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Caution—Danger of Collapse!

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Reds 45 Mi. From Berlin, At Oder Near Frankfurt

Ist Division, 82d Smash Into Reich

Elements of two American armies, driving hard toward the West Wall, advanced along a 30-mile snowdrifted front in Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg yesterday as front reports said two U.S. divisions pierced the border and American artillery hammered the Siegfried Line.

Stars and Stripes Correspondent Russell Jones with First Army said the 82nd Airborne crossed the Reich border near Lanzerath, 12 miles northeast of St. Vith, while First Inf. Div. doughs smashed eastward 5,000 yards to cross the border near Udenrath.

Artillery of both divisions was pouring shells on the first Siegfried Line defenses, Jones said, as Ninth Inf. Div. troops to the north moved 4,000 yards closer to the great fortifications.

AP front reports said that 78th Div. infantrymen and armored units cut across the headwaters of the Roer River east of Monschau after capturing Eicherscheid, three miles northeast of Monschau, and taking more than 500 prisoners from Siegfried Line pillboxes.

Six Divisions On Move

Six infantry divisions and armor of the First and Third Armies were moving eastward along the 30-mile assault arc from Kesternich north of Monschau in Germany to the Third Army's Our River bridgehead at Welchenhausen, just across the border river from the southeast tip of Belgium.

This bridgehead was expanded yesterday to five miles along the Our and deepened to one and one-half miles.

Southward to Vianden in Luxembourg, two more Third Army divisions fought toward the German border and their patrols ranged up to the Our along a six-mile line.

Bridgehead Is Expanded

The 78th Div. was battling in the vicinity of Kesternich at the northern tip of the arc. Other divisions along this front were the 99th, the Second, the Ninth and the First plus an armored division combat command. At least one more division was in action but was not identified.

The Second Inf. Div. cleared the towns of Krinkelt and Rocherath.

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\$29,308,904 Bonds Sold in ETO Drive

ETO troops purchased \$29,308,904 worth of bonds by class B allotments and cash during the Sixth War Loan drive from Nov. 1 to Dec. 31, 1944, Col. J. H. Fulton, Theater War Bond officer, announced yesterday. Figures for November, 1944, showed that 56 percent of all bond purchases by soldiers outside the U.S. were made in the ETO.

New 8th Army Gains 11 Miles In Luzon Drive

Troops of the new U.S. Eighth Army, who made a new American landing on western Luzon, were advancing swiftly inland yesterday, blasting any hopes the Japanese may have held for a large-scale withdrawal to the Bataan Peninsula.

Announcement of the landing, carried out Monday from 150 ships, was the first mention of the Eighth Army. It is commanded by Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger, who led the Buna campaign on New Guinea.

Not a man, a ship or a plane was lost as the 38th Div. and a combat team of the 24th, which had fought on Leyte in the Central Philippines, were put ashore in Luzon's Zambales Province. The landing was made 60 miles northwest of Manila, along a 10-mile stretch of coast above the Bataan Peninsula and between the mouth of the Santo Tomas River and San Antonio.

Filipinos said that no Japanese had been stationed in the landing area since 1942. Thus unopposed, the Eighth Army men went 11 miles inland on the first day, driving for the juncture with the Sixth Army that would seal off Bataan, and threatening the Olongapo naval base on Subic Bay.

Meanwhile, Sixth Army troops, who control the eastern end of the road, continued their advance on Manila from the north. They were within 30 miles of the capital, approaching Calumpit.

On the northern end of the Luzon front, the Yanks, who captured Rosario inflicted heavy losses on the Japanese in mopping-up operations. These Americans were less than 15 miles from Baguio, the summer capital.

American planes again pounded Corregidor and the Cavite naval base. In other Pacific air action, U.S. fliers hit the Volcano Islands and Marcus Island.

Gain Along Entire Front As Nazi Counter-Blows Fail

In giant strides across the frozen approaches to Berlin, Red Army tank spearheads were reported yesterday by German radio to have reached the Oder River north of Frankfurt at a point not more than 45 miles from the Reich capital.

Although the German High Command was hurling powerful counterblows at the on-rushing Soviet armor in a last-ditch attempt to hold the line, nowhere in the "Berlin bulge" did the Red Army appear to be stopped. Berlin and Moscow dispatches agreed that Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First White Russian Army had crashed 60 miles inside

the provinces of Brandenburg and Pomerania, forming an almost solid front from Soldin, 30 miles south of the Baltic port of Stettin, south through Landsberg, communications strongpoint on the Berlin-Danzig railway, to the town of Zielenzig, on the Berlin-Warsaw highway 15 miles from Frankfurt.

Official Kremlin reports placed Zhukov's forces less than 68 miles from Berlin in the vicinity west of Landsberg near Kuestrin. Marshal Josef Stalin announced in an Order of the Day that the Reds had captured Landsberg, Meseritz and three other towns, which formed the "powerful bastion covering approaches to Frankfurt-Oder."

New Super Tanks

A Reuter dispatch from Moscow announced that Zhukov was using "new super-heavy breakthrough" tanks to shatter the frontier line and pave the way for the main push to the Oder.

German News Agency said the Soviets also were bringing up heavy equipment to ford the Oder to "open a frontal assault on the German capital."

The appearance of more and more Volksturm troops emphasized the desperate plight of the German High Command trying to round up reserves for counter blows.

The 20th day of the winter offensive found the Reds still slugging ahead all along a 400-mile front, fed by fresh reinforcements and a steady flow of supplies, the AP reported from Moscow.

Koniev's Troops Advance

On the Oder River 150 miles south of Zhukov's "Berlin Bulge," the First Ukrainian Army under Marshal Ivan Koniev was reported pouring across a bridgehead north of Breslau, advancing to a position ten miles west of the river in the area around Luben and Ohlau.

While heavy battles still raged for encircled Breslau, Koniev's troops seized 40 places in a push south-west of Katowice.

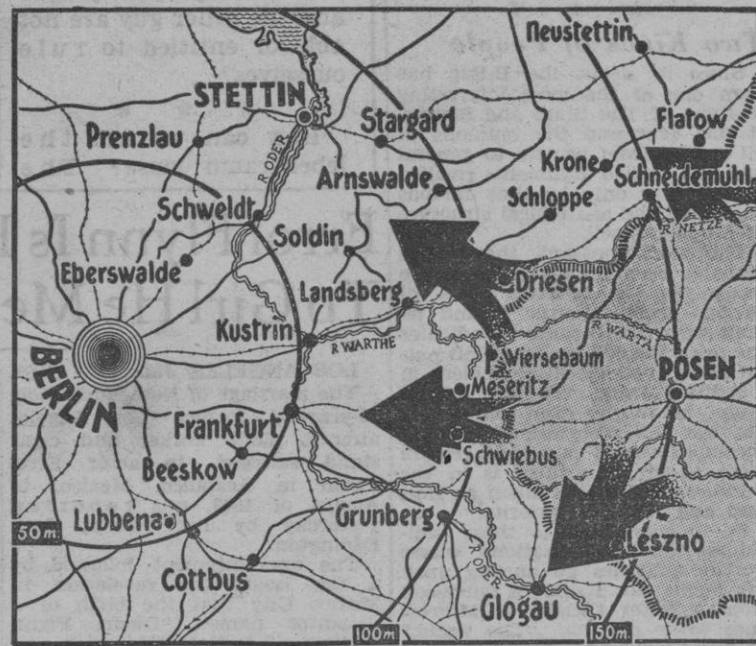
On the East Prussia front, Gen. Ivan D. Cherniakovsky's Third White Russian Army stormed into

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Czechs Recognize Poles in Warsaw

LONDON, Jan. 31 (AP).—The Czechoslovakian government in an unprecedented policy move today formally recognized the Polish provisional government in Warsaw, but did not break off with the London Poles.

Czech spokesmen explained that for the time being the government of Eduard Benes would continue to recognize the London regime while entering into diplomatic relations with the Warsaw Poles. They said the move may have been prompted by the prospective "early departure" of Benes to take over the administration of parts of Czechoslovakia already liberated.



Stars and Stripes Map by Baird

Red spearheads were reported yesterday beyond Soldin and Landsberg and at the banks of the Oder River north of Frankfurt. This places the Russians 45 miles from Berlin's outskirts, and less than 30 miles from the Baltic port of Stettin.

17 Babies Dead In Home Blaze AWOL Figures Revised by PM

AUBURN, Me., Jan. 31 (ANS).—The sudden explosion of a stove in a wooden boarding home for babies of war workers today turned the building into a raging inferno and caused the death by burning or suffocation of 17 small children and an adult.

Most of the victims, who ranged in age from three months to three years, died in their cribs, their heads thrust through the slats in futile struggles to escape. Only eight of the 26 occupants of the converted farmhouse escaped. The adult victim was Mrs. Rose Cote, 50 years old, an employee, whose five-year-old son Robert also died.

Mrs. Eva Lacoste, the operator, hysterically related how she was awakened just before dawn and found the building's interior gutted by fire. She said she leaped from bed and grabbed two babies, but as she raced for safety she stumbled and fell. Crazed with fear, she dashed outside, leaving the babies behind. Both her arms were severely burned.

Weather Calls a Halt To Air Blows at Reich

Snow, rain, fog and low ceilings ruled out Anglo-American air activity against the Reich yesterday after a week of jarring blows against Nazi transport. Figures released on fighter-bomber tolls for the week ending Jan. 27 showed motor vehicles destroyed totalled 4,250 and more than 4,000 damaged. Fifteen-hundred railroad cars were destroyed and more than 2,000 damaged.

Nazis' Po Valley Lines Hit

ROME, Jan. 31 (Reuter).—Allied aircraft flew more than 1,200 sorties today, attacking German communications in the Po Valley and rail junctions in the Zagreb and Maibor areas of Yugoslavia. On the Fifth and Eighth Army fronts, activity was limited to patrolling.

General Election for Canada

MONTREAL, Jan. 31 (UP).—Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King announced today that a general election would be held in Canada before April 17.

Chew, Chew, Baby

Down the Line to GI Joe

HQ. U.S. AIR SERVICE COMMAND, France.—Pilots had been beefing, and with good cause. The shafts in the B24 power generators were cracking like dried twigs. Experts said they were too frail, so the mechanics dashed into their shops and turned out a modified version.

Still they broke.

The colonel barked at the captain, the captain ate out the lieutenant, the sergeant caught hell and the privates all hid.

Still they broke.

And every time one of them went out it meant that other generators in the plane would overload and burn out. That made turrets, radios and machine-guns go dead.

Then somebody had an idea. A private slipped on a pair of earphones and connected them to the voltage regulator. It threw out a clattering sound,

like a kid running a stick along a picket fence.

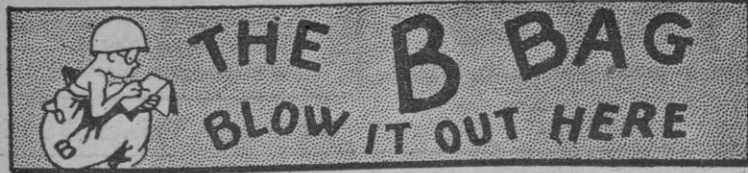
The maintenance men had their answer. Sudden currents, spurts of powerful voltage, were snapping the shafts.

A small adjustment stopped both the clatter and the destructive surges of current. Every B24 which was grounded for generator repair was returned to the air within 24 hours.



The colonel promptly commended the captain.

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GI Peacemakers

With the war in Europe generally conceded to be in its last stages, millions of GIs look toward the future. We peer ahead with an eye on either the Pacific or home, and in either case our thoughts are to get this over, and fast. We can hardly wait for the end because we all want so very much to get home to our families and our own lives. We want to forget war and everything about it as rapidly and completely as possible.

But this time let's open our eyes a little wider. Should we forget so completely? Our elders admit now that is one reason we are in this war—because when they stopped fighting they went home and buried their heads in the sand the way we want to. They forgot so completely the misery of war that they didn't bother to try to prevent another. So the peace fell apart as it was being constructed. To warn of the possibility of another war was to become most unpopular. Few could relish the stigma of unpopularity as the price of truth.

This time let's all get behind the peace—and that means you, GI Joe! You fought in this war and that entitles you to be certain you or your son doesn't have to endure another. No, we're not statesmen, but if enough of us stand together and remember that we fought for a lasting peace—the statesmen will listen when we suggest means of obtaining that peace; when we approve or disapprove of what they plan.

Be careful lest the voice of the soldier be lost when the fighting stops. Keep awake when the peace is made or our sons will be in the Third World War. Let's not go home to forget this time.—Pvt. D. W. Haskins GFRS.

—We are in the process of liberating the world... Now let us make certain we free ourselves.—Pvt. B. Starkman.

We can't afford to risk our future sons in another flare up like this one. The last spark of Hitlerism must be put out or watched until it goes out.—Pfc O. J. Willers, Inf.

Grand Time

I just came back from our Third Army rest center and I have never enjoyed myself as much. It's the real thing to comfort a combat man.—T/5 F. Italiano, Cav.

Right Face

Our unit was employed in the Siegfried Line in support of an infantry unit when a tank was put out of action and the crew temporarily withdrew to our CP for repairs. While the gun mechanic was making his inspection, a high-ranking officer passed. Did he ask if the men had proper food or clothing, were there any casualties, or why wasn't the tank in the line?

Why hell, no! One of the men's whiskers was too damn long. These men had been under constant artillery fire for 24 hours and that being the case it's a little trouble finding your Gillette and Aqua Velva. Fifteen minutes after the tank stopped the driver was shaving, so discipline still exists in our unit. You know the rest, fellow doggies... and the Old Man got hell.—1/Sgt. L. H. Leerskov, TD Co.

VD, Pinups, PX and You

Warning GIs against VD, a chaplain laid partial blame upon pinup girls for soldiers as he put it "going overboard for sexual abuse." Pinup pretties were also attacked on another flank: In a base section billet the EMs were told to pull all such art off the walls.

Why pick on the pore li'l innocent, defenseless pinup gal? Long before she was born—nay, before Grable, Daisy Mae, Miss Lacey, the Varga girls or any Hollywood cuties ever showed off their shanks (oh dear!)—sex was rearing its beautiful head. And long after something better than pinups is at hand, sex will be very much among us.

This is 1945. This is the American Army. The pinup is about as

close to American girls as ETO-happy GIs may get this year. Must she be sacrificed for—for what? Victory's price certainly does not include her!

As for VD, weekly physical inspections would help vastly to nip it quicker. Better yet, PXs could honor only ration cards punched by the medics to show that holders paid a regular Monday visit to the dispensary.—Health and Beauty Fan.

Too Many Timberwolves

We of the Timberwolf Div. want to know why in hell this so-called mongrel 311th Inf. Regt. is stealing our famed nickname.

How did they acquire the name of the Timberwolf Regt? Men of the 104th were the original Timberwolves. We rather resent the fact that there are two outfits using the same nickname.

We were named the Red Devils by the Jerries, but we are rather proud of our original nickname and dislike this mix up.—Timberwolves.

Wants Down to Earth

I am in the Air Corps and would like to transfer to the Infantry. How do I go about it?—Pfc J. R. (The Air Corps is furnishing a quota of men to the Infantry. See your CO and ask him to submit your name.—Ed.)

Two Kinds of People

Since its debut the B-Bag has been one of the most interesting features of The Stars and Stripes. It has expressed the opinions of all grades from private to general and has carried arguments rivalled in intensity only by that famous one about the anatomical structure of Linda Darnell.

The most constant theme has probably been the desire for public recognition of notable deeds of various organizations. I find no fault with this because it indicates the pride the soldier has in his outfit which is an essential element in a fighting army. We have a large army and to give each soldier and his unit full recognition for their accomplishments would require more paper than there is in the world, or at least as much as Hqs. uses and Hqs. has priority.

So in condolence to those individuals and organizations whose worthy activities go unsung upon the public ear, I offer a quotation from a letter Dwight P. Morrow once wrote his son. "The world," he wrote, "is made up of two kinds of people—one who does things and one who gets the credit. Try, if you can, to be one of the former—there's far less competition."—Capt. Carl A. Naegle, FA.

He's No Fool

To Sgt. Wilcox and seven others: No, Joe, it isn't a crime to give a soldier a ride, but it's being a damn fool. Why? It's easy to get into an American uniform and I'm sure Jerry also knows that. If we pick up a Jerry, you know the rest. If you expect us to give you a lift and we don't, we're only doing our duty.—Pvt. Louis M. Thacker, Truck Bn.

An Editorial

How to Disinfect A German

THE caption on this picture reads: "This is a part of the processing undergone by prisoners of war upon their arrival at the Port of Boston, Mass. Prisoners, after passing thru showers and being sprayed with disinfectant, wrap themselves in blankets until steam fumigation of clothing has been completed. Here, the bags containing their clothing are being handed back to them."

You can take a Nazi's clothing and disinfect it. You can kill the lice. You can cleanse his skin. You can make him sweet-smelling and clean. The process is systematic, scientific and successful.

The question is—how can you disinfect a German's mind? How can you clean up his conviction that people—you, I and the other guy are not able or entitled to rule ourselves?

How can we kill the lebensraum louse? The



notion that poor, squeezed-in Germany needs a whole world in which to flex its muscles and throw out its chest?

How can we wash away the dirt of racial discrimination? The cockeyed concept that a blond-haired, blue-eyed man is better than someone with black hair or brown? What kind of soap can

wash away belief in force? What kind of chemical can purge his hate? What bath can cleanse him and leave him with the simple certainty that all men are equal before the law? That all men enjoy the same civil liberties? That rule—of the people, by the people, for the people—is the only rule which promises peace on earth and good will to man?

Errol Flynn Is Reported Wed To Girl He Met at Rape Trial

LOS ANGELES Jan. 31 (ANS).—The marriage of Nora Eddington, 20-year-old former Los Angeles aircraft plant worker and cigar stand salesgirl, to actor Errol Flynn in Acapulco, Mexico, in August of 1943, was reported yesterday by her father, Jack Eddington.

The announcement followed by a few hours the revelation in Mexico City that the birth of a daughter named "Diedri Flynn Eddington" to Nora Eddington and "Leslie Flynn, movie actor, of Hollywood," was registered in the Federal District Vital Statistics Office there. In official registrations in Mexico, the father's name precedes the mother's.

Errol Flynn said, "No comment," except to observe: "This makes the third or fourth time I've been reported married in the last couple of years. At this rate I don't see how I can miss copping at least a bigamy award."

reveal the marriage. I didn't know the baby was on the way. But I am overjoyed by news of the birth." Miss Eddington was working at a candy and cigar counter in the Hall of Justice when Errol Flynn was tried on statutory rape charges in February, 1943. Friends of the actor said that was when the couple met.

Errol Flynn was divorced in April, 1942, by actress Lili Damita after nearly seven years of marriage. She alleged he took month-long vacations alone. Custody of their two-year-old son, Sean Leslie Flynn, was awarded to Miss Damita.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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

FOR SALE VIOLIN, Moirressier, 1715, genuine, \$400. S/Sgt. Andre H. D'avi.

WANTED ELECTRIC SOLDERING IRON—Sgt. Phillip B. Hendricks. ARMONICA, chromatic round holes—Pvt. S. Cerasoli.

TRUMPET—Pfc. Carmen Falco; Guitar—Cpl. Paul A. Williams.

CAMERA EXCHANGE WANTED: 8mm movie camera—Pvt. Rudy Renken.

SWAP: Argus Anastigmat and film for Rolleiflex—Pfc. Toyer H. Harper.

FOR SALE: Zeiss 118, or will swap for or buy 35mm—Sgt. Samuel Kirkley.

WANTED: Rolleiflex or roll-film type, f4.5 lens—Cpl. Wm. Harris.

WANTED: 25mm. Leica, Contax or equivalent, 1.9 lens. Capt. Charles V. Eskridge.

APOs WANTED SGT.—Thomas P. Shiehan, Charles E. Sigler, 33563018; Pfc Thomas Skerry, Malden, Mass.; Lawrence E. Stanton, Coleman, Tex.; Cpl. James L. Shriner; Cpl. Virginia Tavares, 808128; Pvt. Charles Topfer, Strasburg, Pa.

PVT. Jack D. Vaughn, Cushing, Okla.; Pvt. Lee S. Van Hook, Enka, N.C.; Cpl. Maxime Vaught, Evansville, Ind.; Sgt. Franklyn Von Wiskow, New York; Tighman L. Wade, Dunn, N.C.; Bill Wiedman, Brentwood, Md.; Sgt. James Wilson, Cairo, Ill.

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



Army War Crimes Section Gathers Facts Against Axis

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (ANS).—A War Crimes Section in the office of the Army Judge Advocate is in full operation gathering evidence against German and Japanese war criminals.

The section, the United Press reported, presumably will seek to punish such war criminals as Germans who killed American prisoners recently, Japanese who perpetrated the death march from Bataan, and executioners of the Doolittle fliers who made the first air attacks on Tokyo.

The section will compile facts on individuals who perpetrated atrocities on American nationals, including Filipinos and U. S. civilians, as well as members of the armed forces.

The United Press said that the section was set up by agreement with the State and Navy Departments, which will co-operate with the new agency.

The War Crimes Section is headed by Brig. Gen. John M. Weir, who was assistant trial judge advocate general at the trial of eight Nazi saboteurs landed by U-boats. Also assigned to the sec-

tion is Col. Melvin Purvis, former FBI agent who tracked down John Dillinger.

From Officials To EM A War Department official said investigation of Axis war criminals would run from officials down to enlisted men. He said the War Crimes Section was a new departure in U.S. military history and should not be confused with the United Nations War Crimes Commission, set up in the fall of 1942.

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This Was America Yesterday:

Americans Flock Into Canada To Purchase Ration-Free Meat

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Customs officials at Detroit disclosed today that there has been a tremendous increase in American shoppers who cross into Canada to purchase meat and other items which are rationed in this country but not in Canada.

Customs Collector Martin R. Bradley, of the Michigan area, confirmed Canadian reports of sizable increases in the amount of American currency being spent in Windsor, Ontario, opposite Detroit on the Detroit River. Bradley pointed out that purchasers must surrender ration points when they recross the border, and said too many of them don't realize this. He said 18,000 persons, most of them American shoppers, passed from the Canadian to the American side of Detroit's Windsor Tunnel last Saturday—an all-time high. The normal number would be about 4,000.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT thanked millions of Americans who used his birthday to back the fight against infantile paralysis, and predicted this battle, too, would be won.

"We will never tolerate a force that destroys the life, happiness and free future of our children," he said, "any more than we will tolerate the continuation on earth of the brutalities and barbarities of Nazi or Jap warlords."

The President's message was read by Mrs. Roosevelt in Washington.

At Portland, Me., Coley Welch, New England middleweight champ, found his boxing classes in session at the same time as choir practice at Cathedral Grammar School. He consulted with school priests, who moved boxing ahead of music, apparently deciding good choirboys also should know how to use their dukes.

Maybe this would apply to France and maybe it wouldn't... In Artesia, N.M., J. S. Sherman mentioned the cigarette shortage in a recent letter to his son in the South Pacific with the Navy. This week Pop received a package containing 30 packs. Note: he was unable to read the brand, but each pack had a "rising sun" emblem.

HOMESICK for Kentucky? They just had local option elections there, featured by heavy voting. Early dispatches say Greendale and Donerall precincts of Fayette County voted wet.

In Los Angeles, Singer Ann McCormack was granted a divorce today from Clarence Stroud of the stage and radio Stroud twins. Seems Clarence was another ring champ—"He hit me about three different times. It made me ill and I had to stay away from work," she told the court in describing a backstage blitz at Earl Carroll's Hollywood Theater Restaurant last September.

The Show Goes On, But Without C.B.

AND Cecil B. DeMille, who once insisted on broadcasting from a stretcher rather than disappoint his audience, voluntarily stepped out of his \$5,000 weekly radio show last night rather than pay a \$1 union assessment. While DeMille listened at home, Lionel Barrymore took over as temporary master of ceremonies. DeMille has been fighting the assessment a long time, and last week a Superior Court decision upheld the AFL Radio Artists Union order banning him from the air.

FROM South Bend comes word that one Oliver Clark is having bad luck again. His house burned down in 1943, and neighbors pitched in to help him build a new one. The new one burned down a few days ago. The item is inserted to remind you that, once upon a time, such things had their own importance—and perhaps they will again after that Big Fire in Berlin.

Here's a real fire, however: In Atlanta, Ga., a series of explosions on the heels of fire last night totally destroyed the \$200,000 assembly building of the Walker Electrical Co., a war plant. The explosions were barrels of paint blowing up in the extreme heat. No cause of the fire was determined, but some fanciful residents thought it might be buzz-bombs.

FROM Utah, where a man used to have all the wives he could support and did about as he liked, comes distressing intelligence. The state legislature is doing nothing about the cigarette shortage—not one of 23 State Senators uses tobacco.

Lama Should Have Taken It on Lam

AND in Chicago the Lama of Kum Bum, whom police call Hugh Green Carbuters, is in jail. The Lama says he studied mysterious stuff in monasteries of the Far East for 21 years—but the cops, who must not like the shampoo and laxative he sells, accuse the Tibetan spook of using the mails to defraud.

Reporter Tells of S & S War Effort Editorial

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau reports that some newspapers in America gave prominent display to this story from a civilian correspondent at the front.

By Frank Coniff

International News Service Corresp. **WITH THE U.S. FORCES IN GERMANY, Jan. 31.**—The Army newspaper, The Stars and Stripes, fired an editorial blast against the war effort in America where it noted bitterly that women are still draped in expensive furs while Yank soldiers freeze at the front.

The newspaper complained the U.S. falls far short of the "total type of total war" being waged by Russia. If the American effort were as the Russian, it declared, the following would happen:

"Every GI in the snow would be wearing muskrat if not mink. America's furs would be in Minsk, not in Marshall Field's. In Esch, not in I. J. Fox. In the Vosges and not the Stork. On the Saar, Roer and Rhine. Out where feet freeze. Where hands are

numb and noses, cheeks and ears turn white with frost."

Pin-up girls, debutantes, dowagers and café society in general were all splattered by editorial shrapnel as epitomizing lush comforts at home contrasted to bitter privations being suffered by thousands of American fighting men.

The writer, apparently a senior officer living in Paris, declared: "Everything for the front" doesn't have the same meaning in U.S.A. as in U.S.S.R. The author's anger evidently was swept over the last dam of restraint by the pin-up photograph of actress Jinx Falkenberg. His editorial began:

"Today's conundrum is why is a pin-up of Falkenberg like the Red Army?" The answer, because they both have the same slogan—everything for the front—and because they both wear fur.

Putting Up a Front

"In America there is a lot of fur to point up a pulchritude of pin-ups," he added. "Fur for facades of dowagers and debutantes, fur for first nights and fancy shindigs, fur for everything—for putting up a front.

Acquired 12 Wives in Search for 'Contentment'



This is Francis Van Wie, the 58-year-old San Francisco street-car conductor, who has admitted marrying 12 women. He is awaiting trial after pleading not guilty to bigamy charges. A "Van Wie defense group" has hired two prominent lawyers to defend the conductor.

State Guard in N.Y. Is Alerted As Cold Causes Food Crisis

ALBANY, N.Y., Jan. 31 (ANS).— Gov. Thomas E. Dewey yesterday proclaimed a state of emergency throughout New York State and ordered all state departments mobilized and the State Guard to stand by to assist in dealing with a food and fuel crisis resulting from the prolonged cold wave.

Citing "grave" shortages of coal and a threat to egg and milk production because of lack of feed, the governor yesterday named Charles H. Sells, State Public Works Superintendent, as emergency director of transportation. Meanwhile, railroad officials reported the transportation picture somewhat brighter and some communities received small amounts of coal.

An appeal for experienced railroad men was made by the Army, the Navy, the Railroad Retirement Board and the War Manpower Commission.

Buildings Close

Widespread closings of schools, public institutions, night clubs, theaters, amusement spots, non-essential stores and other buildings were reported.

It was estimated there was only a six-day fuel supply left in the state, with no more fuel on the way.

The Governor's Office received the following reports of snowfall this month: Albany, 49 inches; Binghamton, 73; Oneonta, 55; Syracuse, 107; Fulton, 113; Buffalo, 81; Olean, 105; Watertown, 100; Old Forge, 140.

The order for the State Guard to stand by was its first alert since it was mobilized after Pearl Harbor.

Wallace Row Heads Toward Split in Party

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (ANS).—The biggest Democratic Party split since the 1937 Supreme Court fight appeared to be developing today around Henry Wallace's Cabinet nomination, the Associated Press reported.

The battle is fundamentally one between those who regard themselves as a liberal element of the party, headed by Wallace, and the old-line Democrats represented by Senators Harry F. Byrd, of Virginia, Walter F. George, of Georgia, Josiah W. Bailey, of North Carolina, and others.

Legislative leaders readied a compromise which they hoped would keep pent-up animosities from spilling on the Senate floor, but there was every indication, the Associated Press said, that both sides intend to have a say before the issue of Wallace's appointment as Secretary of Commerce is fully settled.

May Ask Return to Committee

In the absence of any direct word from President Roosevelt, Senator Alben W. Barkley, of Kentucky, Democratic leader, planned to ask that Wallace's nomination be sent back to the Commerce Committee. There it would await final enactment and the signing of a bill divesting the Commerce Department of control over the RFC and other lending agencies.

Senator Claude Pepper (D-Fla.) and other Wallace supporters have conceded that only by giving up the monetary bureaus can the former Vice-President win confirmation, the AP reported. Senator Byrd said that any Administration move to delay a showdown should be greeted by a substitute motion to call up the nomination for test vote. He forecast that Senate majority would demand immediate consideration of the appointment.

No Common Ground

"This is the biggest split we've had in the Democratic Party," the Virginian declared. "There is nothing common between the southern Democrats and the CIO wing Wallace represents."

"Mr. Wallace made a threat in a New York City speech Tuesday night to go to a third party if the radicals can't control the Democratic Party. It would be the biggest blow he could strike against the conservatives if he could win this fight. But I don't think he is going to win."

Senator McMahon (D-Conn.) said he thought that Wallace was merely "advancing President Roosevelt's democratic program for decent jobs at decent wages for all those who want to work."

Two Days' Debate Leaves Labor Draft Backers Confident

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (ANS).—Chances for passage of limited national service legislation brightened today as the House neared a showdown on the controversial subject. Two days of general debate indicated to sponsors that there would be votes to spare when balloting starts, probably late Thursday.

The bill would require men between 18 and 45 to work in essential jobs under pain of induction, fine or imprisonment.

Today the House voted, 178 to 142, against an "anti-closed shop" amendment which proposed that no man taking a job in accordance with the bill's provisions would be required to join a labor union as a condition of employment.

A War Department document submitted during debate Tuesday showed that production of such vital weapons as rockets and Superfortresses was far behind schedule. Production of aircraft, including B29s, fell 23 percent below schedule during the last half of 1944, and new requirements call for sharply increased output.

1846 Mormon March Recalled in California

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 31 (ANS).—The 98th anniversary of the arrival of the Mormon Battalion which marched 2,000 miles from Council Bluffs, Ia., to the Pueblo here in 1846, is being celebrated this week.

The trek, known as the "longest march of infantry in history," was recalled by the San Diego Historical Society and the Church of Latter-Day Saints. The celebration also honors the 90,000 Mormons in the services.

Cleveland Fire Under Control

CLEVELAND, Jan. 31 (ANS).—Flames which followed a triple explosion Tuesday night at the \$2,000,000 Benzol division of the Corrigan-McKinney works of the Republic Steel Corp. were under control early today and 400 families who were evacuated from the 14-block area near the fire began returning to their homes.

Company officials said that the damage would reach several hundred thousand dollars. No one was injured. Families were moved out as burning naphthalene on the ground threatened to carry the flames into the coke oven batteries. Steam was turned into the fire batteries to lessen the danger.

Plant manager J. L. Highland said that the cause of the explosions was unknown.

Military Committee OKs Roosevelt's Promotion

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (ANS).—Promotion of Col. Elliott Roosevelt to brigadier general was approved unanimously yesterday by the Senate Military Committee. The nomination next goes to the floor, probably Thursday, for a vote on confirmation.

Chairman Thomas (D-Utah) said the committee received only two written protests to the nomination, one unsigned. Also approved were appointments of 77 others nominated to be brigadier generals, three to be lieutenant generals and 22 to be major generals.

South's School System Is Flayed by Educator

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (ANS).—Dr. John K. Norton of Columbia University yesterday assailed "educational slums" and said that illiteracy had deprived America of at least two million men, "enough to equal the Russian army now driving toward Berlin."

Southern states "with sub-standard schools—and sometimes no schools" have such large percentages of 4Fs that "we have had to turn to other sections to find men," Dr. Norton told a Senate Committee on Education and Labor. He supported a bill providing Federal allotments of 300 million dollars annually to aid schools.



SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE

A NEW answer to the old gag, "Why does a chicken cross the road?" was supplied by 1/Lt. Richard J. Cleaver Jr., of Carmel, Ind., and the 89th Cav. Recon. Sq. of the Ninth Armored Div., to explain the pile of fresh-dressed chickens stacked up near the kitchen.

Lt. Cleaver's answer, "to make trouble for us," didn't win \$64, so the outfit is standing short on chicken dinners. The following report from Maj. Robert D. Schmitter, who investigated at the request of an infantry division commander, tells all:

1. On (date) some chickens were observed in the vicinity of the CP of the 89th Recon. Sq. at Fishback. The chickens had their heads off and were piled up near the kitchen.

2. Investigation was made and the platoon leader, Lt. Cleaver, stated the livestock in the vicinity had been annoying his operations by setting off mines and otherwise causing unwarranted alerts day and night. He further stated that he made a practice of disposing of all chickens, cats, etc., so he could operate more efficiently and not be bothered with this nuisance. He advised that cutting off their heads and probably preparing them for the kitchen as food was an afterthought and not the main reason for destroying them.

3. Lt. Cleaver has been advised that destruction of animals and livestock would be discontinued and if the occasion arose for such action it would be referred to higher headquarters for approval.

If you need proof that chaplains do more than punch slips, here are two clingers. Communion had been completed and Chaplain (Capt.) Leo W. Frye, of the 95th Inf. Div., was purifying the chalice when enemy shells began falling close by. Chaplain Frye turned to the 46 men of the 920th FA Bn. who were at services for the celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8. He said "he would complete the mass, but all who wished could seek shelter. Everyone stayed to the end.

Chaplain Ben L. Rose, of a cavalry group, had to travel at night with a patrol leading the way to a Siegfried Line pillbox—his organization's most forward position—because they were so close to the enemy they would be spotted traveling in the daytime. At the pillbox, Chaplain Rose conducted services for 25 men and returned to headquarters with S/Sgt. Bernard Bierman again leading the patrol.

CHALK up one of the fastest deliveries of K-rations to S/Sgt. William P. Fagen, of Dade City, Fla. The delivery was made to his platoon of Co. E, 13th Regt., of the Eighth Inf. Div. A Jerry shell swished overhead as he was carrying the box of rations for his men.

"The shell burst when I was near a hill above my platoon," Fagen said. "Before I realized what was happening, I was sliding down the hill, lickity split, still holding the box. When I hit bottom, I was right outside platoon headquarters dugout."

Pfc Percy Price, of Uieca, Miss., a bow gunner on a tank of Co. A, Second Bn., Ninth Armored Div., found a new use for a screwdriver in a hurry. It served as a bolt handle on his .30 caliber MG while he slammed away at a German patrol. Price's tank was attacked by a large German patrol during the battle of the Bulge. The bolt handle of the machine-gun broke when he started to fire, so Price grabbed the first thing handy—the screwdriver. The enemy was routed. A mop-up squad of Yanks found the woods strewn with dead and wounded, casualties of Price's fire.

EVEN though there is that big hunk of ocean between the ETO and the States, it's still a small world, says T/Sgt. William H. Priest, of New York, an artilleryman with the 101st Airborne Div. Bill was on sentry duty at Bastogne a couple of days after the city was relieved. First person he challenged was his brother, T/Sgt. James S. Priest, an 80th Division MP.

Another 101st man, T/Sgt. William E. Edwards, of St. Louis, also caught up with his brother after a two-year separation—during the Ardennes Forest battle. He met T/Sgt. William F., of the 17th Airborne, at a forward CP.

It was enemy flak that reunited 2/Lt. Frank N. Aldrich, B7 navigator, and his brother, 2/Lt. William Aldrich, P47 pilot, at a 29th TAC field. Frank and his crew were unhurt when the Fortress made an emergency landing near a TAC base and when they checked in, someone noticed the name "Aldrich" on a list, it was brother Bill. When they met, Bill said, "Gosh, I thought you were in the Pacific," to which Frank answered, "Well, I'm not, as you can plainly see."

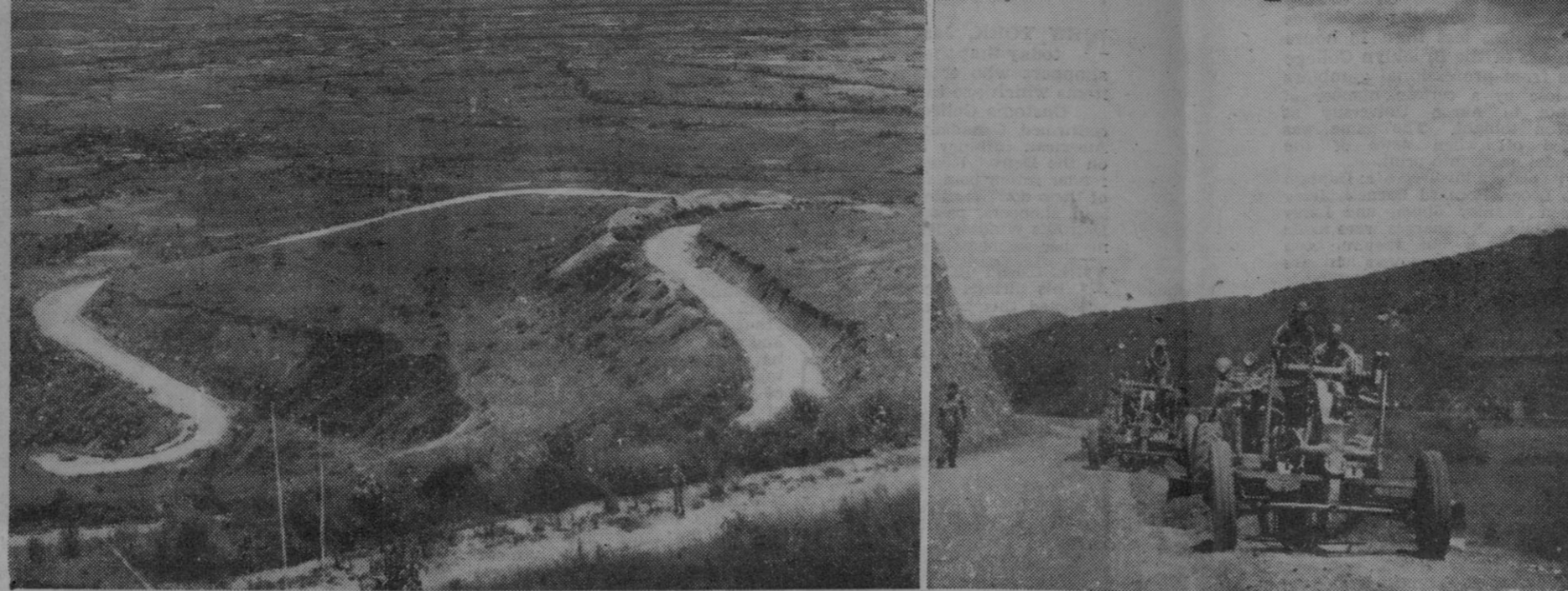
Doughs in the outposts of the 38th Regt., Second Inf. Div., are listening to musical programs and hourly broadcasts through the courtesy of the Switchboard Broadcasting Company, operated by Pvt. George A. Doran, of Washington, telephone man. Doran moves his radio in front of the switchboard to broadcast the programs along the line to battalion, company and platoon CPs where they are re-piped by sound-power phones to outposts just short of no-man's-land.

Pfc Willard Croft, of Streator, Ill., believes that a well-placed haymaker can be as effective as a gun sometimes, especially at close quarters.

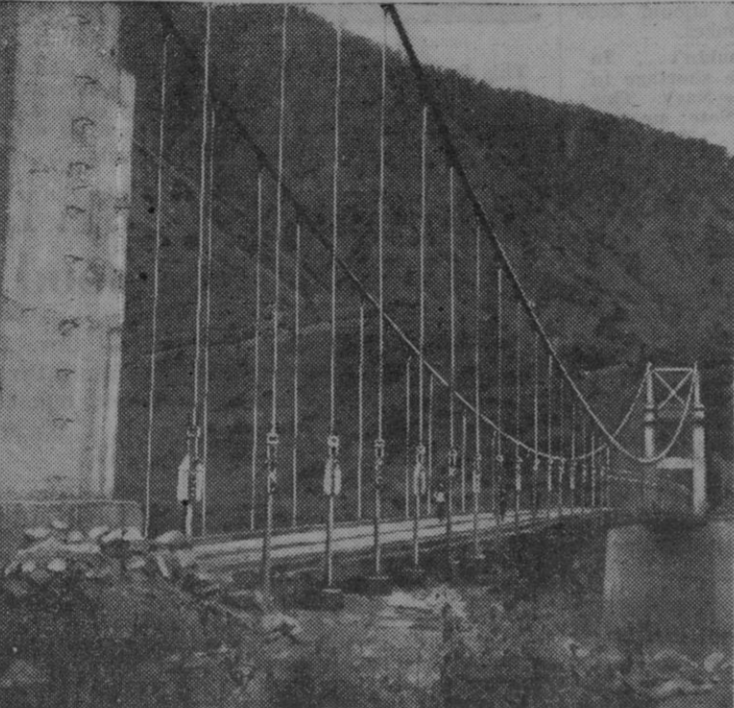
Croft was holding ten Jerries that the Fifth Inf. Div., Co. G, Second Inf., had captured. They were all in a small room when Jerry artillery began to land near their position.

Shouting "nix, nix," one of the Germans tried to escape through the window, but he wasn't fast enough to beat Croft's right hook. When the Nazi got to his feet he meekly went back to the group, apparently deciding to "sweat out" his own artillery rather than take another punch on the jaw.

The 'Stilwell Road' Opens



To transform the once narrow Burma Road into the two-lane highway bearing Gen. Stilwell's name (left) huge road graders (right) were operated by Chinese and American soldiers.



Bridges like the one pictured above were built under Jap sniper fire.



Chinese workmen drilled the solid rock.

Overland Route to China Is Opened After More Than Year of Toil, Battle

Guns, Ammo Flow Into China Over 620-Mi. Highway

Convoys of American and British trucks are now rolling over the "Stilwell Road" with supplies needed to lift the siege of China. More than a year in construction, the 620-mile highway across Burma, from Ledo to the Salween, has been described by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as the main artery leading to bases from which new blows will be hurled against the Japs. Named by Chiang, in honor of Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, the road was built against fierce

GI Engineers Play Large Role in Building Link

248 short-span bridges. To assure two-way traffic on the road it was necessary to blast away sides of mountains in many places. The Southwest Import Transportation Supervisory Commission, a joint Chinese and American organization, has been established to supervise the convoys that are bringing guns and ammo into China.

Road's Importance Stressed

Importance of the road was stressed recently by Maj. Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer, Stilwell's successor in China, who said that there was a growing belief that the final defeat of Japan would take place on Chinese soil. Already, according to Chiang, the completion of the "Stilwell Road" has had the effect of "a powerful tonic on the spirit of our army and our people."

Linked together with the history of the road are such military campaigns as were fought by "Merrill's Marauders" and the recent successful Allied push along the Salween River in Burma. For the soldiers who fought in these campaigns and for the men who built the road behind them, the man they called "Vinegar Joe" had a characteristic tribute when their mission was completed. Said Stilwell about the road that bears his name: "I take off my hat to the men who fought for it and built it."

Bemedaled Tank Vet, 17, Goes Home, Lets Kids Finish Job

WITH THE 80th INF. DIV., Jan. 31.—Battle-wise and scarred, Sgt. William D. Royce, of Chicago, the Third Army's youngest tank commander, is on his way home.

Now 17, Royce enlisted in the Army when he was 15. It took him six months to get his parents' consent. Then he convinced Chicago draft authorities he was old enough for the Army.

Shortly after his outfit, the 702nd Tank Bn., went into action last August, his first tank was hit by German artillery fire at Argentan. Under heavy artillery and small-arms fire, Royce rescued one of his crew members from the blazing tank. For this he received the first Bronze Star awarded in his unit.

He received another tank and a new crew. The oldest man in the crew was 15 years his senior.

During the battle for the rich coal area around Fauquemont, his tank was hit twice, by both artillery and mortar fire, and Royce received shrapnel wounds.

In the hospital he decided to tell his CO that he had misrepre-

sented his age when he joined the Army. The War Department directed that the youngster be discharged.

But the youthful veteran probably won't reach home before his 18th birthday in March, which will make him of draft age.

"But I'm an old guy now," Royce says. "Let the kids finish his job."

Obliging Nazis
WITH NINTH INF. DIV.—The German plane dropped a bomb and a fragment punctured the tire of Pfc John S. Rippy's jeep. Seconds later another Jerry plane dropped a parachute flare, so Rippy, of Warren, Ark., had light to work by while changing the tire.

Lobster, Bananas—and Taxis At 3 Francs 50 Centimes; Ah, But 'twas World War I

By Bud Hutton
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Memo to Lt. I. C. Happer, who soldiered for the 20th FA, U.S.A., in that other war:

Thank you very much, lieutenant, for the help. Merc! You never can know how much it helped. The Soldiers' Pocket Phrase Book, that is, that you left in the piano in the Hotel Cravat one war and 26 years ago.

The one put out by YMCA in 1918, that is, the one where you underlined the phrases for beefsteak and liver and chicken and three francs 50 centimes.

Merc! lieutenant. Here the guys were coming into town on 48-hour passes, going to the bar and having a hell of a time telling what they wanted because they insisted on speaking English. A hell of a time they were having.

Out of the Piano... Then the professor the other night banged a sour note and got up indignantly to look into the piano as if maybe there was a cat or a horse asleep in there. He yanked his hair a couple of times and out of the piano pulled this lined paper-covered book, the Soldiers' Pocket Phrase Book that you left behind so long ago.

After that, everything was easy. Like those phrases, "hot fried eggs (œufs sur le plat)" "la bananas," "lobster and chicken" and all that. It was just what the boys needed (two more beers, garçon, if the cognac is all gone, and we'll dunk the K-ration biscuits in 'em).

Some Real Assistance
In the front of this book it says in small print that a character like paper-covered book, the Soldiers' Pocket Phrase Book that you left behind so long ago.

Do you know how far you could go in a taxi these days for three francs 50 centimes, lieutenant? If you could get a taxi? Ah, that other war.

That other war sure was tough on the pocketbook, eh, lieutenant? Like where it says, "Can you change American money?" (Pouvez-vous changer de l'argent américain?) And the answer comes back, very helpfully, lieutenant, "I hand you five francs 70 centimes, for one dollar." My poor aching back, lieutenant.

Oh, for a Sleeping Car!
Some of the boys wanted to say thank you for the phrase, "Est-ce qu'il y a un wagon-lit?" That means, "Is there a sleeping car (Pullman)?" It sure is handy to know how to ask if there is a sleeping car, lieutenant.

The guys did all right, though, with the French for "Have you any more alcohol?" Give me a liter. What is the price of wine? We are keeping the translation to that one, lieutenant, on account there isn't a hell of a lot of wood alcohol available.

There were a couple of gags that were really funny, lieutenant, in that phrase book. The guys like to have died laughing.

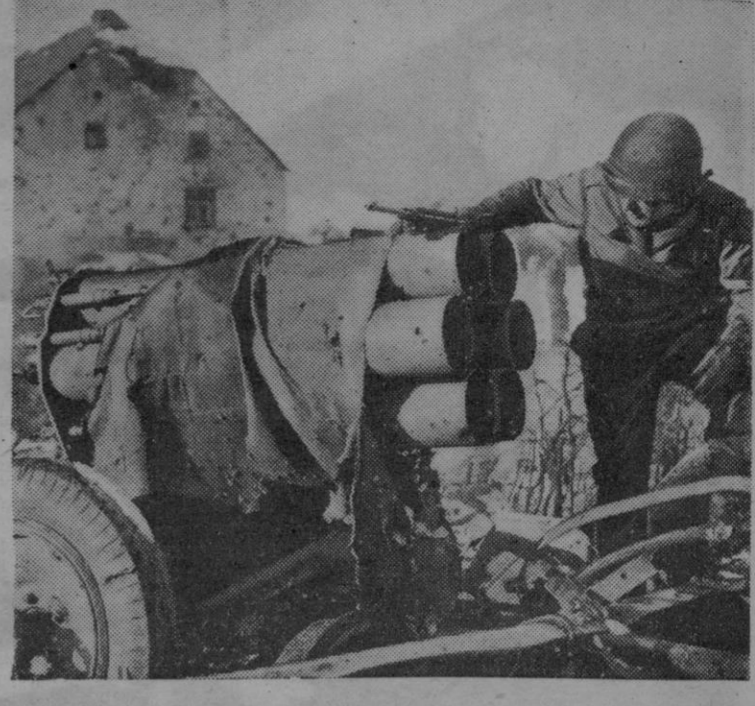
These Struck Funny Note
You know, where it went: "Are there many foreigners in France? Yes, there are English, American, Italians and Belgians. Why are they all in France? They have come to fight against the Germans. You meet, too, many Russians, Serbians, Japanese and several other nationalities. When will the war end? Are there many neutral countries in Europe? Yes, there are Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, Holland and Norway. Let us hope they will not enter the war."

After they read that the guys kind of looked at each other, lieutenant, and one of them, T/Sgt. Bill Barragrey, of the Fifth Div., said, "Twenty-six years is sure a hell of a long time."

This Is Home: It Even Has a Baby (She's 18)
WITH THE 84th DIV., Jan. 31.—Saving cigarette butts for papa, coffee grounds for mamma, and washing baby's face every morning is routine for a group billeted with a Belgian family here.

The baby's name is Henriette, and she's 18 years old. Number one consolation for face-washing honors is S/Sgt. George Dennis, of Dallas, Tex., and running close second is 1/Sgt. Daniel Mysel, of Brooklyn, N.Y.

Out of the Scrap and Ready for the Scrapheap



Cpl. Gus Peck, of Milstead, Ga., looks over a multiple German rocket gun knocked out in Luxembourg. Peck is with 99th FA Bn.

Ringed Cannoneers Kill 100 Before Motley Crew Saves 'Em

WITH 28TH INF. DIV., Luxembourg (Delayed)—Boxed in by the Wehrmacht when the Ardennes counter-smash was at peak fury, cannoneers of a FA battalion, kept the enemy at bay with rifles and carbines. The situation got so touchy that the CO, Capt. Herbert L. Franklin, of Greenville, Miss., radioed his neighbors in B Btry., and directed them to swivel their 105s in on his own positions.

Together the two units killed 100 Germans before the besieged men were freed.

The Nazi attack opened with hours of pin-point shelling. Shrapnel peppered the Yanks, damaged their guns and chopped their communications. The Americans kept their big guns roaring back at the attackers.

On the second day Germans fired on a wire repair crew from woods behind the American emplacements. Then machine-guns began boring in from all sides and the Yanks knew they were surrounded.

A demand to surrender was answered with a stream of lead by S/Sgt. Patrick Lavella, Herminie, Pa.; Pfc Charles Bernard, Saratoga Springs, N.Y.; Pfc Joseph Guardi, Revesville, W. Va.; Pvt. Paul Miller, Williamsport, Pa., and Pvt. Francis Quinn, Philadelphia.

Capt. Franklin called on B Btry. for fire and climbed to a housetop to direct it. "We just walked the shells along the edge of the woods and down into a draw where the Germans seemed to be gathering," he said. "We could hear them screaming as the shells hit and later counted 60 bodies around the draw."

Toward dusk the beleaguered band heard the rumble of advancing tanks. They were Sherman's led by the battalion CO. Hearing of the trouble he had commandeered two tanks and rounded up a motley force of infantry, engineers, tank destroyers, men, clerks and cooks.

The rescuers demolished a road block and smashed through the ring to scatter the Germans and destroy the trap.

Hey, Hey!
Pfc John Ward's job was to get the Jerries out of the barn down the road. The 4th Div. BAR man from Lexington, Ky., put a clip of tracers in his weapon, set fire to the hay and smoked out five Germans.

WACs Receive Bronze Stars

The Bronze Star Medal has been awarded to 1/Lt. Elizabeth H. Branch, of Glenbrook Conn., S/Sgt. Frances Susel, Cleveland, and S/Sgt. Mabel Marie Jorgensen, Yorkville, Ill., of the WAC, by Maj. Gen. Henry S. Aurand, Normandy Base Section Commander.

Lt. Branch was cited for her work as head of the orders section, AGD. She joined the WAC in July, 1942, and has been overseas since March, 1944.

S/Sgts. Susel and Jorgensen were rewarded for "superior efficiency and tireless devotion to duty in connection with military operations from August to November, 1944."

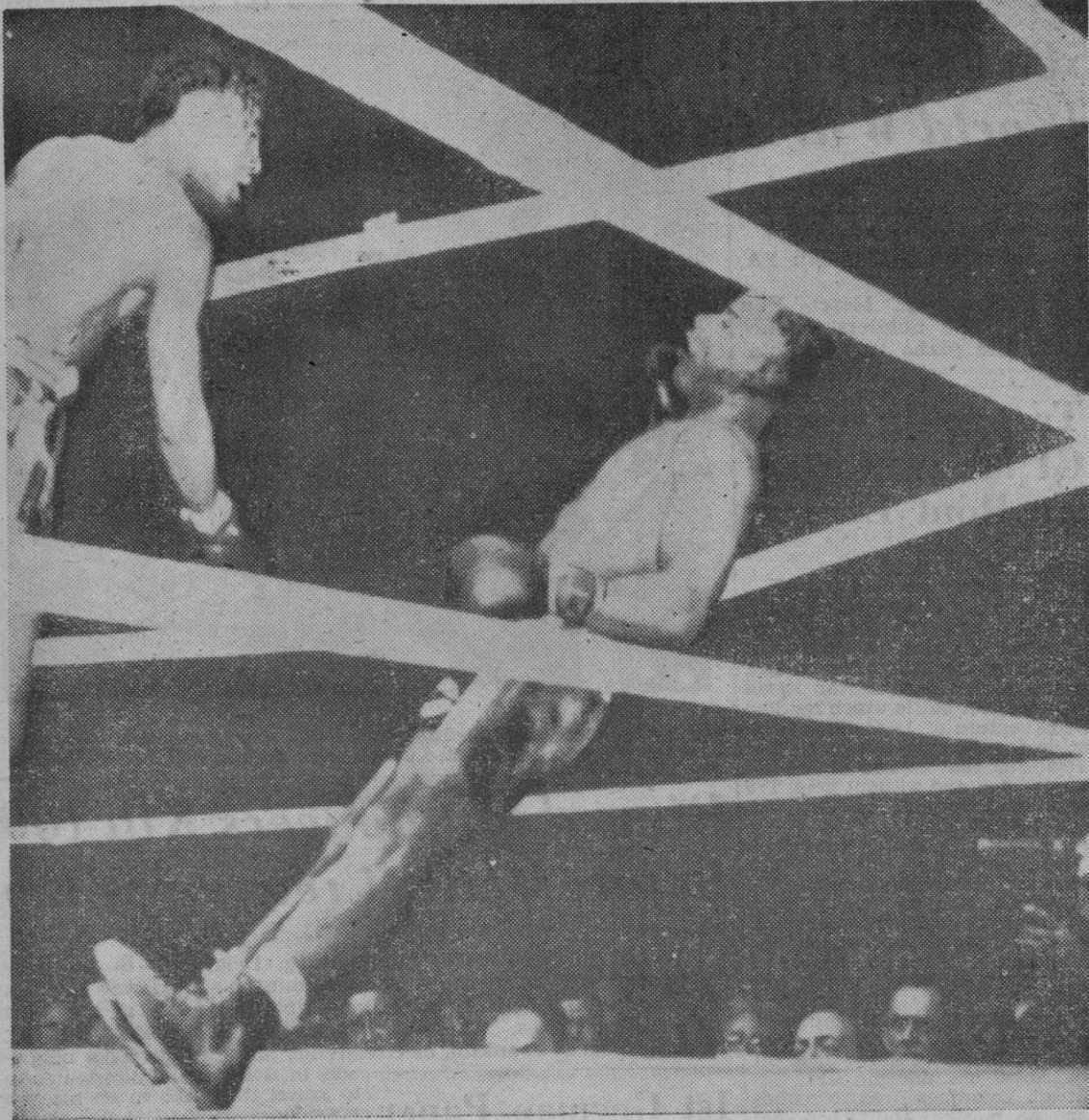
404th Thunderbolt Gp. Cited by President

The 404th Thunderbolt Gp. of the Ninth AF has won a Presidential Citation for lambasting German railroads between the Siegfried barrier and the Rhine on Sept. 10. Fighter-bomber pilots under Col. Carrol W. McCoolpin, of Buffalo, N.Y., then the group CO, swept dangerously low to destroy 24 locomotives, smash or damage more than 100 freight cars, wreck two rail bridges and blast tracks in 32 places for one day's work.

Allied Leaders in Burma Campaign

After the capture of strategic Bhamo, in Burma, by American-trained and American-led Chinese troops, the generals who directed the successful operation entered the captured city. Left to right are Lt. Gen. Sun Li Jen, chief of the 1st Chinese Army, and Lt. Gen. Dan I Sultan, CBI Commander, who replaced Gen. Stilwell.

Lay Me Down, Roll Me Over, and Do It Again



The camera caught Robert Earl in this unusual position, just after he was "kissed" with a right cross by Johnny Bratton. Earl refused to stay stiffened, got up and continued to fight, but a merciful towel stopped the Chicago Stadium fight in the third round.

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—The District Attorney reached through the foliage of the tree which grows in Brooklyn and uncovered a shady deal down near the perfumed waters of the Gowanus yesterday. The shocking evidence discovered through the branches of Betty Smith's renowned tree was that college basketball players are not above dickering with gamblers if the price is right.

The disclosure that five Brooklyn College players had accepted \$1,000 as down payment—with \$2,000 more promised after the game—from gamblers to fumble away a game with Akron "jolted" plenty of people. The only gent not even stirred by the report is Phog Allen, Kansas coach, who's been proclaiming for months that "Bigtime college basketball stinks to high heavens."

Although the pair of gamblers involved are dwelling in jail, the players weren't detained by the police after confessing.

"We knew the team didn't have a chance to beat Akron," one of the youngsters said, "so we couldn't see anything wrong in losing by 15 points, instead of seven or eight." What he failed to mention is, "That money looked awfully good to us, don'tcha know."

NED IRISH, basketball impresario at Madison Square Garden, where all good gamblers made their debut, according to those in the know, expressed "grave concern" over the matter.

"We've blacklisted more than 50 known gamblers from the Garden," Irish said, "but I guess there still must be a few in operation."

That's a very funny joke. Since horseracing was given the boot, betting on basketball has become a thriving industry. You can parlay virtually any teams in the country, provided the team you pick is known to the gamblers.

When informed of the episode, Maurice "Tubby" Raskin, Brooklyn coach, said he "was crushed." It certainly must be a shock to him and other school authorities to learn their meal tickets finally decided they're weary playing for glory, while the school reaps the financial harvest.

THE best statement, by far, came from the lips of Buddy Barnett, one of the guilty quintet. "I don't see why this should happen to us," he said. "Every college in the city is doing the same thing."

Perhaps Barnett was just spouting off in self-defense. But wasn't there a recent case where Nat Holman had to order his CCNY team to shoot a free throw in the closing seconds of a game because an additional point would snafu the gamblers? And didn't St. John's try frantically to make the basket before the gun sounded, because a six-point margin—perfect for gamblers to win all bets—was reduced to four by a desperate midcourt shot by the opposition?

If there's a game in the world that's entirely honest, we'd appreciate some serviceman in Spaulding naming it.

Now you'll have to excuse this writer. It's time to check the odds on tonight's college basketball games. The envelope containing the data arrives daily in the noon mailbag.

SHORTSHOTS—Regardless of how you look at it the Yankees have come a long way since moving to New York in 1903. In that year an ex-bartender, Frank Farrell, and a former New York chief of police, Bill Devery, put up \$25,000 to get the Baltimore franchise. That's a far cry from the amount which crossed the counter last week . . . Yankee Manager Joe McCarthy's three-year contract has two more seasons to go . . . Want a tipoff on how the home front clamors for entertainment? "Battle of the Bums" last Saturday at the Garden between Lee Oma and Joe Baksi plunked \$85,792 into Uncle Mike Jacobs' cash box . . . Don't look now but that loud crash in the middle-west was Illinois dropping Iowa from undisputed lead in the Big Ten cage race . . . Now it is anybody's title with at least five clubs in contention.



Phog Allen

Kansas Wins Big Six Game

LAWRENCE, Kan., Jan. 31.—Kansas University moved into a first place tie with Oklahoma in the Big Six Basketball Conference by defeating Kansas State, 39-36, here last night. Kansas led, 21-16 at halftime, but State took the lead three times during the second half before the Jayhawks pulled away in the final two minutes of play. Charley Moffett, Kansas forward, hit on seven straight free throws in the first-half and another in the second to lead his team with 14 points. Dave Weatherby, Kay-State forward, was right behind with 13 points.

Seahawks Rap Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 31.—The Iowa Pre-Flight basketball team defeated Nebraska, 62-42, here last night with Seahawk subs carrying most of the burden. The varsity players ran up a 20-5 margin in the first ten minutes and the reserves led, 33-11, at the half. Buddy Baggott, Seahawk forward, was high scorer with 14 points, and Bob Koenig was tops for the Cornhuskers with 12.

Wilkins Leads Scorers

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Dick Wilkins, Oregon State's eagle-eyed star, retained leadership in the National individual collegiate basketball scoring race, although he made only 28 points in the last two games against the University of Washington. His total is 373. The leading goal-makers:

Name	G	FG	F	Pts.
Wilkins, Oregon State	31	168	41	373
Mikan, DePaul	15	128	64	320
Henry, Rice	15	113	69	295
Calverly, Rhode Island	13	113	49	285
Kurland, Oklahoma Ags.	14	95	35	225
Hines, Oklahoma	15	78	45	201
Ferrin, Utah	12	81	39	201
Skinner, Columbia	14	79	42	200

CAGE RESULTS

Alabama 32, Columbus AAF 31
Great Lakes 53, Northwestern 39.
Iowa Pre-Flight 62, Nebraska 42
Indiana Techs 48, Wabash 31
Illinois State 52, Charleston 33
Jacksonville Naval 45, Florida 34
Kansas 39, Kansas State 36
Oklahoma Aggies 45, Oklahoma 31
Sampson Naval 49, Scranton 31
South. Method. 56, Texas Christian 38
Tennessee 42, Georgia 26
Valley City 46, Moorhead 43
Warrenburg 46, Missouri Valley V12 44

Indians Sign Semipro

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 31.—The Cleveland Indians' front office announced today that Joe DeSiderato, semi pro infielder from Chicago, had been signed. He'll report for spring training.

Brooklyn Cage Scandal May Bare Other Deals

BROOKLYN, N.Y., Jan. 31.—The Kings County Grand Jury commenced investigation into basketball gambling activities today, and had questioned the first witness less than 13 hours after it became known that five members of the Brooklyn College quintet had accepted \$1,000 in bribes from professional gamblers to lose by a certain number of points to Akron University at Boston tonight. The game was called off when news of the scandal broke into print.

Police 'Stumbled' On Cage Scandal

BROOKLYN, Jan. 31.—The discovery of the gambling scandal, involving five Brooklyn College basketball players, was the result of pure coincidence. Henry Rosen was suspected by the police of operating a Fagin racket and receiving goods stolen for him by boys whom he sent daily into Manhattan's fur and garment district.

Detectives assigned to keep watch on Rosen's home saw Pearlstein and Barnett enter Monday and trailed them to Stemmer's home, where they emerged. When Pearlstein and Barnett were informed of the police department's suspicions toward Rosen, and asked why they had visited him, the boys unfolded to police the whole story about gambling.

The players involved are: Captain Bob Leder, Bernard Barnett, Jerry Green, Stanley Simon and Larry Pearlstein. No charges were made against them, but they've been dropped from the squad and are undergoing further questioning.

Investigation may reveal other similar deals were made between gamblers and Metropolitan cagers. One of the Brooklyn players was reported as having said: "Every college in the city is doing it. Why pick on us?"

Maurice "Tubby" Raskin, coach at Brooklyn College, said the rest of the schedule would be played, using freshman talent which is due to enroll for the second semester this week.

Two Bribers Indicted

The Brooklyn Grand Jury acted fast today, indicting Harvey Stemmer and Henry Rosen, gamblers who bribed the Brooklyn College players. They were charged with conspiracy to commit fraud and deceit and, if convicted, face maximum punishment of five years in prison and \$10,000 fines. Their trial has been set for Feb. 13. Both pleaded not guilty to the indictment, and each was held in \$25,000 bail.

County Judge Samuel Liebowitz ordered "a broad, exploratory, thorough investigation," and Mayor LaGuardia, arch foe of gamblers, expressed his indignation that "chiseling punks and procurers" had invaded collegiate sports. The "Little Flower" also asked the public's support in putting these "cheap tinhorns" behind bars.

Allen Blames Authorities

Dr. Forrest C. "Phog" Allen, Kansas City basketball coach who predicted professional gambling would eventually create a scandal in college sports, placed the blame for the entire business in Brooklyn on the college athletic officials. Allen further asserted that when the day comes that people won't know which games are on the "up and up" intercollegiate athletics will be on the way out.

A meeting held in Ned Irish's Madison Square Garden office was attended by Dean Metcalfe, Coach George Wolf, of LIU; Al Nixon, NYU graduate manager; Joe Lapchick, cage coach, and Rev. Joseph Brown CM, athletic director, both of St. John's; Brother Richard, athletic director at St. Francis;



Ned Irish

Nat Holman, CCNY coach, and Dr. Richard Boyce and Raskin, athletic director and coach at Brooklyn College.

A thorough airing of the entire affair featured the meeting and steps were taken to make any recurrence impossible.

"These measures adopted at the meeting must remain undisclosed at the moment in order to be effective," said a typewritten statement delivered to the press last night.

Godoy Wants to Fight Both Louis and Conn

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 31.—Arturo Godoy, Chilean heavyweight boxer, arrived on American soil today, breathing defiance at "guess who?" Godoy said he could make plenty of money in South America, but he wanted to come to the United States to fight Billy Conn and Joe Louis.

Chew, Chew . . .

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. . . The lieutenant grudgingly said a word to the sergeant. . . (Continued on Page 8, Column 5)

Bruins Beaten By Hawks, 5-3

BOSTON, Jan. 31.—Cully Dahlstrom, with three points, and Clint Smith, with two unassisted goals, paced the Chicago Black Hawks to a 5-3 National Hockey League victory over the Boston Bruins here last night.

Dahlstrom scored at 3:46 of the first period, with the help of Butch McDonald, and Smith netted his

NHL Scoring Leaders

Name	G	A	Pts.
Lach, Montreal	15	40	55
Richard, Montreal	36	18	54
Blake, Montreal	21	29	50
Cowley, Boston	19	31	50
Howe, Detroit	14	29	43
M. Brunetta, Detroit	20	18	38
DeMarco, New York	16	20	36
Carr, Toronto	15	19	34

two goals in the second. Herb Cain pushed two Boston goals through the net, the first unassisted in the opening period, the second in the third with Ken Smith assisting. Bill Thoms got the other Boston score in the third on a pass from Bill Cowley. Dahlstrom had assists on goals by McDonald and Pete Horeck in the final stanza.

Hockey Standings

National League

Name	W	L	T	Pts.
Montreal	26	5	2	54
Detroit	22	8	4	48
Toronto	17	14	2	36
Boston	11	20	1	23
New York	7	19	7	21
Chicago	6	22	4	16

American League

St. Louis 4, Buffalo 0
Cleveland 3, Hershey 2

Ruth Touts Weiss For Landis' Post

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 31.—George M. Weiss, head of the New York Yankees' farm system, is Babe Ruth's candidate for the baseball commissioner's post.



Babe Ruth

Weiss blushed furiously as the crowd vigorously applauded Babe's suggestion. Weiss, who built and administered the greatest farm system in baseball, broke in with a semi pro team in New Haven.

Braves, Brewers in Deal

BOSTON, Jan. 31.—The Boston Braves sent Pitcher Carl Lindquist to the Milwaukee Brewers of the American Association in part payment for infielders Dick Culler and Tom Nelson, who were purchased by the Braves last summer, the National League club announced today.

HASH MARKS

Pardon us, but what did you say, Adolf: A master race or a faster race?

Absent-minded judge to the dentist: "Do you swear to pull the tooth, the whole tooth and nothing but the tooth?"

Yes, sir, an artist's model is a girl who works only when the boss is looking.

Oddities in the news: Two members of a squadron, both of Chinese extraction, were enjoying their first furlough in town. They were stopped by an MP and rebuked because they were carrying their dog-tags in their pockets instead of around their neck. The MP's name was Pfc Rice—which makes it probably the first time in history that Rice ever struck back at the Chinese.

Fun in the Pacific: A beautiful mermaid suddenly popped up alongside a destroyer. More surprising still, she had an infant in her arms. "I just want to know," she said to the stupefied sailor on watch, "if you have a diver on board named Smith."

Alibi of the week: An air-force Joe scheduled for KP showed up at the mess hall two hours late. He told the irate sarge that he



had dreamed he was a tail-gunner and heard the day's mission cancelled over the tannoy system. So he rolled over and went back to sleep.

Sign in a Russian station: "Trains and Germans still running."

A bright Signal Corps lad, T/5 Arthur Goudkian, overhearing a couple of Joes bemoaning their ground force air jobs and the lack of glory that attend them, quickly settled the gripes with this gem of GI wisdom: "It doesn't matter who gets the credit—as long as the business shows a profit."

Pvt. Max Meth overheard a nurse comment: "The way these patients act you'd think they'd been given blood transfusions from wolves." Could be. Could be!

Oddities in the news. Cpl. Julius Nathan is with the Yanks on the Continent but he sleeps in Chicago every night. When his outfit moved through a French coastal city he found a sign reading "Chicago" and he hangs it wherever he pitches his tent.

And then there is the GI who thinks public relations are the kind you don't mind admitting.

J. C. W.

RADIO AFN AEF

(583 Kc. — 514 M.)

- TODAY**
- 1200-News.
 - 1215-Guess who.
 - 1230-Music.
 - 1300-Merry-Go-R.
 - 1400-News.
 - 1410-On the Spot.
 - 1430-Young Show.
 - 1501-Music.
 - 1530-Combat Diary.
 - 1545-On the Record.
 - 1630-Amos and Andy.
 - 1700-News.
 - 1715-Swing Show.
 - 1745-Paula Green.
 - 1800-News.
 - 1805-Mark Up Map.
 - 1810-U.S. Sports.
- 1815-Light Music.**
- 1830-Pantomime.
 - 1900-Bing Crosby.
 - 1930-Dance Band.
 - 2000-World News.
 - 2005-U.K. News.
 - 2010-Canada News.
 - 2015-Starlight.
 - 2030-Itma.
 - 2100-News.
 - 2105-Soldier Song.
 - 2115-Navy Mixture.
 - 2200-U.S.A. News.
 - 2205-Fred Waring.
 - 2235-Reminiscing.
 - 2301-News.

- TOMORROW**
- 0600-Football Scores 0900-News.
 - 0615-Rise and Shine. 0925-Ranch House.
 - 0700-News.
 - 0715-Song Parade.
 - 0730-Dance-Band.
 - 0800-Combat Diary.
 - 0815-Personal Album. 1145-Piano Parade.
 - 0830-Modern Music.
 - 1001-Morning After.
 - 1030-Music.
 - 1100-U.S.A. News.
 - 1105-Duffie Bag.
 - 1145-Piano Parade.

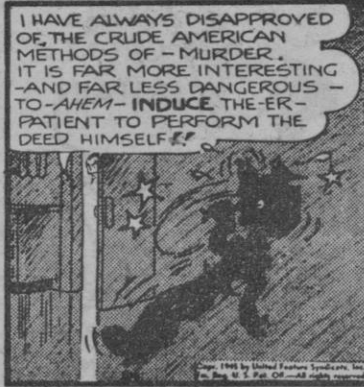
Births

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

- L. Carl G. Nystrom, Decorah, Iowa—boy, Jan. 25; Pfc Herbert W. Sierck, New York—girl, Jan. 25; Sgt. Orvo Helander, Lake Forest, Ill.—Charles Orvo, Jan. 19; Pfc Leroy T. Pusin, North Chicago—girl, Dec. 26; Capt. Clifford S. Conner, Trenton, N.J.—Clifford Scott, Jan. 25; 1/Lt. William Teban, St. Albans, N.Y.—William Patrick, Jan. 23; 1/Lt. Jack Reif, Brooklyn—Barbara, Jan. 18; CWO Andrew J. Wishart, New York—girl, Jan. 26; Cpl. Arthur Birnbaum—girl, Jan. 26; Lt. Walter R. Jones—Walter Douglas, Jan. 19; Sgt. Walter S. Linowicki, Chicago—James Walter, Jan. 5; Cpl. Raymond A. Uhlendorf, Paterson, N.J.—boy, Dec. 26; Pvt. Albert Velasquez, Chicago—boy, Albert Joseph, Dec. 10.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



Abbie an' Slats

By Courtesy of United Features



Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate, Inc.



Male Call

By Milton Caniff



Jane

By Courtesy of The London Daily Mirror

By Norman Pett



Only 'Silence' Greets Hitler's Last-Ditch Plea

While some congressional leaders in Washington regarded Adolf Hitler's 12th anniversary address as a veiled bid for peace, there was general agreement, according to Army News Service, that only "unconditional surrender" now would save Germany from further destruction.

Chairman Tom Connally (D-Tex.) of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, voiced the opinion of many, saying "Unconditional surrender will be more tolerable to the German people than to go down into the dark and cold and bloody valley of death with Hitler."

Enthusiasm Lacking

Meanwhile, reports from neutral capitals and from Allied occupied Germany indicated yesterday that Hitler's appeal for up-to-the-last support from the German people failed to evoke the response he expected.

An AP correspondent in Berne, Switzerland, quoted the conservative newspaper *Der Bund* as saying that the German people had answered Hitler's call for steadfast resistance with steadfast silence.

"The people keep silent," the paper said, "thereby manifesting their longing for peace, no matter at what price. They have found their weapon—silence—in refusing longer to accept official declarations and pep talks."

Indication in Sweden

A Stockholm dispatch, reported by Army News Service, said that a large number of German patent applications had appeared in the latest issue of the official gazette and that this appeared indicative of the organized flight of German capital to Sweden.

In U.S.-occupied Aachen, INS correspondent Frank Coniff reported that 31 German residents there who had heard Hitler's broadcast agreed that the Fuehrer's phrases lacked the microphone magnetism they once thought it possessed.

"Promises, promises," said one stout burgher, "that's all he ever gave us. I hope he chokes on them."

Underlining the reported apathy of the German people to their dictator's appeal was the continued stream of dispatches saying that refugees were clogging roads and that preparations were under way to evacuate Berlin.

Admit Defections

The Berlin radio admitted that "some Germans were ready to surrender," but said their number was comparatively few and declared, "Germany will fight on no matter where or under what conditions."

London reports said that the Germans were planning a last desperate house-by-house defense of Berlin, with Josef Goebbels named as "supreme commander" to direct the last stand. Reuter, however, quoted a Stockholm dispatch which said that a German military spokesman had asserted that the situation on the Eastern Front is critical but will not become desperate until German soldiers ride to their battle areas on the subway.

Artillery Organization Praised for Extra Duty

WITH 80TH DIV.—The 313th FA Bn. of the "Blue Ridge" Div. received an official letter of commendation from Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., Third Army commander, for conducting an important firing demonstration involving a new-type fuse, just 36 hours after being relieved from four months of almost continuous combat firing.

The 313th, then under the command of Lt. Col. Frederick W. Ellery, of La Grange, Mo., organized the demonstration area, prepared the observation posts and established a complete wire communication net to all participating units.

Life in a Belgian Prison

Donut Shoppe Behind Bars

SOMEWHERE IN BELGIUM.—Sixteen American Red Cross clubmobile girls are in prison here. But it's not as bad as it sounds. Evacuated from Aachen during Rundstedt's Christmas push, they were moved back along with members of the U.S. Army group to which they are attached and billeted in a de luxe Belgian prison, already occupied by 150 permanent inmates.

Now they're making doughnuts behind bars and sleeping in cells with locks on the outside only.

The girls' hasty evacuation took place on Christmas Day. That night they found themselves sharing the hoosegow with the prisoners, who raise vegetables on the adjoining land.

Here's a Preview of Major Questions Awaiting Decision of Big Three



Shown here are some of the questions the Big Three will discuss when Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin meet. Another possibility is the big question—will the Russians join the war against Japan?

Two Repudiate Butt Statement

Two enlisted men yesterday repudiated signed confessions introduced in evidence against them at the Railway Bn. black-market trial.

One of the men testified he was promised that he would be freed and sent back to his outfit if he signed. The other, who was a Greek citizen, asserted he had understood that by signing a confession of the theft and sale of Army supplies he would get U.S. citizenship sooner.

The court nevertheless admitted both confessions as evidence.

Agents who interrogated T/4 Nick S. Anthes, 40 years old, testified that no promises of citizenship in return for confession had been made. They also denied his allegations of physical violence and bodily injury during interrogation. Sgt. Howard D. F. Fesler, 29, testified he had no idea why the Army wanted his confession, although it implicated others beside himself.

"I just signed it so I would be turned loose," he said.

First Army Menu Revised to Yield Warmth at Front

WITH U.S. FIRST ARMY, Jan. 31.—The menus for combat soldiers here have been adjusted to add warmth and compensate for cold-weather appetites. The normal ration of eight pounds of coffee a day for 100 men has been increased to 12, and the bread ration has been increased from 39 and a half pounds per 100 men per day to 45, according to Lt. Col. J.H. Bredwell, of Marilmont, Ohio, QM officer.

Bredwell also revealed that troops are now on a ration which calls for fresh meat and vegetables. Some front lines are regularly serving two hot meals a day while others average at least one. Fresh vegetables, potatoes and fruit are being procured locally while meat and butter are being shipped from the States.

He's Overseas and at Home

When T/5 William H. Smart of Greystone, R.I., visited his parents in Wigan, Lancashire, for the first time in 15 years, there was a family reunion. Smart, 41-year-old mail clerk for a FA unit in England, left Lancashire in 1930.

Signs in U.S., Abroad Point To Imminence of Big 3 Talks

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The Big Three conference is imminent and some of the conferees may have already arrived at the scene of the parley, Reuter reported today.

Yesterday Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt spoke for her husband at his birthday party, the agency pointed out, while in Parliament, Deputy Prime Minister Clement Attlee answered questions for Prime Minister Churchill.

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about 14 miles northeast of St. Vith.

Third Army's bridgehead across the Our River was extended between the border river towns of Auel, five miles southeast of St. Vith, and Shiebach, about five miles south of Auel.

Forces advancing from the bridgehead into the German snows gained a half-mile along a two-mile front.

Gains also were made to a point a mile and one-half northeast of Welchenhausen, the southernmost point of the 30-mile advance arc. One enemy counter-attack against the bridgehead by 200 German infantrymen was smashed by American artillery.

While the lull continued in northern Alsace, Nazi artillery shelled Bischweiler, five miles southeast of Haguenau, and fires were reported in the town yesterday morning.

Franco-American forces south of Strasbourg advanced two kilometers east on a line between the towns of Grussenheim and Jepsheim, north of Colmar. This gain brought them to within 1,000 yards of the Rhine-Rhone Canal and three miles of the Rhine.

Once reaching the Rhine, they would sever the German corridor running north along the Rhinebank toward Strasbourg from the Colmar pocket.

South of the pocket, French forces closed in on Cernay from the north and east. They took Wittenheim, four kilometers north of Mulhouse.

Output Increase Wins Ordnance Unit Plaque

WITH TWELFTH ARMY GP.—The Meritorious Service Unit Plaque has been awarded the 3527th Ord. (MAM) Co., for increasing production levels 215 percent.

"Creative ability of its members, the constant use of salvaged parts and the untiring efforts of all members of this unit contributed to its exceptional production record," according to the official citation.

Naval Aide Confirmed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (ANS).—The Senate has confirmed the nomination of H. Struve Hensel to be Assistant Secretary of Navy. Also approved was the nomination of Frederick J. Horne to continue in the rank of admiral as long as he serves as Vice Chief of Naval Operations.

Enter Reich . . .

Both Stettinius and Hopkins visited Allied Force Headquarters in Rome, but officials pointed out that this had nothing to do with international politics, the AP said.

Hopkins also was received by the Pope, and visited Alcide De Gasperi, Italian Foreign Minister, and Alexander Kirk, U.S. Ambassador to Italy.

Hopkins revealed that the Big Three parley may be of short duration. He told newspapermen in Rome that since Marshal Stalin was actually the director of all Russian strategy he might not be able to absent himself long from the Russian front.

Asked whether Russia would declare war on Japan, Hopkins replied that Great Britain and the U.S. were planning to beat Japan on the assumption that only Anglo-American supplies would be available.

Expected Full Agreement

Hopkins said he believed that, after talks with Churchill and Eden, complete agreement could be reached on plans for war against Japan and also in clearing up some undecided points of the Dumbarton Oaks program. He said all three powers would surely agree on post-war treatment of Germany.

The problems of the Polish government, the Greek civil war and supplies for civilians in Italy were among those expected to be discussed at the conference, AP and Reuter dispatches said. One UP report from Washington said that a call for unconditional surrender by Germany now, in view of the sweeping Red Army offensive, might be made at the conclusion of the parley.

4 Men of 4th Honored

WITH FOURTH ARMORED DIV.—Four members of the Fourth Armored Div. were recently cited for meritorious achievement in combat and awarded the Bronze Star. They were: Sgt. Galen F. Stites, LaPorte, Ind.; Sgt. John R. Winquist, Seattle; Pfc Frank J. Yancik, Scranton, Pa.; and Pvt. David W. Richardson, Waterville, Me.

Soviets Smash To Within 45 Miles of Berlin

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the towns of Heilsberg and Friedland, communications centers and strong points in the German defense line in the central part of the province.

More than 50 other towns, most of them about 30 miles southwest of besieged Koenigsberg, also were captured.

Outside Koenigsberg, Cherniakovsky's tanks and armor threw back three counter-attacks by the Germans trying to recapture a highway leading to the port area, seven miles north of the Prussian capital. All routes leading from the city were under artillery fire.

In Hungary, a Bulgarian army of more than 100,000 was fighting side by side with Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army north of Budapest near the Austrian frontier, a Moscow announcement said.

In fighting yesterday on all fronts more than 125 German tanks were destroyed, the Moscow communique reported.

Soviet Speed Saved Silesian Industries

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—The Soviet offensive's speed preserved industrial installations in Upper Silesia and adjacent Polish territory from serious damage, "and in a short time they will be back to normal," a Moscow broadcast by the Soviet-sponsored Free Germany National Committee said today.

Important industries taken were 62 coal mines, 11 tin mines, 23 tin mills, the largest salt mines in the world, 14 mills for production of synthetic fuel and factories producing synthetic rubber.

Flattening Foe, Yank 'Too Busy' For Phone Call

Lanky, 23-year-old Marion W. Lee had learned to handle a shooting iron in the hills of Arkansas, drilling squirrels. Now he was squinting down a BAR, calmly picking off Germans who were struggling through a barbed-wire entanglement before his foxhole.

The phone in his foxhole jingled. Pvt. Lee allowed he was "busy now," hung up and kept on plugging Jerries.

The farmer son of Mr. and Mrs. Zeke Lee, of Mountain Home, Ark., kept shooting till his gun was burned out. He chucked hand-grenades while his squad leader fetched him another. Then he started firing again.

When the Germans got discouraged and backed off, the bodies were counted. Fifteen had gone down before the sharp eye and steady hand of the hill boy.

Leaders Still Disagree On Supplies to Italy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (ANS). British and American leaders are still unable to agree on the amount of supplies to give liberated Italy, the Associated Press said today.

The AP said shipping shortages would not prevent increasing Italy's bread rations. The immediate question is whether supplies stockpiled in Italy for distribution in the north when the Allies have ousted the Nazis should be broken into to ease desperate conditions.

Mrs. Luce Spurns Radio Job

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (ANS).—Rep. Clare Boothe Luce (R-Conn.) disclosed today that she had turned down, for the time being, an offer to become a commentator on a sponsored broadcast. While the sponsor was not named, it was understood the offer was one of the most lucrative of its kind.

Chew, Chew . . .

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