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Thursday, March 15, 1945

Leathernecks Leave Their Trademark on Iwo



A sandy hole in the ground, littered with dead Japs, is all that remains of a Japanese pillbox and its operators after Marines fought their way on to the beaches of Iwo Jima despite tough resistance from such positions as this once was. A Leatherneck of the Third Division surveys the situation.

Iwo Marines Seal off Japs

GUAM, March 14 (AP).—Three U.S. Marine Corps divisions slugged it out with the surviving Japanese on Iwo Jima today after sealing off 115 Japanese cave positions and seizing two rocks jutting out of the sea off the island.

The rocks, designated in a U.S. communique as Kama and Kangoku, were occupied without opposition. The Japanese previously had used them as mortar positions. Kama is 1,000 yards off Iwo's west central side and Kangoku is 2,700 yards off the northwest end of the island.

Japanese troops occupying caves and pillboxes on rugged Kitano Point, the northern tip of Iwo, still were resisting stubbornly with small-arms, machine-gun and mortar fire.

Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, top commander of Marines in the Pacific, was standing on a rock watching a fight below when a Japanese took a potshot at the general. Smith said the bullet missed him by only a few inches.

Paris Movie Houses Are Closed by Strike

A general strike of French motion picture cashiers, operators, ushers and other employees closed movie houses in Paris yesterday and spread throughout France. Allied troops' theaters will remain open, however.

The movie union, supported by film technicians and workers, is asking a 40 percent wage increase.

RAF's New 11-Ton Bomb, Heaviest Yet, Rocks Reich

Eleven-ton bombs, the heaviest yet used, were hurled by the RAF yesterday against railway targets in northern Germany. The new missile is described as an "earthquake bomb," combining great power of penetration with explosive force. It is 10,000 pounds heavier than the type of bomb which sank the Tirpitz.

Fliers yesterday reported that its effect dwarfed the explosions of the 12,000-pound bombs, which also were used in today's raids.

Also sweeping across northern Germany, 1,250 Eighth AF heavies yesterday attacked armored vehicle plants at Hanover, oil refineries at Misburg and Ninehagen, a large castings plant at Hildesheim, E-boat pens at the Dutch port of Ijmuiden and railway yards and bridges on the main routes from the Ruhr. Approximately 650 fighters escorted the heavies.

The Luftwaffe was caught on the ground at several fields east of Coblenz by Ninth AF fighter-bombers, which destroyed 56 planes and damaged 77 others. Three U.S. planes were lost.

First TAF flew more than 600 sorties against transport targets and destroyed 13 locomotives and damaged seven. One bridge was destroyed and two others damaged. A tunnel also was damaged and numerous rail cuts were made.

Gets Pacific Command

PEARL HARBOR, March 14 (ANS).—Vice-Adm. William W. Smith, of Washington, D.C., has assumed command of the Pacific Fleet Service Force of 700 ships, relieving Vice-Adm. William L. Calhoun.

U.S. Navy Nears 4,000,000 Men Mark

WASHINGTON, March 14 (ANS).—The U.S. Navy, already the greatest ocean power in history, expects to pass personnel strength of 4,000,000 within a few months.

This was disclosed today in President Roosevelt's request that Congress appropriate \$23,719,000,000 to run the Navy during the fiscal year beginning July 1. The appropriation will bring the Navy proper to the authorized strength of 3,389,000, plus 478,000 in the Marine Corps and 173,165 in the Coast Guard. The total was 3,870,039 as of Dec. 31.

Plan for Dissatisfied Poles

LONDON, March 14 (AP).—Conceding that some Poles might be extremely unhappy inside the divided Poland envisioned at the Yalta conference, Prime Minister Churchill said today that the British Dominions now were being consulted about a plan to offer dissatisfied Poles British citizenship "as their final security."

East Bank Forces Capture Honnet, Imperil Highway

By Dan Regan

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH FIRST U.S. ARMY, March 14.—Lt. Gen. Hodges' First Army forces today expanded their hold on the east bank of the Rhine to less than one mile and a half from the autobahn—the six-lane Cologne-Frankfurt super-highway parallel to the Rhine, running northward to the Ruhr Valley.

Against opposition which consisted mostly of artillery

Reds Overrun Line in Berlin's Outer Defenses

Moscow dispatches said yesterday that Marshal Gregory Zhukov's Red Army forces had overrun "one of the main German lines" in the outer defenses of Berlin, while other Soviet troops kept up assaults against Stettin, Danzig and Gdynia.

The Germans, after reporting the opening of a Russian offensive south of Soviet-held Kustrin in the direction of Berlin, indicated that fighting on the west bank of the Oder River was still in the stage of expanding bridgeheads.

One German commentator said: "The present lull on the Oder front

Learned the Hard Way

LONDON, March 14 (UP).—Germany's defense of Berlin will be based on lessons learned from Russia's successful defense of Moscow, according to the German Transocean News Agency.

Organization of defenses is in the hands of a general who got first-hand information on the problem when Panzer forces under his command were defeated in the suburbs of the Russian capital, the agency said.

The defense will consist of an organized ring of defensive positions which will increase in density.

is a lull before a great storm."

Marshal Stalin announced last night that the Soviet's Second Ukrainian Army had captured the railway center of Zvolen, in Slovakia, about 75 miles north of Budapest, after dislodging German forces from positions in the Carpathian Mountains.

As Marshal Zhukov's northern wing maintained heavy pressure on Stettin, the Germans reported that Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky had thrown large forces against the Nazi defense zone around Danzig and Gdynia, with the strongest assault being made west of Gdynia. The Germans said a half-mile

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and self-propelled guns, Hodges' infantrymen fought into the outskirts of Notscheid, four miles east of Remagen, cleared St. Katharinen and are now advancing along the north-south secondary road paralleling the autobahn.

Striking northwards along the Rhinebank, the bridgehead forces cleared Honnet, biggest prize yet taken east of the Rhine, and pushed beyond, toward Itzenbach. On the southern perimeter of the bridgehead, which now measures ten and a half miles along the Rhine and five miles inland, doughboys advanced nearly a mile across tough terrain.

Yesterday the Germans made 47 raids over the bridgehead with 99 planes, but First Army anti-aircraft batteries knocked down 26 and scored nine as probable. Today between 1 P.M. and 5:45 P.M., 19 planes came over, of which one was destroyed.

It was disclosed tonight that the pontoon bridge, built to augment the Ludendorff rail span, was 980 feet long and was put up by two battalions of engineers. There have been several artillery hits on the railroad bridge, but engineers declared that none was serious and it now is "in better condition than it was when captured."

Counter-attacks Thus Far No Threat to Salient

It was reported at SHAEF that up to yesterday, the seventh day of the bridgehead, Germans have not thrown counter-attacks at the salient strong enough to threaten it. Counter-attacks thus far have been defensive and no indication has yet been reported of an enemy counter-offensive.

Hodges now has sufficient forces east of the Rhine to deal with heavy attacks. In the absence of any sustained effort by the Germans to smash the bridgehead, First Army men are continuing to gain over rugged ground which lends itself to Nazi defensive tactics.

Largest of the German counter-attacks was made near Honningen, at the south end of the bridgehead yesterday. About 250 enemy infantry stormed U.S. positions, made slight penetrations and were driven back after three hours of fighting.

Other attacks came in the Har-

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Overseas at Home, But...

Sasaki's Woes, or Howzat?

Pfc Alfred Sasaki, of the 296th QM Salvage and Repair Co., is a man with a problem. He wants to know why he received overseas pay when he was at home and why he didn't get it when he was overseas.

Pfc Sasaki's difficulty is that he was inducted in Hawaii, his home. He stayed in the islands for two weeks and received overseas pay for the fortnight. When he reached the States for combat training, he was given the basic buck private's \$50 per.

After one year in the States, he was sent to Italy and then to France on regular overseas status.

"What I want to know," asks Pfc Sasaki, "is if the one year I spent training in the States counts as overseas duty or not."

Army regulations describe "overseas" as "any place beyond the continental limits" of the U.S. or in Alaska. So Pfc Sasaki, who was overseas at home, was not overseas while away from home in the States.

THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

We Understand—Spamit!

(Ed. Note: B-Bag does not make a practice of printing letters from civilians but relaxes the rule because only a Belgian civilian could give the proper answer to a recent letter entitled "Herring Bound." That letter was written by Pvt. Kenneth A. Rosenzweig, formerly of Philadelphia, who related that Belgian people laughed at him as he walked down the streets of Liege munching a smoked herring.)

After consulting local leading authorities on etiquette I think that Pvt. Kenneth Rosenzweig will not have to make hara kiri with a can opener for "losing face" in our midst. The sight of a khaki-clad Philadelphia gentleman innocently sucking a smoked herring in a Belgian town is not in itself technically funny.

We have been deluged with tons and tons of herrings by our generous government, these last two months. We ate lots of them, smoked or not, until even the dog had his bellyful of them.

Then the contrast of a soldier, used to the good, rich U.S. chow, eating a Belgian equivalent of C-ration with a watering mouth and ecstatic eyes creates a gag which could not fail to get a smile in these parts.—Citizen of Liege.

What you call a delectable morsel, is a stuff that, we, starving Belgians, have been stuffed with too often during the war!

When we had no meat, we had herring!

When we had no butter, we had herring!

When we had no potatoes, we had herring!

Herring is so rich with vitamins and herring was the substitute for everything during German occupation! We were sick of herrings, as sick as of the Germans!

Then, let me tell you, that if those courageous people of Liege remarked that an American soldier of that rich American Army was eating publicly, in the street, a poor smoked herring, well, the contrast is so immensely big that I understand, they had to laugh and to smile. Oh! to be sure that smile was certainly filled with sympathy and certainly without mockery.

Don't worry, there is nothing wrong in eating a smoked herring on the street!—Maj. M. J. G., Belgian Liaison.

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Characters?

Just finished reading your sketches on the German officers who command the Nazi troops in the St. Nazaire and Lorient pockets. You know, the same ones whose efforts have been sufficient to draw off both American and French forces from our main effort, here, in France, in order to neutralize the threat which these salient represent. Your article introduces us to quite a gallery of "characters": the "jive-loving oberleutenant," the "bubbling oberleutenant from Wurtemberg," the "rugged paratrooper" and one or two other less picturesque "characters."

Don't think there's been a GI definition formulated, but a "character" is usually an eccentric, a bit battered by the war, maybe soiled around the edges, but generally likable. He's the Sad Sack and Hubert and Bill Mauldin's leprechauns.

Maybe, sometime, when the perspective of years will have filed down the sharpness of our memories, Nazi officers will assume the aspect of "characters." Meanwhile, your painfully bright reports of the goings-on at St. Nazaire and Lorient continue to miss the mark. Your

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mission does not begin and end with the mere giving of information. Your job, as the serviceman's newspaper, is also to educate. Even at this stage of the game, the Nazis are still "characters" to some of us. You contribute to this lack of understanding by ignoring it.

You missed the element of cold fanaticism that characterizes these men, that enables them to stand and fight against a democracy which we know to be good and to be right. You failed to remind us that these men, and thousands like them, built and operated the furnaces of Lublin, that these men, and thousands like them, planned and launched the buzz-bombs and the rockets against the people of England. You gave us Lidice and Oradour, Rotterdam and Warsaw, enriched our vocabulary with the word "coventrize." That these men, and millions like them, are costing you and me only the best years of our lives—if we're lucky. Death and destruction have been the least of their gifts; wherever they've been they've left a train of confusion and bitterness and a legacy of corruption and moral decay that will take years to erase.

Know your enemy, gentlemen. They're not "characters," they're Nazis.—WOJG J. Schneider, Sig. Sec.

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Before It's Too Late (?)

It's about time someone came to the defense of that forgotten group, the men of 35 and over. It seems to me that theirs is a special case and invites special problems. Age is an important factor to be considered in the process of demobilization.

A healthy nation is one that springs from a well-knit family unit. There must be that essential propagation of the race if it is to continue as a strong well-balanced community. It is, therefore, highly important that these men be returned, immediately upon demobilization, to raise and rear their children properly and for those who are unmarried to engage in matrimony and do likewise.

A mother can devote all her loving and tender care to her children, but there is still lacking that hard-won and bitter experience that the male parent could impart to his offspring. Another point to be considered is the trial of readjustment which will work harder upon them than the younger men. . . . The writer is submitting this article from an entirely selfless point of view as he is not of the appointed age and will not be for several years. I hope that by that time this will be just so much water under the bridge.—Pvt. Max Miller, Signal Corps.

HUBERT

by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"Well, they're supposed to go to C company, but you mentioning a carton of butts makes me think you and me could talk a little business."

An Editorial

Do Unto Others...

MOST of us have been brought up not to bust things. But in war plenty of things get broke. So it's funny to see this soldier's guilt complex when he meets the owner of a beat-up farmhouse.

That's typical Mauldin humor. Human. Realistic. Grim.

Plenty of things get broke in war. When a shell and a house collide there isn't much argument. The treasure of centuries goes up in a flash. The bits and pieces can't ever be put together. The world has lost something that can never be repaired or regained. Future generations are the losers.

All the more reason why property spared by the dice of destiny is specially precious. Old chateaux. The art of ages. The panelled walls of an ancient house. The copper kitchenware conserved by a peasant family. An irreplaceable Louis XIV chest of drawers. A set of chairs. Broken, battered or burned, they're lost forever. No human hand or brain can reconstruct them. The pleasure they can give is gone forever. A link with the past is destroyed.

Thousands of American soldiers are billeted in the



"Don't look at me, lady. I didn't do it."

homes of friends and allies. Britons, Belgians, Dutch, Luxembourgers and French. On how we treat those homes—on how we respond to their hospitality, much of the future depends.

When we scar a family

treasure we hurt not wood, nor metal, nor cloth. We hurt a human heart. A heart that won't forget. A heart that wants to remember us for the liberty we've restored, not the damage we've done.

Britain Submits Postwar Air Plan

LONDON, March 14 (AP).—A master plan to turn over the British Empire's world-wide air transport development after the war to three large companies, with steamship lines and railroads playing the major role, was advanced by Britain today, and quickly brought the cry of "monopoly."

The British Overseas Airways

Corp. emerged as the dominant organization in an official plan announced in a government White Paper, with a world-girdling route, including the U.S., assigned to it. The corporation also was given a voice in the other two companies—the British Latin-American Airlines, made up of five steamship lines operating Latin-American services, and the United Kingdom-European Service, in which principal participants are railroads, short sea-shipping lines and travel agencies.

Independents Cry Monopoly

Four independent pre-war airline operators raised the "monopoly" cry. They declared the plan was unsatisfactory and that they would be "robbed" of the value of goodwill and development costs if they joined in the plan.

The White Paper made clear that the government hopes to operate international services with a minimum of competition—along the lines advanced, but turned down, at the Chicago Aviation Conference.

Congress Silent On British Plan

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP).—No immediate comment came today from Congressional circles on the British aviation White Paper. A Pan-American Airways spokesman said the company regarded it as a policy matter for Congress and therefore would not voice an opinion.

The Senate Commerce Committee has been snagged for weeks over a postwar air policy. Sen. Owen Brewster (R-Me.) demanded action on what he termed "a 90 percent agreement," which would set forth the alternatives for American commercial flying to foreign countries after the war.

Brewster's suggestion is that there be either a single company operat-

ing as "a chosen instrument," or a so-called zoned, or British system, with regulated competition.

Agreements Debated

The Foreign Relations Committee debated the State Department's action in accepting international air agreements without a go-ahead from Congress. These agreements would open this country's airways to foreign passenger and freight-carrying planes.

Republicans want to hold up the agreements until the Senate acts on a permanent air treaty which President Roosevelt submitted this week. Chairman Tom Connally (D-Tex.) said he hoped submission of the treaty would end the squabble over the temporary agreements.

The treaty gives signatory nations control of the air above their countries, with each holding the right to bar foreign planes if it chooses.

Biddle Opposes Airline Monopoly

WASHINGTON, March 14 (Reuter).—The Justice Department comes out strongly against one-company control of American international air transportation in a report by Attorney General Francis W. Biddle.

Biddle said the department was also opposed to a policy of surface carriers, such as steamship companies, owning or controlling international airline companies.

Biddle urged that there be controlled competition, agreement with other countries on subsidies, an international organization to analyze information on air carrier operations and maintenance of economic and legal conditions to encourage continued private operation.

The report said that government operation of America's international air lines might be advisable when lack of profit opportunities made private operation impossible.

Nazis Shell Own City After Yanks Spared It

BAD GODESBERG ON THE RHINE, March 14 (UP).—This resort city, on which the Yanks refused to fire because of its 14 hospitals, is being shelled, strafed and bombed by the Germans today.

When the Americans approached Bad Godesberg, which was the scene of the Hitler-Chamberlain pre-Munich conference, a delegation of the town's citizens, led by the Swiss Consul, went out to a nearby hill to surrender formally and ask them not to shell the town because of its hospitals and clinics.

But now that the Germans have been driven to the other side of the Rhine their artillery and planes are razing the city with complete disregard for the thousands of German citizens who have sought refuge here.

Until it came under fire from the Germans, Bad Godesberg was one of the few captured German towns which was practically untouched by war. It was here that Chamberlain conferred in September, 1938, with Hitler and Von Ribbentrop. But today Bad Godesberg is far different from the flag-bedecked city it was during the days of the conference which paved the way for "peace in our time."

The hotel where they met is blacked-out now. A skeleton staff remains with the owner, George Dessen, whose brother Fritz was one of Hitler's closest friends.

The hotel staff no longer dares go into the front of the buildings, for a few yards away on the Rhine's east bank the Nazis are watching. Every time they see a figure move, they let loose with a burst of small-arms fire, usually followed by the resounding whack of artillery.

Belgian 'Leggers Victimizing Yanks With Fake Cognac

TONGRES, Belgium, March 14 (AP).—Reports of an epidemic of liquor poisoning among American soldiers have brought to light a Belgian bootleg industry, run by peasants in the tradition of American prohibition days.

The hooch is made under filthy conditions with sugar beets and methylated spirits and in at least one instance was fermented with manure.

A number of soldiers have been downed by so-called cognac in the Tongres region.

Selling the faked brandy to American troops for as much as 600 francs a quart, the bootleggers are evading legal control of ingredients and the high tax on spirits.

War Is An Undersea Struggle For U.S. Submarine Soldiers



WITH U.S. SUPPLY FORCES, Belgium.—"Submarine soldiers," they call these GIs who go beneath the sea in shifts.

The 13 divers and six diver's tenders of the 1053rd Eng. Port and Const. Gp. have spent more than 1,488 hours under the waters of European harbors since they arrived on the Continent July 13.

They started out reconstructing the Cherbourg docks and have since been working on other harbor facilities. Their work is in an underwater "battlefield" strewn with such hazards as unexploded mines, booby traps, twisted and wrecked cranes and other debris.

The diver's tenders have been pressed into service many times on rush jobs. One of them, Cpl. Woodrow F. Collett, of Steela, Ala., has spent 54 hours in the ETO section of Davy Jones' locker.

German Lays Rhine Boner To Saboteurs

By John B. McDermott
United Press Correspondent

REMAGEN BRIDGEHEAD, Mar. 14.—A German engineer asserted today that wires leading to the dynamite planted to blow up the Ludendorff railway bridge when the Americans neared the Rhine were cut by German saboteurs.

The captured engineer, a sergeant in a demolition company, also said he had been informed that a German captain in charge of blowing the bridge committed suicide rather than face the Nazi leaders after men of the First Army seized the trestle intact and established their bridgehead across the Rhine.

Found Wires Cut

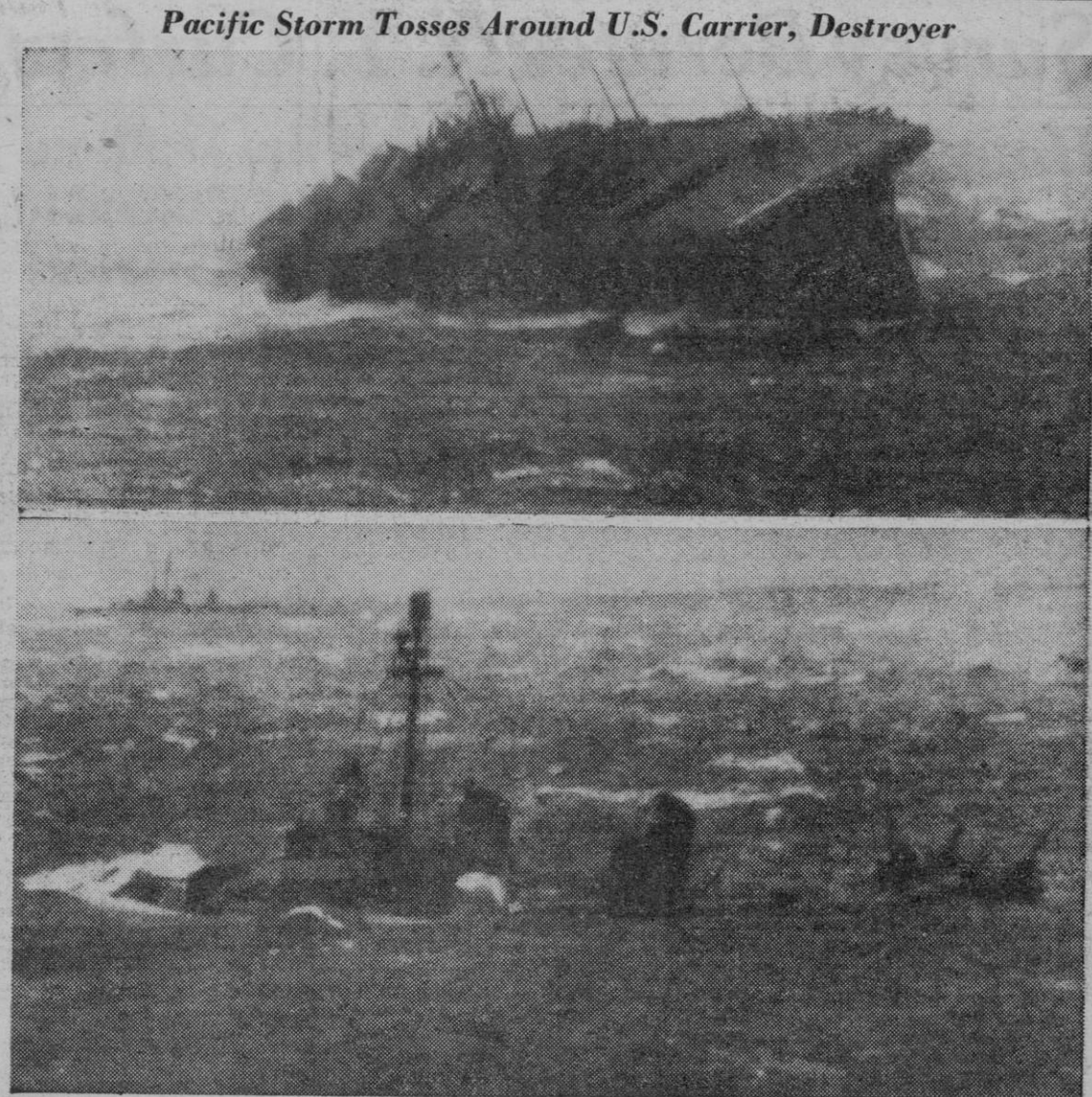
The bridge was to have been blown in mid-afternoon, he said. When only two explosive charges went off, a company of engineers was sent to investigate. They returned in a few minutes, saying the wires were cut and they had been unable to find the explosives.

The engineers, who had planted some charges during their reconnaissance, returned to the bridge about 5 PM with additional dynamite, but they found the span in American hands. Ninth Armd. Div. forward elements had crossed.

Thirty-three members of the engineer outfit which was supposed to blow the bridge were captured while fighting as infantrymen in Leubsdorff, a mile south of Linz.

British Plan New Call-Up For War Against Japan

LONDON, March 14 (AP).—War Minister Sir James Grigg told Commons yesterday that there would be a new call-up of men when Germany is defeated to carry on the war against Japan. The new call-up, he said, will include some men now in reserved occupations, so that men with long periods of service overseas could be relieved.



No, these ships aren't sinking. It's just the tricks the heavy seas play with anything that is floating—even the big warships of the U.S. fleet. At top, a carrier of the Essex class heels sharply during a storm in the Pacific. At bottom, a destroyer appears partly submerged as it is caught in a trough.

5,000 in Army in ETO Become U.S. Citizens

About 5,000 foreign-born U.S. soldiers have become American citizens while serving in the ETO, Brig. Gen. R. B. Lovett, Adjutant General, disclosed yesterday. Britons, Germans, Italians, Poles and Mexicans are among those naturalized, but almost all nationalities are represented.

A naturalization team, composed of a representative of the Immigration and Naturalization Service and three enlisted men, is now with First Army units. It moves on to a new division every few days, following the men in combat.

Under a new law citizenship is available to any soldier who entered the U.S. prior to Sept. 1, 1943, whether legally, through a port of entry or smuggled across the border.

Old Roman Walls At Cologne Stand In Midst of Ruins

COLOGNE, March 14 (AP).—Towers of ancient Roman walls in this Rhineland city withstood modern block-busting bombs though such celebrated landmarks as the City Hall, Guerzenich Museum, the Archbishop's Palace and Seminary and Templar Lodge were wiped out.

1/Lt. James S. Larwood, of New York City, who heads the Fine Arts and Historical Monuments section of Allied Military Government's Cologne detachment says the priceless paintings formerly hanging in the cathedral and museum have either been taken east of the Rhine or deposited in bomb-proof vaults.

Valuable libraries were lost, including the archives of the Cologne Bishopric, the cathedral library and the library of the high school for music. However the city archives are intact and the university library is safe underground.

It's Quiet, and the Rhine Looks Like Ohio to Nostalgic Yanks

By Ernest Leiser
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

ON THE EDGE OF THE RHINE, March 14.—According to the map, here was the front line. Geographically, you couldn't get any closer, unless you were pretty good at walking on water. A rail fence and the Rhine, ten feet out and 30 feet down—that was all between you and the Germans opposite this sector of the Ninth Army.

But except for the desultory thump of mortar shells on the far bank, and the rumble of artillery beyond that, there wasn't any way you'd know it.

Here at Uerdingen, just north of the broken skeleton that used to be the Adolf Hitler Bridge, there's a road running right along the river's edge. Today, in plain sight of the lowlands leading into Duisburg on the other bank, GIs were hanging over the fence rail, spitting into the river and talking as casually as if they were looking across the Ohio River Valley back home.

Over There Is Covington

In fact, that's what Pfc George Wesner, of Los Angeles, was talking about: His folks live in Cincinnati, and he was saying, "Now where we are is Cincinnati, see? And out there," pointing into Jerryland, "that's Covington over there and Newport there. It looks just the same."

Sgt. Fred Wilson, of Hamilton, Ohio, disagreed. "The Ohio's a hell of a lot wider," he said. "This is just a two-bit job."

Back at the front gate of a house that faced across the river, 1/Lt. Elmer L. Chalberg, of Humbolt, S.D., was surrounded by a group of his mortar men as he tried out one of the new knee mortars, aiming it at a barge beached on the far side. He plucked one right alongside, after first missing it by a hundred yards. Not a peep came from the other bank as the mortar platoon took some more target practice.

Only Speed Concerns Him

A jeep barreled down the road along the river front. Chalberg looked up and said severely, "Boy, that guy ought to know better than that." He added, as an afterthought, "He shouldn't go so fast."

Up the same road from the bridge came a couple of soldiers riding bikes. One of them, Pfc Francis Hartnett, of Waterbury, Conn., was carrying a cane at shoulder arms as he rode. The other, Pfc James McIntosh, of Louisville, a 35-Jerry man, stopped long enough to add his contribution to the riverside conversation. He didn't think the Rhine was great shakes compared to the Ohio, either.

From a window in one of the rows of houses, Pfc Thomas Ogden, of Long Beach, Calif., set his binoculars down, looked across the Rhine thoughtfully, and said, "I guess this is what they mean by 'All Quiet on the Western Front,' hey?"

Fascist Ouster

ROME, March 14 (UP).—Premier Ivanoe Bonomi's government today decreed the ouster of all public officials who held similar jobs during the Fascist regime, even if they were not members of the Fascist party.

Tito Honors Eaker

The new Yugoslav Telegraph Agency reported yesterday that during a recent visit to Yugoslavia, Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, MAAF commander, was decorated at Marshal Tito's suggestion with the Order of the Partisan Star, first class.

Survey Berates N. Y. Curfew's Effect on Soldiers

House Votes Lend-Lease Until 1946, Bars Relief

WASHINGTON, March 14 (ANS).—The House sent to the Senate today a bill extending the life of the lend-lease act to June, 1946, after approving an amendment prohibiting the use of the funds for postwar relief, rehabilitation or reconstruction.

Rep. Robert R. Rich (R-Penn.) failed in an attempt to add an amendment requiring the President to get Congressional approval for lend-lease settlements. The bill was then passed, 354 to 28.

Republicans had objected that the Administration might continue lend-lease beyond the war, and finally the House Foreign Affairs Committee yielded to them by writing the ban into the act.

The bill extends the President's power to make lend-lease agreements until the 1946 date and also advances the liquidation dates for the agreements from 1948 to 1949.

Donovan Denies Subversives Hold Positions in OSS

WASHINGTON, March 14 (ANS).—If there are any Fascists or Communists in the confidential Office of Strategic Services, Director William J. "Wild Bill" Donovan, has not been able to find them.

He testified yesterday before a sub-committee of the House Military Affairs Committee, which is inquiring into the charges that subversives have been granted Army commissions. The War Department had denied this previously.

Gen. Donovan, who commanded the Fighting 69th Regt. of the Rainbow Div. in World War I, said to his knowledge OSS never has hired a man who "advocates overthrow of the government."

"I have never taken in any man of whom I have even a doubt," Donovan said, adding: "OSS is very careful." And, since he alone is responsible for the men in OSS, all "doubtful cases" are referred to him.

Army Ace to Wed Wave

NEW YORK, March 14 (ANS).—Lt. Col. John C. Meyer, of Forest Hills, L.I., Eighth AF ace, said he planned to marry Wave Lt. (Jg) Mary Justine Moore, of Fort Lee, N.J., April 4.

Vet Wins \$122,000 For Subway Injuries

NEW YORK, March 14 (ANS).

—A former soldier who contended that injuries suffered in a subway accident deprived him "of the honor and privilege of serving his country in combat," was awarded \$122,000 damages yesterday by the State Supreme Court.

Abraham Calderon, 22, of Brooklyn, suffered head and leg injuries when he rescued a man from the path of a subway train. Calderon's attorney argued that the motorman was negligent in failing to halt the train in time.

Calderon later received an honorable medical discharge because of the injuries.

New Breaks Made in Levee

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 14 (ANS).—New breaks in a small, private levee in Dyer County sent tons of water pouring over Tennessee lowlands today, but with the flooded Mississippi having crested in that area, engineers hoped that the battle along the seven-mile embankment had been won.

In this same section last week flood waters inundated 40,000 acres and necessitated the evacuation of 200 families.

Along the lower White River in Arkansas, engineers reported that the Jackson Bayou levee was developing slides near Hodges Lake.

The situation on the Arkansas River was described as improved. The Mississippi continued to rise at Memphis toward a predicted crest of 38 feet, four above flood stage.

Film Walkout May Extend to U.S. Theaters

HOLLYWOOD, March 14 (ANS).—The threat of a walkout that would shut the majority of the nation's motion picture theaters emerged today from the three-day-old strike of 15,000 studio workers.

Richard A. Walsh, president of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, one of two AFL unions involved in a jurisdictional dispute here, sent telegrams to officials of affiliated unions ordering them to "stand by for an order to stop handling or exhibiting any motion pictures made by any West Coast producers."

Calls Strike Unauthorized

Meanwhile, L. P. Lindeloff, general president of the International Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America, sent a wire to striking studio painters saying: "Your strike is unauthorized and not in conformity with the no-strike agreement." He ordered the painters to return to work immediately.

A local of Lindeloff's union is on strike because movie producers refuse to obey a War Labor Board order designating it as collective bargaining agent for the industry's set designers. Producers have said that if they recognized that local, a local of Walsh's union had threatened to strike.

Representatives of the Screen Writers, Directors and Actors Guilds, not affiliated with either union, were named to intervene in the hope of settling the dispute. These included George Murphy, Alan Hale and Dorothy Tree, Actors Guild; John Cromwell, Delmar Daves and Lewis Milestone, Directors Guild, and Hugh Butler, Ring Lardner, Jr., William Pomerance and Oliver H. P. Garrett, Screen Writers Guild.

Larger Airborne Attacks Predicted

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau NEW YORK, March 14.—Brig. Gen. William D. Old, First Troop Carrier Command chief, said yesterday that military leaders "are now planning new and larger airborne attacks."

"Before very long," he said in an address prepared for delivery at the American Legion Aviators Post, "huge four-motored cargo planes, some of which have been used up to this time solely as transports between this country and various theaters of war, will become part of the Troop Carrier combat fleet."

Modification of cargo planes is now underway, Old said, adding that it would make possible the towing of newer and larger CG13 and CG10 gliders, capable of carrying large artillery pieces and tanks.

Committee Boosts World Policy Fund

WASHINGTON, March, 14 (ANS).—The House Appropriations Committee today recommended that Congress give the State Department more money to achieve its foreign policy objectives.

The recommendation was made in a bill to provide \$259,000,000 for the State, Justice and Commerce Departments and the Federal judiciary during the 1945 fiscal year. The figure advised by the committee boosted the State Department's appropriation from \$47,070,588 for the current year to \$71,000,000.

Pacific Parcels Pile Up

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP).—Rep. James G. Fulton (R.-Pa.) said that millions of unclaimed packages for members of the armed forces were stacked in Pacific military bases. He said that he would recommend that Congress suggest turning the packages over to the Red Cross.

Help Wanted



The staff is worried about this young lady, who, it was cryptically informed, is named Frances Rafferty. If she's in distress, what can we do about it? Plenty!

OPA Slashes List Of Those Eligible For Unused Cars

WASHINGTON, March 14 (ANS).—In an effort to conserve the dwindling supply of unused 1942 automobiles, the OPA today whittled a list of 26 groups hitherto eligible for new automobiles to eight. With the reserve down to 10,000 new cars, home-to-work driving was eliminated as a qualification for new machines.

The groups still eligible include government employees engaged in fire fighting, crime detection, law enforcement and mail deliveries; physicians, surgeons, public health nurses and midwives; farm veterinarians; ministers or other religious practitioners; members of armed forces or state military forces on official business; taxicab owners, and owners of car rental businesses.

The eliminated groups are still eligible for used 1942 rationed cars.

Speaks, Flasks And Pick-Ups Tempt the GIs

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau NEW YORK, March 14.—Thousands of soldiers and sailors on leave in New York are wandering through the city streets, easy prey for prostitutes and poisonous liquor as a result of the midnight curfew, the New York Times declared today in a story based on a survey.

A Times reporter spent two days interviewing service men and women, restaurant men, cafeteria and coffee pot proprietors, bar and grill and bowling alley operators and Army and Navy spokesmen. He found that servicemen were being led to dingy speakasies "which often are featured by dim lights, shoddy women and dangerous drinks."

Brawls and Flasks

The Times noted that the curfew had produced drunken brawls, caused by sped-up drinking before midnight; toting of flasks and bottles, spiking of coffee and soft drinks in all-night restaurants, necking in dark hallways and roaming the streets in search of pick-ups.

Army and Navy officers privately assailed the curfew, and a Navy officer was quoted as saying: "We will protect our men some way. We will not have them fall into the hands of prostitutes or be poisoned by bad whisky or be 'rolled.'"

There have been many complaints by servicemen who had only a few hours to visit the city, the Times said. An unidentified colonel in an Army camp in New Jersey summed up the general opinion of servicemen on the curfew by saying: "They all think it stinks."

Fears It Will Be Worse

The Times concluded its survey by declaring that conditions would grow worse unless special provisions are made for servicemen.

Meanwhile, in Washington, War Manpower Chief Paul V. McNutt listed conditions under which restaurants serving meals to war workers would be exempt from the ban. Restaurants must file an application specifying the period of time after midnight during which they wish to stay open, and employing firms must certify that workers have been or will be served by the applicant.

Police must also submit a report that the applying restaurants have been open for the hours indicated and that most of their patrons are war workers employed in nearby plants.

Dr. Jenkins Dead

EL CENTRO, Calif., March 14 (ANS).—Dr. Burris A. Jenkins, 75, Kansas City, Mo., liberal pastor, and known also as an editor, publisher, lecturer, author, educator and world traveller, died yesterday.

ETO Vets Home to Urge Stepped-up Output



The smile on the faces of these eight men reflect the feeling of how it is to be home, even though they were sent there to tour war plants, urging workers to increase production, and explaining the vital supply needs at the front.

The Ohio Gushes Over Cincinnati Airport



Floodwaters of the Ohio River pour through a break in a levee on to the Cincinnati airport when the Ohio reached a peak height at that city last week. Yesterday the Ohio was rapidly subsiding but the rain-swelled Mississippi River along the Tennessee-Arkansas border was threatening to flow over its banks.

This Happened in America Yesterday:

New Hampshire Citizens OK World Organization

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, March 14.—Town halls of proud old New Hampshire churned into action today, and the state's farmers, factory workers, clerks, stenographers, bartenders and businessmen swung far away from provincialism, and voted an overwhelming yes for a postwar peace plan based on the Dumbarton Oaks parley. The vote from 212 of 225 towns: 13,847 for the plan; 751 against.

Ordinarily, the New Hampshire citizens consider purely local problems in taking action on "warrants," a method running back to colonial times. The state legislature made an official request that a referendum on the peace plan be inserted, and thus initiated the first popular expression of opinion on the question. Citizens were asked whether they should "support U.S. membership in a general system of international co-operation such as the Dumbarton Oaks conference, having police power to maintain peace in the world."

New Jersey Ponders a New Constitution

New Jersey people will get a chance to mull over their 100-year-old state constitution and bring it up to date. The Republican majority in the Senate, in caucus, agreed to recommend a series of amendments which will be submitted to the voters next year. Last November, though, a proposal for a complete revision of the constitution was heavily beaten at the polls.

WEDDING bells tinkled in Los Angeles where Jo-Carroll Dennison, former "Miss America," married Phil Silvers, movie comedian. It was the first marriage for both, and gives a clue to the mystery of what happens to former "Miss Americas." They go to Hollywood and get married.

What will happen to war-time Mr. and Mrs. America, though, is still plaguing the people's choices in Washington, where a trimmed-down manpower bill awaits a House decision. The Senate passed a bill which gives the War Manpower Commission the power to fix labor ceilings and to fine or jail employers who violate the ceilings. If the House wishes, it can permit the Senate measure to go to FDR for signature. Otherwise, House and Senate members will have to meet in conference to achieve a meeting of minds, and the House seems inclined to back its own idea, one providing stiff penalties for men who won't go into essential jobs.



Miss America mystery solved

FDR chatted with reporters and pointed to U.S.-Canadian relations of the last ten years as a model of how two countries can aid each other. Queried as to whether Brig. Gen. Bill O'Dwyer, the Brooklyn tamer of Murder, Inc., would run for mayor of New York with presidential backing, FDR gave one of his famous answers: one newspaper was right and the other wrong, in printing the O'Dwyer stories. Which was right? No comment.

EVERY town, whether it be a Delaware village or an Iowa whistle stop, has its old recluse with a legend, and Denver is no exception. Henry Bohne, ragged and reticent, shared a rickety hut with goats on the Denver outskirts, and when he died, everybody figured there'd be another Potter's Field burial. But Henry, like Silas Marner, had money—\$11,000 in the bank—and people now recall he once said he was a gold prospector.

ANOTHER celebrity, Frank Sinatra, is ready to tour the country—not to croon but to lecture against juvenile delinquency, which has grown alarmingly under the stress of a global war. His influence with youngsters, male and female, is expected to help in coping with the problem.

Acting Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew is disturbed about the destruction of schools and colleges in Europe, and, testifying before the House Appropriations Committee, he warned that "it is vital to the rebuilding of democratic Europe and to our own national interests that effective steps be taken to repair this damage." He urged the legislators to approve a budgetary sum for an Allied conference in London of ministers who are studying such a reconstruction program.

H. V. Kaltenborn's grip on Spanish is weak compared to his fluent command of French and German. The radio commentator was put in an awkward position after he delivered a glowing speech in Spanish about General Ike's friendly feeling toward the French people. What H. V. actually said in Spanish was: "Eisenhower loves the French girls."

LaGuardia Apology To Sailor Is Urged

NEW YORK, March 14 (AP).—A resolution was introduced to the city council that Mayor LaGuardia make adequate "apologies" to Chief Pharmacist Mate Frederick Brooks, for acting as "judge and jury" in the charges that Brooks seduced a girl in Italy. The charges were made against Brooks after LaGuardia wrote to the Navy Department suggesting that it investigate the statements of the girl's father, who had written to LaGuardia. The charge was dismissed by the Navy yesterday and Brooks, who had been waiting to be returned to Italy for a trial, was restored to full duty.

Alabama Case Gets An All-Negro Jury

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 14 (ANS).—An all-Negro jury was chosen today to try a civil case and Jefferson County circuit court attaches said that they could recall no previous jury of its kind here. Jurors who will sit on the case, in which both the plaintiff and defendant are Negroes, were selected without challenge by agreement between white attorneys Horace Alford, of the defense, and Harrison Kendricks, for the plaintiff. County Solicitor Robert McAdoly said the Negroes had served frequently on grand juries in the county, but that the appearance of Negroes on a jury was rare.

Large Corn Crop Threatened



In Shelton, Neb., Clarence McKibben and Everett Winter, of the State College of Agriculture, discuss the problem of preserving central Nebraska's large corn crop—24,000 bushels of which lay on the ground outside an elevator in Buffalo County.

He Liked the Sweater Girls

Lessons in Nude for a Coed Leave Teacher, 54, in Jam

PASADENA, Calif., March 14 (ANS).—Francis McGough, 54, manual arts teacher at Pasadena Junior College, pleaded guilty last night to a misdemeanor morals charge after police found him giving extra-curricular instruction in nude to a pretty 19-year-old coed.

He was ordered to appear later for sentence and the girl was ordered returned to the Camarillo State Hospital, where she was treated recently for a nervous breakdown.

They were found nude in a parked car, although each insisted that nothing had happened "beyond the petting stage." The girl identified herself as M. A. Davis, and said that she had been on a "petting party" with the elderly instructor before.

"He seemed very interested in the girls in his classes," she said. "Especially the ones who wore sweaters, for some reason or another. I realized that I was out with an older and stronger person and I was afraid to resist. After all, he was my teacher!"

Miss Davis said that after McGough had learned that she had been treated for a nervous breakdown, he told her, "You need an emotional outlet—this will be good for you."

McGough had only one defense: "She encouraged me."

N.Y. Data Key To B29 Targets

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP).—Some of the principal leads to key industrial targets blasted by Superforts in the Pacific came from 100 tons of Japanese documents seized in a New York warehouse, it was revealed today before the House Appropriations Committee.

Assistant Attorney General Herbert Wechsler testified that the data taken from secret files of such Japanese firms as the Mitsui and Mitsubishi Trading Companies, which have New York offices, was used to acquaint bomber pilots with the enemy's chief war production facilities.

Meanwhile, the WD announced that it expects a civilian survey of the results of strategic bombing in Europe to be helpful in the air war against Japan.

Loretta Young Expecting

HOLLYWOOD, March 14 (ANS).—Screen Star Loretta Young expects the stork early next fall, her studio announced today. A son, Christopher Paul, was born last August to the star.

Willkie Fund Bars Red Gift

NEW YORK, March 14 (UP).—Freedom House's board of directors today turned down a \$5,000 contribution of the Communist Political Association to the Wendell Willkie Memorial Building Fund.

The board said the late Republican leader had been outspoken in his criticism of American Communists, and it added that the gift could not be accepted "without its political implications."

The statement pointed out that Freedom House "draws a sharp line of distinction between the Soviet Union and the American Communist party," and that it advocates "full co-operation with the Soviet Union and other United Nations in prosecution of the war and winning of the peace."

Earl Browder, president of the association, said he "could not conceive of men who are charged with perpetuating the memory of Wendell Willkie" taking such a stand. He recalled Willkie's refusal to accept a fee for defending civil liberties of alleged Communists before the Supreme Court.

Meat Shortage, Worst of War, Affects All U.S.

CHICAGO, March 14 (UP).—The worst meat shortage since the start of the war has cleaned out butchers' counters from one end of the United States to the other.

A survey revealed that in nearly every section of the country better grades of meat, beef, pork, veal and lamb had disappeared. Producers, wholesalers and retailers agreed that months may elapse before these meats again will be on the counter.

A familiar pattern repeated itself. Customers, thwarted in the hunt for fresh meat, swamped retailers with demands for fish. As fish became scarce, the pressure switched to poultry.

In places where the housewife could still find some meat it was mainly cold cuts and canned and luncheon meats, and these were disappearing.

Four Reasons for Shortage

Saying less than 5,000,000 pounds of meat was available for home use, compared with normal consumption of 20,000,000 pounds, a spokesman for the American Meat Institute gave four reasons for the shortage:

- 1—The lowest February storage stocks in history.
- 2—A drop in production, especially pork.
- 3—Increased demands of the military and lend-lease.
- 4—Widespread black-marketing.

The institute said 90 percent of the meat in Chicago was moving into retail channels at above ceiling prices, and one million pounds a week was sold without ration points.

San Francisco reported a slight improvement since mid-January, when the shortage was the worst of the war.

Dallas, Tex., reported the shortage unprecedented throughout the Southwest. Many butchers are closing their stores various days and others are "just hanging on and hoping."

At Cleveland, meat retailers may have to close in large numbers, it was reported, because sales no longer cover the rent.

New York reported civilians could find practically no pork and little veal or lamb. The city was receiving half its normal beef supply.

People May Be Asked To Eat Still Less

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP).—Civilians may be asked to eat still less meat and other scarce foods in the interest of American efforts to make the forthcoming World Security Conference a success.

This appeared likely today as the Administration sought to settle an inter-agency controversy over the division of dwindling food supplies among military, civilian, lend-lease, foreign relief and other export claimants.

Crucified Man Too Weak To Be Given Lie Test

CHICAGO, March 14 (AP).—Police announced today that Fred Walcher, the tavern porter suspected of arranging his own crucifixion as a publicity stunt, was too weak to be given a lie detector test and will have to take it later.

Walcher was found nailed to a cross on Chicago's near North Side Friday. Police said that an investigation had indicated that Walcher planned the ordeal.

All The Medal's Meaning Is Gone...

NEWARK, N.J., March 14 (ANS).—The widow of a fighter pilot killed in action in the Southwest Pacific has declined an invitation to attend ceremonies for presentation of the Air Medal, posthumously awarded her husband, saying, since he is not alive to receive it, all meaning of the medal "is gone for me."

Maj. Arthur J. Lonergan, public relations officer at Newark airport, who received the young mother's explanation by mail, said that he

had obtained her permission to release the letter to the press.

She asked that no names or the pilot's home city be revealed as the family feared the shock would be too great for the flier's invalid mother.

The widow wrote, "I am used to the government leaving things at my door—the telegram, the purple heart—and so I won't mind the air medal coming through by mail, too."

"I would like to have it, you see, because of my son. He's never seen his father but still there is

so much I want him to know of his dad.

"I wish that I could tell him that his father died to save him from being drawn into a third world war. I'm afraid that I'll just have to tell him about his father as a civilian; a young man just out of college, with his life ahead of him, dying before he had a chance to live for what he was fighting for."

Lonergan presented the medal to the young mother at her home after receiving the letter.



GI Philosophy. Give a woman an inch and she thinks she's a ruler.

Our spy on the home front reports that some daughters are finding it difficult to look as young as their mothers.

Who said that? Before marriage a girl has to kiss her man to hold him—after marriage she has to reverse the procedure.

Lieutenant's dream: Twinkle, twinkle little bar, How I wish you were a star.

A girl named Vicky has a talking dog named Jeep. The other



day we asked Jeep, "How is life in the ETO?" Jeep looked at us sagely and said, "Ruff, ruff, ruff!"

GI Daffynition of a "permanent assignment." A highly indefinite status, generally of short duration, and subject to change without notice.

Whine in your wine for the poor Joe who came overseas and wrote his girl friend every day. She married the mailman.

And the current war situation reminds us of H.T. Malone's comment: "The Allies are plenty mad. In fact, they're reaching the Berlin point."

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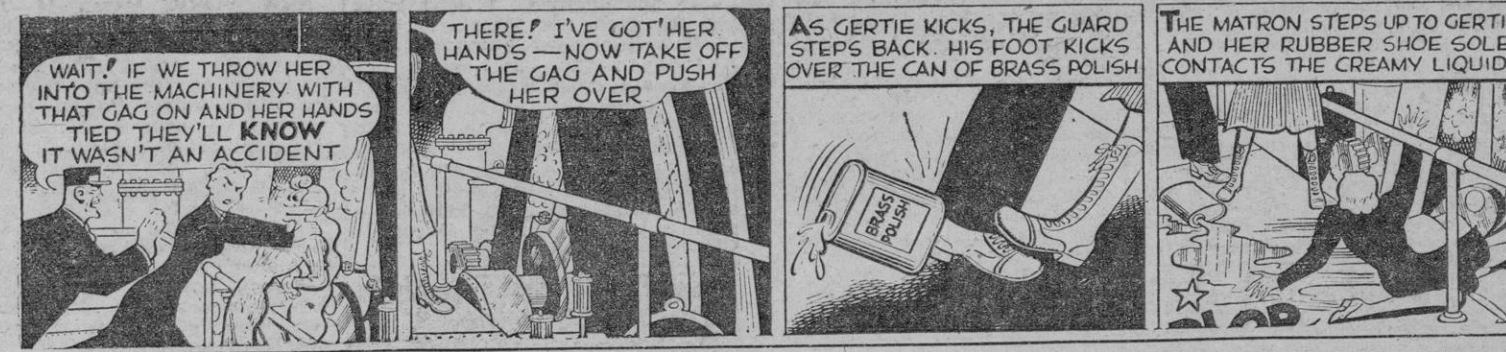
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