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Nazi Defenses Crumbling; Third's Tanks Cross Main

One Who Went Down in the Jump Across the Rhine



LIFE Photo by Robert Capa
 A paratrooper medic gives first aid to a comrade who was wounded as he sought to get out of his 'chute after landing near the Issel River. German snipers are holed up in the farmhouse smoking in the rear.

Ike Crosses Rhine, Expects 1st Army Will Not Stop on the Road to Berlin

By Jules Grad

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

ALLIED FORWARD COMMAND POST, March 26.—Gen. Eisenhower today became the first Allied Supreme Commander in history to cross the Rhine River into Germany during a war.

On a surprise flight to see his Ruhr-bound troops, Eisenhower visited the Third and Seventh U.S. Corps with Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, 12th Army Group commander, and Courtney H. Hodges, commander of the First U.S. Army.

General Eisenhower, speaking of the First Army, declared: "I expect them to lick everybody they come up against. They did it all the way across France and I see no reason why they should stop on the road to Berlin."

He had lunch at the Petersburg hotel in Bad Godesberg in which the late Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain conferred with Hitler in 1933.

9th AF Pounds Nazi Transport

Hitler's dwindling Reich enjoyed a comparative rest from the heavies yesterday but fighter-bombers kept up their incessant attacks on rails, motor transport and troop concentrations in advance of on-sweeping Allied armies.

Ninth AF bombers hit targets east, northeast and southeast of Frankfurt late in the afternoon. They attacked the undefended rail yards at Flieden, Wurzburg and

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Patton's Forces Enter Frankfurt; 7th Spans Rhine

The main German defense line on the Western Front is crumbling.

Third Army tanks roared across the Main River 23 miles southeast of Frankfurt yesterday to put a U.S. Army spearhead almost half way across Germany between Luxembourg and Czechoslovakia, while other tanks entered the southwest suburbs of Frankfurt itself.

Supreme Headquarters announced early this morning that the Seventh Army had crossed the Rhine. The place was not designated, but German radio said it was in the Karlsruhe area. Stars and Stripes Correspondent Ed. Lawrence with Seventh Army said the crossing was made yesterday morning without air or artillery preparation.

Frankfurt, ninth largest city in Germany, with a peacetime population of 550,000, was virtually deserted when Patton's armored spearhead entered, United Press reported.

A First Army armored task force, finding the autobahn clear north of Coblenz, rolled 22 miles southward without opposition to reach Limburg, 30 miles north of Frankfurt.

Enemy Lines Cut Like Butter

Three other First Army spearheads were knifing through enemy lines as if they were butter. One, north of the autobahn, went 15 miles to Stadt; another, eight miles to Maxmain; a third, heading north, raced seven miles to a point only a mile from Altenkirchen, 23 miles east of Bonn.

Resistance at key points along the entire 180-mile front seemed to be collapsing, and Gunther Weber, German Transocean News Agency correspondent at Kesselring's headquarters, expressed fears that the German front may be completely broken.

An atmosphere of optimistic tension pervaded Supreme Headquarters. "The German fighting forces on the western front appeared on the verge of complete collapse," the Associated Press correspondent at SHAEF wrote.

One high-ranking infantry officer at First Army said: "I think the damn war is over."

It was significant that two reserve panzer divisions—the 15th Panzer Grenadiers and the 116th Panzer Div.—upon which the Germans were counting heavily, were identified as having been thrown into the fight in the north.

From both the Third and Ninth Armies came reports that in some areas German troops, panic-stricken at sight of U.S. tanks, were throwing down their arms.

German resistance on the southern half of the Ruhr bridgehead has collapsed into chaotic, scattered fighting and "there is nothing to halt a breakthrough," the commander of an airborne unit said last night,

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Lt. David Bernstein, 36 Div. Phone B-Bag editor—important.

Heavy Artillery

There has been a great deal said about what to do with Germany after the war but very little if any mention of the most potent weapon that will fall into our hands. The power of the pen and the press.

Hitler, Inc., could never have achieved its sinister importance without first implanting in the minds of the people the seeds of hatred and greed. The evidence is strewn about in the ruins of these German homes. Newspapers, magazines and books, from 1934 to 1944. No need to turn the pages, the story is always the same: Hitler kissing a small child; soldiers on the march; great guns and shining aircraft; strikers upsetting a taxi in New York and gangsters in Chicago. The glory of Germany, the belittlement of all others.

We have captured scores of enemy guns; turned them around and fired them on their makers. The time is drawing near for us to use the big gun—the power of the pen and press.

Thus painlessly, within a few years and with comparative small cost we can mould this nation to our will, replacing hatred with love, ignorance with knowledge.—Cpl. Stanley W. Lambert, 507 Engr. Co.

That'll Learn 'Em

This is about a rank-conscious first lieutenant who doesn't hesitate to pull rank even on his own second lieutenants. Two of our men were injured in an accident and a medic from across the street (who had been washing) ran over to help. The lieutenant asked him, "Are you a medic?" He replied, "Yes." Again: "Are you a medic?" Again he replied, "Yes." Whereupon the lieutenant angrily shouted, "Damn it! say 'Sir' to me, I'm an officer."

This was too much for the medic so he pulled back his collar (which had been turned wrong side out to wash) and showed his captain's brass, exclaiming "Well, damn it! I'm a captain, how about a 'Sir' from you?"—Cpl. H. D. Kech, Mortar Bn.

Raw

Some of us served a year in the WAAC. That time does not count toward longevity pay. What's the deal?—Pvt. WAC. (Only Congress can remedy the situation.—Ed.)

It Does Add Up

I have four children, was in the combat infantry up front, got hurt, spent two and a half months in the hospital. Am now in the Air Force, classified LA.

If they can send 100,000 PWs home to relieve the acute manpower shortage why not send some of us home where we belong. I know damn well we could produce a hell of a lot more work than any Jerry.—Pfc J. W. Howland, AF.

Servicemen are not being shipped from this theater to fill vacancies in war plants in the States. Men that were released from the Army to fill these vacancies are exclusively from the U.S. The reason for this the all-important item of shipping space. If men were sent back from this theater to fill war jobs, it would be necessary to ship men here from the States to replace them.

"Replacements" are not needed for the PWs who are being sent to work in the States.

At the present time shipping is taxed to meet the requirements for necessary replacements and materiel of war.—Ed.)

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Army to Study Sending of Big Sums to U.S.

In a further step against black marketing, HQ, ETOUSA, has ordered personnel officers to investigate the sending home of any "disproportionately large sums of money" by soldiers in the ETO.

A letter dated March 15, directed that "vigorous steps" be taken to prevent the obtaining of funds from unlawful sources, including captured enemy currency, barter with prisoners of war and black-market operations.

Soldiers wishing to send money home by personal transfer account, postal money order or through the purchase of war bonds must first file an application with the unit personnel officer, the order directed. Officers of field grade and above are excluded from this part of the order.

The letter ordering that offenders be given "strong disciplinary action," urged that care be taken that proper and authorized transmission of funds from legitimate sources be not hampered.

First Group of GIs Leaves Front for Riviera Furloughs

The first train-load of combat soldiers left the front yesterday for the luxurious U. S. Riviera recreational rest area on the Mediterranean coast. After the first train completes its 40-hour run, subsequent trains will run in each direction thrice weekly. The train starts near the northern end of the American front, and stops to pick up GIs at points en route to the Riviera.

One hundred luxurious hotels at Nice, Cannes, Antibes have been made ready to accommodate 18,000 soldiers.

The Army has announced that acceptance of a furlough at the Riviera does not affect the present arrangements by which combat men are being sent to the U.S.

Hollywood Film Strike Goes into Third Week

HOLLYWOOD, March 26 (ANS).—The film industry's jurisdictional strike today went into its third week, with no settlement in sight. Herbert K. Sorrell, president of the Conference of Studio Unions, told 3,000 strikers last night that "we are going to stand fast."

HUBERT

by SGT. DICK WINGERT



An Editorial

Omar the Warmaker

BURIED under the avalanche of good news of the Rhine crossings were Gen. George C. Marshall's congratulations to Omar Bradley. "I am filled with admiration," wrote the Chief of Staff, "over your handling of the operations involved in the establishment and development of the Remagen bridgehead, and the clearing of the Saar Valley."

Some men are born with lead linotype slugs in their mouths. When they labor, printer's ink, not sweat, oozes from their pores. Around them crashes the thunder of headlines, the lightning of publicity. Omar Bradley is not one of these.

Always, it seems, the forces and events he directs seem, by their magnitude, to overshadow their master. While others lead the charge, he tends his maps. While the guns speak, the armor clashes and the air vibrates with ten thousand planes, Bradley quietly ponders the



morrow's mission. While the fire and fury of battle fix the eyes of the world, Bradley, with the serenity of a great soldier and a great gentleman, moves men and events to victory.

Omar the Warmaker neither speaks the lines nor sings the arias nor takes the

bows. But under Ike Eisenhower, he writes the play, sets the stage, directs the actors and knows the silent satisfaction of the next morning's reviews. The inner glow of seeing other good men get the glory. The contentment of a job well done.

Passover Service Arranged for GIs

Passover services for GIs of the Jewish faith will begin with traditional dinner services at sundown tomorrow. The seder will be held at the Red Cross Boulevard Club, 9 Blvd. des Italiens (Metro Riche-lieu-Drouot or Chaussee-D'Antin). Brig. Gen. Pleas B. Rogers, Seine Section commander, will attend.

Services will be conducted during the week at the Liberal Synagogue, 24 Rue Copernic, by Chaplains Judah Nadich, of Hq Com Z, and Irwin Hyman of Seine Section—on March 29 at 1030 hours; March 30, 1030 and 1930 hours; April 3, 1930 hours; April 4, 1030 and 1930 hours; April 5, 1030 hours.

In the Oise Base Section services will be conducted by Chaplain Hersh Livazer, of Brooklyn. There will be services also in Metz, Nancy and Luxembourg, where synagogues have been renovated.

Since Hodges Won 1st Star, Feats Fail to Surprise Wife

Mississippi Experts Aided Rhine Crossing

NEW YORK, March 26 (ANS).—Mississippi River flood experts helped the Allied armies cross the Rhine, it was revealed today.

These experts, veterans of years of predicting rampaging activity of the Father of Waters, were taken to the Rhine to set up a special service which gave the Allied armies forecasts on Rhine water levels seven days ahead.

Their accurate predictions enabled Allied commanders to calculate exactly what the river conditions would be when they wanted to cross.

ATLANTA, March 26 (ANS).—Mrs. Courtney H. Hodges hasn't been surprised at anything that her husband, commander of the First Army, has done since he received that first star in 1940. "There'll never be anything like that," she said yesterday.



Gen. Hodges

She read a recent letter from the general's aide.

"We were sitting around the supper table talking about families and home," wrote Maj. William Sylvan, of Columbia, S.C., and the general said that he was all for marriage.

"He said that before he was married all he had was a flat pocket-book and indigestion. Now he says that he's got money in the bank and is never troubled with his indigestion."

Mrs. Hodges said, "That's my husband's kind of a compliment but I like it."

French Regiments To Receive Colors

Regimental colors and standards, hidden during the occupation of France, will be returned to their regiments in a symbolic reconstitution of the French Army, Monday, at the Place de la Concorde, Paris.

Gen. Charles de Gaulle, provisional government chief, will preside at the ceremony, which has been held twice before in French history.

The first was in 1802, after victorious forces of the French revolution drove the Prussians out of France, and the second was in 1848, when republican standards were restored after the directorate government fell.

House OKs Loan Plan For Would-Be Farmers

WASHINGTON, March 26.—Legislation to make \$67,500,000 in rural rehabilitation loans available to veterans to enable them to buy farms was passed by the House yesterday and sent to the Senate.

The Administration had asked \$125,000,000 but the House slashed the total. The program was embodied in the Agriculture Department's appropriation bill.

French Disclose Indo-China Plan

A blueprint for the future government of Indo-China, first of France's colonies to achieve statehood under the postwar French plan of federal union, was made public yesterday by Colonial Minister Paul Giacobbi of the French government.

The plan would give the Indo-Chinese a large measure of political and economic self-determination. It was released in Paris after it had been announced in Indo-China, where French troops are battling the Japanese.

The governmental set-up is based on a parliamentary system working under a governor-general and a ministry.

The Greater Prize

TULSA, Okla., March 26 (ANS).—Thieves who ransacked a drawer in the apartment of Mrs. Marie Tidwell removed a carton of cigarettes, but passed up a \$10,000 necklace.

Japs Say Yanks Attempt Ryukyus Landings

War's Climactic Course Causes:

Jitters Everywhere

Hitler Reported in 'Wretched' Health At Decoration Ceremony Month Ago

GODESBERG, On the Rhine, March 26 (INS).—Hitler was described today as in poor health and nervous by a German civilian whose captured brother was decorated in the Fuehrer's headquarters only a month ago.

According to the civilian, the brother said that he "looked at the Fuehrer with a feeling of shock", for Hitler "remained seated most of the time, and was obviously in wretched health and so nervous that his hands shook."

After the decoration ceremony, Hitler talked of the hard course the war had taken. Completing his talk with a handshake, without getting up, he said: "You see, gentlemen, the past months have also left their mark on me."

War News Stirs Britain to Fever Pitch; Churchill Statement to Commons Expected

LONDON, March 26 (UP).—Britain is on edge, looking to a possible statement by Prime Minister Churchill this week for an authoritative estimate on how much longer Germany can hold out.

Churchill is expected to make a short statement in Commons on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Probably he will spice his report on the opening of the Rhine offensive with a few indications of the tasks lying before victory.

Londoners were stirred to the greatest pitch since D-Day by the war developments. Predictions that July 1 would see the end of organized resistance were heard frequently.

Despair Sweeps Reich as Course of War Stirs Fears for Prisoners, Foreign Workers

BERN, Switzerland, March 26 (AP).—Fear for the ultimate safety of Allied war prisoners and conscripted foreign workers in Germany increased today as the Allied smash beyond the Rhine started the greatest wave of defeatism and despair yet recorded in Nazi Germany.

The Red Cross has lost contact with hundreds of thousands among more than 15,000,000 prisoners working in Germany. Thousands were rescued by the Russian advance and many escaped with the push across the Rhine, but the fate of many others will not be known until long after the war ends.

Frontier reports generally agree that the mass of German people has lost hope and waits only for the war's end.

London Hears Der Fuehrer Has Called Emergency Meeting at Berchtesgaden

LONDON, March 26 (UP).—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Zurich, Switzerland, quoting an "unquestionable source," said today that Adolf Hitler has called an emergency meeting of gauleiters and ministers for tonight at Berchtesgaden. It added the conferees would be flown to the Fuehrer's Bavarian mountain hide-out by the Luftwaffe.

Nazis Admit Ruhr Transport Paralysis; Order Only Those Who Can Fight Evacuated

THE German radio, terming the Ruhr a battle zone and admitting a paralysis of transport in that region, today broadcast a decree, recorded by Reuter, instructing all Germans of military age and boys older than 14 to leave the area in marching columns.

The decree, signed by defense commissioners and gauleiters of the Ruhr and issued in agreement with the commander in chief of the Army, said "evacuation measures originally planned cannot be carried out. Only those . . . can be evacuated . . . who are fit to carry on the struggle. The duty of others is to stick it out. . . and face death bravely."

SS Has Replaced Wehrmacht Officer Corps, Free German Group Declares in Moscow

LONDON, March 26 (AP).—Moscow's Free German Committee reported today that "the entire officer corps of the Wehrmacht has been eliminated and replaced by Himmler's SS." This came about, the broadcast said, through intrigues, dismissals, wholesale arrests, suicides and war casualties.

"Almost all senior field marshals—Lieb, Bock, List, Mannstein, Kuechler, Brauchitsch—have disappeared," said the broadcast, "Von Kluge, Stuepnagel and Jeschenok committed suicide. Many high officers have been sent to a concentration camp at Sachsenhausen since 1940 and most of them have been eliminated."

Germany Is Said to Be Hoarding Best Troops for Last Stand in South

STOCKHOLM, March 26 (AP).—Germany's best troops are being hoarded for a last-ditch stand in southern Germany, a diplomatic source said.

The informant declared that he was told in Berlin that the Nazis hope to build a reserve of at least 500,000 men of crack divisions, such as the Hermann Goering, Grossdeutschland and Feldherrenhalle.

The divisions, usually well publicized, have not been mentioned in recent weeks, the diplomatic informant said.

Nazis Report 3rd Red Drive Toward Vienna

German sources reported yesterday that the Russians had unleashed a third offensive toward Vienna.

North of the Danube, according to the German News Agency, men of Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's Second Ukrainian Army struck across the Hron River 50 miles north of Budapest and 100 miles east of the Austrian capital.

Col. Ernst von Hammer, of the German News Agency, said they succeeded in establishing a narrow bridgehead southwest of Leva, 50 miles above Budapest, on the edge of the strip of country that Hungary took from Slovakia in 1938.

Captures Announced

South of the Danube, Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin was also driving toward Vienna, as were other elements of Malinovsky's group.

As Berlin was describing the third push on Vienna, Marshal Stalin announced the capture of Papa, in Hungary, 38 miles east of the Austrian border; Devecser, 15 miles south of Papa, and Banský-Bystřica, in Czechoslovakia, 70 miles north of Budapest.

At Papa, Tolbukhin's forces were within 59 miles of Bratislava and 75 miles of Vienna—and in position to strike from a new direction toward the northwestern Hungary rail center of Győr, already within artillery range of other Tolbukhin columns.

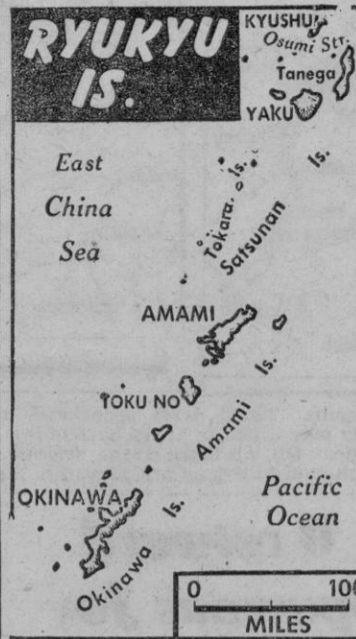
Malinovsky's new attack advanced the Russians into territory which they had lost at the end of the winter campaign. At that time, Malinovsky advanced as far as Komarom, 28 miles beyond the Hron, but was thrown back to the river.

Neither Berlin nor Moscow said much about the other fronts, although the German communiqué admitted that "slight breaches" had been made by the Russians at Breslau.

Spanish Diplomats Stop Representing Japanese

MADRID, March 26 (AP).—The Spanish government has ordered all Spanish diplomatic missions abroad to cease representing Japanese interests.

A Japanese spokesman denied Spanish reports of atrocities committed by the Japanese against Spaniards in the Philippines, the Japanese news agency reported.



Report Planes And Battleship Pound Islands

GUAM, March 26 (ANS).—American troops, supported by an intensive bombardment from a large carrier and battleship task force, are "attempting" landings on the Okinawa group in the Ryukyu chain, only 325 miles south of Kyushu on the Japanese homeland, Domei News Agency reported without confirmation today.

An aerial bombardment of several Ryukyu islands, including Okinawa itself, and of airbases in the southern Japanese home islands of Kyushu, Shikoku and Honshu preceded the reported landings, Tokyo said.

Islands Bombarded, Japs Say

Okinawa was bombarded three times Saturday by U.S. battleships, possibly some of the biggest and newest 16-inch battlewagons in Vice Adm. Raymond A. Spruance's Fifth Fleet, the Japanese added.

Adm. Nimitz has announced only that Minami Daito, 250 miles east of Okinawa, was shelled.

Domei's broadcast, made in English and recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, reported that landings were attempted on Toko Jima and Aka Jima, small islands west of the southwestern tip of Okinawa. It said that about 100 barges took part.

Okinawa, main island of the Kyushu chain, which stretches between the southernmost Jap mainland island of Kyushu and Formosa, has airfields and several good harbors suitable for warships. It is 365 miles northeast of Formosa.

Philippine-Based Heavies Maintain Attack on Formosa

MANILA, March 26 (ANS).—Philippine-based American bombers attacked the big Jutsugetsu hydroelectric plant on Formosa in a continued pounding of this southern bastion protecting the Ryukyu Islands bridge to Japan, Gen. MacArthur's headquarters reported today.

MacArthur's Sunday and Monday communiques, in addition to announcing the "crippling" of the power plant, reported other damage to Formosa installations. Tainan airdrome and Okayama naval base also were targets in the latest daily strikes to neutralize the island.

Weekend communiques reported 13 Japanese freighters and a destroyer escort sunk or damaged in the China Sea and new aerial blows and ground advances in the Philippines.

Lloyd George, Britain's War Premier, Dies

LLANYSTUMDWY, Wales, March 26 (UP).—David Lloyd George, British Prime Minister during the closing years of World War I, died tonight after a long illness. He was 82.

He was the last of the Big Three—Woodrow Wilson and Georges Clemenceau were the others—and the only one of the three who lived long enough to see the collapse of the peace of Versailles that he helped create.

Son of a South Wales farmer, Lloyd George, a lawyer, entered Commons at 25 as the Liberal member for his home district of Carnarvonshire. Gladstone was then Prime Minister.

When the first World War began he served successively as chancellor of the exchequer, minister of munitions, war minister and finally prime minister.

Submarine Raised

BOSTON, Mass., March 26 (ANS).—A recently-completed submarine which sank accidentally at her Boston Navy Yard pier on March 15 when a worker opened a torpedo tube was raised yesterday, First Naval Headquarters announced.

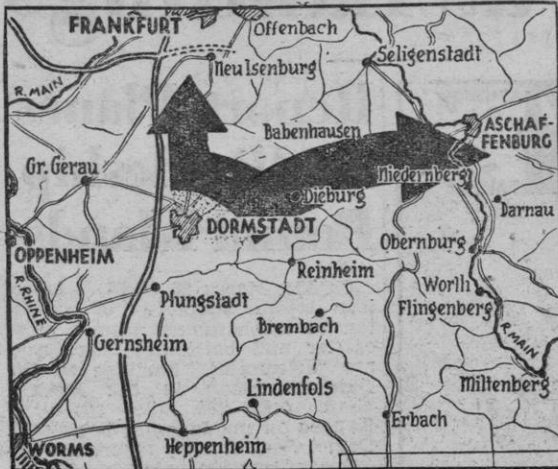
Captured Germans Hug Ground as Nazi Artillery Barrage Opens Up



German civilians and soldiers, captured during the early hours after the American and British 'chutists had landed near the Issel River, hug the ground as German artillery hurls shells close by.

LIFE Photo by Robert Capa

And They're Still Going Too Fast for the Map Maker



They've rolled right off the map again. Third Army spearheads entered the suburbs of Frankfurt (map at left), crossed the Main River over a bridge at Aschaffenburg and went 40 miles southeastward to Würzburg, 72 miles east of the Rhine. On northern front (right), resistance was collapsing in most areas and Allied troops swelled their 31-mile-long bridgehead to a depth of 11 miles at one point.

Nazi Lines Crumbling; Third Spans the Main

(Continued from Page 1) according to the Associated Press. Only against the British front in the north is resistance stubborn, and even there, Allied advances so confused the Germans that Field Marshal Montgomery clamped down a news blackout on part of his front.

The Third Army tanks, elements of Brig. Gen. William C. Hoge's Fourth Armored Div., captured a bridge intact on the southern outskirts of Aschaffenburg, 23 miles southeast of Frankfurt-am-Main, and roared across the Main to enter the rolling plain which sweeps northeast across the Reich. They were 230 miles from Berlin and 270 from the Russian front—and they were more than 100 miles beyond the point where Patton's army lunged across the Mosel River just 16 days before.

Third Patton Crossing Made

Meanwhile, other Patton forces made a third crossing of the Rhine at an undesignated point. The German communique reports such a crossing between Worms and Ludwigshaven, which is south of the Third Army's other two bridgeheads.

The Third Army apparently had cracked the German defenses wide open, and United Press reported from captured Darmstadt, in the Frankfurt area, that civilians were saying frankly no one seemed to care any longer about defending anything.

Though in other sectors German resistance remained stubborn, in the areas of the breakthroughs American armor and infantry dashed through to find the enemy as disorganized, confused and unprepared as in the swift thrusts following the Roer crossings.

Tanks Ahead of Schedule

A Ninth Air Force P47 pilot, Capt. Howard W. Jensen, of Clark Grove, Minn., said he found Third Army tanks far beyond the bomb line given at the briefing before he took off.

"The heads of the columns stretched in long lines on some roads and were hidden in clouds of dust," he said.

In the extreme north, British Highlanders smashed the last vestige of fanatical enemy resistance at Aes, and Canadian troops have captured Bienen, four miles to the northwest, cutting the Emmerich-Rees highway beyond.

New Air Landings Reported

German radio reported new Allied airborne landings between Wesel and Bochholt, in the center of the Ruhr bridgehead, but there was no such report from Allied headquarters.

Charles Lynch, Reuter correspondent with the British Second Army, said: "In some sectors this looks more like a breakthrough than a bridgehead tonight. Our troops have now driven almost 18 miles beyond the Rhine and along a considerable sector the Germans have no co-ordinated defense at all. Around the whole southeastern perimeter of the bridgehead this is the case."

Some Give Up Easily

In the southern part, Chris Cunningham, UP correspondent with the Ninth Army, reported that in large areas the Germans were not appearing to make a fight for it, but were giving up easily and even abandoning formidable gun positions and pillboxes without a struggle.

Returning air crews, according to UP, described the entire northern plain for more than 40 miles beyond the Rhine as a smoldering wasteland dotted with columns of German refugees fleeing east in terror. They said there were few signs of Nazi troop movements in the area.

In the Wesel forest just above the Ruhr Valley, Ninth Army troops repulsed an armor attack and advanced, Reuter said. Unlike other sectors of the Ninth Army front, in this area stiff resistance was encountered.

A New York radio broadcast said Ninth Army troops were only ten miles from the big Ruhr city of Essen.

In the First Army bridgehead, tanks and doughboys pressed for-

ward another 5,000 yards overnight against crumbling resistance, capturing a dozen villages. Greatest penetration was made by an armored column which crashed through the Nazi defensive crust to Ersfeld, 11 miles southeast of Honnef. Stiff fighting was under way there this morning.

Troops rode into battle aboard tanks to clear out anti-tank nests and other troops followed less than a mile behind the armor to mop up villages. Resistance appeared to be lessening along the entire First Army front, but the Germans threw in several counter-attacks against the First Inf. Div. on the left flank at Bierrth.

Ninth Bombers Concentrate on Nazi Transport

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Temunden and left large fires. Ninth fighter-bombers flew 1,405 sorties in attacks on 17 rail yards, losing two planes and shooting down one. They destroyed another and damaged nine on the ground. First TAC bombers were inoperative but fighter-bombers blasted rails and motor transport east of the Rhine while flying 1,100 sorties.

The Eighth AF concentrated on strategic targets for the second day in a row as 300 Fortresses, escorted by approximately 450 fighters, bombed a synthetic oil refinery at Zeitz, 20 miles south of Leipzig and a weapons and armored vehicle plant at Plauen.

Italy-based 15th AF planes flew more than 2,500 sorties against four Nazi airfields in Czechoslovakia, and Brenner Pass targets.

RAF Mosquitos maintained their nightly attacks on Berlin and made offensive patrols against German shipping off Norway.

First N.Y. Veteran To Take a GI Loan Dons Store Apron

NEW YORK, March 26 (ANS).—The first man in the New York City area to get a \$2,000 business loan under the GI Bill of Rights is Joseph J. Coyle, 37, a medically discharged Army private who was wounded twice in action in Italy and contracted malaria in Sicily.

Coyle bought a half interest in a delicatessen store on W. 26th St. in Manhattan. He was wearing GI sunbans under a white storekeeper's apron when reporters found him yesterday.

Coyle said he borrowed the money from the National City Bank of New York. The Veterans Administration, as provided by the GI Bill of Rights, will pay \$40 interest, covering the first year on Coyle's loan. He arranged to pay the rest of the obligation in 24 monthly instalments, although the law allows him to spread payments over five years.

'Enemy Agents' Put Nazi Radio in Dither

The Frankfurt radio interrupted its program last night, Reuter reported, to broadcast a warning that four persons in German officers' uniforms—"presumably enemy agents"—were proceeding in a field-gray army truck from Hanau, east of Frankfurt on the right bank of the Main, in the direction of Gelnhausen.

"The car must be stopped at all costs and its passengers arrested," declared the radio announcer. "In case of resistance, they must be killed on the spot."

Nazi PWs Move Westward In Pageant of Spurious Joy

By James Cannon Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

EAST OF THE RHINE, March 26.—Along the roads back from the Rhine to the Luxembourg frontier today moves a dirty and somber pageant. It is as though many bread lines joined the New Orleans Mardi Gras in a celebration of Germany's disgrace. In the battle-broken villages through which the main roads curl, war has declared a mournful holiday.

The convoys of the 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 welcome them because their surrender quickens the end of the war. The Germans, soldier and civilian, are a small-hearted people who need victory to give them pride in their heritage of wanton conquest.

Candy, Cigarettes, Wine

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 the soldiers in their flight, frequently thrust out their arms in the Nazi salute as the big trucks waddle by.

Along the same roads walk the dusty, filthy liberated people who have come from the 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.

Four on a Horse

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

They ignore the convoys of the PWs. They seem still to be governed by the fear of their former wardens, most of whom are now prisoners themselves.

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

Philippine Official Asks Early Independence

WASHINGTON, March 26 (UP).—Filipinos want independence by July 4, 1946, or sooner, despite the fact that the islands have been ravished by war. Jaime Hernandez, Finance Secretary of the Philippine Commonwealth, said today.

"It seems to me that economic and political questions are entirely distinct," Hernandez said.

65,000 Com Z And AF Troops Go to Infantry

About 65,000 soldiers have been withdrawn from Com Z and Air Force units and have been retained as infantrymen, ETOUSA Hq. announced yesterday.

An additional 42,000 will be withdrawn "in the near future" for similar training and reassignment, the announcement said.

Civilian workers, reclassified combat soldiers and Wacs fill many of the rear-echelon posts formerly held by soldiers who were designated for combat. The Army employs 175,000 French, British, Dutch, Belgian and Luxembourg civilians in jobs ranging from typist to stevedore.

Also helping to relieve the manpower situation are 7,500 Wacs assigned to duties requiring special skills. Thousands of additional Wacs are being requested from the U.S.

Many of the civilian workers are persons driven from their homes by the war.

Marine Gen. Rupertus Dies of Heart Attack

WASHINGTON, D. C. March 26 (ANS).—Maj. Gen. William S. Rupertus, 55, commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps schools at Quantico, Va., who led the First Marine Div. in the South Pacific, died here last night after a heart attack.

The general's last assignment in the Pacific theater was as commander of the marines in the invasion of Peleliu, in the Palau Islands.

Gen. Eaker Reveals Mediterranean AF Losses for Year

NEW YORK, March 26 (ANS).—Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commander of the Allied Air Forces in the Mediterranean, revealed today that his air force had lost 2,057 heavy bombers and 20,570 men in the last year, according to a Blue Network correspondent who interviewed Eaker.

"When you realize our annual manpower quota is only 20,000 you can understand that our losses were 100 percent," Eaker said. "However, I draw consolation from the fact that our force has saved the lives of hundreds of thousands of Allied ground soldiers and add to that fact the one that our air force has kept the Luftwaffe virtually grounded."

Wac Commissioned

Former M/Sgt. Mildred W. Hindman, of Columbus, Ohio, became the first WAC in the ETO to receive a direct commission when she was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant by Brig. Gen. C. O. Thrasher, commander of the Oise Section, yesterday.

They're Still Not Gentlemen

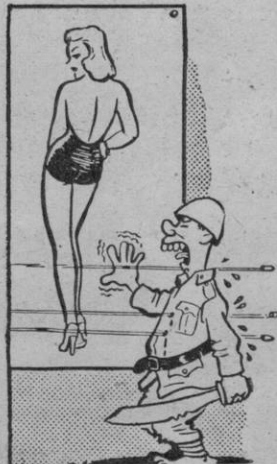
Even the Japs Prefer Blondes

WASHINGTON, March 26 (ANS).—Marine veterans of Pacific campaigning have come up with convincing proof that Japanese prefer blondes.

Leatherneck, official Marine magazine, disclosed that Betty Grable and Mae West, both blondes, must have something that the black-haired Geisha girls of Japan haven't.

It's unlikely, Leatherneck said, that more than a handful of Japanese have ever seen a blonde in the flesh, but many Japs left clues in abandoned quarters indicating blonde leanings. On Peleliu, Betty Grable was the favorite pinup girl in Jap barracks. Over the bar in a Japanese officers' club in Tinian was a photograph of blonde Danielle Darrieux, French screen beauty.

Mae West was the top blonde among Japanese in Choiseul, Leatherneck reported. A snaky pose of voluptuous Miss West was signed with this invitation: "Please come up and see me if you are ever in beautiful California."



Cherry Trees Bloom in Capital



The famous cherry trees in Washington are having their earliest flowering in 18 years. Here two Waves stroll beneath the trees, bordering the Tidal Basin in the capital, and let their thoughts wander.

This Happened in America Yesterday:

Alaska Billed as Land Of Postwar Opportunity

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, March 26.—Develop Alaska as a postwar frontier for veterans and war workers, Reps. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.) and Homer D. Angell (R-Ore.) told Congress.

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

LETTER-writing, says 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 says, seven letters a week are sent to servicemen, and six a week are received from servicemen.

Newspapers are graphically connecting 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 appears to be highly successful throughout the country—Kansas City, Mo., for example, oversubscribed its \$1,195,000 quota by \$153,378.

Plans for Observing Good Friday

CHURCHES were packed on Palm Sunday. Observance of Good Friday will be on a scale surpassing any previous Holy Week period, with elaborate rituals 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 will halt one minute at 2:59 PM.

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.

EUGENE RUE, of Polson, Mont., wrote to a California airplane factory, saying he and two sisters were engaged in engineering research and would like to get the plans of the new Douglas jet-propelled plane. The company regretted it could not send the plans but returned a set of colored pictures. Eugene, eldest of the researching Rues, is 10.

Mailers and composing room employees went on strike at the Des Moines Register and Tribune in a jurisdictional dispute between the International Typographical Union, AFL, and the International Mailers Union, independent. The management, which says it is willing to negotiate a contract with the union which wins a collective bargaining election Friday, published a four-page news section using photo-engraved typewritten copy.

HUMANE societies are seeking to prevent people from giving baby chicks to kids as Easter pets, an aim with which Federal food authorities are in hearty agreement because of a prospective poultry and egg shortage.

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."

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."

Even Restaurants With Closed Bars Tabu After Curfew for GIs in N.Y.

4 Lifers Own Prison Shops, Make \$58,300

PHILADELPHIA, March 26 (ANS).—Four inmates of Pennsylvania's Eastern penitentiary, serving life terms for murder, own and operate prison shops which returned them \$58,300 between November, 1942, and October, 1944, the Philadelphia Record said today in a copyrighted story.

The convicts, unidentified other than as "The Capitalists of Cherry Hill," were reported to have set up businesses several years ago and converted to war production two years ago, materially increasing profits.

The Record said that in one "hobby shop," owned outright by the inmate who operates it, the machinery and equipment were bought with the inmate's own money. He hires fellow inmates to work for him and arranges for the sale of products outside the prison, it was reported.

Produce for Marines

The Record said that in October, 1942, the Marine Corps contracted with the State Department of Welfare for the manufacture of several million tent pegs by prison inmates.

Part of the work was given to subcontractors, including the four prison-shop owners, the Record said, adding that the four shop operators received \$58,300 under subcontract.

Each of the "capitalists," according to the Record, "made clear profits which ran as high as \$450 a month."

Prison officials were not immediately available for comment.

Maternity Program Called Inadequate

WASHINGTON, March 26 (ANS).—CIO President Philip Murray today urged that the emergency maternity and infant program be extended to cover wives of veterans, widows of servicemen, and infants born after the father leaves the service.

Murray, in a letter to Rep. Butler Hare (D-S.C.), chairman of a House subcommittee considering renewal of the program, declared that limitation of the program to wives of enlisted men of the lower four grades is working hardships on many families. It should be widened to cover enlisted men in the upper three grades, he said.

Wives of veterans should have assistance for two years after the husbands are discharged, Murray said.

Double Trouble

CHICAGO, March 26 (ANS).—While experimenting with some new jujitsu holds here, Joseph Dwyer and Harry Stevens simultaneously broke each other's right leg.

After 12—No Chow



MPs leave a 52nd St. restaurant in New York City after telling the proprietor not to serve soldiers after midnight. The MPs did not wait to check on the departure of servicemen.

CIO Seeks Action On Post-War Jobs

WASHINGTON, March 26 (ANS).—The CIO yesterday added its voice to that of the American Legion in calling for immediate action on a postwar "jobs for all" program.

The Legion said earlier that the country must hire veterans first when the fighting is over, but added: "There must be a job for every man and woman seeking one. We must provide 55,000,000 jobs." CIO President Philip Murray said in a message to all CIO unions that the U.S. has enough productive capacity to provide postwar jobs for everyone. "We shall need first to make up our minds to use it," he said.

The American Legion set forth a four-point proposal for veterans as follows:

- 1—Welcome them back as men, with sincere greetings and honest assurance that a job fitted to their abilities is awaiting them.
- 2—Make a realistic analysis of the jobs available and of the veteran's aptitude, interests, ambitions and training.
- 3—Fit the jobs and veterans together as the result of such realistic appraisal.
- 4—Co-operate intelligently with the veteran after he is placed in a job, with ready willingness to make adjustments, as actual experience on the job makes adjustments advisable.

House Convened to Consider Jointly Approved Work Law

WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP). House members were summoned to the Capitol today to consider manpower draft legislation, now approved by Senate-House conferees.

Some quarters at the same time viewed a preamble to the legislation as an anti-strike measure aimed at 400,000 soft coal miners who will take a strike vote Wednesday. The preamble says: "Every individual not in the armed forces shall have the obligation, when called upon, to serve the nation in an activity essential to the war effort."

The bill would give War Mobilization Chief James F. Byrnes power to fix employment ceilings for any

plant or industry, to control hiring and job shifting and to freeze employees in their jobs.

Employees and employers violating Byrnes' order would face penalties up to one year in jail and fines of \$10,000.

Meanwhile, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins is expected to try to stave off a possible nationwide coal strike by asking a 30-day extension of the soft-coal contract, which expires Saturday night.

Negotiations which began March 1 have been deadlocked over the demand of UMW President John L. Lewis for a ten-cent-a-ton royalty to be used to build up a medical and rehabilitation fund.

Ruling Leaves Joes Outside As Others Eat

NEW YORK, March 26 (ANS).—Soldiers and sailors, who already have been 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 the 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 the individual service commands.

Order Strictly Interpreted

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 News added, have been taken literally by the Second Service Command.

Some servicemen openly defied the MPs, while others left restaurants reluctantly, according to the News. At Toffenetti's Restaurant, in Times Square, MPs set up a picket line and barred servicemen from entering. At Childs Restaurant, MPs won the management's co-operation, 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 said. I didn't want a riot.

Major Eats in Kitchen

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 ate 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."

"You stop me," Lawson replied. The captain didn't try, nor did he arrest Lawson when the major challenged him to take that action. Lawson said that he was back from a 16-month tour of duty with the 12th Army Group in the ETO and was awaiting reassignment.

WPB Explains Penalty On Curfew Violations

WASHINGTON, March 26 (AP).—The War Production Board said today it would invoke priority penalties against midnight curfew violators only when the War Manpower Commission certifies that employment ceilings have been violated.

Violation of the curfew itself will not bring WPB punitive action through halting of light, power or fuel or suspension of priority privileges, a WPB spokesman said.

Northwest Arkansas Swept by Cyclone

EUREKA SPRINGS, Ark., March 26 (ANS).—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 injured at least four persons.

Kurland & Co. Tackle NYU In NCAA Final

By Jay Barnes

Army News Service Sports Writer

NEW YORK, March 26.—The party of the second part in Thursday night's Red Cross charity game, which rings down the curtain on Madison Square Garden basketball warfare this season, will emerge from tomorrow night's shooting when the red hot Violets of NYU tackle seven-foot Bob Kurland and his mates from Oklahoma A & M for the NCAA title.

The winner will earn a shot at either DePaul or Bowling Green, depending on which of the latter quintets wins tonight when they



Sid Tanenbaum



Adolph Schayes

clash in the finals of the Invitation tourney at the Eighth Ave. arena. DePaul rules as a prohibitive choice after erasing West Virginia and Rhode Island State by overwhelming scores, with bespectacled George Mikan contributing a total of 86 points.

The task of handcuffing elongated Kurland tomorrow night has been assigned to Adolph Schayes, 16-year-old NYU center who will be dwarfed by the Aggie pivotman although he stands six feet five. Schayes is just a freshman, but he already has been tabbed as the brightest collegiate prospect to reach Manhattan courts in several semesters.

Al Grenert, the Metropolitan area's leading marksman, will line up at forward with Don Forman, the team's sparkplug. Sid Tanenbaum and Frank Mangiapane, rugged floormen and good shots, will handle the guard assignments.

Holman Suggests Curb on Giants

NEW YORK, March 26.—Suggestions for curbing giant "cage goalies" filled the agenda as the Basketball Coaches Association met here yesterday, but no definite action was taken.



Nat Holman

Nat Holman, CCNY coach, made two suggestions. He advocated banning any offensive player from standing with his back to the basket for more than two seconds, and also suggested eliminating the backboard.

Other coaches also came through with suggestions to halt big fellows, but Frank Kearney, whose Rhode Island State quintet fell victim to George Mikan's 53-point spree last week, favors big fellows.

Jack Chevigny Killed In Iwo Jima Battle

GARY, Ind., March 26.—Jack Chevigny, former Notre Dame football star and widely known grid coach, was killed in action on Iwo Jima, Feb. 19, his brother, Dr. Julius Chevigny, revealed today. Chevigny, 38, enlisted in the Marines shortly after Pearl Harbor.

He entered Notre Dame in 1925 and starred at halfback for three years, after which he joined the Irish coaching staff. He also piloted the professional Chicago Cardinals, St. Edwards College, Texas, and Texas U.

Hockey Scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE PLAYOFFS
Indianapolis 4, Hershey 3.
Cleveland 5, Buffalo 3.

N.Y. Senate Passes Anti-Bribe Measure

ALBANY, N.Y., March 26.—The State Senate has passed the Wilson-Moritt bill, making bribery in amateur sports a felony. The measure would amend the present statute prohibiting bribery in professional sports.

The bill has been sent to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey for approval.

Bruins Topped By Wings, 3-2

BOSTON, March 26.—The Detroit Red Wings staved off elimination in their Stanley Cup semifinal series with Boston by subduing the Bruins, 3-2, here last night for their first victory in three games.

After 19 minutes of scoreless play, Ted Lindsey shoved the Wings out front on a solo dash through the Bruin defense. Murray Armstrong made it 2-0 just before the period ended when he duplicated Lindsey's sortie.

The Bruins reduced their deficit in the second period when Pat Egan scored on a vicious drive. But Mud Bruneteau, playing with a fractured upper jaw, scored what proved to be the winning goal in the third session when he stole the puck deep in his own territory and outskated the Bruins to beat Goalie Paul Bibeault, on a 25-foot shot.

Byron Nelson Wins S.C. Open

GREENSBORO, S.C., March 26.—Byron Nelson waltzed off with his second purse in five days when he tied the tricky Starmount course record with a final-round 66 for a 72-hole total of 271 in the \$7,500 Greensboro Open golf tourney yesterday. Nelson added \$1,333.33 to his record earnings this year.

Lord Byron's blistering five-below-par round before 10,000 fans, the largest gathering of the winter junket, enabled him to far outdistance the field. Sammy Byrd finished second with 279, while Johnny Revolta, who stumbled after a good start, was third with 280.

By winning, Nelson tied Sammy Snead in the race for top honors this year. Each has won six tournaments and there are two more on the docket.

Scott Bows to Fiorello

BROOKLYN, March 26.—Jerry Fiorello, Brooklyn middleweight, gloved his way to an easy decision over Willard Scott, of Savannah, Ga., in the eight-round feature at Ridgewood Grove last night.

Washington Senators

1945 Major League Flag Prospects

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

COLLEGE PARK, Md., March 26.—Ossie Bluege's Washington Senators will start the 1945 season with practically the same personnel which finished eighth in last year's American League race.

One worthy addition to the Nat roster is Marino Pieretti, 23-year-old right-hander who won 26 and lost 13 with Portland in '44. Pieretti already has been appointed to succeed Early Wynn, Bluege's workhorse until he entered the service last year.

Pieretti, a native of Marlia Lucca, Italy, arrived in camp several pounds overweight, but Bluege immediately put the finger on him as Wynn's contemporary. How many relief assignments Pieretti can squeeze in between starting roles is problematical. He stands a mere five feet, seven inches and weighs less than 160 when he is in shape.

Familiar names will comprise the remainder of Washington's mound staff. In addition to his three knuckleball artists, Dutch Leonard, Johnny Niggeling and Roger Wolff, Bluege has Alex Carrasquel, Milo

Flirting With Lady Luck



Pitchers Sigmund Jakucki (left) and Al Hollingsworth of the St. Louis Browns blow on a horseshoe and hope it'll bring them winning records when the American League campaign gets under way next month.



BAINBRIDGE, Md., March 26.—Al Lyons and Jake Wade, ex-Yankee twirlers, set down the Giants with four scattered hits here yesterday and Bainbridge Naval defeated the National Leaguers, 8-4. The sailors capitalized on Van Lingle Mungo's wildness and five Giant miscues for their first three runs, then pummeled Ray Harrell for the rest.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.—Outfielder Mike Kreevich signed on the dotted line and Catcher Red Hayworth, Pitcher Weldon West and Outfielder Gene Moore notified the Browns they had accepted terms.

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N.Y.—The Dodgers stopped Montreal of the International League, 10-8, here yesterday as Manager Leo Durocher gave his rookies a good workout.

FRENCH LICK, Ind.—Cub Manager Charlie Grimm said today that Claude Passeau, big right-hander, would draw the opening day mound assignment. The "B" team shaded the "A's", 2-1, in an intrasquad game yesterday.

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—Dizzy Trout yielded one hit in four innings as the Tiger regulars blanked the Yannigans, 2-0, in a seven-inning intrasquad tilt. Hal Newhouser hurled for the rookies and allowed both runs. ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—The Yankee squad was increased to 26 men today when Catcher Mike Garbark and Outfielders Paul Waner and Russ Derry reported to Manager Joe McCarthy.

FREDERICK, Md.—The Athletics had a soft touch here yesterday as they routed the Hustlers, a local semipro club, 7-1. The game was close until the fifth inning when the A's scored four runs. Hal Peck, Frankie Hayes and Dick Siebert clouted doubles in the big inning. WASHINGTON.—Southpaw Jimmy Wallace, young Army dischargee, pitched and batted the Braves to a 2-1 victory over the Senators yesterday in a game played for the benefit of the Red Cross. Wallace swatted a two-bagger in the ninth and later scored the winning run on an infield roller. Dutch Leonard toiled five frames for the Griffs and was reached for one run.



Hal Newhouser



Dizzy Trout

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

BILLY "The Kid" Conn, starting his tenth month of service in the ETO, has become a mental whiz since he spotted an item on this page last week that quoted Mike Jacobs as saying the postwar Louis-Conn heavyweight championship bout might attract a gate of \$7,000,000.



Billy Conn

Jacobs based his fabulous figure on the possibility of television rights contributing \$5,000,000.

"That guy Mike usually knows what he's talking about," Billy said, "and when he starts mentioning figures like that, I'm all ears. Boy, I can see that bundle of money already—and it looks beautiful. Guess I'll drop Mike a postcard and see if I can get an advance."

BILLY isn't one to ridicule his brethren of the ring, but he arched a cynical eyebrow when the conversation turned to fellows like Fritz Zivic, who is fighting as a professional several times each month while stationed at an Army base in Texas, and Sugar Ray Robinson, who served in the Army just long enough to decide he didn't like it.

"It beats me how they get away with it," Billy declared. "Not that I say they should be barred from fighting for the duration just because Joe and me and hundreds of others can't be making a dent in that soft money at home. But it seems to me everything should be more above board than that."

THE Pittsburgh Kid, who is stationed in Paris temporarily as a boxing instructor after covering more than 50,000 miles on exhibition tours through England, Italy and France, had his first match with the notoriously inflated franc last week. The encounter made quite an impression on him because Billy was still moaning about it three days later.

"I wanted to see the sights," Billy explained, "so I climbed into one of those horse-and-buggy contraptions. I got tired of bumping around after a few minutes and finally convinced the jockey with sign language that I wanted to get out. He charged me \$24 and I didn't even become part owner of his business."

Then Billy headed for the office door. "That burned me up plenty," he said over his shoulder. "But then I read that story about Jacobs. Hell, I can take a lot of buggy rides with my share of that \$7,000,000, can't I?"

Don Meade Suspended

MEXICO CITY, March 26.—Don Meade, who came here to ride when American race tracks closed down in January, has been suspended for the remainder of the Hippodrome de las Americas meeting for "reprehensible conduct."



Special Service and the Blackbirds will meet tonight at Palais des Sports, Paris, for the Seine Section basketball tournament crown. A WAC game will precede the title battle.

The Blackbirds, pre-tourney favorites, walloped 351st Engineers, 80-67, to run up the highest score of the tourney. Special Service outscored 48th Hospital, 41-30, in an overtime battle.

LE HAVRE.—The 494th Port Travelers annexed the 16th Port basketball title by defeating 581st Port, 52-39. Top scorer for the winners was Randolph Cooper, Rocky Mountain, N.C., with 18 points. Donald Moore, Uniontown, Pa., led 581st with 16 markers.

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 Gilberto Torres at third. Eddie



Rick Ferrell



Dutch Leonard

Butka, Pedro Gomez, Manuel Hidalgo and Hillis Layne are fighting for reserve positions.

Senator catching is in capable hands with experienced Rick Ferrell ready to share the first string assignment with Al Evans, back from service. Fermin Guerra, long hitting Cuban, will be the third backstop.

Bluege thinks he has turned up with a great outfield prospect in

George Binks, up from Milwaukee. Binks slugged 370 in 100 games at Milwaukee last year, and looks like a fixture in the garden with George Case and Stan Spence. Others who will be carried on the squad include Jake Powell and Bobby Ortiz.

With ample co-operation from his south-of-the-border candidates, Bluege may land his athletes in the first division this summer.

Barons, Capitals Win In Minor Hockey Series

BUFFALO, March 26.—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 series for the Governors Cup here last night. The Barons need one more victory in their best-of-seven series to eliminate the defending champions.

In the other semi-finals series, the Indianapolis Capitals foiled the Hershey Bears in their quest to clinch survival by skating to a 4-3 triumph.



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

CAMERA EXCHANGE

FOR SALE: Voigtlander Reflex, Voigtar 1.7 lens, case, \$75—Cpl. George Vukmirovich.

SWAP—Contax Biotar 1:2.4 1/2 cm. lens for 9 cm or longer Leica lens—S/Sgt. H. Eichenwald; Poth Derby miniature camera for 9x12 or 10x15—Lt. V. M. Curry; RADIO, new 3-band, for Rolleiflex, Rolleicord or similar camera—Lt. Leon Stoller.

FOUND

WALLET, in truck between Chalons and Rethel. Left there by two hitchhiking GIs—Pvt. V. Kueper.

APOs WANTED

JOE B. Conley, Holopan, Fla.; Clifton Davis, Holopan, Fla.; Pfc Francis E. Hardy, St. Louis; Cpl. Harold Lewis, St. Louis; Fred Myers, Hazle, Ky.; Denzil Wildman, Parkersburg, W. Va.; Sgt. Medford Wallace, Desloge, Mo.; Pvt. James Wiley, Indianapolis; Sgt. Harry Westman; Jack Yale, Amarillo, Tex.; T/Sgt. John W. Zeim.

CPL. Pete Della Guilla, New York City; Pvt. Sam Grodnitzky, Baltimore, Md.; Joseph Golden, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Ed. Geffeler; Pvt. James Hanahan, Philadelphia, Pa.; T/S Glenwood Hall; Edward Hand, Baltimore, Md.; Howard M. Harris, 0676325; Pfc Robert Johnson, New York City.

Births

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

CPL. John F. Platt, Utica, N.Y.—Harold Ivan, Jan. 8; Pfc Kenneth M. Hale, Valley Station, Ky.—Kenneth Boyd, Dec. 29; Capt. L. E. Wallace, Paris, Tex.—Mary Ladd, Feb. 5; Sgt. Warren Wiktoriski, Westminster, Mass.—Diane Elaine, Jan. 31.

PFC Leonard N. Ginnar, Union City, N.J.—Leonard Norwood, Jan. 9; Lt. S. Greenbaum, Philadelphia—Dale Ellen, March 10; Cpl. Oscar F. Willi, Battle Creek, Mich.—girl, Feb. 15; 1/Sgt. Forrest G. Boyett, Norfolk, Neb.—girl, March 21; Pvt. Victor J. Torok, Lansing, Mich.—son, Jan. 10; Sgt. Otto Isdahl, Willmar, Minn.—son, March 23; Lt. Raymond Harbinson, Sacramento, Calif.—girl, March 23; Cpl. Howard B. Schechtel, Denver—Bonnie Beth.

SGT. Charles R. Van De Mark, Bristol, Tenn.—Paulsann, March 22; Pfc. William S. Jones, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—girl, March 22; Frank Brent, merchant marine, New York—boy, March 14; Sgt. Robert I. Sever, Clearwater, Fla.—Gary Allan, March 14; Lt. Herman H. Landy, Pittsburgh—Douglas Marcus, March 19; Pvt. E. Alfano, Brooklyn—boy, March 20; Lt. John S. Williams, Fayetteville, N.Y.—Dana Dustin, March 24; Cpl. James R. May, Columbus, Ga.—boy, March 23; T/S Carman Pavlicko, Campbell, Ohio—Richard Colman, March 14; Pvt. Lowell W. Knutson, Clatskanie, Ore.—Lola Elaine, March 19.

CPL. Raymond Campeau, Fall River, Mass.—Raymond, March 14; Pvt. Raymond Lyle, Washington, Pa.—Linda May, Jan. 4; Pvt. Jay Kenneth King, Brooklyn—Kenneth Edward, March 21; S/Sgt. William Wise Maspeth, Long Island—William James, March 20; Sgt. William L. Holby, Rockford, Ill.—boy, Jan. 31; CWO Albert Holmes, Holyoke, Mass.—Guy Frederick, March 21; Lt. Simon Greenbaum, Philadelphia—Dale Ellen, March 10; Maj. P. F. Simensky, Brooklyn—girl, March 21.

M/SGT. Frederick C. Benedict, Clearwater, Calif.—George Frederick, March 17; Capt. John A. Paddenburg, Brooklyn—boy, March 22; T/S Clarence H. Marker, Two Harbors, Minn.—boy, March 20; Lt. Charles E. Benson, New York—girl, March 19; Pfc William S. Meyer, Santarosa, Calif.—boy, Dec. 17; Lt. Robert H. Ingle, Richmond, Va.—Daphne Anne, March 22; Sgt. Alan J. Vee, New York—boy, March 22; Lt. Alex I. Zywieczynski, Hammond, Ind.—boy, March 22.

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The Jump to Open the Door to Berlin



American and British paratroopers float to earth on the east bank of the Rhine River as the Allies launched the greatest airborne invasion in history. Some of these paratroopers were killed by German sniper fire before they reached the ground. But the operation was a success, and yesterday it was reported that the airborne forces had taken all of their objectives over the river, above the Ruhr. (Photos on this page were taken by LIFE Cameraman Robert Capa.)



U.S. paratroopers, caught in a tree, hastily disengage themselves before they can be picked off by German snipers nearby. Note one paratrooper (arrow) running to attack.



Stars and Stripes Photo by Riordan
A German captain, taken prisoner by the Ninth Army, wades through the Rhine to a landing craft which will ferry him to a PW cage. A dead German soldier lies on the river bank.



As American gliders disgorge troops and equipment onto German soil, civilians huddle in a nearby field. Only the very young and old were left to watch the gliders being unloaded.



British soldiers, pictured from the west bank of the Rhine, hurl their first pontoon bridge across the river after ground and airborne troops have linked up.