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Im ersten Stohck,
On the first floor.

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Zhukov Storms Oder Line

Foe Stiffens Defenses in West Wall

The great battle for the Siegfried Line was developing yesterday for 40 miles or more along the borders of western Germany as American forces fought their way through the dragon-toothed gates of the Reich and met heavy fire from the pillboxes within.

As U.S. First and Third Armies hammered their way into Germany on a split front of 18 miles, SHAEF announced the conclusion of a 24-hour conference between Gen. Eisenhower and Lt. Gen. Bradley, 12th Army Group commander.

Also present at the conference, the location of which was secret, were the principal members of the Supreme Commander's staff. No other details were disclosed.

Colmar Is Entered

In the Allied drive to clear Alsace, troops of Gen. Delattre de Tassigny's First French Army entered Colmar to receive a tremendous ovation from the citizens of the last major French inland city to be held by the Germans. Reuter reported from the front that French troops had come to grips with the German garrison at the center of the town.

North of the city, Allied forces smashed the German corridor leading north from the Colmar pocket toward Strasbourg. Four miles east of Colmar the Allies cleared Windensolen and advanced to easy artillery range of the great Rhine bridge at Breisach in their drive to wipe the entire Colmar salient off the Alsace Plain.

Light enemy resistance at the early stages of the Siegfried battle and discovery of several abandoned pillboxes were not interpreted in any authoritative quarter as indicating that the Nazis were going to abandon portions of their West Wall for other defense positions.

Another theory evoked by early sporadic opposition—that Von Rundstedt would withdraw all the way to the Rhine's east bank—

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2 Groundhogs But 1 Shadow...

By Charles White

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Inasmuch as weather stories are banned by censors in the ETO, it could not be revealed whether The Groundhog saw his shadow on the Western Front yesterday. There was a shortage of groundhogs, anyway. Served fresh with K-ration and snow, they make a tasty dish—at least as good as several other things—although if a groundhog were smart he'd stay in his hole and out of the chow.

On the Eastern Front it was different. The biggest groundhog in history stepped out of a hole on Unter den Linden, Berlin. He took a quick look, a long listen, and galloped away from there in the direction of Berchtesgaden. He saw a shadow, all right. It was a big, rough, bearded guy who wore one of those Cossack hats and only stopped now and then to laugh, rub his belly and have a snort of vodka.

"Ve got you, Tovarishch," said the big man.

And the six-week weather forecast? The Stars and Stripes never lets you down. England—fog and rain. Ireland—rain and fog. France—dry, dry. U.S.A.—damn wonderful.

The Red Army Battle Cry—"All Roads Lead to Berlin."



Stars and Stripes Map by Baird

The Red Army, aiming for Berlin, plunged deeper into Germany yesterday as assault troops began probing the Oder River line. Violent battles were reported raging for Kuestrin and Frankfurt.

Reds Reach Four Points Along River

After rushing supplies and infantry into the "Berlin Bulge" to catch up with his swift-moving tank columns, Marshal Gregory Zhukov yesterday hurled assault troops against Frankfurt and Kuestrin—keystone cities on the Oder River line—as German reinforcements sent from the Reich capital, 35 miles away, fought desperately to plug the four gaps torn in their river defenses.

Soviet fliers supporting Zhukov's First White Russian Army reported highways and railways running from Berlin were crammed with military traffic heading toward the Oder line, where yesterday Zhukov held a 170-mile front.

Berlin itself, meanwhile, was digging-in frantically for defense of the capital. German news agencies spoke of trenches being dug outside the city and of armored columns rolling through the streets. Radio and newspapers blared a campaign to whip up civilian fighting spirit, but two more bombings during the night, an increasing food shortage and the presence of thousands of refugees from the east added to the panic as the Russians approached.

Violent Tank Battles

German radio announced that one Soviet tank column had attempted to cross the Oder about 35 miles from Berlin's outskirts in the area northwest of Kuestrin. The other three places where the Reds have reached the Oder defenses in the "Berlin Bulge" were at Kuestrin and at two points on both sides of Frankfurt.

Moscow radio reported violent tank battles were taking place on the outskirts of Kuestrin and Frankfurt, with Zhukov beating off strong German counter-attacks.

Declaring that the "Soviets are being checked and held," the German News Agency said that warmer weather and powerful Luftwaffe formations had slowed down the initial speed of the Soviet offensive.

The northern wing of Zhukov's Army, meanwhile, smashed within 22 miles of the Baltic port of Stettin, reaching the area of Pyritz and Arnwalde.

Hints began to appear from both Moscow and Berlin that the Red Army might temporarily have outrun its supplies and that the

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Just a New Guy From Brooklyn

By Bud Hutton

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE 90th INF. DIV.—The new guy from Brooklyn looked across the snowy fields in the moonlight, saw the German tanks coming toward him. The German infantry was with them, black against the snow, and he must have known what would happen if he stayed.

He came up to D Co., in the regiment's first battalion, at Christmas time, and they made him an ammo bearer with the machine-guns. He was a private, and he didn't have much to say. If there was a job to be done, he'd do it and that was that. He was 20 years old, about five feet seven, with kind of brown hair and a sort of medium build. He was one of a batch of reinforcements, and it

was easier to remember the names of some of the others, so mostly Dog Company called him the new guy from Brooklyn and let it go at that.

The outfit moved north to cut at the south flank of the Nazi bulge, and the new guy did a good job in the rough going east of Bastogne, so Capt. John McLean, the Los Angeles skipper of Dog Company, made him a machine-gunner. The new guy said that'd sure be good and slipped back into the obscurity of the company.

So they came, the night of Jan. 23, to Binsfield, which is a little town the Yanks had to have for the jump-off to the Our River and the crossing into Germany.

They caught the enemy facing the wrong way and chased him out of town about one o'clock in

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Big Three's Talks May Take Form of Peace Conference

While U.S. newspapers front-paged stories that the Big Three parleys already had begun, a Reuter correspondent in New York credited Washington diplomatic sources with the belief that the meeting would be in the nature of a peace conference.

As a result of the Red Army advance in the Reich, the correspondent said, Washington diplomats declared that "the conference will become in effect a peace parley at which a decision will be reached on such questions as from what body the Allies will accept Germany's surrender."

Prime Minister Churchill, according to an Associated Press dispatch from London, will urge that the Big Three immediately approve plans for ruling the Reich. Citing reliable sources, the AP dispatch warned that this "should not be interpreted to mean that Germany as a whole would collapse in weeks or that a quick surrender of Nazi diehards could be expected."

With the Red Army sweeping closer to Berlin, a United Press commentary from London said that plans for the occupation of the city would pose an urgent problem for the world leaders. While it had been believed, the commentator declared, that the U.S., Britain and Russia would exercise tripartite control of the Reich capital, the Red Army fight for Berlin at present indicated the Soviet Union might keep the city to itself, just as any other German city captured by the Red Army.

Other questions which dispatches from various capitals of the world

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U.S. Casualties Reach 737,342

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (AP).—Combat casualties since Pearl Harbor neared the three-quarter-million mark with the disclosure that Army losses have reached 650,420.

The Army's total plus the latest Navy figures makes an overall figure of 737,342. This is an increase of 35,302 over last week's report. The Army accounted for 33,469 of the rise.

A breakdown of the Army figures is: killed, 121,676; wounded, 379,638; missing, 91,573; and prisoners, 57,533.

Navy Lists Four Vessels Lost to Enemy Action

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (ANS).—The Navy today announced the loss of four vessels, including the submarine Growler, from whose deck Comdr. Howard Gilmore, its former skipper, issued the unforgettable "Take her down" order that swept him to death.

The Growler, carrying 65 to 70 men, was lost on patrol, presumably in the Pacific.

The other three vessels were the destroyer-minesweepers Hovey and Palmer and the landing ship LST 749, all in the Philippines area.

Trenches Dug Around Berlin

LONDON, Feb. 2 (UP).—The German press told Berlin flatly today that it is a front-line town comparable to Warsaw and Leningrad, as the Nazi radio revealed that trenches were being dug around the capital.

German home radio said last night, according to the Associated Press, that Berlin was ready for battle. "The population is concentrating all its energies to repel the Soviets," it said. "Barricades are being built. Volksturm battalions ready for combat are being formed. Tanks and motorized

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First batch of German prisoners snared by the Red Army in the great winter offensive march to the rear. Moscow reports said yesterday three Germans were being killed to every prisoner taken—and the rate of Germans killed per day is 30,000.





Washington B-Bag?

There has been some discussion whether or not we are able to write letters to our representatives and congressmen back home. Some are of the opinion that we cannot but no one has been able to cite any Army regulation supporting their contentions.

Since we have been permitted to participate in the election of our senators and representatives, we should also have the right to write them expressing our views on various legislation. If there are any regulations or directives prohibiting communication with congressmen, I think they should be rescinded at once.—Sgt. Frederick K. Godina, I.G., 9th Army.

(The Theater Judge Advocate advises that: "There is no Army Regulation which prohibits service men from writing to their congressmen. Such right however, is limited by par 5a, AR 600-10, which states that, except as authorized by the War Department, efforts by any person in the active military service of the United States...to procure or oppose, or in any manner influence legislation affecting the Army or to procure personal favor through legislation except to procure the enactment of private relief legislation, are forbidden (private relief legislation being defined as legislation proposed or initiated by or on behalf of one individual for reimbursement or relief to himself alone for damage or loss to his own person or property). Of course any communication which would be prejudicial to good order and military discipline, or of a nature to bring discredit on the military service or violates censorship instructions is likewise forbidden."—Ed.)

Too True

Why make such a noise about Adolf's "V" weapons? Certainly they're not new. As a supply officer in our outfit points out, the U.S. has had very deadly V-weapons for a long, long time.

Two of those have taken a greater toll of human life than all of Germany's V-weapons. V-D since 1914, V-B since 1932, and we might add V-mail, as we almost break our necks for it.—Lt. James O. Williams, Glider Inf.

Compliment the Enemy?

Since when have the Allies started to give compliments that would boost the morale of the Germans? Field Marshal Montgomery says Rundstedt is very good, one of the best generals. An essential weapon of an army is that it must have confidence in the ability of its leaders.

The Allies know that the Germans are lovers of battle, glory and power. What greater compliment could any person receive than to have his enemy praise his ability?—An Infantryman.

Or Chopsticks

The old adage "fingers were made before forks" has gone a long way, but a spoon placed in the unit B can of each C-ration would make eating much easier.—T/4 J. E. Jefferson.

Selfish and Generous

On entering a theater in this city used by a General Service outfit we were asked what outfit we belonged to and upon answering were told: "There are plenty of vacant seats, but we can't let you in." We thought we were part of the American Army as we are combat engineers stationed in a city; instead we were made to feel like orphans. When we have plenty we never begrudge our buddies their fair share.—S/Sgt. E. West and Two Other Combat Engrs.

A Word to the Wise

This is not a bitch, but an attempt to locate some property intended for the use of AAA gun batteries.

The M14 trailer is air-conditioned and heated, two requirements necessary for the best operation of the fire control director which the trailer was intended to carry. I was issued the three component parts of the director, worth many thousands of dollars, but without the above-mentioned trailer, which protects and carries them. I am told by ordnance personnel (the issuing branch) that these trailers

are being used by colonels as field offices.

That's fine. There is nothing like an air-conditioned and heated trailer in these rough days on the Belgian front. I want the occupants of these trailers to be informed that the M9 directors which should be in the trailers are dug into a snowbank with a pyramidal tent over them. And that the operating efficiency of the director is greatly impaired.—Lt. R. Gaskill, Range Officer.

K-9 Capers

DOGHOUSE... 22 QM BERY CO
APO....., U.S. ARMY
SUBJECT: Our Favorite Bitch;
TO: Lt. Gen. OMAR N. BRADLEY,
Hq., 12th Army Gp. (Thru:
Stars and Stripes).

1. Regret loss of your dog "Utah" and offer you one of five puppies born to our favorite bitch, "Blackout," in combat zone.
2. Price—One set of "man tags" for mother.
3. Extract of mother's service record offered for your perusal:
Name—Blackout.
Rank—Tec 8, Lance.
ASN—K-9.
Inducted—12 Jan. 44, England.
Rptd for AD—12 Jan. 44, a volunteer.
Served—At least twice.
Marital status—Widow, grass, M-1.
Husband's address—Deserted.
No. of Dependents—Five.
Age of Dependents—2 days each, as of 29 Jan. 45.
Breed of Dependents—English, French, American.
Mother's home address—c/o PM, N.Y. N.Y.
Destination—Promised Land—America.
Sex Morality—Course completed 13 Jan. 44.
Furloughs—None.
Foreign Service—Totally.
Medals, Decorations, etc.—None.
Time Lost, AWOL—One Day.
Last paid to incl—31 Dec. 44, acct of Mess Sgt.
Blood Type—Red.
MOS—Breeding, Barking, Bonjouring.
By order of Tim Dalton, Jim Anderson, Guardians.

William H. Evans Jr.
Sgt., QMC,
Adjutant.

Cause and Effect

I have noticed a very definite reaction in the many German PWs I have met.

Mention the Russian front and they begin to quiver; their eyes mirror fear and a creeping terror! And they stare into space like potential doomed men waiting for the noose to be slipped around their neck.

If the Russians can create this state of mind, may I suggest we investigate their tactics.

The "Nasties" still consider us "sportsmen." The only trouble is: they are extremely deficient in reciprocating.

If the Germans can be so perfectly regimented as destructive agents then they can be regimented to quake in their boots, dissolving any thoughts of future aggression or underground terroristic activities.—Pvt. Al Stann, AAA AW Bn.

You Can't Win

Rules are that rifles will be carried whenever we leave our barracks, even to the mess hall. Rules also state that upon leaving the compound for any reason we must carry our weapon. In the nearby town, MPs stop men for passes and take the names of men carrying weapons and turn them in to the CO. You just can't win!—Pfc. B.M. Sig. Bn. 12th Army GP.

Reds Cut Heavies' Target Area

LONDON, Feb. 2 (Reuter).—The rapid Russian advance through Poland and Germany has altered the grand strategy of American heavy bomber forces, causing planners to erase a number of former important points from the list of projected targets.

Foremost of these are the East Prussian city of Marienburg and Posen in Poland—both of which have FW190 plants—and a number of big synthetic oil plants in German Silesia and southwest Poland.

Marienburg was first attacked by Eighth AF heavies in October, 1943, in a round trip from England involving some 1,600 miles. The synthetic plants in the Oppeln area include two

large ones at Blechhammer and one at Odertal and have been targets of numerous attacks by Italy-based bombers. These plants have now been captured or are so near to being taken that their value is neutralized.

Northward, along the Baltic, there is the important port of Gdynia, which previously has been hit by Eighth AF heavies. It is a German naval base, but the Nazis are said to be shifting their craft elsewhere, probably to Denmark. In the north German area, which may soon be overrun by the Russians, are such targets as Stettin, Rostock, Tuetow and Anklam and the rocket research center at Peenemunde. Anklam and Tuetow have airplane plants which have previously been attacked. Then, of course, there's Ber-

lin itself, which has twenty-five or thirty major industrial targets. Berlin still is listed as an important objective of the Eighth AF—but it may not be for long.

This gradual squeezing of the Reich into smaller units for attack means the job of the Fortresses and Liberators will be simpler in some respects—the number of targets will be greatly reduced and the distance won't be quite so great. On the other hand, the targets will be more easily defended. The Germans will be able to concentrate more guns around valued oil objectives—as they did previously when they withdrew from occupied countries. They now have hundreds of guns around areas where they had only a few before.

U.S. Will Accept Payment of Finn Debt Installment

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (ANS).—The United States has expanded its informal relations with Finland, agreeing to accept the Finns' Dec. 15 debt installment and to permit certain Finnish transactions in this country.

While this is not a direct step toward resumption of formal relations, it has removed obstacles to eventual recognition of Finland. A month ago, the State Department assigned a special mission to Helsinki.

Births

Folks at Home Send These Gls Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival:
L. Forrest H. Cherry, McRae, Ark.—Frances Anne, Oct. 7; Pvt. Richard Kensiger, Chicago—Richard Harvey, Dec. 27; Cpl. Henry W. Sprouse, Nelsonville, Ohio—William Sprouse, Jan. 14; Lt. David A. W. Wilson, Rye, N. Y.—David Mathews, Jan. 25; S/Sgt. Ivan Dana Stephens, South Cle Elum, Wash.—Dennis Ivan Loren, Dec. 16th; Capt. Robert Swan, Hingham, Mass.—Margaret Warner, Dec. 12.

CAPT. Jerome Homan, Indianapolis—boy, Jan. 28; Pvt. Arnold Parker, West Somerville, Mass.—boy, Jan. 18; Cpl. Frank Okeefe, Bronx—Dorothy, Jan. 27; Sgt. John P. Daley, Arlington, N.J.—Jacquelyn Faye, Jan. 22; Cpl. Frank Richter, Bronx—Elizabeth Bailey, Jan. 26; T/3 Robert W. Fisher, Bement, Ill.—Virginia Kay, Jan. 26; S/Sgt. Nat Krate, Long Island City—Iris Ann, Jan. 23.

PVT. Dwight Kent Martin, Blandonsville, Ill.—Patricia, Oct. 20; M/Sgt. Alfred Donovan Rivers, Columbia, S.C.—boy, Jan. 18; Pfc Edward G. Kreyling, St. Louis—Carol Jean, Jan. 20; Capt. Harvey U. Hamberg, New York—Jill Mae, Jan. 15; T/Sgt. Marty P. Breth, Wichita—Martin Paul, Dec. 29; Cpl. George F. Trotter, Philadelphia—girl, Jan. 25; S/Sgt. Herschel M. Wilson, Utica, O.—girl, Jan. 24; Pfc Edward Pscherhofer, Bronx—Ronald Saul, Jan. 12; Sgt. William P. West, New York—William James, Jan. 26; Cpl. Herbert Stranger, Indianapolis—Judith Radine, Jan. 8; Lt. F. T. Jones, Flushing, N.Y.—Arilyn Lucille, Jan. 19; Pvt. Morrey Lackman, Philadelphia—Leonard, Jan. 21; Cap. Albert M. Kairy, Pittsburgh—Leonas John, Jan. 25.

Find Fifty-Starred Flag

WITH 26th INF. DIV., Feb. 2.—One of the trophies of the Yankee Div. is a hand-made American flag presented by a 75-year-old French woman. It has 50 stars and 17 stripes.

Orphaned Liliane Gets a Helping Hand



Men of the Psychological Warfare detachment of the 12th Army Group have adopted three-year-old Liliane Manders, a war orphan. 1/Sgt. Victor E. Lundberg, of Grand Rapids, Mich., helps Liliane put on her gloves before she leaves for dinner at the unit's messhall.

New Guy From Brooklyn

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the morning. Then Dog Company hurried in the bright moonlight to get set for the counter-attack which always follows.

There were three houses in a triangle on the far edge of town, and in them T/Sgt. Paul Landolt, of Aberdeen, Idaho, first platoon sergeant in Baker Company, placed his men. He found the new guy from Brooklyn, from Dog Company, already in the house nearest to the Germans.

The new guy had set up his caliber .50 in a window on the second floor, overlooking a road and the fields from which the Nazis probably would come. Landolt didn't know the guy's name, but he'd seen him around. He asked the new guy was he all right, and the kid said yes, and Landolt said did he know the bazooka ammo was gone. The kid said yes again, and then the counter-attack began.

Three hundred yards away, out of the black shadows of the woods beyond the fields, came two German tanks, silhouetted clear and sharp in the moonlight against the snow. They began to clank toward the three houses, and behind them came the infantry.

As Lt. Col. Bill Dupuy, the Sioux Falls, S.D., commander of the first battalion, or anyone else will tell you, the tanks don't like to come into a thing like that alone; the bazookas will get them. So the infantry comes along and it consolidates the position if the tanks clear it out.

The new guy was a reinforcement and he had been with the outfit only a month, but he knew if they could kill the Nazis' infantry, the tanks probably would stop, because they wouldn't know how it was about the bazooka ammo.

The noise of the tanks was getting loud across the field, and the

new guy must have been thinking about it. He could fire a little and have a jam in his gun, or he could run out of ammo, and then the red and orange flash wouldn't be there for the enemy.

The other men in the houses heard the new guy's gun begin to yammer, saw figures out beyond the tanks stumble, fall, less than 100 yards away.

The tanks came on until they were 20 yards from the nearest house, where the machine-gun was, and stopped. The new guy's gun kept firing.

The men who are left in Dog Company will tell you what happened later: how some German infantry surrounded the three houses and 1/Lt. Bob Smith called down artillery around the houses; how they fought the Nazis off till daylight came and the American tanks got up to give them support.

Mostly, though, they'll tell you about a new guy from Brooklyn and how he kept firing at the tank turrets until they turned. They'll tell you that by that time there wasn't enough infantry left to cover the tank. They'll tell you they could see the reflection of the machine-gun's flare on the sides of the tanks, and they'll tell you that the new guy must have known what would happen if he stayed there and fired.

The first shell from the tanks smashed the house wall next to the new guy and he kept firing. The second shell passed through the red and orange flare at the muzzle of the new guy's gun and exploded, and because the censor won't pass the name of a soldier killed in action until it's certain his folks are notified, the story has to call him the new guy from Brooklyn, which is the way it was to most of Dog Company.



"Any you guys understand Russian?"

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This Was America Yesterday:

U.S. Convention Ban Expected To Relieve Big City Hotel Pinch

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (ANS).—The nation's hotel-keepers today greeted the start of the Government's ban on non-essential conventions with both relief and apprehension. An Associated Press survey indicated the ban would ease hotel-room shortages in such places as New York, Philadelphia, New Orleans and Cleveland, but a spokesman for the American Hotel Association said the ruling would cut business sharply in many cities where hotels were not crowded.

The ban prohibits conventions attended by more than 50 persons, unless such conventions are given special permits because of their importance to the war effort. The measure was designed primarily to lighten railroad traffic.

In Omaha, they're palavering about a State Tree. Senator Charles F. Tvrdek, of Omaha, says he can't figure out why the state which originated Arbor Day has no tree, and he's recommending the hackberry. It grows to 100 feet, and is the only tree that withstood the droughts in the '30s.

What's the matter with Kansas? Another shortage hit Abilene in a way that doesn't seem to make sense. The American Legion wanted to have its annual rabbit dinner, but couldn't get the rabbits because of a shortage of ammunition. So—they had to eat beef.

Over 30? You're Good, Draft Officials Say

ACCORDING to a Selective Service survey, if you are overseas and you are also over 30 you must be pretty good.

The survey shows that 40.3 percent of men aged 28 called up are rejected as unfit. Over 50 percent are rejected at 34 and 59.1 percent are rejected at 38.

IN Queens, N.Y., the best free shave and haircut in the world is waiting for Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark. Joseph Capuana, Queens barber, wrote Clark asking information about a brother, Rosario, who runs the Leghorn branch of the Bank of Rome. Clark answered the letter and enclosed a note from Rosario, who says he's well and wants to come to America.

There's a hell of an argument going on between Philadelphia and Los Angeles as to which can claim the title "City with the largest Municipal Park." Los Angeles recently purchased 425 acres and added it to Griffith Park, making 4,226 acres, which they claim beats Philly's Fairmount Park, of 3,840 acres. The Brotherly Love boys want to know if Fairmount is all in one piece, and the Californians claim it is. But determined Philadelphians still lay claim to 7,489 acres of park.



Gen. Clark's Got Another Close Shave Coming.

Seen in Boston: A sailor buying three Valentine cards with the same motto: "To the Only Girl I Love."

SO many telephone inquiries have been received by the Bloomington, Ill., public library from people wanting answers to puzzle contests that librarians have got tough. In the future anybody asking questions will be told—"Books are available here. Come and see."

Clearer Insigne For Vets Urged Dewey Seeks To Aid N.Y. Vets

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (ANS).—A recognizable emblem "symbolic of devotion and service" for discharged veterans was recommended yesterday by Rep. Louis C. Rabaut (D-Mich.), in a statement prepared for the Congressional Record.

Rabaut attributed public indifference toward the present veterans' insignie to its small size and insignificant design. He said, that only 14,182 former servicemen out of the hundreds of thousands entitled to wear the emblem have made application for it.

Rabaut cited a recent case in Detroit, where a Guadalcanal veteran was ridiculed by factory workers who thought he should be in the Army because he appeared physically fit. When he showed them his veteran's button, one of them asked: "How did you get that thing? For regular attendance at racetracks?"

2 Killed, 16 Injured In Indiana Blast

HAMMOND, Ind., Feb. 2 (ANS).—Two women were killed and 16 persons injured in an explosion and fire yesterday at the Phil Smidt and Son Restaurant.

The body of Mrs. Mamie Hart, 30, of Calumet City, Ill., was found sitting erect at the bar 24 hours after the blast. Another woman, Mrs. Isabel Morgan, 38, of Hammond, died in a hospital. The explosion, which occurred during the early dinner hour, caused damage estimated at \$150,000.

ALBANY, Feb. 2 (ANS).—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, yesterday recommended to the legislature a program for the rehabilitation and re-orientation of New York State's veterans so that "each one may return to a normal, productive and happy place in his home community."

Upon recommendation of the State Veterans Commission, Dewey presented a program estimated to cost \$2,825,000 in the first year to insure adequate care for nearly 180,000 veterans who possibly "will have suffered some disability while serving in the armed forces." The state has 1,500,000 men in service, Dewey said.

The program calls for veterans' "rest camps, occupational reorientation, general counselling service, a psychiatric consulting service to supplement present mental hospital services, job-training, and preference in public employment."

Pacific GIs Roused By Ding Dong Dad

GUAM, Feb. 2 (ANS).—The story of San Francisco's much-married street-car conductor, Francis Van Wie, has led servicemen in this forward area to organize a "Down with Ding Dong Daddy Club."

As a Marine sergeant complained, "It's downright unpatriotic of a guy to have eight or 11 wives when we haven't any out here."

(Just to keep the record straight: Van Wie has admitted having an even dozen wives.—Ed.)

House Passes Manpower Bill

Adm. Byrd Gets Legion of Merit from FDR



Rear-Adm. Richard E. Byrd receives the Legion of Merit from the President in White House ceremonies. The medal was awarded him for Naval aviation missions in the Southeastern Pacific where the explorer discovered island airfield sites.

Measure Gives Draft Boards New Authority

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (ANS).—The limited national service bill was passed in the House of Representatives last night, 246 votes to 165, without any changes. Amendments intended to give the WMC broad authority over the job movements of men and to substitute a voluntary recruiting plan for the compulsory features of the measure were rejected.

As it went to the Senate, the legislation called for the induction, fine or imprisonment of any man between 18 and 45 who leaves an essential job or refuses to take one contrary to the directions of his local draft board. The controversial "anti-closed shop" and "anti-discrimination" amendments were defeated.

However, while the Senate Military Committee was called together behind closed doors this morning to chart its course, there were signs of a strongly-backed movement to revise the measure substantially.

Senate Changes Possible

The House supporters of the measure admitted the possibility of Senate changes and asserted that the War and Navy Departments and the WMC were backing a drive to give some federal agency—probably the WMC—authority to require men to remain at their present jobs or order them into new ones.

Rep. Andrew J. May (D-Ky.), chairman of the House Military Committee, who was credited with a great victory in the House when he successfully averted attempts to change the bill, said the Senate move would be resisted.

Washington observers felt that the Senate struggle to take high powers from the draft boards would prove tougher than the one in the House, where a breakdown showed that 65 Republicans and one minor party member joined 180 Democrats in favor of the bill as passed. Lined up against it were 116 Republicans, 48 Democrats and one minor party Representative.

The bill's big club is wielded by the draft board. It can ask—then order—men from 18 to 45 to change from their present jobs to one in which the board says they are needed. If they don't comply—or leave the job to which the board directs them—they can be drafted into the Army, or fined \$10,000 and sentenced to five years in jail.

Choice of Jobs

The draft board must give a man a reasonable choice of jobs. If it orders him to quit a position, he may appeal to the draft appeals board in the same manner that he would appeal an induction classification.

Boards are instructed to consider the effect on a man's family before ordering him to change jobs—and the effect on him.

He would also be entitled to his old job with seniority rights if he applied for it within 90 days after finishing the job to which his draft board had sent him.

Farmers are practically exempt from the bill. If their draft boards which originally deferred them as essential on the farm still think so, they stay on the farm.

A man working in a war plant could be ordered to another one if his draft board thinks the other job is more important.

The big boss of all this would be War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes. Government agencies like the War Manpower Commission, War Production Board, the Army and Navy would tell him where workers are needed most.

Senate Delays Wallace Action, But Votes RFC Divorcement

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (ANS).—The Senate passed yesterday, 74 votes to 12, a bill divorcing the Reconstruction Finance Corp. and allied Federal agencies from the Department of Commerce.

Then the Senate decided, by voice vote, to delay until March 1 consideration of the nomination of Henry A. Wallace as Secretary of Commerce, replacing Jesse H. Jones.

The delay was approved after Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley, of Kentucky, had read a message from President Roosevelt saying that he would approve the divorce bill if Congress returned the loan functions to the separate agency which controlled them before their transfer to the Commerce Department in 1942.

Helps Clear the Air

These developments, which send the bill but not the nomination to the House, helped to clear the confusion which had arisen in the fight over the appointment of the former vice-president to the Cabinet.

Friends of Wallace have conceded that the course now being followed provides the only means of winning confirmation for him because apparently a Senate majority is opposed to his wielding the loan powers.

The Administration compromise cracked a barrier set up by senators who were all-out against Wallace's holding any public office and Senators who were willing to let him be secretary of commerce but not boss of the RFC.

As secretary only, Wallace would supervise the Census Bureau, the Weather Bureau, the Coast and Geodetic Survey, the Civil Aeronautics Administration and statistical bureaus.

Lauren in the Dark On Bogart's Plans

CHICAGO, Feb. 2 (ANS).—Lauren Bacall, motion-picture actress regarding whom Humphrey Bogart said Thursday he had "signified" his "intention," although he was "not exactly" engaged to her, said today: "All I know is what I've been told by people who read interviews."

"I haven't seen Mr. Bogart since we finished making our last picture," the 20-year-old actress said. "Until I talk to him I'm really at a loss for words."

In New York yesterday Bogart said his "intentions" toward Miss Bacall were "based on future plans." The actor and his wife, formerly Mayo Methot, recently separated. Miss Bacall, who has made two pictures with Bogart, said in Chicago she was enroute to New York for a vacation and expected to meet "Bogey" there.

Sinatra Heading Home For Draft Physical

PASADENA, Calif., Feb. 2 (ANS).—Singer Frank Sinatra was en route today for Jersey City, N.J., where the draft board has ordered him re-examined Feb. 7 for possible induction into the armed forces. He was classified 4F Dec. 9, 1943, because of a punctured eardrum.

DeMille Takes Air With Union Protest

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 2.—Cecil B. DeMille, banned by union order from conducting his \$5,000 weekly drama broadcast, returned to the radio Thursday night to tell the nation that the courts and legislatures should protect the "rights of freedom of the people" as well as the welfare of a union.

DeMille has persistently refused to pay a \$1,000 union assessment for a political fund to fight anti-union legislation.

The broadcast was allowed because it was not for money. In a three-minute talk he said the question was: "Do my rights as a voter belong to me, or do they belong to the union?"

Death Report on Hope Gives Comedian Laugh

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 2 (ANS).—Rumors that radio comedian Bob Hope had been killed in an accident while en route here for a broadcast at Drew Field last night brought a derisive guffaw from the star. When he heard about the report, Hope said, "I feel like a mighty healthy corpse. However, what with rationing these days, you never know whether you are dead or alive."

It Beats Monkey Meat



Aviation Machinist's Mate Charles O. Watkins, who eluded the Japanese for two years after escaping from a prison camp on Luzon, finds that a hamburger and an iced coke in Miami is much better eating than the monkey meat he often ate during his ordeal in the Philippines.

Hot Dog Isn't Meat To the 'Little Flower'

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (ANS).—The hot dog has won Mayor LaGuardia's approval for consumption on the meatless Tuesdays and Fridays in store for New Yorkers.

During his radio discourse Sunday, the Mayor solemnly declared that he would compromise and permit hot dogs to be served on meatless days. If any meat packers take offense at the Mayor's distinction between franks and meat, they might see him when he isn't in Washington, Montreal or chasing fires at home.



Well, It Could Have Been

IT JOHN R. GLICK was anxious not to miss a trick when he went up to his first combat OP. It was in the Fort Jeanne D'Arc area, near Metz, and the enemy had honeycombed the territory with camouflaged pillboxes.

Schnapps-Shot Wasn't Double Exposure

PFC Albert C. Langley, Jr., of Prescott, Ark., found a bottle of "schnapps" in the house which Co. C, 320th Inf., was using as a CP near Bastogne. Langley took a sizable swig. And then another.

'One-Arm' Driver Wasn't Necking

Fastest gear shifter in the Fifth Armored Div. is Pfc Harry C. Hunt, of Pennsylvania Township, N. J., a 15th Armored Inf. Bn. peep driver.

Nazis Blow His B-Bag Up

IT CHARLES B. WALLACE, of Philadelphia, a platoon leader in Co. B of a 14th Armored Div. tank battalion, claims he is the victim of a new version of Nazi atrocities.

Maybe It Was a Laxative

Some of the greatest discoveries of science have materialized through mistakes. But there might be some question about the value of the discovery of Pvt. Harold Koehler of the 736th FA Bn.

More Ways Than One to Capture Nazi

NEITHER Pfc Raymond Martin, of Sallisaw, Okla., nor Pvt. Richard Oertel, of Syracuse, N.Y., had coughed as they dug a position for their machine-gun—but someone had. Investigation revealed that the man with a cold was a German soldier who had been watching from a thicket.

Rear Engineer Outfit Returns From Line Duty With Praise for Doughs

WITH AN ENG. GS REGT., France.—Rear-echelon engineers in this regiment, shifted to the front lines to double as infantrymen during the Battle of the Bulge, have returned to their base area with praise for the doughs in the foxholes.

Com Z Amateurs Aid Ack-Ack Unit Down Plane

WITH U.S. SUPPLY FORCES IN FRANCE.—Hastily assembled to protect behind-the-lines supply depots during the German counter-attack, Oise Section Headquarters clerks, typists and truck drivers teamed with French soldiers and a rookie ack-ack battalion which had arrived in France a few days before to man anti-aircraft batteries.

Nicknamed "Wilsey's Ack-Ack Brigade" for its organizer, Col. W. T. Wilsey of Washington, D. C., Oise Section's Chief of Staff, this conglomerate group downed a German Heinkel bomber.

'Cactus' Patrol Crept Up, Killed Nazi Mortarmen

WITH 103rd INF. DIV.—Five "cactus" Div. infantrymen who crept so close to an enemy mortar position that they could hear the fire orders, killed four of the crew and silenced the weapon.

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A pair of paratroopers in uniform of the 101st Airborne Div. in Belgium hunt through a pile of overshoes for the right size. S/Sgt. Charles L. Hettel, of Toledo, (left) looks 'em over while Pvt. George Barnett, of Ironton, Ohio, tries one on.

From AWOL to Duty



More than a million missing jerriens already have been recovered but the shortage is still acute, according to the Chief Theater Quartermaster. The Yank above is returning one of the AWOL containers to a collecting station in Belgium.

30th Inf. Div. Medic Treats 33 Under Fire

WITH 80th INF. DIV.—Cpl. Otis M. Redd Jr. of Co. C, 305th Med. Bn., is the only man in the 80th Inf. Div. other than those in infantry regiments, to receive the DSC.

Hot Kitchen Indeed!

Faced with the task of getting hot food to the men of Co. D, Capt. Robert T. Maloney, of St. Paul, and Mess Sgt. Carl Winget actually set up a kitchen in a valley village ahead of the ridge on which their outfit was dug in.

ETO Heroes

Field Commissions: CARTY, 2/LT. JOHN T., of Hyde Park, Mass. CLIFFORD, 2/LT. JAMES E., of Dorchester, Mass. GERMAIN, 2/LT. EDWARD B., of Belchertown, Mass. GUNNETTE, 2/LT. ALFRED P., of South Hadley Falls, Mass. HITCHCOCK, 2/LT. IVY E., of Tremont, Ill. KROWCHUK, 2/LT. JOHN T., of Lowell, Mass. MANVILLE, 2/LT. BRUCE L., of Reading, Mass. WELLS, 2/LT. PAUL F., of Durham, N. C. WILLIAMS, 2/LT. WALTER F., of Adams, Mass. RYDELL, 2/LT. JOHN R., of 81st Chemical Bn., all of the 87th Inf. Div.

Service Crosses

FUNK, CPL. VICTOR F., of Ewing, Neb. Rescued tank destroyer after commander had been disabled. (Seventh Armored Div.) GAYLIN, S/SGT., of Warren, Okla. Although wounded, took a machine-gun away from a Nazi gun crew and killed them. (23rd Regt. Second Inf. Div.) GORDANO, PVT. JOSEPH J., of New York. Directed supporting artillery fire against enemy troops practically on his own position. (Fourth Inf. Div.) KELLY, SGT. JOHN J., of Philadelphia. Disregarded beach minefields on D-Day to attack and wipe out Nazi gun crew. (49th AAA Auto Wpns Bn.) MITCHELL, CAPT. GEORGE E., of Luzerne, Pa. Led assault platoons and personally wiped out two gun crews with his rifle. (23rd Regt. Second Inf. Div.) NOTHEL, S/SGT. HENRY V., of Brooklyn. Directed tank across beach D-Day and knocked out two mortars. (90th Tank Bn.) SCHULTZ, CPL. GEORGE W. JR., of Memphis. Crawled under fire 200 yards to place demolition charge on a bridge. (Seventh Armored Div.)

Silver Star

BOYD, CPL. HOMER, of Concord, N.C. Served 1 1/2 miles of communication wire, ignoring shells bursting around him. (7th Inf. Div.) GRUNEWALD, 1/LT. FRANK W., of New York. Voluntarily piloted plane low over enemy lines to drop plasma to isolated infantry. (29th Inf. Div.) KAPPLER, 1/LT. PAUL, of Los Angeles. Went without rest or sleep to lead unit without any other officer. (Fourth Armored Div.) KRONK, T/SGT. CHARLES JR., of New York. Ignored enemy fire to direct attack on fortified position. (30th Inf. Div.)

5th Inf. Div. Shells Pouring In, Pfc Yells for Chow

WITH FIFTH INF. DIV.—Pfc Walter J. Zierke, of Chicago, one of the Tenth Regt's most notorious chow-hounds, covered the situation pretty thoroughly in two terse sentences when he called First Bn. Hq. from a forward point.

Second Inf. Div. Destructive Touch With Figures Wins A Commendation

WITH SECOND INF. DIV., Belgium.—Accuracy of reports on enemy gun positions worked out by "flash-bang" methods and submitted by Pfc James E. Sewell, of Mexico, Mo., was responsible for knocking out an unusually large number of enemy guns in a recent action, according to division officers who have commended Sewell for his work.

9th AF 'Clark's Little Pill' Downed by Nazis

A NINTH AF BOMBER BASE, France.—"Clark's Little Pill" has been lost to enemy action. A B26 Marauder, the "Pill" was shot down by flak on its 156th bombing mission after a career which included two single engine landings and one crash landing. None of her many crew members ever has been injured.

87th Inf. Div. 'Young' Acorn Division Shared In Battles of Metz and Bulge

WITH 87th INF. DIV.—Removal of the 87th (Acorn) Inf. Div. from the restricted list permits disclosure that it helped to silence the forts of Metz, penetrated Germany in the Sarre River sector and fought in the bulge.

Airman's Salute to Brave Nurse's Memory

The Germans waited until the coast was clear, came out of their hiding places, cut the wire and took off. The Germans were hiding in the woods when T/Sgt. Roy S. Lampe, Omaha; T/4 Ashton H. Hallberg, Detroit; Cpl. Leslie H. Barth, Bridgman, Mich.; T/5 James F. Jones, Augustus, Me., and Pvt. John S. Brunson, Astoria, Ore., and Joseph Bole, Cheswick, Pa., came through.

Keeping Lines Open Is a Vital Phase Of Warfare



Linesmen of the First Army string communication wire in the snow-draped setting along a Belgian road (left). Photo above shows Pfc Stan Grabowski, of South Bend, Ind., wireman of the 30th Inf. Div., checking lines during the push into the Bulge.



One of the many vital uses of wire is shown in this photo of 1/Lt. John A. Burns of Uniontown, Pa., who is controlling battery fire. Burns is with Sixth Sec, 334th Inf., 84th Div.

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103rd Inf. Div. Flank Threatened Until Daly's BAR Chilled Nazi Nests

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Signal Corps and other communications troops on the Western Front strung approximately 300,000 miles of wire in the first five months after D-Day and now are using about 2,200 miles of wire daily in one area, the War Department has announced.

Medics Give First Aid to Communication Lines After Wehrmacht Cut-Ups End Sabotage Spree

WITH 35th INF. DIV.—It was a screwball procession of First Bn. wiremen followed by Nazis who in turn were tailed by Co. D medics. The medics brought up the rear, logically enough, because they were the patch-up men.

Trucker Wins Commendation

A NINTH AF SERVICE COMMAND UNIT.—Pfc Charles E. Sanford, driver for a QM truck company, has been commended by Col. Henry J. Lawrence, group commander, for operating a two and one-half-ton cargo truck more than 13,000 miles without having it deadlined for repairs.

26th Inf. Div. Impatient Joes Win Objective, Keep on Going

WITH 26TH (YANKEE) INF. DIV.—The objective was Hill 285, somewhere in Eastern France not many miles from the German border. The Germans had dug in well. The hill bristled with formidable guns.

9th AFSC Trucking Unit Rolls Long Way

A NINTH AF SERVICE COMMAND UNIT, France.—A distance of 1,071,190 miles—equivalent to 43 trips around the world—was rolled up in 1944 by a Ninth Air Force QM trucking company now hauling supplies for fighter-bomber planes on the Western Front.

Handled Many Jobs

The trucks helped to move tactical fighter groups, transported bombs, millions of rounds of small-arms ammunition, aviation gas, and airplane parts as well as ration and clothing.

WD Discloses Scope of Signal Corps Work in ETO

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ASCZ New Loading Method Moves More Jerriens

WITH ADV. SUPPLY HQ., Jan. 24.—Pvt. Ulysses McNutt, of Glenallen, Miss., and Capt. Emmanuel J. Bergl, of Riverside, Ill., both of the 96th QM Truck Co., have demonstrated a method for loading a six-by-six truck with 252 jerriens which will serve as a model for all ASCZ units. ETO HQ. reports. This load is 52 more than standard.

Rails Move Cargo

The 732nd Railway Operating Bn. moved an estimated 333,498 long tons of supplies over its 120 miles of rail during the four months ending Dec. 31.

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Everybody knows Larry MacPhail and Dan Topping, but when the conversation swings to the trio of New York Yankee masterminds, the question arises: Who's this guy Webb?

The man whose money is being pooled with Topping's bankroll and MacPhail's theatrical flair is Del E. Webb, wealthy contractor from Phoenix, Ariz. His success story, by the way, puts to shame any plot ever concocted for Horatio Alger. Twenty years ago lanky, bespectacled, soft-spoken Webb headed for Oakland of the Pacific Coast League as a pitcher. But it was evident from the very start he'd never make the majors, so he eventually hung up his spikes and glove. Webb also was strictly minor league in the financial circuit as late as 1929 when he worked as a finishing carpenter. As a friend explains, "Webb came to Phoenix without a dime and parlayed the saw and hammer into a million dollars."

WHEN he detached himself from the Oakland club, Webb transferred his affections from baseball to golf and bothered only twice to visit the baseball field during the ensuing years. He developed into a steady golfer—shot 67 in the 1938 Phoenix Open—and was instrumental in bringing the nationally-recognized tourneys and big stars to his home courses.

RISKING a small bundle of savings, Webb started out as a building contractor on a shoe-string, but his ability to get along with people paid off rapidly. When the Japs knifed Pearl Harbor he already had one of the largest construction firms in the Southwest. Since then his company has constructed 17 airfields among other contributions to the war effort.

So, although it took 20 years and plenty of hard work, the one-time minor league pitcher finally had crashed the big leagues—and the Yankees at that.

Briggs Urges Quick Action on Commissioner

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Walter Briggs Jr., vice-president of the Detroit Tigers, urged today that baseball men make sure the man they elect to succeed the late Commissioner Kenesaw M. Landis be granted as broad and authoritative powers as were vested in Landis himself.

Briggs said the decision must be made quickly to get rid of "gray-beards" now running the game, and the newly-named boss must be both "honest and fearless."



HQ. XIX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND.—S/Sgt. Harry Ashmore, of Boston, and Cpl. Sol Askinazi, of New York, will headline a seven-bout card here tomorrow night.

Other bouts follow: Pvt. Tony Bellenger, Chicago vs Pvt. Lloyd Pohlman, Paterson, N.J.; Pvt. Jess Greer, Detroit vs Cpl. Dave Peebles, Fond du Lac, Wis.; Pvt. James Lanier, Decatur, Ala. vs Pvt. Salvatore Rotolo, Los Angeles; Sgt. Ken Carner, Charlotte, N.C. vs Cpl. Claude Robinson, Pontiac, Mich.; Pfc Harry Robinson, San Francisco vs Cpl. Leo Robinson, San Francisco; Cpl. Leo Carnahan, Wooster, Ohio vs Pvt. Jack Sharkey, Fond du Lac, Wis.; Pvt. Maurice Doty, Findlay, Ohio vs Pvt. Pat Linton, Birmingham, Ala.

'V' Basketball League

Com. Z	W	L	Pct.
Generals	3	0	1,000
Blackbirds	3	0	1,000
Fliers	1	2	.333
Engineers	1	2	.333
Badgers	1	2	.333
Blockbusters	0	3	.000
Commandos	0	3	.000

Ten High Scorers

Sgt. Tony Jaros, Blackbirds	G	F	P
Cpl. Al Pajonas, Fliers	36	8	80
Sgt. James Zell, Sad Sacks	26	3	55
Lt. Robert Artz, Sad Sacks	22	2	46
T/Sgt. Ray Jurells, Engineers	17	8	42
T/Sgt. Seymour Sandler, Badgers	15	2	38
Sgt. J. Kurimsky, Blackbirds	11	7	29
Major J. E. Burrows, Blackbirds	13	2	28
T/Sgt. James Shafer, Fliers	12	2	28
Lt. Steve Depyssler, Engineers	13	2	28

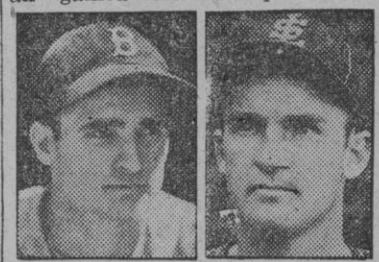
This Week's Results

Blackbirds 67, Badgers 38. Sad Sacks 64, Fliers 39. Generals 46, Blockbusters 26. Engineers 44, Commandos 30.

Next Week's Schedule SUNDAY: 7:15, Fliers vs. Badgers; 8:30, Sad Sacks vs. Generals. WEDNESDAY: 7:15, Blackbirds vs. Commandos; 8:30, Engineers vs. Blockbusters. SUNDAY: 7:15, Commandos vs. Badgers; 8:30, Fliers vs. Generals.

AL Stars Join 'Grand' Hitters

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—Bobby Doerr, of Boston; Ken Keltner, of Cleveland; Rudy York, of Detroit, and George McQuinn, of St. Louis, all gained membership in the



Bobby Doerr George McQuinn American League's 1,000-hit club last season.

York, needing only one hit to reach that total in 1944, smashed out 161 safeties for a total of

1,160 in 1,113 games over a nine-year period.

Only 23 active players in the American League have made one or more hits for each game of their major league career, including Doerr, who was inducted into the Army last season. Al Simmons, who is still on the active list, is near the 3,000 mark, while Paul Waner, of the Yankees, has made 3,152 hits in 2,548 games. But Waner did his big league playing in the National League until 1944. McQuinn now has made 1,113 hits and Keltner 1,103.

Doerr Hit .325 in '44

Doerr had the best record of the group during the past season, losing out by two percentage points for the league batting championship, won by Cleveland's manager, Lou Boudreau, with a .327 mark. Bobby played in 125 games

before Uncle Sam plucked him out of the Red Sox lineup, scored 95 runs, got 152 hits for 248 total bases and hit 15 homers. His major league total is 1,134 hits.



Rudy York Ken Keltner Keltner batted .295, York .276 and McQuinn, who was the batting hero on the losing side in the World Series, wound up with a puny .250 for the year.

Brooklyn College Courtsters Sweat Out Faculty Verdict

BROOKLYN, Feb. 2.—The faculty-student athletic committee met in Brooklyn College's gym yesterday to decide what action should be taken against the five basketball players who admitted taking a \$1,000 bribe to throw last Wednesday's game with Akron.

Dempsey Says Service Boxers Aren't So Hot

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 2.—The greatest collection of daredevil racing drivers in history is being developed in the services, but Cmdr. Jack Dempsey, of the Coast Guard, says there are no really good boxing men he has observed in this war.

"It will take three or four years to develop topnotch fighters," Dempsey said today. "People say the last war produced great fighters, but it didn't. Gene Tunney came along, but it wasn't until seven years after the war that he became champion."

As for auto racing champions, Jimmy Wilburn, world's dirt track driver, who has returned from an overseas assignment as a civilian technician with the Army Air Forces, said there will be a tremendous boom in auto racing. "The kids who drive those jeeps over battlefields, through rivers and across swamps, are the nerviest lot of all," Wilburn declared. "Lots of them will turn to auto racing after the war. That's when fans are going to see some thrilling races."

Duden Is Captain-Elect Of Navy's 1945 Eleven

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 2.—Midshipman H. Richard Duden, of Englewood, N.J., will be captain of Navy's football team next fall, it was announced today. At the same time, the athletic office declared that, for the first time in the Academy's history, a foreigner will captain a varsity team. He is Midshipman Aturo Calisto, native of Iquitos, Peru, who will lead this year's soccer team.

Bob Leder, captain of the team and member of the committee, resigned when asked to vote. The committee adjourned after a four-hour session with a unanimous vote to bar the five players—Leder, Jerry Green, Larry Pearlstein, Stan Simon and Buddy Barnett—from further athletic activity at Brooklyn College.

The decision of the committee was immediately revealed to the college president, and the players now await faculty action.

Though most of the students were shocked by the actions of their court favorites, some co-eds said they would circulate petitions asking that all five players be permitted to continue studies at Brooklyn College.

Captain's Explanation

Students and reporters gathered around Leder after the meeting. "We thought we were going to be heroes," Leder said. "We didn't have to tell the cops anything. We were ashamed and wanted to break up the ring. So we told all we knew."

One faculty member said later, "What these boys did was just an extension of common practices in basketball throughout the country. We resent the attitude that basketball is 99 and nine-tenths percent pure and the only stinkers in the game go to Brooklyn College."

Promoter Sentenced

MASON, Mich., Feb. 2.—Floyd Fitzsimmons, Benton Harbor sports promoter, charged with attempting to bribe a member of the State Legislature in 1941 to keep in committee a bill regulating horse racing and pari-mutuel betting, was convicted yesterday and sentenced to three to four years in prison. Fitzsimmons was released on \$4,000 surety, pending an appeal for a new trial.

Blind Grapplers Win

NEEDHAM, Mass., Feb. 2.—Needham High School's wrestling team lost 16-8 Wednesday night, which isn't news, but surprising was the fact they lost to Perkins Institute for the Blind. Every member of the winning team is totally blind.

Behind the Sports Headlines

IOWA CITY, Ia.—That Weiland name that appears in the Iowa Pre-Flight Seahawks' basketball lineup is that of Ed Weiland, former White Sox pitching star and the leader of the Pre-Flight baseball team... MADISON, Wis.—Any thought that the Big Ten scholastic requirements were being lowered was brought to a sudden halt this week when Wisconsin announced three regular basketeers had been declared ineligible. The team's high scorer, Don Rehfeldt, Bob Kline, guard, and second string center Ed Price were dropped from the squad.

STATE COLLEGE, Penn.—Leo Houck, veteran Penn State boxing coach, and four other nationally-known athletic figures will report to Iceland shortly to conduct an Army coaching clinic. Accompanying Houck will be Harry Rockefeller, Rutgers athletic director; Red Rolfe, former Yankee star, now baseball and basketball coach at Yale; Charley Berry,

American League umpire, and Ed Zanfrieni, Dartmouth trainer... WASHINGTON.—Clark Griffith, famous for his imported ball-players, is bringing up a part-Chinese, part-Spanish star of the Mexican League next year in Manuel Hidalgo. Griffith advertises him as the first Chinese major league ballplayer, but he must be forgetting Buck Lai of the Giants some years back...

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—People are wondering what's the score of military scholastics at the present. Recently Army declared five football stars deficient in studies and dropped them from school as usual. This week the Navy admitted Clyde Scott, ball carrying sensation, was ineligible due to scholastic difficulty, but Scott is still at the Academy... SAN ANTONIO, Texas—Lt. R. E. "Bill" Henderson, of the Air Force, was placed on the retired list this week, and returned to Baylor University as head basketball coach and acting headcoach of football.

Hawk Skaters Tie Canadiens Into 1-1 Knot

MONTREAL, Feb. 2.—Freezing the puck in the scoreless last period and displaying their best defensive game of the season, the last-place Chicago Black Hawks held the league-leading Montreal Canadiens to a 1-1 tie here last night. The home team had won nine straight previously. Thus the Hawks clung to a slim chance of gaining the Stanley Cup playoff.

Richard, Mosienko Score Maurice Richard put the Canadiens in front in the first period, after taking a pass from Elmer Lach at 10:22, and Bill Mosienko shot the equalizer for Chicago with 1:25 to go in the second period. The Hawks drew loud boos from the crowd as they tried to keep the puck from the dangerous Montreal forwards.

Chicago's defense was superb and the Canadiens' goal was one of the few shots the league-leaders were able to throw at Goalie Mike Karakas all evening.

Hockey Standings

National League				
	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	26	5	3	55
Detroit	22	8	4	48
Toronto	17	14	2	36
Boston	11	21	1	23
New York	7	19	7	21
Chicago	6	22	5	17

American League				
Thursday Night Result				
Buffalo 1, Indianapolis 0.				
EASTERN DIVISION				
	W	L	T	Pts
Buffalo	22	15	7	51
Hershey	17	17	7	41
Providence	16	20	5	37

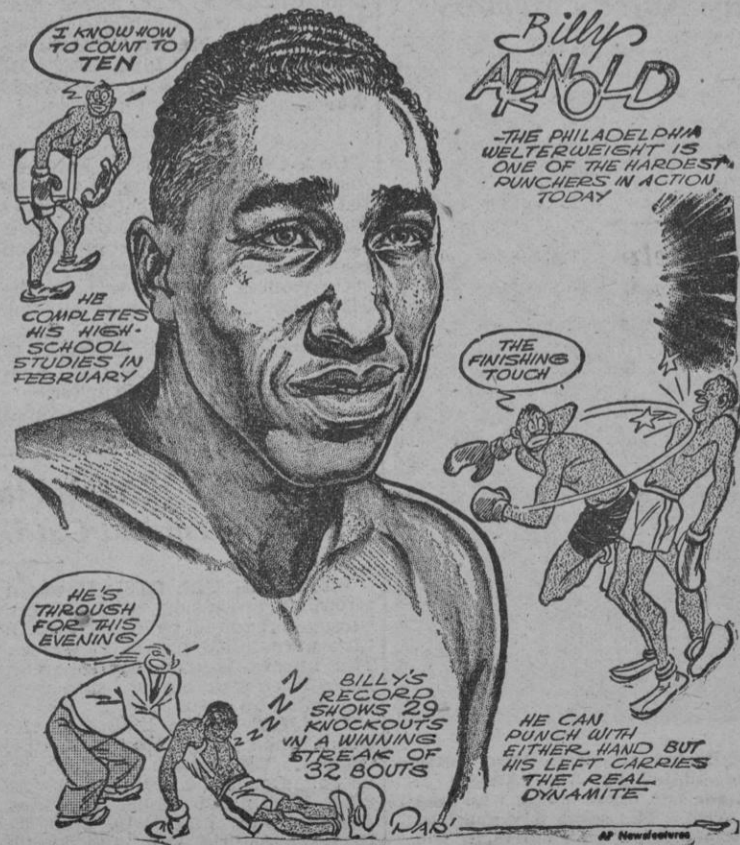
WESTERN DIVISION				
	W	L	T	Pts
Indianapolis	19	14	11	49
Cleveland	19	10	9	47
Pittsburgh	17	18	6	40
St. Louis	8	24	5	21

Yale, Holy Cross Renew Football Rivalry in 1945

WORCESTER, Mass., Feb. 2.—Yale and Holy Cross will resume football relations, the Crusaders' athletic office announced yesterday. The teams will play at New Haven, Oct. 6. They played annually from 1903 to 1913 with Yale winning every game. Yale finished the 1944 football season undefeated, winning five games. The Eli scored 88 points to their opponents' 20. Holy Cross, in winning three games, tying two and losing to Groton S.B., 6-0, amassed 112 points to 50 for the opposition.

CAGE RESULTS

Bates 68, Tufts 58. Brooklyn Arm. Guard 52, St. Francis 40. Bemidji 45, S. Cloud 21. Catawba 40, Guilford 12. Loyala (N. Orleans) 77, Coast Guard 43. McPherson 49, Baker 30. Nebraska Wesleyan 49, Kearney 37. North Carolina 30, William & Mary 46. Pittsburg Tehrs. (Kan.) 53, Olathe Naval 51. Tulane 45, Louisiana State 43. Tulsa 44, East Central 33. Valley Forge Hosp. 61, NYU 48. Virginia 57, Virginia Military 35. Valparaiso 69, Great Lakes 61. Western (Ky.) State 67, Marshall 45.



HASH MARKS

Ode to the guardhouse lawyer: He who thinks by the inch and talks by the yard should be dealt with by the foot.

Mess Sgt.: "Say, KP, the man next to you is doing twice as much work as you."

KP: "That's what I told him, but he won't slow down."

The little moron sez when a girl admits she has a checkered career, it's your move.

Adopting the slogan of a meat packing concern back in the States, a mess sergeant over here advertises his wares as "the spam what am."

According to Uncle Joe, the farmer and the city feller are



pretty much alike. They're just ignorant on different subjects.

Ralph Newman sez he resents the press referring to Germany as "Germany proper." "What the hell is proper about Germany," he walls.

On a recent tour of inspection of a field artillery unit, a general was making an inspection of artillery pieces. During his tour he paused to inspect a pile of rubbish, before moving on to the crew chief. Said the general: "Sergeant, I'm surprised to see you up here, and the trash back there." Said the sergeant (without thinking): "Sir, would you rather have the trash up here and me back there?" The general only grinned and continued his inspection.

This little gag comes to us through the courtesy of Pfc Lou Seguin:

Ashes to ashes, dust to dust
If the V2s don't get you
The cognac must.

A first sergeant is a guy who cusses you out after the Army swears you in.

And then there was the absent-minded office manager who pulled the typewriter down on his lap and began to unfasten the ribbon.

J. C. W.

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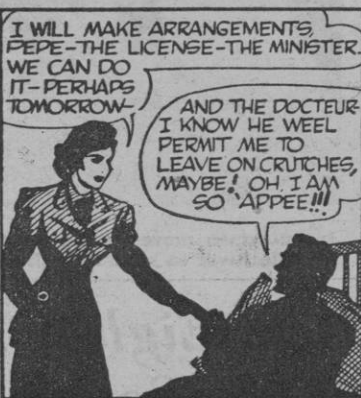
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So, as innocent as one of the babes in the wood, Jane wanders through the chill, gathering dusk to...

Luzon Rescue Causes Rejoicing in U.S. Homes

Camp Raid Thrills Kin of 510 Yanks

NEW YORK, Feb. 2 (ANS).—Joy and excitement swept through homes across the nation today after disclosure of the names of men rescued from a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines. Here are a few instances:

Marshall, Mich.: "I've been praying three years, night and day, but never as hard as I prayed this morning. We've never given up hope," said Mrs. Gibson, wife of 1/Lt. Beverly Gibson.

Pensacola, Fla.: "I'm not going to cry, I'm not going to cry," repeated Mrs. Etta Alford, mother of Pvt. John Alford. Then she wept with joy.

Washington, D. C.: "American people rejoice and hope we will soon have similar good news of other boys," said Sen. Dennis Chavez (D-N.M.), cousin of Pvt. Joe D. Chavez, of Belen, N. M.

Yonkers, N. Y.: "Wonderful news and I am anxious to hear more," said Mrs. Ethel B. Baumgardner, wife of Navy Lt. Earl G. Baumgardner.

Seattle, Wash.: "Its been three long years of waiting, and two of them have been without his father," said Mrs. Matilda Englis, mother of Marine Sgt. Milton Englis. She collapsed on hearing the news but was quickly revived. She had never told her son his father had died.

Albuquerque, New Mexico: "The rescue of these men is the answer to our prayers," said Gov. J. J. Dempsey. New Mexico had nearly 2,000 men in the Philippines when the Japs attacked.

Oyster Bay, N.Y.: "I can hardly believe it. I'm not quite sure it isn't a dream," said Mrs. Alice Farrell Lang, mother of Pvt. Alfred Farrell.

Omaha: "So excited we couldn't eat breakfast," said Mr. and Mrs. John Glow, parents of 1st Sgt. George Glow. The sergeant's father is blind. "We are going to have everybody in the county in for a celebration," added Mrs. Glow.

Stamford, Conn.: "Thank, God, thank God," was the reaction of Mrs. Helen Gibson, mother of Lt. W. D. Gibson.

Big 3 Meeting Is Reported On

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said would be discussed at the meeting include steps toward bringing about more active Italian participation in the war, problems of Allied shipping, which were reported by Reuter to have reached a crucial stage, problems in connection with the governments of Poland, Yugoslavia and Greece, and preparations for the war in the Pacific.

Meanwhile, reports persisted that the conference was already under way. A UP dispatch from New York said that Radio Cairo had declared the parley had begun yesterday. The locale was not mentioned. A dispatch to the Herald Tribune in New York, from Paris, said that persons in the French capital believe the talks have begun.

Nazis Claim Meeting On

Quoting Dr. Schmidt, a spokesman for Nazi Foreign Minister von Ribbentrop, the German Transocean News Agency claimed that Marshal Stalin had invited President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill to a Rumanian Black Sea port for the conference. Constantza is the chief Rumanian port on the Black Sea.

The German News Agency sent a message to Nazi editors, giving it "priority rank," which declared that the Big Three meeting, which it said was taking place now, would launch an all-out propaganda offensive against Germany.

According to the Nazis, the Big Three can be expected to modify its "unconditional surrender" terms with an appeal to the German people that they were out only to eliminate National Socialism and Hitler, in the same way, they claimed, that Wilson in the last war allegedly slanted his appeal to the Germans to oust the Kaiser.

Casualty of Weather

The "Comedie Francaise" in Paris, which survived four years of Nazi occupation without missing a performance, was ordered closed yesterday for two weeks because the cold weather was endangering the health of the staff.

Prisoners Thought Principally of Food

LUZON, Philippines, Feb. 2.—What does a man think about while a prisoner of the Japanese for three years?

"We thought of many things," said S/Sgt. Clinton Goodbla, of Longview, Wash., one of more than 500 rescued Tuesday night from Tabu Prison Camp.

"We thought of home and girls and movies. But when you only get a little food you reach a point where you think of nothing but food. Maybe that doesn't sound very noble, but believe me, when you don't get it, food can be damned near everything."

It wasn't until the main Japanese garrison at the camp fled and the prisoners broke into the food stocks that they ever fared well. Before that they lived on a few ounces of rice and almost no meat.

"When the Japs butchered carabao, water buffalo, they'd throw us a head," said Pvt. Alfred Jolly, of San Francisco. "Sometimes they'd give us bones for soup. That was about all the meat we got."

Nazi Defenses Stiffen in West

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was given no credence whatsoever. Activities along the front led war observers to speculate that something big was pending. Germans said it was the big push. Allied Headquarters said—nothing.

Capt. Ludwig Sertorius, Nazi-dom's military oracle, commented that a "big new enemy offensive is unmistakably brewing in the whole Aachen area," according to Reuter, which picked up his commentary. Sertorius claimed preparations were almost completed.

It was apparent from every reliable Allied report that Germans were prepared to make a strong stand in the Siegfried Line and had no intention of withdrawing from it or even parts of it.

Siegfried Town Taken

The 26th and 18th Inf. Regts. of First Army's First Div. ploughed eastward through deepening slush into thawing Germany and met mortar fire from pillboxes. Troops of the 82nd Airborne Div. smashed into the Siegfried town of Newhof, four miles east of Murringen.

First Div. combat teams were hacking through the line in the sector generally east of Malmédy, while 82nd forces hewed their way ahead on the south of the Fighting First.

North of the First Div. penetration, the Ninth and 99th Divs. fought deeper into the Monschau Forest, southeast of the town of Monschau, near the headwaters of the River Roer.

Self-propelled 155mm "Long-toms" sent shells crashing into the steel-stone forts at virtually point-blank range.

Ninth Div. doughs advanced 1,200 yards to take the road junction five miles southeast of Monschau.

In the Third Army sector east of St. Vith, U.S. forces seized a series of border towns within a radius of six to seven miles of the city. Infantrymen advanced a mile to enter woods two and one-half miles northeast of Oberhausen, nine miles south of St. Vith.

Other infantry elements gained two miles eastward to take Heckuscheid, eight miles southeast of St. Vith, and two miles inside the Reich near the main Siegfried defenses.

The towns of Gross-Langefeld and Bleialf, both about seven miles southeast of St. Vith, and about an equal distance from the German communications center of Prum, fell to Third Army men.

U.S. forces advanced two miles due east of St. Vith to capture Amelsheim in Belgium and Mütznich in Germany.

Moving Up for a Crack at Foe



Infantrymen move from their trench to a firing position near the Moselle River as comrades ahead hug snow-covered German ground.

New Eighth Army Landing Made Southwest of Manila

Troops of the new U.S. Eighth Army have made another landing on the western coast of Luzon. This time men were put ashore 67 miles southwest of Manila, in Batangas Province.

Yanks of the Sixth Army, advancing on Manila from the northwest, were only a little more than 20 miles away yesterday, the Associated Press reported.

Gen. MacArthur announced that the new Eighth Army landing caught the Japanese by surprise. U.S. naval guns and artillery silenced enemy machine-guns and artillery which opened up soon after the landing.

No Invasion Planned

The troops who went ashore were members of the 11th Airborne Div. They quickly occupied the town of Nasugbu and pressed eastward toward Tagaytay Ridge. From the ridge an excellent highway leads to the Cavite naval base and Manila.

Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, Eighth commander, originally planned the Batangas foray as a reconnaissance move, intending to pull out if opposition was too strong. But three hours after the landing he changed it to a full-scale operation.

Other Eighth Army troops, who landed just north of Subic Bay on Monday, still were advancing eastward against light resistance in a drive to seal off Bataan Peninsula.

MacArthur disclosed that the First Cavalry Div. was taking part in the drive on Manila. The 32d Div. also is in action on Luzon.

Corregidor Hit Again

Liberator bombers again attacked Corregidor and Cavite. Patrol planes flew to Formosa and struck two airfields.

India-based Superfortresses attacked Singapore, Thursday, blasting its huge floating drydock and other naval installations. Reconnaissance pictures showed the dock destroyed.

It was one of the heaviest blows ever struck by Superforts. At least two Japanese planes were destroyed and no Superforts were lost.

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Zhukov Storms Oder Defenses At Four Points

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next few days would see a lull inside the bulge while Zhukov regrouped and consolidated his forces.

United Press from Moscow said flatly that the offensive had been slowed by an overextension of lines and because of an unexpected thaw which has turned the "world's best tank country" into a mire.

While heavy fighting was in progress on the flanks of Zhukov's Oder River spearheads, in encircled Posen the annihilation of the German garrison appeared a matter of a few more days.

On the Silesia Front, pressure by Marshal Ivan Koniev's First Ukrainian Army decreased south of the Oder River bridgehead near Steinau.

Yesterday's German communique conceded "deep penetrations" by the Red Army on all East Prussian fronts, although official Moscow reports made no mention of fighting on this front.

To the west, troops of Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army gained two miles in their push toward Danzig, reaching a point less than seven and one-half miles from the Free City.

Russian troops in Budapest continued to fight for the liquidation of the German garrison in the western part of the Hungarian capital (Buda).

On all fronts yesterday the Red Armies destroyed or disabled 133 German tanks and shot down 26 planes.

Nazi Counter-Blow Cost GIs Huge Toll Of Christmas Mail

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2 (ANS).—Close to 1,000,000 packages, in addition to a large quantity of letter mail, was lost by enemy action during the German counter-offensive on the Western Front, the War Department disclosed today.

(A previous estimate by ETO postal officials had placed the number of packages lost by enemy action at only a quarter of a million, and made no mention of letter mail.)

The WD said the loss, which occurred during a period of two to three weeks beginning in mid-December, was the heaviest of the war—200 to 300 per cent above any comparable period. The greatest previous losses occurred earlier in the war through ship sinkings.

When the Germans swarmed out of the Siegfried Line Dec. 16, a great quantity of Christmas packages, together with other mail, had been landed in Europe and sent into the forward areas, the announcement said. There the field APO units were sorting mountains of mail for troops in the line or in the immediate rear areas. The swift German advance engulfed a number of these units and the mail was captured.

Berlin Digs In...

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columns are moving through the streets, and before the city gates crack units under command of one of Germany's youngest and most proven generals are in readiness.")

With all the rest of their miseries, the Germans were struck where it hurt most today—in the already thin breadbasket. DNB announced that food rations covering the next eight weeks had been extended for one week and the Germans will have to eke out their slender provisions for an additional unexpected seven days.

Meanwhile, Moscow broadcasts in German continually drummed the theme that panic is spreading in Germany and that Berlin had been evacuated by the Nazis, leaving only a skeleton governmental force behind.

Long spiels on Berlin radio, as well as newspaper editorials and peptalks left no doubt about how the Nazis were trying to stiffen the German people for the fight.

"Today's Berlin press, with big headlines, deals with defense preparations of the capital," a DNB (German news agency) said. "All papers stress that the population of the Reich capital is determined to defend the city to the last."

Last-Ditch Hideout Reported

LONDON, Feb. 2 (AP).—A connected series of salt mine fortresses near Berchtesgaden has been prepared as a possible final Nazi hold-out position, according to unofficial reports from inside Germany.

'Faith in the Midst of Death'

St. Michael Guards The Conflict-Weary

WITH FIFTH ARMORED DIV.—There was no peace within the Church of St. Michael. The screaming shells and whining bullets of Germans entrenched on three sides of the town mocked the tiny flames from the two mass candles bravely proclaiming faith in the midst of death.

Straggling, half-frozen soldiers slogged out of their foxholes and came to the battered church for Sunday mass. Chaplain Jerome Kolberg of St. Roman's Parish, Chicago, donned his vestments over a mud-spattered uniform, and began the mass.

Just before the consecration, two shells landed nearby. A stained glass window crashed to the floor. Some of the soldiers reached for their helmets. Others clutched their rosaries as if they held life in their hands. The chaplain finished the consecration.

Two soldiers stopped a moment, on the way out, by the little staircase which led up to the choir loft. On the stone wall was chiseled the name of the Saint after whom the church was named: St. Michael, "Defender of Those in Battle."

The men carried their sadness bravely as they left.