

Man Spricht Deutsch

Wie viele sind es?
Vee feela sind ess?
How many are there?

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Qu'avez-vous contre le rhume?
Kavay voo cone-truh luh rewm?
What have you for a cold?

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Reds Split Krakow Line

First and Third Armies Link Up

2 Divisions Jump Off in New Attack

German columns, blasted by Allied planes and artillery, continued to escape out of Belgium toward the Siegfried Line yesterday as Allied forces closed in on the key centers of Houffalize and St. Vith and U.S. First and Third Armies snapped shut their pincers somewhere south of Laroche.

It appeared that the bulk of Von Rundstedt's forces had already escaped the Ardennes trap sprung by First and Third Armies and that once again behind the Siegfried Line the bulge units could be re-formed and thrown into new assaults.

South of the salient, Nazi reinforcements were pouring into the middle Saarlands and upper Alsace, AP said. Earlier German thrusts there on an almost offensive scale had been stopped by U.S. Seventh Army, but new attacks were developing yesterday south of Bitché.

The First and 75th Inf. Divs. jumped off in new attacks yesterday on the bulge's north flank. Elements of the First Div. advanced 1,500 yards beyond Faymonville, while 75th units crossed the Salm near Grand Halleux and drove east.

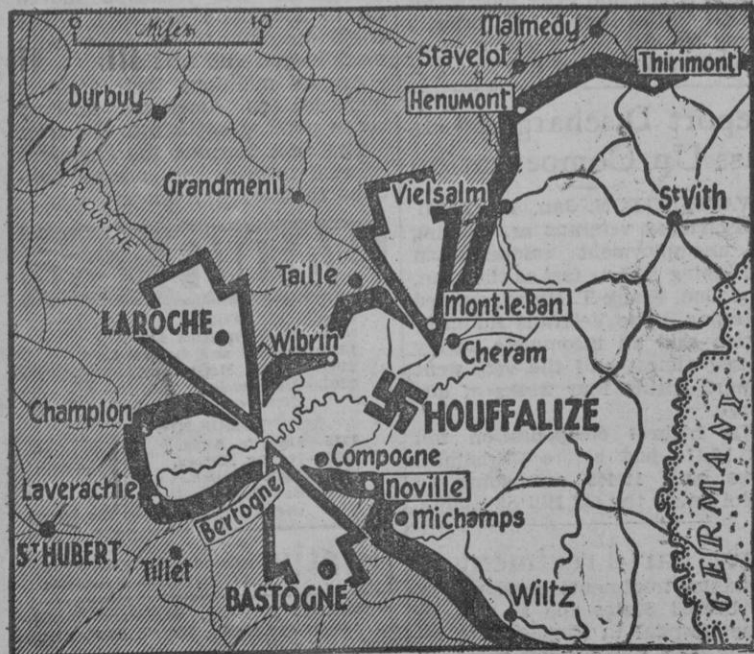
Fog, Snow Hamper Activity

AP's Ed Ball, who reported the First and Third Army junction from the front, said that fighting in some parts of the Ardennes virtually was stopped by thick fog and blinding snow.

Two First Army tank columns and infantry fought inch by inch through the snow toward Houffalize, an Ardennes summer resort converted by war into a communications nerve center.

From the front, Stars and Stripes Correspondent Dan Regan reported that the Second Armored Div. had rolled to a point about one and one-half miles north of the town on the main highway to Liege by 1400 yesterday.

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First and Third Armies close the gap between them as Germans retreat out of the collapsed Belgian bulge.

All Is White—Not Quiet—On the Western Front



Pvt. Frank Lawrence, of Trenton, N.J., (left) and Pvt. Carl Williamson, of Russellville, Ohio, shoot the breeze outside Lawrence's snow-bound dugout.



Pfc Harold Coyle, of Bridgeport, Conn., cleans his M1 while his buddy, Pfc Zenas Hoover, of Indiana, Pa., covers with a machine-gun.

Luzon Yanks Breach Anglo; 30 Miles Inland

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HQ, Luzon, Jan. 15 (UP).—Troops of the Sixth Army, stabbing 30 miles inland from Lingayen Gulf, charged across the Angro River today to within 80 miles of Manila.

Forcing the Angro in strength shattered probably the strongest natural defense line north of Manila and raised hope that the Philippine capital would be in U. S. hands within a few weeks, rather than months.

Other Sixth Army troops widened their six-day-old beachhead along the gulf to 45 miles.

Japanese resistance, especially to the frontal drive toward Manila, continued to be negligible, with nothing more than sniper fire in most areas.

Filipino guerrillas today said that a large portion of the Jap garrison on central Luzon had withdrawn to the mountainous northern portion of the island.

The Japs, attempting to bring

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This is war in a winter setting. Two GIs of the 101st Airborne Div. stand guard at an outpost near Bastogne.

Bodies of Murdered Yanks Discovered in Malmedy Snow

By Russell Jones

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

FIVE POINTS, Belgium, Jan. 15.—Infantry of the 30th Div., pushing past this crossroads southwest of Malmedy, today uncovered the bodies of American artillery observation battalion men murdered by the First SS Panzer Div., Dec. 17. The soldiers were lying in groups, some with hands still raised above their heads.

While medical officers and members of the Inspector General's Department brushed off snow and examined the men for official evidence, men of the 117th Inf. took a short rest before moving forward again.

Pvt. Herchel Nolan, expert infantryman from Durant, Okla., paused in digging a foxhole and pointed to two helmets plainly marked with red crosses lying among the bodies.

Something For U. S. To See

Pvt. William S. Babcock, of Albany, N.Y., walked over to the edge of Nolan's foxhole, squatted down and said:

"This is the kind of stuff rear echelon people and folks at home should see. You know I heard a broadcaster one day and he was saying there was so much good news he didn't know where to start.

I guess he don't know much about things like this."

The shriek of incoming shells grew louder and some landed nearby. The medics and the men from the Inspector General's office left the field and drove away and the infantrymen dropped into their foxholes, some of them digging deeper as they lay in the frozen dirt.

Japanese Cabinet Reported on Way Out

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (ANS).—Japan's second war Premier, Gen. Kuniaki Koiso, is on his way out and another Tokyo cabinet upheaval is coming, James D. White, AP correspondent in Japanese-occupied China for five years before Pearl Harbor, said today in a Washington dispatch.

3,000,000 Locked in Vast Battle

Marshal Koniev's First Ukrainian Army, thundering swiftly across Poland toward the Nazi's industrial bases in German Silesia, shattered the enemy's Warsaw-Krakow defense line last night by capturing the important rail and communications city of Kielce, approximately 300 miles from Berlin, Marshal Stalin announced last night in an Order of the Day.

With more than 3,000,000 men locked in violent battles from East Prussia to southern Poland, Moscow Radio called the winter drive the "March to Berlin."

Berlin Radio claimed that the Reds had thrown more than 115 divisions and more than 15 tank corps into the battle on four fronts.

Swinging Reserves

The speed and weight of Koniev's offensive have prevented the Germans from organizing their defenses along the Warsaw-Krakow line, the UP reported last night. The UP added that the Nazis were desperately swinging the reserves from sector to sector in an attempt to halt the Red advance.

The UP said it still was not clear whether Marshal Koniev is heading southwest from Kielce to join the squeeze on Austria, going straight ahead for the industrial area of German Silesia, or driving north toward the rear of the German armies holding out around Warsaw.

South of Kielce, Red Army tanks entered Skalomierz, 25 miles north.

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Russia Hails Drive As Greatest Blow Against the Enemy

MOSCOW, Jan. 15 (AP).—Today's Russian press hailed the Soviet winter offensive as the greatest blow yet struck by the Allies and urged Red Army men to push to "complete victory."

Frontline dispatches declared the powerful new offensive in Poland in sheer fire power had surpassed any single attack in Red Army history and told of white camouflaged Russian tanks crawling like mechanical ghosts into the breach torn in the Nazi lines.

The attack opened Friday on a blizzard-swept front with a barrage from an average of 300 to 400 guns per mile of front, dispatches said.

There is no indication yet of the extent of Russian casualties, but the basic design of Marshal Koniev was to achieve a breakthrough by massed firepower at a minimum cost of lives. Front dispatches hinted that the bag of German prisoners might reach sensational proportions.

Seen a Stray Boxcar Of AWOL Newsprint?

Has any soldier wandering around France seen one of 20 boxcars full of newsprint rolls—also wandering around somewhere. If so, please telephone The Stars and Stripes Circulation Dept., Paris E-L-Y-sées 40-58, and give us the dope. We could only manage four pages today. Thanks—The staff.



High Pressure

I think I have an excellent idea for bringing this war to a quick end. If the United Nations would notify Germany that, as of this date, the war is over for them and that for every day they prolonged the war, 1,000 Germans would be killed after they finally surrendered, this would be the final scare which would initiate a revolution and quick surrender. If the German people could be made to realize that they, too, are being held responsible and would suffer, they would take matters into their own hands.—R. Engler, Signal Co.

Forbidden Fruit

Last week we got our first fruit juice ration in the PX since June. The Post Commander has forbidden the PX to sell fruit juice to the troops because the empty cans will clutter up the barracks and grounds. We never have noticed a shortage of empty whisky bottles, around our quarters.—An Officer, MP.

Production by Numbers

We say draft the 4Fs, give them basic training, uniforms, passes and inspections. Arrange it so they can take over a whole factory. Pay them \$50 a month and make them eligible for a rating the same as any GI. In this manner they won't be jealous of the civilian working next to them making more money.—T/3 J. Martin, four others, Inf.

The Voice

Many a gripe has been printed in B-Bag and in closing a phrase or remark to the effect: "Let's do something about it" almost invariably pleadingly appears.

We GIs don't send these gripes in just for the satisfaction of seeing them in print. We want something done if possible. And from what we boys are doing we don't think anything is impossible.

Are any of these so-called bitches, which to our microscopic minds are in reality suggestions, ever investigated or brought before the proper authorities so that something can be done to rectify matters?—The Voice of the GI.

(The suggestions and grievances presented in B-Bag often result in "appropriate action" being taken. Some cases that we know about are:

1. As a result of "1A" in a 4F outfit" complaining about his inability to get into combat, a new and quick operating SOP for transfer of rear echelon and other non-combatant troops to line outfits was announced.

2. The letter complaining that the American flag was being used on a Chicago firm's advertising billboard on the Champs-Elysees in Paris brought a crew of sign painters out the same day to change the sign.

3. W. A. Smith's letter on 72 air mechanics being used for KP and guard duty while recruits were being shipped from the States caused the ninth AF Service Command to send a representative to B-Bag to locate Smith's unit so that these men could be put to work.

4. The award of Purple Hearts to men injured in a jeep accident was criticized in a letter one week and the following week, a letter defending the award was printed with the post-script that the order awarding the Purple Heart to these men was rescinded.

We can name dozens of instances where we know definitely that B-Bag has brought results. Unfortunately, our customers are more apt to write us about evil than good so we fear that we don't hear of all the good accomplished. We're interested!—Ed.)

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Hash Marks

Down around Paris' GI boxing arena during fight nights they tell about the boxer called "Cross-word Puzzle." He comes in vertical and goes out horizontal.

The little moron sez it was so cold the other night even the reinforcement pools froze over.

GI Philosophy (by T/5 James T. Day). The zipper is the undoing of the modern girl.

Ouch! Cecil Suiter just told us about the guy back home who wrote his draft board and informed them to kindly remove his name from their mailing lists as he was no longer interested in receiving their literature.

Conservation on the home front. "Oh boy, am I happy? A bundle of joy arrived at our house today." "Congratulations. A boy or a girl?" "Neither. It's last month's laundry."

A bunch of front-line Joes who sign themselves "The Mudwaders" have a new idea for ending the war sooner: "Bomb German shovel factories so the Jerries can't dig in—then we won't have to waste so much time digging them out."

Home front scene: First drunk: "Look at that sign." Second drunk: "Whazzit shay?"



First drunk: "Shays ladies ready to wear clothes."

Second drunk: "Well, ish damn near time, ain't it?"

Here's another verse left in our typewriter:

Heaven protects the working girl But heaven, I fear, is shirking, For who protects, I'd like to know, The fellow she is working?

It happened at the front: Platoon Sgt. (awaiting zero hour): Sir, how do you feel? Lt.: Just like a new groom, wondering if I'm going to get it!

Could be! A wall-flower is a girl who wears a sweater to keep warm.

Our spy on the home front reports that the only thing you can get at a cigarette counter there is two nickels for a dime.

Speaking of cigarettes, now is a good time for somebody to publish a booklet titled, "The Evils of Tobacco."

Sign in front of a GI theater: World Premiere showing—"No Other Outfit Wanted It." J. C. W.

Luzon Towns Smoulder In Ruins



A bird's eye view of Luzon, main island of the Philippines.

By Francis L. McCarthy United Press Correspondent WITH U.S. INVASION FORCES ON LUZON, Jan. 15.—Dagupan, peacetime city of 35,000, lies in fire-blackened ruins today—desolate and deserted.

It will cost millions of dollars to rebuild this once thriving commercial center and other devastated cities and towns along Lingayen Gulf.

But hundreds of American lives doubtlessly have been saved—and that was the key to the Luzon assault.

After viewing the devastation wrought by pre-invasion naval shelling and aerial bombing, particularly in the cities of Dagupan and San Fabian, lack of enemy opposition to the initial landings is easily understood.

Even before the first troops hit

the beaches at least half of all the suspected military objectives in these two major gulf cities had been pulverized by the combined fire of battleships, cruisers and destroyers and bombs of carrier-based planes.

The Japs obviously were caught off balance, but stiffening resistance may now be expected along a defense line 20 to 30 miles inland behind Agno River, which rises northwest of Baguio.

Japs Withdraw From Beachhead From the coastal town of Rabon, at the northern end of our perimeter to Dagupan on south, there was evidence the Japanese had been able to carry out orderly withdrawals from the beachhead area, even though they were taken by surprise. In some places they managed to carry out small-scale strategic demolitions.

Before withdrawing to the mountains Japanese garrisoned in Dagupan destroyed and damaged bridges linking this river city with other towns in the Pangasinan Province area.

San Fabian Suffered

San Fabian, peacetime city of 25,000, suffered similarly. It is only a stone's throw from the beaches where doughboys stormed ashore. Mangaldan, pre-war city of 20,000, south of the Bued River on the main railroad line to Manila, also was a target for our artillery fire. Mangaldan's residential area showed little damage that could not easily be repaired, but all roads in the surrounding territory were pitted by bomb and shell craters.

San Jacinto, with a peacetime population of 10,000, suffered little damage. The town is five miles inland from San Fabian.

College Guys and Gals Stage 'Wardrobe War'

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Jan. 15 (ANS).—A "wardrobe war" raged on the campus of the St. Petersburg Junior College yesterday as coeds opened an all-out offensive to steal pants off male students who objected to girls attending classes in denim trouser slacks and lumberjack shirts.

In rebuttal, men donned dresses and pulled sheer stockings over hairy legs and applied liberal quantities of lipstick and rouge. The coeds came back with a threat to visit barber shops for a GI haircut. The faculty hopes to arrange an armistice.

Bataan Hero Dies

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (ANS).—Brig. Gen. A. S. McBride, Bataan hero, died in a Jap prison camp.

Private Breger



"How often do I gotta tell ya your mail won't have no trouble findin', ya?"

Two GI Congressmen House Has 'Sad Sack' Bloc

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (ANS).—Two freshman members of the 79th Congress—Rep. C. Melvin Price (D-Ill.) and William J. Green (D-Pa.)—constitute the House's first "Sad Sack" bloc.

Price and Green, who recently shed Army khaki for Congressional mufti, are the first enlisted men ever elected to Congress while in military service.

Price, 39-year-old bachelor, former newspaper man, one-time Congressional secretary and ex-sergeant, said, "No griping on House floor for me, we must trust War and Navy Departments to run the war. In any organization as big as Army or Navy, there are bound to be situations which seem unjust to the little fellow, but there is nothing to be gained by sniping."

Green, who achieved the rank of Pfc before his election brought automatic discharge, is of the same mind. He is the father of four children, ex-insurance broker, and one-time secretary to Gov. George Earle of Pennsylvania.

Both Green and Price have given the GI Bill of Rights high priority rating on lists of legislation to be studied. Price would like to see it

amended to liberalize and simplify loan provisions, while Green would like to assure returning veterans that time in the service would be added to working time in figuring seniority rights.

Engineer Platoon Battles Way Out Of German Trap

WITH SIXTH ARMORED Div.—Isolated by a German attack three miles east of Bastogne, a platoon from Co. B, of an Armored Engrs. unit, recently stood off repeated enemy thrusts until a break-out could be achieved.

Led by 1/Lt. Frederick Zweig, of St. Louis, the men dug in and put down as much fire as they could muster.

The first squad to break through the German ring was led by Sgt. Paul Lukart, of Pittsburgh.

Meanwhile, the rest of the platoon huddled in foxholes. Several times the Germans moved up to lob hand grenades. The engineers cut them down with machine-gun and rifle fire.

Around midnight their troubles increased as American artillery began pouring shells into the area.

The next morning the engineers crawled through the enemy's positions to their own lines.



Time TODAY 0925—Music America Loves. 1830—Blonde and Dagwood. 2105—Charlie McCarthy. 2207—Hit Parade. (News every hour on the hour.) TOMORROW 1715—Amos 'n Andy. 2015—Johnny Mercer. 2105—Eddie Condon. 2130—Bob Hope. (News every hour on the hour.)

Births

Folks at Home Send These GI Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival: CPL John E. Rada, Baltimore—Denise Lloyd, Jan. 3; Lt. Harold Beune, New York—Mary Katherine, Jan. 10; S/Sgt. James M. Lehmann, Cleveland—Rita Diane, Dec. 19; 1/Lt. Kenneth R. Cornell, New York—girl, Jan. 9; Pvt. Richard G. Bandurn, Yermo, Calif.—Carolyn Jean, Dec. 21.

Report Discharged GIs Pass Up Compensation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (ANS).—Discharged veterans are passing up unemployment compensation and taking jobs as fast as they can, Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines reported yesterday. The Veterans Administration said an incomplete survey showed almost half the vets went to work within four weeks of discharge.

The highest compensation roll was 17,414 just before Christmas. Hines said 18,465 are going to school under the GI Bill of Rights.

New Ear Treatment

Radium treatments developed in the United States and at a U. S. Army hospital in England are reducing the number of cases of middle-ear infection among airmen caused by air pressure changes at high altitudes.

This Was America Yesterday:

Beer Is Essential to War Effort, WLB Tells Striking Breweries

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The War Labor Board ruled today that beer is essential to the war effort. The board told the St. Paul Teamsters Union that if it did not end the strike in three breweries there, the board would report the matter at once to the President for appropriate action.

Necessity of beer production had been argued, not only for servicemen, but as an aid to civilian morale.

THE brewing of beer, however, could mean little to New Englanders, who continued to shiver in snow and ice while other areas of the Nation basked in a freak wave of mild weather.

BUT scuttlebutt: In Butler, Ky., when a customer asked for cigarettes the clerk up and shot him. . . In St. Louis they gave a truck driver 125 cartons of cigarettes and ten boxes of cigars to take to the Missouri Athletic Club.

Police Declare War on Pigeons

NOT to bring back nostalgic dreams of Piccadilly, but here's some new birdlore: Pigeons perched on Cœur d'Alehe, Idaho, office buildings have become "not only a public nuisance, but dangerous to pedestrians."

Other bird shooting is forecast from Raleigh, N.C. About 60,000 wild geese are at Lake Matamuskeet, the greatest number to gather since the state began to operate the waterfowl basin.

NEWSPAPERS have warned against tampering with war souvenirs sent home by servicemen. Movie Star Pat O'Brien recently found a live grenade among his possessions, and today it is reported from Chicago that a Japanese water bomb mailed from the Pacific has cost the hand of 13-year-old Edward Aichanowski.

As a "living tribute" to New Jersey men and women in the services, more than 5,000 flowering dogwood trees will be planted this spring along a six-mile stretch of Route 29, between Mountainside and North Plainfield.

Ungallantry has been charged to 32-year-old Joseph Tulvish, of Philadelphia. So has a slight case of fraudulent conversion. Joe borrowed \$1,400 from his fiancée, Mildred Hemmerle, to make a down payment on a house. Then he used the dough to marry another girl.

NOMINATION for the world's best job goes to Reporter James M. Haswell's present task. His paper, the Detroit Free Press, has sent him with Michigan liquor control officials who are making a survey on how other states distribute liquor.

The Free Press, incidentally, took a slap at Federal agencies housed in Detroit. After War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes requested a temperature ceiling of 68 the paper investigated temperature in government offices.

Gay Caballero—Memphis Style

IN Memphis, Tenn., is a guy who believes in throwing the bull. Hebert E. Mann contends that man's strength will increase daily in proportion to a bull calf's added weight, if the calf is lifted daily.

Advertised for "servicemen and outdoor workers," a Washington store sells regular combat boots for \$7.95. They are, "Slight U.S. Army Rejects."

FROM Fairmount, W. Va., comes a strange Enoch Arden story. Benjamin Franklin Male, 73-year-old farmer, returned voluntarily from St. Helens, Ore., to answer a 40-year-old murder charge.

"The March of Dimes," annual Infantile Paralysis Fund campaign, was officially launched in an appeal over CBS by Basil O'Conner, president of the foundation. And the town of Dimes, Tex., announced it had subscribed 100 percent.

That dog in Springfield, Ill., who liked to chew soy-bean car licenses, was identified and saved from the city pound death cell. After more than 150 pleas were received from people who wanted to adopt the sinful tyke, Chaplain Raymond O'Conner, of St. Joseph's Home, identified him as one "Bobo" and says he'll send him to Arkansas, where license plates are inedible.

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—This is the season when baseball people start thinking about the annual nominations for the Hall of Fame at Cooperstown.



Frankie Frisch

list, followed by Dizzy Dean headed the crooners' list, followed by Dazy Vance, Rabbit Maranville, Johnny Evers, Mickey Cochrane, Ironman Joe McGinnity, Frank Chance, Roger Bresnahan, Bill Terry and Rube Waddell.

MILLER HUGGINS was top choice on lists sent in by Jim Farley, the old Haverstraw first baseman, and Joe E. Brown, who performed fabulous baseball tricks before the camera during the heyday of diamond movies.

SHORTSHOTS—Pie Traynor, former Pittsburgh Pirates' manager, has been appointed sports director of Radio Station KQV. . . Maj. Steve Hamas, ex-heavyweight puncher, is back in the States after several months with the AAF in England.



Bill Terry

Mexico Agog as Jacobs Plans Zurita-Jack Bout

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 15.—Sports circles south of the border were enthusiastic over prospects of an international championship fight to be staged here in April.

It is believed Mike Jacobs, New York promoter, is ready to match Juan Zurita, NBA lightweight champion, with Beau Jack, recognized titleholder in New York and Pennsylvania.

Azteca Retains Mexican Title

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 15.—Kid Azteca, welterweight champion of Mexico for 12 years, last night successfully defended his title by scoring a technical knockout over Rodolfo Ramirez in the tenth round of a scheduled 12-rounder.

Allies Seek Goalie For Paris Matches

Our locator file fails to show an able ice hockey goaltender in the vicinity of Paris—and there's a critical shortage in that commodity.

A combined American-Canadian six has games scheduled with a French combine Friday and Saturday nights at the St. Didier Ice Rink, but the visiting squad has no goalie. Applicants report to the rink any night at 8 P.M.

Army Scorns Cash in Cage

WEST POINT, N.Y., Jan. 15.—Those who thought Army had altered its views on Cadet teams engaging in private promotions were given a setback today as Col. Lawrence "Biff" Jones, graduate manager of athletics at the Point, said "the school wants no part of outside commercial basketball promotions."

He added that Pennsylvania would be dropped from the schedule next season unless the game is returned to the campus at Philadelphia. This year's game is scheduled to be played Feb. 17 in Philadelphia's Convention Hall and Army was obliged to fulfill its commitment; although the game was originally scheduled at the Palestra.

Krist, Cards' Flinger, Reported in UK Hospital

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 15.—Howard Krist, righthanded pitching star of the St. Louis Cardinals before entering the Army in 1943, is recovering from a leg injury in a hospital in England, Sam Breadon, Cards' president, said today.

Breadon also revealed Al Schoendienst, Rochester shortstop, and of the St. Louis club, has been honorably discharged from the Army.

Big Ten Conference

Table with columns: CAGE STANDINGS, W, L, Pts, OP. Rows include Iowa, Northwestern, Ohio State, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Purdue, Minnesota, Indiana.

Canadiens Pour It On

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The Montreal Canadiens snapped the victory streak of the New York Rangers with a 6-2 triumph before 15,697 fans here last night.

The Rangers, who hadn't been beaten since Dec. 30th, went down before a four-goal surge by the Canadiens in the second period. Elmer Lach opened with an unassisted goal, and three minutes later Ken Mosedell scored.

Red Wings Hang On

DETROIT, Jan. 15.—The Red Wings scored their sixth victory in

Nelson Wins Phoenix Golf, Banks \$1,333

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 15.—Byron Nelson, of Toledo, Ohio, blasted par again yesterday to annex the \$6,666 war bond Phoenix Open by two strokes. Nelson's 72-hole total was 274, ten strokes under par for the Phoenix Country Club course.



Byron Nelson

Shute, PGA champion in 1936 and 1937, carded brilliant 68s for each 18-hole round yesterday, but Nelson, who scored 72 and 69, cashed in on his lead in the first two rounds.

The victory gave Nelson \$1,333. Shute earned \$933 and Byrd got \$756.

Bob Hamilton, who finished fourth with 278, received \$600, his first major prize in months.

KOs Feature Service Bouts

Two sensational matches that ended in knockouts wound up the card of GI boxing bouts last night at the Palais de Glace. In the next-to-the-last heavyweight fight, Pvt. Costello Cruz, of Los Angeles, kayoed the hitherto unbeaten Fort Worth battler, Pvt. Jimmie Johnson, in 46 seconds of the first round.

The feature finale resulted in a two-round knockout for Cpl. Johnny Jones, 210-pounder from Williston, N. D., who put away Pfc Lloyd Rognam, 215, of Chicago, 18 seconds after the second round began.

The Results:

Pvt. Steve Ampellas, San Antonio, Tex., TKO over Pvt. Francis Ward, Chicago; Pvt. Harvey Matthews, Detroit, TKO over Cpl. Harold Lindsey, Franklin, Pa.; Pfc Earl Judge, Gary, Ind., decisioned Cpl. Selite Ramirez, Laredo, Tex.; Pvt. Jimmie O'Brien, Shreveport, La., TKO over Sgt. Glenn Harbaugh, Calumet, Pa.; Pfc Jack Nowitzke, New Brunswick, N.J., decisioned Pvt. Nat. Argent, Brooklyn.

Hawks Upset Bruins

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—The last-place Chicago Black Hawks defeated the Boston Bruins, 4-1, only one penalty marking the contest.

Bill Cowley scored in the first 28 seconds, but the Bruins were shut out by Goalie Mike Karakas from then on. Clint Smith, Dave Check, Ed McDonald and Don Grosso scored for the Hawks in that order.

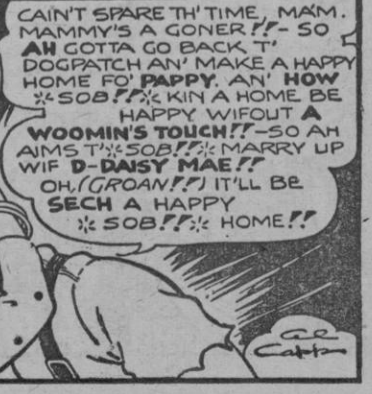
Hockey Standings

Table with columns: NATIONAL LEAGUE, AMERICAN LEAGUE, Sunday Night Scores. Rows include Montreal, Detroit, Toronto, New York, Boston, Chicago.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



Luftwaffe Toll In Sunday Raid Mounts to 243

While the Eighth AF was still tallying its record kill of Nazi planes from Sunday's raid, new forces of Flying Forts and Liberators yesterday concentrated their attacks on four marshalling yards in southern Germany.

Not yet complete figures indicated that 243 German planes were destroyed Sunday in the air and on the ground. Total Allied losses were 20 bombers and 33 fighters.

Yesterday, 600 heavy bombers and a 675-plane fighter escort of the Eighth AF attacked marshalling yards at Ingolstadt, Augsburg, Reutlingen and Freiburg. Little Luftwaffe opposition was reported.

More than 1,000 RAF heavies hit the oft-shattered Leuna oil works at Merseburg and fuel depots at Dulmen Sunday night.

Hit Benzol Plants

Strong forces of Mustang-escorted Lancasters attacked two benzol plants in the Ruhr yesterday afternoon.

Five hundred Forts and Libs of the 15th AF bombed communication targets in the Vienna area and at Treviso, near Venice.

Clouding skies cut down Ninth AF tactical activity. The only fighter-bombers to hit the Germans were from the 19th TAC, which flew 480 sorties, striking at motor and rail transport moving out of the salient. A small force of A26 Invaders bombed the Simmern bridge, 26 miles south of Coblenz.

Following its record day Sunday, the First TAC AF flew 140 sorties north of the Bitche area yesterday, continuing to bomb and strafe rail lines.

4 GIs Become Citizens Of U.S. in Paris Rites

Four GIs became U. S. citizens yesterday at the American Embassy in Paris.

They were: Sgt. Hugh Milanese, of Whitehouse, N. Y.; Cpl. Lawrence A. Pohl, of Salem, Ore.; Pfc Kenneth A. Reed, of Madison, N. J., and Pvt. Leopoldo Carrillo, of Daleno, Calif.

WAC Food Rations Cut

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (ANS).—The War Department today announced that women's eating tastes differ from those of men. This discovery will save the Army about \$2,700,000 yearly. An investigation by the QM Corps showed that the average WAC eats 650 calories less than the average GI. As a result, WAC rations were cut on 54 items.

Jerries Retreat Stubbornly After Yanks Storm Mageret

By Pat Mitchell
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH SIXTH ARMORED DIV., Jan. 15.—"If Jerry is pulling out of the Ardennes salient, he sure ain't giving up territory easy," said Pvt. Ralph V. Rowden, Niangua, Mo., a rifleman with an Armored Inf. Bn. which was assaulting the area of Mageret, a farm village four miles east of Bastogne.

In the battalion CP—the cluttered dining room of a house—Lt. Col. Arnold R. Wall, of Denver, Colo., bore out the GI's statement as he radioed for more and more artillery fire, while the whine of dive-bombing Thunderbolts shook the building.

Constantly referring to a one-to-50,000 battle map, the colonel was in direct communication via radio with the various commanders of his combat team. The assault on Mageret began at 1345 hours.

"Our troops took the town at 1530," the colonel said, "but Jerry is making it tough for those who are pushing through Mageret."

The radio buzzed and Capt. Alex Silver, New York, a commander, called in, "Two Jerry tanks are near the town."

Wall turned to the artillery liaison officer, 1/Lt. Edward Sclafani, New Rochelle, N.Y., and said: "Get them."

By 1700 the doughs had suc-

Term 'Air Support' Out-Dated—Arnold

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (ANS).—Gen. H. H. Arnold, whose planes are flying aerial spearheads on battlefields of the world, believes that "air support" no longer is the proper way to describe an operation, he said in a letter to all airmen, according to the Associated Press.

He is reported to have requested that the phrase be discarded in favor of more accurate descriptive terms, such as "air co-ordination."

First and Third Meet in Bulge Near Key Town

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day. Germans fought savagely to keep their ebbing hold on the town.

Reuter's Eric Downton, with Third Army, said last night that white-painted U.S. and German tanks were deploying through heavily-wooded hills in constant battles. U.S. observation planes spotted a column of 50 Nazi tanks grinding through Houffalize and all U.S. artillery in the area was zeroed in on the town, he said.

Houffalize Called Ideal Target

Houffalize lies in a valley and officially was described as an ideal target into which howitzer batteries could lob their shells over the shoulders of the hills around it.

First Army's 30th Div. smashed a mile forward and seized Ligneuville, six miles from St. Vith. West of the Salm River, the 106th Div.'s 424th Rgt. captured Coulee. Below Vielsalm, 83rd Div. units cleared a woods between two tributaries of the Salm and captured Houvezel, a village nine miles west of St. Vith.

Third Armored Pushes On

Plunging through minefields sprayed by heavy Nazi artillery fire, Third Armored Div. units cleared the villages of Baclain and Halconreux, four miles northeast of Houffalize, and lengthened its roadblock on the Houffalize-St. Vith highway.

The 84th Div., teamed with the Second Armored, took several villages as they closed up to the north bank of the Ourthe River.

Southward, Third Army forces were pushed back from Noville, north of Bastogne, to Covru, a 1,000-yard loss, but the Sixth Armored Div. drove to the outskirts of Michamps and infantry waded 500 yards in a push east of Wardin.

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Terry And the Pirates



According to the Book



Capt. Clifford Head, of Coffeyville, Kan., (right) in an advance 35th Div. observation post near Bastogne, instructs men prior to an attack. Men are from 320th Inf. Regt.

Buzz Bomb Source Smashed By Allies in Belgian Bulge

WITH U.S. SECOND ARMORED DIV., Samree, Belgium, Jan. 15 (AP).—The German high command's idea of trying to launch flying bombs from portable ramps in the Belgian bulge came to grief when the sharp eyes of a cub pilot from Brooklyn detected buzz bombs erupting from the woods.

Mistreatment Is Charged in Cigarette Trial

The mass trial of soldier-railwaymen charged with looting box cars and selling cigarettes on the black market reopened yesterday. The day's session was highlighted by charges that a CID agent had shoved one of the defendants around during interrogation, and that an MP later threatened him with punishment if he revealed what had happened.

The charges were made by Pvt. George McCall, testifying as a defense witness for T/5s Frederick Schultz, James Cupp and James Roepeke, the three enlisted men on trial yesterday. McCall himself is still awaiting trial.

For the first time since the prosecution of the 182 men and two officers began, no verdict was rendered at the end of the day's hearing. The court-martial board indicated that decisions would be given today.

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Lt. Samuel Fein was flying his cub on a regular mission and could hardly believe his eyes when he saw buzz bombs whizz by his plane coming from the general direction of a wooded section a mile south of Samree. He circled, looked closer and saw a portable ramp. As he watched, another bomb whizzed off.

Fein called for artillery fire. An artillery control officer called a British battery and asked if they "would like to join in the shooting." The British swung every gun they had into action along with the Second Armored artillery. When it was over, a column of black smoke rose from the ramp area.

This was the first time the Germans had tried launching flying bombs right behind their own lines, observers said. The bases are usually miles behind.

Athenians Parade, Cheer Gen. Scobie

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Thousands of Greeks waving British, American and Greek flags paraded in Athens Sunday, celebrating the suspension of civil war, reports from Greece said today.

It was the first demonstration of popular feeling since the Sunday parade Dec. 3 which preceded the outbreak of civil disturbances. A crowd estimated at 100,000 cheered Lt. Gen. Ronald M. Scobie, British commander, who in a balcony speech declared he and his forces would protect the Greek people and their liberties from revolution from whatever quarter.

Scobie said he hoped the demonstration would have an effect on world opinion, "which unfortunately has often shown itself to be grossly misinformed regarding Greek affairs."

In spite of the celebration there was still some fighting reported in the Attica peninsula.

Fort Knox Commander Dies

FORT KNOX, Ky., Jan. 15 (ANS).—Col. N. Butler Briscoe, 60, post commander of Fort Knox, died here yesterday. A heart ailment was the cause.

Reds Shatter Krakow Line In Huge Battle

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east of Krakow and 63 miles from the German frontier.

Koniev's army last night held a 40-mile stretch of the west bank of the Nida River.

Farther south, Marshal Malinovsky's troops captured the important junction of Lucenec, 60 miles northeast of Budapest, in Czechoslovakia. Its loss jeopardizes communications between German forces in Hungary and those in the Krakow area.

Berlin admitted that German lines had been breached at two points in East Prussia—west of Enenrode and at Schossberg. Moscow, however, was still silent about this offensive. The Germans also reported two more moves in the Russian drive—one south of Warsaw and the other on the Narew river north of the Polish capital.

Frontline reports indicated that the Nazis were falling back on the Czesochowa-Katowice line to cover the Reich-Silesia border.

From Lublin it was revealed that a Polish Army of more than 300,000 men under the control of the Lublin Provisional Government were holding Koniev's right flank and were awaiting the order to storm the Vistula to aid in the liberation of Warsaw.

Bad weather has curtailed air activities on both sides. Frontline reports also indicated that the Germans were stripping war factories in Silesia and were sending the machinery deeper into the Reich.

Meanwhile, Berlin reported defensive successes and said that the breakthrough had lost its momentum. However, it did admit that the situation of the German defenders of Budapest was becoming increasingly difficult and that the Soviets were employing flame-throwers in their attempt to subdue the portions of the city still in German hands.

Luzon...

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up armor and supplies from southern Luzon to defend Manila, met the crushing weight of the American Air Force. Airfields, trains and truck convoys were bombed and strafed yesterday in the Manila area.

The weather has been ideal for air and land operations—directly opposite to the wet muggy weather on the jungle-like terrain of Leyte.

Another Raid on Formosa

NEW YORK, Jan. 15 (ANS).—The Navy Department in Washington still had nothing further to report today on Adm. Halsey's bold thrust into the South China seas last weekend, but another carrier attack on Formosa Sunday was announced by Tokyo radio.

The Tokyo radio report said more than 300 planes—presumably those of Adm. Halsey's fleet—had attacked airfields and communication points along Formosa's southern coast.

9th's Vehicles Can Take It

No vehicles of the First Bn., Ninth Regt., Second Inf. Div. have been captured, destroyed or abandoned, during fighting in France and the Siegfried Line, although every truck and jeep has at least one shrapnel or bullet hole, according to 1/Lt. Charles E. Nichols, of Three Rivers, Tex., battalion motor officer.

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