

Man Spricht Deutsch
Treten Sie ab.
Treyten Zee up.
You are dismissed.

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Ici On Parle Français
Voulez-vous nettoyer le trottoir?
Voolay voo naytwayay iuh trutwar
Will you clean the sidewalk?

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Russians Seize Warsaw; Sweep to 15 Mi. of Reich

Allies Gain Ground; 1st, 3d Advance

Whiteclad Tommies pushed 1,000 yards into the fogbound Dutch triangle between the Maas and Roer Rivers and took the Dutch town of Gebroek yesterday in the first Allied assault since the Battle of the Bulge. U.S. First Army troops in the Ardennes smashed to within five miles of St. Vith and, according to Reuter, took Vielsalm.

On the dying salient's southern flank, U.S. Third Army troops trapped an undetermined number of Germans pocketed in Luxembourg near the Reich frontier. Other Third Army forces mopped up a Nazi pocket west of Houffalize, Reuter said.

The Allied attack in Holland was not a large operation, UP front reports said. German prisoners, the report said, could not understand how the British were able to attack in such terrible weather. Volunteer Dutch spread sand and cinders on slippery roads for Allied forces, the UP report said.

The British crossed the River Roode in two places and captured the village of Dieteren, nine miles north of Sittard.

Nazis Pour It On

In Alsace, U.S. Seventh Army troops battled mounting German pressure in the bulge south of Bitch and in the Rhine bridgehead north of Strasbourg.

The bulge yesterday was compressed into a lump extending about 50 miles across its base from the Monschau to the Echternach sectors, and about 12 miles at its widest point.

On the north, 30th Div. men pushed 3,500 yards to Recht, five miles northwest of St. Vith. The division averaged a gain of 2,500 yards all along its front.

On its left, First Div. forces plodded 1,500 to 2,000 yards through the deep snow south of Faymonville.

Between Vielsalm and Houffalize, Nazis launched four counter-thrusts against the 30th and the Third Armored Div., ploughing ahead in

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Where British Struck



Stars and Stripes Map by Balrd
British troops attack north of Sittard, Holland, on a front quiet for months.

Snow Capes for GIs on Western Front



Signal Corps Photo

Pvt. Frank J. Tryska, of New York City, left, and Sgt. Carl Pines, of Teaneck, N.J., right, wear the new issue snow cape as they start out on a patrolling mission in the First Army's Ardennes sector.

Five GIs Sentenced to Death In Black Market Gas Trials

Five American soldiers have been sentenced to death in the last ten days for desertion and for the theft and sale of Army gasoline on the Paris black market, the Seine Base Judge Advocate General revealed yesterday.

The men were rounded up and tried in an intensified prosecution of GI gasoline thieves in the ETO. Courts-martial gave two others life imprisonment and another 10 years. Four men have been acquitted.

Heavies Blast German Fuel

Mighty forces of Eighth AF and RAF bombers yesterday punctuated Allied air chiefs' orders to destroy Germany's remaining oil reserves with a near-10,000-ton high-explosive exclamation point.

In a 24-hour period up to last night, the bulk of 2,500 Allied heavy bombers, escorted by more than 1,000 fighters, pounded synthetic oil refineries and storage depots in the Reich. Approximately 700 Eighth AF B17s and B24s led the attack yesterday with a raid on the Rhenania oil refinery, near battered Hamburg, and oil storage dumps and U-boat yards in the same area. In addition, the Eighth heavies hit marshalling yards at Paderborn and other transport facilities in northwest Germany. Ten bombers and five fighters are missing.

More than 1,200 British heavies had preceded the U. S. raids with sledge-hammer attacks Tuesday night on refineries at Brux, in

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Col. C. E. Brand, Staff JAG, disclosed that five more trials are now pending. He asserted that a considerable number of other men had been implicated by soldiers already tried.

Trial judge advocates said the soldiers, including men from combat units passing through Paris, would desert their outfits. They would buy, barter, or steal clothes from Frenchmen, and would go about the city as civilians. They lived in hotels or private homes, usually with women.

When they needed money, they would put on their uniforms, steal an Army truck, pull into QM depots, show a trip ticket or a forged requisition, load up with as many as 260 jerricans full of gas, and drive away. They sold the cans and their contents for between 500 and 1,000 francs each.

Judge advocates said that two of the men, who operated for six weeks before they were captured, had made a total of nearly 800,000 francs from their black market sales.

Names of those tried and sentenced were withheld.

Krakow Claimed Taken as Soviets Overrun Poland

Josef Stalin announced late yesterday that Warsaw had been liberated by Marshal Zhukov's First White Russian Army in co-ordinated smashes with two other powerful Red Armies moving westward toward the German border with speed that belittles the pace of any previous offensives launched by the Russians.

While Moscow was broadcasting news of the fall of the Polish capital, Lublin Radio claimed that Krakow, strongest German defense bastion in southern Poland, also had fallen to the Russian avalanche.

Punching gaping holes in the German line rapidly disintegrating before the massed impact of more than 2,000,000 Red Army soldiers, Marshal Koniev's First Ukrainian Army captured Czestochowa, 15 miles from the German-Silesian border.

Stalin also disclosed that Marshal Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army had opened an offensive north of Warsaw across the Narew River, gaining more than 25 miles on a 62-mile front.

Last night Moscow shook under the massive victory salute of 40 salvos from 448 guns.

Order of Day Tells of Victory

Frontline dispatches said that Rokossovsky's and Zhukov's armies had opened their blitz breakthroughs by a devastating artillery barrage supported by powerful air support.

The first Order of the Day issued last night by Stalin said that Warsaw had been seized by a massed by-passing movement. One column poured across the Vistula, north of the city, another moved across the river on the south. The two columns then linked up.

The triumphant drive into the city was practically unopposed, with units of the Polish Liberation Army supporting the advance under direct command of Zhukov.

Berlin reports indicated that units of the First White Russian Army already had driven 35 miles west of Warsaw to Sochaczew, on the main rail and road route to Berlin.

Rokossovsky Joins Polish Offensive

In another Order of the Day, issued an hour after the Warsaw victory announcement, it was disclosed that the Second White Russian Army, under Rokossovsky, had joined the Polish offensive about 45 miles north of Warsaw. Rokossovsky struck across the Narew River toward the lower Vistula in the vicinity of Ciechanow.

This announcement answered the question of the whereabouts of Marshal Rokossovsky, whose previous army last year was given to the command of Zhukov.

The capture of the city of Czestochowa, last barrier in southwestern Poland, less than 15 miles from German Silesia, was the highlight of Stalin's third Order of the Day. Czestochowa is on the main rail line between Vienna and

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6 Weeks Out of States—He Kills 100 Nazis

By Ralph G. Martin
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH SEVENTH ARMY.—Only six weeks ago, he was downing ice-cream sodas back in Mt. Olive, N.C. Now, firing his machine-gun for the first time in combat, 20-year-old Pvt. Leon Outlaw Jr. protected the exposed flank of his regiment for five days and nights, killing at least 100 Germans, wounding many more and taking six prisoners who waved white socks.

For five rainy, snowy days and sleepless nights, Outlaw sat cramped in his foxhole, drinking melted snow, using his single blanket to cover his gun. He had only three K-rations

—a fourth was slapped out of his hand by a piece of shrapnel.

In another foxhole, ten feet behind Outlaw, Sgt. Alphonse Myers, of Amsterdam, N.Y., kept his eyes glued to a pair of field glasses, directing and adjusting fire for Outlaw.

Outlaw usually waited until the Jerries came down the slope, 800 yards away, where there was no cover. Then he'd open up and cut them down.

But it was only after Outlaw started shooting up German command cars on a road 2,000 yards away that the Jerries started dropping the whole German artillery book on top of them.

Behind Outlaw, protecting the rear, were 17 deeply dug-in doughfeet. Several were wounded, one was killed.

Then came the payoff. Two German tanks rumbled up to within 900 yards of them, wandered around the area for more than two hours and then went away.

"I'll never be able to understand that," said Outlaw. "They could have come in and cleaned us out in a couple of minutes."

Myers' own communication with the rear was completely snafued. It might go on for five minutes and then not work for several hours. Meanwhile, bigger German patrols began com-

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Shop-Wise

In a recent discussion group, we considered the problem of the low purchasing power of the soldier's pay in foreign lands. We decided that the "feeble" franc is not the only cause of a Yank's shopping difficulties. Even if the soldier is going to get a more fair number of francs per dollar in his pay, he will still have to face another problem for which he has himself (largely) to blame, and which he, himself, will have to correct—or pay . . . and pay.

Johnny doughboy has sold his Allied guests in every land of his travels on the idea of his unbelievable wealth and generosity. He has made a cash sale. He has sold his cash—at half price.

A member of the group told of a little cafe in a California town that sold coffee at five cents per cup until an Army camp mushroomed nearby, then it was ten cents to soldiers—five cents to civilians. Promptly the khaki clads had an "OPA" council all their own. Next day, one by one, the service boys asked the dime-happy cafe operator the price of coffee before being served. When told it was 10 cents each man took his business with him out the door.

Sequel: In 24 hours a soldier's nickel was worth exactly as much as a civilian's nickel for coffee in that cafe.—Pvt. J. B. Pierce and 27 EMs.

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Information

To the sergeant who complained that he is unable to buy cigarette lighters:

The manufacture of lighters was prohibited by the War Production Board at the beginning of 1942 as unessential, in order to conserve metal for more essential war materials.

No wonder he can't get any lighters. There aren't any. Hope this answer will satisfy him.—T/Sgt. H. Jellinek, Hq-12th Army.

(We don't know; but we're sure the lighter Gen. Hughes sent him after seeing the sergeant's letter in B-Bag will satisfy him.—Ed.)

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Oh, Unhappy Day

I can get by without cigarettes and with only two candy bars. I can stumble, slide and shiver through ice, rain and snow. I can even sweat out three months in a reinforcement center and smile—but—I can not do without Li'l Abner and Dick Tracy.

These many days these two heroes have been missing, I have worried; I have tumbled and turned; I have walked the floor day and night. You said they've gone over the hill. I wonder if the customary AWOL letters were sent to Daisy Mae and Junior Tracy?

At this crucial moment any devoted reader of Li'l Abner will know that he is in dire trouble. Is Pappy still in the blonde's basement? What does she want of Li'l Abner? Did Vitamin get back to Snow Flake? The suspense is too much for me—I must know the answers too sweet. Why haven't the MPs picked up the erring boys? Gentlemen, my fate and my morale rest in your hands.—Cpl. W. A. Buchan, QM Trk.

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The Horsey Set

Since when are GIs and horses compared on the same level in this man's Army?

The following remark was made by our detachment commander during a pep talk: "An EM is like a highly-prized race-horse. I will feed him, clothe him and house him, but I would not invite him into my living room."—Seabiscuit And Six Other Plugs. Civil Affairs.

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Hash Marks

Fun at the Front: A German soldier, aged nine, was captured by Americans in the Ardennes salient. "Howdja ever get into the Army at the age of nine?" a disbelieving sergeant queried. "That was easy," the Nazi youth replied, "I lied about my age. I told them I was ten."

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It could happen to you. "Boy, what a shave," gloated Cpl. Ed Lawson, a PX clerk, "it's so smooth you'd think there wasn't any blade in this razor." There wasn't.

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Vignettes of war. A wounded soldier from the State of Alabama was seen at a base hospital plunk-



ing away on a guitar and singing, "I come from Alabama with a bandage on my knee."

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This gem comes from T/4 Milton Cohen. Instead of the welcome mat on the doorstep one soldier intends to use this verse as a reminder to guests who are likely to overstay their welcome:

We're glad you're here,
Do come again.
We go to bed at half-past ten.

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And S/Sgt. William S. Coleman reports a revised version of an old observation: An etching is fetching—but liquor is quicker.

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Sgt. Bill Henes has his own ideas about post-war problems. He sez



he can just see all the sign painters lettering "corporal" on the office doors instead of "private."

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Quip of the Week. (By Sgt. A. Asman). She was a second-hand furniture dealer's daughter. That's why she wouldn't allow much on the old davenport.

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From T/Sgt. Fred Silvers comes a practical suggestion: Dog-tags are continually lost by EMs—why not tattoo the information on the EMs chests.

J. C. W.

The Allies and the Eastern Front



Germany's war on two fronts—Having dislocated the Allied offensive in the west, Nazis now turn to meet the rolling Soviet drive in the East. Soviet pressure mounts, Allies once more gain the initiative.

By Richard S. Lewis
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

After Paris, Warsaw fell. In the five months between the liberation of the two cities is a tale of probably the grimmest phase of the German war.

After Paris, the beaten Wehrmacht withdrew behind the Siegfried Line. It was reorganized and re-equipped. Then it launched its winter offensive in the Ardennes.

The Russian front was quiet. The expected Soviet winter offensive had not then materialized. German divisions which had operated on the Eastern Front were identified in the west.

The 1944 blitz in Belgium rolled 57 miles, split the 12th Army Group in half and stopped the Allied offensive cold.

More significant than the time Hitler was borrowing from defeat with the Ardennes gamble was his

temporary strategic victory of seizing the initiative—the power to decide where to strike next—from the Allies, for the first time since D-Day.

By Christmas, the Allies contained the winter drive and began slowly to push it back. While Von Rundstedt was busy in the west, the Russians struck.

As the great Russian offensive rolled across the snowy plains of Poland, the Allies regained the initiative in the west. The bulge collapsed like a punctured balloon. The probability that Von Rundstedt would launch another major attack in the west began to fade.

This is a two-front war. In a conflict which stretches across half a continent, pressure on one front is a prime factor in determining what happens on the other front.

Supply Lines Shortened

It is about 660 miles between Krakow in Poland and Bastogne in Belgium. In this stretch of Europe—roughly as wide as the U.S. between New York City and Louisville, Ky.—lies the uneasy but determined Reich.

With its radial roads and railways shortened to 300-odd miles east and west of Berlin Germany can move troops and supplies rapidly. Hitler could switch his divisions around with comparative ease, despite bombing destruction in Germany. This advantage enabled the Germans to keep striking where they pleased as long as they held the initiative in the west and the Russian front was stable.

The longer Gen. Eisenhower had to deal with successive Nazi attacks, the longer the Allied offensive in the west had to be put off. The battle for the Rhine could not be fought while the Germans were on the offensive in Belgium and in Alsace.

With the Soviets sweeping toward the Reich with an estimated 150 divisions along a front which is virtually solid from East Prussia to Krakow, the Germans are locked in a defensive battle which does not let them take full advantage of their interior position. The Nazis have been nailed in the east.

Switch of Troops Likely

It is probable that the German defense position in the west will have to yield troops against the great assault in the east. The east will need replacements, too.

At the outset of the Russian drive, it was estimated that the Soviets were using 119 divisions and at least 1,000 tanks.

There were indications they had brought into the line divisions which

had been in rest areas for some time.

The startling progress the Russians have made pointed to a surprised Germany. The Germans have not yet started to counter-attack on a big scale.

These indications appear to support the Nazi claim that this is Russia's "drive to Berlin" attack.

It cannot yet be told whether this is the all-out Soviet show or an offensive limited to putting Soviet positions well west of the Vistula, to be followed by a re-grouping as supply lines are consolidated. Rail gauges change in Germany and the Russians would have to adapt their rail transport as they entered the Reich.

Furloughs to U.S. Explained by G-1

Types of personnel who may receive furloughs to the U.S. have been described in a memorandum issued by G-1, ETOUSA. Furloughs do not mean "rotations," which subject the individual to re-assignment in the U.S. Because there is no real rotation plan in the ETO, when a soldier goes from the ETO, he goes on furlough, and is subject to return to duty.

Types of personnel now going back to the States include temporary duty personnel; who go for 30 days rest before returning to their units. Following are priorities: A. Persons twice hospitalized for wounds. B. Persons twice decorated for bravery. C. Persons with over six months' service in combat areas who present proof of serious emergency situations at home requiring their presence. D. Persons with over six months service in combat areas.

Hospital casualties, escaped prisoners of war and men attending school in the U.S. also receive furloughs in some cases.

Gen. George C. Marshall has predicted an increase in number of overseas men to receive furloughs.

Col. Vance Is Awarded Medal Posthumously

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (ANS).—Lt. Col. Leon R. Vance, who stuck to the controls of his doomed bomber, although critically injured, because he thought a wounded crewman was still aboard, has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously.

Up Front With Mauldin



"Got anything for lead poisonin'?"

This Was America Yesterday:

Blizzard Slaps Eastern States, Harrisburg Has 16-Inch Snow

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Shovels and snowplows were used throughout the northeastern states after the heaviest snowfalls of the year. Strong winds, sometimes of gale velocity, whipped snow into high drifts along streets and highways, while below-freezing temperatures added to the discomfort. The heaviest snowfall was reported at Harrisburg, Pa.—16 inches in 24 hours. From Maine to Maryland the Atlantic Coast covered under a blizzard all day yesterday. The accident toll mounted, and New York schools were closed.

Stormy weather also is brewing for Tammany Hall. Hiram C. Todd, Governor Dewey's special prosecutor, announced he would investigate charges that Frank Costello, slot machine king, has a heavy hand in control of the ancient political machine. The trouble started when five district leaders protested about the present regime.

Sees Better Co-ordination at 'Big 3' Meet

BETTER co-ordination between the Big Three powers is looked for by Hanson Baldwin—possibly inclusion of Russian representatives on the combined chiefs of staff. Baldwin, N.Y. Times writer, enumerates Russian difficulties and reasons for their not starting a winter offensive previously, but points out that it has started too late to "dovertail well" with Allied winter strategy in the West.

REP. Mike Mansfield (D-Mont.), who has just reported to the President after two months in China, tells a story of Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault's 14th AF. According to Drew Pearson, Mansfield asked the general "why he didn't give any build-up to his air aces."

"What I want is a team," replied Chennault. "If we publish statistics the Japs will lay for our aces, destroy the team. In my outfit every man, on the ground or up, counts as much with me as the man next to him."

The widow of a soldier killed in France last year yesterday gave birth to his child inside a war plant a few minutes after she left the assembly line. Mrs. Ethel Misiewicz, 24, reported for work at 8:30 AM, stayed on the job until ten. A half hour later the baby was delivered in a rest room with the aid of a company nurse.

Someone Loves a Copyreader

D. L. WHITEHURST, veteran newspaper copyreader fired from the Palm Beach, Fla., Post-Times for writing a New Year's Eve story ripping the home front, has been rescued. The newspaper PM reported Whitehurst has been hired as war editor of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Evening News, edited by Hert M. Davidson, formerly one of the editors in PM's Foreign Department.

Mrs. Eva Scheeter, 35, wasn't hit when part of a subway train passed over her as she lay between the rails at Times Square Station last night, but was electrocuted when she touched the third rail. She jumped or fell from the platform, police said.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has asked people not to come to Washington to see his inauguration Jan. 20. He made public a letter from President J. Russell Young, of the District of Columbia commissioners, calling attention to overcrowded capital conditions. Besides, the President implied, it wouldn't be much of a show—just a simple ceremony in the White House backyard. The old custom of fancy inaugurals, he said, has been abandoned.

Rick's Rescuer Killed in Pacific

COMMANDER William F. Eadie, who took part in the rescue of Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker when he was lost in the Pacific, was killed Jan. 8 "somewhere in the Pacific," the Navy Department has announced. According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, 70 physicians have been reported killed in action in war theaters in 1944, and 113 others died while on military service.

The man who put the finger on many Chicago gangsters, Nels E. Tessem, has retired. Tessem was the figure wizard of the Intelligence unit of Internal Revenue, and was one of the most feared men among underworld big shots. When such trifling matters as rubbing out, bootlegging, hijacking and kidnaping failed to provide indictment, Tessem discovered discrepancies in income tax returns. Al Capone was one of the guys the figure wizard found.

It Shouldn't Happen to Fala

IN Portland, Ore., police halted Sailor Alfred Larsen and his bride. A nuptial prankster had informed the cops that his car was missing—and gave Larsen's registration number. But it doesn't seem likely that Policeman H. G. Powers, of Portland, was one of the arresting armed squad. Around the same time he was reporting that a robber had stolen his pistol, also a \$45 watch.

Members of the House Military Affairs Committee attempted to "purge" Rep. Clare Boothe Luce, says an INS dispatch from Washington. "Mrs. Luce's male colleagues returned to the U. S. angry as all get out. They complained that Mrs. Luce staged a one-woman show...even had her own photographers along, and when she visited the front European papers referred to them as the 'Luce Committee.'"

HERE and there: Al Jolson is back in hospital. He was discharged last week after being treated for malaria contracted during his overseas tour, but he suffered a relapse. . . Nine strikers from the Rubber Set Company, Newark, N.J., have been summarily drafted. . . Four thousand nurses have applied for military service since the President's appeal a week ago. . . Capt. Jack Weiler, of Continental Air Lines, flew into a flock of ducks near Denver. A passenger, Jerry Deadbetter, Oklahoma game warden, demanded Weiler's game license. He had one.

Li'l Abner



F'DR Puts OK on Baseball

President Hints Able-Bodied Players Must Work or Fight

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 17.—President Roosevelt said today he favored continuation of professional baseball as long as it did not occupy men eligible for service, or capable of doing war plant jobs. The President also told his press conference he does not think perfectly healthy young men should be playing baseball in these times.

Baseball men took the President's statement as the green light they've been looking for ever since War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes closed race tracks and asked Selective Service to look further into the draft status of 4F athletes. The President's comment was his second encouraging message concerning professional baseball since the war started. Shortly after Pearl Harbor, he said baseball was valuable as a morale builder.



A Smiling Yes

Two Slips for Red



Freddie Cochrane

Cochrane Gets Navy Discharge

NEWARK, N.J., Jan. 17.—Freddie "Red" Cochrane, world welter-weight champion, has been honorably discharged from the Navy, his manager, Willie Gilzenberg, said today. Cochrane entered the Navy late in '42.

Simultaneously, it was learned here that Cochrane had appeared voluntarily on a warrant issued while he was outside the country, charging he is the father of a daughter born to Jeanette Peterson in Newark, May 21, 1943. The hearing has been set for Jan. 26.

Pick Dixie Walker For Writers' Cup

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Fred "Dixie" Walker, National League batting champion of '44 and just about the most popular man in the Borough of Brooklyn, has been selected the "Player of the Year" by the New York Chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association.

Walker, 34 years old, enjoyed his most successful season in the big leagues last year when his .357 average paced both major leagues. He'll receive a plaque at the writers' 22nd annual banquet here, Feb. 4.

Since the award was instituted in '31, Bill Terry, Lou Gehrig, Herb Pennock, Carl Hubbell, Dizzy Dean, Hank Greenberg, Tony Lazzeri, Jimmy Foxx, Bucky Walters, Bobby Feller, Teddy Williams, Bill Dickey and Joe DiMaggio have won it, DiMaggio getting it twice, in '38 and '42.

White Hired by Volunteers

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 17.—W. C. White, recently discharged Army major and former head football coach at Howard College, has joined the coaching staff at the University of Tennessee.

CAGE RESULTS

- List of names and locations for the CAGE RESULTS section.

Discharged by Navy, Pep Gets Army Call

NEW HAVEN, Conn. Jan. 17.—Willie Pep, NBA featherweight champion, recently discharged after nine months in the Navy, was accepted for general Army service at the local induction center today.

Pep is the first nationally-known athlete re-examined for duty following his discharge. His acceptance foreshadows similar experience for thousands of 4F athletes.

Boston Beats Toronto, 5-4

BOSTON, Jan. 17.—The Boston Bruins took over fourth place in the National Hockey League last night defeating the Toronto Maple Leafs, 5-4, with Herb Cain scoring four goals.

Cain scored at 13 minutes of the first period, and again four minutes later. Pino Rozzini netted the third Boston goal with a half minute of the period to go. Dave Schriener got the Leafs' first goal just before the session ended.

Cain scored twice more in the second period and Babe Pratt did all the rest of the scoring for Toronto in the third period.

Canadiens Top Scorers

MONTREAL, Jan. 17.—Three Canadiens led the individual scoring parade in the National Hockey League this week. Hector "Toe" Blake and Elmer Lach were tied for first and Maurice Richard was right behind them.

Lach added nine points to his total, equalling Blake's 46 points. Ab DeMarco, of the Rangers, had the second best spurt of the week with seven points, which boosted his total to 32.

Table showing leading scorers for Canadiens: Blake, Montreal; Lach, Montreal; Richard, Montreal; Cowley, Boston; Howe, Detroit; M. Bruneteau, Detroit; DeMarco, New York; Hollett, Detroit; Carvets, Detroit; Bodnar, Toronto.

National Hockey League

Table showing National Hockey League standings: Montreal, Detroit, Toronto, Boston, New York, Chicago.

No Chicken Feed for Gray

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 17.—Pete Gray, one-armed outfielder bought by the St. Louis Browns from the Memphis Chicks last year, brought one of the top prices ever paid to a Southern Association club, \$20,000. League President Billy Evans said the league collected a quarter million dollars for talent sold to major league clubs in 1944.

Calverly Climbs In Cage Scoring

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Ernie Calverly, of Rhode Island State, and Bill Henry, of Rice Institute, have made rapid strides during the past week in their effort to catch George Mikan, of DePaul, national collegiate basketball scoring leader. Mikan's 239 points lead Calverly by seven points and Henry by 14. The Rhode Island star threw in 56 points during the week, while Henry tallied 48. Mikan's bulge over Calverly lies entirely in four shots, as both have scored 94 field goals. Calverly, however, has the best game average, 23.2, to Mikan's 21.7, and Henry's 20.

Table showing leading scorers for Calverly and Henry across various games.

St. John's, NYU Win Garden Games

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—St. John's University had too much passing savvy for Akron's basketball varsity here last night and defeated the Tiretown quintet, 48-42, in the feature game of a Madison Square Garden doubleheader before 15,000 spectators. NYU defeated St. Francis, 78-33, in the opening game.

Ivy Summer, lanky St. John's center, was tossed out of the game in the second half for swinging at Referee Pat Kennedy, after the latter called the fourth personal foul on him under the basket.

Fights at Polo Grounds

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Horace Stoneham, president of the New York Giants, has made a deal with Mike Jacobs whereby Jacobs will promote weekly fights at the Polo Grounds, beginning June 1.

By Al Capp



Luzon Yanks Drive On, Third of Way to Manila

Gen. MacArthur's advance units swept one-third of the way to Manila today. In other actions in the Pacific, China-based Super-Fortresses again smashed at Formosa in a daylight raid and Third Fleet planes continued to amass a higher toll of Japanese ships along the South China coast. B29s attacked military installations on Formosa for the fifth time, resuming where they left off Sunday.

On Luzon, a small Japanese counter-attack slowed the left flank of the broad Sixth Army sweep down the central Luzon Valley, but advance units along the central highway are meeting only slight resistance.

Pound Ridges
MacArthur announced that on Monday the Americans had reached Moncada, 32 road miles from the Lingayen Gulf. Another tanked spearhead passed, captured Camiling. Moving south and east the southern arm of this group was traversing a mountain road which joins the main highway at Tarlac, 70 miles from Manila Field.

American left-flank artillery pounded the Japanese stubbornly holding ridges commanding the only north-south road in the Luzon Plain still left to the enemy in the sector south and southwest of Rosari.

Blast Jap Ships

At sea the Third Fleet continued to roam at will in enemy waters. Admiral William F. Halsey's carrier-aircraft hit 30 Japanese vessels and destroyed or damaged 87 planes in the latest blows of their sweep along 350 miles of China coast. Nine of the vessels were sunk.

Third Fleet planes likewise spread bomb destruction through the big Takao naval base, on the Formosa docks and on the harbor at Canton over the week-end. No Japanese planes appeared over Hong-kong or Canton.

At least 104,000 tons of enemy shipping were sunk or damaged, including a destroyer escort and a 17,000-ton tanker. Reports of activities are still incomplete.

Russians Capture Warsaw, Sweep to 15 Miles of Reich

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Warsaw and 89 miles southeast of Breslau, the "second capital" of Germany.
In the same order, Stalin said that Radomsk, 25 miles north of Czestochowa, also had fallen to the First Ukrainian Army. Radomsk had a pre-war population of 78,000 and Czestochowa more than 140,000.
Dispatches from Moscow last night said that it was difficult to stay ahead of the Russian victory announcements which included the names of thousands of towns and villages.
The Lublin report that Krakow had been captured was not confirmed by any Moscow report last night but Reuter, in London, said tank units had probed the outer defenses of the city and artillery had been shelling the city for 24 hours.
At no point along the blazing 300-mile front did the Germans appear to be holding. United Press reported that whole German divisions had been cut off by the swift Red smash, but Berlin radio

Just Off Boat, Kills 100 Nazis

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ing in, especially at night. Outlaw fired so much that he burned out the machine-gun and had to make a quick switch with the reserve gun.
"I never saw so many dead people in my life," said Outlaw. "But that didn't bother me as much as the wounded. I can still hear them hollering and moaning, and see some of them stand up and try to walk and fall down. Or else, just see them lay there and kick and yell. I guess I'll keep hearing and seeing that as long as I live."
"Some Germans did come back and pick up some of the wounded, but they didn't wear any red crosses," said Myers. "We figured that they were just guys coming back to find their buddies. We didn't fire at them."
After they had been relieved, a photographer asked Outlaw if he'd mind posing for a picture next to his machine-gun.
"Does the machine-gun have to be in the picture?" he asked quiedy.

Czechoslovakia; Zeitz, near Leipzig, and Vanne-Eickel, in the Ruhr. Additional strong forces of RAF bombers were reported over Germany late yesterday.
The England-based planes made their attacks through weather which grounded the tactical fighters and bombers of the Ninth AF. Fog and snow on the Seventh Army front also grounded planes of the First TAC AF, after 34 consecutive days of operations.

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The speed of the Russian drive and the lack of detailed reports made it difficult to locate the line accurately. Associated Press' London placed it along these general lines: From southern Lithuania (in the Suwalki area) along the Narew River to a point 40 miles north of Warsaw, thence southwest along the main highway from Warsaw to Czestochowa, then southeast to Krakow and the Carpathian mountains.
The line was described by the AP as "fluid" at all points.
Berlin Radio all day yesterday warned the German people that the Red Army was out for a decision in the war.
Moscow Radio said the swift advance had already made it impossible for the Germans to transfer reserves from one sector to another and masses of wrecked German equipment littered the battlefields. Moscow claimed more than 300 German tanks had been knocked out in 24 hours of fighting.

Warsaw 14th Capital Retaken from Nazis

With the fall of Warsaw to the Red Army, 14 European capitals have now been freed from German occupation.
Berlin only now controls five capitals, including Vienna and Budapest.
The Nazis have been driven by the Soviets from Warsaw, Helsinki, Tallin, Riga, Vilna, Sofia and Bucharest. American and British troops drove invaders out of Rome, Paris, Brussels, Athens and Luxembourg. Jugoslavian and Albanian guerrillas harried Nazis out of Belgrade and Tirana.

Yank Engineers Carry Own Bridges



Signal Corps Photo
U.S. engineers tighten bolts of a Bailey Bridge spanning a river in eastern France. All along the Western Front, blasted bridges are replaced by spans like these to keep supply routes open.

Deferment Priority System Revealed by War Mobilizer

Draft Consideration Asked by Byrnes

By Joe Fleming
The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau
WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (ANS).—War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes last night announced his work or fight job priority system designed to draft 200,000 men in the 26-29 age group into war activities in the first six months of 1945, with a minimum disruption of essential industry.



James F. Byrnes
hearings on a bill to strengthen the selective service law.

In New York, Mayor LaGuardia urged induction of every man of draft age for specified community services, and proposed that men who had spent 20 months on the war fronts be returned home to do city work. They would be replaced by younger men now at home.
Byrnes announced he has asked Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service Director, to instruct local boards "when they begin reaching into the pool of deferred young men," to give consideration to priority of withdrawals which would call up:

- 1—Registrants not employed in any of the activities on the list of essential activities.
 - 2—Registrants engaged in relatively unimportant jobs in essential but not critical activities and registrants who may be replaced without difficulty.
 - 3—Registrants employed in relatively unimportant jobs in critical war programs and registrants in such programs who may be replaced without difficulty.
 - 4—Registrants engaged in relatively more important jobs in essential but not critical activities.
 - 5—Registrants engaged in more important jobs in critical activities.
- The list of essential activities on which Byrnes' priority system is based was drafted last February by the WMC.

The work or fight bill would force every man of draft age to take or keep a war job or face induction into special labor battalions, but LaGuardia wanted it extended to ensure workers for street, hospital and other city services.

Message Is Expected From President

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (ANS).—In a bid to spur the drive for National Service legislation, President Roosevelt is scheduled to send Congress a message today backing up the plea he made ten days ago.

The President planned to send letters to the House and Senate on the subject from Gen. Marshall and Adm. King. Mr. Roosevelt declined to tell yesterday's press conference what the two service leaders had to say, but he did assert that the need for men in the armed forces and war factories is so extreme that voluntary controls will not work.

The AP said that it learned authoritatively that the Marshall and King letters would tell Congress that the nation now faces the most urgent demand of the war for replacement of men and munitions.

Mr. Roosevelt's communication, the AP said, will take the form of a letter to Sen. Thomas (D-Utah) and Rep. May (D-Ky.), chairmen of the Senate and House Military Affairs Committees, respectively. He is expected to state what he believes to be the need without going into details of legislation to be enacted.

AFL Labor Leaders Hit Work-Fight Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (ANS).—Organized labor formally opened its campaign against national service today.

Spokesmen for the AFL and the Socialist Party called upon Congress to substitute higher industrial wages for work or fight laws, and pointed to the "Little Steel" wage formula, which they said must be broken up to induce men to work.

Lewis G. Hines, AFL legislative representative said current manpower shortages result from "the low level at which wages have been frozen by the war labor board in certain plants."

Opposition to work or fight laws also came from Chairman Mead, (D-NY) of the Senate War Investigating Committee. He ordered a reassessment of manpower needs by his group.

British Capture Gebroek; First Nears St. Vith

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the same sector. Three of these attacks were smeared by artillery in the vicinity of Honvelez. The fourth attack also was stopped after German infantry and Mark V tanks punched at the Third Armored.

Second Armored Div. men mopped up beyond Houffalize after taking the town and met elements of the

Neighbors at Home, They Meet in Bulge

HQ, FIRST U.S. ARMY, Jan. 16 (Delayed) (UP).—When patrols of the U.S. First and Third Armies met in the Ardennes, the first two men to shake hands were Capt. Brooks Norman, First Army cavalryman, and Sgt. Lawrence Becker, Third Army infantryman. Back home, they're neighbors.

They both come from Seattle, Wash. They lived close enough together at home to call each other neighbor. They have many mutual friends, but never had met before.
They were charmed.

Third Armored on the Houffalize-Cherain road at Cherain.

Meanwhile, Third Army armor churned up toward Houffalize from the south to within a mile and one-half of the town.

Units of the 101st Airborne Div., fighting east of the Bastogne-Houffalize road, drove into Rochamps, two and one-half miles south of Houffalize. They pressed on two miles farther to enter the village of Bory.

Southeast of the paratroopers, Sixth Armored Div. men advanced a mile and one-half north from Longvilly and cut the Bory-Longvilly road. Other Third Army troops gained a mile and one-half to take Oberwampach.

In Alsace, the Seventh Army repulsed an armored attack in the Hatten area and gained control of three-fourths of the town. The Germans pressed heavily in the Rhine pocket north of Strasbourg.

Tobacco Industry Plans Ration Card System for States

CHICAGO, Jan. 17 (ANS).—The National Association of Tobacco Distributors has announced a plan to make cigarette ration cards available to more than 1,000,000 outlets within two weeks for dealers to distribute to regular customers. The plan, not compulsory, will give each registered customer an average of 15 cigarettes a day.

Each customer will sign with his dealer for a card, and will sign a promise that he has no other source. The plan is not expected to relieve the shortage, but to insure fairer distribution.

Action was taken by the distributors after OPA stated it could not take action because of uncertainty as to numbers of smokers.

UK Casualties in Greece

LONDON, Jan. 17 (Reuter).—Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced today that British casualties suffered in Greece between Dec. 3 and Jan. 6, were 2,101, of which 237 were fatal.

Terry And the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

Panel 1:
TERRY: I'M WORRIED ABOUT SNAKE TUMBLIN AND WAC SGT. JANE ALLEN! MUST ROMANCE WRITE UNDER REGULATIONS?
THAT RULE ABOUT ENLISTED WACS NOT DATING OFFICERS IS TOUGH STUFF... HEY, I HAVE AN IDEA, HOTSHOT!

Panel 2:
LATER: MA'AM, THE CIVILIAN GIRL WHO WAS KIDNAPED IN MY UNIFORM IS AT A HOSPITAL IN TOWN AND HAS ASKED TO SEE ME...
AND YOU'D LIKE A PASS! I THINK THAT CAN BE ARRANGED, SGT. ALLEN!

Panel 3:
WELL, HERE'S A NOTE FROM WILLOW BELINDA ASKING ME TO DROP IN AT HER HOSPITAL ROOM...

Panel 4:
MILTON CANIFF
"Dear Jane and Snake, I've come for a short visit. Love and Cheers. Please wait. Love, Willow."