

5 Outfits Stormed Hill of Death—2 Men Came Down

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Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH SEVENTH ARMY, Jan. 24.—Five companies of Yanks—veterans of 19 months of combat—clawed their way to the top of a 1,500-foot crest in the mountains of North Alsace. Then came snow, and then a mighty Nazi artillery barrage that isolated the Yanks. An estimated 150 enemy artillery pieces, from 75s up, zeroed their fire on the hill. The barrage bored into the foxholes on the crest and men simply vanished. It nailed trucks and armored vehicles as they shot past cross-roads on reinforcement missions. Then the Germans began throwing in rockets. By the end of the third day 100 of the men on the ridge had been evacuated or had withdrawn. And the enemy's fire, with his infiltrations behind our lines,

had prevented further reinforcement and supply of the men still marooned.

But Lt. Col. Felix L. Sparks, of Miami, Ariz., battalion CO, hammered his way up the mountain in a medium tank, firing its big gun and loosing more than 5,000 rounds from his machine-guns. Col. Sparks, aided by an unnamed sergeant, rescued three of our wounded and took them down the mountain.

The day before, 2/Lt. Willis Talkington, of Craig, Colo., had gone up the mountain in a light tank with blankets, rations and ammo. On the way down the tank was hit by bazooka fire. Only Talkington escaped.

Capt. Leroy W. Raley, chaplain from Cameron, Texas, also made the trip up—three times on foot—although the battalion executive officer had forbidden him to go.

The end came in the late afternoon of Jan. 20 when two bleary-eyed, shaky GIs stumbled down through the snow from the mountain top. They were the only ones who did, and the only ones who ever will. They were Pfc Walter T. Bruce, Gainesville, Ga., and Pvt. Benjamin C. Melton, Goldsboro, N.C.

They told how the remainder of the five companies had tried to break out. There were 90 men un-wounded, and more than a hundred wounded. As they made their rush, the Jerries opened up.

This is the way it looked to Melton, who was himself knocked down four times by concussion.

"Men were being hit directly by artillery and rockets all around me. Legs and arms were flying everywhere. It was a God-awful thing."

Melton was captured by the Germans in the drive on Rome last May, but escaped later.

Man Spricht Deutsch
Gibt es eine Umleitung?
Geebt es eine Omlaitoong?
Is there a detour?

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Est-ce qu'il fera plus froid?
Ays keel furrah plew frwa?
Will it get colder?

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Russians Smash Into Oppeln, Reported Entering Koenigsberg

Gen. Lear Here; Gets ETO Post

Lt. Gen. Ben Lear has been appointed Deputy Theater Commander for American forces in the ETO, and has arrived here to assume his new duties, Gen. Eisenhower announced yesterday.

Gen. Lear came from Washington, where he has been AGF commander since the death in



Gen. Lear

France of Lt. Gen. Leslie J. McNair last year. He will aid Ike in the administration of American troops. At present, he will have no part in the direction of the Allied campaign, SHAEF disclosed.

Recent reports from Washington, according to the AP, indicate that Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell will be named AGF chief, succeeding Lear. Stilwell was recently recalled from the CBI theater.

Take Charge of Shift

Among his new duties, Gen. Lear will supervise the allocation of American manpower in the ETO and will be in charge of the stepped-up program shifting rear-echelon personnel to reinforcement depots and thence to combat outfits.

In addition, Lear will be in charge of all matters having to do with the use, morale and welfare of U.S. troops in the theater. He will also make a final review of recommendations for awards and decorations on behalf of Eisenhower.

Born in Canada in 1879, Lear is

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Land Route to China Open—Mountbatten

SOUTH EAST ASIA COMMAND, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten, Supreme Allied Commander in Southeast Asia, has sent the following message to the Combined Chiefs of Staff and President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill:

"First part of orders I received at Quebec have been carried out. The land route to China is open."

Third Pushes Near Germany In the Salient

U.S. Third Army troops closed up along the Clerf River in northern Luxembourg, four miles from the German frontier, while northward, in Belgium, First Army forces beat off enemy counter-attacks against St. Vith, which the Seventh Armored Div. captured at 1730 Tuesday. American patrols entered Vianden in Luxembourg, hinge of the withered salient which has been reduced to one-fifth its size in the last month.

In northern Alsace, U.S. Seventh Army made a limited withdrawal to what officially were described as more advantageous positions east and north of Haguenau. No large towns were yielded.

Push Toward Strasbourg

Germans continued to press along the plain toward Strasbourg, France's traditional bastion on the Rhine and symbol of French control over the Alsatian Rhineland.

Attacking north of Colmar, French troops advanced several kilometers to cross the Ill River, which parallels the Colmar-Strasbourg road. They were gradually wresting the initiative in that sec-

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Stars and Stripes Map by Baird
Oppeln, capital of Upper Silesia, fell to the Russians yesterday to highlight the day's victories on the Eastern Front.

Three Reasons Held Likely For Nazi Withdrawal in West

A Ninth AF Thunderbolt pilot saw it first through a hole in the overcast while on armed reconnaissance. There below, choking the roads, was the greatest mass of German vehicles Capt. Wilfred B. Crutchfield, veteran pilot, had ever seen.

That was about 0900 Monday morning. By evening the roads were pyres of burning wrecks. Ninth pilots went in on that mass at tree-level and nailed the Germans pulling out of the Ardennes.

Three possible reasons for the German withdrawal were advanced by military observers here:

1—It was likely that the elite Sixth Panzer Army was pulling out, for refitting, although several of its units still are engaged in the Ardennes.

2—The enemy may be trying to reinforce his offensive in the Alsatian Rhineland.

3—Need for reinforcements on the Eastern front.

The effect of the Red Army offensive already has been noticeable on the western front, where the Allies face 80 German divisions. The Russians are pitted against twice that number, while 30 more Nazi divisions are tied down in Italy and fewer than 20 remain in Scandinavia.

Supplementing their Ardennes offensive, Germans had planned to

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FDR Refuses to Accept Perkins' Resignation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins tendered her resignation to President Roosevelt today who refused to accept it. She consented to remain in the Cabinet until the end of the war.

Her resignation has long been sought by both the AFL and CIO, but the President has continually refused to agree to her replacement.

Nazis Shelled in Italy

ROME, Jan. 24 (Reuter).—Fifth Army artillery dispersed strong German troop concentrations south west of Massa, near the western coast. Patrolling continued on the Eighth Army sector along the Senio River.

Nazis Claim Stand Made Near Posen

Tank spearheads of Marshal Ivan Koniev's First Ukrainian Army, brushing aside desperate German Home Guard resistance, yesterday stormed into Oppeln, capital of Upper Silesia, then gained a bridgehead across the Oder River and smashed north toward Breslau, Marshal Stalin announced in Moscow.

Simultaneously, the northern prong of Koniev's army, fanning out to the north of Breslau, captured two important communication towns inside the German border to menace the entire German defense line protecting Germany's "second capital."

Reported in Koenigsberg

Some patrols were reported within five miles of Breslau, according to German reports.

A United Press report from Moscow last night said that troops of Marshal Cherniakov's Third White Russian Army had reached the outskirts of Koenigsberg, capital of East Prussia, after a swift thrust from the east along the Pregel River.

No mention of this was made (Continued on Page 8)

Railway Battalion CO Is Transferred

Col. Martin J. Marlin, of Los Angeles, who commanded the 716th Railway Operating Bn. at the time of the mass theft and sale of GI cigarettes by some of the men in the battalion, has been relieved of his command, the United Press reported yesterday.

He is not among the six officers who will be brought for trial, however, UP said, and is now serving in Belgium. A UP dispatch added that the order for the arrest of the battalion officers came from Gen. Eisenhower himself.

During hearings yesterday, five EM of the 724th Railway Bn. were convicted of the theft of cigarettes and other rations for sale on the black market, and were sentenced to 25 years.

Score: 6,000,000 Pigeons

AIR SERVICE COMMAND HQ.—U.S. aerial gunners shot six million clay pigeons last year at training areas in England.

Clare Luce's Tour-of-Duty Idea Called 'Impractical' by Truman

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The proposal by Rep. Clare Luce (R-Conn.) that combat soldiers be limited to a fixed tour of duty was called "impractical" today by Vice-President Truman.

Truman said he had considerable Army experience but that, "I still can't presume to tell the Army what to do."

Senators James M. Tunnell (D-Del.) and Harold H. Burton (R-Ohio), members of the Senate War Investigating Committee who just returned from Europe, agreed with Truman, saying only the Army could decide the question of troop assignment and relief.

Mrs. Luce made her proposal after a recent trip to the European fronts. She noted that air crew



Vice-Pres. Truman



Rep. Luce

personnel are withdrawn for a rest after a fixed number of missions and urged that the same be done for doughboys. Burton said it was impossible to compare the two branches on the same basis.

THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

Age of Learning

Now that the GI Bill of Rights is about to be brought up in Congress for revision, I would like to bring up the Educational Section which discriminates against those of us who were over 25 years of age upon entering the service. If one was under 25 then it is not necessary to have had one's education "interrupted" before receiving "scholarship benefits."

There are others like myself who have had the desire to go back to school but for many reasons—usually financial—weren't able to do so. Now that a chance has been presented by our government we over 25 years old are excluded from benefiting. It is true that we can take a refresher course for one year, but maybe we have different plans and would like to complete our educations.

The argument that it would be used as a "grave train" can't be used against us because we would still be required to maintain scholastic standings as will the others benefiting under the program.—Seven Armored Engrs.

S and S on Trial

I feel sure that my personal disgust concerning the Continental Edition of The Stars and Stripes reflects a widespread attitude.

Principally responsible for most of the criticism I have heard directed at S & S... criticism with which I have often expressed vehement agreement... Is the employment of the only newspaper which has adequate continental circulation as an agency of the Theater Public Relations Office.

Your seemingly successful back-patting and scratching device, the B-Bag, is a reflection of the tremendous influence which a newspaper with no competition wields, and it seems further to me, a reflection of how wrongly that influence has been wielded. Bombarded with supporting arguments for one point of view, the average soldier—no longer sufficiently supplied with contrasting opinion and fact—gradually accepts in all its connotations that point of view. Unless by personal experience or information he is able to see the fallacies so blithely glossed over.

When the soldier has come full circle to conversion, he writes a letter, and behold The Stars and Stripes is happy in the knowledge that it has from the beginning represented the average soldier's opinion.

The Stars and Stripes has become the most effective poster of the Theater PRO, and its use as a means of publicizing the danger of trench foot is a legitimate functioning of a newspaper. But the reverence with which the stupid and hurriedly ineffective changing of "replacements" into "reinforcements" was handled is the sure sign of a paper with a heelprint in its head.

Political Instrument

And its use as an instrument of political instruction is of the lowest caliber imaginable. The condescending attitude of "Well, Winnie's a hell of a good man, so let him worry about Greece," followed with unhappy rapidity by "Uncle Joe is a genial, pipe-smoking character, and 900,000,000 Russians died in mortal combat during the last six months, so let's let him worry for them about the Polish situation" is not only disgusting, it's perversion of the word editorial.

It's as bad as the medics giving painkiller pills to a man with acute appendicitis. The responsibility of any newspaper is not to meet public taste on a Hearstian level, but to inform reliably a public which has the eventual power to act.

The comics are well-chosen, and considering their tremendous popularity, the use of The Stars and Stripes as a means of circulation is well justified. But there is no demand to bring the editorial page to an approximation of the level of the comic page. A man being brought to a decision likes to do it seriously and dispassionately, not emotionally nor on a "Have you got that straight now, Joe" basis.

I enjoy the ramifications and implications of the Chaplin trial and cheesecake as much as anyone... But with the extreme limitations

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of space under which the paper operates, it would certainly be far better to print significant domestic news, news of major importance... No need to eliminate the cheesecake, but any good high school editor in the States has more news judgment than to let a Chaplin rehash push an anti-trust suit right out of the paper.

But Puerilely

The Stars and Stripes is on record, somewhat puerilely we'll both admit, for an education for peace; for the creation of an informed America, well stocked with informed Americans. With so many things being put off until the morrow, I see no reason to add to the lengthy list the beginning of the difficult task of education. The Stars and Stripes is in an enviable position, that of being able to do today what so many of us are forced to put off indefinitely.

As a simple example of what might replace the columns of prosecution quotes from the cigarette theft trials, let me point to the statement of a New York Times correspondent—"That there is about the Germans in many occupied towns the astounding and unmistakable air of people who are now neither servile nor full of braggadocio." Something that all GIs who weren't there should know, but that didn't fit into the PRO line.

Touchy Subjects

Proof that such touchy subjects politically can be handled sanely and well on a factual basis is the weekly dissertation on domestic news in Yank. Is there any reason why Army News Service couldn't do daily what Yank does weekly.

This letter is written with the extreme suspicion that there are not only a large number of soldiers who feel as I do, but that there are many who daily turn out the sheet under trying conditions who would agree in most of the points at issue.

I hope that this and similar letters will be of some assistance in routing the familiar villain, the Front Office, before it can make an American Red Star out of The Stars and Stripes which achieved its popularity in World War I with a common sense compound of independence and irreverence.

It seems in summary a hell of a note when a brass cast outfit like the Army-Navy Journal can and will say things that neither the S&S nor the ANS dares mention.—Cpl. C. H. Champion.

(Now it's up to our readers to judge and write their verdict and opinions.—Ed.)

Good Humor Men

In answer to all the gripes about lemon and orange powder in K-rations, we have found the solution and good too. By taking this powder and snow, which we have plenty of, and milk, which is a little harder to get, adding a dash of sugar, mixing them all together in your canteen cup, you have ice cream.

Take cocoa from C-rations and you have chocolate.—Sgts. Wiley, O'Hara and McNamara, Inf.

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



I don't think they mean that. They mean where were you wounded—in what battle, on what sector in Germany?

An Editorial

Three Down and One to Go

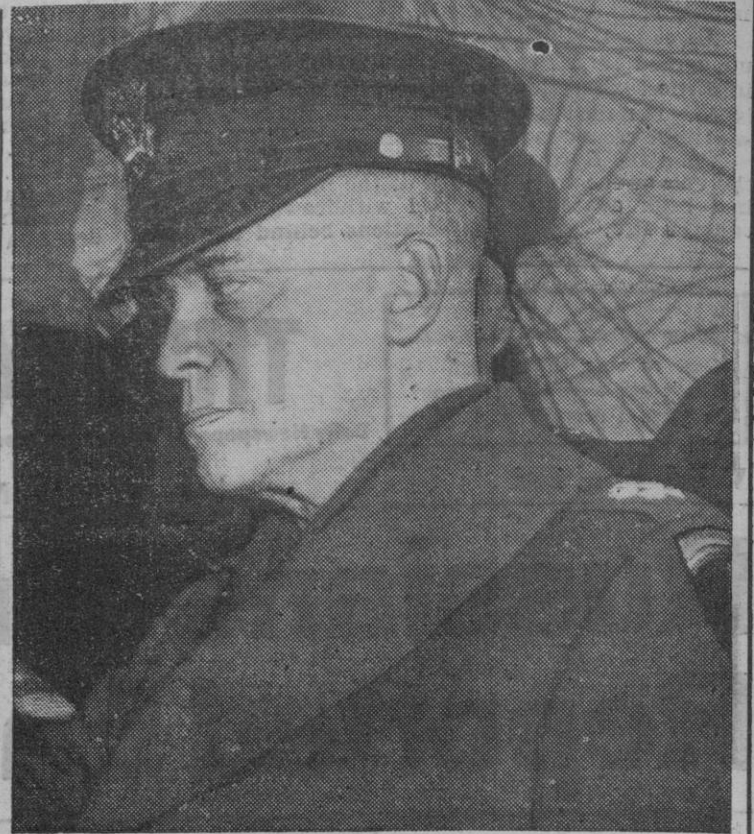
LET'S review for a minute the four paragraphs of Ike Eisenhower's third Order of the Day, dated December 22, 1944.

"The enemy is making his supreme effort to break out of the desperate plight into which you forced him by your brilliant victories of the summer and fall. He is fighting savagely to take back all that you have won and is using every treacherous trick to deceive and kill you. He is gambling everything, but already in this battle your gallantry has done much to foil his plans. In the face of your proven bravery and fortitude, he will completely fail."

"But we cannot be content with his mere repulse."

"By rushing out from his fixed defenses the enemy may give us the chance to turn his great gamble into his worst defeat. So I call upon every man, of all the Allies, to rise now to new heights of courage, of resolution and of effort. Let every one hold before him a single thought—to destroy the enemy on the ground, in the air, everywhere—destroy him!"

"United in this determination and with unshakable faith in the cause for which



General Eisenhower

we fight, we will, with God's help, go forward to our greatest victory."

The first three paragraphs of Gen. Ike's order have been and are being obeyed. British in the north. Yanks in the center. French in the south. Reds in the east. On every front, every man of all the Allies is grinding the enemy down. There's plenty of enemy left. Paratroops. Waffen SS. Volksgrenadiers. Volksturm.

The rank and file of the Reich. The factories and fuel dumps. The lairs of the leaders. But surely, certainly, the enemy is being destroyed.

Only one paragraph of Ike's order remains to be obeyed. That's the last. "United... we will... go forward to our greatest victory." We will—if good news doesn't go to our heads. We will—if we stay united.

Truman Gets \$5,000 Increase in Salary

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (ANS).—As Vice-President of the U.S. Harry S. Truman, of Independence, Mo., got a \$5,000 salary raise on Saturday. Truman's senatorial salary of \$10,000 was increased to the Vice-Presidential \$15,000.

Henry A. Wallace, whom Truman succeeded, went off the Federal payroll at the same time, but it is generally felt that the 56-year-old New Dealer would be back in a matter of days, probably as Secretary of Commerce.

Superforts Are Taken Seriously; Japs Now Send Up Fighters

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (AP).—The Superfortress has begun to meet serious fighter opposition in its missions over Japan. The Japanese waited until the 16th strike by the B29s before hitting back—evidence that they didn't take the new giant bombers too seriously. They do now. Just when their air defense is needed in the Philippines and elsewhere, they have had to fling a valuable part of their first-line planes against the Superforts.

In the third raid on the island of Kyushu, the Japanese came out of their comfortable dream of military isolation and sent up heavy fighter opposition to meet bombers of the U.S. 20th Bomber Command operating from bases in China.

At Omuru, the Japanese have—or had—an immense aircraft factory. Bombs bursting in the vast Omuru works were part of the pattern of strategic bombing announced some time ago by the 20th AF to cripple Japan's war production.

Destroy Jap Industry

In recent weeks, the Japanese have seen Superforts bomb targets among the most vital to their war effort. Anshan, steel center in Manchuria, one of their biggest sources of war material, and Yawata, another big steel center, have both

felt the weight of bombs from the B29s.

One big objective has been eliminated as a target, according to Maj. Gen. Curtis Le May, commander of the U.S. 20th AF in the China-India theater. There is no need to return to Okayama, on Formosa, he said. This, Japan's main advance air repair base and supply depot, and considered the most important air target south of Japan proper, has been virtually destroyed.

Delay in attacking the Superforts in earlier raids suggests that the Japanese have been trying to size up the giant bomber and how to attack it. As far as is known, no B29 has fallen into their hands in good enough shape to enable them to learn anything of value from it.

Births

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

PVT. I. G. Webber, Roxbury, Mass.—Lorraine, Jan. 17; Lt. Roderick E. Schoenlank, Elizabeth, N.J.—Roderick, Jan. 16; Capt. I. E. Haas, Bartlesville, Okla.—Ave Joy, Dec. 31; Lt. William Gray, Bronx—Thomas Edward, Jan. 17; Sgt. Peter M. Keogh, New York—Peter Andrew, Jan. 17.

CAPT. James W. Young, Indianapolis—Steven James, Jan. 18; Sgt. Philip Gilbert, Brooklyn—Margaret Louise, Jan. 16; Lt. Robert M. Kittle, Casper, Wyo.—Robert, Jan. 18; S/Sgt. Guido Doretto, Chicago—Patricia, Jan. 13; Lt. Frank V. Marino, New York—Paul Francis, Jan. 19; S/Sgt. Wilbur K. Gilbert, Cortland, N.Y.—Ronald, Jan. 19.

L. T. G. I. Rothfuss, New York—boy, Dec. 29; S/Sgt. Clyde J. McQuire, Omaha—girl, Jan. 17; S/Sgt. John A. Bares, New Orleans—Charlotte Rose, Jan. 14; Sgt. Philip Gilbert, Brooklyn—Margaret, Jan. 16; Pvt. Albert A. Jablonski, Pasadena—boy, Jan. 17; Sgt. Louis L. Baardsen, Hempstead, N.Y.—Louis, Jan. 10; Pvt. Aloysius A. McGinn, Washington—boy, Jan. 14.

T/4 George R. May, Troy, O.—Rebecca Joan, Jan. 18; 2/Lt. Robert L. Henricus—boy, Jan. 20; T/Sgt. Bud Bethune, Gastonia, N.C.—Patricia Elizabeth, Dec. 15; Sgt. Robert Halliday, Pelham, N.Y.—Heather Irene, Jan. 17; Lt. E. M. Knobeloch, N.Y.—girl, Jan.

U.S. Navy's Firepower Greater Than in 1940

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (ANS).—Naval fire power has been increased to five times the 1940 capacity, while the tonnage of combatant ships has been tripled, the U. S. Navy disclosed yesterday.

The guns of Coast Guard vessels, auxiliaries and combatant ships can hurl 2,000 tons of steel in a 15-second firing run. The Navy explained that firepower, as well as the number of ships measured a navy's supremacy.

Behind the increased fire power are radical changes in the armament of modern fighting ships. The most modern battleship, the U.S.S. Iowa, commissioned in February 1943, packs a wallop 92 percent greater than the pre-Pearl Harbor U.S.S. Texas.

This Was America Yesterday:

Roosevelt Dog Incident Spurs Senate Probe of Air Priority

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The Senate Military Affairs Committee, in a closed session, today voted to investigate the air priority system which gave Col. Elliott Roosevelt's dog, Blazer, preference over three servicemen. The investigation was recommended by Sen. Styles Bridges (R-N.H.).



Gunner Leon LeRoy got home to his mother in Antioch, Calif., a bit late because of Blazer.

"It is being said that cases of whisky and rum for the benefit of a select few and refrigerators for quarters of high ranking officers have taken priority over men home from battlefronts," Sen. Bridges said in an additional statement reviewing the dog incident. Sen. Stewart (D-Tenn.), Sen. Maybank (D-S.C.) and Sen. Bridges were appointed as an investigating committee.

Newspapers all over the country have been plugging the saga of Blazer and have given it page one priority. The story

broke a week ago in California after a serviceman revealed that he had been denied a seat on a plane because Roosevelt's dog had priority.

In Minneapolis, police studied five bullet slugs, a deflated tire and issues of his occasional publication "The Public Press" today for clues in the killing of Arthur Kasherman, 43-year-old former newsboy. Shortly before midnight Monday Kasherman was felled by bullets fired from a passing automobile as he and a woman companion emerged from a cafe. Miss Pearl Von Wald, 34, said he begged for mercy as he ran from his own car. Mayor Marvin Kline posted a \$500 reward. Rewards of \$5,000 and \$3,000 have long been unclaimed in the unsolved deaths of Howard Guilford and Walter Liggett, also publishers of expose sheets, who were slain in the same manner as Kasherman. Guilford was killed in 1930 and Liggett the following year.

UK Workers to Get Made-in-U.S. Houses

TEMPORARY homes for bombed-out British war workers will be produced in the U.S., as lumber and other scarce materials become available, Washington has announced. It is planned to provide 30,000 prefabricated homes to the British under lend-lease. They will be square, flatroofed, and each unit will contain two bedrooms, living room, kitchen and bath. The announcement said 4,500,000 of 13,000,000 dwellings in the UK have been destroyed or damaged.

A hotel man who boosted rents from 30 to 40 percent became the first Chicagoan to go to jail for violation of OPA rent regulations. "Jail is the only way to stop such violations," Federal Judge John P. Barnes declared in fining William Walsh, 50, proprietor of a hotel on the North Side, \$500 and sending him to jail for five days.

In San Antonio, there is a jar for each state at a downtown hotel, for collection of dimes in the infantile paralysis drive. There is also a 49th jar, labeled "Brooklyn." This jar was added at the request of servicemen from there, one of whom asked, "Don't you know Brooklyn is a state itself?"

Calf Roping Champ Killed in Tumble

AT the National Western Stock Show, Denver, the nation's champion calf roper was killed. Clyde Sagey Burk, 31, from Comanch, Okla., was hazing steers on horseback for other bulldoggers when his mount stumbled and threw him. The Oklahoman tried to regain his seat but the horse, attempting to elude the steer, slipped and rolled over him.

IN Detroit, the stinkbombing of a barber shop led police to fear resumption of union warfare between the AFL and the CIO but the secretary of the AFL local repudiates such statements. "We would never accuse the CIO of anything like this," he said. "Our relations with the rival union are the best."

Four hundred prisoners in Stateville Prison, Ill., are risking their health to aid fighting men. They have volunteered to submit to being used as guinea-pigs for experiments on treatment of malarial fevers. No fatalities are expected, says Warden Joseph Ragen, but he adds that many of the men are inviting danger in order to share in some measure the risks of friends and relatives in the services.

Michigan Parolees Join Services

FROM Michigan prisons, men eligible for parole are being drafted straight into the military service. So far 1,800 parolees have gone into service and the parole board claims excellent military records for them. It is estimated that 75 out of 200 paroled monthly are fit for service.

NIAGARA Falls, one of the largest natural sources of electric power in the world, will join other cities in the country in a nation-wide "brownout" display. Lights will be turned off, but the cataracts will continue to be illuminated.

Clamp-downs: In Chicago, 21 men of military age who left war jobs were drafted in the last eight days. All but one were accepted by the Army medics.

WCTU Again Raps You-Know-What

IF you had a good time liberating some town, listen now to Dr. Ella Boole, WCTU president. It has come to Dr. Boole's attention that people in Italy, France and Belgium have welcomed their saviors with wine and even stronger drink. She disapproves.

But Dr. Boole approves of Field Marshal Montgomery. "He wins victories, and he wins them on tea."

Hell Hath No Fury . . .

U.S. Gals Chide GI Admirer of Aussies

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 24 (ANS).—Sgt. John F. Coleman said today he was going back to the war "where I'll be safe."

The sergeant, recently returned from Australia, praised girls there and said American girls are "too artificial."

"That set off a barrage of letters and telephone calls worse than any flak or machine-gun bullets

my B25 has ever met," Coleman said.

One feminine "fan" wrote: "It made me so mad I could have bitten a nail in two. Apparently you haven't been around much...Where in the world did you look for American women, in cocktail lounges?... It might be better if you were sent back."

He received one long distance call from a Louisiana girl who

opined that maybe St. Louis women were too artificial but he ought to meet some real Southern gals.

"I think most of them misinterpreted my attitude," Coleman said. "I meant mostly that Australian girls don't have access to smart shops and cosmetic establishments of the United States. Here most girls go around looking like they were on their way to a screen test."

Study Cigarette Rationing in U.S.



Members of the National Association of Tobacco Distributors in their Chicago headquarters discuss plans to ration cigarettes in U.S. retail stores. Under the proposed system each smoker's ration card would be punched for every pack purchased.

Next President to Be Veteran, Legion Commander Predicts

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Edward Scheiberling, national commander of the American Legion, predicted last night during a speech to the annual meeting of the New York State Publishers Association that the next President would be a veteran of World War I or the present one.

He said that the Legion, through proper leadership, could be the balance of power in politics, pointing out that while the Legion's charter prohibited active support of any candidate or party, "nothing in the charter or bylaws prevents us from working to defeat a candidate."

Scheiberling urged universal military training and an international association of nations with police powers to enforce its decisions.

"We can't afford to spend billions in wartime," he said, "and then quibble over millions needed for the rehabilitation and readjustment of our fighting forces when peace comes."

Wants Solons At Big 3 Talks

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (INS).—Rep. Joseph W. Martin (R-Mass.), House minority leader, suggested yesterday that President Roosevelt take a few members of Congress to the conference with Churchill and Stalin.

Martin said: "Congress should be represented by unofficial observers at this conference." He suggested that the President be accompanied by Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex.), Chairman of Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.), a member of the committee, and members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Martin added: "After all, Congress must eventually act" on the peace treaty, and, "if included in the early negotiations, will be able to act more quickly and intelligently." He asserted that the decisions of the conference "will vitally affect the war and peace plans."

Study Pacific Question

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (ANS).—The House Naval Committee yesterday created a seven-man subcommittee to study the possible permanent possession by the U.S. of Japanese mandated islands in the Pacific. The study is intended to determine what Japanese holdings are needed by this country for outer defense bases.

Hannegan Set To Stay on Job

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (ANS).—Democrats added a few new faces to their party organization yesterday and heard Robert E. Hannegan say he will stay on as national chairman instead of becoming postmaster general.

George L. Killion, of San Francisco, was named finance director and Sam A. O'Neal, Washington and St. Louis newspaperman, director of publicity.

Hannegan had been reported under consideration for the cabinet post now held by Frank C. Walker, his predecessor on the national committee, but Walker recently said he had no intention of resigning. Hannegan said he will remain "indefinitely" in the chairmanship, which pays \$20,000 a year.

Americans Urged by Roosevelt To Help Produce, Save Food

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (ANS).—President Roosevelt yesterday sent "calls to action" to the American people, urging them to help produce food and to see that it is conserved and shared.

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Mrs. Luce Attacks War News Policies

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (ANS).—Rep. Clare Boothe Luce (R-Conn.) said last night that the combat soldier's greatest criticism of the American press is that battle front reporting has been too optimistic and the news about the home front too pessimistic.

She told the 24th annual meeting of the New York State Publishers Association that newspapers were underplaying the fighting in Italy and making it one of the "many forgotten fronts" in this war.

Demoralizing Effect

The failure to give prominence to the bitter struggle which has followed the fall of Rome, she said, has had a demoralizing effect on the American forces there who, with British aid, are "holding down 25 or more German divisions."

No one has recognized better than the generals themselves, she told the meeting, that the press "can help more than any other intangible effort on the home front."

Marine Colonel Wins CMH

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (ANS).—For heroism at Tarawa, Marine Col. David M. Shoup, of Battle Ground, Ind., was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by Secretary of the Navy Forrestal yesterday.

Wallace Critics Move to Strip Post of Power

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (ANS).—President Roosevelt's nomination of Henry A. Wallace as Secretary of Commerce, replacing Jesse H. Jones, remained on a Senate sidetrack today as critics of the nomination sought to strip the Cabinet post of its Federal loan functions.

The Senate Commerce Committee scheduled hearings on legislation introduced by Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.), which would take the government's big lending agencies out of the province of the Commerce Department. The committee decided to take up the George bill ahead of the Wallace nomination.

Both Wallace and Jones, as well as George, were invited to testify before the committee. Jones accepted, but there was no immediate word as to whether Wallace would appear.

Committee Chairman Joseph W. Bailey (D-N.C.) said the committee had no intention of delaying action on the Wallace nomination. But other Senators, openly opposed to letting Wallace have the loan powers, made no secret of their hope that the nomination would be pigeon-holed until a decision had been reached on the George bill.

Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.), a warm supporter of the Wallace appointment, described the George bill as "another way of undercutting the President and glorifying Jesse Jones as if he were the only man in the world qualified to hold the place."

Key Post-war Assignment

Direction of the depression-born Reconstruction Finance Corporation and its newer subsidiaries is the big issue in the Jones-Wallace battle. Next to the presidency, it will perhaps be the most important post-war job in the government.

The RFC and its subsidiaries constitute a \$48,000,000,000 financial and industrial empire. Not only is the RFC the biggest banking organization of all time, but some of its agencies are in the colossus class, too. These include: the Defense Plant Corporation, the Defense Supplies Corporation, the War Damage Corporation and the Rubber Reserve Company.

In an article which Wallace wrote for the Jan. 29 issue of The New Republic, he gives some indication of what he intends to do if direction of these agencies becomes his responsibility.

Wallace describes with tentative approval a full-employment plan embodied in a bill to be introduced in Congress soon by Sen. James E. Murray (D-Mont.). Under the plan, a national budget of total income would be set up. If private business proved unable to attain the goal, the government would act to fill the gap.

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The Associated Press said that the statement apparently was linked with the projected drafting of young farmers.

Food Demand Great

Mr. Roosevelt said that because the "demands for our food at home and abroad are so great," he was asking the "people in cities, towns and villages to assist our farmers in every possible way to reach the food goals which have been set for this year."

The President also called for aid from victory gardeners, from people who can find time to assist food processors, and from the "millions of women who have preserved food at home so that our armed services could have the fruits and vegetables they need."

U.S. Probe of Butt Lack Sought by New Yorker

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 24 (ANS).—Demands for a Congressional investigation of the cigarette shortage were voiced today in the N. Y. State Legislature. Assemblyman Frank A. Emma introduced a resolution urging the investigation after charging that the shortage "has now become a matter of great public concern."

He said that the state "is losing millions of dollars in taxes on tobacco products," pointed to black market operations as a possible cause and charged that "workers on the home front find it almost impossible to procure cigarettes."



PVT. Jewel Thomas, of Hot Springs, Ark., happens to be an early riser. That's probably the reason why he captured a Jerry, instead of vice versa.

The 45th "Thunderbird" Div. rifleman found a nice dry barn and went to sleep after his company of the 180th Inf. had liberated an Alsatian village. Thomas remembered being awakened during the night by another guy crawling in beside him, but he was so comfortable he didn't pay any attention to the intruder.

A trio of message center men from the Second Bn., Second Regt. of the Fifth Inf. Div. put a new twist to the custom of "drinks on the house."



HERE is the First Inf. Division's latest mystery—the strange case of the disappearing corpses. It started when a patrol of the 16th Inf. encountered a four-man German patrol in Belgium...

The Germans tried to catch 1/Lt. Henry Sartor, of Leesville, La., with his pants down—but he managed to get away with most of the cloth.

JOHNNY ALLEN, our mailman, says that he is getting an aching back from lugging around those letters sent in to The Stars and Stripes from units claiming to be the first to do something or get somewhere.

It happened when S/Sgt. John T. Erwin, of Marietta, Miss., brought back a load of PX ration tickets which included pocket combs and fountain pens in addition to the usual candy and tobacco.

That night, Lt. Herbert Mukhalian, of Philadelphia, had a hankering for a spot of tea. He built a fire in the stove and then smelled something like celluloid burning.

POSIES, PRATTINGS AND POISON-PENS.—"The doughnuts deserve all the publicity they get and more. But battalion wiremen have to maintain communications at all times—often in the height of attack under heavy artillery."

Fighting 'Terrible 20' Victors By 100 to One In 7-Hr. Ardennes Siege

WITH 87th DIV., Jan. 24.—The platoon leader liked to fight. So did his Terrible Twenty riflemen of Co. K of the 346th Inf. Rgt. 2/Lt. Glenn J. Doman, of Philadelphia, and his men attacked the strongly held Ardennes village of Tillet, held the Nazis at bay for seven hours, killed at least 100 Germans and lost only one man.

Disgruntled at being the regimental quartermaster, shavetail Doman, who was a quiet medic student before the war, switched to the rifle line and on the first day of duty tipped off the attack against the Nazis who were "smug and warm in this village," he reported.

So I made a patrol early in the evening," Doman said, with S/Sgt. James Deal, who calls himself "The California Hobo," and Pfc Warren Horton, of Madison, Kan. The patrol was seeking a warm place for the Yanks, who were freezing out in the open.

He called for six volunteers for a patrol and picked S/Sgt. George S. Blankenbaker, Borden, Ind., Sgt. Emil J. Piger, Allentown, Pa., Pfc Gerald Cramer, Harrisburg, Pa., Pfc Clyde Drider, Snohomish, Wash., Pfc. John R. Hales, Bentlyville, Pa., and Richard Rusellus, Whitehurst, N.Y.

Sought Out Lone Jerry "We jumped off at 3 AM, got into town and moseyed around looking for a lone Jerry. Piger spotted a hefty Nazi sitting guard in a nice house so I sent him and some others to surround the joint while Blankenbaker and I pushed open the creaky door and surprised Jerry."

Put in Call for Shelling "I then saw 30 or 40 Jerries coming at us and called on my radio for artillery," Doman related. "As time went along that artillery got better and better. Especially with the help of Sgt. Lloyd J. Cassista, of West Hartford, Conn., who relayed my double talk along."

Out of Germany—Out of Action "Back in the Battle of France Orgill changed tanks three times in one day when he was leading his combat command. One tank was hit and the other two ran out of ammunition. Orgill holds the Bronze Star and was recently awarded the Silver Star by the division commander, Maj. Gen. Lunsford E. Oliver, for gallantry in action."

AA Gun Without Sights Knocks Out Nazi Jeep "As the battery's other guns opened fire, Cpl. Harry F. Hendry, of Gainesville, Fla., and Cpl. Alvin E. Pinkard, of Center, Miss., leaped into the seats of their guns and firing without forward area sights or fire-direction equipment, scored a direct hit.

Two Nazi prisoners, captured in Germany, are brought in by a 78th Div. doughboy for the trek to a PW cage.

First Pictures of Yank Forces in Luzon Invasion



L4 Cub Is a Thing of Beauty In This Havoc Gunner's Eyes

NINTH BOMBER COMMAND HQ, Jan. 24.—Cpl. Henry Morris, of Seaford, Ga., is a Havoc gunner, but you'd never convince him that an L4 Cub liaison plane isn't the finest looking aircraft in the world.

—He's Rough Rider, Too Shootin'est Man In 34th Tank Bn. Given Silver Star

WITH FIFTH ARMORED DIV.—Lt. Marvin W. Orgill, Fifth Armored Div. tank platoon leader, is about twice the size of a Notre Dame tackle, and the Germans are beginning to think he is four times as tough.

Twins, Both Captains, Meet "The Berman twins, both captains, had a joint reunion and birthday celebration in France recently—their first meeting in a year.

Colorful Mixed Force Fighting German Holdouts in Brittany

Colorful Mixed Force Fighting German Holdouts in Brittany "By Harry J. McLaughlin Stars and Stripes Special Writer WITH THE 94th INF. DIV., Jan. 24.—Col. Roy N. Hagerty, of Omaha, the tough commander of the 301st Inf. Regt. of the 94th Div., leads one of the most colorful Allied military units on the Western Front—a force of Free French patriots fighting beside American soldiers against the holdout Nazi garrisons of St. Nazaire and Lorient.

Little Man, What Now? "WITH FIFTH INF. DIV., Luxembourg.—T/5 Andrew Walzer of Cleveland and Hq. Co., First Bn., 11th Inf., claims he hasn't been able to get a new pair of shoes since he left Ireland. He wears 4EEs.

Ox-Drawn Carts Keep AAA Unit in Supplies

WITH NINTH INF. DIV.—Bigger units, isolated by heavy snow on the roads, send an SOS to Air Transport Command for supplies, but B Btry. of one AAA battalion just calls out its ox-teamed.

Diary Reveals Lament of PW Before Capture

WITH THIRD U.S. ARMY.—A captured German officer's lament that he was forced to remain at his battalion command post was revealed in his diary, the last line of which read, "The enemy is now only 50 meters away."

200 Million V-Mails Sent to U.S. from ETO in 31 Months

Left for Dead, GI Comes Back

KNOWS HOW TO THROW WEIGHT AROUND "WITH 106th INF. DIV.—Capt. Lee Berwick, of Johnson's Bayou, La., weighs about 220 pounds—and he knows how to throw his weight around.

Yank Plays Dead Too Convincingly

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SIDELIGHTS OF THE ETO

Squad's Last Stand Saves Buddies "WITH SECOND INF. DIV. Belgium, Jan. 24.—An entire squad of doughboys chose to sacrifice their lives to allow their buddies to escape from a death trap during the recent German counter-offensive, it was revealed today.

'Borrowed Timers' Carry On

... Nor Nazi Tanks Shall Stay the Army Mail

FOE TOOK ST. VITH

Lone GI Captures Nazi Tank Intact

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106th's Sector Didn't Remain Quiet for Long

WITH 106th DIV. Belgium, Jan. 24.—It was a "quiet sector" they handed the 106th Inf. Div. fresh to the front and eager for battle Dec. 11. The quiet ended in a shattering eruption of fire and steel five days later.

In another two days two regiments and supporting artillery and armor of the Golden Lion Division were put out of action.

Secretary of War Stimson announced Thursday that the 106th had 8,663 casualties in the German counter-offensive including 416 killed and 1,246 wounded. He said most of the division's 7,000 missing men were presumed to be prisoners.

The attack started at 0550 with an artillery barrage against the 106th line which curved northward from the center of the Schnee Eifel in the sector held by the 14th Cav. Gp. an attached armored outfit. Then the barrage moved across to a field artillery battalion.

At 1535, Dec. 18, the radio reported all units of the two regiments needed ammunition, food and water. Parachuting supplies was out of the question because of fog.

They figure that about 90 percent of the outfit should be pushing up supplies all over the world's battlefields, by all rights of man and God. They have a high regard for the medics, because they admit without aid men showing up at the right moment, they just wouldn't be around today, to guard prisoners and supplies, patrol towns and road blocks and escort trains.

After a stiff fight by the 42nd and one combat command from the Ninth Armored Div. which had moved up Dec. 19, and the 28th Div's. 112th Regt. the Germans occupied St. Vith at 11 PM. Dec. 21.

The sorely exhausted and badly depleted 106th pulled back to reorganize on Dec. 23 but the next day were thrown back into the line and finally helped halt the Germans on the north side of the salient between Stavelot and Manhay.

WITH SECOND INF. DIV., Belgium.—S/Sgt. Theodore Parer, of the 741st Tank Bn., took off with his tommy-gun when the Germans knocked out his tank. He walked into an alley and sing, which had captured one of the Nazi tanks.

WITH FOURTH ARMORED DIV.—Pvt. Charles Newson, 30 years old, of Richmond, Calif., a cavalryman, played dead so convincingly that he fooled his own troops as well as the Germans.

WITH 106th INF. DIV.—Capt. Lee Berwick, of Johnson's Bayou, La., weighs about 220 pounds—and he knows how to throw his weight around.

Behind The Sports Headlines

WEST POINT, N.Y., Jan. 24.—The baseball annals of the Military Academy show the 1915 Eastern Intercollegiate champions produced nine current U.S. generals. Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley hit .383 and led the Cadets to 17 victories in 21 games that season. Officer in charge of the team was Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers.

Maj. Gen. Leland S. Hobbs played the outfield and four others of equal rank were varsity men. Charles Gerhardt played third, Vernon E. Prichard was shortstop, Will C. McMahon played both the infield and outfield, and J. F. Miller, now in the Air Service Command, was pitcher. Brig. Gen. Charles Milliken was a good second baseman, and Hugh Mitchell of the same rank, was a flycatcher.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—First member of Alabama's Sugar Bowl team to enter the service was Billy Conway, a guard, from Birmingham. He was sworn into the Navy, Jan. 5, two days after his team arrived home from New Orleans.

KIMBERLY, Ida.—Jean Parsons, Idaho's only woman basketball coach, really looks up to her squad members. Players include two six-footers, a six-foot-two boy and the Stronk brothers, Ted and Leland, who are six-six and six-seven.

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Bob Shurilla, a hurdler and Harvey Jarrantoski, a half-miler, both Marquette University stars in 1940, recently held a reunion in a German prison camp. A Milwaukee paper commented that if they combined their specialties, they might be able to get out.

NEW YORK.—Bobby Feller, speedballer from Iowa and the Cleveland Indians, is back in the States after an 18-month "cruise" with his Uncle Sammy's Navy. Mellowed by experiences the 26-year-old twirler turned sailor has seen most of the world on a fighting ship.

"Don't believe for a moment that soldiers and sailors overseas want sports discontinued," Bobby declared, before starting homeward for a furlough. "Whenever two or more men get together to gab sports—especially baseball and football—it soon becomes the general topic among the whole group."

Garden Cage Tourney Slated to Open, Mar. 17

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The eighth annual National Invitation Basketball Tournament will begin March 17 at Madison Square Garden, it was announced yesterday by the Metropolitan Basketball Committee, sponsors of the event.

Among teams considered by the committee are City College, Akron, DePaul, Tennessee, West Virginia, Kentucky, Bowling Green, Hamline, Valparaiso, Muhlenberg, and the defending champions, St. John's of Brooklyn.

29th TAC Meets 2nd AADA

OHANTILLY, Jan. 24.—The 29th TAC football team will play the undefeated Second AADA Thunderbolts Sunday afternoon. Kick-off is at 2 P.M.

Reached Peak on 1 Wing

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Pete Gray, one-armed outfielder recently purchased by the St. Louis Browns from the Memphis Club of the Southern Association, will not be the first player thus affected to play in the major leagues, as is generally believed. Glen Perkins, United Press sports-writer, who has a personal interest in handicapped athletes, dug through the dusty record books and came up with the story of Hugh Dailey, who had only his right arm, and pitched for the Chicago team in the old Union Association in the 1880s, a circuit then recognized as the major league.



Bob Feller

On July 7, 1884, Dailey struck out 19 Boston players to tie a mark that hasn't been touched since. He won, 5-0, and allowed one hit, a triple by Crane, later a New York Giants' catcher, and an outstanding sportswriter of his day.

"From what I've been able to dig up on him," Perkins said, "he had a sweeping curve and a good fast ball. He was a surprisingly fast fielder, but he couldn't hit as well as Gray. It's peculiar that his feat in the Boston game didn't set a record, but merely tied one set a month earlier by Charley Sweeney, of Providence. However, the only man in modern baseball to approach that mark is Bobby Feller, who fanned 18 men in a 1938 game."

Perkins, 26 years old, aspired to an athletic career himself, but his ambitions along those lines will never be fulfilled because he lost a leg in Uncle Sam's Navy. He's interested nowadays in athletes like Hugh Dailey, and is rooting hard for Pete Gray.



Pete Gray

Citadel and Newberry Took Turns Winning

NEWBERRY, S.C., Jan. 24.—Newberry and the Citadel played a red-hot basketball game here last night. It was tied, 49-all, and Newberry went off the court with an apparent 53-52 upset after the overtime period. It doesn't count, though.

When the excitement subsided, Coaches E. A. Wehman, of Citadel, and Bill Laval, of Newberry, compared notes and decided Citadel had really won the game by one point in regulation time. They finally said, "Hell with the whole business," and called it no contest.

Negro Baseball Will Carry On

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 24.—Negro baseball leagues plan to operate a full schedule in 1945 "if at all possible," according to J. L. Wilkinson, co-owner of the Kansas City Monarchs.

"The Negro American and National Leagues have decided to carry on if the white big leagues do," said Wilkinson. "We think we can scare up enough oldtimers and kids to make up some pretty good ball clubs, although our losses to the armed forces have been heavy."

Wilkinson revealed that the hardy perennial of Negro baseball, Leroy "Satchel" Paige, may not be able to pitch next season because he's been having trouble with his stomach. In fact, Paige may have to turn down an invitation to go overseas with a Negro USO show.

Army Releases Larry MacPhail

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Col. Larry MacPhail, former president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, has been released by the Army, effective Feb. 10, the War Department announced yesterday. His release was not for physical reasons, officials declared.

MacPhail had been working directly under Assistant Secretary of War Robert Patterson, the Department revealing his job had been completed.

This was MacPhail's second World War. He was an artillery officer in the last one and gained international fame when he almost kidnapped the Kaiser after the last war. Larry got into the same house with old Willie, but all he got for his trouble was a souvenir ashtray.

Record Field of 1,728 In Rich Bowling Classic

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—A record field of 1,728 bowlers will start rolling Saturday in the \$43,200 Petersen classic, which will run for 16 consecutive days.

The lucrative singles event has attracted such star kegglers as Ned Day, Johnny Crimmins, Andy Vari-papa, Hank Marino and Joe Norris. Several uniformed contestants, notably Pvt. Matt Krete, of Chicago, a veteran from the Aleutians, and Pfc Willie Gerlach, of Chicago, who was wounded in France, have entered.

Seals, Giants in Pact

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—The San Francisco Seals, of the Pacific Coast League, have closed a working agreement with the New York Giants. The first deal was an option taken by the Giants on Outfielder Neil Sheridan, in a transaction involving \$50,000 worth of ball-players. Sheridan hit .326 with the Chattanooga Lookouts of the Southern Association last year.

Prep Swimmers Set Record

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 24.—Roosevelt High School swimming team of Des Moines set a new National Interscholastic record, yesterday in the 180-yard medley relay. The distance was covered in one minute 37.3 seconds, 3.4 seconds better than the mark set by the Clinton (Iowa) High School team in 1942.

Com Z Skaters Win

The Com Z hockey team defeated the French All-Stars at the Rue Mesnil rink Tuesday night, 3-1, with Cpl. Gambucci, of Evelth, Minn., former Illinois star, scoring two goals.

Landis Vacancy Seen Causing Rift in Majors

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—There's likely to be plenty of fireworks at the joint meeting of the major leagues here next week when the matter of filling the baseball commissioner's job comes to a head. The National League will press for the immediate appointment of Ford Frick, while the American League wants to wait awhile before naming a successor to Landis.

Will Harridge, American League prexy, laughed off the movement to install Frick in the post and ascribed it to "New York sports-writers' articles." Harridge, informed of Frick's visit to Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, said, "As far as I know, Mr. Frick did not act in any official capacity on behalf of baseball."

'No Favors'—Griffith

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—"Baseball wants no special favors from the government and welcomes a double-check on the physical condition of its athletes," Clark Griffith, president of the Washington Senators said today.

Griffith revealed that he and Ford Frick, president of the National League, had visited Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, Selective Service director, but he would not discuss the conversation with the draft chief.



Clark Griffith

Lach, Richard Puck Leaders

MONTREAL, Jan. 24.—Elmer Lach and Maurice Richard have maintained Montreal's grip on the first two spots in the National Hockey League scoring race. Each has scored 49 points. Their teammate, Hector "Toe" Blake, who was tied for the lead last week, dropped down to fourth place, because of an indefinite suspension slapped on him for assaulting a New York Ranger player last Saturday night.

Bill Cowley, of the Boston Bruins, made two goals in the Detroit game Tuesday night to move up to third place.

Seibert Saves Wings

BOSTON, Jan. 24.—The Detroit Red Wings had to come from behind twice last night to defeat the Boston Bruins, 5-4, a third-period rally engineered by veteran Earl Seibert turning the tide.

The Wings took an early 2-0 lead, but the Bruins came back strong with three goals by Paul Gladu, John Shewchuck and Herb Cain, in the second period, to remain out in front until Seibert's game winning goals.

National Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	24	5	2	50
Detroit	20	8	4	44
Toronto	15	14	2	32
Boston	11	19	1	23
New York	6	17	7	19
Chicago	5	19	4	14

American League

Cleveland 2, St. Louis 2 (tie)

Phelan Appointment OK'd

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The State Senate yesterday confirmed Gov. Thomas E. Dewey's appointment of Brig. Gen. John J. Phelan, to the State Athletic Commission. Phelan, a Democrat, recently was succeeded as chairman by Eddie Eagan, but Dewey asked him to remain on the commission as an associate member.

Question Box

Pfc John Taylor.—Bobby Doerr may be doing KP in an Army camp, but he never was voted the most valuable player in the American League. Hal Newhouser was the 1944 selection.

Cpl. W. H. Brown.—Hughie Critz played second, Blondy Ryan shortstop for the New York Giants' pennant-winners in 1933. Pittsburgh Pirates finished second in 1938, behind the Chicago Cubs.

Pvt. James Melver and Sgt. Charles Melton.—All individual and team averages are incorporated into official records when a game ends in a tie due to darkness, provided the game has gone at least five innings. If less than four-and-a-half innings have been played, records do not count. A game is considered complete if the home team is leading at the end of four-and-a-half innings.

And It Ain't Resin That Smells

Effort Made to Deodorize California's Cauliflowers

By G. K. Hodenfield

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 24.—Cutting sharply through the scent of roses and orange blossoms this lovely California winter is a musty odor rising like a smoke screen from fight clubs up and down the coast. Which is just one way of saying that boxing in the Golden State stinks.

This, in view of the men who are trying to deodorize the local sport, is most unfortunate since otherwise California is enjoying its best boxing period since the early 'twenties. California men are headlining fight bills all over the country, and local arenas are packed every week—Hollywood's Legion Stadium has been a complete sellout for 52 straight weeks.

There are a number of reasons for this stinkpot situation. There is, for instance, a State Athletic Commission which has little power and can't enforce what it does have. Representatives of the commission were tossed out on their ears recently by Mike Hirsch, Ocean Park promoter, during a routine inspection. The commission demanded an immediate apology, but Hirsch ignored their demands and the matter was dropped by all concerned.

Discrepancy of \$36,000

Hirsch is in the news again. It seems there was a discrepancy of more than \$36,000 between announced gate receipts and actual sales. The state and Federal governments didn't collect enough taxes and the fighters, who were performing for a percentage of the gate, likewise got the short end of the stick. For all this Hirsch was fined a mere \$2,500 and was immediately granted a new license for '45.

Crime may not pay in California, but it doesn't cost very much either. In two different fights held in San Francisco there was a rather strong suspicion that a gentleman's agreement had been made beforehand Two pugs—Cecil Hudson and Cocoa Kid—were found guilty and suspended for six months. In baseball, football or any other controlled

sport, the suspension would have been for life, not for a vacation.

Another thing which adds to the unhealthy state of affairs is the fact that the club owners are very class conscious. If you don't belong to the right stable you don't fight. To join the right stable there may be little incidentals such as an initiation fee, towel fee, club dues, allotments, assessments and fines for eating with a fork. Because of this difficulty in getting fights many of California's best punchers are earning their folding cabbage in other climes. Elmer Ray, with a record of 18 kayos in 19 fights, is now fighting in Chicago, New Orleans, etc., because he can't get a fight here.

With the best men going east and the commission holding to its rule that no youth shall don the mitts for either dough or glory until he reaches the ripe old age of 18, it's possible the local sport may die a slow death from strangulation.

Oregon Ace Leads Collegiate Scorers

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Dick Wilkins, of Oregon, and Ermer Robinson, of Fort Warren, Wyo., have taken over the lead in the national collegiate basketball scoring race. Ernie Calverly, of Rhode Island, has the best average with 23 points per game.

Wilkins shot to the top, though he has the lowest game average, because Oregon already has played 21 games. He has scored 345 points, a little more than 16 points a game.

The leading scorers:

	G	FG	F	Pts
Wilkins, Oregon	21	154	37	345
Robinson, Ft. Warren	17	136	52	324
Mikan, DePaul	13	116	58	290
Calverly, Rhode Island	12	113	45	271
McWilliams, Pacific	14	113	45	271
Henry, Rice	13	97	63	257
Nagy, Akron	11	84	60	228
McGuire, Great Lakes	22	80	55	215
Kurland, Oklahoma Ags.	13	85	33	203
Grenert, NYU	13	84	25	193

Detroit School Result

DETROIT, Jan. 24.—The St. Theresa's Pirates made an auspicious debut in the Catholic High School League basketball race by trouncing Holy Redeemer, 37-28. Jerry, sharpshooting Pirate star, netted 26 points to run his four-game total to 95.

CAGE RESULTS

Alma 41, Kellogg Field 25
DePaw 71, Franklin 33
Lincoln AAF 58, Scott Field 41
Ind. State 49, Central (Ind.) Tchrs. 43
Maxwell Field 79, Alabama Poly 31
Murray (Ky.) 43, Cape Girardeau 37
Morehead (Ky.) 62, Georgetown 45
Norfolk Naval 59, Duke 37
New Orleans Naval 30, Tulane 25
St. Lawrence 58, Ithaca College 37
Simpson Naval 65, Central 26
St. Ambrose 52, Schick Hospital 50
Truax Field 73, Mexico U. 45
Washburn 41, Rockhurst 33
Wooster 43, Otterbein 42
Wahpeton Sc. 42, Moorehead (Minn.) 33



Cpl. Sol Askinazi, of New York, and Cpl. Les Carnahan, of Wooster, Ohio, let fly at each other in a boxing show, sponsored by the XIX Tactical Air Command. Askinazi won the decision.

HASH MARKS

Pvt. Charles Hines wonders if anybody ever heard Charlie Chaplin humming the song hit, "Is You or Is You Ain't My Baby?"

Pfc Gordon A. Barlow writes: The great majority of the GIs now fighting on the Western Front are "chips off the old block," but when they get to town they act more like "staves off the old barrel."

Fun on the home front. A father, catching his 10-year-old son smoking, said, "Listen, son, I don't plan to punish you for smoking. . . Just tell me where the hell you got the fags."

A GI in France got a letter from a girl friend in the States requesting some of that "divine French perfume." He mailed her a bottle with this note: "I don't know whether this is divine perfume or not, but at the price they charge it must be scented from heaven."

Another GI observation: A GI who knows everything under the sun usually has shadows under his eyes.

Fun on the home front: A woman finally found she could get a di-



voice from her husband because of his flat feet. His feet were in the wrong flat.

Emit a whine in your wine for Sgt. Bill Wallick. He has been learning Polish and decided to try out a few phrases in a letter to a girl back home who speaks the lingo. Bill wrote requesting cigarettes and received a can of sardines instead.

T/5 Fred Morris tells this one. And then there were the two coin collectors who got together and talked over old dimes.

After watching the jitterbugs in action at a Red Cross dance, an old sarge comments, "If dancing is the art of terschore, we guess jitterbugging is Tweschore." J. C. W.

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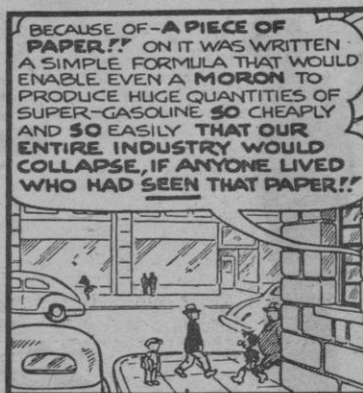
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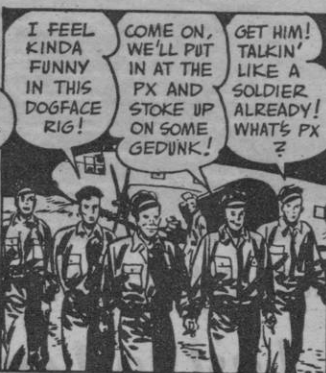
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And so the "Front-Line Follies" push on— true to the traditions of the stage—the show goes on...

Sixth Pushes Ahead 5 Miles On Luzon Plain

U.S. Sixth Army patrols on Luzon operated near Clark Field yesterday. The field, with its 13 airstrips, lies less than 10 miles beyond the front lines of the Manila-bound Yanks.

Gen. MacArthur announced yesterday that his troops had advanced five miles to the southwest on the central Luzon plain, had captured Camp O'Donnell in southern Tarlac Province and the town of Concepcion, and had won new positions 54 miles north of Manila.

Yank spearheads were approaching the bombed and shelled town of Bamban, six miles from Clark Field.

Camp O'Donnell Burned

Camp O'Donnell, a former U.S. Filipino Army base, had been burned by the Japanese. The troops who occupied it came upon the graves of at least 4,000 Filipinos and scores of Americans who had survived the March of Death after Bataan only to die later of disease, starvation and maltreatment.

American planes continued to batter enemy airfields and lines of communication on Luzon and shot up gun positions and barracks on Bataan.

In other Pacific air actions, Saipan-based Superfortresses flew to Japan on Tuesday and attacked the aircraft center of Nagoya. The B29s destroyed or damaged 62 Japanese planes. One Superfortress was lost.

Superforts based on the Marianas also attacked Iwo Island in the Bonins, 600 miles south of Tokyo.

Navy Planes Hit Formosa

Navy bombers from the Philippines area attacked the Heito airbase on Formosa, and patrol planes ranged into the Ryukyu Islands. These strikes augmented action by Third Fleet carrier planes, which hit the enemy's Okinawa base, in the Ryukyus, on Sunday for the fourth time this month.

At Allied Southeast Asia Command Headquarters, Admiral Mountbatten issued an order of the day saying that the advance of American, British and Chinese forces had driven the Japanese from northern Burma and that the enemy had suffered a crushing defeat.

In China, the Japanese gained in their drives north of Canton. The U.S. 14th AF disclosed that in the month ended Jan. 23 it sank 37,500 tons of Japanese shipping along the China coast, and downed 152 enemy planes.

9th Continues Armor Assault

The remains of shattered German motor columns, still limping out of the collapsing Bulge after a two-day pasting that cost them more than 4,700 destroyed and damaged vehicles, were bombed and strafed again yesterday by Ninth AF fighter-bombers.

Despite miserable weather, the fighter-bombers flew more than 350 sorties and extracted a toll of 337 Nazi motor transport destroyed and 326 damaged. German traffic was generally light on the wreckage-littered roads, but considerable concentrations were discovered and ripped up in an area south of Euskirchen and in the Clervaux-Ardenne-Bilburg-Prum rectangle.

Fast Talker



S/Sgt. Raymond Chandley, O Co., 104th Inf., 26th Div., grins widely for the photographer shortly after meeting 32 Nazis in a clump of woods on the outskirts of Wiltz and talking them into surrendering. That's talking.

Factory-Made Version of the Road to Berlin



Engineers of the U.S. First Army are constructing a temporary road leading to a bridge somewhere in the battle-zone in Belgium. They're hauling up wire netting over which supply convoys will soon be rolling.

7th Armored, Last to Leave, Is First to Re-enter St. Vith

By Russell Jones
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

ST. VITH, Jan. 23 (Delayed).—The Seventh Armored Div. was back in town tonight, one month to the day from the night that they evacuated after holding five days—three days longer than they had been ordered to—and knocking the German breakthrough so far off schedule that other First U.S. Army units were able to get set farther west and stop the threat.

3rd Advances In the Salient

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tor from the Germans, who have thrust a narrow corridor toward Strasbourg.

In Holland, British troops were fighting on the outskirts of Montfort, four miles southwest of Roermond. Action was stiff along their front as the Tommies drove toward Heinsberg.

North of Stevensweerd, the British extended their hold on the River Maas and took the town of Maasbracht. To the south, they cleared St. Joost.

On the north of the flattening Ardennes salient, Seventh Armored troops threw back several counterattacks after occupying St. Vith. One attack came at the southeast part of the town with 200 infantry and seven tanks. The capture of St. Vith netted 250 Nazi prisoners.

30th Div. Advances

Southwest of the town, the 30th Div. straightened its line, taking the towns of Neuendorf, Crumbach and Weisten. On their right, 75th Div. troops drove eastward to clear Braunlauf and Maldingen. There was heavy fighting a mile south of Maldingen in the village of Aldringen.

North of the Luxembourg frontier, 84th Div. troops took Ourthe. Eleventh Armored Div. men gained two miles a mile north of Goedingen.

Sixth Armored Div. forces took Trois Vierges and advanced a half-mile beyond the town.

Third Army forces advanced to the Clerf River along a seven-mile front running from Binsfelt on the north, four miles from the Reich frontier in northern Luxembourg, to Drauffelt in the south.

Binsfelt Is Cleared

Troops of the 90th Div. cleaned up Binsfelt, but there was fighting in Drauffelt up to latest reports. The town of Eselborn fell to advancing Third Army men.

To the southeast, Third Army men made somewhat slower progress between Wiltz and Vianden, but were gaining steadily. They took Merksols, a town three miles east of Wiltz.

Fifth Div. doughs cleared Hoescheid in a half-mile advance. Patrols entered Vianden, southern hinge of the Ardennes salient, but the main American forces were to the west and southwest of it.

Near the German border, the enemy tried to encircle Nening, but men of the 94th Div.'s 302nd Regt. broke up the try and smashed five tanks and a self-propelled gun.

Hawaiian WACs Train

FORT OGLETHORPE, Ga., Jan. 24 (ANS).—The first contingent of Hawaiian WACs—58 of them—arrived here for basic training.

Withdrawal . . .

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launch additional attacks on Antwerp, great Allied supply port in the north.

One was to come down from north of the Maas River after forces driving through the Ardennes had taken Liege. The second was to jump off from Schouwen Island. This is north of the Scheldt River estuary, which leads to Antwerp.

One Nazi division involved in these plans north of the Maas River has been identified in Hungary and the Russians have claimed identification of another division which had been in the west.

Gen. Lear . . .

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one of the oldest active generals and one of the few Spanish-American war veterans participating in the present conflict. In 1898, he was a first-sergeant in a Colorado infantry outfit. He was commissioned in 1899, and received a Regular Army commission in the cavalry in 1901.

As commander of the Second Army in 1941 and 1942, Lear played a vital part in the training of troops now fighting on all American fronts. Known as a stern disciplinarian, he received wide publicity in 1941 for his punishment of American soldiers who yoo-hooed at girls on a Memphis, Tenn., golf course. He ordered the troops to make a long forced march as a penalty.

The major part of his service has been in the cavalry arm. He became a brigadier-general in 1936, a major-general in 1938, and a lieutenant-general in 1940. Although he reached the statutory retirement age in 1943, he continued in service. He is a graduate of the Mounted Service School, the School of the Line, the Command and General Staff School and the Army War College.

Besides Gen. Lear's specific responsibilities in his new post, he will perform other special duties delegated him by Gen. Eisenhower.

American Soldier Hanged

A United States soldier was hanged Monday at Le Mans, Sarthe, France. He had been sentenced to death by an Army court-martial for the murder of another soldier. The sentence was reviewed and confirmed by General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Room With a View

Makes PW Reservations

WITH 80th DIV.—In the rugged forests bordering Luxembourg's turbulent Sure River, Pfc Clarence H. Brockman, of Midway, Pa., and Pvt. Pete C. Ciaverella, of Altoona, Pa., both of the 317th Inf.'s wire patrol, encountered a lone German soldier. He was eager to surrender, spoke English and was rather proud he had been selected for "an important mission."

"You see, I'm advance man for my squad," he explained, "There are eight others who want to surrender, but knowing how crowded your PW enclosure must be, I was chosen to come ahead and arrange accommodations. My comrades expect me back with the details, then we'll get our things together and come over in the morning."

Brockman and Ciaverella arranged an immediate preview of the enclosure for their German "guest," but suggested in no uncertain terms that he remain, "just to hold on to the reservation."

In the morning the two wiremen returned to the same spot and waited for the eight remaining Nazis who arrived punctually, though a bit worried.

"For a while we thought he had run out on us," one of them said.

Yank Convoy, 1st to Use New, Burma Road

MYITKYINA, Burma, Jan. 24.—The first American convoy carrying war supplies overland from India to China in two and a half years has arrived at Myitkyina. The historic convoy, first ever to cross Burma from India, covered the first 262 miles of the 1,000-mile trip from Ledo, on the India border, to Kunming, China.

The convoy will wait here until either the few remaining miles of new road from Myitkyina to Teng-chung are completed, or until the last 25 miles of the old Burma Road from Namhkam to Wanting are cleared of Japanese. More than 40,000 Chinese are working day and night on the road which pierces the famous Laoli Range, part of which is the dreaded "hump" over which Allied transport planes fly.

Walked 350 Miles

The road climbs to 8,000 feet and is crossed several times by age-old silk trails.

Directing the operation are Capt. Hunter Hanks, of Alexandria, Ala., and Lt. Leo Riordan, of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. The two engineers walked nearly 350 miles scouting the new route. They made the 40-day expedition during monsoon weather and received food supplies by parachute.

The Ledo section of the new road was officially declared open today by Brig. Gen. Lewis A. Pick, of Auburn, Ala., who said it was "without doubt the most difficult road-building project the American Army ever undertook in wartime."

Reds in Oppeln...

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in Stalin's victory announcements from the Kremlin last night.

To the north, Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First White Russian Army, meeting the toughest German resistance since the giant winter offensive began 11 days ago, drove into Kalisz, to cut the Breslau-Posen rail-line. Kalisz is 58 miles due west of Lodz.

Little news of fighting around Posen was available last night although enemy reports claimed that German panzers had regrouped and smashed back at Zhukov's forward units, reported inside the city yesterday.

On the Second Ukrainian Army's front in southern Czechoslovakia, Marshal Malinovsky's troops gained 12 miles on a 25-mile front. This army yesterday seized Kozniava and Jelsava in the heavy forested country north of Miskolce.

In East Prussia, troops of Marshal Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army captured Lyck, 21 miles west of Augustow, and two other bastions of the German defense line covering the East Prussian lake district.

100 Combat Soldiers Accuse Congressman Of Misrepresentation

NEW YORK, Jan. 24 (ANS).—A group of 100 combat soldiers in France today accused Rep. John E. Sheridan (D-Pa.) of "misrepresenting" frontline troops with his recent statement that few of them wanted to come home on rotation before fighting ceased.

The New York Times published a letter of protest from T/5 Irving A. Wallat, who said "as if by spontaneous combustion" the enclosed letter was produced and a hundred men signed it.

At the same time The Washington Post published a letter from "Frostbitten Infantrymen" who challenged Sheridan to "spend one night that we have spent in the last two weeks." They said he "would give one of his limbs to go home."

Rep. Sheridan, a member of the House Military Affairs Committee, made the statement after his return from a tour of European fronts.

Nazis Reported Seeking Possible Peace Terms

LONDON, Jan. 24 (AP).—Ankara radio, quoting a "reliable source," said today that a German peace mission headed by Franz von Papen had arrived in Madrid, Spain.

Von Papen, it said, had "the confidence of the German Army" and he was going to "sound out the possibilities for the best possible peace terms for Germany."