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Soviets Gain on All Fronts

At the Helm of Four Armies in Huge Russian Offensive



Marshal Koniev
leads the First Ukrainian Army striking across the Silesian frontier toward Breslau.



General Cherniakovsky
commands the Third White Russian Army driving deep into East Prussia.



Marshal Zhukov
he heads the First White Russian Army on the central part of the Eastern Front.



Marshal Rokossovsky
his Second White Russian Army is sweeping across north Poland, southern East Prussia.

Reds Drive To 165 Mi. Of Berlin

Scoring sweeping gains on all fronts and crushing every German attempt to stabilize their shattered defense lines, the Red Army plunged to within 165 miles of Berlin yesterday after capturing two important enemy defense bastions—one in western Poland and the other on the southern approaches to the Polish corridor.

Driving west 50 miles in two days, one tank spearhead of Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First White Russian Army stormed down the main Berlin-Warsaw highway to seize Gniezno, 28 miles northeast of Posen, while on the north flank, other Zhukov tanks captured the town of Labiszyn, 150 miles northwest of Warsaw, in a push along the southern bank of the Upper Vistula.

E. Prussian Cities Taken

Aiming for the capital, Koenigsberg, in two drives across East Prussia, the Second and Third White Russian Armies captured the cities of Allenstein, Osterode and Insterburg, thus totally disrupting the enemy's communications on this front. These cities are rail centers in southern East Prussia and control most of the German supply lines to the east.

Marshal Stalin announced these victories from the Kremlin last night in five Orders of the Day.

Reds Reported Near Oppeln

On the southern Polish front, Marshal Koniev resumed his offensive into southern Silesia, the German News Agency reported. It said Russian patrols were 18 miles east of Oppeln, capital of Upper Silesia.

Koniev's army reached the Silesian frontier in this sector four days ago. Since then Moscow has been silent on his activities.

In the Carpathian Mountains, the Fourth Ukrainian Army drove

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Eighth Army Repulses Nazi Raiders in Italy

ROME, Jan. 22 (Reuter).—Today, anniversary of the Allied assault on Anzio beach, snow blanketed the greater part of the Italian front, restricting activity to patrol clashes. Eighth Army troops along the Senio River repulsed several German raiding parties trying to infiltrate their positions, and drove back one attack to its starting point, two and a half miles north-east of Alfonsine.

Fifth Army patrols operating in deep snow reported only light contact with the enemy.

Nazis Flee Collapsing East Bulge

The eastern half of the Ardennes salient began to collapse yesterday as Germans retreated toward the Siegfried Line. U.S. Third Army troops in pursuit of the enemy drove to within seven miles of the Reich frontier.

Fighter-bombers of the three Ninth AF tactical air commands pounded massed German armor and motor transport moving toward the east and northeast and wrought the greatest trail of destruction since Falaise.

Heavy concentration of Nazi transport, grinding over slippery roads in broad daylight, suggested that the Germans were so anxious to get out of the Ardennes they were willing to risk air assault—which came at 0930 yesterday and kept up all day.

Overcast weather hampered the attack, but the columns below were so densely packed pilots reported they simply couldn't miss.

Started in Center

The cave-in started in the center of the salient. Von Rundstedt's troops held on the flanks as they did in the initial phase of the retreat two weeks ago west of the Ourthe River. Five divisions of Third Army closed in behind the receding center.

Enemy AT fire was light and small-arms resistance occasional.

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Jones Yields Commerce Job To Wallace on FDR Request

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (ANS).—President Roosevelt has asked Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones to relinquish his Cabinet post and his duties as head of government financial agencies so that they may be turned over to Henry A. Wallace, who bowed out as Vice-President on Saturday.

9th AF Blasts 2,800 Vehicles For a Record

Swarms of Ninth AF fighter-bombers pounced on a giant eastward-moving German convoy in the Bulge area yesterday, and by nightfall had scored a record day's kill of Nazi vehicles.

Planes of the Ninth's three TACs, topping their heavy onslaughts during the Christmas phase of the Bulge battle, flew more than 1,200 sorties and reported the destruction of nearly 1,600 German motor transports and the damage of another 1,200 vehicles. More than 60 tanks and armored vehicles were destroyed.

Fourteen planes were reported missing as the Ninth bombed and strafed large concentrations of rail cars, as well as motor convoys. Incomplete figures indicated more than 650 rail cars destroyed and another 400 damaged.

In a deadly double-play, two formations of Marauders, of the Ninth's Bomber Command, hit a bridge at Dasburg, 16 miles south of St. Vith, and a jam of Nazi vehicles was produced. Then the 19th TAC jumped the 1,500-vehicle column and either destroyed or

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Jones, making public an exchange of letters between himself and the President, disclosed last night that he would leave the Cabinet as requested.

However, Jones strongly protested Mr. Roosevelt's action. In a letter to Jones, the President had expressed the hope that Jones would consider a new government post and had mentioned several vacant ambassadorships. But in his reply, Jones said: "I can best be helpful in the line of my life's work—business and finance—but I seek no jobs."

Jones also questioned Wallace's qualifications for the Cabinet post and the allied jobs. He told the President: "For you to turn over all these assets and responsibilities to a man inexperienced in business and finance will, I believe, be hard for the business and financial world to understand."

Plans for a full-fledged Senate fight over the confirmation of Wallace have begun to shape. Sen. Connally (D-Tex.) termed the resignation of Jones, who also is a Texan,

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Henry Wallace

Greek Peace Conference Will Begin Thursday

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (ANS).—John Sofianopoulos, Greek Foreign Minister, announced in Athens today that peace negotiations between the government of Premier Nicholas Plastiras and Left-wing ELAS forces would begin Thursday.

Mission Involves Fried Eggs For Yank Guests of Nazis

By Bud Hutton

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
WITH FOURTH INF. DIV., Jan. 22.—Two American officers spent a night as guests of the German army, ate fried eggs, talked with a Nazi about his former homes in Texas and New York, and concluded arrangements for removing a German military hospital from danger of American artillery fire.

The strange deal by which a couple of Yanks could sit down to a midnight supper with a German staff man and an assistant divisional commander, came about when the Germans sent a lieutenant and a corporal to the Fourth Div. lines under a white flag. The German commander asked immunity from

shelling for a hospital near a monastery at Helenenberg, Germany.

Maj. Charles Sherman and 2/Lt. Sigmund Roth, both of New York, went back to the enemy lines with a note reading:

"Two American officers are being sent with your representatives to consult with you on the advisability and practicability of moving the hospital which is believed to be located on a road center through which supplies to the front must pass."

The group crossed 1,600 yards of No-Man's-Land, past German patrols who waited with weapons ready and crossed the Sauer River

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33 Months a Fugitive from Japs

Bataan Survivor Gains U.S. Luzon Lines

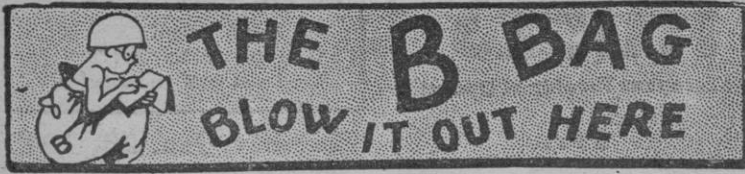
A U.S. BOMBER WING HEADQUARTERS, Northern Luzon, Jan. 22 (AP).—The first survivor of the infamous "March of Death" from Bataan to reach the U.S. lines on Luzon joined free fellow-Americans yesterday after roaming the island's lowlands and jungle highlands for two years and nine months as a fugitive from the Japs.

The soldier is Cpl. Gerald G. Wade, of Lewiston, Ida. He arrived in the Philippines with the 19th Bombardment Group just before the outbreak of war and was with the sick and starved survivors of Bataan as they marched to prison from Bataan.

Wade, 25 years old, was so haggard and shaggy that he appeared 15 years older. He told of the surrender in April, 1942, and the subsequent mistreatment he and other prisoners received until he escaped.

"It's too good to be true," he said when he arrived here from the front. He limped from stone bruises and because of the snugness of his borrowed shoes. His face was pasty, but he couldn't help grinning.

"Get me some good American food," he said, "and I'll tell you all about it."



Laying It on the Line

I have read plenty of criticism in The Stars and Stripes, Yank, and other publications of the people on the home front. These critics, and I must say I've been one of them, have "laid it on thick" when speaking of the strikers absentees, and others who don't seem to be doing their share back home.

I felt strongly enough about the matter to write to friends and relatives urging them not to consider the war already won, but to realize the war is still going on, men are still being wounded and killed over here. And so on, ad nauseam.

I'd like to quote a little bit of letter I received from my sister on this subject. She is an employee (past the half century mark) of Lockheed in California:

"Your gripe is true in a small sense of the word and it seems that every small thing is played up in the newspapers. I believe that the percentage of civilians who do those things are such a small percentage that you soldiers aren't quite fair when you blame the people as a whole—any more than we would be fair to blame the army as a whole for the boys who go AWOL.

"I believe the army is doing a grand job and the people, as a whole, are steadfastly back of you." At our plant, there are lots of men who could be out in their own business or profession who are sticking to the defense plants; and will stick as long as the need is there.

"These men—will be just like the soldiers—no civilian job to start out with when the war is over. Thousands of women too, just like I am doing, are right in there every day doing all they can."

There you have it. I hope and believe she's right.—Lt. S. W. Todd, Medic; Tank Bn.

Fat Chance

Pork loins and Grade B and C stewing and boiling meat issued to us are 20 or 30 percent fat. The average kitchen throws this away for we have no means of pressing out the fat if we were to fry it off.

If the packing companies were made to trim the fat closely, more edible meat could be placed in a box, thus saving the valuable fat and shipping space.—S/Sgt. P.L. Williams, Eng. Light Equip. Co.

Explanation Officer

While an officer writes from the western front (The Stars and Stripes, Jan. 9), "We never had as much ammunition as we'd like to have had ... eleven rounds a man." Walter Lippmann informs the U. S. (Army Talks, Jan. 6) "the supplies ... are in the hands of the troops."

While our Commander-in-Chief tells Congress, "there are evil and baseless rumors against ... our ... commanders in the field." (The Stars and Stripes, Jan. 10) Gen. March in Washington criticizes this command for not accurately evaluating our enemy's strength.

In spite of months of warning of the Pearl Harbor attack through the Australian consulate, and hours of similar warning by an EM at a detector advice in the islands (both through channels), the whole incident is passed off as "a mistake in judgment."

Allied troops moving to their next objective occasionally read The Stars and Stripes accounts, two days old, of how they've already occupied the position.

Perhaps an "explanation officer" who would correlate various writers and censors could get me straight on the daily news.—Cpl. Bill Miller, Inf

Blimey, Mates!

We get too much coffee in the Army. Everybody likes tea, so let's have more tea.

Being nervous in the service comes from coffee that they serve us.—Sgt. G. K., 10 others, Inf.

Annoyed

We are just a maintenance outfit—our job is to keep the stuff rolling. For the first time in four months we were able to work under shelter and on a concrete floor. We were honored recently with many inspecting officers.

Not taking into consideration we are on a production job and tanks

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must roll in and out all day, our captain was giggered because the floor was dirty. Our battalion colonel giggered us because there were too many men standing around the shop. The men standing around were waiting for their vehicles to be completed. At the same time we were giggered for leaving parts out in the weather which were plainly marked, "Prepared For Overseas Shipment." Now we have learned that our captain is to be transferred. We are proud to feel that someone thinks we are doing a good job, proud to have had Gen. Patton come to our place—and we kept right on working while he was there. Can't we have a chance to do our work without all our wrenches, lathes, electrode holders and even floors slippery from chicken? All we want is the right to do our job.—T/Sgt. G.D. McVitrack, 210 others.

Batter Up

In regard to a couple of T/4s' statement that the ball players who tour the ETO use space on ships where ammo could be stored. I think these men would have stepped aside if it meant more ammo. I didn't get to see them but guys who did said they were tops.

I forked over a buck-ten every time I had a chance to see them play. There's a lot of reasons why we're fighting to get back home. Mine is to get that seat behind third at Ebbets Field before the others get there. If you ball players read this, thanks a lot for what you've done.—Cpl. F. Dunajski, FA.

Likes Pin-Up

So Cpl. Bill Forley and 43 others don't want to see anymore pin ups printed—at least so they say in their recent B-Bag letter.

Granted, pin-ups do not spur the individual to greater glory, but it does take one's mind off the war now and then and that is all that they are supposed to do. Besides, you don't have to look at them. Here's for more and better pin-ups.—S/Sgt. G. R. Hayes and Sgt. R. Pinkos.

Combined Operations

Who said the British were slow in battle or picked the easy jobs? As MPs on duty since D-4, we have been in contact with many British units. We have found them 100% co-operative.

The British rarely get mention in The Stars and Stripes. True, it is the paper of the American Army. Let's be allies and fight, laugh and swap yarns together and be honest in giving credit where and when due.

We have heard one lieutenant say: "I doubt if the British have contacted the enemy" in the recent bulge. At that minute, he was standing with nothing but British between him and Berlin. The British troops caught the nose of the bulge and held it, then pushed the Jerries back.

Let it not be said that the British are not fighters nor are they picking easy spots to make a stand.—S/Sgt. Richard Hallman; S/Sgt. William Howat, MPs.

A Superfort Airman's View
Tokyo Is Not a Tinier-Box City



Here is the heart of Tokyo, capital city of the empire. The white building at the left is the Central Post Office, in the center foreground is the Tokyo Station and at the right stands the Marunouchi Building, hard-to-burn structures. Picture was taken in 1936.

It's pretty well known by now that Tokyo isn't a paper-and-wood tinder box, despite a lot of talk in Pearl Harbor days. American B29s have been able to bring back the true picture on Tokyo as a target. Verdict: tough, but vulnerable.

In place of bamboo huts, the Superforts were called upon to attack buildings of modern steel and concrete—factories about like those in Los Angeles or Detroit, and office structures as up-to-date as New York's Rockefeller Center.

The Japanese earthquake of 1923, accompanied by a tidal wave and

fire, had a lot to do with this. The serves as protection against bombs. All Japanese cities are not so well braced. For instance Nagoya, the aircraft center, burned for 24 hours after the Superforts left. Intelligence officers believe most of its 300,000 buildings are inflammable.

Transportation a Weakness

Nor is Tokyo without its poor and vulnerable districts. More than half the houses are only one story high, and should burn as quickly as those in Nagoya. Many of the quake destroyed nearly half the city and killed 150,000. The Japs

rebuilt, on modern lines, reinforcing their structures against earthquakes. This added strength now 6,580,000 residents travel long distances to work, so that power interruptions affecting transport should cripple production. River and canal bridges also are good targets.

Photos taken recently indicate the city has built a series of "fire" breaks, and other air defense has been improved. Air officers are confident they can knock Tokyo out of the war—but it's going to take more than a few "milk runs" to do it.

War Analyst Compares the Russian Sweep
 To Allies' Dash Toward Germans' West Wall

Foe Expected to Rely
 On Eastern Border
 Defense Line

By Elton C. Fay
 AP War Analyst

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—The military success of the massive Russian offensive will be measured to a considerable extent in the number of German troops killed, captured or disabled.

For this reason great interest attaches to the Moscow announcement that three Russian armies in Poland have killed 65,000 Germans and captured 25,000 in the first week of the offensive there.

It may be that the Russians are dealing with a situation like that which existed for the Americans

and British last summer and fall. Breaking out from the Normandy Peninsula, the Anglo-American allies threw out great curving strokes to trap the German divisions falling back toward the West Wall.

How those tactics paid off is testified to by 750,000 prisoners taken in the drive across France and Belgium. When killed and wounded are added to this bag German losses run well into seven figures.

Eventually the Germans reached the Siegfried Line fortifications where they stand today. Their daily losses on the Western Front have dropped. That lesson was costly for the German High Command but well learned.

Biggest Battles to Come

Watching the buildup of Russian strength, the Nazi High Command apparently decided weeks, perhaps months, ago that the line could not be held there—that if any safety existed it was to be found in Silesia and north along the area of the German border.

With holding forces deployed to meet the expected Russian offensive, the Germans commenced the complicated operation of moving upward of 100 divisions to the west.

Whether much of this project had been accomplished when the Red offensive was launched is not clear. Both the Russians and the Germans speak of terrible battles but the reports of both also indicate that the forward progress of the Russian armies is swift.

No Collapse Seen

This sounds like engagements with the holding forces, as if the main elements of the retreating Germans still are out of reach of full Soviet striking power.

That the enemy may have won part of the race is indicated in dispatches showing the fighting to be at and within the Silesian border where the initial shocks are apparently being absorbed by the Volkssturm. The northern Russian forces are seeking to trap the enemy divisions in East Prussia.

If the enemy has a defensible line at or within the German border area, he may be able to hold there for weeks or months as he has held on the West Front, until Allied forces on both frontiers can build up and break through. Then the program of cutting up and

Only Holding Forces
 Thought to Be
 In Poland

trapping the Wehrmacht units will be resumed—but this time on German soil.

Practical professional Allied military leaders exclude from their calculations the possibility of German internal collapse with an accompanying general surrender. They are proceeding on the assumption that it will be necessary to grind the Nazi military machine down to its smallest component before it can be said that Germany is defeated.

U.S. Bombers
 Reduce Weight

Moves to cut down the weight of American bombers and at the same time give more protection to airmen are now under way, Air Service Command Hq. in France disclosed.

Maintenance crews are removing tons of armor plating from Fortresses, Liberators, Marauders and Havocs and substituting lightweight "flakcurtains"—overlapping squares of manganese steel, resilient enough to stop a 20mm shell exploding two feet away.

The flak curtains, which air service chiefs say provide better protection for crewmen and lighten bombers to the point where heavier bomb loads can be carried, are also being fitted to the flooring of gliders.

Simultaneously, the ASC announced that an armored back to fliers' flak suits—reminiscent of medieval armor—was being added. The armor suits, it was reported, have reduced casualties 66 percent.



"Gentlemen, unless all my years of map reading have been wasted, I'd say we're approaching Freiburg."

Births
 Folks at Home Send
 These GI Swift News
 of Sir Stork's Arrival!

CPL. Irving Pernick, New York—Marylyn, Jan. 14; Lt. Laussat Clement, Haverford, Pa.; Marlon Frances; Sgt. Walter Lewis—Carole Ann, Nov. 26; Pvt. Seymour Korn, New York—Rita Jane, Jan. 15; Lt. James Reap, New York—Patricia, Jan. 15.

This Was America Yesterday:

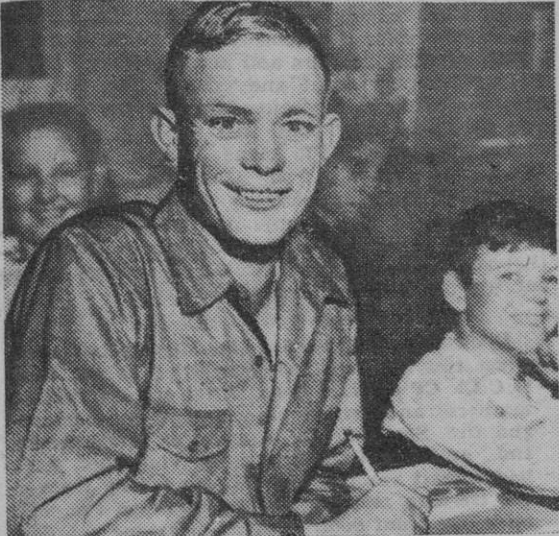
NAM Reports Patriotic Drives Lure Workers for War Plants

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—The National Association of Manufacturers reported today, after surveys in 47 communities, that in 22 of them patriotic drives for war manpower resulted in 100 percent increases in job applications.

The NAM said manpower shortages can be solved through co-operation of labor, management and local manpower commissions. Officials said 2,000 additional workers were recruited in Newark, N.J., in the first two weeks of a community mobilization drive. Only 15 percent of areas included in the survey reported no marked change, the NAM said.

Significance of the association's report is that it comes while Congress is considering work or fight laws, to which organized labor already has registered opposition. The NAM is regarded as a conservative stronghold and has often been criticized as a mouthpiece of big business and employers generally.



Arlie Morgan, 22, in 6th grade classroom.

he's in the sixth grade now and determined to finish.

"The Trolley Song" which is clang-clanging over the half-million-mark in sheet music sales, was no inspired piece of writing for the composers, Ralph Blane and Hugh Martin. Producer Arthur Freed ordered the MGM song writers to write a song Judy Garland could sing on a trolley. They wrote eight compositions before they could satisfy Freed. Martin, now Pvt. Martin, is somewhere in France.

California, Florida Lead Gallup Gallop

HERE'S the making of a good fight. The Gallup poll on which is the best state to live in produces this list of top ten, in the order of national preference: California, Florida, New York, Texas, Colorado, Oregon, Arizona, Kentucky, Mississippi and Michigan.

And if you've been developing super state loyalty over there, this is the way the people at home feel: 40 percent of the people polled said they would move to a different state if they had a choice (49 percent in the younger age groups.)

Mayor LaGuardia is attacking the Salvage Division of the War Production Board. Salvage experts have confiscated an aluminum subway car being tested by BMT over the Mayor's protest. Not only was the protest ignored but when Hizzoner claimed \$131,000 for the car, WPB only came through with \$53,000. Incidentally, New York is also losing about half of its open top buses. The company is negotiating to sell them to Mexico City.

Page Out of Social Worker's Diary

IN Chicago Boys Court a youth whose IQ, according to a social worker, was only 45, was asked by the judge how much money he made at his job.

"Some weeks 70, some weeks 90," the boy said. The judge paused, then turned to the social worker—"And how much do you make?" was his query.

THE FBI has two new worries these days. One is the terrific increase in long distance chess playing, involving use of postal cards. Each card is checked for code. The other problem is the increase in the number of phoney goings around in service uniform.

Most of them are showoffs, but the Feds are taking no chances and urge maximum penalties for offenses. An increase of 111 percent in this offense is noted over 1942.

Frank H. Rice, bishop and president of the Liberal Club of Denver, has appealed to the state legislature to pass a bill allowing the opening of "poor man's barber shops," with prices below an established minimum. He says 75 cents for a man's and 50 cents for a child's haircut is too high. In New York, by the way, a haircut costs you a buck and you need a fast pair of feet to get away without running up a check.

Gas Theft Gets Life in Prison

IT is not only in combat zones but right here in the U.S. that the seriousness of gasoline theft is being beaten into cheap crooks. Charles Stacy, with three previous convictions, got a life sentence for stealing ten gallons of gasoline.

ALTHOUGH some might doubt it, the Dean of Men at the University of Buffalo, Edward Jones, says military service does not dull a man's intellect. He has completed a survey of discharged servicemen now enrolled at the university, and says that although they need a little refreshing of memory on high school subjects they have maturity and seriousness of purpose that makes them generally good students.

LaGuardia Hits 18-Month Tour At Gamblers Urged as Limit

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (ANS).—Mayor LaGuardia yesterday called on Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine to "deliver" all men arrested on charges of gambling and found to have been granted draft deferments to Col. Arthur V. McDermott, Selective Service director for New York.

"Look here, Lew," the Mayor said in his weekly radio broadcast, in every arrest you make for gambling, check draft cards and report them immediately to Col. McDermott. Detain the gamblers and physically deliver them to the colonel or to the draft boards."

LaGuardia's declaration came after a disclosure a few days ago that one man convicted of running a policy game had obtained a deferment on the grounds that he was in a check cashing business that his draft board considered essential.

A U.S. EASE, Marianas, Jan. 22 (ANS).—A limit of 18 months for a single tour of overseas duty is advocated by Rep. John E. Fogarty, of Harmony, R.I., who temporarily gave up his seat in Congress to "eat, sleep and work" with enlisted men here.

Fogarty, 31 years old, a former bricklayer, has been working on military construction projects since Dec. 24 as a Seabee carpenter's mate, first class. He enlisted under a special arrangement on Dec. 12, after resigning from the 78th Congress. He has been re-elected to the new Congress, and will leave for Washington soon to resume office.

The Seabee-Congressman believes that after 18 months' overseas, a serviceman's efficiency peak has been reached. Longer tours, says Fogarty, tend to lower morale.

Lemke Seeking Clarification Of Farm Draft

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (ANS).—Farm state leaders in Congress took the manpower bill away from the House Military Committee over the weekend. Not waiting for the military group to finish writing the work-or-jail bill, group headed by Rep. William Lemke (R-N.D.) pressed for House action on a resolution directing Selective Service to clarify the directive on the drafting of farm workers.

At the same time Sen. Clyde M. Reed, (R-Kan.) said he would introduce a resolution identical to Lemke's in the Senate. Reed told newsmen that he feels that President Roosevelt, the War Department and Selective Service "are determined to strip farms of all possible selectees, regardless of future farm production, before Congress can act."

Reed, who said his views were shared by other farm state senators, disclosed that he wired Gov. Andrew F. Schoepel, of Kansas, urging him to give personal attention to complaints "indicating that local draft boards are disregarding Tydings' amendment" effecting deferments of farm workers.

Asserting that the nation's farm population has declined by 4,000,000 since 1941, Reed said, "This is the basic factor which makes the situation so desperate."

Foe Aggression Curb Is Urged

DETROIT, Jan. 22 (ANS).—Immediate action to quarantine German aggression as a step toward lasting peace was demanded yesterday by Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.). Vandenberg asserted that the basis of Allied discord was Europe's justified fear of "another rebirth of German military tyranny."

He stated in a radio broadcast that removal of this fear through "honest candor with our Allies, our own people, and even our foes" would eliminate the major menace to Allied unity. He said that "we do not want an instant's hesitation or doubt about our military co-operation in the peremptory use of force, if needed, to keep Germany and Japan demilitarized."

Reds Will Fight Japs, Rickenbacker Says

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (ANS).—Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker declared today that it would be "insane to ask Russia to split her war effort" now, but he asserted that the Soviets would join the Allies against Japan in good time.

"We should be honest, sympathetic, and realistic with Russia," said Rickenbacker, "she holds the key to the duration of the conflict in Europe. If she has the power to follow through in this push it will help shorten the war in Europe by months." The World War I ace asserted that eventual Russian aid in Far East "will shorten that war by years."

Succeeds Dies



Rep. Edward J. Hart (D-N.J.) who was chosen chairman of the new House Committee on Un-American Activities, succeeding Martin L. Dies who did not seek re-election last fall.

6,300 AWOLs In Canada Face Desertion Raps

OTTAWA, Canada, Jan. 22 (ANS).—Military and civil police today continued the roundup of approximately 6,300 Canadian home defense troops drafted for overseas duty but who went AWOL when they were about to be shipped.

The mass "absenteeism" was disclosed Saturday by Gen. A. G. McNaughton, home Defense Minister, in an announcement of the arrival in Britain of Canada's first draftees.

Gen. McNaughton said that the remaining AWOL men will be classed as deserters in a day or two if they do not return to their units.

House Group Told Of Nurse Shortage

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (ANS).—Appealing for immediate passage of a law authorizing drafting of nurses, Maj. Gen. Mornat Kirk, Army Surgeon General, told the House Military Affairs Committee today the flow of wounded soldiers from war fronts to the States has increased 270 percent.

Since May, said Gen. Kirk, "Our patients have increased from 260,000 to 450,000," while the number of Army nurses has risen only 2,000.

"We are now receiving in Army hospitals of this country," Kirk testified, "30,000 to 32,000 patients each month, as compared with 8,500 in the first half of 1944." He said approximately 15,000 leave the hospitals each month.

Profit in Post Office

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (ANS).—Postmaster General Frank C. Walker today presented the U.S. Treasury with a check for \$47,000,000, representing Post Office Department's profits. The Post Office had its first surplus in 24 years in the 1943 fiscal year.

San Francisco Butchers Face Meat Shortage

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22 (ANS).—San Francisco and other bay area cities were almost meatless today, while the Pacific Northwest reported oversupplies of beef and a possibility that it might spoil.

OPA Director Robert Parks said he could not conclude that the shortage was due to any OPA rationing or price regulation. The OPA is conducting an investigation, he said.

Daniel McKinney, secretary of the California Cattlemen's Association, charged that "further OPA bungling is continuing to reduce the supply of better grades of beef." McKinney asserted that San Francisco commercial refrigerators are bulging with beef set aside for military use.

Refuse to Accept Loss

Milton Maxwell, of the AFL Butchers' Union, said the packers refused to accept the financial loss which they contend will result if the OPA retail ceiling is not raised. Slowdown of slaughtering is the result and that is the cause of the current shortage, he said.

It is different in the Pacific Northwest. At the Spokane district, War Food Administration representative Gilbert L. Roper said there was a possibility of some spoilage in the surplus of beef. Similarly, a Salem, Ore., survey disclosed a danger of spoilage. Eugene, Ore., meat dealers asked the Oregon Food Merchants' Association to urge a ration holiday on hindquarter beef cuts to reduce the oversupply.

Ask Meatless Days

In New York, Major LaGuardia said today that New York homes and restaurants will be asked to observe two meatless days—Tuesdays and Fridays—starting next week, and that he will recommend that meat markets remain closed on Mondays. The Mayor said that the president of the Retail Butchers' Association was inclined to agree on the Monday closing.

The Mayor proposed that housewives serve leftovers that day and that restaurants make Mondays "specialty day."

U.S. Craft Sinks U-Boat By Ramming at Full Tilt

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (ANS).—The Navy revealed last night that one of its thin-skinned destroyer escorts has sunk a surfaced U-boat by ramming it at full speed. It was also disclosed that the destroyer Wainright, in action off Algeria, forced an enemy crew to scuttle ship. The Wainright captured many of the enemy crew.

Ward Plea for Review Of WLB Order Denied

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (ANS).—The War Labor Board denied Montgomery Ward and Co. a review of the Philadelphia regional board's order requiring them to grant union maintenance of membership in the Trenton, N.J., and Washington, Pa., stores. Violation of the order would probably lead to government seizure and operation of the stores.

Colorado Women Answer Plea for More Nurses



When the armed forces sent out a call for more nurses, Colorado's women were right on deck. Here, volunteers sign up at a Red Cross recruiting center in Denver.

Yank Superman Runs Wild In Personal 15-Day Blitzkrieg Of Machine-Gunning Jerries

WITH 95th INF. DIV.—They keep separate statistics on Raymond J. Albano's combat score. A count of the Nazis he bowled over and took captive and the enemy guns he destroyed during a single-handed, 15-day blitz makes him sound like Superman at his busiest.

The blitz started modestly at Malzieres-les-Metz, where the tech sergeant from Small, Idaho, wiped out four machine-gun nests and killed 20 Germans.

Two days later the doughboys of his platoon were blocked by a machine-gun in a farmhouse. Albano charged, drove the gunners out with grenades and turned the captured weapon on two other machine-gun emplacements, destroying both. His bag for the day included 14 dead and 20 captured Germans.

On the way to Gambetta the next day he blasted one machine-gun and one 88mm. position with a bazooka.

Captured Lieutenant

In Metz he rushed a machine-gun nest. The German lieutenant refused to surrender. Albano shot him and brought him back a prisoner.

By the time he got to Boulay, he really was hot. He annihilated a machine-gun crew and sprayed lead from the captured weapon until he had silenced three more German machine-guns. Carrying an M1, he continued down the road, killing four Jerries who were manning a machine-gun. He used their weapon to put five more machine-guns and an 88 out of business. Next he went hunting with a BAR. He wiped out the operators of a 20mm. gun, the BAR jammed, and he swung the 20mm. down on a couple more machine-guns and knocked them out.

He paused long enough for the commanding general to pin second lieutenant's bars on his shoulders. Then he started fighting again.

Bulge Muniton Loss Is Light

WITH ORDNANCE FORCES.—When the Nazis began their Ardennes counter-offensive, ordnance outfits found themselves faced with the task of gathering their huge supplies of munitions and transporting them to more secure positions. "We stayed until it got too damned hot," said Capt. Edward Pohlman, of Danville, Ky., and an ammunition supply company, "and then we took off. We managed to get all the men out, but lost our personal belongings."

Men of the Sixth Ord. Evac. Bn., under command of Maj. Haco Boyd, of Little Rock, Ark., moved 6,700 tons of materiel and 2,300 vehicles—most of the time under fire. "We captured seven Germans dressed in GI clothing," said the major.

With the enemy only half a mile away, the 304th Ord. Maintenance Co., commanded by Capt. Arthur I. Jeffords, of Savannah, Ga., evacuated practically all its equipment and materiel.

The 71st Ord. Gp. handled 7,500 tons of ammo in one day.

Brig. Gen. George Hays Given Legion of Merit

WITH SECOND INF. DIV.—For outstanding work in training artillerymen and perfecting firing techniques, Brig. Gen. George P. Hays, division artillery commander, has been awarded the Legion of Merit.

The 52-year-old general holds the Congressional Medal of Honor, won in World War I, the Silver Star and the Bronze Star.

Yanks Snack On Nazi Eggs

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in a Nazi assault boat to enter the town of Edingen, Germany. Blindfolded there, the Yanks waited until dark when they were taken to the hospital.

Over midnight supper of fried potatoes and eggs, asparagus salad, Moselle wine and ersatz coffee, they talked with the German officers. They were asked to see for themselves that the hospital zone had been demilitarized.

An inspection tour showed the hospital to be at least 500 yards from all military installations—conforming to Geneva Convention regulations. In a ward for seriously wounded, they saw 40-odd Germans and an American sergeant from their own division who said he was treated "no better than the Krauts—but no worse." Eighteen other wounded had been evacuated to the rear, the sergeant said.

Orphans with Priests

On the top floor Sherman and Roth saw 80 orphans who were under care of the monastery's priests.

The American officers spent the night with a German lieutenant and with no guard at their door. He asked them about Texas and New York, where he said he had lived. At 6 A.M. they breakfasted—on fried eggs—and went back to the American lines by the same route.

Later in the day they delivered an answer to the shivering German corporal in No-Man's-Land:

"In view of the verification of the location of your hospital at Heleneberg no artillery fire will be directed closer to this hospital than is authorized by the terms of the Geneva Convention."

The German corporal had waited alone for the reply, he said, because his lieutenant had gone back to the lines "with cold feet."

2-Man 'Squad' Takes Pillbox

WITH 84th INF. DIV.—S/Sgt. Irvin K. Pierce, of Englewood, Colo., captured a pillbox and six Germans with a squad of one man—Pfc Raymond Overdorf, of Canandaigua, N.Y.

The sergeant's platoon leader, Lt. George M. Hardy, of Pittsburgh, told him to take his squad and go after the pillbox.

Pierce told Overdorf to cover him as he went forward, to throw two grenades into the trenches surrounding the pillbox. He next maneuvered to the door to throw another grenade inside. Out walked six Germans with a white flag. Lt. Hardy asked Pierce where the rest of his squad was.

"Why, sir, the rest of my squad is with the second platoon."

10 Tank Cars Built Daily

The 757th Railway Shop Bn. is building improvised tank cars for POL hauling at the rate of 10 a day. Five 900-gallon tanks are attached to a flat car to produce the emergency tanker. The construction program calls for 212 cars with a total capacity of 954,000 gallons.



A GERMAN soldier, dressed in American uniform and with GI dogtags and credentials, slipped through the lines into the First Inf. Div. area to disrupt communications and supply lines. When he reached the American rear area, however, he was so discouraged by seeing so many men and so much material that he decided to give up. He walked up to a man nearby and said: "I'm a German soldier. I want to surrender."

The answer came back in German: "I am a German soldier, too. You are a traitor."

The second Jerry berated the first for his treason so loudly that GIs came running over to see what the excitement was about—and captured both.

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AN air service squadron sergeant was sent to England on official business. He made the trip by a transport plane which also carried his jeep and trailer.

The night after landing, the sergeant was driving down a main road when he was stopped by an MP officer who asked why he had such bright headlights.

The sergeant explained that was the way they drove in France. The officer did not seem to give a hang how they

drove in France, and, furthermore he wanted to know how the jeep got back to England. Said the sergeant, "I flew over with it, sir."

It took about an hour, but the sarge finally convinced the officer that a jeep could be flown from France to England.

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The lieutenant said: "Wait here," so Pfc Ivan Fox, of Chicago, sat in his jeep and waited while the loopy went looking for a battalion CP of the 410th Regt. of the 103rd Div. Heavy artillery fire kept the lieutenant bottled in at the CP for a full day.

When he returned, Fox and the jeep were still there, surrounded by empty cartridges. While waiting, Fox had dug himself three foxholes, killed one German and fired more than 100 rounds to keep other Jerries away.

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THESE 84th Inf. Div. Yanks kept cool when things got hot: Pvt. Robert Dick, of Toledo, Ohio, found a big bed on the second floor of a wrecked house when his buddies bedded down in cellars during an artillery barrage. Dick slept through the shelling, but admitted the next morning he did wake up once when an 88 blew a hole through the building about

Could This GI Be Allergic to Meat Wagons?

WITH FIFTH ARMORED DIV.—It's hard to keep a good man down if he wants to fight, medics learned when they tried to evacuate S/Sgt. William R. Carter, a 6-foot, 5-inch fighter from Weaver, Iowa.

When his infantry battalion made its first attack toward the Roer River, Carter was wounded. Taken to an aid station, where his wound was dressed, Carter was told to wait for the ambulance which would take him to the collecting station.

The ambulance arrived. No Carter. He had slipped away to rejoin his company.

In the attack the next morning the sergeant was again wounded. Again he was taken to the aid station, treated and told to wait for the ambulance. Again he slipped away and returned to his company. When Carter returned for the third time the medics were ready to put a guard over him until they found that he had a foot wound and couldn't walk unassisted. Protesting, he was carried off to the ambulance.

12 feet from his bed. . . . Another guy in the 84th who doesn't get rattled easily is T/5 Frank Reames, of San Diego, Calif. Back in the days when apples were ripe, German shells opened up on the orchard in which his squad was bivouacked. Everyone headed for a foxhole except Reames. He picked a helmetful of apples and walked around passing them out to the Joes in the foxholes. . . . And then there's Pvt. Robert O'Toole, of Pittsburgh. The boys were settled down in a cellar for their first rest in several hours when a runner dashed downstairs and told them that some Germans were coming down the street, carrying mortars and machine-guns. O'Toole got up slowly, yawned, and asked: "Say, bud, were they marching at attention or route step?" . . . If you need any more proof that the 84th guys are a cool-headed bunch, Pfc Gene Masten, of Tacoma, Wash., can give it to you. Gene was moving down the street with his company during the fight for Geilenkirchen. An enemy machine-gun opened up on them. They scattered for cover in doorways—that is, all except Gene who sat on a doorstep, took out his harmonica and played a tune.

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It was a modern version of a Message to Garcia when two 36th Div. wiremen tried to get back to C Co. CP of 143rd Regt. After dodging "potato mashers" and getting pinned down by machine-gun fire, Sgt. Clarence Sample, of McCordsville, Ind., and Pfc Earl Emory, of Vincennes, Ind., had almost reached the CP when they realized the German artillery was zeroed in on the road up to the front door. Instead of calling it a day, the two Indiana men crawled around the side of the house, climbed on to the roof and dropped down through a skylight to hand in their report.

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THE three GIs were bringing back 19 Jerries from a recently-captured labor battalion when they came across a group of Yank engineers getting ready

to clear away a road block. Since the German labor battalion boys still had their shovels and other equipment, the Third Div. soldiers—Sgt. John Keller, of Chicago, Pvt. Graham Stewart of Columbus, Ga., and Pfc Richard Lakeman, of Allston, Mass., decided to save the engineers a job and let the prisoners do the work.

The PWOs seemed to know exactly how to go about it, too. It turned out that they were the guys who set up the road block in the first place.



Yanks Take All Foe Tosses, Hurl Twice as Much Back

By Pat Mitchell

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 319th INF. REGT.—When infantrymen move fast things are going to happen, and doughs of elements of the 319th Rgt. were quick and quiet as they readied Dahl, an Ardennes Mountain hamlet just southeast of Wiltz, for a hot welcome for Jerry.

Brereton Gives Awards To 82nd Airborne Men

WITH FIRST ARMY, Jan. 22 (AP).—Lt. Gen. Lewis H. Brereton, commander of the First Allied Airborne Army, has presented six awards to members of the 82nd Airborne Div. for heroism at Nijmegen in September.

Col. Reuben Tucker, of Ansonia, Conn., received the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Distinguished Service Cross. DSCs were presented to Lt. Col. Julian Cook, Mt. Holly, N.J.; Lt. John Foley, Vineland, N.J.; Lt. Lloyd Polettie Jr., Shreveport, La.; Capt. Wesley Harris, Lovington, N. M., and S/Sgt. Shelton Dusyi, Farmington, Me.

The infantry had held Dahl for 24 hours following a surprise crossing in the raging waters of the Sure River before dawn last Saturday. Troops commanded by Lt. Cols. Hiram D. Ives, of Baltimore, and Elliot B. Cheston, of Annapolis, Md., had split east and north when they crossed in darkness under heavy enemy fire.

Cheston's men followed a winding ravine to the north to take Dahl, while Ives' men swung east along a pine-wooded road to their objective.

Then it was the Germans' turn. Under cover of darkness they infiltrated to Col. Ives' advance posts with tanks and burp-gun forces.

Heavy weapons platoon leader 1/Lt. Michael Mikatinach, of Ontonagon, Mich., reported hand-to-hand fighting with German infantry while enemy tanks fired point-blank into the Yank positions.

"V'e're Still Here"

When a six-by-six truck packed with rifle and BAR men rolled up, T/Sgt. Paul Parsons, 1 Co. platoon leader, squinted at the flash-blackened snow rimming each mortar and artillery shellhole and said: "They have been heaving everything at us, but we are still here, and dammit we will be here when they come at us again."

Pvt. Sam Weaver, an artillery liaison man from Albertville, Ala., remarked: "Jerry has been throwing a lot of stuff at us but we have been handing it back double."

This section of the Ardennes bulge is very similar to the jack-pine-covered hills of Tennessee. Capt. George W. Harmon, of Prosperity, S.C., of a unit commanded by Lt. Col. Paul Bandy, of Hillsborough, Tex., said: "This is sure nice country for a white mule still."

Shooting German Snipers With Rifle and Camera in Belgian Hills



Four Yank rifemen of a 75th Inf. Div. patrol fire at German snipers from a snow-capped hill near the town of Beffe, Belgium. The man

on the right is a Signal Corps photographer. The patrol accounted for 12 Nazis of a company armed with MGs and mortars.

U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Two Vets Here Coming Back From the Wars Is Not Like Going Away Demonstrate New GI Limbs

Two U.S. soldiers equipped with artificial limbs have arrived in Paris at the request of Maj. Gen. Paul R. Hawley, chief surgeon, ETO, to help other wounded American soldiers.

They are S/Sgt. Fernand R. LeClaire, of Willimantic, Conn., and Cpl. Leland C. Grohman, of San Antonio, Tex. Sgt. LeClaire lost his right leg at the knee in the South Pacific and Cpl. Grohman lost his left arm at the elbow in Italy. They volunteered for the assignment, and will visit hospitals in France and England, swap yarns with casualties and tell and show soldiers who have lost an arm or a leg just what can be done for them—which, they say, is a great deal.

General Hawley told LeClaire and Grohman that they were performing a real service in volunteering to come to the ETO. "I see these amputation cases," General Hawley said. "The men don't whimper and they don't complain but they wonder and they need assurance. I think you can give them that assurance."

Cpl. Grohman and Sgt. LeClaire will be attached to the Rehabilitation Division, Office of the Chief Surgeon. Both men have been on war-bond drives and have won the Silver Star for gallantry.



Before boarding the train they mill around phone booths at the station to call the old, familiar places and deliver long-awaited messages—"I'm back . . . I'll be home in a few days . . ."



Scarred and beribboned Yanks, who were battling in Europe a couple of weeks ago, carry their duffel bags from a ferryboat in New York to head for Camp Shanks, then home on battle furloughs.

6th Cav. Gives Foe Busy Time

WITH THIRD U.S. ARMY, Jan. 22.—"We don't feel normal unless Jerry is in front of us, on both sides and behind us too. We ain't surrounded until we get caught—which don't happen."

T/5 Reed J. Franklin, of Dalton, La. thus described the Sixth Cav. Group, commanded by Col. Edward M. Fickett, of Austin, Tex.

Fickett's outfit, which drove up into the heart of the Arlon sack along with the 90th, and 35th Inf. Divs. and the Sixth Armored Div., participated in the capture of Harlange, Betlange, Tarchamps and Watrange and assisted in taking Lutremange and Sondez.

Sixth Cavalrymen, whose cut-down, armor-plated jeeps cruise behind the enemy lines, captured an enemy supply dump containing 51 vehicles of all types, including U.S. trucks and three 88mm guns, with their prime movers.

They also destroyed a gasoline dump, three nebelwerfers, five 88 guns, and an undetermined amount of Nazi firearms.

Artillery Barrage Fails to Halt Tank

WITH SIXTH ARMORED DIV.—Heavy artillery and anti-aircraft shells hit Sgt. Robert L. Hume's tank while he was fighting with the 68th Tank Bn. seeking to cross a bridge. The sergeant continued to fight until an 88 set the vehicle afire.

Hume backed the tank off the bridge and moved it to a spot where he could evacuate the crew. His action made it possible for other armored vehicles to cross and establish a bridgehead.

Hume, of Columbus, O., was awarded a Silver Star.

Presidential Citation Given 2nd Div. Unit

WITH SECOND INF. DIV., BELGIUM.—The Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation has been awarded the Third Bn. of the 38th Inf. Regt. for storming and capturing Hill 154, enemy strongpoint overlooking Brest, in late August.

The hill was overrun and an estimated force of 300 enemy troops driven from steel and concrete pillboxes.

Lost Yanks Triumph in Battle of Wits

WITH 35th INF. DIV., Jan. 22.—Lost behind enemy lines for three days a sergeant and a battle-field-promoted second lieutenant did a bang-up job of bluffing and a better than bang-up job of keeping under cover before they were finally rescued by Yank tankers.

In the three-day period they bluffed their way past six Jerry sentinels, holed up in a farmhouse cellar with two dead cows; used a German watchdog as a warning signal when Nazis approached their position; kept alive on beets and spuds they found in the cellar; drank snow water and finally were rescued by advancing tankers.

Sgt. Frank L. Mazzi, of Demon, Pa., and 2/Lt. Lawrence W. Eshleman, of North Platte, Neb., became separated from their unit during an attack made by Co. D, 134th Inf. Reg. Camouflaging their clothes with snow, they attempted to reach the Yank lines under cover of night, but gave up after six different Jerry sentries slowed their progress.

The first German yelled "Halt," and Mazzi yelled back "Ya." The result was a burp-gun blast.

Put On Act

The next Jerry yelled "halt" and the wo Yanks put on "our field marshal routine which consists of making motions like I am showing Mazzi the terrain," said the battle-field-commissioned infantryman. Their pantomime convinced this sentinel and they continued.

Eshleman and Mazzi finally reached the outskirts of Villers-la-Bonne-Eau, a village five miles southeast of Bastogne, but they decided to take to a side street "after we spotted some Nazis pushing a stalled truck off the road. So we found a little farmhouse and crawled into the ground floor," said Mazzi.

The pair jammed the front door shut with a table and built a fire on the floor to keep warm. The fire burned a hole in the floor and through the hole they discovered a cellar.

"The cellar was kinda crowded what with two dead cows," said Eshleman. "But we made out all right, even when the Jerries moved in above us. Their dog barked at us, but it barked at them, too, whenever they started snooping around."



Some of these veterans of the First, Third and Ninth Armies display a trophy won in the snow and blood of Europe, a swastika banner wrested from the Nazis.



Another Yank, Pvt. Frank Bushey, of Hackensack, N.J., grins broadly under the weight of his GI baggage as he brings home a battle souvenir, the fancy sword of a German colonel.

Doughs Call Roll After Capture of Enemy's Roster

WITH 99th DIV.—"We want Lt. Buschmann! We want Lt. Buschmann!"

Such cries as this, however, failed to produce the Volksgrenadier company commander. Members of the 395th Inf. Regt., who had captured the company roster, did



succeed in bringing in nearly everyone else in the company.

They just called the roll as Hitler's men wandered in to give up—but they claim they called it fairly and if Herr Lieutenant has to eat German rations now it's his own fault.

Silver Star Awarded To Maj. Gen. M. S. Eddy

Maj. Gen. Manton S. Eddy, commander of XII Corps, has been presented with the Silver Star by Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley. He was cited for reconnaissance missions made under heavy enemy artillery fire, once near Dielouard, France, and once near Han-sur-Neid.

'Jack of All Trades'

"Jack of All Trades," in the Ninth Div. 26th FA Bn., is Pfc Eugene Carrigan, who has been an instrument operator in a survey section, a member of a gun crew, a machine gunner, ammunition man, radio and telephone operator in an OP and a jeep driver. Now he is in the Fire Direction Center.

Waterborne GI and Pigeon Scout Nazi Pillbox Positions

WITH 84th INF. DIV. (Delayed).—Pvt. Edward G. Lautz Jr., of Tanawanda, N.Y., swam the Wurm River with a carrier pigeon on his back to get a good look at German pillbox and mortar positions in the area.

The patrol was suggested by Lautz himself, after previous patrols failed to accomplish the mission.

Squad Delivers Ammo, Captures SS Men, Guns

WITH NINTH INF. DIV.—The mission of 1/Lt. Marshall W. Potter and his crew was to deliver ammunition to forward infantry elements. They captured an entire SS squad and all its weapons in addition.

En route up front, the small group was pinned down by MG and rifle fire. The Saratoga Springs, N. Y., lieutenant picked two men and with them crawled toward the enemy flank, managing to get behind the machine-gun position. The Germans surrendered when they realized their plight.

300 Belgian Factories Supply Allied Troops

More than 300 Belgian factories are now producing supplies for the Allies, under reciprocal aid contracts, Com Z announced yesterday. The factories are a few hours by rail or truck from the battle lines.

Lautz blacked his face with charcoal and put the pigeon in a musette bag on his back. He planned to use the pigeon to deliver information in case he couldn't get back.

The doughboy struck out through a swamp and hit the river at a point about 30 feet wide. The current carried him 100 yards farther down the river than he planned.

He struggled to the opposite bank, however, and then proceeded about 600 yards down the west bank before he ran into a pillbox.

Lautz got back in the water and swam past the pillbox. Further downstream an old castle, used as a German CP, was ablaze from an American artillery barrage, lighting the area. The Germans saw the ripples in the water Lautz made as he swam and opened up with rifles and machine-guns, forcing the Rail-splitter Div. soldier to turn back.

Philosophical About It

When two Thunderbolts collided in a landing accident at a TAF base, tearing the engines off both, one mechanic was heard to remark, "Well, that's the fastest engine change I've ever seen."

Wounded Yank Saves Buddies

WITH FOURTH ARMORED DIV.—A wounded Fourth Armored Div. doughboy of Company A, Tenth Armored Inf. Bn. drove three ambulance-loads of his buddies to safety from the blazing hell of Chaumont, Belgium; before he let himself be evacuated. The Wellesley, Mass., rifleman, Pfc James W. Carey, 26, has been recommended for the Silver Star.

Carey was hit when his outfit ran into 17 Tiger tanks in the one-street village on the road to Bastogne. He helped fellow-casualties into an American ambulance which the Germans had captured when they broke into Belgium and then abandoned in Chaumont. He drove them to the aid station, then came back to make two more hauls.

His strength gone, Carey himself was a passenger on the fourth trip.

Thirsty GIs' Ruse May Save Lives

HONOLULU, Jan. 22 (ANS).—An idea born in the minds of beer-thirsty American troops in the Marshall Islands two years ago led to an aviation development now proposed for evacuation of wounded from battlefronts.

The idea, demonstrated at AAF Pacific Hq., is to slash the ends off the auxiliary gasoline tanks carried by P38s under each wing. A litter is then installed in each of the tanks. Officers said the plan has been sent to Wright Field to be developed.

It originated when soldiers on one of the Marshall Islands had beer and those on another had none. An unidentified genius conceived the plan of placing cases of beer in P38 auxiliary tanks and flying them to the dry island. It worked.

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Twenty-year-old Phyllis Otto unconsciously is causing a great deal of consternation among Big Ten golf coaches. Now a junior at Northwestern University Phyllis, a brown-haired lass with a golf swing as sweet as her smile, is making a serious bid for a place on the school's varsity squad.

Last autumn the gal from Atlantic Ia., fashioned a sizzling 70 on the Wildcat golf team's practice course. When Coach Ted Paysour heard of the feat, he started thumping frantically through the conference by-laws to see if she's eligible to compete on the NU varsity. And when Big Ten mentors heard of Paysour's idea, they headed for the wailing wall to pray that Ted couldn't locate the rule permitting Phyllis' participation.

IF PHYLIS joins the Wildcats, it won't be the first boys' team she's been on. As a high school freshman, she and six of her friends decided the school needed a golf team. So the seven 13-year-olds organized one and did so well in their senior year they went to the state tournament in Iowa. They surprised the field by winning the team title with Phyllis finishing second in the individual race.

AT 15 PHYLIS won the Iowa State title and added an Oak Leaf cluster to the cup two years later. She reached the semi-finals of the Trans-Mississippi tournament, was medallist in the Western



Coach Ted Paysour Phyllis Otto

Junior event, and captured the St. Paul Pro-Amateur, also finishing fourth last year in the Tam O'Shanter All-American and second in the Broadmoor Invitational at Colorado Springs.

With such a record, it's little wonder that Paysour's hoping to shatter Big Ten precedent by making her a member of his squad.

'Sudden Death' Bouts in Paris

A card of ten bouts at the Palais de Glace, Paris, last night ended in "sudden death" for seven contestants as 3,000 GIs attended the weekly boxing program, sponsored jointly by the Red Cross and Special Service.

The quickest knockout was credited to Sgt. Johnny Murdoch, of Philadelphia, who put away Pvt. Dick Vireick, of Gloucester, N.J., in 33 seconds of the first round. Two other first-round knockouts were scored by Pvt. Ivan Davis, Pittsburgh Negro, who defeated Pfc Jose Rivera, of New York City, in 1:10, a left hook finishing the Puerto Rican, who had won 16 professional fights in the States; and Pvt. Homer Johnson, of Hawthorne, Calif., who caught Sgt. Charley Porter, of Sacramento, Calif., with a wild, swinging right to win in 1:12.

LaCross Wins 6th Straight

Second-round TKOs were made by Pvt. Fred Sanestra, Chicago, over Pvt. Norman Holduc, Hartford, Conn.; Pvt. Vern LaCross, San Francisco, who won his sixth straight, over Cpl. Willie Brown, Little Rock, Ark.; Pfc. Bill Furlan, Hartford, Mich., kayoed Pvt. Frank Leal, Houston, Tex., in 50 seconds; and Pvt. Jimmie Johnson, Fort Worth, Tex., over Pvt. Fred McKenzie, Chicago, 1:30.

Pvt. Steve Antellas lost a decision to Pvt. Harvey Matthews, Detroit, in an interesting fight, the San Antonio boy losing because of a knockdown suffered in the second round.

The Program

Cpl. Charles Medary, Alexandria, La., and Pvt. Willie Boyd, Houston, Tex., drew; Pvt. Fred Sanetra, Chicago, TKO'd Pvt. Norman Bolduc, Hartford, Conn., second round; Pvt. Vern LaCross, San Francisco, TKO'd Cpl. Willie Brown, Little Rock, Ark., second round; Pvt. Harvey Matthews, Detroit, won decision from Pvt. Steve Antellas, San Antonio, Tex.; Pvt. Ivan Davis, Pittsburgh, knocked out Pfc. Jose Rivera, New York City, first round; Pvt. Homer Johnson, Hawthorne, Calif., knocked out Sgt. Charles Porter, Sacramento, first round; Pvt. John Thompson, New York City, won decision from Pvt. Warren Steffin, Des Moines, Ia.

Pvt. William Furlan, Hartford, Mich., knocked out Pvt. Frank Leal, Houston, Tex., second round.



Hockey Players 'In Stitches'

Montreal Spanks Detroit; 'Toe' Blake is Suspended

DETROIT, Jan. 22.—The Montreal Canadiens and Detroit Red Wings engaged in a knock-down-and-drag-out National Hockey League game here last night with the Canadiens winning, 6-3. Detroit's Earl Seibert had eight stitches taken over his left eye, Bill Quackenbush donated one tooth and had two stitches sewn in his lip, and Buddy O'Connor absorbed a wallop on the head that required stitching. Toe Blake, Montreal's high scorer, was under suspension and didn't play.

'Act' by Waner Had Top Billing

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Sitting in the middle of the floor of a room in the Hotel Astor were Arthur "Red" Patterson, Herald Tribune sportswriter, and Al Schact, Clown Prince of Baseball, just returned from the CBI Theater with Paul Waner, Dixie Walker and Luke Sewell. They were debating such things as military tactics and how to hit a curve ball.

"I'm telling you that guy Chenault can really pitch," Patterson was saying. "But things went bad for him in the ninth inning. Somebody belted a homer right between Waner's legs and that broke up the ball game. We wanted to take him outta there, but he's a two-star general and the game was being played in Kunming. The nearest guy with enough rank to derrick him was in Chungking, so we lost the ball game."

The highlight of their USO show in the Pacific, Schact said, was when Patterson told what an awful rumpot Waner was. "He would then hand Paul the microphone and tell him to say a few words," Schact continued, "and Waner would walk over to the mike and unload a sensational belch. It brought down the house."

Durocher Troupe Returns

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Leo Durocher, Brooklyn Dodgers' manager; Joe Medwick, Giants' outfielder; Nick Etten, Yankee firstsacker, and Tom Meany, PM. sportswriter, returned from a tour of Africa and Italy Saturday after entertaining servicemen on a USO tour.

Baseball Congress Binds Players to Rigid Pact

WICHITA, Kan., Jan. 22.—All civilian players of teams in the National Baseball Congress have been placed under a nationwide contract which binds them for one year, unless released officially, President Ray Dumont announced today.

Failure to abide by the contract terms will result in a player being barred in the Congress' affiliated leagues and tournaments for two years. A club signing an outlawed player will be suspended indefinitely.

Brooklyn Sports Editor Dies

KEW GARDENS, L.I., Jan. 22.—William J. Granger, 68, sports editor of the Brooklyn Citizen for 38 years and one-time bowler, died today at Kew Gardens General Hospital as the result of a heart attack. He was a charter member of the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Requests July 4th Manila Boxing Show

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 22.—If Yanks on Luzon continue their splendid work to rid the island of Japs, they may see a boxing program in Manila, July 4.

Boxing Promoter Joe Waterman, who helped arrange the first boxing bouts at Manila's Olympic Stadium in 1918, revealed he has been asked to arrange an Independence Day program. The request came from Eddie Tail, Philippine sports promoter, who left Manila a step ahead of the Japs.

Ray Mangrum Tucson Victor

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 22.—Ray Mangrum, of Los Angeles, set a new competitive course record for the El Rio Country Club with a 64 on the final round to capture the \$5,000 Tucson Open golf tournament with a 72-hole total of 268 here yesterday. Byron Nelson, of Toledo, needed a birdie on the last hole to tie Mangrum, but he drove out-of-bounds and his chip shot fell short, the big money-winner of 1944 getting a five on the hole. Nelson shot a 67 in the morning round, which included a two-stroke penalty on the 16th, where he drove into a haystack. Mangrum won \$1,333.33 in war bonds.

Jim Gauntt, of Ardmore, Okla., was third with 271, Harold "Jug" McSpaden was fourth a stroke behind, and Sammy Snead and Willie Goggin were tied for fifth with 273.

Slocum Award To McKechnie

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—William McKechnie, manager of the Cincinnati Reds, will receive the Bill Slocum Memorial Award for outstanding contributions to baseball over a period of years at the 22nd annual banquet of the New York chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association, Feb. 4, it was announced today. Branch Rickey, president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, was the only previous recipient of the award.

McKechnie started his career with the Washington, Pa., club in 1906, reached the big leagues four years later, playing third base with the Pittsburgh Pirates. The Deacon of Wilkensburg, Pa., piloted the pennant-winning Pirates in 1925, the St. Louis Cardinals in 1928, and the Reds in 1939 and 1940. He won the World Series in 1925 and 1940, losing to the Yankees the other two years.

Illini Gridder Missing

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Jan. 22.—Lt. Col. Thomas J. Riggs, Illinois football captain in 1940, has been missing in action since Dec. 22, his wife, Mrs. Maxine Riggs, was notified today by the War Department.

Blake Suspended

MONTREAL, Jan. 22.—Mervyn "Red" Dutton, president of the NHL, last night slapped an indefinite suspension on Hector "Toe" Blake, Montreal center, for attacking Walter Atanas, of the Rangers, here Saturday night. "Blake will be withheld from all hockey competition until the case has been thoroughly investigated," Dutton said.

Leafs Bow to Hawks

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—The Chicago Black Hawks came out of a long losing streak to upset the Toronto Maple Leafs, 4-0, with Billy Mosienko and Don Grosso scoring all the goals. Clint Smith had three assists.

Bruins Defeat Rangers

BOSTON, Jan. 22.—Eight different Boston players figured in the scoring as the Bruins crushed the New York Rangers, 14-3, with Bill Cowley getting four tallies. Ken Smith had three goals and Frank Mario two.

Hockey Standings National League

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	24	5	2	50
Detroit	19	8	4	42
Toronto	15	14	2	32
Boston	11	18	1	23
New York	6	17	1	19
Chicago	5	19	4	14

American League

Cleveland	8	Buffalo	2
Providence	4	Indianapolis	3

Six Chicago Wrestlers Headed for ETO Tour

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Benny Rubin, local wrestling promoter, announced today that six professional grapplers from the Chicago area are leaving "immediately for Europe to show their stuff before overseas servicemen."

Six wrestlers who'll make the trip are: George Mack, Jerry Gordon, Harold Sabath, Jack Ross, Gay Young and Pete Schue.

Kane Heads Navy Athletics

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Cmdr. William "Killer" Kane, former Naval Academy star athlete and Pacific war hero, has been appointed Chief of Naval Athletics and the physical training program.

Draft Boards Call Top-Line Sports Stars

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—The War Department's recent rulings, which reserved to itself the right to reject, defer or discharge prominent athletes while the work-or-fight legislation is pending, have left sports leaders in a spot where they can just watch and wait for developments. Any plans they may make for coming athletic activities will be largely tentative until definite action is taken in Washington.



During the past week, it became increasingly evident that draft boards throughout the nation have started taking action on the suggestion from War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes that availability for service of deferred athletes will be further investigated. Inductions reached a peak among top-line sports figures during the week.

Six From Baseball

Six baseball players were called last week, all but Ray Mack, Cleveland second sacker, being sworn in. Mack, a "temporary reject," said he'd retire from baseball and continue work in a war plant for the duration. Stan Musial, Cardinal outfielder; Allie Reynolds, Cleveland pitcher; Johnny Gorsica, Detroit hurler; Hugh Luby, Giant infielder, and Bill Fleming, Chicago Cub pitcher, now are in uniform.

Two boxing champions were sworn in, Willie Pep, featherweight



and Mangel Ortiz, bantamweight titleholder; pocket billiards sent World Champion Willie Mosconi to Uncle Sam; big league hockey, Bill Jennings, with Norman Calladine and Jack Crawford, of the Boston Bruins, due to be called very shortly; college football, Claude "Buddy" Young, to Great Lakes Naval Training Center, and college basketball, Carl Meinhold, Long Island U. freshman forward

Bosox Lose 3rd Catcher To Selective Service

BOSTON, Jan. 22.—The Boston Red Sox are looking for at least one catcher for their spring training activities, now that Selective Service has taken their third, and last, receiver. Bill Conroy was inducted yesterday and Hal Wagner and Roy Partee, who shared the 1944 backstop duties, had previously been grabbed by Uncle Sam.

Mel Deutsch, rookie pitcher who toiled for Louisville last year, also has entered the service.

The Question Box

Sgt. Joseph E. Engle—Mel Ott was born Mar. 2, 1909, at Gretna, Pa.

S/Sgt. O. W. Bedell—In the POI Bowl game played in Hawaii this year, Navy defeated Seventh AF, 13 to 0.

Pvt. Al Turri—Results of the 1945 Bowl games: Bose Bowl: Southern California 25, Tennessee 0; Cotton Bowl: Oklahoma Aggies 34, Texas Christian 0; Sugar Bowl: Duke 29, Alabama 26; Orange Bowl: Tulsa 26, Georgia Tech. 12; Sun Bowl: Southwestern (Tex.) 35, Mexico University 0; Shrine East-West game: West 13, East 7.

Pvt. George DeBaptist—Connie Mack's \$100,000 infield consisted of Stuffy McInnis, 1b; Eddie Collins, 2b; Jack Barry, ss; and Frank Baker, 3b.

Cpl. Charles R. Ford—Fritzie Zivic fought Henry Armstrong three times. Won the welterweight title in 15 round decision, 1940; kayoed Armstrong in 12 rounds in 1941, and lost in 10 rounds (decision) in 1942.

Pvt. Lewis Zan—The only major leaguers to hit four home runs in one game were Bob Lowe, Braves, 1894; Ed Delahanty, Phillies, 1896; Lou Gehrig, Yankees, 1932, and Chuck Klein, Phillies, 1936. Tony Lazzeri twice hit three in one game, 1927, 1936, both times as a Yankee.

Sgt. John Squires—The official world's pole vault record is 15 feet, 5 3/4 inches, held by Cornelius Warmerdam.

Cpl. Ervin Hanstedt—The Green Bay Packers defeated the New York Giants, 14-7, in the '44 pro football playoff.

Pfc. William Young—Pittsburgh defeated Washington, 21-0, in the 1937 Rose Bowl.

Pvt. Hyman Pechman—A batter can reach first base, without hitting the ball, four ways: 1) a walk; 2) hit by pitched

ball; 3) catcher missing a third strike; 4) catcher interfering with the batter. You are both wrong about the balk. Only baserunners can advance. A batter advances only if the balk occurs after he has three balls called on him. The balk gives him a base on balls, in that case.

Pvt. Hubert Carlock—Joe Louis has suffered one defeat as a pro, a 12th-round KO by Max Schmeling, June 19, 1936.

M/Sgt. Arthur B. Calabuse—Mort Cooper's World Series records: won 2, lost 3; All-star record: won 0, lost 2.

T/4 Jerry Dye—Port Arthur won the Texas prep school football championship in '44.

T/5 Arthur Heil—Stanford generally was conceded to be the best college basketball team in the country in 1942 and Wyoming likewise in 1943.

Sgt. S. G. Metcalf—George Herman "Babe" Ruth played with the following teams in organized baseball: Baltimore-Providence, of the International League, part of 1914 season; Boston Red Sox, 1914 to 1919, sold to New York Yankees for \$125,000, Jan., 1920; played with Yanks until end of 1934 season, then played 28 games during 1935 season with Boston Braves. Elected to Hall of Fame, 1936. Coach for Brooklyn Dodgers 1938, retired end of that season.

Pfc. George Ryan—Ty Cobb stole 96 bases with Detroit in 1915 for his best season's mark.

T/5 Norman Turk—Oregon State beat Duke, 20-16, in the 1942 Rose Bowl game, played at Durham, N.C.

T/Sgt. M. R. Maggio—Fred Apostoli's boxing career began in 1934 (National AAU middleweight champion), so he apparently didn't fight in Bucharest, Rumania, in 1932.

Tracy Given Rest

Further adventures of Dick Tracy at The Stars and Stripes. Last week several strips of Tracy were printed before their turn. To make this up with the mail, Detective Tracy will lay off for three days. See you then.



Daffynition of a sailor suit: A girdle with legs.

Pfc William Stoffers sends in this quip: There's no danger in a man chasing women. The trouble starts when he catches one.

And another unsigned verse left in our typewriter:

It takes a wedding to make a fellow learn,
For at first he thinks she's his'n,
But later learns he's her'n.

Proposed Army classification designation for KP Pusher: Efficiency expert, mess.

Fun on the home front. The young kid looked up at his father and asked, "Dad, how do you catch



lunatics? Papa puffed his pipe and sighed, "With face powder, beautiful dresses and pretty smiles, my son."

Caustic comment. One WAC asked another, "Is Madge still looking for her ideal man?" "Heavens, no," replied her chum, "She's far too busy looking for a husband."

The fag shortage back home must be terrific. An Oregon man walked into a railroad depot and bought a pack of cigarettes from a slot machine. On the cover was a picture of Lillian Russell and the tax stamp was dated March 1, 1900.

Some gagster has suggested that one of the French burlesque shows be called "Stars and Strips."

Comment from the 479th Fighter Gp: "And then there was the GI who established quite a reputation for valor back home when it was learned that he manned an LCS. Little did the folks know that the initials were those of a trade name of a typewriter. But, anyway, the guy was awarded the Distinguished Ribbon with two asterisk clusters."

J. C. W.

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Time TODAY	1815—Concert
1200—News	1830—GI Journal
1210—Summary	1901—Raymond Scott
1215—Music	1920—Music Hall
1301—Bandbox	2000—World News
1400—News	2005—U.K. News
1410—Melody	2010—Canada News
1430—RCAF Band	2015—Johnny Mercer
1501—Music	2030—AEF Band
1530—Diary	2100—News
1545—Record	2105—Ch. McCarthy
1625—I'll Play	2135—Dinah Shore
1700—News	2201—U.S. News
1715—Canada Show	2207—Hit Parade
1800—News	2235—Pacific Music
1805—Mark up Map	2301—News
1810—Sports	

TOMORROW	0900—News
0601—Rise and shine	0930—Summary
0700—News	0935—Canada Music
0715—Dinah Shore	1001—AEF Band
0725—Summary	1030—Music
0730—Army Radio	1102—U.S. News
0801—Diary	1106—Duffie Bag
0815—Album	1145—Piano Parade
0830—Music	

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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

SWAP: Hittig A.G. Dresden, anastigmat Hittar 36-5 5 lens, size to 180mm, accessories, for 35mm.—Pvt. Joe E. Miller.

WANTED: Leica or Contax.—Lt. W. B. Robinson.

APOs WANTED

W/C Robert Jayle, New Orleans, La.; Oliver Hoffmeyer, Jefferson City, Mo.; Joe Loyed, Alton, Ill.; Pvt. Sal Idrizzi; Tony Lebrana, River Rouge, Mich.; Sgt. Paul L. Lidbotten, St. Louis; Pvt. Dominic Lucia, San Francisco; Paul Mulen, Turtle Creek; Anne McQuire, Devon, Conn.; Pvt. George D. Nuby, 34893079

Li'l Abner

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By Al Capp



Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

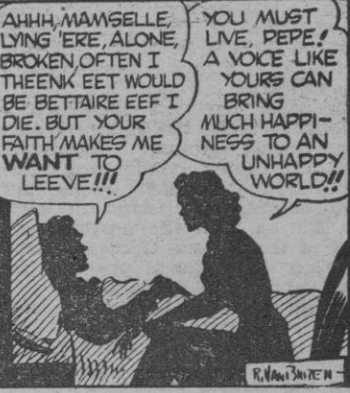
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Abbie an' Slat

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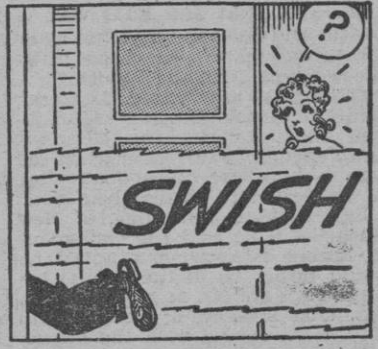
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Napoleon and Uncle Elby

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Jane

By Courtesy of The London Daily Mirror

By Norman Pett



Tarlac, Vital Highway, Rail Center, Falls to Advancing Yanks on Luzon

City, 2 Airfields Are Taken by Tank Units

Two U.S. Sixth Army columns, spearheading southward on Luzon, have captured the city of Tarlac, one of the most important highway and railway centers on the Philippine Island, Gen. MacArthur announced yesterday.

Tarlac and its two airfields fell Friday night (Saturday Paris time) to tank units which enveloped the city from two directions then joined up and drove east to capture Victoria and La Paz.

Navy and Army airmen continued to give the ground troops strong support, smashing at Japanese communication lines. Five bridges, supply dumps and highways were strafed and 15 Jap planes shot down.

68,000 Japs Killed

Gen. MacArthur also disclosed the first casualty report on the Luzon fighting. He said that more than 68,000 Japs had been killed and more than 600 captured in the three-week battle.

There was no confirmation from Washington of the Tokyo claim that U.S. carrier-based aircraft were again striking at Formosa and the Ryukyus islands.

In other parts of the Pacific-Asiatic theaters, the Japanese also were losing ground. Southeast Asia Command headquarters announced that British troops had invaded a strategic island off western Burma. In the northeastern part of the Burma, Chinese troops were on the verge of opening the land supply route into China.

In air activity, 14th AF planes destroyed or damaged 57 Jap planes in a raid on Shanghai airfields Saturday.

In the central Pacific, U.S. Marine planes blasted the Bonins, while in the north Pacific, Navy search planes bombed Jap islands in the Kuriles.

Jones Yields ...

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"very unfortunate." Several other Senators, both Democratic and Republican, said that Wallace was not qualified for the job. Sen. Taft (R-Ohio), chairman of the Republican Steering Committee, predicted a Senate fight of historic proportions.

President Roosevelt, in his letter to Jones, said: "Henry Wallace deserves almost any service which he believes he can satisfactorily perform." The President mentioned Wallace's work during the campaign, saying that he worked hard for the success of the Democratic ticket although he was not himself a candidate. Wallace, the President added, advanced the opinion that he could do the "greatest amount of good in the Department of Commerce, for which he is fully suited."

History Made As Yank Slept

SOUTHAMPTON, Jan. 22.—Cpl. Walter F. Riehl, 27-year-old infantryman, of Cumberland, Md., was asleep in a bunk of an LCI, which was ready to chug across the Channel to France recently, when he was awakened by the hubbub aboard and found that he had made history.

While he was still yawning and stretching, his buddies prodded him awake enough to hear the ship's loudspeaker system blaring out that he was the 2,000,000th U.S. Army soldier to embark from the U.K. for the Continent since D-Day.

Riehl, who has been in the Army 17 months, was formerly a machine operator in Cumberland, where his wife, Dorothy, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Riehl, live.

French Trained to Find Mines and Booby Traps

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—"Countless" casualties have been suffered in liberated France from mines and booby traps left by retreating Germans, and U.S. troops are training a corps of French civilians to detect and remove them, the War Department disclosed.

In the Havre area, two American engineers and 28 volunteer Frenchmen removed more than 1,200 mines and booby traps.



Arrows show where Sixth Army troops advanced yesterday

War in ETO More Civilized, Say Veterans Now on Luzon

WITH THE SIXTH ARMY, Luzon, Jan. 22 (AP).—Three New York soldiers who made landings on both the Normandy and Luzon beaches are agreed that Germans are better fighters than the Japs, that the ETO war is more civilized than the Pacific battle and that the Filipinos welcome to the invading United States forces was more spontaneous than the welcome from the French.

"Germans are better fighters," said Sgt. Arnold Epstein, of Brooklyn, "but at least the Germans know enough to surrender when the case is hopeless. Japs don't stop, so you've got to go dig them out."

Sgt. Richard Donoghue, of New Rochelle, N.Y., said the equipment in Europe is better but added he would rather be in the Pacific because Japs are not as good fighters. Sgt. Otis Bradley, of Long Island City, N.Y., agreed with the others.

Bradley had to swim ashore off Normandy and again off Luzon. In Normandy his boat hit a mine, while in the latter area his landing craft hit a sandbar.

Three Generals Shifted In Superfort Commands

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22 (ANS).—Gen. H. H. Arnold announced today the reassignment of three general officers of the 20th and 21st Bomber Commands. Both B29 units have been bombing Tokyo and Japan.

Maj. Gen. Curtis E. LeMay becomes CG of the 21st BC, on Saipan, succeeding Brig. Gen. Haywood S. Hansell, who will return to the U. S. LeMay, who has been commanding the 20th BC in China will be succeeded by Brig. Gen. Roger M. Ramey, former Chief of Staff for 21st BC. Ramey formerly commanded Fifth BC on Papua.

First Field Commission

First battlefield commission in the history of the 164th Eng. Combat Bn. was awarded recently to Herman L. Berken, of Rayne, La.

One Against Many

Nazis Set the Trap—He Sprang It

WITH SECOND INF. DIV., Jan. 22.—Holding ground despite a hail of steel and lead from Tiger tanks, a lone machine-gunner of Co. I, 23rd Inf.—Pfc Richard Cowan, of Wichita, Kan.—kept an enemy force at bay while his company escaped a Jerry trap in Belgium.

Six German attacks were driven back with staggering losses. On the seventh try, Capt. Charles B. MacDonald's men fought stubbornly, but when the tanks fired point blank in the foxholes, they withdrew.

Casualties were so heavy that less than 20 men could be located to set up a firebreak. Led by a Tiger, 80 Jerries closed in on the handful of Americans. Cowan killed at least half.

German Gunner Goes Over the Hill by Chute

A NINTH AF FIGHTER BASE, Belgium, Jan. 22.—A tail-gunner on a German bomber decided the other night he had been fighting long enough. When he made his decision, his plane was over the Allied lines in Belgium, but he was a resolute Nazi. He went over the hill then and there—and bailed out into the waiting arms of an MP unit of the Ninth AF's 366th Fighter Group. The AWOL Jerry, slightly injured when he landed, said he knew he was over the U. S. lines because of the heavy flak.

Eastern Bulge Collapsing; 3rd Nears Border

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reported The Stars and Stripes Correspondent Pat Mitchell. Doughs found few booby traps and only minefields, he said.

Pursuing the enemy were the Sixth and 11th Armored Divs. and the Fifth, 80th and 90th Infantry Divs. which swept forward four and one-half miles and took seven towns, he reported.

Advances depended more on the degree of traction armor could get on the slippery roads than on enemy resistance, Mitchell reported. Nine miles north of Bastogne, the 11th Armored took Buret-Laville. Sixth Armored, plowing more than four miles ahead, took Troine and Crendal, northeast of Bastogne. The 90th Div. took Derenbach, seven miles east of Bastogne. Two miles north of Diekirch, 80th Div. doughs seized Kehman and Bourscheid, while Fifth Div. men cleaned out Landscheid, four miles north of Diekirch.

First Army tanks, which took the town of Born, lunged 1,000 yards eastward to within three miles of St. Vith on the north flank.

On the south, men of Third Army's 26th Div. and Sixth Cav. Gp. drove into the Luxembourg town of Wiltz. Fifth Div. infantrymen advanced five miles northwest of Diekirch and other Third Army forces neared Vianden.

In Alsace, French First Army troops were pressing their attack in the Vosges in snowstorms which cut communications to the point where details of the mountain assault could not be transmitted via Sixth Army Gp. to SHAEFF PRD.

British Troops Gain

British forces launched a new attack east of Breberen, in the Dutch panhandle, and gained 2,000 yards. This advance widened the base of the Second Army attack to about 12 miles.

Echterbosch, midway along the British front, was taken by Tommies whose line runs through the panhandle and into the hook of Germany which juts into Holland 30 miles north of Aachen.

The First Army advance toward St. Vith moved both west and east of Born where doughs rounded up 165 prisoners and smashed eight self-propelled guns and four tanks. Westward, 75th Div. infantrymen gained 1,000 yards toward St. Vith from the eastern edges of the Grand Bois which they had been clearing.

Third Army's Sixth Armored Div. entered Stocken and captured Hoffelt 12 miles northeast of Bastogne.

On their right, 90th Div. doughs pushed on to Brochtenbach, three miles east of Oberwampach. Southward, Third Army men took Noertrange to the northwest of Wiltz on the north side of the Wiltz River. Fifth Div. men took Lipperscheid northwest of Diekirch.

South of Echterbosch, below the sagging salient, 94th Div. doughs were battling SS men of the 11th Panzer Div. in Wies.

Russians Take 3 Rail Centers In East Prussia

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through blizzards to make fresh gains in the push west to link up with Koniev's Army. The most important gains of the day, however, were on the north central Polish front between Bromberg and Posen.

Ground Suitable for Tanks

The capture of Gniezno, 28 miles northwest of Posen, and Labiszyn, 50 miles northwest of Gniezno, indicates that Zhukov's army may be drawing together for a push to the Reich border between Bromberg and Posen.

This area has flat, high ground, suitable for winter tank warfare. One Moscow observer tonight said that one prong of Zhukov's army probably would attempt to smash north up the Polish corridor and cut off the Germans in East Prussia.

Not Crippled Yet

Although the powerful Red Army offensives are devouring great chunks of territory daily, there are as yet no official indications that the Germans are suffering crippling losses in men or that they are in disorderly retreat. To the contrary, there are signs that the Germans have managed to extricate the larger part of their 135 central-front divisions and have pulled them back into the Reich for a stand before the Oder River.

The figures which Moscow gives in estimating German casualties—for instance 90,000 in a week of fighting in Poland—indicate that the Germans have managed to retain most of their strength despite the swift retreat. There have been no reports that the Soviet forces have pocketed any large groups of Nazi troops.

Dispatches from Moscow indicate that the Russians feel that the great winter battles of the Eastern Front will be fought on the snow-covered plains east of the Oder. That is where Hitler built his East Wall, and perhaps it is there that the Germans hope to hold off the Red Army until the mud and slush of spring begins to impair its mobility.

9th AF Blasts 2,800 Vehicles

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damaged practically the entire convoy. Another near-1,500 concentration of vehicles was trapped in the vicinity of Prum, and was almost demolished before the 19th withdrew. Total destruction reported by the 19th included 1,174 motor transport with another 523 reported damaged. The Ninth TAC claimed the destruction of 399 vehicles and the damage of 63.

Although the 29th TAC flew less than 200 sorties of the day's total, its pilots reported the destruction of the bulk of the rail rolling stock, with 538 cars destroyed and 298 damaged.

Convoy Pulverized

Stars and Stripes Correspondent Pat Mitchell reported that the first concentration was spotted by a Fifth Div. liaison plane pilot, adjusting artillery on main and secondary roads. More than 1,500 vehicles, in bumper-to-bumper concentration, were milling on the west bank of the Our River. Artillery fire complemented the 19th TAC's assault, and the convoy was pulverized.

Marauders, Invaders and Havocs of the Ninth's Bomber Command struck at three bridges besides the one at Dasburg, as they flew more than 300 sorties. Previously-bombed bridges at Simmern, Bullay and Sinzig were the other targets, as well as a vital road junction at Blankenheim on the escape route between Prum and Euskirchen. Bombing was done in overcast weather.

Strategic blows by the Eighth AF continued yesterday as a force of 200 Flying Forts, escorted by 100 Mustangs, sprang new leaks in Hitler's ebbing oil supply with an attack on the synthetic oil works of Sterkrade.

Bad Weather Delays Crack Trains in States

NEW YORK, Jan. 22 (ANS).—Two of New York Central's fastest express trains—the 20th Century Limited and Commodore Vanderbilt—arrived from Chicago today ten and a half hours and five and a half hours late, respectively. Officials attributed the delays to heavy freight traffic and bad weather in upstate New York.