

# Allies Launch Surprise Attack in Holland

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Abzählen.  
Uptseylen.  
Count off.

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La chambre est-elle chauffée?  
La shawmbre ay tel shofay?  
Is the room heated?

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# Planes Blast 3 China Ports

## 2d Polish Bastion Falls to Russians



The Red Army, rolling swiftly westward, yesterday captured 1,300 towns, including Radom, important enemy base north of Kielce. Arrows indicate three major attacks of the five now underway.

Powerful Russian armies, thrusting deeply into German defenses on a 550-mile front, yesterday won their second big prize of the winter offensive by capturing the important Polish industrial and communications center of Radom, Marshal Stalin announced in an Order of the Day as Berlin Radio said the Red Army was now attacking with full fury on five separate fronts.

As the First White Russian army stormed through Radom, Berlin radio reports disclosed that a big push in East Prussia had been opened by the Reds driving the Nazis from Pillkallen, another important rail and communication center.

Marshal Stalin, issuing two Orders of the Day, said yesterday his armies had captured more than 1,300 places in 24 hours.

Berlin reports stated that Marshal Koniev was using 40 divisions and more than 1,500 tanks in the battle for Silesia along the Warsaw—

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### Rotation Quotas To Be Increased, Marshall Reveals

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (ANS).—Gen. George C. Marshall today predicted that the number of soldiers returning to the U.S. from battlefronts for 30-day furloughs will "increase markedly" in the next few months. In a letter to Rep. Overton Brooks (D-La.) the Chief of Staff disclosed that the War Department has removed all limitations of the number of soldiers who may receive such furloughs.

Theater commanders, Marshall said, now have authority to return any men they can spare for a month plus travel time. The War Department, he added, is no longer directly involved in such decisions.

### Yank Prisoners Ordered Slain, Nazi PWs Say

WITH FIRST U.S. ARMY, Jan. 16 (AP).—Nazi officers in several instances have ordered American prisoners shot because of food shortages. That, at least, is the reason given to German troops who carried out the orders.

One captured Nazi soldier said his lieutenant told his men: "The food situation in Germany is bad. We don't have enough to feed any more prisoners. I hope you understand me."

Several prisoners gave statements that one company commander had ordered 40 American soldiers shot who had surrendered after stubbornly defending the village of Habscheid.

Harsh treatment of prisoners was advocated by their officers, the prisoners said.

### No Tomorrow Today, Newsprint Still Lost

Those 20 wandering box cars of newsprint are still playing hide and seek around France. Some of the elusive stuff is believed to have been located on a couple of barges at a French port, but if anybody sees the rest, please call The Stars and Stripes circulation department at ELYsées 40-58. Meanwhile, due to paper shortage, the weekly insert "Tomorrow" is suspended.

## Allies Open Assault in 'Quiet' Area

Allied forces launched a surprise attack in Holland at dawn yesterday behind a crashing artillery barrage as the battle initiative which the Germans have held on the Western Front since mid-December began once again to pass into Gen. Eisenhower's hands.

Southward, in the vanishing bulge, U.S. First Army troops drove into the key Ardennes communications center of Houffalize and found it abandoned except for snipers.

Eastward toward the Rhine, U.S. Seventh Army tanks and infantry smashed into the Nazi bridgehead across the Rhine eight miles north of Strasbourg. Reuter reported from that front, after 300 guns had poured shells into German positions along a six-mile stretch of the Rhine's west bank.

With the new attacks in Holland and in the Rhineland, the entire Allied position was changing yesterday. Allied forces struggled to seize and hold the initiative which Von Rundstedt's Christmas counter-offensive had taken from them.

British forces launched the assault in Holland in the narrow finger of the Netherlands which protrudes southward between the Belgian and German frontiers.

The attack began north of Sittard, between the Maas and Roer Rivers. In its early stages, the assault was rolling over flat hills toward heavily-defended German positions.

White-tunicked Tommies, virtually invisible against the snow, plunged into the pre-dawn fog, Reuter reported. No initial reports on this attack were available last night, but Reuter quoted an officer as saying that "the show was going well."

Germans were known to be solidly entrenched in the new battle area which had been quiet for months. Tommies struck toward the northern reaches of the Roer as it flows past the Cologne plain,

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### Threatened



Was Betty Grable about to be kidnaped, charms and all? FBI agents in Hollywood refused to "confirm or deny," but her studio revealed the film star had received a kidnap threat.

## 'Big 3' Date Set, Says FDR

### BULLETIN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—President Roosevelt indicated definitely today that the time and place have been fixed for the Big Three meeting and he is about to go to join Churchill and Stalin.

LONDON, Jan. 16 (Reuter).—Prime Minister Churchill, setting British policy for the coming Big Three meeting, declared today that the Allies will force Germany to her knees with "unconditional surrender."

He announced he was in complete agreement with President Roosevelt on the aims and achievements of the Atlantic Charter.

Answering a series of questions in the first session of Commons since the Christmas recess, Churchill clearly showed that he and President

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## Yanks Land New Force On Luzon

PEARL HARBOR, Jan. 16 (ANS).—Airmen of Adm. Halsey's Third Fleet carried out the first full-scale blows of the war against Japan's life-line ports on China's coast last Saturday, bombing Hong-Kong, Amoy and Swatow, while in the Philippines Tokyo radio said Gen. MacArthur's forces yesterday made a new landing on Luzon.

Adm. Nimitz, announcing the new raids on the Jap-held Chinese ports, disclosed at the same time that Adm. Halsey's planes two days before had sunk 41 Jap ships totaling 127,000 tons, besides damaging 28 others in the attacks on four Jap convoys off Saigon and Camrah Bay, Indo-China.

In the Philippines, motorized columns of the Sixth Army drove down the valley from the Lingayen Gulf toward Manila—less than 80 airline miles away—with only sniper fire to slow the advance. Tokyo radio, meanwhile, said that U.S. troops had made a fresh landing in the vicinity of Santo Tomas, 30 miles north of the Lingayen beachhead's left flank.

### Near Jap Stronghold

This new landing, if confirmed, would place American troops on high ground, a considerable distance closer to the Japanese mountain stronghold of Baguio, summer capital of the Philippines—where guerrillas said the heaviest Jap forces on the island were situated. Tokyo radio admitted today that "the enemy is gradually closing in on our forces on the central plains of Luzon."

Correspondents said that it appeared that the first bloody battle for Luzon would be fought in the Baguio area. Already Sixth Army troops holding the left flank of the beachhead are under increasingly heavy mortar and machine-gun fire from the hills overlooking the main supply road running along the Lingayen Gulf beach.

In the Indo-China sea battles, 112 Japanese aircraft were de-

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### For Them the Fighting Is Over—the Salient a Bad Dream



Nazi prisoners captured by U.S. troops line up on road at edge of snow-covered forest in Belgium.



Rates Priority

After the campaigns of Africa and Sicily, this division had the time to start on the rotation plan.

Why don't they take into consideration the year we had in Africa and Sicily? Why must we be rotated the same as others who have just had a few months overseas?

Hundreds of letters have been received on this subject, many of which were written by men of the Ninth Div.—Ed.)

Snow Dope

I have a suggestion which will produce a better and more rugged snow cape. Sew heavy linen over a set of fatigues following the same seams.

Save and Serve

People in this section visiting hospitalized troops bring back the report that the boys appreciate receiving magazines, books and home-town papers.

Stop and Think

This is a reply to the "Rheumatic Deacons" who complained in B-Bag about being ordered to fill abandoned shell craters.

Salutations:

Many units need reinforcements. Why not make a certain percentage of these reinforcements Frenchmen, many of whom are anxious to serve.

The question of language pops into your mind. How could orders be given and received? That's simple, and what's more its amazing how quickly one learns when his life is at stake.

Ball and Chain Brigade

The Nazi leaders and soldiers should be organized into a ball and chain outfit which would be used to rebuild Europe's roads and cities.—Pvt. W. L. M., Ord.

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Hash Marks

It happened at the Front: A T/5 not knowing the password, Camel Stripe, was stopped by a sentry. "Halt! Camel." (No reply.)

GI daffynition: A wolf is a GI waving a package of gum in front of a girl's face.

Then there was the GI who wrote to his wife for \$10 to buy cigarettes, candy and stuff and in his reply he got \$5 to buy candy and cigarettes, but his stuff was at home.

A belated New Year's Eve story: Two drunks were driving down the road and one said to the other:



"Take it easy on the next curve." Came the reply. "What do you mean, take it easy, you've got the wheel!"

The little moron sez girls are creatures who are fond of pretty clothes, but are not necessarily wrapped up in them.

Beware if she starts stroking your hair, she may be after your scalp.

The bachelor's a crazy guy who has a lot of fun. He sizes all the cuties up and never Mrs. one.

S/Sgt. George Y. Dong sends in this one. He says that back in New York a Chinese laundry was opened by two brothers named Wight and Wong Woo. They look so much alike you can't tell Wight from Wong.

Amusing advertisements. This one appeared recently in a home town sheet. "For sale: Piano by a woman with wooden legs. Fine exterior and plays automatically."

Boys in an ack-ack outfit send in this observation: "Hitler has sent two secret weapons into this war. V1 and V2, and his next one will be 'V-Quit.'"

A secretary writes: "If every wife tried to please her husband as a secretary does her employer, there would be no divorce courts. All the men would be perfectly contented—and the women would wish they were dead, and everything would be dandy."

Afterthought. Looks like the watch on the Rhine has stopped running again.

J. C. W.

An Editorial

The Soldier's Battle

BASTOGNE was a soldier's battle. The fog and smoke have rolled back far enough to make that clear.

It was an infantryman alone in his foxhole. Shooting it out with a Tiger tank. A worthy target for the Tiger. For if that one American broke and ran it might break the spirit of the others.

He was a straggler. Cold, hungry. Sole survivor of his squad. He chewed a can of beans. Then: "Gimme my gun," he said. "Let me get at the sons of bitches."

He was a casualty, shot in the arm and leg, lying in the slush of a surrounded CP. The SS broke through. He and every other bandaged, bleeding doughboy able to cock a carbine, shot it out with the Hun.

Yes, the position was strong. Well chosen by Command. But officers and men worked in darkness and confusion. It didn't matter. Any errors in staff work were fixed by GI Joe.

Yes, our TDs and tanks were terrific. The artillery, as ever, was great. Together they smashed half the German assaults at the starting line. But the other half were stopped by Joe.

Never did air and ground work better together. Fighters, bombers and fighter-bombers—they laid it on the line. But before the last dirt and splinters had fallen, there was GI Joe.

It was a soldier's battle. Once joined there wasn't much the brass could do. It was up to the man with the M1 whether, when Rundsted pitched in his best, the soldiers everywhere would stick.

That was Bastogne. The soldier's battle. They stuck.



Gen. Donovan Says GIs at Bastogne Radiate Confidence

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (ANS).—Maj. Gen. Leo Donovan, who went into Bastogne to find out how the doughboy performs under fire, today told a news conference that he had never seen any indication at any time of "chaos, rout or frenzy" among American troops.

Many of the American divisions going into combat for the first time during the counter-offensive "stood up fine," Donovan said, adding that no fundamental changes in American training doctrines or methods were contemplated as result of experiences in the German breakthrough. He said that the Germans "lost a hell of a lot of equipment" and many men in the battle of the bulge. American losses of materiel, he said, were not large.

Veteran of Other War Finds Old Outfit But No Old Faces

By James Cannon Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH FIFTH INF. DIV., FELS, Luxembourg, Jan. 16.—The road guard challenged the civilian.

"It's all right," the civilian said. "I'm an American soldier."

"Then what the hell are you doing out of uniform?" the road guard asked.

"I'm from the other war," the civilian said.

"What outfit were you with, Pop?" the road guard asked suspiciously.

A 'Good Outfit'

"The Fifth Infantry," said the civilian. "We were a good outfit." "Take a look at the insignia on my helmet," the road guard said.

"The Red Diamond," the civilian said. "My old outfit!" They took him down to the CP and there his time-crumbled discharge proved he was William F. Holland, with the Fifth Div. in the last war when they were stationed in Luxembourg.

Holland, an angular, gaunt-faced man with gold-tipped teeth, liked the people of Luxembourg and a girl named Elsie Rausch. When the war was over he went back to Boston, but couldn't find a job. The memory of Elsie Rausch and the people in the cold hills was big inside his heart.

He worked for an American automobile agency here and the years were pleasant until the Germans came. They took him to a concentration camp but released him after the hardships made his heart weak and leaky.

Manages Clothes Factory

After getting out from behind the barbed wire, Holland was confined to his room for eight months by order of the Gestapo. Since the town was liberated by his old outfit, Holland has managed a clothing factory for the government.

"The soldiers act the same as we did when we were in Luxembourg," he said. "The same jolly bunch. But tell them to go home. Tell them there's no place like the States."

"I would have gone home years ago but my wife's mother is an

invalid, and she wouldn't leave here. Naturally, a man can't leave his wife alone."

The tall, red-faced man smiled and sighed.

"I don't know a single soul in the old outfit," he said. "But I keep asking questions all the time. May be I'll meet some of my old friends' sons."

Parts of Midwest, New England Hit By Cold Weather

NEW YORK, Jan. 16 (ANS).—The nation's weather map showed a variety of climatic conditions today, ranging from mild to sub-zero temperatures, with snow, sleet and rain falling.

Parts of New England and the area along the Wisconsin-Minnesota border were in the below-zero belt. The lowest temperatures recorded in the nation were at Lacrosse, Wis., with three below and Rochester, Minn., with four below.

Snow and sleet fell along the eastern seaboard and rain was reported in areas from Washington far into the south, while most of the midwest had mild weather.

In western Pennsylvania, falling snow endangered highway traffic. Cold weather also was reported in northern New York. Northern Virginia had five inches of snow last night.

Births

Folks at Home Send These GI Swift News of Sir Stork's Arrival: CPL. Wesley Johnson, McComb, Miss.— Barbara Gall, Dec. 28; S/Sgt. James P. Bond, New York—girl, Jan. 10; Opl. Herman L. Levine, Philadelphia—girl, Dec. 28; Pvt. Alvin Altendorf, Grafton, N.D.—Sharon Ann, Dec. 21; Pvt. Walter W. Harsh, Greenville, Ohio—Becky Jean, Nov. 6.



"Guess who?"

**This Was America Yesterday:**

**Legion Sets Up Health Service For Discharged War Veterans**

**NEW YORK, Jan. 15.**—A nation-wide public health campaign designed particularly to aid discharged servicemen will be opened this week by the American Legion's Medical Advisory Board. It will work through the Legion's National Rehabilitation Committee to set up a medical advisory service that will help veterans, their families and the public. Dental defects, tropical diseases, plastic surgery, concussion cases, neurotic and rheumatic fever and tuberculosis are fields of study and activity. Heading the board is Col. Leonard G. Rountree, chief of the Selective Service Medical Division. Other Army and Navy medical men are on the board.

They're thinking more about veterans in the Senate, too, where James J. Murray (D-Mont.) and Robert F. Wagner (D-N.Y.) have introduced amendments to the GI Bill of Rights designed to liberalize unemployment insurance provisions. The measures would grant five dollars for each dependent, with a limit of three dependents—this in addition to \$20 a week now provided. The benefits would be paid any serviceman who has served 90 days or more instead of the present nine and a half months.

**Not Happy About Washington Chow**

**BUT** Rep. Sabath (D-Ill.) isn't happy. He doesn't like the chow, nor the quality of the cigars they sell in Washington and wrote a letter to Chester Bowles, OPA man, about it. Restaurants which stick to OPA prices, he says, serve cut portions. He admits he can get cigars, but the good old nickel fumigator now costs 15 cents, and tastes awful in fact it's a tough war.

Not tough enough, though, for Herr Hitler, according to the National Lawyers' Guild which declares he may escape punishment on a technicality. The hole in the rules, they say, is a principle, called "sovereign immunity," which means if you're the biggest assassin in the league they can't hang you. Might be something to it—they pointed out that the War Crimes Commission, sitting in London, failed to name Adolf among its chosen people.

**Fala on Honeymoon, Mrs. FDR Says**

**I**f all this makes you unhappy, think about Fala, the President's dog, who's having fun. Mrs. Roosevelt, asked where that dog could be, shyly admitted he's off on a sort of honeymoon furlough, and they're hoping he'll have a wedding. No more about Fala; not even the name of the bride. He's just away... somewhere in the country... learning about love, perhaps.

In Washington applications by nurses for military duty shot up to 14,000 last week—more than twice the figure for the last two months of 1944. The rush to enlist was reported by the Red Cross in 35 major cities, and came on the heels of President Roosevelt's message to Congress Jan. 6 proposing a compulsory draft of nurses to meet a need of 20,000 for the armed forces.

**MORE** home-front hardships, this time from The Little Flower, who suggests meatless Tuesdays and Fridays in New York. To take the curse off that one, Mayor LaGuardia reassured the citizens about roat bombs. They're possible, but not probable, he said—and New York can take care of all deliveries anyway. He warned the folks (Who remembers the Men from Mars?) to keep calm, be prudent, "and live." Calm old Manhattan hot-dog men are preparing to hand out slugs of coffee and fish (if it's Tuesday) between the time the motor cuts out and the people come back.

In Washington the trouble is not buzz-bombs, it's diapers, and the diaper industry has acquitted itself before Congress. It's not because there are not enough diapers, representatives of the pin-up trade declared, but because our birth-rate has gone up 27 percent since the war. They didn't say what poor old Pop can do about it, but they seem to have a liberal idea they advocated a 96 percent increase in diaper production.

**Chicago Firebug Faces Murder Rap**

**I**n Chicago they're preparing to burn another firebug. Police filed seven murder charges against Charles Bohme, 44-year-old crippled factory worker who, according to police, confessed setting 27 fires since July 15. The murder charges were based upon Bohme's confession that one of the fires he set was in an apartment house, last Nov. 19, in which two men and four women burned to death and a fifth woman died in a plunge to escape the flames. In that one he set fire to a mattress in the basement, then stood nearby to watch firemen battle the blaze.

There was better news from Homer, Ill. Richard Duton, only barber in this village of 1,000 persons, got back from the Army. He'd been gone three months, and when the discharged soldier got off the train the entire long-haired town was there to cheer him. They paraded him to his barber shop where he donned a white coat, took barber tools from his suitcase and started to work.

**Pacific Hero Killed in Leyte Action**

**CAPT.** Herman Bottcher, legendary hero of the Southwest Pacific who became a citizen by special act of Congress, has been killed in action. His division headquarters announced that the German-born soldier, who won battlefield promotion from staff sergeant to captain in New Guinea, was mortally wounded by enemy mortar fire Dec. 31 on Leyte. Bottcher operated almost continuously behind enemy lines, harassing the Japanese and gathering vital information. He sometimes removed enemy bridges piece by piece and hid them in the jungle for later American use.

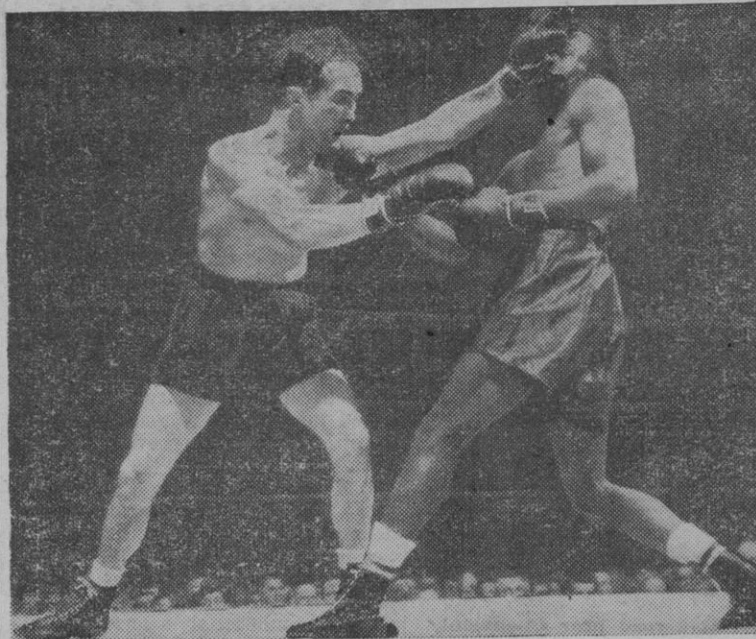
In the Buna battle two years ago Bottcher won both a battlefield commission and a DSC. Other decorations included the Oak Leaf Cluster to his DSC and Purple Heart with two clusters. A special act of Congress gave him citizenship so he could accept his commission.

**Li'l Abner**

By Courtesy of United Features



**Ringwise Zivic Teaches Schoolboy a Lesson**



Cpl. Fritzie Zivic, 32-year-old former middleweight champ, shoots a left to the face of 18-year-old Billy Arnold, Philadelphia high school student, in their recent fight at Madison Square Garden, New York. Zivic won the decision.

**Medic Urges Vet Guidance**

**COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 16.**—The National Collegiate Athletic Association concluded its annual meeting here yesterday after hearing Maj. William P. Ashbrook, chief medical officer of the Fifth Service Command Reconditioning Branch, declare physical education directors should take the initiative in assisting returning veterans, both able and disabled, to readjust themselves to peacetime activity.

Ashbrook urged educators to set up a system whereby veterans could be advised what courses they should take in schools, for their future health and activities.

For the second straight year, the NCAA Staff Memorial award was presented posthumously. Maj. John Griffith, late Big Ten commissioner, was chosen for the award this year for "outstanding contribution to athletics" in 1944.

**95th's Simpson Was Albany Ace**

**WITH THE 95TH INFANTRY DIVISION, Germany.**—Sgt. Halbert Simpson, property of the Pittsburgh Pirates and slugging outfielder of the Albany Senators in the Eastern League in 1941, is one of the first 20 of the Metz-busters to be furloughed home for 30 days.

Decorated with the Silver Star for gallantry and the Purple Heart for a bullet wound in the left leg, Simpson feels his military honors have cost him a shot at carrying his post-war baseball career into the higher loops.

The New Boston, Tex., soldier believes the leg wound, together with a long-ago dislocated hip, will slow him up too much for the faster circuits.

Simpson started his baseball career with Marshall in the East Texas League in 1937, drove in 118 and 125 runs for two seasons; hit .347 at Macon in the Sally League, and played for Williamsport and Albany in the Eastern Circuit in 1940-41.

**Cubs' Hurler in Army**

**CHICAGO, Jan. 16.**—Leslie Bill Fleming, Chicago Cubs' pitcher, who won nine and lost ten last season, has entered the Army, club officials said today.

**Rushville Is Right Place for E. B. Lott**

**RUSHVILLE, Mo., Jan. 16.**—Officially, E. B. Lott is the Superintendent of Rushville Schools, but during a teacher's illness he had to double in classroom work. The school's janitor-bus driver quit and Lott took over, going to work at 4 AM.

After school he's the coach of the basketball team, and following Friday night's game, he remained to sweep the gym floor. Saturday? E. B.'s the butcher in a St. Joseph's meat market.

**Balogh Returns To Garden Mike**

**NEW YORK, Jan. 16.**—After an absence of a year, culture, refinement and split infinitives have returned to Madison Square Garden. In other words, Harry "The Voice" Balogh has reconsidered his decision to retire and is now back fracturing the English language as the silver-throated announcer at Friday night fights.

Harry's first rave notices date back to a fight between an Italian and a Negro about ten years ago when Mussolini's hordes were liberating Ethiopia. After introducing the principals, Harry decided the time was ripe to deliver an oration on the American tradition of fair play. After several minutes of lofty language, Harry caused a rustle of excitement in the press row by kicking his speech off with the following phrase:

"And please, ladies and gentlemen, leave us have no prejudism."

Always impeccably attired, Balogh is rumored to have purchased a tuxedo to replace his old rental job. Now that prize fights are televised, Harry's dashing features along with his linguistic malfeasances, are now projected to admirers far beyond the walls of Madison Square Garden.

**Former Chisox Hurler Dies**

**OTOKA, Okla., Jan. 16.**—Ted Blankenship, former Chicago White Sox pitcher, died here yesterday after a short illness. Blankenship came from the Oklahoma sandlots in 1922 to develop into one of Chicago's most dependable hurlers for nine years.

**Service Fives, Kentucky Set National Pace**

**NEW YORK, Jan. 16.**—Service teams seem likely to dominate the current basketball season, just as they did the 1944 football campaign with Army and Navy getting off to belated but powerful starts. They won their first two games without perspiring.

Others in the Eastern cage spotlight are St. John's, City College, NYU, Muhlenberg, Temple, West Virginia, Rhode Island and Columbia. Elsewhere in the nation, other leaders were digging in to protect their standings, although in some sections it is difficult just yet to point out the classiest teams.

Iowa's Hawkeyes, pre-season favorites for the Big Ten crown, strengthened their conference position by trouncing Purdue by almost 30 points over the weekend, but must face the defending champion, Ohio State, and the tough Illinois quintet.

**Wildcats Won, 75-6**

Kentucky, considered by some as the best collegiate team in the country, paces the Southeast Conference and meets Tennessee Friday night in its toughest league test. The Wildcats have won 11 straight, including a classic 75-6 victory over Arkansas State.

Oklahoma Aggies, with eight triumphs in ten starts, is the top independent team in the Southwest, while Rice, with ten verdicts in 11 starts, looks best in the Southwest Conference.

Things are a little confused in the Big Six race with Iowa State and Kansas both holding 2-0 records. Oklahoma lost to Nebraska and Kansas beat the Cornhuskers, 48-33, so Coach Phog Allen's proteges have the edge so far.

Washington's Huskies remain the only undefeated team in the northern section of the Pacific Coast Conference. UCLA trounced the defending southern division champs, California. Southern California is the favorite in that area.

**Stanowicz Shed Few Grid Tears**

**WEST POINT, N.Y., Jan. 16.**—Joe Stanowicz, Army's All-America tackle, has never played on a losing team in his senior year at any school.

At Hackettstown, N.J., High School, Stanowicz played fullback and led the state's individual scorers, also copping all-state honors in his junior and senior seasons. Hackettstown didn't lose a game in those two years.



Joe Stanowicz

Joe prepped for Army at Blair Academy, Blairstown, N.J., where he paced the team to an undefeated season, but he became a proficient blocker there and that led to his change from the backfield into the line.

And last fall, Stanowicz starred for Army's undefeated football squad, ranked as the No. 1 team in the nation.

**Report Marchildon a PW**

**BRANTFORD, Ontario, Jan. 16.**—George Gavarez said today he had received a letter from a cousin who is a prisoner of war in Germany, which stated Flight Officer Phil Marchildon, RCAF, former Philadelphia National League pitcher, has been a prisoner for several months.

**CAGE RESULTS**

- Bunker Hill 64, Chanute Field 32.
- Camp Aterbury 46, Bowman Field 32.
- Chicago 59, Wheaton 54.
- Great Lakes 80, Bowling Green 57.
- Hamline 66, Drake 44.
- Iowa State 50, Ottumwa Naval 48.
- Haverford 46, Penn Military 45.
- Lambert Field 63, Harris Tchr. 24.
- Marshall 75, Cincinnati 37.
- Mississippi St. 47, Louisiana St. 39.
- Memphis Naval 91, Mexico U. 34.
- North Texas Tchr. 40, East Texas 28.
- Phillip '66' 88, South Plains 57.
- Valley Forge Hosp. 91, Villanova 31.
- Wabash 41, Butler 38.
- Utah 38, Wyoming 32.



By Al Capp

Fell in Action at Bastogne



A wrecked American jeep partially blocks a road near Chaumont, Belgium. It was part of equipment destroyed in the American effort to relieve pressure on Bastogne.

Briton, Yank Shook Hands - And Half of Bulge Was Gone

By Bob Krell

Stars and Stripes Special Writer

WITH ADVANCED ELEMENTS OF THE THIRD ARMY, Jan. 14 (Delayed).—A few seconds after the noon chow whistle blew today, Pvt. Henry Backhus, of Texas, stepped from behind a road block on the north bank of the Ourthe River and shook hands with Lt. D. C. Owen, of the British forces.

This handshake officially completed the first link between the forces driving down from the north and those pushing up from the south. Earlier in the morning, a hard driving battalion had pushed to the river's south bank only to find that the retreating Germans had blown the bridge guarding the approaches to a key town north of the river. They quickly threw together a makeshift span of logs and boards and two companies scrambled across to set up outpost positions.

Patrol Meets British Car

Toward noon a patrol led by Sgt. Herb Wilson, of Chattanooga, Tenn., was sent out to probe the woods east of the road. The sounds of a moving vehicle brought them to a halt and around the bend came a British scout car with a Jerry astride the hood waving wildly and shouting in broken English.

A few shots from Pfc Howard Kamphey's M1 scared the Jerry off the hood and despite the bewildered British shouts of "We're Allies" the Americans kept cover. Finally Backhus stepped from behind a mass of logs and walked toward the car. A British officer also emerged from concealment and proffered his hand and at the same time wanted to know "What the hell are you Yanks doing on this side of the river?"

He explained that the Jerry was a prisoner for whom they had no room inside the car.

"Sure am glad to see you," drawled the lanky Texan, while Pfc Elmer Salinas, of Lovelock, Nev., looked on. His bearded face was wreathed in a smile—and half of the bulge melted away.

Plane Speaking - Or - Can You Top It?

XXIX TAC HQ., Holland, Jan. 16.—Both Capt. Edward B. Wyckoff, of Los Angeles, a chaplain at a XXIX TAC base, and his assistant, Cpl. Clifford L. Ellis, of Hartford City, Ind., admit that the Army sometimes moves mysteriously and strangely.

Wyckoff never rode in an airplane until he joined the Air Corps. In executing his duties he has had occasion to chalk up over 400 flying hours in all types of American and British planes.

Ellis was a licensed pilot in civilian life. Since joining the Air Corps he has never set foot in a plane.

All-Negro WAC Unit

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (ANS).—A unit of Negro WACs is being trained for overseas duty. The unit, which will form a postal battalion, will be commanded by Negro WAC officers.

Wheeler Raps Dumbarton as Tyranny Plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (ANS).—Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont.), ardent pre-war isolationist, touched off the sharpest foreign policy debate of the new Congress yesterday when he denounced the Dumbarton Oaks world security proposal as a plan to underwrite tyranny and called instead for a Federation of European States to prevent future wars.

Disregarding his party's leaders plea that Senators abstain from debating controversial foreign policy issues until after the Big Three meeting, Wheeler criticized Russia and Britain, renewed his attack on the "unconditional surrender" slogan, and charged that the U.S. eventually will be driven to war with Russia if America continues to participate in European power politics.

His four-hour speech drew sharp rebuke from Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.), who accused Wheeler of contributing to dissension among the Allies and holding out hope to Germany that easier terms might be obtained.

Lost in Senate

Expressing the opinion that "peace was lost right here in the Senate after the last war," Pepper called upon his colleagues to agree to arm President Roosevelt with a statement of "What we will do and when we will do it" in supporting world peace moves.

Sen. Eugene D. Millikin (R-Colo.) challenged Pepper's assertion that Senate action had brought on World War II. Millikin declared Pepper could not demonstrate that if the U.S. had been a member of the League the result would have been any different. Sen. Pepper replied: "I'll leave the Senator to argue with history."

Heavies Smash Nazi Oil Plants

The new Eighth AF-RAF bomber assault over the Reich droned on unabated yesterday.

More than 600 Flying Forts and Liberators, escorted by 650 fighters, bombed a synthetic oil plant near Dresden, a tank factory at Magdeburg, and rail-yards at Dresden and Dessau.

The RAF were over western Germany yesterday.

Despite bad weather Ninth AF fighter-bombers continued to bomb and strafe retreating German motor and troop columns. More than 750 sorties were flown, and in a dogfight over Worms, 23 Thunderbolts took on 35 German planes, destroying 13 of them for a loss of two U.S. planes.

U.S. Losses 40,000 During Bulge Battle

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 (ANS).—Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson announced yesterday that U.S. losses during the German counter-offensive—Dec. 15 to Jan. 7—were 40,000, including 18,000 missing. He placed the German losses at approximately 50,000 killed and wounded and 40,000 prisoners.

Stimson said these figures were preliminary and there would be some time before an accurate tally would be available.

Allies Launch Holland Attack

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along a line running to the north of Cologne.

The fall of Houffalize gave St. Vith added importance to the Germans as their last major communications center in the northern Ardennes.

Seizure of Houffalize narrowed the bulge to slightly more than 15 miles to the west of the German frontier. Von Rundstedt's maximum penetration toward the Meuse had extended 55 miles.

It was First Army's Second Armored Div. which entered Houffalize at 2200 Jan. 15, according to official reports.

Infantry patrols which entered the town made no contact with the enemy. Armor found it hard going up the Houffalize road, which was jammed with wrecked German vehicles.

Two Towns Cleared

Northeast of Houffalize, the towns of Cherain and Vaux were cleared. Men of the 75th Div., battling south of Vielsalm, cleared Salm Chateau after bypassing the town and the neighboring village of Bech. Troops of the 30th Div. cleared Thirimont after three days of bitter fighting.

Attacking with the 75th Div., First Div. doughs were driving south of Faymonville and, according to UP, captured Steinbach, four miles southeast of Malmédy.

First Army's push netted 1,398 prisoners in the 24-hour period ending yesterday morning.

On the south, Third Army forces gained east and west of Bastogne. West of the city, 11th Armored Div. men took two towns while 35th Inf. troops drove into Oubourcy, four miles northeast of Bastogne. Pushing on past Longvilly, Sixth Armored forces took Arloncourt while the 90th cleared Niederwambach.

Terry and the Pirates



Five-Star Donor - Ike Gives Pint of Blood

At SHAEF last week, an appeal was made to headquarters men for contributions of Type O blood, needed immediately at the front. A couple of days later, volunteers were lined up in the dispensary. No one paid much attention at first as an officer walked into the room. He lay down on a litter and a nurse bustled over to wrap a tourniquet around his arm.

A soldier on the next litter looked over idly, looked back, then did an astonished double-take. The guy next to him was Gen. Eisenhower.

"It was just like any other GI," said T/4 Conrad J. Segrin, one of the dispensary's medics. "He wasn't a special case, at all. Ike came in, they took his blood, he got a cup of coffee and he left. Just like that."

There was a private in the waiting line who saw the Supreme Commander on his way out. He turned to the man beside him and said, "Hey, that'd be the blood to get. Maybe I could make general with it."

Ike overheard him, turned around and grinned. "If you do," he said, "I hope you don't inherit my bad disposition."

Second Luzon Landing Made

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stroyed while American forces lost 16 planes in combat.

The first detailed results of the assault reveal that Halsey's aircraft sank an entire convoy of one oiler, four medium cargo ships, two destroyer escorts and four coastal cargo ships. The second convoy, entirely light or damaged, consisted of one light cruiser, now believed of the Kashii or Katori class, four destroyer escorts, four oilers, seven medium and two small cargo ships and one coastal vessel.

The third group of ships, approaching Saigon from the south, were attacked with the result of one oiler sunk and one large cargo ship, one medium cargo ship and one small coastal cargo ship damaged. At Camrah Bay, a destroyer escort and a small cargo ship were sunk. At Cape St. Jacques three destroyer escorts, one oiler, three large cargo ships and a small cargo ship were sent to the bottom.

Blast Light Cruiser

Other planes attacking the Saigon area sunk a large oiler, a large troop transport, two medium cargo ships, a French light-cruiser—the Lamotte Picquet—and damaged a large cargo ship, four medium cargo ships, two coastal cargo ships.

Along the Indo-China coast, U.S. planes sank an additional medium cargo ship, damaged five small coastal vessels.

Also on the Indo-China coast the large dock at Camrah Bay was demolished and five oil tanks at Saigon were destroyed. Other results included the destruction of oil storage facilities, warehouses on Saigon River and heavy fires started in the Saigon Navy yard.

3 More Sentenced In Butt Theft Trial

Sentences of 40, 35, and 20 years were ordered by a general court-martial yesterday for three more enlisted men convicted of black-market dealings in front-bound cigarettes.

The three, T/5s Frederick Schultz, James Cupp and James Roepke, brought to 18 the number of GIs tried and convicted. All have been from the 716th Railway Bn.

During yesterday's hearing, Cupp testified that "we had no officers over us and no mess. There was an understanding that we take rations from trains to feed ourselves." He admitted later selling the rations.

After the verdicts yesterday morning, the court split in half to expedite the 166 trials still scheduled.

Nazis Say Reds Hit on 5 Fronts

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Krakow defense sector, cracked Monday by the Red seizure of Kielce.

Advancing beyond Kielce, Koniev's First Ukrainian Army last night was reported less than 30 miles northeast of Krakow itself, and 50 miles from the German border. In this sector the United Press reported that the Germans had thrown in strong reserves in what may be the opening battle for Krakow.

So far engagements taking place around the Kielce and Radom areas are the only ones mentioned in Moscow official reports, although the Germans said that three other major battles were taking place.

One battle was reported south of Warsaw, where the Reds were said to have thrown 39 tank divisions and seven tank corps into fighting for the Warka bridgehead across the Pilica River, 32 miles south of the Polish capital.

Another great struggle was reported by German News Agency commentator Col. Ernest von Hammer who said 21 Red divisions had been hurled across the Narew River north of Warsaw in the areas of Serok and Rozan.

The third was said to be taking place in East Prussia, south of the Palkallen drive. Here 15 Russian divisions were reported aiming toward Koenigsberg, the Danzig capital, in an assault between Ebenrode and Schlossberg.

Dispatches from the Polish front said that the Russians had dispersed enemy panzer reinforcements thrown into breaches along the Nida River.

The Associated Press in London, meanwhile, reported that the Soviets had made important gains along the northwestern slopes of the Carpathians, just east of Paslo, in southern Poland.

Churchill . . .

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Roosevelt had consulted and joined in a common cause in public expressions regarding the Atlantic Charter as the important step in avoiding Anglo-American bickering. He emphasized that he and the President had decided to call the Charter a "standard of aims—not law."

Churchill side-stepped all questions concerning Greece during the session, asking members to wait until he had prepared a fuller statement to be read Thursday.

Asked whether he thought that Allied surrender terms to the Axis had a tendency to stiffen people against the Allies and thus prolong the war, Churchill emphatically replied "No," amid cheers from House members.

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