

Canadians Enter Reich

Zhukov Drives on Stettin; Battles Rage Before Berlin

East Front
Warriors
Drive Ahead

5-Mi. Gain Overruns 7 Villages

Koniev Men Open Assault at South End of Oder Line

With a powerful force poised along the banks of the Oder River for the "frontal assault" on Berlin, the northern prong of Marshal Gregory Zhukov's Army pressed home the assault on Stettin, Baltic Sea port, according to dispatches from Moscow.

While Russian artillery continued to rake the fortified lines guarding the direct approaches to Berlin, main armored units of Zhukov's First White Russian Army rumbled to within 15 miles of Stettin and were closing in rapidly, Reuter reported.

In the wake of this drive, which threatens to cut off large Nazi forces in Pomerania and the Polish Corridor, German News Agency admitted yesterday the penetration of Pyritz, 23 miles southeast of Stettin. One spearhead was reported nearing Stargard, a rail junction on the Danzig-Stettin line.

Koniev Resumes Attack

At the southern base of the "Berlin Bulge," meanwhile, the Germans reported that Marshal Ivan Koniev's First Ukrainian Army had gone over to the attack from its Oder River bridgehead at Steinau, 35 miles northwest of Breslau.

The Germans reported the loss of Parchwitz, two and a half miles west of the river, and a Russian penetration of Luebentzen on the western bank. Parchwitz is only nine miles northeast of Liegnitz, important upper Silesia rail junction.

Big Announcement Hinted

Of the westernmost Russian units in the Berlin bulge, Moscow radio declared yesterday. "We don't know exactly how close Marshal Zhukov is to Berlin because his front has been wrapped in official silence which usually precedes some big announcement."

The Associated Press reported from Moscow that Marshal Zhukov's heavy artillery had unleashed the most powerful barrage of the Russians' invasion of the Reich as the enemy concentrated along the

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Storm Cripples New England

BOSTON, Feb. 9 (ANS).—One of the worst blizzards in recent times piled up 12 to 17 inches of snow in New England today, paralyzing transportation and costing at least ten lives.

Damage was expected to run into millions, the Associated Press said. Thousands were marooned. Many shipyards and war plants stopped work.

Enormous snowdrifts, piled by a raging northeast gale, prevented night-shift workers from reaching their homes and day-shift workers from reaching jobs. Snow bore down power and communication lines and poles.

Principal areas affected were eastern Connecticut, Rhode Island, eastern Massachusetts, southeastern New Hampshire and eastern Maine. At least one foot of snow fell in these areas.

19 Norwegians Executed

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 9 (AP).—Nineteen Norwegians were executed in Oslo for "terrorism" in the wake of the assassination of the Quisling Police Chief Marthinsen, according to reports received here.



Their machine-guns manned and ready for enemy action, a column of Russian mechanized infantry moves toward Budapest, capital of Hungary.



Mounted Red Army gunners, laden with equipment, cross a stream in the Carpathian Mountains in the drive on southeast Germany.

Yanks, Armed With Knives, Grenades, Storm Vital Hill

By Russell Jones
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 78th INF. DIV., Feb. 9.—A company of GIs, reduced by casualties to 33 men, and armed with little more than knives and hand grenades, stormed and took the important little town of Dedeborn, high on a hill overlooking the approaches to the Roer River dams.

Congress Calls 'Big 3 Truce'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP).—Members of Congress decided yesterday to withhold debate on international affairs until the conclusion of the Big Three conference now under way in the Black Sea area.

Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex.), chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, called for a truce, saying that "agitation and discussion of issues that may create dissension or division be withheld until the end of the meeting."

Disclosure that the Big Three are still planning military operations against Germany lent official support to speculation that the Nazis will attempt a last-ditch stand in southern Germany.

Reference to the communiqué to the "final phase" of the war in Europe was taken by military observers to refer to action beyond the time of the current Berlin offensive.

Dedeborn itself, like many thousands of little villages in the path of war, wasn't very important. What made it a prime military objective was its location. Plenty of Nazis, comfortably dug in at the top of the hill, were in a position to punish any American drive on the river dams and reservoir system.

It fell to Co. C, 311th Inf., to swim the icy waters, storm the hill and drive the Germans from the town.

Swim River in Face of Fire
Led by Lt. Johnnie Krofchick, of Newnan, Ga., recently battlefield commissioned, and Lt. Martin Sheds, of Wakefield, Mass., 31 men swam the river in the face of direct artillery and small-arms fire.

Discarding their equipment until none had anything heavier than a BAR, and ten had only knives and grenades, they went "shooting and shouting" up the hill.

"We would have got it if Jerry had counter-attacked," Krofchick said later, "but we made so much noise they must have thought a couple of regiments were coming."

But it was two officers and 31 men who took Dedeborn.

1,300 Heavies Hammer Nazi Plants, Rail Net

Thirteen hundred Eighth AF Forts and Liberators, escorted by more than 850 Mustangs and Thunderbolts, yesterday attacked oil and industrial plants and communications targets in Germany. Ranging ahead of attacking British and Canadian troops on the northern sector of the Western Front, 350 Ninth AF medium and light bombers hit three rail yards and two communications centers supplying German troops manning the Siegfried Line.

The medium and light bombers used the pathfinder technique because of heavy clouds.

The attacks followed a night in which more than 1,000 RAF Lancasters smashed at a synthetic oil plant at Politz, near Stettin, and Mosquitos bombed Berlin.

The U.S. heavies' targets were a synthetic oil plant at Lutzendorf,

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Lend-Lease to French Is Nearly 750 Million

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP).—Since the Allied landings in North Africa in November, 1942, the U.S. has spent nearly \$750,000,000 under lend-lease to equip the French Army and to assist France in prosecution of the war, the Office of War Information said today.

Eight Yanks Sweat It Out

22 Hours of Hell on East Bank of Sauer

WITH FIFTH INF. DIV., Sauer River Front, Feb. 9.—Eight infantrymen were stranded on the German-held shore of the Sauer River, less than 150 yards from an enemy pillbox, when heavy fire and treacherous current of the swollen river prevented reinforcements from reaching them.

For 22 hours, the eight doughs sweated out shell splinters of 88s bursting behind them, short rounds from Yank artillery on the other side of the river, the lowering menace of a Nazi tank's guns just up the hill and the ever-present danger that one of the Nazi infantrymen in the pillbox defenses would spot them in their indefensible position.

For 22 hours they sweated, and then made up their minds to swim back, despite the swirling currents which raced past them in the foggy night. At that moment, doughs in an assault boat found them.

"If that boat hadn't got there, we would have pulled out during the next hour," said Sgt. Harry Horvitz, of Detroit.

"I can't figure out why the Germans didn't see us, as it was, and we couldn't take a chance on staying there another night."

"In front of us," said Pfc James Hood, of Redondo Beach, Calif., "the Heinies were so close that we could hear a guy cursing when his burp gun jammed in the trench, and I could also hear a Heinie asking for directions on a radio."

Pvt. Robert Leythe, of Renton, Wash., came out of the scrape with the nickname of "Charlie Chaplin." All through the noisy night and most of the day, Leythe did comedy in pantomime for the stranded men. The doughs said they liked best his gag of wearing a helmet sideways, crossing his eyes and impersonating Napoleon. They said where they were that was pretty funny.

Canadian First Army troops drove across the German border southeast of Nijmegen yesterday. In its first 24 hours, the new Allied offensive, which erupted on the northern tip of the Western Front early Thursday, penetrated German positions nearly five miles, overran seven frontier villages and scooped up 1,200 prisoners.

Fresh troops poured into the assault, which widened to a front of six miles in the foggy East Holland border country between the Maas and Rhine Rivers.

As the northern tip of the front began to move, the Nazi news commentator, Ludwig Sertorius, told the German people that the British Second and Ninth U.S. Armies on the Roer River might start moving any hour.

Attacking British and Canadian infantry, supported by massive Churchill tanks and flamethrowers, advanced half way from their starting point to Cleve, Siegfried Line bastion at the eastern end of the Reichwald, into the forested depths of which Allied forces have penetrated, according to frontline reports.

Powerful Artillery Preparation

Among prisoners taken were two battalion commanders. Many of the captured Nazis were stunned by the 11-hour artillery barrage which preceded and accompanied the attack and the heavy air bombardment which opened the way for the blow.

General Eisenhower's left hook, swung against Germany at the northern flank of the Western Front, threatens the German Ruhr—last major industrial region left to the Reich after the capture of Silesia by the Russians.

The attack kicked off in a narrow strip of Eastern Holland about eight miles wide between the Rhine and Maas Rivers from positions Allies have held since the original airborne landings at Nijmegen.

The massive air support which preceded the attack Wednesday night and early Thursday was cut down yesterday by murky weather. Tommies and Canadians continued moving across the sodden Dutch terrain between two roads running to Cleve and Venlo from Nijmegen to capture Kranenberg, one and one-half miles inside Germany. This was their farthest point of penetration yesterday.

En route, they took the border

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Anti-Red Proposal Spurned by British

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (AP).—Flat rejection by Prime Minister Churchill of a Spanish proposal for an anti-Russian combine helped clear the air for the Big Three meeting, it was learned in diplomatic circles here.

Gen. Franco suggested a western European alliance against the U.S.S.R. in November, 1944, and offered his services as mediator for a negotiated peace. Churchill turned him down bluntly and went far beyond the original issue by making it entirely clear, in the view of authorities in Washington, that British policy called for co-operation with Russia and the U.S. for future peace.

The British view is shared in Washington, where great emphasis is placed on the need for Allied co-operation.

THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

What Price Production

I quote from The S & S of Jan. 18: "Spokesmen for the AFL and the Socialist Party called upon Congress to substitute higher wages for work or fight laws and pointed to the Little Steel formula, which they said must be broken up to induce men to work."

After reading this we find it necessary to blow off some steam, perhaps because those of us who are away from the United States regard it with a sort of reverence, and have the idea that we are fighting to preserve those idealistic things for which it stands, backed up by the home front to the same extent that the civilians of revolutionary days backed up our earlier soldiers fighting for the same thing by loading muskets behind the front lines.

True, the civilians of today are not immediately behind the front lines, nor are they volunteers, as were their forebears, but they're "loading our muskets" just the same.

Somehow, however, the picture of America wholeheartedly in the effort for freedom turns sour when leaders of representative groups of American Labor ask to be "induced" by higher wages to turn out the munitions and supplies so sorely needed now.

How far do they suppose we would get on the battlefield phase of our war if the soldiers decided they couldn't attack any longer for \$50 a month? We think it's high time to quit chasing the Almighty Dollar, and wholeheartedly start chasing Hitler. If it takes work or fight-laws to make them're in this, too—then let's pass them.—Maj. R. M. Baldwin, Inf.

Sad Sarge

I'm in the vital business of supply. We have a tech sergeant and a staff sergeant who are in the outfit solely (it seems), to fill T/O vacancies. If there are guns to be turned in to Ordnance for repair, or watches, or clothing to be drawn, or ammunition to be hauled—which there always is—someone must wake up these "assistants" or call them away from their boot polishing or pistol grip whittling (it's a fact) and a lot of bitching ensues. I'd swap both of them any day for one good private.—The Sad Sarge, Cav. Rec.

Have You a Cannery . . . ?

My wife, in Effingham, Ill., has solved the problem of sending cookies through the mails. She bakes cookies, takes them to the local cannery where they are hermetically sealed in a can. They always arrive in perfect condition. . . . Ray Althoff, 720th Ry. Op. Bn.

For the Record

The Ninth Armored Division story in the S & S contains some inaccuracies. The 14 tanks consisted of three platoons of the Second Tank Battalion, one from Co. A and two from Co. C. They were under the command of 1/Lt John E. DeRoche, not Capt Howard Pyle. Also it was DeRoche (not Pyle) who led the strategic withdrawal to Neufchateau through four German-occupied towns without the loss of men or equipment. After receiving supplies at Neufchateau, Lt. DeRoche led the tank column to Bastogne, where Capt. Pyle first assumed command.—Cpl. Richard E. Lawrence and 25 others who were there.

Good Reasons

Upon discharge, we should be paid for the accrued furlough time, plus the furlough ration money. It is no fault of ours that we are stationed in a remote spot which makes it impracticable for us to take our 30 days leave each year, whereas many EM in the U.S. have taken furloughs regularly.

- Our reasoning on this is: 1. The government paid Civil Service employees for their accrued leave when they entered the army; 1. Many private concerns also followed this policy;

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3. Change No. 6 of AR. 605-115 authorizes officers to take accrued leave immediately before being discharged.—T/4 Elbert P. Carlton, 1st Fin. Disb. Sect. and 7 others.

From Experience

Following suggestion is from experience: Keep the stitches between the rubber and the leather well greased with shoe dubbin, and keep shoeleaps away from fires and hot stoves, otherwise the shoeleaps will not serve their purpose, and will soon leak. Hope this suggestion will help keep your feet dry, fellows.—Sgt. J. D. Reed, Sig. Serv. Bn.

Home in the Rain

The pup tent is far from satisfactory when it comes to shelter. To begin with, it's too short. I have one that still leaks if you touch the inside of it when it is raining. I'm lucky I'm an officer—I have a whole tent that I can try to curl up in the middle of and try to keep dry, but it still doesn't work. The men of my outfit, who have only one half per man, are in a worse condition.

That open end—gad, can't something be done about that? That four-man tent is okay at times when you have the time but have you ever tried to operate four men in a tent in the rain here?—Capt. J. R. H., Engineers.

(Editor's Note: We showed your letter to Maj. Gen. R. M. Littlejohn, Chief Quartermaster, who said:

"The fact that some of the pup tents do leak is well known to the Quartermaster Service. This is because sufficient production capacity for closely woven shelter duck did not exist in the United States. It was a question of either lower specifications or going without tents.

"Water repellency compound for re-treatment of tents is en route from the States and is also being produced locally. This will reduce the leaking of tents constructed of poor fabrics.

"All pup tents produced for many months are closed at both ends. This type provides the length and weather protection desired by the author of the letter. Production is not sufficient however to permit withdrawal of all of the old type tents, making the new ones available only on a replacement basis.

"Letters such as this are extremely helpful to the Chief Quartermaster in that they serve to justify the position we have taken with the War Department in obtaining new materials by furnishing evidence of the man whose lot it is to use this equipment."

Until the Wrecker Comes

Keeping traffic flowing smoothly is one of the main jobs of an MP. Due to the heavy demands on vehicles, and the cold weather, many of them are stalling on main roads—hampering the flow of traffic to the front.

It would help a lot if the driver of such a vehicle, instead of waiting for a maintenance truck on the road, would have it pushed off the road by the next vehicle capable of doing so.—Sgt. Hall, MP.

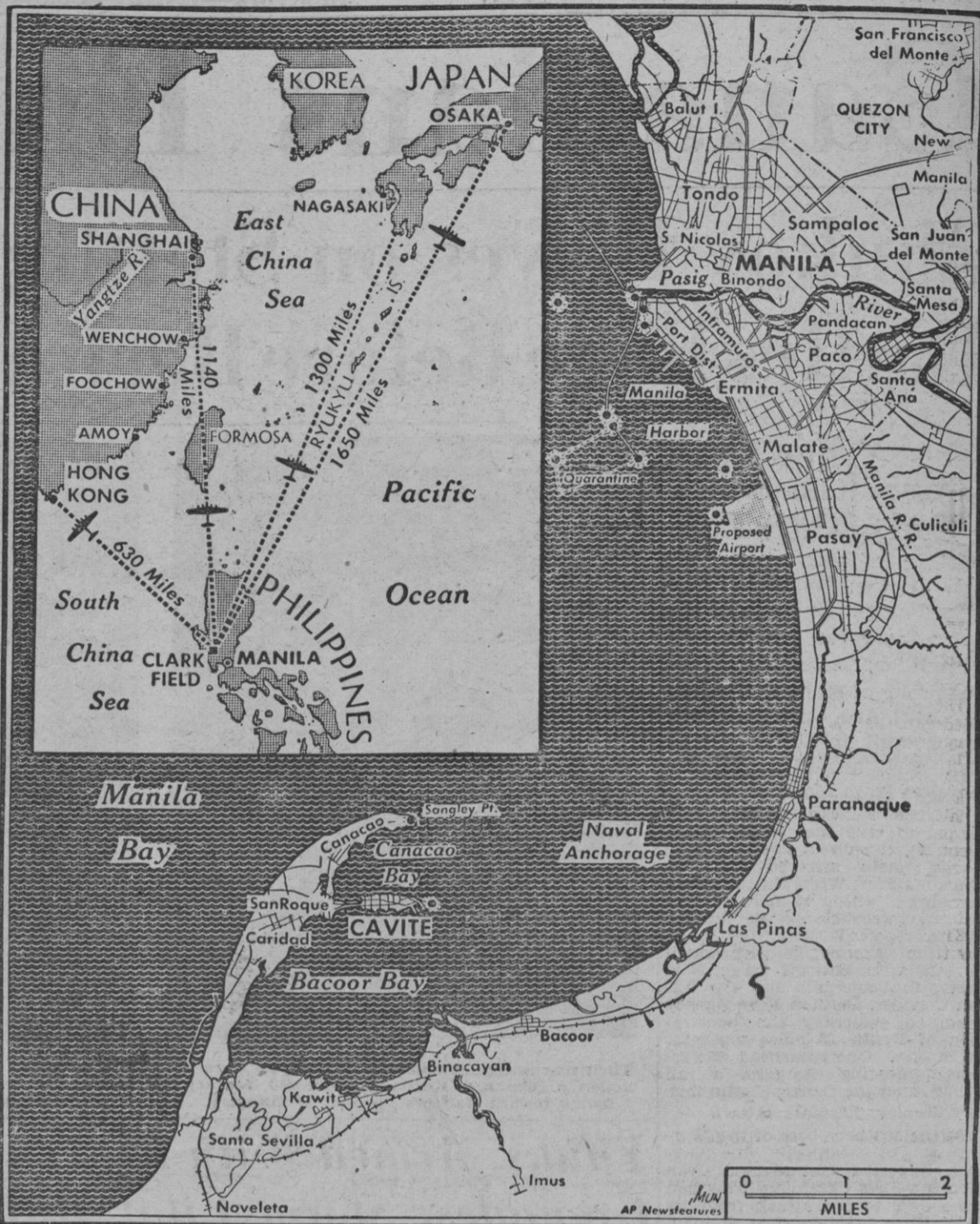
HUBERT

by SGT. DICK WINGERT



Here's another village. Shall we stop and put up the top or make a run for it?

'Stepping Stone To Tokyo'



Manila, only 1,865 miles from Tokyo and 600 miles from China, has been described by Adm. Chester Nimitz as "the stepping stone to Tokyo."

The chief prize Manila offers from a military standpoint is its bay, one of the finest in the world; 120 miles in circumference, 770 square miles in area, and with many natural facilities for military and naval installations.

Working out of this great harbor and bay, Allied naval forces lie across Japan's Pacific lifeline. Using Manila as a base, naval and

air offensives can operate northwest toward China or northeast toward Japan.

As an air base, Manila is of prime importance. It is the site of Nichols Field, Nielson and Zablan airports and other former military and civilian installations.

From these and Clark Field, 50 miles away, aerial attacks may be co-ordinated against China Sea

shipping, the Nanking-Canton railway, port facilities of China and Indo-China, Formosa and the Ryuky Islands. Hongkong is 631 miles away; Singapore, 1,370 miles; Nagasaki, 1,306; Saigon and Hanoi, 1,100.

Another base, Cavite, former 16th Naval District Headquarters, is important. The Navy spent more than \$17,000,000 on Cavite installations.

PUP TENT POETS

Silhouette
A hush enshrouds the clustered tents
Where wearied soldiers lie—
A breeze of France stirs gently through
The darkness of the sky.

What dream these men—of victory?
Of trampling conquered foe?
Triumphant, marching through his land,
And dealing final blow?

I think they dream, instead, of home—
Of half-forgotten scenes
With loved ones long since left behind,
And all real living means—

A hush enshrouds the clustered tents—
Men rest 'til bugle's sound—
A cloud steals 'cross the shad'wy sky,
And rain comes softly down.
—Cpl. Marion A. Smart.

Night Haul
Oh, see the cold and starry night,
The road that's white, ice-coated white,
A glaring beam, a motor's roar,
Equipment on its way to war.

Now see the mighty six-by-six,
Its width, its breadth, the load it holds,
And sit beside the driver's seat,
As down the endless road it rolls.

Oh, think the driver's weary thoughts,

Of war news, of the havoc wrought;
Of treacherous elbows just ahead,
Of GIs dying, buddies dead.

Oh, feel the icy, biting frost,
The tires' grip, the tracks just crossed;
The tire-chain's clang, the engine's roar,
That rush equipment on to war.
—Cpl. Emanuel Karbeling.

Blurps
He felt the urge,
To lift his head,
He did; and now
The bloke is dead.

He crawled along,
His butt held high
A sniper spied
His butt. Goodbye.

He said, "Oh, look,
A souvenir!"
They heard a bang,
He isn't here.
—T/5 H. M. Harris.

Births

Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival:
SGT. Walter Bonczar, Lowell, Mass.—girl, Jan. 20; Pvt. Dominic Squadrino, Sunnyvale, Calif.—Kathleen Marie, Jan. 11; T/5 Morris Levy, San Diego, Calif.—Lawrence Jeffery, Dec. 18.
CPL. W.J. Boyett, Kensington, Kan.—Judith Ann, Feb. 2; Cpl. David Goldner, Bronx—Virginia Iris, Feb. 1; Pfc Harold Suchland, Celina, Ohio—Harold Eugene, Feb. 6; Cpl. Walter Dorsey, Philadelphia, Pa.—Walter, Jan. 3; Sgt. Herbert W. Snow, Chatham, Mass.—Robert William, Dec. 19; Lt. James K. Blackburn, Holt Summit, Mo.—girl, Jan. 27.

This Was America Yesterday:

'Victory Girl' Problem Is Tackled by Kansas

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The Kansas legislature is resolutely plowing into the problem: What should be done about the Victory Girl?

Victory Girls, as defined by Rep. Paul R. Shanahan, Salina, Kan., farmer, "are those who follow military camps, swarm around defense plants. They don't get anything out of it but a few hamburgers and a place to live, but they create manpower problems."

One bill to be considered would tighten state statutes against prostitutes. It also would permit prosecutors to class automobiles and trailers as houses of ill repute.

Shanahan declared that conditions are such in some cities that military authorities have been compelled to declare the whole city out of bounds.

IN Bloomington, Ind., Monroe County Clerk Earl Baxter, annoyed at \$330 alimony gathering dust in his safe, advertised in a newspaper for the divorcee to come and get it. "I didn't know I'd been divorced," the beneficiary told Baxter when she called for the money.

ON the Labor front it looks as though John L. Lewis may be returning to the AFL fold. Daniel J. Tobin, president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, at whose dinner President Roosevelt opened his election campaign, is leading a move for Big John's re-entry.



What About a Scar?

MAYBE he'll get the Purple Heart... Maj. Eugene Hill, at Kearns Overseas Reinforcement Depot, says a Salt Lake City woman telephoned him her son wrote he's coming home from the Pacific with a "lash mark." "Is that a very serious wound?" she asked. (Ed. Note.—It is.)

THE first authorized revision of the Protestant Bible in nearly a half century was completed and in the publisher's hands today. It is probable the new Bible will be published under sponsorship of 44 Protestant denominations, according to Dean Luther A. Weigle, of Yale Divinity School, who announced the event at a meeting of executive and education groups of the International Council of Religious Education.

He said the new revision uses straightforward English based on the King James Version. The work, first projected in 1930 and held up by the depression, was resumed in 1937 by leading scholars named by the churches.

The cards were stacked against a motorist who side-swiped two cars at Clearwater, Fla. He did it in full view of 18 patrolmen lined up in front of the police station for a photograph.



AUTHORITIES in Los Angeles took away Johnny Russell's radio set today, and operators for Army, Navy and FBI mopped their brows in relief. Military code broadcasts were being interrupted by playing of phonograph records and whistling. There was even a spy scare, as programs were beamed to South American countries. The broadcasts were traced to Johnny's home, where he was operating a home-made high frequency station. His set was impounded but the 16-year-old youth was released with a warning.

JENNIFER HOLT, daughter of film actor Jack Holt, announced yesterday she would go to Mexico this week-end to obtain a divorce from Marine Air Force Maj. William Manley Ritchey so she can marry Army Lt. Cecil Davis.

Sinatra, Awaiting Draft Fate, Says He'll Take Tank to Song

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (ANS).—Frank Sinatra was secluded in a Manhattan hotel today, waiting an answer to the question of whether he'll be giving "all, or nothing at all" to the armed forces.

Frankie, who wants to drive a tank or a PT boat if he is accepted, was released last night, shortly before he was scheduled to undergo a three-day physical examination at Governors Island.

The outcome of the crooner's initial examination at Newark will

determine whether he will continue the necessary steps for induction. If the Army takes him, Frankie says, he wants to fight and not sing.

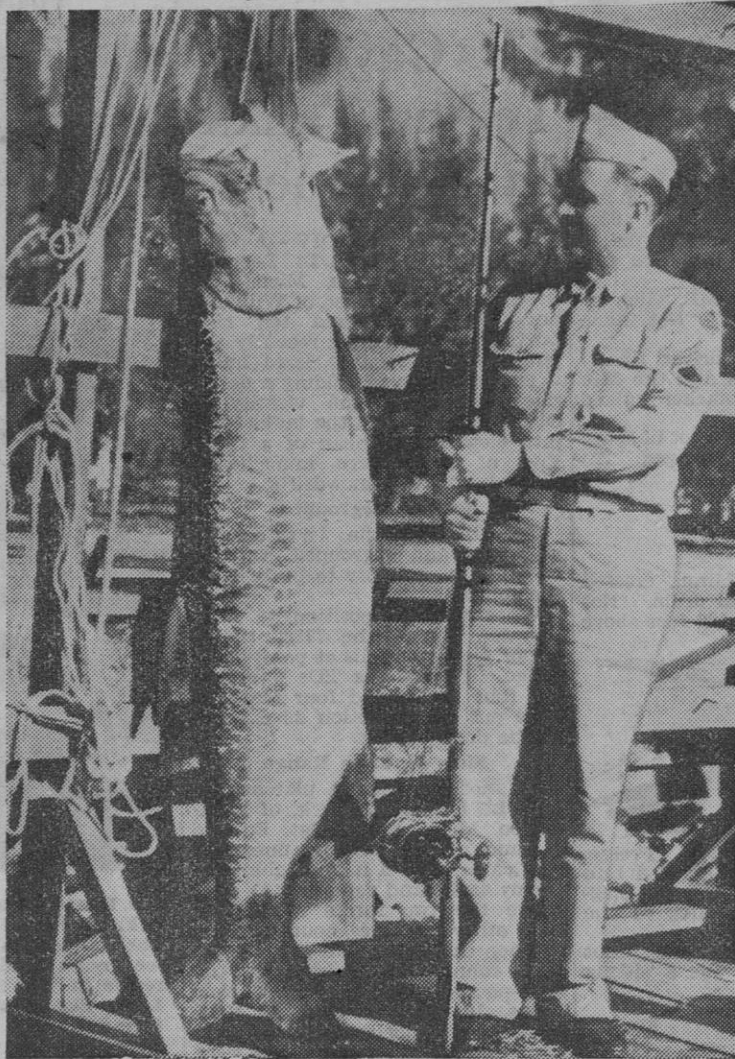
Once classified 4-F, the little man with the million-dollar larynx reported for his Newark examination at his fighting weight of 118 pounds. Meanwhile, the 200 bobby-soxers who had stood for five hours in snow, sleet and ice as the doctors looked their idol over returned to their homes to let the Army make its decision.

How About a Recount, Mr. Bruce?



Three Northwestern University co-eds sip milk while Wildcat classmates take issue with actor David Bruce, who said "co-eds at Northwestern are the homeliest bunch of girls in the world before breakfast." Left to right: Jean Brooks, of Evanston, Ill.; Ruth Burns, of Helena, Mont., and Shirley McCarthy, of Sturgis S. D.

Normandy Vet Does SOME Fishing



S/Sgt. Ernest B. Reneman, of Duke, Ala., wounded Normandy vet, surveys the 113-lb. tarpon he caught while fishing from one of the Army "T" boats at the ground and service forces redistribution station at Miami Beach. It took one hour to land the "Silver King" and set a new record for the station.

Legislator Seeks to Limit Awarding of Purple Heart

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (ANS).—Rep. Marion T. Bennett, (R-Mo.) today introduced legislation to limit award of the Purple Heart to armed forces personnel wounded by enemy action, the United Press reported.

He bitterly criticized giving the medal to "dogs and blues singers." He said it had been awarded to singer Jane Froman because she was injured in a plane crash while en route to entertain troops abroad, and had also been given to a war dog, "Chips."

His bill would authorize a special award for civilians.

The War Department said the dog received the Silver Star rather than Purple Heart. Army regulations do not provide for such awards, the WD said, and theater commanders had been reminded of the regulations after that incident.

The WD also doubted Miss Froman had received a medal since it is reserved for soldiers or civilians attached to service units who are wounded by enemy action. Miss Froman's plane crashed near Lisbon.

Final Effort to Save Condemned GI Made

BOSTON, Feb. 9 (ANS).—Mrs. Signe Hulten tearfully read her condemned son's letters today as her counsel made a final effort to save the American soldier from the gallows. In a letter written from London's Old Bailey jail, Pvt. Karl G. Hulten, paratrooper from Cambridge, Mass., told his mother, "Everybody makes one mistake in their lives. This one was mine, but it will be the last mistake I will ever make if I get out of this."

State Sen. Charles J. Innes, of Boston, has appealed to the Army, State Department and British Embassy in an effort to learn the name and address of the soldier's London lawyer and whether or not a mental examination of Hulten was made before his trial for the slaying of a London taxi-driver.

Supreme Court Orders WD to Fill Contracts

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (ANS).—The Supreme Court has refused to let the War Department repudiate contracts for the purchase of land in Missouri.

A five-to-three decision returned this week upheld the legality of a transaction in which the WD hired a purchasing agent whose fees were to be five percent of the price of the land. The court said the arrangements may have been "improvident," but contracts must be carried out.

Foes, Backers Claim Gains on Work-Jail Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (ANS).—Sen. A. B. Chandler (D-Ky.) said today that opposition to the work-or-jail bill was growing in the Senate Military Committee, which is rounding out the first week of semi-secret hearings on the measure.

However, proponents of the national service legislation said that they were encouraged by the general trend of the testimony and the concerted endorsement of the measure by high Government officials.

Although no tangible progress has been made in four days, Sen. Warren R. Austin (R-Vt.), advocate of the legislation, said that he saw no signs of stalling within the committee and declared, "We're moving as fast as we can."

At Least Another Week Nevertheless, Chairman Elbert Thomas (D-Utah), expects the hearings to continue at least all next week.

Sen. Burnet R. Maybank (D-S.C.) inserted in the committee record a copy of an editorial from the Paris edition of The Stars and Stripes. The editorial called for passage of the national service legislation, declaring that its name should be changed from the "May" bill to the "Must" bill.

Sen. C. W. Brooks (R-Ill.), frequent opponent of Administration policies, hit out at the measure in a Senate speech yesterday, saying that Gen. George C. Marshall and Adm. Ernest King were in part to blame for civilian over-confidence, the Associated Press reported.

Charges Over Emphasis

Brooks declared that they had "helped play down our real reverses and losses and under the guise of morale have played up the successes of our forces." He set up these items in his accounting, asserting that service chiefs shared responsibility in each one:

1. Failure to use the vast manpower already in the armed forces.
2. Vast over-production of war material, which, Brooks said, is now being sold at a loss.
3. Promotion of public over-confidence by stressing Allied successes over losses and reverses.

Arizona's Senate Boosts Universal Freedom of Press

PHOENIX, Feb. 9 (ANS).—The Arizona Senate adopted unanimously a memorial asking the nation's leaders to foster international agreements for universal freedom of the press.

The memorial, which now goes to the House, reads in part:

"Freedom of speech and press as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States is essential to the proper functioning of democracy, for only when men are free to report the facts of happenings of public import, to communicate and publish them, can the people have knowledge by which the majority can exercise its will.

"Freedom of speech and press is the strongest guarantee of peace in the world, for normal men become killers under the influence of mass emotion. A powerful implement of dictators and rulers, who seek to drive their peoples into war, is control and distortion of the flow of news."

Son Born to Stars

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 9 (ANS).—A son was born yesterday to dancer Eleanor Powell and Glenn Ford. Ford has returned to the screen since his medical discharge from the Marines.

Words of Wisdom

Stay Sweet, Say Stars

BOSTON, Feb. 9 (ANS).—Four actresses who have been appearing in plays here today advised sweethearts of overseas GIs to "stay as sweet as you are," in preparation for their men's homecoming.

Mae West counseled: "Get in shape—good shape!"

Tallulah Bankhead: "Be natural and utterly yourself."

Jane Wyatt: "Stay essentially the same, though matured."

Cornelia Otis Skinner: "Men hate too much change."

"After all," Miss Bankhead said, "The boys are thinking of nothing but home and they want it to be the same as when they left."



No Parking, Jerries Say

MPs don't always know best for a guy, says Pfc Charles Gerstacker, of St. Louis, Mo., a 103rd Inf. Div. jeep driver. Gerstacker had just pulled into a town which was under heavy shell fire and was looking for a place to park.

High-Wire Over Siegfried

CPL George C. Freese, of Austin, Minn., crossed that part of the Siegfried Line in an oil drum. Not only that, but he was swinging about 120 feet above the ground during his trip.

Close Shave With a Barber

HIS ability to speak German fluently proved embarrassing for 1/Lt. Warren P. Moss, of the 2nd Armored Div., when an alert Luxembourg barber decided Moss spoke the language too well.

Carrying the Torch Made Safe

Ordinance repair men of a Ninth AF Service Command Unit developed a new emergency safety device for use when welding fuel tanks and tanker trucks—either U.S. equipment they are getting back into service or enemy equipment they are salvaging.

Repairs on the Run

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TDs Gave Jolt To Nazi Tanks In Ardennes

WITH 90TH INF. DIV.—A 773rd TD platoon, led by 1/Lt. Leon M. Wood, of Manistique, Mich., and S/Sgt. Michael Pitcher, of Williamsburg, Pa., encountered ten Nazi tanks in the Ardennes recently and left eight of them battered hulks.

Enemy Regrouped

The rest of the intruders withdrew and regrouped with a battalion of infantry to probe from the south.

Slug At Close Range

In another action a platoon, led by 1/Lt. Delbert G. Reck, of Kalamazoo, Mich., and S/Sgt. Edward J. Land, of New Orleans, unexpectedly came upon a mixed column of enemy tanks and vehicles.

Thumbed Nose At Nazi Assault

WITH FIFTH INF. DIV.—Pvt. William H. Thomas, of Piqua, Ohio, was on guard at his MG position as a group of about 30 Germans moved up a draw toward him.

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Taste Tells



Sgt. Dante J. Raffaeli, of Yonkers, N.Y., a Signal Corps photographer, mixed up a batch of snow ice cream made according to a recipe in The Stars and Stripes.

4th Armored Div.

Tankers Praised By Patton for Fight To Reach Bastogne

WITH FOURTH ARMORED DIV., Feb. 9.—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton today called the Fourth Armored Div.'s fight to relieve Bastogne "one of the finest chapters in the glorious history of the United States Army."

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Sabotage Suspect Gives Officer Horse Laugh

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Keeps 'em Rolling

WITH 75TH RY. SHOP BN.—This railway shop battalion, which arrived in France in July, 1944, services, dispatches and processes more than 300 locomotives and 100 locomotive cars weekly.

Bought Bond for Buddy's Baby

WITH 80TH INF. DIV.—Sgt. Herbert L. Marshall held the Bronze Star for heroism, was an expert on explosives and the "best damned scout sergeant in the ETO," according to his 80th Recon Troop companions.

9th AFSC

QM Unit Hauls Sea of Gasoline

A NINTH AFSC UNIT—Tank trucks and errand-ridden six-by-sixes of this QM Group commanded by Col. Marvin Charlton, of Del Rio, Tex., have hauled more than 35 million gallons of aviation gasoline—enough to float three battleships—on a mission to bring back a prisoner.

2nd Inf. Div.

Advance Units Earn Citation

WITH SECOND INF. DIV.—One hundred and forty-five engineers and infantrymen of the 2nd Inf. Div. have been awarded the Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation for preceding D-Day attack.

2024 PW DET

WITH 2024th PW DET.—PX staff with foxhole memories serves the 2024th PW Overhead Det., and the 417th MP Escort Guard Co. All four GIs and one officer on the staff fought in the Normandy invasion.

GI Father and GI Son Reunited in France

Pvt. Medford F. Bird (left) of a Chartres engineer utilities detachment, recently arranged to meet his dad, T/5 Frederick R. Bird, 46, of a Havre port maintenance unit, in Paris. It was the first time the Detroit soldiers had seen each other in 18 months.

GI Fishes for PWs With Real Live Bait

WITH 80TH INF. DIV.—A three-man night patrol saves Uncle Sam a bit of spare change by "fishing" for prisoners—with a hand grenade for bait.

5th AF

Outfit Fought With 3 Armies

WITH FIFTH FA GP.—This FA outfit has supported three armies, four corps and 15 different combat divisions since November, 1942, when in Tunisia it fired for the First Armored at Maknassy, in Northern Tunisia.

26th Inf. Div.

Sees Job Through, Wins Silver Star

WITH 26TH INF. DIV., Luxembourg.—1/Lt. Edward L. Wilson, Co. B, 101st Engns., received the Silver Star because he was the last man "to leave the ship."

Field Commissions

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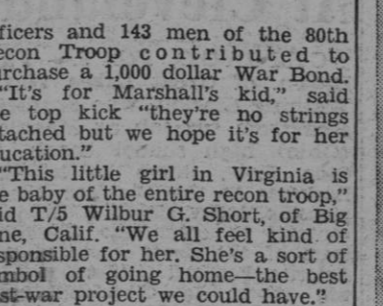
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Clip-Joint for GI Longhairs



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Roll Call of ETO Heroes

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Tanker Takes a Stitch in Time

ROY, CAPT. RAYMOND G., of Fitchburg, Mass. (80th Inf. Div.), for leading a rocket-launcher team which herded Nazi tanks into range of U.S. anti-tank guns.

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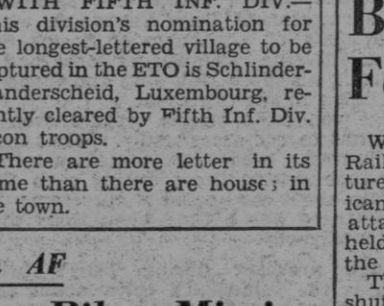
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9th AF

Two Pilots Missing From Missions to Besieged Division

A NINTH AF RECON BASE, France.—Two top-ranking photo reconnaissance pilots, 1/Lt. Albert Lanker, of Petaluma, Calif., and Capt. Roger V. Wolcott, of Cleveland, O., are missing from flights in which, alone, unarmed and at tree-top level, they dropped photographs to the 101st Airborne Div. during its encirclement at Bastogne.

1st TAF

Crew Chief Sets Mark With Mechanical Skill

FIRST TAF FIGHTER BASE, France.—S/Sgt. Merton M. Olson, of Elgin, Ill., crew chief in Col. James B. Tipton's Thunderbolt group, sent a P-47 Speed Demon on 203 missions without once having it return because of mechanical failure.

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The saddest morale booster for spendthrift servicemen on Broadway is ringscarred Tony Canzoneri, who is knocking himself out five times daily on the stage of Loew's State Theater this week. Tony, like his one-time rival, Barney Ross, had too much affection for the ponies during his plush ring days and dissipated several fortunes seeking "a good thing in the third race."

Now he's batting around the vaudeville circuit because even the former darling of Jacobs Beach has to eat occasionally. What makes it more pathetic is his routine—allowing a pasty-faced comedian to draw laughs by slapping him on the face several times during each show. And although nobody can complain about the appeal of curvaceous Jean Parker, who headlines the show, there was a time when Tony didn't have to play a preliminary role for anybody.

ANOTHER SUREFIRE laugh provoker during Tony's brief appearance on the stage is the comedian's crack about the ex-champion's battered nose. This may be funny to bobbysock youngsters, who are in the audience because Frank Sinatra isn't playing across the street, but it's no joke to fight fans. Tony always was a popular fighter and his smashed nose represents more than 200 trips through the ropes.

Tony made his Cauliflower Row debut in 1925 and didn't hang up his mittens until late in 1939 when Al "Bummy" Davis thrashed him at the Garden. That was a woeful evening for oldtimers who remembered Tony as a fancy-stepping puncher and not as the crushed veteran reclining on the canvas in the third round, thoroughly beaten by a young neophyte.

THERE MIGHT be another member of the boxing fraternity who has fought more title bouts than Tony, but if so we couldn't locate his name in Nat Fleischer's ring bible. During his illustrious career, Canzoneri scrapped for one crown or another 17 times, winning eight bouts and losing nine.

In his first titular venture in 1927, Tony dropped a 10-round verdict to Bantamweight Champion Bud Taylor. A year later he took the featherweight title from Benny Bass, then lost it to Andre Routis seven bouts later in 1929. Sammy Mandell protected his lightweight bauble against Tony, but the little Italian puncher lulled Al Singer to sleep in the first round to climb on the throne, after Singer had lifted Mandell's title.

THE YEAR 1931 was a busy one for Tony. After knocking out Jackie "Kid" Berg to acquire the junior welterweight crown, Canzoneri successfully defended that title against Cecil Payne, Berg again, and Phil Griffin. For good measure Tony outlasted Kid Chocolate through 15 rounds in a lightweight championship bout.

DURING the next two years, Tony absorbed drubbings at the hands of Johnny Jadick and Barney Ross, thereby losing the welter and lightweight crowns, respectively. Lou Ambers eventually took over Ross' honors and Tony gave Lou a 15-round boxing lesson to retrieve the title. Tony thwarted Al Roth in another title affair, but Ambers bounced back to dethrone him. In Tony's last title appearance, in 1937, Ambers won the nod.

When Davis landed his Sunday punch on Tony's whiskers, it was the first time the wily veteran ever had been knocked out.

Behind The Sports Headlines

CHICAGO.—Ray "Sugar" Robinson, unofficial head man of the welters, gets the top billing tonight for what promises to be Chicago's biggest fight show of the season. Robinson is the same gent that suddenly developed a dozen ailments when the Joe Louis troupe, of which he was a member, reached the New York POE about a year ago, en route to the ETO. Rather than deprive Uncle Mike Jacobs of a valuable meal ticket, medics decided "Robinson was unadaptable to military procedure," whatever that means, and gave him a discharge. ITHACA, N.Y.—Carl Snavely left Cornell to go back to North Carolina because the Ithaca school wouldn't give him enough "tickets," meaning athletic scholarships. That might indicate that North Carolina is prepared to give him all he wants.

HERE'S A MARK for ETO cagers to shoot at: Bruce Blount. South Kingston (R.I.) High junior, poured in 66 points as his team thumped Stonington (Conn.) High, 87-48. Blount once was mascot for Coach Frank Keane's highscoring Rhode Island State team, which may explain his personal scoring spree.

Nobody can accuse Charley Trippi, former Georgia star now with the Third AAF, of hiding facts. When asked about his plans for post-war athletics, Trippi, who has two years of college eligibility left, didn't even bat an eye as he replied, "I'm going to play professional football—back at Georgia."

PITTSBURGH, Pa.—"Just out for the exercise," says Sammy Angott, but five will get you ten he ain't out for the exercise when he says it. The former lightweight champ has started training daily and has dropped from 162 to 150. No fighter works that hard unless he's planning a comeback. It'll be Sammy's third. NEW YORK.—Lt. Pug Renter, former star halfback at Northwestern and gunnery officer at a Naval Air Base in England for two years, is back in the States awaiting a new assignment.

Zombies Win Playoff

The Zombies, of the 2009 Ordinance, won two out of three playoff games against the 925th Signal Battalion to capture the Chalons League first round championship. A twin brother combination, Frank and John Errigo, of Port Chester, N.Y., have been the big offensive threats, in which the Zombies won 20 out of 21 games.

Court Giants Meet Tonight

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Midwestern cage fans are anticipating with relish the battle of giants tomorrow night when seven-foot Bob Kurland invades Chicago Stadium with his Oklahoma Aggies to oppose George Mikan, three inches shorter, and once-beaten DePaul. This promises to be one of the season's fanciest hard-court clashes and seats are at a premium.

Chiefly through the versatile efforts of bespectacled Mikan, the Blue Demons have thrashed all comers with the exception of the Whiz Kids of Illinois, whom they defeated in a return game. During the 16-game victory spurge, Mikan has poured an average of 21 points through the hoop in each game.

Kurland has averaged 16.5 points a game for 17 games so far. He proved his right to a place among the nation's top-notch players in the Oklahoma City collegiate tournament. On successive nights, Bob patrolled opposite Marlin Hicks, six-foot, six-inch Baylor center; Bill Henry, six-foot, eight, Rice, and George Kok, six-foot, Arkansas—and held them all scoreless from the field.

Perhaps one meeting of these giants won't be sufficient to determine which deserves the higher ranking, but fans thronging to the box office aren't worried about that sidelight. They merely want to see what makes Mikan and Kurland tick.

GI Ortiz Takes Basic

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif., Feb. 9.—Manuel Ortiz, world's bantamweight champion, arrived here today to begin basic training in the infantry. He's from El Centro, Calif.

CAGE RESULTS

- Arkansas 76, Pittsburg Techs. 55
- Akron 51, Geneva 38
- Hamline 58, Westminster 50
- Canisius 50, 712th MPs 15
- Capital 64, Wilmington 35
- Bainbridge Naval 57, Aberdeen 33
- Colorado 50, Utah State 46
- Bethany 39, Kent State 31
- Florida 442, Waycross 40
- North Carolina State 55, Davidson 23
- South Carolina 76, Clemson 38
- Loyola (Chicago) 46, Elmhurst 39
- Mississippi 59, Columbus Air Base 55
- Lincoln 43, Virginia State 34
- St. Francis 52, Holy Cross 48
- Wilberforce 47, Tennessee State 35
- Valley Forge Hospital 84, Juniata 40



Runaway Race in Hockey League

Canadiens Crush Rangers, Widen Gap Over Red Wings

MONTREAL, Feb. 9.—Getting far beyond the reach of the second-place Detroit Red Wings, who are six-and-a-half games behind, the Montreal Canadiens plastered the New York Rangers, 7-4, in a National Hockey League contest here last night.

The Canadiens ran up a 7-0 lead before the Rangers scored in the third period, when the entire Montreal team eased up.

Fern Gauthier led the attack with three goals, and Ray Getliffe and Maurice Richard were right behind with two apiece. Toe Blake and Buddy O'Connor scored the other Canadian markers.

Ranger tallies were scored by Bill Hunt, Fred Thurier, Ab DeMarco and Walt Atanas.

Doctors Tell Dodds He Must Run Again

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—Despite an avowal that he will never race again, Parson Gil Dodds, former ace American mile runner, will have to continue to run for at least five more years.

Doctors have advised the new gospel preacher his heart and system are so used to a training routine that a sudden stop might prove fatal. They recommended gradual lessening of training routine.

Baseball's Relief Total \$2,630,460

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Major league baseball clubs raised over two and one-half million dollars for war relief in the last three seasons, Earl Hilligen, manager of the American League Service Bureau, announced yesterday.

His listings total \$2,630,460. They were: Last three World Series, \$1,062,918; American League's annual War Relief games, \$595,384. National League's annual War Relief games, \$565,784.

Last year's All-Star game in Pittsburgh brought \$81,275 for supplying service teams with equipment, and to this was added a \$25,000 radio fee.

Majors Act to Withhold Starting Hurlers' Names

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Following the example of the International League, both major leagues plan to ask newspaper press associations and radio sports commentators not to announce pitchers the day before each game during 1945. Will Harridge, president of the American League, today disclosed the move, which is directed against gamblers.

Catherine Fox Upsets Miss Suggs in Florida

PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 9.—Catherine Fox, of Bloomfield, N.J., eliminated Louise Suggs, of Lithis Springs, Ga., 1 up, in a stunning upset to gain the finale of the Palm Beach women's golf championships. It was the first loss of the year for the 21-year-old Georgian.

Miss Fox plays Mrs. Jane Crum Covington in the final tomorrow. Mrs. Covington, of Orangeburg, S.C., defeated Peggy Kirk, of Findlay, Ohio, 4 and 3.

Pro Contract Awaits Brown At Cleveland

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—Paul Brown, of Great Lakes Naval Training Station, who skyrocketed from his job as Massillon (Ohio) high school coach, to Ohio State, where he led the Buckeyes to the Big Ten championship, today signed a five-year contract to coach the Cleveland team of the newly-organized All-America Football Conference. He will report to Cleveland upon release from the Navy.

Arthur "Mickey" McBride, owner of the Cleveland franchise, said his team will play in Cleveland Municipal Stadium, which has a seating capacity of 83,000.

Brown coached Ohio State until the close of the 1943 season when he accepted the Naval post at Great Lakes. He was named football coach at Great Lakes shortly after the season opened and his Blue-jackets won nine, lost two and tied one.

McBride declared Brown would be the sole boss of the team, both on and off the field, and that the contract called for "the highest salary I've ever heard of being paid for such a job."

Buck Shaw Turns Down UCLA Grid Coach Offer

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Feb. 9.—Lawrence "Buck" Shaw, former coach at Santa Clara, yesterday declined an offer to coach the UCLA football team. Other business prevents him from taking the post, he said.

Shaw had been the leading choice to coach the Uclans, since the resignation of Babe Horrell.

Committee Sifts Czar Candidates

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Ford Frick, president of the National League, announced today he had been authorized to appoint a two-man committee to confer with an American League two-man group, for the study of candidates for the baseball commissioner's job.

Frick said his committee consisted of Sam Breadon, of St. Louis, and Phil Wrigley, of Chicago. The American League representatives are Alva Bradley, of Cleveland, and Don Barnes, of St. Louis.

Report Mueller of Phils Wounded in Germany

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 9.—Sgt. Emmett J. Mueller, Phillies' second-baseman before his enlistment in 1942, was wounded in action in Germany, his wife was notified by the War Department yesterday.

Mueller, 32, is a native of this city. He broke into organized ball with Danville of the Three-Eye League in 1929, and was purchased by the Phils from Houston in 1939.

Tuss to Pick Aides

HANOVER, N.H., Feb. 9.—Tuss McLaughry, Dartmouth football coach, is ready to take over his duties following his discharge from the Marines. He said he'll appoint his assistants next week.

Rams, Lions Try 3-Pt. Goals



Howard Hobson

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Two basketball experts shared the same opinion on the success of the experimental basketball game played Thursday night between Columbia and Fordham in which the value of field goals increased with the distance of the shot.

Strangely enough, Columbia, which won under the new rules, 73-58, also would have won under the standard brand of play by 15 points, 59-44.

Coach Howard Hobson, of Oregon, suggested the changes. The experimental rule gives three points for a goal outside the 21-foot line and two points for a foul shot if the players exercise the option of shooting from the same 21-foot line, on a wider lane.

Despite some experts' objections, the spectators enjoyed the game, though puzzled for a few minutes. Fordham players also voiced approval of the innovations.

HASH MARKS

T/5 Ferdy Ritz says a friend of his got into the medics because he told a reinforcement depot he used to work for Dr. Pepper.

Remember the old, old wheeze, "I love my wife, but, oh, you kid?" Well, a guy stumbled out into fresh air the other night screaming, "I love my cognac, but, oh, you kidney."

Sage Advice. The ability to speak several languages is valuable. But the ability to keep your mouth shut is priceless.

Observation (by S/Sgt. J. P. Corcoran): The thing most women dread about their past is its length.

Silly conversation. A GI looking for some dough asked a pal, "How much money you got on you?" "Oh, between 98 and 100 bucks," replied his pal. "That's a lot of dough," gasped the chiseler. "Not much," quipped his pal, "it's only two bucks."

Pvt. Carl Wesch quips, "Real love means remembering your girl friend's birthday—but not which one."

When a civilian commented that he guessed the Army did things pretty fast, a corporal replied,



"Yep, at night we no sooner turn in and turn over than we turn out again"

is it true that Russian troops storming into Germany have chosen as their theme song that smash hit, "Oder there, Oder there?"

Quip of the Week (by Capt. Howard M. Fibel) "With all the bombing and shelling of Germany today, Hitler has achieved what he always strived for—a crater Germany."

And then there was the GI who commented sagely: "Out of each month's pay I spend about 15 bucks in the bistros, about 20 bucks entertaining the women—and the rest I spend foolishly."

J. C. W.

RADIO AFN AEF

(583 Kc. — 514 M.)

Time	TODAY
1200-News	1815-Swing Sextet
1215-Spotlight	1830-G.I. Journal
1230-"Over to You"	1901-Top of Evening
1300-Gr'd Old Opry	1915-Movies Music
1330-Orchestra	2000-World News
1400-News	2005-U.K. News
1410-Intermezzo	2010-Canada News
1430-Miss Parade	2015-Football results
1450-Dance Band	2030-Frank Morgan
1530-Combat Diary	2100-News
1545-On the Record	2105-Soldier Song
1630-Music	2115-Music
1700-News	2200-U.S. News
1745-Hawaiian Seren.	2207-Jubilee
1800-News	2235-Serenade
1805-Mark Up Map	2300-News
1810-Sports	

Time	TOMORROW
0600-Football	0900-News
0615-Hymns	0925-Family Hour
0630-Cpl. Saddlebags	1000-Religious serv.
0700-News	1030-Radio Weekly
0720-Sun. Serenade	1100-U.S. News
0800-Homespun	1106-Morning After
0830-Hour of Charm	1135-Orchestration

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Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, The Stars and Stripes, Paris, France. APO 887.

CAMERA EXCHANGE

SWAP: Longine wrist watch for camera —Lt. R.R. Kenison; Rolleiflex for Contax or Leica—Capt. William Siegelbaum.

FOUND

BRACELETS belonging to: Lewis W. Edwards by Opl. Morris Pressman; Lathar A. Manhei 16050280 by T/5 Baird Chambliss.

WALLETS belonging to: Sgt. Milford R. White by 1/Lt. J.P. Michelini; Pvt. Alfonso Thorne by Sgt. Milton J. Kline.

WANTED

PIANO accordion—Pvt. Joseph Macko.

APOs WANTED

COL. C. Stacy Adams; Lt. Herb Blagich, Chicago; Lt. Carmen Chiminello; Maj. Milton K. Oumming; Robert M. Denniston; Lt. Betty J. Davies; Lt. Gordon Dougherty, Syracuse, N.Y.; Maj. John Tylar Davis, Harriman, Tenn.; 2/Lt. Ell B. Denten, Waterville, Me.; Capt. Ransom H. Doyon; Lt. Marjorie Flagg, Plainfield, N.J.; T/5 Paul Fletscher; Maj. Frank "Ned" Fowler; Maj. O. E. Grant; Lt. William Hall, Sheffield, Ala.; Lt. Helen Holychich, Reading, Pa.; Lt. William J. Joca.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

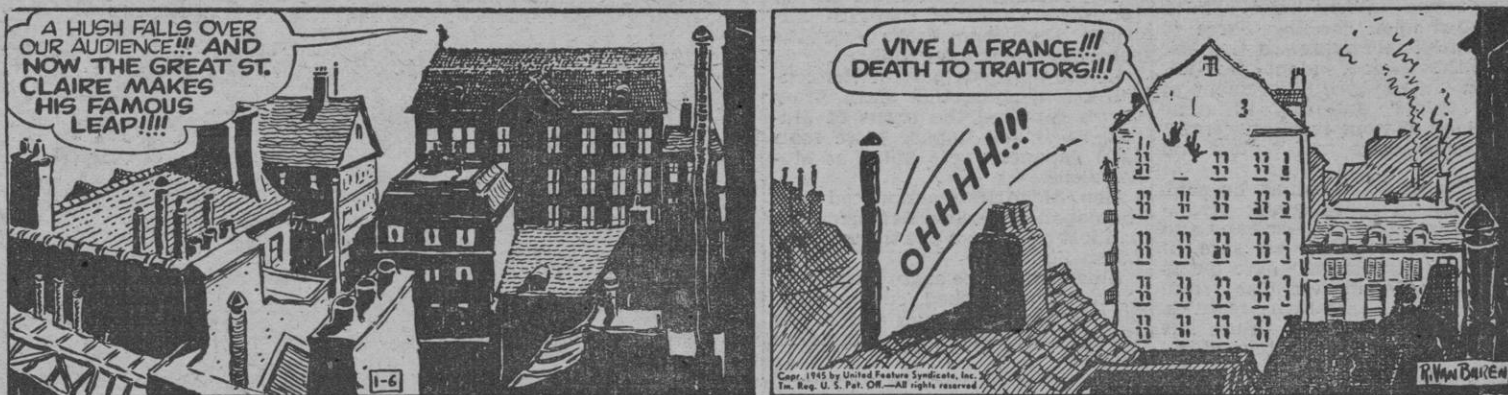
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By Raeburn Van Buren



Dick Tracy

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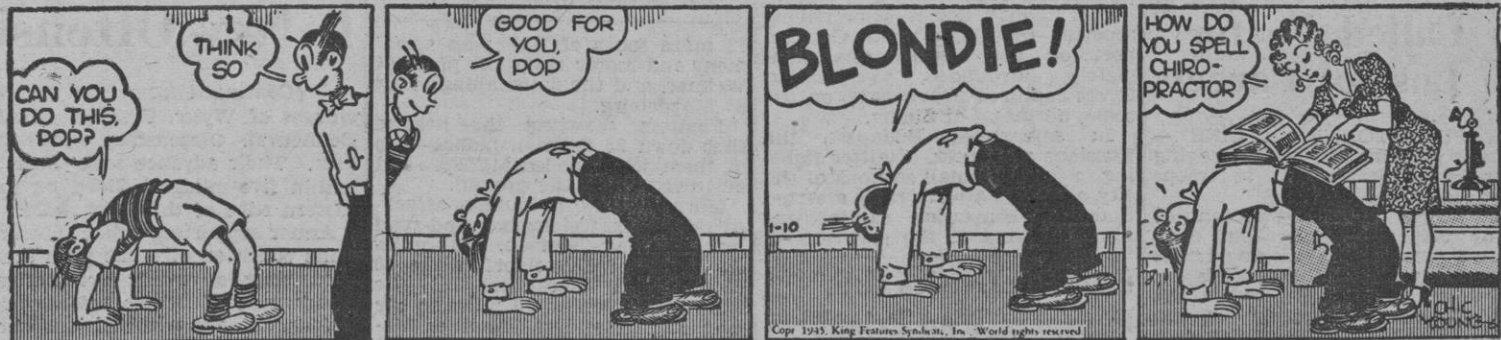
By Chester Gould



Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate

By Chic Young



Jane

By Courtesy of The London Daily Mirror

By Norman Pett



Dewey Warns Against 'Devious' Big 3 Moves

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (ANS).—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York said last night that President Roosevelt has the wholehearted support of the nation at the current Big Three conference, but warned that the people of the nation would hold him responsible for any "concealed and devious" decisions made at the parley, the United Press reported.

Dewey also urged the people to be on guard at home against government encroachment of individual liberties, saying "we have a large body of opinion going down the primrose path toward totalitarianism."

Making his first major speech since the Presidential campaign, the Republican nominee told a GOP Lincoln Day dinner that henceforth the U.S. must not be left out of any decisions affecting the future of our world.

"We shall accept neither isolation nor abdication," he declared.

Tells GOP to Perform Duty

House Republican leader Joseph W. Martin Jr., of Massachusetts, speaking on the same program, charged that "alien doctrinaires" are attempting to gain control of the government machinery and worker organizations in an effort to regiment the nation.

Dewey, who conferred with Republican leaders immediately after arriving from Albany, called upon Republicans to "perform their duty" as members of the opposition party. He gave no hint of his own future political plans.

Discussing international affairs, he called upon the Big Three to act swiftly. He expressed the fear that the peace might be left behind "in the swift movement of world events" and said the time had come to work hard and translate "generalities into reality and action."

"We want to be sure," he said, "of action in guaranteeing permanent disarmament of Germany and Japan. We want to be sure of action to transform agreements reached at Dumbarton Oaks from pieces of paper into living realities. We want to know that things left unfinished are moving toward solution."

No Doubt of U.S. Views

"Aside from adequate military forces and bases for our defense in the future," he continued, "our only hope of avoiding war lies in effective international co-operation."

He said the U.S. must take "a full and responsible part in the establishment of collective security among the nations," adding that "there need no longer be any doubt anywhere that the American people are prepared to exercise their great power actively, continuously and effectively in the interest of a just and lasting peace."

Dewey accused the administration of being remiss in international affairs during the past three months and indirectly criticized Great Britain and Russia for acting independently in situations involving Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Italy, Greece and Poland.

Faulty Packaging Is Called Factor In Loss of Parcels

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (ANS).—It isn't pilfering but bad packaging that loses parcels sent to troops overseas.

This was the explanation of Army officials asked about complaints from troops alleging thefts from Army mail. The officials did not deny some pilfering occurs, but said recent investigation showed that only a fraction of one percent of mail was lost through theft.

Virtually all loss of mail through theft occurs at terminal transfer points outside the U.S.

Another factor is enemy action, as when German troops broke through in the Ardennes salient and captured tons of packages and letters at forward field post offices.

All Out for War — Or — Can You Top It?

Sgt. Dean Garner, of an MP battalion, claims the honor of being part of the most warlike family in the ETO—at least until someone tops it.

His mother, Mrs. Ella Garner, raised 12 children in Oregon. Of these, nine sons are in the armed forces—two in the Army, seven in the Navy.

"My other brother and two sisters are working in war factories," Garner said in a letter to The Stars and Stripes.

Yanks Bolster Foothold Over Manila River

MANILA, Feb. 9.—Troops of the U.S. 37th Div., having crossed the Pasig River in amphibious tanks and on pontoon bridges, were fighting today to destroy the Japanese forces trapped in the southern half of the city.

The Yanks won a wide bridgehead on the southern bank, opposite the Malacan Palace. Japanese resistance, weak at the river, stiffened as the U.S. troops advanced toward Manila's harbor facilities.

Enemy demolition squads went to work on the old Intramuros (Walled City) district. Although an unseasonal rain fell, the heat of fires set by the Japanese could be felt blocks away. The congested area was a death trap for Filipino and Chinese residents.

Enemy Cut Off

The Japanese are cut off on the south by Yanks of the 11th Airborne Div., who drove into the suburbs several days ago.

In the northern part of the central Luzon plain, U.S. Sixth Army troops captured the towns of Munoz, Rigal and Lupao. More than 1,000 Japanese were killed at Munoz alone.

Gen. MacArthur announced that the Japanese Second Armored Div. had lost more than 200 tanks in the Luzon fighting.

American planes again hammered Corregidor, attacked enemy shipping in the Philippines and in the China Sea, and struck targets on Borneo.

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west bank to stave off a new sweep toward Berlin.

Bitter and confused fighting was reported at some points as close as 32 miles from the German capital. Every town along the west bank was described as a fortress, with every window a machine-gun nest, and pillboxes, concrete gun emplacements, anti-tank ditches and minefields planted in suburban areas.

According to the AP, the Germans reported Russian successes in winning bridgeheads on the west bank of the middle Oder, even before they had wiped out the last remaining Nazi units on the western bank.

Beleaguered Koenigsberg, capital of East Prussia, continued to catch heavy artillery fire from all sides, yesterday, Red Star, Russian Army newspaper, reported.

Last night's Soviet communique reported that Elbing, the German port on the Vistula, was completely surrounded, as Russian forces captured Frauenberg, on the coast, northeast of Elbing.

In surrounded Budapest, the Russians still spoke of bitter fighting in the last small sections of the city, although Ankara radio asserted that the Hungarian capital was finally cleared of the enemy.

Stimson Denies U.S. Pampers War Prisoners

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (ANS).—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson reiterated yesterday that "there is no pampering of prisoners of war held in this country."

Replying to news conference questions about complaints published in some overseas service papers that Italian PWs are treated too kindly, Stimson said that the War Department's policy "is to comply strictly with provisions of the Geneva Convention of 1929 to which this country is a party."

RFC, SWPC to Review Vets' Business Loans

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9 (ANS).—The Reconstruction Finance Corp. and the Smaller War Plants Corp. will review business loans granted returning servicemen under the GI Bill of Rights, Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, veterans' administrator, announced yesterday.

The agencies will act as appraisers in connection with loans for business purposes.

Action Explodes on West Front as Canadians Move Into Reich



The Western Front yesterday: Canadians renewed the Allied offensive southeast of Nijmegen. First Army forced the West Wall southeast of Aachen and between Schleiden and Gemund. Third Army attacked from Prum to Echternach. In Alsace, German resistance collapsed south of Strasbourg and Franco-American troops closed up along the Rhine.

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13 miles south of Halle; an armament and motor transport plant at Weimar, and the marshalling yards at Magdeburg.

Fighters escorting the heavies shot down 23 German planes—five of them jet-propelled ME262s—and destroyed 41 on the ground.

More than 100 Marauders attacked rail yards, freight cars and road junctions at Vierson, 16 miles northwest of Dusseldorf, while 60 Havocs and Marauders hit the Rheydt rail center, 16 miles to the west of Dusseldorf. Another Marauder formation bombed the Grevenbroich railhead, 16 miles northwest of Cologne.

Kempen Attacked

The communications center and fortified village of Kempen, 20 miles northwest of Dusseldorf, was attacked by Invaders, while smaller formations of bombers struck at the Neuwiech and Irlich bridge across the Weid River, nine miles northwest of Aachen, and the Sinzig bridge across the Ahr River, 14 miles southeast of Bonn. The communications center of Euskirchen and a rail junction at Wengerohr, 20 miles northeast of Trier, also were attacked. Ninth Thunderbolts also bombed targets at Trier and in the Bitburg area.

HMS Nelson Back at Sea

NEW YORK, Feb. 9 (Reuter).—A Washington dispatch to the New York Times states that the 38,000-ton British battleship Nelson is again at sea after six months in Philadelphia Navy Yard, where she was completely refitted. She is now one of the most heavily-armed battleships in the world.

Canadians Surge Into Reich In New Offensive from Holland

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villages of Wyler, Zyslich, Bruuk, Denheval, Glegensteeg and Erlekom. Their advance took them to within five miles of Cleve, on the eastern edge of the Reichswald.

Armor supporting Allied infantry units consisted of tanks from armored brigades which are normal components of British infantry divisions. No armored divisions were reported in action in the offensive which was primarily an infantry and artillery show.

Opposition Crumbles

At the other end of the Western Front, meanwhile, the last organized German resistance in Alsace, south of Strasbourg, crumbled. Franco-American troops closed up to the Rhine banks and gained control of the western end of the great Rhine bridge at Neuf-Brisach.

The Allies now hold the Rhine's west bank for 80 miles from the Swiss frontier to Gamsheim, 11 miles north of Strasbourg. Germans still hold 23 miles of the west bank on the plain from Gamsheim to the Reich Palatinate border.

The mighty Schwammenauel Dam, biggest in the chain which controls the level of the Roer River, was under small-arms fire by First Army troops who captured Hasenfeld nearby, Stars and Stripes front reports said last night. The attack toward Hasenfeld was backed by a heavy artillery barrage, these reports said.

Schmidt, scene of some of the bitterest fighting on the Western

Front, was finally cleared of Germans yesterday by infantry of the 78th Div.'s 311th Regt. and an armored force, Stars and Stripes front reports said.

A thousand yards northeast of Schmidt, doughs took Harscheid, Kommerscheid, northwest of Schmidt, also fell to U.S. forces.

Southward, U.S. Third Army forces were crossing the Our and Sauer Rivers from Eastern Luxembourg into Germany at ten points.

Crossing the Sauer was a slow and tough battle against geography as well as enemy fire, Stars and Stripes Correspondent Jimmy Cannon reported from the front.

The river was swollen by thaw floods and the current was swift. Siegfried Line pillboxes on the eastern side command the river which the Germans sweep with automatic weapons fire.

Crossing Slowed

Third Army forces making the crossing were being supplied by Piper Cub, he said. Geographical obstacles, he added, were tougher than enemy fire.

On the northern segment of their attack arc, Third Army troops advanced a half mile southeast of Niedermehlen to within one mile of the German communications center of Prum. Doughs of the 80th Div. reached a point two miles east of Wallendorf at the junction of the Sauer and Our Rivers.

Men of the 94th Div., southeast of the southern tip of Luxembourg, knocked out a Nazi counter-attack near Sinzig in their private war with the 11th Panzer Div.