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Allies Closing Ring on Ruhr

Reds Seize Danzig and 45 U-Boats

Marshal Stalin last night announced the capture of Danzig, with 10,000 prisoners and 45 submarines, and the seizure of five Nazi strongpoints in a 31-mile breakthrough along the north bank of the Danube east of Vienna.

Berlin announced at the same time that German troops had given up their hold on the west bank section of Kustrin on the Oder, 40 miles east of Berlin.

Hitler's troops also yielded their last foothold east of the Oder at Lengenberg, northwest of Kustrin. Evacuation of the neighboring bridgehead of Zehden, 28 miles northwest of Kustrin, was announced Thursday.

Moscow dispatches, meanwhile, made clear that Stalin's order Thursday night announcing "liquidation of the German grouping encircled southwest of Koenigsberg" did not, as first interpreted, mean the capture of the East Prussian capital city as well.

A United Press dispatch from Moscow said: "Though the capture and annihilation of 130,000 men southwest of Koenigsberg hopelessly isolated Koenigsberg, its garrison showed no inclination to surrender, and Koenigsberg, like Breslau and Danzig, will have to be taken street by street."

The first of Stalin's two orders last night said Marshal Rodion Malinovsky's northern wing had forced the Hron and Nitra Rivers north of the Danube and captured Kormano, Nove Zamky, Vrabie, Suray and Komjatice, all 50 to 55 miles east of Bratislava. That portion of Kormano south of the Danube already was in Russian hands.

Polish Flag Over Danzig

The second order, addressed to Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky, disclosed the capture of Danzig, "an important port and first-class naval base," and announced that the Polish national flag had been hoisted over the city. Besides prisoners and submarines, the Russians took 140 tanks and self-propelled guns and 358 artillery pieces.

Of Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's advance into Austria south of Vienna there was little news. Moscow dispatches said he was moving toward Vienna along at least five highways, closing in on the Wehrmacht's main supply route from Vienna to Italy and also the Vienna-Graz railway, supplying troops in southern Austria and Yugoslavia.

Burgomeisters Guarded After Aachen Slaying

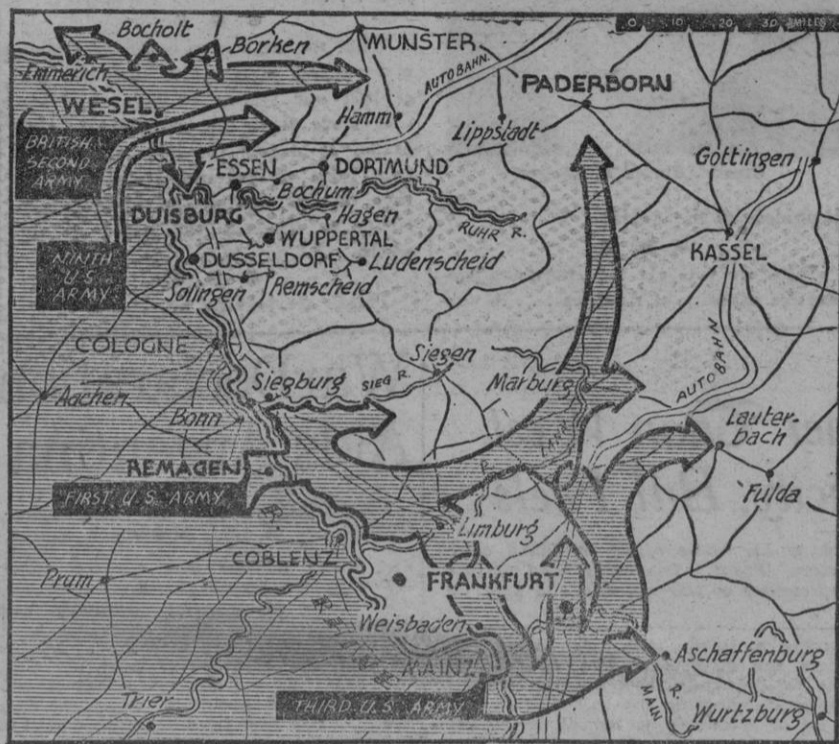
AACHEN, Mar. 30 (UP)—Every burgomeister behind the American lines in occupied Germany in First and Ninth Armies' jurisdiction has been placed under constant guard.

This follows the "parachute" assassination of Franz Oppenhop—the first direct Nazi reprisal against a German national actively cooperating with the Allies, according to a German radio broadcast, which said Oppenhop's death was ordered by a Nazi tribunal.

See Any Newsprint? S&S Is Short Again

The Stars and Stripes is short of newsprint again and urgently requests information as to where some can be picked up. In the past, information from units in the field led us to a few hundred rolls. We are not particular where it is or what it looks like. Please telephone Liege 74.

Hodges' Left Hook Flanks Ruhr



Encirclement of the industrial Ruhr appeared imminent last night as First U.S. Army tanks drove northward into Paderborn and armor of British Second and Ninth U.S. Armies smashed east from lower Rhine bridgeheads. Meanwhile, First and Third spearheads pushed northeast below Kassel, while another Third Army tip was beyond Main River in Aschaffenburg area.

Germans Blow Up Bridges Almost in Tankers' Faces

By Ernest Leiser

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH AN EASTBOUND ARMORED SPEARHEAD, Mar. 30—Ninth Army tanks have cut loose and today are rolling across Germany in the general direction of Berlin. At dawn, after riding all night, the tanks reached a water barrier only to find all the bridges down, almost blown up in their faces by Germans scurrying across the plains in retreat.

Royal Navy Raids Ryukyu

GUAM, Mar. 30 (ANS)—Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today that the British fleet struck its first blow of the war at the Japanese island empire Monday and Tuesday, adopting what some observers termed "revolutionary methods of operations" to do it.

British planes flying from "some of the most powerful ships in the British Navy" blasted airfields in the Sakashima group of Japan's Ryukyu Islands, along the southern approach to the mainland.

The attack indicated a marked change from previous methods of supply. Never before has the British fleet used a floating supply train large enough to permit such long range operations.

Meanwhile, Tokyo reported at least 500 carrier planes had pounded southern Japan yesterday.

Nimitz' communique disclosed that 20 Japanese aircraft and one small coastal vessel were destroyed and several damaged, and that the town of Ohama in the Sakashima group was left aflame.

The British task force, including the 35,000-ton battleship King George V, the 23,000-ton aircraft carrier Illustrious and other carriers, is commanded by Vice Adm. Sir Bernard Rawlings. It is under the operational control of U.S. Fifth Fleet chief, Adm. Raymond A. Spruance.

While the rest of the spearhead toiled at the edge of the water course doughs from an accompanying infantry regiment crossed the remains of one bridge, flushed out the Nazis from the eastern approaches, and made a secure bridgehead for the engineers coming up.

Less than four hours after the infantrymen crossed, engineers had laid a tank-bearing Bailey across the broken bridge, and the armor rolled again.

The tankers got off to a slow start last night on traffic-choked roads filled with other advancing units as well as their own. But by midnight, armor, the half-tracks, jeeps and trucks bringing up supplies were roaring steadily across the moonlit, thin clouded and rain-swept flat land.

By dawn, the forward elements had hit the water barrier where the Germans blew the bridges, one only a few minutes before the first of our vehicles reached it. Another bridge went sky high as one of our patrols was crossing. One man was killed and several were wounded.

Those Germans who remained behind sniped at the advancing Yanks from the edge of the water course.

The decision was instantaneous. Get (Continued on page 8)

Nurse Draft Bill Okayed

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30 (ANS)—The Senate Military Affairs Committee today approved the House nurse draft bill after amending the measure to include married nurses among those subject to induction.

1st Army, British Only 55 Mi. Apart; 9th's Armor Loose

Complete encirclement of the Ruhr appeared imminent last night as tanks of the First U.S. and Second British Armies were within 55 miles of alinkup northeast of the last great industrial region of the Reich.

The Germans were rushing armor and self-propelled guns into the gap in a desperate effort to block the junction, but latest reports said the Allied spearheads were still unchecked.

Meanwhile, Ninth U.S. Army tanks broke out of their lower Rhine bridgehead and drove east, but their farthest advances were screened by security silence. The exact location of the British tanks was not disclosed, but the First Army's Third Armd. Div. drove into Paderborn, more than

90 miles due east of Weasel, and last night was pushing on toward a junction with the British.

Ninth Armored Near Kassel

To the south, meanwhile, other armored units of the First and Third U.S. Army drove northeast toward Kassel, on the road to Berlin.

The First's Ninth Armd. Div. reached Fritzlar, 15 miles from Kassel, which put it more than 100 miles east of the Rhine and less than 200 miles from Berlin. The Seventh Armd. Div. was at a point 25 miles from Kassel.

The Third Army's Fourth Armd. Div., rolling against slight resistance, reached Lauterbach, 35 miles south of Fritzlar and 95 miles east of the Rhine, and drove seven miles northeast in the deepest announced advance by the Third Army.

Third, First Armies Join

The Third Army's Sixth Armd. Div. reached Treysa, 30 miles southwest of Kassel, and linked with the First Army's Ninth Armd. Div.

Encirclement of the Ruhr would bag one of the world's greatest concentrations of war industry as well as more than ten enemy divisions left to defend it.

In seven days, the Allies east of the Rhine have gained control of an area the size of the state of Delaware.

The eastbound Ninth Army tanks broke out of the bridgehead Thursday night and were still rolling late yesterday. Blown bridges checked the armor momentarily, but lack of strong resistance enabled the fast-moving spearheads to (Continued on Page 8)

Heavies Hit Naval Bases

Twenty-three hundred American planes struck a triple blow yesterday at Germany's northern ports of Hamburg, Bremen and Wilhelmshaven.

Fourteen hundred Flying Fortresses and Liberators, escorted by 900 Thunderbolts and Mustangs, composed the Eighth AF armada which attacked during the afternoon.

At Bremen, B17s hit at the Deschimag Shipbuilding Yards, where submarines are built, and a highway bridge being converted for rail use.

B24s bombed the naval yards at Wilhelmshaven, long an Allied target from the air. Recent reconnaissance photographs showed a large number of craft at Wilhelmshaven.

The Blohm and Voss U-boat Yard and a petroleum storage depot were the Hamburg targets.

Ninth AF yesterday sent 700 fighter-bombers against enemy tanks and gun positions while 275 medium and light bombers raided tank and motor transport repair depots.

Twenty-ninth TAC pilots attacked enemy airfields and Ninth TAC flew 200 sorties against motor transport and rail yards.

Races Right Off the Map

By Ken Zumwalt

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

HOLZHAUSEN, Germany, Mar. 28 (Delayed)—Dog Company of this armored reconnaissance battalion is well out in front after racing 90 miles in a little more than 60 hours, but that's about all the CO, Capt. Herbert Zimmerman, of Williamsville, N.Y., knows about his position.

Holzhausen is somewhere in the Hesse-Nassau district, but just where Zimmerman can't tell because he's outrun his maps.

Dog Company took out after the Germans early today and passed through five villages before reaching Holzhausen, largest place the company has entered since it left Altenkirchen.

The district is mountainous and many of the towns have steel smelters and railway terminals. There was a large mill at Oberscheld, while at Herruberg there was a large railyard and several intact freight cars.

White flags fly from windows. At Trigenstein the streets were filled with civilians. Wallenfels was just a wide place in the road and Bottenhora was little larger.

At Holzhausen Zimmerman's troopers were cheered as they passed through—the first time they've been acclaimed since their race across France. There were many Poles and Russians—forced laborers—in the streets here. Out to greet the company was the burgomeister, who is not a party member according to his school teacher niece. Holzhausen's population is about 1,360.

The town yielded 32 prisoners after Dog Company doughs fired an M1 volley into the woods above the town.



Unsung Hero

On the night of Feb. 27, a medical unit driver believed to be assigned to the 84th Div., rendered an invaluable service to this organization, and, I feel to the service as a whole.

A high explosive hit a truck carrying gas, ammunition, grenades and mines. Several other vehicles were jammed together with the burning and exploding vehicle.

Only two men from this unit were left on the street; the others being driven inside by the explosions and heat. This unknown soldier immediately joined these two men and, without regard for his personal safety, gave help without which they would never have been able to remove the other vehicles from the inevitable danger of being also set afire.

For his aid, I wish to express my profound gratitude and the thanks of the men whose vehicles and equipment he helped to save. He is, in our opinion, one of the unsung heroes of this war.—1/Sgt. Allen D. Stone, Cav. Co.

Busy Latrines

Why didn't someone tell us before? After eight months of front line litter bearing, we are told we are eligible for transfer to the Ground Forces because our collecting company is considered a service unit. After sweating out 88s and mortars, dodging snipers and MG fire this order classifying us as a 4-F outfit burns our collective posterior...

None of us wants to be the wounded doughboy when a litter squad with flat feet and assorted heart murmurs starts on a three-mile haul under enemy fire.—Co. "B" Litter Bearers, (30 signatures—Ed.)

(At ease, men! It isn't so. Maj. Gen. Paul L. Hawley, Chief Surgeon, ETOUSA, states that present policy considers medical soldiers in combat divisions as essential in their current assignment.—Ed.)

Tough Goin' Ahead

After traveling 42 miles, about 35 of them on foot, from the Roer river to the Rhine, we were relieved from the line for a few days rest at a nearby large city. After being there for one day, a training schedule was announced which included a two hour march daily.

I can understand an hour or so of callisthenics, but what in the hell do they expect us to gain from a two hour march?—Pfc S. Lowenkopf, 335 Inf.

Editorial

Hope for the Future

HERE are seven points in a recent speech by Commander Harold E. Stassen, U.S. delegate to the approaching United Nations Conference at San Francisco:

"That as a nation we will join with our present Allies . . . to build a definite continuing organization of the United Nations of the world, based on justice and law and insured by force . . ."

"That we do not subscribe to the extreme view of nationalistic sovereignty; that we realize that neither this nation nor any other nation can be a law unto itself . . . and that we are willing to delegate a limited portion of our national sovereignty to our United Nations organization . . ."

"That we consider the future welfare and peace and happiness of the people of America is inseparably intertwined with the future welfare and peace and



Comdr. Harold E. Stassen

happiness of the world.

"That we will use the enormous productive capacity of America . . . to con-

tribute to the gradual advancement of the standards of living of the peoples of the world, not as recipients of charity, but as self-respecting men and women . . ."

"That we believe in freedom of information through press and radio and school and forum . . ."

"That those who were aggressors in this war shall be stripped of all means to make war and shall remain so stripped . . ."

"That we are and propose to remain a democracy of free citizens (and) will explain our system to the world but will leave it to the peoples in each nation to decide for themselves their own form of government so long as they do not trample on basic human rights or threaten the peace of the world . . ."

Things are looking up.

Up Front With Mauldin

Italian Front Tougher Than West But Gets Less Publicity, Bill Feels

(When Cartoonist Bill Mauldin returned to his home office in Rome after his recent tour of Germany and the Western Front, The Stars and Stripes Mediterranean Edition asked him for his impressions of the war and the men up here. His reply follows:

You're asking for something tough. I can't set myself up as an authority on comparisons between the Italy war and the west front war because I only spent a month up there. All I can do is give you my own impressions, but you'd better do like the radio people and say—

"The opinions expressed by the speaker are his own and do not necessarily reflect the policy of this station."

I think the war in Italy is harder on the men who fight it than the war on the Western Front. Why? Because man for man, and sector for sector, it is equally as tough as anything in Germany or Belgium or France. And they are

having a tough time up there. But there the guys have two advantages—the feeling that they are the stars of the game carrying the ball, and they get a lot of attention at home. Every division up there is loaded with war correspondents.

Just a Visitor

Since I had the feeling of a sort of minor visiting fireman whose home base is in Italy, I was interested in finding out if the guys up there thought much about the war down here. They have about the same feeling for this fight as the runner in a football game has for the players who run interference for him. He is too busy to look around, but he has a feeling in the back of his mind that he wouldn't be running if it weren't for his interference.

I found that a little annoying, and it gave me considerable pleasure to remind them that the German divisions being tied down here would sure as hell change the face of things if they were sent up there.

The old divisions up there which fought in the Italian campaign are still very curious about conditions down here, and when I informed some of the guys that this winter in Italy is just as rough as last winter, and possibly rougher in some respects, they shook their heads in horror. There was an interesting exchange between a man from a division which came in at Normandy and a man from my old 45th Division.

Tall Tales

"If you don't shut up about St. Lo," said the 45th man. "I'm gonna bore you with tales of Anzio."

I was very curious about how the men in Germany would feel and act toward the Germans. Since most of them came in since Normandy, and in terms of the Italy campaign are still comparative newcomers in this dirty little game they call war, I thought maybe they would feel a little soft toward the herrenvolk.

It ain't so. They have had some very tough fights in France, Holland, Belgium and Germany, and in a few months they have become pretty tired and pretty seasoned. They do not like Germans. I walked through several German towns—big ones like Aachen and small ones, too. Every town looks like Cisterna or Cassino, and the few civilians who are left are very careful not to annoy anybody.

After walking through hundreds of wrecked towns in other countries, it was very satisfying for me to look at Germany with the feeling that the war had come home to roost where it started.

War Declaration Aids Argentina

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30 (ANS)—Early termination of the "diplomatic quarantine" of Argentina by the United States and other nations was forecast today following the Buenos Aires government's declaration of war on Germany and Japan.

The refusal of the government headed by Gen. Edelmiro Farrell to break with the Axis had all but ostracized Argentina from the family of nations. This obstacle has now been removed and it is regarded as a prelude to Argentina joining the United Nations and resuming her place in the community of American nations.

The formula through which harmony between Argentina and her sister republics might be reestablished was drawn up at the Mexico City conference.

Second War in History

Argentina now finds herself at war for the second time in her history. The nation's only previous conflict since its declaration of independence from Spain in 1810 was a bloody struggle with Paraguay which ended in 1876.

There has been speculation Argentina might offer to play an active part in Allied military operations. The Argentine navy, which ranked seventh in the world before the war, is understood to be ready to play an active role. The Argentine army, trained by a German military mission before the war, is handicapped, however, by lack of equipment.

Altenkirchen Was German Army HQ, So It Paid the Price

By Hal Boyle

Associated Press War Correspondent ALTENKIRCHEN, Germany, Mar. 30—If ever there was hell on Nazi soil it is Altenkirchen.

This once lovely village 25 miles east of Bonn has paid the full price of war for housing a German Army headquarters.

Less than two weeks ago German officers worked day and night trying to organize defenses to contain the Remagen bridgehead, then spreading slowly.

On Mar. 19 the Allied bombers struck. They came in waves, rippling slowly through the skies. Scores of great bombs whistled down. And when the planes flew away Altenkirchen, headquarters for one German Army, had been wiped out.

Before U.S. Army engineers bulldozed the rubble aside those streets were piled high and impassable. So great was the destruction that even now only narrow lanes have been cleared wide enough to let First Army armor sweep through on its advance from the Rhine.

This was once a village of comfortable, tiny brick and plaster homes. Now it is nothing but a series of giant craters.

Labor, Capital Join in Code To End Strife

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30 (ANS)—Representatives of labor and industry have agreed upon a charter designed to lay the foundation for industrial peace in the U.S.

Eric A. Johnson, president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, CIO President Philip Murray and AFL President William Green are the sponsors.

They offered a seven-point "partnership" charter, which guarantees rights to both management and labor.

The preamble says that management-labor unity has lifted war production to record heights, and must continue after the war to enable the U.S. to expand its economy and provide "unlimited opportunities for every American."

Provides Joint Committee

The charter provides for a committee of 15 or 20 representatives of business and labor to promote the "acceptance and sympathetic understanding" of principles contained in the charter code.

The code would preserve the right of labor to organize for collective bargaining and the "inherent right and responsibility" of management to direct operations.

Other principles are:

1—The rights of private property and free choice of action under the system of private competitive capitalism must continue.

2—A vastly increased foreign trade must be achieved through expanding markets and elimination of unreasonable trade practices.

3—An international security organization must be established to prevent aggression.

4—Labor and management must protect the individual against unemployment, old age and physical impairment.

5—Improved productive efficiency and technological advancement must be encouraged.

Representatives of the groups worked on the document for seven months. Johnson, Murray and Green are confident it will be ratified by the Chamber board of directors and executive boards of the CIO and AFL.

Births

Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival: S/SGT. Eugene E. Oviatt, Seattle—Sharon Lillian, March 18; T/5 Harry R. Menely, Rushville, Ill.—Linda Kay, March 24; T/1 Harry Paul Morehouse, Yonkers, N.Y.—Diana Catherine, March 22; 1/Lt. Charles Ware Blake, Hazard, N.Y.—boy, March 24; Sgt. Joseph Greenberg, N.Y.—Lou Ellen March 25; Lt. Nicholas Caputo, Richmond Hill, N.Y.—Nicholas, Feb. 24; Sgt. Harold Reeser, Peoria, Ill.—Douglas Bruce, March 20.

PVT. Joseph H. Fitzgerald, Moorestown, N.J.—Joanne, March 9; Cpl. Augustus F. Danile, Brooklyn—Marie, March 25; T/4 Thomas L. Masters, Rochester, N.Y.—boy, March 15; Pfc Robert E. Golden, St. Louis—Robert E., March 2; Pvt. Ben Sharf, Detroit—girl, March 27; Lt. Stanley R. Millard, Bronxville, N.Y.—Sandra Ellis, March 27; Capt. Harry Greenbaum, New York—Jane Anita, March 17; Sgt. William L. Holby, Rockford, Ill.—boy, Jan. 31; CWO Albert Holmes, Holyoke, Mass.—Guy Frederick, March 21; Lt. Simon Greenbaum, Philadelphia—Dale Ellen, March 10; Cpl. Ralph L. Ferebee, Portsmouth, Va.—boy, March 25; Lt. Frank J. McLaren, Staten Island—Terrence, March 25.

PFC Walter I. Muskam, Rochester, N.Y.—Ruth Ann, March 20; Cpl. Kenneth R. Ritenour, Memphis—Sandra Jean, March 23; Cpl. Frank H. Greenagel, Cambridge, Minn.—boy, March 20; Cpl. Francis L. Dunn, Long Island City—Francine Ann, March 28; Sgt. Robert M. Mumme, Cleveland—girl, March 23; Pfc Harold H. Thresher, Miami Beach—Elisabeth Kragh, March 26; Cpl. William L. Trader, Ottawa, Kan.—girl, March 26; T/5 Kenneth J. Lockard, Stroudsburg, Pa.—Lanette Loretta, March 20.

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HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"Your rehabilitation program may be O.K. lady. But since we'll probably all be sent back to the front, I personally can't see it."

Fearing Riots, MPs Patrol Curfew Front

NEW YORK, Mar. 30 (ANS)—Fearing riots by angry servicemen barred from restaurants after midnight, MPs are patrolling the Times Square area in "unprecedentedly" large numbers, the New York Post said today.

The Post, it said, was told by police officials that they had no doubt that the Army and Navy ruling barring servicemen from all-night eating places which prior to midnight sold liquor would result in disputes between servicemen and civilians, servicemen and their own authorities, and servicemen and restaurant operators.

However, one source of possible trouble was removed when the naval adviser to the British Information Services in New York announced that all British naval personnel in Manhattan had been ordered to observe the midnight curfew in exactly the same manner as American personnel.

The New York Daily News said the strict military interpretation of the curfew had caused servicemen to take out their resentment on cafe owners. As a result, cafe owners propose that the Stage Door Canteen be kept open from midnight to 4 AM, the News said. The owners are willing to provide entertainment, food and kitchen help for the canteen.

The Post also said the police reported a large increase in prostitution, attributed by them to the military order. Prostitutes know that servicemen have no place to go after midnight and sense a ready market, it said.

So serious has the problem become, the police told the Post, that patrolmen were ordered into Navy uniforms to break up the expanding vice traffic. One cop alone, disguised as a sailor, arrested seven prostitutes.

War Mobilization Chief James F. Byrnes announced that he would withdraw or modify the midnight curfew "as soon as the war's progress permits." However, he added that he does not believe "any useful purposes would be accomplished" by holding a hearing now on the appeal of New York night club and restaurant proprietors for extension of the ban in Manhattan.

No Lifting of Curfew For Servicemen in N.Y.

NEW YORK, Mar. 30—Despite complaints of soldiers and sailors, the Second Service Command and the Third Naval District today reiterated their intention of keeping servicemen out of restaurants with bars after midnight, even though the bars are closed.

After conferring at Governors Island in a meeting called by Maj. Gen. Thomas A. Terry, commanding the Second Service Command, the officials declared that the midnight curfew edict of James F. Byrnes applies to all restaurants selling liquor and "accordingly, members of the armed forces will not be permitted to enter these establishments after midnight."

98 of 100 Injured Back at Navy Jobs

NEW YORK, Mar. 30 (AP)—Ninety-eight out of every 100 sailors and marines wounded during the first three years of the war recovered, the Secretary of Navy James V. Forrestal reported seventy-five percent of the marines returned to active duty.

"I mention it," Forrestal continued, "because there is a tendency to regard all casualties as fatalities. It is easy, for example, to speak of our losses on Iwo Jima as 19,900, forgetting that of this total 15,300 were wounded."

Seven thousand of the wounded returned to their division before Iwo fell.

Medal Honoring Dead

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30—A medal honoring the nation's dead of World War II was proposed in legislation today. A resolution, sponsored by Sen. Joseph G. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) and Rep. Charles A. Plumley (R-Vt.) would provide an emblem to be worn by mothers, wives and children of those who lose their lives in the armed services.

Conductor Angered By Lengthy Applause

DETROIT, Mar. 30 (ANS)—Accusing the audience of "bad manners," Karl Krueger, conductor of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, walked out on the season's concluding concert.

Zino Francescatti, guest violinist, was applauded for 17 minutes after a solo and Krueger said the audience knew Francescatti didn't want to play any more. "What did they think we intended to do, hang around there all night?" he asked.

Pass Labor Act Quickly-FDR

WASHINGTON, March 30—President Roosevelt yesterday sent a letter to Sen. Elbert D. Thomas (D-Utah), chairman of the Military Affairs Committee, urging quick Senate passage of the compromise manpower bill.

The bill, now before the Senate after winning House approval by a 167-160 vote, specifies that every individual not in the armed forces shall have the obligation, when called upon, to serve the nation in an activity essential to the war effort.

"The manpower situation is still serious," the President wrote. "In the days ahead of us, there will be great temptation for workers to leave war plants. Failure to enact this legislation will make our conduct of the war even more difficult."

The bill gives War Mobilization Chief James F. Byrnes an enforcement club of jail sentences and fines for either employees or employers who violate his orders.

Song Writer Dies

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 30 (ANS)—Nat Burton, 43, who wrote the words for "White Cliffs of Dover," "Don't Ever Change" and many other songs, died of a heart attack.



Florida Queen—Jeni Freeland, named Miss Florida in the annual beauty pageant at Miami Beach, will compete with the nation's beauties when they assemble at Atlantic City, N.J. in the Miss America—1945 parade.

Wedding Unmarred by War Wound



Sgt. John Sebala, 23, of Chicago, who lost his right leg in France, is married to his childhood sweetheart, Dolores Steffen, at St. Rita's Church in Chicago.

Islands Would Cut U.S. Ties

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30 (UP)—Filipinos want independence on July 4, 1946, or sooner, despite the fact that the islands have been ravished by war, Jaime Hernandez, Finance Secretary of the Philippine Commonwealth, said today.

"It seems to me that economic and political questions are entirely distinct," Hernandez said. He was commenting on suggestions of Paul V. McNutt, former Philippines High Commissioner, that independence be deferred until Congress is ready to proceed with rehabilitation measures.

"There is no question in the mind of any Filipino that he desires independence at the time promised by Congress or earlier, if President Roosevelt should choose to advance the date," Hernandez said.

Marine General Named for ★★★★★

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30 (ANS)—President Roosevelt today nominated Lt. Gen. Alexander A. Vandergrift, commanding general of the Marine Corps, to be a full general. At the same time he nominated Vice Adm. Russell R. Waesche, Coast Guard commandant, to be an admiral.

Senate confirmation will place four-star officers at the head of the Marines and Coast Guard for the first time in history.

In addition, the President nominated three vice admirals to be admirals for temporary service. They are: Richard S. Edwards, deputy commander of the fleet and deputy chief of naval operations; Henry K. Ewitt, commanding the Mediterranean fleet, and Thomas O. Kinkaid, head of naval forces under Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Gable Goes to Hospital After Car Hits Tree

HOLLYWOOD, Mar. 30 (ANS)—Film star Clark Gable, recently released from the Army after two years of service, was in Cedars of Lebanon Hospital today suffering from a gash on his right leg received in an automobile accident.

Discharged Dough Gets GI Loan for Store Partnership

NEW YORK, Mar. 30 (ANS)—The first man in the New York area to get a \$2,000 business loan under the GI bill of rights is Joseph J. Coyle, 37, a discharged Army private who was wounded twice in action in Italy and got malaria in Sicily.

Coyle bought a half interest in a delicatessen store in Manhattan. He was wearing GI sunbans under a white storekeepers apron behind the counter when reporters found him yesterday. Coyle stated that he borrowed the money from the National City Bank of New York. The veterans administration as provided by the GI bill of rights will pay \$40 interest covering the first year of Coyle's loan. He arranged to pay the rest of the obligation in 24 monthly installments, although the law allows him to spread the payments over a period of five years. "As soon as we get time," Coyle said, "we're going to paint a new name in the store front. It's going to be, 'The GI Store'."

Compromise Work Bill Approved by House

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30 (AP)—The House approved a compromise manpower bill yesterday by a vote of 167 to 160. The dissenters included 112 Republicans.

The bill, a compromise between the controversial Senate and House proposals, went to the Senate today. It was approved last week by a House-Senate joint committee.

'Iwo Was Worst of All'

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 30 (ANS)—Six hundred battle torn and weary marines arrived here by ship from fighting on Iwo Jima, and all described the savage struggle as the worst they had ever seen.

Many are veterans of several Pacific campaigns, none of which, however, were quite as brutally vicious as this one.

Japanese snipers deliberately shot at the legs of stretcher bearers, so that both

Pork, Bacon Point Values Up in Shortage

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30 (UP)—The national meat shortage was reflected today in an announcement by OPA boss Chester Bowles that effective Sunday, the ration value of pork sausages, bacon and other products would be increased one to three points for April.

Bowles said there would be 2,000,000 less pounds of meat available to consumers in April than March, but he added that the public would not really feel the pinch until May and June. Beef, lamb, veal, butter and other red stamp foods will remain unchanged.

Meanwhile, Chairman Elmer Thomas (D-Okla.) of the Senate Food Investigating committee, said meat packers must be given some relief lest members of the armed forces be deprived of 60 per cent of the meat they get now. He proposed that the OPA and the packers confer in an effort to solve the problem.

While the United States and Great Britain announced that they were reappraising the entire food supply and requirements problem, Leo T. Crowley, Foreign Economic Administrator, told Congress not to blame lend-lease for beef and veal shortages, since lend-lease shipments of beef and veal in 1944 totaled only seven-tenths of one per cent of the supply.

Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard, another committee witness, said it had resulted from huge military demands. He said price increases would not boost production, and denied that the OPA helped to create the black market by imposing price ceilings which meat packers asserted were making them "go broke."

Thomas Wilson, testifying as a representative of one of the "big four" meat packers, branded the OPA's price control program as unfair and "un-American," and said: "We can't buy livestock at controlled prices and sell at controlled prices without losing money."

Maternity Grant Extension Asked

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30 (ANS)—CIO President Philip Murray today urged that the emergency maternity and infant program be extended to cover wives of veterans, widows of servicemen, and infants born after the father leaves the service.

In a letter to Rep. Butler Hare (D-S.C.), chairman of a House subcommittee considering renewal of the program, Murray declared that limitation of the program to wives of enlisted men of the lower four grades is working hardships on many families.

Wives of veterans should have assistance for two years after the husbands are discharged, Murray said, because many veterans will not be able to meet the expense of adequate medical care in the first two years.

Negro Quint Survives, 1 Stillborn, Sisters Die

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30 (AP)—Three of the quintuplet girls born to a 36-year-old Negro woman, Mrs. Ada H. Turner, died today, four hours after a three-months premature birth.

One of the babies was still-born, but doctors said the fifth infant probably could be saved.

The quints averaged one and a half pounds. All were normal except for weight.

Mrs. Turner has ten other children, including a set of twins.

they and the men they were attending would be helpless. "Returned veterans," said Eugene Williams, 25, of Boaz, Ala., a medical corpsman, whose leg was pierced by a Jap bullet, "had only one word for Iwo—'Awful.'"

"It was like being in hell without a drink of water," said Pvt. Conrad Ros Taschner, 18, of Lansing, Michigan.

All men are convalescing at the Naval Receiving Hospital here.



SPRINGER
84TH DIV.

"But, cherie—what is thees 'keeten' they chase all the time?"

American Cavalry Takes Two Trans-Rhine Towns

WITH FIRST U.S. ARMY—The first American cavalry attack launched from German ground east of the Rhine picked up more than three miles and captured two towns in a single lightning thrust.

Jumping off after an all-night artillery barrage and a morning dive-bomber attack, the two-column armored spearhead moved against the town of Rheinbrohl, south of the First Army's Remagen bridgehead area.

A tank platoon led by 1/Lt. Kenneth O. West, Sheridan, Wyo., checked by heavy fire and a road block, reduced them with fire from tanks and machine guns, moved past into the center of town, where infantry dismounted, began clearing the streets from house-to-house, warring pockets of resistance and wrenching snipers from their positions.

From the east, meanwhile, other units were flanking the town, with S/Sgt. Robert B. Jordan in command of the spearhead tank, driven by T/4 Herschel L. Tate.

Prisoners Pour In

Other mounts, under 1/Lt. Joseph C. Mezga, of Cleveland, gnawed into the edges of the town. Prisoners poured in so fast that Pfc John H. Herbert, Chelsea, Mass. and Pvt Edward W. Bobigan, Chicago, had to stop their hand-to-hand

cleanup of the buildings to assist in handling the stream of PWs.

For most of the enemy, the muzzles of American guns were persuasive enough. But 1/Lt. William P. Bird, of Washington, Conn., convinced the few delinquents from a propaganda tank, equipped with a PA system run by radio sergeant Herbert Johnson.

From Rheinbrohl, West's tanks moved on to Hammerstein, where again the foot troops dismounted and stormed the streets.

Sgt. Carl P. Galbraith, Ogden, Utah, took his tank into the center of the town—with two Chicago men, Pfc Richard Walsh and Pfc Lester Taylor, riding the mount—before opening fire and securing the place.

The outfit cleared Hammerstein and continued south, halting only when darkness forced them to consolidate their new-won gains.

Yank Gives Nazis Same Medicine They Once Forced on Him

By Art Force

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 79TH INF. DIV., EAST OF THE RHINE—Pfc Tom Lauer, with a grease gun hung over his arm, pushed open a farm house door three miles past the Rhine.

It was 1730 and supper was being prepared. In fluent German, Lauer told the Germans they had exactly one hour to clear out. The 314th Regt. needed the house for a CP that night.

There was no protest and a woman past 50 merely asked what they would be allowed to take with them. A younger woman about 35 stared sullenly at Lauer but said nothing. Occasionally she glanced furtively at a snapshot of a German soldier on a nearby cabinet. The fate of millions of homeless citizens of Europe had come to Germany. This time it was the Germans who had to leave.

Asked if he didn't find it difficult to order these people from their homes, Lauer said tersely, "Not a bit. It happened to me once."

The American, whose real name is not Lauer, explained he was born in Germany and had lived there until 1939 when he was put in a German concentration camp for seven weeks. His crime? Being Jewish.

He was forced to leave Germany and go to England, he said, coming to the United States where he enlisted in 1940.

"I have no sympathy whatever for these people," he declared. "Now they're getting a taste of the bitter medicine they prescribed for the rest of the world."

Rhine Reception Rough for 102nd

WITH 102ND INF. DIV.—Playing hide and seek with a Tiger tank, sheltering a wounded buddy and sweating out German searching parties was contrary to all expectations Lt. William P. Alley, of Roanoke, Va. had of the Rhine.

His mission with a platoon of F Co., 406th Regt. was to make contact with the First Bn. in Krefeld. Scouting around the city he was passed by a truck loaded with German soldiers. Then a Tiger tank opened up, hitting Pfc Walter J. Frank, of Beaverdam, Wis., in both arms. Alley was trapped in the center of a street but dived behind a statue and fired four fast rounds, then hotfooted it back and rejoined Frank and Pfc Edwin J. Geary of North Kansas City.

They retired to the rear of a building and found themselves surrounded by a high brick wall. But they hoisted the wounded man over it and waited nearby in a grape arbor. A truckload of Germans began searching the area and passed several times within a few feet of the Yanks.

The group returned to their company next morning.

Ordnance Unit Gets Plaque

The 3508 Ordnance M.A.M. Co. has been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for "superior tasks performed from Nov. 20 to Feb. 12."

At Brohl GIs Found

The Town Outside the War

WITH V CORPS, Germany—Charlie Company's 4.2-inch mortars followed the war to Brohl. But in the little town on the Rhine it was spring and, to the men of the 86th Chemical Mortar Bn., the war seemed hidden behind the weather.

The war appeared to have made little impression on the 2,000 people of Brohl. They were living there still, picking their way without concern through the rubble-filled streets, paying little attention to the guns that pounded both sides of the river.

Children played among the battered buildings, skipping rope, riding swings and see-saws. One group was clustered about a kid playing an accordion, and the strains of "Ach, du lieber, Augustins" floated out on the warm spring air. Off-duty GIs sat in the sun and watched them.

OP With Room Service

With work to be done, a Charlie Company party picked out an OP commanding a view of the river and of target areas. It was on the top floor of a hotel—the finest suite in the house,

Baptism in the Rhine



Pvt. Loren D. Branch, of Morgantown, N.C., medic with the 334th Inf., is baptized in the Rhine by Chaplain Carl Jacobs, of Benton, Ill.

3 Sergeants Get Congress Medal

WITH 35TH INF. DIV.—S/Sgt. Junior J. Spurrier, of Bluefield, W. Va., G Co., 134th Regt., has been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for single-handedly destroying three machine gun nests, two fortified strongpoints, killing 25 Germans and capturing 20 last November.

WITH SECOND INF. DIV.—Sgt. John J. McVeigh, who single-handedly attacked four Germans with only a trench knife in order to keep his machine gun operating and help repel a Nazi counterattack, has posthumously been awarded the Second Infantry Division's first Congressional Medal of Honor.

He was shot to death after fatally wounding one of the Nazis with his savage knife thrusts.

WITH 29th INF. DIV.—The first Congressional Medal of Honor won by the 29th Inf. Div. was awarded posthumously to S/Sgt. Sherwood H. Hallman, of Spring City, Pa.

While a member of the 175th Inf. near Brest, he killed four Jerries and forced 12 others to surrender. Not even scratched in this hand-to-hand fight, Hallman was killed in action the following day.

Armor-Piercing .30 Cal. Kills Nazis Behind Trees

WITH 102ND INF. DIV.—Thirty caliber armor-piercing ammo has proved its worth to T/Sgt. James L. Hansen, of Valley Springs, S.D., who was leading his platoon from F Co., 405th Regt., across a field when three German MGs opened up on them, pinning them down. Hansen spotted the Krauts firing their guns behind trees, and the platoon fired through the trees, killing four of the Jerries. The .30 caliber armor-piercing ammo had done the work.

Isle Seizure Gave Preview Of Rhine Job

WITH SECOND INF. DIV.—A preview of the amphibious assault across the Rhine unfolded in moonlight when assault forces of the Ninth Regt. seized Hammersteiner Werth, a narrow, 1,500-yard-long island in midstream.

From the island's low, sandy banks German snipers had fired at American vehicles on the west bank of the Rhine. In American hands it would offer an excellent vantage point for interception and destruction of mines floated downstream by the enemy to blast the Remagen crossings.

A reinforced platoon of 40 men from Co. E, led by 2/Lt. Stewart V. Bouck, of Euclid, Ohio, was given the mission of taking the island. At 1930 hours, the men carried assault boats down to the water, crowded into them with rifles, machine guns and bazookas and stood by for the command to shove off.

Easy Target for Enemy

Up and down the valley flares cast long paths of light over the surface of the Rhine. Bursts of machine gun fire rang out high in the mountains across the river. To the enemy still holding the crests the island was an easy target.

The assault boats swung out into the river, and the current carried them swiftly downstream to the tip of the island. Landing without opposition, the platoon spread out and advanced toward the other end of the island. Several hundred yards were covered without sign of the enemy.

Two lone Germans crawled out of a dugout with upraised hands. They and four others in a nearby dugout were the only troops left to defend the island, they said, and they led Bouck's men to the other four, who surrendered readily.

With the island in his possession Bouck set up his CP in a coal barge in the middle of the Rhine.

Bunny in a Barrage Relieves GI Tension

WITH 99th INF. DIV.—When Sgt. Louis W. Chaudet, of Hollywood, Calif., used to understand his uncle, Blackstone, the magician, he little dreamed some day he would be duplicating one of the feats on some German battlefield.

Chaudet and his I&R platoon of the 394th Regt. crowded into a barn with



an MG section from E Co., all trying to escape heavy enemy barrage. As the boys say, stuff was flying all over the place, one man was wounded, and tension was growing.

The magician found a live rabbit in another part of the barn and presently was asking, "Have you seen this one?" as he rattled off a few abracadabras, and produced the bunny "out of thin air."

It turned the trick. Everyone started laughing and the tension was off.

30th Unit Takes 450 Nazis and Two Towns

WITH 30th INF. DIV.—Smoothness of the 117th Regt.'s recent crossing of the Rhine, which netted two German towns—Ork and Spellen—and 450 prisoners, was attributed partly to several days rehearsal on the Maas river in Holland, it was disclosed.

The veterans of the Vire and Wurm crossings took to the assault boats at 2 a.m., following an hour and a half artillery barrage, and at 2:10 a.m. the first wave was over.

Men of the First Bn., wearers of the Presidential Unit Citation badge, for their stand at Mortain, were the first to secure the beaches and other units followed closely behind.

Approximately 150 prisoners were taken in the first two hours of fighting.

125th AAA in Varied Operations

In fast-changing recent operations, the 125th AAA Gun Bn. has served as field artillery, deployed for infantry missions, set up straight anti-aircraft protection and worked in buzz-bomb defense.

Combat Spotlight 3rd Armd. Div.

Col. L.L. DOAN
3RD ARMORED DIV.

AT GAVRAY, AFTER THE ST LO BREAK THRU HE WADED THE SEINE RIVER LEADING HIS TANKS ON FOOT TO SECURE A BRIDGEHEAD

FIRST TO ENTER COLOGNE
EARLY MARCH 5TH IN COMMAND OF TASK FORCE X
COL. DOAN ENTERED THIS BATTERED CITY WITH HIS LEAD TANKS

-A GFT. 3IN TEXAN HE'S CALLED "CHUBBY"

Vandenberg Commends 9 TAC Pilots

WASHINGTON, March 30—Nine fighter-bomber pilots of the Ninth AF, each a specialist in a phase of tactical air operations, have been accorded special recognition by Maj. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, Ninth AF CG, the War Department announced today.

These men were leaders in paving the way for advancing U.S. armies by blasting tanks, bridges, tunnels, locomotives, convoys, gun sites and fortified points in the path of the doughboys.

The nine pilots commended were: 1/Lt. Bruce W. Carr, of Union Springs, N.Y., who destroyed 65 railroad locomotives; Capt. Wilfred B. Crutchfield, of Madisonville, Ky., who blasted a high score of 350 railroad cars; Capt. Kent C. Gyer, of Borgers, Texas, knocked out 80 rail cuts; Capt. Francis P. McIntire, of Savannah, sealed six tunnels.

Capt. Irving I. Ostuw, of Passaic, N.J., destroyed 65 buildings; 1/Lt. Henry B. Hamilton, of Winnetka, Ill., smashed 300 motor transports; 1/Lt. William J. Garry of Winona, Minn., knocked out 32 tanks and other armored vehicles; Maj. Frank H. Peppers, of Brooklyn, destroyed 15 single and double-track railroad bridges in 24 months of combat; Capt. Carroll A. Peterson, of Grand Rapids, Mich., (reported killed in action over Luxembourg Jan. 23) silenced 75 gun positions.

"The nature of tactical air power which attacks dozens of targets simultaneously has to be described in an impersonal and statistical fashion," Vandenberg said.

"However," he added, "tactical air-power's total effect rests squarely on the personal skill and achievements of individual pilots in destroying enemy material and snarling communication systems."

Signal Con. Unit Gets Plaque

The 35th Sig. Construction Bn. has been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for superior performance of duty for the period 7 June 1944 to 6 August 1944.



Co. I riflemen of the 331st Regt., 83rd Inf. Div. march in the streets of Neuss to their company outpost. T/Sgt. Erwin Wetzel, of Barto, Pa., is leading and on the left of the squad is S/Sgt. Cornelius Lackey, Kirk, W. Va.

Riflemen March to Outpost

Frankfurt Is Full of Pitfalls

By Pat Mitchell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH SIXTH ARMD. DIV. Inside Frankfurt, Mar. 30—The men of Baker Co. were fooled by the smiling Germans and the proffered bottles of wine as their half-tracks rolled through the southern suburbs of Frankfurt toward the damaged bridge over the Main river.

The Second platoon's lead track swayed gently and its passengers commented, "The war is over for these people." The cobblestone roads leading toward the bridge were lined with German women, children and old men, some of whom ran toward the rolling column with bottles of Rot Wein. The men said, "Hello," and the young women smiled and waved.

A sergeant grabbed a bottle on the fly, opened it and passed it around. Then he turned to Platoon Leader 2/Lt. Richard G. Persotin, East Liverpool, Ohio, and said, "Where are we going, lieutenant?"

Persotin was thinking of the casual-

ties when he answered, "Into Frankfurt to help out Charlie Co. They're one block beyond the bridge which Task Force Lagrew took two hours ago."

Two blocks from the bridge, Baker Co. dismounted and began to work its way toward the river. Snipers and long range machine gun fire forced them to hug walls and go through back gardens. Every building was chipped and many houses had been caved in by bombs. Overhead trolley wires had fallen to the street and bricks and roof slate littered sidewalks.

The men started over the bridge. The structure itself was so badly cratered neither tanks nor wheeled vehicles could cross. When Lt. Col. Byrd Lagrew, of Lexington, Ky., took the bridge he had three tanks on the way over when the Germans detonated demolition charges.

Baker Co. got over, crawling low and moving fast. Able Co. followed and by

dusk the complete Ninth Armd. Inf. Bn. had cleared about ten blocks. Then it was Jerry's turn: pitching 88mm air-bursting flak, direct high explosive 105 stuff, 120 mortar and 170mm shells they slammed, according to T/Sgt. Sylvestia Swan, "The heaviest concentration I have seen for a long time."

You don't pause as you run into Frankfurt across the bridge. You have to go slow when you come to craters or side step the up-twisted trolley tracks.

There is a spare light machine gun barrel on the bridge, and some cases of ammo, and lots of other important things that suddenly lost their importance when out-racing air bursts became a necessity.

When new arrivals come running in, breathing heavily under their load of mortar and extra ammo, they take only a quick look and duck into the building to get their wind back and think about Germans.

SOMEWHERE IN GERMANY

PVT. THEODORE A. LONG, of Seneca, Mo., who ate his Christmas dinner in the U.S.A., has captured his first Germans. The First Div. dough, Co. H, 16th Regt. was scouting around Waldorf recently, looking for a comfortable spot to spend the night. He entered the front door of a house and faced an elderly German woman holding five cups of coffee on a tray. Seeing that Long and his carbine wasn't going to do her any harm, the woman left the house and returned with several relatives. They led the GI to a basement where he found two drunken Krauts among a pile of empty beer and schnapps bottles. The prisoners were dragged to the CP, and lodged in the PW cage.

Doc Casey, 1 Co. medic of the 26th Inf. Regt., was making a house-to-house check for possible casualties when he heard a voice in the basement of one of the buildings. "Who's down there?" he asked. No answer. "Is that you, Joe?" he inquired further. Soon there was a cry of "Don't shoot, don't shoot" and seven Jerries gave themselves up to the Bryan, Texas, aid man who was armed only with a hypodermic needle!

PFC DALE B. WILLEY, of Harrington, Maine, First Inf. Div., had just finished digging his foxhole in the Butgenbach Forest and was at the CP when an 88 came in and blasted the hole. He set to work digging another and finished it up in style, with an elaborate roof. Returning with a stove, he was forced to hit the ground when an enemy barrage came in. Finally he reached the new foxhole and discovered that it had been torn apart by shrapnel.

To cap everything off, his platoon sergeant ran up and told him he would have to go on patrol in 15 minutes. No time to dig another. But he had better luck on the patrol. He killed two Germans and captured five.

1/Lt. Walter J. McDermott, of Jersey City, is planning a letter to the Infantry School. It will be a request to change the time-honored gesture of upsweeping arms which platoon leaders use in urging their men to "follow me." During the 58th Armd. Inf. Bn.'s drive toward the Rhine, in his first moment of combat action, McDermott started to lead his men in the traditional manner. Suddenly the upraised arm dropped to his side. The letter will be written when the bullet wound heals.

"WHEN A 155 MM OUTFIT captures 19 Krauts, I believe we're spearheading into Germany," said Sgt. Robert J. Steck, of Dayton, Ohio, gun chief for a howitzer outfit in the 666th FA Bn.

His outfit was trying to by-pass traffic near Kleinenbroich, Germany, and moved out into a field. The tractors hit deep mud and stalled temporarily. In a few moments the group of Nazis came out of the nearby woods with their hands high.

"They thought our runs, which happened to be pointing in their direction, were going to fire directly at them," chuckled Capt. Everett G. Alexander, of Lawrence, Mass., battery leader.

One of the half-tracks of the mortar platoon caught fire as the unit started across the hotly contested bridge over the Nord canal that night. The entire column of the Second Bn., 67th Armd. Regt. had to halt. Pfc Anton M. Scheef, of Milbank, S.D., grabbed the fire extinguisher and succeeded in putting the fire out despite continuous artillery fire from the German side of the canal, and saved the convoy from being silhouetted against the light of the burning vehicle.

Pfc Donald Mattingly, of Enid, Okla. and the 102nd Inf. Div., reports entering a town still under German control. In one building, he said, "was a copy of the Stars and Stripes." He and Sgt. Daniel Quinlan, of Ardmore, Pa., had run into plenty of fire entering the town, and they were convinced no other Yanks had been in the place.

"POP" ADAMS of Sunbury, Pa., is 52 but he didn't enlist for his second war just to be an object of curiosity. He came to fight, to do any dirty work required of a doughboy.

The other day, while attacking a hot spot, some men in a machine gun squad of the 60th Armd. Inf. Bn. were hit by an enemy shell. 1/Lt. Albert M. Banta, of Houston, started up to investigate. Two German snipers were about to get Banta when "Pop" spotted them. He picked both off in rapid-fire order with his M1. "Pop" is S/Sgt. Earl A. Adams, a section leader in Hq. Co. of the 60th.

Pfc Donald J. Butler, who celebrated his ninth year in the Army March 22, is a man of many parts, according to reports from the First Inf. Div., and has run the gamut of company bugler, chief regimental bugler, corporal, sergeant and squad leader, back to private again (by his own request) just before the Tunisia campaign. Now he's a runner for the company commander Bn. Hq., 26th Regt., and orderly for the Bn. CO.

Moreover, Butler is a poet and writer of songs. His "Old Glory" song, a patriotic number he composed in 1942, was sung by Bing Crosby on a radio program.

Members of B Co., 771st TD Bn. were held up by large shell craters in the road shortly after the Roer crossing. They used the dozer attachment on one of the TDs to build their own road, thus enabling the outfit to move rapidly to the next town and support the infantry.

While acting as lead scout for Co. G of the 16th Regt. in the vicinity of Hemmerich, Pfc Alfred S. Sousa, of Middletown, R.I., encountered an enemy strongpoint bristling with 20mm ack-ack guns and light MGs. The Jerries immediately opened fire, killing one man and wounding eight others and pinning down the entire company on the open terrain.

Sousa, with three machine gun bullet creases across his face, played dead for three hours until sunset, and then went on a one-man rampage. With fixed bayonet and a single hand grenade, he charged the strongpoint and after silencing the ack-ack battery with the grenade neutralized the machine gun crews with bayonet and rifle. The final score was 30 Germans dead, wounded, or captured and an important objective seized by Co. G.

Enemy shells set fire to several buildings in a III Corps area, and S/Sgt. John S. Woodard, of Wilson, N.C. remembered that he had left a load of chemical mortar shells and HEs nearby. By the time he got there embers were burning into the boxes but he drove the truck away. Then Woodard returned to fight fire, and was badly burned. However, he's back on the job with the 96th Chem. Bn.

300 Forced Laborers Set Free by 78th

WITH 78th INF. DIV.—With the capture of Hangelar, east of the Rhine, troops of the 310th Inf. liberated nearly 300 foreign workers who had been impressed into slave labor by the Nazis.

A few had escaped through the lines on learning of the American advance from leaflets dropped by Allied planes. Most of them had huddled for 12 days in bunkers, awaiting the Americans' arrival, while Allied and German artillery duelled for the town.

When the 310th freed them, they were thin and pale. They had lived mainly on rations of bread and turnips, with perhaps a cubic inch of meat weekly. Their clothes were threadbare—in many cases the same they had been wearing when the Nazis conscripted them at some time from six months to five years before.

At the aid station, where medics of the 310th treated cases of injury and malnutrition, a 22-year old French baker explained that they had been employed in an aircraft factory, in mines and on roads. About one third of them were French, he said, the remainder largely Belgians, Russians, Poles and Italians.

The medics improvised a staff of interpreters from among themselves. Opt. Joseph J. Skotek, of McAdoo, Pa., talked with the Poles and Russians. T/3 Frank J. Ragusa, of Streater, Ill., interpreted for the Italians. T/5 Norman E. Reinshing, of Greenwood, Wis., spoke German.

A Dutch civilian medic was bustling among the crowd, but the other foreigners studiously avoided him.

The little French baker spat on the cobblestones.

"That one!" he said. "A true collaborator! He deserves a bullet in the neck."

There were a few others tagged as collaborationists in the group. Mainly they were French women, several of them pregnant.

A Russian, who had been nursing a bottle of German schnapps, suddenly burst into a roar of song. The others looked on and smiled, but none of them joined in the singing.

WHEN ELEMENTS of the 15th Cav. Recon Squadron set out in bright moonlight across the Roer for Roermond, they carried all the necessary equipment for a small-scale crossing against one of the most strongly fortified and most heavily-mined towns along the river.

Lt. Col. Garrett J. Dobbins, battalion CO, observed the time-table for the mission, then radioed to his patrol in Roermond, "What's cooking over there?" he asked.

"Breakfast," was the reply. The men were heating K-rations in the center of the town which Jerry had evacuated the previous night.

When the 30th Inf. Div. started its Rhineward drive with the jump-off across the Roer, S/Sgt. Robert Radcliffe found himself on familiar ground. Radcliffe had already explored the east bank on two previous night patrols. Since its arrival in the ETO less than a year ago, the 298th Signal Installation Co. has set up switchboards with total capacity sufficient to handle the needs of a city the size of Tampa, Phoenix, or Spokane. Two winners in ADSEC's Tire Conservation Jingle contest were from a single detachment of the First Civil Affairs Regt. Pfc Harry M. Ware and Robert L. Schiele took their trophies of three-day passes in Paris.

When members of an 18th Cav. Recon unit said they were going to burn the pants off the Jerries they kept their word. An assault gun under Sgt. Joel Coolidge, of Houston, Texas, came upon some Jerries crossing a field on the run. Cpl. James Brown, of Friendsville, Tenn., fired twice, killing three; gunner Brown then fired a white phosphorus shell which literally burned out the seat of a Jerry's pants.

OUT OF A WRECKED German cargo carrier, a wrecked German van and an amount of GI ingenuity, men of the 16th FA Bn. have built a travelling battery CP. 1/Sgt. Edwin Wilson, Pvt. Clarence Rhodes and Cpl. Elbert Robenolt salvaged the captured equipment and turned out an aluminum-over-plywood rolling home for five, with built-in bunks, lockers, cabinets, desks, map tables and a system of compartments that has reduced everything to pigeon-hole caliber.

The only piece of American equipment in the outfit, which can be towed by a command car, is a salvaged trailer hitch.

This Happened in America Yesterday:

OCD Now Aids Veterans, Helps With Victory Gardens

NEW YORK, Mar. 30—The Office of Civilian Defense, which once had 1,500 fulltime employes and trained 11 million Americans as air raid wardens, fire watchers, airplane spotters, rescue squads, etc., is now giving advice on how to help war veterans, how to run War Bond drives and how to raise victory gardens.

With the U. S. pounding along the roads toward Berlin, the OCD's big job is done, but its director, Maj. Gen. William N. Haskell, retired, thinks there may be a psychological advantage in keeping it going. He says that as long as people still do voluntary war chores, they won't get the idea the war is over.

Probably OCD's biggest job these days is gathering back some of the \$54,000,000 worth of equipment it gave out on loan, mostly fire fighting pumps. All the equipment is being turned over to the Army or declared surplus. Fire chiefs said the pumps were not much good anyway.

Poultry Shortage Affects Rites

THOUSANDS of orthodox Jewish families may have to waive the traditional use of a chicken neck or wing in Passover ceremonies because of the nation-wide meat and poultry shortage. Rabbi Julius Goldman, secretary of the Rabbinical Association of Chicago, said pieces of chicken are used instead of the shoulder or shank of a lamb employed as a symbol of the Paschal lamb. The association has told orthodox Jews to use other types of meat, if it can be found, during the ceremonies.

Remember the bag of jelly beans citizens could once buy at Eastertime for a nickel? An Erie (Pa.), correspondent reports that times have changed, and that a pound of beans now costs 85 cents.

Pan-American Airways announced that a Lockheed Constellation transport plane had flown non-stop from Los Angeles to Miami in eight hours and five minutes, thus clipping 38 minutes from the previous record. Capt. Victor Wright was the pilot.

New York bootblacks were interested to hear that down in Buenos Aires the bootblacks have organized a union and are petitioning the Government for minimum pay, severance pay, sick leave benefits and vacations with pay. A spokesman said: "We, too, would like to go to the seashore. . . each summer. . . and be able to have someone else shine our shoes."

America's Best Dressed



AMERICA'S fashion experts have made their annual selection of the year's best-dressed women in convention at New York's Hotel Pierre. Chosen as representatives of various fields of feminine endeavor, winners of the awards were, left to right: Carole Landis, stage; Maj. Juanita Redmont, Swansea, S.C., Army Nurse Corps; Esme Davis, Wheeling, W. Va., journalism; Vivian Della Chiesa, Chicago, concert; Lt. Gilman Spencer, Athens, Mich., Navy Nurse Corps; Mrs. Leon Mandel, Chicago, international; Jane Wyatt, Hollywood, all-American; and Mrs. Walter Thornton, New York, business. Not present for the award, but also included on the experts' list, were: Ann Sheridan, screen; Mary Livingston, radio; Mrs. Harmon Spencer Auguste, society; and Jane Froman, popular music.

Would Improve Sweet Potato

CLEMSON COLLEGE is conducting a study of the possibilities of improving sweet potatoes—as if any improvement is necessary. . . At Portland, Ore., the three-year-old son of Lt. Kenneth Pinnon, whom he had never seen, called, "That's my daddy" when Pinnon spoke to him on his return from the Pacific. Pinnon had sent home phonograph recordings of his voice. . . New York is considering a ban on the future construction of skyscrapers along parks throughout the city; the plan has the backing of Park Commissioner Robert Moses and was the outgrowth of protests over the proposed erection of a 30-story apartment house on the north side of Washington Square, which Greenwich Villagers said would ruin the sunny square where kids and pigeons play.

Even before the premature peace spree that took place Tuesday, playful soldiers at Ft. Sheridan, Ill., had started a buddy by awakening him in the middle of the night and shoving a copy of the local newspaper under his nose. A foot-high headline read: "ARMISTICE SIGNED, GERMANY SURRENDERS." He was out of bed, half-dressed and running for a midnight celebration before his friends halted him. It was a 1918 newspaper.

Oklahoma Ags Beat DePaul

Pirates Rich In Material; Rely on Vets

(This is the ninth in a series on major league prospects for 1945.)

MUNCIE, Ind., Mar. 30 (ANS)—Frankie Frisch is the only major league manager who will return to the same team he had in 1944, and in Frankie's case this means the Pittsburgh Pirates, who were the hottest team in the business for the last month of the season. The Pirates have everything this season and they no doubt figure that it's now or never. They have a good pitching staff with five starters, a well-seasoned infield, speedy outfield and excellent catching in two venerables of the mitt and pads, Al Lopez and Spud Davis.

Truett Sewell has demonstrated that his blooper ball is in fine shape and should head off anything accomplished by the Cardinals' Mort Cooper. After that the Pirates have Max Butcher, Preacher Roe, Freddie Ostermueller and Nick Strincevich.

Babe Dahlgren and Bob Elliott are fixtures at first and third, but there will be a battle for the keystone spots. A battle, incidentally, which any manager would love to have on his club.

Pete Coscarart and Frankie Gustine both play second base and Gustine also plays shortstop. That leaves Victor Barnhart, who hit .310 last year at Albany; Frankie Zak, who belted an even .300 in 87 games with the Pirates, and veteran Lee Handley to fight it out for reserve.

Jimmy Russell, whose .312 average was tops for the Pirates last season, will move over to center field from left and Jack Barrett, another veteran, will be in right field. Frank Colman, whose loud bat featured the Pirates' late season drive last year, will play left field. Reserve spots will be awarded from among Al Gionfriddo, .330 hitter last year at Albany; Tommy O'Brien, who hit .260 in 85 games with the Pirates last year, and Bill Rodgers, another .330 hitter from Albany.

On top of this array of talent, the Pirates have one of the game's best outfielders as trading bait. Vince DiMaggio is still at home in California, sore at the Pirates and declaring he wants to be traded.

Favor Angels In Coast Loop

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 30—Baseball observers from Seattle to San Diego predict one of the hottest races in the history of the Pacific Coast League this year, with Los Angeles given the nod to squeeze through for its third straight pennant. The season starts tomorrow. Lou Novikoff and Rip Russell have been sent out by the Cubs to strengthen the Angels in batting, and infielder Pete Eiko and Pitcher Japhet Lynn were delivered to help the club defensively.

The Seattle Rainiers have formidable pitching and good batting and must be considered a prominent contender, while the local Seals will have to depend upon Manager Lefty O'Doul's savvy as the pitching staff of 1944 has been sadly depleted. Ken Brondell, of the Giants, and Ken Miller have been acquired to help on the mound. Portland, too, has pitching problems.

Dolf Camilli's Oakland Oaks are dark horses with lots of good youngsters coming along and Buck Fausett's Hollywood Stars are weaker than last year with Shortstop Tod Davis and Outfielder Frank Kelleher gone.

The Sacramento Solons will have a strong club if Earl Sheely can get action out of Gene Corbett and Jimmy Grant. Corbett, slated for first base, hasn't shown up yet, and Grant is out with injuries.

The consensus is that Pepper Martin will lead his San Diego Padres into the league cellar. Almost the whole of the 1944 pitching staff is gone, and Pepper hasn't much left.



Lt. Bert Shepard

Best Foot Forward—The Washington Senators yesterday announced they had signed Shepard to a coaching contract. The former P33 pilot who lost his right leg when shot down over Germany last year, is pictured rounding first base in the Senators' College Park, Md., training camp.

Canadiens, Wings Win

MONTREAL, Mar. 30 (ANS)—The World Champion Montreal Canadiens, faced with the necessity of winning three straight to remain in the Stanley Cup playoff, slaughtered the Toronto Maple Leafs, 10-3, here last night to pull within one game and two points of the Leafs in the semi-final series.

The Canucks' murderous front line of Maurice Richard, Elmer Lach and Toe

Stanley Cup Playoffs

First-Third Series				
	W	L	T	Pts
Toronto	3	2	0	6
Montreal	2	3	0	4
Second-Fourth Series				
	W	L	T	Pts
Detroit	3	2	0	6
Boston	2	3	0	4

Blake scored 11 points in the rout, with Richards' (three in the last period) four goals and one assist pacing the attack.

Red Wings Beat Bruins

DETROIT, March 30 (ANS)—Mud Bruneteau's goal, his second of the game, at 17:12 of the overtime period, gave the Detroit Red Wings a 3-2 victory over the Boston Bruins here last night and moved the Wings out in front, three games to two, in their eight-point semifinal series.

Bruneteau belted the puck past Paul Bibeault at 2:50 of the opening period, with Joe Carveth and Carl Liscombe receiving credit for assists, and Herbie Cain tied it up for the Bruins on a pass out from Bill Cowley nine minutes later. Flash Hollett put Detroit back in front at 14 minutes with an assist by Pido Purpur and it stayed that way until the final three minutes of the final period.

Texan Uses Draft Dodge To Escape Zivic's Fists

AUSTIN, Tex., Mar. 30.—The fame of 32-year-old Fritz Zivic's fists apparently still carries fear into the hearts of his opponents. Proctor Heinhold, young Texas middleweight champ, wired promoters he couldn't meet Zivic here next week because he's being inducted at Oklahoma City.

A phone call to Heinhold's draft board revealed that the champion is—that's right, Joe—4F.

Mikan Fouls Out; Kurland Has 14 Points

By Jay Barnes
ANS Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Mar. 30—The vaunted "Battle of the Giants" didn't materialize in Madison Square Garden last night, where Oklahoma A. and M. defeated DePaul University of Chicago, 52-44, in the unofficial national basketball championship game for the benefit of the Red Cross fund. Before the game was 16 minutes old, George Mikan, regarded as the country's outstanding collegiate center, was chased for exceeding the personal foul quota and the Aggies lost their sparkplug and leading goal-maker.

The capacity crowd of 18,000 saw Referees Pat Kennedy and Hagan Anderson put both centers in a ticklish position during the opening four minutes when they slapped three fouls on Bob Kurland, Aggies' seven-footer, and four on Mikan, DePaul led, 21-14, when the popular Chicago player was finally charged with his fifth foul and had to leave the game. Kurland managed to go the full distance and scored 14 points. Mikan had nine points.

Just Another Ball Game

It was just another ball game, however, with Mikan gone. The crowd had come to see him battle against Kurland all the way, and they wanted to see the guy who could score an average of 43 points a game in tournament competition. They were disappointed, for after the four fouls were called on him in the first four minutes, Mikan became cautious and didn't dare take any chances.

DePaul managed to cling to a five-point lead at the half, 26-21, but that was erased at the start of the second half when Kurland set up three straight baskets for Cecil Hankins. Doyle Parrack hit a layup on a pass from Kurland and Hankins got a field goal and foul to put the Aggies ahead, 32-26, the Chicagoans having been shut out for five minutes.

With two minutes of the game remaining, DePaul started a brief rally which carried the Demons within three points of the Aggies at 47-44. Jack Allen, Whitey Kachan and Gene Stump, three DePaul starters, went out on personals at that point and DePaul was through.

In last night's preliminary game, New York University, runnerup in the NCAA play, defeated Bowling Green, National Invitation finalist, 63-61.

IrishMum on Cage Profits in Garden

BROOKLYN, Mar. 30.—Ned Irish, basketball promoter at Madison Square Garden, appearing today for the first time before the King's County court investigating the Brooklyn College bribe scandal, revealed cage doubleheaders at the Garden had attracted about \$1,700,000, but he refused to divulge how much he personally made on the venture.

Irish said he had been receiving \$12,500 a year salary, since becoming acting president of the Garden, and that he gets an additional ten percent of the basketball "take," minus expenses. Hearings will be resumed Monday with Irish again slated to be the star witness.

Medal of Honor Winner, Promised Card Tryout

PARIS, Mar. 30.—Sgt. Junior James Spurrier, the 134th Inf. Reg. Congressional Medal of Honor winner from Bluefield, W.Va., will have "every chance in the world" to earn a position on the St. Louis Cardinals' pitching staff after the war, Owner Sam Breadon cabled The Stars and Stripes last night.

The one-man gang had said his post-war ambition was to pitch for the Cards.

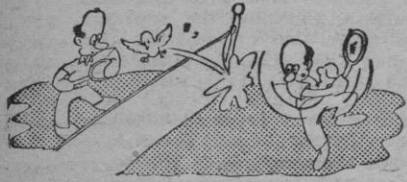
Hash Marks

After waiting a month on a small Pacific island for a plane to take him to Australia, a flier was desperate.

Someone told him that if he hitched a ride on a passing landing craft to the next island he might get a plane from there.

The flier embarked—found himself attacking Morotai with the first wave and spent three days in a foxhole on the beachhead.

A pigeon came home very late for dinner one evening, with his feathers



bedraggled, and his eyes bloodshot. "I was out minding my own business," he explained, "when bingo, I get caught in a badminton game."

Pfc: "Look, Sarge, I just now caught a skunk—I'm gonna keep him for a pet." Sgt: "Where ya gonna keep him?" Pfc: "I'll tie him under my bunk." Sgt: "What about the smell?" Pfc: "He'll have to get used to that just like I did."

The little moron thinks that Francis Scott Key is famous because he knew all the verses of The Star Spangled Banner.

J.C.W.

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- 0715-Two Tune Time.
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- 0815-Personal Album.
- 0830-Music.
- 0910-Melody Roundup.
- 0930-Canada Show.
- 1001-Morning After.
- 1030-Sirike Up Band.
- 1102-Home News.
- 1106-Duffie Bag.
- 1145-Plane Parade.
- 1210-Two Tune Time.
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- 1430-Miss Parade.
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- 2030-Char. McCarthy.
- 2105-Soldier and Song.
- 2116-Footlight Music.
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- 2305-Saturday Seren.
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- 0555-Opening Prayer.
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- 0615-Hymns.
- 0630-Easter Service.
- 0715-Two Tune Time.
- 0720-Sunday Serenade.
- 0801-Combat Diary.
- 0820-Top of Morning.
- 0910-Melody Roundup.
- 0925-Family Hour.
- 1001-Sunday Music.
- 1030-Hour of Charm.
- 1102-Home News.
- 1106-Morning After.
- 1135-Show Time.
- 1210-GI Jive.
- 1230-Clear Lower Dec.
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- 1330-Sammy Kaye.
- 1410-Combat Quiz.
- 1425-Modern Moods.
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- 1550-At Ease.
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- 1715-AEF Special.
- 1805-Mark Up Map.
- 1810-Sport News.
- 1815-Familiar Music.
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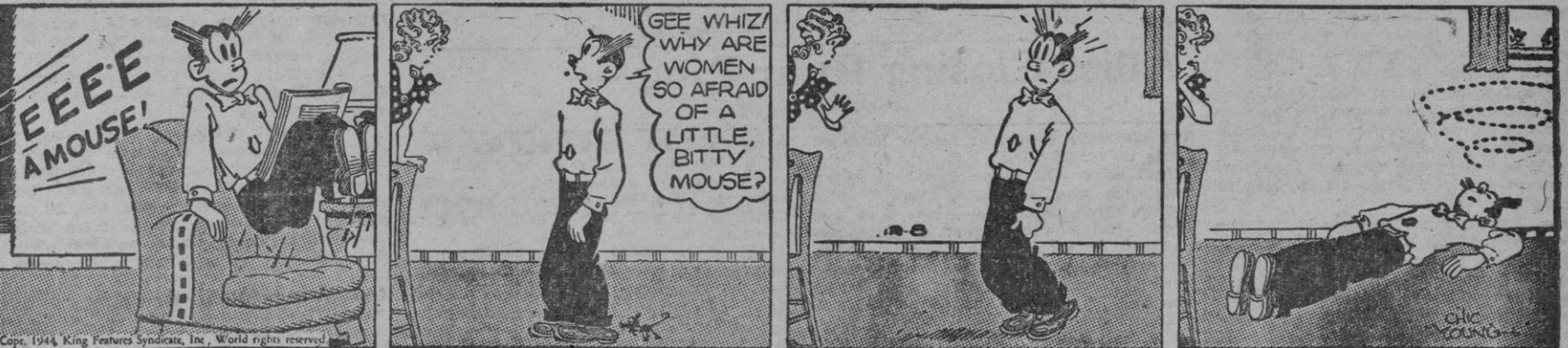
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