

Man Spricht Deutsch
Wir sind Amerikaner.
Veer sind Amereekahner.
We are Americans.

Ici On Parle Français
Rendez-le moi.
Ron-day luh mwa.
Give it back to me.

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7th and 3rd Attack in Saar

Bastogne Heroes of 101st Airborne Win Presidential Division Citation

First Such Award In History Made By Eisenhower

By Jules B. Grad

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

101st AIRBORNE DIV., March 15.—There's a hallowed place in the United Nations' Hall of Fame today for the "Battered Bastards of Bastogne."

They received their life-membership cards in the sacred shrine this afternoon from the President of the United States.

The Presidential Citation, first in U.S. military history ever awarded to a division, was presented by Gen. Eisenhower to the 101st Airborne for "extraordinary heroism and gallantry in defense of the key communications center of Bastogne."

On a sun-drenched field which once rocked with the noise of battle from World War I artillery and mortar blasts, the heroes of the Belgian Bulge stood at stiff attention while tiny reconnaissance planes droned lazily overhead.

All Eyes on Chief

As company and battalion flags fluttered in the mild breeze and the blue and white regimental guidons lined the 12,000 troops almost a half-mile down the field in a magnificent military formation, all eyes were fixed on the Supreme Commander.

He walked briskly to a microphone, stood for a brief moment looking at his gallant soldiers.

"It is a great personal honor for me to be here today to take part in a ceremony that is unique in American history," he began.

"Never before has a full division been cited by the War Department, in the name of the President, for gallantry in action. This day marks the beginning of a new tradition in the American Army."

But this was not the first time paratroopers and glidermen of the Screaming Eagle Division had broken tradition. Long before the huge C47s dropped parachutes with vital ammunition, medical supplies, gasoline and rations, the Battered Bastards were staving off

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Gen. Eisenhower salutes the colors of the 101st AB, first division in U.S. military history to receive a Presidential Citation, at ceremonies in France yesterday. At left is Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, 101st CG.

They Policed Yard as Ordered—And Then the Shell Struck

By Ernest Leiser

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

RHINEHAUSEN, Germany, March 15.—The order was to police up the yard, and a lieutenant colonel gave the order. The yard was along the Rhine River front here, not very far from the Germans on the other side, under observation of their guns.

It was a pleasant spring afternoon Tuesday—too nice to stay indoors—but the men knew the only safe place was indoors. You were pretty safe there from the mortars, and so you stayed inside, even if it wasn't so pleasant.

The doughs were from a mortar outfit themselves. Their job was to remind the Jerries across the river that they were there every once in a while—plaster the other side with a few rounds and then go back indoors.

It wasn't a bad setup—not bad

at all. The houses weren't beaten up. The furniture was comfortable. The life was pretty easy, and it was almost peaceful. It would have been better to be out playing ball, but hell, after you've been in an outfit seven months like this one kid, you know that when Jerry's around, you're better off inside, and you get along that way.

Colonel Came Inspecting

That's when the colonel came along, inspecting. The house was fine, he said—nice and clean. But the yard was a disgrace, and it was to be policed up and the rubbish burned.

So the tall kid from the South—he was only 20 or 21—and the other four started to work. They piled up the shell containers and the K-ration boxes, piled them up neatly and started a fire. There wasn't a lot of wind and the smoke went up nice and straight.

The order had been, get that yard clean, so they worked ahead, picking up everything around in

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British Subs Sink 74 Ships

LONDON, March 15 (AP).—British submarines have sunk 74 enemy vessels and damaged 25 others recently in Far Eastern waters, the British Admiralty announced today.

Bridgehead Permits New Attack—Stimson

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP).—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson today described the Remagen bridgehead as the foundation for an "attack on inner Germany."

"It may be the scene of still heavier fighting, but we have had time to consolidate our position," he said in his weekly war review. "The war on the Western Front has reached a very critical stage."

About 140,000 prisoners have been taken by the Allies since Feb. 23, Stimson said, adding that the "desperate situation of the Germans was indicated by German Army orders to shoot all stragglers."

Cabinet Orders Tokyo, 4 Other Cities Cleared

LONDON, March 15 (AP).—In a swift aftermath to powerful raids by American Superfortresses, Radio Tokyo said today that the Japanese Government had decided to evacuate non-essential persons from five of its chief cities, among them fire-blitzed Tokyo.

The Japanese Cabinet, meeting today, said that stocks as well as people would be evacuated, according to the Tokyo broadcast. The German radio listed the cities to be evacuated as Tokyo, Yokohama, Nagoya, Osaka and Kobe.

Jap Air Defenses Will Be Revised

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Japan, admitting that air-raid precautions had failed to meet requirements in the Superfortress fire-bomb attacks on Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka, announced yesterday that her entire air-defense system would be revised and that children of school age would be evacuated from danger areas, Japanese broadcasts said.

Householders were urged to be available to fight fire-bombs and a stricter blackout was ordered. The Japanese said that evacuation of school children from Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka probably would start within a few days.

Japanese districts will be classified A or B, according to the prospective danger. Primary schools will be closed in A towns.

The enemy broadcast said that the danger of American invasion was partly responsible for the evacuation order.

London Poles Protest Exclusion from 'Frisco

LONDON, March 15 (AP).—The Polish Government in London protested today against its omission from the invitation to the San Francisco conference, contending it was the "sole legal and independent representative of the Polish state."

In a note delivered to British, American and Chinese representatives in London, the Poles said they "emphatically insist on their indisputable right to take part in the World Security Conference."

First Army Closing On Super Road

Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's U.S. Seventh Army launched its offensive against the remaining western Rhineland held by the Nazis at 0100 hours yesterday, driving up to three miles in attacks along a wide front from Saarbrücken to the Rhine.

In the northern part of the Saar, troops of Lt. Gen. Patton's Third Army drove across the Mosel River before dawn Wednesday on a nine-mile front eight to 17 miles southwest of Coblenz. Patch's offensive in the south placed the entire Saarlands between the nutcracker of the two American armies.

Half Mile From Autobahn

Across the Rhine, meanwhile, troops of Lt. Gen. Hodges' U.S. First Army continued their attack in bright sunshine as they reached to within a half-mile of the east bank autobahn, south of Brunsberg. The bridgehead was extended 1,000 yards in the woods north of Honnet and now measures eleven and a quarter miles long and five and a quarter miles deep at the widest penetration near Notscheid.

Patch's attack came as the latest of a series of Allied hammer blows which started Feb. 8 when Gen. Crerar's Canadian First Army attacked in the northern Rhineland, followed by the Roer offensive of Lt. Gen. Simpson's Ninth and Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First Army, Feb. 23. Then Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Third Army broke through the Eifel to the Rhine and rolled the Germans back across the Mosel River.

Planes Blast a Path

The Seventh Army men moved forward without artillery preparation but after record air assaults by First TAC blasted a path through strongly-defended German positions.

They quickly overcame strong resistance, seizing Gudinggen, southeast of Saarbrücken, and battling

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Life Sentence Given Vichyite

Admiral Jean-Pierre Esteva, first of the Vichy officials to be tried for treason, was sentenced to life imprisonment last night by a jury of 24 resistance members and pre-war legislators.

Esteva was charged with aiding the Nazis while he was resident-general of Tunisia and with preventing French troops stationed there from opposing German occupation.

Prosecutor André Mornet had demanded the death penalty for Esteva, asserting that the case against Esteva was a part of the more complex proceedings against the Vichy regime.

It was disclosed during the trial that Pétain, Laval and other prominent Vichyites taking refuge in Germany would be tried *in absentia*.

Defense Counselor Chresteil claimed Esteva's actions in Tunisia had been motivated by a desire to save the protectorate for France.

Flag Formally Raised on Iwo While Marines Still Battle Japs

GUAM, March 15 (AP).—The American flag was formally raised yesterday atop a captured Japanese bunker on Iwo Jima, 750 miles from Tokyo, and it flies today as a symbol that the tiny island has been cut away from the Japanese Empire.

But U.S. Marines, who have killed an estimated 20,000 Japanese, still were fighting today to eliminate the stubbornly resisting survivors of the Japanese garrison, who were even attaching booby traps to dead Marines.

The Marines gained up to 400

yards yesterday—the 24th day of the battle—at the northern end of Iwo.

In the flag-raising ceremony at the southern end of the island, in the shadow of Mt. Suribachi, Col. D. A. Staffard, of Spokane, Wash., read a proclamation suspending "all powers of the government of the Japanese Empire" and vesting them in Adm. Nimitz as Military Governor of Iwo.

The flag planted on top of Mt. Suribachi on the fifth day of the battle was lowered as the new flag went up yesterday.

THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

Snajufficers

We in the Hq. Co. of a 4.2 Chemical Mortar Bn were led to believe that an officer's first consideration was for his men. Here are two examples of how this works in our outfit:

1—After much difficulty our special service officer obtained a radio for the use of the men. This has been hijacked for the personal use of the colonel and the major.

2—Over 100 men have to endure coffee so weak that it defies description because the major likes it that way.—Underprivileged GI

Good Impressions

A pet grievance of ours is that in most reinforcement companies, the radio is in the mess hall or orderly room. Of course, the cadre has to listen to the news and the latest song hits, but the poor Joe, all he needs is a place to drop his helmet. What use is the radio to him?

Most of the depots do have day rooms or special service rooms but the radio, probably bought by company funds or issued by QM, is either sitting on the special service officer's desk or is not in the day room, but in the orderly room or mess hall. Why don't you treat the GI as a human being, an equal? He's going up there, maybe to give his life. Let his thoughts of the reinforcement system and the Army be full of good impressions . . . —M/Sgt. B.D. G.F.R.C.

Reasonable Request

This is not intended to be a bitch, but a plea. We have been in France since a few days after D-Day, and during that time we've hauled everything from PWs to unexploded bombs . . . acted as QM truck drivers . . . been exposed to enemy attacks more times than I care to mention . . . had to dig fox holes and slit trenches so many times that I seriously contemplated the idea of speaking to the War Dept. about an issue of portable foxholes. And during this time we were highly welcomed by any combat Joes we chanced to meet, because we usually had truck loads of gasoline, ammo or food rations. Now we've been temporarily stationed in an area that is far behind the lines, and given the task along with an Engr. (GS) Regt. of constructing and maintaining a Replacement Depot for incoming combat Joes. Now most of these guys coming in are new, with about two or three months of overseas experience and apparently don't know as yet what the score is. And it is because of their remarks, tossed daily, that I write this plea.

Such remarks as: "What a racket those guys have, doing nothing but hauling rocks." "Ever seen a pack before?" "How much do you guys get for overtime?" And numerous others that I haven't time to mention.

So you see, while these things may not seem so important to you, they are very much so to us; because after all there isn't a guy in this outfit that asked to be in it, nor do we regret being in it, because we know that every GI in the Army can't engage in actual combat against the enemy; that if it weren't for us and others in similar outfits to ours, what would the above-mentioned Joes be sleeping in or what would they be using for roads?

So will you please see if you can kind of put the guys hep, and may God end this war soon so we all can return to occupations of our choice. —Sgt. Earl Harper, Pfc Darryl Gaston, 557 Engr. Dep. Trk Co.

Stuff for Goebbels

The record of Congressman Andrew May has been a noteworthy one, especially in the highly responsible and important position of chairman of the Military Affairs Committee. It is, therefore, disquieting to read in your columns of his intention to investigate the status of "Communists" in the Army.

To be exact he announced that there were sufficient "red-blooded Americans" who could hold commissions as against those whose lifestream might be tainted by adherence to one or another school of independent political thought.

It seems to me that Rep. May does his country a disservice. Today the Nazi radio screeches forth its warnings against the menace which threatens Europe—that menace is "communism." The Hitlerite press characterized the whole Yalta conference as a triumph for Bolshevism. The cry of "communism" has been the stock-in-trade of every "confusionist" and isolationist for many years.

Certainly Congressman May should know one of the political facts of life; that is, every patriotic American has subordinated his political beliefs to the general needs of the nation, which is to win the war.

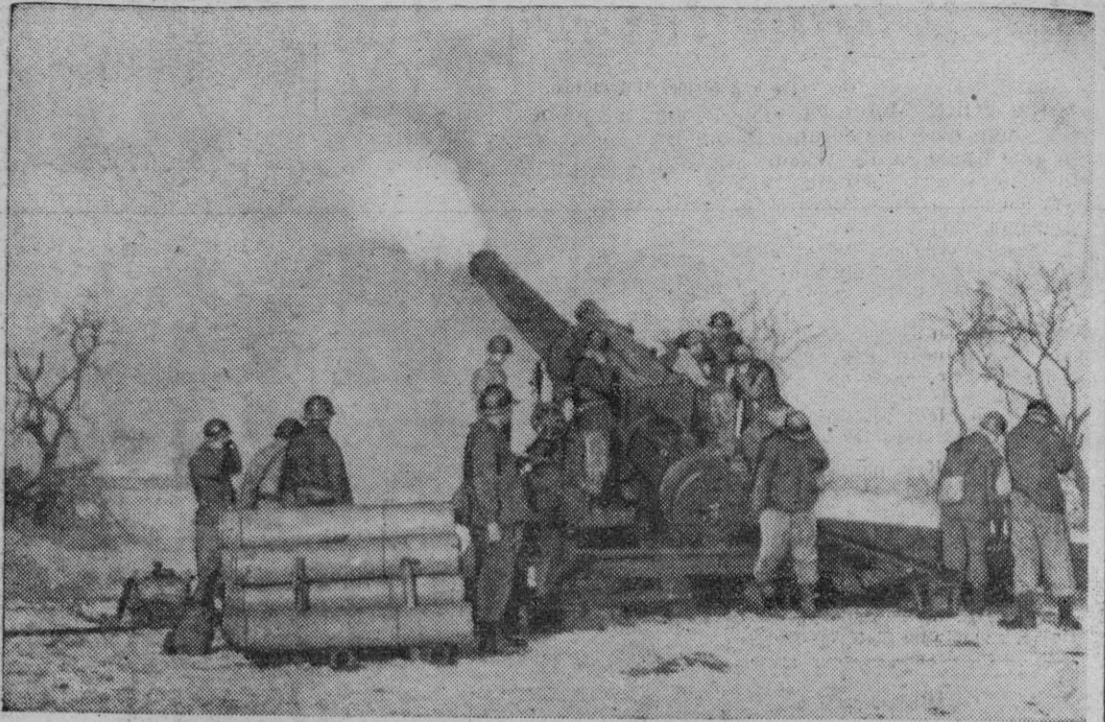
It is certainly contrary to all principles of military science that a soldier should be evaluated not by his deeds or military ability or even his patriotism, but that the overriding consideration should be whether he has been or will be in the future a "Communist" or perhaps just a subscriber to New Republic.—Pfc Herbert L. Wheel- din, G.F.R.C.

Editor's Note

Will the writers of the letters signed "88 Fed-up GIs" and "Eight old women" please provide their names and their units' names. These names will not be published. Anonymous letters go in the waste basket, not in B-Bag.—Ed.

An Editorial

V-E Day Prospects



After the last shot is fired. . .

WRITES Nat Gubbins of London's Sunday Express—about V-Day in Britain:

"Many people will feel very ill indeed, and after the first jubilations a deep depression will hang over these islands, especially over those who wake up in police stations . . . When the nation has recovered from the shock, a lot of bishops will make exactly the same speeches as bishops made after the last war . . . This will make a lot of thoughtful people wonder if bishops are worth the money they get."

"Towards the end of the first week of peace, those who organized processions will put their long-laid plans into operation, and London and other big cities will be filled with the sound of hideous music. Thousands will march through the streets holding up traffic for days . . . Patriotic people will sing patriotic songs, and

those who have done the least to win the war will sing the loudest. The people who are the least likely to sing songs and wave flags will be the sailors, soldiers and airmen. The people most likely to sing and to be entirely smothered in Union Jacks will be the black marketeers."

"After the processions will come the discussion, especially on the question: 'Who won the war?' This will not only be a subject for international bickerings. It will also be a subject for internal political bickerings. Each political party, even the Liberals, will say that they won the war. The only people who will put in no claim at all will be the sailors, soldiers and airmen. Eventually (if we don't hang him quickly) Hitler will claim to have won it—and probably will in the long run, if you don't watch out."

Up Front With Mauldin



"Some of you may not come back. A French convoy has been reported on the road."

U.S. Delegation to 'Frisco Weighs Multiple Mandates

WASHINGTON, March 14 (AP).—A proposal that several—two or more—nations establish a joint mandate over territory formerly controlled by one nation under the old League of Nations plan is being considered by the U.S.

The mandate question is among the many problems now under discussion in preliminary sessions of the American delegation to the San Francisco world security conference. Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius, chairman of the American delegation, said that while members of the group would be free to pursue "personal views and convictions," they will be able to "work as one team."

American officials who have the responsibility of planning a large part of the conference wish to eliminate from the conference all

consideration of disposal of territories and other settlements resulting directly from the war.

In the contemplated proposal, the mandate would be held jointly by controlling powers which had some direct interest in the territory, such as military bases or other vital facilities.

The ultimate aim of the conference is to draft a complete charter for a world security organization which would take the form of a treaty.

Delegates meeting with Stettinius include: Sen. Tom Connally (D-Tex.), Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.), Rep. Sol Bloom (D-N.Y.), Rep. Charles A. Eaton (R-N.J.), Comm. Harold Stassen, former Republican Governor of Minnesota, and Dean Virginia Gildersleeve of Barnard College.

Births

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

PVT. Herbert G. Ashburn, Ararat, Va.—Herbert Gray, Feb. 12; Pfc William Stedcke, Andover, O.—Ronald Terry, Feb. 6; T/5 Robert Fusco, Waterbury, Conn.—Robert William, Feb. 2.

PVT. Harold F. Haak, Chicago—Lillian Margaret, Feb. 12; Major Loeb B. Sheifer, New York—Suzanne Beth, March 11; Lt. Robert P. Hinn, Plainview, Tex.—Karen Elizabeth, March 3; Pvt. Joseph Dasiva, New York—Walter Joseph, March 9; 1/Lt. Webster C. Ericson, Bradford, Pa.—James Edwards, March 9; Pfc Eddie Snyderman, Brooklyn—girl, March 10.

Sgt. John G. Holtorf, Fresno, Calif.—John Gray, March 6; Sgt. Marion W. Pincof, Shreveport, La.—Marion W., March

8; S/Sgt. J. W. Gudoczynskas, Providence, R.I.—girl, March 8; Pfc Arthur W. Briley, Terre Haute, Ind.—David Wayne, March 6; T/5 Ralph K. Ritchie, Richlake, Wis.—boy, Feb. 24; Pfc Albert Reibel, Pittsburgh, Pa.—twins, Paulette Ann and Paul Albert, March 4; Sgt. John F. Alkire, Torrington, Wyo.—girl, March 10; 1/Sgt. O. E. Woodbeck, Mondovi, Wis.—Ronald Clarence, March 9.

PVT. James P. Driskill, Montgomery, Ala.—Platt Walton, Feb. 24; Lt. Harold P. Webster, Finleyville, Pa.—James Allen, March 5; S/Sgt. Joe Hogan, Tuckerman, Ark.—girl, March 6; T/5 John Marshall, Peoria, Ill.—Ann Marie, Feb. 28; Sgt. Edward J. Ezop, Chicago—boy, March 6; Lt. Daniel Levine, Brooklyn—Robert Harris, Feb. 14; T/Sgt. Harold Marks, St. Albans, L.I.—Diane Barbara, March 5; Sgt. Robert E. Wilson, Waterford, N.Y.—girl, March 9; Cpl. Elwyn Alwood, Haverhill, Mass.—girl, March 8.

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It Happened in America Yesterday:

U.S. Lays It on the Line: 43 Billion Income Tax

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, March 15.—The people, big money men and small, bent over last-minute income-tax forms today and prepared to give Uncle Sam's treasury an estimated \$43,000,000,000, highest in history, thus bringing wartime tax payments over the \$100,000,000,000 mark. Before the war, annual collections totaled \$5,000,000,000 or less.

Some 30,000,000 citizens whose earnings are below \$5,000 a year were able to use a new simplified form. Service men and women whose total military and outside income did not exceed \$2,000 in 1944 were exempt from filing.

Sen. Kenneth S. Wherry (R-Neb.) has urged the Senate to create a five-man committee to find out why a food shortage exists in the country. He also wants another committee set up to burrow into food exports and imports. Meanwhile, G. L. Childress, representing the American Meat Institute, said the meat shortage may become worse unless quick steps are taken to remedy the situation.

SAM CLARK, a painter, of Richmond, Va., finished painting the city jail and entered an unoccupied cell to change his clothing. A foreman, thinking everyone had left, locked the cell, and poor Sam spent the night behind bars, screeching desperately. Fellow painters released him in the morning.

Iwo Jima may be renamed Marines Island if the resolution proposed by Rep. Brooks Hays (D-Ark.) is adopted by Congress. Hays said the change would commemorate "the Leathernecks' great fight," and added that a friend, C. N. Rainwater, of Little Rock, was the first to suggest the name.

Seeks Entertainment Price Cut

WHILE another newspaper survey found that the midnight curfew had really been effective throughout the country, OPA Boss Chester Bowles alarmed theater men by announcing that he would seek a reduction in movie and theater prices. A Broadway producer growled that if prices were rolled back, Broadway shows would be rolled under.

The New York Daily News stepped into the curfew picture with an exposure of the "curfloozie," defined as a painted woman who lures servicemen into an apartment, shared by two or three "curfloozies," and plies the soldiers or sailors with booze at sky-high prices. Then the "curfloozie" demands more and more cash, and frequently rolls the victim when he has passed out.

Sailors from Iowa

IOWA is proud of its many native sons in the Navy. Burlington, for example, is the home of Mrs. Inez Davis, whose seven sons are all gobs, and Waterloo was the hometown of the five Sullivan brothers who died together in the Pacific.

But another Iowa town, Shenandoah, population 6,500, is worried about juvenile delinquency, and has held several mass meetings to discuss methods of solving the problem. The county attorney says there has been an alarming jump in arrests of minors.

CHICAGO'S International Sportsman Show lost its four Canadian geese, which answered the call of the wild when a flock of geese, flying over the Coliseum Building, honked happily. The caged geese crashed through their bonds, found an opening in the skylight, and took off for points north. One goose couldn't make up its mind and was caught later on the roof of Haven Public School, South Wabash.

Archbishop Richard J. Bushing of Boston urged the government to pay a monthly allotment to mothers of needy families and thus help prevent juvenile crime. The archbishop feels that "lack of parental supervision is directly responsible for the serious and most extensive problem of juvenile delinquency."

Hens will produce more eggs, and that must be the reason why the War Food Administration says the average American will eat more eggs this year than ever before. The figures are 355 to 360 eggs per person at home.

Dr. C. E. Still, Adair County's representative in the Missouri House, has sent out cards for another farewell dinner, but nobody takes it seriously. When Dr. Still first came to the House in 1931, he was certain he would not be re-elected, so he held his first farewell dinner. Since then, he's come back eight times, but continues the dinners.

T/SGT. Marion J. O'Grady, 24, just back from the Pacific, asked Patrolman William Hinz to stop traffic at State and Madison Sts. in the Chicago Loop at 5:30 PM Saturday, and then boldly proposed marriage to Margaret Marritt, 21. Margaret said yes, the sergeant slipped a ring on her finger and kissed her, and hundreds of interested spectators cheered wildly.

House Bars Senate Work Bill; 2 Versions Go to Conference

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP).—The House, by a vote of 211 to 177, refused yesterday to accept the milder Senate substitute for its own work-or-jail bill, and the widely disagreeing Senate and House versions of manpower legislation went before a conference committee today.

Rep. Charles A. Halleck (R-Ind.) predicted that a stalemate would result from the conference and that the country may get no manpower legislation.

Responding to a Presidential request in January for a compulsory work law, the House passed a bill setting \$10,000 fines and five-year prison terms for draft-age men who refuse to take or hold essential jobs.

The Senate proposed, instead, fines and imprisonment for employers who violate ceilings on the number of employees allowed in-

dividual plants. The House wouldn't accept the change.

The argument against the House bill brought from Rep. Frank L. Chelf (D-Ky.), recently discharged Air Force major, the assertion: "There is going to be a day of reckoning in this country when these boys come back. May God have mercy on the political souls of those who fight against this bill today."

On the other hand, Rep. Forest A. Harness (R-Ind.) declared that the American youth was now "fighting against enslavement and that's exactly what would happen" under the work-or-jail bill.

The senators appointed as conferees are Elbert D. Thomas (D-Utah), Edwin C. Johnson (D-Col.) and Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.), all supporters of the Senate bill, and Warren R. Austin (R-Vt.) long an advocate of universal service.

A Mid-Winter Night's Dream



No doubt we all have dreams—especially when we're 3,000 miles away from IT all. Here is a typical dream: Take a warm, sunny day back home, add a generous portion of ocean beach, three gorgeous girls, three GIs—and what do you get?

Treasury Explains Petting-Party Prof Position of U.S. on Quits Job and Goes Invasion Currency To See Psychiatrist

WASHINGTON, March 15 (Reuter).—The U.S. "has not obligated itself in any way to redeem any invasion currency issued in foreign lands, as we have no secret understanding that we will ever do so," the Treasury Department declared today in a report on invasion currency.

The report said that speculation on the question arises from a "fundamental misconception" of the nature of invasion currency. Such currency is issued "by authority of the lawful government of the country in which it is disbursed," the report pointed out.

"We have arranged to pay Allied governments dollars equivalent to the net amount of invasion currency given to our troops as pay and allowance in these foreign lands," the report said.

On Feb. 1, Brig. Gen. Edward R. Smith, deputy chief of the War Department's liaison and legislative division, in response to complaints by American soldiers in France that exchange rates were unfair, said that they were being paid the "full amount" allowed by law either in U.S. currency or its equivalent in francs.

Army to Get Almost All Of Inductees, 18 to 20

WASHINGTON, March 15 (AP).—For the next three months all men inducted between the ages of 18 and 20 will be earmarked for the Army. The only exceptions will be those who qualify for special Navy jobs.

A joint Army-Navy statement said that the arrangement was made "to satisfy the current needs of the Army for young infantry replacements."

PASADENA, Calif., March 15 (ANS).—Francis McGough, 54, the manual arts professor who was discovered on a nude petting party with a pretty coed, quit his teaching job today. He went to see a psychiatrist.

McGough declined to talk about "the whole mess." He referred all questions to his attorney, George Penny, who stated only that the teacher at Pasadena Junior College was going to see Dr. Victor Parker, a Los Angeles psychiatrist, for "study."

The "child" was Margaret Alice Davis, 19, who met McGough for the first time when she enrolled in his engineering drafting class. She last saw him when the police hauled them both nude from the professor's parked automobile.

Hawaii GI Paper Sheds a Tear For Curfew Casualties in U.S.

HONOLULU, March 15 (ANS).—Complaints against the midnight curfew in the U.S. drew a sarcastic reply today from Midpacifican, the Army newspaper in Hawaii.

The reply, under a two-column head which said, "GIs Shed Tears for Playboys Wounded by State-side Curfew," was written by Midpacifican's editor, Sgt. Charles Avedon, formerly of New York and Los Angeles.

He gave a full column of quotes from the U.S. decrying the effect of the curfew on night life, and then added, "If there ever was a group deserving the serviceman's sympathy, it is those poor, suffering characters whose lives have been

Senator Says Army Will Quit Alcan Highway

WASHINGTON, March 15 (UP).—Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.) said today that he understood the Army planned to abandon the \$139,000,000 Alcan Highway.

He called it the Army's second cost mistake. The other, he said, was the \$134,900,000 Canol project built in Canada by the U.S. to supplement high-octane gasoline production.

Chairman James M. Mead (D-N.Y.), of the Senate War Investigating Committee, said that the Army decided to close down the Canol April 1, instead of June 30 as originally planned.

Magnuson said that the highway was useless for commercial travel because the Army had picked an unsuitable route. He added that Canada would not maintain it.

The highway was built when Japan was riding high in the Pacific and threatening an invasion of Alaska and the West Coast.

It was primarily a supply line for use if Jap submarines severed ocean communications to Alaska from California, Washington and Oregon ports.

Drabik's Story Put In Congress Record

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The story of the Yank soldier credited with being the first to cross the Rhine was part of the official record of Congress today.

The story from the Rhine bridgehead, as written by Don Whitehead of the AP, was placed in the Congressional Record by Rep. Homer A. Ramey (R-Ohio).

Sgt. Alexander Drabik, of Holland, Ohio, was named as the man first to cross the river in the establishment of the First Army's foothold.

Bette Davis' \$241,000 Tops Studio's Salary List

PHILADELPHIA, March 15 (ANS).—Film actress Bette Davis was the highest paid employe of Warner Brothers Pictures Inc. last year, according to an annual report filed today with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Old Bar Mishap Gives Saroyan Aching Back

AUBURN, Calif., March 15 (ANS).—Pfc William Saroyan, author, revealed today at the DeWitt General Hospital that he fell off a bar stool in Paris in 1939 and had been suffering from a back injury since that time.

Saroyan, who has been in the Army for two and one-half years, said he had also been treated for chronic bronchitis, and that he had been hospitalized in France. He said he expects to appear before an Army board for a possible medical discharge.

suddenly uprooted. Those who have been forced to make one of the most dramatic readjustments of the decade.

"When contrasted with the care-free, unrestricted life of the average overseas GI, it sort of tugs at your heartstrings.

"It's simply peachy stuff to send to Manila, China and Europe's eastern and western fronts. Guys in those spots are bound to experience feelings of intense pity, knowing what some of the folks back home are enduring."

Avedon pointed out that the boys on places like Iwo Jima couldn't really get sympathetic—"although they'll probably try."

101st Heroes Get President's Unit Citation

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the might of the powerful German Wehrmacht before Bastogne.

"With that tradition, therefore," Gen. Eisenhower said, "will always be associated the name of the 101st Airborne Division and of Bastogne. 'Yet, you men, because you are soldiers of proved valor and of experience, would be the last to claim that you are the bravest and the best.'"

The proved valor and experience came on the starry night of June 6, 1944—D-Day—when the 101st's parachutists dropped out of the skies on to Normandy and became the first Allied soldiers to land on Hitler's "Festung Europa."

Beating Foe to His Knees

And then a battalion of the 502nd Parachute Inf. Reg. carried out the first bayonet attack of large-scale design against the German troops defending the approaches of Carentan. Out of this action came the division's first Congressional Medal of Honor.

"All the way from where the Marines are fighting on Iwo Jima through the Philippines and southeast Asia, on through the Mediterranean, and along this great front and on the Russian frontiers, are going forward, day by day, those battles, sustained by the valor of you and other Allied units, that are beating this enemy to his knees," the five-star general declared.

"They are proving once and for all that dictatorship cannot produce better soldiers than can aroused democracy.

Perhaps Not the Bitterest

"In many of these actions are units that have performed with unexcelled brilliance. So far as I know, there may be many among you that would not rate Bastogne as your bitterest battle. Yet, it is entirely fitting and appropriate that you should be cited for that particular battle."

These heroes of Belgium who were perspiring by now from their long-fixer position at attention, needed no reminding that Bastogne may not have been their bitterest battle.

Taking part in the largest airborne operation of the war, the 101st dropped from the sky into Holland on Sept. 17, 1944, to launch a continuous 73-day action in the Netherlands. They played a large role in capturing and maintaining a vital highway supply route for the British Second Army in that campaign.

Recalling their valiant stand at Bastogne, Gen. Eisenhower pointed out that their position in the Belgian bastion was of "utmost importance to the Allied forces."

Outlines Steps

Like a regimental commander standing before his men on the afternoon after a counter-attack, the Supreme Commander traced the steps leading to their stand:

"You in reserve were hurried forward and told to hold that position. All the elements of drama—battle drama—were there. You were cut off, surrounded.

"Only valor, complete self-confidence in yourselves and in your leaders, a knowledge that you were well trained, and only the determination to win could sustain soldiers under those conditions.

"You were given a marvelous opportunity, and you met every test." And then Gen. Eisenhower opened wide the gates of the sacred Hall of Fame for his Battered Bastards:

"You have become a fighting symbol on which the United Nations, all the citizens of the United Nations, can say to their soldiers today: 'We are proud of you.'"

"It is my great privilege to say to you here today, to the 101st Division, and all its attached units: I am awfully proud of you."

Also A Warning

The Supreme Commander warned them of their new responsibility and cautioned:

"Just as you are the beginning of a new tradition, you must realize, each of you, that from now on the

Unit Citation of 101st Airborne Div.

The text of the Presidential Unit Citation to the 101st Airborne Div. follows:

"The 101st Airborne Div. and attached units distinguished them-



Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor

selves in combat against powerful and aggressive enemy forces composed of elements of eight German divisions during the period from 18 December to 27 December 1944, by extraordinary heroism and gallantry in defense of the key communications center of Bastogne, Belgium.

"Essential to a large-scale exploitation of his breakthrough into Belgium and Northern Luxembourg, the enemy attempted to seize Bastogne by attacking constantly and savagely with the best of his armor and infantry.

"Without benefit of prepared defenses, facing almost overwhelming odds and with very limited and fast-dwindling supplies, this division and attached units, maintained a high combat and morale and an impenetrable defense, despite extremely heavy bombing, intense artillery fire and constant attacks from infantry and armor on all sides of their completely cut off and encircled position.

"This masterful and grimly determined defense denied the enemy even momentary success in an operation for which he paid dearly in men, material and eventually morale.

"The outstanding courage and resourcefulness and undaunted determination of this gallant force is in keeping with the highest traditions of the service."



Maj. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe

It's a Story of Grim Humor For Two Guys from Brooklyn

By James Cannon
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 94th INF. DIV., March 15.—They wanted to know if you had heard the funny story about the two guys from Brooklyn.

You listened to the story and it was a good story, but there was nothing comical about it. There is no humor in combat and these two guys from Brooklyn were being shot at.

The two guys from Brooklyn were 2/Lt. Mark Reyman and Pfc Abraham Blitfield. They were searching for an OP overlooking the city of Serrig.

They came to a knoll in the forest, and there was Serrig below them. They could see the Germans in the streets. They were going back for their radio when the snipers pinned them down.

Three Accounted For

Reyman saw the sniper first, stood up and fired. He killed that sniper. But the others went to work on him as soon as he exposed himself. Blitfield located the one working on the lieutenant and shot him out of the tree. The third surrendered.

They didn't know it, but they were 1,200 yards in front of the infantry when they stood on the knoll and looked into Serrig. They caught a lot of fire as they went from the knoll back to where they had the radio planted, walking their prisoner ahead of them.

As they reached their own lines their prisoner pitched forward dead, shot through the head by one of his comrades in the trees. The two guys from Brooklyn reached a zig-zag trench and jumped into it. A private, dry-lipped and sweaty-faced, crouched in the mud. "I'm scared as hell," the private said to the lieutenant from Brooklyn. "This is my first day in combat."

He's a Newcomer, Too

"Sorry I can't help you, soldier," the lieutenant from Brooklyn said. "This is my second."

The outfit pushed through the woods and the two guys from Brooklyn set up their OP on the knoll.

But the two guys from Brooklyn never knew until they saw the white flag that 23 Germans were in a pillbox dug into the knoll. They had looked down into Serrig the first time while standing on the pillbox roof.

What the hell's so funny about that, even if they do come from Brooklyn?

Old Roman Pottery Found

TULLE, France, March 15 (AP).—An ancient Roman pottery works was discovered in a field near here when farm workers pulled up an old apple tree. The cavity left by the roots disclosed the entrance to a vast subterranean hall leading to several galleries.

De Gaulle Tells Of Resistance In Indo-China

Gen. Charles de Gaulle, head of the French Provisional Government, said in a radio broadcast Wednesday night that strong French resistance continued in French Indo-China, where the Japanese effort to seize full control resulted in sharp fighting between Japanese troops and French and native garrisons.

De Gaulle said his government had secretly encouraged a resistance movement in French Indo-China as part of the French war effort. He appealed for Allied aid to the resistance forces.

Gen. de Gaulle reported that France would soon disclose details of plans for postwar improvement of conditions in Indo-China—in all fields, including political and social.

Radio Tokyo said yesterday that "a new administration" had been established in Indo-China under the supreme commander of the Japanese Army forces there. The broadcast reported that Adm. Jean Decoux, the French governor general, had been interned and that the Japanese ambassador in Hanoi, Machimoto, had assumed the office of supreme councilor in charge of general government affairs.

A German News Agency report, quoting a message from Shanghai, said three French garrisons in China—at Shanghai, Peking and Tientsin—had been disarmed by Japanese troops without incident on Monday.

900 Abandon Film Walkout

HOLLYWOOD, March 15 (ANS).—Film Technicians Local 683, AFL, representing 900 workers, today voted to step out of the strike of 15,000 studio workers and return to their jobs.

The technicians voted to support their local leaders, who had called the strike a "wild-cat walkout." The technicians' local is one of nine AFL locals affiliated with the Studio Conference, a central group which represents all in disputes.

The eight other locals walked out four days ago in sympathy with Screen Set Designers, Illustrators and Decorators, Local 1421, which had been involved in a jurisdictional quarrel with a local of the International Alliance of Theatrical and Stage Employees, AFL. The latter is not a member of the Studio Conference.

Japs in Mandalay Surprised by Barrage

MANDALAY, March 15 (AP).—Japanese troops virtually trapped inside Fort Dufferin, in Mandalay, attempted to sneak out last night and were caught in a British-Indian artillery barrage.

Severe casualties were inflicted on Japanese infantrymen as they attempted to reach open country by running through the streets.

Meanwhile, Allied infantry occupied more of southeastern and southwestern Mandalay, and reached the city's main railway station.

New Invasions In Philippines

MANILA, March 15 (ANS).—U.S. forces, making the 22nd and 23rd invasions of the five-month-old Philippines campaign, seized two small islands in the Subuyan Sea on Tuesday, Gen. MacArthur announced today.

American troops landed on Romblon and Simara Islands and suffered only light losses in wiping out the Japanese garrisons. The islands lie on the main shipping route from the U.S. to Manila.

On Mindanao, Yanks captured the towns of Masilay and Harlow, north of the two captured Zamboanga airdromes, while patrols shot eastward past Zamboanga and seized Tumaga, Recodo and Mercedes, five miles beyond the city.

On Luzon, U.S. troops drove eastward from captured Antipolo, east of Manila, while other Yanks turned back several Japanese counterattacks on high ground to the north, inflicting heavy casualties.

South of Manila, Americans advanced east and north of captured Batangas and began clearing the Calumpunan Peninsula, between Batangas Bay and Balayan Bay.

U.S. bombers attacked Formosa, Borneo and Japanese shipping in the China Sea.

Now—the Prefab Foxhole!

By Howard Byrnes
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

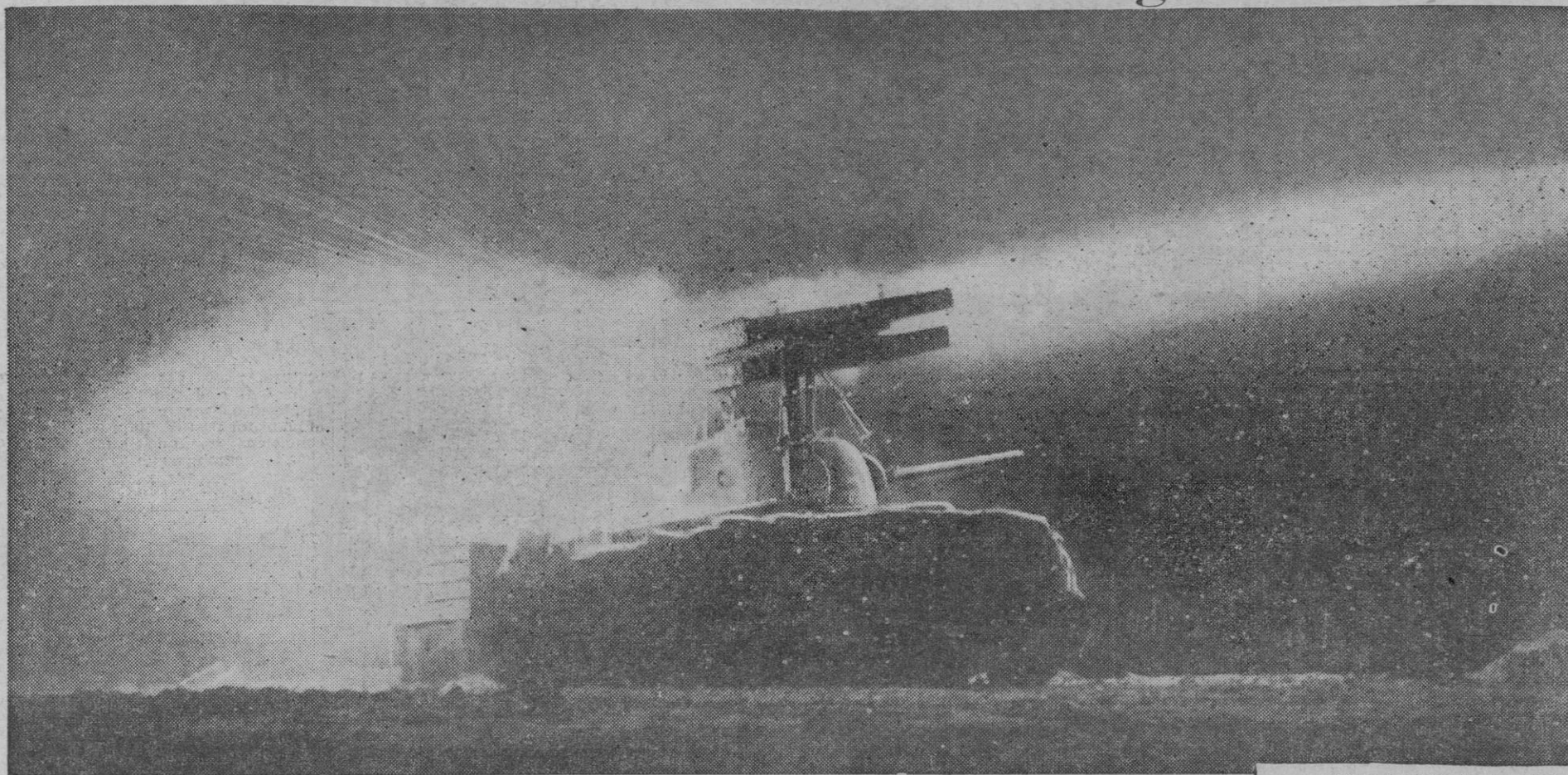
WITH 100th DIV.—The prefabricated housing boom predicted for the postwar period already has begun in the Century Div. Portable foxholes, often joked about, are being turned out here on an assembly-line basis.

Wood panels for sides, top and floor are cut to standard dimensions by carpenters and sent forward for assembly in front-line positions where holes are waiting. The structure stacks up as a two-man dwelling, and is seven feet long, 30 inches wide and amply high for standing.

Designed to protrude 12 inches above the ground, the top can be easily camouflaged with dirt. Folding panels around the top allow for observation and firing. Best feature of the installation, doughboys say, is the removable platform which stands one foot above the foxhole floor and keeps the soldier dry-footed. The platform can be removed for bailing.

So far the Century Div. has installed 50 of these underground dwellings and the doggies seem well pleased with their performance. The design was dreamed up by Maj. Albert Cameron, of Anderson, S.C.

First Pictures of Rocket-Firing Tanks



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photos

Night is turned into day as a Gen. Sherman releases five rockets at an enemy target in Germany. The rockets are fired from a special launching rack mounted atop the M4's turret which can be jettisoned when all the rockets are fired.

Churchill Hints New Election After V-E Day

LONDON, March 15 (AP).—Prime Minister Winston Churchill promised today to continue a coalition government as long as it "continues to work together in loyal comradeship," and also pledged a promotion of free enterprise in the postwar period.

Speaking to a Conservative Party conference, Churchill reviewed what he called "slanders and insults" heaped upon the party by Socialist and Liberal newspapers, and asserted that the party maintained "patriotic restraint" because of the war.

Refers To Jap War

"Should the war in Europe end before summer ends or even sooner, as it may well do," Churchill said, "We shall have reached a considerable milestone in our journey and war conditions will no longer prevent holding of a general election."

He referred to the need to "carry our cause to final victory and peace," in an obvious reference to the war against Japan. He also cited the difficulties of shipping and terrain in waging a war against Japan.

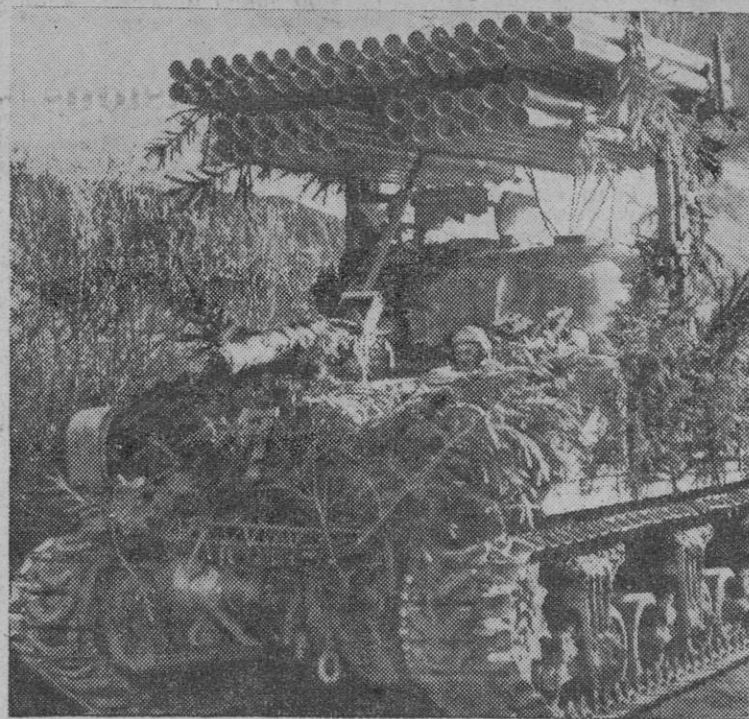
The party members were thanked for supporting the government's policy in Greece. Churchill urged them to avoid "humbug and blandishment" and against "bidding for votes and party popularity by promising what we cannot perform."

Iran Says It Broke Spy Plot in 1943

TEHERAN, Feb. 10 (AP) (Delayed).—The smashing of a widespread Nazi sabotage ring in Iran only a few months before the Big Three's Teheran conference in November and December of 1943 can now be disclosed.

An underground group and parachutist spies and saboteurs from Berlin built up a plot in the familiar Nazi pattern which might have endangered Prime Minister Churchill as he went through Iran in 1942 on a trip to Moscow.

When the fifth column and spy ring were broken in August, 1943, about 170 Persians—some later released—were arrested as known or suspected accomplices of the Germans.



With its rocket-rack fully loaded, a camouflaged tank goes into battle in Germany. The rockets can be fired one at a time until the range is zeroed, then can be fired in groups of five or all in one salvo.



Pfc Bill Istendal, of Camden, N.J., holds one of the rocket projectiles, emphasizing its size.

General Who Ignored Orders But Won Rhine Bridgehead Is Quiet, Graying Old Soldier

By Ed Clark
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

EAST OF RHINE, March 15.—When they get around to writing the history of World War II, there'll be a lot of stuff about master plans and a lot more about men who brought the Allies victory, plan or no plan.

Some of these men will be sergeants, some will be lieutenants, others won't even be pfc's. Here's one who is a general and has won the hands-down right to join the great of this war.

He's the general who didn't follow orders, who seized and crossed the Ludendorff Bridge and gave the Allies their first bridgehead east of the Rhine.

His single star stands out brightly among the galaxy of rank born of this war, for William M. Hoge, of Lexington, Mo., is commander of the Ninth Armored's now famous Combat Command B. He answered opportunity's first knock and sent his outfit over the Rhine while he had the chance—orders or no orders.

Fifteen-Mile Advance

Hoge's tanks, infantry and other troops arrived at Remagen just after noon of March 8 after a day's push from a village singularly named Ludendorff, about 15 airline miles from the Ludendorff Bridge and more than double that distance over the country roads on which the drive was made.

He had been ordered to reach the Rhine, take Remagen and establish a bridgehead over the Ahr, a western tributary of the Rhine, a few miles south of Remagen. The orders made no reference to taking the Ludendorff Bridge or to gaining a bridgehead east of the Rhine.

Learning from civilians that the Germans were scheduled to blow the bridge in less than an hour, the general sent his Remagen units across the Rhine, and brought his other forces to reinforce the bridgehead. After the operation had started he contacted his higher command and reported his action.

A regular Army officer who thought nothing of putting his whole career in jeopardy on one toss of the dice, this first general to fight his way east of the Rhine since the days of Napoleon was born in the typical American town of Booneville, Mo. Having been in the class of 1916 at West Point, he served with distinction but without

particular fame as an engineer battalion commander in France in the last war.

He was with the Fifth Inf. Div., along with Maj. Gen. John W. Leonard, of the Ninth Arm'd., and Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, U.S. First Army commander.

Between wars Hoge's history was much the same as that of other regular Army officers. He worked with the U.S. engineers on the Mississippi and Missouri, studied at MIT and taught at VMI and Forts Belvoir and Benning.

On Alcan Construction

His early activities in World War II hardly pointed toward his being the general to make the crossing of Germany's great western barrier. He was in charge of construction of the Alcan Highway, and took command of the Ninth Arm'd. Combat Command B in the fall of '42. However, he left that assignment about a year later to organize a special engineer group for the invasion.

He set up Omaha Beach on D-Day and ran it until he rejoined CCB in October.

Hoge won the DSC and Silver Star in the last war and received the Purple Heart in Normandy. Married, he has two sons—the elder an artillery officer now in the U.S. with wounds from Normandy and Aachen. The younger will be graduated from West Point this June.

Army Women May Go To U.S. If Husbands Do

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Women in the Army overseas may request return for duty in the U.S. when their husbands are sent back to this country from overseas assignments, the War Department announced. The rule applies to Wacs, nurses, hospital dieticians and physical therapy aides.

Covering GI Sports

The Blackbirds, pre-tournament favorites, eliminated the 397th MP courtmen, 58-30, Wednesday night in their first appearance in the Seine Section basketball tourney. T/Sgt. Tony Jaros, Minneapolis, tossed in 17 points to pace the Birds to their 23rd straight triumph.

Other results: 32nd MP 27, Seabees 11; 351st Engr. 54, 979th Signal 18; 54th Chemical 31, 7th Conv. Hosp. 30 (double overtime); 660th Playboys 32, 1348th Engr. 19; OCQM 42, G-1 Com Z 21; 108th Gen. Hosp. 32, 134th Reinf. 24; Post. QM 44, 3104th Ord. 31; 106th Reinf. 25, 17th Base PO 23.

Tonight's schedule: Blackbirds vs. OCQM, Post QM vs. 32nd MP, 108th Gen. Hosp. vs. 660th Playboys, 351st Engr. vs. 106th Reinf.

The Paris Varsity Wacs defeated a team from the Oise Section WAC Detachment, 47-20, with M/Sgt. Violet Robins and S/Sgt. Eleanor Jones scoring 14 points apiece to pace the winners.

OISE SECTION		PARIS VARSITY	
G	F	G	F
Henny, f.	3 0 5	Barefield, f.	2 0 4
Klugherz, f.	1 0 2	Robins, f.	7 0 14
Salais, f.	2 0 4	Jones, f.	7 0 14
Humm, f.	4 0 8	Jack, f.	2 1 5
Hart, g.	0 0 0	White, g.	1 4 0 6
Gerz, g.	0 0 0	Simpson, g.	0 0 0
McDonald, g.	0 0 0	Brown, g.	0 0 0
		Foley, f.	1 0 2
Totals: 10 0 20		Totals: 23 1 47	

HQ., OISE SECTION.—Two first-round knockouts topped the Hq. Command boxing show here before 2,800 GI fans. T/5 Eugene Glover, Los Angeles, stopped Sgt. Ivy Wright, Speckly, W. Va., in 25 seconds, and Pvt. John Golden, Cleveland, kayoed Pfc Marvin Hall, Chicago, in 45 seconds.

T/5 Clarence Sadler, Akron, O., drew with Sgt. Horace Young, Houston, Tex.; Pfc Aaron Wilson, Birmingham, Ala., decisioned Pvt. James Brown, Jackson, Tenn.; Pvt. Charles Greene, Brooklyn, decisioned Pvt. Joe Ford, Detroit; Pvt. Jonnie Perkins, Harrisburg, Pa., decisioned Pvt. John Wilford, Baltimore, Md.; Pvt. Jack White, Chicago, TKO'd Pvt. George Warren, Philadelphia, (1:58 of third round); Pvt. Thomas Pearson, Englewood, N.J., TKO'd Pvt. Charles Jones, Hempstead, N.Y., (third round); T/5 Mark Courts, San Diego, Calif., decisioned Pfc Isaac Greer, Cleveland.

ROUEN.—A capacity crowd of GIs saw an abbreviated card of seven fights here last night with Pvt. Emmet Nance, of Cincinnati, decisioning Pvt. Frank Colosi, of Philadelphia, in the best skirmish of the boxing show, sponsored by 11th Port Special Service.

Pvt. Bob Mason, Baltimore, decisioned T/4 Davey Jenkins, NYC; Pfc Charles Hamilton, Louisville, Va., decisioned Pvt. Bill Hall, NYC; Pvt. Israel Allen, Peoria, Ill., TKO'd T/4 Bill Truitt, Louisville, Ky., first round; Pvt. Herman Graham, Savannah, Ga., decisioned Pfc Dave Glanton, Newark, N.J.; T/5 Angelo Miles, Mobile, Ala., decisioned Pvt. Remy Hayward, NYC; Pvt. Lucky Brown, Philadelphia, decisioned T/5 Tom Hughley, Gary, Ind.

St. Louis Browns Launch Training

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., March 15.—The American League championship St. Louis Browns launched their spring training season with an outdoor pepper game yesterday and some big name players participated.



Pitchers Sig Jakucki, Tex Shirley, Hollingsworth and Earl Jones, Outfielders Milt Byrnes and Pete Gray, Infielders Vernon Stephens and Pete Shulte, and Catcher Frank Mancuso worked out the kinks in their arms and legs. Pitcher Jack Kramer, who won 17 games last year, is a holdout.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—Don Savage, New York Yankee third-baseman and 4F on account of diabetes, has joined the Yankee camp.

Rafferty's Feminine Rooters Get Their Second Wind



START...



FINISH!

Calm at the start, these three girls (see inset) raise the roof at Madison Square Garden as their favorite, Jimmy Rafferty, of the NYAC, beats Forrest Eflaw in the feature mile event of the IC-4A meet. The runners are Rafferty, Rudy Simms, Eflaw, Don Burnham and Gunder Haegg (extreme right).

AL Umps to Give Pete Gray Break In Brownie Field

ST. LOUIS, March 15.—Will Harridge, president of the American League, has given special instructions to umpires in that circuit regarding Pete Gray, one-armed St. Louis Browns' outfielder.

Gray, who has no right arm, goes through an involved procedure in getting ready to throw after making a catch. He places the ball against his chest and pushes his glove over under the stump of his right arm, while the ball rolls to his wrist. After securing his glove, Gray grabs the ball to throw. Harridge said that Gray will be credited with a catch even if he drops the ball while going through these motions.



Pete Gray

Another Monte Stratton?

COLLEGE PARK, Md.—Lt. Bert Shepard, of Clinton, Ind., with his right leg amputated below the knee, is striving to hook on as a player with the Washington Senators. Shepard was shot down over Germany and captured last May during his 35th fighter mission. He's now a patient at Walter Reed Hospital.

Half a dozen years ago, Monte Stratton, Chicago White Sox pitcher, lost his leg in a hunting accident, recovered and returned to the big league mound. Stratton, however, was unable to win consistently.

Pick Rafferty As Indoor Ace

NEW YORK, March 15.—Jim Rafferty, New York A.C. runner, who has won seven straight mile races during the current indoor season, including two victories over Gunder Haegg, was chosen the outstanding athlete of the indoor season by the Track Writers' Association, it was announced yesterday. Rafferty plans to run twice more, at Chicago and Buffalo. Gil Dodds won the award in 1944, Greg Rice in 1943 and 1941 and Leslie Mac-Mitchell in 1942.

Dan Ferris, secretary of the AAU, received the organization's third annual award for outstanding service to track and field over a period of years. For the last 20 years, Ferris has been administering AAU affairs and directing both the indoor and outdoor championship meets.

Emil Von Elling, NYU coach, and Col. Charles J. Dieges were previous recipients.

Haegg arrived in Chicago yesterday, but was busier parrying questions about his contemplated marriage to Dorothy Nortier than discussing his third attempt to beat Rafferty.

American League

Thursday Night's Results

Indianapolis 1, Buffalo 0	St. Louis 5, Cleveland 5 (tie)	Hershey 5, Pittsburgh 3					
EASTERN DIV.			WESTERN DIV.				
Buffalo...29	21	8	66	Cleveland...33	15	10	76
Hershey...26	22	4	56	Pittsburgh...26	26	7	59
Provid'ce...22	30	6	50	Indian'p...25	24	11	61
				St. Louis...13	36	8	34

Cage Results

KANSAS CITY TOURNEY
Indiana Normal 53, Catawba 39.
Loyola (N.O.) 53, Phillips U. 31.

Ronzani, Ex-Bear Player, to Tutor ND Backfielders

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 15.—Gene Ronzani, formerly with the Chicago Bears as a player and assistant coach, was signed as



Gene Ronzani

backfield coach at Notre Dame and will join the staff March 20, when the Irish start spring practice. Coach Hughie Devore said yesterday. Ronzani won nine letters at Marquette. The Wisconsin veteran coached the Chicago Bears of the American Professional Football League during the 1941 and 1942 seasons, then returned to the parent club in Chicago where he was a playing coach last season.

Amputate Poschner's Legs

ATHENS, Ga., March 15.—Lt. George Poschner, former Georgia University player in the heyday of Frankie Sinkwich, has suffered injuries in action which necessitated amputation of both his legs.

Poschner, whose catching of forward passes from Sinkwich was one of the 1943 Rose Bowl highlights, was a fellow townsman of Sinkwich, both coming from Youngstown, Ohio.

Derringer Lost 15 Lbs.

FRENCH LICK, Ind.—Paul Derringer showed up at the Chicago Cubs' training camp minus 15 pounds and promised to double his victory output of last year, which was seven wins.

Ohio Buckeyes Play Kentucky In NCAA Debut

NEW YORK, March 15.—Ohio State, which finished second in the Big Ten Conference to Iowa, and Kentucky, winner of the Southeastern Conference, will meet in the opening round of the Eastern NCAA basketball tournament in Madison Square Garden, March 22, and Tufts, New England representative, will play New York University, tournament officials revealed today. The winners will tangle two days later, with the survivor tackling the Western champion here March 27.

The Violets of NYU played 11 games in the Garden, winning seven and losing to Oklahoma Aggies, Tennessee, Notre Dame and St. John's. Tufts and Ohio State haven't appeared at the local arena this season, while Kentucky played here once, defeating Long Island U., 62-52.

Puerto Ricans Glove Victors

NEW YORK, March 15.—Three Puerto Rico boxers carried their colors to victory in the Golden Gloves championship bouts before a capacity crowd in Madison Square Garden last night. Francisco Garcia outpointed Bill Simon, local flyweight; Adolfo Calderon defeated Sal Puzzo, Newark (N.J.) bantamweight, and Rafael Reveron decisioned Nick Poppo, of Buffalo, N.Y., in the featherweight class.

The Chicago section of the Champion of Champions eliminations was won by a Windy City team consisting of Flyweight Jackie Boyd, Lightweight Bernie Paige and Heavyweight Luke Baylark.

New York Results

Flyweights: Francisco Garcia, Puerto Rico, outpointed Bill Simon, NYC. Bantamweights: Adolfo Calderon, Puerto Rico, defeated Sal Puzzo, Newark, N.J. Featherweights: Rafael Reveron, Puerto Rico, outpointed Nick Poppo, Buffalo, N.Y. Lightweight: Eddie Murphy, NYC, outpointed Elbert Highers, Charlotte, N.C. Welterweights: Lavern Roach, Washington, D.C., decisioned Mike Koballa, Miami, Fla. Middleweights: Howard Brodt, Washington, D.C., outpointed Harold Ansbach, NYC. Lightheavyweights: Roland Last, Army, NYC, kayoed Steve DeLuca, Jacksonville, Fla., 2:43, second round. Heavyweights: Gus Schlee, Buffalo, N.Y., outpointed Bert Horowitz, Jacksonville, Fla.

Chicago Results

Flyweights: Jackie Boyd, Chicago, outpointed Frank Rivera, Kansas City. Bantamweights: Bob Jarvis, Kansas City, outpointed Hector Marquez, Fort Worth, Tex. Featherweights: Virgil Franklin, Oklahoma City, defeated Billy Stevenson, Cleveland. Lightweight: Bernie Paige, Chicago, outpointed Roscoe Scally, Los Angeles. Welterweights: Gil Garcia, Fort Worth, outpointed Pvt. Bob Wilson, Sioux City, Ia. Middleweights: Johnny Garcia, Los Angeles, outpointed Dick Smith, Oklahoma City. Lightheavyweights: Cpl. Adolfo Oujano, Los Angeles, kayoed Cpl. Tom Atra, Fort Worth, 1:40, first round. Heavyweights: Luke Baylark, Chicago, defeated Pvt. John Harding, Kansas City.

Dykes Looks Over 17-Year-Old Hurler

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—Chicago White Sox players went through a long batting drill yesterday and Manager Jimmy Dykes looked over George Gray, 17-year-old left-handed pitcher from Great Falls, Mont.



Ken Keltner

LAFAYETTE, Ind.—Ken Keltner, Cleveland Indian third-baseman, has again left a war job for the second straight year to join the club. Last year he said "baseball is my business and if the Army wants me it will find me working at it."

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N.Y.—Frenchy Bordagaray signed a contract, bringing the Dodger roster to 21, as Brooklyn started spring training drills here.



H. V. Wade: "It is announced that the ingenious Jap has compounded a food for himself of rotten wood. We imagine that other termites will resent that."

An unsigned daffynition left in our typewriter. Seabee: A soldier in a navy uniform with marine training doing civilian work at WPA wages.

Overheard in the park. (By Cpl. N. Hollander). Girl: "What do you mean by abusing my dog! He's not vicious. He doesn't even bite." Soldier: "Maybe not, lady. But he raised his leg and I thought he was going to kick me."

This is a favorite story of a chaplain in the Canadian Army. A peasant, asked what Hitler's fate



should be, replied, "He should become like a wall-lamp, hanging all day long, burning all night, and in the morning, put out."

We know a GI who has been in England so long that he is now a complete "tea-totaler."

Afterthought. The height of embarrassment: Two eyes meeting through a keyhole.

J. C. W.

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Reds Squeeze Pocketed Nazis Behind Lines

Red Army forces yesterday intensified drives to knock out German fortresses still holding out far behind the main fighting lines on the Eastern Front, while an operational silence virtually blacked out news from the restless Oder River front east of Berlin.

Moscow dispatches reported mounting tension along Marshal Gregory Zhukov's line before Berlin and along Marshal Ivan Koniiev's front southeast of Berlin and east of Dresden. Both the Russians and Germans were reported making reconnaissance raids while building up more strength for an impending battle.

Reach Central Gdynia

A Berlin spokesman said that Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's troops had reached the central area of Gdynia, the pre-war Polish naval base which has been under heavy Soviet artillery fire. Russian troops also were reported fighting in the outskirts of Danzig, but there was little news of their progress.

Farther east, below Koenigsberg in East Prussia, German lines were shortened under pressure from seven Soviet armies, the Nazis reported.

Along the Baltic coast of Pomerania, Russians were fighting inside the eastern part of Kolberg, according to the Germans, who said that the city was burning and that its citizens had been evacuated.

In Hungary, the Germans showed no indication of slackening their attacks toward the Danube, despite many losses.

The Germans also reported new Soviet attacks in Breslau, the Silesian capital behind Marshal Koniiev's front. Nazi troops there were said to be blowing up large buildings to make street blocks.

V Corps Chief



Maj. Gen. Huebner

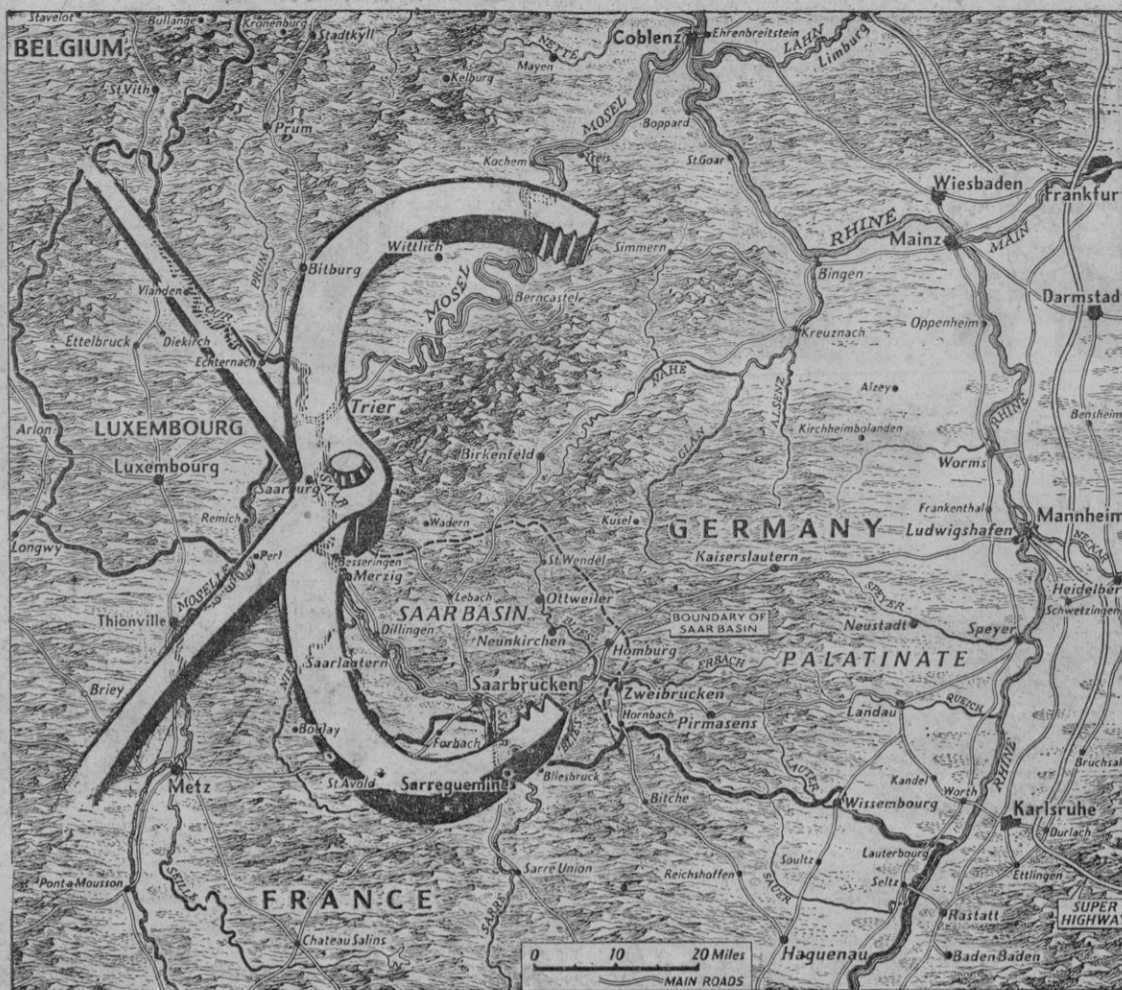
Maj. Gen. Clarence Huebner Succeeds Lt. Gen. Gerow

WITH FIRST U.S. ARMY, March 15.—Maj. Gen. Clarence R. Huebner, 56, is now commander of the V Corps, succeeding Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow.

Gen. Gerow is commander of the new 15th U.S. Army, under the 12th Army Gp. Huebner, who joined the Army 34 years ago as a buck private, came to his new command from the First Inf. Div. He has held every grade in that unit from private to major general, with the exception of brigadier general. Gen. Huebner took command of the First Div. in Sicily, succeeding Maj. Gen. Terry Allen, now leading the 104th Inf. Div.

The First Div. participated in the initial Normandy landings, fought through France and Belgium and captured Aachen, first major German city to fall in the west. Latest reports credited the First with capturing Bonn, on the Rhine below Cologne.

Where New Pincers Are Poised for Cleanup to Rhine



PM Map

The Third and Seventh Armies are attacking in the Saar to clean up the remainder of German-held territory west of the Rhine.

RAF's 22,000-Pound Bomb Is Nazis' Newest Headache

The RAF's new 11-ton bomb, one of the greatest instruments of destruction ever devised, was used for the first time Wednesday night when Lancasters struck at the railway viaduct at Bielefeld, on the line leading directly from the Ruhr Basin to Hanover and Berlin.

Weighing 22,000-pounds, well over the load carried by the B29s which raided Tokyo over the weekend, the new superbomb dwarfs the 12,000-pound Earthquake blockbuster which sank the German battleship Tirpitz and pierced 15-foot-thick concrete roofs of Nazi U-boat pens. (A British ton is 2,200 pounds, as compared with 2,000 pounds in the U.S. ton. The British designate the bomb's weight as ten tons.)

Worse Than Severest Flak

A crew of six men, using a newly-designed bomb dolly and special hoisting tackle, need half an hour to sling the 11-ton monster into position on what the British Air Ministry calls the "standard Lancaster modified to accommodate the new bomb."

One of the bombardiers who took part in the initial raid described the effect of the release on the plane: "I was lying on my stomach in the bomb bay, and as soon as I pressed the bomb release I was immediately shot up from the floor and came down with a bang which knocked me breathless."

"The force of the explosion was worse than from the severest flak. It exploded with a fantastic flash and was at once smothered by a high column of smoke."

Although the bomb itself and the Lancasters which carry it are British, the U.S. is reported to contribute to its production by sending complete bomb body assemblies.

The bomb was designed by B. N. Wallis, inventor of the 12,000-pound Earthquake.

One of the best-kept secrets of the war, experiments on the bomb began last fall.

French Film Strike Spreads

The strike of French movie house employes spread yesterday to Dijon, Macon, Besancon and Lyons, the United Press reported. The general walkout of movie workers, who are seeking 40 percent wage raises, was expected to extend to Nice, Marseilles, Bordeaux and Lille.

8th AF Strikes In Aid of Reds

Eighth Air Force heavies, striking another blow in support of Russian armies, hit key rail yards at Oranienburg, 20 miles north of Berlin, yesterday in the heaviest raid at this distance to date.

Thirteen hundred and fifty Fortresses and Liberators, accompanied by 750 P47s and P51s, rained 1,750 tons of bombs on the important communication center. The raiders flew across Germany in a long column which split west of Berlin. Good weather was reported.

MAAF heavies carried out their greatest attack to date on oil refineries between Berlin and Dresden. These attacks were planned to knock out 25 percent of Germany's remaining oil production.

First TAC planes, flying in support of the new Seventh Army drive, carried out more than 1,400 sorties. Their previous mark was 970. Two planes were lost.

Planes of the 12th TAF left a burning string of villages behind them on this front. Recon photos showed the fortified towns of Saarbrücken, Homburg, Zweibrücken and Neunkirchen in flames.

The RAF again packed the new 11-ton bombs in an attack against the railway viaduct at Arnsburg, in the Ruhr.

Nazis Active in Italy

ROME, March 15 (Reuter).—German patrols became increasingly aggressive yesterday as U.S. troops of the Allied Fifth Army tightened their hold on mountain peaks around Vergato, southwest of Bologna. The enemy also threw in a strong, flamethrower-supported attack in the Eighth Army's Senio River sector. All enemy thrusts were smashed back, AFHQ said.

3rd, 7th Open Attack in Saar

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into Habkirchen, northeast of Saarguemines. East of Saarguemines, heavy fighting was reported near Utweiler and in the Hardt Mountains.

Doughs of Maj. Gen. Stafford L. Erwin's Fifth Inf. Div. and other Third Army troops made the assault crossings of the Mosel.

At latest reports, the attackers held a combined bridgehead nine miles long and three miles deep from Alken to T.

Attack on 3-Mile Front

Fifth Div. doughs attacked on a three-mile front, beat off an initial counter-attack near Tries, 17 miles south of Coblenz, and drove three miles to clear Lutz, two miles south of the Mosel.

On their northern flank, unidentified infantry attacked on a six-mile front eight and 14 miles southwest of Coblenz and cleared eight villages as they drove from two to three miles south of the river.

Lack of co-ordination of enemy opposition suggested that the Nazis had not had enough time to regroup their forces.

The assault followed the clearing of the Mosel's north bank except for pockets at Traben, Zell and south of Cochem.

Nazi Field Hospital Captured

Seven miles southwest of Cochem, Third Army men overran a German field hospital and took 170 prisoners, most of them patients. Five American soldiers were in the hospital, being treated for wounds.

Maj. Gen. Harry J. Malony's 94th Inf. Div. gained a mile and one-half east of the Ruwer River in an attack east of Saarburg, while other forces advanced three miles along a six-mile front and entered Weiskirchen, 11 miles northeast of Merzig.

Two counter-attacks north of Merzig, backed by tanks and SP guns, were beaten off.

2,500 Tons for Partisans

ROME, March 15 (Reuter).—MAAF HQ. announced today that more than 2,500 tons of food, clothing and medical supplies were carried by air since last June to partisan forces fighting behind the German lines in northern Italy.

'Offer' of Peace Going Rounds In Rumor Mills

WASHINGTON, March 15 (UP).—Official quarters today said they knew nothing of a rumored peace offer made by Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt, but other well-placed circles thought it possible that such an offer may have been made by some German commanders.

Third Party Overture For Peace Reported

A Reuter correspondent in Stockholm quoted a British Legation spokesman as commenting on peace overtures as follows: "An approach was attempted a few days ago through a third party to a junior member of the legation staff. The third party, however, was immediately told the legation was not in the least interested in any such approach."

According to the Reuter version of the rumored Von Rundstedt peace offer, the Germans offered to cease fighting if the Allies in the West would halt their advance, with the Germans apparently seeking to be free to continue the fight against Russia in the East.

It was learned that any surrender must be unconditional, and that the Western Allies will not accept any deal under which the war in western Europe would end, and Russia would be left fighting alone.

The Associated Press said that responsible Allied officials generally regard the rumored Stockholm incident as a carefully planned German propaganda trick to split the Allies and cause misunderstanding.

Rumors that Von Rundstedt had asked for an armistice are "complete inventions," the German Transocean News Agency said, quoting "authorized German quarters in Berlin." German radio broadcasts also discussed the rumor, terming it "pure invention by British sources."

Reportedly in Opposition

It is widely believed that Von Rundstedt and other old-line Junker generals are strongly opposed to Hitler's decree that the Reich fight to the death. These Junker generals are believed to feel that by surrendering before German manpower is wiped out, they will be able to build up a new war machine to attempt world conquest again.

Many top officials here doubt that there will be an official German surrender. They expect Nazi armies to crumble separately, with survivors joining underground guerrilla bands to continue the fight.

They Policed...

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the yard of the German house, policing up good. It was a fine afternoon, and working wasn't so bad.

They wouldn't have had time to run, even if they had heard the shell whistling in. It was too late, then. The mortar shell made a hell of a big hole in the yard.

An ambulance came up and hauled them away—what was left of them. The kid from the South, the one who had been with the outfit for seven months and who knew that it just didn't make sense to expose yourself to Jerry fire when you were under observation, died yesterday. Three others are in the hospital.

Two of them—a lucky two—are talking today, talking about the kid from the South, about what a hell of a fine mortarman he was, about the job he did during that fight from Tetz to Kuckhoven, Kuckhoven to Munchen Gladbach, Munchen to Krefeld and the Rhine.

They're not talking much about the order to police the yard, though. They just shrug their shoulders if they're asked about it, and look away—a little bewildered, a little unbelieving.