action

WITH 99th INF. DIV.—Negro doughboys fighting with K Co., 394th Regt., in their first real action won the praise of their white comrades.

The Negro platoon hadn't been on the line very long. Most of the men had gone through North Africa and Sicily together as service troops, later landing in France after D-Day. They had taken their training near Paris.

It was here that Lt. Richard A. Ralston, of Long Beach, Calif., had gone from K Co. to take them over while the 394th was stalled before high ground commanding the approaches to Homnigh, Germany, in the east-of-the-Rhine bridgehead.

Had No Briefing  
The Negro troops came in, without being briefed on the situation. "There wasn't time," Ralston and T/Sgt. Oliver A. Sacco, of Wheeling, W. Va., took charge of the platoon and leaving the second and third squads behind them as a base of fire, took off through the woods, their objective a Jerry machine gun nest which had been pinning the company down.

Equipped by first scout Pfc James Oliver, of Nyack, N.Y., the men slithered up in back of the gun and captured it with its crew intact.

Captures Flak Gun  
The platoon was then fired upon by an enemy 20-mm flak gun. The men quickly deployed and began throwing everything they had at the Jerries and took the gun along with four prisoners.

That night the colored soldiers crept up on a Jerry patrol and disposed of three of them "the quick way" before the rest took to their heels.

The next day, the dusky platoon advanced up the hill towards their objective, peppering their targets with their small arms. They charged into buildings, finding 16 civilians clustered in the cellars around radio sets they'd been using to signal Jerry artillery. The group's PW count zoomed to 26.

Throw Away Stripes  
And they're still going strong, these new doughboys—exhibiting a kind of native battle-savvy that has won them the respect of all their comrades of the 394th's third battalion, and with this the praise of the battalion CO, Lt. Col. Norman A. Moore, of Ford City, Pa., and of K Co's Capt. Wesley J. Simmons, of Snow Hill, Md.

Their fighting spirit has taken precedence over personal ambition. By volunteering for infantry action, many of them have tossed aside ratings to become doughboy privates.

### Liberated Polish Girl Wants Marriage Now

WITH 78th INF. DIV.—Out of the thunder of war around Enzen, a small town about 15 miles southwest of Cologne, came romance. A blond Polish girl, one of the forced laborers freed by the Americans, said the first thing she expects to do is marry a laborer from Buskirchen, who was also among the group.

The Germans had not permitted them to get married because they refused to become German citizens.

Enzen was by-passed in the drive to Cologne but it was later captured by the 311th Regt. Soldiers had deserted the town and civilians were flocking to Capt. Isadore Newman, of Indianapolis, and T/5 Clarence Everman, of Jordan, Minn., AMG men.

### Crossing Poses One-Man Problem For 3-Man Patrol

WITH 102nd INF. DIV.—Principal difficulty of a three-man patrol across the Rhine in one of the so-called "hot" sectors was bringing back a German prisoner. Not that he was a tough character, for he was only too willing to come along.

The patrol, including Sgt. Chester MacLain, of Peabody, Mass.; Pfc John Letter, Chicago; and Pfc John Wilbur, Norwich, Conn., made the crossing in a three-man boat, drifting 600 yards down the river before they hit the east bank. Roaming around the bank the 407th Regt. doughs came upon a foxhole occupied by the lone German who was taken prisoner.

On the return trip, in a three-man boat, the Nazi was one too many. But the ex-ASTP wonders utilized their engineering lessons and hid the PW out in the boat, sat on him, and moved back to the west side of the Rhine. It was as simple as that.

### Aid Men Active At Remagen Span

WITH NINTH ARMED DIV.—Doughboys of the 27th Arm. Inf. Bn. give their medics a large share of the credit in the successful fight to hold the bridge over the Rhine at Remagen.

T/4 Roland J. Epperson of Wahoo, Neb., climbed up "Suicide Cliff" to treat a wounded doughboy. The bridgehead had just been established. Epperson remained with the wounded man all night after the outposts had been pulled back and there "was nothing between the disabled soldier and the enemy."

Pfc Alvin W. Unruh, of Ft. Cobb, Okla., drove his medical jeep across the bridge when the situation as to land mines was still doubtful. It was probably the first vehicle to reach the eastern bank of the Rhine.

T/3 David M. Keith, of Upper Darby, Pa., moved through a heavy artillery barrage and small arms fire to rescue two radio men who lay severely wounded. One of them, who died soon after being evacuated, kept calling the battalion headquarters and giving his position. Keith saved one of the two men.

Before the town of Frelsheim was officially captured, 1/Lt. Arthur L. Rich, of Long Island, N.Y., entered the town on a captured horse and wagon and set up an aid station.

### AT Unit Takes Rest, Then Position Shelled

WITH 29th INF. DIV.—In a front-line defense position for more than a month, Lt. George Robbins, Jr., of San Diego, Calif., a platoon leader of Anti-Tank Co., 116 Regt., was moved with his men to a rear area recently for a rest. And it wasn't a day too soon.

When the platoon reached its rear destination, it heard that its old position had been blown to bits and that the platoon leader on the spot was a casualty. "We were really lucky," Robbins said. "Up there a month and things were so quiet and comfortable that some of us hated to leave. Gosh, I could feel the hot breath of a near miss when I heard what happened later. Fortunately, there was only one casualty."

Incidentally, Robbins is 22 years old and has spent 22 months in the Army.

### Passover 'Seders' Scheduled

CHANNEL BASE HQ.—Jewish soldiers in the Channel Base will hold Passover "seders" in nine base section localities on the first two evenings of the week-long holiday which starts at sundown Wednesday, 28 March.

## Negro Volunteers Join Doughs in Front Lines



Negro infantrymen who left jobs with rear echelon units to volunteer for combat duty are fighting with First Army divisions in the Remagen bridgehead. Above, left, a new infantry reinforcement meets his CO, Capt. Seth Worthington, of Prospectville, Pa. who tells him what to expect in his first combat action. Another doughboy of the same company also listens. Right, Pvt. Ernest Thornburg, of Natchez, Miss., former truck driver in a Com Z ordnance outfit, eats chow in the field with a veteran of the Eighth infantry division. Thornburg is a rifleman.



White and Negro members of the same company crouch in a dugout, somewhere in Germany, observing phosphorus grenade bursts.



Examining bazookas, right are two former Com Z soldiers who volunteered to become front-line infantrymen. Both Pfc George Robinson, left and Pvt. Joseph Hardy came from RM outfits. Both are now BAR men. Also a BAR man (photo at left) is Leroy W. Kemp, of Atlantic City, N.J.

### 2nd Div. Captures 22 Ammo Carloads

WITH SECOND INF. DIV.—Twenty-two railroad cars of German ammo—artillery, bazookas, and mortar were captured intact in a tunnel before retreating Germans had time to seal the entrances. The capture was made by a squad of Co. I, Ninth Regt., and the Intelligence Section of Hq. Co., Third Bn.

1/Lt. Russell I. Carlson, of Middletown, Conn. and S/Sgt. Harry A. Steig, Niagara Falls, N.Y., rode hell bent through a small town east of Ruppertshausen past a road block and ahead of three "TMs" to nick four Jerries in the act of mining the entrances to the tunnel.

In the squad that entered the tunnel after the Jerries had been grabbed were Pfc John E. Bryant, Olton, Texas; Pvt. Urbine Lange, Gilmore, Texas; Pvt. Henry Seltzer, Brooklyn; and T/5 Pete Thoenis, Millersville, Minn.

### Tanker Braves Enemy Fire, Saves Disabled Halftrack

WITH NINTH ARMED DIV.—When a halftrack of the 60th Arm. Inf. Bn. had been disabled by a mortar shell a half mile into enemy territory, Sgt. Richard G. Klein, of Toledo, took his tank through enemy fire and returned pulling the halftrack.

His tank driver was T/4 Johnson Myers, of Georgetown, Tenn.

### Where Wealthy Tourists Played

### Doughs Bathe in Luxury

WITH SECOND INF. DIV.—The famous Bad Neuenahr mineral baths, to which thousands of wealthy tourists used to flock annually, now are being used to give grimy Second Inf. Div. doughboys a little touch of luxury that most of them find hard to believe.

Before the war cut into the resort trade, some 25,000 persons each year sought curative benefits by drinking and bathing in the spring water. The thermal bathhouse, built in 1898, contains 100 palatial bathrooms.

Schedule Arranged  
A schedule has been set up to allow each man a half hour of steaming and scrubbing in the "size bath" tubs that hold enough water to reach a person's neck.

"Of course it's a little too much for some of them and they stay in an hour," laughed Capt. Keith M. Schmedemann, of Junction City, Kan., who helped arrange facilities for the division.

German attendants wash out the tubs and mop the floor after each bath and

## Secret Arms Captured by 28th Doughs

WITH 28th INF. DIV.—Stores of arms, issued for use by civilians directed by Hitler to become guerillas, were found still neatly stacked in their arsenals when the 28th was sweeping through 85 German towns below Cologne.

Other weapons, previously distributed, were hastily collected on orders of frightened burgoemeisters.

The division liberated five Americans who had been taken prisoner during the breakthrough and a young aviator who bailed out of his bomber 10 days ago in what was then German territory.

A patrol from the First Bn., 110th Regt., captured a German colonel and his aide eating a hot breakfast. A corps chief of staff, he said he had been sent to attempt to reorganize three Nazi divisions for a delaying action west of the Rhine.

Another group, rounding up 100 German prisoners found in their midst a lieutenant who claimed he was 70 years old.

### Fresh Meat Is Delivered To Front in Eight Hours

WITH U.S. FORCES IN BELGIUM.—Fresh meat and dairy products are being delivered to U.S. troops on the Western Front from Antwerp in eight hours by the "Penguin Fleet," a group of refrigerator trucks operated by Transportation Corps soldiers.

The veterans refrigerator truck company assigned to Antwerp is the first refrigerator unit to land in France. During the Normandy campaign members of the unit took loads of meat to combat troops under artillery fire and German air attacks.

The company insignia, a penguin holding packages of meat, has become familiar to U.S. truck drivers along the roads of Belgium. When Antwerp was captured the Allies took over a large cold storage plant in good operating condition and the "Penguin Fleet" shifted its headquarters from France to the Belgian port.

### Oise Section Supplies First Airborne Attack

The task of supplying the First Airborne Invasion of Germany was handled by a veteran supply team which twice previously had distinguished itself in the ETO under the supervision of Brig. Gen. C. O. Thrasher, of Paxton, Ill., commander of the Oise section, Com Z, it was revealed yesterday.

The plans for the current airborne operations were begun months ago.

The air strip was isolated. Everyone entering or leaving the area was screened and accounted for. Few who entered were allowed to depart until after the jump-off. Parachutists, glider troops and pilots received a week's ration of cigarettes and the best food the army could supply.

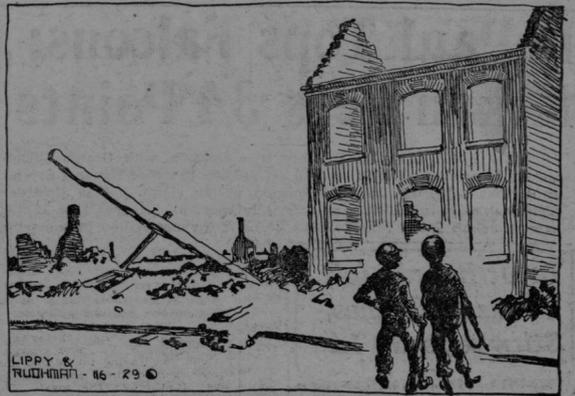
adjust fresh water to the desired temperature. WOJG John E. Prather, Billings, Okla., who has charge of the bathing schedule for the 38th Regt., said 300 to 400 men daily get in on the soaking.

"It's just like jumping into a flower bed," Pfc Leonard J. Kaufman, of Loomis, Wis., said. "I sure didn't expect to find anything like this over here. I feel like a new man."

First Tub in Year  
Corp. Milton Rauer, Philadelphia, didn't know it was mineral water in which he had bathed until he left the bathhouse. "No wonder I feel so springy," he laughed. "It's the first time I have been in a tub in a year."

"It couldn't be better," Pfc Lee O. Lowry, Hazard, Ky., commented. "You can really relax in there too. It's the first time in a long time that I have really relaxed."

A laundry, formerly operated by the same German company which operates the baths and several hotels, now washes GI clothing.



Trans-Rhine: "Looks like they missed one."

## Engineers Clean Up Mines In Front of 83rd Attack

WITH 83rd INF. DIV.—Lt. William R. Wright, of Brooklyn, and ten engineers from Co. B, 308th Engr. Bn. mounted light tanks of the 736th Tank Bn. to front the assault on Patter, Germany.

"Reconnaissance the night before gave us the information that there

were mine fields about a quarter of a mile from the outskirts of town that would have to be cleared before the tanks could go through," said Wright.

The tanks moved along without opposition until they came to the mines. The engineers got off them and began work. The tankers kept their motors running so they would be able to make a quick start once the mines were removed. At that moment, Heinies to their rear opened up with small arms and machine gun fire.

"They must not have had enough stuff to stop the tanks so they let us get through their defenses hoping that the tank obstacles and mines would be enough to keep us from reaching Patter," said Pfc Bob Worcester, former logger from Cumberland Center, Maine.

"I really moved," said Stimmel. "Twelve Teller mines were pulled out of the path of the tanks while bullets and shrapnel above the roar of the motors."

"It was hard to hear the bullets and shrapnel above the roar of the motors," commented T/5 Bill Stimmel of West Brownville, Pa., former coal miner. "After a half hour's work the road was

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**PURPLE HEART, TOO!**

## DePaul Tops Falcons; Mikan Nets 34 Points

NEW YORK, Mar. 27—DePaul's Blue Demons, with George Mikan scoring 34 points, rallied in the last six minutes to defeat Bowling Green, 71-54, thus capturing the championship in the eighth annual Madison Square Garden Invitational basketball tournament. A crowd of 18,000 saw St. John's defeat Rhode Island, 64-57, in the consolation preliminary contest.

### Draft Boards Jolt Yanks as Grimes, Stirnweiss Go 1A

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Mar. 27—Draft boards dealt the Yankees three sharp blows over the weekend. George "Snuffy" Stirnweiss, star second baseman who led the American League in base-stealing last year with 55 thefts, Oscar Grimes, third baseman, and Johnny Lindell, outfielder, seem headed for the armed forces.



George Stirnweiss, an ulcer sufferer, was shifted from 4F to 1A; Grimes was put in 1A and Lindell has been ordered up for a pre-induction physical.

### Lombardi Slams Four-Run Homer

BAINBRIDGE, Md., Mar. 27—The Giants concluded their three-day exhibition series against Bainbridge Naval yesterday with a 9-2 victory, highlighted by Ernie Lombardi's grand slam home run in the first inning. Mel Ott, Steve Filipowicz and Phil Weintraub were on the bases when Lombardi smacked former Giant Hugh East's offering over the left field wall.

Harry Feldman, Bill Emmeric and Dale Matthewson chucked for the Giants, allowing six hits, while East, Dom Caniglia and Bud Pfenning, Sailor hurlers, were nicked for 15 safeties.

In other exhibitions, the Curtis Bay Coast Guard defeated the Athletics, 19-8; the Senators beat the Braves, 12-5, and the St. Louis Browns-Toledo game was rained out.

Mikan's performance gave him a total of 130 points for three games and broke every individual scoring record on the Garden books. It also made him a cinch for the tournament's most valuable player award.

Mikan answered once and for all the question whether he was just a scorer with a height advantage or a real basketball player. Playing opposite Bowling Green's six-foot, 11½ Don Otten, six-foot, nine Mikan captured rebounds, directed play, and still found time to net

### Which Will It Be?

DePaul will meet the winner of tonight's NCAA final between NYU and the Oklahoma Aggies in Thursday's Red Cross unofficial National championship game at Madison Square Garden.

26 points while Otten was in the game. With seven minutes to go, Otten fouled out and Mikan turned to sparkling ball-handling, feeding his mates, who registered 22 points in the last six minutes.

### Falcons Held 16-2 Lead

DePaul supporters almost collapsed in the opening minutes when Bowling Green established a 16-2 lead. Mikan scored on a pivot shot for the Demons' first field goal, nine minutes after the start. Then the Chicago boys turned on the heat. With Mikan alternately pounding the nets and feeding his mates, the Demons tied it at 20-all after 15 minutes on a layup by Ernie DeBenedetto, who was fed by Mikan.

DePaul shot out to a 30-22 advantage at the intermission, shutting out the opposition the last four minutes of the first half. The Falcons held to within five points of the Demons until midway in the second session, but when Otten fouled out, the Demons poured it on.

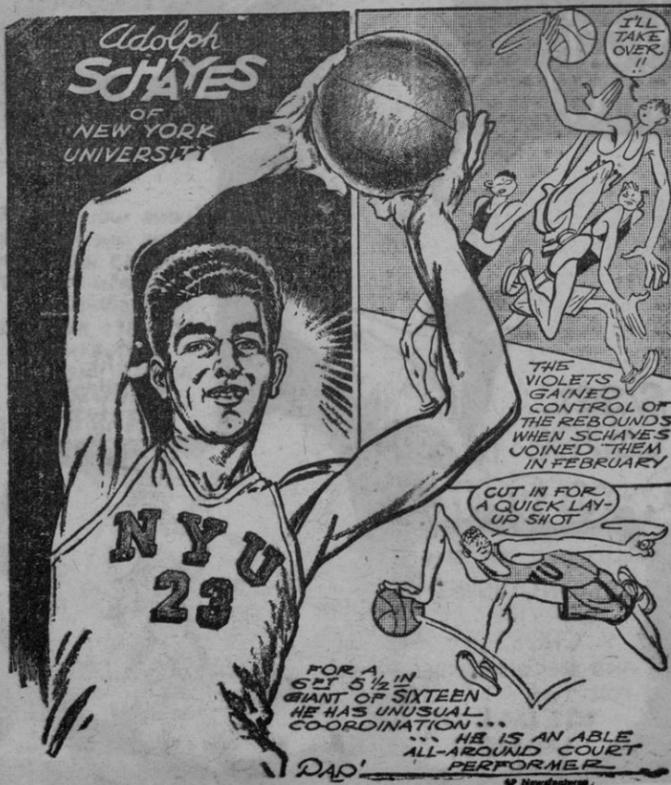
Except for the first few minutes, Mikan made a dope out of Otten, feinting the gawky Falcon out of position time after time and limiting Don to seven points, all three field goals on tip-ins.

### Wertis Paces Redmen

Ray Wertis, who scored 21 points, set the scoring pace for St. John's in the opening game.

Calverley scored 25 points to pace Rhode Island, while Ivy Summer's 17 was second to Wertis' 21 for St. John's.

### Guards Kurland Tonight



Spring Fever in the Mountains—The Beloved Bums of Brooklyn, training within line drive distance of West Point, figure they've got a good chance of finishing fourth or fifth in the National League this year; that is, if the Army doesn't make further inroads into their roster.

## Mickey Owen To Don Mask

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N.Y., Mar. 27—The Brooklyn Dodgers had good news, counteracted by bad today when Mickey Owen telephoned Branch Rickey from his Brookline, Mo., home that he would leave soon for the Dodgers' camp. At the same time, Manager Leo Durocher learned that Bill Hart, being groomed for the regular third base job, has been ordered by his Asheville, N.C., draft board to report for a physical. Hart had been classified 4F because of a punctured eardrum and a bad knee.

Owen had been considered available when he sold his farm equipment and announced he would enter the service after disposing of the farm itself.

## Meade Suspended At Mexican Track

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 27—Don Meade, who came here to ride when American race tracks closed in January, has been suspended for the remainder of the meeting at Hipodromo de las Americas for "reprehensible conduct," it was revealed today. Track stewards refused to elaborate on the jockey's suspension.

Meade had been barred in several of the states at one time or another, but always managed to get back. He was grounded in Florida once for betting on a horse other than the one he was riding in the same race.

### Jockey Club Acts

MIAMI, Fla., Mar. 27—The Jockey Guild today followed the action of the stewards of the Mexico City race track and suspended Don Meade, "The Bad Boy of the race tracks."

According to Jack Cleary, general manager of the Guild, Meade was not involved in any crooked dealings at the Mexican track.

"I learned Meade had cursed Mexicans as individuals and Mexico as a country," Cleary stated.

### Rowe in Hawaiian Hospital

HAWAII, Mar. 27—Seaman 1/c Lynwood "Schoolboy" Rowe, former speed-ball pitcher for the Detroit Tigers, is receiving treatment for arthritis at the Pearl Harbor Naval Hospital, and he says his pitching days are over.

"I hope to return to the game as a coach, or in some other non-playing capacity," Rowe declared. He has been in service over a year.

## No. 1 Tinhorn On Bribe List

NEW YORK, Mar. 27—Frank Erickson, one of the nation's big time gamblers, has been linked with the Brooklyn basketball gambling scandal by the Commissioner of the investigation, Edgar Bromberger, in a report to Mayor LaGuardia. Erickson is one of eight men sought by Bromberger for testimony in several different investigations.

Others on Bromberger's list, sent to LaGuardia, were Joe Adonis, Brooklyn thug; Leonard Erickson, Frank's brother; Frank Strader, James Rutkin, Rudolph Brown, E. Lupo and Steve Mauro. Erickson's brother, Strader, Lupo and Mauro are wanted in connection with the "gambling racket" and their mob foisted upon intercollegiate basketball," Bromberger said.

The investigating commissioner declared there had been intricate financial manipulations which included the transfer from New York to New Jersey of \$6,000,000, "undoubtedly representing the proceeds of the professional gambling racket operated by the Erickson ring."

Erickson, often singled out by LaGuardia as the "No. 1 Tinhorn," isn't available, nor are his mates to be found. Nobody knows where they are and they apparently aren't anxious to show up.

## Comeback Trail Rocky—Quinn

BOSTON, Mar. 27—Bob Quinn, 75-year-old farm system supervisor for the Boston Braves, believes a majority of the big league ballplayers who have entered the



Bob Quinn

service will never return to baseball. A player might be effective after one or two years absence from the diamond, Quinn said, but three and four-year lapses will

## Last in 1944, Senators See Rosier Future

(This is the sixth in a series on major league prospects for 1945.)

COLLEGE PARK, Md., Mar. 27—The Washington Senators will start the 1945 season with practically the same personnel which finished last in the 1944 pennant race. One worthy addition to the roster is Marino Pieretti, 23-year-old righthander, who won 26 and lost 13 with Portland last year.

A native of Marlia Lucca, Italy, Pieretti arrived in camp several pounds overweight, but Manager Ossie Bluege immediately spotted him as the logical successor to Early Wynn, ace relief twirler who entered the service in 1944.

Familiar names comprise the rest of the Washington mound corps. In addition to his three knuckleball artists, Dutch Leonard, Johnny Niggeling and Roger Wolf, Bluege has Alex Carrasquel, Milo Candini, Mickey Haefner, Wilfred LeFebvre and Olivrio Ortiz.

The infield is unchanged with Joe Kuhel at first, George Myatt at second, Johnny Sullivan at short and Gil Torres at third. Eddie Butka, Pedro Gomez, Manuel Hidalgo and Hillis Layne are reserves.

The veteran Rick Ferrell will handle most of the catching.

Bluege thinks he has a great outfield prospect in George Binks, up from Mil-



Mickey Haefner



Stan Spence

waukee, where he batted 370 in 100 games last year. He looks like a fixture in the outfield with George Case and Stan Spence. Jake Powell and Bobby Ortiz will challenge Binks for the vacant garden berth.

The Senators' pilot figures his club is good for a first division berth this year, for other clubs have suffered much more from service calls than Washington. It's anybody's pennant in this war year, Bluege says.

## Cleveland, Indianapolis Win AHL Playoff Tilts

BUFFALO, N.Y., Mar. 27—Tommy Burlington scored two goals in the last 90 seconds to give the Cleveland Barons a 5-3 verdict over the Buffalo Bisons in their American Hockey League playoff game here last night. The Barons need one more victory in the best-of-seven series to eliminate the defending champions.

In the other semifinal series, the Indianapolis Capitals foiled the Hershey Bears in their quest to clinch the series by winning 4-3.

rob him of the co-ordination needed for baseball.

Quinn pointed out the case of Tom Earley, Braves' pitcher whose first workout after a year in the service showed his shoulder muscles had tightened to such an extent that he almost had to "put" the ball as if it were a 16-pound shot.

"Tom's only 27 and he should be able to come around, but he's a good example. He hasn't thrown a ball in over a year and it's awfully tough to get back in shape."

Quinn declared that comparisons cannot be drawn for this war from the experiences of the last one when most of the players went into the Army or Navy in May or June of 1918, then returned to baseball for the 1919 season.

"Now most of them have been gone for almost a three-year period and it isn't over yet," he said.

The majors will look to schools and the sandlots for their post-war source of talent and Quinn has his ideas on that subject.

"That to me shows the need for a new commissioner with plenty of promotional ability. Promotion—that's the big thing!"

# Hash Marks

It happened in New York. A passenger hopped into a taxi.

"Where to?" said the driver.

"Brooklyn," replied the passenger.

"Nuts," the cabbie complained, "I ain't got the gas. I'll give you a dollar to get out and walk."

Shed a tear for a certain captain in the ETO. His wife expecting, and in anticipation of the blessed event, he had a box of cigars sent from the States.

But he got so nervous sweating out the arrival of the offspring, he's smoked up all the cigars ahead of time.

There was an old lady from Brussels Accused of wearing two bustles.

She said, "It's not true.

"That's a thing I don't do.

"You are simply observing my muscles."

A bachelor saw a parrot being auctioned off and decided the bird might be good company for him on lonely evenings. The bidding was stiff but the bachelor was carried away and before he quite realized what he had done, he bought the parrot for \$49.

He carried it home and put it on the table before him.

"Now," he commanded, "talk to me!"



The parrot simply drew in its head and glared at him.

"I said talk to me" repeated the man.

"After all I bought you to keep me company."

Again the parrot glared but said nothing.

"Good Heavens," he cried, "do you mean to say that after what I paid for you, you can't even talk?"

"Can't even talk?" echoed the parrot.

"Who in hell do you think it was that bid you up to \$49?"

Looking at some WAVES, Bob Hope quipped, "Those are the first petty officers I've seen with Petty figures."

(Reference: Readers Digest, March Issue).

T/5 Soupy Campbell, influenced by the comics, wants to rewrite the history books.

He sez, "George Washington didn't say he chopped down the Cherry tree—he said, "Pap-eye did it."

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| 0501-Rise and Shine. | 1545-On Record.       |
| 0715-Song Parade.    | 1630-Music.           |
| 0725-Two Tune Time.  | 1715-Service Digest.  |
| 0730-Return Eng.     | 1730-Intermission.    |
| 0801-Combat Diary.   | 1805-Mark up Map.     |
| 0815-Personal Album. | 1810-American Sports. |
| 0830-Music.          | 1815-Yank Bandstand.  |
| 0910-Melody Roundup. | 1830-Alan Young.      |
| 0925-Canada Music.   | 1901-RCAF Show.       |
| 1001-Morning After.  | 1945-Strings.         |
| 1030-Band.           | 2005-First Army News. |
| 1102-Home News.      | 2415-Johnny Mercer.   |
| 1106-Duffie Bag.     | 2030-British Band.    |
| 1145-Piano Parade.   | 2105-Eddie Condon.    |
| 1210-Concert.        | 2130-Bob Hope.        |
| 1301-Ransom Sherman. | 2201-Home NeKa.       |
| 1330-Double Feature. | 2203-Soliloquy.       |
| 1410-Downbeat.       | 2235-Melody Hour.     |
| 1430-Go to Town.     | 2305-Surprise.        |
| 1501-Strike up Band. | 2335-One Night Stand. |

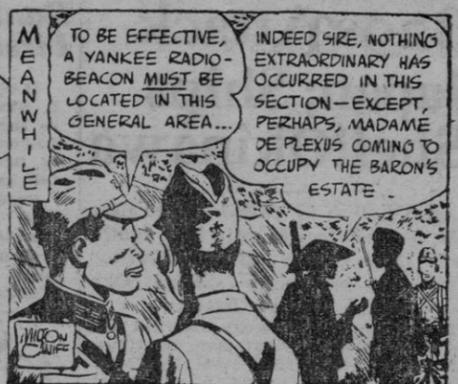
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| 0715-Song Parade.      | 1545-On the Record.    |
| 0725-Two Tune Time.    | 1630-Amos 'n' Andy.    |
| 0730-Return Eng.       | 1715-Canada Show.      |
| 0801-Combat Diary.     | 1805-Mark up Map.      |
| 0815-Personal Album.   | 1810-Sport News.       |
| 0830-Orchestra.        | 1815-GI Supper Club.   |
| 0910-Melody Roundup.   | 1901-Music Hall.       |
| 0925-Waltztime.        | 1930-Dance Band.       |
| 1001-Morning After.    | 2005-First Army News.  |
| 1030-Band.             | 2015-Music Shop.       |
| 1102-Home News.        | 2030-Fibber McGee.     |
| 1106-Duffie Bag.       | 2105-Soldier and Song. |
| 1145-Piano Parade.     | 2116-At Ease.          |
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| 1230-Basin Street.     | 2201-Home News.        |
| 1301-Gildersleeve.     | 2206-Navy Date.        |
| 1330-This Is Story.    | 2235-Reminiscing.      |
| 1410-AEF Extra.        | 2305-Mystery Playh.    |
| 1430-Let's Go to Town. | 2330-One Night Stand.  |

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## B29s Attack Japan; Ships Shell Okinawa

GUAM, Mar. 27 (ANS)—More than 200 Superfortresses attacked southern Japan today after 45,000-ton American battleships shelled Okinawa in the Ryukyu Islands.

B29s from the Marianas attacked airfields and a big aircraft plant on Kyushu for the first time since Vice-Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's carrier planes struck there March 18.

Twenty-first Bomber Command announced the raid shortly after the Navy disclosed that U.S. battleships, making their third bombardment of the Ryukyus in four days, yesterday turned their 16-inch guns on Okinawa Island. In the light of the Navy reports, Tokyo broadcasts describing an attempted American landing in the Ryukyus appeared to be merely an effort to sound out American intentions or to placate a jittery homeland.

Planes Bomb Okinawa  
Carrier planes of Mitscher's roving task force also plastered Okinawa the main naval and air base of the Ryukyus, the Navy said. Tokyo estimated the carrier raiders were in excess of 1,000 and said the attacks continued today.

Departing from the low-level tactics which devastated industrial areas of Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya and Kobe, the B29s delivered from a high altitude at Kyushu. The targets extended to the west coast of Kyushu, where the bombers blasted a big aircraft assembly plant at Omura—thus for the first time blasting a point previously hit from the east by B29s of the China-India theater.

Omura, one of Japan's biggest naval air stations, stands guard over the nearby naval base of Sasebo.

## Japs Report Cebu Landing

MANILA, Mar. 27 (ANS)—Invasion of Cebu island by American forces under cover of bombarding warships was reported today by Radio Tokyo but Gen. MacArthur, announcing the heaviest raid yet on that central Philippine island, did not confirm the landing report.

Cebu, between enemy-held Negros and American-occupied Leyte, is one of two major Philippine islands still in Japanese hands.

The enemy radio said American troops commenced landings yesterday five miles south of Cebu City on the east coast. The island is 130 miles long and 20 miles wide.

## Both Houses Get Manpower Bill

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (AP)—The compromise manpower bill, approved by a conference committee of Representatives and Senators, went before the House for debate today.

A new battle in both House and Senate was predicted after bitter attacks against the compromise measure by Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) and Rep. Dewey Short (R-Mo.), members of the conference committee. Both refused to sign the compromise plan.

## Gen. Plank Appeals For Climactic Effort

ADVANCE SUPPLY HQ., Belgium, Mar. 27.—As service troops rushed supplies to the Rhine to reinforce the recent crossings, Brig. Gen. E. G. Plank, ADSEC commander, today urged each of his men to "make his most outstanding contribution of the war in this ensuing climactic period."

"Implications are clear that the fast movement and strenuous activity experienced after St. Lo will be even greater across the Rhine," Plank's order read. "I have a sincere appreciation for the accomplishments of ADSEC to date, but I have faith we can all do more and better."

"This is one time when that last ounce of reserve energy and a final tremendous effort must be made."

## Rankin Fears Hitler First To Rate Patton

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27—Rep. John E. Rankin (D-Miss.) today complained to the House because Gen. George S. Patton, jr., is omitted from the list of lieutenant generals nominated for full general rank.

Reading a newspaper headline which said, "Patton Closing In on Frankfurt," Rankin exclaimed:

"I hope we don't have to wait until Hitler and Berlin recognize him before Washington does."

## 4-Star General Vote Is Urged

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (AP)—The Senate Military Affairs Committee took up today the promotions of nine officers to full general rank after Gen. George C. Marshall reportedly told the members that such an action involved a vote of confidence in his policies.

The committee action had been delayed for further study of the promotions after Marshall testified at closed-door sessions Mar. 22. He was said to have defended stoutly the promotion system and to have urged support of his military policies.

However he was reportedly called to task for what some members have termed War Department interference in such matters as pending manpower legislation. Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) was reported to have told Marshall that there was no room for doubt that he had 100 percent backing on military matters, but added that he hoped the War Department would not be so free about giving opinions on matters that concerned Congress, primarily such as manpower.

Expected to receive the committee's approval for four-star rank are Lt. Gen. McNarney, Bradley, Spaatz, Clark, Kenney, Kreuger, Somervell, Devers, and Handy.

## Eisenhower ---

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infantry divisions—the 30th and 79th—had less than 35 men killed.

He repeated his belief made several weeks ago that if the Germans lost Silesia, the Saar and Ruhr, the Wehrmacht's power to continue the war could not be prolonged for a long period.

The Ardennes offensive, said the general, "was the costliest mistake the Germans have made since their decision to stand in the face of our Avranches breakthrough last summer."

He denied reports that German civilians were firing in organized bands on American troops east of the Rhine, but asserted: "I have told my Army commanders that any civilian resistance will be dealt with sternly and on the spot. I will not tolerate civilians out of uniform firing on my troops."

As to soldier-civilian fraternization in the Reich, the Supreme Commander declared that "generally the conduct of our troops while the battle is going on has been exemplary."

Eisenhower added that the V-bomb menace to England may end shortly with Allied troops cutting communications lines leading into northern Holland.

Picking through any possible balloon of optimism on the home front, Eisenhower frankly told correspondents: "I would not have you think I have written off this war. No one knows what the German can do within his own country. But he is trying to do everything that he can. I believe so far as he is able the German will stand and fight wherever we find him."

## Doughs Return-

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family and friends is well."

Capt. Linwood Billings of Dover, N.H., had the same feeling. "It seemed great to get home and find out how family affairs were," he said.

But, not knowing what the big, red "1" was . . .

"Not only don't they know about the First Division, but they think (Gen.) Patton is winning the war," one dough said. "Yeah, he is the idol at home. But he should be good. The First Division trained him. Jeez, don't put my name on that, though."

Hines, however, spoke for the group when he said: "Don't get us wrong. We'd go back again tomorrow, if we could."

## First Strikes From Remagen



First Army spearheads last night had rolled 50 miles east of the Rhine, reaching the vicinity of Herborn, almost due east of the Remagen Bridgehead, and hitting into the outskirts of Wetzlar. Other First Army units met elements of the Third Army southeast of Coblenz.

## Patton Defends Yank Tanks As Compared With Tigers

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (ANS)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. has fired a high-velocity volley of words and figures at the critics of American tanks. The War Department made public today a letter from the Third Army commander to Lt. Gen. Thomas T. Handy, deputy chief of staff written March 19, in which Patton answered charges that American tanks are not comparable with the German Panther or Tiger tanks.

This, said Patton, "is wholly incorrect for several reasons." One, he said, is that since the Third Army started fighting the Germans last summer, German tank losses have been virtually double those of the Third Army—2,287 to 1,136.

"These figures of themselves refute any inferiority of our tanks," Patton wrote. "But let me add that the Third Army has always attacked and therefore better than 70 percent of our tank casualties have occurred from anti-tank guns and not enemy tanks, whereas the majority of enemy tanks have been put out by our tanks."

Not Designed for Slugging Match  
Patton conceded that if the American Sherman medium tank were to engage in a fixed-place duel with the Tiger, the medium would not last. "But," he insisted, "the purpose of the American tank is not to engage in a slugging match but to attack from the rear."

"With the advent of the heavy, cumbersome Tiger tank, the German, in my opinion, has lost much of his ability in armored combat," Patton wrote. "These tanks are so heavy and their road life is so short that the German uses them as guns and not as tanks. That is, he uses them on defense against our armor, whereas we invariably try and generally succeed in using our armor on offense against his infantry—which is the proper use of armor."

"Had armored divisions which accompanied the Third Army across France been equipped with Tiger tanks, the road losses would have been 100 percent by the time we reached the Moselle River. As it was, the road losses on our long-lived tanks were negligible."

"Had the Fourth Arm'd. Div. been equipped with Tiger and Panther tanks and been required to make the move from Saarguemines to Arlon, then through to Bastogne, from Bastogne to the Rhine and now to Mainz, it would have been necessary to rearmor it twice."

"Furthermore, it would have had serious if not insurmountable difficulty in crossing rivers."

"And finally, we must remember that all our tanks have to be transported on steamers and the difference between 40 tons and 70 tons is very marked. The 70-ton tank would never have been brought ashore in landing boats as many of our medium tanks were."

"Nor could they have marched from the Cotentin peninsula to the Rhine, as practically all of our tanks have been required to do."

"In mechanical endurance and ease of maintenance, our tanks are infinitely superior to any tank in the theatre of war. "The outstanding advantage which our tanks possess over German tanks is the mechanical traverse and stabilizer, through use of which we get most of our kills."

## West Front ---

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moving and reached a position 16 miles east of Siegburg.

Armor Pours Over Rhine  
In the Ninth Army's Westphalian bridgehead, armor was pouring across the river despite German counter-attacks, assembling for a potential smash through the enemy's defenses above the Ruhr.

One counter-attack against the 30th Inf. Div., made by 100 men and a few tanks, was quickly contained, but a second Nazi thrust, considerably stronger and including an estimated ten tanks, was still gaining last night.

Despite this increasing resistance, the 30th's 119th Regt. drove through Gahlen to the east at the farthest point of advance in that sector. The 119th also took Heisterkamp, slightly west of Gahlen.

Wehofen Cleared  
The 79th Inf. Div., penetrating deeper into the Ruhr, finally cleared the town of Wehofen, where tanks had impeded the American advance. The 315th Inf. mopped up the town.

A battalion of the 79th's 313th Regt., shoving south, was across the Neu-Emscher Canal.

Yesterday's prisoner haul by the Ninth Army had not been counted last night, but the previous day's take of 1,457 brought the total since the Rhine crossing to 4,461.

It was disclosed yesterday that the XVI Corps, commanded by Maj. Gen. John Anderson, directed the assault divisions which established the Ninth Army bridgehead.

The news blackout blanketing the Third Army's tanks in Bavaria was attributed at Supreme Allied Headquarters to communications difficulties.

Big Gains Reported

However, there were numerous totally unconfirmed reports that this armor had driven as much as 110 miles east of the Rhine.

A Blue Network correspondent said Allied fighter pilots saw Third Army tanks approaching the great industrial city of Nurnberg. If this report were true, the Third Army would be closer to Berlin than to Paris and only about 210 miles from Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First Ukrainian Army.

A New York radio report said the Third Army was 25 miles beyond Wurzburg, which is midway between Frankfurt and Nurnberg and about 70 miles east of the Rhine.

## Urges Ike for Peace Table

TOPEKA, Kans., Mar. 27 (AP)—Gen. Eisenhower's home state wants him appointed as a representative of the fighting men at the peace table. A resolution asking President Roosevelt to name Eisenhower to this position is being circulated at the State House by Rep. Myron Gilman.

## Italo Status Bars Bid to Frisco Meet

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27—The State Department today indicated there is no prospect of a change in Italy's status which will permit her to participate in the World Security Conference which opens in San Francisco April 25.

Asserting there have been no consultations looking toward Italian membership in the United Nations—a prerequisite to granting of a seat at the San Francisco conference table—American officials are still hopeful that Poland, which holds United Nations membership but does not have a stabilized government, will be able to resolve her differences in time to name delegates.

Not Up to U.S. Alone

Asked whether there is any likelihood that Italy's status may be altered, a State Department spokesman replied that Department spokesman replied that Italy's admission to the ranks of the United Nations is not a question "for this government alone."

Poland's task is to form a government representative of all major Polish factions, both in Poland and in exile, and win recognition from the Big Three.

Commission Snagged

A special commission was set up in the Crimea conference to form the new government, but American and British representatives disagree with those of the Lublin Polish group over representatives to be chosen from other Polish factions.

Major difficulty is the Lublin group's insistence upon a veto over invitations to other Poles to join the discussions. It reportedly vetoed an invitation to former Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, head of the Peasant Party, largest political group in Poland.

## Soong, Koo Members Of Chinese Delegation

CHUNGKING, Mar. 27 (Reuter)—China will be represented at the San Francisco Conference by ten delegates, including Foreign Minister T.V. Soong, Ambassador to Britain Wellington Koo and the Secretary General of the National Defense Council, Wang Kung Hui.

## Lauds French-Russian Pact

PARIS, Mar. 27—French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault yesterday described as "indispensable" France's mutual assistance treaty with Soviet Russia. He told the National Assembly that "in a war of the future, with its terrible engines, we would run the risk of being finally wiped from the face of the earth."

## Churchill Will Give Any Peace Bid to Allies, Then MPs

LONDON, Mar. 27 (AP)—Prime Minister Winston Churchill refused to assure the House of Commons today that it would be notified "as soon as any proposals for laying down arms are made by the German government," or that Parliament would be given an opportunity to discuss them.

Churchill sidestepped a direct answer to a question whether Germany had sought peace "during recent months," saying: "On anything which touches peace negotiations and so on we should immediately communicate with our Russian and American allies, and this House would have to wait necessarily until these discussions had taken place."

"They all lie in the power of the crown, which is vested in the executive."

## 70,000 Acres Flooded In Western Tennessee

MEMPHIS, Mar. 27 (AP)—The Mississippi River poured over 70,000 acres of West Tennessee farmland after a break in the Booths Point Tennessee levee and Army Engineers reported a new flood threat along the St. Francis River in Missouri and Arkansas.

The engineers said all families in the Tennessee area apparently had evacuated.