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Es gibt keinen Ausweg.  
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# Big 3 Talks End With Vow To Smash Nazi War Staff

## Roer Floodwaters Begin to Recede

### Cleve Falls: U.S. Forces Clear Prum

Roer River floodwaters which have been rushing down toward Duren and Juelich from blasted floodgates of the headwater dams officially were reported receding yesterday.

U.S. First Army patrols tried to cross the river north-east of the Schwammenauel Dam, but were hurled back by heavy German fire from the eastern bank. Elsewhere on the Western Front, yesterday's developments were:

- 1.—Third Army's Fourth Inf. Div cleaned out Prum except for a few houses along the Prum River, after the town had been blasted by artillery.
- 2.—United Kingdom troops of the First Canadian Army captured Cleve and reached the Spoy Canal north of the town.
- 3.—Germans blew up the Kembs Dam on the Rhine, six and a quarter miles north of Basle, Switzerland. The dam was primarily a power project and does not affect the level of the Rhine.

#### Water Going Down

Stars and Stripes Correspondent Ernest Leiser reported that "the imperceptibly receding water in the inundated Roer Valley provided the chief movement along the Ninth Army front today. Yanks on the river's west bank and Nazis dug in along the eastern approaches watched each other silently across the wide German-created flood gulf."

Steady rains, he reported, made life miserable and kept the temporary lakes in the valley from shrinking appreciably although the flow from the Schwammenauel Dam was reported decreased, with the water now some distance from the dam's top.

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Third Army Forces take Prum and expand bridgeheads at Dasburg, Wallendorf and Echternach.

### Red Army Tank Rumbles Through Silesian Industrial City



A heavy tank of Marshal Ivan Koniev's First Ukrainian Army rolls down a street in Gleiwitz, industrial city in German Silesia and one of the most important prizes won by the Red Armies in their winter offensives. Gleiwitz factories once turned out armor for Germany's panzer divisions. The town fell to the Soviets two weeks ago.

## Mad, Scared Texan Escapes, Leaving Trail of Nazi Dead

By Ernest Leiser  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 35th INF. DIV., Feb. 12.—The zoot-suited Nazi officer made a big mistake when he clipped his Texas prisoner across the mouth.

The Texan was Pfc Joseph Kelsoe, 23 years old, who worked in the oil fields near his home at Avery before he got in the Army. Along with nine of his buddies, Tex was on his way back from a night patrol behind the German lines when he ran into a communications trench.

Tex crawled into the trench and found it well populated with Germans. A struggle followed, and when his head cleared he was being led between two Jerries into a battered house in the town he had just patrolled.

#### Gave Him No Food

The Jerries pushed him into an empty, unfurnished room, took his rifle away, but left him his ammunition. They kept him there through the night and the next day without food or water. When he pulled a pack of cigarettes from his pocket, one of his captors yanked it away and kept it.

Then, about dark, the Nazi, whom Tex called "The Big Shot" came into the house. He was dressed in a slick black uniform and, according to the Texan, "he was shined to a T—there wasn't a spot on him."

Tex was taken before the Nazi, who tried third-degree questioning in excellent English. Tex stubbornly refused to give anything but his name, rank and serial number, and that's when the German made his mistake.

#### Lips Still Swollen

"He really blew his top," Tex recounted. "He backhanded me across the face, knocking me down and doing this..." He touched his still-swollen lips. "Then he had me hauled out of the room, screaming he was gonna kill me."

The Texan was hurt, scared, mad. He resolved to escape. His chance came a few minutes

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#### \$440,000 Holdup

Twelve masked men, two of them wearing U.S. Army uniform, held up a truck on the outskirts of Paris Sunday and escaped with \$440,000 receipts from Enghien racecourse, the Associated Press reported.

## Koniev's Army Gains 23 Miles, Takes Bunzlau

Marshal Ivan Koniev's First Ukrainian Army, exploiting its new breakthrough in lower Silesia, raced 23 miles westward from captured Liegnitz yesterday and seized the communications center of Bunzlau, just east of the Bober River, on the main rail line to Leipzig.

Marshal Stalin announced the fall of Bunzlau after the German News Agency had reported that Marshal Koniev's forces, which are racing northward as well as westward, held two bridgeheads across the Bober. The bridgeheads are about 60 miles northwest of Breslau and close to the halfway point between Breslau and Dresden.

Flying columns which Koniev sent in the direction of Berlin already were operating in the rear of German forces dug in opposite Marshal Gregory Zhukov's left wing on the Oder River, according to word from Moscow.

Moscow remained silent on the activities of Marshal Zhukov's forces at the tip of the Berlin Bulge, but German commentators said that Zhukov was regrouping strong formations for a "decisive" battle for Berlin.

In southern Poland, the Fourth Ukrainian Army captured the com-

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## Belgians Form A New Cabinet

BRUSSELS, Feb. 12 (UP).—Achille van Acker, new Premier of Belgium, announced last night the formation of a coalition government. It is composed of six Catholics, five Socialists, four Liberals, two Communists and one non-party member.

Four members of the new cabinet were in the government of Premier Hubert Pierlot after its return to Belgium. Only one was in Pierlot's refugee regime in London. He is Paul Spaak, in charge of foreign affairs.

Van Acker overcame one of his biggest difficulties by persuading Catholics to accept the inclusion of Communists in the cabinet.

[The Associated Press said that since two of the Catholics were members of the leftist Christian Democratic wing, it appeared that the new government was at least slightly left of center.]

## Greek Government Signs Pact With EAM

ATHENS, Feb. 12 (Reuter).—The Greek government and representatives of the EAM signed an agreement today after a ten-hour conference.

Final details of the agreement were not immediately disclosed, but the EAM delegates were scheduled to depart for their mountain headquarters to place its terms in operation.

[The Associated Press reported that a plebiscite and elections would be held this year under the agreement, with the plebiscite probably preceding the elections.]

## Leaders Met at Port In Crimea

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau  
NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—Com-

prehensive plans for the final defeat of Germany, her occupation and disarmament, including a vow "to break up for all time the German general staff," were announced last night by the "Big Three" in a communique from Washington.

The statement, which disclosed that President Roosevelt, Marshal Stalin and Premier Churchill had conferred in Yalta, Crimea, for eight days, stressed the "continuing and growing co-operation and understanding among our three countries and among all peace-loving nations."

#### Germany Warned

Germany also has been told that she must make compensation for the damage she has caused in conquered countries and that the German people will only make the cost of their defeat heavier to themselves by attempting to continue hopeless resistance, the communique said.

The "Big Three" also agreed on a policy of joint action in liberated countries and invited France to join with them in occupying Germany in the post-war period.

Plans for a meeting in San Francisco next month to put into effect the Dumbarton Oaks policies also was announced.

The Allied leaders made no effort to soften the force of unconditional surrender in a declaration that "it is not our purpose to destroy the people of Germany but only when Nazism and militarism have been extirpated will there be hope for decent life for Germans

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## Trial as War Criminal Sought for the Mikado

LONDON, Feb. 12 (AP).—The Chinese delegation to the World Trades Union Congress demanded today that the Emperor of Japan be tried as a war criminal.

Chu H. Fan, Chinese spokesman, charged that the Mikado was head of the Japanese military caste and declared that "he is the real leader of Japanese aggression and should be brought to book."

Chu also suggested that Japanese labor be used to "produce for the rehabilitation of China."

## President Asks U.S. to Lead In Bolstering World Economy

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (ANS).—Cautioning that the future "is full of promise and danger," President Roosevelt today called on Congress to carry out the Bretton Woods agreements for world economic co-operation.

In his first major public statement since his departure for the "Big Three" meeting, Roosevelt asked specifically for prompt action in authorizing American participation in the proposed international bank and international monetary fund.

"It is time," he said in a message to Congress, released at the White House, "for the United States to take the lead in establishing the principle of economic

co-operation as a foundation for expanded world trade."

Moreover, he continued, proposals drafted at Bretton Woods, N.H., last July, constitute means of seeking both within the United States and among the United Nations goals of "more goods produced, more jobs, more trade and higher standards of living for us all."

The President pointed out that the "first problem with which we must cope is the saving of life and getting resources and people back into production." He said that neither UNRRA, the United Nations relief group, nor armies "are designed for construction or reconstruction of large-scale public works, factories, power plants or systems of transportation."

# THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

## We're Sorry

Yesterday's B-Bag ran a letter from Pvt. R. J. Cassel complaining about black market and other conditions in the Paris Detention Barracks. This letter was shown before publication to Col. E. G. Buhrmaster, Provost Marshal, Seine Base Section, for his comment. This comment inadvertently was left out. It appears below:

(Col. E. G. Buhrmaster, Seine Base Provost Marshal, advises that similar letters recently caused an investigation by his department and the Inspector General's and conditions complained of were eliminated. He states that trustworthy noncoms and commissioned officers are in charge of each floor; guards are not allowed to take extra food or cigarettes on duty; that he personally makes regular inspections; prisoners get regular soldier rations; and sanitary facilities have been improved as quickly as possible in the buildings which were without adequate facilities when taken over.—Ed.)

## Army No Penal Colony

Millions of us were enlisted or inducted into the Army and Navy. We were told then that it was an honor and a privilege to serve your country in such a manner whether it be in war or peace. Nowhere in draft laws, Articles of War, or any of the respective services regulations does it appear that service is to be considered a punishment similar to penal servitude. Now comes Congressman May's bill with the statement that unless civilians toe the mark in the war industry employment program, they'll be fined, thrown in jail, or even drafted!

Yes DRAFTED! Do you want to serve ten years in jail or do you prefer to spend the "duration plus" in the Army or Navy? The same thing, according to Congressman May's Bill. We enlisted when our country prepared for war and then went to war. Sure, some of us were inducted, probably the larger percentage, but we didn't come in with the idea of avoiding a prison sentence. We didn't wait for someone to say being drafted is comparable to a prison term.

Maybe the people back home won't see this in the same light, but we in uniform don't relish the services being put on a par with penal servitude. You are right to put these slackers behind bars but don't bring them into the armed forces to fight alongside those of us that do have some pride for our branch of service. If it is necessary to have an alternative for these people, let it be of a more punitive nature and not one of honor.—Sgt. Henry R. Kelly and 5 others, MIS.

## Pass the Paper, Please!

While censoring mail, I find a lot of men sending The Stars and Stripes home. That is all right—but NOT before passing it around first for others to read.

I believe this practice exists in other units—I hope I'm wrong—so how about making it a rule to stop sending S & S home unless it is at least 10 days old?—1/Lt. John A. Senders, Inf.

## Our Lieutenant

Most of the GIs who write to B-Bag have a bitch to make concerning their officers but none of them ever think of praising an individual officer. Your editorial of Jan. 13 described the ideal officer. Here is our candidate for the perfect officer.

He is Lt. Leo B. Spinner, commanding the 2nd Plat., Co A., 204th Combat Engrs. In the Army 26 months, he is 25 years old, married, a graduate of Missouri School for Mines and the Army School for Engineers at Harvard University.

We have come across three countries and expect to enter another with him. He has all the qualifications—cool, calm and courageous and just in every way. Under fire

he will never ask a man to do what he himself would not undertake.

In three river crossings the platoon made, Lt. Spinner was the first man to go down to the river, under heavy fire, and the first man of his platoon to cross the river for reconnaissance. When the platoon had to lay a minefield on a black, rainy night, Lt. Spinner pitched right in, carrying mines a mile from the supply truck to the minefield, making 9 round trips under heavy fire.

Before a job, the lieutenant will brief his men well, making them familiar with all that is to take place. He's considerate of his men, but can be a strict disciplinarian and the goldbrick is soon straightened out.

He likes to live with his men, and the men are glad to live with him. He does his share of the work, too. He knows when to remember his rank, and when to forget it, always acting as an officer, but never taking advantage.

Lt. Spinner is always open to suggestions and realizes it takes the help of all to make the perfect team. After a job is well done, he will give credit where due. If anything goes wrong and a man wants to bitch, he'll let a man speak his piece freely, without prejudice.

His men have complete confidence in him, and he in them; no job is too big with him as a leader.—Boys of the 2nd Platoon, Co A, Combat Engrs.

## Showdown Time

It's certainly a shame to allow the Germans to retain all the household articles they've stolen from the conquered peoples such as radios, etc., and our MIS adorning their living-room walls.

Why not have a showdown inspection all through Germany after this thing is over?—Lt. R. Kenis, Armd Engr. Bn.

## Pat on Back for Pilots

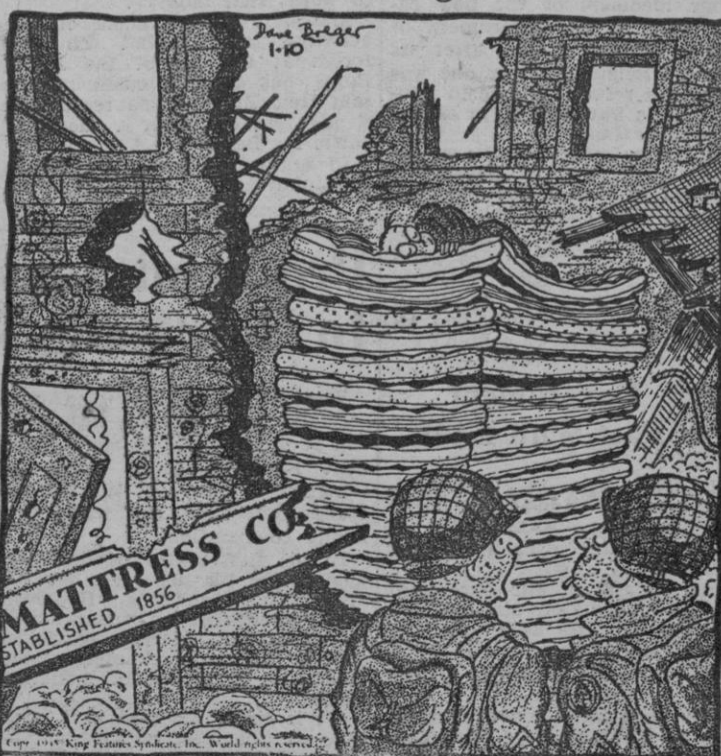
We of the First Bn., 506th Parachute Inf., have read and re-read what we have done. We're tired of it. Let's give a bunch of guys credit that really deserve it... the fellows that the Heinies really sweat out... the guys we love to see up there: the P47 pilots. We've seen them go into flak so thick it looked like a flour sifter, come out and go right back in again, and stick around until they got their target or ran out of ammo. I've seen some of them even make a dry run just to scare the hell out of the Heinies.—Pfc I. M. T.

## Hot Lips

The canteen cup is a handy gadget. The designer, however, must have had asbestos lips. Many a time I have been all set to enjoy some steaming, delicious coffee only to be booby trapped by the hot edge of the canteen cup.

Can you please get the gadgeteers back home on the ball and persuade them to line the lip with some sort of heat resisting plastic molding? Every man in the field will be grateful.—Lt. A. A. Daniel, Sig. Corps.

## Private Breger



"He's spending his ten-day furlough right here, after all these months, sleeping on the ground."

## An Editorial

# The New Guy Joins the Squad

THE reinforcement was tired and scared. He didn't know what to expect when he joined the squad.

The squad was in the cellar of a beat-up German farmhouse. "First time in combat?" they asked him. When he said yes, they laughed. "Well, you're sure in it now." Then they gave him a seat by the stove. And a cigarette. And a light. And this is what the squad said to the new reinforcement.

"You're in the first squad of the third platoon of Love Co. 310th Reg. 78th Div. The old man's name is Parker. The shoulder patch is white lightning. You're now officially a member of Sparky Parker's Burned-Out Lightning Bugs."

Everybody laughed. Somehow the new guy felt easier.

They gave him advice. "Don't be scared. It ain't as tough as you think. Keep



moving. Don't freeze or they'll mortar in on you. Look for the source of the fire. Then move in on it and give 'em the works.

"Take care of that M1. It's your best friend. And use them grenades. Don't bunch up. Just take it calm and easy."

They talked about the German. About his automatic weapons. His swell equipment. How he fights like a lion—and gives up like a lamb. Wheedling and whining. "Don't trust the

bastards," the oldtimers said. "They're tricky. They're killers."

The reinforcement drew a deep breath. "This isn't as bad as I expected," he said. "I wasn't as scared of the Germans as I was of the squad. I thought you'd give a new guy the works."

"Works? Hell man, you're one of the squad. My backside depends on you. Your backside depends on me. Me and you and the other guys. Our backsides are all in this together. If we stick together, maybe we'll all get out alive."

# Franco-Polish Demands On Foe Would Pull His Warlike Teeth

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (ANS).—Experts said today that if the demands of France and Poland are met Germany would be stripped of an estimated 75 to 90 percent of her power to make war.

United Press reported that France is demanding that the whole Rhine basin, including the Ruhr and Saar, be internationalized and considered the border of western Europe's strategic and economic security. Gen. Charles de Gaulle has reportedly obtained Russia's approval of the plan to set up a separate Rhenish state under Allied protection.

Poland wants, and no doubt will get, Silesia to compensate for the loss of eastern Polish territory to Russia.

Disarmament Solution  
If those changes in Germany's boundaries are made they would solve most of the problems of how to keep Germany disarmed. They also would reduce to a workable minimum the amount of direct control needed to make sure German

factories are engaged in peaceful pursuits.

Before Germany conquered most of Europe, virtually all of her heavy industry was concentrated in three areas: 1—Along the Rhine in the Ruhr Valley and in the Saar; 2—In Silesia on her eastern border; 3—In the triangle formed by Leipzig, Chemnitz and Dresden, north of her border with Czechoslovakia.

Only One Such Area Left  
If the Rhineland, including the Ruhr and Saar, is made a separate state under international control, and if Silesia goes to Poland, Germany will be left with only the Leipzig-Chemnitz-Dresden area in western Saxony as a heavy-industry area. Prior to the war it accounted for less than 25 percent of Germany's heavy production.

The loss of the Rhine basin and Silesia would deprive Germany of at least 75 percent of her coal and iron mines and steel industry. Some estimates are that it would mean the loss of as much as 90 percent of her coal supply. In addition, one half of her industry that produced warplanes, locomotives, armaments, textiles, munitions, machinery, synthetic oil, nitrogen and rubber would be gone.

Contributions Listed  
What Germany's potential territorial losses will mean to her ability to make war is best explained by cataloging what those areas have contributed to her war production in the past:

The Ruhr Valley—an area 60 by 20 miles of the most concentrated manufacturing region in Europe. It is east of the Rhine north of Cologne, and in that valley was located the bulk of Germany's heavy industry. The steel mills and factories were built on land that covered one of the richest coalfields in the world. Each of the valley's six major cities was the center of one or more phases of the manufacture of steel, chemicals and power. For example, Essen was the home of the famous Krupp Works and the center of Germany's heavy steel industry.

The Saar—an area of 737 square miles whose coal mines were

turned over to France after the last war for 15 years and which voted in the mid-thirties to return to Germany. The Saar coalfield is far smaller than those in the Ruhr or Silesia but the area is second in importance only to the Ruhr in steel-making because of its own iron deposits and its proximity to the rich Lorraine deposits.

Silesia—"This is my Peru," Frederick the Great once said of this industrial area, which is 24 miles long and 12 miles wide. It outranks the Saar as an industrial section and is second only to the Ruhr in heavy industry and the production of minerals. In 1943 its coal output was more than 90,000,000 tons, or 36 percent of Germany's total production. This area now is being overrun by the Russian armies and seems destined to be combined with Polish Silesia in reconstituted Poland.



To End All Wars?  
The way is long, the road is rough,  
But we were born with just the stuff  
To crush the Nazi horde, and then  
Go home, to live and love again.

Can we be sure that once our task  
Is done, we can return and bask  
In peace; and know this war, we've  
won  
Will be the last—All time to come?

Or must we send our sons to fight  
And die; again to gain the right  
To live as God ordained we should  
In lasting peace and brotherhood?  
—Pvt. Burns Copeland.

Le Réve  
Back to the noise of life,  
Footsteps pounding up the street,  
Taxis careening madly,  
The multi-colored lights of Gotham  
Streams of humanity:  
Times Square . . . Saturday . . .  
midnight.  
—Cpl. Morris Winer.

Advice  
If your want your buddies out in  
the froid.  
Sell your stuff on the marché noir.  
—Pfc Robert J. McCaffrey.

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**This Was America Yesterday:**

**Conflict's Cost at 283 Billion  
—7 Times World War I Total**

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

**NEW YORK, Feb. 12.**—Since Pearl Harbor the war has cost \$238,000,000,000—seven times the total cost of World War I through June 30, 1919, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr., revealed yesterday.

He said the war in Europe is approaching its climax, and that the vastness of it can be measured by the fact that more supplies were sent there in two months than during all of World War I.

As if the cost of war weren't enough, the ancient spectre of more than-a-nickel subway fares has risen again to haunt New Yorkers. Mayor LaGuardia yesterday said he would maintain a "hands off" policy toward a bill introduced in the State Legislature seeking to set up a city transit authority and a permissible fare of "not more than ten cents" on subways. The five-cent fare previously has been politically unsailable. To become operative, however, the bill must be approved by the City Council and the mayor.

"It's up to the Legislature," said the Little Flower. "If it passes, I'll administer it." He said he didn't think the fare should be as high as ten cents, though.

**H**OME for a 30-day furlough after one of the most unusual foreign assignments on record is Maj. Claude E. Fertig, of La Junta, Col. For three years he led Filipino guerrillas, punishing Japs from the bush.

His wife was with him in the mountains of the Philippines until only four months ago, when she was secretly returned to the U. S. While with the guerrillas, Mrs. Fertig gave birth to a daughter, now 13 months old. Mother and child were attended by a native doctor of a wild tribe.



Husband and wife back in the U.S. after living with Filipino guerrillas for three years.

A crew of war workers, all wounded veterans and bed patients at an Army hospital in Van Nuys, Calif., are beating civilian employees of the Northrop Aircraft factory at their own game. The work the veterans are doing—fabrication of electrical assemblies and instruments for P61 Black Widow night fighters—is part of the hospital's rehabilitation program, but the 200 men in the program are turning out more parts per day than regular workers. The soldiers are paid full factory rates.

**A**NOTHER Army offer to help has been turned down. Snow clearance along the tracks of the Boston and Maine Railroad was moving slowly, holding up war freight, but when the Army offered Italian PWs to expedite the work, union officials stated members would refuse to work if prisoners were employed.

**I**F you are beefing about the lack of mail, there is a guy in Los Angeles who thinks people are writing altogether too much. The individual is Harold Hansen, temporary mail carrier. Yesterday he was given a year and a day imprisonment for destruction of approximately 200 letters.

"Too many people are writing to each other anyway," he said. "I delivered some of them, but I got tired and tired." Harold tore up some of them, but that was also too strenuous, so he just ditched the rest.

A 17-year-old Dorchester, Mass., girl, who explained that "you can't go around with buttons in your pockets," has been arrested in connection with a series of taxicab stickups. With four male accomplices she has been holding up hackies with a knife, throwing them into snowdrifts and taking off with cash and cabs.

**M**AYBE the girl bandit should have met taxi-driver John Vanick, of St. Petersburg, Fla. Vanick ran his cab through 50 feet of palmetto scrub and ended up against a telephone pole. He went to have an injured finger dressed, called up his employer to tell him where the cab had been left. Then, as an after-thought, he mentioned that his passenger, Mrs. Isabel Cerlanex, was lying unconscious in the weed patch.

Vanick is doing 35 days in jail and will face more charges when the passenger—who wasn't seriously hurt—recovers to testify.

**T**HIS one surpasses most of those overseas brother-meets-brother yarns. Joe Rennar, of ATC, was on his way back to duty. He had left home in Sapulpa, Okla., unhappy because he hadn't been able to see his merchant marine son, Kenneth, who had been expected back at the same time. When he arrived in Houston, Texas, it was impossible to obtain a room, so he agreed to share a bed with another guest who was asleep. In the morning he discovered, of course, it was Kenneth.

**Elliott's Star Grows Brighter  
But 'Blaze' Incident Smoulders**

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (ANS).**—Republican critics abandoned hope today of keeping Col. Elliott Roosevelt from becoming a brigadier general, but his globe-trotting dog, "Blaze," seemed about to have his day in the Senate.

The United Press said the nominations of Elliott and 77 other colonels were about to come up in the Senate. Sen. Harlan Bushfield, (R-S. D.) who forced a delay on the nomination, told a reporter he expects the promotion of the President's second son to be confirmed, but added that he wants to unburden his mind about the rapidity

with which 34-year-old Elliott reached the rank of general. The Associated Press reported some Democrats felt it was about time people quit kicking Elliott's dog around, but that critics had the Military Affairs subcommittee report to bark about.

That report quoted Maj. Gen. H. L. George as saying the Air Transport Command, which he heads, made a "serious mistake" in giving Blaze the priority for an Army plane ride from Washington to Hollywood as a result of which three passengers were bumped off a plane at Memphis.

**New Work Bill  
May Be Offered  
In Compromise**

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (AP).**—A compromise manpower control plan which would give statutory support to the present War Manpower Commission recruitment program was reported under preparation today.

The plan may attract enough votes in the Senate Military Affairs Committee to displace the work-or-jail bill for which the White House, generals and admirals have asked and which passed in the House after a hot debate.

The compromise measure probably would give the War Manpower Commission authority to set employment ceilings in individual plants and to call for placement of workers only through reference from the suitable government agency.

Sen. James Meade (D-N.Y.) said that any bill finally agreed upon ought to provide for thorough surveys to determine how manpower is being utilized in individual plants. "We need direction more than compulsion," Meade said.

Sen. Burnet Maybank (D-S.C.), said he believes the committee eventually will report the House bill with several drastic amendments, one of which would allow James F. Byrnes' Office of War Mobilization, or any agency Byrnes might designate, to determine where men would work.

The House voted to give Selective Service power to say not only who should work but where they should work. The committee resumes its closed hearings tomorrow.

**Sinatra Heads  
For Hollywood  
As Fans 'Sweat'**

**NEW YORK, Feb. 12 (ANS).**—The Voice and his punctured eardrum left last night for Hollywood, while his bobby-sock fans sweated out the possibility that he might soon be lugging a rifle instead of crooning.

Sinatra, once classified as 4F, obtained permission from his draft board chairman, Ira Caldwell, of Jersey City, to make the trip. In answer to reports that he had again been rejected by the Army, the 118-pound singer insisted he didn't know.

**Going Overseas**

"At any rate, I'm going overseas," Sinatra said. "If the Army doesn't take me, I'll probably get there sooner."

He added that he planned to make a USO tour with Jimmy Durante in the late spring if the Army again rejects him. Meanwhile, the United Press said that the medical report on the Voice is en route to his draft board. The Voice underwent a re-examination at Fort Jay last Thursday.

Caldwell, who said he expected to get the report today, explained that Sinatra had asked him if he could go to Hollywood and that he had approved the trip. Even if Sinatra is accepted, Caldwell pointed out, the singer probably would be given a 21-day leave before induction.

**Lewis and Green Mum  
Pending AFL Meeting**

**MIAMI Fla., Feb. 12 (ANS).**—John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers of America, today gave his reply to the AFL's request for his terms for reaffiliation of his union, but both Lewis and William Green, AFL president, were mum on the details pending a meeting of the AFL Executive Council.

Should the miners be re-admitted to the AFL, which they left more than eight years ago, Lewis' influence would be heavily felt in the AFL policy toward the CIO. Lewis has been bitter critic of the CIO since he took his union out of that organization in 1942.

**Babe Enjoys Bath in Transparent Tub**



With plumbing supplies short, Homer I. Bretherick, Bell Aircraft employe, found solution to his daughter's ablution problems with an obsolete B29 gun blister. Jean Claire Bretherick, 18-month-old mermaid, splashes merrily in the plastic bath job.

**ETO-Bound GIs' Furloughs  
Saved by 400-Plane Flight**

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (ANS).**—An emergency flight of 400 transport planes made possible Christmas furloughs for 6,000 soldiers suddenly ordered overseas to France last December.

The War Department, revealing the story today, said the soldiers were destined to be reinforcements on the Western Front.

At the last minute it appeared pre-embarkation furloughs would have to be cancelled, but Gen. George C. Marshall ordered short furloughs be granted.

The problem of getting the men home and back in time for departure overseas then arose. Officers of Army's Air Transport Command, First Troop Carrier Command and Ground Forces went into an all-night huddle, out of which came a plan for getting infantrymen from 12 reinforcement centers to 39 selected centers in various parts of the country and then to their homes. The 400 planes flew a total of 13,429,569 passenger miles to do the job—equivalent to the average total passenger miles flown by all domestic commercial airlines in two and a-third days.

**Outlook Better  
For Wallace**

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (ANS).**—Senate pressure for speedy action and a House spirit of compromise joined today to brighten Henry A. Wallace's chances of becoming Secretary of Commerce.

The Associated Press reported there are indications that when the House Rules Committee meets Wednesday it will send to the floor the George bill, divorcing the Reconstruction Finance Corporation from the Commerce Department. The Senate passed the bill with the idea of getting it into law ahead of the vote on the Wallace appointment.

Clearing the George bill's path doesn't mean that anti-Wallace forces in the House are mellowing, the AP said.

Wallace opponents on the Rules Committee—Republicans and Southern Democrats—appeared inclined to report the bill in the regular manner, leaving it to parliamentary experts to decide whether further amendment can be considered to banish the Commerce Secretary from his place on the board of the Export-Import Bank.

**Four More Vet Offices  
For Returned Soldiers**

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (ANS).**—Four additional offices of the Veterans Administration will be opened tomorrow to speed up processing of loans for returning servicemen under the GI Bill of Rights. The offices are at Seattle, Denver, St. Louis, and Boston. Others have been established at New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Washington, Dallas, Cleveland and Atlanta.

**Friendship Proves Golden**

**KANSAS CITY, Feb. 12 (ANS).**—Mrs. Deane Barney Stadler, retired school teacher who died without near relatives, wanted her friends to know she appreciated those kindnesses that made her declining years more pleasant. Accordingly, her \$11,000 estate is being divided among 25 neighbors and friends.

**Merchant Marine Casualties**

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (Reuter).**—Merchant Marine casualties from Sept. 27, 1941, to Jan. 31, 1945, total 6,017, including 755 dead, 4,683 missing and 579 prisoners of war, the Navy Department said today.

**Flood Threat Seen  
Averted in States**

**BOSTON, Feb. 12 (ANS).**—With New England cloaked in the heaviest snowfall in years as a result of last Thursday's storm, engineers hoped today that the melting would be gradual and thus save the area from serious floods.

Warm rains however, could turn the area's network of streams into raging torrents and cause floods in some of the larger watersheds state engineers reported.

They said the mild weather of the past few days has helped to reduce the danger considerably and that similar light thaws, followed by freezes which check the runoff, would virtually eliminate all danger.

**Lincoln Paid Tribute  
On Birth Anniversary**

**SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 12 (ANS).**—Tribute was paid to Abraham Lincoln today by his home town on the 136th anniversary of his birth. Hundreds flocked to the Lincoln tomb at Oak Ridge Cemetery and to the white frame house he occupied as a Springfield attorney.

In Washington, Vice-President Harry Truman, acting for President Roosevelt, placed the President's wreath on the Lincoln Memorial.

**MacArthur Holiday**

**SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 12 (ANS).**—Students at the College of St. Mary of the Wasatch are cashing in on Gen. MacArthur's victory in the Philippines. Three years ago they were promised a one-day vacation when MacArthur made his return promise good. They'll get their holiday tomorrow.

**There's a Point to This Story**

**Kansan No Dog at Telling Tall Tales**

**WICHITA, Kan., Feb. 12 (ANS).**—Here is the story which won for W. R. York, a Wichita business man, the title "biggest liar in the Southwest."

A man was hunting quail in some thick brush in western Kansas. He lost his dog and finally gave up looking for

her and went home. Then he got a bright idea. He trained another dog. Hunting in the same locality the next year, he came across the skeleton of his old dog, still standing at point.

The unusual thing was that she had given birth to seven puppies. And there they—or rather their skeletons—stood honoring their mother's point.

York submitted this story in a contest conducted by the Wichita Beacon.





Such Things Happen

Oddities: Belgians are thorough—to put it mildly, T/Sgt. Ernest M. Sargent, of Chicago, an AAA man, sent his laundry out tied with a tent rope. When he got the bundle back, the rope was inside; washed, folded and ironed. . . Who knows? Maybe there are such things as supermen. . . When an armored division moved into a Luxembourg chateau, the men found a row of coat hooks eight feet from the floor. . . Pfc Tom Rogers, of Holly, Ark., and Pvt. Frank Bartholovich, of Pittsburgh, know that you can find things other than needles in a haystack. The 102nd Inf. Div. men were in hot chase of a couple of Germans when their quarry disappeared as if the ground had swallowed them up. . . Spying a nearby haystack, the two crept close to it. One shot into the pile from Rogers' rifle brought the two Jerries out in a hurry, with their hands raised. . . T/4 Albert Fosocco, of Shady Green, Colo., first cook for "I" Co., 68th Armd. Regt., of the Second Armd. Div., says Jerry baking powder "Ain't worth a damn." The biscuits Fosocco made from a bag of the stuff turned out hard as rock—and the "flour" turned out to be plaster of paris.

Here We Go Again

Way back last June, Lt. George Richmond of an engineer combat bn. received a letter from a friend in an armored unit in Texas. In the letter was a request for a German souvenir. The lieutenant wrapped up a German gas mask with the proper certificates and mailed it. Richmond, now in Belgium, received a "thank you" note recently from his friend who wrote from Holland to say he had just received the mask after it followed him from Texas to the POE, then to England and the Continent. The writer explained he didn't have any need for the souvenir just then, so he was taking the liberty of sending the gift on to his brother in the States.

Great Grandfather Was Great

While a lot of American soldiers are meeting their French cousins, 2/Lt. Francis P. Halas, of Chicago, is getting better acquainted with his great-grandfather, Louis Charles Antoine de Saix, who was one of Napoleon's generals. Halas has found the name of his ancestor on the Arc de Triomphe and at the Museum of the Grand Army at the Place des Invalides. He found out that Gen. de Saix had died in the battle of Marengo in 1800. "I knew he died in battle," Lt. Halas remarked. We have at home a painting showing him as he died on the battlefield with one foot still in the stirrup of the saddle on his brown charger. Lt. Halas was wounded near Eschweiler. Now he is not only catching up on the history of his family in the Napoleonic era, but he is also helping to prepare the history of World War II. He is on duty with the historical section of ETOUSA.

Who's That Knocking . . .

It isn't safe to leave doors open, especially when the door is on a pillow in the Siegfried Line. A tank crew of a Ninth Inf. Div. battalion proved this. Gunner Cpl. William E. Middle, of Marysville, Ky., bounced the first shot, at about 3,500 yards, off the top of the pillow, then slammed the barrel with one foot on the door. A few more rounds completed the job.

Unique Invitation

When Sgt. Lyle H. Fischer, of Belleville, Ill., asked his former college roommate, Lt. Dale H. Dym, to drop in and see him sometime, he didn't figure his friend would accept so literally. The lieutenant, an Eighth AF B17 pilot, bailed out of his Flying Fortress after the plane was crippled returning from a mission in Germany. He was picked up by a jeep in Sgt. Fischer's Ninth AF GP. After the two friends spent an evening bulling about college days and the Army, Fischer's parting shot was: "Sure, nice to see you. DON'T drop in again sometime."

As Any Dimwit Can Plainly See

It was bound to happen sooner or later. An officer of the 28th Inf. Div.'s 112th Regt., one Lt. Dym, came into the 169th Regt.'s Second Bn. CP. He was led into the office of one of the battalion staff where the following conversation took place: "How do you do? I'm Lt. Dym." "Well, we'd better not be seen together too much. I'm Lt. Witt!" Lt. Charles A. Dym is from Pittsburgh and Lt. L.P. Witt is from Lexington, Ky.

Posies, Prattling and Poison Pens

It was wondering if you could spare a little room in The Stars and Stripes each day to quote the daily Dow-Jones averages for stocks and bonds—Maj. C.A. Hickey, 147th Armd. Sig. Co. . . You ran my name incorrectly on Jan. 25 as S/Sgt. Raymond Chandy. S/Sgt. Herman Chanley, Co. G, 104th Inf. . . My name is McConnell, but someone stuck a William in front of it in Jan. 10th's paper and I'll be darned if I know where they got it.—Lt. Dick McConnell, Co. F, 12th Inf., Fourth Div. . . My prediction of the war's end since 1941 has been and still is March 4, 1945.—Pvt. Ralph Belancourt Jr., Co. B, 3217 Sig. Service Bn. . . Pfc Floyd Spitzer of Portland, Ore., fired 10 rounds in the air from a 60mm mortar before the first round hit the ground at 1,175 yards. The bubble was level when he started and when he finished.—T/Sgt. Paul Thompson and six others, Co. E, 414th Inf.



American doughboys, pushing along with a Sherman tank, slug their way south on Luzon Island, in the Philippines, after the Lingayen Gulf landing. Mountains can be seen in the background. It was in mountains like these that American and Philippine guerrillas hid and drew plans to harass the Japs.

Yank Vengeance Stalks West Wall For A Cat-Wielding Nazi Officer

Eight Months' Pursuit Fails to Dim Joe's Memory of Torture

By John B. McDermott, United Press Staff Correspondent

WITH 18th AIRBORNE CORPS BEFORE SIEGFRIED LINE.—Somewhere in the shadows of Germany's Siegfried Line tonight a lonely American soldier stalks on a mission of murder—to avenge a cat-o-nine-tails lashing given him by a Nazi storm trooper. For eight months this soldier has been chasing rumors which he thought might lead him to his hated enemy, the Nazi officer always eluding him. Now he thinks he is nearing his prey.

The soldier is Pvt. Donald D. Smith, 24, former Dayton, Ohio, truck driver. He tells the gruesome story of being captured and tortured, of being teased by beautiful German women to extract information from him—of his own ruthless slaying of German guards when he broke out of hospital confinement and made his way back to the American lines.

Escaped from Hospital

While being treated in the hospital, Smith stealthily reached his hand into a medic's blouse, pulled out a pistol and took the medic prisoner. He forced the medic to lead him to a jeep, killed the medic and escaped to a farmhouse where the French helped him to the American lines.

Don't Look Now, Sir—Four Nazis Under You

WITH SECOND INF. DIV.—1/Lt. John C. Granville, of St. Louis, Mo., 15th FA observer, directed artillery fire for an hour from the top of a pillbox. When doughboys of the Second Inf., came up, they killed four Germans who were in the pillbox all the while.

Captain's Ire Focuses On Camera-Shy Yanks

WITH 35th INF. DIV.—Suspecting a booby-trap, Sgt. Edward McGrath, of Minneapolis, Minn., and Pfc Edward Howe, of Bowling Green, Ohio, wouldn't pick up the camera they found in a house just occupied by the 35th Infantry Division. They dragged it out of the house and into the muddy road with a rake. They gulped when Capt. Stephen Peabody, of Newburyport, Mass., ran up and asked the GIs what they were doing with his camera.

Haulage Marks Across 'Hump' Made by ATC

KUNMING, Feb. 12 (ANS).—The U.S. Army Air Transport Command established a new record in January by carrying 44,000 tons of war material from India to China—more than double the tonnage carried by the old Burma Road in its best month.

12 AA Men Who Cut Bastogne Cordons Returned With 4th

WITH NINTH ARMD. DIV.—One of the last units to leave Bastogne before it was encircled and one of the first to re-enter after a corridor was punched through was a group of 12 men from the 482nd AA Bn., attached to this division. Both missions were completed without casualties.

Depot Supplies 650,000 Tons To Front Weekly

WITH 27th ORD. DEPOT, Feb. 12.—Supplies are now flowing to the First, Third and Ninth Armies from the largest Army Ordnance depot in France which is sending 650,000 tons of material weekly to the front.

Weyland of 19th TAC Made Major General

NINTH AF HQ, France, Feb. 12.—C. P. Weyland, Commander of the 19th Tactical Air Command, has been promoted to Major General. Gen. Weyland has commanded the 19th TAC since February 1944. Since the Normandy campaign, the organization has co-ordinated its operations with Lt. Gen. George Patton's Third Army.

Pre-Fabricated Homes To Be Sent to France

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12 (ANS).—Five thousand pre-fabricated homes, specially built in the U.S. to shelter thousands of French workers rebuilding dock facilities in France, will be ready for shipment on March 31, the Foreign Economic Administration and National Housing Agency announced today.

At 16 Johnny's Going Home a Vet, With Memories of Four Invasions

Boy Stowed Away at 16 To Go Off to Wars At His Father's Side

By DeWitt Gilpin, Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Since then Johnny, who weighs 95 pounds and stands a little taller than an MI, has won a Bronze Star, the Croix de Guerre and a Silver Star during his service with the Ninth and the 45th Division, which he joined after being wounded in Italy.



Stars and Stripes Photo by Martin Harris

When his father went overseas to Ireland in the summer of 1942, Johnny stowed away on the same transport. A little age-juggling made him a soldier, and he stuck with his father until the captain was killed at Kasserine Pass in Africa. Johnny knocked out some machine-guns at Kasserine by tossing grenades at them, and his general awarded him a Silver Star.

Father-and-Son Team Broken Up in Africa By Captain's Death

sniper's bullet clipped Johnny behind the ear in Bizerta, shell splinters hit his legs at Anzio, a bullet ricocheted off another soldier and smacked him in the chest in northern France.

At the hospital Johnny said goodbye to Pvt. Kenneth L. Baldwin who was returning to their old outfit, the 45th. "We thought he would go home after he got hit at Anzio," said Baldwin. "All the old-timers in the 45th know the little guy, and it will seem funny not having him around."



Laughing behind a lady's back are Pfc Donald Cathell, of Romburg, W.Va., and Pfc Walter Snoke, of Newbury, Pa., as they catch some rest in the infirmary of the 46th Medical, 4th Armd. Div. They saw nothing like this babe in Bastogne, say the boys.

Yanks Blend Speed, Surprise, Catch Colmar Nazis Napping

By Howard Byrne, Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 28th INF. DIV., Colmar.—Surprise and speed were the two elements which contributed most to the success of the assault on Colmar by the 28th Inf. Div., according to Capt. Bruce Paul, of Santa Ana, Calif., and Lt. Edward L. Peer, of Salt Lake City, credited with leading the first two companies into the city.

Civilians Aid Army Transit

Labor and materials furnished by the French and Belgian governments under mutual aid agreements are helping to transport men and supplies from European ports to battlefronts, the Office of the Chief of Transportation announced today.

84th Div. Truck Driver Shoots Down Nazi Plane

WITH 84th INF. DIV., Belgium. An anti-aircraft course paid off for Pfc Carl W. Dykes, truck driver, of Whitwell, Tenn.

6,021 Jerricans Recovered

A five-man crew of the 194th Chemical Depot Co. in 14 days unearthed 6,021 AWOL Jerricans.

How to Start an Ox—Not the Army Way

WITH U.S. SUPPLY FORCES, Belgium.—Pfc Fred S. Amato, former Boston night-club entertainer from Lawrence, Mass., claims he is the only MP in the ETO to give an ox a "hot foot."

Supply Trunkers Using New Curb Gas Stations

WITH U.S. SUPPLY FORCES.—Super-service stations—GI style—now dot the French highways along which supplies are trucked to the front.

3rd Div. Cited By De Gaulle

ADVANCED SIXTH ARMY GP. HQ, Feb. 12.—The Third (Rock of the Marne) Inf. Div. received the Army Order of the Croix de Guerre and Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Sixth Army group commander, and Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch, Seventh Army commander, received high French military decorations from Gen. Charles de Gaulle at Colmar and Saverne over the weekend.

One Less Member of the Luftwaffe to Harass U.S. Troops

GI examines the wreckage of a Nazi plane knocked down by anti-aircraft fire in Luxembourg. The plane fell during a shelling of the German border towns of Dasburg, Rodenhansen, Bitburg and Trier by Third Army heavy guns.

Two Wars Spanned As Old Buddies Meet

Twenty-six years ago, back at Camp Zachary Taylor, 2/Lt. Charles J. Rooney, of Topeka, Kan., and Charles M. Hecht, of Colfax, Wash., pocketed their honorable discharges, shook hands and took off for their respective homes after serving together in World War One.

## Behind The Sports Headlines

**EUGENE, Ore.**—Dick Wilkins, Oregon's freshman cage scoring star, currently leading the nation in points scored, was made available to the Webfeet by a strange injury, while in the Marines. In the Pacific, Wilkins, while a member of a gun crew, was struck by an ejected shell casing, causing severe concussion that brought about a medical discharge.

**SANTA FE, N.M.**—The State Legislature introduced a new bill providing that boxing and wrestling will be prohibited "if spectators are thought noisy or profane." That's all, brother.

**PITTSBURGH.**—The Pitt Panthers will be in line for the "unofficial" championship of football in the Big Ten next year. The Western Conference rules provide a team must play four conference members to be eligible for the loop championship. Pitt has scheduled Illinois, Purdue, Ohio State and Indiana.

**CHICAGO.**—The trouble with the New York Yankees last season was they didn't play enough extra-inning games. Figures released by the American League Service Bureau reveal Joe McCarthy's Yanks won nine of 15 overtime tilts for an average of .600 during the season which produced 75 extra-inning games. The Chicago White Sox were second in extra-inning tilts, winning 13 and losing nine. The Chicagoans took four extra-inning games from the pennant-winning St. Louis Browns, who lost 13 overtime games, while winning nine. Three 16-inning games were played. In these, Philadelphia defeated Boston, 7-5; the White Sox whipped Philadelphia, 4-2, and Detroit shaded the Yankees 4-3.

**BATON ROUGE, La.**—Jess Fathere, Louisiana State backfield coach and head basketball coach, was ordered to report for induction Feb. 16—NEW ORLEANS—Loyalty pays off in the Boston Red Sox organization. George Digby, who coached the Holy Cross team to the prep baseball championship and the Holy Cross Comiskey to the American Legion regional title, and then persuaded five of his stars to sign with the Boston Red Sox organization, has been signed as a scout for the Bosox.

## Curb on Pro Grid Travel Expected; Baugh Case Cited

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.**—Professional football will be the next organized sport to be asked to curtail non-essential wartime travel. Cross-country training trips, such as was taken by the Washington Redskins the last couple of years when they trained in California and played exhibition games across the country before returning to the capital, may be out for the duration.

These training trips were made by the Redskins long after the Office of Defense Transportation had asked major and minor baseball



Sammy Baugh

leagues to forego Southern spring training excursions to lighten the transportation load.

One ODT spokesman gave Sammy Baugh a backhand slap by criticizing "airplane hops by some pro football players." He added, however, that on the whole athletics had been highly co-operative.

Baugh was frozen on his Texas cattle ranch by his draft board, but received permission to play football on weekends. In order to make the game in time, he travelled by plane.



## 15,981 Fans in Garden

## Biggest '45 Hockey Crowd Sees Montreal Top Rangers

**NEW YORK, Feb. 12.**—A three-goal assault in the last period enabled the Montreal Canadiens to defeat the New York Rangers, 4-3, before 15,981 fans in Madison Square Garden last night. It was the largest crowd of the current National Hockey League season.

The beaten Rangers got some consolation when they prevented Maurice "The Rocket" Richard from adding to his record goal-making achievement. Richard, however, came through with two points, making assists for both goals scored by Elmer Lach in the last period.

Grant Warwick put the Rangers ahead with a goal at 14:46 of the first session and Buddy O'Connor erased the lead at 17:06 in the second.

The Montreal fireworks began as the final period opened. Ken Mosdell scored at 6:41, and less than five minutes later, Lach came through on a pass from Richard. Bob Dill tallied for the Rangers, but Lach again got a goal on a pass from Richard. Hank Goldup scored the final Ranger marker with 48 seconds left to play.

### Hawks Do It Again

**CHICAGO, Feb. 12.**—The last-place Chicago Black Hawks defeated Toronto for the second straight night, and by the same score, 2-1, to draw within one point of the New York Rangers.

Clint Smith and Bill Mosienko scored the Black Hawk goals in the last period and Lorne Carr scored for the Leafs in the first session.

### Detroit Nips Boston

**BOSTON, Feb. 12.**—Neat teamwork by Carl Liscombe and Syd Howe gave the Detroit Red Wings their 14th consecutive triumph over the Boston Bruins last night by a 3-2 count. Liscombe scored two

### Gov't Officials Discredit Tale of Major Loop Split

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.**—The report that government officials had suggested the realignment of the major leagues, so that the Eastern teams would play each other and the Western teams would form another loop to save transportation, was discredited today by officials of two government agencies.

Col. J. Monroe Johnson, director of the ODT, and a spokesman for War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes said they had heard nothing about any reorganization.

### Gov't Officials Discredit Tale of Major Loop Split

## The Question Box

**Sgt. Robert W. Montgomery.**—Willie Joyce was born in Chicago, but gives his address as Los Angeles. He is not champion of his weight division.

**Pfc Paul Cohn.**—The Cards won the 1942 World Series from the Yankees, four games to one. In 1943 exactly the opposite, Yankees winning four games to one.

**Cpl. Robert Ogden.**—The 1943 Ohio State-Illinois game was played Nov. 18 at Cleveland, with Ohio State winning, 29-26.

**Sgt. B. F. Thayer.**—Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier never fought in France. They met for the world heavy-

weight championship in Boyle's Thirty Acres arena, Jersey City, and Dempsey won by KO in the fourth round. Date: July 2, 1921.

**Pvt. James J. Colma.**—There is no definite "sun field" in baseball, though rightfielders usually wear sunglasses more than other fielders because of the layout of most of the major league parks. Position of the "sun field" naturally depends upon field's layout. In many parks home plate is due north and pitcher's box due south.

**T/S J. R. Folley.**—The attendance at the Sugar Bowl game between Boston College and Tennessee, 1941, was 73,181.

## With Fair Amount of Breaks

## Army Cagers Expect to Win All Games 2d Year in a Row

By G. K. Hodenfield  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

**WEST POINT, N.Y., Feb. 12.**—Winner of 26 straight games in a streak covering one full season and parts of two others, the Army basketball team is rated one of the best quintets in the East and, given an average number of breaks, figures to finish its second straight season unbeaten.

### Game-by-Game Story Of Army Cage Streak

Here's the sequence of contests over a three-season span, in which the West Pointers won 26 straight basketball games:

1943	34	Villanova	22
56	Navy	45	46
		85	Harland
		47	Navy
			40
1944	29	Swarthmore	29
69	Colgate	44	70
	St. John's	36	65
	Columbia	37	48
	Penn State	38	67
	Coast Guard	37	33
	West Va.	31	60
	Rochester	43	73
	Pitt	32	44
	Hobart	36	71
	Penn	38	79
			Rochester
			42
			36
			38
			31
			34
			28
			51
			47
			43
			41
			52

The streak started the last game of the 1943 campaign when the Cadets whipped Navy, 56-45, after having lost the previous tilt to Fordham, 68-42. Army was undefeated in 15 games last year and has won ten straight so far in '45 with five games left on the schedule.

The present string of 26 is the second longest winning spree in cage history at the Academy. In 1921-22-23-24, the Cadets won 33 straight under the deadeye shooting of Johnny Roosma, now a colonel stationed overseas.

Dale Hall, of Parsons, Kan., is the mainstay of the fast-breaking Army quintet. Last year he paced the team with 273 points. He holds the individual scoring record at the Academy with 32 points registered against Maryland last winter. This year his 24 against Pittsburgh is high to date.

In addition to Hall, several other members of the team were on Army's national championship football team last fall. Bobby Debbs, fullback, is starting guard; Doug Kenna, quarterback, was a regular forward until a knee injury benched him; Barney Poole, end; Glenn Davis, All-America halfback; Arnold Tucker, reserve quarterback, and Dick Waterhouse, national collegiate place-kicking record holder, all are key men on Coach Ed Kelleher's quintet.

Johnny Nance and Harle "Red" Damon are other men on the varsity.

Kelleher is one of those coaches who, regardless of classification and reclassification, has absolutely no worries about the draft.

## 4 Knockouts In Paris Show

An abbreviated card of seven bouts was held last night at the Palais de Glace, Paris, where 3,000 GIs attended the weekly boxing show, sponsored by the Red Cross and Special Service. Four of the fights failed to go the limit.

Pvt. Harvey Matthews, 19th Reinforcement Depot, scored the quickest knockout as he won over Pvt. Gordon Harper. Both hail from Detroit. The finish came in 1:20 of the first round.

Pvt. Vern LaCross, San Francisco battler, who was to have met Pvt. Bill Hall, of Philadelphia, has been hospitalized with an infected throat. Hall lost a decision to Pfc John Thompson, of New York City.

### The Program

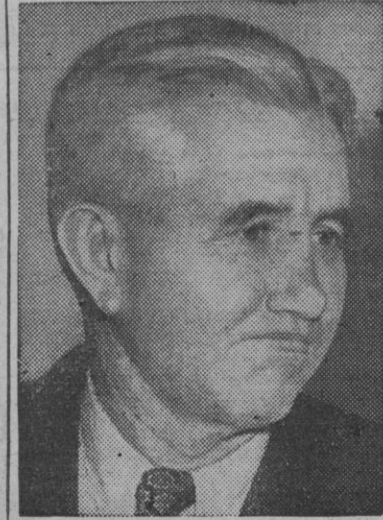
Pvt. Harvey Matthews, Detroit, KO'd Pvt. Gordon Harper, Detroit, 1:20, first round; Cpl. Charles Medary, Orange, Va., TKO'd Pvt. Luther Alberts, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., 1:50, second round; Sgt. Charles Johnson, Atlantic City, N.J., TKO'd Cpl. William Grady, Chicago, 1:48, first round; Pfc Earl Judge, Gary, Ind., decisioned Sgt. James Woolridge, Chicago; Pfc John Thompson, New York City, decisioned Pvt. William Hall, Philadelphia; Pvt. Ted Pritchard, Pittsburgh, TKO'd Pfc Robert Booth, Uniontown, Pa., 1:48, second round; Pvt. Jimmie Johnson, Philadelphia, decisioned Pfc William Collins, New York City.

## Mexican Poloists Beat U.S. in Series Opener

**MEXICO CITY, Feb. 12.**—The hard-riding Mexican polo team defeated the United States quartet, 11-5, in the opening game of the International series here yesterday. Cecil Smith, American captain, was ridden off the ball repeatedly by Mexican stars. He managed to score three goals, however.

Manuel Avila Comacho, President of Mexico, inaugurated the series by throwing out the first ball.

### Stays With Hoosiers



Bo McMillan

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 12.**—Bo McMillan, head football coach at Indiana, denied he would coach a team in the newly organized All-America Pro Football Conference. "I'm under contract to coach Indiana's football teams for 1945 and 1946," McMillan said today, "and that's what I expect to do."

## Jurges Prefers Pub To Giants' Berth

**NEW YORK, Feb. 12.**—Billy Jurges, veteran infielder of the New York Giants, today announced he will quit major league baseball to devote his time to his new tavern at Baldwin, L.I., and perhaps play some semi-pro ball on week-ends.

Jurges was quoted in The New York Daily News as having made up his mind after receiving his 1945 contract, which he described as puny. He purchased an old hotel several months ago and is converting it into a modern tavern, which he insists will bring in more money than the Giants want to pay.

## 4,000 GIs See Bouts Staged by 11th Port

**ROUEN, Feb. 12.**—Pvt. William Hall, of New York, scored a third-round technical knockout over Pfc Vernon Watkins, of Norfolk, Va., in the main fight of a 10-bout boxing show staged by the 11th Port Special Service last night. A packed house of 4,000 GIs and Allied troops watched the show.

Pvt. James Moore, St. Louis, decisioned Pfc Robert Burnes, Syracuse, N.Y.; S/Sgt. James Woolridge, Chicago, decisioned Pvt. Hulle Jones, St. Louis, Mo.; Pvt. Frank Colosi, Philadelphia, decisioned Pvt. Walter Colliers, Baltimore, Md.; Sgt. Charles Johnson, Atlantic City, N.J., decisioned T/S Leroy Williams, New Orleans, La.; T/S Henry Cochran, Beacon, N.Y., decisioned Sgt. Eldridge Dunaway, Baltimore, Md.; Pvt. Herman Graham, Savannah, Ga., decisioned Cpl. John Hamilton, Houston, Texas; Pvt. Israel Allen, Baltimore, Md., decisioned Pvt. David Gintant, Newark, N.J.; Pfc William Collins, New York, decisioned T/S Eugene Washington, Baltimore, Md.; Cpl. Eddie Carroll, New York, decisioned Pvt. Samuel Edge, Cleveland.

## \$5,100 Bowling Prize Won by Detroit Kegler

**CHICAGO, Feb. 12.**—Therman Gibson, 28-year-old Detroit war worker, won the \$5,100 first prize money in the Petersen Bowling Classic here last night.

Gibson grabbed the lead from Basil "Buzz" Fazio, of Akron, Ohio, with a 1,615 series. Fazio, the previous leader, was shoved into second place with 1,607.

### Deluge Halts Golf

**NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 12.**—The New Orleans Open golf tournament was postponed for 24 hours due to torrential rains which made the turf unplayable.

Harold "Jug" McSpaden leads at the halfway mark with a total of 137, three strokes better than second-place Byron Nelson.



Today's daffynition (by Cpl. M. H. Ambrose): engagement ring—Beginner's license.

In our humble opinion one of the best jingles of the war comes from T/5 George Tucker, somewhere in Belgium:

Soldiers who wish to be a hero Number practically zero Those who wish to be civilians Number way up in the millions.

A Joe toddled up to a guy who was reeling out of a bistro and said, "Touch me, bub, I need an alcohol rub."

This week's fable. A convalescent in a hospital started marching up and down the ward, happily counting imaginary money. Asked to explain his conduct, the character replied, "It's been so long since I was paid that I'm taking a refresher course."

And then there's the chowline conversation overheard by T/5 Himes Baker. A mess sergeant



told a customer, "Okay, soldier, take off like a humming bird." To which the Joe snapped, "I should be able to—you feed me like one."

Who said that? When one woman is talking it's a monologue. When two women are talking it's a cat-alogue.

Snappy conversation. "Say, Pard, lend me 100 francs, will ya? I don't get paid 'till tomorrow." "Sorry, I haven't a franc, I got paid yesterday."

It happened at a training camp back in the States where they still have those wonderful coke-vending machines—remember? A pfc was observed plugging nickels into the slot as fast as he could, and eagerly hoarding the bottles. After watching him pull out about 15, a sergeant asked, "Don't you think you've had enough?" Whereupon the Joe screamed, "What, you want me to stop right in the middle of a winning streak?"

J. C. W.

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## Artillery Scars Manila in 9th Day of Struggle

The bloody fight for Manila—described by an American senior officer as a "full-scale artillery battle"—went into its ninth day yesterday. U.S. troops still were advancing in southern Manila but they still were meeting stubborn Japanese resistance.

"I see little hope of saving many of Manila's famous buildings," said the senior officer. "The Japs are putting guns in churches, hotels, office buildings and homes, and all we can do is blow them out with artillery. We are not going to send unsupported infantry against guns."

### Guns Under Altar

The officer also said that in one church Yanks had found two machine-guns under an altar and that enemy guns of the rocket type had been found atop the taller buildings.

Gen. MacArthur reported a continuation of house-to-house fighting in southern Manila's Ermita residential district, facing Manila Bay, where 37th Div. troops were advancing.

Yanks of the First Cavalry Div. made a second crossing of the Pasig River, cleared the Santa Ana district of the city and pushed on to the Nielson Airport.

### Gain in Two Districts

Eleventh Airborne Div. units, fighting along the eastern bay front, advanced through the Paraque and Baclaran districts, in the Nichols Field area. They captured 12 Japanese heavy guns and many smaller pieces, and destroyed concrete pillboxes and ammunition dumps.

American planes attacked Corregidor, southern Bataan, Japanese concentrations northeast of Manila, artillery batteries at Fort William McKinley and northern points on Luzon.

The U.S. War Department announced that Marianas-based Superfortresses had struck yesterday at Iwo Island, in the Volcanoes, on the Superfort route to Japan.

## DeGaulle Heals Giraud Breach

METZ, Feb. 12 (AP).—Gen. Charles de Gaulle, beginning a tour through the liberated provinces of Alsace-Lorraine, effected a reconciliation with Gen. Henri Giraud here yesterday and told cheering citizens that "we will make the Rhine a French stream from one end to the other."

Giraud, pre-war military governor of Metz, made the trip here from his home in Dijon to welcome De Gaulle and they paraded side by side through the crowded streets.

In his speech, De Gaulle declared that France intended to extend its authority to the west bank of the Rhine. Of the Big Three meeting, he said: "It is a queer peace that is being prepared for us," but added that it would be a peace preferable to war.

## Roosevelt Aide Arrives In London on Mission

LONDON, Feb. 12 (AP).—Judge Samuel R. Rosenman, President Roosevelt's special representative, arrived here today on a mysterious mission which diplomatic quarters believe might be connected with furnishing immediate aid to France. Rosenman was accompanied by representatives from the State and Treasury departments who are here on an economic and monetary mission, and was said to be discussing the shipment of American foodstuffs in England to France and Belgium.

## British Grant Bonuses To Discharged Veterans

LONDON, Feb. 12 (AP).—The British Government has announced a bonus plan for discharged servicemen, with payments ranging from \$2 for privates to \$15 for field marshals forces each month in the armed forces during the war.

Sir John Anderson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, described the plan as "wide in scope and more liberal in benefits" than arrangements after the last war and said payments would be made as soon as possible after discharge, from a fund already set up.

Women in service will receive about two-thirds of the amount allowed for men.

## Led Manila Drive



Maj. Gen. Verne D. Mudge, commander of the U.S. First Cavalry Div. which led the drive into Manila last week. He is 47 years old and a native of South Dakota.

## 2-Week Service On V-Mail for U.S. Assured

By Arthur W. White  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

American troops on the Western Front now have an assured two-week V-mail service to any point in the U.S., Brig. Gen. R. B. Lovett, ETO Adjutant General, disclosed.

A new V-mail station has been opened near Paris capable of handling 45,000,000 incoming and outgoing letters a month and from now on V-mail rolls will be flown non-stop to the U.S. from Paris.

Hitherto, V-mail from soldiers on the Continent was flown to England and there processed into rolls before going to the U.S., with a resulting delay of from two to five days. The same delay was necessary for incoming V-mail, which now comes to Paris instead of London for processing.

### Stamp Makes Sure

"With a sixcent stamp, V-mail from the most forward outfits anywhere in Germany now will be delivered back home in two weeks," Gen. Lovett said.

He said that before V-mail is processed in Paris it is sorted into three groups, each of which goes to the developing station back home nearest the addressee. The stations are in New York, Chicago and San Francisco.

Therefore, letters for those cities, or for correspondents in their immediate area, would not be speeded by an air-mail stamp. However, the stamp would considerably speed delivery of a letter addressed, for instance, to Seattle, which would be flown from its appropriate processing station—San Francisco.

The London station will continue to handle UK V-mail. Seventh Army mail is processed at Marseilles.

## Big Three...

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and a place for them in the comity of nations... Nazism is doomed." The communiqué covered nine specific subjects:

1. **The defeat of Germany.**—The combined military plans were agreed upon. The Big Three believed "that a very close working partnership among the three staffs was attained at this conference and will result in the shortening of the war."

2. **Occupation and control of Germany.**—A three-way split of the country for occupation under a three-power control commission at Berlin was agreed upon, but France will be invited to make a fourth on the commission.

Plans for controlling Germany include disbanding of all German armed force, breaking up of the general staff and the eliminating or controlling of all enemy industry.

3. **Reparations Commission.**—This group will be established with headquarters in Moscow to study compensation by Germany to Allied countries.

4. **Poland.**—The "Big Three" agreed to attempt to merge Poland's exiles by creating a "Polish Provisional Government of National Unity." The "Big Three" named British and American ambassadors in Moscow and Commander of Foreign Affairs G. M. Molotov as head of the commission to bring this government into being.

## Nazi Industries Are Tripped by Own Red Tape

Some of the tribulations of German industry trying to move underground away from Allied bombing and advancing ground troops were disclosed yesterday in captured documents released at SHAEF.

Last April, the Veltrap Co., makers of oil pumps for the Luftwaffe, applied for permission to evacuate Aachen in favor of a big, safe tunnel deeper in Germany.

The munitions inspector for the Ruhr okayed the move. It remained for the Air Ministry in Berlin to agree.

Special committee A-24 disapproved. It recommended another site. This turned out to be a place where another Veltrap plant had been bombed.

### Back To Berlin

Veltrap went back to Berlin and appealed to the ministries of munitions and supply. Approval finally came.

When Veltrap sought to make arrangements with a firm to fix up the tunnel and install heating equipment, they found:

The Bochumer Verein, steel trust, had also received approval to move into the tunnel.

The AEG, big electrical trust, had papers to prove it was their's.

All three had placed orders for heating equipment with the same firm.

### Back To Berlin Again

Back to Berlin went Veltrap. The matter was straightened out. The move which Veltrap started to make in April was finally made in September.

The tunnel was big and safe. There was only one trouble with it. American doughs captured it when they took Bliealf, northwest of Prum, several weeks ago. The whereabouts, if any, of the Veltrap Co., formerly of Aachen, are now uncertain.

## East Front...

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munications city of Bielsko after a drive over a difficult area of the Carpathians. Bielsko is about 30 miles from Czechoslovakia.

Marshal Koniev's spectacular push northwest of Breslau drew fresh German divisions from other sectors for a defense of Saxony and German lifelines between Berlin and Munich, the Associated Press reported from Moscow. Russian troops captured some Germans from the Saxony garrison and some from Italy.

Reuter said that some of Koniev's columns were believed to have pinned sizable German forces against the Oder, where they were being destroyed by Soviet second-line units.

### Nazis Trying to Regroup

Reports pouring in from the front indicated that the weight and timing of Koniev's onslaught had numbed the Germans. They were trying to regroup their troops amid a tangle of shattered communications, Reuter said.

Roads near the front line were crowded with Germans on the move, and they were taking a battering from the Red Air Force. Soviet tanks swept aside barricades hurriedly erected by Volksturm.

## Allied Airmen Impressed By Russians' Geniality

LONDON, Feb. 12 (Reuter).—About 70 British and American airmen who were evacuated from Jugoslavia by troops of Gen. Rodion Malinovsky's Red Army say the cordiality of the Russians was most impressive.

Most of the Americans had landed or bailed out in Jugoslavia after raids on Hungary and Austria. Jugoslav partisans guided the airmen to an RAF advanced landing ground and they later continued their journey on trucks supplied by the Russians.

At night, Russian officers turned out of their hotel to make room for the airmen.

## Japan Juggles Cabinet To Silence Criticism

NEW YORK, Feb. 12 (AP).—The Japanese cabinet has been shuffled in response to continuing criticism, Domei, Japanese news agency, reported today, adding, however, that Premier Koiso remains its head.

The change comes on the heels of months-long criticism of Japan's war effort. Koiso has met each protest by partially yielding to his critics while still maintaining the dominant role.

## Sure Shot



Okay, so it's another cheesecake picture, but you'll have to admit it brightens your outlook. The name is Barbara Bates, under contract to Universal, and the press agent's blurb says she was a pistol shot and horsewoman at Denver, before coming to Hollywood.

## Yanks Clear All of Prum

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Dan Regan reported that a high-ranking U.S. First Army staff officer had estimated that it would take several days for the two large Roer River dams to empty.

First Army's 78th Inf. Div. consolidated its ground on the north side of the Schwammenauel Dam. Patrols which had penetrated to the south side of the dam near German positions found the ground defended by pillboxes and covered by direct 88mm. fire.

Other troops closed up to the river near Heimbach, in the vicinity of a smaller dam north of the big one.

### Roer Is Swollen

The Roer in this sector was swollen to from 75 to 100 yards, but was contained in its channel up to Duren, where it overflowed its banks to form pools three feet deep. South of Duren, the northernmost dam in the headwater project—the Obermaubach Dam—was reported intact.

In the fighting at Prum, the Fourth Inf. Div. was reported to have encountered only slight resistance and to have taken 60 prisoners. Prum had a population of about 3,000.

Other Third Army troops moved up to high ground north and northeast of the town by crossing the Prum River. North of the town they repulsed three counter-attacks near Willwerath.

Men of the 90th Div. advanced a half mile in Third Army's northernmost bridgehead over the Our River between Prum and Dasburg. Southward, a counter-attack by 100 German infantrymen was smashed by American artillery and the town of Wutzerath, four miles southwest of Prum, was cleared on the west bank of the Prum River.

### Take Reich Villages

U.S. armored elements entered Sevenig after taking Harpelt in a mile advance. These villages are a mile inside the Reich.

Doughs of the 80th Div. gained a half mile on a narrow front in the bridgehead east of Wallendorf at the junction of the Our and Sauer Rivers. They entered nearby Bollendorf and cleared half of it. Fifth Div. troops advanced half a mile in the bridgehead east of Echternach.

Fighting in Saarlautern, in the Saar sector, yielded another city block of 36 houses. Troops of the 94th Div. took a company of prisoners in their sector near Sinz.

In the North, Scottish forces took the town of Gennep, western anchor of an attempted German defense line which had not materialized. Forces advancing through the Reichsforest cut the road which runs up to Cleve.

The Canadian First Army's prisoner bag rose to more than 4,000, but stiffening German resistance in the sector was slowing advances.

## U.S. Forces Withdraw In Hard Italy Fighting

WITH FIFTH ARMY, Italy, Feb. 12 (AP).—Negro troops of the U.S. 92nd Inf. Div. yesterday withdrew from positions north of Fiume and Lafoce, Ligurian coastal towns, after holding out three days under fierce counter-attacks.

On the Eighth Army front, German units were reported continuing their flooding tactics along the Senio River.

## Jobs, Homes Highlight AFL Post War Plan

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 12 (ANS).—Jobs for 19,000,000 persons and 10,000,000 new homes were highlights of a ten-year housing program proposed today by the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor. President William Green said the plan will be submitted to Congress "immediately."

Declaring that the program could start immediately after cessation of the war, Green said the plan was offered as "the most effective means of preventing postwar economic depression." It urged the creation of a national housing board of five members to be responsible for a policy of stimulating expansion of home ownership by amendments to the Federal Housing Act mortgage requirements.

### Broad Slum Clearance

The plan also urged a broad slum clearance program under the U.S. Housing Authority to benefit low income families at the rate of 500,000 a year. Green did not offer an estimate of the cost of the plan.

The council asked continuation of price controls over building materials "until supplies match demand and the threat of runaway prices ends." Changes proposed in the mortgage insurance law would reduce interest payments, extend amortization to 32 years, allow moratoriums on payments when home owners are unemployed, and set minimum standards for soundness of construction housing.

The program also advocated correction of provisions of the GI Bill of Rights, which the council declared exposed servicemen to "speculative profiteering along with excessive interest charges."

## Nazi 19th Army Cut to Pieces in Alsace Campaign

The three-week campaign of the Sixth Army Group in southern Alsace destroyed the German 19th Army as an offensive force in one of the war's most decisive military engagements, it was disclosed officially yesterday.

Franco-American forces began large-scale attacks north and south of the Colmar pocket Jan. 20. They split the pocket in two, captured Colmar and closed up to the Rhine in a series of maneuvers which took 17,467 prisoners, caused 22,808 Nazi casualties and captured or destroyed 55 tanks and SP guns and 66 artillery pieces.

The Sixth Army Group listed as destroyed the German Second Mountain Div., sent from Norway, and five infantry divisions—the 338th, the 159th, the 716th, the 198th and the 189th. The supporting 106th Panzer Brig. also was destroyed.

The South Alsace campaign was all but completed when organized resistance ceased last week, but mopping up of small, isolated enemy pockets still continues on the Rhinebank.

## Texan...

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later when the German guarding him with his own M1 turned the other way. Tex jumped the Jerry, took the rifle from him, and bashed him over the head with it. That was one man out of the way.

As Tex took off around the corner and out of the door, he ran into the Nazi. "He was looking right down the barrel," Tex said. "All I had to do was pull the trigger."

On his way out of the house, Tex shot the guard at the door. Then he fled from the town. He fired thirteen shots at close range on the way out, and estimates he killed about ten Germans who blocked his path.

"I was scared," he said, "and I wasn't going to let anyone stop me."

All night long he zig-zagged through woods and fields toward his own lines—and all night long the Germans chased him. "They threw mortars, machine-guns—everything—at me," he said, "and they kept it like daylight with their flares."

At daybreak, still followed by the Germans, he reached his own lines and safety—after being shot at first by his own outpost.

## Canada Ahead on ETO Quota

OTTAWA, Feb. 12 (AP).—The Canadian Army now has enough men overseas to meet several months' requirements, Gen. G. L. McNaughton, Defense Minister, announced today.