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Wise Narrows to 10 Miles

'...The Fightingest Bunch of GIs I Ever Saw'

Yanks Cut One of Two Main Roads

American and British forces continued to hammer the northern flank of the German salient in Belgium against fierce enemy resistance yesterday as advancing troops of the First U.S. Army narrowed the pincers between it and the Third Army on the southern flank to only ten miles.

Units of the First Army also captured Rendeux, Laflaise, Fraiture and Devantave and cut one of the two German main supply and escape routes by crossing the east-west highway between Laroche and Vielsalin.

A fresh attack south of Stavelot gained 2,000 yards and sent First Army troops across the Ambleve River between Stavelot and Trois Ponts.

Third Army Gains

On the Third Army front, infantry moved up to within three miles southeast of Wiltz while other units occupied Dahl and moved up to within a mile-and-a-half south of Wiltz.

Only one counter-attack was reported near Harlange, six miles southeast of Bastogne, where the Germans threw an estimated 20 tanks and a battalion of infantrymen at the American lines but were thrown back after a loss of at least six tanks to artillery fire.

Von Rundstedt, with his Ardennes bulge seriously dented, lashed out with five new attacks on the Western Front, establishing a bridgehead across the Maas River in Holland and pushing armor across the Rhine into France in the Seventh U.S. Army's sector near Strasbourg.

On the long dormant Netherlands front the Germans pushed across the Maas during Saturday night and established their bridge-

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British Stiffen Terms to ELAS

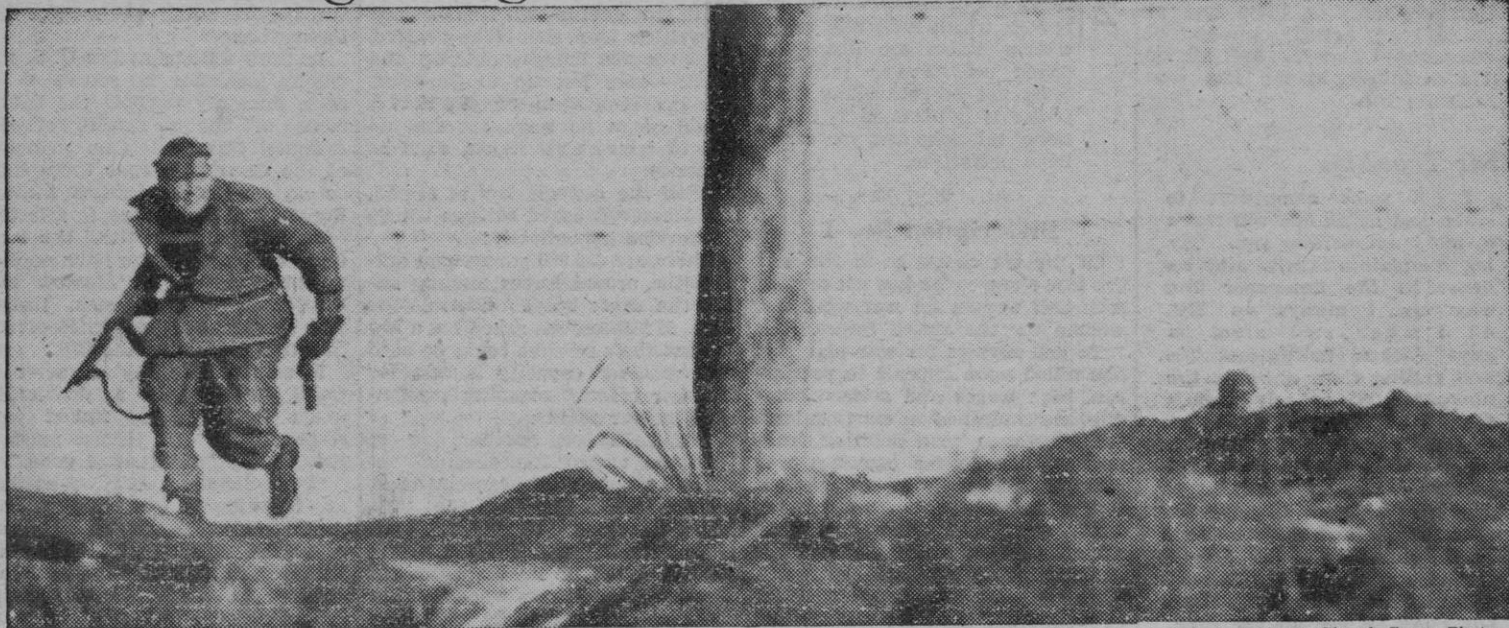
ATHENS, Jan. 7 (UP).—British tank columns struck 15 miles north and west of Athens tonight shooting up ELAS rearguards as Lt. Gen. Ronald M. Scobie stiffened his peace terms to the insurgents.

The British commander withdrew his original offer of a truce immediately if and when the ELAS forces laid down their arms and withdrew from Attica, from which they now have been driven. He said that any truce now must include "conditions dealing with the whole question of prisoners." This was put in view of the fact that the ELAS seized Greek and British civilians as hostages and has refused to permit International Red Cross inspection of its prison camps.

Field Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, Allied Mediterranean commander, and Sir Harold MacMillan, British resident Minister, returned to Athens and conferred with Scobie, Archbishop Damaskinos, the Greek regent, and Premier Nicholas Plastiras.

India to America

NEW DELHI, Jan. 7.—Lt. Col. Fred Eldridge, former reporter of the Los Angeles Times and founder of the CBI Roundup, Army weekly newspaper, left today for America and another assignment.



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

With eyes fixed on his objective—a hiding German patrol—an infantryman of the 82nd Airborne Div. races from his foxhole

across the open field, toward a barbed wire fence and a ditch. His companion (right) covers his move with a machine-gun.

3 Corps, 10 Divisions In Fight North of Bulge

WITH U.S. FIRST ARMY, Jan. 7.—American forces taking part in the assault on the northern flank of the German salient in Belgium today were revealed to include three corps, two armored divisions and eight infantry divisions.

The corps are the Seventh, under Maj. Gen. Joseph L. Collins; the 18th Airborne, led by Maj. Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, and the Fifth, whose commander was not disclosed. The armored units are Maj. Gen. Ernest N. Harmon's Second Div. and Maj. Gen. Maurice Rose's Third.

The infantry divisions announced are the Second, Maj. Gen. Walter



Maj. Gen. Ridgway Maj. Gen. Collins

M. Robertson; Ninth, Maj. Gen. L. S. Craig; 30th, Maj. Gen. L. S. Hobbs; 83rd, Maj. Gen. Robert C. Macon and the First, 84th and 99th, whose commanders were not identified. The airborne division in action on that front is the 82nd, under Maj. Gen. James M. Gavin.

Others in Fighting

Units involved in the stemming of the German counter-offensive in the Belgian Ardennes, from Dec. 16 until the drive was halted, also were revealed in a summary.

When the enemy assault began it struck the 112th Regt. of the 28th Inf. Div., the 99th Inf. and Seventh Armored Div. After fighting against overwhelming odds these units withdrew to the north where, together with other U.S.

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French Plan New Army, Call Up Three Classes

In a new move to rebuild the French Army, War Minister André Diethelm announced yesterday that three new classes of Frenchmen will be conscripted, starting late this month and continuing throughout the spring.

82nd's '12-Hour' Stand Turns Into 3-Day Tank Battle

By Dick Jones

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer.

WITH 82nd AIRBORNE DIV.—

In 76 hours at crossroads west of Regne, a band of 116 men tripped the Wehrmacht's drive on Liège so that it could later be roped and tied along the Belgian front.

Co. F was ordered to hold the key crossroads for 12 hours Dec. 21. They fought off waves of Tiger Royals and Nazi infantry for more than three days.

"One by one, they knocked out all our tanks," 1/Sgt. Arno L. Welch, of Lumberton, N.C., recalled. "Yes," Pfc Clestine J. Olmschied, of Cold Springs, Minn., added. "Twice I'd no more than gotten into a new tank when the thing went up in flames." In the meantime, however, Olmschied knocked out two machine-guns with one tank round each.

"They were the fightingest bunch of GIs I ever saw," said Capt. Junior R. Woodruff, of Birmingham, Mich., who received an Oak Leaf cluster to the Silver Star for his leadership at the crossroads. "If every one of them hadn't personally accomplished the impossible, we'd still be there—six feet under."

Nazis Fail to Crack Soviet Budapest Ring

Fresh German counter-attacks against the Russian siege ring around Budapest northwest of the city foundered yesterday under a storm of Soviet artillery fire.

Inside the Hungarian capital, bitter street fights forced the German-Hungarian garrison to yield further ground. The city's defenders continued to receive some supplies of food and ammunition from night-flying transport planes.

Forts and Libs Batter German Supply System

U. S. and RAF heavy bombers droned ceaselessly over the German battle lines yesterday, maintaining the tempo of their campaign to pulverize Von Rundstedt's supply network, despite fog, clouds and 50 below zero cold.

In the three days following Thursday's interruption of the marathon attacks, almost 6,000 England-based heavies have bombed targets ranging from Berlin to within ten miles of the front.

More than 1,000 Forts and Liberators of the Eighth AF led yesterday's attacks, bombing five German marshaling yards, two Rhine bridges and six rail junctions. They were escorted by upwards of 650 Mustangs and Thunderbolts.

Unopposed by Luftwaffe

The Eighth heavies hit targets in an area stretching from Hamm, northeast of the Ruhr at Cologne, down to Rastatt, southwest of Karlsruhe.

Unopposed by the Luftwaffe and subjected only to light flak, some of the fighters accompanying the Forts and Libs dipped down through holes in the clouds to strafe rail lines near Bremen. They reported damaging a considerable number of locomotives and freight cars.

All bombing except that on a communications center at Achern was done by instruments, and results were unreported. Nine bombers and one fighter were missing.

RAF bombers followed up the Eighth's daylight attack with powerful blows at communication targets last night. The RAF's Bomber Command has accounted for more than half of the heavies

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FDR Message Finds Support In Congress

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (ANS).—President Roosevelt's message to the 79th Congress evoked a generally favorable response from Congress, the United Press said today. However, the UP said a "wait and see" attitude developed toward his specific request for national service legislation "at the earliest possible moment."

Senator Warren Austin (R-Vt.), co-author of a national service bill which died in the last Congress, commented:

"I shall wait to see if we get any real honest effort on the part of the White House before reintroducing my bill."

Promises Full Consideration

House Republican Leader Joseph Martin Jr. said the President's request should have "immediate and full consideration" but the President, he pointed out, had failed to follow up a national service recommendation of a year ago with "any vigor."

"He could have had some such

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FDR On Radio Quotes S & S

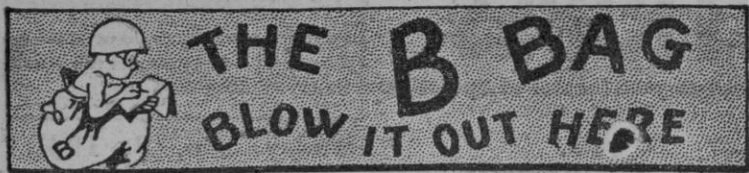
WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—President Roosevelt quoted The Stars and Stripes as he concluded his broadcast to the nation last night in which he summarized the annual message to Congress on the State of the Union.

He said, "I quote from an editorial in The Stars and Stripes, our soldiers' own newspaper in Europe, 'For the Holy love

of God let's listen to the dead. Let's learn from the living. Let's join ranks against the foe. The bugles of battle are heard again above the bickering.'

"That is the demand of our fighting men. We cannot fail to heed it. The new year of 1945 can be the greatest year of achievement in human history."

(The editorial appeared in the Dec. 22 issue.)



Peace Front

I read with profound interest the article by Capt. J. M. Gantt, Inf., regarding a post-war organization made up of veterans of all the United Nations for the fostering of international fellowship and legislation for keeping the peace. This letter is the answer to a searching question "What and where can I find the organization to help keep the peace?"

I heartily endorse the idea and I am ready to help in any way to bring this organization about. It gives the battle weary GI something mighty pleasant and bright to think about. As for its future possibilities . . . unlimited. If anyone can talk the same language, it is one who has experienced total war.—Pvt. J. C. L. Bryant, Inf.

On men like Capt. Gantt, with such initiative and foresight, truly rests the future peace and security of the world. The transformation of such a proposal into reality, however, will not be as easy as it appears on the surface. It is the practice, not the policy, of the American people to take this attitude. "Oh let George do it; I am really too busy," or "It does not concern me."

In this same lack of interest or understanding, lies the answer to why we, as soldiers, are once again waging a ruthless war in almost every corner of the globe.—Pvt. H. A. Kost, Engr. Regt.

V. . .—Mail

We were asked to start a campaign for a more extensive use of V-mail to save shipping space. Perhaps unit censors and mail clerks would support such a campaign more enthusiastically if it didn't take twice as long to sign and stamp the forms.—Lt. R. K.

Much About Medals

The division AG and the regimental S4 get a Silver Star for gallantry in action. Hell, they are so far back that the German artillery can't reach them. How could they be gallant in action?

What chance do the boys on the front lines have to get citations when the brass in the rear echelon gets them?—1/Sgt. William R. Johnson and four others of 95th Div.

Medals—Two

Why are "Bronze Star Medals" distributed so freely? There are rumors that one is given with every ten tops from K ration boxes. If so, to whom must we address the box tops?—S/Sgt. D.A., Ord.

We are part of an ammunition section and are plenty browned off because our section chiefs were awarded Bronze Stars. We're still trying to understand why. To top that a motion picture operator received the Bronze Star for showing us exactly two movies since we have been in combat. He was cited for showing movies under hazardous conditions.—Three Ammo section, FA.

Relax, Son

I did not see Lt. Col., Reg. Army's request that rear echelon regular army men be placed in front line T/Os for experience in future wars. However, I did read with considerable interest 1/Lt., Reg. Army's reply on Christmas Day.

I am a Lt. Col. Inf. Regular Army (permanent for so long that my leaves are riveted on my shoulders), and I am happy to know that there are some 1/Lts., Regular Army, left. I thought they were all colonels (temporary). I think that the youngster is a little harsh on the

oldtimers? True, many of us are in rear echelon jobs—I am, myself. Yet even I, over 50 years of age, have not been in rear echelon for all the time since D-Day.

I was in Germany in this war probably about as early as he. . . I've been shot at, too, and would like to point out to the gentleman that most of the Lt. Cols. RA knew and experienced all those emotions which he enumerates about the time he was born.

Probably most of them had at least 12 years actual command of a company—I had 15. And for me —I'm definitely in my last war.—Lt. Col., Inf.

Our Troubles

I got some complaints to make and as no one will listen to me I am writing you. My big complaints is why ain't we never in the nusepaper and why am i always on KP. All i ever recd about is guys ducken bullets and 88s and getting their name in the nusepaper. We got our troubles to. Last week Pfc Saxon at a USO danse broke is collar bone. Was he in the nusepaper—No!

We have been overseas for four months and we have been in Paris all the time. I dont go no place except to Paris, I would like to visit Scotland but i am on KP all the time. The CO sez i can't do nothin else and is he rong. Especially my hands get ruff from peeling spuds and I haffto be in bed in my hotel at 10 pm. And my hands are getting ruffer all the time.—Pvt R. Seid.

P.S. I aint like those other guys what is alwas complainen.

We've Done It

Sgt. Berle J. Hess' B-Bag suggestion regarding the mass cancellation of individual subscriptions to various periodicals by men overseas in an excellent one.

To alleviate the situation and increase shipping space for letter mail, we have already taken steps to cancel our own subscriptions.

We have derived a great deal of satisfaction from these publications. At the same time, we are anxious to see improvement in the first class mail delivery, and it appears that Sgt. Hess has the solution—providing a sufficient number of GIs are willing to cooperate. How about it, men?—Sgt. C. Putz, Cpl. M. Baranyk, T/5 C. H. Steele, Pfc V. K. Ross and Cpl. L. Johanson, FA.

Up Front With Mauldin



"The socks ain't dry yet, but we kin take in the cigarettes."

Background of the News

FDR's Message to Congress

President Roosevelt warned that the war will not be won until the last Nazi surrenders. To accomplish this, his weekend message to Congress gave two prescriptions—one for the U.S. alone, the other for all the Allies:

- 1—Draft people for war work the way men are drafted for the armed forces and stop relying exclusively on voluntary methods.
- 2—Don't let international differences, which naturally arise when states are liberated, divide us. "Power politics" must not be controlling, but power is implicit in international relations and you can't have perfection.

Prescription No. 1

Of the big countries in the war the U.S. alone so far has not drafted men and women for war work nor women for the armed forces.

To get workers for war plants it has relied upon appeals to patriotism, high wages and certain compulsions contained in existing laws—for instance, men deferred from military service for essential war jobs are likely to be inducted if they quit them.

Many proposals have been made for national service legislation, some of them even reaching the stage of bills introduced in Congress. The President appealed for such a law last year. But none was ever pass-

ed—because of a feeling that present methods were working all right, and because of the opposition of labor and other groups.

Now, because "many critical production programs have sharply rising needs are now seriously hampered by man-power shortages," Mr. Roosevelt asks again for such a law—not only to provide the manpower but also to prove to U.S. fighting men and to other countries that the U.S. is giving its "total effort."

All the details—whether women as well as men should be drafted, what the age limits should be, and others—were left up to Congress. The President specified only that it would mean no wage cut and no loss of workers' rights, such as seniority.

Until the general law is passed, Mr. Roosevelt asked for two things to be done immediately:

There are 420,000 young men outside the armed forces already under the draft boards' control—the 4Fs. Mr. Roosevelt asked for a law so that their services could be used "in whatever capacity is best for the war effort," meaning presumably in war plants.

And he asked another law so that the armed forces could "induct," apparently meaning draft, nurses. He explained that the Army needs 18,000 more nurses than it has now and the Navy 2,000, that there are an estimated 27,000 civilian nurses whose removal from U. S. hospitals would not interfere "too seriously" with civil-

ian needs, but they have not volunteered.

Prescription No. 2

The President's references to international differences constituted in effect a statement of U.S. foreign policy.

He compared the crises in the liberated countries like Greece and Poland to those which took place within some of the American states after the Revolution and said that the people would work them out themselves.

In their settlement the U. S. will use its influence "to secure so far as is humanly possible the fulfillment of the principles of the Atlantic Charter." One principle of the Charter is that there shall be no territorial changes without the consent of the people affected.

About "power politics," the term some U.S. newspapers have applied to the activities of Moscow and London in Polish, Greek, Italian and Belgian affairs, Mr. Roosevelt had this to say for the U.S.:

Power is naturally a factor in world politics. In a democratic world it "must be linked with responsibility" and its use must be justified by "the general good."

"Perfectionism" may be as bad as isolationism or imperialism. America's "retreat to isolationism" after the last war, Mr. Roosevelt recalled, started not because we opposed international co-operation but because we held that the peace treaty was not perfect.

Kill Fleeing Officers, Hitler Ordered Troops

WITH 35th DIV.—Hitler, in a message to his men Dec. 11, ordered those holding out in the Siegfried Line to fight "before and not inside" the line bunkers, and authorized any man in any outfit to kill a superior officer who showed "signs of weakening or surrendering."

"All fleeing men will be shot," said the order, found by men of the 35th Div. "If the commanding officer thinks the position is untenable, the man in his unit who believes the position can be held will take command."

More Wolves

The 104th Inf. Div. is not the only unit in the ETO with the nickname "Timberwolves." An Inf. Regt. of the 78th (Lightning) Div. has been known as the Timberwolf Regt. for more than two and one-half years, according to T/4 Pete Kelley, editor of the Timberwolf.

CO, Sent Home on Rotation, Back Again; Gets Old Outfit

WITH SEVENTH ARMY, Jan. 7.—Several months ago, Capt. Hollis Hughes, of Stanford, Texas, was told to kiss the war goodbye and take a good look at all his old buddies because he wasn't going to see them again on this side of the ocean. The captain, CO of I Co., who, in a regiment of the 36th, wears the Silver Star and Purple Heart with Cluster, was going home on rotation.

One-Man Squad Presses Attack

WITH SECOND INF. DIV., Jan. 7.—The only man of his squad not killed or wounded by enemy fire, Pfc Joseph A. MacElroy, of Williamsport, Pa., pushed on alone until Co. L, 23d Inf. Reg., took its objective. While the rest of the company was digging in, MacElroy made his way back through enemy artillery and small arms fire to render first aid to his wounded buddies who had fallen in the attack.

As MacElroy started off to find stretcher-bearers to evacuate the wounded, he observed that the enemy was apparently preparing for a counter-attack. He crawled to each of his dead comrades and removed a part from each of their rifles in order to make them useless to the enemy in case they over-ran the position.

Unable to find stretcher-bearers in the vicinity, MacElroy returned through the fire to the wounded men and carried them to safety himself. Then he returned to his company to join the fight.

When this news seeped through to Hughes' former regimental colonel at the 36th, the colonel asked him which outfit he wanted, and he said, in a husky whisper, I Co. And the colonel said, in an equally husky whisper, "It's yours."

His company was shoved into the bloody fighting at Mittelwihr. Still, even though he's a long ways from Stamford, Hughes will tell you that this is one of the proudest, happiest moments of his life.

"If I have to be overseas, this is where I want to be," he said.

Pots, Pans, Pants, Cans Asked for Nazi 'Army'

The new German People's Army will go into battle in a motley assortment of police, fire and postmen's uniforms and may be tossing pots and pans at GIs in addition to grenades, it appeared today as the result of a new German government decree.

The decree, signed by Himmler and Goebbels, called upon the German people to turn in for Volksgrenadier battalions all the clothing, blankets, cooking utensils, spades and similar equipment which they do not "absolutely require."

Delivers the Goods

A delayed-action parachute is being used to drop supplies to guerrillas fighting with the Allies. The new 'chute permits "on target" delivery with a minimum exposure to "ack ack."

Births

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

SGT. Edward T. Ashborne, Woodmere, N.Y.—Patricia Florence, Nov. 29; Capt. Theodore W. Penneck, St. Paul, girl, Dec. 8; Pfc Harry L. Brown, Baltimore—girl, Jan. 3; Lt. George J. Zippert, New York—Margie Louise, Jan. 1; T/5 Ned Stakemiller, North Little Rock, Ark.—girl, Dec. 27; Lt. Stanley G. Emert, New York—Maureen Joanne, Dec. 7.

SGT. Leo A. Dierks, Oakland—boy, Jan. 5; Capt. John C. Williams (0-412680)—boy, Dec. 27; Sgt. Robert Anderson, Stoneboro, Pa.—James Robert, Dec. 20.

RADIO AFN AEF

Time TODAY
1301—N.Y. Philharmonic.
1430—Comedy Caravan.
2135—Duffy's Tavern.
2207—Calif. Melodies.
(News every hour on the hour.)

TOMORROW
0925—Music America Loves.
1106—Duffie Bag.
2105—Charlie McCarthy.
2207—Hit Parade.
(News every hour on the hour.)

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This Was America Yesterday:

Plan To Induct Women Now a National Topic

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—President Roosevelt's address was the main newspaper and conversational topic throughout the country today—and one of the most startling realizations was that women may be inducted into the army for the first time in U.S. history. The President said 20,000 nurses—18,000 for the Army and 2,000 for the Navy—are "urgently needed." He asked for legislation providing for their induction. Recruiting efforts have been intense (the Red Cross recently asked for 10,000) but the President declared the need is "too pressing to await the outcome of further efforts at recruiting." Since April, he disclosed, the Army has been able to recruit only 2,000 nurses, from 27,000 available.

'Tanks Are Best—Next to Nazis'

HANSON BALDWIN, a N.Y. Times military commentator, had this to say: "Only by getting the facts and then willingly facing them can we rid ourselves of our national habit of boastful self-deceit." He demanded that Congress investigate why some American tanks—and some other weapons—are inferior to the enemy's. Complicated organization, paper work, delays at home, he says, are keeping us just behind, or barely even, with Germany in weapons design.

"The Air Force," he says, "announced that by using captured German robot bombs as a model their engineers have built a better robot in 60 days. So what? The Germans have been using theirs since June; ours are not yet in use."

Baldwin was most interested in tanks, and he cited success of the German Panther and Tiger Royal. "This doesn't mean our tanks are bad," he said. They are not; they are good. They are the best in the world—next to the Germans."

Hollywood . . . Lovely Susan Peters, film actress, is home from the hospital where she was sent following that hunting accident. Susan was married not so long ago to ex-actor, now Coast Guardsman, Richard Quine.



Susan Peters. Before Accident

Bonus Lottery

DAMON RUNYON for Secretary of Treasury: We are standing on the corner of 42nd St. and Broadway and along comes Runyon with a suggestion . . . a proposal for a national lottery to raise funds to pay servicemen and women a bonus.

He rejects as inadequate the VFW's suggestion of \$3 per day for service on the mainland and \$4 for every day overseas. Runyon wants the lottery to provide \$5 a day for service on the mainland; \$10 for every day overseas, and for every day of actual combat service overseas, \$20.

There is a lot of money being spent sensibly here despite talk of reckless buying. Right on the heels of the announcement of success of the War Bond drive is news that life insurance has reached an all-time high. A wartime rate of increase more than double the pre-war rate has brought average holdings per family to \$4,300, compared with only \$1,400 in 1918—this exclusive of \$120,000,000,000,000 taken out by the services.

All Is Not Well on Marriage Front

IN fact, all is not well on the marriage front, not even in Utah, where the state's celebrated polygamy case is headed for the U.S. Supreme Court. The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver upheld convictions of eight men and women, members of the so-called Fundamentalist Cult, on Mann Act and kidnap charges—all based on allegations dealing with plural marriages. Defense lawyers say polygamy is still legal—and by and by we'll see.

John Kieran, "Information Please" star, has given up his sports column . . . doctor's orders . . . Maj. Richard Bong and Marge Vattendahl, Superior Teachers College senior, will be married Feb. 10 at Superior, Wis . . . in Hollywood the AFL Screen Set Designers threaten a strike for recognition, and the government will mediate. . . latest figures say the Sixth War Loan drive netted \$21,600,000,000 . . . New Hampshire subscribed 221 percent of its quota . . . Milwaukee led major cities with 131 percent.

New, Powerful U.S. Casualties Tank Revealed Set at 638,139

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (ANS).—President Roosevelt turned reporter in his message to Congress revealing the Army has a "new tank" with a gun more powerful than any yet mounted on a fast moving vehicle.

A WPB official reported early last month that deliveries of a new heavy tank from the Chrysler and Fisher arsenals had started. He said the new method of suspension has been incorporated in late models. This apparently was intended to smooth out the motion of the vehicle and improve the accuracy of fire while in motion.

Dangerous Duckherding

EL CENTRO, CALIF., Jan. 7 (ANS).—Duckherding has its occupational hazards, especially when it's done from a plane. Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Webb, Brawley ranchers, were driving hungry ducks from their fields to Salton Sea feeding grounds when their airplane crashed into a 135-foot oil derrick and fell into a sump hole. Both were seriously injured.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (ANS).—Exclusive of the German counter-offensive, American combat casualties through Dec. 21 totalled 638,139, an increase of 9,698 since Dec. 14, Secretary of War Stimson announced.

The Army's casualties amounted to 556,352, including 103,991 killed, 326,127 wounded, 66,567 missing, and 59,667 prisoners. The Navy's figures are 31,332 killed, 36,697 wounded, 9,277 missing and 4,481 prisoners.

'Mars' Sheds 628 Lbs. In Loss of War Paint

CHICAGO, Jan. 7 (ANS).—War-time camouflage has been removed from the Mars, largest flying boat in the world, now in Navy transport service between San Francisco and Honolulu.

The Glenn L. Martin Co. of Baltimore, builders of the 70-ton giant, disclosed that the blue and white paint which covered the Mars weighed 628 pounds, which required 580 additional pounds

Stettinius Flays Wheeler Stand On Germany

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (ANS).—Secretary of State Stettinius yesterday denounced a statement by Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont.) in which the senator had called unconditional surrender "brutal and costly" and urged the abandonment of these terms.

Stettinius declared that Wheeler's statement would encourage the enemy and that it is "profoundly regrettable." He said that Wheeler spoke only "for a discredited few whose views have been overwhelmingly rejected."

Wheeler was a pre-Pearl Harbor isolationist. The fact that Stettinius' denunciation of the senator's remarks came without solicitation underscored the stern view taken by the Administration.

The Associated Press commented that words so sharp seldom come from the State Department. The Secretary's remarks were generally interpreted as pointing out to the enemy and reassuring the Allies that this country is determined to fight the war through to the end.

Original Stand Retained

They also were accepted as notice that, despite the fact that President Roosevelt spoke only of German military surrender in talking to Congress of unconditional surrender, there has been no major reversal of the United States' stand.

Wheeler replied in a Senate speech yesterday that the policy was asinine and urged the Administration to declare that a peace could be made if the Germans would "get rid of Hitler and set up a democratic government."

The Montana senator's original call for the abandonment of the policy of unconditional surrender was made Friday in a nation-wide radio speech.

Thugs Force Open U.S. Priest's Grave

SOUTH AMBOY, N.J., Jan. 7 (ANS).—Police today sought grave robbers who battered down the bronze doors of a mausoleum in St. Mary's Cemetery here during a pouring rain Monday night and ripped open a casket containing the body of Monsignor James J. Coan, Roman Catholic priest who died in 1926.

The lid of the casket was pried open and the body thrust aside while robbers tore the lining in the upper left hand corner, apparently searching for some specific object. Silver shoe buckles and a silver crucifix in the coffin were untouched, as were silver memorial plates on the priest's coffin and on two other caskets in the vault.

What the robbers had stolen, or were looking for, was not immediately determined, police said.

2,200 Men, 270 Planes Lost in Raids on Ploesti

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (ANS).—More than 2,200 of the airmen who participated in raids by Italian-based bombers on the Ploesti oil fields in Rumania are missing, Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker reported today.

Eaker, commanding general of the Mediterranean Allied Air Forces, also disclosed that 270 planes of the 15th Air Force were lost in attacks on Ploesti which began last April and ended in August after the capture of the oil center by Russian forces.

Industry Will Be Requested--Then Forced to Yield Labor

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (ANS).—John K. Collins, chief of the War Manpower Commission's placement bureau in Washington announced last night that effective Monday the nation's employers in non-essential industries will be requested—then forced—to give up workers to top priority industries. Any employer who refuses to comply with the new WMC order will be referred "for action" to the War Production Board, Collins said.

He said the WMC would take the following steps:

Business As Usual



Only unusual activity at Kansas City's Montgomery Ward & Co. last week was a small picket line established by the CIO Retail Clerks' Union. The President's order resulting in Army seizure of seven Ward stores did not apply here.

Byrnes Berates Ward Co. For Hindering War Effort

CHICAGO, Jan. 7 (ANS).—War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes said today that Montgomery, Ward and Company's conduct, "if allowed to continue, will seriously interfere with successful prosecution of the war."

Byrnes voiced his opinion in an affidavit filed in Federal Court yesterday as attorneys made final preparations to go into court for determination of the government's right to seize and operate the mail-order firm's properties in seven cities. The company has contended that the seizure on Dec. 28 at the order of President Roosevelt

"was unlawful" and there was no constitutional power authorizing the President to seize a company such as Ward's.

Ward's has contended it is not a war industry. Its board chairman, Sewell Avery, has declared WLB's directives are unenforceable and merely advisory and has refused to grant maintenance of union membership.

The court hearing tomorrow will be on the government's suit for temporary injunction to restrain Avery and 15 other officials from interfering with Army operation of the company.

More Java, Salt Pills Added to K-Ration

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Foxhole complaints about tasteless lemon juice powder in K-rations paid dividends today when one of the companies packing rations for the army disclosed that there will be more coffee. Whether lemon powder is being discarded was not revealed. The new rations will include two bags of coffee in the breakfast ration and one in the supper; compressed dehydrated cereal, water purification and salt tablets, different biscuits and wooden spoons.

Woman Window Washer

NEW YORK, Jan. 7 (ANS).—New York's first professional woman window washer reported to her job today and prepared to perform her hazardous human-fly feats on skyscrapers. Short, 41-year-old Mrs. Matilda Peeshko was the only woman to answer an ad for feminine window cleaners. Her first assignment was to the 15th and 16th floors of the Criminal Courts building for inside work because of her inexperience.

Dewey Asks Billion For Post-War Plan

ALBANY, Jan. 7 (ANS).—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey opened the 1945 session of the New York State legislature yesterday with an appeal for the approval of a \$1,000,000,000 post-war construction program, a drastic revision of the state unemployment insurance law, and a complete study of agricultural problems.

Delivering a message in person to a joint meeting of the Senate and the assembly, he proposed that a \$35,000,000 appropriation be made to permit continuation of the low-cost housing program in New York City, and \$100,000,000 for a post-war building and repair program for state buildings.

Heart Attack Is Blamed For Utah Train Crash

OGDEN, Utah, Jan. 7 (ANS).—Weber county prosecutor said today that investigation of last Sunday's Southern Pacific train collision indicated that the engineer of the second section was incapacitated prior to the crash that killed 50 and injured 80. The second section ploughed into the rear of the first section, jammed with 300 passengers, in an early morning fog.

Photographs of the throttle of the mail express locomotive showed no effort had been made to check the speed although the fireman shouted a warning to Engineer James McDonald, whose body was found in the wreckage of his cab. It is believed he suffered a heart attack before the crash.

B29 Mate to Hold 100

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (ANS).—A transport version of the B29 called the Stratocruiser, with the speed, range and high altitude performance of the Superfortress, is undergoing tests, Boeing Aircraft Co. disclosed today. It will carry 100 passengers.



"DECORATIONS sometimes can be a big headache to a guy," says S/Sgt. Jay S. Mannesovich of Albany, N.Y., a radio operator in the 439th Troop Carrier Group.

MPs all over London stopped him while he was in England on a pass and asked him to show his authority to wear wings and the Air Medals. It got to be a nuisance, but Mannesovich figured you can't win arguing with an MP.

Then he learned later that the GI coppers were former members of bomber crews who were waiting to be shipped back to the States. They knew that the top weight for a man on a bomber crew is 200 pounds and couldn't figure out how Mannesovich rated the medals, because he weighs nearer 300 than 200, which is OK in troop carriers.

The Second Armored Div. nominates as "Slickest operator in the ETO" the corporal who saved coffee grounds while he was at a repulse depot, packaged them neatly, and then sold them as fresh coffee to men of Co. I, 66th Regt.

He used the dough as a crap game stake, broke the game, paid back the customers who squawked and turned a tidy profit.

THIS story comes from T/5 Leroy Cunningham, of Sheepscot, Me., who says his hobby is fishing. Cunningham needed a piece of wire for a repair job on his half-track.

He found just what he wanted lying along a road so he picked up the loose wire and started pulling it in.

It must have been a party line because at the end of it there was a lieutenant-colonel holding on to a field telephone.



The French youth who had attached himself to G Co., 119th Inf. Regt. of 30th Inf. Div., had learned two words of "polite" English. They were: "Let's go," "Yelling 'Let's go, Leo!' 17-year-old Louis Trobe ran to a haystack where he thought his friend, Sgt. Leo Lord, of Chicopee, Mass., was sleeping.

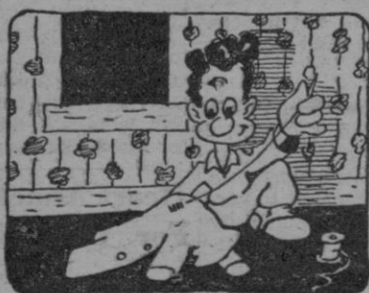
But it wasn't Leo in the haystack—it was 12 Jerries. Louis marched them back with his machine gun, which wasn't loaded.

During the 80th Inf. Div.'s Maginot Line breakthrough, Sgt. Lenthon F. Lawson, of Monroe, La., unhooked the gun from his half-track, looked through the sights and saw a Nazi 88 on dead center. No adjustments were necessary. Lawson fired one round and knocked out the gun.

WHO said "No promotion this side of the ocean?" Darrel A. Ronshausen, of Sioux City, doesn't believe it.

Ronshausen was a buck private when he came to the UK in February. He was promoted to corporal in April, to sergeant in May, to staff in August, tech in November and master in December.

Ronshausen is with the Ninth Air Defense Command.



FOR that water on the knee feeling, Sgt. Caleb O. Beckstrand, of Bemidji, Minn., and the 102nd Div. recommends his invention, the MIAI raincoat attachment. Designer Beckstrand was tired of having his raincoat channel water down his legs. So, instead of salvaging his old torn one he cut off the bottom, stitched it onto a new one to make a handy knee-protector.

Back in Africa, inside a box of K-rations, Pfc Edward L. Ingle, Second Armored Div. soldier from Walton, Ind., found a piece of hard candy wrapped in paper bearing a girl's name and address. He wrote to her, mentioning that he didn't care much for hard candy. In France, in another K-ration, Ingle came across the same address—wrapped around caramels.

SGT. Kenneth L. Skaggs, of Clinton, Mo., and the 30th Inf. Div. staked his life on the hunch he could shoot better left-handed than a German sniper could right-handed. He could.

With two buddies, Skaggs, a squad leader in a 119th Inf. rifle company, was holed-up in a house in the Siegfried Line. The Germans had the backdoor covered with a burp gun and a sniper down the street let fly whenever he saw anything show from the front door.

To shoot through the doorway and not expose too much of me, I had to do it left-handed," Skaggs said.

He got the sniper and the three men beat it out of the house. They met an infantry company a little while later and helped them clean out the town.

German News Pictures, Captured in Bulge, Unwittingly Tell Story of Yank Courage



Nazi Photos Show Dead Doughboys Still at Guns

By Ken Dixon
Associated Press Correspondent

WITH THE AEP ON THE BELGIAN FRONT, Jan. 7—If the batch of enemy news pictures captured following the vicious action near here is any criterion, the Berlin newspapers must have been getting good pictorial coverage of this German offensive.

Unwittingly, they show the factors which turned the tide and prevented the Germans from reaching their objectives—our supply lines, ammo dumps, vital road junctions and cities.

They show dead doughboys who manned their guns in the face of tremendous odds—come hell or death.

The Nazi success phase, naturally, runs strongly through them all. There are many pictures of blazing American tanks, some of them obviously taken in the midst of intense action.

Tank Commander Killed

One is especially graphic, even cruelly so. It shows a Sherman still smoldering, its tread knocked off, its turret askew. Hanging partially out of that turret are the remains of an American tank commander. It is not a picture you care to look at long but it probably got quite a play in the Berlin newspapers.

Another shows an artillery piece knocked out. Sprawled around its base, face downward in the mud, lie three artillerymen. The very fact that such artillery pieces were overrun testifies to the speed of the German drive.

There are other obvious proofs of the surprise factor. American equipment, captured intact, has been lined up expressly for the photographer. It shows many vehicles. Pictures of American prisoners whose lack of defensive equipment indicates they had not been expecting a fight that day.

There are even a few touches of "routine victory shots" such as a

This picture from captured German film shows enemy troops rushing across a Belgian road blocked with American vehicles, artillery and armored weapons.



German soldiers run down the shoulder of a road past burning American armored vehicles. Picture taken during first few days of German counter-blow.

couple of cocky Wehrmacht officers looking at road signs showing that its only a couple of kilometers to St. Vith, Bastogne, Malmédy or some other town which a short time before had been deep behind the American lines.

The pictures also show a strong tendency to stress the sight of slain American soldiers, intended to demonstrate what happens to enemies of the Reich. However, they also show what finally stopped the breakthrough.

It's a simple thing but it's evident in almost every picture.

Perhaps the Berlin newspaper readers noted that the tank commander's body faces the same direction as the muzzle of his 75. His tank was crippled and burning and the position of his body leaves no doubt he was using the tank as stationary artillery before the final enemy shell struck the turret.

If they look closely they will notice that the bodies of the three dead artillerymen face the same direction as the gun's barrel. Also, that barrel is depressed so low it is almost parallel to the ground.

Heavy artillery is not meant to fight point-blank but the position of that barrel made it obvious the three artillerymen had been firing at something they could see with the naked eye—firing until they could fire no more.

Thanks, Mr. Hemingway Archie Gets Hep in a Hurry

By Joe Weston
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH FOURTH INF. DIV.—Credit writer Ernest Hemingway with an assist, Pvt. Archie Pelky, of Canton, N. J., with a hit and the Nazis with an error. The box score follows:

When the Jerries recently crowded Luxembourg City so tight that Fourth Div. MPs, cooks and jeep drivers were sent to man the rifle companies on the line, Pvt. Pelky, jeep driver assigned by PRO to Hemingway, was one of those selected to become an over-night infantryman. Pelky had never actually seen combat. He asked Hemingway for advice.

"Fight like hell," said Hemingway, "dig a hole and be ready to take over if the lieutenant gets knocked off."

Next day, Pvt. Pelky hit the line. He was handed a bazooka and told to "find a tank." He had never fired a bazooka before but he learned damn fast when a Nazi medium started for his squad.

The second day found Pelky a machine-gunner. He'd never fired that either. He caught on fast.

The third day he replaced a wounded BAR-man. Needless to say, he hadn't ever fired a BAR either.

The Jerries were stopped cold and Luxembourg saved. But Pelky didn't get back to the wheel of Hemingway's jeep.

He got trench foot.

GIs Hold Fire, Wipe Out Nazis

WITH FOURTH INF. DIV.—A small group of tankmen, engineers and tank destroyer men of the 4th Inf. Div. wiped out a Nazi company by waiting to see the whites of the German's eyes.

The Nazis were advancing along a draw in a "V" formation. The Yanks held their fire. As the enemy came within short range, Lt. Marvin C. Weber, of Lincoln, Neb., and the 70th Tank Bn., gave the order.

The Yanks mowed down every member of the German company except one man who was taken prisoner.

Fourth Div. infantrymen, crossing the battle scene the following day, counted the German dead. Their stiff, snow-covered bodies formed a crude "V"—but not for victory.

Loss of Guns, Ammo Light in Battle of Bulge

Although forced to evacuate stores of ammo, tanks, guns and trucks during the German drive through Belgium, ordnance troops assigned to the U.S. First Army saved all but a small quantity of tank tracks and 2,000 tons of ammo of standard U.S. caliber which will do the Germans little good.

Ordered to "evacuate, but stay in business" by Col. J. B. Medaris, of Cincinnati, First Army Ordnance Chief, the 15,000 troops worked day and night moving material out of reach of the Germans. They set up new dumps and, in many instances, some troops manned road blocks and held off the enemy with bazookas and small arms while the others moved equipment.

Still other crews continued to service and repair damaged vehicles and to issue ammo and guns as requisitioned.

Contact by Radio

Contact between working units, combat battalions and headquarters was maintained by a two-way radio set.

The 2,000 men of the 310th Ord. Bn. under Maj. Lyman O. Heldtke, of St. Paul, and Col. Nelson M. Lynde, of Denver, aided by 150 Belgian infantrymen, held off the Nazis for nearly two days until reserve units arrived.

The 202nd Ord. Depot Co., operating an advance point near St. Vith, moved out 400 of 600 tons of supplies one afternoon and then went back the next day and hauled the remaining 200 tons to safety. Capt. Richard S. Payne, of Hartford, Conn., was in charge.

Save Locomotives

The 100th Ord. Ammo Bn., under Maj. Alfred G. Garr, of Charlotte, N.C., evacuated 110 wagon loads of ammo from a railroad, together with nine truck loads of demolition supplies, 800 men and seven Belgian locomotives.

In a three-day period, 3,500 Negro troops of the 71st Ord. Gp., evacuated three ammo points under fire. The 590th Ord. Bn. completed 4,000 repair jobs although forced to evacuate. Lt. Col. George H. Wells, of Waukesha, Wis. was in charge.

At one ammo supply point, men of the 57th Ord. Ammo Co. were issuing ammo to troops on one of the storage areas and fighting the Germans on the other. Capt. Jack C. Carstarphen, of Ft. Worth, is CO of the 57th.

Rundstedt and Crew Map Strategy



Field Marshals Gert von Rundstedt (right) and Walther von Model (left) are the brains of the German Army. This picture, radioed to London from Stockholm, shows Rundstedt and Model conferring with two staff officers.

Four Bulge Fighters Draw 30-Day Furloughs in States

By Pat Mitchell
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THIRD ARMY, Jan. 7—They were safe now. They were going home.

In the smoky cellar of a farmhouse in the Bastogne salient four soldiers sat relaxed around a red hot stove and luxuriated in their sudden freedom while they awaited transportation to Paris and home for a 30-day combat leave.

T/5 Edward Wood, of Nashville Tenn., pulled off his Red Cross-made helmet, and said:

"It just can't be. For four days I haven't slept. It's been awful rough with Jerry counter-attacking all the time and the snow and cold. It just can't be."

Rescued Wounded Under Fire

Wood, company aid man for an armored infantry battalion, had been German started for getting five wounded GIs through enemy fire in the Saar River fight. He got the Purple Heart after being slashed by 88 shrapnel in the Saargemines battle. He dressed his own wounds and went on rescuing and returning wounded men.

Lt. Leroy D. McManis, of Wellston, Ohio, squinted through the cellar smoke, his eyes no longer probing for danger. "I haven't seen my wife for two years," he said. "When I left her we had only been married two weeks. I'm safe now and anxious to see her again."

McManis, a firm exponent of the theory that the war can't be won without Irishmen fighting in it, got the Purple Heart in the Saar area. He is now the company's executive officer.

Couldn't Believe It

T/Sgt. Herman J. Johnson, of Greenwood, Ark., a platoon sergeant, stared at orders which would send him home by plane to his wife and boy. "When the runner told me I was picked I didn't believe him," he said. "How the hell you gonna believe a guy when Jerry is throwing every thing at you and all you can do is sit in your damn freezing hole in the ground."

T/5 Byron J. Cameron, of Daniels, Conn., a service company driver with a Bronze Star for capturing 70 Jerries in the Brest area, smiled, and said:

"This time yesterday I was getting ready for my nightly run through the front lines dropping off water, ammo and grub. One week from now I will be sitting at home with my whole family. No snow, no cold, no burp guns or screaming meemies for 30 days —jeez! I can't believe it."

11 of 18 Tanks Blasted by TDs

WITH NINTH ARMORED DIV.—Eleven out of 18 German tanks that moved in to spearhead the Germans' attack near Litzkampen, Germany, south of St. Vith, Belgium, were knocked out and the others dispersed by the guns of Company C of the 899th Tank Destroyer Bn., attached to the Ninth Arm'd Div.

The TDs, commanded by Lt. Col. Albert R. Brownfield, had gone into the town and were moving to a position on a ridge nearby soon after dark on December 16 when they discovered the Nazis already had occupied the area.

Huge searchlights of the Nazi Panzers silhouetted some of their own vehicles and the destroyers maneuvered into position and opened fire.

S/Sgt. Bertram C. Coulter, of Chester, Pa., said the enemy sent mortar and artillery fire into the area all night and all the next day.

The American units were hit from the center and flanks simultaneously and several of the TDs were badly damaged. However, those remaining intact covered the infantry and slugged it out until their ammunition was exhausted.

They withdrew, using small arms fire to cover themselves.

Queen Elizabeth in Boston



The Queen Elizabeth, largest ship afloat, is shown here at the Boston Navy yard which she entered for refurbishing recently. This is one of the few pictures taken of the British vessel since she was converted to a troop carrier.

Threat of Panic Fading Away In Strasbourg

By Ralph G. Martin
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH U.S. SEVENTH ARMY, Jan. 7—The near-panic among civilians of northern Alsace in the last three days as a result of recent German advances appeared to be subsiding today.

In Strasbourg, Rhine River capital of Alsace, the people stopped hauling down French flags from their windows. Whereas in the last few days they had thronged the streets and roads leading from the city, today they were more quiet, following assuring announcements from a portable loudspeaker which toured the city streets.

The civilians "G-2" in Alsace was the informal, fast-traveling kind which was dangerous because it received little or no factual confirmation or denial along the line.

Allied Flags Disappear

Allied flags, which had waved in profusion from the houses of nearly every town and village, almost completely disappeared.

Civilians stood at crossroads counting our vehicles, noting whether they were loaded and which way they were going.

Presumably they thought they were able to dope out the tide of battle by the direction our equipment was travelling.

A column of tanks heading toward the front brought cheers and often a string of wayside civilians dropped in behind it, returning to their abandoned homes.

Heroes of Hurtgen Forest Quite Willing to Forget It

WITH EIGHTH INF. DIV., GERMANY.—"The battle of Hurtgen Forest was supercharged hell!" That's how I/Lt. Jack R. Melton, of Co. I of the 121st Inf. Reg., summed up the campaign for Hurtgen Forest, west of the Roer River.

"The whole damn place was alive with mines," Melton recalled. "The Kraut artillery and mortar were the heaviest I've ever ducked. And to top it off, the weather was just what Adolf wanted—two weeks of rain and snow."

The tall Texan from Dallas told how the company jumped off one rainy dawn:

"We got only a few hundred yards when we ran into mines. Snipers fired from the edge of the woods. Then it came—the kitchen sink and all. Jerry threw in 120 mortars and 150 artillery. Everyone reserved himself a nice chunk of crater hole."

"It was the damndest feeling of helplessness. We couldn't move ahead without a mine popping off or drawing mortar fire. The engineers made several attempts to get through but were unsuccessful."

Flushed Out Jerries

"Finally a patrol led by Lt. Stanley Schwartz, S/Sgt. Johnny Mink, Pvt. Harold Trusty and Pvt. Jessie Stevens pulled the company through. It was one helluva series of hand-to-hand battles."

"The Germans were always hidden in pillboxes or behind log bunkers. Artillery couldn't touch them, so our doughboys guided tanks to the bunker flanks and flushed out the Krauts by the hundreds."

Melton paused and reflected, "But it was not just the fellow firing the Garand who was the hero. Take those boys carrying supplies through that hellish forest for over 4,000 yards. It took our litter-bearers six hours to evacuate one casualty."

"And somebody should write a book of the work of the wiremen. Our battalion wire section laid over 400 miles of wire in an area extending over 3,100 yards."

"I'm with all my boys when they say history may remember this battle of Hurtgen Forest but we'd rather forget it."

Beer, Soft Drink Stands Planned By PX Service

Refreshment centers serving soft drinks and beer will be established in Army areas in France under the Army Exchange Service. It has been announced. Beer also may go on PX rations in 1945.

The beer, at two francs a glass, will be similar to French and Belgian brews, and it is hoped to raise alcoholic content to 3.2 percent. Beer and soft drinks will come from Army inspected sources.

Experimental centers in Belgium and Holland, two of them off limits to officers, proved successful. Soldiers were allowed to entertain their girls, and sandwiches were served free.

Beer will be sold to U.S. troops on a ration allowance of six 12-ounce bottles or 72 ounces of beer per week. This will operate under rules governing the PX through ration cards issued to individuals.

Army Exchange heads explained the plan as one intended to offer soldiers a substitute for questionable "joints" in combat areas.

Unarmed Recon Pilot Outwits Four Germans

Lt. James M. Poole Jr., of Statesville, N.C., was making a camera run over Euskirchen recently with his unarmed P38 photo reconnaissance plane when four FW190s jumped him.

He dove and succeeded in out-distancing all but one. He roared up into a 90-degree vertical climb topped off by an Immelman. When he looked down, he saw the FW190 spinning toward the earth and moments later it hit and exploded. The pilot, unable to make the pull-up, had gone into a spin.

Hotfoot, Latest U.S. 'Secret' Weapon



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo. It's the ordnance's job to get equipment running again and that's just what they did with this German tank. Men of Co. B, 129th Ord. Bn., are shown riding atop the reconditioned tank which was knocked out near Gersonsweiler, Germany.

Nazi Tiger Tank Falls Victim To Trick

WITH SECOND INF. DIV.—There are more ways than one to get a Nazi Tiger tank. For instance, there's the burn-out or "hotfoot" method.

Somewhere in Belgium, Second Div. infantrymen poured the contents of a five-gallon can of gasoline down the exhaust pipe of a disabled tank and dropped a match down the vent the Nazis climbed out on the double.

Two Texans, S/Sgt. Odis Bone, of

Yanks Find More Ways Than One to Halt Tigers

Melissa, and S/Sgt. Charley L. Roberts, of Lometa, collaborated to stop another Tiger tank. Gasoline and white phosphorus bombs did the trick.

Infantrymen in a jeep which carried a 50cal. machine-gun, chased one tank into the path of a TD and S/Sgt. Joseph Busi, of Saltburg, Pa., accounted for another with rifle grenades. He hit the bulls-eye—a spot where the turret fits into the hull—freezing the turret so the cannon couldn't swing around.

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

NO athletic body in the wide world can approach consistently the inconsistent record of the AAU. And this includes the comical New York Boxing Commission and PGA lesser luminaries in the wrong way Corrigan league.

The current pitched battle is between AAU Secretary Dan Ferris and tiny Hamline University of St. Paul. The right hon. Mr. Ferris spouted off like a seasoned first sergeant when informed Hamline's basketball team included the Brooklyn Dodgers' Howie Schultz and Rochester's Rollie Seltz. Teams facing Hamline would lose their amateur standing, Ferris warned.

THEN in keeping with the customary AAU Snafu policy, "special permission" was granted to CCNY to appear in the Garden opposite the dastardly professionals from Hamline. "The game was scheduled in good faith months ago," Ferris declared.

Ferris threatened to lower the boom on other teams treating Hamline's "rascals" like gentlemen, including quintets which preceded CCNY on the St. Paul team's schedule. Apparently "good faith" applies only to the spacious Garden where turnstiles click a merry financial tune.

Hamline's coach, Joe Hutton, blew his top yesterday when Westminster College of New Wilmington, Pa., canceled the Feb. 8th game in Boston.

"THE AAU openly and brazenly promotes the most flagrantly professional 'amateur' basketball event in the country the annual AAU tourney," Hutton fumed. "If Ferris is so alert, how is it half a dozen professional baseball players played 'amateur' basketball in New York a year ago without awakening him from his dreams?"



Howie Schultz

It's true Ferris could have cleaned shop without disturbing harmless Hamline. We knew one fellow (name furnished on request) who played for four different colleges, in two AAU tournaments, played three years of semi-pro and professional basketball, then turned up at a Midwestern school as a freshman.

This particular gent, in case Ferris wants to know, played for two years—including twice in the Garden—then left school for another whirl at bonafide pro activity. He didn't bother to change his name even once.

Recall Ruth Drive When Root Signs

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 7.—Al Banister, president of the Columbus Redbirds of the American Association tonight announced that Charley Root, former Chicago Cubs' right-handed pitcher, will manage Columbus next season. Root succeeds Nick Cullop, who resigned to take over the reins of the Milwaukee Brewers.

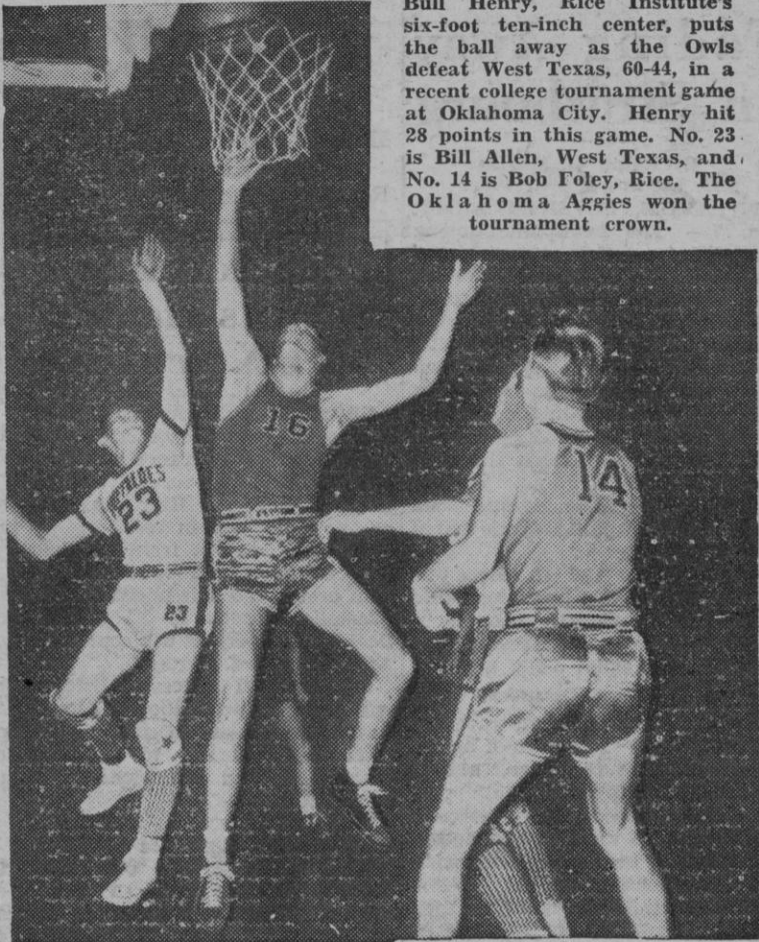
Root achieved fame in reverse during the 1932 World Series against the Yankees when Babe Ruth, with two strikes on him and the crowd booing lustily, pointed to the centerfield stands and belted Root's next pitch right where he said he would.

Bozich Wins Ice Title

DETROIT, Jan. 7.—Vince Bozich, Michigan's No. 1 speed skater, swept the last two events to capture the men's senior title in the Midwest Open skating championship at Belle Isle. Bernice Melewski, of West Allis, Wis., took the women's crown.

Baker Sold to White Sox
ST. LOUIS, Jan. 7.—The St. Louis Browns sold Floyd Baker, utility infielder, to the Chicago White Sox in a straight cash deal, the front office announced today.

Dunking One for the Rice Owls



Bull Henry, Rice Institute's six-foot ten-inch center, puts the ball away as the Owls defeat West Texas, 60-44, in a recent college tournament game at Oklahoma City. Henry hit 28 points in this game. No. 23 is Bill Allen, West Texas, and No. 14 is Bob Foley, Rice. The Oklahoma Aggies won the tournament crown.

Posthumous Award To Maj. Griffith

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 7.—The posthumous selection of Maj. John L. Griffith, former Big Ten Commissioner, as football's "Man of the Year," was announced today by the Football Writers' Association of America.

The late commissioner emerged by a narrow margin over Carroll Widdoes, coach of Ohio State's undefeated eleven, and Gen. Hap Arnold, AAF commander. Others nominated by the selection committee were Col. Earl "Red" Blaik, Army coach, and Les Horvath, Ohio State's All-America back.

Jug McSpaden Putts for Tie

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 7.—Harold "Jug" McSpaden, of Philadelphia, and Ray Mangrum, of this city, were tied at the end of 36 holes in the Los Angeles Open with scores of 140, two under par. Mangrum took an early lead, but McSpaden, one of the late finishers, dropped a ten-foot putt on the 18th hole to gain a tie. McSpaden had two 70s, while Mangrum had a 69 yesterday and a 71 in the first round.

Johnny Revolva, with 70, 71, was in second place. Sammy Byrd, former New York Yankee outfielder; George Schneitler, of Salt Lake City, and Pvt. Leland Givson, of Randolph Field, were tied for third with 142.

Byron Nelson, of Toledo; Ellsworth Vines, of Denver; Len Dodson, of Kansas City, and Claude Harmon, of Gross Point, Mich., were all deadlocked at 143.

Ten Paris Bouts Scheduled Tonight

Ten GI bouts comprise the card tonight for the seventh boxing show sponsored by the Red Cross and Special Service at Palais de Glace. The first bout is scheduled at 7:30 PM.

The 19th Reinforcement outfit furnishes most of the talent with Timmy Seals, heavyweight from New Orleans, in the feature bout with Johnny Murdoch, Ninth AF fighter from Philadelphia. Besides Seals, the 19th has eight other representatives billed for action.

The Program:

Steve Ampellas, 125, San Antonio, Tex., vs. Harvey Matthews, 128, Detroit; Lee Guessford, 135, Hagerstown, Md., vs. Willie Boyd, 132, Houston, Tex.; John Thompson, 156, New York City, vs. P.H. Porter, 160, Sacramento, Calif.; Nick Demesco, 145, New York City, vs. Charles Siler, 148, Los Angeles; Glenn Harbaugh, 135, Calumet, Pa., vs. Charles Battey, 135, New York City; Don Slimmer, 145, Los Angeles, vs. Lyle Gupton, 148, Miles City, Mont.; Tommy Hogan, 135, Alberta, Canada, vs. Earl Martin, 135, New York City; Vern LaCross, 153, San Francisco, vs. Grover Walker, 152, Chicago; Jimmy Johnson, 175, Fort Worth, Tex., vs. Fred McKenzie, 175, Chicago.

GI Game Called Off

The "Champagne Bowl" football game between Second AADA and SHAEF, scheduled yesterday at Parc des Princes Stadium, was called off because of the unplayable condition of the field. No definite date has been set for their meeting.

Purdue Upsets Ohio State In Big Ten Contest, 37-36

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 7.—Ohio State's defending Big Ten basketball champions were upset, 37-36, by Purdue here last night, the Boilermakers coming from behind three times

to win their conference inaugural. Myrwin Anderson, smallest man on the court, threw in the deciding field goal to end the nip-and-tuck game.

Paul Hoffman's great floor work was an important factor in Purdue's triumph. The Boilermakers rallied after trailing, 10-3, to take a 22-19 halftime lead. Another late rally caused the Buckeyes' first conference defeat.

Wildcats Crush Badgers

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 7.—Northwestern started its conference season with a 52-37 victory over Wisconsin before 11,000 fans. Center Max Morris scored 21 points to lead the Wildcats.

The Badgers held a 17-16 lead at the half, but were handicapped by the loss of Ray Patterson, scoring star, who was ill.

Northwestern's fast break built up a 14-point lead early in the second half.

Iowa Beats Minnesota

IOWA CITY, Ia., Jan. 7.—Iowa's Hawkeyes opened their quest for the Big Ten crown with a 41-34 cage triumph over Minnesota, Led

by Clayton Wilkinson, who scored 15 points, and Dick Ives, with 11, Iowa grabbed a 21-12 halftime lead.

The Gophers threatened in the second half when Tomczyk threw in nine points, but the Hawkeyes had enough to withstand the rally.

Michigan Tops Illini

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Jan. 7.—Michigan's basketball team downed Illinois, 43-38, overcoming a 20-17 Illini lead at the intermission.

Bob Geahan sparked the Wolverines' second-half rally with 11 points with Don Lund, who netted 13 for high-scoring honors, sharing in the glory. Walter Kirk hit 11 points for the losers.

St. John's Wins Seventh

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—St. John's College of Brooklyn won its seventh game of the season by defeating Rhode Island's "runners," 66-58, in the feature game of a double-header at Madison Square Garden. New York University defeated Connecticut, 73-45, in the opener before 18,000 fans.

NYU broke its previous Garden scoring record, established against Missouri in 1940, when it trimmed the weak Nutmeggers. Al Grenert, former Marine, was high with 19 points.

Sailors Nip Irish, 59-58

GREAT LAKES, Ill., Jan. 7.—Two long baskets by Mickey McGuire in the last three minutes handed Great Lakes a 59-58 victory over the Notre Dame quintet. The Bluejackets led, 30-27, at the half.

Triumph for Washington

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 7.—The University of Washington defeated Oregon State College, 42-22, making a runaway of the game after Hal Puddy and Red Rocha, of the visitors, departed via fouls.

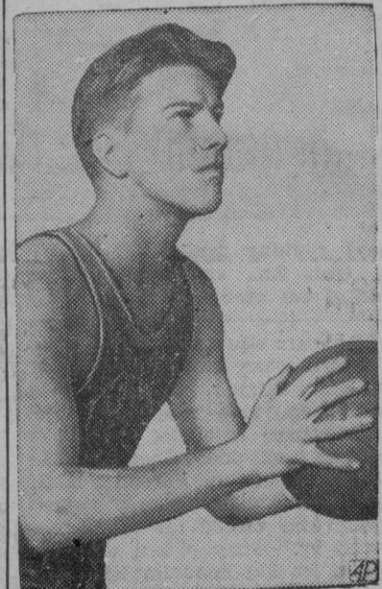
Oregon Beats Idaho

MOSCOW, Idaho, Jan. 7.—The University of Oregon Webfeet repulsed a belated Idaho rally to shade their conference rivals, 41-38.

Mel Queen Takes Physical

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Jan. 7.—Mel Queen, New York Yankee righthander, took his physical exam today and, although no result was announced, the pitcher was confident he would be accepted. Queen, 26 years old, is the father of two children. He won six games in the Yankees' futile drive for the pennant.

Sharpshooter



Dick Ives

Key man on the Iowa U. basketball varsity. Ives last season, as a freshman, paced the Big Ten Conference in scoring with 208 points in 12 games. He's six feet three inches tall, weighs 180 lbs.

Canucks Blast Hawks, Wings Maintain Pace

MONTREAL, Jan. 7.—Celebrating their 35th anniversary as a hockey organization, the Montreal Canadiens maintained their National Hockey League lead by blasting the Chicago Black Hawks, 10-1, here last night.

The Canadiens used three front lines equally well, each line making three goals and the third setting up the tenth score by defenseman Butch Bouchard.

Kenny Mosedell led the scoring with three goals, Fern Gauthier netted two and assisted on Bouchard's tally, and Lach, Blake and Richard scored for Line No. 1.

Rush Brayshaw made the only Chicago goal, teaming with Joe Cooper in the third period when the Canadiens were a man short.

Wings Hot on Trail

TORONTO, Jan. 7.—Spectacular goaltending by Harry Lumley, Detroit youngster, thwarted the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Red Wings triumphed, 5-2, to keep pace with the Montreal Canadiens in the battle for first place. It was the fifth time in six games this season the Wings had defeated the Leafs, the other game ending in a tie.

Detroit clinched the game in the first period when Earl Seibert, recently acquired from the Chicago Black Hawks; Tony Bukovich, Herb Lindsey and Jud McAttee scored in less than ten minutes. Syd Howe racked up the fifth goal.

Hockey Standings

National League				
	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	18	5	2	38
Detroit	16	6	4	36
Toronto	13	9	2	28
Boston	9	13	1	19
New York	4	13	6	14
Chicago	3	17	3	9

American League				
Saturday Night Scores				
Hershey	6	Providence	5	
Buffalo	3	Pittsburgh	2	
Cleveland	7	St. Louis	3	

EASTERN DIVISION				
	W	L	T	Pts
Buffalo	17	12	4	38
Hershey	16	13	4	36
Providence	11	17	2	24

WESTERN DIVISION				
	W	L	T	Pts
Indianapolis	15	8	10	40
Cleveland	16	8	5	37
Pittsburgh	14	15	4	32
St. Louis	5	21	3	13

McLaughry to Return As Dartmouth Coach

HANOVER, N. H., Jan. 7.—Tuss McLaughry, Dartmouth football coach in 1941 and 1942, will return to tutor the Big Green eleven next season. Tuss enlisted in the Marines two years ago and he'll be discharged officially Feb. 1, just about the time his coaching "stand-in," Earl Brown, will enter the Navy.

McLaughry coached Brown University's football teams for 15 years before transferring to Dartmouth after the 1940 season. His team will have a tough schedule to tackle in 1945, including an Oct. 13 game with Notre Dame.

Basketball Scores

Akron 57, Ohio Wesleyan 49.	Norfolk Naval 61, Fort Bragg 35.
Arkansas 90, Baylor 30.	Norman Naval 34, Oklahoma Aggies 31.
Albright 64, Kutztown 43.	NYU 73, Connecticut 45.
Bowling Green 69, Oberlin 58.	Northwestern 52, Wisconsin 37.
Baldwin College 65, Miami (O.) 51.	Oregon 41, Idaho 38.
Bethany 49, Fairmount Tchrs. 36.	Penn 55, Cornell 47.
Cape Girardeau 48, Arkansas State 15.	Purdue 37, Ohio State 36.
Canisius 46, Colgate 35.	Perry Tchrs. 37, Culver Stockton 36.
Capital 66, Rio Grande 31.	Pittsburgh (Kansas) 58, Washburn 55.
Columbia 51, Dartmouth 33.	Rice 53, Texas Aggies 22.
Bucknell 40, Franklin-Marshall 33.	Sampson Naval 55, Hobart 23.
Detroit 55, Fort Wayne 32.	Southern Methodist 53, Texas 41.
Duke 51, Maryland 24.	Stevens 49, Union 32.
Denison 54, Port Columbus 41.	St. John's 66, Rhode Island State 58.
Drake 40, Loras 34.	South Carolina 41, North Carolina 40.
Great Lakes 59, Notre Dame 58.	St. Thomas 46, St. Olaf 43.
Hamline 68, So. Dakota State 31.	Temple 62, Syracuse 33.
Haverford 44, Drexel 25.	Trinity 50, Williams 43.
Iowa 41, Minnesota 34.	Tennessee 40, Marshall 28.
Iowa State 60, Kansas State 31.	Ursinus 35, Swarthmore 33.
Kentucky 59, Ohio U. 46.	Virginia 30, Richmond 24.
Lockbourne Air Base 59, Toledo 45.	Warburg 37, Coe 27.
Lubbock Air Base 38, Sheppard Field 30.	Wofford 37, High Point 34.
Lawrence 40, Concordia 38.	West Virginia 113, Salem 30.
Milwaukee Tchrs. 54, Lacrosse Tchrs. 34.	Westminster 81, Mexico U. 39.
Muhlenberg 32, Villanova 20.	Western Michigan 48, Marquette 45.
Michigan 43, Illinois 38.	Wayne 74, Michigan Normal 48.
	Washington 42, Oregon State 22.

They're Back!

Take a look, ladies and gentlemen, take a look. They're all here—Li'l Abner, Terry and the Pirates, and Dick Tracy. Never no more to roam. Although Detective Tracy had a hard time grunding 'em up, (he's modest about it) he gives the credit to Jane. He said anybody who wouldn't come home to look at that is a coward.

Hash Marks

Overheard in a ward. "Nurse, what makes you think that patient was a hard drinker?" "He just tried to blow the foam off his medicine."

GI observation. Some gals' skirts are fitting and proper. Others are just fitting.

Said the Chaplain to the operator, as he placed a long-distance call to a fellow Chaplain: "Id like to make a Parson to Parson call."

GI observation: A gal who knows she is not the only pebble on the beach is usually a little boulder.

An Arkansas GI, somewhere in Belgium, says a Belgique waffle is nothing but a GI pancake with a nonskid tread.

Favorite gag of T/4 Francis F Reed: a GI from the deep south was sweating out KP. Lifting his suds-soaked hands from the dish-



pan, he observed with vigor, "KP must have been installed by that Yankee General Grant. I know damn well Robert E. Lee never did this to 'his' boys!"

Silly story. A Victor Lasky tells us about the over-optimistic bull-fighter who puts mustard on his sword.

A gal, complaining of a back-ache was advised by her chum to visit a masseur. "What's that?" She asked. Said her chum, "A guy who pinches you all over." "Oh," sighed the gal, "You mean a Marine."

The present meat shortage prompted our spy on the home front to comment: "The guy who gets married now may be able to keep most of his promises—but not the one to bring home the bacon."

Another tale of the Sad Sack. His girl wouldn't marry him when he was drunk and he wouldn't marry her when he was sober.

Frontline fable. Asked by one of his men if he were going to retreat, a Nazi officer replied, "You know Germans never retreat—we must advance in the direction from which we just came."

Is it true that there is a gunner over here from Brooklyn who refuses to carry his tommy gun without a violin case because it makes him feet conspicuous?

Afterthought. The only thing that seems to be able to stay in some people's heads longer than twelve hours is a cold.

A veteran of the last war reminds us: "In the days when a woodshed stood behind the American home a great deal of what now passes as juvenile delinquency was settled out of court."

Our spy on the home front says that housing conditions are so bad in Washington that people are sleeping in the churches on week-days, too.

Afterthought. The forward type of girl seems to be coming back. J. C. W.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



Terry And the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff



Abbie an' Slats

By Courtesy of United Features

By Raeburn Van Buren



Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate

By Chic Young



Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate Inc

By Chester Gould



Jane

By Courtesy of The London Daily Mirror

By Norman Pett



Germans Lost 7,000 Vehicles, Air Chief Says

The destruction of Nazi vehicles by Ninth AF fighter-bombers during the German drive into Belgium put "the equivalent of four enemy divisions on foot at a time when freedom of movement was imperative," Maj. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Ninth AF chief, declared last night.

In a radio broadcast, heard in America on the Army Hour, Vandenberg revealed that fighter-bombers of the Ninth have knocked out approximately 7,000—an estimated 30 percent—of the 20,000 to 30,000 vehicles Von Rundstedt had in the Belgian salient at the height of his drive.

Disclosing that the German strategy aimed at the capture of what they hoped would be huge stores of gasoline, he emphasized the role of tactical aircraft in blunting the German spearheads. "We have bottlenecked the enemy's supplies and throttled his offensive power—all at a cost of 201 American planes," he said.

Shot Down 500 Planes

Planes shot down nearly 500 aircraft during the 12 days of favorable weather since the offensive began. More than 15,000 sorties were flown and more than 1,000 tanks and armored vehicles and 3,000 freight cars were destroyed.

All rail bridges leading into the Bulge have been knocked out, he said, and enemy railheads forced 40 to 50 miles east into Germany. "These results," he declared, indicate that "battlefields that comprise whole nations can be and are being isolated, so that our ground forces can battle an enemy thirsty for gasoline, hungry for ammunition and sore of foot."

Canadians Trap Foe at Ravenna

ROME, Jan. 7 (UP).—Canadians, fanning out east and west from San Alberto, on the shores of Valli di Commachio, reached the Adriatic coast today and cut off several hundred Germans trapped in the swamp lands north of Ravenna.

Canadian tanks and infantry, proceeding up the isthmus separating Valli di Commachio from the sea and west of San Alberto, advanced so rapidly that the Germans, retreating hastily, collided with their own artillery moving up to support them. The crews of four field guns were captured.

Forts, Libs Bomb Nazi Supply Line

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hurling against Germany during the last three days, and has pounded German targets for 12 straight nights.

U.S. tactical air strength was grounded yesterday. Low-lying fog, snow and mists limited Ninth AF planes to a few reconnaissance flights. On the Seventh Army front, a total of four fighter-bombers of the First TAF flew through the fog to hit in the area of the German Rhine crossings northeast of Strasbourg.

In One Not-So-Easy Lesson

MP Becomes RR Engineer

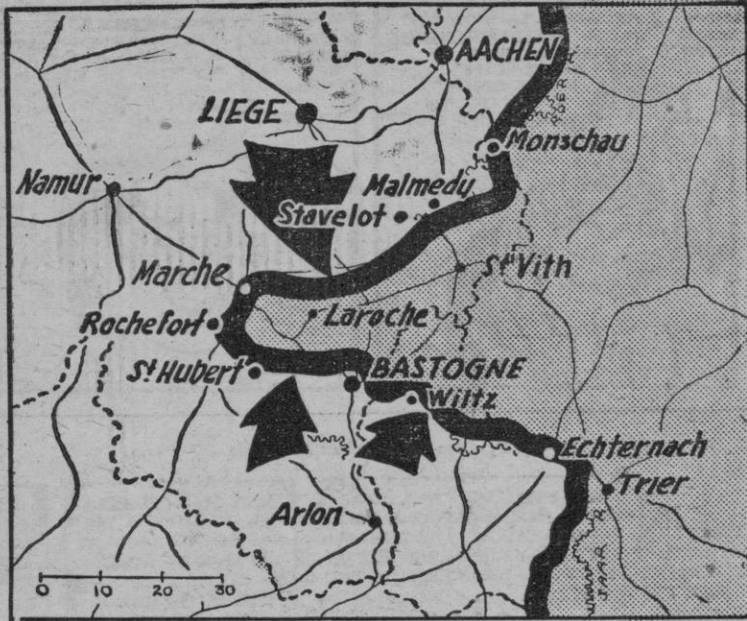
WITH U.S. SUPPLY FORCES IN FRANCE.—With boxcars of ammunition exploding around him, an Ohio MP climbed into a locomotive for the first time in his life and hauled 100 carloads of ammunition from a blazing railroad yard.

Shrapnel was hurtling for a half-mile around. The civilian railroaders had fled. When shell fragments landed in the motor pool where he was on duty, Cpl. Ralph L. Cooper, of Rutland, headed for the scene. He picked up a Frenchman who was willing to fire the locomotive.

Somehow he got it started, coupled onto a string of cars, pulled them out, uncoupled them and came back for more. He repeated this from midnight until six in the morning. Several times shrapnel pierced the locomotive's cab.

After a while tanks arrived to assist in clearing out the yards. "We needed those shells to beat the Jerry offensive," the corporal said. "My father used to run a locomotive so I figured I could, too."

Allied Claws Close on Salient



Anglo-American troops driving down from the north against the German salient in Belgium are only 10 miles from U.S. Third Army forces on the southern flank.

14th AF Bags 241 Jap Planes In Best Month in Its History

Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault reported in Chungking yesterday that despite the Japanese capture of 14 U.S. air bases in China, the 14th AF had its best month in its history in December, striking deeper into enemy territory than ever before, destroying 241 Japanese planes and 188,000 tons of shipping. Not one U.S. plane was lost in combat.

The news from the Pacific also included these week-end developments:

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced a U.S. landing on Fais Island in the western Carolines. Fais is 170 miles east of Yap, where the Japanese have a weather station, and between Guam and New Guinea.

Superfortresses from China bombed aircraft plants at Omura on the Japanese home island of Kyushu for the sixth time. One enemy fighter was destroyed, five probably destroyed and three damaged; one B29 was lost.

Luzon Blitz Continues

Gen. MacArthur's bombers and fighter-bombers continued their blitz against the main Philippine island of Luzon. They destroyed one locomotive, 100 freight cars and three railroad bridges and blasted airfields.

Tokyo reported that a U.S. fleet had entered the Lingayen Gulf and was bombarding the west coast of Luzon. The Japanese said their planes had been attacking the task force and made the fantastic claim that three aircraft carriers, one battleship, one cruiser and two other ships which were either battleships or cruisers had been "instantaneously sunk" and three carriers and two battleships or cruisers damaged.

Revising his score on the two-day carrier-plane raid at Formosa and Okinawa, Nimitz reported 111 Japanese planes shot down and 220 damaged, 25 ships sunk and 58 damaged.

He also disclosed a new shelling by U.S. warships of Iwajima, Haha and Chichijima in the Bonin Islands between Saipan and Japan.

Second War with 80th

T/5 Patrick J. Flanagan, of Erie, Pa., is fighting his second war with the 80th Inf. Div. During War I, he was a sergeant with the 80th's 313th MG Bn. This time he is company carpenter with the 780th Ord. Co.

Ten Divisions North of Bulge

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forces coming down from the north, they helped to prevent German attempts to swing north from their initial breakthrough.

The Seventh Armored, for example, is credited with holding St. Vith for three days longer than expected, thereby contributing materially to the eventual stopping of the counter-offensive.

Withdrew to South

The Ninth Armored Div., also hit by the initial German assault, withdrew to the south to join other forces.

While the enemy drive was still pushing westward, the First, Second, Ninth and 99th Inf. Div. prevented a breakthrough in the Munschau area, the 30th held the La Ambleve River from Malmédy to Stoumont and with a Third Armored unit wiped out a German pocket at La Lieze.

The 82nd Airborne and Seventh Armored, together with other elements, meanwhile held a line west through Mahay to Grandmenil. Each of the towns commanded lateral roads needed by the Germans for supplies, as well as for direct route approaches to Liège.

Skidded to West

The Nazis' westward progress was marked by a series of attacks northward, which, when beaten off, skidded to the west. This movement was brought to a halt when the Second and Third Armored Div., 82nd Airborne and 83rd Inf. Div. swung in front of the enemy.

The 83rd captured Rochefort, the 84th took Marche, the Second Armored stopped and almost annihilated an SS panzer unit and the Third Armored hit the line at Hotten.

The 18th Airborne Corps, at the time of the breakthrough, controlled the 82nd and 101st Airborne Div. but 24 hours after being alerted on Dec. 18, Gen. Ridgway and his staff directed the 82nd to Werbomont, north of Mahay, while the 101st was dispatched to Bastogne.

London Foreign Office Warns Against Rumors

LONDON, Jan. 7 (AP).—An outburst of alarmist rumors caused the Foreign Office today to issue an official warning to the public to "get your news authoritatively through the press—such rumors are likely to be of enemy origin."

Various rumors circulating here since Saturday, all of them false, have reported Prime Minister Churchill and Gen. Eisenhower dead.

Speak Polite German To Capture More PW's

WITH 90th DIV.—Chaplain Edgar Stohler of Ipava, Ill., who has captured several German Siegfried Line pillboxes by talking the enemy into surrender, said that if GIs could talk better German, they probably could capture more Germans.

"Most of the time GIs, in shouting to the enemy to come out and surrender, so manage the language that the Germans think the Americans are cursing them, and they fight that much harder," he said.

Yanks Narrow Bulge Pincers

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head which the German communique said was at Wanssum, 12 miles north of Venlo. SHAEF reported that the crossing gained the enemy's initial objective, which was immediately counter-attacked by British troops.

The scene of the heaviest fighting in Alsace, meanwhile, shifted from the enemy salient at Bitche as the Germans increased pressure on the American and French forces holding the plains between the Rhine and the Vosges.

In the wake of reports that civilians were evacuating Strasbourg, the Germans reinforced their bridgehead across the Rhine by at least five tanks and an undetermined number of infantrymen which were ferried across the river.

The bridgehead is now known to be at least six miles wide and three miles deep, placing the Germans within 10 miles of Strasbourg and only six miles from the important communications center of Haguenau, which Seventh Army troops fought so hard to take a few weeks ago.

Congress Favors FDR's Message

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legislation if he really needed it," Martin said.

AFL President William Green declared his organization was strongly opposed to compulsory service. Green said, "We doubt the need for such legislation. We fear it will create confusion and adversely affect morale and hinder the smooth functioning of war production. It may result in decreased efficiency and lower individual production."

Hailed in London

More general approval greeted the President's request for legislation to use the nation's 4Fs in the war effort and permit the induction into the armed forces of urgently needed nurses.

In London, Lord Beaverbrook's Sunday Express hailed Roosevelt's declaration that "we propose to stand together with the United Nations as an association not of governments but of peoples."

Even the Berlin radio reacted. It said the Allies are united in an aim to break Germany's spine and with it the spine of Europe.

P51 Pilot, Hanging from Tree, Wonders How He Got There

EIGHTH AIR FORCE HQ, Jan. 7 (UP).—2/Lt. Emory Taylor, a Mustang pilot from Austin, Tex., was knocked unconscious in his plane in the air and came to halt an hour later hanging from the limb of a tree with the ripcord of his chute still unpulled.

Flying his fourth combat mission with the 352nd Mustang group he developed engine trouble and headed toward the Allied lines for an emergency landing.

German ack-ack batteries punctured a wing, then a burst knocked out the rudder control. Twice Taylor tried to jump, but the wind forced him back into the cockpit, the second time cracking his head against the armor plate and knocking him out.

"When I came to half-an-hour later I was suspended from the

Monty Praises GIs, Calls Nazi Drive a Failure

By Dan Regan

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
SOMEWHERE IN BELGIUM, Jan. 7.—Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery declared today that the German counter-offensive was a failure and paid high tribute to the American troops he now commands—"first class fighting chaps"—to whom he gave full credit for beating it back.

"I never want to fight alongside better soldiers," Montgomery said. And "let me tell you about the captain of our team, Gen. Eisenhower. I am absolutely devoted to Ike. It grieves me when I see uncomplimentary articles about him in the British press."

In his first press conference since taking command of all the Allied forces north of the bulge, Montgomery appeared optimistic and in high humor, and for the first time in the memory of the correspondents he urged them to "light up."

Names Three Stands

Montgomery praised all the American forces involved in the battle but specifically named the forces in three places along the Ardennes front where the Germans hit hardest:

The U.S. Seventh Armored Division's stand at St. Vith when "this lone armored division stood off an entire panzer army."

The stand at the all-important road junction town of Bastogne by the 101st Airborne Div.

The rally of several U.S. divisions on the northern or Munschau hinge of the breakthrough, including the 82nd Airborne Division's drive to reach the Seventh Armored.

When he was placed in charge of the troops north of the bulge, Montgomery related, he consulted with Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges of the First Army regarding the isolated units around St. Vith.

"I think we ought to get those chaps back—they've done their stuff, brave men," he told Hodges.

Protested Withdrawal

The 82nd was ordered to advance to rescue them. It established contact and most of the Americans were withdrawn from the pocket. Then the 82nd was ordered to pull back to a better defensive line.

"They protested most vigorously," Montgomery recounted, "But they came out with all honor. I'm willing to take off my hat to them."

Montgomery said that Marshal von Rundstedt had been "headed off" and "seen off" and was now being "written off."

"I would say he has not been able to take advantage of his initial success," Montgomery commented. "He's been seen off."

French Will Preserve Nazi Massacre Scene

LIMOGES, France, Jan. 7 (AP).—The ruins of Oradour-sur-Glane, where some 800 men, women and children were massacred by the Germans last summer as reprisal against Maquis activity, will be preserved as a national monument "to German barbarism," it was announced today.

limb of a tree," he said. "The ring of the ripcord was still in place, but the chute and shroud lines had become entangled in the branches holding me ten-feet off the ground. My clothes were ripped to shreds and I was scratched and bruised. I still don't know how I managed to get out of the plane. Probably the chute pack split open when I was hurled against the armor plate and blossomed out of its own accord when I was falling toward the ground."

Taylor freed himself and made his way to an aid station where the medics told him they saw him tumble out of the plane and land in the tree. "We thought you were a German paratrooper, but the area round the tree was so thickly mined that we didn't think it necessary to investigate," they said.