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# Monty Leads North Drive

## Pincers on Bulge Close to 12 Miles

### 3rd Repels 17 Assaults In One Day

Armor and infantry of the British Second Army smashed 2,000 yards into the north flank of the German bulge southeast of Marche yesterday to widen the snow-whitened offensive front to 21 miles while U.S. First Army troops to the west battled on into the waist of the diminishing salient.

Allied forces on the north were 12 to 14 miles from Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Third Army holding the south flank, where Germans had concentrated powerful forces.

The presence of British troops on the north flank offensive was revealed officially yesterday with the announcement that Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery was in command of all Allied forces north of the bulge.

German reports said elements of the U.S. Ninth Army also were thrown into the northern assault, but there was no confirmation elsewhere.

On the southern flank, Patton's army smothered 17 enemy counterattacks in 24 hours. These assaults ranged from Wiltz in Luxembourg to St. Hubert at the dented western tip of the bulge in Belgium.

In Washington, meanwhile, Gen. George C. Marshall said the Allied offensive on the north flank was "just getting started," AP reported. The AP dispatch quoted Marshall as saying that Montgomery had taken command in the north on the second day of the German offensive which split the Western Front.

Despite these attacks, which ranged up to regimental strength, Third Army armor advanced about a mile in the Wardin sector, west of Bastogne, to control the better portion of high ground in that area. Twenty-sixth Div. forces

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### Reds Give Nod To Lublin Rule

Russia granted official recognition yesterday to the provisional Polish government in Lublin, bringing to a head a major policy break with the U.S. and Britain, which continue to recognize the Polish government in London.

Following Moscow's announcement, the British Foreign Office disclosed that the two powers had consulted on the thorny recognition question and that Britain had refused to go along, although Prime Minister Churchill has supported the Russians in their demands for territorial guarantees in eastern Poland.

The London Poles have refused to accede to the Soviet demands. The Lublin government, however, was formed by a committee set up under Russian sponsorship.

### V2 Attack Increased

LONDON, Jan. 5 (AP).—The German High Command announced today that V2 rocket fire on London had been intensified in the past 24 hours.

### SS Scout Brought in by 504th Infantrymen



While digging in on a front line position in Belgium, soldiers of Company H, 504th Parachute Inf., 82nd Airborne Div., met a SS scouting patrol. In the clash several Germans were killed and the photo shows three Company H men bringing in a prisoner.

## Commands U.S. First, 9th Armies

The U.S. First and Ninth Armies have been placed under Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's command.

The British general commands all Allied forces on the northern side of the German bulge and Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley commands those on the southern side, it was officially disclosed yesterday.

It also was revealed that Montgomery has thrown units of the British Second Army into the Ardennes battle along with the Americans.

The shift in command was made "by instant agreement by all concerned," SHAEF announced, when the German offensive disrupted communications between the U.S. First and Ninth Armies in the north and Third Army to the south. The three armies had constituted the 12th Army Group under Bradley.

Bradley presumably continued in command of the 12th Army Group but it appeared to consist at present only of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army.

### Shift Believed Temporary

It was believed that the shift was temporary and that the First and Ninth Armies would revert to Bradley's command after the breach is closed.

In Washington, President Roosevelt told his press conference that the change did not mean that Montgomery was scheduled to become Gen. Eisenhower's deputy commander. Some British newspapers have suggested that Eisenhower should name a deputy to command the armies in the field and have mentioned Montgomery for the post.

The change in command was made when the German offensive first gained headway, but an announcement was withheld for security reasons, it was explained, on the ground that the Germans are

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### The Horrors of War

Censorship permitted the disclosure yesterday of a previously unannounced casualty in last week's German air raid on Paris—doughnuts. A German bomb scored a direct hit on a Red Cross Club's doughnut machine, the United Press reported.

## 4-Fs Scramble for War Jobs After Mobilization Proposal

By Carl Larsen

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—With the hot breath of War Mobilizer Byrnes on their necks, thousands of 4Fs and non-essential workers today streamed to the nation's employment agencies to register for war work.

Things were bad all over for the non-essential worker—even bookmakers in Cincinnati registered for war jobs. As one registrar put it, "The bookies are taking it in good grace."

At Louisville, employment officials said that 2,000 4Fs registered for munition plant jobs this week—"roughly half our shortage was made up in one day."

An influx of applications for war work was received at Cleveland.

### Order Draws Criticism

But on Capitol Hill and in labor circles, Byrnes' "work or fight" order drew bitter criticism. House and Senate members leveled their attack on the order to screen young farm workers again for possible military service.

The Railroad Brotherhood's publication "Labor" accused Byrnes of acting like "a bull in a china shop." Senator Kilgore (D.-W.Va.) hinted he had in mind a different approach than the Byrnes proposal.

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## Late Bulletins

### New Philippine Landing

Gen. MacArthur's Hdq., Leyte, Jan. 5 (Reuter).—American troops today occupied Marinduque Island, ten miles south of Luzon and 100 miles southeast of Manila.

### Athens Battling Seen Ended

LONDON, Jan. 5 (Reuter).—All organized resistance in Athens and Piraeus has ceased, an unofficial report from Athens said today.

## Foe Still Able, Says Stimson

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (ANS).—Secretary of War Stimson said today that the Germans still hold enough power to launch another tough offensive on the Western Front.

The Germans, he asserted, are "a tough disciplined enemy" and will "never rest on passive defense."

Although any new attack probably would not be comparable to the Ardennes assault, the Germans are determined, if possible, to prevent Gen. Eisenhower from regaining lost ground, Stimson said.

German counter-attacks along the Saar are

designed to this end, he pointed out.

"Having made the gamble, the enemy is not pulling out," Stimson went on. "He is not willing to retire from temporary advantages. He has dug in at certain points on the perimeter and maintained enough troops in the center to make another punch possible."

### Africa Commission Dissolved

ALGIERS, Jan. 5 (AP).—Dissolution of the joint Anglo-American Commission for North Africa was announced yesterday.

## GI Pick-Ups Helped Hold St. Vith Line

The Germans thought they were going to Antwerp via Liège... two truckloads of doughs rattling back to Belgium from a three-day pass in Paris figured on rejoining their outfits... and a FA battalion just happened to be around.

They all met up with the Seventh Arm'd Division's Combat Command B in the vicinity of St. Vith, crossroads of Von Rundstedt's offensive. For seven days nobody in that area got anywhere.

That was part of the story of St. Vith as told in Paris yesterday by Lt. Col. Everett W. Murray and Capt. George L. Treece, of the Seventh Armored.

The FA teamed up with the Seventh and delivered "an unbelievable amount of fire" on the attacking Germans, in support of the Seventh's tanks and armored infantry, they said. Without those cannoners, who also battled infiltrating German infantry, it would have been tougher than it was.

There was a division train com-

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## Air Smashes by Allies Cut Nazi Oil Output 75 Percent

Allied air blows cut German oil output in 1944 by 75 percent—enough to prevent the Germans from sustaining any long-run offensive, USSTAF declared yesterday.

American air forces in Western Europe and in the Mediterranean, flying a day-in, day-out average of more than 2,800 sorties, last year dropped 958,000 tons of bombs on Nazi targets, it was revealed.

In addition, the RAF Bomber Command announced that British bombers unloaded another 577,500

tons on German industry in '44, attacking Nazi production in greater strength than in all the other war years combined.

The percentage of oil production knocked out, U.S. air chiefs disclosed, was enough to curtail continuous Luftwaffe operations, as well as immobilize vast quantities of German motor equipment.

At the same time, it was revealed that Germany may expect to be hit by as many as 3,000 U.S. bombers on a single mission as soon as the weather permits.



**THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE**

**Observation**

We in a QM truck outfit waste time and gas hauling trash and debris away from bombed-out hangars. The tires are cut by glass and concrete. And what good is it doing when there are lots of supplies and mail that have much more value than the rubbish ever will have?

There's more mileage in every one of our tires if they are run on the road. Can the war be won if the supplies are not where they are needed at the right time?—S/Sgt. T.S.L., three others.

**Atrocity Story**

Unfortunately every word you have printed about the Replacement System is true.

The latest "atrocity" here is putting the prisoners in a pyramidal tent while we drown in pups.—Lt. Col. L. W. P., MP Bn.

**Dear Diary**

It gets plenty tiresome reading where this soldier and that officer have such a hard time in the replacement depots. I think if some of them would stop braying long enough to look around and see how they are run, it might help some. The cadre in most of them have seen action. The men go through one or two outfits while we see lots of men come and go.—Sgt. A. Hughes, Repl. Co.

**Anti-Smelleroos**

What about a revival of the most popular films of recent years for showing in GI cinemas? There is certainly more entertainment value in a re-showing of "Mr. Deeds" than in some smelleroo of '44. Let's start the ball rolling for real entertainment... how about it, Chief of Special Service?—S/Sgt. Alfred M. Auerbach, GFRS.

**This Should Be Contagious!**

With no spare on the jeep and quite a few miles from our destination, we found our rear tire flatter than a pancake. After four hours of trying to get some tools to fix it, a lieutenant and sergeant from a Maintenance Co., came by and without hesitation gave us their brand new spare for our old flat one.

After this the Golden Rule comes first with us.—Pvt. E. D., Inf.

**Last Straw**

When, as a civilian, I tried to buy a cigarette lighter, I was told they were all being sold to the armed forces. Fine. When I came into the army, I was told they went to the troops overseas. O.K. Overseas I was told they went to the front line troops. Now—I am in a front line infantry rifle company in combat and I still can't get one. Where the hell are they?—Sgt. H. J. C., Inf.

**Battle Bonds!**

To encourage the sale of bonds back home, why not issue several commemorative bonds for special battles and events?

Nine chances out of ten they would not be cashed in prematurely.—Lt. John P. Stowe, Medics.

**Idea About Ideas**

From time to time The Stars and Stripes and the Army initiate drives to improve material and methods, as in the mud control and tire conservation programs. The results of these drives show that GIs can and do contribute valuable information toward sol-

ving these problems. Many GIs fighting and working with all types of equipment evolve better methods of doing things but lack the means of perfecting their ideas.

"See your CO," is a good solution on paper. Usually the CO is too busy or does not have the facilities to exploit the suggestion.

Why not set up a concrete program to encourage suggestions and insure prompt action on them.—T/Sgt. Harold Brown, Bomb Gp.

**How Do You Plead?**

Wastefulness, carelessness and laziness are causing our boys to die in battle. Are you guilty? Remember:

"When the one Great Scorer comes to write against your name he'll write not whether you won or lost, but how you played the game."—W/O. E. F. Cray-XIX Corps, FA.

**Hello Mom**

Gen. Marshall puts morale high on the list of important things. He may, therefore, agree to the following day dream.

Break down each division into five working units for this plan, consisting of three infantry regiments, the artillery and the spare parts. Pick by lottery one officer and enlisted man from each.

Allow him to go to some central point where telephone connection can be made with the States. Limit him to five minutes conversation. There's not a man in this theater who wouldn't be willing to pay for his call, regardless of cost.—Maj. M. R. Connally, Medics.

**Cedar Town Special**

Our outfit recommends the cornbread recipe of Jim Greenway, of Cedar Town, Ga., our cook. Here's the recipe, made entirely from GI groceries and enough for 100 men:

24 lbs. whole wheat cereal; 4 mess-kit spoonful salt and four of baking powder; 1 mess-kit spoonful of baking soda; 4 cans evaporated milk; 2 lbs. bacon grease; 1/4 can of powdered eggs. Add water and stir until dough is thick as if you were using corn meal. Bake in oven or fry like pan cakes.

—Capt. G. Morio Jr., Eng.

**A Division Order!**

We have a division order, backed by a court martial, to keep our chin straps buckled. If the people in the rear would take about 24 hours of duty on the front, they would change their minds about a lot of things.—S/Sgt. H. N. G., Inf.

*An Editorial*

**A Toot On the Brass**

FROM the Sunday Times of December 17, 1944:

"In this epic of human conflict there remains one supreme chapter—D-Day. To that turning point in history so much contributed—Churchill's decision in the dark hours of 1940 to attack with every weapon he had; the long slogging battle of Bomber Command with the Ruhr defenses; the brilliant and imaginative training of the British and American armies in a new technique of war; the massive preparations for the landing, equipment and maintenance of the invading forces; the staggering achievements of American and British industry in making ships, aircraft, weapons and munitions; above all, the defeat of the U-boat and Luftwaffe by the sea and air forces of the United Nations and the absolute command of the sea and air that followed.

"Yet one moment and one act stand out above all others: the decision of the Supreme Commander, when every element seemed to be turning traitor, to launch the great attack. From that historic act of faith and courage everything else has followed."

What followed is known to every one of us who fought in or served the battle. The mounting of an offensive from the fringe of the Normandy beach. Collins at Cherbourg. Bradley at St. Lo. Montgomery at Falaise. Patton and Paris. Patch and the German rout on the Riviera. Hodges and the race for the Rhine. Huebner and the capture of Aachen. Simpson and the mysterious 9th—victors of the Brest Peninsula suddenly on the



Siegfried Line. Dempsey and the dash to Antwerp and the Scheldt. "Nuts," McAuliffe and Bastogne. And running the whole show—Ike Eisenhower.

Why bring it up? Because it seems some folks have already forgotten. Right behind the Rundstedt drive came the Corps of complainers, the Regiments of rabble rousers, the Legions of table-cloth commandos, the Divisions of disparagers. The boys whose voices could be heard above the din of battle: "Caught short!" "Asleep at the switch!" "Lousy intelligence!" "Off with their heads!"

One of the miracles of this war has been the brilliance of our leadership. With none of the mass murderers of 1914-18. No Nivelles. No massacres of the Somme. No reckless butchery. No glory hunting. No mad, wanton waste of human life to satisfy a whim or prove a theory.

The present battle is at its peak. Already its pattern is taking shape. The Wehrmacht is out in the open—out of the Siegfried Line. Attacking on this side of the Rhine. Using up the last of the Luftwaffe. Scraping the bottom of the Reich's reserves.

It will take days—weeks—maybe months before the last shot is fired. But already we'll venture a guess. That when the battlefield is cleared—when the last kraut is captured or killed, the Cassandras and gloomy Guses confounded—the United Nations, the people, the troops and their descendants forever will cheer the gallantry, guts and good judgment of our command.

B-Bag has sounded many a sour note on the privilege-proud officers—a tiny fraction of our officer personnel. For a change we'd like to let out this one little toot—for the brass.

**Up Front With Mauldin**



"Why ya lookin' so sad? I got out of it okay."

**Hotel Fell Floor by Floor As CP Descended to Cellar**

WITH FOURTH INF. DIV.—The Parc Hotel in Berdorf had five elaborately furnished floors, with steam heat, soft beds and a radio in every room. It made a classy CP for Co. F, 12th Inf. Reg.

Then came the German counter-offensive. Cooks, runners, supply men and others defended the CP from windows on all five floors. They held out for five days, but each day the Jerries knocked a floor off the hotel until finally the Yanks were firing from behind rubble in the cellar.

Everybody found good hunting. T/4 Jeremiah Casey, a cook from Boston, knocked a Nazi bazooka out of action. Pvt. Walter Schumann New Rochelle, N.Y. cook, left his stove long enough to destroy a machine-gun.

Heroism of soldiers who seldom before had to fire weapons made the stand possible.—S/Sgt. Joe Sin-

nott, of Baltimore, a supply sergeant; S/Sgt. Carmine Colageo, New York City, armor artificer; Bob Hancock, Cordova, Ala., mail orderly; S/Sgt. Leo Castiglione, Sykesville, Pa., and Pvt. Doug Bee, San Mateo, Cal., communications men; Pfc George Morey, Gloversville, N.Y., and Pfc Fortunato Randazzo, New York City, runners; T/Sgt. Raul Sifuentes, Del Rio, Texas; S/Sgt. Les Martin, Indianapolis; Sgt. Tom Elkington, Stephens' Point, Wis.; Sgt. Cornelius Cowhey, and Pfc Dick Lewis, of Newcastle, Pa.

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**This Was America Yesterday:**

# FDR's Annual Message Before Congress Today

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NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—President Roosevelt is expected to include a comprehensive discussion of foreign affairs in his annual message to Congress tomorrow. But it is unlikely—despite demands in many quarters—that he will attempt to define U.S. policy towards current European political problems. The President is represented as wishing to keep his hands free for bargaining with Churchill and Stalin on their forthcoming conference.

The Senate, however, may do some defining on its own. Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont.) offered a six-point resolution, affirming Atlantic Charter freedoms and stating peace aims. His points were:

- 1—Adoption of a universal bill of rights.
- 2—Assurance of survival and extension of Democratic institutions.
- 3—A United Nations political council.
- 4—Free plebiscites in all liberated countries.
- 5—A United Nations economic and social council.
- 6—A federation of European nations for peace and rehabilitation.

The public, however, was more interested in the facts of life at home, like shoes. Following OPA's announcement that no new coupon would be available for shoes until summer, there was a panicky rush which threatened to deplete stocks in all New York stores. Rumors spread that outstanding coupons might be invalidated, and were quickly denied by Chester Bowles, OPA head.

Flash—something from Hollywood besides Chaplin. Red-haired Ann Savage won a divorce from film editor Cleveland Huntington. She said it took her six days to find out he was "indifferent, moody and cold."



Ann Savage

Mrs. Douglas, wife of Melvyn, the screen star, added: "If you think you've elected me to entertain you in Congress and pick a fight. . . you're going to be deeply disappointed."

Relief from the tobacco shortage is expected by the War Food Administration—in 18 months or two years. Larger tobacco crops allowed the agency to release 12 percent more burley tobacco than in the previous year.

BOB HOPE received good news in Chicago, where he signed a new ten-year contract with his first and only sponsor, Charles Luckman, of Pepsodent-Lever Bros. Luckman said it was a "considerable increase" in Hope's earnings—"understood to be for nearly as many millions as years." He called Hope not only a great entertainer, but "one of the truly great Americans of the day," revealing that since 1941 Hope and his troupe have travelled approximately 1,000,000 miles to entertain servicemen.

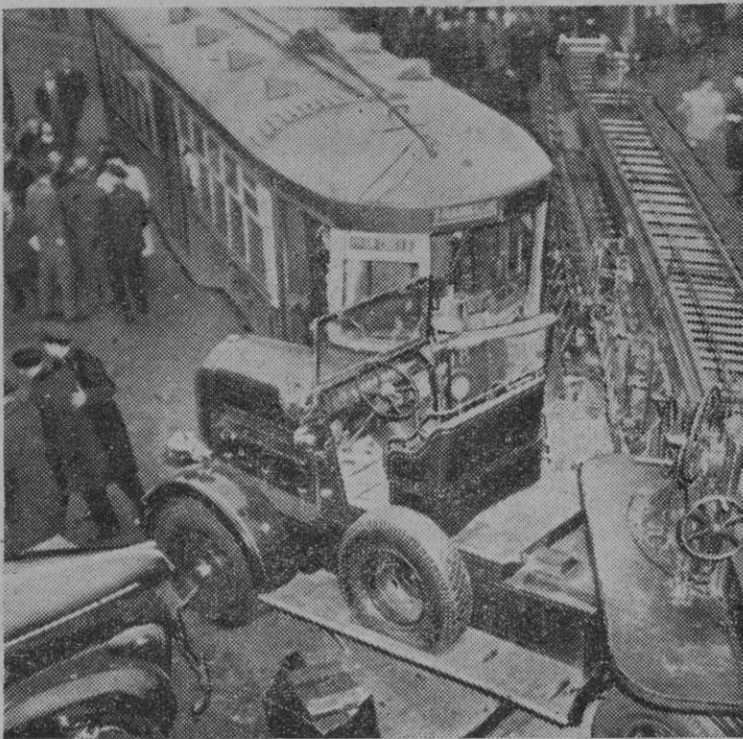


Bob Hope

This week's New Yorker Magazine remarks that on every floor of the Empire State Building there are stickers reading: "When VE Day comes tenants are requested, for the safety of people on the street, not to allow occupants to throw anything out of the windows." The New Yorker suggests that fresh ones should be put up reading: "Tenants are requested for the safety of all the people in the world to get back in those offices and help win the war."

The Sin front: San Antonio, Tex., police declared war on calendars, blotters and advertising matter bearing pictures of nude women. It started when churches got after a title and abstract firm for distributing advertising featuring nekkid women. And Mayor LaGuardia, New York, having wiped out horse betting, is now out after other forms of vice, including gambling. Yes, it's still the Good Old U.S.A.

## Truck, Trolley, Car Collide



This is a scene photographed last week in Brooklyn—Franklin Ave. and St. John's Pl.—A fire-engine has just collided with a trolley-car and an automobile. Six firemen, 15 passengers in the trolley and two occupants in the car were injured, five seriously.

## Mistrial Ruled In Joan's Suit Against Chaplin

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 5 (ANS).—Joan Berry's paternity suit against Charlie Chaplin was declared a mistrial yesterday. The jury, after deliberating for a day and a half, failed to agree on whether the white-haired actor was the father of Miss Berry's baby daughter, Carol Ann.

Joseph E. Scott, the plaintiff's attorney, announced that he would ask for a retrial.

Scott said, "The outcome is just as I thought it might be, with women throwing rocks at Carol Ann." Six women and one man voted to absolve Chaplin—the vote being two short of the number required to acquit a person in a civil trial here.

Testimony on blood tests by which Chaplin denied parenthood of Carol Ann was minimized by jurors. Foreman Ferdinand J. Gay said that they also considered the possibility that the father might be some other man.

### Chaplin Doesn't Comment

Chaplin had no comment. He was confined to his home by a bad cut on the ankle incurred Saturday night when he forgot his keys and kicked in a glass door panel to enter his house.

Miss Berry, surprised, said, "Oh, Oh, I'm sorry!"

The mistrial meant only one more court battle for Chaplin, who last spring was acquitted by a Federal jury of transporting Joan to and from New York for immoral purposes. The present suit was filed a year ago last June.

Chaplin has paid Miss Berry approximately \$18,000 already. Of this, the sum of \$16,200 was paid under a stipulation by which the suit was to be dropped if blood tests denied Chaplin's parenthood. When reports of tests were made, favoring the comedian, Attorney Scott entered the case, contending the child "never had a day in court."

## Expelled LSU Coed Goes Home to Cuba

BATON ROUGE, La., Jan. 5 (ANS). — Pretty Gloria Jeanne Heller, Louisiana State University coed who was expelled for writing and distributing a booklet criticizing the university's attitude on sex, has left here for her home in Havana, Cuba.

Gloria's boy friend, Julios Platas, of Mexico City, resigned from the university in protest against the refusal to reinstate her.

## Manufacturer House Revives Hits Censorship Dies Committee

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Frederick Crawford, former president of the National Association of Manufacturers, today called for "realistic censorship" and charged "our home front is deteriorating because we don't know what's going on." He recently returned from a tour of the European battle-front.

Speaking before the New York State Chamber of Commerce, Crawford declared, "One million persons have left war work. What's the matter with censorship which keeps America in semi-ignorance? I talked to correspondents in France who told me it was not their fault. They said it appeared as if America must be told only pollyanna stuff. We are fighting for a free press in Germany. Let's get a little of it here."

### 2,000 Planes from Carriers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (ANS).—The Navy's carrier fleet will soon be able to launch 1,500 to 2,000 planes in single strikes against the Japanese, Rear Adm. John H. Casady, deputy chief of naval operations for air, says.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (ANS).—Within three hours after the 79th Congress convened, the House sprang a surprise and voted 207 to 186 to make the controversial Dies Committee an un-American Activities a permanent investigating committee. It had been generally believed that the committee would not be revived after it officially passed out of existence with the last Congress.

The surprise proposal by Rep. John Rankin (D-Miss) was pushed through by a coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats. Rankin's maneuver caught the opposition unaware as he forced a vote on an amendment to resolution on House rules—which not only revived the group but gave it permanence.

## Loyal Japanese Free To Return to Homes

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5 (ANS).—Loyal Japanese, alien and American-born, were free last night to return to the Pacific Coast as the military exclusion order was rescinded.

## The Ups and Downs of Filmland's Beauties

# That's No Bra—It's All Grable

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Pin-up picture evidence notwithstanding and despite personal opinions on necessary requirements for wearing apparel, Betty Grable DOES NOT wear a bra. And if that doesn't rock your sense of sobriety here's another: Carole Landis does not have a "derriere."

This was revealed by Kathryn Kuhn, whose fashion salon here is patronized by the Misses Grable and Landis.

Mrs. Kuhn further disclosed that not only does Grable NOT wear a bra but neither do La Landis, streamlined Betty Hutton, Dinah Shore nor Joan Edwards!

This gets better as it goes along, so stick around.

The "derriere" business concerning La Landis, who USO-toured the ETO some time ago thereby giving everybody a chance to determine whether she has one or not, was cleared up by Mrs. Kuhn amid the naked forms (dummies, dammit) of the aforementioned ladies.

"Well," she said, "her (Landis) bust is real (are you kiddin'?) but in the back she goes straight down like a pole. We made her a dress and when we put it on her I said, 'Oh, my Dear! She has no fanny at all.' We had to fix the dress so it flowed out behind (yeah man, we're listenin') but she really has

no derriere (that word again) at all." All of which indicates that the derriere-less Landis should be adding weight to the caboose while others strive to take it off.

Pinning a couple of bust pads on the dummy form of Grable, Mrs. Kuhn remarked that they are used to "bring the form up to Betty's size. She's so perfect and beautiful and it's all real." (We're droolin', sister, we're droolin'.)

Mrs. Kuhn said that because there had been such a reaction against a "widespread display" of bosoms (who sez so?) necklines are going up.

Something new in the line of late fashions, mayhap?

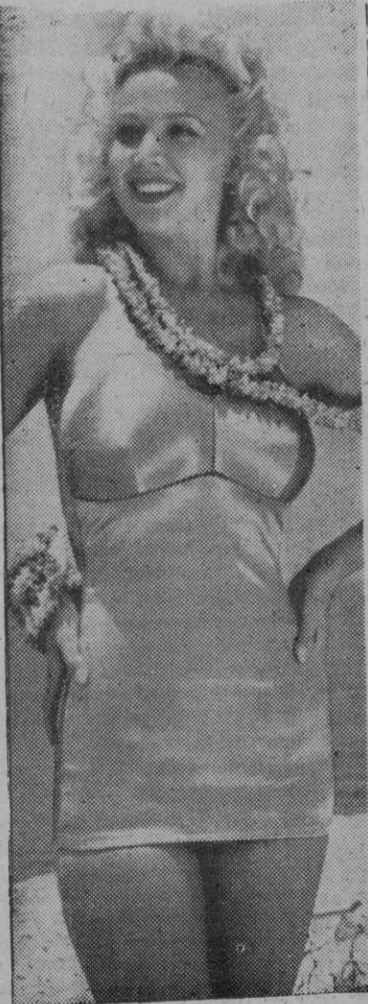
"Busts you can always lift," Mrs. Kuhn declared. "Chins you can't. Right now I'm working on a nightgown with a brassiere in it. Women look very disillusioning

when they go to bed and I want to correct that."

Up spoke Mrs. Kuhn's husband, in the background until now.

"A woman should look as smart when she goes to bed as she does in a night club," he sang. "That is something for us all to think about for a while."

Okay, bub, we're thinking. But Grable without a bra and Landis without a derriere... Mon Dieu!



Carole Landis. . . No "Derriere"



Betty Grable. . . No Bra

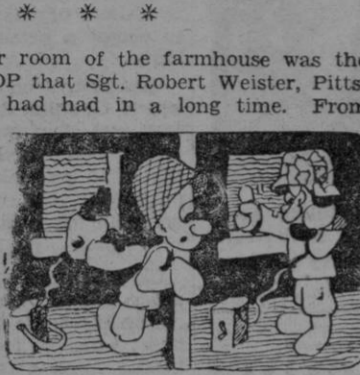


Dinah Shore . . . No Bra Either



### SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE

A PLATOON of Co. B, 51st Eng. Combat Bn., had been manning a road block on a lonely road covering a blown bridge. Cold and tired from constant vigil, 1/Lt. Vincent J. Harwood and his men awaited a long-promised relief.



THE second-floor room of the farmhouse was the best mortar OP that Sgt. Robert Weister, Pittsburgh doughfoot, had had in a long time. From his window he could watch his 81s explode smack on the German positions.

TOWELS, while not in the category of cigarettes and Scotch, are nevertheless precious items around Red Cross places. The ARC guys at the Fifth Div. rest camp, however, have solved the problem of towel-borrowing to bring losses to a new low, according to T/5 Thomas E. Davies, of Detroit, assistant to the field director. As each towel is issued, the soldier checks—his helmet.

IT'S a little late—or early, depending on the way you look at it—for Christmas yarns, but we've heard a few in the last week that are too good to skip.

ONE concerns Terrence A. Major, of Sacketts Harbor, N. Y., a topkick in the 2nd Bn., 318th Inf. Driving along a road, he was Christmas Day—dreaming about home and narrowly missed a command car. He stopped to apologize to the lieutenant-colonel inside. "Today being Christmas, I'm afraid I had my mind on other things," he explained. "It's okay, I know just how you feel, Terry," replied his brother, Lt. Col. Bernard Major, a battalion commander. (They hadn't met in five years.)

S/SGT. Orlando Green, of Topeka, Kans., and Pfc Raymond Roland, of Elwood, Ind., thought they had hit the jackpot when they found a cellar crammed with bottles. They couldn't read the labels, but it looked like calvados.

IT could only happen to a chaplain. T/5 Charles Lehman, of Ebensburg, Pa., found he couldn't patch the flat tire on the jeep carrying Lt. Col. John O. Woods, 80th Div. chaplain from Dravesburg, Pa., because his lug wrench had been left behind. The chaplain decided to wait for a lift at the roadside, which was littered with abandoned German equipment. The first item which caught his eye was a lug wrench.

"MAJOR" isn't in the E9 corps. He's just a mascot in a Medical Battalion, but he's saving the Army time and labor inspecting penicillin shipments.

MAJOR Thomas L. Ball, of the 80th Div. Medical section, noticed "Major" whined whenever the dog sniffed a carton of penicillin containing a broken ampule. Now, medical supply men are able to determine without opening cartons, whether penicillin shipments arrive undamaged.

## 80th Inf. Div. Nazi Colonel Hands Sword To Yank T/4

WITH 80th INF. DIV., Jan. 4—A T/4 in HQs Co., Third Bn., 317th Inf. Regt., is credited with forcing a Nazi lieutenant colonel to surrender an entire Nazi prison camp garrison at Strasburg and release 164 Allied prisoners of war.

Sgt. Eric Reilinger, of New York, was shot in the leg in the 80th's Seille River crossing and was knocked unconscious when mortar shrapnel ripped through his helmet. He was picked up by an SS trooper, taken to three overcrowded Nazi military hospitals and finally to the Strasburg prison camp.

Persistent German intelligence officers vainly pumped Reilinger, who speaks fluent German, and made him stand 14 hours in a corner under guard when he refused to talk.

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## Roll Call of Heroes Award List Includes DSCs for 'Peck's Boys'

SIMULTANEOUS award of DSCs for extraordinary achievement was made this week to reconnaissance pilots of a Ninth TAC Group. The group, nicknamed "Peck's Bad Boys" after its commanding officer, Col. George W. Peck, 29, of Detroit, Mich., has flown more than 10,000 "airspionage" sorties and was the first AF unit to be commended by Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, First Army CG.



More than 60,000 air photographs have been taken in a single day by "Peck's Bad Boys," who use P38s for photo missions and P51s for visual scouting.

The awards were made by command of Maj. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Ninth AF CG.

Maj. William D. Mitchell, of Sanger, Calif., received a cluster to the DSC he won on the eve of D-day for obtaining close-up photographs of invasion beach obstacles.

One posthumous DSC was awarded to 1/Lt. Wendell L. Rakow, of Orchard, Neb.

Others in the Ninth TAC receiving the award for extraordinary achievement are:

LT. COL. RICHARD S. LEHOORN, of Winchester, Mass.; MAJ. JOE THOMPSON JR., of Nashville, Tenn.; CAPT. CONDE N. ANDERSON, of Beaumont, Tex.; CAPT. ROBERT E. CURRIE, of Austin, Tex.; CAPT. JOSEPH A. RICE, of Dallas, Tex.; CAPT. RICHARD H. CASSADY, of Nashville, Ark.; CAPT. ROLAND E. ERICKSON, of Fertile, Minn.; 1/LT. JACK L. LEE, of Onaway, Mich.; 1/LT. DUNCAN B. McKEE, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

CAPT. WILLIAM F. O'KEEFE, of Fox Lake, Ill.; 1/LT. RAYMOND S. SIMMONS, of Chicago; 1/LT. JULIUS H. OKRESNIK, of La Porte, Ind.; CAPT. JOHN B. PERRY, of Marietta, Ohio; CAPT. JOHN M. VINCENT, of Atlanta, Ga.

CAPT. HOYT M. WARREN, of Alexandria, Ala.; 1/LT. DONALD E. CUMMINGS, of Buffalo, N. Y.; CAPT. HAROLD E. PETERSON, of Spokane, Wash.; 1/LT. CLYDE W. POWELL, of Lovell, Wyo.; CAPT. FRANKLIN B. TOSTEVIN, of Westfield, N. J.; 1/LT. HENRY J. WALLERT, of Portland, Ore.

AWARDED SERVICE CROSS ABRAMS, LT. COL. CREIGHTON W. of Fielding Hills, Mass. (37th Tank Bn., Fourth Arm'd. Div.), attacked an enemy armored force with his command tank and disorganized the Germans, allowing his own forces to regroup. He then led a frontal assault to capture a valuable position together with enemy supplies.

During their five months of combat in France, the pilots have flown more than 1,000 hours on 925 combat recon missions and 420 firing missions.

A Nazi sergeant's tribute to the versatile planes, which he called "Iron Gustav," was found in his captured diary. He wrote: "The fruit which I ate compels me to go where even the Kaiser has to go. But I dare not, unless I can devise some way that I can do it without the white of my underwear showing. For Iron Gustav is overhead."

## 5th Inf. Div. Sergeant Tops Unit With 4 Medal Awards

WITH FIFTH INF. DIV.—Most decorated EM of the Fifth Inf. Div. is S/Sgt. Milo J. Flynn, of Stirling, Wis.

The 26-year-old squad leader of Co. F, 2nd Inf., holds the DSC, Silver Star, Bronze Star and Croix de Guerre.

Other members of the unit who have been decorated include: Pfc. Harry Downs, of Detroit, (top) has a battered kitchen table for a backrest-and-wall combination in his "basic" foxhole in Germany. Pfc. Norman H. Pierce, of Massillon, Ohio, has added a few homey touches to his "super-foxhole" (bottom) complete with bed, chair, clock and cootooks. No, no hot water.



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## Egg-zactly What He Wanted



No, that's no optical illusion—T/5 John H. Wells, of Oneonta, N.Y., is getting two honest-to-gosh eggs, sunny side up, in a mess hall at a French port. Pvt. Virgil Roche (center) and T/4 Max Persky (left) are serving. The GI eggs came from the States.

WITH AN AIR SERVICE COMMAND UNIT.—If they strung TS slips together like Short Snorter bills, Capt. Thomas Gowin, of Miami, Fla., would have one long enough for some sort of record.

CAPT. Gowin, a medic, was scheduled to go to England. Something went haywire and he went from Florida to Bombay, via California and Australia.

IN Bombay, he and ten other doctors without orders were put ashore. They hitch-hiked their way on a freighter through the Suez Canal to Cairo and eventually landed in Syracuse, Sicily, in time to help evacuate wounded before shoving off on the last leg of their journey—England.

CAPT. Gowin's present assignment is with a unit of the Air Service Command's Transport Wing.

WITH 356TH ENGINEERS.—Two Sterling, Kans. brothers, S/Sgt. James A. and Vernon Nichols, who had not seen each other for five years, recently were reunited in this general service regiment, stationed near a large French port.

THE brothers landed in France at different times and were unaware of each other's presence until they were assigned to this organization. Both are platoon sergeants.

WITH 3878TH QM GAS CO.—Someone yelled "fire" when Pvt. Claus T. Franklin's truck burst into flames as it was being loaded with jerricans at a POL depot.

ALTHOUGH the vehicle was partially loaded with gasoline cans, Franklin rushed over to drive the blazing truck away from the gas dump.

HIS quick action is believed to have saved thousands of gallons of gasoline stored in the immediate area.

## 1st Army 'Misfit' Medic Proves Mettle On Battle Line

WITH FIRST ARMY—T-3 William M. Matheson, of New York, is a surgical technician who should have stayed at his job in the rear aid station. But on this cloudy day business was slow so he tagged along behind a line company moving into the attack.

DURING intense enemy shelling, Matheson drove a "weasel" through open areas to administer first aid and carry seven wounded soldiers to safety.

HE was twice knocked unconscious by shell bursts but was unhurt both times; two bullets dented his helmet; a shell fragment killed the patient and another soldier acting as a litter-bearer with Matheson; a sniper killed two men in front of him, and finally, as Matheson was leading an aid crew back to a dugout, a shell exploded just as he entered the shelter, killing the two men behind him.

MATHESON has been recommended for a Silver Star award by Lt. Col. Andy A. Lipscomb, of Bessemer, Ala., Third Bn. CO, who observed most of the medic's actions from a foxhole.

WHEN he was inducted and assigned to a line outfit, Matheson tried unsuccessfully for 19 weeks to obtain a transfer to the medic on the strength of his experience as a male nurse for 14 years. His company CO told him, "You're no good to us here, and you surely won't be of any use to the medics."

WITH 84TH INF. DIV., Pvt. Peter Franks, of Detroit, demolition man with an engineer battalion of the 84th (Rallsplitter) Div., carried 30 pounds of TNT on his back as he and a rifleman were crawling up a slope to blow up a pillbox.

SEVERAL Germans came out of the pillbox and started toward them, apparently to surrender. The Yanks held their fire.

Suddenly the Jerries dropped into a trench and opened up on the pair, killing the rifleman. Franks at least ten Jerries alone. Franks emptied his rifle at the enemy and threw two grenades to drive off the Germans.

WITH 26TH INF. DIV.—T/5 Robert Richards, of Jersey City, was left for dead when his squad was forced to retire after enemy artillery opened up. A shell had landed close to Richards, knocking him to the ground.

THE corporal showed up later without a scratch. He explained a hunk of mud kicked up by the shell had knocked him unconscious. When he came to, he spotted a German coming across the field, killed the Nazi and headed for home.

WITH NINTH ARMED DIV.—Sgt. Maurice Wortman, of Chicago, drove serenely through a town on his way to deliver mail to a Ninth Arm'd. Div. outfit. On the return journey he found Nazis had taken the place.

THEY fired on the truck. Wortman stepped on the gas and sped to safety.

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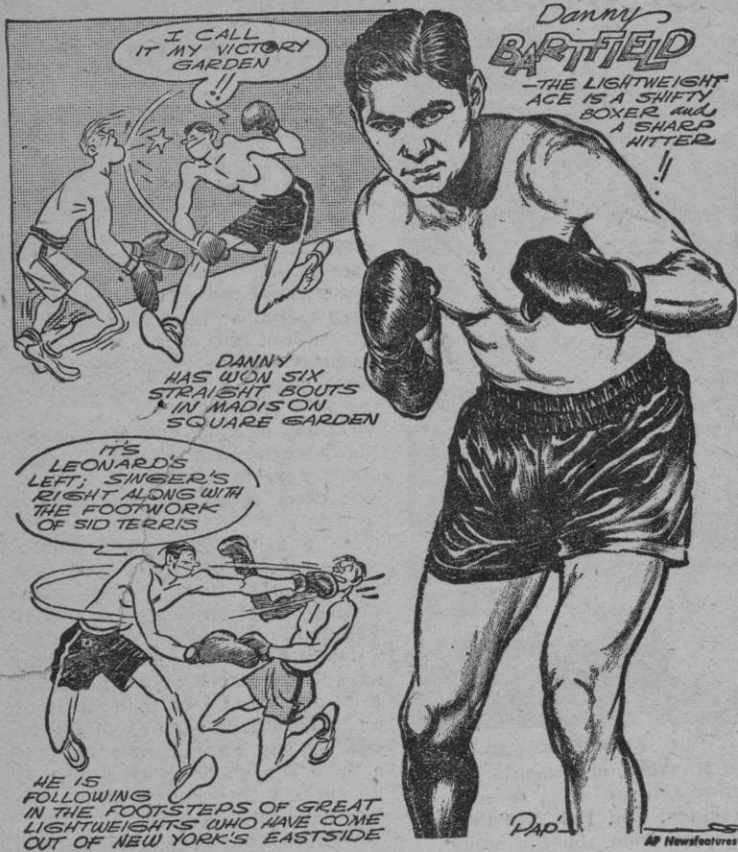
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I CALL IT MY VICTORY GARDEN

Danny Bartfield  
—THE LIGHTWEIGHT ACE IS A SHIFTY BOXER AND A SHARP HITTER

DANNY HAS WON SIX STRAIGHT BOUTS IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN

IT'S LEONARD'S LEFT, SINGER'S RIGHT ALONG WITH THE FOOTWORK OF SID TERRIS

HE IS FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF GREAT LIGHTWEIGHTS WHO HAVE COME OUT OF NEW YORK'S EASTSIDE

## East Seeking Rule Changes On Gridiron

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The Eastern Intercollegiate Football Association, happy with the success of the informal rule changes used by 30 member colleges during the '44 season, has urged two additional innovations for '45, Commissioner Asa Bushnell said today.

The Eastern association last fall decided to abolish the out-of-bounds kickoff, lessen severity of the penalty for illegal forward passing, and clarify the outside rule. Bushnell polled athletic directors after the season and found all changes were satisfactory, but that passing from any point behind the line of scrimmage was not generally practiced.

### Would Ease Roughing Penalty

Two changes advocated for next season would further restrict the use of arms and hands on offensive and ease the penalty for roughing the kicker. The former rule would allow an offensive player to block an opponent only when his arms and hands are held against his body, whereas the present rule calls for arms and hands to be held "close to the body."

The new roughing the kicker rule would keep the yardage assessment, but would dispense with the automatic first down for the kicking team.

Eastern coaches, in the same poll, frowned on the suggestion calling for the determination of a period's length by the number of plays completed, rather than the present system of clocking.

The EIFA will hold its annual meeting here Sunday.

## Undefeated GI Teams to Play

The undefeated Ninth AF Second AADA Thunderbolts and the SHAEF Invaders, unscored upon in six games, are scheduled to meet in a "Champagne Bowl" football tilt tomorrow at 2:30 PM in Parc des Princes Stadium, Paris. The Thunderbolts have bowled over five straight opponents.

The teams originally were scheduled to play Christmas Day, but the game was called off for reasons of security.

Outstanding performers for the rivals are Dick Tewksbury, of Wabash, Ind., former Purdue fullback who plays with the Thunderbolts, and Wilson Brooks, of Grayville, Ill., Invader right halfback.

## Varoff Reported Missing in Action

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—Capt. George Varoff, former world pole vault champion, has been reported missing in action with the Air Force over China, his wife said yesterday. Varoff soared 14 feet, six inches for a world record in 1936 while a student at the University of Oregon.

EVANSTON, Ill., Jan. 5.—Lt. Stanley Klores, coach of Northwestern's first and only Big Ten championship baseball team in 1940, is missing in action, it was reported last night. Klores was aboard the destroyer Cooper, sunk by enemy action in the Philippines.

## Frisch Blew Loudest Horn for Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 5.—Frankie Frisch, presently touring the Western Front with a USO troupe, doesn't know it yet but he's going to get a gold watch from the Dapper Dan Club next month.

The Pirate manager last night was named by the club as the "sports figure who has done most to publicize Pittsburgh during the past year," and will get his watch at the annual blowout in February. Previous winners were Billy Conn, Fritz Zivic, Buff Donelli, Bill Dudley and Rip Sewell.

## 'Cloggers Win Mud Bowl, 7-6

CHERBOURG, Jan. 5.—The extra point kicked by Joe Warych, after a first-period touchdown, proved to be the winning margin for the Mudcloggers, who defeated the Peacemakers, 7-6, in the Mud Bowl here yesterday. A crowd of 5,000 at Municipal Stadium saw the divisional leaders of the Normandy Base Football League decide the loop championship.

The Mudcloggers, dominating the play in the first half, scored on a 78-yard march in the opening period with Gianoni going over. The Peacemakers paid off in the third period with Karrell scoring after a 51-yard drive. Late in the game Moses, of the Peacemakers, tried for a field goal but it fell short.

The rivals were evenly matched on the ground, the victors gaining 89 yards to 81 for the losers via rushing, but in first downs, the Mudcloggers had an 8-5 advantage.

## Stevadores Win Football Game in Cherbourg, 2-0

CHERBOURG, Jan. 5.—The Stevadores defeated the Mudslingers, 2-0, for the Port football championship in a game between Negro teams. The only score of the contest came on the second half kickoff when Henry Summerville, of Media, Pa., booted the ball into the end zone and the receiver was tackled behind the goal by Willie White, of Dallas, Tex.

## The Question Box

Pvt. Anthony Potocki.—Joe DiMaggio led American League batters in 1939 with .381 average, in 1940 with .352 average. Led league in RBI in 1941 with 125. Beginning with Yankees in 1936, he hit .323, .346, .324, .381, .352, .357 and .305 in 1942, enlisting in the Army Feb. 17, 1943.

Quentin Jones and Edgar Parotte.—Clyde "Bulldog" Turner of the Chicago Bears played college football with Texas Christian University.

Pvt. Bill Peters.—The last five Army-Notre Dame games were played in New York. Largest collegiate grid crowd at

the Yankee Stadium was estimated at 87,000 and that was an Army-Notre Dame crowd.

Pvt. Tommy Fong.—Ted Williams led American League batters in 1941 with .406 average, also in 1942 with .356 average. He hit .337 and .344 in 1939 and 1940, his first two years with Boston. Led the league in RBI in 1939 with 145, and in 1942 with 137.

Pt. Leo Kosmyszewicz.—Duck Pins, Ten Pins, Candle Pins are all bowling games. Either one can be referred to generally as "bowling" or by its more specific name, as above.

## Top Athlete



Ann Curtis

## Sullivan Award To Ann Curtis

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Ann Curtis, of San Francisco, women's national freestyle swimming champion, yesterday became the first woman and the first swimmer to win the James E. Sullivan Award as the outstanding amateur athlete in the country. Miss Curtis, winner of the National A. A. U. 100, 400, 800 and 1,500-yard freestyle titles last summer as a member of San Francisco's Crystal Club, was given 694 votes in a poll of sports writers throughout the nation. Her selection was announced by Dan Ferris, A. A. U. secretary.

Swimmers also took second and third places behind the pretty Californian. Alan Ford, of Yale, was runnerup with 440 votes and Bill Smith, of the U.S. Navy, next, with 407. Last year's award went to Gil Dodds, Boston track star and holder of the world indoor mile record.

## Sportsmanship Award to Gray

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 5.—The Spokane Athletic Club's sixth annual award for sportsmanship belongs to Pete Gray, one-armed outfielder bought recently by the St. Louis Browns from the Memphis Chicks of the Southern Association, it was announced last night.

The award, which carries with it a \$1,000 war bond, was determined in a poll of sports editors all over the country. Mort Cooper, St. Louis Cardinal pitcher who pitched and won a World Series game against the Yankees a few hours after learning of his father's death, was last year's winner.

## Hamilton's Pay Demands Vetoed

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 5.—The Evansville Park Board has refused the request for a \$2,000 per year salary increase by Bob Hamilton, PGA champion, who also is the club professional at the Evansville Municipal Golf Course.

John Crouch, Park superintendent, said the board wanted to know whether it has hired a working golf pro or a "man of prestige." Crouch pointed out Hamilton had spent less than 60 days in Evansville during 1944.

The board said Hamilton received approximately \$4,058 for the year. Besides \$1,050 in cash, he received his home rental and teaching fees. Hamilton, out of town, was not available for comment.

## Women Grapplers Mix In Capital Tourney

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Here's proof war is hell. Joe Turner, local wrestling promoter, is conducting an elimination tournament for women grapplers at Turner's Arena and fans have been clamoring for duets.

The card tonight brings together Mae Young, of Oklahoma, who tangles with Ann Miller, of Chicago, and Elvira Snodgrass, billed as the "Renowned Redhead," who meets Rose Evans, of Hollywood.

## CAGE RESULTS

Dartmouth 51, Camp Endicott 40. Illinois Tech 63, Geo. Williams 45. MacEster 39, Eau Claire 33. Romulus Air Base 40, Detroit 36. Sampson Naval 36, St. Lawrence 31.

## Detroit Gains As Canadiens Bow to Leafs

TORONTO, Jan. 5.—The Maple Leafs defeated the league-leading Montreal Canadiens, 4-2, here last night and thereby cut the margin between the leaders and the runner-up Detroit Red Wings to two points in the fight for first place in the National Hockey League.

Mel Hill, Maple Leaf winger, spearheaded Toronto's attack with two goals and one assist. He flipped a pass that Bob Davidson converted into a goal in the first period, then punched two into the net himself in the second and third chapters. Gus Bodnar got the fourth Leaf goal in the second period.

Ray Getliffe registered both goals for the Canadiens, one unassisted in the second period and another on a pass from Murph Chamberlain with eight minutes to go in the third.

## Red Wings, Rangers Tie

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Detroit's second-place Red Wings moved up to within two points of the leading Canadiens last night by battling to a 4-4 tie with the fifth-place Rangers. It was a family affair for the Wings with the Bruneteau brothers, Mud and Eddie, getting their sticks in on all four goals.

Eddie scored one goal in the first period and passed to Syd Howe for another in the fourth. Mud scored the other two goals on assists by Flash Hollett, in the second, and Bill Quackenbush in the final rounds. Hank Goldup collected two tallies for the Rangers in the first and second chapters, Walt Atanas got one in the second and Fred Hunt the fourth Ranger goal in the third period.

## National League Standings

	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	17	5	2	36
Detroit	15	6	4	34
Toronto	13	8	2	28
Boston	9	13	1	19
New York	4	13	6	14
Chicago	3	15	3	9

## AAU Edict Hits Hamline Foes

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Dan Ferris, secretary of the AAU, tonight announced, in apparent reversal of his previous stand, that any basketball player who has participated this year against Hamline University of St. Paul is automatically ineligible to compete in any AAU-sponsored event.

Ferris said the action was made necessary by Hamline's refusal to remove from its squad two professional baseball players, Howard Schultz, of the Brooklyn Dodgers, and Rollie Seltz, of the Rochester Red Wings.

Previously Ferris had given City College of New York the green light to play Hamline with Schultz and Seltz in the lineup, according to a request by CCNY faculty members.

Ferris said cagers who played against Schultz and Seltz may apply for reinstatement in writing, adding that none had done so thus far.

## Alexander III, May Quit

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 5.—The Atlanta Journal said today Bill Alexander, Georgia Tech football coach for the last 25 years, may resign shortly because of poor health. Alexander has been advised by his doctors to cut down on his work.

## Bierman Returns to Minnesota Grid Helm

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 5.—Bernie Bierman, Minnesota coach during the Gophers' best years on the gridiron, will resume active charge again Jan. 17 when winter drills start in the field house, it was disclosed yesterday.

Bierman was recently discharged from the Marine Corps which had assigned him as coach of the Iowa (Preflight) Seahawks.

## Once Over Lightly

By Paul Horowitz  
Sports Editor

THE BELATED MUD BOWL football game in Cherbourg yesterday was the "brain child" of 1/Lt. Sal Commisa, Inf., former Notre Dame guard who helped make the holes through which Andy Pilney and Bill Shakespeare romped. Commisa organized the Normandy Football League last fall, with two divisions of eight teams each, and the original idea was to have the champions of each group meet New Year's Day.

Security measures forced a postponement but the Mudcloggers and Pacemakers battled for the championship yesterday afternoon. The season has been a marked success with 70,000 GIs attending games in various parts of the peninsula each week.

COMMISA has been unsuccessful in his efforts to stage a post-season game between the Eighth AF All-Stars and the playoff winner. The All-Stars challenged the Normandy champion when the season first began, planning to fly a fully-equipped squad to Cherbourg's Municipal Stadium.

When that plan fell through, Commisa offered to take two Normandy all-star elevens to rest camps or front-line areas to perform for the entertainment of the troops, but again he was unable to secure headquarters' approval.

THE Newark, N.J., officer comes of a football family and Notre Dame is the preferred alma mater. Vince Commisa, who played professionally for the Boston Yankees and Detroit Lions in 1944, was an Irish guard from '39 to '41, and brother Nick now is a freshman at the South Bend school.



Sal Commisa

Lt. Commisa's duties aren't confined to football alone. He supervises weekly boxing shows and has arranged various clinics in which Special Service officers can exchange ideas and study group athletics in all phases. GIs in Normandy can thank him for filling their few leisure hours with worthwhile entertainment in the field of sports.

## Texas Prep Champ

AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 5.—Port Arthur won the first undisputed Texas State high school football championship by trouncing Highland Park, of Dallas, 20-7, before 13,000 spectators.

## Phelan's Term Ends

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Brig. Gen. John J. Phelan, chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, yesterday concluded his term.



Now Terry Is AWOL

Another apologetic mash note to the readers. Li'l Abner, Dick Tracy, Terry and the Pirates... all AWOL, all missing, don't know where—but have a look at Jane, boys, we told her she would! Absentees expected back any time, now.

Hash Marks

Sez Sgt. Maury Campbell: "We've just finished reading a poem which reminds us that love-making hasn't changed much down through the centuries. The poem was about a beautiful Greek maiden who sat and listened to a lyre all night."

We understand Diogenes, the guy who once looked for an honest man, is back again. This time he's trying to find a Joe in the Army who will admit that he made less than fifty bucks a week in civilian life.

Latest version of the oldest gag in the world.

GI: "Who was that lady I seen you out with last night, Pal?"

His Pal: "I wasn't out—I was just dozing."

A Pfc sighed, "Poor Bill. He gets dizzy spells from cigarettes." Asked a pal, "Is that what inhaling them



does to him?" "No," quipped the Pfc, "that's what bending down and picking them off the roadway does to him."

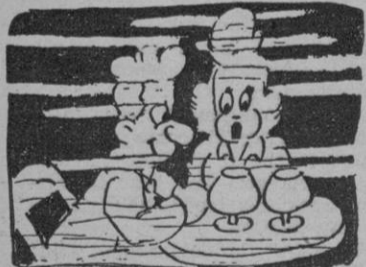
Post-war problem (?)—If all the babes in the world who don't get were gathered in one room, what would you do with her?

GI tip. When arguing with the first sergeant, be sure you're right—then let the matter drop.

Paging Ripley. In the bomb group led by Col. A. J. Shower there is a captain, complete with black moustache, who claims he is the only man in the ETO who can get his feet up on his desk before he sits down.

Paratroopers' version of the oldest gag in the world: "Who was that lady I seen you out-wit last night?"

Overheard at a dance. "Say, Joe, how come you and your gal sat out



most of the dances?" "Oh, petty reasons."

Conversation between two Mosquitoes. "Say, bub, let's go rob a blood-bank."

One WAC's stocking said to its mate. "So long, chum, I gotta run."

A sergeant we know says the difference between a Springfield rifle and a Garand is just as if he spoke and then his missus spoke.

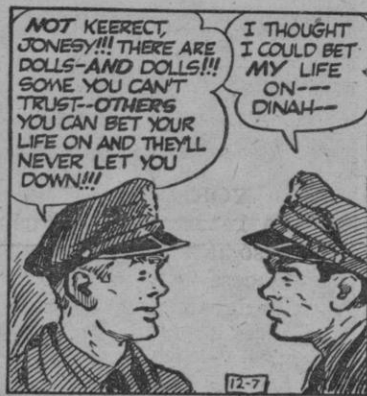
Advice to Hashmark readers. You ought to at least smile at these jokes—your grandfather did.

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Time TODAY 1430—College of Musical Knowledge. 1545—Cpl. George Monaghan. 2030—Frank Morgan. 2207—Jubilee. (News every hour on the hour.)

Abbie an' Slats

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Napoleon and Uncle Elby

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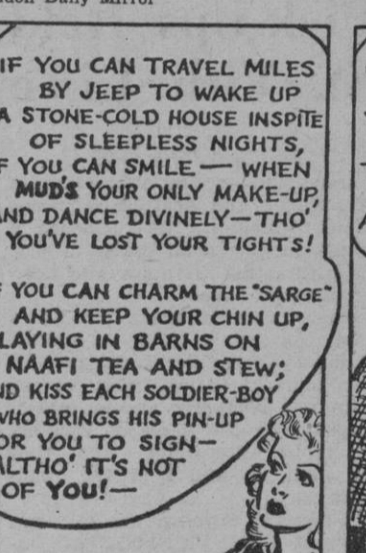
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Private Breger



"He claims it works perfectly in the rain!"

Jerky Jones



"Whatta day for a ball game! Blue skies, warm sun as Southern California kicks off..."

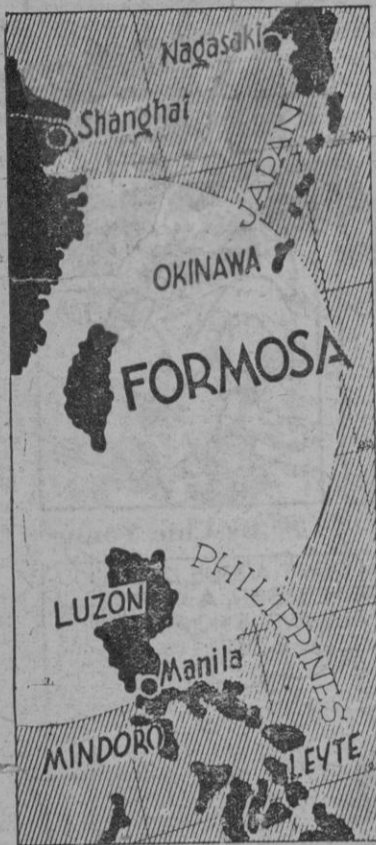


# Formosa Rocked Anew; 35 Jap Ships Blasted

Carrier planes of the mighty U.S. Third Fleet have pounded Formosa and the Ryukyu Islands for at least two straight days and indications yesterday were that their attack might be continuing for a third day.

Land-based aircraft under Gen. MacArthur's command,

## Pacific Targets



Carrier planes of the U.S. Third Fleet smashed at Formosa and Okinawa Islands in a continuing attack while land-based bombers from Mindoro and Leyte blasted the Luzon area.

now flying from Mindoro as well as Leyte Island in the Philippines, were disclosed at the same time to have sunk or severely damaged 35 Japanese ships off Luzon Island, including 25 freighters and transports aggregating 57,000 tons. The planes also destroyed 20 Japanese planes at Clark Field near Manila.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' communique reported the heavy two-day blow at Formosa and Okinawa, largest island of the Ryukyu chain between Formosa and Japan, in terms which indicated that radio silence was being maintained while the attack continued.

### 500 Planes Hit Formosa

Tokyo reported that 500 Hellcats, Helldivers and Avengers hit Formosa and Okinawa to the northeast for seven hours the first day, and that 400 returned for another seven-hour blitz the second day. It also said that 40 Superfortresses from China joined in the assault.

A small-scale raid over the Japanese home island of Honshu by other Superfortresses from Saipan also was reported by Tokyo. The B29s are still operating from Saipan bases. It was made clear yesterday, although headquarters of the 21st Bomber Command has been moved from there to nearby Guam.

Formosa was heavily raided by the Third Fleet's carriers and by Superfortresses in advance of the Leyte landings last October. The island, 90 miles off the China coast and 800 miles southwest of Japan, is the assembly point for troops, planes and ships intended to bulwark the menaced Japanese holdings in the Philippines and elsewhere to the south.

## Nazi Para-Supply Container



A supply container for German parachutists, dropped behind the First Army lines, is inspected by Cpl. Walter Hanauer and Gary Hauptman, both of New York. The container holds grenades, ammunition and shells for bazookas.

# 1,000 Heavies Renew Attacks On Rail Yards

More than 1,000 Eighth AF Liberators and Flying Fortresses renewed their attacks on Von Rundstedt's lifelines yesterday, bombing key rail yards and communications centers on a front extending from Cologne south to Karlsruhe and east beyond Frankfurt.

After a day's interruption in the systematic campaign to sever all supply arteries to the Belgian salient, the heavies ranged over a 150-mile area behind the front. They were escorted by more than 500 Mustangs of the Eighth as they hit at more than 20 Nazi nerve centers through overcast skies.

Before the American fliers had returned to their bases, strong forces of RAF bombers were over Western Germany, battering marshalling yards at Ludwigs-haven.

### German Pocket Hit

In addition, 350 RAF Lancasters dropped more than 1,600 tons of bombs on the "forgotten front" around Bordeaux, in southwestern France. The twin early-morning attacks struck at German troops, artillery emplacements and strong points at the mouth of the Gironde estuary.

The two attacks, 50 miles northwest of Bordeaux at Royan, were spaced 90 minutes apart. The weather was clear and reports indicated that bombing on the 5,000 to 10,000 German troops entrenched in the area was well concentrated. All French civilians had been evacuated before the raid.

More than 200 Marauders and Invaders of the Ninth AF attacked Nazi-held Belgian villages and two rail bridges in western Germany in support of the First and Third Army drives. The Marauders unloaded 500-pounders on road junctions at Houffalize and Gouvray, "choke points" on supply lines to the south flank of the Bulge, and teamed with the Eighth AF to hit a rail bridge at Ahrweiler. Invaders struck at a bridge near Semmern.

Ninth fighter-bombers, flying 550 sorties, bombed and strafed airfields near Worms and Darmstadt, and hit a convoy 17 miles east of St. Vith in the Bulge. Despite bad flying weather, the fighters struck at troop and supply concentrations throughout the Bulge. Ninth fliers reported that they met no Luftwaffe opposition.

The First TAF, over the Seventh Army front, flew 240 sorties during the day, downing four of 25 FW-190s encountered, and striking at rail lines and enemy vehicles in the Neunkirchen, Kaiserslautern and Karlsruhe areas.

## Monty Commands Campaign in North

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familiar with the way Montgomery operates and might have known what to expect if his command had been disclosed.

The announcement was made yesterday after Time Magazine appeared in the U. S. with a report of the change. The War Department was understood to have started an investigation.

The SHAEF announcement said: "When the German penetration through the Ardennes created two fronts, one substantially facing south and the other north, by instant agreement by all concerned that portion of the front facing south was placed under the command of Field Marshal Montgomery and that facing north under the command of Gen. Bradley."

Prime Minister Churchill came to France to confer with Eisenhower.

## 4Fs Open Rush Bulge Pincers For War Jobs Close to 12 Mi.

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He suggested as a temporary measure that 4Fs be put in uniform to replace thousands of civilian Army and Navy employees to halt what he termed "wasting of manpower."

### Search Offices First

Rep. Arnold (R.-Mo.) declared that farmers would be unable to feed the nation if pressed further. He suggested that Selective Service officials comb "office and desk jobs" rather than look to farms for more men.

Supporting Byrnes, WPB Chairman Krug told newsmen he favored early legislation on the manpower subject in line with Byrnes' recommendations. He predicted there might even be a lowering of Army physical standards for limited service, but Secretary of War Stimson had nothing to say on this at his news conference.

A proposal that draft-rejected 4F professional athletes be reclassified for military duty as "soldier athletes" came from Rep. O'Toole (D.-N.Y.). The proposal, he added in a letter to Byrnes, could be broadened to include band leaders and stage and screen stars deemed physically unfit for armed service.

## 9 Million of Draft Age Are Physically Unfit

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (ANS).—A Senate sub-committee on Wartime Health and Education today estimated that 9,000,000 men of draft age are unfit for general military duty and that six-hundred-million man days are lost annually in industry because of illness and injury.

The committee blamed the lack of sufficient medical care and recommended that every community should have health centers providing preventative diagnostic and curative medical services.

## Canadians Approach Reno River in Italy

15TH ARMY GROUP HQ., Italy, Jan. 5 (Reuter).—The battle for the Adriatic coast intensified yesterday just south of Valli di Comacchio lagoon. Canadian armor and infantry have now reached a point one mile south of the Reno River, the Germans' last water barrier guarding the right flank of Bologna. Strong enemy counter-attacks northeast of Alfonsino were repulsed and more than 150 prisoners taken.

Patrol clashes were reported from the Fifth Army front.

## British Seize Pick-Ups Held Akyab Island St. Vith Line

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Akyab, a strategic island a few miles off the Burma coast which two previous British offensives had failed to recapture, was occupied by the 15th Indian Corps Wednesday without opposition, Southeast Asia Command announced yesterday.

The town of Akyab had been an important Japanese supply port for two years and the Japanese at one time were reported to have had 100,000 troops on the island. It also has an airfield.

Possession of Akyab may render all Japanese positions in western Burma untenable, compel the enemy to evacuate the Mandalay area farther down the coast and free two to four British divisions.

The Japanese garrison pulled out with most of its weapons and took along as much of the local coolie population as it could.

mander who stood on a street corner in Laroche and drafted everybody in sight—including the truckloads of men returning from Paris—to beat off infiltrating Germans and keep supply roads open.

There were 50 truck drivers from the supply train, a number of headquarters clerks, the division headquarters band, men of an ordnance company and a master sergeant by the name of Wimpus, a photo interpreter, and they all went up and kept the roads open.

When the Seventh was over-run in front of St. Vith and Nazis entered the town at 2200 Dec. 21, the busy cannoners behind the town heated up the tubes of their 105s with shellfire and denied St. Vith to the enemy until the Seventh pulled out at 0800 Saturday morning, Dec. 23.

## Germans Hurl Panzers at Reds In Effort to Snap Budapest Ring

By Daniel De Luce

Associated Press War Correspondent  
MOSCOW, Jan. 5.—Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's flank guards in the corridor some 30 miles northwest of Budapest fought back massive German armored attacks supported by hundreds of Luftwaffe planes today while Russian forces inside the city gained ground for the eighth day. They have occupied 1,400 city blocks since the attack opened last Friday.

A daring panzer thrust designed to liberate the remnants of nine enemy divisions trapped in Budapest continued for the third day. Panzer and Luftwaffe reserves brought directly from the Reich were flung recklessly into the battle in an effort to breach the siege line.

An estimated six panzer and sev-

eral panzer grenadier divisions were thrown into this counter-attack, which showed no signs of abating in fury.

Meanwhile, the battle flamed unchecked in the city. Russian artillerymen were firing over open sights while infantrymen cleared scores of factories and other buildings converted into enemy fortresses.

Roughly one-third of Pest was believed to have been mopped up by Marshal Rodion Malinowsky, and about three-quarters of Buda, on the west bank of the Danube River, was controlled by Tolbukhin.

No other city in southeastern Europe has undergone such inch-by-inch destruction as Budapest. Fresh fires were reported in the center of the city, where some of the finest buildings already were in ruins and unburied dead littered the streets.

## The Discipline That Kills--

WITH FIRST TAF, Jan. 5.—He was a well-disciplined German soldier and he had orders to close staff car doors when his superiors got out. So—

When a P47 pilot, flying armed reconnaissance on the Seventh Army front, spotted a Wehrmacht staff car speeding along the road, the U.S. flier plunged down and sprayed the vehicle with machine-gun fire. It stopped. The brass inside piled out and raced for cover.

The well-disciplined German soldier, however, paused and smartly closed the car door.

He was mowed down by the 50 caliber bullets.