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"The average replacement we are getting now is intelligent, well trained, has plenty of discipline."
—Lt. Col. J. T. Corley, 1st. Div.

"If we fail to shatter the enemy's power now, the job will have to be done all over again within 20 years."
—Forrestal, Navy Secretary.

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Patton Retakes 13 Towns

Hammers Nazi Bulge from South As Air Power Cuts Enemy Lifeline

Master Race



Signal Corps Photo

Wearing a shelter-half and just about everything else he could carry on his short frame, this dejected German waits to be processed for a prison camp on the First Army Front.

Medic Captures 18 Nazis While Flat on His Back

WITH FOURTH INF. DIV., GERMANY.—It was all a misunderstanding, but when everything had quieted down Pvt. Robert J. Reynolds, Johnstown, N.Y. medic, had bagged 18 prisoners, and the



Germans were very pleased to be in a PW cage.

It started when a German threw down his pistol and raised his hands as Reynolds approached. The Yank, however, was suspicious and tackled the Nazi with bare fists. Disturbed by this reaction, the German fought back. Other Germans crowded around. Finally the Nazis pinned down the medic's shoulders, and told him they wanted to surrender. So they marched back to the PW cage, feeling each had gotten the better of the bargain.

Nazi Offensive in Italy Loses Some of Its Drive

ROME, Dec. 29.—Fighting has died down along the Serchio River near the west coast of Italy where the Germans launched a drive, Allied Headquarters announced today. But it was disclosed that U. S. troops previously had been forced out of Galliciano, road and river town on the west bank of the Serchio.

The Fascist radio claimed that the Germans had seized the village of Fornaci, two miles south of Barga.

9th Hits Bridges, Roads Behind Front

Tactical aircraft have cut all bridges, bombed all road bottlenecks behind the German advances and virtually completed the isolation of Wehrmacht supply installations, Ninth AF headquarters declared yesterday.

As fog again enveloped the front and hampered deployment of tactical air strength, the crucial importance for Allied forces of the five-day break in the weather was emphasized in figures released by the Ninth AF and the British Second TAF.

Since Von Rundstedt's offensive crossed the Belgian frontier Dec. 17, the Ninth AF alone has flown more than 10,800 sorties, despite a four-and-a-half-day air blackout because of heavy fog.

In the course of this onslaught the Ninth airmen knocked down 397 enemy planes, and destroyed or damaged 787 tanks and armored vehicles spearheading the offensive, almost 5,000 trucks and 1,700 railroad cars. In addition, concentrations of foot troops were strafed incessantly and supply lines battered.

Sorties Soar to 15,000

Since the counter-drives started, the Second TAF has flown approximately 6,200 sorties, to raise to well over 15,000 the tactical attacks on the German salient. The Tempests, Spitfires and Typhoons of the Second TAF have shot down 68 enemy planes and destroyed or damaged 709 armored and motor vehicles.

In addition, the fighters escorting the heavies of the Eighth AF and the RAF, have inflicted heavy casualties on German vehicles and ground forces in the bulge, as well as on the Luftwaffe. The heavies themselves have flown close-behind-the-line support for the Allied armies, and have pounded rail and communication centers.

Since Von Rundstedt began his assault on Dec. 17, Ninth AF incomplete reports show 103 fighters and 44 bombers missing. During the past week, 50 heavy bombers and 60 fighters were lost from escorted Fortress and Liberators formations which totaled 9,590 sorties.



Allied forces pound the tip of Von Rundstedt's giant spearhead into Belgium as Third Army forces push from the south.

Black-Market Army Controls Net Snares 200 Ward's; Avery GIs, 2 Officers Raps Seizure

Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord, ETO Provost Marshal, confirmed yesterday that 200 American GIs and two officers are under arrest on charges of selling cigarettes and other commodities, and said he thought those convicted should get the heaviest sentences possible.

Termining their actions "sabotage to the war effort and to soldiers at the front," he disclosed that they were rounded up in a drive which extended from Paris to Cherbourg by Army CID men and MPs. The drive against black-marketeers is continuing, he said.

Although the value of the cigarettes sold ran into thousands of dollars—one report put the figure at \$200,000—Reckord agreed that black-market dealings, although considerable, could not have been the cause of the cigarette famine on the Continent.

Tunnel Links Jap Islands

Tokyo radio announced yesterday that a tunnel had been completed between Honshu and Kyushu, the two principal Japanese home islands. It said that 130,000 men were employed two years in its construction.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29 (ANS).—Montgomery Ward's properties in seven cities were under Army control today but the legality of the government seizure, remained unrecognized by Sewell Avery, 70-year-old chief of the nation-wide merchandising firm.

In challenging the President's authority to order the seizure, Avery said, "the company welcomes an opportunity to present its case to the courts." He told newsmen he would be in his office as usual today "unless I am thrown out."

Simultaneous with the seizure, the government acted to have the controversy with the company over non-compliance of War Labor Board directives settled in courts. The President, in a statement accompanying the seizure order, termed Avery guilty of "consistent and wilful defiance" of WLB decisions.

After a conference with Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Byron, who has the title of "military manager of Montgomery Ward Inc.," Avery issued a statement asserting that the President had no power to seize a non-war business.

Today, government attorneys petitioned for an injunction to (Continued on Page 3)

Fourth Armored Widens Path to Bastogne

Allied forces battled Field Marshal von Rundstedt's counter-offensive to a standstill while Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Third Army hammered the deep German wedge from the south against the anvil of Allied might which is holding the north flank, official reports showed yesterday.

Battle reports yesterday, 24 to 36 hours behind events in the Battle of the Bulge, showed:

1. Third Army men seized 13 towns in attacks on a 35-mile front from Bastogne to the hinge of the Nazi wedge at Echternach.
2. Men and armor of the Third Army's Fourth Armored Div., which broke the siege of Bastogne, poured into the city and widened the corridor.
3. Allied air power has cut the main rail supply routes to the bulge from Germany by blowing up or damaging railway bridges in the rear.
4. While Von Rundstedt's drive is held momentarily in an Allied vise, there are indications that powerful German forces may launch a new assault.

American forces nipped the western tentacles of the Belgian salient between Rochefort and Celles where a Nazi force of regimental size was pocketed. Eastward, Von Rundstedt's forces pulled back into Germany and established defensive positions on the east side of Sauer (Continued on Page 8)

Ike Thanks Home Front

Gen. Eisenhower has thanked New York Manpower Commission's Regional Labor Committee for their message sent after his Dec. 22 Order of the Day calling for a supreme effort by Allied troops. The commission pledged that the home front would "rise to new heights of effort in bringing you the tools of war with which you are waging the fight."

The Supreme Commander replied: "Your heart-warming pledge has been published to our troops and will have a fine effect. None of us here has any doubt concerning the ability and readiness of all Americans at home to perform at top speed when they understand the need of their relatives and friends on the firing lines. My thanks to you and all those you represent for the promptness and decisiveness of your message."

34th Submarine Lost

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (ANS).—The U.S. Navy announced that the Sea Wolf, a 1,450-ton submarine commanded by Lt. Comdr. Albert M. Bontier, of White Plains, N.Y., is overdue on Pacific patrol and presumed lost with a crew of at least 62 men. The Navy said this was the 34th U.S. submarine lost from all causes in this war.

A Convoy From Bastogne:

Hurt GIs Want Paris 'Momma'

By Jimmie Cannon

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer WITH AMERICAN FORCES, Dec. 29.—Detroit shouted, but all you could hear was a smeared whisper through the bandages.

"I'll never forget that town," he muttered. "I left a piece of my nose in it."

The convoy of wounded came out of Bastogne in a slow trickle. The day was beautiful if you like Belgium in the winter time. The snow on the hills glittered in the sun, and the planes towed vapor trails across the big, clean sky.

The wounded sat stiffly in the trucks, and they rose tautly when they came to a rut in the frozen

road. The dust of the road had made their hair gray, but it did not look strange because their faces were old with suffering and fatigue.

"We're all 4Fs in here," said Chicago to the guy who had climbed into the truck. "A healthy guy like you better look out. You'll get drafted."

Detroit's neck was swollen as he yelled, but his voice was still, small and remote.

"We were standing around a mess truck," he said, "waiting for some hot cakes when they let go with everything they had. We were in a field and they were up above us and all around us. What a going over they gave us!"

Pocono Mountains, who sat with

a blanket over his head, said these hills reminded him of home.

"There was an outfit getting an awful going over in a little village," he said. "We went across an open field and exposed ourselves to keep Jerry busy. He got too interested in us—those other guys got away."

"Give me Paris!" Brooklyn shouted. "Give me Paris and a nice Momma who'll wash and shave me and tuck me to sleep for 9,000,000 years."

They all laughed, but you couldn't tell they were laughing by looking at their faces.

"Find me a girl like that," said Illinois, "and I'll marry her myself."

"We are good in the hospital," (Continued on Page 8)



Dear Folks

The other day we read in The Stars and Stripes the story called "Ammo Shortage Delays Push" and we finally decided to put this thought before as large a group of men as possible.

In view of the shortages of materials we suggest that unit commanders urge men in their outfits to mention in letters home the effect of lagging production of war materials upon the quick and successful prosecution of the present action.

We feel that sufficient pressure exerted by men at the front upon public opinion would tend to increase production and discourage the present trend of war-workers to find jobs in peace-time production before the war is won.

Let us, the men directly concerned, "wise up" our countrymen that this is a people's war. The Russians know it. The Nazis know it well. We Americans should know it. We're all in it together to win—as quickly as possible.—Pvts. Deyo and Swift, MP.

Tire Tips

Be sure to take chains off when they are no longer needed. Hard roads cause excessive wear on the tires, and wear out the chains.

Rotate your tires and keep them in good shape. They'll keep you on the road to victory!—Cpl. Ed. Kurtbaun Jr.

After reading about the tire shortage in the U.S. Army, the following suggestion is offered:

Many six by six, two-and-a-half-ton trucks now operating with eight tires on the rear, could perform their task and carry a load of five tons without injury to the truck, using only four tires, or one complete set of duals on the rear.

Elimination of one complete axle would be better than using two axles and four tires, as the use of one axle and four tires would afford better traction and allow for the maximum in safe driving.

This suggestion may not apply to all army vehicles, but would to a large percentage of them that use hard-surface roads almost exclusively.—Pvt. M. Raasch, Truck Co.

POE for POW

The boys here may be interested in the following suggestions which I sent to Congressman Mike Mansfield of Montana.

First, I asked for a House resolution to the effect that every prisoner of war be returned to his own country as soon as possible after the war.

Second, that we amend our immigration laws to forbid entry into the U.S. of any person who has borne arms against the United Nations.

Thus we will not betray the men who have given their lives by allowing the men who took those lives to enjoy the benefits for our great country.—Maj. J.C. Harrison.

Spread Hate?

Your Editorial "V2 takes a back seat" pleased me very much. One sentence stuck with me. It was "Rumor about the home front." When you look back at some of your issues you will find that even you went into the old game of spreading hate and animosity.

What else can it mean when the blame for shortages of ammunition and other essential material was placed at the door steps of the civilian population in the States? Why should the GI be made to feel that he is not supported in his deadly struggle by his own family,

by his own friends, by his own countrymen?

Naturally, the individual GI does not see it this way. He forms a general opinion, and quite a detrimental one, not against his own father or sister who might be working in a defense-plant, but against all workers, all civilians, against groups.

It is not silly to have something like that happen? It seems to me that there can't be one family in the states which does not have a member in the service. Would anyone let their own son, father or brother down? Why always blame somebody else for mistakes? Why not just pitch in and work the harder?—S/Sgt. Munio Podhorzer, Armored Div.

On Talking Terms

This is not an attack against unconditional surrender; far from it. It is an urgent request that The Stars and Stripes, or some official voice of the government, make clear the terms of unconditional surrender which will be dictated to Germany.

I believe that should the true terms of surrender be given to the Psychological Warfare Branch of the OWI for preparation and distribution to the German people, it would become one of our most powerful instruments in effecting an early end of hostilities. For civilian revolt would almost certainly produce demoralization in the German army.—T/4 Robert Wasdon, FA.

All This and No Cognac?

Is there really a rationing of gasoline?

When we are relieved from our front line duty for a few days, we are sent out some nights with our ambulances to haul army nurses to a dance or party held by a certain battalion of officers of this division.

During the time the drivers aren't driving they have to sit around and wait for the party to end, without getting even as much as a drink of cognac. After the party is finished we take the nurses back. Then, with extra driving, we then have to drive the officers back to their quarters and return to our unit, usually about daylight.

Are we ambulance drivers or taxi drivers here at the front lines?—Ambulance Platoon.

Background of the News What Air Parley Did, and Didn't

To a Joe in a foxhole, the international air conference at Chicago, which ended Dec. 7, may have seemed a long way off. But it was important for two reasons—it showed how civil flying is going to work after the war, and it showed how willing or unwilling the nations may be to work together on other problems, such as the peace.

Now that the texts of the agreements have reached here it is possible to give the complete story of what it did and what it didn't do. Whether it succeeded or failed calls for a conclusion which the reader can make for himself. These are just the facts.

Fifty-four nations took part in the conference. The only important ones missing were Russia, Argentina, Italy, and of course Germany and Japan.

All 54 reached complete and unanimous agreement in the technical field and an act was signed setting up international flying rules, traffic control procedure, licensing standards for airplanes and airmen, registration and identification marks, weather reports and methods for search, rescue and communication, among other things.

This was the first time such a comprehensive technical agreement had been reached. Conferences at Paris in 1919 and Havana in 1929 did only a few of these things and gave up the others as hopeless.

Outside the technical field there was partial agreement, with some questions left undecided.

The U.S. wanted each nation to grant every other nation rights which became

known as the "five freedoms of the air." These freedoms were:

1. To fly across any country.
2. To land in any country for non-traffic purposes (to refuel, make repairs, escape storms).
3. To take traffic from any country to the homeland.
4. To take traffic from the homeland to any country.
5. To pick up and discharge traffic in any country on the way.

Fifteen nations besides the U.S. agreed to this, and signed up. They were China, Sweden, Turkey, Denmark, Thailand (Siam), Afghanistan and nine of the 19 Latin-American countries represented. Brazil, Chile and Cuba were among those which did not agree.

Thirteen additional nations agreed to the first two freedoms alone, and signed up. These included the United Kingdom, Australia, Egypt, France and Spain (but not Canada, Iceland, Portugal or any of the ten Latin-American countries which failed to sign for the full five).

Thirty-four countries, including all the important ones except Brazil, signed an agreement establishing a temporary International Civil Aviation Organization to administer all the technical matters which were agreed upon and to advise on other matters. A place was kept open for Russia on its governing body. The temporary organization will exist for no more than three years.

Then there was a document outlining a permanent organization to function much the same as the temporary one. Thirty-two nations signed this one, again including all the principal ones except Brazil.

Man in White Changes to Olive Drab And Carries on Mission of Saving Lives

Page From the Story Of a Field Hospital, First in France

By G. K. Hodenfield Stars and Stripes Staff Writer WITH A FIELD HOSPITAL IN GERMANY.—They brought him into the squat schoolhouse being used as a hospital at 1910 hours. A bloodstained tag identified him as an infantry sergeant from Michigan. In one corner of the tag were a

chaplain's initials—the initials of a man who had administered last rites at the division clearing station.

This was the first field hospital to be set up in Germany and was the only one for more than two months. The town was captured Sept. 12 and the hospital moved in Sept. 16. It was also the first field hospital to operate in France, but that was long ago and hospital personnel don't like to talk about long ago—they're too involved in life and death of the present.

They worked on him all that night. There were three major injuries. But he was in no condition for an operation. They gave him five blood transfusions, but at 0830 he was still unconscious.

Civvy Life Dim Memory Maj. B. R. Ryder gave up his practice as surgeon for a Bridgeport, Conn., hospital two years ago to join the Army. He is 36. Behind him in civilian life are years spent studying in Germany, England and hospitals in Boston and Philadelphia. But he has almost forgotten civilian life.

At 0830 hours the decision had to be made. If they operated he didn't have much of a chance, but if they didn't operate he had no chance at all. Ryder knew the answer. You do what must be done. Then you can only wait and pray.

When the fighting is toughest the hospital fills in a hurry. Sometimes they have 20 major operations in one 24-hour period. When you did 20 operations a year at home you needed a three-week vacation in Florida. Sometimes a doctor and his GI technician will operate alone on a case that in civvy life would bring an entire hospital staff into the amphitheater. In ordinary practice you'd never have more than two or three operations a year like any one of those coming in here every day.

Not Expected to Live Nobody expected the boy to live—but he did. He wasn't a very pretty sight lying there. There was a tube in one nostril that fed him the oxygen his

Every Day Near Front Is the Same as a Year In Regular Practice

system needed; there was another tube stuck in his arm for intravenous injections of glucose solution. Every once in a while he tossed his head in irritation at the tubes and the splints and the bandages. Five days went by.

"Hey Doc," the soldier said, "Yes, fella?" An artillery barrage sent shells screaming toward the German positions less than four miles away and the soldier flinched just a bit. "Doc, can I have some fruit?" "Maybe later—not just yet." "How about some water then?" The doctor said: "I'll have the nurse bring you some."

Nurses Landed D Plus 6 There are 17 beds to one ward in this hospital and there is generally one nurse to a ward. The nurses in this hospital landed on D plus six. All of them have been given battlefield promotions to first loopy with no T/O vacancies.

Ryder was looking at the soldier's chart. Then a nurse came in and told him he was wanted in the shock room—a new case had been brought in and they wanted him to look at it. He hurried from the room.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN Write your question or problem to Help Wanted The Stars and Stripes, Paris, France APO 487

APOs WANTED Cpl. Robert Alvard, Olympia, Wash.; Pfc Louis C. Eader, Pittsburgh; S/Sgt. Bob Cummings, Milwaukee; T/Sgt. Virgil Peeney, Defiance, O.; S/Sgt. J. N. Glenn, Chicago; Howard Grimm, Youngstown, O.; Sgt. William Krueger, Adrian, Mich.; Sgt. Harold Klein, Brooklyn; Wester O. Lowe, Sarasota, Fla. RICHARD MILLER, Olympia; James Rice, Olympia; Sgt. William Ryan, Lock Haven, Pa.; Pvt. Richard D. Walker, Adrian, Mich.; Thomas H. Wilson, Roswell, Ga.; Sgt. Bryson Wells, Fairmount, Ind.

Up Front With Mauldin



"Ah cain't agree. You Irish woulda lost this war without allies like Texas an' Russia."

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U.S. Headlines—A Week Ago



American newspapers all over the nation dug out their biggest type last week to tell the opening of the German counter-blow as shown above. But yesterday's headlines were different: N.Y. Herald Tribune, "Allied JABS Push Nazis Back"—N.Y. Times, "German Spearhead Near Meuse Surrounded."

This Was America Yesterday:

Nazi Counter-Blow Will Have 'Disastrous' End, Stimson Says

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—"War is not an easy game to play and you can't always win every battle, but I am confident we are winning and time will reveal this German throw of the dice will have disastrous consequences for him," War Secretary Stimson told newsmen in Washington.

Stimson spoke of heroism on every sector of the First Army front, mentioning "company cooks and clerks who have fought like tigers at the side of our riflemen," and men who are fighting in snow and cold.

While free comment in the U.S. has taken every possible note, the one heard most is of praise for the GIs who have been doing the fighting.

PUTTING the war aside for a while, the proudest Colonel in the U.S. should be Louis B. Rutte, of Pasadena, now stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss. His 16-year-old daughter, Mary, has been chosen Queen of the Tournament of Roses and will preside from the Royal Box at the Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day.



ON the labor front: 35 specialist soldiers on 90-day furloughs are at work in Henry Kaiser's artillery shell and fuse plant in Denver. They are the first of 80 who'll be placed in the plant to relieve the manpower shortage.

On the love front: In Mineola, N.Y., a baby girl was born ahead of schedule to the wife of T/Sgt. John R. Love, of Salt Lake City, in an ambulance. T/Sgt. Love helped Medic Cpl. Real T. Cote, of Lowell, Mass., effect the delivery. Mother, child, sergeant, corporal and War Department doing nicely, thank you.

THE day's nasty comes from Dallas. Harold Patterson, OPA official, says of 4,008 used cars sold last month in the Dallas district, most were to servicemen, but ceiling prices didn't count. Dealers are demanding side payments, sticking the troops. Some used car heads will rattle, Patterson says.

SOME people don't appreciate beds. At least Jacqueline Conlin, of Miami, Fla., indicates that in a divorce pillow tossed at her husband, Glen. She says Glen threw a fox in her bed. After getting the animal out of her boudoir she said she countered with a few rocks for his bed. She alleged he told naughty stories in the connubial chamber, and they weren't funny.

COL. Robert P. McCormick, 64-year-old publisher of the Chicago Tribune, who married Mrs. Maryland Mathison Hooper, accomplished horsewoman last week, returned to work today after a short honeymoon. His bride had divorced Henry Hooper in Mexico on Nov. 30.

The wedding was at the home of McCormick's cousin, Chauncey. Sailor Jackie Cooper, ex-film actor, and bride June Horne, 18, also settled down in Chicago after a short California spoon-moon. Jackie will git up them stairs at Great Lakes Naval Base, where he's just finishing boot training.



Another thing: Don't sell your land in Mississippi. Following a seismograph reading, Gulf Refining Company drilled at the corners of Jasper, Jones and Smith counties, and hit the Jackpot. The Heidelberg oilfield was extended at least 15 miles, royalties on adjoining acreages advancing \$350 to 400 per acre.



Army Controls Ward's; Avery Raps Seizure

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restrain Ward's from possible interference with Army operations and for declaratory judgment establishing the legality of the President's power of seizure.

Says Impeding War Effort

The complaints said that the company was engaged in war production and the company's refusal to settle labor disputes through WLB channels was impeding the war effort, hampering the wage stabilization structure and threatening to cause other work stoppages.

(In Detroit, Montgomery Ward today filed a \$50,000 suit against the CIO union whose members were involved in a strike in four Detroit stores).

The WLB has twice directed Ward's to extend the provisions of its labor contract pending an election to see whether the CIO represented the majority of the company's workers. The company refused and last April the Army took possession.

Claims Coercion

Avery consistently has refused to grant maintenance of the union membership principle in disputes and today asserted that the President's order was the final step in coercion used by the government to force a closed shop upon employers and employees.

The President declared that "strikes in wartime cannot be condoned whether they are strikes by workers against employers or strikes of employers against the government."

With the WLB's directives being enforced by the military management back pay estimated at \$2,000,000 would be paid Ward employees.

In six other cities where stores were seized—Detroit, St. Paul, Denver, Portland, Jamaica, N.Y. and San Rafael, Calif.—no protest was voiced.

PanAmerican to Reopen N.Y.-Lisbon Line Jan. 1

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (ANS).—Plane travel between New York and Lisbon will be available to civilians on Jan. 1, when Pan American Airways will resume commercial operations suspended Dec. 7, 1941. Officials anticipate, however, that priority passengers will leave no seats for non-priority travel until additional equipment is placed in service.

Applications for military C54 transports convertible to civilian use have been made by the company and are now pending.

Gloria to Wed



Gloria DeHaven, film actress, announced this week that she and Actor John Payne would be married next month.

Norden Sight Makers Deny Slow-Up Plot

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (ANS).—Carl L. Norden, Inc., manufacturer of Norden bombsights, a production engineering firm and four officials of two other concerns—one a Navy commander—pleaded innocent yesterday to Federal indictments charging that they conspired to slow production of the bombsight.

The indictment also accused the Norden organization and the engineering firm of Corrigan, Osburne and Wells, Inc., and four individuals with hindering Navy Department supervision of bombsight manufacture. The individuals named were Theodoreh Barth, and Warde Marvelle, president and vice-president, respectively, of Norden, and Comdr John D. Corrigan and Robert H. Wells, partners of the engineering firm.

Carl Norden, inventor of the bombsight, was not specifically named in the indictments. Defendants were charged with attempting to retain full production control of the bombsight in the Norden company by withholding vital specifications from sub-contractors, particularly Remington Rand, Inc., of Elmira, N.Y.

N.Y. Butchers Reopen Stores

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 (ANS).—After a four-day holiday enforced by retail meat dealers, about 900 more New York butcher shops were reported open today, and city officials promised that 12,000,000 pounds of meat would be available at wholesalers next week.

A police check yesterday of 6,000 butcher shops showed 1,000 were closed in protest against OPA regulations, which do not provide a livestock price ceiling and which they claimed prevented them from operating at a profit.

City Markets Commissioner Henry M. Brundage reported "the current receipts of eight large wholesalers alone guarantee over 12,000,000 pounds next week out of normal consumption of about 20,000,000."

Climax Now Near In Chaplin Trial

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29 (ANS).—Attorneys went back to court today for a quick windup of evidence in Charlie Chaplin's paternity trial so the case can go to the jury early next week. Dr. V. L. Andrews was summoned to the stand to tell of the blood tests which he and two other physicians previously reported showed that Chaplin could not be the father of Joan Berry's daughter, Carol Ann.

Two other doctors have testified already that Chaplin's blood type is in group O, Miss Berry's in group A, and the baby's in group B. They asserted the father of the child would have blood in group A or B.

U.S. Casualties Reach 628,441

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 (ANS).—U.S. combat casualties since Pearl Harbor have now reached 628,441—65,973 greater than the figure announced two weeks ago, Secretary of War Stimson said today. Casualties included 547,823 for the Army and 80,618 for the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

U.S. Army casualties included only those through Dec. 14, and not those suffered in the German offensive. The Army figure included 102,961 killed, 319,935 wounded, 65,762 missing and 59,165 prisoners. The U.S. Navy total announced as of last night included 31,182 dead, 35,942 wounded, 9,010 missing and 4,484 prisoners.

Classification Specialist

ATLANTA, Dec. 29 (ANS).—The young man in the Army uniform who applied at a war housing center for an apartment for his wife and child set forth on the application that his employer was the U.S. Army. He was momentarily stumped by the next question asking what business his employer was engaged in, but finally wrote: "Exterminator."

GIs Brush Off Easy, U.S. Cals Sav

But Dance Instructors Pull 'Daughter Gag' On Gobs, Marines

By Joe Fleming

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Soldiers are "softies" compared to sailors and marines. They're easily brushed off when they ask for a date and can't compete with other servicemen in the determination league.

That's the considered unbiased opinion of Arthur Murray's dancing teachers, who meet a good many servicemen professionally but aren't allowed to chat with them after working hours. Dancing? The girls didn't compare the terpsichorean merits of the armed forces.

Discussing uniformed customers who have helped triple Murray's business since the war, the teachers, who are hired for personality and friendliness as well as footwork, said most servicemen are "shy and easy to get along with."

Every once in a while, however, a service eye "gets that gleam and you say: 'Here it comes' and sure enough they want to be dated," said Janie Mansfield, one of the instructors.

"But it's easy to brush them off," she said. "The soldiers just say 'Sorry' when we explain it's forbid-



Tired but still attractive dance instructors give their limp limbs a rub-down after a session of dancing with servicemen in Arthur Murray's dancing school in New York.

den. It's tougher though with sailors and marines. They hate to take 'no' for an answer." Even then there's a way, accord-

ing to Arth Fish. "You say, 'I'm frightfully sorry. I can't tonight. My daughter is waiting.' That usually stops them."

Somewhere In Europe

SIZE doesn't make a bit of difference when it comes to bagging Jerries.

Pfc Ted L. Jenkins, of Summit, N.J., a 134th Inf. rifleman in the 35th Inf. Division, got the horselaugh from his outfit when he showed up for a horseflesh along with his M1. The prisoner barely topped five feet, a full foot and one-quarter shorter than Jenkins. "I'd have thrown him back and waited for a bigger one if it wasn't so dark," Jenkins grumbled.

Pfc John (Half-Inch) Chalone, of Fulton, N.Y., who got his nickname because he's only a half-inch above five feet, brought in two six-foot Germans to his 30th Inf. Div. unit after he shot up a bunch of snipers while out on patrol. "Bigger they are, the harder they fall," he said.

After a truce, Capt. Charles H. Mitchell, of Duluth, Minn., was escorting a German officer through a Second Division outpost toward Nazi lines.

The officer said he was worried about being fired at by Americans. Capt. Mitchell told him reassuringly: "There's nothing out there but German machine-gunners and they're notoriously bad marksmen."

The German laughed and sauntered off to his own lines.

THE brass usually got the honor of pulling the lanyards on the first gun in any outfit getting ready to send its first shell into Germany—but not in Pfc Philip Alfirer's howitzer section in the 102nd Inf. Div.

It was Alfirer's birthday, so the crew let him send the first shell on its way.

Christmas packages brought T/S Henry J. Hoffman, of Philadelphia, and the Third Armored Div., a toy train, a little wooden jeep, two books of children's stories and a set of blocks from his aunt.

And Cpl. Ben Szejkowski, of the 35th Inf. Div., found a bathing suit in one of his boxes. "Maybe I can wear it for underwear," Szejkowski muttered.

THE light machine-gun section was seated around a table, ready for coffee, when enemy artillery started whistling in.

The 35th Inf. Div. men dashed into the cellar. Then the house rocked. Later the men found the shell had landed smack in the center of their table—but it was a dud.



WHEN Sgt. Charles F. Heflerich, of the 17th Tank Bn., Seventh Armored Div., won the Bronze Star and a pass to Paris, he didn't expect to meet the No. 1 man of the Big Show—let alone crash the movies as well.

Idling along the Champs-Elysees, Heflerich was grabbed up by newsreel cameramen and thrust into focus with another visitor in Paris, Gen. Eisenhower. The sergeant not only shook hands with the Supreme Commander as the cameras whirred, but he also got a chance to send Christmas greetings to the folks back home, via sound film.

MEMBERS of a squad of the 30th Rec. Troop, 30th Inf. Div., are going to send a bill for services rendered to somebody—anybody.

While dug in and fighting as infantry in the Siegfried Line, they occupied a farm whose proprietors had fled. There they slopped the hogs, fed and milked the cows, and played nursemaid to all the other livestock.

"We even cleaned out the stables and bedded down the horses," said "Rancher" Cpl. Theodore Pasternak, of Chicago, Ill.

Mighty Mite Full of Fight



This mighty midget, built to defend advance bases, was assembled from four tons of assorted French, German and American tank parts by ordinance experts of the Ninth A.F. Service Command.

Blue Ribbon Units 8 ETO Outfits Win Citations For Gallantry

The War Department has announced award of Distinguished Unit Citations for extraordinary gallantry in combat to eight ETO units. They include:

Second Platoon, Co. C, 899th TD Bn.: "For extraordinary gallantry in a series of actions during which they destroyed enemy guns blocking the advance of the 2nd Bn., 47th Inf., to Cherbourg and Greville. When the 2nd Bn. was under artillery fire at crossroad Le Motel, June 22, a tank-destroyer put the enemy gun out of action.

"The following day at Hoe de Tot a well-concealed 88mm gun firing on the battalion was silenced when a tank-destroyer moved around a blind corner, took position at 150-yard range, and, after the enemy gun had fired once and wrecked the tank-destroyer's track, ended the duel with fire that destroyed the gun.

"During street-fighting in Cherbourg on June 25 the 2nd Platoon helped put five 20mm guns and one 47mm gun out of action. On July 1 a 77mm enemy gun was prevented from delaying the 2nd Battalion's advance on the Greville fortifications when a 2nd Platoon tank-destroyer demolished the position. In Greville another crew subjected itself to heavy mortar fire to reduce three strongpoints."

Co. A, 823rd TD Bn.: "For outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy from August 6 to August 12, during the battle of Mortain. On August 7 the enemy launched the first of a series of attacks, in an effort to split American forces in France. For six days hostile forces continued extremely heavy pressure, in many instances completely isolating groups of our forces.

"Though subjected to fierce attacks by day and night, by heavy enemy armor, and though casualties suffered were many, this brave group of men effectively blocked the enemy's advance, inflicting crushing casualties upon his personnel and destroying much of his equipment. Their supreme effort in the face of great odds materially contributed to the brilliant victory attained in this decisive action."

Co. B, 823rd TD Bn.: "For outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy on August 7 in the vicinity of St. Barthelemy, France. The enemy launched a determined counter-attack in great strength in an attempt to split American forces in France.

"An opportunity for honorable withdrawal was spurned, and despite heavy casualties sustained by the company, a desperate counter-attack by the enemy was repulsed with heavy losses in both personnel and equipment, and the brilliant victory attained was climaxed by a general withdrawal of the enemy from the entire sector. In the midst of unceasing fire and often in the face of certain death, duties were performed unhesitatingly and with utter disregard of personal safety."

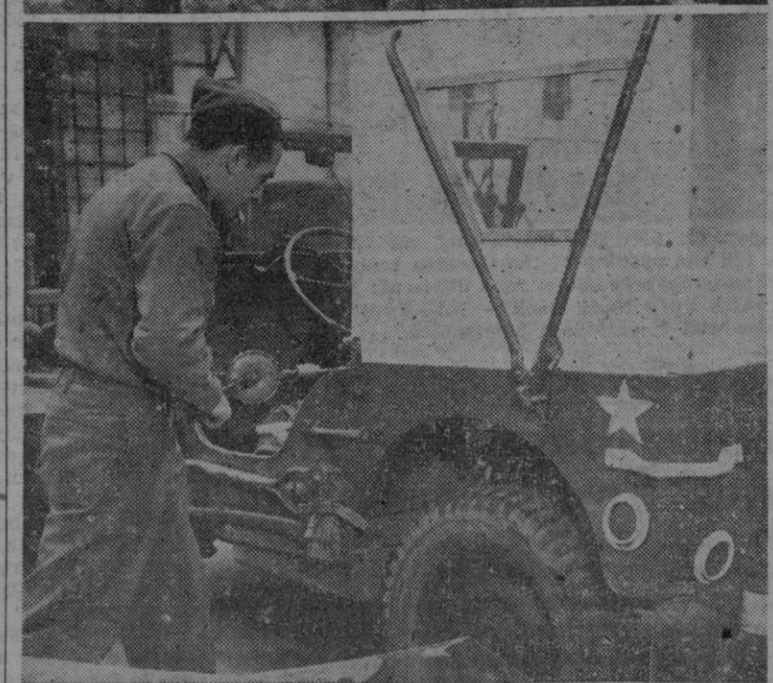
112th Eng. Combat Bn.: "On June 6, the 112th Eng. Combat Bn. landed in the vicinity of St. Laurent-sur-Mer, with the mission of clearing a beach exit, sweeping the roads of mines, and clearing a vehicle transit area.

"Despite heavy casualties and continuous enemy fire, the missions were accomplished speedily and in such a manner as to minimize losses of equipment to combat troops. The heroism and technical skill of the men of the battalion were a material contribution to the establishment of a firm beachhead on the Continent."

20th Eng. Combat Bn.: "On June 6, the battalion landed in the vicinity of Vierville-sur-Mer under savage artillery, mortar, and small arms fire. With courageous determination and tenacity of purpose the 20th Eng. Combat Bn. cleared gaps in barbed wire and minefields to gain the beach.

"Working at times ahead of the infantry the engineers cleared a beach exit through anti-tank ditches, roadblocks and minefields to insure the infantry's uninterrupted advance.

Covered Wagons for Winter Travel



Beating icy blasts with plywood and plexiglass, these GIs have converted their jeeps into snug vehicles for winter. Tear-drop body on the jeep assigned to Lt. Bernard H. Horowitz of Brooklyn, (top) was made from salvaged materials by men of the 64th Ord. Depot. It has spotlight, electric windshield wipers and defroster. Pfc Joe Olivieri, of Somerville, Mass., and PWD, SHAEF, is putting finishing touches on his plywood windbreak.

Rest Camp Established 1,000 Yds. From Enemy

WITH AN INF. DIV.—A rest and recreation center for foxhole Joes of this division was set up within 1,000 yards of German lines in Germany under the direction of Lt. James Bowman and T/Ss Don Mathis and Joe Marine. A few men were picked each day, brought back from their foxholes for a bath, clean clothes and a night's relaxation, and returned to the front the next day.

Makes Mess of Things—Gets Medal



81st Chem. Bn. (Motorized): "The battalion landed in France on D-Day under incessant machine-gun, artillery, and rocket fire from the enemy. When two landing craft were sunk by enemy action men of the battalion transferred their equipment to another boat and managed to reach the beach. Upon reaching the shore the battalion remained in support of the infantry for 12 days without relief."

Close Ones WITH 84th INF. DIV.—Pfc Douglas Harvey, of Utica, Mich., reached for his canteen during a break which interrupted the moving of anti-tank guns into position. He didn't get the water. There were two bullet holes in the canteen.

'Super Sixth' Is Lauded for Drive in Saar

WITH SIXTH ARMED DIV.—Praise for the outstanding achievements of the Sixth Armored Div. in the recent Third Army drive in the Saar Valley was contained in a letter from Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, XII Corps commander, to Maj. Gen. Robert W. Gray, commander of the "Super Sixth."

Stating that the division's record of combat service has been "in the highest tradition of the Army" and that they have earned the "respect and admiration of this corps," Gen. Eddy's letter continued:

"From the arrival of the first elements of the division in mid-September in the corps bridgehead over the Meurthe River, through the initial attacks beyond the Forêt de Gremecey and from Leyr to Letricourt to the jump-off for the corps attack on Nov. 8, the Sixth Armored Div. showed unsurpassed confidence and competence, and quick and cheerful co-operation under all circumstances."

Brilliant Successes "Your brilliant actions at Hunsburg and at Lenuud-Sorber, in seizing and holding the vital and bitterly-contested crossings were followed by the fierce fighting in the Forêt de Püttelange, the determined capture of Landroff, Hellmer, and St. Jean Rohrbach, and the seizure of the Cadenbromm height commanding the Saar River on the German border."

"Your achievements have been outstanding, the more so because of the leadership and determination with which they overcame weather and terrain conditions which might well have stopped armored operations completely."

26th Inf. Div. Medic Hit by Shell, But Stays on Job

WITH 26th INF. DIV. — T/4 Oscar P. Escalante, of National City, Calif., medical aid man in the 104th Inf. of the 26th (Yankee) Div., was administering aid to a wounded under fire. A shell fragment tore through his helmet and knocked Escalante unconscious.

When revived about a half-hour later, his captain ordered him to the rear for treatment, but the sergeant bandaged his own wound and continued to administer to his comrades.

For gallantry in action, Escalante received a Silver Star.

Mid-Air Pickup Permits Rescue of Stranded Men



Steps in air-ground rescue are shown in the picture series above. Wearing heavy clothing to guard against windburn, S/Sgt. Harry C. Conway, Jr., (left) is ready for the test. The rescue plane makes contact and sweeps him off the ground, (top center). Seconds later, he dangles from the plane's tow-line, (bottom right). The test complete, Conway is shown being helped aboard the plane (bottom).

84th Inf. Div. Pfc Wrestles Nazi to a Fall

WITH 84th INF. DIV.—A rifle company of the Railsplitter Div. was defending a German town against counter-attack. When the enemy artillery lifted, Pfc Louis Albrecht, of Cortland, Nebr., Pvt. Robert Huss, of Beardstown, Ill., and another soldier left their foxholes to locate the platoon command post.

Albrecht and the other soldier became separated from Huss, who minutes later heard German machine-gun fire and three quick shots from an M1. Crawling out to investigate, Huss came upon Albrecht dragging a badly-battered Nazi by the hand. Neither the Yank nor his prisoner had weapons or helmets.

Albrecht had crawled within five yards of an enemy machine-gun crew which opened fire and killed his comrade. Albrecht opened fire with his M1 and when the rifle jammed, a German leaped on him. "We wrestled around, and I got the best of him," Albrecht explained. "The rest of the machine-gun crew took off. A couple of bullets creased my scalp."

2nd Armored Div. Shot-Up Tankster Scared at First

WITH SECOND ARMORED DIV.—Tank Driver Cpl. Delbert C. Grimm, of Norman, Okla., joined the 66th Armored Reg. as a replacement in Sicily.

Two hours after getting into his first battle, his tank was knocked out. Since that time through France, Belgium, Holland and Germany, Grimm has had three more Shermans knocked out from under him and each time he escaped without a scratch.

"At first I was scared," he says, "but then I kinda got used to it."

Bats 1,000 WITH 84th INF. DIV.—Pfc Robert Garza, of Yorktown, Tex., first gunner on a light MG, saw 15 Germans running out of a house about 400 yards away. He opened up and got all 15.

Troops Can Be Brought Out of Isolated Areas By Tow-Line Harness Apparatus Without Landing Plane

NEWEST technique for air rescue of ground soldiers and airmen stranded in isolated areas where landings are impossible was demonstrated by the Army Air Technical Services Command during experiments at Wright Field, Ohio.

A modified parachute harness with a leg strap to bind the knees to the chest permits pickup by a tow rope from the rescue plane.

S/Sgt. Harry C. Conway, an equipment laboratory technician, wore a winter flying suit, helmet and goggles as protection against windburn when he demonstrated the rescue process.

Conway sat on a blanket roll to minimize ground drag and was lifted by the tow rope as the plane came over at a 35-degree angle. The winch-harness combination reduced acceleration to the point where he began his descent with very little shock. The winch then helped to draw him up to the plane so he could be hauled aboard.

Conway carried a knife in a thigh sheath and wore a back-type parachute to cut himself free from the tow line and float back to earth in case the apparatus which hauls him to the plane failed to function.

Sergeant Pins Bar on Shirt—Captures 312 Prisoners

Sgt. Charles Mudd was an acting second lieutenant for about half an hour, but the only highball he got was from a Nazi officer. Mudd's rifle squad and machine-gun section were set up during the night along a road overlooking a Maginot Line pillbox held by the Germans. In the morning, a white flag was seen fluttering from the fortification. The Germans said they would surrender if an American officer was sent to see their commander.

Suspecting a trap, the officers ignored the invitation. Then Sgt. Mudd volunteered for the job, explaining he had a set of gold bars in his pocket that were given him as a souvenir by a former platoon commander.

Pfc Al Kimmell, the interpreter, introduced Lt. Mudd to the Nazi officer who saluted smartly, called to the force inside the pillbox, and stalked off followed by 12 German soldiers and 300 civilians who had been forced to work for the Germans.

When they got back, Mudd discovered he was wearing the bar on the wrong side of his collar.

35th Inf. Div. Mortars Give Quick Support

WITH 35th INF. DIV., During the battle to expand a Saar River beachhead, one of the attacking companies of the 320th Inf., 35th Inf. Div., met sudden, deadly, small-arms fire from enemy forces.



strongly entrenched on command-ground.

The doughboys needed immediate heavy weapons support. They got it from the Second Sq., Third Platoon of Co.H. which, with a single mortar, fired 271 rounds of HE on the enemy positions in a half-hour.

The squad included: S/Sgt. Jarvis Twiddy, Cpl. Clarence Brown, and Pfc James Wasson, Marvin Helgeson, Albert Nutter, Woodrow Evans and Robert Valin.

Unit Pages to Appear In Saturday Editions

The Stars and Stripes Unit Pages will appear regularly in the Saturday edition. Their purpose is to permit a more complete coverage of activities and personalities in ETO organizations.

Contributions, including stories and photographs, should be sent to: Unit Pages, The Stars and Stripes, APO 887, c/o Postmaster U.S. Army.

We cannot accept the responsibility of returning art material submitted for these pages. If your unit has not been released from the secret list, The Stars and Stripes cannot publish stories identifying the organization.

80th Inf. Div. 6 Who Braved Nazi MGs Get Service Cross

WITH 80th INF. DIV.—A soldier who wiped out five machine-gun nests, another who covered the withdrawal of an ambushed platoon and four who fought on to complete their missions in spite of wounds have been awarded Distinguished Service Crosses in this division.

In the hot blast of German machine-gun fire, T/Sgt. William B. Humphrey, of Co. E, 319th Inf., pitched 17 grenades without a miss and then mopped up with a satchel to destroy the five Nazi machine-gun emplacements and their occupants.

The sergeant, of Rochester, Ky., followed up by reorganizing remnants of his platoon and leading them against a heavily fortified position, which they destroyed, driving out about 200 Germans.

In Co. E, 317th Inf. Regt., the doughboys say, "When the going's roughest, Goins' toughest," meaning Pfc Earl G. Goins. Covering a light spot with his BAR is only one of this Ashboro, N.C., soldier's exploits. Another time he followed a wave of American tanks through an open field raked by German machine-gun fire. When the tanks bogged down in the mud and his squad was pinned down he attacked the German positions with his BAR and killed seven.

Gun Shot from Hands S/Sgt. Edward H. Winterbottom, of New Bedford, Mass., was a pfc Sept. 14 when he advanced 15 yards under enemy machine-gun fire to destroy the nest. Although wounded when his gun was shot out of hands, he rallied his squad to continue the attack and reach its objective.

1/Lt. Gottlieb Ruby, of Fresno, Calif., forced a crossing of the Moselle River south of Toul Sept. 4 under cross-fire of enemy machine-guns. He was wounded in the left shoulder but advanced in face of the fire. His men were able to overrun and destroy the position against great odds. Lt. Ruby remained in action two hours after being wounded, capturing three Germans and killing a number of others.

Advances Despite Wound

2/Lt. James G. Schwartz Jr., of Kokomo, Ind., encountered intense Nazi machine-gun and artillery fire while leading a rifle platoon against heavily-defended German positions in the Bois du Haut des Trappes Oct. 9. Lt. Schwartz knocked out the nest with submachine-gun fire after his platoon was held up and was wounded while leading a new attack. With his arm in a sling, he continued to lead the advance to the platoon's objective.

He refused medical attention until he supervised the selection of his men's positions against a possible counter-attack. On his way to an aid station, Lt. Schwartz met a reconnaissance party of troops moving up to relieve his platoon. He offered to lead them in, but was ordered to an aid station for evacuation by his battalion commander.

2/Lt. William E. Newing, of Binghamton, N.Y., also was leading a rifle platoon against the enemy in Bois du Haut des Trappes Oct. 9 when it suffered many casualties from machine-guns and artillery and the forward artillery observer was killed.

Despite wounds, Lt. Newing acted as observer while continuing to lead his platoon. Again wounded, he refused medical aid although he could not stand without assistance. He continued to lead his men until the objective was gained.

Nick of Time

WITH 84th INF. DIV.—Pfc Raymond J. Ingram, of Cincinnati, and six buddies were picked up by a group of German soldiers in a sugar-beet field in front of the town of Lindern, a mile and a half from the Roer River. While waiting for trucks to take them to a Jerry PW camp, American tanks and troops appeared on the horizon and the captors took off in a hurry.

Behind The Sports Headlines

GEORGE CASE, Washington Senators' speed demon, is expected to be the Case of old next season. The operation that repaired his trick left shoulder has been successful. He stole only 44 bases last year, his poorest season, and hit .250. Word is out that Steve Owen of the New York Pro Giants has All-America Bob Fenimore of Oklahoma Aggies signed, sealed and ready for delivery next June. A lifesize statue of Paul "Dizzy" Trout, Detroit Tigers pitcher, will adorn the halls of Sandcut (Ind.) high school in honor of Trout, who once attended that school. The Fighting Irish of Notre Dame were in control during the '44 season with 17 Irish boys on the squad, six German, six Italian, three Poles, a Croatian, a Slovak and an Austrian.

ADD ODDITIES of 1944—Tulsa's football team scored 67 points in two straight games and lost both. . . . Two-Ton Tony Galento returned to the ring wars. . . . Three horses ran a dead heat in the Carter Handicap at Aqueduct. . . . Georgia Tech wound up with minus nine yards rushing, yet beat the Middies, 17-15. . . . Four false starts and two gun recalls disqualified all six starters in the National AAU 100-meter dash. . . . The matches of a St. Louis fan were set afire by a foul ball hit into the grandstand. . . . San Francisco beat Los Angeles in the final playoff game for the Pacific Coast championship on a bunt that saw three men, including the batter, score. . . . Elkhart (Ind.) high school defeated South Bend Riley, 5-4, in a basketball game when a Riley player became "befuddled" and dropped the ball in the wrong basket. . . . and Leo Cockrell of Durham (Okla.) high school held five opponents scoreless, playing alone after four teammates had been disqualified on fouls.

THE Brooklyn Dodgers will train again at Bear Mountain next spring, the Yankees will go to Atlantic City, and the Giants still haven't decided where their training site will be. . . . Jack Dempsey and Lou Ambers had their pictures taken giving blood Wednesday and Gene Tunney had his taken during the same procedure Thursday. . . . If Michigan's Don Lund makes basketball and baseball letters again, he'll be the sixth Wolverine ever to receive nine major sports letters. Others in the select circle are Benny Oosterbaan, Harry Kipke, Norman Daniels, Russ Oliver and Danny Smick.

Dewey Announces Swope Resignation

ALBANY, N.Y., Dec. 29.—Herbert Bayard Swope, New York State Racing Commission chairman for the last ten years, will conclude his duties with that body Jan. 31, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey disclosed last night. The governor revealed Swope's resignation was on his desk three days before the government cracked down and ordered all race-tracks closed by next Wednesday. Swope attributed his move to "other duties." He will remain as chairman of the Long Island Park Commission.

New Ban on Horses

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The Office of Defense Transportation is expected to forbid transport of race horses, except to their home stables, it was learned today. The new order is designed to prevent dispatch of horses to race-tracks in Mexico, Cuba and Canada.

Hockey Standings

National League				
	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	15	4	2	32
Detroit	13	6	3	29
Toronto	11	8	2	24
Boston	9	11	1	19
New York	3	12	5	11
Chicago	3	12	3	9

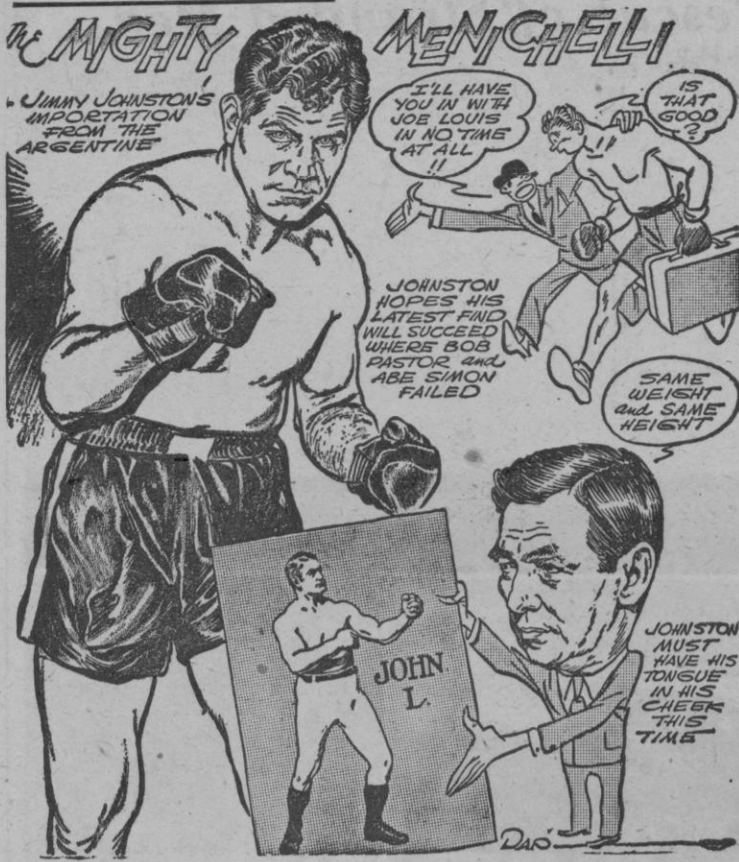
American League				
	W	L	T	Pts
Providence	6	12	0	0

CAGE RESULTS

Akron 81, Westminster 71.
Hamline 47, CCNY 42.
Long Island 46, Wyoming 40.
Ohio State 67, Michigan State 31.
Denver 62, Texas Tech 46.
West Texas 56, Baylor 41.

A Mighty Man

By Pap



Richard's Eight Points Set Record, Rout Wings, 9-1

MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—Maurice Richard, sharpshooting Montreal forward, set a National Hockey League scoring record with eight points on five goals and three assists as the Canadiens routed the Detroit Redwings, 9-1, here last night.

Richard scored within two minutes of the start, then assisted on "Toe" Blake's goal early in the second period. He netted another goal eight seconds later, scored his third a minute later, then his fourth at 16:58 of the same stanza. Richard went through to score unassisted with nine minutes gone in the third and completed his record-breaking feat when he passed to Elmer Lach, who slapped the disc home.

The forward line of Blake, Richard and Lach came up with a total of 16 points against the Redwings' rookie goalie, Harry Lumley. Syd Howe, Detroit center who holds the record for goals in one game, six against the Rangers last year, saved the Redwings from a shut-out with a shot past Bill Durnan in the final period.

Bruins Nip Hawks, 2-1

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—The Boston Bruins scored two goals in the final period for a 2-1 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks last night. It was one of the best defensive games of the season.

Paul Gladu made the first goal after all but seven minutes of the final chapter had expired. Four minutes later, Bill Cupolo scored with the help of Frank Mario and Kenny Smith. Cully Dahlstrom saved the Hawks from a whitewash

Eager Sub Leaves His Pants Behind

CRAFTSBURY, Vt., Dec. 29.—A Barton Academy basketball player, in his haste to enter a game as a substitute, last night divested himself not only of his long sweatpants, but of his sports trunks as well. Unabashed, he presented himself to the official.

When his teammates saw the half nude sub come out on the court, they threw a protective cordon around him, the drawers were quickly recovered, and the game went on. Barton defeated Craftsbury, 21-18.

at 14:29 on a pass from Fido Purpur.

Leafs Want Richard

TORONTO, Dec. 29.—Maj. Connie Smythe, managing director of the Toronto Maple Leafs, has announced a \$1,000 reward for anyone who can persuade Montreal to sell him Maurice Richard, "The Rocket," for \$25,000.

Crosby Golf Canceled

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—The annual Bing Crosby golf tournament has been canceled for the second straight year.

Vols Fume as Bettors Favor USC By 19 Pts.

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 29.—The Tennessee football team which lines up against Southern California in the Rose Bowl won't be the best football team ever to represent the Volunteers, but it probably will be the maddest.

The Vols, working out daily here, are boiling over the charge that Southern California picked a soft touch for its Tournament of Roses opposition. Though the Vols don't measure up to the Trojans on paper, they probably will make a game of it on anger alone.

Gambiers have installed Southern California a 19-point favorite, which adds fuel to the Vols' fury. That Tennessee got going anywhere, let alone being the guest team in the granddaddy of all bowl games, is a minor miracle. Coach John Barnhill, with an all-civilian team, won seven and tied Alabama for the only blemish on Tennessee's record.

With four returning lettermen and a few freshman backs who were allstate high schools stars, Barnhill went to work on the nucleus and coached a darn good team. His standouts throughout the campaign have been Halfback Buster Stephens, 180-pound frosh, and Bob Dobelstein, guard from Bridgeport, Conn. Bill Bevis, Mariana, Fla., kid, received a trophy as the best blocking back in the conference. Casey Stephenson, a speedy back, played a year with Iowa's Seahawks and two years with Western Kentucky Teachers.

Strictly a heartstring story is the case of 16-year-old Russ Dobelstein, 200-pound tackle, who plays next to his brother Bob. He's the youngest player ever to start on a Tennessee varsity team and, under his brother's guidance, has become one of the steadiest members of the team.

Other members of the starting lineup are Fullback Mark Major, Ends Charley Wildman and Pat Pike, Tackle By Steward, Chattanooga freshman, Guard E. J. Asbury and Center Russell Morrow.

Barnhill's only comment for publication so far has been, "Southern California looks mighty good, but we didn't come out here just for the trip."

Two GI football games are scheduled in the Paris area tomorrow, while a third will be played New Year's Day.

Sunday's program involves the Ninth ADC Defenders vs. Fourth Service Group Blue Devils, with a 1:15 PM kickoff at Velodrome Municipal, and the Ninth AF Hqs. Golden Avalanche vs. Second ADA Thunderbolts, starting at 2:30 PM.

Monday's single attraction brings the Engineer Raiders and QM Wildcats together at 2 PM in Stade Jean Bouin.

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Rifenburg's Return Ups Michigan Stock

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 29.—The return of Dick Rifenburg to Michigan's basketball squad today left the Wolverines as a strong dark horse to capture the Big Ten cage title this year.

Rifenburg, who came to Michigan tabbed as one of the state's best schoolboy stars in years, had been ineligible for two months. Although Iowa is the popular Conference titular favorite, Michigan and Ohio State, which meet here tomorrow, are strong outsiders.

Question Box

Cpl. R. L. Buzzard—Joe Louis was knocked out in the 12th round by Max Schmeling, June 19, 1936, in New York City. He didn't become world's champion until June 22, 1937, when he kayoed Jim Braddock at Chicago in eight rounds.

Pvt. Jesse Russell—Joe Louis fought Billy Conn in New York City, June 18, 1941, winning by KO in the 13th.

Pvt. Al Nicolo—Army defeated Navy in football, 23-7, this year at Baltimore.

Boys of the 573rd—Ten pins game is more popular than duck pins.

Cpl. Sylvester Cordera and Pfc Wilford Strickland—Pitt never defeated Southern California in the Rose Bowl, losing, 47-14, in 1930, and 35-0, in 1933. Pitt's other Rose Bowl games: Lost to Stanford, 7-6, in '28, defeated Washington, 21-0, in 1937.

1944 Major Sports Champions

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| <p>BASEBALL
World Champions—St. Louis Cardinals.
Little World Series—Baltimore (I. L.).</p> <p>BASKETBALL
National AAU—Phillips Oilers, Bartlesville, Okla.
*N.Y. Invitation—St. John's (Brooklyn).
NCAA—Utah.
Chicago Pro Tournament—Fort Wayne, Ind.</p> <p>BILLIARDS
18.2 balkline—Welker Cochran, San Francisco.
Three Cushion—Cochran.
Cushion Carom—Willie Hoppe, New York City.
18.1 balkline—Hoppe.
Pocket—Willie Mosconi, Jackson, Mich.</p> <p>BOWLING
*Singles—Ned Day, West Allis, Wis.
Doubles—Bill Flesch, Mt. Prospect, Ill., and Buddy Bomar, Chicago.
*Team—Strohs, Detroit.</p> | <p>BOXING
*Heavyweight—Joe Louis.
*Light Heavyweight—Gus Lesnevich.
*Middleweight—Tony Zale.
*Welterweight—Freddie Cochran.
Lightweight—Juan Zurita (NBA); Bob Montgomery (N.Y.).
Featherweight—Sal Bartolo (NBA); Willie Pep (N.Y.).
*Bantamweight—Manuel Ortiz.
Flyweight—Jackie Patterson (NBA).</p> <p>FOOTBALL
National League—Green Bay Packers.
National Intercollegiate—Army.
GOLF
PGA—Bob Hamilton, Evansville, Ind.
National Open—Harold McSpaden, Philadelphia.
National Intercollegiate—James Jackson, U. of St. Louis.</p> <p>ICE HOCKEY
Stanley Cup—Montreal Canadiens.
American League—Buffalo.
Eastern Amateur—Boston Olympics.</p> | <p>RACING
Top money winner—Pavot.
Horse of the year—Twilight Tear.
Leading jockey—Ted Atkinson.</p> <p>WIMMING
National AAU (Outdoor)—Men: North Branch YMCA, Philadelphia; *Women: Riviera Club, Indianapolis. (Indoor) Men: Great Lakes Naval Center; *Women: Multnomah Club, Portland, Ore.
NCAA—Yale.</p> <p>TENNIS
National Singl.—Men: Sgt. Frank Parker, U.S. Army. *Women: Pauline Betz, Los Angeles.
National Doubles—Men: Lt. Donald McNeill, U.S. Navy, and Aviation Cadet Robert Falkenburg, Los Angeles. *Women: Louise Brough, Beverly Hills, and Margaret Osborne, San Francisco.</p> <p>TRACK AND FIELD
National AAU—(Indoor) New York A.C. (Outdoor) New York A.C.
NCAA—Illinois.
IC4A—(Indoor) Army. (Outdoor) Navy.
*Indicate retained title.</p> |
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Hash Marks

The GI asked the WAC to go to a New Year's party. She replied, "I can't. I've got a case of diabetes." "Oh, that's okay," he replied. "Bring it along, we soldiers will drink anything."

"Where are you going, my pretty maid? Why do you pass me by?" "I'm on my way to gymnastic thschool," she lisped as she heaved a thigh.

Observation. It has definitely been established that opposites attract each other. Proof: Tight men and loose women.

A cute young gal with her baby in her arms visited a fortune teller. He began seeing a wonderful future for the child in the cards, but she



cut him short. "Never mind about that," she said, "just see if you can give me the serial number of the Yank I was with during the blackout ten months ago last Thursday!"

Here's a little bit of tongue-twisting verse for your consideration and reflection.

If oo wuves me,
Tay toe—
If oo wuves me,
Don't tay toe—
If oo don't wuve me
And tant tay toe—
Tiss me twick
And tweet me wuff
'Cause I wuves at tave-man stuff.

Strictly in confidence. One GI's idea of Heaven is to attain Methuselah's age and have Solomon's wives.

Appearances in Paris are deceiving. Many gals who put up a good front in public are flat busted at home.

The papa bear said, "Who's been drinking my scotch and soda?"

The mama bears said, "Who's been drinking my gin?"

The baby bear said, "Hic."

Overheard in the blackout. "I read that the human brain is over 90 percent water—her's must have hit a dry spell."

Navy gossip. The reason they call a sailboat "She" is because she makes her best showing in the wind.

After years of research, science claims that the slowest thing in the world is a nudist going over a barbed wire fence.

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Time TODAY
1430—College of Musical Knowledge.
1545—Record (Cpl. Geo. Monaghan).
2030—Frank Morgan.
2207—Jubilee

Births

Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival:
CAPT. Lawrence C. Kaine, Dumont, N.J.—boy, Dec. 13; Lt. James Swinderman, Pittsburgh—boy, Dec. 22; S/Sgt. George Degraeve, Eugene, Oreg.—George Michael, Dec. 11; Pvt. Leon Roger Mitchell, Hillside, N.J.—Roger Shalvoy, Nov. 23; Pvt. Al Stoller, Chicago—Francine, Dec. 9; Capt. Alonzo J. Golden, Flora, Ind.—Janet Mae, Dec. 22; Lt. John Huseby, Two Harbors, Minn.—Leah Joanne, Dec. 17; Lt. Col. Thomas W. Crosby, Boston—girl, Dec. 18; T/4 Franck Carotenuto, Brooklyn—Elyane, Dec. 19; Lt. Ellis L. Fuller, Phoenix, Ariz.—Allen Leroy, Dec. 9; Sgt. Edward M. Kotsay, Jackson Heights—Edward Joseph, Dec. 17.

L T. Paul D. Mayer, Baltimore—Nancy Elaine, Nov. 24; Pvt. Norman Deibel, Brooklyn—girl, Dec. 19; S/Sgt. Jay R. Harper, Braxley, Ga.—girl, Dec. 20; Cpl. Mack Freedman, Philadelphia—girl; Major Robert L. Lowe, Winchester, Mass.—girl, tain, Mich.—Patricia Rae, Nov. 2; Sgt. W. G. Petersen, Jacksonville, Fla.—Mary Michelle, Dec. 11; Pvt. Clarence L. Fisher, Des Moines—girl, Dec. 14; Lt. J. B. Cargen, Belmont, Mass.—girl, Dec. 12; Major Henry G. Bille, Philadelphia—Barbara Mae, Dec. 15; Sgt. M. E. Blakesley, Independence, Iowa—Beverly Ann, Dec. 6.

Terry And The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate.

By Milton Caniff



Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate Inc.

By Chester Gould



Abbie an' Slat

By Courtesy of United Features

By Raeburn Van Buren



Male Call

By Milton Caniff



Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate

By Chic Young



Jane

By Courtesy of The London Daily Mirror

By Norman Pett



Hungary Sends Peace Group to Moscow Parley

An armistice delegation representing the provisional Hungarian government recently set up in that part of the country already occupied by the Red Army was reported en route to Moscow yesterday to receive terms which the U. S., Britain and Russia have been discussing.

The terms were expected in London to be similar to those granted Rumania and Bulgaria.

Meanwhile Soviet troops pushed step by step nearer the center of embattled Budapest and flying columns of Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army drove northwest as far as Tovaros, on the Budapest-Vienna railroad 58 miles from the Austrian border and 95 miles from Vienna.

North of this push, Marshal Rodion Malinovsky scored a tactical success when units of his Third Ukrainian Army drove the Germans across the Hron River in Slovakia, one of the main water barriers before Bratislava and established bridgeheads on its western bank.

The Germans, making their first mention in several days of the new offensive which they said the Russians launched last week in Latvia and on which no word has come from Moscow, reported the battle mounting there as the Soviets poured in more troops.

Say U.S. Backs Greek Regency

Prime Minister Churchill has firm American support in his efforts to get a regency set up in Greece, it was authoritatively reported in Washington yesterday. U.S. officials have believed for many months that the Greeks would not accept King George II again.

In London, the King remained in seclusion at Claridge's Hotel giving no indication whether he would agree now to the proposed regency, to which he previously had been opposed. Churchill and Foreign Minister Anthony Eden returned from Athens to urge him to step down.

British troops in Athens intensified their efforts to drive the ELAS (resistance front) forces out of the capital, launching a three-pronged attack on remaining ELAS positions with artillery and tanks.

Capt. Max Milberg, of Brooklyn, reported that 17 Americans troops, about ten percent of the total U.S. force in Athens, had been killed or wounded by stray shots since.

U.S. Soldier Executed

A United States soldier was hanged on Dec. 27 at Guiclan, France, after conviction by a court martial for murder and assault. The sentence was reviewed and confirmed by General Eisenhower.

Sarge's 'Future' Has Rosy Glow — A Little While

WITH THE EIGHTH INF. DIV. — "I had a swell time in Paris," said Sgt. Mike Pulsoni, of Punxsutawney, Pa., "but I must always look to the future."

His future was two quarts of



champagne, which he stowed in his slit trench.

Shortly afterward Pulsoni saw his buddy, Pvt. J. W. Teague, of Birmingham, Ala., creeping out of his hole and shouting — "My rifle went off! Hit a phosphorous grenade!"

"I thought so," Pulsoni sighed. He had heard the pop. The other bottle was finished then and there.

'Give Up,' Said Nazis; 'Nuts!' Said General

When the Germans demanded the surrender of the American forces holding besieged Bastogne, the 101st Airborne's acting commander, Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe, according to A.P., gave the enemy one of the briefest replies in military history.

"Nuts," he said.

Patton Retakes 13 Towns, Hits At Nazi Wedge

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River in the vicinity of Echternach, where the river forms the Luxembourg-German frontier.

Germans were digging in to hold their gains, which ranged 50 miles or better into Belgium in an irregular spearhead which is 50 miles wide at its base. Its point, aimed toward the Meuse, was broken off as U.S. forces slugged their way back into the outskirts of Rochefort, 20 miles northwest of Bastogne, according to AP from the front.

North of Rochefort, the AP said, a heavy battle was breaking out at Humain, which Americans had recaptured.

Earlier official reports said that 1,000 prisoners and numerous armored force vehicles were taken after U.S. troops pocketed an enemy regiment between Rochefort and Celles.

The doughs recaptured Jambinne, a village four miles west of Rochefort, and pushed a patrol up to the Lisse River, a tributary of the Meuse.

On the south flank, Patton's men regained the towns of Hompre, Salvacourt, Sainlez, Lizarchamps, Surre, Boulaide, Baschleiden, Bavinne, Kaundorf, Jodenville, Ville-rouge, Eitelbruck and Eppeldorf. These run along the underside of the bulge from the Bastogne-Neufchâteau road into Luxembourg.

Third Crosses Sure River

Third Army forces in Luxembourg drove across the Sure River on a front of seven miles in gains ranging from 1,500 to 2,000 yards. They seized and held the high ground north of the Sure.

Other Americans drove up to the banks of the Sauer River and kept on going across it between Diekirch and Echternach, while, at the base of the bulge, Third Army men continued to close up to the frontier, which they reached at three points — one at Rosport, four miles east of Echternach, where the Fourth Inf. Div. held the initial assault.

Three miles southwest of Diekirch, Patton's forces retook the Sauer River town of Eitelbruck, on the Luxembourg City railroad line. Eppeldorf was seized in attacks four miles southeast of Diekirch.

On the northern flank of the bulge, Allied forces improved their defenses between the Meuse and the Belgian town of Marche. In this sector it was officially reported that the situation was under better control.

No Changes at Northern Hinge

No changes were reported between Hotton and Stavelot and between Malmédy and Monschau, the northern hinge of the bulge.

The second great stand by trapped Americans was reported by Stars and Stripes Correspondent Russ Jones from the front. He said the U.S. Seventh Armored Div. held St. Vith until it was compelled to withdraw and was credited with slowing down Von Rundstedt's whole effort.

At Stavelot, he reported, where the Germans attempted to break through to the northwest, the U.S. 82nd Airborne Div. held the plunging Nazi line.

In the Monschau area, Jones said the U.S. First Division halted the German attack.

From Monschau, AP front reports said Americans took swagging Lt. Col. Freiherr von he Heydte, Nazi paratroop commander, whose men have battled the Allies from Africa to Normandy.

German comment on the counter-offensive last night was not optimistic. The enemy's communiqué reported no significant changes in the salient.

Coast Guards Round Up Nazis on Greenland



Recorded here by a Coast Guard cameraman is the dramatic scene when U.S. guardsmen captured 12 Germans who were discovered operating a weather station on an isolated shore in Greenland. A German supply trawler also was captured and now is docked in Boston.

Forts, Libs Hit 101st Airborne, 10th Armored Supply Routes 7th Day in Row

The Eighth AF's assault upon Von Rundstedt's supply lines went into its seventh straight day yesterday when more than 800 Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by 700 fighters, sent 2,000 tons of bombs whistling down on rail and road arteries radiating from the Belgian salient.

At a cost of ten bombers and three fighters, the heavies attacked marshaling yards at Frankfurt, Bingen and Aschaffenburg. Unopposed by the Luftwaffe for the second day, the Fortresses and Liberators also bombed road and rail junctions and rail heads immediately servicing Nazi troops in the assault area.

Yesterday's attack, part of which was made visually, brought to 11,090 the number of escorting fighter and bomber sorties flown by the Eighth since Von Rundstedt's divisions jumped off into eastern Belgium.

Strike in Bastogne Area

Flying more than 400 sorties, 19th TAC fighters bombed and strafed enemy columns in the Bastogne area, destroying 121 motor vehicles, 63 tanks and armored cars and 11 gun positions. A small force of Ninth Marauders, escorted by Thunderbolts, bombed the railroad town of St. Vith in eastern Belgium. Returning B26 pilots said that their target "began to look like St. Lo."

Incomplete Ninth AF reports showed no enemy air activity over the Third Army sector, but Second TAF fighter pilots report destroying 19 German planes up to three o'clock in the afternoon.

RAF bombers, following up night attacks on rail yards at Bonn and Munich, yesterday dropped six-ton bombs on Nazi E boat pens at Rotterdam, while other bomber formations attacked the Coblenz marshaling yard.

4 Vichyites Shot to Death By Rioting Townspeople

MONTPELLIER, France, Dec. 29 (AP).—Frustrated in an attempt to lynch their former mayor, a mob of townspeople besieged Fort Vauban prison today, forced the guards to deliver four other Vichyites awaiting execution and shot them to death in the corridors.

A Nazi's Letter Home:

'A Grand and Beautiful Task'

WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES IN BELGIUM, Dec. 29.—Just how important the Nazis believe their breakthrough attempt to be is illustrated by a letter from a German soldier to his wife, which was captured by an American armored unit. The letter reads: "Again we have a grand and beautiful task before us which, with God's help, will decide the war in our favor. If you are following the official communiques, you will see that something is going on in the west. It will be a decision. I am proud to be allowed to be present at such an historic moment. If everything goes well I will soon be with you again." The Americans found the letter on the German's dead body.

American troops which held Bastogne against overwhelming enemy superiority were the 101st Airborne Div. and a unit of the Tenth Armored Div., it was disclosed by SHAEF yesterday.

The airborne men were commanded during the siege by

Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe. Its commanding officer, Maj. Gen. Maxwell B. Taylor, was in Washington when the division was surrounded. He flew back to France and entered the city Dec. 27 with forward units of the U.S. Third Army's Fourth Armored Div., which broke the siege.

SHAEF also revealed that the German Fifth Panzer Army, one of the two Panzer armies fighting in the bulge, is commanded by Col. Gen. Hasso Eckhardt von Manteuffel.

Was Barkeep in Munich

Col. Gen. Josef Sepp Dietrich commands the other Panzer army. An intimate of Reichschief Heinrich Himmler, Dietrich was a bartender during the Munich beer hall days of the Nazi party.

He rose to sergeant major in the last war and continued his military career in the Freikorps Oberland, fighting the Poles abroad and democratic and left wing organizations at home. He joined the SS in 1928 and is on the Russian list of war criminals for atrocities at Kharkov. In Normandy, he commanded an S.S. Panzer Corps which was placed under the German Seventh Army to oppose the British-Canadian attack on Caen.

Japan Losing, Pravda Claims

MOSCOW, Dec. 29 (AP).—The newspaper Pravda today described Japan as "the last and single ally of Hitlerite Germany" and told its readers that Japan has been suffering "continuous defeat on land and sea and in the air in the Pacific."

Pravda's account of the progress of the Pacific war was considered the most significant Soviet utterance on the Far East situation since Marshal Stalin's speech in November calling Japan an aggressor nation. Russia and Japan are still technically at peace with each other.

Another Japanese raid on the Superfortress base at Saipan and another U.S. raid on Iwojima in the Bonin Islands, where the Japanese raiders are based, were announced yesterday. Maj. Gen. Robert W. Douglass, deputy commander of the Pacific Strategic Air Force, explained that the Japanese were able to repair the Bonin airfields as fast as they are bombed.

Japs Say Pine Trees Yield Gas

The Japanese News Agency, quoted by Reuter, yesterday, claimed that superior high-octane aviation fuel was being produced in large quantities from pine trees which are plentiful in Japan.