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## 3 Armies Imperil Ruhr

### Superforts, 'Quake Hit Honshu Island

#### Day Attack Lasts Hour; Excellent Results Reported

Forty minutes after a huge fleet of American Superfortresses completed a one-hour daylight bombing raid on the Kanto factory region on Honshu, the main island of Japan, the area was rocked by an earthquake yesterday, the Jap news agency revealed.

The earthquake shook the cities of Tokyo and Yokohama, both B29 targets, and was generally felt throughout the eastern and central part of Honshu, the news agency said, declaring that the town of Hachinohe was worst shaken.

In Washington, the B29 raid was described, according to the Associated Press, as a flight equal to or surpassing any formation ever sent against Japan.

Jubilant pilots, returning to their Saipan base, radioed that they had found "good weather" over the Jap capital and loosed their bombs with "excellent results," the AP reported. Fighter opposition was said to be light.

#### 52nd Blow at Japan

It was the 52nd mission against Japan by the Superforts and the fifth this month.

The Tokyo radio estimated the force at 100 and said five waves of planes came in. The enemy claimed that none reached Tokyo, but an Imperial headquarters announcement later admitted damage to ground installations.

The Japs also said that the Allies were concentrating a large naval force off Manila Bay and were constantly bombarding the Island of Corregidor. On Luzon itself, Gen. MacArthur reported that heavy fighting was going on between his troops and the last remaining pockets of Jap resistance in southern Manila.

At New Delhi, Lt. Gen. Daniel Sultan, U.S. commander in Burma, announced that Japanese troops in northern Burma have been "licked." The most important mission facing Allied forces hereafter, he said, "will be continuance of maximum support to China."

Forward U.S. Pacific Fleet headquarters announced that 2,472 Japanese planes were destroyed in combat from June 2 to Dec. 10.

#### Led Luzon Raid



Lt. Col. Henry Mucci led Rangers and Filipino guerrillas to rescue veterans of Bataan, Corregidor and Singapore in a prison camp behind Jap lines on Luzon.

### Easier Terms Asked by Italy

Premier Bonomi of Italy has asked the Big Three, meeting somewhere in the Black Sea area, to consider easing the Allied armistice terms with Italy, signed Sept. 3, 1943, the Associated Press reported it had reliably learned in Rome yesterday.

The armistice terms, which have never been disclosed on grounds of military security, have come in for a great deal of discussion lately, most reports saying that they were harsh.

There was no further official word on the Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin parley. Radio Moscow said, however, that joint military operations planned by the Allied leaders will produce "decisive results in the very near future."

Any chance that General de Gaulle would participate in the conference appeared to have vanished, the AP reported, with the announcement that he would be in Paris next week to take part in the "fete du tet."—a spring festival.

### Reds Drive On 60-Mile Oder Front

The bitterest fighting of the Russian winter offensive raged along 60 miles of the Oder River's west bank, 40 miles due east of Berlin, last night, as three Red Armies pounded out steady gains along the entire front. The Soviets drove deeper into German Silesia, closed to less than 15 miles from Stettin on the Baltic Sea, and tightened the ring around 20 German divisions in East Prussia by capturing Elbing, another Baltic port.

Associated Press reports from London said that Marshal Gregory Zhukov's "frontal assault" on the Reich capital had begun, although official Moscow was silent about the exact situation.

#### Nazis Throw In Reserves

Berlin reports for the first time yesterday spoke only of fighting on the west bank of the river, indicating that the last substantial German resistance on the eastern bank might have been smashed and that Zhukov's troops were across in strength.

Moscow dispatches said "tremendous battles" reached new heights of ferocity along a front of 30 miles from Frankfurt to Fuerstenburg as the Germans threw in last available reserves to check the Soviets.

In East Prussia, Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army stormed Elbing—second city of the Junker province

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### Says Patterson Given New Post

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP).—The unofficial Army-Navy Journal said today that before President Roosevelt left for the Big Three conference he chose Under-Secretary of War Robert Patterson to be the American member of an Allied mission to govern postwar Germany.

The Journal said that the three powers agree immediate occupation of Germany should be under the military. The next phase, it stated, would cover transition from the military to civil government, and the third phase would be "control of Germany under an Allied mission."

Patterson, the publication declared, had "no desire" for the job, which will carry the rank of four-star general. But "as a good soldier" he was willing to accept it, the Journal added.

### U.S. Envoy Speaks On France's Future

The post-war reconstruction of France will take 20 years and will require huge expenditures, Jefferson Caffery, U.S. Ambassador to France, said in a Paris radio address yesterday.

The American ambassador did not specify what measures the U.S. would take to assist France's post-war recovery. He confirmed reports in Paris newspapers, however, that American food was on its way to relieve the civilian food shortage.

Citing the destruction war has brought to France, Caffery said the nation has lost 3,000,000 persons to war causes since 1939.

#### Collision Kills 14 Airmen

LONDON, Feb. 10 (AP).—Fourteen American airmen were killed and four parachuted to safety when two bomb-laden Forts collided in midair near London.

#### Where Canadians Hit



Stars and Stripes Map by Baird  
The Canadian First Army battles toward Cleve

### Forts Hit Again At U-Boats as Sub Peril Rises

Eighth Air Force heavy bombers went back to the job of smashing German submarine pens yesterday, and thereby lent weight to official reports which described increasing U-boat activity the width of the Atlantic.

The concrete- and-steel U-boat pens at Ijmuiden, sheltered behind a narrow hook of the Dutch coast, were one target for the England-based Fortresses, an echo of the Eighth's early days when the weight of American bombs was directed almost exclusively against the sub ports of Lorient, Brest and St. Nazaire. The other target for yesterday's split force of 150 heavies was a motor fuel depot at Dulmen, southwest of Munster, in Germany, bombed by instruments through clouds.

#### New Devices for Subs

Two weeks ago, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson disclosed that 765 U.S. soldiers were lost when a troop ship was sunk by "enemy action" in European waters.

More than 350 Ninth Air Force medium and light bombers kept up attacks yesterday on communications centers and repair depots served

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### Death Toll Hits 19 In U.S. Blizzard

BOSTON, Feb. 10 (UP).—New England still struggled today to free itself from the grip of one of the worst blizzards in its history.

Nineteen persons were dead, transportation paralyzed and war production seriously hampered. Damage may run into millions.

Food and fuel deliveries were virtually at a standstill. Many communities still were without light and power as highway crews battled through 12-foot drifts to restore service. Train and bus service was spasmodic.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. said that 4,000 lines and 10,000 telephones were out of service in southeastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Highways blocked by snowdrifts and hundreds of stalled trucks were being cleared by 350 plows and 1,000 men, including servicemen.

#### Said Gold-Bar to 5-Stars

### Let's Talk It Over Quietly...

By Jules B. Grad  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

When he arrived in the ETO last month, 2/Lt. Walter C. Savage, of Los Angeles, decided something should be done about loose talk.

So you could hardly blame him for being cautious of visitors—even a five-star visitor.

Waiting for his car to be pulled out of a mudhole somewhere in Belgium this week, Gen. Eisenhower sloshed his way to a convoy.

"What outfit is this?" he asked Savage. "That's secret information, sir," Savage replied.

"Do you know who I am?" the general asked.

The lieutenant allowed he did.

"Won't you tell me?" the general tried again. Savage hesitated, looked at the gaping newsmen nearby.

The five-star general and the young lieutenant walked down the road.

A few seconds later, 'Ike' got the information, the lieutenant got a pat on the back, the newsmen got—nothing.

### Canadians Push 4 Mi. Into Reich

#### BULLETIN

The battle for the Roer River dams which began three months ago ended yesterday as U.S. First Army forces gained control of the Schwammenauel Dam, Stars and Stripes front reports said last night. The dam was intact, but Germans blew up gates below it, raising the river three feet at Duren. The river is now receding, the reports said.

Three attacking Allied armies—the Canadian First and American First and Third—advanced deeper into Germany toward the lower Rhine-land and Ruhr yesterday. The Allied offensive was paced by British-Canadian forces now four miles into the Reich.

The renewed Allied drive along the Western Front slowly but relentlessly planted the jaws of a massive vise on Germany's industrial Ruhr Valley. Yesterday's developments were:

1. Canadian First Army forces reached the Rhine seven miles east of Nijmegen and gained high ground on the northern fringe of the Reichsforest, dominating the communications center of Cleve.

2. U.S. First Army troops reached the northern end of the Schwammenauel Dam, greatest of the waterworks controlling the level of the Roer River.

3. U.S. Third Army troops neared the communications center of Prum after ripping a ten-mile breach in the concrete defenses of the Siegfried Line.

In Alsace, Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Sixth Army Group Commander, issued an order of the day commending troops of the French First and Second Corps, the U.S. 21st Corps and supporting corps, army and service forces for driving the enemy from the plain.

British-Canadian forces, in the third day of their attack, held a five-mile front in Germany.

Their assault line bulged for 12 miles between the Maas and Rhine Rivers, although the most active part of it extended along an eight-mile jagged front, from the north-

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#### U.S. Holds 359,228 PWs

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (ANS).—There are 359,228 prisoners of war being held in the U.S., the War Department announced. Of these 50,571 are Italians, 305,867 are Germans and 2,800 are Japanese.

#### Jap Passenger Reaches End of Line

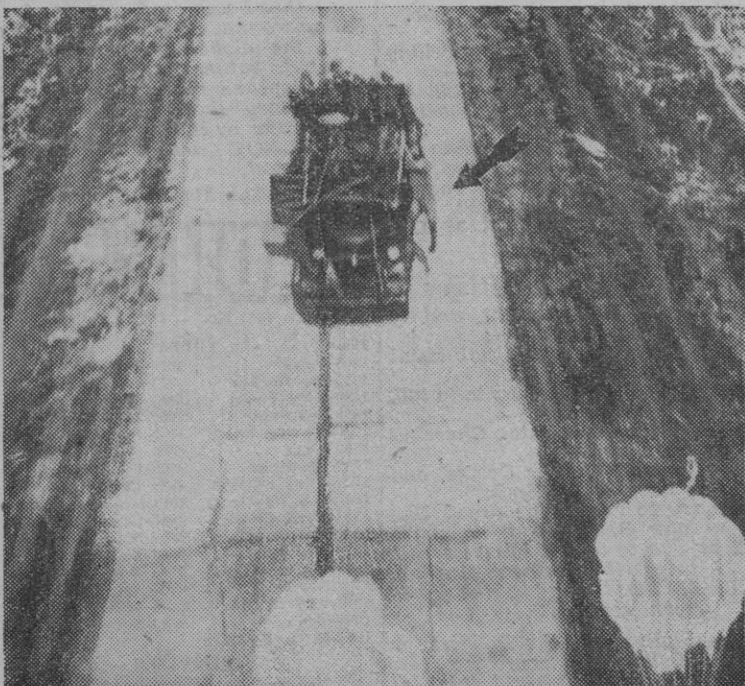


Photo taken from attacking B25 Mitchell over a central Luzon highway, shows passenger of a Jap vehicle (black arrow), taking hasty departure to avoid the plane's parafrag bombs.



**It's Smart to Be Thrifty**

You lucky 'FA Swing Shifters': \* Our recommendations to Gens. Bradley and Eisenhower for that big bad supply sergeant, who gives you equipment he has salvaged, would be: 30 days in Paris, all expenses paid, and a three months' furlough to the States.

We sure feel sorry for you Swing Shifters, but would you rather have brand new equipment all the time or miss out on cigarettes and chow and ammo a few days a week?—Pfc M. D. W., Inf.

\* Editors note: *Swing Shifters' Letter is reprinted below:*

Our supply sergeant here at the front must have been a scavenger in civilian life. He has us going around gathering up shoes, mess kits and equipment which other outfits leave behind. So, when our things get beat, up pops Johnny-on-the-spot and hands us one quick like, but we sure don't like using every Tom, Dick and Harry's stuff except when really necessary.—Swing Shifters, FA.

It's my belief that we need a few more supply sergeants like theirs. I put almost 4 years in the artillery and am now toting an M1. Maybe those guys want some chinaware to eat from. The more of that stuff, such as mess equip, etc., that is picked up and put back in service, the less has to be shipped over here. This means more space for ammo which we still need plenty of. More power to that supply sergeant and all of those like him!—Cpl. L. W. Smith, Inf.

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**In Memoriam**

It was unfortunate that the boys of the last war kept silent on all the horrible and gruesome things of war they saw and had to do. The result was that the folks back home remained ignorant of war. My suggestion is that we fellows shout to high heaven everything we saw and did that was horrible, gruesome, heartbreaking, barbaric, and pagan. Let's let everyone know what war is like. Let's not be "silent heroes." During the next 20 years let's keep our memories refreshed by the bloodiness of war, so we can tell, tell, and retell our stories. Let's don't forget war too soon. If our slogan during war is "Remember Pearl Harbor," then during peace may it be "Remember the War."—Sgt. Mark Warren, Bomb Grp.

I see by the papers our various states are planning war statues in memoriam. Surely there is no one left who will need a reminder? (Tell me it ain't so.) For posterity, perhaps? Surely the war debt will be reminder enough.

If the people back there must have a mass of stone sculpted, or otherwise, to recall the war, let them save their many projects (48x48) until a depression era. Then when we think things are tough, these costly things can be hewn and, at the same time, remind us things were a hell of a lot tougher way back when.

It's so anachronistic. We tried statues last time. Let's be practical and use the money for some living investment. Let's use it for education this time. Statues never were a stimulus to thought—unless, of course, it were a nude.—Pfc F. P. B., Hosp. Plant.

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**Buddy-Mark**

There's hardly a man in the army that isn't justly proud of his outfit. Won't these same GIs be as proud or even prouder of their organization after they get home? My guess is yes. I know I will.

To advertise their outfit and facilitate chance meetings of buddies in arms, I suggest that ex-GIs display a copy of their insignia, in label form, on the windshield of their postwar automobile, or other such prominent places. Who knows—you may live within three blocks of your foxhole buddy.—Garland Russel, Signal Co.

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**Hash Marks**

Quip of the week (by Sgt. Bernard W. Maxwell): "Spam is steak that didn't pass its physical."

Is it true that when Charlie McCarthy dies, Edgar Bergen will notify his next-of-kindling?

They must be raising a rough-and-ready younger generation on the home front. Our spy reports the following conversation:

Little Boy: "Papa, can I have an ice-cream soda?"  
Papa: "Shut up and drink your beer."

Upon being promoted to buck sergeant, Bob B. Hastie, of the ETO, wrote to his brother back in the States with the good news. The brother in turn told his seven-year-old daughter, who thinks a



lot of her uncle Bob. The little girl immediately burst into tears. Asked why she was crying, she sobbed, "I wanted to see Bobbie while he was still a soldier."

This conversation took place between two ETO-happy Joes.  
First Joe: "Did you know that my first sergeant talks to himself?"  
Second Joe: "So does mine, but he doesn't know it. He thinks someone is listening."

Cpl. Dillard B. Winton sez, "Every man likes to see a broad smile—especially when she smiles at him."

Oldest-Joke-We-Know-Department: The sergeant was giving some new guys a work-out on the rifle range. One private kept



flagging Maggie's drawers with every shot and the sarge blew his top. "Take a fine sight," he yelled for the hundredth time, "don't you know what a fine sight is?" "Sure," blithely retorted the private, "a boat-load of sergeants sinking."

Asked by a soldier if he had pork, a mess sergeant replied, "I have pork that will make better chicken salad than any veal you ever tasted."

Daffynition. (by Ely Bergmann): "A gentleman is a worn-out ETO wolf."  
J. C. W.

**An Editorial**  
**What Will It Take to Win?**



THESE editorials have sung a single song: Defeat the enemy. Words can't kill Germans. That we know. But words can tell what every soldier who's heard a burp gun or the crack of an 88 has learned.

These editorials have stressed the strength and fanaticism of the foe. The years of indoctrination that make German kids such killers. The backlog of training that turns old men into schutzers overnight. The cyclic rate of the MG34. The cleverness of German equipment and clothing. Its quality. Its quantity.

They've talked about the totality—the all-out, knock-out, drag-out totality of the German war effort. The singleness of purpose that prods the German—woman, man and child. That gives such impetus and staying power to their arms.

These editorials have called for unity between soldier and civilian. Between men who can and will run their own lives.

Who believe in a State dedicated to the service of the individual. Who fight a common war against a system that humiliates and defeats the common man.

These editorials have cried out—long and loud—for the total war effort it takes to meet the total effort of the enemy. They speak for those who have felt the German strength. Who know what strength it takes to beat it. Who see beyond the marches of the Reich to the broad blue waters of the Pacific. Who have learned the hard way what every mile means in blood and toil.

Soldier. Worker. Farmer. Man. Woman. Child. American. Britisher. Red. Frenchman. Chinese. Allies all. Let nothing deflect us from our purpose. Let's look beyond headlines, comforts, politics, prejudices and pride.

Total all-out effort is a must. Let's make the effort. Let's share the sacrifice. Let's win the war.

**Top Service Band**

CHICAGO, Feb. 10 (ANS).—A special arrangement of "Lonesome Road" won for the 344th Army Service Forces band, of Ft. Sheridan, Ill., the title of nation's top service command band, Maj. Gen. Russell Reynolds, commanding the Sixth Service Command, has announced.

**Up Front With Mauldin**



"Breakfast in bed."

**PUP TENT POETS**

**The Weapon**

Like a speeding locomotive  
That comes rushing down the track  
You hear Eighty-Eight's a whistling  
Just before you hear 'em crack.

An' you swear each packs your number  
That it's heading for your hole  
There to rip you all to pieces  
As its own specific goal.

Comes another, then another,  
Whipping by or landing near  
Till your mitts are wet from sweat-  
ing  
An' your heart is cold with fear.

Then your noncom starts a-yelling  
Signals up to the attack  
For while Eighty-Eights can kill you  
They must never hold you back.

So you rise and get to rolling  
Through a hurricane of shell  
With your face toward his cannon  
An' the open mouth of Hell.  
—E. M. L.

**The War News Blues**

Let us talk of Toscanini, and to hell with Mussolini;  
'Stead of Hitler, let us talk about the zoo.  
Just strangulate your mania to talk about Albania  
And just what Winston Churchill ought to do.  
Let us warble "Yankee Doodle" and a lusty "Boola Boola"  
To try to drown the dread Dictator Blues.  
I'll be glad to talk at leisure of the things that give me pleasure,  
But I WON'T discuss the European news!

Let us talk about the Dodgers, or of Reno and divorces;  
Let me tell you what I think of Gunga Din.  
I will give a diagnosis on the cause of halitosis,  
And I'll argue on the harmlessness of gin.

We can swap some tales together on such subjects as the weather,  
And, if you wish, I'll talk about my "cruise";  
Talk of anything that's whirly:  
either champagne or a girly,  
But I WON'T discuss the European news!

If our taste is rather gory, I can let you have a story  
That has caused the hair to rise on many a head.  
It's about our great Invasion (when I toasted the occasion,  
Then fell asleep and dreamed that I was dead. . . )  
I'm aware that this is wackier than the plight of Czechoslovakia,  
But I'd rather "hit the sack" all day and snooze.

And, honey, though I love you, I swear by the stars above you:  
I will NOT discuss the European news!  
—Cpl. Morton B. Luxner.

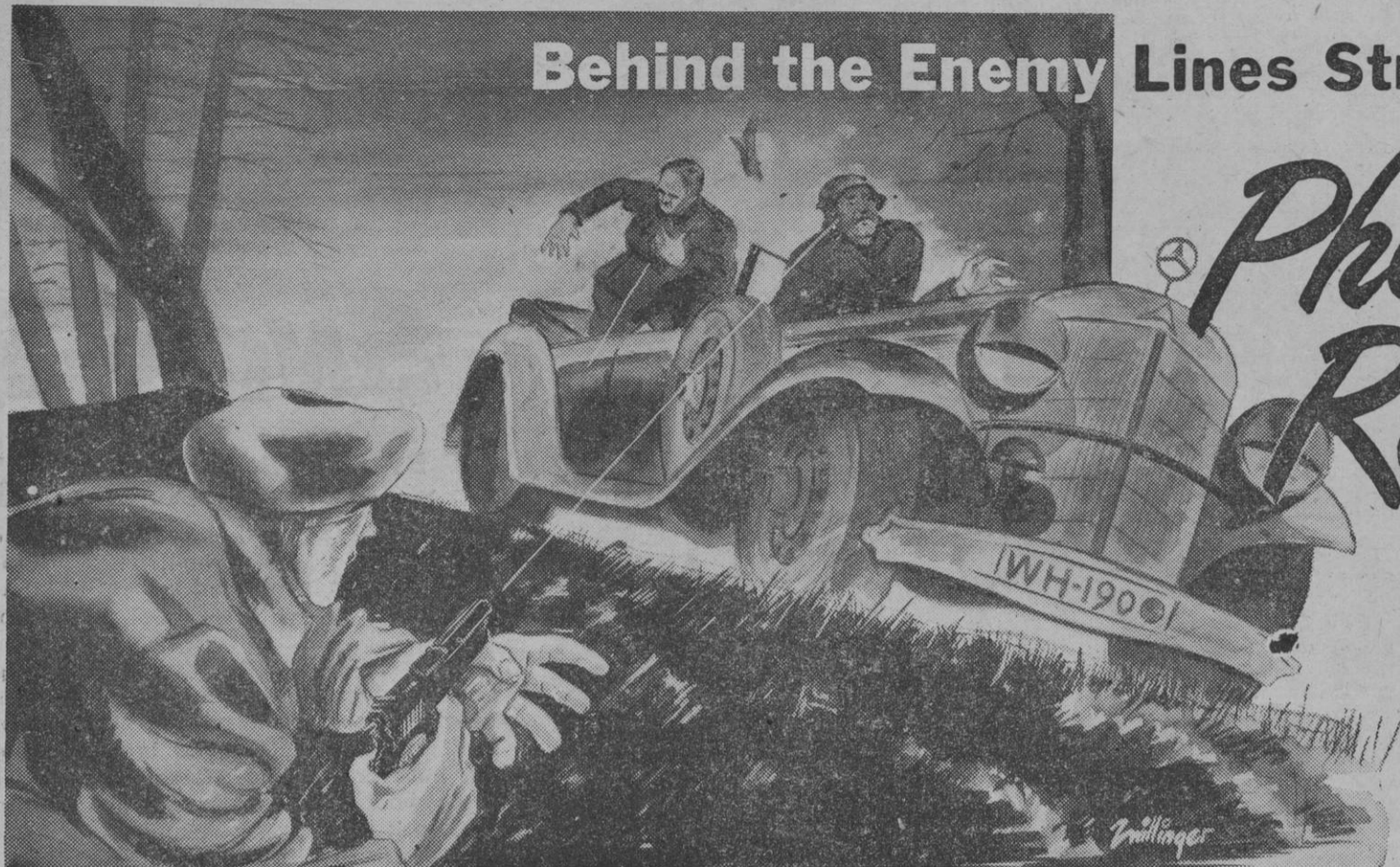
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1215-Ice Hockey	1815-Familiar Music
1230-RCN Show	1845-Raymond Scott
1300-Spotlight	1900-Jack Benny
1330-Sammy Kaye	1930-All Join In
1400-News	2000-World News
1410-Spotlight	2005-U.K. News
1425-Anne Shelton	2010-Canada News
1455-U.S. Sports	2015-Dorothy Carless
1501-Barn Dance	2045-Organ Music
1530-Kostelanetz	2100-News
1600-At Ease	2105-Mail Call
1615-Music for all	2135-Guy Lombardo
1700-News	2200-Sun. Half-hour
1715-AEF Special	2230-AEF Weekly
1800-News	2300-News
1805-Mark Un Man	

**TOMORROW**

0600-Rise and Shine	0900-News
0700-News	0925-Monday Medley
0715-Song Parade	1000-Morning After
0730-Dance Music	1030-Music
0800-Combat Diary	1100-U.S. News
0815-Personal Album	1105-Duffie Bag
0830-Modern Music	1145-Piano Parade



## Behind the Enemy Lines Strike the ...

# Phantom Raiders

The commando, the man who risks capture—or death—to raise hell for the Krauts far behind the enemy's lines, is the hero of this story—the last of a series of three on the French First Army.

By Jack Caldwell  
Warweek Staff Writer

**ON THE FRENCH FIRST ARMY FRONT.**—The Germans probably have their own name for him, but it was an American liaison officer who dubbed him the "Phantom"—the name he is known by today.

The Phantom—a 39-year-old leathery-faced captain from Northern France—has led a French commando band on daring sorties behind enemy lines since landing in Normandy on D-plus-3. Three times he has been wounded—once by machine-gun fire, twice by rifle bullets—but each time he has come back to take direct charge of his commando.

To most of the troops in this area, he is a legend—but those who have seen him slip through Jerry lines and return with vital information on enemy plans know he is no myth. The Phantom is no armchair observer—he's been given tough assignments, but each time his commando patrol would creep through to carry out their mission, he's taken the lead.

He never assigns a dangerous task to any of his men, he calls for volunteers and always gets more than the job calls for.

"The one job I dread," he remarked, "is selecting a patrol from the volunteers. Those I have to pass up for a mission look disappointed as hell when I have to tell them they'll have to wait for the next job."

### Hates Nazis, Loves Adventure

The six-foot-two-inch officer will tell you his daring cunning is promulgated by his love of adventure and his inherent hatred of the Nazis. But his close intimates confide that the Phantom's burning lust to kill Germans goes deeper than that—the death of his wife with 15 other patriots who were shot by the Nazis in the early days of the invasion after an enemy ammunition dump "mysteriously" exploded on the outskirts of their village north of Paris. His eight-year-old daughter was living with his wife at the time. She has been unheard of since.

One of the Phantom's favorite war prizes is a Nazi staff car, which he uses as his personal auto. He'll tell you laughingly, "A German general gave it to me as a gift when I visited his camp some time ago," but a young corporal who witnessed the "incident" related the true story.

"One morning, shortly before day-break," he said, "the Phantom, myself and one other fellow were returning from a scouting mission just outside of Belfort. We were making our way through the woods about one-quarter mile inside the German lines when the Phantom halted suddenly, signaled to us to hug the ground.

"For the first few minutes all I could detect was the familiar sound of artillery and the chatter of machine-guns in front of us. I listened more carefully and then I heard

the distant purr of an auto. We remained low until we could see the machine, its lights cut, moving slowly along the road that lay about 25 feet to our left.

"The Phantom edged silently toward the road, and when the car drew alongside of him he called out in German, 'Halt.' The driver must have figured it was a German sentry for he drew to a quick stop. An officer sitting alongside of him apparently figured it was a trap



because he hoisted a light machine-gun over the ledge of the auto's window. He never had a chance to shoot, however, because the Phantom silenced both driver and officer with two shots from his automatic.

"Further up the road we heard guttural voices but we didn't wait to investigate. We dumped the bodies out on the road, climbed into the car—the Phantom was at the wheel—hastily turned around and set off for our own lines. We passed some Jerry infantrymen about a hundred yards up the road but it was dark and they let us pass without any trouble.

"Funny thing, we didn't run into any trouble until we were nearing our own lines and one of our fellows turned a machine-gun on us. All three of us leaned out of the car to wave white cheches (mufflers) we wore around our necks.

we managed to convince our troops we were harmless and got through safely."

The Phantom's ability to speak German has netted a considerable batch of prisoners. On one occasion he crawled out on to the front line and called through a loud-speaker to German troops a few hundred yards in front of him:

"This is Warrant Officer X. I was taken prisoner last night. The French are very good to me, the meals are excellent—the war is ended for me and I have no regrets. It will be the same for you if you come over here. Throw down your arms before it is too late."

Within an hour 23 Jerries, carrying their arms and equipment, came over to the French lines.

One attempt was made recently by the Germans to kill the Phantom behind the French lines a few miles outside of Belfort.

"We were sitting around a small fire at the edge of a woods awaiting our next assignment," one of the commandos related, "when an old peasant woman came out of the woods from the direction of Belfort with a steaming pot of coffee. Quite a number of civilians were still living in the area despite artillery barrages, so we weren't too surprised to see her.

### Danger in the Coffee Pot

"The woman offered us some coffee. It looked damned good but just to make sure it wasn't poisoned we had her take a sip first. She seemed such a nice old lady—talked about things in general, remarked that her husband was a prisoner in Germany. She emptied the pot of coffee in each of our canteen cups—there were seven of us, including the Phantom.

"We chatted while we drank and then the old lady rose, said it was time she was getting back home. We thanked her for her kindness, shook hands and then she took off in the direction in which she had come. Several minutes later one of the fellows noticed she had left her coffee pot behind. He picked it up to return it to her when one of the other fellows suddenly jumped to his feet, grabbed the pot and hurled it off across the field with the remark, 'Maybe the damn thing is more than just a coffee pot.'

"Lucky for us he was suspicious for, as we stood around the fire looking at the discarded pot, wondering what to do, the thing exploded with a blast that nearly knocked us off our feet. A check of the fragments showed that a time bomb had ingeniously been placed in a compartment at the



French commandos, submachine guns spitting death, charge Nazi-held Alsatian railroad station. Lower, the daring group cautiously edges across the rubble-strewn platform, routing remaining Krauts.

bottom of the pot. Those Germans sure have a lot of tricks."

The Phantom's commandos are a picked bunch of volunteers—trained to strike behind enemy lines with the deadliness of a snake. Killing Germans, disrupting communication lines, blowing up ammunition trains and in other ways harassing the Nazis is their business—and they love it. As one American officer put it, "A fellow has to be as murderous as they come to qualify for membership."

The story goes that one young Moroccan soldier who had been begging permission for weeks to join the commandos, finally was allowed by the Phantom to accompany him on a mission.

"The Phantom wasn't exactly sold on this fellow," one of the commandos said, "but he was touched with the fellow's persistence and decided to give him a try.

"Fourteen of us, including the Moroccan, set off one night for the enemy lines—our mission was to check up on the Germans' troop strength in a hilly sector of the Vosges. We had gone about a half-mile, carefully making our way through a winding ravine when suddenly all hell broke loose. Rifle and machine-gun fire opened up on us from both sides.

### Cleaned Out MG Nest

"Three of our men were hit with the first burst, but the rest of us managed to stay low and maneuver back in the direction of our lines. We were making good headway when a machine-gun 50 feet off to the right of us suddenly blasted away at us, blocking our retreat. We fell flat, figuring out our next move and not realizing the Moroccan was crawling silently through the underbrush in the direction of the enemy machine-gun nest. That is, until he was about fifteen feet from the gun. Then he jumped to his feet, hurled a hand grenade. That silenced the machine-gun and killed three of five Germans entrenched there.

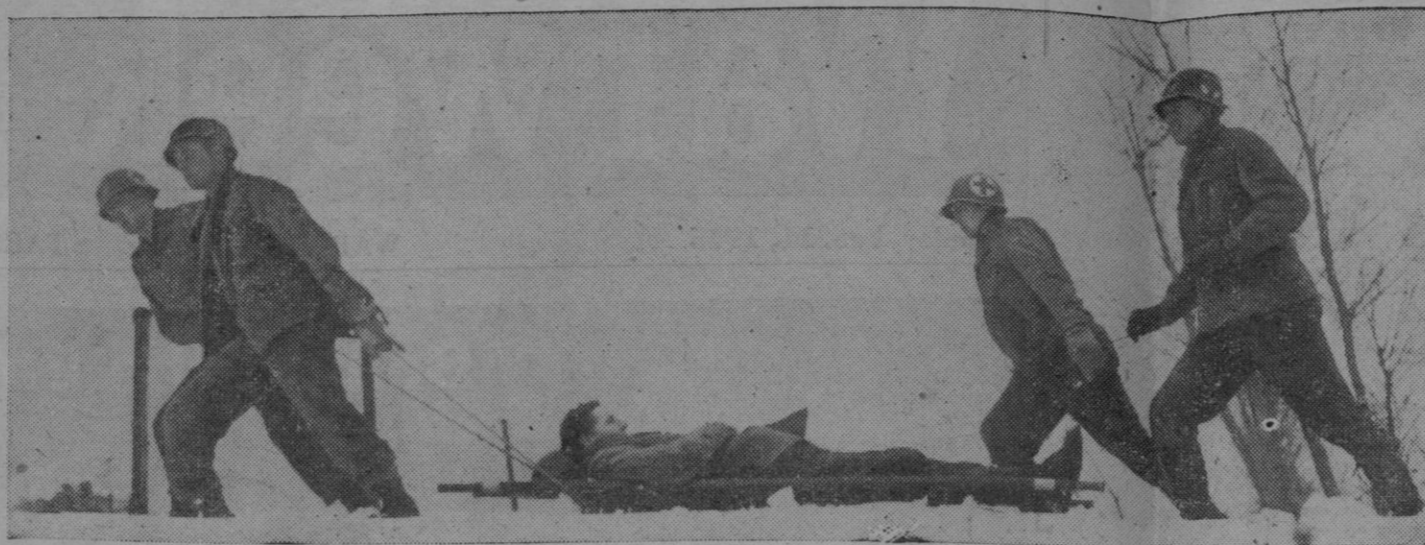
"The remaining two Germans grabbed rifles and pumped a steady stream of bullets into the onrushing Moroccan. We didn't dare fire, fearful of hitting our own man. The Moroccan lashed out with his knife, plunging it deep into the chest of one of the Germans. The other German dropped his rifle and dashed off but he didn't get very far. The Moroccan picked up the discarded rifle, aimed carefully and dropped the fleeing Jerry in his tracks.

"The Phantom was highly impressed with the Moroccan's conduct and whispered to the man closest to him: 'He's one of our men from now on.'

"The Moroccan turned toward them, took four steps—then slumped to the earth. He died a few minutes later."



CAPTURED Kraut benny, run-med, is 52-year-old Sgt. James Byron's answer to cold-weather question. Byron hails from Kansas City, Mo., fought in last war with 35th Div. He's a doughfoot now.



WOUNDED man rides rearward on ski-litter pulled by T/4 Robert Cheek and other medics of 10th Inf., 5th Div. New gadget helps save many lives.



MEDIC S/Sgt. Virgil McGee, of 5th Div., ties blood-plasma jar under jeep hood. Motor heat prevents freezing. Lower photo shows 90th Div. artillerymen, Pvt. George Grimma, Newark, N.J., and Margarito Sanchez, Delvalle, Tex., as they bed down on pine boughs. Brush keeps out cold of frozen ground.



BOOBY-TRAPPED helmets over graves are new Kraut trick. Foe figured souvenir-hunting Yanks couldn't resist tin bait. These were found near German-Luxembourg frontier at south flank of bulge. Nice guys!



SKI-DADDLE, could be motto of 1/Lt. George W. Kilmer, Des Moines, Iowa, and T/3-Victor Becker, Cleveland, O. They're artillery spotters for 90th Div. and have to fly in all weather. Snow-covered cow-pastures make landing strips for light planes like theirs.

# SNOW-STUFF

By Jack McNulty  
Warweek Staff Photographer  
Pinchhitting for the  
Old Sergeant



KEEPING warm at the front in winter weather is mainly a matter of adapting the tricks of the guide, the timber cruiser or any other outdoor worker to the GI scene. Not all the dodges used by smart soldiers are shown here, but many of them are. The best general rule to follow is to hunt up some guy in the outfit who did outdoor work in Maine, Minnesota or Montana—any northern State where the winters are long, cold and hard. Watch what he does, ask him questions and use the noodle to figure out way to beat Old Man Winter.

SHOEPACS, the answer to a cold-foot's prayer, replace improvised foot-gear for two 4th Div. infantrymen, Pfc Dominick del Corso, Newark, N.J., and S/Sgt. Frank Andress, Lima, O.



FIRE making is easy with old Indian trick of whittled "prayer stick." Pvt. Joe Lis, Detroit now 80th Div. infantryman, demonstrates first step. Place whittled stick upright, pile light stuff around it, touch her off.



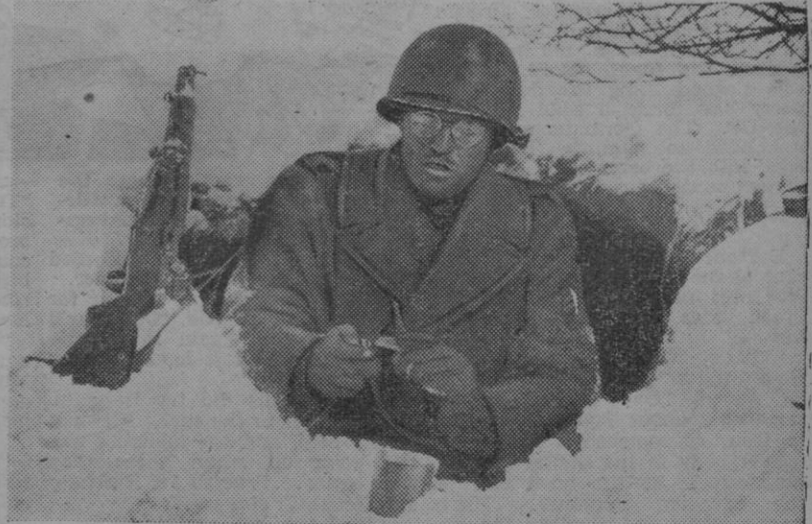
SECOND step in "prayer stick" fire making is building up blaze to desired size. Keep it small.



WARWEEK at the front. Sgt. Josepn Sandoval, Gallup, N. Mex., 90th Div. artilleryman, reads Stars and Stripes with Warweek section during Ardennes lull. Pal is Pfc Henry Schroeder, Wagner, S. Dak.



RAG-STOPPERED bottle of gas provides flame to heat can of pebbles. Sgt. Richard Morgan, Youngstown, O., knows hot stones dumped into boots dry'em while he sleeps.



TWO-IN-ONE or battle-bundling (top) demonstrated by Sgt. Richard Morgan, Youngstown, O., and S/Sgt. James R. Puckett, Elgin, Ill., T/5 R. Foote, Bliss, N.Y. (bottom) toasts K-ration cracker with lighter.

GI JERRY

by Lt. Dave Breger

Nazi Guide-Book No. 33



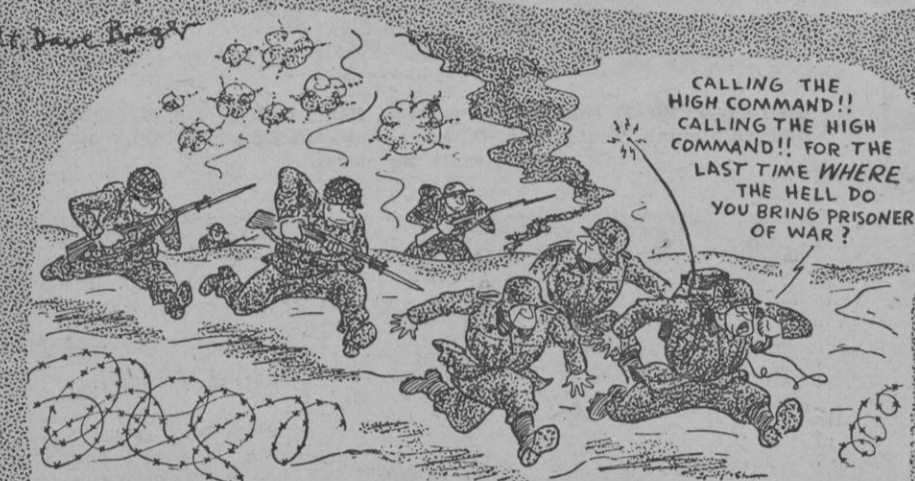
MY GOD, LUDWIG, BUT YOU FRIGHTENED US! WE THOUGHT YOU WERE AN AMERICAN! ... The people need wholesome fear. They WANT to fear something. They want someone to frighten them and make them shudderingly submissive ... Why babble and be indignant about torturing? The masses need something that will give them a thrill of horror.

ADOLF HITLER, April 14, 1934



YOUR EXCELLENCY, I'M AFRAID YOU'LL FIND GENERAL VON STUNKFISCH'S RESPONSE TO YOUR ORDERS A BIT SURPRISING! ... The National Socialist Party is Hitler, and Hitler is the Party. The National Socialists believe in Hitler, who embodies their will. Therefore, our conscience is clearly and exactly defined. Only what Adolf Hitler, our Fuehrer, commands, allows or does not allow is our conscience. We have no understanding for him who hides behind an anonymous conscience, behind God, whom everybody conceives according to his own wishes.

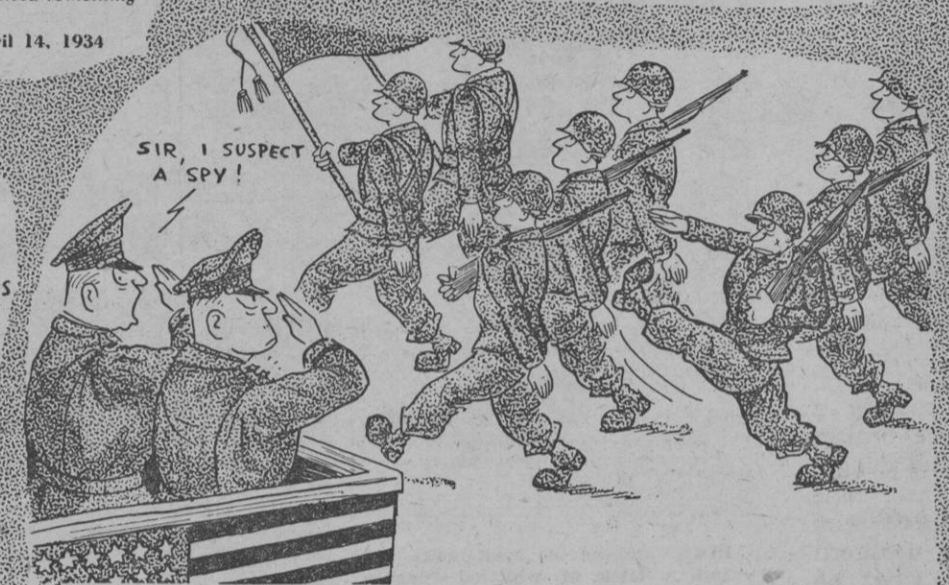
DR ROBERT LEY, April 9, 1942



CALLING THE HIGH COMMAND!! CALLING THE HIGH COMMAND!! FOR THE LAST TIME WHERE THE HELL DO YOU BRING PRISONERS OF WAR?

We have already brought detailed arguments in this paper why we do not fear the attempt to form a Second Front—on the contrary, to a certain extent we even wish it. We therefore extend a cordial welcome to the English. Let us hope that they will bring some Americans with them too. The Germans would welcome the opportunity of making plain to the Yankees that the entrance into Europe is also forbidden to them.

DR. GOEBBELS, August 2, 1942



SIR, I SUSPECT A 'SPY!

Members of the National Socialist Party must not use identification photographs which show the holder of any identification card in a uniform of the Party or of any of its formations. It is also forbidden to use as identification photographs pictures which show the person wearing a Party button.

ORGANIZATION BOOK of the NATIONAL SOCIALIST PARTY (1940)

Doubletalk a Secret Weapon

Sometimes a Gag's As Good As a Gun, 30th Div. Finds

By Ralph Harwood Warweek Staff Writer

neun sieben drei acht. wiederholen sie neun sieben drei acht.

"Hey! What the hell you know! There's Germans talking on our frequency!" The radio operator, Pvt. William F. Bellaire, of Detroit, Mich., was a little excited as he made this announcement in a voice that could be heard above the hum and buzz of the battalion CP.

"Sounds like they're calling numbers," he said. "I don't know much German, but that's what it sounds like all right. One guy seems to be repeating what the other guy says."

"Bartonek! Where's Bartonek? Oh, there you are. Get on that line and see what the Boche is now lousing up the air with. It may be his artillery fire control."

Capt. Malcolm F. Scott, of Hanover, N.H., battalion S-3, was doing the talking, and Cpl. Frank Bartonek, of Chicago, Ill., interpreter of the I and R unit attached to the battalion, was already on his way to the radio through the half-darkness of the crowded air-raid shelter. Battalion had moved into this German town northeast of Aachen the night before, and it was a good thing the quartering party had found a solid spot for the CP. The Germans were trying hard to hammer their way back into the berg, using elements of two panzer divisions and plenty of infantry. It was hot outside.

The Shell Hit Close

Bartonek grabbed the alternate radiophone ... Richtung auf Ziel eins zwei fuenf ... Wir schmeissen ihnen eins vor die Haustuere hin ...

"That's what it is, Captain. Co-ordinates." And, after a moment, he added, "One guy is saying something about laying one right in front of somebody's door."

Everybody in the shelter glanced instinctively at the open end of the cave-like structure. There wasn't long to wonder, though. You could hear the incoming mail with no trouble at all, and then the slam like a giant door as the

shell hit near by. Someone took a quick look outside. "Two hundred yards to the right," he reported. "Over by the big water tower."

"Well," said the S-3, "I guess you guys know what to do." The CP was quiet as Bartonek and Bellaire stuck to the phones. A couple of minutes passed and then the interpreter suddenly raised his hand.

"OK," he said quickly. "Now!" Bellaire licked his lips.

Kibitzing

"Birdcage calling Piccadilly," he called brightly. Birdcage calling Piccadilly ... Did you get my message concerning the waffletuffen operdangen fiddledigit? If so, place the ferrastatta on the barglemiffen right between rifleticky, bradille-budget. Yonkers and muggerfiffinfin. See? This

Talk of the Town...One morning a few weeks ago, as the sun was rising over a far section of Brooklyn, a sleepy housewife, awakened by the noisy arrival of a Department of Sanitation truck, raised her head from her pillow, leaned over, drew her blind aside, and looked...out.

Bartonek was signaling. The Germans were off the air. At least ten guys sprawled in the straw groaned in unison.

"Hey, Bellaire! You can't do that," one Joe protested indignantly. "You left that Brooklyn babe leaning out the window in her shemeez. That ain't cricket. Besides, we want to know what happens to her from there."

"OK, OK," grinned the operator. "Just take it easy. I'll read the rest of it to you later—to be continued."



will put you exactly where the reeffenblut boggles the gaffle-weeken rotogondit on the zikkernidennhidet. Get it? Well ...

Bartonek tapped the absorbed radiophone operator on the shoulder.

"The Heines are off the air for the moment," he said, "but they'll probably try it again in a little bit. I can see those louses tearing their hair now!"

The Germans did try it again. The laughter in the shelter-CP had hardly died, and the kibitzing was still going on, when there they were again ... Pruefen Sie Richtung auf Ziel sechs eins zw ...

"Birdcage calling Piccadilly... Birdcage calling Piccadilly," Bellaire broke in. "Will relay message from the New Yorker...

"Hold it," yelled the interpreter. "They're on again." He listened closely for a minute, then smiled broadly as some brilliant Kraut a couple of miles away complained bitterly ... Die verdammten Amerikaner sind auf unserer Wellenlaenge ...

"This guy's got it all figured out now and is really bitching," Bartonek explained. "He says the damned Americans are jamming his radio. Now, ain't that too bad. The interpreter sported.

"This jerk is now telling his artillery to fire where it fired day before yesterday," he said.

Which everybody in the CP agreed was a "P-poor way to control gunfire," and a pretty good joke on the goosesteppers, at that.

Why Don't They Give Up?

THIS week, as Russian guns thundered almost at the gates of Berlin, you heard the questions everywhere—Why don't they give up? What goes on in Germany? Is Hitler still in charge?

The queries echoed in the stone forts of the Siegfried defenses, rippled along the bristling "dragon's teeth," and came back in another language. The German soldiers are asking those questions, too.

The weary Wehrmacht has become the greatest rumor factory in the world. Heines who have called it quits at the front have little of their old-time faith in Der Fuehrer; many say that Himmler, Hitler's hatchet man and Reichsfuehrer of the SS and Volksturm, is now running the Reich. They are eager to talk and each has scraps of news and information gathered first-hand or from fellow soldiers. These bits, pieced together by a WARWEEK correspondent, furnish some hint of what goes on inside tumultuous Germany.

One definite fact shown by conversations of the bewildered Nazis is that the New Order is becoming a little frayed around the edges; there is unrest in Germany and, try as they will, the Hitler gang can't patch all the weak spots which are showing up—they can only forestall the hour when their era will be ended either by invading Allied armies or by the German people themselves.

A Wehrmacht soldier, who threw in the sponge near Geilenkirchen in the 9th Army sector, showed our men a letter he had received the week before from his father in Eibenstock, Germany. Speaking of

the formation of a Volksturm unit in that city, the father said, "We have 160 to 180 men in a company and there are three companies. Herr Kleinhardt is our company commander and my platoon leader is Max Hegman, our milkman. We have been told we are chosen to save Germany from our fiendish enemies who plan to destroy Germany. It WILL be something when the Volksturm begins to fight. We hope you won't let that happen..."

Another "Superman" told a little story of home which shows another leak in the Nazi boat. "I live in Graefenberg," he said, "and last month I was home on leave after being wounded in battle. One day I saw a crowd of people gathering around a large poster of Hitler on the side of a building. Someone had written across the top of the photograph in huge letters, 'Wanted by the German people for murder.' Most of the people agreed with what had been written on the poster and they were talking loudly and making a disturbance. Soon a policeman came and made them move along and some of them argued and shouted at the policeman. That incident made me wonder if we would win the war. I don't think we will, now."

Few Nazi soldiers are still fanatic—but now and then one turns up who refuses to lose faith in ultimate German victory. One such soldier, a farm boy from the heart of the Reich, a town called Turningen, said that he believed the Nazi armies would drive us out the way we came—through the Normandy beachhead. He spoke of the recent Wehrmacht disasters as "reverses" and said that a new secret weapon would soon be in use—a bomb which removes oxygen from the air for an area of 500 square yards, killing those unlucky enough to be in the vicinity. "You have seen nothing yet," he said. Several of his comrades smiled weakly and turned away.



DOUBLE FEATURE

"We Come As Conquerors" plus "Second Battle of Naples." Also Newscope and "Combat Tips." Army Talks, Sat., Feb. 17, 1945.

This Was America Last Week:

Cheering War News Tempered By Memory of Past Optimism

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Good news from the Russian and Western fronts cheered America last week but citizens, remembering over-optimism of the past, paid little heed to rumors of Germany's imminent defeat.

The war as the magazines reported it: Time says that Heinrich Himmler has at last found something in the Reich he couldn't get rid of—namely, the Allied armies.

The war, said Dorothy Dix, is causing "an attack of matrimonial jitters" among the women. The veteran adviser to the lovelorn said young girls were suffering from a complication of heart failure and cold feet over their prospects of finding a husband, and were rushing into marriages that won't stand up in the postwar period.

In Los Angeles, a jurist took up another aspect of woman's problem and ruled that a strip-teaser who still has her shoes on wasn't nude, according to the way the law read.

Mehl's Dog Has No Bone to Pick

IN Kansas City, sportswriter Ernie Mehl is wondering what the automobile sneak-thief thought when he got home with a package swiped from Mehl's car. The package contained a bone for Ernie's dog.

IN Georgia, the repeal of the poll tax has brought out the Ku Klux Klan again, and the night riders sought new recruits by issuing a 32-page pamphlet which proposed the formation "of a Gentile bloc to combat the Jew and Negro radical bloc now active in political affairs of the Nation."

IN scholastic circles news was made again by Gloria Jean Heller, who was expelled from Louisiana State University for writing a pamphlet on campus kissing.

Out in Chicago a guy won the title of the week's lowest thief when he stole a glass jar containing \$200 in small change from Henry Schaner's saloon.

Chaplin's Next Picture a Natural for Lady-Killer

CHARLIE CHAPLIN'S next movie will be called "Bluebeard", Hollywood reported. In the making, said Walter Wanger, is a sequel to "Stagecoach", with the same cast that made the successful horse opera.

SOCIAL item from the South: Lt. (jg) Martin Wilbourne, heading overseas, had a 15-minute stopover in Roanoke, Va., where his fiancée, Eleanor Coffman, lived.

New Stage Plays Fail to Excite Broadway

TWO new stage plays opened in New York without generating much response from the critics. The one given the better chance of surviving featured Franchoy Tone as a newspaper columnist who has a girl with ideals and another girl without them.

In the music world, long-haired virtuoso Jose Iturbi was having troubles that he once thought plagued only Sinatra. The piano maestro is reported to be in a temperamental tantrum because bobby-soxers have been rushing him to clip locks of his hair, remove his shoe laces and snatch half-smoked cigars out of his mouth.

AMONG the books, a new number called "Captain from Castile," by Samuel Shellabargar, moved up among the six best sellers in fiction.

Firemen at the 12th St. and LaBelle station in Detroit aren't feeling so good today. Fire broke out in their station last night and when they wanted to call help they had to go next door to borrow a neighbor's telephone.

8 Sons in Service, Seeks to Have 9th Deferred

MRS. RUSSELL MCFARLAND, of Leighton, Pa., whose eight sons are now in the armed services, sought today to have her ninth son deferred. Mrs. McFarland's second husband, ten years her junior, also is eligible under Selective Service Regulations.

The draft board, however, says it's below quota, and will have to send the youth to Wilkes-Barre for induction when he reports. Friends of Mrs. McFarland urged her to appeal to President Roosevelt.

Next year, students at the University of Maryland will study America first, according to Dr. H. C. Byrd, president. Drastic changes in the curriculum require all degree seekers to study American History, American Literature, American governmental philosophy.

Here's some advice you couldn't get anywhere else: take that furlough in Nome, Alaska, if they offer it. Up there they have a huge surplus of cigarettes, butter, pre-war Scotch and Bourbon. The stuff was brought in last fall to meet needs of free-spending construction workers, but the workers moved out and the goodies are still there.

THE week's smallest home-front hero was a one-eyed mongrel named Pooch, who saved his master, Mike Getchian, from death up in the Montana logging district. Mike was riding along when a 400-pound bear hurtled down from a bank and knocked him off his horse.

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

Advertisement for 'MIRACLE-NOSE' YOKUM featuring a fisherman and a large fish. Text: 'HUMAN BLOODHOUND SNIFFS OUT PRICELESS PEARL!!' 'ALL NEW YORK IS AGOG OVER THE STUPENDOUS FEAT OF LUCIFER O. (MIRACLE-NOSE) YOKUM, A FISH HUSTLER AT A NEW YORK DOCK.'

'Sno Use, These Joes Don't Recognize a Change of Seasons



1/Sgt. Maxie Ricciardi, of Baldwin, Long Island, is shown carrying the ball for the 29th TAC team, which recently defeated the Ninth AF Service Command, 12-0, for the Ninth Air Force football championship in France. The footing was bad, but the snow absorbed the shock of all falls.

Service Fives Plan 16-Team Cage Tournament in States

BAINBRIDGE, Md., Feb. 10.—A National Service Invitational basketball tournament will be held here March 16-18 with outstanding service teams competing. Navy officials revealed today.

Jug McSpaden Sets Golf Pace

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 10.—Harold "Jug" McSpaden, Philadelphia sharpshooter, carded a four-below-par 68 to lead the field of 104 golfers in the annual \$5,000 New Orleans Open golf tournament which started here yesterday.

Six pros also cracked par. Byron Nelson, leading figure in the winter tour; Claude Harmon, Bryan Winters, and Denny Shute, all tied for second with 70s. Craig Wood and Johnny Bulla followed with 71.

Mrs. Covington Florida Victor

PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 10.—Mrs. Jane Crum Covington, of Orangeburg, S.C., defeated Miss Catherine Fox, of Bloomfield, N.J., 3 up, to capture the annual Palm Beach women's golf championship here yesterday.

Mrs. Covington, the defending champion, played well throughout the final match to overcome the long driving of her opponent.

'Iron Man' Mueller Caught in Draft

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 10.—Ray Mueller, Cincinnati Reds' receiver, who caught all 155 games last year, was inducted into the Army yesterday and assigned to the New Cumberland Reception Center for processing.



Ray Mueller

Mueller was rejected by the Army and classified 4F 18 months ago because of a stomach ailment, but he was re-examined under the recent Selective Service Directive applying to professional athletes.

Don Northey, Phils' outfielder, was the first major leaguer to be inducted under the new ruling. He became a GI, Jan. 29.

Dallessandro In, Too

READING, Pa., Feb. 10.—Domino Dallessandro, Chicago Cubs' outfielder, said last night he had been accepted for military service after a two-day checkup at a Philadelphia hospital. Twice before the little flychaser was examined and classified 4F.

Ex-Oriole Southpaw Killed

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Feb. 10.—Sgt. Earl Springer, former southpaw pitcher for the Baltimore Orioles, was killed in action in Germany, Jan. 25, his parents were notified by the War Department today. He was inducted in 1942.

Cleveland Nips Zollners as Two Pro Marks Fall

By Gene Graft Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—When the Cleveland Allmens surprised the high-riding Fort Wayne Zollners, 62-61, at Cleveland, Friday night, two National Professional Basketball League records fell.

Bobby McDermott, Fort Wayne star who formerly played with the Celtics, poured 36 points through

Pro Cage Tournament Scheduled Mar. 19-24

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—Professional basketball's seventh annual world's championship tournament will begin here March 19 and extend through the 24th, officials of the National Professional Basketball League announced.

The Fort Wayne Zollners are defending champions.

Tournament officials said most of the teams seeking a place in the playoffs are composed of players engaged in war work and now working extra hours to obtain a five-day leave for the competition.

the basket to better by one point the old record held jointly by Leroy Edwards, ex-Oshkosh player, and himself. At the same time, Fort Wayne's season's total was raised to 1,243 points, passing the previous high of 1,232.

Mel Riebe, Cleveland sharpshooter who never played college ball, continued stepping up his own individual record for a total of 450, scoring 19 points. He has seven games left to play and may reach the 600 mark.

Pro Basketball League

Table with columns: Eastern Division (Fort Wayne, Cleveland, Pittsburgh), Western Division (Sheboygan, Chicago, Oshkosh), and Scoring Leaders (Riebe, McDermott, Patrick, Edwards, Dancker).

CAGE RESULTS

Table listing cage results for various teams including Carleton, Florida Aggies, Fordham, Gallaudet, Georgia Tech, etc.

American Hockey League

Table with columns: Eastern League (Buffalo, Hershey, Providence) and Western Division (Cleveland, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, St. Louis).

AAU Hockey Called Off

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 10.—Lack of entries caused the cancellation of the National AAU hockey tournament, scheduled here March 2-3, Karl Raymond, AAU hockey chairman, announced today.

Senate Group Okays Baseball

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—Members of the Senate Military Affairs Committee disclosed last night that the War Department "will not counsel against the continuation of baseball."

Discussions on the question of baseball's role in the manpower problem have been held with War Department officials and the attitude of that department seems favorable toward the national game.

Senator Albert Happy Chandler, Democrat from Kentucky, former minor league ballplayer, is credited with negotiating these discussions.

Cruz Kayos Yates In Oise Feature

SOISSONS, Feb. 10.—Over 2,000 GI fight fans saw Pvt. Costello Cruz, of Santa Barbara, Calif., score a technical knockout over Pfc George Yates, of Portland, Ore., in 40 seconds of the second round, in the feature bout of an eight-card Oise Base boxing show last night.

Results of other bouts: Pvt. Donald Claxton, St. Louis, decided over Pvt. Bill Lampkins, Kansas City, Mo.; Pvt. William Dixon, Baltimore, Md., decided over Pvt. L. P. Duns, Phoenix, Ariz.; Pvt. John Hall, Philadelphia, decided over Pvt. Nathaniel Bailey, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Sgt. Myron Olesby, Charlotte, N.C., drew with Pvt. Calvin Crait, Charlotte, N.C.; Pvt. John Turner, Detroit, decided over Col. Jefferson Gray, Nachitoches, La.; Pfc Eugene Parker, Bolton, Ill., drew with Pvt. Wm. Ernest, Alexandria, La.; Cpl. Dick Mack, drew with Pvt. Leo Adams.

Green Beats Reif In New York Bout

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Harold Green, Brooklyn welterweight, won a unanimous decision over Morris Reif, his Brownsville neighbor, in the ten-round feature bout at Madison Square Garden last night. Green weighed 147 1/2 and Reif 145.

Judges Jimmy Riley and Augie Schwartz, and Referee Addie Joseph, all awarded Green seven of the ten rounds, although they disagreed on the other three.

By Al Capp

A cartoon by Al Capp showing a man in a military uniform talking to a woman. The man says: 'WE NEED THAT MAN... A HUMAN BLOOD-HOUND WHO WILL TRACK DOWN AND KILL THAT LITTLE OLD LADY!!' The woman replies: 'WE'LL GET HIM!!'

# U-Boat Threat Off Canadian Coast Revealed

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, Feb. 10 (ANS).—German submarines have prowled the North Atlantic coast this winter in a constant threat to the Allied convoys using Canadian ports. In one 20-day period they sank a Canadian warship and five merchantmen, the lifting of censorship disclosed last night.

Another time, a Canadian freighter en route from New York was torpedoed.

The operations of the subs created tension for weeks before they struck, and there was some speculation that they were picking targets for V-weapons.

A statement issued under the authority of Winston Churchill and President Roosevelt said that the U-boats, by making use of new devices, "penetrated further into focal areas of shipping close to the shore." They described counter measures as "encouraging." The statement said that the Germans had introduced new devices such as extensible air intake and exhaust which enabled U-boats to remain submerged for long periods and to range into areas denied them in the past.

## Sub Pens . . .

(Continued from Page 1)

icing German troops on the Western Front.

Two hundred hit the panzer and motor repair depots at Berg Gladbach, east of Cologne, and Munster-eifel, south of Euskirchen. Others bombed the communications at Errem, 10 miles west of Duren; Kempen, seven miles northwest of Krefeld, and Euskirchen, 20 miles southwest of Cologne. Five bombers were lost.

Ninth fighter-bombers, three of which were lost, flew almost 500 sorties against rail communications near Cologne, Dusseldorf and Bonn.

Meanwhile, Eighth AF headquarters disclosed that reconnaissance photos taken over Berlin Thursday showed the heart of the city flattened and still burning from the U.S. mass raid Feb. 3. Hitler's and Goering's office and other government buildings in downtown Berlin were hit. There was an area of destruction a mile and a half square in the center of the city, it was claimed.

## Neutrals' Stand Displeases U.S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (UP).—Undersecretary of State Joseph C. Grew said the U. S. "is not satisfied with the attitude of a number of neutral governments."

"We would not be satisfied," Grew added, "unless we have unequivocal assurances from all neutral governments that they refuse admission to their countries to any Axis war criminal, and deny to any who might enter their countries illegally."

Grew said there was no evidence that any Nazis had escaped to Argentina via Portugal and Spain, adding that U.S. representatives in these countries are on the alert for any such attempt.

Authorities, meanwhile, said if there is any secret agreement between Argentina and Germany concerning refugee war criminals, they were not aware of it.

# All Reich Targets Now in Range Of Ninth AF's Fighter-Bombers

By Pat Mitchell, Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH NINTH AF., Feb. 10.—No target in Germany now is beyond the range of Ninth AF fighter-bombers, it was disclosed today by operations officers at the advanced headquarters of Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, commanding general of the Ninth AF.

Allied fighters, operating from advanced bases, now are capable of swooping down for an attack on any factory, any road or railcrossing, or any concentration of military forces inside Germany, they declared.

Compression of the East and West fronts combined with the prospect of increasingly good spring weather promise even more effective support of the ground forces in the near future, officers added.

For the past five months, a regularly-planned series of forays by fighter-bombers have hurled explos-

## Sudden Warmer Weather Makes Warfare Amphibious



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo  
Along the Western Front sudden February thaws swell mountain streams with melted snow, and in Weisweiler, Germany, as in other battleground towns, flood waters make it an amphibious war.

## Manpower Bill Talks Recessed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (ANS).—The Senate Military Affairs Committee today called a three-day recess in the consideration of limited national service legislation which President Roosevelt five weeks ago recommended be passed "immediately."

The Secretaries of War and Navy, War Manpower commissioner, Selective Service director, War Production Board chairman and other high administration officials have appeared during the week of closed hearings to urge its enactment.

The committee, however, has shown no indication of approaching a vote, and will resume hearings Tuesday. Interviews and comments indicate a sizable number of committee members remain unconvinced of the need for legislation empowering the government to tell any man between 18 and 45 to engage in war work or go to jail, pay a fine or be inducted into the army.

## 25,000 U.S. Soldiers Jailed by Army In All Theaters

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (ANS).—More than 25,000 American soldiers in all parts of the world, or one for every 330 in the service, are prisoners for offenses ranging down from murder, rape and desertion.

A breakdown, as disclosed by Col. Marion Rushton in an address before the Army and Navy Club, shows that more than 1,800 soldiers are in federal penitentiaries, more than 8,500 in disciplinary barracks, which are army penitentiaries, and more than 7,700 in rehabilitation centers. About 4,700 are prisoners overseas. Col. Rushton is head of the Army's Correction Division.

"It seems clear," he said, "there will never be any single solution to the desertion problem, and it is not difficult to foresee real trouble with it when fighting ceases in Germany and troops in large numbers are ordered across the world to fight Japan."

In addition there are probably 20,000 soldiers held as prisoners in army camps or garrisons in this country.

## ETO Directives to Be Clearer and Concise

ETO directives issued from now on are to be clearer and more concise, and the needless citation of other directives will be avoided, ETO headquarters announced yesterday. It was said that every effort would be made to have each directive complete in itself, without reference to documents which cannot reasonably be expected to be in the possession of distributees.

## Mystery Veils Big News Leak

LONDON, Feb. 10 (AP).—Prime Minister Churchill's severe rebuke to Gen. Franco's proposal for a Western anti-Soviet alliance tonight developed into one of the war's most mysterious news leaks, as the British Foreign Office declared with a straight face that it had no idea how the news got out.

It declared there was no official announcement of the contents of either Franco's letter to Churchill or the Prime Minister's answer. But the fact stood out plainly that there was not any possible way the contents of the correspondence could have been obtained except through an official leak, or more specifically, a news plant.

The British press devoted considerable space to what Churchill purportedly told Franco. They described his words as "cold and biting" when referring to Franco's proposal to act as a mediator in a negotiated peace between Germany and Britain.

The British Press Association said that Franco admitted Hitler was on the point of defeat and Europe consequently was threatened with Sovietization, which made it imperative that Spain and Britain get together to "face the menace." Churchill reportedly made it clear that Britain looked upon Franco's regime coldly.

## 'Blood and Fire' 63rd 'Gets Going' in France

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 (ANS).—Presence in France of the "Blood and Fire" 63rd Div. was disclosed yesterday. Maj. Gen. Louis Hibbs commands the outfit he has headed since it was activated June 15, 1943, at Camp Blanding, Fla.

"Hell's bells, let's get going," is now being heard on the Western Front since Gen. Hibbs conceived the division's emblem of a blood-tipped gold sword surrounded by a sheet of flame, after the Roosevelt-Churchill pledge at Casablanca to make enemies "bleed and burn." Men from New York, Pennsylvania, and New England predominate in the division.

## Allied Armies Imperil Ruhr

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ern edge of the Reichsforest to the Rhine at Millingen, which they reached after a mile advance.

Millingen is a Dutch village seven miles east of Nijmegen and one mile west of the German frontier.

Their deepest penetration into the Reich was made toward Cleve, 12 miles southeast of Nijmegen, at the eastern edge of the Reichsforest, where the concrete zone of the Siegfried Line begins. As they gained high ground overlooking the town, they took the Nazi village of Nutterden, three miles west of Cleve.

Allied advances were slowed yesterday more by boggy ground than by enemy resistance, which officially was described as patchy.

It appeared that the German 84th Inf. Div., which had been posted in the area, had been hit hard, its outposts and forward positions overrun and many of its troops dazed by the initial artillery barrage.

Official sources indicated it would take two days for the Germans to regain their balance in this area. Yesterday they were bringing up reinforcements from the south.

Enemy resistance was expected to become more solid between Cleve and Goch, which form the gateposts of the Siegfried Line at the eastern end of the tangled Reichsforest.

The line in this sector is thinner than in the Aachen area. It was constructed later and reinforced only recently by field defenses which run ahead and behind it in considerable depth.

### Nazi Lines Strained

To what extent the fortifications would present a barrier to the advance depended on the caliber and number of the troops defending the strongpoints and this, in turn, would be influenced by First and Third Army penetrations to the south.

German forces opposing the offensive were not regarded as first-class troops.

Allied blows along the West Front were straining the German lines already thinned by transfers to the Eastern Front. Air attacks continued to isolate the northern battle area from the rear as Allied planes pounded roads and rail centers.

## 'International TVA' For Germany Urged

LONDON, Feb. 10 (AP).—Creation inside Germany of "an international TVA," including a Rhine Valley Authority and a Danube Valley Authority, was proposed to the World Trade Union Conference yesterday by Sir Walter Citrine, general secretary of the conference.

# Devers Praises Solidarity of French, Yanks

Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, Sixth Army Group commander, cited the liberation of Alsace as a demonstration to the world of "unequaled solidarity between French and American soldiers" in an order of the day yesterday, as France renewed the watch on the Rhine.

Except for an enemy-held triangle south of the German Palatinate border, Allies now hold the Alsatian Rhineland, controlling 80 miles of the Rhine's west bank, from the Swiss border to Gamsheim north of Strasbourg.

Addressed to the officers and men of the French First and Second Corps, the U.S. 21st Corps and supporting corps, army and service troops, the order read:

"By your combined efforts you have again demonstrated to the world an unequalled solidarity between French and American soldiers. You have every right to be proud of the manner in which you have completed this difficult job.

### 'On to Germany'

"Only Germany and the German Army lie before you. You have decisively defeated the enemy west of the Rhine and driven him from the soil of France. He is dazed, wounded and confused, but he is not yet finished. That job remains, My charge to you is—'On to Germany.'"

A month ago, the German Rhine salient south of Strasbourg at Colmar and penetrations down from the north menaced Strasbourg to the point where civilians and a number of U.S. forces began to evacuate the Alsatian capital.

The Nazi offensive in the Ardennes had weakened the defenses of the plain. The Seventh Army had been compelled to withdraw from the Palatinate border to a line along the Moder River in the Haguenau sector.

When the Ardennes offensive failed, Germans mounted attacks to recapture Alsace, hoping for a political victory with the reconquest of Strasbourg, France's traditional Rhine bastion.

### Gamble Failed

Germans were driving down from the north, threatening to penetrate the highlands, west of Strasbourg and thus make Allied positions in the city untenable. Other German forces thrust a thin corridor along the Rhine bank toward the city from the bulging Colmar pocket.

The Ardennes gamble failed. The Russians struck in the East. Germans called their Alsatian offensive off.

Franco-American forces then launched attacks on the Colmar pocket, a menace to the entire Allied position in the upper Rhineland. In two weeks, they split the pocket in half, in what officially was described as a "model military operation."

Each half of the pocket was mopped up. Organized Nazi resistance crumbled Thursday.

## East Front . . .

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—thus closing the last land route the Germans could use to reach the beleaguered Danzig corridor.

The right wing of Zhukov's army, feeling its way through strong defenses south of Stettin, was reported near Neumark, less than 15 miles from the Baltic port.

In German Silesia, Marshal Ivan Koniev's First Ukrainian Army, driving west from its Oder bridgehead at Steinau, gained 25 miles in two days, reaching the outskirts of Lignitz, an important communication hub on the Breslau-Berlin highway, a Berlin report said.

### U.S. Tanks in East Prussia

LONDON, Feb. 10 (AP).—The German radio said today that American amphibious tanks of the latest design are taking part in the battle for Koenigsberg, East Prussian capital.

## Terry and The Pirates

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