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Kennen Zee yehna Frow?  
Do you know that woman?

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# Bulge Crumbles in West; Yanks 90 Mi. from Manila

## 30 Towns Captured On Luzon

Overrunning an airfield and about 30 towns and villages in their path, Sixth Army troops last night were swiftly driving inland on Luzon—reaching one point within 90 miles of Manila itself—while U.S. aircraft hammered at Jap reinforcements struggling north from the Philippine capital to meet the U.S. invaders, a report from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters said yesterday.

As the Americans poured armor and heavy artillery onto a 22-mile beachhead stretching from Lingayen to San Fabian, B29 Superfortresses, hitting at Japan's westernmost flank, were bombing Singapore in daylight, Tokyo Radio announced. On Luzon, soldiers of Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger's Sixth Army were in possession of a hard-surfaced highway running along the shores of Lingayen Gulf through San Fabian, Maggaldan, Dagupan and Lingayen.

### Airdrome Almost Undamaged

At Lingayen, engineers were extending the runways on the airdrome captured there almost undamaged. Another prize was Port Sual, ten miles northwest of Lingayen, where the navy was developing facilities for landing supplies. Although no important Jap resistance has been met 48 hours after the landings, dispatches from Luzon said yesterday that somewhere on the central Luzon plains—between Lingayen and Manila—the biggest battle of the Pacific war may soon be waged. As troops and equipment were

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## Nazis Use Children As Saboteur Aides

WITH FIRST U.S. ARMY, Jan. 11.—First instances of the Nazis' use of children as saboteur aides was disclosed today with the arrest of five boys and one girl. Influenced by SS infantrymen, these adolescents, ranging in age from 12 to 17, attempted to sabotage American vehicles and communications.

## Senator Asks Use of Force to Assure Peace

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (ANS).—Immediate assurance that the U.S. will meet with "instantaneous" force any effort of defeated Germany or Japan to rearm, was asked of Congress today by Sen. Arthur Vandenberg, (R-Mich.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

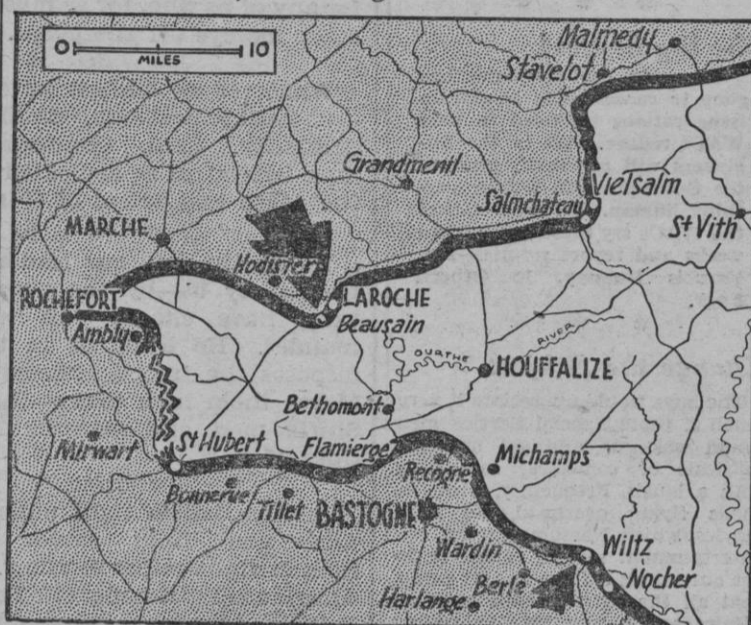
The Michigan Senator said that the nation ought to demand that all separate agreements on Europe's snarled political problems be put on a purely temporary basis and subject to review by a proposed international security organization. He called for the U.S. to "relight the torch" of the Atlantic Charter, asserting "we have not altered our original commitments to its principles."

Vandenberg's proposals brought from Sen. Connally, Foreign Relations Committee chairman (D-Tex.) a reply apparently typical of Democratic reaction. He indicated the belief that the problems involved in future world peace cannot be handled now. But must wait a definitive treaty of peace.

Vandenberg's Michigan colleague, Sen. Homer Ferguson, proposed that the Senate take the initiative in writing a "strong, effective foreign

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## Line of the Bulge Moves Eastward



This is the salient just before Von Rundstedt pulled his troops back beyond the River Ourthe between Laroche and Houffalize.

## 5 More EM Get Stiff Terms For Cigarette Black Market

By Ernest Leiser

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Severe sentences were handed out again yesterday to the second group of soldiers court-martialed in the Army's mass prosecution of two officers and 182 men charged with the theft and black market sale of GI cigarettes.

Four prison terms of 40 years at hard labor and a fifth of 45 years were ordered for the five enlisted men tried during yesterday's hearings. All were dishonorably discharged.

The trials were highlighted by an acknowledgment made by Maj. Carmon C. Harris, the Judge Advocate prosecuting the cases, that the men accused "were just the ones who happened to get caught." He said that "those who have profited more have gone free" and asked the help of the "little culprits" in denouncing in open court those mainly responsible for the thefts.

### Mild Punishment Refused

Sentences of 40 years were given T/4 Leonard P. French, of Houston, Tex.; Pfc. Thomas G. Harper, of Chicago; Pvt. Fred C. Jones, of Clarksburg, W. Va., and Pvt. Edward Wagner, of St. Paul, Minn. Sgt. Merel Young, of New York City, was given 45 years. All of the men were members of Co. "C", 716th Railway Operating Bn. Capt. Robert Guthrie, handling the defense, pleaded in vain for a

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## Congress Gets 2 Bills For Medic Combat Pay

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Two bills providing additional pay for enlisted medical personnel on duty in combat areas have been re-introduced into the 79th Congress. Both bills limit payments for combat service to six months after the cessation of hostilities.

Rep. Frances P. Bolton, (R-Ohio) has submitted a bill providing an additional \$10 monthly to men awarded a proposed Medical Corps Valor Badge, while Rep. Richard F. Harris (D-Ariz.) sponsored a bill providing the same amount of extra pay to enlisted medics in combat areas with no valor badge required.

## Nazis' Gap For Escape Now 8 Miles

The western half of the German salient in Belgium collapsed yesterday as Field Marshal von Rundstedt pulled back infantry and armor to positions east of the River Ourthe. Yesterday's German communique admitted the withdrawal. Reuter, from Stockholm, quoted a Berlin military spokesman as announcing that the winter offensive was over.

The gap between Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's forces on the north and Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley's troops on the south is now only eight miles. Reuter reported from the front last night. Through this gap, German armor and infantry are moving eastward in an orderly fashion, the Reuter report said.

The German communique said the city of St. Hubert, southwestern peg of the bulge, had been evacuated. Germans also apparently had evacuated the key road center of Laroche, on the north, according to front-line reports which said that Allied troops found the city virtually empty when they entered it yesterday morning.

Germans covered their withdrawal with dense fields of plastic mines which slowed Allied armor. All reports indicated that the withdrawal was orderly and had not yet developed into the kind of retreat which the Allies could exploit.

### Nazi Stand Expected

It was expected that Von Rundstedt would attempt to defend the still firm eastern half of the bulge on ridges between Houffalize and St. Vith.

British patrols ranged all the way through the forest of St. Hubert for four miles to the St. Hubert-Laroche highway and the vicinity

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## British and ELAS Near Agreement

British authorities and ELAS leaders have reached "a large measure of agreement over terms of a cease-fire order" at Athens, Army News Service reported yesterday.

The conference opened Wednesday and it was indicated the bloody 40-day-old Greek civil war would cease if an agreement could be reached on British terms.

## First Red Cross Girl Killed On Duty at Western Front

By Arthur White

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Ann Kathleen Cullen, of Larchmont, N.Y., the first American Red Cross girl to die through enemy action on the Western Front, was killed Dec. 20 when a German shell struck a U.S. hospital in Belgium.

She was the second American girl killed by enemy action in a hospital area here, 2/Lt. Frances Slanger, an Army nurse, lost her life Oct. 21 when German guns shelled her field hospital.

Member of a clubmobile group, "Katie" Cullen, 26, joined the ARC in June, 1943, and came to the Continent after a year's service in Britain.

She is buried in a military cemetery in Belgium.

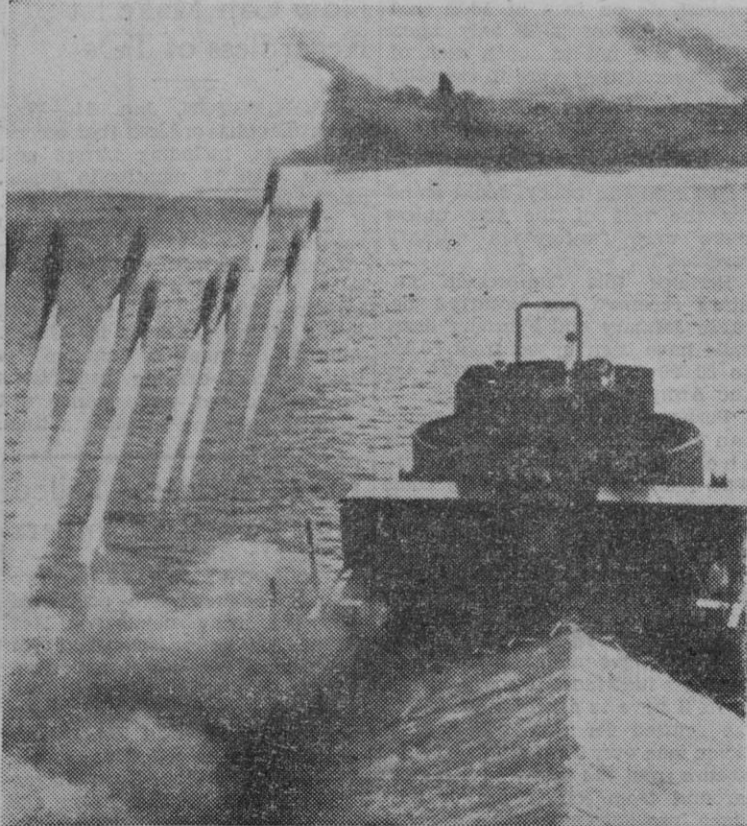
Three other ARC girls, Catherine T. Gladding, of West Allenhurst, N.J.; Ann T. Knotts, of Sicily Island, Ia., and Anne Denney, of Dover, Del., narrowly escaped death when a German bomb demolished a Red Cross club in France. Soldiers dragged them



Ann Kathleen Cullen

from the wreckage, suffering from shock and bruises. They were given first aid and returned to duty.

## Rockets Streak Ashore in Philippine Action



A barrage of rockets fired from an LCI streaks ashore to batter Japanese defenses as Americans invade the island of Mindoro in the Philippines.

# THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

## And Orchids to You!

Your Jan. 9 issue carries a photo of Ninth Troop Carrier Command dropping supplies to us at Bastogne. The caption refers to the "desperate plight of the defenders." To such nonsense I again say "Nuts." Ask those tough cookies of 101st Airborne, 10th Armored, 705 TD attached artillery and Force Snafu. They really know the score. It was pretty rough at times but we were hurting badly only for medical attention and a little bit for ammunition. Our situation was never desperate and I know of no man inside Bastogne who ever doubted our ability to hold it.—A. C. McAuliffe, Brig. Gen., USA.

## Trust No One

I got into a conversation in a Red Cross club with a combat infantryman and he told me everything a Nazi would want to know about the outfit. I cautioned him politely about careless talk and it ended with him calling me everything under the sun and saying, "You're in the Air Force and it's none of your damn business."

Well it is my business and it's every GI's business. The information I picked up would make plenty of hell for them if Jerry knew. Besides, because I wore the AF shoulder patch, does that make me an air force man? I could have been a German. Listen fellows—this is from one Joe to another—trust no one.—Sgt. D. B., AF.

## Twin Troubles

We are identical twins. The other day one of us used a latrine which was off limits and the other was thinking of using it. So the CO gave both of us five hours duty guarding the latrine for seven days. How can they give one of us punishment for using the latrine and the other for thinking of using it?—Twins, FA.

## The Good Germans

A group of men were returning from a patrol when they were challenged by a German guarding a CP, who told them to halt, and then opened fire. One fellow got hit in the stomach, one stayed with the wounded man and the others made it back to the lines.

The Germans found the wounded kid and finished him with their bayonets. This was witnessed by the man who stayed behind.

We took the town the next morning and found the boy's body. When we took the CP we captured four medics who said they would not hurt a fly and begged for mercy. We went ahead and treated their wounded.—Pfc R. M., Inf.

## Conservation

Just a bit curious about the plexiglass-covered jeep pictured in The Star and Stripes recently. It looks pretty swanky, but I would like to know where an ordnance outfit salvages that much plexiglass, worth several hundred dollars. Let's not worry so much about being able to sweat the babes from all angles of a jeep and worry a little more about getting the supplies to the front lines.—An Old Fogie.

## Old Army Game

The red-tape involved in promoting Com. Z lieutenants in the ETO is anything but a morale builder for the officers concerned, company commanders and the clerks who type out the same recommendations over and over.

Eight months ago I recommended the promotion of a 2/Lt.

who has now 25 months in grade and a good record. It has never been disapproved and yet he's still a 2/Lt.

Eight times I have resubmitted the same recommendation. Twice the papers were lost; three times the form used was changed, thus requiring resubmission; once an intermediate headquarters stuck an extra letter in the officer's name, making the recommendation invalid; and twice my unit changed base sections, making resubmission necessary again.—Company Commander.

## The Big Brutes!

We notice that the Army has gone to considerable trouble to issue rations intended to help WACs reduce. We in the Engineers will personally guarantee C-Rations will reduce anything human. We suggest that the WACs try these out for two weeks and report results.—Pvt. Francis Ramsey, 12 Others, Engr.

## Change the Subject

The boys would appreciate it very much if these Special Service men would wake up and get us some musicals or comedies; something with a laugh. Frequently, with the shells flying overhead, we have movies, which I assume are for our entertainment and to enable us to get our minds off the war. It seems that all the movies stress military affairs and heroes that invariably die.—S/Sgt. R. Finewood, Engr.

## For Soldiers Only

So the girls in Arthur Murray's dancing-school said the soldiers are softies. Whether they realize it or not, the GIs are really the gentlemen of the service. If these girls prefer these wolves hounding them for dates, then they're not the right kind. I haven't anything against sailors or marines, but I think they are really the wolves.—Cpl. J. A. Weber, Ord.

(Shh—careful what you say about sailors—we're depending on them to take us home.—Ed.)

## Experts Disagree

I read the letter of Pvt. M. Raasch who suggests conserving tires by eliminating a complete axle on 6x6 type trucks.

If he worked on trucks, he would know that the axle housings are not fastened to the frame, but connected to each other by torque rods. In turn, the housing of the spring bearings is fastened to the frame. The center of the spring balances on the bearings. Then there is a loop through each side of the housing. The ends of the spring are fitted in there, not fastened.

What does he do—drive a white-bell job?—Pfc E. Ulrich, Tank Bn.

## An Editorial

# A Word to the World

LOOK Britain. Look America. Look people of the United Nations.

This is a German soldier. Good, bad or indifferent—he's a fighting fool. His background is Nazism. His future is hopeless. He's fighting as he's never fought before.

Listen America. Listen Britain. Listen United Nations.

This man—and millions like him—is the enemy. His gun is loaded. When the trigger is pulled it shoots. There's death in this man. Death in this gun. Death for any of us who, for as much as a minute, takes his eye off the peeps.

Whatever we soldiers have—all we have—we need to beat him. Single-mindedness. Solidarity. Skill. Confidence that every man behind us is dedicated to one end—the death and defeat of this foe.

To do the job, our leaders are chosen. Chosen by us—by the people. They, in turn, have chosen our Supreme Commander. He leads us in the west. He disposes the troops, chooses the generals. Moves them here today—there tomorrow. Shifts men and materials to meet the tides of war.

And so British fight under Eisenhower. Americans fight under Montgomery. French fight under Bradley. British and Americans fight under the French. French, British, American—what does it matter? What on God's ice-crusted earth matters right now except killing this Hun?

What Eisenhower does is for Ike to decide. For us to obey. With under-



standing—the understanding born of having fought under him from the beaches to the borderlands of the Reich.

He who places pride above military policy is a fool. He who spreads rumor is a traitor. He who panders to local prejudice and pride at the expense of the great purpose of all the peoples—the defeat of this German—is an enemy. An enemy who sells out the soldiers, the peoples, the principles, the peace of an entire world.

## Background of the News

# Manpower, 4Fs and War Jobs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (ANS).—Are you confused by all the noise over manpower, 4Fs, war production and new draft regulations? Well, here's the dope:

The government is trying to force workers into war jobs and to keep those already there from quitting. It is doing it in these ways:

- 1.—Draft boards taking men up to 38 years of age.
- 2.—Boards tightening up on all deferments.
- 3.—Drafting men 18 to 38 who leave essential or war-supporting industries without draft board approval.
- 4.—Lowering army physical standards to take 4Fs who quit war job without board approval.
- 5.—Ordering draft boards to re-examine men rejected for physical defects—borderline cases

and not those with obvious defects—since last February.

These physically defective men include 4Fs and others who, although not as physically defective as 4Fs, are capable only of limited service.

Getting men for the armed services is only a small part of the general fuss. To understand how this has developed it is necessary to go back to last May.

At that time, because the services had been built up to peak or near peak strength, draft calls were reduced. From then on the Army needed only replacements and it wanted only the youngest men. Draft boards were told to concentrate on men of 18-25 and to take men of 26-29 only when needed and not to touch men of 30 or over if they were in essential jobs.

This system was working so well that in July and again in September, Selective Service officials said the policy would stand for the rest of the war unless there were "unforeseen military reverses."

Perhaps this "unforeseen military reverse" has occurred because January and February draft calls have been upped from 60,000 to 80,000 to a total of 115,000 for the Army, Navy and Marines.

Perhaps only half that number can be supplied by those reaching their 18th birthday each month. The remainder will have to come from the 1A pool of men who have no deferment or lose deferments.

The Army's threat to induct job-jumpers doesn't mean that it will suddenly open its doors to any number of them. It wouldn't have room, but it could take thousands, as it will have to do. So the threat becomes individual to every worker.

He'll have to ask himself: Will I be drafted for this? Meanwhile, some men over 30, beginning to feel secure from the draft, have hopped around from job to job or have gone into unessential or less essential work.

When the war in Europe bogged down manpower began to be needed badly for war production. On

Dec. 11 Selective Service Director Hershey told draft boards to tighten up on deferments for men over 30 and not to permit job shifts unless they were for the good of the war effort. The draft age was re-extended to 38.

One draft official said the new change might not net many men for the draft but it would tend to keep men in their war jobs and that was the essential purpose.

Just how many additional men will be needed because of the December offensive has not been announced.

## Second Lieutenants Now Can Make 1st Regardless of TOs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—War Department has ordered that second lieutenants, including nurses and WACs, with 18 months in grade, may be promoted to first lieutenant, if qualified, regardless of TO vacancies.

Length of service will be figured on a time and a half scale for officers outside the continental limits of the U. S. or in Alaska. Another regulation change is that officers earning promotions through combat performance will advance only one grade at a time.

## 937 Germans Killed By Two Red Snipers

MOSCOW, Jan. 11 (AP).—Two Soviet snipers were acclaimed by the army newspaper Red Star for killing a record 937 Germans between them since 1942.

Kuzma Smolensky, a former village clerk, and Vaso Kvachantiradze, a collective farmer, served with Gen. Ivan Bagration's First Baltic Army and both always operated from the same ambush. Their highest single score was 30 Germans killed in a single raid.



"No, cherie! No payment of any kind for the cigarettes!"

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**This Was America Yesterday:**

**Byrnes Attempts to Preserve Dwindling Coal Piles in States**

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The government has ordered a blackout of outdoor advertising lights and asked people to turn their thermostats down to 68. War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes, who took the action, said it was to avert an "impending coal shortage."

Dwindling coal stocks, it was disclosed, have become a matter of concern to the President and Cabinet. Compliance, as to heat, was left on a voluntary basis but Byrnes ordered an end to all illuminated outdoor advertising which draws on the coal supply.

And Columbia, Pa., has a water famine. Every bar, soda fountain, barber shop and laundry in the town closed and residents boiled drinking water after a Susquehanna River ice jam flooded the water works pumping station.

SO you think you're a good correspondent? Mrs. Anne Farrington, of Brooklyn, has received 1,275 letters from her husband, Lt. William G. Farrington, now in France. Plus 1,062 V-mail, 467 air mail, 14 cablegrams and nine packages. Longest letter, 22 pages.



Mrs. Farrington peers around a pile of her husband's letters.

JIMMY WALKER met eight-year-old movie star Margaret O'Brien at the Salute to the Wounded show in Madison Square Garden. Gallantly he took her hand. "It's too late for both of us to be out," he said. "You, because you're too young, me, because I'm too old."

**Bigger, Better Jail**

LESS gallant than New York's former mayor is the would-be Mayor of Los Angeles, Mrs. Dolores Gunn. Her platform is, "To turn this hick town into a modern city." For one thing, Dolores wants to improve the jail. She spent a month there in '42 for setting up a feminine escort bureau without permission.

Beer production in the United States for the first ten months last year was up 15 percent over '43. It's cold and costs a dime a glass in a few places.

SHIPPING item: wanna buy a ferry boat? The "Montclair" and "Orange," formerly owned by the Lackawanna R. R., are for sale in Jersey. One still has machinery and equipment, the other has none, but they're both going for \$15,000.

WALTER WINCHELL offers this one in his column, if you want to know what things are coming to: A few years ago Kay Vernon, singing in Chicago, heard a gruff voice demand the song, "My Ideal." She saw the voice's owner had a gun on the table so she sang and sang "My Ideal" for an hour straight. The other night Kay, singing at New York's La Conga, heard the same gruff voice asking for the same song. She recognized a "little gangster from Chicago . . . he was sober, now—in khaki with lots of fruit salad on his chest." Says Winchell: She sang "My Ideal" as she never sang it before.

**\$16,000 Gift Goes Astray**

A GIFT of more than \$16,000, which workers of the J. A. Jones Construction Company's shipyard at Brunswick, Ga., intended for the United Seaman's Service, apparently is headed for the Treasury, instead. The employees worked Christmas Day with a view to giving their earnings to the Seaman's Service. When the delegation arrived at the office of Vice-Adm. Emory S. Land, chairman of the Maritime Commission, it was discovered the checks had been endorsed over to the U.S. Treasury by mistake.

IN Washington, Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., was praised in the House where a year ago he was being denounced.

"Thank God, we have Gen. Patton at the head of the Third Army," declared Rep. Rankin (D.-Miss.), "and the American people thank God that the smear-bund wasn't successful in its attempt to destroy him."

"Heaven only knows what they'd have done without his fighting courage," echoed Rep. Rogers (R.-Mass.). "He is feared by Hitler and rejoiced in by all peace-loving peoples of the world."

**Ward Charges 'Army Waste' CIO Planning World Group**

CHICAGO, Jan. 11 (ANS).—Montgomery Ward charged today that the Army's operation of its seized properties, is causing inefficiency, waste and confusion. In 33 affidavits filed in the Federal Court yesterday in connection with the government's suit against the mail-order house company, the company charged that corrective measures that would have been applied under private management had been forbidden by Army officials in charge.

The affidavits were in support of the company's fight to regain control of 16 properties seized by the Army last Dec. 28 on President Roosevelt's order. They cited among other accusations that Army officials did not make refunds promptly to customers, allowing bills totalling approximately \$750,000 to pass the discount dates. They claimed that unfilled mail orders in the Chicago plant have piled up from 42,218 on Jan. 3 to 136,268 on Jan. 9.

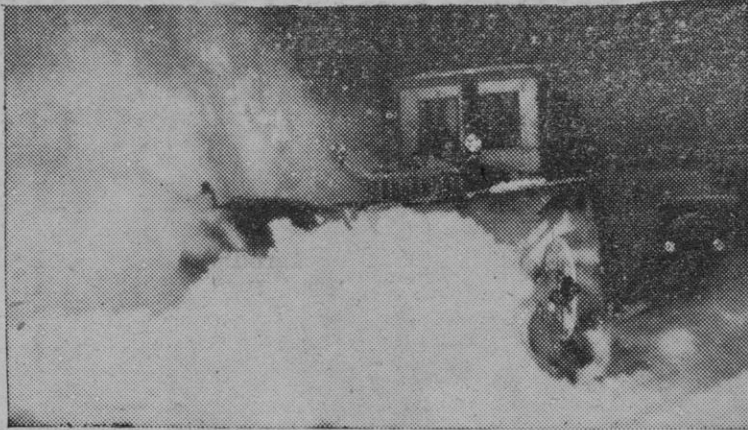
WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (ANS).—The CIO disclosed last night that it had abandoned hope of joining the International Federation of Trades Unions and would work with British and Soviet groups to form a new world federation.

CIO President Philip Murray said that the CIO's representatives to the World Trade Union Congress in London beginning Feb. 6 would press for "the immediate organization of a new world trade union federation to which all trade union centers of the freedom loving nations will be eligible." He said that the IFTU excluded railway brotherhoods and Soviet trade unions as well as the CIO and that it had largely ceased to function.

**Berle Brazil Envoy**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (ANS).—President Roosevelt yesterday nominated Adolf A. Berle as Ambassador to Brazil.

**Ohioans Dig Out of Blizzard**



Rotary plows had to be called out this week by the Franklin County Highway Commission to keep highways open around Columbus. Two cars trail the plow, awaiting chance to pass.



In Cleveland, sub-zero weather, bitter winds and heavy snows stranded vehicles in many sections of the city. This is a scene in suburban University Heights.

**Night Club Ban Held Possible Cold Weather Grips America**

MIAMI, Jan. 11 (ANS).—Dr. James Thomas, OPA deputy district director for Florida, said last night that the Federal government "is seriously considering a request to night clubs in the Miami area and elsewhere in the country to close their doors probably for the duration."

There was no immediate confirmation in Washington, but newsmen recalled that a WMC spokesman last week forecast virtual elimination of men from night club staffs in war centers.

Dr. Thomas said if War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes did request clubs to close it would be not to obtain manpower "but to alleviate absenteeism among war workers participating in too much night club activity."

He said the OPA had obtained commitment from taxi companies in the Miami area not to drive fares to night clubs.

**Navy to Allow Its Nurses To Marry, Retain Rank**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (ANS).—Vice-Adm. Ross T. McIntire, Navy Surgeon General, today announced that Navy nurses may now marry. This relaxing of regulations is expected to help the corps achieve the authorized strength. More than 80 percent of all separations from this branch of service have been due to the marriage bar.

**White Plains Girl Engaged to Italian PW**

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., Jan. 11 (ANS).—Nineteen-year-old Eva Caprari, displaying a diamond ring, says she is engaged to marry an Italian PW at Chambersburg, Pa., but Army authorities indicate the marriage might constitute a violation of the Geneva Convention and edicts of the Provost Marshal General.

**Law Refresher Courses**

CHICAGO, Jan. 11 (ANS).—The American Bar Association and the Practising Law Institute will sponsor a nation-wide series of refresher short courses for lawyers returning to practice after service in the armed forces.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 (ANS).—Easterners generally could look forward today to another 36 hours of temperatures which sent the mercury tumbling in some places to record lows.

Wanakena, N.Y., reported 40 below zero. Elsewhere in the East, however, temperatures hovered around the zero mark. In West Lebanon, N.H., the temperature was 18 below.

The Weather Bureau reported that temperatures were moderating in the Plains States and the Midwest.

**The Women's Corner**

**Bare Midriffs and Big Hats Style for Miss America, 1945**

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 (ANS).—The American Girl, Model 1945, will not be interesting for what she wears so much as for what she doesn't, according to Harriet Harra, a stylist. It's wartime fabric shortage, of course, but none the less amusing for the men still in the U. S. who'll see bare midriffs, open waists, shorter skirts and—reminiscent of Civil War days—fluffy stuff sticking out from under.

Hats, following the lead of this year's Paris coal scuttle jobs, will be bigger than ever; leg-o-mutton sleeves will make Miss America resemble a trio of inverted bull-fiddles, and shoes will be elevated in rainbow hues.

Miss Harra's promise becomes almost a threat: she says the girls you left behind, though skirmishing free to the winds, will sneak into the juke joint wearing veils, flowers, furs, fans, shawls, stoles, feather boas, feather capes, feather hats—and just feathers.

Dolls won't wear stockings until next winter—but guys who saw plenty of redlegs in England won't mind that; what they'll pause for will be the new hair-dos. These will be upswept, Flaming Mamie or Zulu Baby types.

**Services to Call 900,000 Men in First Half of '45**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (ANS).—A minimum of 900,000 men will be drafted into the armed services in the first half of 1945, Under-Secretary of War Patterson said today in a request to Congress for what he termed "effective" manpower legislation.

Official sources did not interpret this as meaning a great increase in draft calls. Rather, it was said that in March the Army will increase draft calls 20,000, and that between March and July the Army wants a total of 80,000 more draftees that it had figured a month ago it would need. The total of 900,000 is not for the Army alone but for all the services.

Patterson stressed the great need for legislation to meet the manpower demands of the next six months. He declared these needs included 700,000 additional men for war production and supporting activities.

**To Hit 18-Year Group**

Of the total of 900,000 draftees, about 480,000 will be 18-year-olds. The largest part of the remaining 420,000 probably will come from 800,000 to 900,000 men who are 26 through 29 years of age. Some men over 30 will be drafted, it was said.

Pending enactment of an overall statute, Patterson said the War Department favored "work or fight" legislation for all men 18 to 45. Stating that the services need men under 30, Patterson said these would be taken from industry, and some way must be found to shift the older servicemen into war jobs. He endorsed, as a substitute for national service laws which Congress might not approve, a provision that any man between 18 and 45 who quits his job without approval of his draft board would be subject to immediate induction.

**Inadequate Polling Charged to Gallup**

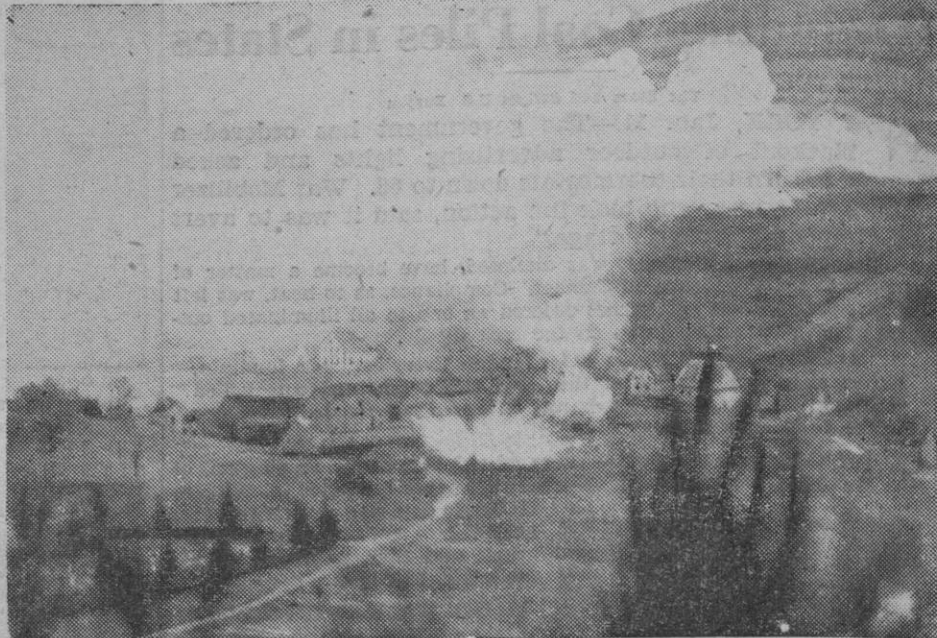
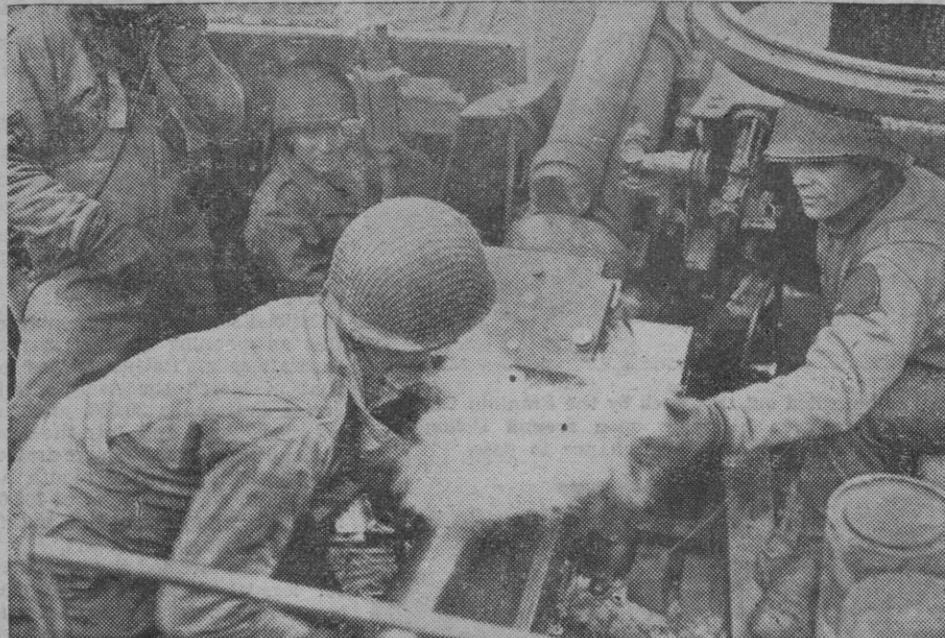
WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (ANS).—Congress-employed experts charged today that the Gallup poll underestimated the Democratic vote in almost two-thirds of the states and used "inadequate methods of sampling" the vote for the 1944 election.

Dr. George Gallup, in reply, said: "There are professional differences of opinion among experts over which polling methods are best."



Janice Carter . . . wearing sweater that wasn't shrunk . . . it was made that way.

# Yank Armored Division's Triple Play Snuffs Out Nazi Attack



These pictures show how the American 105mm. guns do the job they were made for. Left: Artillerymen sock a shell into the breech of their self-propelled cannon during a five-day barrage against the counter-attack. Right: Flames shoot from Nazi fortifications in Budenthal, Germany, as Yank 105s score a concentration of hits.

## Germans Stage All-Out Bid in Budapest Fight

MOSCOW, Jan. 11 (AP).—The battle for Hungary—particularly Budapest—entered what appeared to be the final stage today. The Germans were making an all-out effort to reach the encircled garrison from the northwest before the Russian advance north of the Danube could infiltrate into their poorly protected left flank.

From inside Budapest, a Red Star correspondent reported that Hungarian units have bolted in such numbers that the Germans were forced to incorporate them in German units. In several sectors, fighting has broken out between Hungarians and Germans.

Although less than 20 miles separates the Germans in Budapest and those coming from the northwest, it seemed unlikely that any contact could be made through the tight Russian encirclement of the city.

North of the Danube, Russian units wedged into Komaron, hurling the Germans back into the center of the city and westward toward two highways which run to Bratislava and Vienna. Other Red Army forces poured into a 15-mile gap between Komaron and Neuhäusel, cutting a railway and highway connecting the cities.

## Nazi Digs Own Grave With Wagging Tongue

WITH THE FOURTH INF. DIV.—1/Lt. William C. Staudt, of San Antonio, forward observer for a FA battalion, was adjusting fire by sound in the Hurtgen Forest, since the thick woods cut off visibility. He heard a shell land out in front, and a voice called out in German:

"Was that near you, Ludwig?" "No," said Ludwig, "it was 200 meters to the right."

Staudt changed the range of the next round. Later that day, Ludwig's remains were picked up around the area.

## Patton Receives Cluster to DSM

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., commander of the Third U.S. Army, has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Service Medal for "his bold, brilliant leadership of his troops from Normandy across France."

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, 12th A.G. commander, pinned the decoration on at Gen. Patton's headquarters on Dec. 29. The citation said that his determination to engage the Germans with unremitting ferocity inspired his troops to victory.

## Forward Observer-to-Plotting Room-to-Guns Combination Proves More Than Match For German Armor, Infantry

By Pat Mitchell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer  
WITH A THIRD ARMY ARMORED DIV., Jan. 11.—The German counter-attack was on.

Over fog and snow-shrouded wastes east of Bastogne, advance artillery observers spotted white-caped German infantrymen moving up with their panzer support, 2/Lt. Thomas N. Blake, of Asheville, N. C., an armored field artillery battalion forward observer, signalled the battalion plotting room.

Maj. Joseph W. Menges, of Boston, a gunnery officer, repeated the co-ordinates flashed by Blake, scanned the battle map and called firing orders to his three battery computers, Sgt. Anthony W. Rodrigues, of New Bedford, Mass.; Sgt. Cashins, of South Boston, and Cpl. David Robshaw, of Irvington, N. J.

### Batteries Contacted

Rodrigues cradled his phone between his head and shoulder, worked a slide-rule computer, gave the range elevation, as other computers called to their batteries.

At No. One gun of "A" battery—a 105 howitzer mounted on a tracked M7 chassis—Sgt. Harry Michalaski, of Erie, Pa., section chief, and gunner Cpl. Charles E. Keys, of Atlantic City, had levered

the stubby snout of their 105 in accordance with the phoned field order.

Other guns, other batteries, were swinging to bear on the massing enemy strength.

### Guns Open Up

Over the field phone came the order to fire and Keys yanked the lanyard. For 48 hours he had yanked off "so many damn rounds I forgot when to eat." His face was powder-flash blackened from the blasts from the breech of his 105.

Three miles away two armored division tank destroyers, alerted to the direction of the enemy counter-attack, clanked through six inches of snow for the attack. Their long high-velocity 76mms swung toward the enemy. The No. One TD, commanded by Sgt. Onel Deal, of Rocky Comfort, Mo., and gunner Cpl. Leo B. Edmundson, of Butterfield, Mo., teamed with the crew of TD No. Two, of Sgt. Cleo B. Wheeler, of Modesto, Calif., and gunner Cpl. Edmund E. Russell, of Pulaski City, Ind.

Through the snow the gunners spotted seven German armored vehicles and knocked them out—one Mark V Panther tank and six self-propelled assault guns. The counter-attack was over.

## Yank Wanders 5 Days Behind German Lines

WITH 28th INF. DIV.—For five days and four nights Pfc Harold E. Deutschman, of Chicago, a Signal company switchboard operator, wandered alone behind the German lines after the truck column with which he was withdrawing from encircled Wiltz Dec. 19 hit an ambush.

"I ducked into the woods and started off with some other guys, but they were going too fast for me to keep up," Deutschman said.

"The next four days I walked and walked and what really burned me up was that I must have made a big circle, because I wound up almost where I started.

"I walked west that night, judging the direction from the stars. Then I saw a sign that pointed to Wiltz. I kept going the opposite direction because I wanted to put a lot of ground between me and the Jerries.

### Hid Under Faggots

"I walked along a railroad to a town just east of Bastogne and hid under a pile of faggots for 14 hours and watched Jerries stringing wire. They walked within ten feet of me.

"That night I crawled out of the faggot pile and started down the tracks again until I came to within 30 feet of a house. Suddenly a Jerry stepped out from behind the house and flashed his light on me. He told me to halt, but by that time I was so disgusted that I just turned around and walked away, with him shouting at me. Luckily he didn't shoot."

Deutschman cut back across fields and finally came to an outpost of the 101st Airborne Div. "The GI was suspicious and made me come in with my hands up," Deutschman said. "I arrived in Bastogne, which was completely surrounded, on Christmas Eve.

## 'Mission Belle' Is Shot Down on Her 149th Sortie

A NINTH AF BOMBER BASE, Jan. 11.—The B26 Marauder "Mission Belle" has been destroyed in battle over western Germany. The venerable "Belle" died on her 149th mission, after one of the longest operational records for medium bombers in the ETO.

On her last trip, the "Belle's" pilot was forced by a storm of flak to veer away from the target. Unwilling to leave without the job finished, he made another run. The flak was worse this time, but he kept on going—until the "Belle's" left wing was shot away and she plunged to earth with her crew.

The "Belle" flew on the first medium altitude attack made from England over France on July 16, 1943, and during 18 months of operation had dropped more than 300 tons of bombs.

The names of her pilot and crew members are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

## From New York's Night Clubs to the Movies



Titian haired Theaetora Lynch, who sang in New York night clubs, breathed deeply, learned opera, and now is appearing in classical roles. "Lost Weekend," Paramount, is her latest.

## Germans Fake Odd Task Force BBC Broadcast Gives Jerry Hell

LONDON, Jan. 11 (AP).—Brendan Bracken, British Minister of Information, told General Eisenhower in a message today that a recent purported BBC broadcast, critical of the Supreme Allied Commander and exaggerating British military achievements, actually came from a German station.

"I am told," Bracken stated, "that a large number of American troops and correspondents have been greatly angered by a broadcast attributed to the BBC which appeared to be critical of General Eisenhower and full of exaggerations of British military achievements.

"The BBC had nothing to do with this broadcast. It came from one of the fake enemy stations.

"I would never broadcast anything which would be offensive to American troops or to their commander-in-chief. On the contrary, the BBC has always done everything in its power to do justice to the great achievements of America's gallant armies.

"Like the rest of the British people the governors of the BBC have the greatest admiration for General Eisenhower. They are grateful to him for his shining leadership and for the truly marvelous job he has done in creating unity among the Allies."

WITH EIGHTH INF. DIV., GERMANY.—A task force of 35 men, including cannoneers, anti-tankers, drivers and cooks, and two tanks gave the Jerries merry hell in a sector above the Roer river. The improvised unit held an important knoll for eight hours against heavy odds and wound up with 35 PWs and accounted for scores of Germans.

Led by 1/Lt. Paul Cowden, of Knoxville, Tenn., and T/Sgt. William Mosenteen, Stratford, N.Y., the Yanks cleaned out three bunkers along the edge of a woods and set up a CP. When the Germans attempted to encircle the CP, Mosenteen, Cpl. Joseph Lamie, of Hannibal, N.Y., and Sgt. John Flaherty, Brighton, Mass., broke up the attack with hand grenades and tommy-guns.

"Eight hours after the start of the battle, units of Company E of the Eighth came up on the flank to secure the position held by the makeshift task force.

### Dropped in For Dinner

Pvt. Albert Marino, of Los Angeles, Calif., and a couple of other medics with a Seventh Army tank outfit were sitting around waiting for supper when several Jerries walked out of the woods and surrendered.

# Yanks' Ten-Day Stand In Luxembourg Sounds Like Page From Novel

By Richard Lewis  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

For ten days, Ninth Armored Division's Combat Command A held the elbow of the German bulge in Luxembourg and barred the way to Luxembourg City until the Fifth Inf. Div. came up to relieve them.

Some of the events of those ten, wild days, when sleep was compounded of benzadrine sulphate tablets, were described in Paris by three of the division's officers. Lt. Col. George Ruhlen, Maj. Ben J. Cochran and Maj. Henry T. Mortimer.

Nobody told the doughs of the 60th Armored Inf. Bn. to pull out, so they stayed and fought until word finally got through to them. A few days later, they showed up in German helmets and with blankets draped over their shoulders, their rifles slung with bayonets fixed.

## March Through Beaufort

They walked through German lines that way. In the dark it was hard to tell the identity of a group of doughs who marched in formation through the town of Beaufort where a regiment of Jerries was celebrating capture of the town.

A German sentry challenged the shadowy forms. A dough said "Heil Hitler" and they kept right on going until they reached U.S. lines. After that, they fought some more.

There was Ruhlen's Third Armored Field Artillery Bn. which knocked off thousands of Germans with the loss of only three mep. They held a 10,000-yard front and for eight days a shell left their 105mm. howitzers on the average of every 40 seconds.

They were particularly hot Dec. 21 and 22 when they pooped out 7,043 rounds. There was an observer who stood atop a tank correcting fire on a battery of 's which was shooting at him.

## AAA Men Were Hot

The AAA men, it was figured, were good for more than shooting down planes. Their quadruple-mounted 50s were hell on wheels.

The cannoners fired direct into copses where the Jerries lay. When the Jerries ran out of the woods to get away from the murderous bursts, the AAA boys let go and chopped them down. The Germans figured this was a secret weapon.

Once a captain showed up from another unit with 20 men and everybody was hungry. The group was fed, then sent up to hold the line for three days. Nobody knew exactly who they were, but from all reports they did a good job.

# Acrobatic P47 Gives Pilot A Rough Time

By Wade Jones  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

FIRST TACTICAL AIR FORCE, Jan. 11.—2/Lt. Alvin McCorkle, a P47 Thunderbolt pilot operating in the Seventh Army sector, was ready to fly again only a few days after the following happened:

In a dogfight with enemy planes north of Strasbourg a 20mm shell hit his engine, two others hit his right wing and a third missed his head by inches. The right aileron cable was cut and the hydraulic fluid was in flames.

He went into a tailspin, but managed to level off at 600 feet. Then he tried to bail out, but every time he slowed down enough to force his way through the hatch the plane would spin to the right.

He decided to head for home and try to land. On the way the stick vibrated so badly it wore a blister on his right hand. The plane was shaking so much that McCorkle became dizzy.

## Reaches the Field

Finally he reached the field and the speeding Thunderbolt zoomed onto the landing strip on its belly at 250 miles an hour. "This caused us to slow down some," McCorkle related wryly. "We slowed down so much that the plane went into a ground spin and then cart-wheeled over a parked Spitfire and grazed its top."

A split second later McCorkle and his athletic Thunderbolt were flying straight and level again at 50 feet above the runway and headed for a barracks.

"Then we hit the ground again just short of the buildings," McCorkle said. "The engine and the plane went in different directions. The plane and I stopped in the shade of the barracks wall and the last I saw of the engine it was flying over the head of a woman riding a bicycle down a road."

# Kampf! Kampf! Kampf!, the Volkssturm Are Marching in Berlin



After hearing a pep talk by Josef Goebbels, members of the Volkssturm, Hitler's "People's Army," parade down a Berlin street, carrying anti-tank weapons. The picture came through neutral sources.

# Movie Operators Become 'Talkies' To Save GI Show

By Joe Weston  
Stars and Stripes Special Writer

WITH SIXTH ARMORED DIV.—T/4 Charles Farlow, of Greenville, N.C. and T/5 Frank Sequi, New York City, Special Servicers of the 6th Armored Div., were attempting to show a movie to a group in the snowdrifts of Belgium.

The cinemen discovered that their generator couldn't supply enough power for both the projection of the movies and the sound.

So they volunteered to explain the conversation in the picture while it was being projected on the screen and to shut the projection lamp off and put the sound on for the dancing and singing portions.

The tankers agreed—and through two shows Farlow and Sequi did an Eleanor Powell-Dennis O'Keefe duet between songs, dances and dames.

# Volunteer Leads Unit Through Mined Field

WITH 90th INF. DIV.—Pfc Joseph J. Mazel, of Poquonock, Conn., volunteered to lead his whole company through the field to complete an important mission after four buddies were wounded by mines. All the men followed Mazel through the field safely.

# GI Called 'Sailor' Misses Fun When Buddies Blast Nazi CP

By James Cannon  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH FIFTH INF. DIV. IN LUXEMBOURG, Jan. 11.—It was afternoon, but some of the raiders still slept on the floor. The ones who were awake sat on blankets in their underwear and their faces were sallow and frowning with sleep. "You guys still in the sack?" asked the soldier called-

# Second Armored Lauded for Fight Against Panzers

By Dan Regan  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE FIRST U.S. ARMY IN BELGIUM, Jan. 11.—The Second Armored Div today received congratulations from Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges and Marshal Montgomery for destroying a German Panzer Division in the Celles pocket.

The final count of German equipment found in Celles was 81 tanks, seven assault guns, 405 vehicles and 74 guns.

The letter said this equipment probably represented almost every operational tank the Panzer Division had. Seventy-four guns represent the normal complement of more than six battalions.

The letter continued, "The German Panzer Division has always been composed of first-class personnel and its overwhelming defeat by the Second Armored is regarded as an outstanding and distinguished feat of arms."

# Engineers Aid Stymied Yanks

WITH 26th INF. DIV., France.—Don't sell the combat engineers short—that's the praise of the doughfeet in the Yankee Div. During an infantry advance in eastern France the footsloggers were held up by the heavy fire power of Ft. Witting, a key pillbox held by the Nazis in the Maginot Line. C Co. of an engineer battalion laid 1,000 pounds of dynamite against a steel door. Soon there was a gaping hole in the pillbox.

# Japs Rush Defenses Along China Coast

CHUNGKING, Jan. 11 (ANS).—A high Chinese military source said yesterday that the Japanese were so alarmed by the fast-breaking American campaign in the Philippines that they were rushing anti-invasion defenses at Hong Kong, Amoy and Foochow, on the China coast.

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Sailor, who was back from a rest camp. He stood in the doorway and looked around the room at the first platoon of "L" Company of the 10th Inf. Regt.

"Sailor," taunted S/Sgt. Fred Simmons, who comes from Williamstown, W.Va., "you should have stuck around. We had a lot of fun last night."

## Tommy Gun Talked

"We went across the Sauer River into Betiendorf," said Charlie Testino, a blocky, slow-voiced staff sergeant out of Matoaka, W.Va. "My tommy gun was talking a lot of American propaganda last night."

They blew up the enemy CP and came back with three prisoners.

One of the prisoners taken by the snow-caped raiders, who were led by 1/Lt. Wilfred Longpre, of Laramie, Wyo., was a runner carrying an order from the German commander denouncing his troops for stupid and slovenly security.

"The CP was in a big building," Simmons said. "There was a guard outside it and he hollered 'halt!' and kept hollering 'halt!' until someone let go with a BAR. Someone upstairs in the CP opened up with a machine-gun and we started to chuck hand grenades in the windows."

## Doors Blew Open

"The doors blew out and the windows blew out," said Pfc Walter Allen, of Fresno, Cal. "I never heard such moaning and groaning in my life."

"The Jerries thought we were Jerries in the snow capes," said Pfc Paul Vanderveer, Syracuse, N.Y. "Two of them came walking down the street and I called 'halt!' at them. They just glanced at me and kept walking."

"One of them was carrying his rifle like a hunter, under his arm. The other guy carried his at sling arms. I stuck the rifle against one of their hearts and he gave me a chuckle like I was a friend of his playing a joke on him. The other one took off, and Simmons got him."

"Anybody hit?" asked the soldier called Sailor.

"No one was even scratched," said 38-year-old Paul Hehderson, of San Diego, Cal., who is called Pop.

"It must have been a lot of fun," said the soldier called Sailor.

## Knocked Into Foxhole

During an attack near the town of Lindern, Rifleman Pfc Stanley W. Madson, of the 84th Inf. Div., was leaving his foxhole when a shell landed in his path. It knocked him back into the hole unconscious but not seriously injured.



FIRST Sgt. Albert G. Connor, of Holyoke, Mass., and the 26th Inf. Div., is convinced that nine is his lucky number. Dug in on the slope of a hill by his company CP one afternoon, Connor heard the whistle of a shell. He held his breath as the whistle died away with a thud following. The shell failed to go off. Other rounds whistled in—nine in all—they landed in the immediate vicinity, but none of them went off.



The three Nazi non-coms were moving up a slope where 320th Regt. infantrymen were dug in when the SS officer appeared and fired on the German trio. The soldiers scrambled over the hill to surrender to the Yanks.

They said the SS brass had told them to proceed to the hill on the right for observation, when they were sure he meant to say the hill on the left. The Nazi non-coms were still cussing their brass as they marched to the PW cage.

A THREE-MAN patrol, including Pfc Johnnie Stewart, of Statesville, N.C., Pvt. Carlton L. Corson, of Berkeley, Calif., and Pvt. Oscar P. Collett, of Blackmore, Va., had just strung up some trip wire with flares attached along their Second Arm. Div. front. They were creeping away when they heard a noise. "Someone coming through the bushes," Stewart whispered. The flares went off. Corson ordered, "Halt!" Something darted passed them and scampered into the brush. "It's that damn rabbit patrol again," said Collett.

A record is only a record in the ETO until it is printed in The Stars and Stripes. Then somebody usually manages to come along with a better mark. Or, as in this case, a worse one. A recent story told about T/Sgt. John Ten Eyck being redlined for 13 consecutive months. Comes now T/Sgt. Ken Shaw, of the 895th Ord. HAM Co., who claims his palm hasn't been crossed since Oct., 1943, or 14 months.

An SS officer's snafu sent three Wehrmacht sergeants up and over the wrong hill and into an 80th Inf. Div. PW enclosure.

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## Behind the Sports Headlines

**LOS ANGELES.**—Fred Isaac, 19-year-old boxer, is suing the Lions Club of San Gabriel for \$433 in damages. Isaac claims a benefit boxing match he appeared in was so poorly managed he suffered injuries in the fourth round when he was "knocked through defective ropes" and landed on the stairs below. He was in the hospital five days. . . . **NASHVILLE, Tenn.**—Raymond Johnson, sports editor of the Nashville Tennessean, called the turn on all bowl game results again this year—making it three years in a row without a miss.

Capt. Hankus Greenberg recently entered Newark Air Base hospital, reportedly with arthritis. . . . Butchershop prices on horsemeat are still high, despite an abundance of idle horses. . . . Michigan's quintet has the distinction of striving for the Wolverines' 100th Big Ten athletic title. It is unlikely the hoopsters will succeed, however, with Iowa, Illinois and Ohio State having great teams. . . . Les Horvath, Ohio State's All-America hero, has taken his handsome profile to Hollywood. He's screen-testing for a role in "Duel in the Sun" . . . West Coast scribes are beating their gums overtime about Fitz Fitzpatrick, ex-coalminer from Oakhill, W.Va. In eight bouts, Fitz has registered six first-round kayos. Of course, his opponents were just eight nondescripts named Joe.

**NEWARK, Ohio.**—Final figures in the Ohio State League for the 1944 season gave the league batting title to Luke Major, Newark outfielder, with .355. Major, a former Fort Wayne, Ind. high school youngster, currently is high scorer on the Great Lakes basketball team. . . . **MIAMI, Fla.**—State athletic heads look for biggest Florida sports boom in the post-war period to be in basketball. Stationed in the immediate area around Miami are Gus Broberg, of Dartmouth, Stan Waxman, of Long Island, Leo "Crystal" Klein, of Notre Dame, Tommy Thompson, of Michigan, Chuck Joachim, of Mount Union, Dave Kaiser, of Wisconsin, Bill Simpson, of Seton Hall and Phil Seghi, of Northwestern. After seeing these boys in action, state sports heads figure Florida fans won't settle for anything but high class college ball after the war.

**SHORTSHOTS.**—With horse-racing among the missing, the nation's bookies are flirting with basketball as the No. 1 betting bait. It already is possible to place bets on any major collegiate game in the country. . . . Ann Curtis, shapely swim star and AP's woman athlete of 1944, has rejected several film offers to retain her amateur status. . . . Dodger fans please copy: The Giants have "signed" Negro Band-leader Lionel Hampton. Someone told the front office playing a drum is good exercise, so Hampton will supervise nimble finger calisthenics for pitchers, etc. If Mel Ott can get bushel baskets for his outfielders, and telephone poles for his hitters, the Giants might have a good year.

Missouri high school rulers may have started something when they revised their eligibility standards. Prep school boys now can sign a contract to play professional baseball and still engage in any inter-scholastic sport, except baseball. . . . Midwestern football coaches are already quaking at the prospect of facing Minnesota this fall what with Bernie Bierman back in business on the Gopher campus after a couple of years in the Marines. . . . The two professional football leagues that operated on the West Coast last year finally saw the light and are merging into one loop for next season. The Pacific Coast and all-American League will get together in a ten-team circuit with two teams in San Francisco and one each in Oakland, Los Angeles, Hollywood, San Diego, Portland, Seattle, San Jose and Fresno.

## Robinson Salts Ferrone Away

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.**—Ray "Sugar" Robinson, New York welterweight, scored a technical knockout over Bill Ferrone of Philadelphia in the second round of their scheduled ten-rounder here last night.

Robinson rocked Ferrone throughout the first canto and scored four knockdowns before the referee stopped the bout at 2:28 of the second. Ferrone was down for one, nine, four and seven counts before the fight was stopped.

Sugar weighed 148 pounds, two pounds heavier than his opponent.

## Marshall Storms As Pros Adjourn

**CHICAGO, Jan. 11.**—The National Football League unexpectedly adjourned its winter meeting today, causing George Preston Marshall, owner of the Washington Redskins, to leave the room in a huff. Marshall claimed his dissenting vote on the adjournment motion was ignored, despite the league by-laws which call for a unanimous vote on such an action.

## Schott Aims at Louis

**NEW YORK, Jan. 11.**—Freddie Schott of Akron, O., considered at the moment by many experts as the man who eventually will lift the heavyweight crown from the brow of Joe Louis, goes after his 32nd straight victory and his 20th kayo since turning professional when he meets Billy Grant, of Orange, N.J., in one of three ten-rounders at Madison Square Garden tomorrow night.

The 20-year-old slugger, 205 pounds on his six-foot one-inch frame, looks like a choir boy and he likes classical music, but he also likes to wallop with his right hand power, which he developed as a shotputter in high school.

Schott started boxing at 16 as an amateur under the tutelage of

## Navy Grabs Shoun, Musial, Baseball Aces

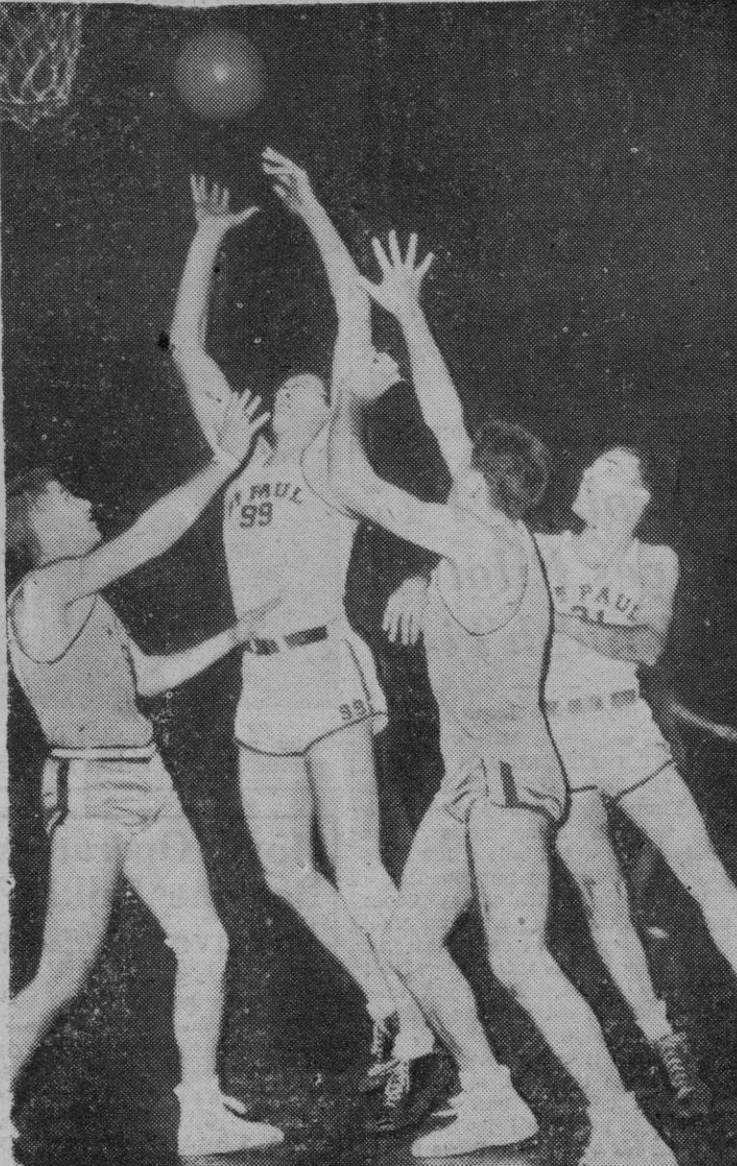
**NEW YORK, Jan. 11.**—Stanley Musial, St. Louis Cards' slugging outfielder, said today he had been ordered by his Donora, Pa., draft board to report for induction into the Navy, Jan. 19. At the same time, Clyde Shoun, Cincinnati Reds' lefthander, who twirled a no-hitter against the Braves last season, was accepted by the Navy at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

## Rumor Has Legion Buying Dodgers

**BROOKLYN, Jan. 11.**—Latest rumor from the land of the Dodgers has the American Legion members of Kings County, about 2,000 of them, putting up the scratch to purchase the Brooklyn Baseball Club. Officials of the Brooklyn Trust Co., and Legion big shots, have done nothing to set the rumor at rest.

It's one of those secrets that everyone knows and Brother Branch Rickey, while he "cannot say anything at this time," is believed in favor of the deal. There's still the matter of getting 50 percent of the stock owned by the Ebbets heirs, and still held up by litigation.

## High Man on the Total Poll



George Mikan (99), DePaul University center, who leads the nation's collegiate scorers with 209 points in 10 games, is pictured flipping the ball into the net against the University of Wyoming. DePaul, won, 68-29. Other identifiable players are Wyoming Guard Leo Brown, left and DePaul Forward Ernie DeBenedetto, right.

## Cage Scorers Led by Mikan

**NEW YORK, Jan. 11.**—George Mikan, six-foot nine-inch center on DePaul University's basketball team is far out in front of the nation's hoop scorers, a survey by the Associated Press revealed today. With 80 field goals and 49 free throws, Mikan has 209 points, 32 more than his nearest rival, Bill Henry, of Rice.

Ernie Calverly, Rhode Island State deadeye, is only one point behind Henry, although he's played seven games against nine for the Rice star, and Mikan has ten games of action.

### Leading Scorers

|                        | G  | FG | F  | Pts |
|------------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| Mikan, DePaul          | 10 | 80 | 49 | 209 |
| Henry, Rice            | 9  | 68 | 41 | 177 |
| Calverly, Rhode Island | 7  | 70 | 36 | 176 |
| Groza, Kentucky        | 9  | 56 | 39 | 151 |
| Hines, Oklahoma        | 11 | 61 | 26 | 148 |
| Greenert, NYU          | 10 | 58 | 17 | 133 |
| Skinner, Columbia      | 8  | 50 | 27 | 127 |
| Kurland, Oklahoma Ags. | 9  | 47 | 31 | 125 |
| Grate, Ohio State      | 8  | 44 | 21 | 109 |
| Jordan, No. Carolina   | 9  | 29 | 16 | 74  |

## Jones Considers Return to Golf

**ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 11.**—Bobby Jones, a lieutenant-colonel in the ETO until he decided to take advantage of the Army's



Bobby Jones

overage provisions, is considering a return to competitive golf. If he does come back, his first appearance will be in the \$10,000 war bond tournament here April 5-8.

"If I can work the old game down below 80 and hit them without endangering the gallery, I think I'll enter," the former AEF officer said.

Jones won the National Amateur, National Open and British Open in his Grand Siam year, 1930.

## Jockey Meade Rides Again—in Mexico

**MEXICO CITY, Jan. 11.**—Jockey Don Meade took a powder to Mexico almost before the ink was dry on War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes' horse racing stoppage order, and Don's now booting 'em home south of the border. Meade had a profitable stay during the brief Tropical Park meeting, but his current move still hasn't taken him beyond the reach of his draft board.

## RCAF Soon to Release Colville, Hockey Star

**OTTAWA, Canada, Jan. 11.**—Neil Colville, former New York Rangers' center, will report to the RCAF Release Center, Jan. 16, for transfer to the Reserve, he said today. Colville said he joined the Canadian Army late in '42 and transferred to the RCAF later. His immediate plans do not include hockey action, he said.

## American Hockey League

### Tuesday Night Scores

Cleveland 4, Hershey 4 (tie).  
Buffalo 3, Providence 3 (tie).

## Service Fives Score 70 Pts. In 1st Games

**WEST POINT, N.Y., Jan. 11.**—The Army basketball team scored its 17th straight victory here yesterday thrashing Swarthmore College, 70-36, in its opening encounter. The Cadets won 15 in a row last season and closed their previous campaign with a victory.

Doug Kenna, football star, had a great day with 28 points on 13 field goals and a pair of foul shots. Guard Harle Damon was second for Army 15 points.

## Navy Routs Maryland

**ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 11.**—The Naval Academy used four complete teams as it defeated Maryland, 70-33, yesterday. Coach Johnny Wilson used several different combinations, each of which outclassed the Terrapins.

Forward Jack Flynn paced the scorers with 17 points and Navy held a 35-15 lead at the half.

## Gotham Teams Split

**NEW YORK, Jan. 11.**—West Virginia University penetrated Long Island University's zone defense in the second half to score a 65-56 upset victory in the feature game of a Madison Square Garden doubleheader last night. City College downed Syracuse, 48-42, in the opener.

The Blackbirds led, 34-29, as the half ended, mainly on the strength of Carl Meinhold's 14 points. Jim Walthall, Mountaineer football player, scored once and set up two other goals to put West Virginia ahead and with ten minutes left the visitors led, 53-40, and coasted on from there. Leland Byrd, of the Mountaineers, was high with 20 points.

Syracuse and CCNY were tied, 27-all, at the intermission, then the Beavers pulled away to a 46-34 lead, only to have its subs squander the lead and the Orangemen moved into a threatening position. Sid Finger and Paul Schmone netted 17 points each for CCNY, and Bill Hennemuth led Syracuse with 14.

## Irish Trip Seahawks

**IOWA CITY, Ia., Jan. 11.**—Notre Dame rallied to defeat the Iowa Pre-Flight cagers, 49-44, after the Seahawks had narrowed the margin to one point in the final minutes of their game last night. Vince Boryla, Notre Dame center, again paced the Irish scorers with 25 points.

## 15th for Great Lakes

**GREAT LAKES, Ill., Jan. 11.**—Great Lakes notched its 14th straight basketball triumph defeating Glenview Naval Air Station, 81-59, before 2,500 sailors. The Bluejackets now have a record of 15 victories in 17 games.

Warren Ajax, former Minnesota star, threw in 26 points for the Sailors.

## Owls Spoil Mules' Record

**ALLEN TOWN, Pa., Jan. 11.**—Temple defeated Muhlenberg, 58-47, to cause the first blemish on the Mules' record, which had reached 11 straight this season. The Owls have lost only to Kentucky's unbeaten team, having won nine other games.

## Basketball Scores

Akron 36, Case 26.  
Albright 57, Lehigh 47.  
Appalachian State Tchrs. 46, High-point College 35.  
Army 70, Swarthmore 36.  
Bates, 76, Dowfield 54.  
Bowling Green 69, Denison 45.  
Brown 72, MIT 57.  
Bucknell 37, Olmstead AAF 28.  
Carlisle Brks. 40, Gettysburg 36.  
CCNY 48, Syracuse 42.  
Columbia 44, Princeton 43.  
Evansville 44, Central Normal 38.  
Fl. Bragg 59, Wake Forest 33.  
Georgia Tech. 41, Ga. Pre-Flight 36.  
Great Lakes 81, Glenview Air Base 59.  
Haverford 37, Dickinson 25.  
Hobart 51, Clarkson 41.  
Illinois Tech. 55, North Central 36.  
Indiana State Tchrs. 48, Valparaiso 41.  
Kalamazoo 48, Grand Rapids 30.  
Lake Charles (La.) Air Base 54.  
Southwest (La.) Institute 47.  
Lawson Gen. Hosp. 60, Georgia 45.

Manhattan Beach CG 45, Brooklyn College 43.  
Mississippi College 20, Mississippi State 19.  
Navy 70, Maryland 33.  
Newberry 44, Furman 29.  
N.C. Pre-Flight 49, Duke 45.  
N.C. State 58, William and Mary 37.  
Notre Dame 49, Iowa Pre-Flight 44.  
Ohio Wesleyan 49, Wooster 45.  
Otterbein 64, Port Columbus 37.  
Pennsylvania 65, Ursinus 52.  
Penn State 50, Penn'on Mexico 29.  
Pittsburgh 59, Carnegie Tech. 45.  
Sampson Naval 49, St. Lawrence 31.  
St. Joseph 58, New Castle Ferry 37.  
St. Vincent 21, California Tchrs. 19.  
Temple 58, Muhlenberg 47.  
U.S. Merchant Marine 65, Union Junior 26.  
Villanova 39, Franklin-Marshall 37.  
Virginia 43, Virginia Military 24.  
Western Kentucky 25, Louisville 16.  
West Virginia 65, Long Island U. 56.  
Worcester Poly 52, Harvard 45.  
Yale 53, Trinity 31.

# HASH MARKS

Among mechanics at a certain fighter base station this is the question of the day: "Hey, bub, when are you going to change oil in those coveralls?"

Signs of the times. The following rather unusual entry was noted in the morning report of a U.S. medical detachment: "15 British EM attached for high tea at 1000 hours and dinner only."

A canteen hostess asked a pfc, "Do you and your sergeant ever have any differences of opinion?" "Lots of times," replied the one strip, "but he never knows it."

A soldier in Belgium who had been sweating out news of a prospective new arrival in his family



received a cable from his spouse: "Twins arrived this week—More by Mail." He promptly cabled back: "Overjoyed regarding twins. If more arrive by mail, refuse them."

We guess this little poem left in our typewriter could be called "futuristic verse":

A farmer once called his cow "Zephyr" She seemed such an amiable hephyr. But when he drew near She bit off his car, And now he's very much de-phyr.

Discovering a wasp in his soup, a GI in Belgium bellowed, "Hey,



what's this?" "Shh," whispered the mess orderly, "that's our new 'vitamin bee.'"

Shed a tear in your beer for Sgt. Robert F. Kess, now in France. A Christmas package from the little woman back home contained, believe it or not, a can of U.S. Army field rations—type "C."

And then there was the smart girl on the home front who changed the decorations in her apartment from blue to brown. She quit dating sailors and concentrated on soldiers. J. C. W.

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# History Does An About-Face As Yanks Go Back to Luzon



Landing of MacArthur's Forces at Lingayen Gulf Parallels Japanese Action in Early Days of Philippines Battle

**By John L. Springer**  
(Associate Press Feature Writer)

History is reversing itself as Gen. MacArthur's forces land on Luzon, main island of the Philippines and scene in 1942 of the American tragedies of Bataan and Corregidor. That the major Philippine battles will be fought on these 40,814 square miles of island—an area the size of Virginia—has been a foregone conclusion since the day MacArthur vowed he would go back.

Luzon is the largest of the Philippine Islands. Its population, including Manila's 675,000, is almost half of the 17,000,000 on the whole chain. It is the best fortified. Millions of American dollars went into strengthening the Cavite navy yard and army bases guarding the entrance to Manila Harbor, into the Corregidor Island fortress, into Nichols Field just outside Manila and Clark Field, 50 miles north of the capital, and into the Olongapo naval station on Subic Bay. It is natural to expect that the Japanese have strengthened these.

When the invader's shoe was on a Japanese foot Aparri, on the northern tip, was the first point

of entry. This landing, two days after Pearl Harbor, was followed by another on Dec. 14, 1941, at Vigau. Subsequent invasion forces swept ashore at Lingayen, scene of MacArthur's landing, and along the 50-mile beach that fronts on Lamon Bay.

The Japanese made speedy progress. Within three months they had confined American and Filipino forces to the Bataan Peninsula. In April, 1942, they used their overwhelming superiority in men, planes, tanks and guns to launch savage attacks against the starving, disease-ridden defenders. On April 9 came the inevitable surrender and the northward "death march" of sick and wounded.

Six thousand survived that march, but more than 7,000 others retreated to the "rock" of Corregidor. Although the odds there also were hopeless—the Americans were tightly blockaded, relentlessly shelled and bombed—the Japanese did not take the fortress for almost two months, until May 6. They gloated over Corregidor more than Singapore and announced that America had been "vanquished."

# Yanks Move Toward Manila; Superforts Raid Singapore

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pouring ashore, Lt. Gen. Tomouki Yamashita, Jap commander on the island, rushed infantry and armored columns north from Manila in an effort to hold the American force on the northern part of the island.

Overwhelming American air fleets, in continuous night and day attacks, were bombing and strafing these Jap columns. Enemy air activity has been reduced to a negligible scale. Gen. MacArthur announced.

Northeast of Lingayen, carrier-based planes of the Seventh fleet pounded Jap defense posts along the northern shore of the Lingayen Gulf in the vicinity of San Fernando.

Near Calumpit, 25 miles northwest of Manila, medium bombers and attack planes wrecked the three main highway bridges over which Jap supplies must travel to reach the Lingayen area. At Clark Field, 75 miles northwest of Manila 34 enemy planes were destroyed on the ground, while at Nielson and Nichols airfields on Manila's outskirts big fires were started

on supply dumps and barrack areas. Estimates of the number of men with MacArthur ran upwards of 180,000 today, according to reports from the U. S. If the crews aboard the 800-ship convoy are included possibly more than 350,000 men were involved in the landings thus making it the greatest amphibious operation in history.

Bill Dickinson, United Press reporter on Luzon, said the Luzon force was half again as big as the Leyte invasion force, which was estimated at more than 250,000 and equal to that of the initial landing force in Normandy last June.

Reports from Adm. Thomas Kinkaid's fleet said that the Japs were using human torpedoes in an effort to smash the concentration of Allied shipping anchored in the Lingayen Gulf. American shipping losses have been light, Gen. MacArthur announced.

The raid on Singapore was the second by 20th Bomber Command B293. Last Nov. 5 another force of huge four-engine raiders scored hits on a drydock and wrecked other installations in the strongest naval base in southeast Asia.

# Legislator Raps Surplus Brass In Washington

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (AP).—Rep. Adolph J. Sabath (D-Ill.) declared today that Washington cocktail rooms "are crowded with Army officers" and it is "a damnable outrage."

He proposed congressional investigation of the armed services' use of manpower, asserting, "cocktail rooms and clubs are jammed with service people without foreign service stripes. I believe that we have 30,000 more officers in the Army than are needed."

Chairman of the House Rules Committee and a staunch Administration supporter, Sabath proposed "a thorough house-cleaning" to reassign officers and men in Washington whom he contended could be replaced "by girls and messenger boys."

**Army States Its Stand**

While Sabath was stating his views to the Rules Committee, Under-Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson was testifying before another group that only 20 physically fit civilians below the age of 28 are on Army payrolls and all 20 are doing industrial jobs. Patterson also told the House Military Committee that the Army has a rule that no physically fit officer under 28 can remain at a desk in Washington and the rule has been rigidly applied.

Able-bodied enlisted men are being replaced in non-combatant jobs by WACs so that they can be sent to battle fronts, Patterson continued, but the WAC recruiting program still is lagging behind schedule. He said that there are about 90,000 WACs now against a goal of 150,000.

# Black Market . . .

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milder punishment for one of the defendants, the 19-year-old Jones, because of his extreme youth. He said that the lad "ought to be punished, but not for more than he had done."

In morning sessions of the trial, CID Lt. Robert O'Reilly testified that soldiers in the 716th told him that officers in the battalion were also involved in the deal. "When I joined the battalion in early November as a fireman," he said, "I asked the boys how I could send the profits home in censored money orders through company officers who would be suspicious of the sums mailed."

"The boys answered, 'Don't worry about that, everyone is in on this deal.'"

O'Reilly also described one instance in which a man told him he had thrown gasoline in a car to start a hotbox and have "the car, containing cigarettes, detached from the others."

**Confessions Read**

Confessions by all five read before the court indicated that they took cigarettes from freight cars in repeated instances. With the proceeds four of them sent money orders home—Young sent 12 \$100 orders back to the States—while French said he spent his money on a "good time."

The court-martial board, presided over by Col. John Hoag, deliberated more than twice as long before rendering yesterday's verdicts as it did when a decision was given in a half-hour for the first day's trials.

The five men showed no emotion as sentence was passed. As they turned before marching out of the courtroom, Young gave the board a smart salute.

# BBC Newscaster Out For Security Violation

The accreditation of Cyril Ray, British Broadcasting Corp. correspondent with the Allied Expeditionary Forces, has been cancelled.

At 1100 hours Jan. 3, Ray revealed the opening of the U. S. 1st Army attack, which at that time had not yet been released to the public because of its military value to the enemy, a SHAEF announcement stated. The correspondent's voice-cast had not been passed by censor.

# Can You Top This? Seat of Trouble, Vice-Versa

A VILLAGE IN FRANCE.—Civil Affairs officers have received requests for damage payments for cows, for woodlots, for emptied wine barrels and countless other things since the Yanks landed in France, but the secretary to the mayor of this village didn't ask for damages—he just wants permission to buy a replacement for—but his letter explains that.

The letter, received by Lt. Col. David F. Taylor, Jr., CO of Detachment A1B2 of the First ECA Regt., is reproduced below as written:

December 29th, 1944.

TO the Colonel, Commander the American civil affairs  
Honorable Colonel,  
I permit me to recour to Your benevolent attention by exposing what follows:  
Before their retreat the Germans blowed up a bridge of the railway in proximity of my home. At this occasion I had very much damages.  
Afterwards the earthquake which shakes my house very much, the seat of the W.C. (cuvette de W.C.) has been broken. I mean that for this moment it's very difficult to find this object in the trade.  
I have heard that in the village of \*\*\* near \*\*\* very much wares of all fashions specially this object I wish are in depot.  
I pray, honorable Colonel, to allow me to buy a seat at this place, in purpose to put in order a room of first necessity.  
I hope that it's possible to obtain satisfaction in the best conditions.  
Receive, honorable Colonel, with my sincerest thanks, the term of my best consideration.

(SIGNED)  
Secretary at the City Hall.

# Germans Quit West of Bulge

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of Camplon without contacting enemy troops.

On the south, U.S. Third Army forces reported Germans moving east and northeast under cover of small-scale counter-attacks.

U.S. First Army forces, including Second Armored Div. units, struck around Laroche, by-passing the city in their drive southward. Men of the 83rd Inf. Div. threw back a counter-attack southwest of Vielsalm in the vicinity of Petit Langhir, a mile and one-half east of Behain. Then the 83rd attacked in the woods south of Behain and ploughed ahead against strong infantry resistance and artillery and anti-tank fire.

**9 Degrees Above Zero**

Stars and Stripes correspondent Dan Regan with First Army said Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' men were fighting in temperatures nine degrees above zero. He said Third Armored Div. forces joined the 83rd in attacking Behain.

Hodges' men took 242 prisoners in the 24-hour period ending yesterday for a total of 16,209 since mid-December when the German offensive started and a total of 230,149 prisoners since D-Day.

Americans cut the St. Hubert-Bastogne road about 10 miles west of Bastogne and northwest of the town of Tillet, which U. S. forces recaptured.

Eastward, Fourth Armored Div. units gained a mile toward Houffalize on the main road which runs into the town.

**Harlange Cleared**

On the Belgian-Luxembourg frontier, 35th Div. units gained a half-mile to clear the town of Harlange while 26th Div. men pushed to within 500 yards of the Duchy city of Wiltz.

Fourth Inf. Div. men smashed a counter-attack in the Echter-nach sector.

U.S. Third Army troops took 254 prisoners in the 24 hours ending yesterday. This brought their total to 10,160 since mid-December and their grand total since the army became operational Aug. 1 to 150,400.

In Alsace, Germans renewed pressure in the Bitche salient. U.S. forces there countered, with apparently no ground taken or lost.

In the Alsatian bulge there was fairly heavy fighting in Hottwiller and to the west of Lambach, west and northwest of Bitche. On the west side of the small salient, Germans threw in a small counter-attack south of the town of Lemberg, and launched a heavier counter-thrust in the south portion with about a battalion of troops.

Stars and Stripes Correspondent Wade Jones with Advanced Sixth Army Group Headquarters reported that reinforced German armor was exerting strong pressure on the Rhine plain, 11 miles south of Strasbourg. The enemy was thrusting a narrow corridor northward from the Rhine-Rhone Canal, through the First French Army sector, he reported.

# Senator Asks Pledge of Force

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policy." He plans to offer a resolution urging formation of an interim United Nations council to supervise liberated countries.

The chief motivating power behind the unilateral moves of Russia and Britain in Europe according to Vandenberg, was the fear Germany might some day be able to rearm and again rupture world peace. He proposed that major Allies sign a treaty for "peremptory use of force" to keep Germany and Japan demilitarized.

He asserted the commander-in-chief should have power to act instantly. "I know no reason why a hard and fast treaty between the major Allies should not be signed today to achieve this dependable end," he averred.

**Takes President to Task**

Vandenberg took President Roosevelt to task for what he termed "almost jocular and even cynical dismissal of the Atlantic Charter as a mere collection of fragmentary notes." He said he hoped that FDR had later "repaired this damage" by his subsequent statements in support of the Charter.

"The smell of victory," the Senator said, "is not an anaesthetic which puts earlier zeals to sleep," but he suggested it would be wise to give the Axis peoples some incentive to "desert their tottering tyrannies" by telling them the price of a quick unconditional surrender would be much cheaper than if the move were delayed.

# Germans in Italy Were in Norway

ROME, Jan. 11 (AP).—German troops shifted from Norway are now fighting on the Italian front, it was disclosed today with the capture of ten soldiers in a patrol action on the south bank of the Reno River in the Adriatic sector. The prisoners belonged to the 710th Division, which arrived recently on the Italian front from coastal defense in Norway.

Their transfer indicated the importance Germans attach to the Italian theater, where Nazis recently have been in flight from San Alberto. One prisoner was quoted as saying that Hitler ordered Reno held at all costs.

**Suspension Revoked**

The one-month suspension of the Paris afternoon newspaper, France-Soir, on a charge of censorship violation, was revoked last night by the War Ministry, apparently in answer to protests by other newspapers here.

**Friend of Laval Sentenced**

Armand Vibert, secretary general to the Mayor of Saint-Ouen and a personal friend of Laval, was sentenced to five years' hard labor on charges including the sending of Frenchmen and women into forced labor in Germany.