Have you anything else?

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Brandenburg and Silesian Towns Fall to Red Armies



Marshal Zhukov's famed artillerymen rumble through a debris-littered town in Brandenburg, Germany, which has fallen to the First White Russian Army.

## Koniev Army Near Cottbus, **Nazis Admit**

Marshal Ivan Koniev's troops, who have smashed nearly a dozen enemy river lines since the winter offensive began, last night were engaged in stiff fighting at several places along 70 miles of the winding Neisse River in an effort to drive through the southern flank of German defenses protecting Berlin, the Associated Press in

Berlin, the Associated Press in Moscow reported.
Only scant information on latest developments in this sector were available in the Soviet capital, but Cormans said that Koniev's forward elements were within ten miles of Cottbus, keystone city of Berlin's southern defense arc. Cottbus is on a four-lane super-highway conting with Berlin, 70 miles to the onthwest.

The AP in Moscow said that warmer weather had turned the marshy territory around the Neisse, Bober and Queis Rivers into a sea of mud, seriously hampering Red supply columns trying to catch up with Koniev's troops who have moved 80 miles west, in the last ten days.

ten days.

Army Reaches Strehlen

A Reuter report from Moscow said that Koniev was moving up to the Neisse "in strength" after gain-ing substantial ground east of Cotthour period that ended Saturday night. The southern prong of Koniev's army reached the outskirts of Strehlen, important Silesian town on the main Breslau-Moravia rail line.

West of Breslau, other Koniev troops were reported by the United Press nearing the area of Lauban, 13 miles east of Goerlitz, largest town before Dresden. This force apparently had driven southwest from captured Bunzlau, the UP said. Lauban is on the Queis River. Fighting of only local importance occurred on Marshal Gregory Zhukov's front along the Oder, 40 miles from Berlin. Enemy reports said Koniev's troops were applying pressure against enemy defenses north of Ratibor, as well as be(Continued on Page 8) West of Breslau, other Koniev

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#### **Argentina Charges** Hostile Act to Nazis

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 18 (AP).—
In its most sharply-worded note since the outbreak of the war, the Argentine government today accused Germany of seeking to bar sate conduct to a number of Argentine diplomats in Sweden. The government declared the retention would be regarded as a "hostile would be regarded as a "hostile act," calling for measures "in de-fense of our sovereignty and citi-

The note, issued by Foreign Minister Ameghino, states that Germany threatens to retain from among 1,200 Argentine consular agents in Sweden a number equal to the number of German agents in Lisbon to whom the British government has refused safe conduct.

#### Stettinius Visits Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 18 (AP).

—U.S. Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius conferred with President Getulio Vargas today prior to proceeding to Mexico City for the inter-American conference which opens Wednesday. Stettinius came here from the Crimea conference.



Nearing the outskirts of a German industrial town in Silesia, infantrymen of Marshal Koniev's First Ukrainian Army prowl through a destroyed street in search of German snipers.

# Air, Seaborne Troops Join To Win Most of Corregidor

#### Drama of Invasion Told by Eyewitness

The following description of how American troops landed on Corregidor was written by a reporter for International News Service who was at the scene.

By Howard Handelman

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CORREGIDOR, Feb. 18.—Paratroops under Col. George Jones, of Memphis, Tenn., began landing nine at a time, at 8:37 AM, Friday, from Douglas DC3s which flew from new Mindoro airfields.
Corregidor's golf course and parade grounds were terribly small targets, too small even for nine men to hit regularly, and a few drifted in the stiff wind to dangle from trees on precipitous cliffs of sall all the way beyond the cliffs to the ocean, where Catalina planes

sail all the way beyond the cliffs to the ocean, where Catalina planes and PT boats attempted rescues.

Transport planes circled over Corregidor's "Topside," dropping men and supplies. Half of Jones' 503rd Parachute Regiment dropped in an hour.

Meanwhile, our convoy of LCMs slowly moved into open sea under the protection of destroyers and LCIs. Our boats were due to hit south dock flatland. One destroyer lay broadside to the island, pouring full salvos of five-inchers on to the beach. LCI rocket boats whipexplosives against the cliffs,

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#### Skagerrak Sea Battle Reported By Stockholm

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (UP).— CBS reported today from Stock-holm that people living on the Swedish coast had witnessed a ter-rific Allied sea and air attack against a German convoy in the Skagerrak last night.— A Swedish broadcast said that for four hours Allied ships and

A Swedish broadcast said that for four hours Allied ships and planes kept up the attack on the German convoy, which apparently was steaming southward from Nor- 21 Allied officers who had hidden out there since 1942.

#### Hand-to-Hand Battle **Follows Landings**

MANILA, Feb. 18 (UP)—American troops, fighting hand to hand against Japanese defenders at some points, today had almost completed the reconquest of Corregidor, the fortress island at the mouth of Manila Bay.

The Americans engaged were paratroopers and seaborne troops who had carried out smoothly coordinated landings on Friday.

American planes, softening up the island for the landings, struck one

#### The Right View

BATAAN PENINSULA, Feb. 16 (Delayed) (AP).—Gen. Douglas MacArthur today returned in triumph to Bataan, scene of the gallant but hopeless stand of American forces in 1942. The general rode in his jeep,

then walked to the most forward positions on the east coast of the peninsula where he could watch troops swarming ashore on Corre-gidor,

of the heaviest air blows of the Pacific war. Ships of the U.S. Seventh Fleet knocked out many Japanese guns in a point-blank bombardment.

As the paratroopers dropped onto Corregidor, the Japanese opened up with machine-gun and rifle fire. The paratroopers, members of The paratroopers, members of the 503rd Parachute Regt., cleared the lightly defended plateau called "Topside" and fanned out to attack

"Topside" and fanned out to attack Japanese gun emplacements and other objectives from above.

Then infantrymen of the U.S. 24th Div. ferried across from Bataan, swarmed up the southern shore of Corregidor, in the area of San Jose Point, and joined the paratroopers in rooting the Japanese out of pillboxes, caves and tunnels.

tunnels. In southern Manila, U.S. troops

# 3rd Army Gains; Canadian First Moves On Goch

U.S. Third Army forces blasted a mile and a half into the fortified fringes of Germany on the central front between Prum and Echternach yesterday, while 150 miles northward Canadian First Army troops were reported to have entered the eastern perimeter defenses of Goch, one of the key bastions at the northern tip of the Siegfried Line.

Between the two wedges into the Western German defenses, the lull continued on the British Second, U.S. Ninth

and U.S. First Armies' fronts, Southward, toward the upper Rhineland, however, Ger-

Four Landings Tried on Iwo,

Radio Tokyo reported yesterday that American forces had made four attempts to land on Iwo Jima, in the Volcano Islands 750 miles south of Tokyo, but U.S. Pacific Fleet Hq. at Guam said only that Iwo still was under naval and air attack

Tokyo Claims

Adm. Nimitz, in his communique yesterday, did not mention any continuation of the American carrier-plane assault on the Tokyo area. The Japanese radio said that the enemy homeland had not been attacked yesterday.

A huge American task force sent out wave after wave of carrier planes to strike Tokyo and other targets on Honshu Island Friday and Saturday. But so far there has been no extensive report on the damage inflicted. On Saturday, Adm. Nimitz said the damage was substantial.

Radio Tokyo, in reporting four American attempts to land on Iwo Jima, said that all of them had been repulsed.

Warships of the U.S. Fifth Fleet began their pounding of Iwo on Friday and they were still at it yesterday.

#### New Party for Japan

In the wake of the American carrier plane attacks on Tokyo, a Japanese broadcast yesterday stated that the powerful Imperial Rule Assistance Committee would meet with Premier Koiso and consider formation of a "new political party."

mans counter-attacked U.S. Seventh Army positions repeatedly near Sarreguemines and Forbach. The enerry attacks were thrown back by infantry and artillery.

Elements of three Third Army divisions struck out along a 28-mile front e arly yesterday morning. They crossed two rivers, gained up to a mile at four points and deepened the Luxembourg bridgehead to four miles, reported S. and S. Correspondent Patrick Mitchell.

Doughs of the 80th Inf. Div., in a three-pronged attack, reached a point three miles north of Bollendorf.

point three miles north of Bollendorf.

Fifth Inf. Div. men who crossed the Enz River, a tributary of the Prum River, occupied high ground four miles northeast of Bollendorf.

Men of the 80th Inf. Div. also shot spearheads to the vicinity of Hommerdingen, four miles northwest of Bollendorf, while another thrust stabbed northward to a point two miles north of Wallendorf at the junction of the Our and Sauer.

Advance Against Artillery

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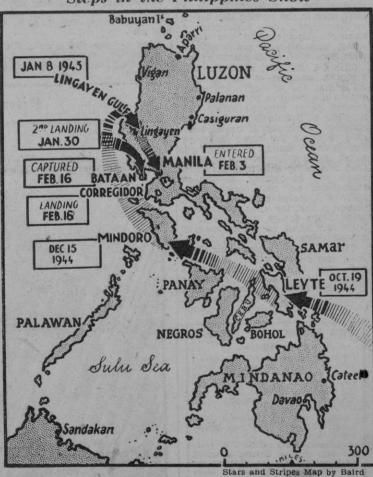
Fifth Div. doughs, driving toward the northeast, advanced against artillery and nebelwerfer fire to within a half-mile of the Prum River. This stream, the next water barrier confronting bridgehead forces, parallels the Luxembourg-German frontier rivers, the Our and the Sauer.

Third Army mechanized cavalry crossed the Our River north of the bridgehead and drove a half mile to occupy the high ground between Vianden and Dasburg. North of Dasburg. doughs of the 90th Inf. Div. reached Kesfeld, a town eight miles from Dasburg.

Pounding the West Front's northern hook deeper into the Rhine elbow, British, Scottish and Welsh troops of the Canadian Army forged a semi-circle around Goch, the (Continued on Page 8) Fifth Div. doughs, driving toward

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#### Steps in the Philippines Show



MacArthur's drive to free the Philippines, which began at Leyte last October, picked up speed with the start of the new year.



Poor Man

For quite a long time I have been harboring a really serious complaint, but only recently has it finally become unbearable—namely because of the Army Signal Corps picture "Pickup." I feel that it is your duty as the organ of the enlisted man to appeal to the powers that be to halt this vicious flood of propaganda which is turning good, red-blooded Americans against all womanhood.

When I entered the Army I was

When I entered the Army, I was instructed in the dangers of loose sexual contacts, and the results were, I believe, beneficial. But as were, I believe, beneficial. But astime went on and I was exposed to more and more and more lectures, booklets and films on the subject. I noticed a distinct neurosis developing in my attitude toward women—all women. In days of yore, I would stand in front of the corner drugstore and indulge, with my companions, in the good old American custom of whistling at all the pretty girls who passed. And if, perchance, one glanced demurely my way and quickly lowered her eyes, I received an electric shock in my spine which kept me pepped up for the balance of the day.

Observe the change which has

Observe the change which has come over me now. Lovely blondes accost me with "Hello, Babee." But no thrill runs up and down my spine. Instead, the memory of the poor sucker in the film "Pickup" and the lunatic who continually stroked his hair and muttered giberish, rise up before me. And I berish, rise up before me. And I shrink away in horror. I find I am now even afraid to talk to Red Cross girls. The thought of all the female relatives and friends I must kiss on returning home nauseates me. I will be due for rotation soon, but how can I return home in this condition?

Surely you can see the menace in this policy which is undermin-ing the traditional pedestal upon which all good red-blooded Americans have always placed their ideals. Please, dear B-Bag, before it is too late—do something. Leave no stone unturned—there may still be time.—S/Sgt. N. Shapiro, Signal Co. nal Co.

Fire!

In the beginning of your column, "Somewhere in the ETO," you have three GIs in a jeep chasing Hitler. They have been chasing a hell of a long time now. I suggest they take a few shots at him. Maybe one will connect, kill him and end the war.—T/5 Leroy C. Williams, Port Co.

#### The Road to Peace

I'd like to commend and recommend for all to see the timely short entitled "27 Men" featured in the current showing of the G1

It was my belief that it would be necessary to have a universal language before perfect understandlanguage before perfect understanding between nations could be accomplished. However, since I have been in the service, this belief, on my part, has undergone a change. This change has come about through my daily contact with people of other countries.

The GI, in fact, everyone who wears a uniform of any of our Allies has the unique opportunity within his grasp to accomplish the perfect peace towards which the majority of the world is at present striving. Naturally, if we all were able to speak the same language, our problem would be simplified. able to speak the same language, our problem would be simplified, but it is the ability to live together that can bring this understanding about just as quickly. Seeing at first hand our neighbor's life as he lives it, learning of his troubles, knowing the joy that doing cerain things brings to him—all of these go hand in hand towards a long reign of peace.

The "97 Men" shown in this short

The "27 Men" shown in this short aved and died together. They did not have to know each other's longue, they observed each other faily and grew to know the likes and dislikes that daily entered each of their individual lives. Tolerance

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must be practised in our observa-tion of the different ways of life to which many of us have been subjected.

do not use the word "tolerance" to mean that we should "look down" on anything strange we witness because it does not happen to be our way, but that we must be tolerant in our observations and always remember that there is always something to learn tions and always remember that there is always something to learn from the other fellow. The Army has proven this by the great spirit of co-operation shown between our Allies. Why cannot the same spirit of co-operation be carried over into the peace?—T/3 Harry W. Kienzel, Sig. Sect.

\* Overcharge

At the PX today, I paid 8 cents each for cigars. The manufacturer's price 6 cents, was marked plainly on the box.

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Our PX officer gave me the "that's the price they gave us" answer. Maybe you can tell me who's making the extra money?—Sgt. Don Lewis, Sta Comp Sq.

(We checked with Army Exchange Service, which advises that the right price is 4 cents and that steps will be taken by your area exchange officer to correct this obvious error.

#### By the Numbers

We recently read in The Stars We recently read in The Stars and Stripes where Capt. Bergl and Pfc McNutt demonstrated a method of loading a 6×6 with 252 Jerricans and were congratulated by a brigadier general for their system. What do they do with all the extra space? Haul "C" rations? Send them Haul "C" rations? Send them around and we will show them how to load any amount between three and four hundred Jerricans.—Drivers, 194 QM Gas Supply Co.

We can load 280. . and with the canvas raised about a foot, we can load 400. . .-Cpl. Spinelli, Reinf. Bn.

... Our standard load is 345 cans and in case of emergency. ... 364.—Pfc J. J. K., Sup. Co.

.This unit taught PWs to load 280 Jerricans on a standard 6×6. We realize that this is an overload for a 2 1/2 ton 6×6, but in an emergency we have loaded as many as 375.—H. W. Green and 8 others.

.Our drivers load 297... This is ...Our drivers load 297...This is how: Between the upper and lower layers of Jerricans, lay a row of cans. . . Four cans will fit lengthwise between the layers, giving a total of 44 extra cans for 11 layers. You can get 11 cans to stand up in the bottom layer and 12 cans in each of the upper layers, making a total of 27 cans per section of 11 sections or 297 cans in all.—Lt. G. L. S., Sig. Co.

We have been hauling 320 Jerricans since we have been operating in the ETO.—Pvt. T. L. B., QM Trk. Co.

(And so say Pvt. P. C., 2252nd QM Trk Co.; Pfc J. G. Moore, 634 MPEG Co.; 1/Sgt. Vern Beal, 90 QM

An Editorial

# The Squad and Society

NN the squad there was a sergeant. James H. Davenport of Hodgenville, Ky. The guys who draw the funny cartoons about sergeants never met Davenport. His tongue was as quiet as his eyes. He was just a thin kid of twenty. He hardly ever told anyone to do anything. He'd simply start doing it and in no time the others were in there pitching by his side.

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The others were pfcs and privates. But they didn't seem to want to pile on stripes. Because that meant something would have to happen to Davenport. And nobody wanted that.

So that the promotion bug didn't seem to gnaw away at the squad. Nobody polished apples or kissed rumps. Nobody played politics. Not that the men lacked ambition. But keeping the team together seemed more important than the extra stripes and dough.

Cigarettes meant more than money up there anyway. Money wouldn't buy anything in Konzen. There

most butts was the richest | guy in the world.

But no one ever pulled out his pack without passing it to the next guy. No one ever lit up alone. No one was ever out of butts in the squad. Either they all had butts. Or none had butts. It was that way in the squad.

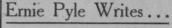
The boys hadn't bathed for weeks. In the damp cellar the smell was bad. There was hardly enough room on the floor for them all to stretch out. But when a to sell it. The guy with the if he could grab a little of everything else.

shuteye, they moved over and he fitted himself in around the curves and corners of the squad. The runner stank too. But somehow the place smelled sweet.

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They didn't have much of anything in the squad. What belonged to each guy-his money, his pictures, his watch and personal stuffthat was sacred. But the rest was shared. The fire. The smokes. The danger. The dirt. The good will.

The good will that somewas nothing to buy. No one runner came in and asked how made up for the absence



# Perspective in Pacific Is Different

HONOLULU, Feb. 18.—Covering this Pacific war is to me going to be like learning to live in a new

The methods of war, the atti-tude toward it, the homesickness, the distances, the climate—every-thing is different from what we

thing is different from what we have known in the European war.

Here is a beginning. I can't seem to get my mind around it or my fingers on it. I suspect it will take months to get adjusted and feel this war.

Distance is the main thing. I don't mean distance from America so much, for our war in Europe is a long way from home too. I mean, distances after you get right on the battlefield.

Different Perspective.

Different Perspective

For the whole western Pacific is our battlefield now, and whereas distance in Europe are hundreds

of miles at most, out here they're thousands. And there's nothing in between but water.

You can be on an island battlefield and the next thing behind you is a thousand miles away. One soldier told me the worst sinking feeling he ever had was when they landed on an island and were fighting and on the morning of D plus 3 he looked out to sea and it was completely empty.

"Our entire convoy had unloaded and left for more," he said, "and, boy, did it leave you with a lonesome and deserted feeling?"

As one admiral said, "Directing this war is like watching a slow motion picture. You plan something for months, and there finally the

for months, and then finally the great day comes when you launch your plans, and then it's days or weeks before the attack happens because it takes that long to get

there."
As an example of how they feel, the Navy gives you a slick

sheet of paper as you go through here, entitled, "Air-plane distances in the Pacific."
And at the bottom is printed,
"Our Enemy, Geography." Logis-

tics out here is more than a word. It's a nightmare.

Here's another example of their attitude toward distances in the

At Anzio, in Italy, just a year ago the Third Div. set up a rest camp for its exhausted infantry-men less than five miles from the front lines, within enemy artillery range. But in the Pacific they bring men clear back to Pearl Harbor to rest camps—the equivalent of bringing Anzio heachhead fighters all the way to Kansas City for a two-week rest

Monotony Another Enemy

And there is another enemy out here that we did not know so well in Europe—that is monotony. Oh, sure, everywhere war is monoton-ous in its dreadfulness. But out here even the niceness of life gets monotonous.

And another adjustment I'll have to make is the attitude toward the ehemy. In Europe, we felt our enemies, horrible and deadly as they were, were still people.

But out here I've already gathered the feeling that the Japanese are looked upon as something inhuman and squirmy—the way some people feel about cockroaches or mice.

I've seen one group of Japanese prisoners in a wire-fenced court-

prisoners in a wire-fenced court-yard, and they were wrestling and laughing and talking just as human-ly as anybody. Yet they gave me a creepy feeling. I felt in need of mental bath after looking at

where near it to find out how the average soldier or sailor or marine feels about the things he's fighting. But I'll bet he doesn't feel the same way our men in Europe feel.

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

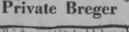
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John Price, Smithville, Mo.

DVT. Otto Turner, Baltimore, Md.; Pyt.

PVT. Otto Turner, Baltimore, Md.; Pyt. Days are warm and our established island base's food is good and the mail service fast and there's little danger from the enemy and days go by in their endless sameness and they drive you nuts. They





Here's the sunburn lotion you asked for . . . Dear Dave:

#### This Was America Yesterday:

# 10 States Seek New Controls On Pinball Games, Jukeboxes

By Phil Bucknell

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—If you have a nickel when you get home, it may be hard to use it in the time-honored slot machine and jukehox way. Here are some of the bills introduced in state legislatures:

Iowa—a bill to ban food, pinball and slot machines and dancing from places that sell beer. Maryland—three bills reported: one bill to license "certain mechanical games of skill and chances." A bill to repeal state licensing of vending machines. And a bill to apply state fair trade laws to vending machines.

Other states whose legislatures are wrestling with one or more kinds of pinball laws: Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Texas, Idaho, Washington.

Newspapers the world over are steadily "fashioning their news freedom into a framework of their own constitutions and nationalities," Lloyd Stratton, Associated Press vice president, told an American Nobel Committee dinner in New York.

The important thing, he said, is "honest journalism, leaving cifications and form to the individual nation." specifications and form



During the dinner, honoring the memory of Wendell Wilkie, presentations were made to Kent Cooper for his crusade for free in ternational rusade for free in ter national news exchange; Brig. Gen. Da-vid Sarn of f, president of Ra-dio Corporation of America, for expansion of world radio, and Darrel F. Zanuck for pro-duction of cinemas creating world understanding.

THEY'RE doing their best at home to keep population up des-pite the war. Take Mrs. Peter Suranofsky, for instance. The Northampton, Pa., woman gave birth to her fourth set of twins, her 13th and 14th children. That ought to make the Jans

Mrs. Suranofsky and fourth set of twins.

A LTHOUGH there has been an almost dead stop on conventions in the U.S., the war committee in charge of them today ruled that up to 50 persons from out of town may attend those of a "purely local" nature. Previously the limit had been five. One catch, though—there must be no extra hotel space required. must be no extra hotel space required.

IN Lancaster, Pa., railroad officials announced resumption of service on one of four tracks blocked by a Pennsylvania Railroad passenger express collision. No one was seriouly injured.

A ND in South Dakota the pendulum is swinging back to Ye Old Time Saloon. The legislative liquor committee of that state has introduced a bill to put all forms of liquor sale under one roof and behind one door. There would be no family entrance to South Dakota's ideal bar. And no barmaids, as the bill requires employment of male help over 21.

#### Sees Place for WAC in Post-war Army

REGARDLESS of what anybody may think about women in the home, Mrs. Oswald B. Lord, national WAC advisory committeeman, wants them in the U.S. Army after the war. Visiting Des Moines, Ia., for a conference with WAC officers, she declared there are certain things a trained woman can do better than a man, and said "WACs will have a definite place" in post-war programs.

Another meanest thief walked off with Pvt. James Shattuck's valise today when the soldier was en route from a hospital to-his home in Lowell, Mass. The bag contained addresses of the mothers of Shattuck's companions killed in the Sicilian campaign, and his own artificial hand.

Columbus, Miss., isn't waiting for Congress to act on the work-or-jail bill. It has its own methods. Every working man or woman is required to carry a card bearing his or her name and that of the employer, plus the number of required working hours per week. At the end of each day's work the employer must indicate on a card how much time the worker has put in. Anyone found without a card is liable to prosecution as a vagrant. In addition employers must file a monthly report on absenteeism.

CHICAGO will always be Chicago. Cops there were tired but content CHICAGO will always be Chicago. Cops there were tired but content today after tangling with a 250-pound Amazon last night. The bulky gal, Mrs. Ollie Oliver, with her husband got into Sam Garafolas' cab and Ollie started to do some backseat driving. Sam pulled up and told Ollie and his spouse to get out. When he asked for fare Mrs. Ollie punched him in the nose and knocked him down. He got up and she punched him in the nose and knocked him down again. Two youths went to his rescue. She grabbed one by the neck and threw him away, and slugged the other with a right, cutting his lip. On arrival of seven cops she mixed it with them awhile, then lay flat on the ground refusing to get up. Finally they lifted her into the patrol wagon.

What did the husband do? What do you think a husband with a wife like that would do?—Nothing.

## **Assorted Soldiers Help Design New Combination Field Pack**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (ANS).—
Development of a new all-purpose field pack which soldiers themselves helped design was announced today by the War Department.

Fifty soldiers of different sizes and weights marched ten miles for source days carrying various company.

COQUILLE, Ore, Feb. 18 (ANS).

seven days, carrying various com-binations of packs and equipment

COQUILLE, Ore., Feb. 18 (ANS). —When the cops arrested Carter Lee and his bail was set at \$250, before the new design was selected.

It is a combination of combat pack and cargo pack. The combat pack, containing toilet articles, mess kit and two days' rations, is normally carried into battle. The cargo pack, which carries extra \$3,000. The Mrs. Claims He's Bucking

# Pfc Eyes South Seas Crown

ELYRIA, Ohio, Feb. 18 (ANS).

—Mrs. Sarah Willemson, 37 years old, has filed suit for divorce from Pfc Leo Willemson, 29, alleging the former coal miner who now is in the Pacific wrote her requesting freedom so he could marry a native girl and become king of an island group.

Charging cruelty, Mrs. Willemson claimed her husband said he did not love her and frequently

did not love her and frequently asked for a divorce. Mentioned in the complaint was a "photo-graph of himself with a dark-complexioned native of either



hula dancer or native stripteaser." Meantime, Walter Michaski,

calling himself a former sailor and wise to the ways of sailors and the world, sent the wife a message urging her to delay the action. He said he himself had his picture taken with a grass-skirted girl, and styled the whole thing a joke. He had a picture

to prove it.

But Mrs. Willemson spurned
the would-be cupid's good offices.
She hinted there were girls in the States too, and not hula dancers, and declared her husband had written her every two weeks ask-

#### U.S. Plants May Get Work-Fight Draftees

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (ANS), -Men physically unfit for Army duty but drafted under the recent work-or-else order will be given four weeks of basic training and may be assigned to work in government-owned plants, the War Department said today.

Those physically unfit will take their training at Camp Ellis, Ill. If assigned to work in plants, they will wear Army uniforms and will receive Army

# CIO in Accord With U.S. Steel

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 18 (ANS).

—The U.S. Steel Corp. and United Steelworkers of America, CIO,

steelworkers of America, CIO, today announced completion of a new contract in a pattern outlined by the National War Labor Board. The agreement, climaxing 14 months negotiations, incorporates "fringe" wage adjustments awarded the union by WLB Nov. 25, and provide for a permanent threeman board of conciliation and arbitration. man board arbitration.

Creation of the board with head-quarters in Pittsburgh, was hailed by the union as "a momentous advance in management-union re-lations."

### **Doctor Certifies Drafting 9th Son** Imperils Mother

LEHIGHTON, Pa., Feb. 18 (ANS) —Mrs. Russell McFarland is "quite nervous" and "her condition will probably grow worse" if her ninth son is inducted into the armed forces, Dr. J. L. Bond said today.

Dr. Bond examined the 49-year-old mother. after Congression.

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Francis E. Walter (D.-Pa.) declared
today that if a physician certified
her health would be jeopardized
by drafting of her ninth son, Marcus K. Smith, the state Selective
Service headquarters has the power
to grant deferment. Mrs. McFarland has watched eight sons—one to grant deferment. Mrs. McFarland has watched eight sons—one was recently reported missing in action in France—go into military

son deferred has been supported by Lehighton residents, many of whom have sent telegrams to President have sent telegrams to President Roosevelt. Mrs. McFarland's hus-band, her second, said, after a docband, her second, said, after a tor's examination: "My wife is nervous to come to the telephone. It has made her heart bad."

#### 12 on Death List In Tacoma Fire

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 18 (ANS).

—The death toll in the fire which swept the four-story Maefair Apartments here mounted to 12 today.

The Red Cross announced that many unaccounted-for apartment

many unaccounted-for apartment residents have been reported safe, and that the list of missing has now been reduced to 17.

Three of the dead were identified as Mrs. Jack Schoenberg, 33, wife of a serviceman in the South Pacific; Dale Little, 14, and Mrs. Helena Yanti, who came here recently from Kellogg, Idaho.

The cause of the blaze was undetermined.

#### 75 Soldiers Hurt in Crash

MANDAN, N.D., Feb. 18 (ANS).—At least 75 soldiers were injured when nine cars of a train left the tracks and overturned 12 miles west of this town yesterday. Five men were in critical condition and a number of others were seriously injured.

# Krug Appeals for Work Bill As Hope for Passage Fades

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (ANS).—Belief grew today that there is little chance for the passage of the work-jail bill, the United Press said, while War Production Chief J. A. Krug opened a last-ditch administration drive to save the bill.

Krug, in a radio speech, insisted that production of war materials must increase ten percent between now and June 1 to meet

requirements of immediate cam-paigns planned by the Army and the past, voluntary methods could work because there was not a manpower shortage, he declared. Now, he added, the problem "has gotten beyond procedures of voluntary co-operation."

#### Favorable News a Factor

Some Congressional observers doubted that even a modified substitute of the bill, as contemplated by the Senate Military Affairs Committee, could pass Many Senators thought the current favorable news from the fighting fronts was lessening the bill's chances for passage

Two other developments entered the manpower picture:

1—The House Military Affairs Committee delayed the draft of civilian nurses by voting to wait until all qualified graduates of the war-created Cadet Nurse Corps have been inducted. The number of graduates is believed to be comparatively small.

2—A limited number of men under 30 who hold key jobs in industry will be deferred under a new procedure set up by Selective Service and the War Manpower Commission. Government procurement agencies will certify men in this category to the local draft boards.

#### 485-Million Hot Dogs

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (ANS).

—American soldiers on the Western Front like hot dogs, the War Department says. Up to Dec. 5, they ate 485,000,000 "dogs," according to the WD. Other items included in 78,794 tons of perishable foods shipped to the front were 467,000 turkeys and 2,500,000 chickens.

### Chicago Tries Out Something New in Manning War Jobs

CHICAGO, Feb. 18 (ANS).-This busy war production center has tackled the manpower problem with a new idea that may prove an effective substitute for work-jail legislation, the United Press says.

The plan, put into effect Jan. 18 by the War Manpower Commission after tryouts on a small scale in Milwaukee and other cities takes ten per cent of the number of workers in non-essential work and funnels them into war plants.

Under the order, all employers of non-essential workers with eight or more employes must release them for war work It calls for a split quota of releases—five per cent on Feb. 19 and the other five per cent

#### **Cold Wave Sweeps** South, Midwest

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (ANS).—A cold wave, which turned the nation's first breath of spring into cold chills today thrust south into Texas

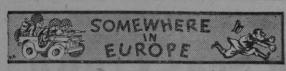
chills today thrust south into Texas and Louisiana and east as far as Pennsylvania.

Amarillo, Texas, had 66 degrees above zero Thursday but was down to 25 Saturday night. Similarly, Fort Worth, Texas, dropped from 70, Friday, to 38. The temperature at Shreveport, La., and Vicksburg, Miss., tumbled from 80 down to 43. The cold wave struck Montana and The cold wave struck Montana and the Dakotas Wednesday and gave Bemidji, Minn., 31 below zero; Park Rapids, Minn., 33 below, and Land of Lakes, Wis., 23 below.

#### Coal Co. President Hauls Own Coal



shortage of fuel has forced Kenneth Johnson, president of the Wright Coal Co. of Chicago, to work as a laborer on one of his trucks. His hours are 8 AM to 9 PM. Here, he shovels coal into the Union League Club basement while the doorman looks on. Johnson is a member of the club.



Supermen' See the Light

S/Sgt. George A. Bonacci, of Co. C, of a TD battalion is one up on gangster John Dillinger who broke jail with a wooden pistol. He caugh crawling into the cellar of a bomb-blasted build-g for protection against falling mortar shells, he ame face to face with the three—armed with

Bonacci threw the beam of his flashlight into their eyes and shouted loudly. They yelled "Kame-

They were last seen discussing the New Order a PW bull-pen session. \* \* \*

#### Alas for Non-Talking Pigeon!

ONCE upon a time there was a homing pigeon by the name of Oscar. He was young and romantic and very much in love with a homing pigeon by the name of Mary. Now it so happened that Oscar, in the normal course of events, was assigned to the 26th Inf. Div.. and Mary, through the quirks of the classification system, went to the

Oscar was very sad when he was assigned to a front line rifle company and received a message to fly back to 26th Div. Hqs. Instead of flying to that destination, he headed towards Mary and

#### Buddies Still in Step

When they entered service they were assigned the same reconnaissance company of the Second rmd. Regt Later they were transferred to the

More than two years ago they were assigned to the 89th Cav. Recon. Sq., Mcz. They received new commissions almost simultaneously. During their Army careers they have been separated only for ten days.

#### The Trouble Had Four Legs

T/5 Robert H. Brock, of Burnt Prairie, Ill., and C Btry of a FA battalion. almost lost his reputation as the outfit's top stove mechanic. It was a cold and windy night and the stove in the house where he was staying suddenly began to smoke. Before long the room was filled with it, and the occupants were coughing and choking.

Brock tried all the cures in his repertoire but was unable to find the trouble. Finally he went outside and removed several lengths of pipe.

The trouble: A cat which had crawled into

Fosies, Prattling and Poison Pens—

WHY in the hell doesn't the 80th Div. ever get anything in the paper?" Pfc George Watson, Co. G, 318th Inf. . "So the 424th Regt. took Coulee—well, who the hell was shooting at our batalion when we drove through Henumont, Coulee and Logbierme?" Pvt. J. B. Marsinko, Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 517th Parachute Inf. . "We enjoy your paper very much, but we like accuracy also. If you will check with those who know, you will find that it was the forces under Lt. Col. Robert L. Rhea who were the last out and the first into St. Vith." Lt. Joe V. Whiteman, 23rd Armd. Inf. Bn.

#### Hospitality Repaid



soldier thanked madame and prepared to leave.

She accepted his graceful "merci" and brought him

Shiji paid for his room and brown a pail of water and a brush.

# Well, It Was Good Shooting, Anyway

Pvt. Eulice Fields took over his guard post as dusk fell in the 407th Regt. sector. Shortly after, he noticed a shadowy outline 20 yards away in the deepening gloom.

Instantly alert, he challenged, and, getting no

answer, fired three shots toward the skulking figure. His fellow soldiers, racing to the scene, and expecting to find a dead Jerry, found only an OD overcoat hanging on a post, with 'hree

bullet holes in it.

"Good shooting, anyhow," Fields said, and then remembered. He had hung his own overcoat on that post earlier in the day. \* \* \*

#### Party Line Keeps Yanks Informed

T. Robert Gray, of Rockwell City, Iowa, wasn't

exactly guilty of eavesdropping when he listened in on phone conversations between two Nazi pillboxes, but it was interesting, anyway.

On entering a pillbox just taken by doughboys of the First Bn., 11th Inf., he picked up the telephone and heard two Germans talking, so he called over a German-speaking sergeant from Co. D, who interpreted.

### Belched 660-Pound Shells-But Wound Up With Indigestion



Capt. Claud P. Brownley, Norfolk, Va., examines one of the three 305mm, guns moved up by the enemy in an area near Wollseifen, Germany, which they were forced to abandon when pushed back. S-2 officers of the Ninth Div. reported that the gun probably was used in last war. It is of short range and fires a shell weighing 660 pounds.

# Two Girard, Kan., men who went to school together, entered the Army together and fought together in the battle of St. Vith, have received battlefield commissions together. They are Sgts. Harry F. Buck and Victor Dewhirst, of the Ninth Armd. Div. When they entered service they were Since D-Day

and warrant officers have been directly commissioned as second eutenants in the ETO since D-Day, according to Brig. Gen. R. B. Lovett ETO Adjutant General.

ed 2.400. About 2,000 Air Force flight officers became second lieuenants and 575 were commissioned the non-combat field.

Direct commissions are being given only for command or special rative positions are being filled

of warrant officers, suspended for some time, is possible soon. A

made to qualified holders of a B.S degree with civilian experience in

# Shiji paid for his room and board with a half-ur's hard work on his hands and knees.

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contributions to the association's work have met with little response.



1/Lt. Charles Brundage, Eureka, Mo., Signal Corps combat photography officer, makes a study of captured 305mm. German gun.

Now They Are Together . . .

### Song Is a Joyous Bond For Joes of Alien Tongue

By Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH NINTH ARMY, Peb. 18.—Almost every night, they get to micel psychology plus civilian nicel psychology plus civilian nicel psychology plus civilian experience in clinical psy

"I used to be in an artillery outfit." said Pfc Tony Olivarez, the squad's BAR man from Wasco, Calif. "For 24 months I never spoke a word of Spanish to nobody. I never heard a Spanish song. I felt like a stranger almost. You know, you get awfully lonely sometimes when you don't have nobody to talk to."

Claiming 21,000 members, the association was created to help french men and women interned and deported by the Nazis to escape and to assist them back to normal life. It is times when you don't have nobody to talk to."

The day Tony joined this new squad, he was so choked up he couldn't talk at all at first. Then when he did start spilling out the Spanish, he started mixing some words up. There were a lot of words he didn't even remember. It had been such a long time.

Dominguez said he gives all his commands in Spanish, especially when the squad goes out on a patrol. There was the time the group went out on a PW-hunting mission and finally got a PW about 15 yards behind the German lines. The confident, swaggering Jerry started talking to them in English, but Dominguez pretended not to understand and broke out in a stream of Spanish curses. For the rest of the long walk back to their lines, the Jerry just kept staring at them, wondering who and what the hell they were.

over a German-speaking sergeant from Co. B, who interpreted.

Inmates of an uncaptured pillbox were talking to a battalion CP:

"Here come hundreds of Americans up the slope in front of us," said the voice. "Withdraw back to the CP," said another voice. "Too late," responded to the pillbox, "they're all around us now."

A few minutes later the First Bn. chalked up another pillbox and a few more prisoners.

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# Buck Rogers' Raiders Came From Purdue, Chicago, Yale; Now They're Learning War

There are only several dozen left now, all of them volunteers, most of them not yet old enough to vote. Before they were transferred to the 407th Reg. of the 102nd, most of them were studying subjects like

studying subjects like psychology and medecine and engineering in Army-sponsored college training courses all over the States.

Now that they ve joined up with Buck Rogers, these boys are going to school again every after going o school again every afternoon be ore they go out on a raid.

German Command Training Their psychology course teacher hem when to yell what German nmands in a thick Munich beerill accent to confuse the Jerries. Their engineering lessons are mostly

arning how to kill quickly and Canby, civil affairs officer of Gen. uietly at night with a knife, how o blacken their faces and hands so "In Italy," said Canby, "we had a

There was the time the raiders crossed the Roer and infiltrated so deep into the Jerry lines that they overran a company CP.
"The Jerries were so surprised that they started screaming," said Pfc Joe Evangelista, who comes from Long Island "So we just kept shooting until the screaming people.

of Allied nations who are now in Germany will request to be supersised and controlled by Allied personnel, but will be fed and clothed by Germany.

"Policy will be," said Canby, "to force the Germans to denude themselves, to feed themselves for the sake of this mass of displaced people.

They didn't get very far. S/Sgt Rufus Wilkes, of Notre Dame, open ed up with an Ml, Sgt. Chris Lorenz, of the University of Illinois Enoch Hood, of Purdue Universitated firing with his tommy atrol got back without any Purple

Heart candidates.

Further down the river, another Raider patrol wasn't so lucky. They were trying to crawl through two Jerry MG nests when they ran into a third one. Seven of the twelve were escuelties.

By Ralph G. Martin
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
WITH NINTH ARMY (Delayed).—They're called Buck Rogers'

Defeated Reich Aid from Allies

Feb. 18.-The Germans will get no xpert use of demolitions and help from Allied occupation Armies peration of any type of weapon, erman or American. starving people from becoming a And instead of medicine, they're menace, said Lt. Col. Joseph M.

quietly at night with a knife, how to blacken their faces and hands so that they can see without being seen, how to read recon photos telling their target for tonight. Their boss, 1/Lt. Roy (Buck) Rogers, sets the example, teaches the lessons, leads the patrols. Rogers is the kind of guy who races after a Jerry with a grease gun, suddenly notices his magazine has slipped out, but just keeps on running, pulling out his trench knife to do the job. And he does the job.

Overran Enemy CP

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from Long Island "So we just kept shooting until the screaming stopped."

By the time the screaming stopped, the raiders decided that it was time to go home. En route back to the river, they spotted a fancy network of deeply-dug foxholes and heard voices and saw lights. They couldn't resist it. So Pvt. Ed Diamond of the University of Chicago dropped in a couple of grenades and a German corporal came running out, his hands up, his pants down, very anxious to surrender. But several others weren't so anxious and tried to make a run fertile to great the state of this mass of displaced pieces of wheeled artillery during the reduction of the Von Rundsted bulge, Gen. Sayler said. Third army losses during that period were set at 168 tanks and TDs and 91 artillery pieces.

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#### U.S.Officers Rest InHistoricRooms Of Famed Crillon

American front-line officers who get leave to Paris are now able to sleep in the hallowed bedrooms of the famous Crillon Hotel, World

Looks Like This Place Might Be Interesting



Apparently amused by quaint American customs, these three men of the 83rd Div. brush up on "How to Act in the U.S.A." before leaving for furlough to the States from Belgium. Left to right, Pvt. Philip Rosenbloom, Washington, D.C., Sgt. Michael Skovran, Warren, Ohio, and Pvt. John Bresnahan, Waterbury, Conn.

# Fallen Nazi Tank Serves as Bridge Over Stream



This toppled Nazi tank provides a makeshift bridge across a small after being hit in a hillside action and fell between the two banks. stream as American troops scamper across. The vehicle turned over The doughboys found it a handy route to avoid wading.

# Of Nazi Tanks Is Put at 1,988

Tanks and TDs of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army since last August have knocked out 1,983 German tanks while losing 1,044 tanks and TDs, Maj. Gen. H. B. Sayler, ETO chief of ordnance,

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given much of the credit for vic-tories over enemy armor all along the Western Front. Gen. Sayler said M36 TDs had knocked out

ferman Tigers at distances up to 000 yards. Although the German Tiger is ore heavily armed and armored, s. Shermans are faster and sually get in the first shot, which ften proves to be the last one,

The Tiger carries an 88 but is capable of only 20 miles an hour. The Sherman is armed with a 76, does 30 miles an hour and has a mechanically-operated turret which gives it an advantage over the German's hand-operated turrets. The U.S. M18 carries a 76 and does 30 miles an hour while the M36 packs a 90 and has a maximum speed of 26 miles an hour

the feat near Grostenquin with a one-shot kill at 1,800 yards.

# 3rd Army Toll Battle Plan Called for Tanks 'Brain' Device -But Doughs Did Job Alone Guiding Flight

By Richard Lewis Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The way it was planned, infantry was to ride piggyback into Schmidt on tanks. This time, they were going to take Schmidt. Schmidt was the key to the great Roer River dam of Schwamplane on a map has been guiding menauel. More than that, it was a town First Army doughs hadn't U.S. planes to targets in Japan and been able to take in two previous attempts back in November.

The tanks nadn't gone a hun-Bomber Battle Dress de dand yards across die barten ground scribed today by Bendix Aviation toward the town when the 88s let Corp., which developed it, was a

toward the town when the 88s let go and the tanks drew back.

"That" said S/Sgt. John F. Lasky, of Pittsburgh, "looked like a sad day."

Lasky, a 78th Inf. Div. platoon leader of the 311th Inf. Regt., described the capture of Schmidt at a Paris press conference. It was an infantry slugging match.

The doughs didn't ride into the city. They infiltrated. The tanks, hull down behind hills, backed them up as artillery.

500 Prisoners Taken

Lasky figured that upward of 1,000 Germans were defending the town. Five hundred of them were captured—including a boy of 12 and an elderly gent of 58, so confused he didn't know where he was.

The rest probably were killed, call a lasky were killed, call a lasky. The said so work by navigators with charts, star-sighting, sextants, chronometers and other equipment.

Charles Marcus, vice-president of Bendix, said: "Under combat conditions the danger of miscalculation is an ever-present mental hazard to even the best navigators and pilots because of unpredictable factors."

Now installed today by Bendix Aviation Corp., which developed it, was a closely guarded secret of B29 raids on Japan. It registers throughout the flight the distance traveled, direction in which plane is headed and longitude and latitude position.

Calculations made by the device or divided in a rilly would take hours of work by navigators with charts, star-sighting, sextants, chronometers and other equipment.

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Now installed in other heavy bombers as well as the B29 and in carrier-based Navy planes, the in-

holed in cellars with walls six-feet thick of reinforced concrete, in pill-

# Of U.S. Airmen

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (ANS).-An Germany for several months.

The air position indicator, de dred yards across the barren ground scribed today by Bendix Aviation

an elderly gent of 58, so confused he didn't know where he was.

The rest probably were killed, said Lasky. None of them got away. He saw only one Nazi wounded.

"They had orders to hold the town at all costs and that's exactly what they did," he said.
The doughs went after the Jerries Sadler's Wells Ballet

# The doughs went after the Jerries Sadler's Wells Ballet

wears the new combat gear issued for winter flying to help protect the flier against the temperature, which often plunges to as low as 67 below zero. Knitted wool cape and chest covering are latest additions to gear.

They dug the Jerries out with bayeness, blasted them out and when that failed, burned them out.

"One of my men had to beat hell out of a Jerry who just wouldn't come out," said Lasky. "Then when we got the town, we had to take Harscheid across the road and it was just about as bad."

The ENSA The ater on the bayonets, blasted them out and when ballet from Feb. 21 through March 4. The ballet, headed by Robert Helpmann and Margot Fonteyn, will come here from England with the full London orchestra. Their repertoire will include eight ballets.

# 'Green' Joes Meet Sauer Battle Test

the feat near Grostenquin with a one-shot kill at 1,800 yards.

Deny Prisoner
Had Arnhem Role

London, Feb. 18 (AP).—The Netherlands Information Bureau today denied that the man held for allegedly betraying military secrets to the enemy in the Arnhem operations was a member of the Dutch underground.

The statement declared that the prisoner had no access to important military information "and was not in the confidence of Allied military authorities with regard to the first time seven days ago on the bluff above the gorge of the Sauer.

"We came in green," said Pfc James Lunn, of Findlay, O., "but we sure ripened fast."

The crossing of the mountain torrent and the German shore today had aged them far beyond their time in battle.

"All the mortars were lost in the crossing," said Capt. S. G. Maynard, of Fargo, N.D., commander of a company that went into its first battle attached to the Fifth Inf. Div. "But that didn't stop them.

A lot of them charged the boxes with nothing but grenades. They set up German mortars and machine-guns and killed Germans with them. They had never seen the weapons before, but that's all they had."

Injuries Don't Stop Him

"Talk about guts," said Pfc James H. Lee, of

was not in the confidence of Allied military authorities with regard to the Arnhem operations."

The prisoner was not an officer and is not being held in the Tower of London, the bureau said. He posed as an underground worker, and was arrested through the vigilance of the Dutch security forces on the Continent, the statement said.

Injuries Don't Stop Him

"Talk about guts," said Pfc James H. Lee, of Birmingham, Mich., a gaunt-faced rifleman. "This guy in the outfit had five bullets in one leg and the other ankle broken. He was ordered back to the aid station, but just then we got pinned down by a burp gun. Does he try to go back to the aid station? He does not. He crawls up and gets the Heinie with the burp gun and then goes to the aid station. Talk about guts!"

"They machine-gunned our medics," said Pvt.

Richard Segobia, of Los Angeles. "The Red Cross was as plain as day on their helmets, but those bastards machine-gunned them coming right up the

"We treated their medics with kid gloves," said Pvt. Thomas Neenan, of Chicago. "But what do you think I found in one medic's first-aid kit? I found a big, juicy luger. No wonder he didn't want to open the kit when I searched him."

"That first shell I heard," said Pfc John Godlewski, of Jamaica, L.I., "I thought the earth was coming apart when it landed."

Crossing Worst of All "That crossing was worse than anything," said Pvt. Harry Glick, of Saginaw, Mich. "All the way across that river they pounded us with machineguns, mortars, artillery and everything in the book. The current was terrible. Half the guys had to paddle while the other half back-paddled to keep us on our course. Boy, I said to myself, 'I'm not in the Army, I'm in the Navy'."

# Behind the Sports Headlines

SPORTS

AHORE, India.—The Calcutta boxing team under Maj. Tony Ortenzi, of Baltimore, Md., recently won the all-Indian boxing tournament. Pyts. Jesse Dean, of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Jimmy Rouse, of Albany, Y.; Joe Frischerz, Sacramento, Calif.; and Johnny Miller, of Stockton, Calif., won individual championships. The tourney was fought under local British rules, with the referee outside the ring and no noise allowed except between rounds. Tea was served to ringsiders each of the six nights of scrapping.

NEW YORK.—The Tami Mauriello-Lee Oma heavyweight battle, scheduled for Friday, March 30, was called off. Seems no one thought to figure ahead and discover it was Good Friday. Tex Sullivan said his fighter, Oma, won't fight on that date . . ATHENS, Ga.—Tom Nash, one of Georgia's great ends in the late 20s, resigned as assistant coach of the Bulldogs to enter business. Nash starred for the Bulldogs in 1926-27 . . NASHYILLE, Tenn.—Larry Gilbert, manager of Nashville of the Southern Association, is the loop's top record holder. Gilbert is the cally manager to serve 20 or more years in the Dixie circuit. This year he'll be starting his 22nd. He's won the most pennants, eight, and has never lost a split-season play-off, winning four. He's the only manager to win more than 100 games. Gilbert did it with New Orleans in 1926, and Nashville in 1940. In six years at Nashville he has won three titles.

HARRISBURG, Pa.—A bill has been introduced in the State

straight with the opposition averaging 64 points.

NORMAN, Okla.—Oklahoma University's cage coach, Bruce Drake, is carrying on a feud with Hank Iba and the Oklahoma Aggies. It was mainly the efforts of Drake that started the anti-goal tending rule last year after seven-foot Bob Kurland of the Aggies had ruined Drake. This year, when the Sooners played the Cowboys, Drake sent Red Dinkins on the court with stilts under his sweatpants during the warm-up, so he towered six inches over Kurland. Then, when the game started, Drake sent in his five-foot-five star Scooter Hines to jump center against Kurland. The Aggies won, as usual.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. Mex.—New Mexico University is claiming the cage title of the dormant Border Conference on the record of 14 straight against college competition . . JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—Lt. Rex Enright, former Notre Dame star and South Carolina grid coach, on leave, reported to the Naval Air Technical Training Center as a physical training officer. He succeeds Lt. Marty Karow, former Texas Aggies backfield coach . . LEXINGTON, Ky.—All Southeastern Conference teams, except Vanderbilt, will enter a team in the basketball tournament starting at Louisville, March 3. Kentucky defeated Tulane for the title last year.

#### GI Fight Fans See McSpaden, Snead New Faces Tonight Tied at Gulfport

GULFPORT, Miss., Feb. 18.— Harold "Jug" McSpaden and Sammy Snead were tied at the end of 36 holes for the lead in the

\$5,000 Gulfport Open golf tournament with scores of 136. Snead shot 71 yesterday, while McSpaden shot his second 68.

Byron Nelson and Claude Har-mon were tied one stroke behind

the leaders. Leonard Dodson and Ky Lafoon were next with 138.

Snead shot a six under par 65 in the opening round to tie the course record.

Wins Baxter Mile

Jim Rafferty

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.-Jim Raf-

ferty sped to his third mile victory

of the season in Madison Square Garden last night when he cap-

tured the Baxter Mile, feature of the New York Athletic Club Games,

in 4:13.9. Rudy Simms was four yards behind at the finish and Don Burnham, Navy trainee, was

a poor third.

Navy Lt. Charley Beetham captured the Halpin 800, and Barney Ewell nosed out Herb Thompson

in the 60-yard dash.

A 12-man boxing team from Fourth Port will highlight tonight's fight card at Palais de Glace, Paris. They will meet punchers from the 19th Reinforcement Depot, Ninth ADC and 366th Engineers.

Of the 24 boxers, all are new to GI fans with the exception of Pvt. Harvey Matthews, Detroit Negro, and Pvt. William Grady, of Chicago, who made his Paris debut last week. Matthews seeks his sixth win, Matthews seeks his sixth win, Grady his first.

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Pfc Hiram McCoy, 126, Logan, W.Va., vs. Pvt. Rufus Bishop, 125, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Pvt. Johnny Stevens, 175, Brooklyn, N.Y., vs. Pvt. Joe Traynor, 176, Philadelphia; Pfc Oscar Hamp, 175, Gary, Ind., vs. Cpl. Lonnie Scott, 170, Kansas City, Mo.; Pfc Nolen Tolbert, 132, Toledo, Ohio, vs. Pvt. Harvey Matthews, 128, Detroit; Pvt. James Tasker, 135, Newark, N.J., vs. Pvt. William Grady, 135, Chicago; Cpl. Rosario Prestigacomo, 134, Brooklyn, N.Y., vs. Pvt. Johnny Boyd, 135, Chicago; Cpl. Jack Battley, 118, St. Louis, Mo., vs. Pvt. Donald English, 115, Bemedji, Minn.; Pfc. Jerry Stevens, 160, St. Louis, Mo., vs. Pvt. Michael Constanza, 160, Chicago; Cpl. Bat Rossi, 147, Oglesby, Ill., vs. Pvt. Domenick Cicoria, 147, Port Chester, N.Y.; Pvt. James Riley, 189, Brooklyn, N.Y., vs. Pvt. Glenn Lee, 180, Grand Island, Neb.; Pvt. Lonnie Perry, 189, Durham, N.C., vs. Pvt. Hascal Humes, 185, New York; Pvt. Bennie Neal, 130, San Diego, Calif., vs. Pvt. Frank Tessallo, 128, East St. Louis, Ill.

Scores 60 Pts. in Game

LOGAN, W.Va., Feb. 18.—Charley Porter, of Logan High School, established a state scoring record when he tallied 60 points in the game against Bigtree High. Logan won, 98-36.

#### Lena Should Keep Wolf from Her Door

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 18.-Lena, the purebred foxhound who was the star of the recent Madison Square Garden dog show at Madison Square Garden, along with her world record litter of 23 pups, is at it again. Lena delivered ten little foxhounds last night and Dr. F. E. Maxon, veterinarian, said Lena's not through yet.

"It appears that she may now be going into normal labor, and she may have several more," Dr.

Maxon said. Lena's first ten arrivals were about eight hours premature, Maxon said. He thought it might be because of the tough truck ride from New York Thursday night.

Lena's doing okery. This is old stuff to her.

# **Richard Gets** 44th Goal for **HockeyRecord**

TORONTO, Feb. 18,-The Montreal Canadiens scored their 32nd National Hockey League victory of the season here last night defeating the Toronto Maple Leafs, 4-3, with Maurice Richard winning the game and breaking a league record with his 44th goal of the year in the third period. Cooney Weiland, of Boston, set the modern record of 43 in 1930.

After a scoreless first period, Elmer Lach tallied for the Canadiens and Nick Metz tied it for the Leafs four minutes later. Fernand Gauthier put Montreal ahead before the second period ended, then Mel Hill and Art Jackson put Toronto, in the lead 3.2 Glenn Toronto in the lead, 3-2. Glenn Harmon deadlocked the score at 13:47 of the third period and two minutes later Richard made his record-breaking shot on a pass from Lach

place playoff spot.
Frank Mario, Bill Jennings and Herb Cain delivered the other Bruins tallies, while Bill Moe made the only Ranger goal on a pass from Grant Warwick.

National Hockey League

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Montreal.32 5 3 67 Boston....11 23 2 30
Detroit ...24 11 4 52 New York, 8 23 8 24
Toronto...19 18 2 40 Chicago... 8 25 5 21

# Coast League **Ousts Ludwig**

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.—Harry Ludwig, principal stockowner in the Sacramento Baseball Club of the Pacific Coast League, has been asked by League President Clarence Rowland, to sell his holdings immediately and get out of base-

Suspicion that Ludwig, recently deposed as club president and league director, was connected with a gambling enterprise, was confirmed by Rowland.

#### **Bobby Ruffin Declares** He'll Retire from Ring

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Bobby Ruffin, lightweight contender, announced tonight he was retiring from the ring. Ruffin was scheduled to fight Chalky Wright, Los Angeles Negro, in Madison Square Garden, March 30, which is Good Friday. He gave no reason for retirement, but ringsiders intimated it was merely a maneuver to avoid fighting on Good Friday.

Nagurski Retires to Farm

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 18.—
Bronko Nagurski, former all-America at Minnesota and for years an outstanding back in the National Professional Football League while playing with the Chicago Bears, said today he is through with football and will devote all of his time to his farm at International Falls.

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Feb. 18.—
Naragansett a nd Pascoag race-tracks have filed applications with the State Racing Commission for 1945 dates despite the nationwide ban on horse racing.
Naragansett requested 34 days in April and May and 36 more in August and September. Pascoag requested two 42-day permits.

Brandt to Write BB Tome

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—William E. Brandt has resigned as publicity director of the National Baseball League to write a history of the game. Brandt took over the league publicity office ten years ago, succeeding Ford Frick, when the latter became league president upon the retirement of President John Heydler.

BOSTON, Feb. 18.—Eddie Joost, obtained in a trade from the Reds, who got Eddie Miller in exchange in 1942, has announced he'll resume his baseball career with the Braves this year. The flashy shortstop played with the Braves during 1943, then retired to work in a war plant. He now has been restored to the active list.

Victory Model



Alan Ford

narmon deadlocked the score at 13:47 of the third period and two minutes later Richard made his record-breaking shot on a pass from Lach.

Clapper Paces Bruins

BOSTON, Feb. 18.—Veteran Dit Clapper belted three goals into the Ranger nets to lead the Boston Bruins to a 6-1 victory over New York in their fight for the fourthplace playoff spot.

Frank Mario, Bill Jennings and

# Asks Review Of Racing Ban

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Representative William B. Barry, (D-N.Y.), has written to War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes requesting a review of the ban on horse-racing, the Associated Press reported to day. Barry inserted into the Congressional Record a letter from David A. Buckley, New York breeder and owner of racehorses, "analyzing the situation resulting from the racing ban."

"If Buckley's facts and contentions are true, I cannot see how the continuance of the ban can be justified," Barry said. He added he was forwarding the original of Buckley's statements to Byrnes for comment.

Buckley argued "If all the racing WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.-Re-

Buckley statements to Bythes for comment.

Buckley argued, "If all the racing bin was scraped to the bottom, there would not be 5,000 war employees secured." He said that manpower absenteeism was practically the only other issue.

According to the Buckley document, he advocated only one track be utilized in New York, Chicago, Maryland, New Jersey, Kentucky and California, with New England divided into three divisions with one track each.

"If all winter racing were abolished, it would not be badly missed except by the State of Florida," Buckley asserted.

#### **Rhode Island Tracks** Request Race Permits

PROVIDENCE, R.I., Feb. 18.— Naragansett and Pascoag race-tracks have filed applications with the State Racing Commission for 1945 dates despite the nationwide

Joost Returns to Braves

# Army's Streak Ends as Penn Wins, 61 to 52

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 18.—Army's basketball streak of 27, straight victories, 11 this year, straight victories, 11 this year, was blasted by the University of Pennsylvania here last night before 11,000 fans at Convention Hall. The Quakers, trailing by four points at the half, rallied to go ahead by ten points early in the second half and went on to win 61.52 win, 61-52.

win, 61-52.

Howard Dallmar, who captained Stanford's 1942 NCAA champions, and Phillips. Harmon, sparked Penn's drive. Harmon tossed in 17 points, and Dallmar featured defensively.

John Nance and Dale Hall scored to an expectively for

16 and 14 points, respectively for the Cadets

Navy Beats Cloudbusters ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 18.— Navy came from behind in the last six minutes to defeat North Carolina Pre-Flight, 42-38, for the Middles' 11th straight victory this

# **Buckeyes Top Hoosier Five**

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 18.—Ohio State kept in the running for the Big Ten cage crown by drubbing Indiana, 63-45, here last night. bing Indiana, 63-45, here last night.
The Buckeyes, beaten by Illinois
the night before, worked up a 20point margin in the second half
and coasted from there on.
Arnold Risen, rangy Ohio State
center, scored 24 points, while Al
Kralovansky was tops for the Hoo-

siers with ten.

Smith Paces Badgers

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 18.—Des Smith, Wisconsin forward, hit the nets for 29 points to lead the Badgers to a 64-48 Big Ten victory over Purdue. Eight thousand specta-Furdue. Eight thousand specta-tors saw the home team fight off a determined Boilermaker second-half attack, then stage a final rally of its own.

Iowa State Triumphs

AMES, Ia., Feb. 18.—Iowa State went into second place in the Big Six Conference by defeating Oklahoma, 51-43, for its fourth league victory in six games. Jim Myers, Cyclone forward, was high with 23

### Tilden, 52, Returns To Tennis Activity

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Big Bill Tilden, seven-time winner of the National tennis title, and 52 years old, Feb. 10, last night defeated Vinnie Richards, his former doubles

partner, 6-4, then lost to John McGrady, 7-4, returning in the third singles match to beat McGrady, 6-3. Tilden teamed Tilden teamed with Movie Star Errol Flynn against Richards and Mc-Grady, but the latter pair won, 6-2, 6-2. Five thousand



Bill Tilden people saw the matches, which were played for the benefit of the Grissinger Canteen Fund.

#### **Eddie Collins Figures** In Another Double Play

WESTON, Mass., Feb. 18.—Edward Trowbridge Collins, general manager of the Boston Red Sox, and one of the greatest baseball and one of the greatest baseball players who ever lived, and Mrs. Emily Jane Hall, of Brookline, were married at St. Peter's Episcopal Church here yesterday. The Rev. Paul Collins, the bridegroom's son, officiated.

Collins, 25 years in the game with the Athletics and White Sox, played second base with Connie Mack's famous \$100,000 infield of Stuffy McInnis, Jack Barry and Errank Baker. He is a member of

Frank Baker. He is a member of baseball's Hall of Fame.

Bivins, Bettina Matched

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland Negro heavyweight, recently discharged from the Army, and Melio Bettina, of Beacon, N.Y., have been signed by Promoter Mike Jacobs for a tenround bout in Madison Square Garden, March 23.

Albright 43, Muhlenberg 40.
Arkansas 65, Southern Methodist 49.
Brigham Young 61, Denver 50.
Baker 42, Bethany 31.
Ball State 48, Central Normal 45.
Baldwin-Wallace 64, Wooster 47.
Calif. Tehrs, 43, St. Vincent 42.
Colorado Aggies 55, Colorado Col. 53.
Cornell 37, Columbia 33.
Coast Guard Aedy 48, Worcester Tech. 46.
Canisius 58, CCNY 27.
DeKalb 46, Illinois Normal 44.
Drake 47, Schick Hosp. 38. Albright 43. Muhlenberg 40 DeKalb 46, Illinois Normal 44.
Drake 47, Schick Hosp., 38.
Fort Warren 49, Wyoming 38.
Florida 52, Georgia 36,
Gettsyburg 52, Franklin-Marshall 51.
Hamline 56, Bemiddj 32.
Iowa State 51, Oklahoma 43.
Johns Hopkins 53, Delaware 40,
Kentucky 40, Tennessee 34.
Louisville 50, Berea 38.
Montana Mines 63, Montana State 41.
Minnesota 43, Northwestern 37.
Marquette 56, Norte Dame 55,
Maryland 53, William and Mary 46,
Missouri 55, Nebraska 54.

North Carolina State 47, Duke 40,
Navy 42, N.C. Pre-Flight 38.
No. Dak, Aggies 46, Minot Tchrs. 44.
Ohio State 63, Indiana 45.
Ohio University 57, Muskingum 44.
Penn 61, Army 52.
Penn State 53, Pittsburgh 36.
Rensselaer Poly 73, Holy Cross 45.
Randolph-Macon 33, Galaudet 25.
Rice 68, Baylor 26,
Rhode Island State 63, Detroit 45.
St. Jöhn's 63, Brooklyn College 27.
Sewance 51, Vanderbiit 38.
South Carolina 73, Citadet 47.
Scranton 71, Ithaca 56.
Texas 70, Texas Aggies 35,
Utah 30, Utah State 59,
Valparaiso 56, Ind. State Tchrs. 55.
Wisconsin 61, Purdue 48.
Wilberforce 47, Lincoln 37,
West Va, 78, Bethany 42.
W. Ky. Tchrs. 43, E. Ky. Tchrs. 42.
Wheaton 48, Ill. (Chi. Branch) 38.
Washington 39, Gonzaga 29,
Wash, State 69, West. Wash. 54.
Westminster 84, Carnegie Tech. 54.

MURDER IS REPUGNANT TO ME "BUT THIS DISGUISED WOMAN MUST DIE "SHE IS THE ONLY MUMAN LEFT ON EARTH WHO HAS READ

A CERTAIN FORMULA-

By Al Capp



Daffynition (by S/Sgt. Bill Pfriender): The Metro is where the ill-fated sardine takes its basic

Overheard in a chow-line: "I would sure like to see how they raise them chickens. They is all necks and wings.'

Signs of the times? An Evanston, Ill., woman has asked a court to judge her husband insane because he dared to talk back to her.

Since the cigarette shortage, our spy on the home front sez, "Anyway, a man can still take a 'chew' without feeling he ought to offer it to a lady."

A homeward-bound ETO soldier passed the Statue of Liberty and sighed, "Put your torch down, Honey—I'm home."

An air force mag relates this yarn. Where weighty words are concerned, no one will challenge the monopoly of OWI, especially since an episode that took place recently in the Mediterranean.



A MAAF Bomber, carrying psychological propaganda pamphlets, was bumbling over the Bay of Marseilles when someone accidentally nudged the salvo lever. The entire load scored a direct hit on a German lighter and sank it. The bomber crew claimed credit for the most spectacular typegraphical creory. spectacular typographical error of the war.

Quip of the week (by Cpl. Jack Garber): "She gave him such a dirty glance that she's now a member of the look-of-the-month

Overheard in a bistro: "The way to fight that woman is with your hat-grab it and run."

Our spy on the home front sez the wolves now quip, "Let's park here and save gas for the offen-

Afterthought: Liquor may be slow poison—but who's in a hurry? J. C. W.



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Births Folks at Home Send These Gls Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival:

SGT. Roderick Story, Kansas City, Mo.—

Roderick Lee, Jan. 26; Cpl. John P. McIntire, Parkville, Mo.—Robert William, Feb. 9; Capt. Jefferson C. Lewis, Rule, Tex.—boy, Feb. 10; Lt. Richard Engard, Abington, Pa.—Karen, Feb. 10; Sperry T. Rep. Shirl I. Thompson, Elberon, N.J.—boy; Pvt. Philip Lang. New Haven. Conn.—girl, Feb. 10; Lt. Freddie Edwards, Bastrop, Tex.—girl, Feb. 12; Cpl. Bernard Natt. Bronx—boy, Feb. 1; Pvt. Norry Nitowsky, Chicago—Linda Valerie, Jan. 28; Capt. Anthony P. Gaieski, Salem, Mass.—Peter Paul, Jan. 31; Cpl. I. M. Jacobson, Hoboken, N.J.—Jacqueline, Feb. 3; Capt. Arthur H. Katzmann. Chicago—Anne Helen, Jan. 27; Capt. Vincent J. Braone, Elmhurst, L.I.—Louis Francis, Feb. 8.

Feb. 8.

T/4 George R. May, Troy, Ohio—Rebecca
Joan, Jan. 16; 2/Lt. Robert L. Henricus—boy, Jan. 20; T/Sgt. Bud Bethune,
Gastonia, N.C.—Patricia Elizabeth, Dec.
15; Sgt. Robert Halliday, Pelham, N.Y.—
Heather Irene, Jan. 17; Lt. E.M. Knonloch, N.Y.—girl, January; Cpl. Irving Pernick, New York—Marylyn, Jan. 14; Lt.
Laussat Clement, Haverford, Penn.—
Marion Frances; Sgt. Walter Lewis—Carole Ann, Nov. 26; Pvt. Seymour Korn,
New York—Rita Janet, Jan. 15; Lt. James
Reap, New York—Patricia, Jan. 15; Sgt.
Walter G. Dinley, Canton, Ohio—girl, Jan.
9; Cpl. William A. Hitz, Bronx, N.Y.—
William Warren, Jan. 10; Cpl. Matthew
Bogush, Philadelphia—girl, January.

#### Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features







Terry and The Pirates

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LOVES DASHINUTLY

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Abbie an' Slats

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By Raeburn Van Buren







Dick Tracy

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By Chester Gould







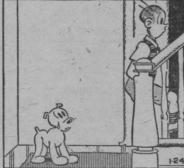


Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate

By Chic Young









Jane

By Courtesy of The London Daily Mirror

By Norman Pett







# Burma Coast Landing Made by British, Indians

British and Indian troops made a new surprise landing on the Arakan coast of Burma yesterday, taking all planned ob-jectives against Japanese opposition consisting of two rounds of jectives against Japanese opposition consisting of two rounds of artillery fire, SEAC headquarters announced yesterday. The landing was made at Tuywa, about 65 miles southeast of Akyab.

Within a short time, Allied troops were astride the Arakan coast road, landings following a 40-minute bombardment from ships and from artillery pieces secretly planted on the coast the day before by Commandos.

On the Irawaddy front in central Burma, 14th Army troops made another successful crossing of the Irawaddy, about 40 miles west of Mandalay. They hold a bridge-head of nine square miles. The Japanese lost more than 300 men in unsuccessful counter-attacks.

Planes of the Eastern Air Command walloped railroads and bridges in Burma and Thailand. Heavy bombers wrecked three bridges on the Burma-Siam Railway, two on Moulmein, and destroyed a road bridge nearby. They also smashed six spans on the Rangoon-

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smasned six spans on the rangoon-Mandalay line and one on the rail-way between Rangoon and Prome. In the Inchang section of south-east China, reinforced Japanese were fighting hard in the area where the Chinese had taken con-trol of a 25-mile section of the vital

Canton-Hankow railway.

U.S. 14th Air Force fighters, operating in North China, sank a number of enemy river vessels and destroyed two locomotives, Mustangs damaged three Japanese planes and beat off attempted interception by 20 to 30 Japanese fighters in an attack on the Nanking airdrome.

### Koniev Forces **Near Cottbus**

(Continued from Page 1) tween Strehlem and Kanth, towns

north of the Oder River bend.

Moscow said that the Red Air
Force was giving full support to
Koniev's drive, flying 10.000 sorties a day.

Fighting in East Prussia

Fighting in East Prussia
In East Prussia, Soviet troops
were still fighting heavy battles for
the extermination of 20 trapped
German divisions. The towns of
Wormditt and Mehlsack, about 40
miles south of Koenigsberg, were
the latest prizes which fell to the
Second White Russian Army.
Battles flared up yesterday on the
Czech plain north of the Danube,
where Marshal Malinovsky's forces\*
represent a potential threat to

represent a potential threat to

represent a potential threat to Vienna.

A Reuter dispatch from Moscow said that German dead and prisoners since the start of the Soviet offensive on Jan. 12 total more than 500,000, according to unofficial estimates compiled on the basis of official communiques.

Pravda said yesterday that dozens of German divisions had been smashed.

#### Marauders Strike At Vital Rail Bridge

Bad weather on the Western Front yesterday restricted Allied air activity, but 60 Ninth AF Marauders, bombing by instrument, attacked an important rail bridge over the Weid River, at Dottesfeld, 35 miles southeast of Cologne, and targets at Daun. 19 miles east of Prum.

RAF Lancasters, which hit the same target Friday, made an afternoon attack on the communications center of Wasal 23 miles acutable. center of Wesel. 23 miles southeast

of Cleve.
On the southern sector, a small force of Thunderbolts of the First TACAF, operating in support of the Sixth Army Group, bombed targets east of the Rhine, in the Frei-

#### Nazi War Reaches Final Stage—Monty

21st ARMY GROUP HQ., Feb, 18 (Reuter).—Field Marshal Montgomery, in a personal mes-sage to troops today, said that "operations of the Allies on all parts of the front have now brought the German war to its

"There was a time some years ago when it did not seem possible we could win this war," he said. "The present situation is that we cannot lose it. In fact, the terrific successes of our Russian allies on the Eastern Front have brought victory into sight." final stage.

### Attacking Nazi Sea Lanes off Norway



With its machine-gun bullets churning the water, a light bomber of the RAF Coastal Command veers away (note upper left) from a burning German ship after jumping an enemy convoy trying to run the Allied air blockade along the Norway coast to Germany.

# Nazi Attacks Repulsed Three waves of counterattacking Nazis rolled toward U.S. Seventh Army positions east of Sarreguemines. They were rolled back after heavy fighting. The first attack in battalion strength with tanks came in Saturday afternoon and gained ground. It was thrown back after Seventh Army doughs reformed and retook lost positions. The Germans withdrew, leaving three wrecked tanks and SP guns. CO Set Up 'Shotgun Wedding,' Navy Officer Charges in Suit

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 18 W. R. Hillberg, in Washington, D.C. (ANS).—Navy Lt. Clyde Monaghan charged in an annulment suit filed tioned at Floyd Bennett Field, N.Y., lost positions. The Germans withdrew, leaving three wrecked tanks and SP guns.

A second attack, somewhat lighter drove in at dark and was beaten off after several hours of fighting. Later Saturday night, a third enemy attacking force formed, but U.S. artillery broke it up before the Nazis could get under way.

First French Army patrols in the high Alps at the southern end of Alsace met increasing enemy resistance in mountain passes. Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, First French Army CG, cited officers and noncoms of the U.S. XXI Corps units for their leadership in the Alsace campaign. Units were the Third, 28th and 75th Inf. Divs. and the 12th Armd Div.

S and S Correspondent Ernest Leiser reported that artillery exchanges across the Roer River provided the only ground activity on the Ninth Army front yesterday, as the river's flood slowly receded into the already rain-soaked plains along its banks.

The Roer's current, according to charged in an annulment suit filed in Superior Court yesterday that he was forced by his commanding officer into a "shotgun, wedding"

said the commanding officer at Atlanta Naval Air Station told him to choose between a "bride and the

officer into a 'shotgun, wedding' with a woman expecting another man's baby.

The wife replied the charges were "utterly ridiculous."

"The baby has been born and it is his," said Mrs. Narcy Monaghan at the home of her mother, Mrs.

# China Supplies Was Rejected

\*KUNMING, Feb. 18 (AP).— Wholesale thefts of war equipment and supplies have for months bit-ten deeply into hard-gained ton-nages brought to China, despite attempts of American and Chinese officials to establish new safe-

In the Kunming area alone since the first of last year, 104 jeeps and three trucks have been stolen from the Americans Seventy jeeps and one of the trucks have been re-covered.

American collusion in the looting

Tax Increase in Germany
LONDON, Feb. 18 (Reuter).—
Reich Finance Minister Dr. Walter
Funk has announced that taxes in
Germany would be increased shortly to meet heavier war costs, DNB
said today.

covered.

American collusion in the looting turn on the conference, UP reported.

De Gaulle was understood to have turned down the invitation on the ground that he preferred to see Roosevelt in Paris and also because he wanted some time to study the conference decisions.

# Thefts Cutting Says FDR Bid

An invitation by President Roose velt to Gen. Charles de Gaulle to meet him somewhere outside France

meet him somewhere outside France to discuss the decisions of the Crimea Conference was rejected by the French leader, it was learned yerterday, the United Press said.

U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery gave the invitation to De Gaulle last Monday when, together with the British and Russian Ambassadors, he presented the official statement and a secret memorandum on the conference, UP reported.

turned down the invitation on the ground that he preferred to see Roosevelt in Paris and also because

# U.S. Sea Strike Causes Talk on Japan Landing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18 (ANS).

—The apparent success of the American carrier attack on Tokyo suggests the possibility that an invasion of the Japanese homeland may be attempted even before landings on the China coast, the United Press said today.

Military experts have believed for a long time that landings on the China coast to establish air bases would be a necessary prelude to the invasion of Japan proper. However, the demonstrated ability of Vice-Adm. Mark A. Mitscher's powerful task force to break into enemy home waters has brought about a revision of that view, UP said.

said.

High-ranking Navy officials have said repeatedly in recent months that American forces have perfected the technique of amphibious operations to such a degree that they have no doubt of staging successful landings anywhere, Japan included

It was considered most unlikely, however, that a landing on Japan would be attempted in the near future.

Radio Tokyo, apparently jittery about possible landings on Honshu, today quoted Japanese Air Defense Headquarters as telling the people that "we may have to spend most of our lives underground in the future."

# Corregidor ...

where Japanese sat hidden with

where Japanese sat hidden with machine-guns. One trained his gun on our boat. Bullets crunched through the sides. We were blacked out in a hold of terror.

Finally, the bump of the beach under the boat sent us moving toward the lowering ramp. But there was a new terror on the beach—a Jap anti-tank gun which raked boats, vehicles and men in the soft sand. This was a new kind of American beachhead, one without a single vehicle moving.

One of our medium tanks sat at the water's edge, the crew firing machine-guns and a 75mm. into Malinta Hill targets. As we left the LCM, there was a heavy burst to the right which showered the whole beach with flying débris and shrapnel.

shrapnel.

Lt. Col. Edward M. Postlethwait, of Warren, Minn., took personal command as he raced off the boat.

of Warren, Minn., took personal command as he raced off the boat. As he ran, he shouted to dug-in soldiers, "Get back off the damned beach," and damned beach it was, with Japs pouring everything they had at our vehicles.

There were wounded men on the beach for whom there still were no means of evacuation. Boats were not landing on our beach any more. Somewhere in the rocks on either side of the beach, the Jap antitank gun worked over the shoreline. Vehicles coming off LCMs were stopped after a few feet.

After about an hour, someone somewhere found the gun and knocked it out, relieving pressure on the beach. Men now faced only rifles and machine-guns. Men moved more freely and so did shipping.

moved more freely and so did singping.

Now the wounded could be moved
to ships Postlethwait's veteran
battalion of the 34th Regt. was over
the hump. About 1 PM, the second
half of the parachute regiment
began landing without drawing fire,
and the battle for Corregidor seemed decided.

# Jap Mandates

NEW YORK, Feb. 18 (Reuter).

That Pacific islands formerly —That Pacific islands formerly mandated to Japan should be annexed by the U.S. and governed by it as trustee for the United Nations is advocated in a letter to the New York Times signed by seven prominent Americans.

Signers include former Secretary of State Sumner Welles and John W. Davis Demogratic presidential

of State Sumner Welles and John W. Davis, Democratic presidential candidate in 1924. They urge a statement of policy by the U.S. and "governments of other powers" on the question of annexation of mandated territories.

The letter called attention to a speech made by Col. Oliver Stanley, British Colonial Secretary, on Jan. 19 in which he "referred to the mandate system in the past tense as representing the old

tense as representing the old theory of trusteeship."

The signers of the letter said that "it might be inferred that he favored abolition of this system."

They asked whether "he is now." They asked whether "he is now perhaps in favor of annexation of mandated territories by powers administering them."

# Capture of Iwo Jima Would Provide U.S. With Air Base Virtually on Japs' Doorstep

The Roer's current, according to Leiser, continued to surge along at more than six miles an hour as a steady drizzle helped prolong the still-gushing flood from the dams.

British troops who cut the main Goch-Calcar road took 900 prisoners

Nazi Attacks Repulsed

An American landing on Iwo Jima, a volcanic speck of an island, would put American ground forces within 750 miles of the Japanese capital, their closest approach to date, according to Army News Service.

If Americans will visualize an invasion of the Bahamas, southeast of Florida, it will give them an idea of how Tokyo citizens would feel over a landing on Iwo. The air-mile distance from the Bahamas to Washington, D.C., about equals that from Iwo, in the Volcano Islands, to Tokyo.

Conquest of Iwo, whose area of only eight square miles includes a sizable airfield, would hold grave implications for Japan. It would, for the first time, place American land-based medium bombers and fighters within striking distance of Japan.

Seizure of the tiny island would eliminate the principal springboard for enemy air attacks on the Marianas bases of U.S. B29s. U.S. planes on Iwo Jima would also create a grave threat to the enemy's supply routes to Formosa and the south work of the south work of

south.

American aircraft on Iwo Jima would be within 100 miles of Haha Jima, in the Bonins, where Port Lloyd, sometimes referred to as Japan's Pearl Harbor, is situated. Twenty miles north of Haha is Chichi Jima, another important airbase island.

Iwo is a rugged island similar in shape to a miniature South America. At the southern end, a two-coned volcanic mountain rises and the island boasts several other peaks.

Maps show stretches of sandy ermen.

about two and one-half miles wide at the broadest part.

A landing on Iwo Jima would put American troops on Japanese soil administered as part of the Tokyo prefecture, along with 40 other islands in the chain stretching 800 miles south of the Jap capital.

The Volcano Islands were absorbed into the Japanese Empire in 1891, four years after an official party heided by the Mayor of Tokyo visited the islands.

The Japanese were slow to migrate to the islands, but inhabitants of Iwo are almost entirely pure Japanese, although generally taller than those in the homeland. In 1940, the population was reported as 1,151, most of them fishermen.