

Reds Gain NearStettin

Violent fighting was raging at scattered places along the west bank of the Oder River, 30 miles east of Berlin, yesterday as Marshal Gregory Zhukov poured thousands of men and guns across the river barrier to open the frontal assault on the German capital, Moscow dispatches said last night.

last night. German News Agency reported that Zhukov had launched a power-ful offensive on a 56-mile front between Frankfurt and Kuestrin after succeeding in widening his bridgeheads at four places. Official Soviet dispatches still have not confirmed the week-old German reports that Zhukov had crossed the Oder in this area. Moscow radio last night said that the Oder Line "had been pierced" and that Berlin was in "panic" after the last barrier before the Reich capital had "crumbled." Berlin Exodus Reported

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Berlin Exodus Reported Associated Press from Moscow, quoting a Red airman who flew over Berlin on Wednesday, said a great exodus of civilians was streaming southwest from the capital, jam-ming roads for miles and miles. Heavy fighting was reported raging for Fuerstenberg, important rail junction on the river's west bank, as the Red Army fought to gain a wide strip of land on both sides of the river where heavy armored forces could be massed to throw the "knockout blow." 10 Friles From Stettin

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The northern prong of Zhukov's First White Russian Army also opened a "big push" toward Stettin, in an effort to cut off north-eastern Germany and Danzig from the Beich Gorman vanout lost the Reich. German reports last night said that forward elements of the Red Army had reached a point within ten miles of Stettin. point within ten miles of Stettin. In East Prussia, Red Army troops, pressing the offensive toward Koenigsberg, reached strongly-defended fortified positions on the Pasmer River. Posmallen, enemy (Continued on Page 8)



Stars and Stripes Map by Baird The Red Army presses deeper into the Reich, spanning the Oder River at a score of places along a winding 300-mile front.

Secrecy Cloaks Big 3 Talks; Victory Phase Believed Over

The meeting of the Big Three somewhere in the Black Sea area continued yesterday in utmost secrecy. Dispatches from Allied capitals, quoting "informed sources,"

asserted that the first phase of the conference, dealing with the grand strategy for the defeat of Germany, is over. But no further official announcements were

Is Being Laid

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (ANS) .-

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made on the progress of the talks. The conferees and their staffs are believed now to be taking up the problems of post-war peace in **China** Pipeline Europe.

President Roosevelt is believed to have told the conferees, accord-ing to a United Press dispatch from New York, that the U.S. prefers not to participate in an ultimate long-term policing of Ger-many. It is understood, the UP said, that this task will be assigned to Great Britain and Russia, with possible assistance from France. The U.S., according to the report, would participate in the post-war occupation, but only for a limited time.

being burrowed into the interior of China to power the Allied air at-tacks on Japan, Leo T. Crowley, foreign economics administrator, has disclosed. Crowley told the House Foreign Affairs Committee, while advocat-ing a one-year extension of lend-lease, that the pipeline "will in-crease manyfold the 15,000 tons per month that once moved over the old Burma Road." He said, the line will enable the United Nations to "mount new and greater offensives from China." There was also no further news of the plane crash on Feb. 1 in which ten members of Prime Min-ister Churchill's staff were killed while en route to the parley. Five (Continued on Page 8)

For Start of Offensive

The Allied offensive on the Western Front exploded yesterday as British and Canadian troops of the First Canadian Army attacked in Holland.

Waves of 1,500 planes and an 11-hour artillery barrage smashed at German defenses to pave the way for Allied infantry, flamethrowers and tanks which started moving eastward at 1030 yesterday.

The attack was made on a five-mile front southeast of Nijmegen at the northern tip of the Western Front, between the Maas and Rhine Rivers. This sector had been quiet for

Nazi Rail Lines Are Pounded **By 9th Planes**

Allied tactical air forces yester-day launched a mass assault against German rail lines up and down the Western Front, from the Siegfried Line to the Rhine. The Ninth AF, co-ordinating with 12th Army Group offensives, hurled 947 Thunderbolts, Mustangs and Lightnings, plus 500 medium bomb-ers against the Nazi rail system and other targets. At the southern extremity of the

and other targets. At the southern extremity of the front the First TAC AF smeared marshalling yards at Offenburg and Mulheim and ripped one span of the Neuenberg Bridge, last rail link over the Rhine to Germans battling in the Sixth Army Group sector sector.

The 29th TAC operated on the Cologne plain, the Ninth TAC be-tween Mayen and Cologne and the 19th along the Luxembourg border. They wrecked or battered 1.230 rail cars and 52 locomotives. Tracks were torn in 126 places.

Army, Navy Casualties Now Total 764,584

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (ANS) .-WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (ANS).— American combat casualties since the beginning of the war have reached 764,584, the Army and Navy disclosed today. The Army's losses are 676,796, The Navy's 87,788. This represented an overall increase of 27,242 since last week. The breakdown of Army assuel

The breakdown of Army casual-ties follows: killed, 130,266; wound-ed, 396,176; missing, 91,476, and prisoners, 58,878.

months. Forward troops reached the western edges of the Reichswald,

a forest east of the Maas, and were fighting into the Siegfried Line's outer defenses. At latest reports, they had taken several hundred prisoners and had

made gains.

Careful Preparation

The assault was carefully prepar-d. More than 100 miles of roads ed. ed. More than too inles of roads had been constructed or repaired to move up supplies and munitions. Ground, however, was becoming boggy from the beginning of a thaw

A preliminary attack was made by 700 bombers of Bomber Com-mand which plastered the Nazi communications centers of Cleve and Goch. These are east of the Reichwald.

Reichwald, One thousand Mitchells, Bostons and fighter-bombers of Second TAF, and 500 Marauders and Invaders of the 9th AF pummeled Ger-man troops, dropping their bombs through cloud within 1,000 yards of Canadian lines.

Cloud conditions forced bombers in some cases to make five bomb runs

3rd Army Repels Nazis

Canadian Army artillery an-nounced the re-opening of the of-fensive at 0500 hours yesterday. It roared continuously until 1600, after infantry and armor began to move into German positions into German positions.

intactry and armor began to move into German positions. Nazi forces, bracing along the German border between Prum and Echternach, threw six counter-at-tacks at U.S. Third Army forces battling slowly into Germany along a concave front of 35 miles. Third Army men smashed all assaults and pressed eastward into the Reich, but their advances were re-ported being slowed by mounting enemy resistance. It was the sec-ond day of Lt. Gen. George S. Pat-ton's four-division attack. Northward, in the battle of the Rocer River Valley, U. S. First Ar-my's 78th Inf. Div. moved slowly through heavy minefields north-east of Kesternich and made small but important penetrations in one of the most heavily-defended zones on the Western Front.

One Bunch-of-Joes Picture That's News



of the most heavily-defended zones on the Western Front. The 78th Div.'s 311th Regt., sup-ported by armor, slugged 500 yards into the forest town of Schmidt. Doughs cleared the blasted village of all but a few scattered pockets of resistance. Schmidt was taken by First Army forces in the drive southeast of Aachen early in Nov-ember. Germans retook it with powerful counter-attacks two days later. later.

Northwest of this village pattle-ground, the 78th Div.'s 309th Regt, cleared Kommerscheid. 1,500 yards from Schmidt. These villages have been centers of Nazi resistance ever since First Army doughs poured southeast of the Aachen breach toward the Roer River headwaters four months ago. Northeast of Kesternich and north of Schmidt, other American forces who were fighting southward

forces who were fighting southward from Bergstein drove to within 800 yards of the Kall River, north-east of Kommerschied. The Kall is a tributary of the Roer.

Four of the counter-attacks hurled (Continued on Page 8)

Paraguay Joins Allies ASUNCION, Feb. 8 (AP).-Para-guay today declared war on the

On tour at the front, Gen. Eisenhower was asked by a GF if he'd pose for a snapshot. He did. A Signal Corps man also took the snap.

THE STARS AND STRIPES

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ETO Furloughs

Furloughs will be given to Eng-land. But how about the guys who have good reason for going else-where? Can we go to France, Hol-land or Belgium? What's the dope? --Pfc V. S., ECA Regt.

(Circular 34, ETOUSA, grants per-mission, subject to authorization of mission, subject to authorization of area Commanding General. Such authorization depends upon sleep-ing accommodations, mess facilities, transportation, etc. If area you wish to visit has been authorized, apply in usual furlough application manner.-Ed.)

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In all seriousness I nominate for a medal the 44th Div. lads who pulled the timely, imaginative and hilarious "Russian Advance" stunt. And give me a lap full of lugs yap-ping that such a decoration must be fought for: Two guys who take time out of this deadly mess to perpetuate such a marvelous hoax should not be doomed to post-war fables. Let some big shot who appreciates a sense of humor say: "For demon-strating in the face of deadly, dirty, bloody war that the Amer-ican sense of humor—and Amer-ican sense of humor—and Amer-ican sense of humor—and Amer-ican deate of hell and red tape) this decoration to commemorate your historic hoax."—It. L. J. S., Inf. *

Personal to Abner

I've seen a way for Li'l Abner to make Daisy Mae recognize him. That is for him to part his nice,



shining, black hair on one side of

his head only. Ha! Enclosed picture above will ex-plain the situation perfectly.—Pfc H.A.S., Det of Patients.

All Hopped Up

We were just thinking how nice it would be if some one would send us a batch or two of dehydrated beer, that we could brew up in our foxholes on ten-minute breaks.—The Beery Six. Ren Tr.

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Thinking While Fighting

It is difficult to take a long-pull view while we are actually engaged in this bitter struggle. Peace is built upon more than revenge and military disarmament of aggressor nations. Peace is built upon ideals, co-operation and world economic stability. We can be totally ruthless toward the vanquished Germans, yet find ourselves engaged in another war before many years if we do not accept our world responsibilities. accept our world responsibilities. If we choose to settle back and ignore the mutual interests of our Ignore the mutual interests of our neighbor nations, if we allow inter-national lawlessness to flourish as it did during the last 20 years, and if we set up barriers to the free flow of goods and ideas, we shall lose the peace. The dictator nations set out to build a world order based on in-tolerance twranny and force We

cation. The opportunity to attend college afforded by the GI Bill of Rights should be taken advantage of by every soldier who can pos-sibly do so. Furthermore, we will need more state, city and even federal schools of higher education, as well as a well-founded grammar and high school curriculum in every town. No person should be deand high school curriculum in every town. No person should be de-prived of the right to a complete education because he cannot af-ford to pay for it. Therefore, this calls for state, city or federal sup-port for those qualified for college training but who have not the means to support themselves through school.

through school. Education Unlimited is one of the things we are fighting for. Let's see that we get it.—T/5 San-ford Stone, 640 Med. Ar. Co. * *

Privilege vs Responsibility

Just how far do the privileges of a noncom go? It seems that every time a PX article or a pass is to be raffled off, the only names turned in for it are non-

We figure the noncoms weren't blessed with their stripes but that they were given to them to take certain responsibilities, not take certain responsibilities, not to take the privileges away from privates. Do they think we are so dumb that we don't know what is going on? This may not apply to all units, but it does to this one. —Weapons Platoon, Co. 1.

Conscientious Cops

"Who'll police Germany?" Wouldn't the men who were con-scientious objectors be the ideal policemen? They might be able to convince the Nazi that war is un-godly. Maybe they will be able to walk down a dark street and not be shot at by some 14 year-old sniper shot at by some 14-year-old sniper. ---Cpl. J. Barron, Inf. * *

We Hope

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The members of this battery were recently given the opportunity of expressing their views regarding the peace conference when the war is won. We agreed that since we are winning the war, we should have some voice in the final peace settlement.

settlement. We propose that any peace con-ference in which the U.S. parti-cipates should be represented partly by a delegation of men who have had to do the fighting. By submitting this letter to the S & S we hope to draw the atten-tion of the proper people to this proposal.—Pfc. Alvin Kaplan, E Btry, 80 A/B AA Bn. settlement.

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Research

These dams, which dominate one of the most complex and important of the most complex and important waterworks systems in Western Eu-rope, also have been an integral part of the defenses of Western Germany—particularly the Cologne plain and the Ruhr. They control the level of the Roer, last barrier to the Cologne plain for Allied forces now on its west back Germans could cripple

west bank. Germans could cripple any Allied operations by cascading millions of gallons of water down the Roer Valley from the dams they still control

the Roer Valley from the dams they still control. Two of the dams in the system were captured weeks ago by Amer-ican forces, but are of minor im-portance. They are the Dreilagei-bach Dam, near Roetgen, now be-hind U.S. lines, and the Kall Dam on the Kall River, a tributary of the Roer.

American forces in advances of American forces in advances of the past week have gained control over the Urftalsperre, the dam which backs up the Urft River to form a lake-reservoir east of Mon-schau, and the Paulushoff Dam, which pools the Roer River to form

a second lake not far away. The Dreilageibach Dam, built in 1936, impounds 4,300,000 cubic me-ters of water, while the Kall im-pounds 2,100,000 cubic meters.

pounds 2,100,000 cubic meters. Second largest dam in the sys-tem, the Urftalsperre was built in the period 1900-05. It is 220 meters long and impounds 45,500,000 cubic meters of water. South of the junction of the Roer and Urft Rivers, the Paulus-hoff Dam, constructed between 1934-36, holds back 2,000,000 cubic meters of water

meters of water. Biggest of the Roer dams is the mighty Schwammenauef, southeast

Ernie Pyle Writes...

SCHMIDT Blens Four of the seven Roer River dams have been captured or are under the control of American troops who are approaching three more in the U.S. First Army attack east and northeast of Monschau. Hasenfeld cheid 12 HEIMBACH Woffelsbach Sch Kloster **F**Paulushof Wolfgarten Ordensburg Alsteletet Malsbenden glangung 041111 GEMUND #

Dams Key to Roer Defenses

This is the region of the Roer River Dams, one of the biggest water control projects in Western Europe. First Army forces control the Urftalsperre northeast of Einruhr, the Paulushof Dam south of the town of Paulushof and have taken two more at other points. German forces control the great Schwammenauef Dam near Hasen-feld southeast of Schmidt along with two others. Arrows show direction of U.S. advance.

of Schmidt. It was built between 1934-37, is 380 meters long and im-pounds over 100,000,000 cubic meters of water. The Nazis control it. They also control the Heimbach and Mauchbach dams downstream. These hold 1,150,000 and 10,000,000 cubic meters respectively. It was believed that with the

HomeFront Needs Only to BeTold

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Research Perhaps these are a few of the causes for the many AWOLs. We just returned from our thirty days at the front. Greater part of time being spent in foxholes, eating K rations and listening to the music of the screaming meemie. 1-Wé are now going through basic training. 2-Night problems are surely arranged so we miss out on showers and movies. 3-If we go on sick call, we lose our pass privilege for a week.—Combat Inf. Men. 1,000 times and was made pre-sident of the Rio Grande Steamship and Navigation Com-pany (Blubber Division). I've had luscious apples from Mississippi, half a dozen home-

As an example of what I mean, As an example of what I thean, one man said to me one day, in complete good faith: "Tell me, now, just exactly what is it you don't like about war?"

I think I must have turned a little white and all I could do was look at him in shock and say, "God, if you don't know, then I could never tell you."

It's little things like that which make returning soldiers feel their misery's been all in vain.

I don't think America at home is either unwilling or incapable of getting fully into the war. We need only to be told more what to do and to have scarcities and grimness applied clear across the board. board.

Personally, I'm glad for the President's proposal for a National Service Act. I think it will stiffen up the whole American nation and through touching almost every family make people buckle down. That and casualties that lie ahead of us of us.

I believe the worst of the war is still to come, and that before it is over everybody in America will really feel it. I hope so because then the boys overseas won't feel so longesome so lonesome



build a world order based on in-tolerance, tyranny and force. We will set our course in a different direction. The practical course is the one charted by Jefferson and Lincoln. If we follow their tra-dition, our children may not have to slog through the mud of Europe in their Gl uniforms 1964 style.— T/4 Thomas G. Wright, Engr. Bn.

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Education Unlimited

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I noted recently in The Stars nd Stripes that an outstanding educator has inaugurated the battle against illiteracy with a ringing denunciation of the educational slums which exist in our country. This is a step in the right direction, that is, toward the establishment a more complete and up-to-date educational system in the U.S. We need more and better edu-

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Pacific Record of Five to One

Navy, Marine Fliers Chalk Up

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (ANS) .--The Navy provided a striking index to the superiority of American planes and pilots by disclosing that Naval and Marine airmen had destroyed 9,819 Japanese aircraft

Navai and Marine airmen had destroyed 9,819 Japanese aircraft in the first three years of the war while losing 1,882 of their own for a ratio of 5.2 to 1. The figures included only planes shot down in combat or destroyed on the ground. They didn't include Japanese or U.S. losses from anti-aircraft fire or opera-tional accidents. The score in 1942 was: 1,134 to 384 for a ratio of 3-1; in 1943, 2,212 to 351 or 6.3-1, and last year 6,473 to 1,147 or 5.7-1. Despite heavy losses the Jap-anese are believed to still have a substantial air force and to be maintaining production at a higher level than losses. Some estimates place Japanese plane production as high as 1,000 to 1,500 a month. Superfortress raids on the Jap homeland, however, undoubtedly have impaired the enemy's air-craft output.

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fliers downed are rescued by planes, submarines or surface craft. No figures are available on Japanese rescue work but it is known that the enemy, holding life cheap, doesn't concern himself as much with picking up "dunked" pilots as does the U.S. Navy. The greatest toll of Japanese planes, the Navy said, was exacted by fighters—Hellcats based on carriers of the Essex or Inde-pendence class; smaller Wildcats based on escort carriers, and Corsairs operated from land bases as well as from carriers. as well as from carriers.

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

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 A favorable factor from the U.S. point of view is that at least 65 percent of the Navy and Marine
 La boy, Feb. 2; Pfe George Fowkes, Brew-ster, NY.-Pamela McIntyre, Feb. 1; Pvi. J. Fred Buttry, Terre Haute, Ind.-James Frederick, Jan. 31; Sgt. Lawrence E. Stubans, Jersey City-Lawrence Dean, Jan. 25; Cpl. Victor Brennan, Astoria, NX.-Maureen Victoria, Jan. 18; Lt. Henry L. Dauneker, Clearfield, Pa.-girl, Jan. 23: 1/Lt. Robert James Miller, Houston, Tex.-Robert Michael, Feb. 3; Lt. Chester A. Smith, South Amboy, N.J.-Lawrence Arn-old, Feb. 4; Lt. L. Shachian, New York--girl, Jan. 24. Friday, Feb. 9, 1945

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U.S. NEWS

This Was America Yesterday:

World War II Veterans Take **UpOfferofUnemploymentPay**

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.-World War II veterans are taking unemployment pay from Uncle Sam faster than they're taking his education offers, an Associated Press survey shows, with disabled veterans the slowest of all to dip into the basket.

With more than 1,500,000 veterans discharged from the armed forces, 17,000 weekly are drawing unemployment pay from the Veterans Administration. The number has been rising since the program started last September. About \$6,000,000 in unemployment money already has been paid out.

money already has been paid out.
 Only 12,589 are back in school—ranging from grammar school to college, at Government expense, although 30,000 have applied. Only 9,359 disabled veterans—from 46,420 listed as eligible—are taking advantage of the Government's rehabilitation program to learn new ways of making a living.
 To file a claim for unemployment pay a veteran must be unemployed or making less than \$23 a week if doing part-time work. He must register and continue to report to the unemployment 'office, be able to work and be available for suitable work.

WITH the brownout effective over the nation, some down-town districts present a night appearance of old coaching days, and the lantern Mom used to hang out for Pen has appeared organ out for Pop has appeared again. Broadway is setting an example One big theater hung out old-fashioned kerosene lamps on the marquee.

IF you went through air raids in London here's your chance to smile patronizingly at benighted Pennsylvanians. In Philadelphia 89 air raid sirens were set off by a short circuit yesterday, and this prompted more than a thousand telephone calls to the electricity company. Typical queries: Has Berlin fallen? Are buzz bombs landing here? Is there an air raid in progress? Had they been Londoners they'd just have galloped into the nearest pub—but who knows, maybe they did. Doughfeet who used to be

Doughfeet who used to be tenderfeet, or made Second Class when the ratings came out, will be glad to know this was the 35th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of Amarica America.

Legislator Raps Service Chiefs

And Kerosene's Rationed, Too.

A N example of violent divergence of opinions is the speech of Rep. Dewey Short, of Missouri, who is accusing Service chiefs of trying to cover up their mistakes by demanding passage of the work-or-fight bill. "Generals and admirals should stay in their places," he said try to tell you how to win this war. What right have the military to tell business, labor and industry, men qualified by experience, what to do? Industry and labor both oppose this bill."

Equally virulent discussion, but on a more amusing plane, is that coming from Brooklyn these days anent a possible visit of playwright Noel Coward—the man who visited a hospital in North Africa and later made some cracks in his book about Brooklyn patients there "He ought to stay away for the duration at least" says Ren

"He ought to stay away for the duration at least," says Rep. Dickstein, a Brooklyn defender, "and he ought to apologize."

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IN New York "a real letdown and a real hangover" were predicted for after the war by Herbert Marks, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. statistician, addressing delegates at the annual conference of the state tuberculosis and health association.
"We must take into account what it will mean to vast numbers of young men to be suddenly freed of the exacting discipline of military service." he said Speakers predicted a general loosening of sex morals, and an increase of venereal disease. Even now, one member said, "Pleasure-mad girls of 14 and 15 accept a diagnosis of syphilis as calmly as they would a bad cold."

A NNOUNCEMENT: The motion picture of Betty Smith's novel, 'A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," will have its premiere showing in Manila --for GIs. There is another good movie house--the Palast Am Zoo, in Berlin.

MEMBERS of an Indian tribe at Elbowoods, N.D., have kept faith with their friend, Pvt. Clarence Spotted Wolf, who was killed in Luxembourg on Dec. 21. He left a request that, should he die, "if you have a memorial service I want soldiers to go ahead... I want the cow-boys to follow on horseback. I want one of the cowboys to lead one of the wildest of the T over X horses with the saddle and bridle on. I will be riding that horse."

Senators Fear Work Slump

The Voice and the Volume



The voice and the Volume recently met at an NBC studio. Frankie Sinatra, who sings soft and sweet, and John Charles Thomas, who sings wide and deep, get together and compare notes for the first time.

Interlochen Head FBI Agent Says Of Music to Fight Spy Admitted Union Blacklisting Sabotage Plans

BENTON HARBOR, Mich., Feb. 8 (ANS).—Dr. Joseph E. Maddy, head of the National Music Camp for high school students at Interlochen, Mich., said he would contest blacklisting of the school the American Federation of Musicians.

In a letter to four radio networks, Leo Cluesman, union secre-

works, Leo Cluesman, union secre-tary, said the Camp had been placed on the "unfair list" at the international executive board meet-ing Jan. 19. Maddy claims the ban came as a result of the three-year feud be-tween himself and James C. Pe-trillo, union president, when the union forced a high school orches-tra which Maddy was directing off tra which Maddy was directing off

work. Maddy recently published a pamphlet in favor of the Vanden-berg bill, recently passed in the Senate, which would make it illegal to interfere with concerts such as those at Interlochen. Maddy said Petrillo "may be president of the union, but I have been a member of " for 30 years longer than he has and I've got a right to voice my opinions. I hope he'll find that out in court."

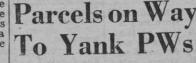
U.S. Plants Boost SuperplaneOutput

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (ANS).-War Production Chief J. M. Krug revealed today that aircraft plants in January increased their output of superbombers by 13 percent. and rolled 6,535 planes of all types off assembly lines. Total production was four per-cent off schedules because of engineering changes on certain types and bad weather which cut employe attendance and hampered test flights, Krug said.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (ANS).— An FBI agent testified yesterday that William Curtis Colepaugh, 26, an American citizen on military trial as a German spy, told him that he came to this country by submarine to get information to be sent to Berlin by radio. Colepaugh and Erich Gimpel, a 35-year-old German-born electrical engineer, are accused of entering the United States on the night of Nov. 29, 1944, at Hancock Point, Me.

Me. FBI witness William O. McCue, of Richmond Hill, N. Y., said Colepaugh told him that he went to Germany a year ago and was trained in Berlin at various cchools in radio operation, sabotage, the use of explosives, photography and microphotography ment by Forrest Polley, of Ells-worth, Me., a taxi driver, who iden-tified Colepaugh as one of the two men he picked up in his taxi shortly after midnight last Nov. 30.



NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (ANS).— Seven million prisoner-of-war pack-ages are in Europe ready for dis-tribution to Americans held by the Germans, Red Cross chairman Basil O'Connor said today. This is the largest reserve ever built up in Europe, O'Connor told a press conference. He added that the Red Cross had shipped to Eu-rope enough clothing for 100,000 prisoners, and that no reduction in the organization's activities could be expected for at least a year after the war. after the war.

Vets' Discharge Button **Remains Unchanged**

'Big 3' Accord Stirs Concern About Letdown

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (ANS).-Members of the Senate Military Committee today expressed fears that the nation's manpower problem might grow worse as a result of the White House statement an-nouncing the Big Three agreement on military operations "in the final phase of the war against Nazi Germany."

Chairman Elmer D. Thomas (D-Utah) said he feared that the implications which might be read into the announcement "may have a disastrous effect" by causing war workers to feel that they might as v jobs. well start hunting peace-time

"If it is the final phase," said Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), "it will mean that in 60 or 90 days, requirements for artillery, ammunition and munitions of all kinds will be entirely dif-ferent from what they are now. Guerrilla fighting does not require the same heavy equipment as fullscale war

McNutt Testified

McNutt Testified Yesterday the committee heard War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt give a tempered en-dorsement of the national service— "work or jail"—legislation that the committee is considering. But senators who had questioned Mc-Nutt at a closed hearing said he had expressed confidence that the current manpower problem could be handled by the existing volun-teer system

be handled by the existing volun-teer system On the record, McNutt renewed his recommendation for a limited national service bill amended co place overall control of the pro-gram in James F. Byrnes' Office of War Mobilization. To enact the bill in the form in which it was passed by the House, with Selective Service in charge, would nurt rather than help the war effort. McNutt said. His recommendation, McNutt as

McNutt said. His recommendation, McNutt as-serted, "was not based upon any conclusion that our manpower pro-gram has failed, but upon recogni-tion of the fact that at this crucial period of the war we must be sure that there will be no failure in our billity to mark provide a point Before MCNutt's prepared State ment was made public, however, Sen. Albert B. Chandler (D-Ky.) told reporters that "he definitely said that by voluntary methods he could supply the manpower needed in the present shortage without this bill. Before MCNutt's prepared state

this bill. "He would not forecast, however. whether he could meet future needs without legislation," Chandler said. Chandler, who opposes the bill. said that he "had reason to believe that our manpower situation was better on Jan. 1 of this year than it ever has been in history."

Navy Attitude Stated Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal had told the committee earlier that the Navy wanted a limited national service bill enacted to keep the momentum of the war to keep the momentum of the war going and bring victory quicker He told reporters later that V-E-Day would only "sharpen up" the need for manpower controls, in the Navy's estimation. "Our requirements for the Paclue war won't go down," he said, emphasizing that West Coast Navy words europhy sufforing thou

yards, currently suffering from a labor shortage, must be placed and kept in peak condition to

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Milker from the Land of Honey

CHAPLAIN GROVER GORDON, of La Habre, Calif., found recently that he had a valid claim to the title of "Champion milker of the 26th Inf. Div." title of "Champion milker of the 26th Inf. Div." A cow belonging to a farmer in Lorraine was in a temperamental mood-after three continuous days of having Jerry shells bursting in the area. Neigh-boring GIs, who thought they knew how to handle the situation, tried all the tricks in their bag to get the cow to give milk. It was no use. She would kick the bucket and swish her tail and once she even com-mitted a "nuisance." Along came Chaplain Gordon to try his hand where the 328th Inf. doughs had failed. Whether he preach-ed a silent sermon or used a special milker's tech-nique, no one knows, but he proved to all that the cow was full of the milk of kindness—or at least, of milk.

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Conscientious GI Works Overtime

Pvt. Otis Stacker, of Ralls, Tex., was lying in his foxhole firing away with his M1 to keep the German attackers pinned down when his platoon sergeant, S/Sgt. Leadas C. Shied, of Oakland, Calif., tapped him on the shoulder. "I hate to spoil your fun," Schied said, "but maybe you had better ease up for a while. The attack was over five minutes ago and the rest of us would like to get some sleep."

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The Stogies Awaited Action, Too

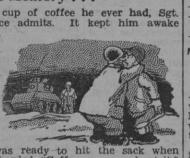
FROM the CG down to the cooks, everyone at the 78th Inf. Div. Hq. had a smoke on Capt. Elliot T. Katherman, of Norfolk, Va., because the captain plans things way ahead. He carried two boxes of cigars from the U.S. through England, France, Belgium and into Germany so he could pass them out the day he heard he had become a father. His daughter was born the day that the Lightning division first was committed to action.

'Tanks for the Memory . . .'

r was the best cup of coffee he ever had, Sgt. Vernon A. Joyce admits. It kept him awake

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Vernon A. Joyce admits. and saved his life. While his Fifth Armd. Div. tank battalion was fighting on the called back to the c ompany base area for a good night's sleep. He had spread out



bedroll and was ready to hit the sack when mess sergeant bawled, "Coffee—come and get it." Joyce returned from the kitchen truck to find

Joyce returned to the kitchen, kissed the flab-rgasted mess sergeant on both cheeks, borrowed a anket and went looking for a safer place to sleep. * * *

Right Man for the Right Job

Pfc Wendell F. Erickson, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, was a skiing instructor back home. Here he's a company runner with the Seventh Reg. of the Third Div. Erickson found a pair of skis in an abandoned Alsatian home the other day, and so until a thaw comes along and spoils things, he's probably the best-fitted man for his job to be

Bad Break, Good Break LIKE most wire men, Pfc Thomas F. Mason, of New Britain, Conn., used to spend a lot of time pussing American tanks which they claimed cut almost as many communication lines a Nazi artillery did. The CP was on the line, telling them to get out in hurry and repair the break when a voice burst in say that the line meney more though to say that the line meney have the say that the line meney have have the say the line meney have have the saw and the line meney have have the saw and the line meney more the saw and the line meney have have the saw and the line meney have have the saw and the saw and the saw and the line meney have have the saw and the line meney have have the saw and the line meney have have have the saw and the line meney have have the saw and the line meney have have the saw and the line meney have have have have have the saw and the line meney have have have have the saw and th hurry and repair the break when a voice burst in b say that the line was back in order. When they necked up at the break next day, Mason and Wellin bund that a TD outfit, unwilling to disturb them, ad repaired the line.

Expert at His Calling

An EM of the 419th FA Bn., 10th Armd. Div. proved recently to his own satisfaction that a guard really is monarch of all he surveys. When a moving figure approached his post, the soldier called "Halt!" The figure kept going, calling out that he was an officer of the U.S. Army. The guard gave his final warning: "Damn it, I said 'Halt!" and when I'm on the business end of this gun, I'm the boss." The officer, a full colonel, halted—and replied, "Yes SIR!"

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Welcome Mat Was Out MAJ. J. A. Ramsey, of Cleveland, picked the right man to ask information from when he set out to look up some relatives around Metz after getting a letter up some relatives around Metz after getting a letter from an aunt in the States who mentioned kinfolds in the vicinity. The major, a medical officer in the Fifth Inf. Div., couldn't find the street given on his map, so he stopped a stranger and asked directions to the "Rue aux Ours." The stranger said he'd be glad to oblige as he was going that way, too. Then Ramsey asked if the man knew anyone by the name of "Michel."

The guide started to cry and the major feared The guide started to cry and the major leared there might be a tragic ending to his search. But the ending turned out to be a happy one. The stranger proved to be the husband of Ramsey's cou-sin—and he had picked that very day to return to Metz after a four-and-one-half-year exile from his home and business. There was quite a reunion at the Michel homestead that day.

Looking Over the Results After They Called the Shots



Air liaison officers, who direct fighter-bombers to targets, look at a German tank knocked out in the St. Vith area after liaison men spotted a concentration of enemy vehicles, several thousand of which were destroyed or damaged in Von Rundstedt's withdrawal from the Ardennes.

'It Was Like Facing A Tiger,' 'Perfect' Raid Yanks Say of Sauer Battle Nets 18 Nazis In 17 Minutes By Pat Mitchell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH FIFTH INF. DIV., Feb. 8.—"Did you ever look into a

ger's mouth?" the wounded guy asked. He lay ticketed for the evacuation aid station and slowly ucceeded in forgetting the hell he had encountered. With Fifth Div. doughs, he had approached the torrential

er River in the face of grazing machine-gun and small cannon fire from Siegfried Line pillboxes stud-ding the cliff walls on the northern bank of the 150-foot-wide, 15 mile-per hour rive-**DSC** Awarded

To Messenger per-hour river.

Refused to Seek Cover In Face of Nazi Attack

and concrete pillboxes. The men, led by Lt. Martin Schlinning, secured a thin foothold at the base of the 800-foot cliff. At 0222, just before they had reach-Meanwhile, ot her boatloads of doughs managed to run the gamut of Jerry fire and underwater ob-

Berlin Slaps the Keyboard for the Gals



New Guinea WACs who used to thrill to arving Berlin's tunes back home hear them first hand as he beats out his tunes. The noted songwriter is making a tour of the Southwest Pacific.

good. They have all the liquor they can drink, they say. If liquor doesn't get up to the front lines it makes no difference. The Jerries up there make their own in ersatz stills which convert polatoes or stills which convert potatoes or cabbage or something into strictly high-test stuff.

'Black Panthers' There

All this was described at a Paris press conference by Maj. Charles M. Parr, of the U.S. 66th Inf. Div. The "Black Panther" outfit and the French are hemming the Ger-mans in against the sea and grad-ually whittling them down. The Nazis don't like this hostile activity and they are complaining. Maj. Parr explained that they want to live and let live until the war

to live and let live until the war

Is over. This phase of military operations in Europe is sometimes called "The Forgotten War." It started in August when the Third Army iso-lated the Nazi coastal defenses in its owners Brithany Grim, Battered Negro Crews its sweep across Brittany. They have been there ever sin

Move Never Came

and black-uniformed Nazis of one of the enemy's sharpest outfits on the Seventh Army front. In the snow-blanketed valley seven miles west of Haguenau, we held positions on the south ridge. The enemy, dug in on the north The enemy, dug in on the north

Snedley, of Flint. Mich., threw two grenades in the window. That took care of that. Meanwhile, Forrester fired four bursts into the closet. A German staggered out, hands in the air, with a bullet crease over his left eye. "He was the guy who yelled 'Heil, Hitler!' loud enough to wake the dead when I first began shoot-ing." Forrester said. Score: 18 Germans killed one prisoner taken, one of our men slightly wounded—and all in 17 minutes from jumpoff time.

The Germans then opened-up on the Yanks with every weapon in the book, firing from their steel and concrete pillboxes. The Germans then opened-up on the three others were to go inside. At 0220 hours the next day Forrester and the other sever hunched up from their holes in the

By Wade Jones

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH SEVENTH ARMY, Feb. 8

Opposing forces were a 30-man

patrol from an American division and black-uniformed Nazis of one

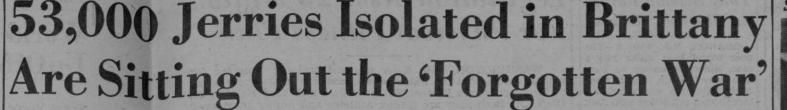
-This is the story of a "perfect" raid that killed 18 Germans in 17

hooting a machine pistol out an upstairs window. Pfc William H. Snedley, of Flint. Mich., threw two

DSC for "extraordinary heroism" with the 95th Div. during its drive the Saar River. During an advance over an open it. The German-Rive det the wounded joe from joint of the function of the location of the mander by radio of the location of the informatic the battalion com-mander by radio of the location of the informatic the station com-the source over an energy and getting into position for the said. The German Spened-up The German Sthen opened-up on the Yanks with exerce-the function for the value of the original 106.000 The German Sthen opened-up on the Yanks with exerce-the function for the value of the original 106.000 The German Sthen opened-up on the Yanks with exerce-the function for the value of the original 106.000 The German Sthen opened-up on the Yanks with exerce-the function for the value of the original 106.000 The German Sthen opened-up on the Yanks with exerce-the function for the value of the original 106.000 The German Sthen opened-up on the Yanks with exerce-the function for the value of the original 106.000 The German Sthen opened-up on the Yanks with exerce-the function for the value of the val

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21ST ARMY GP HDQS, Feb. 8 (Reuter).—Twelve thousand Ger-mans today are living in Dunkirk on one hot meal daily. Five months ago, when action on this forgotten front closed down to a siege, the Germans had big stores of food in the port but these have now dwindled.

The garrison is commanded by Vice-Adm. Frisius, described by German prisoners as a bully of the worst type. Although the gar-rison is mixed, Frisius gathered around him a tough bunch of fana-

tical Nazi officers. There are canals that form natural defenses to the perimeter of the garrison while the Germans have sown minefields everywhere. The Nazis also have flooded an area of 60 square miles around

the perimeter. The Germans have spent the last four years building fortifica-tions and defenses around the fort and pillboxes dotted everywhere within the perimeter. Czechs, French-Canadian and British units are all engaged in the siege of the port and they give the Germans no rest.

By Ralph C. Martin

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Black Panthers, 'French, Slowly Whittle Nazi, 'Status of the cana fold out. He himself, as been quoted as syning he prises to die rather than surrender. The 'Forgotten War,' a number of unsolderly things seems to be setting a little cracked and the true could board in the 'Forgotten War,' a number of unsolderly things seems to be and the 'Forgotten War,' a number of unsolderly things seems to be setting a little cracked and the true could be true could be and the true could be and the true could be true could be true could be and the true could be true to the true to the

Woe for Nazi Officers

There was also the sad story apt. Sonnenburg, the Nazi w ot busted. He was busted to priva got busted. He was busted to private for writing phony reports of raids he never made. It was also tough on Capt. Kinderred, whom the Nazi higher-ups bounced for steal-ing his men's rations. Nazi mail service is good. Maj. Parr said. The mails come in from Germany by plane

Parr said. The mails come in from Germany by plane. Submarines bring in oranges from Spain once in a while, Maj Parr said, and there is movement in and out of the pockets by plane. Sometimes somebody goes back to Germany and sometimes some-body comes in body comes in.

Specialist Sent In

There seems to be a shortage Br Ralph C. Martin

substitute landed safely. The 100,000 civilians caught in the pockets are having hard times, but are hanging on to their farms, with occasional Red Cross relief. Kenzie, of Montezuma, Ga., execu-they context are having hard times, but are hanging on to their farms, with occasional Red Cross relief.

WITH 723rd RAILWAY OP. BN.—A total of 12,244 francs has BN.—A total of 12,244 frances has been sent to the Warm Springs Foundation as this battalion's con-tribution to the March of Dimes fund. Part of the sum was con-tribued by men of . nearby Ninth AF unit. Capt. G. O. Larmer, adjutant, instituted the drive, assisted by Chaplain Howard W. Rusthol.

U.S. Army

Doughboys look over a silenced screaming meemie, a German rocke gun which is similar in principal to American rocket-firing weapons

Soviets Want Strong Peace, Touring Playwright Finds

By Peter Lisagor Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LONDON, Feb. 8.- To Lillian Hellman, the American playwright who came here after a four-month visit to the Soviet Union, the Russians are no enigma. "They're anxious to be friends-more anxious that we build a strong peace than many other foreigners I've met on my trip," she said yesterday. "But they won't take any

nonsense," she added. suffered more than any other na tion in this war, and they're detered to see that countries border ng on Russia are friendly ones.' ss Hellman, whose in aid bare the avarice of small souls in "The Little Foxes" and opened a few Fascist sores in "Watch on th went to Russia as the guest of the

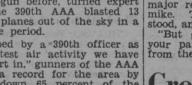


"I did, sarge, but the driver didn't speak English."

Part



Using a burning Jap ship to guide them to their target, U.S. carrier-borne planes fly to their next mission off French Indo-China.



biocking escape routes and keeping the Germans at a low level, ac-cording to Lt. Junus A. Miller, of Blackwell, Okla. "It was a case of good co-operation between our own aircraft and the AA." he said. Francs for March of Dimes

the artillery. knocking out nine

strongpoint.

Spot Really Hot

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Convincing Plea



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Babe is shown

The Babe is shown emerging from the dugout at the Yankee Stadium during the War Relief exhibition game, Aug. 23, 1943. He thrilled 69,136 fans by sending two drives into the stands in an exhibition against Walter Johnson.

Brooklyn Bribe

Scandal Involves

Football Coach

had tapped wires and knew of the bribing of five Brooklyn College basketball players long before the boys were taken into custody.

Oshins refused to disclose the identity of the person who informed him of the wire-tapping. Assistant District Attorney Edward Heffer-nan told him, "The Grand Jury will be called into session tomorrow

Suggs, Fox in Florida

Women's Golf Semifinal

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Babe Ruth Hits 50

NEW YORK. Feb. 8.-It hap pened two days ago without any fanfare, Babe Ruth hit 50! No, it wasn't his 50th homer, though Babe wishes it were. Babe celebrated his 50th birthday Tuesday and he's edging on to the record of 60 he set in 1927 with the New York Yankees. The yearly milestones are passing so rapidly, the Colossus of Clout

so rapidly, the colossus of Cloud can't realize their passage. The Babe—he weighs 260 pounds now—wrapped in a bright blue dressing gown, peered thoughtfully through the window of his trophy-bedecked den on Riverside Drive. He looked at the ice-packed Hudson River and mused. River and mused:

River and mused: "Nearly 20 years ago. Seems like only four when I hit those 60 ho-mers. When did I hit 50 that year? Let's look at the record book. It was on Sept. 11, off Alf Gaston in the Yankee Stadium." Babe's "re-cord book" is a huge picture of him-self framed by 60 baseballs, each listing the number dota place and listing the number, date, place and pitcher of the homerun ball during that sensational string. Ruth thinks the 1927 Yankees

were the best all-around club, but adds that the Red Sox of 1915 and 1916 were the best defensive players on one team. Babe thinks the major leagues

will pull through the 1945 season, and he also hopes he'll be able to get out and play some golf. He hasn't been able to do much since an operation on his knee eight months ago

Green Bay Packers Sign Bruce Smith

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.-Ensign Bruce Smith, All-America halfback at Minnesota in 1941, today signed a two-year contract with the Green Bay Packers to take effect im-mediately upon his release from the Navy

mediately upon his release from the Navy. Smith was the nation's outstand-ing triple threat back with the Gophers in 1940 and 1941 when Minnesota won 17 straight games. He was awarded the Heisman Tro-phy and also was named "Player of the Year" by the Washington Touchdown Club in 1941. Smith. now 24. underwent a knee BROOKLYN, Feb. 8.—Lou Oshins, football coach and athletic director at Brooklyn College, was threatened with a jail term if he refuses to explain the newspaper interview in which he stated police

Smith, now 24, underwent a knee operation to enter the Navy and played with the Great Lakes foot-ball eleven. He's now stationed in Florida.

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Chicago Bears Retain Hunk Anderson, 2 Aides

and you will be subpoenaed for an appearance before it. If you per-sist in your refusal to name the informer, you may go to jail." CHICAGO, Feb. 8.-The coaching triumvirate of Hunk Anderson, Luke Johnson and Paddy Driscoll, will be retained by the Chicago Bears for the 1945 season, Acting President Ralph Brizzolara revealed last night last night.

Anderson denied he would leave Anderson denied he would leave the Bears, in an earlier statement, to become head coach at the University of Detroit. Last season the Bears won six, lost three and tied one to finish second to the championship Green Bay Packers.

American Hockey League Wednesday Night Scores Buffalo 4, Providence 2. Cleveland 8, St. Louis 3 Pittsburgh 7, Hershey 3



emerging

Tony Galento Raves As Sharkey Retires

ORANGE, N.J., Feb. 8.-The beer barrel that walks like a man, otherwise known as Two-Ton Tony Galento, is up in arms again. Galento, who wangled a three-round exhibition with Jack Sharkey, of Boston, finished a New England refereeing tour and came home to find Sharkey had backed out of the show saying he preferred to retire. Said Galento: "I didn't know da bum took a powder on me till I gets home to Orange. Otherwise I'd slugged him right in Boston. I could whip that loudmouth Lithuanian in one minute flat. I'm in great shape, even though now down to 250."

Baseball Keeps Prexy Graham

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 8 .-Charles H. Graham, president of the San Francisco Seals of the Pacific Coast League, was re-elected president of the Association of Professional Baseball Players, Secre-tary Win Clark announced today. tary Win Clark announced today. Members of the association, in a nationwide mail vote, also elected Bill McKechnie, manager of the Reds, vice-president; Joe Cronin, Red Sox pilot, second vice-presi-dent; Frank "Lefty" O'Doul, San Francisco manager, third vice-pre-sident; Bill Sweeney, manager of Los Angeles treasurer and re Los Angeles, treasurer, and re-elected Clark as secretary.

Three new directors were chosen. They are Bill Klem, supervisor of National League umpires; Charley Grimm, manager of the Chicago Cubs, and Pepper Martin, manager of the San Diego Padres.

Sisler Retained by NBC

WICHITA, Kan., Feb. 8.—The National Baseball Congress retain-ed George Sister, former major lea-gue star, as Commissioner of Semigue star, as commissioner of Semi-pro Baseball. Sisler signed a new five-year contract. He has been active in the NBC since he retired from the majors where he played with the St. Louis Browns and later with the Senators and Braves.

James P. Fitzgerald, of Toronto, has been reappointed Canadian commissioner.

Memphis Cagers Enter Southeastern Tourney

ATLANTA Ga., Feb. 8.—The Southeastern AAU has scheduled a basketball tournament for the first basketball tournament for the first time in ten years, it was announced today by AAU officials. Play will begin here Feb. 17, close Feb. 20, with entries limited to 14 teams for men and 12 for women. The first entry was Memphis Naval Air Station which is undefeated this season and has averaged 78 points per game. per game.

Black Hawks Release Pair

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—The Chicago Black Hawks, last-place club in the National Hockey League, lopped two players off the squad yester-day. Left Wing Lude Check was returned to Montreal and Center Harvey Frasier was farmed out to Clarelend of the American League Cleveland of the American League.

Question Box

Legislation Asks 25 Million For Physical Fitness Plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—A physical training program for schools throughout the nation was introduced in Congress today. by Representatives Samuel Weiss (D-Pa.) and Fred Hartley, Jr.

They called attention to the high rate of draft rejections for physical rate of draft rejections for physical ailments, and cited figures that more than 51.2 percent of the draftees had been rejected for physical defects and millions of others, once inducted, had to be released for various body ailments. Contending it would have been unnecessary to draft married men and "disrupt so many American homes if all single men had been physically fit," Hartley said, "Our sole objective is to make physical fitness training a mandatory part sole objective is to make physical fitness training a mandatory part of the school program from kin-dergarten on up and to educate the youth of America, both boys and girls, in the great need for physical fitness." The 25 millions would be al-located throughout the country, ac-cording to population for furnish-

cording to population, for furnish-ing equipment and training direc-

Both men claimed considerable bi-partisan support in Congress for their bill which they announced would be sponsored in the Senate by Sen. James Mead, of New York, another sports enthusiast another sports enthusiast.

NewGeorgiaTech Grid Coach to **TryT-Formation**

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 8. - The T-formation will be used by Georgia Tech next fall, Bobby Dodds, newlyappointed coach, revealed today. The announcement came as a surrise to Southern football enthu-siasts who believed Dodds would continue along the lines of Bill Alexander, who recently resigned

at the helm. "You've got to use the T if you expect to get along these days," Dodds said. He declared that Tech would use the T "mixed with the single wing for variety and better execution of certain types of plays. "You can get more out of the ma-terial you have, especially if the T is used mixed with the single wing-back formation. Look what Ohio State did with the same ingre-dients last year. "The idea that first-class ma-terial is necessary to make the T-formation work has long since been exploded," Dodds continued. "We are going to use it next fall and the way our material shapes U.J. I don't see how it can hurt us." Questioned about the schedule, Dodds said, "Atlanta fans are ac-customed to a tough game every at the helm.

coulds said, "Atlanta fans are ac-customed to a tough game every Saturday, so I guess we will have to go along with the same pro-gram."

Alexander relied heavily on Dodds, who gained fame as quarterback at Tennessee in 1930, and the former Tech coach credits Dodds with developing Tech's razzle-dazzle backfield play.

by Representatives Samuel Weiss (D-Pa.) and Fred Hartley, Jr. (R-NJ). Both men are former athletes and jointly introduced the legislation to create a national commission for physical fitness. The bill requests \$25,000,000 as an initial allocation for sports and exercises in schools to increase "the strength of athletic skill, stamina, endurance and morale of the people in the United States." "The plan will not only prepare the youth for the time of war, but train them to meet the challenges in the peaceful pursuit of life." Weiss declared. They called attention to the high

powerful basketball team last night swamped Pittsburgh, 71-51, before 2,500 officers and cadets. It was the eighth victory of the season for the soldiers and their 25th in a row since the Cadets were beaten by Fordham in 1943.

Dale Hall, football star and captain of the court squad, paced the scorers with 24 points. Hall also



Dale Hall

set up many shots for his team-mates. Date Apple was high man-for the Panthers with 14 points. A comic interlude was furnished when Don Carlson, Pitt coach, be-Point tutor, while the latter was vociferously protesting one of Re-feree Pat Kennedy's decisions.



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PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 8.— Louise Suggs, of Lithis Springs, Ga., continued her triumphant march on the women's golf cir-cuit by gaining the semi-finals of the Palm Beach championship yes-terday with a 3 and 2 decision over Marjorie Row, of Anniston, Ala. Catherine Fox, New Jersey star, eliminated Beverly Hanson, 2 and 1, in another match. A Cute Trick on Ice



Guita Rossbach, now of Middletown, Ohio, fled with her parents from Brussels three years ago when the Nazis were conquering Europe. The 16-year-old Western Reserve U. freshman, formerly held the women's junior skating championship of Belgium.

Pfc B. Stollmack.—Results of 1945 Bowl games: Rose Bowl: Southern California 25, Tennessee 0; Cotton Bowl: Oklahoma Aggies 34, Texas Christian 0; Sugar Bowl: Duke 29, Alabama 26; Orange Bowl: Tulsa 26, Georgia Tech. 12; Sun Bowl: South western (Tex.) 35, Mexico University 0; Shrine East-West game: West 13, East 7, North-South game: South 24, North 7.

North-South game: South 24, Morth 7. Pfc, Joseph Shaheen.—According to Nat Fleischer's All-Time Ring and Record Book, eyes are the most important thing to watch on a boxer when in the ring. Many champions also claim that by watching an opponent's eyes a boxer can ascertain his next move.

ascertain his next move. T/S F. R. Marra.-Rule 10 on fouls and penalties in the National Basketball Guide, section eight, sub-paragraph f, states: "Each personal foul shall be charg-ed to the offender. A player who com-mits his fourth personal foul shall be disqualified, except in 40-minute games, which require an extra period or periods to break a the, five personal fouls instead of 4 shall disqualify a player, who is eligible to start the overtime play. The provision for disqualification shall not be set aside for any reason." Pfo Hyman Denajifsky.-Ernie Schaaf

Pfc Hyman Denajifsky.—Ernie Schaaf died a few days after his bout with Primo Oarnera. Feb. 10, 1933, from a brain in-jury. Previously he was badly hurt in his fight with Max Baer at Chicago on Aug. 31, 1932.

Aug. 31, 1932. Pfo Feliz Lacivita.—Johnny Forte (not T o m m y). Philadelphia featherweight, never held a world title at any time. He won 37 fights, lost seven and drew once before going into the Army in 1942. S/Sgt. Richard L. Tull.-1938 Kentucky Derby winner: Lawrin.

Covering GI Sports

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THE 442nd TROOP CARRIER Group basketball team defeated the 979th Signal Company, 26-23 in an overtime game. Score at the end of regulation time was 23-23. Ward counted a field goal and Travaglini a free toss in the abbreviated session for the Troop Carriers. Tiller, of Signal Corps, was high with nine points, while Travaglini counted ten for the winners.

HQ., OISE SECTION.—The 726th MP Bn. will furnish the fighters for tonight's boxing show, spon-sored by the Oise Section Special Service. Action will take place at a U.S. Army Theater, with the first bout at 7:30 PM. Pyt. Costello Cruz, of Santa Bar-

bara, Calif., who won 11, lost five

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HQ, AIR SERVICE COMMAND. -Five teams are tied in the USS-TAF B-26 basketball league, while the Personnel cagers are undisputed leaders in the B-25 loop, with three straight wins. Lt. Wilson J. Coan, of Trenton,

Lt. Wilson J. Coan, of Irenton, N.J., tops all scorers in B-25 with 28 points. T/3 Emmett Taylor, of Montgomery, Ala., leads in B-26 with 72 points. Sgt. Clyde Pryce, of Aurora, Ill., is second with 61 points.

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Air, Artillery Develop **Technique to Reduce Foe's Front-Line Flak**

By Bud Hutton Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

American artillerymen and airmen have perfected a technique for the reduction of enemy anti-aircraft fire against U.S. bombers attacking in direct support of the ground forces.

The technique involves artillery fire against all plotted German flak positions within range every time the bombers or

fighter-bombers make an attack on targets directly ahead of the infantry. By carefully plotted timing, the artillery harasses Nazi flak gunners during the bomber's flak gunners during the bomber's most wulnerable moments—the time Is Launched during which they cease evasive action and fly an unchanged course on the bomb run.

The technique, which such flak experts as Maj. Gen. Sam Anderson's experts as Maj. Gen. Sam Anderson's Ninth Bomber Command described as "probably the most effective counter-measure against flak within range limits," was evolved as an answer to the Nazi tactics of rein-forcing vulnerable targets near the lines with neavy anti-aircraft gun concentrations. It is effective thou-sands of yards from the American artillery positions. Originated at Cherbourg

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Originated at Cherbourg The technique was originated at Cherbourg and Brest. early in the continental campaign, when air liaison officers called on artillery fire against German flak positions in the besieged cities which were zeroed-in on attacking bombers and fighter-bombers. After research on firing data and flight times—the original idea is credited to 1/Lt. Willard Wicker, of Denver, by Col. Emery Bellonby, of Cincinnati, flak officer at Ninth Bomber Command—a standard operating procedure for counter-battery fire on German flak was put into effect on Nov. 16 in the Euskirchen area, when Ninth Air Force planes attacked German strong points ahead of the ground forces.

strong points ahead of the ground forces. Under the setup, which forms the closest liaison to date between air and artillery, targets to be attacked and the times involved are provided attillery battalions by the tactical air command of the area involved. With the Yank gunners alerted and firing data already figured out, the leader of the attacking air formation radios a ground control station ten or 15 minutes before the infantrymen can see the planes go overhead. go overhead.

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Pin Down German Gunners

Pin Down German Gunners On a careful timetable, American 105 and 155mm weapons in the area then lay down fire on all enemy areas known to contain flak batteries. German gunners, pinned down by the fire, have been unable to greet the bombers and fighters with an intense fire as once ham-mered the aircraft as soon as they settled down to a bombing run. The frail Cub observation planes of the artillery provide the final measure of air-ground lend-lease by hovering over the lines during the bombing attack and correcting the counter-battery fire and spot-ting previously unchartered flak po-sitions from the muzzle blasts.

Timely Gag

By Canadians

(Continued from Page 1) against Third Army men came at points along a 20-mile portion of points along a 20-mile portion of the front from a point six miles north of Prum to a point eight miles northeast of Clerf in Luxem-bourg. These were reported in com-pany strength, supported by tanks. They were broken up after stiff fighting.

fighting. Two more enemy attacks were thrown back at the southern seg-ment of the Third Army's attack arc oy Fifth Inf. Div. men a mile and one-half north of Echternach. Northwest of Prum, Third Army infantry pushed eastward a mile to capture Wascheid and Obermehlen. Patrols entered the Prum Forest beyond Wascheid They penetrated beyond Wascheid. They penetrated to within two miles of the Nazi

beyond Wascheid. They penetrated to within two miles of the Nazi communications center, which was reported heavily fortified. Other infantry drove southeast of captured Brandscheid for a mile and three-quarters, while to the south of them 90th Div. doughs captured Hollnich, a half mile southeast of Habscheid. The 90th men kept on going another half mile beyond Hollnich, where they were meeting fairly stiff resistance. Other Third Army forces were moving east of the Our and Sauer Rivers between Dasburg, ten miles north of Vianden, and Echternach. Up to last night, their crossings of the Rivers Our and Sauer had not been expanded into bridgeheads. Seventeenth Airborne Forces entered Dasburg in Germany, across the frontier from Luxem-bourg. Doughs of the 80th Div. cleared Wallendorf, five miles southeast of Vianden at the junction of the Our and Sauer Rivers

Rivers

Nazi Raiders Thwarted

In northern Alsace, U.S. Seventh Army forces exchanged raids with the enemy. Germans sent a platoon toward American positions south of Bitche in the Hardt Mountains, but the Nazi raiders were driven off northeast of Lemberg, a moun-tain town. tain town.

tain town. U.S. forces raided the town of Kindwiller, did some damage and came back with prisoners. East-ward in the Rhine Valley, U.S. troops drove the enemy out of several strongpoints northwest of Oberhoffen. South of Strasbourg, the Colmar pocket, which bulged into Allied territory since the capture of Strasbourg and liberation of Alsace, was virtually no more. Only a thin bulge remained along the Rhine. Westward in the Vosges Mountains, Allied forces were mopping up the Allied forces were mopping up the



U.S Army Signal Corps Photo Coldest MP in Italy as well as the biggest is this giant snowman, built by GIs on a highway near Monghidoro.

9,000,000 Letters To LTO Delayed En Route From U.S.

By Arthur White Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

shortly.

Enemy action and accidents slowed delivery of about 9,000,-000 pieces of mail sent from the U.S. in December, Brig. Gen. R. B. Lovett, ETO Adjutant General, revealed yesterday. However, some 90,000,000 other pieces, sent during the same period, were delivered within a month. "At present," Lovett said, "irre-gularity of deliveries is the normal situation. Only about half the let-ters sent airmail can come by air, the rest travel by boat. Moreover, wartime transatlantic shipping is uncertain, even though the mail comes by the fastest convoys." Lovett cited these recent holdups as typical of those slowing ETO mail: A chip were delivered within a month.



(Continued from Page 1) others were missing and believed dead and five more were injured. A United Press story from Cairo cited a report that Russian, British and U.S. military leaders began their discussions six days ago. The reunion of Prime Minister Chur-chill, President Roosevelt and Marshal Stalin is believed to have taken place on Monday, following Stalin's arrival at the meeting place Sunday night, the UP reported. According to this report, some of the gratest military figures of the war, including American five-star

war, including American five-star generals, British field marshals and Russian military leaders of high rank are spending long hours of tank are spending long hours of discussion in an atmosphere of cor-diality. Troops are reported guard-ing a wide area surrounding the scene of the conference.

scene of the conference. Others Preceded Stalin Before Marshal Stalin's arrival, according to the UP report, most of the Soviet officials had arrived. Allied leaders were said to have be en quartered in comfortable hotels in a town which earlier in this war, according to the UP, teem-ed with German troops. One of the most striking features of the conference, it was said, is the care the security of the Allied leaders. News of the meeting, the As-sociated Press reported from Mos-cow, was the biggest topic in Russia yesterday. The AP correspondent reported that the Russians were impressed with President Roose-yelt's daring in traveling such a Impressed with President Roose-velt's daring in traveling such a long distance. The Russians were reported to be greatly pleased with this gesture and hailed it as an act of considerable friendliness. In London, Reuter said it had heen authorized to give official In London, Reuter said it had been authorized to give official denial to a report that President Roosevelt had declined an invita-tion to be King George's guest at Buckingham Palace after con-clusion of the conference. It said the locale of the conference ap-parently made it impossible for him to visit England at this time, but that it was a "foregone con-clusion" that the President would visit the King when and if cir-cumstances permit. **Japs Cleared** FromNorthern Half of Manila

MANILA, Feb. 8.—American troops killed off the last Japanese resistance in northern Manila today and loosed a heavy artillery barrage on surviving enemy forces holed up in the southern half of

holed up in the southern half of the Philippines capital. Vanguards of the U.S. 11th Air-borne Div. were cutting their way slowly into the Japanese rear from the south, but the main American forces were stalled temporarily along the northern bank of the Pasig River, which bisects Manila. Some Yanks had crosssed to the southern bank of the river, but destruction of four Pasig bridges by the Japanese delayed any cross-ing in strength.

by the Japanese delayed any cross-ing in strength. The U.S. airborne units driving into the Japanese rear were five and a half miles south of the Pasig. They were held up by a stiff scrap around Nichols Airfield, at sub-urban Pasag, near Manila Bay.

Japs Blast Home

Japanese demolition squads were roaming through the southern half, of Manila, dynamiting and burning homes and waterfront installations. In the northern half, they had de-vastated a square mile of the Es-colta business district. The enemy was throwing artil-lery and mortar fire across the Pasig into northern Manila. At Santo Tomas University, Japanese fire wounded American soldiers and some of the civilian internees who Japanese demolition squads were

some of the civilian internees who had been held by the Japanese at

had been held by the Japanese at the university. MacArthur announced today that the Japanese had suffered approxi-mately 48,000 casualties in the Luzon campaign. American ca-sualties total 7,076, including 1,609 killed.

MacArthur also reported air atmacArthur also reported air at-tacks against Japanese targets out-side the Philippines—including shipping in the Sakishima Islands and objectives on Formosa.

Nimitz Headquarters Moved

The transfer of personnel and equipment of Fleet A d m ir a 1 Nimitz's command to advanced headquarters in the Western Pacific has been effected without incident, the Navy announced. Advanced headquarte.s reported yesterday that rocket firing Marine

yesterday that rocket-firing Marine bombers had swept the Bonin and Volcano Islands area, hitting two Japanese vessels, while other bombers attacked Chichi and Ottoto Islands

Aleutian-based Liberators at-tacked Shimushu Island, in he Kuriles

In Wednesday's India-based Super-fortress attacks on Thailand and French Indo-China, the targets were a railroad bridge near Bangkok and military installa-tions at Saigon



Lovett said that a dispatch of 65,053 pounds of ordinary mail, and 128,824 pounds of air mail 128,824 pounds of ortificary mail, and 128,824 pounds of air mail—ap-proximately nine and a half million letters—mailed from Jan. 6-15, now is being delivered to ETO APOs. An additional batch of 10,000,000 letters, mailed from Jan. 12-22, is expected soon expected soon.

1945 Knights

WITH THE 103rd DIV .- Two 103rd Inf. Div. soldiers, sweating out an artillery barrage in an OP they had established in a medieval castle, discovered two old suits of armor, including helmets equipped with face visors.

"We put them on first for a joke," Cpl. Walter Cass, Salem,



Mass., said, "but when the shells started coming in we decided the gag was timely." "I don't know whether they

would have stopped anything or not," said Pfc Russel L. Benham, of Lansing, Mich., "but that armor seemed like a hell of a big improvement over our own epi-dermis at the moment."

Allied troops drove nine miles south of captured Neuf-Brisach, and took the village of Nambsheim, six miles southeast of the medieval town. French forces forged a second crossing of the Rhine-Rhone canal east of Ensisheim.

Gen. Arnold in Hospital For Rest from Overwork

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (ANS). Illness induced by overwork has sent Gen. H. H. Arnold, Array Forces Commander, to the Air Force Convalescent Hospital for a month's rest, the War Department disclosed

yesterday. Maj. Gen. David N. W. Grant, Air Surgeon, said that Gen. Ar-nold's illness is not serious and that he is recuperating satisfactorily.

826 Await Repatriation **To Western Hemisphere**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (ANS).-WASHINGTON, Feb. & (ANS).-The State Department announced that 826 civilian citizens of Western Hemisphere c o u n t r i e s, including many U.S. nationals, had arrived in Switzerland through exchange arrangements with Germany. **Draft Board Balks At Inducting Farmers**

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 8 (ANS).—State Selective Service Director James T. Johnson Jr. said Local Board No. Three, in rural Houston County, had resigned rather than induct 40 young farmers.

Johnson declared the board had granted too many farm deferments and said a new board had been named.

stronghold on the west bank, fell to the Third White Russian Army Battling west from a 59-mile-wide bridgehead south of Breslau, Marshal Ivan Koniev's First Ukrainian Army last night was 20 miles beyond the Oder River, aiming north toward the Breslau-Berlin highway

East Front . .

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A ship carrying about 4,500,000 letters, mailed between Dec. 4-14, left New York originally about Dec. 16, but was forced to put back twice because of mechanical trouble. It is expected here shortly

Another 4,500,000 letters left New York Dec. 29 but were de-layed by enemy action. They now have arrived.

Koniev's troops yesterday captur-ed a score of German towns of the river's west bank.

In Budapest, Red Army troops continued operations for the liquidation of the encircled German garrison in the western part of the town. More than 3,500 German prisoners were taken yesterday.

Flood Menace Is Seen In U.S. February Thaw

NEW YORK, Feb. 8 (ANS).—A February thaw, which meteoro-logists here predicted would en-compass the whole northern part of the nation within 48 hours, set in today throughout the northern Rocky Mountain area. The thaw carried a menace of floods in east-ern Pennsylvania. A warm, dry wind on the east slope of the Rockies sent the mercury zooming to 51 at Denver and 45 in Montana.



Here's the new "bail out bottle" used by pilots forced to jump at high altitudes. With the streamlined oxygen bottle, fliers can bail out as high as 40,000 feet with the assurance that their oxygen supply will last until they reach ground. The bottle fits right into the regular oxygen masks.