

Man Spricht Deutsch

Räumen Sie den Schutt weg.
Räumen Sie den Schutt weg.
Clear away the debris.

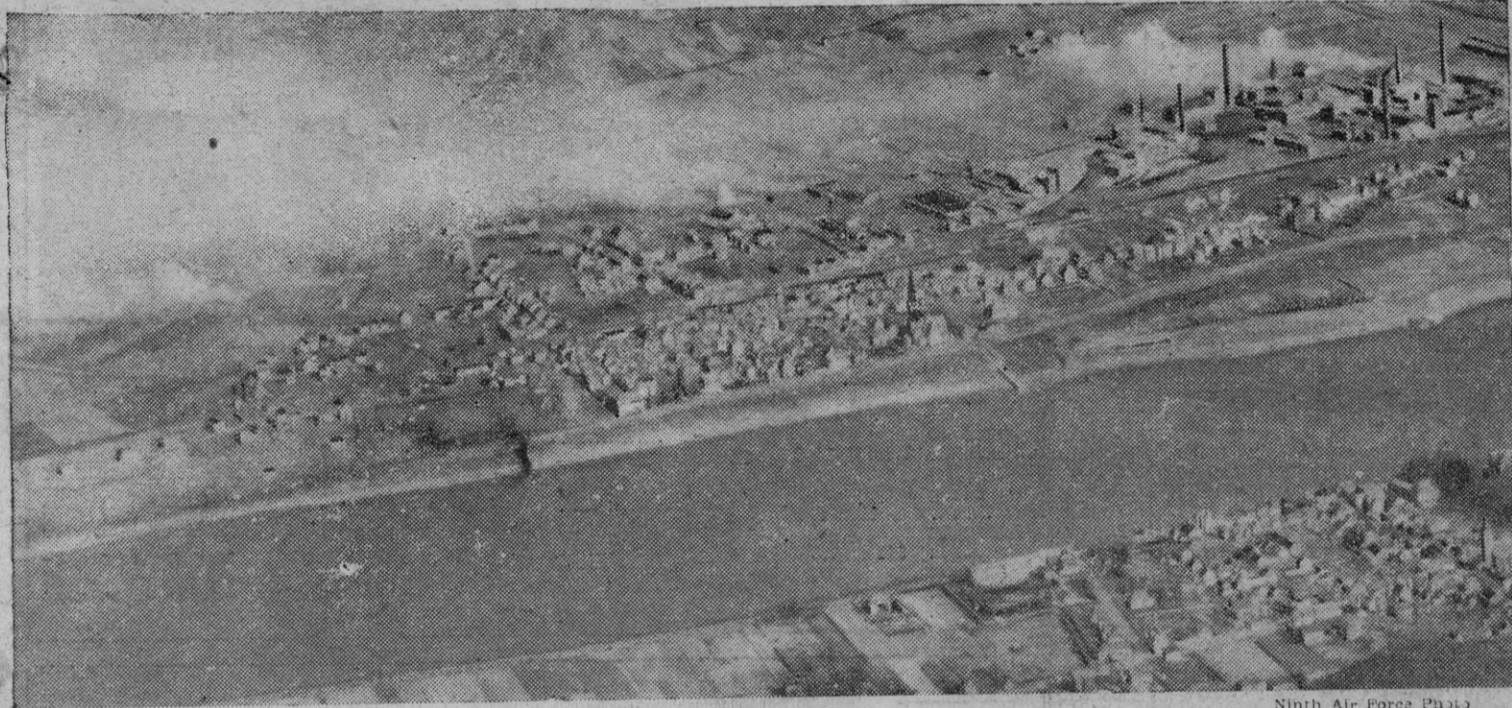
Ici On Parle Français

C'est clair, j'ai tort.
Say clear ja, tor.
It's clear, I am wrong.

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Third Crosses Rhine

Looking East—Yank Artillery Softens Up a Nazi Target



Ninth Air Force Photo

In a scene frequently repeated as Allied armies prepared for the all-out crossing of the Rhine, smoke from U.S. artillery shells is shown pouring from buildings in Honningen, on the east bank of the river

south of Remagen. This was part of a "softening-up" barrage before the town was captured by American forces and added to the Remagen bridgehead. Capt. Henry Shirley made the picture from his P38.

Nazis Fear New Drives Over River

BULLETIN

Troops of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's U.S. Third Army crossed the Rhine at 2200 hours Thursday night and established a bridgehead on the eastern bank, it was officially announced early today. The point of crossing was not disclosed.

Patton's men made the crossing without air or artillery support. Late reports said that the bridgehead was steadily expanding.

Earlier the German radio said American shock formations with amphibious tanks had crossed the Rhine near Oppenheim, south of Mainz. A Berlin station claimed that the troops had strong artillery protection and that artificial fog was used to shield them.

Germany Alarmed By Man-Made Fog

With the biggest smokescreen in the history of land warfare shrouding Allied activity along the northern Rhine, and with Allied bombers pounding night and day at enemy communications north of the Ruhr, the German press and radio erupted in repeated warnings yesterday that the great Battle of the Rhine was about to begin.

These developments heightened their fears:

1—A heavy smoke-pall beginning an hour before daylight and continuing until an hour past dusk, hung over the river barrier for 66 miles—from Nijmegen, on the Waal in Holland, past Millingen where the Waal and Rhine join, and con-

A map of the Ruhr will be found on Page 3.

tinuing south along the Rhine itself. Produced by smoke units of the Canadian First Army, it was not only history's biggest smokescreen but also the longest in duration, having continued for days. It was revealed yesterday.

2—In perfect spring weather, that gave the Allies bright, moonlight at night and cloudless skies by day, thousands of bombers—heavy, medium, light—ranged back and forth over the Ruhr to disrupt German road and rail transport on a scale even greater than the aerial preparations for D-Day.

3—Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley, 12th Army Group, declared yesterday that "the Allies can now cross the Rhine most anywhere at any time."

4—On the southern end of the front, the U.S. Third and Seventh armies had all but completed the fulfillment of Gen. Eisenhower's campaign to clear the west bank of the Rhine of every German. Resistance was collapsing in the last small pocket remaining in the Mosel-Saar triangle, and American armor was racing through the territory in criss-cross fashion almost at will. Only at the eastern tip of the Siegfried Line did the Germans maintain their stubborn resistance

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Allies Maintain Record Air Assault

Point Plan Ready, But Top Secret

WASHINGTON, March 23 (ANS).—Details of the point system which will govern discharges of soldiers are expected to be developed and sent to theater commanders within the next ten days, but will be kept "top secret" until Germany's defeat, Maj. Gen. Idwal H. Edwards, assistant chief of staff in charge of training, told the House Military Committee yesterday.

Meanwhile, President Roosevelt said that the mobilization of "the largest armed force by far in the nation's history will be completed by June 30." The President, in an appropriations request to Congress, said Selective Service would need \$54,500,000 to provide for an average monthly draft of 93,000 men as replacements.

The House unanimously passed and sent to the Senate today legislation extending the draft law one year beyond May 15, 1945. The bill was discussed less than five minutes. It passed without a record vote.

Opposition Withdrawn

After the House Military Affairs Committee heard testimony yesterday by Gen. Edwards and Maj. Gen. Stephen G. Henry, assistant chief of staff in charge of personnel, Congressmen withdrew their opposition to unqualified extension of the act, the Associated Press reported.

Gen. Edwards listed the factors governing discharge as length of

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We Can Cross Rhine At Will Almost Anywhere—Bradley

By Dan Regan

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

12TH ARMY GRP HQ., March 23.—Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley, 12th Army Grp. commander, yesterday said that "there is nothing to prevent us from crossing the Rhine most anywhere at any time."

He said also that the new 15th Army would be in an active role "before too long."

Reviewing his army group's part in the Allied drive to the Rhine, Bradley said: "The necessity of confining the Remagen bridgehead to a small area has been removed with the completion of the American campaign in the Bonn-Coblenz and the Saar sector."

"At the proper time we will break out of the bridgehead," he said.

Bradley said that Kesselring "always had been considered a rather good general," but added he arrived on this front "at a bad time." Kesselring is now reported in com-

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8th AF, RAF Cut All Railroads to Northern Rhine

Allied bombers, keeping up the heaviest air offensive in history, yesterday left a swath of flaming ruins north of the Ruhr and east of the Rhine, possibly setting the stage for a great cross-Rhine offensive.

An estimated 2,500 RAF and Eighth AF heavy bombers struck against German positions and tactical targets facing Gen. Montgomery's 21st Army Gp. and returning pilots reported that all railways leading to the northern Rhine front from interior Germany were cut by nightfall.

The RAF went out in daylight three times. In the morning, Lancasters lugged 11-tonners over Bremen in a continuous attack on rail bridges. In the afternoon they dropped six-tonners on Bielefeld. Later the Lancasters hit fortified

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Iwo Sergeant's Hoax On Fall of Germany Makes Him a Private

SEATTLE, March 23 (ANS).—Recent horseplay on an American walkie-talkie radio that provoked an hour-long celebration on Iwo Jima over the "surrender" of Germany cost the operator his sergeant's stripes, his wife said today.

The operator, out of boredom, began playing radio announcer with



a pal in another foxhole and flashed this over the walkie-talkie: "Germany has surrendered."

Through a tangled frequency, the report was received by another operator copying official messages from San Francisco. He relayed the "flash" to the command post and in ten minutes the word spread all over the island and to ships offshore.

Red Smash on Oder Reported; Russians Chase Foe in Silesia

Soviet forces 40 miles east of Berlin, along the Oder River, lashed out in a new attack near Kustrin yesterday and by last night, according to Berlin radio, had driven seven miles past Kustrin and to within 33 miles of the Reich capital.

Berlin said Marshal Gregory Zhukov hurled strong infantry and tank forces against the Oder line, after a powerful artillery barrage.

At first the Germans asserted that the assault had bogged down against German resistance, but last night the enemy radio, quoting

a front-line reporter, announced that the Russians had "managed to break through our front and spearheads reached Golzow." Golzow is 33 miles east-northeast of the capital.

Berlin's reports came shortly after Moscow censors permitted Robert Magidoff, NBC correspondent, to forecast "An all-out assault on Berlin in the very near future."

Even as Zhukov attacked, Soviet artillery poured shells into Stettin's fortifications, 75 miles to the north-

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Get Together, Boys

For the benefit of the 104th Timberwolves who resent the fact that the 311th Regiment bears the same nickname, the 311th Timberwolves are the originals. They have borne the nickname since World War I and their division was activated long before the 104th. In fact, the 311th recently had as a mascot a wild Timberwolf which was presented them by Ringling Bros. Circus.—311th Timberwolves.

Taking a brief respite after ripping gaping holes in Siegfried Line defenses, the Timberwolves



of the 311th Inf. are now snarling in the direction of the 104th Div. Certainly no "mongrel" outfit, as claimed by the 104th, the 311th Timberwolves Regt. will have been known as such for two years this March—and probably before the 104th was re-activated.

Our spies on the Western Front have come back with the report that the 104th previously was known as the "Frontier" Division.

Back in 1943 when the 311th took the monicker "Timberwolf," a small wolf pup was given to the regiment as a mascot.

And if you're keeping up with the news lately, you'll see the 311th Timberwolf regiment is living up to its namesake—but for further references, ask some of the Jerries at Kesternich, Ruhrberg or Schmidt! —Sgt. Pete Kelley, 311th Inf.

Hits Back

In answer to Pvt. Bill Nickerson, Repl. Co., I can see why you are a private after reading your letter captioned "Lot of Nine Tails." One might know it would be a guy like you who would write such a piece.

If you had gone through half of what them kids have in the Repl. Co's, you'd sure have a different slant on it all.

No cots to sleep on but the ground for a bed, which isn't too easy on a fellow going up again, or even the first time.

They should break down and give a kid who may be going up for his last time a break.—S/Sgt. Willman, Inf.

Praise

Looking like fugitives from the QMC, we newly-hatched replacements were dumped at the 451st Repl. Bn. Victims of the Box-Car Cramps, a debarkation Hangover, an LST stomach, and heads still spinning to the current song hit "You're Movin' Out," we stood there in the mud. Our first day in Germany . . . homesick. There stood a group of neat

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brick buildings. "Wishful thinking," I chuckled.

Suddenly we were following one of the cadre into Apt. Bldg. G. And then everyone was talking at once. "Jeez! They got cots!" And in another room, "Stoves and electric lights! My achin-!" "Hey!" from down the hall, "this thing flushes!"

During the next few days we had chow that was food. We washed socks, longhandles—we even got showers. Everybody stretched and relaxed, smoothed out those damn box-car jerks, and generally got back his identity. We asked the cadre a thousand questions. And their answers helped a lot.

Tomorrow some of us are being assigned—and we want to thank the 451st Repl. Co. for ironing out the wrinkles. All the guys are saying it: "Best since the States!" —Pvt. M. L. Hood.

Tire Conservation

The top section of used C ration cans has proved a dangerous source of tire damage. The initial cut by this can does not in itself ruin a tire, but rocks, glass and other road debris is forced into this incision, causing eventual destruction.

If small signs created by units themselves could be placed where all troops could see them, and if key non-commissioned officers who are in direct and daily contact with troops would constantly remind them of this danger, it could be, for the greatest part, eliminated.

Rations consumed in moving convoys constitute the greatest source of trouble. If, in the future, C ration cans could carry in print on the top, "THIS CAN MAY RUIN A TIRE," every consumer would be constantly reminded.—Capt. C. Hemphill, 48th Sig. Hq. Cons. Bn.

(Your letter was shown to OCQM and we quote from a copy of his reply sent directly to you:

"Your suggestion—of labeling C ration cans with the admonition: 'THIS CAN MAY RUIN A TIRE' is to be commended. A similar suggestion was previously called to our attention and forwarded to the Quartermaster General, Washington, D.C. Constructive suggestions and criticisms made from the field have resulted in numerous improvements, based on first-hand experience. Please feel free, at any time, to forward your suggestions, so that we may have the continued benefit of counsel from the field."—Ed.)

Up Front With Mauldin



"That's th' trouble—mine's fulla cigarettes, too . . ."

An Editorial A Report to the Editor

THE Stars and Stripes War Orphans' Fund, organized by the Allied Expeditionary Force in World War I and revived in England on September 26, 1942, with the indorsement of General Eisenhower, followed this newspaper and its readers to France where the continental fund was organized November 29, 1944.

The French fund, approved by the French Ministry of Health, is administered by the American and French Red Cross. Its job is to sponsor French war orphans. During World War I, American doughboys contributed enough funds in 1918 and 1919 to support 3,444 parentless French children for a year. The following report is dated March 22, 1944.

IN UNITED KINGDOM	
Total of fund to date	£71,703. 14. 5
Contributions received during the week	160. 5. 10
Number of orphans sponsored	661
Number of orphans in process of being sponsored.	6



ON CONTINENT	
Total of fund to date	Fr.2,106,607.—
Contributions received during the week	85,490.—
Number of orphans sponsored	67
Number of orphans in process of being sponsored.	25

If there is a better way of cementing ties among peoples, The Stars and Stripes would like to sponsor it. Send in your suggestion or your contribution—to the Stars and Stripes War Orphans' Fund, APO 887, U.S. Army.

Ernie Pyle Writes. . .

When It's Sack Time in the Pacific

By Ernie Pyle
IN THE MARIANA ISLANDS.
—Sack time is one of the most-used expressions in the B29 outfits. It means simply lying on your cot doing nothing.
Combat fliers everywhere have lots of spare time, because they are under a terrific strain when they work, and they need much recuperative rest.
But out here there is a double, even a triple, incentive for spend-

ing virtually all your time, both waking and sleeping, in the sack. The reasons are:

1.—A 14-hour mission is an exhausting thing. The boys say the reaction is a delayed one, and they really don't feel it so keenly until the afternoon of the next day. Then they're just plumb worn-out. It takes some of them two or three days to get to feeling normal after a mission.

2.—The climate, warm and enervating, seems to make you sleepy all the time. I've found it doubly hard to write my columns out here, because I just can't stay awake.

3.—There's really nothing else to do except lie on your cot. Combat crews have few duties between missions. And since there's no amusement or diversion out on these islands, except home-made ones, they just lie and talk and lie some more.

The result of it all is that you just get lazier than sin. As one pilot said: "I've got so lazy I'll never be worth a damn the rest of my life."

It's one of the phases of isolation. It's what leads to Island neurosis, or to going pineapple crazy. Troop commanders know the importance of keeping their men busy to overcome this, but it's difficult to do that with combat crewmen.

But new classes have been organized, and the fliers have to go to school part of each day. Those who are especially good are getting further intensive training as lead crews and they go to school from morning till night.

Endless talk and arguments go on in every tent and Quonset hut. They can argue about the damndest things. One afternoon several pilots got into an argument over whether or not you do everything in reverse when you're flying upside down. They were all veteran fliers, and yet they split about 50-50 on whether you do or not. Another day they got to argu-

ing about what causes planes to leave vapor trails behind them at high altitudes. I had always thought it was the heat from the exhaust stacks condensing the moisture at certain temperatures. But one pilot said no, it was moisture being whirled off the tips of the propellers. That started a long discussion in which nobody won.

Some play solitaire. Some write letters all the time. One flier told me he had written to people he hadn't thought of in years. Not because he wanted letters back, but just to have something to do.

They read magazines, but very few books. At first they spent weeks making furniture for themselves out of packing crates. But that's all finished now.

Some of them swim daily, and they all take daily showers. The camps are dotted with concrete-floored baths, which are roofless. Water comes from a tank set on high stilts nearby. It is not heated, and although the weather is always warm, a cold bath in the morning is pretty nippy. The best time is around 2 in the afternoon, when the sun has made the water good and warm.

Every bath unit has a white-porcelain washing machine and wringer in it. The fliers build a bonfire of discarded lumber and heat water in big cans, carry it in to the washing machine, and turn her on. Between every Quonset hut there is always a clothesline full of wash flying in the wind.



Ernie Pyle

Britain's Postwar Goal: House for Every Family

LONDON, March 23 (Reuter).—The British Government, in a White Paper explaining plans for rehousing after the war, makes its goal a separate dwelling for every family which wants one, and estimated that 220,000 houses could be completed within two years after the end of the war in Europe.

The first two years after Germany's defeat will be, the White Paper said, "a period of national emergency, when exceptional measures must be taken to meet the housing shortage." In this period, it said, prefabrication would be used "to the fullest extent practicable."

Bomb-Shattered Ruhr Reported 47% Razed

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH U.S. NINTH ARMY, March 23.—The Ruhr, heart of industrial Germany and the most densely-packed factory area in the world, is 47 percent destroyed as a result of three years of aerial attack, according to reports received here today.

With the loss of German Silesia to the Russians, the Ruhr—across the Rhine from the Ninth Army—is the main Nazi war potential and would be the logical target for any thrust across the river.

Capture of the Ruhr or its isolation from the rest of Germany, Army commanders believe, would throttle Nazi production so that continued organized military resistance would be practically impossible. Therefore, to put the Ruhr out of operation is the obvious objective of any trans-Rhine assault.

250,000 Tons of Bombs

Photo reconnaissance shows large parts of the Ruhr already out of operation and useless to the dwindling Wehrmacht. Constant night-after-night attack by hundreds of heavy bombers in the face of the heaviest concentrations of flak in history have reduced production capacity and slowed down repair.

Despite the 250,000 tons of bombs dropped—ranging from millions of incendiaries to the new super-block-busters—reports indicate no German effort to move industry, and it has consequently remained the No. 1 target area for strategic air power.

The bulk of the tonnage dropped on the Ruhr has been by the RAF Bomber Command. RAF operations have been co-ordinated with heavy precision attacks by the Eighth AF. Airmen promise that when Allied ground troops reach the Ruhr they will find a devastation greater than anything yet encountered.

Essen Half Destroyed

In Essen, home of the Krupps works, more than 50 percent of all the built-up area has been destroyed. In Dortmund, which, with Essen, makes up one of the world's greatest industrial centers, more than 48 percent has been flattened. Duisburg, on the Rhine at the western edge of the Ruhr Valley, is 44 percent destroyed. Destruction in the rest of the practically solid population and industry belt along the valley ranges up to 83 percent in Bochum and 93.7 percent in Elberfeld.

When the inevitable strike across the Rhine comes and when the Ruhr is either polished off or sealed off, a large part of the job of liquidating the industrial capacity of the area will have been done. It will remain for the ground troops to finish an operation already well begun.

Royalty Calls on Franco To Yield to Monarchy

BERN, Switzerland, March 23.—Don Juan, Count of Barcelona and son of the late King Alphonso of Spain, has issued a manifesto calling upon Gen. Francisco Franco to resign and "leave the way open for restoration of the traditional Spanish regime," the monarchy.

Associated Press Correspondent Tom Hawkins said that Don Juan's message was handed to the Spanish Minister at Bern for transmission to Franco. "I understand this has already been done," Hawkins wrote.

Spain Demands Japanese Explain Manila Atrocities

MADRID, March 23 (AP).—Spain has sent Japan a strong note of protest demanding an explanation of Japanese atrocities against Spanish subjects and property in the Philippines.

Word of the protest became known a few hours after the government, drawing closer to an outright break with Japan, released a communique charging the Japanese with "systematic and premeditated" murder of Spanish citizens and destruction of Spanish property prior to the liberation of Manila.

And Now the Ruhr



Reports from the front of a massing of Allied power for a drive across the Rhine focus attention on the industrially-rich Ruhr—once a major arsenal of the German war machine. From Brunswick, Essen, Dusseldorf, Wuppertal and Duisburg and other cities came iron and steel, chemicals, plastics, munitions and synthetic oils.

Jittery Nazis Find War of Nerves Turned on Them With a Vengeance

By Joseph Cotton
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The Germans have the jitters. The "War of Nerves," a psychological weapon of the Nazis in the days when Hitler's blitzkrieg was running in high gear, is working in reverse for them as all signs point to Allied preparation for an all-out crossing of the Rhine—and perhaps the punch that KOs the Wehrmacht.

In preparation for a grand finale, Hitler has named Field Marshal Gen. Albert von Kesselring to replace Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt as West Front commander in chief. There is special significance in this move, for Kesselring is known as a "last ditch" fighter. He engineered the stubborn resistance at Cassino and through other points in Italy.

To Prolong Resistance

Kesselring is a soldier who knows how to use terrain, artillery and limited forces to advantage. His job will be, undoubtedly, to prolong resistance with what is left of the Wehrmacht if the Allies succeed in breaching the Rhine defenses.

The Ruhr looms as a logical target for Allied troops once they cross the Rhine in strength. To reach this vital area, armies may follow roads leading from Duisburg, where highways and railroads lead across the flat Ruhr Valley; from Dusseldorf, connected by good roads with Mulheim and Essen to the north and south; opposite Cologne, where heavy-duty highways lead directly to the Ruhr, and at Arnhem, where Allied forces could

swarm through the low forest approaching Wesel in the Ruhr. The terrain from Arnhem to the Ruhr is wooded but level.

Signs in the Wind

Indications of the imminence of an Allied blow on a gigantic scale are many. Here are some:

1—Smoke companies of UK units attached to the Canadian First Army have blanketed the north end of the front with the longest and most persistent smoke screen in the history of war. It reaches from the west bank of the Waal near Nijmegen for 66 miles along the Rhine. Behind this cover, which has been maintained week after week, Montgomery is "up to something." Just what, the German high command would like to know.

2—Tactical aircraft have added a new target to their list—German staff headquarters. Last week Allied planes struck at a headquarters believed to have been Von Rundstedt's, battering buildings and wrecking about 150 cars parked in the area.

3—Gen. Eisenhower has a new and formidable ally—bright, dry weather.

German Losses Heavy

4—The German rout west of the Rhine cost the Wehrmacht more than 100,000 men in prisoners alone, in addition to great numbers of motor vehicles, guns and other equipment. Patton's rapid advance which cut off the Saar may have shortened the war by a month or more, and undoubtedly saved the lives of many thousands of dough-

boys, making more men available for the cross-Rhine push.

5—After a tour of the front, Boyd Lewis, United Press European news manager, said: "I have never seen before such a huge number of tanks, big guns and vehicles as are now massed for the battle to end the war."

6—Stepped-up air assault on Germany's communication lines, especially in and surrounding the industrial Ruhr.

7—Allied air blows at Nazi air bases have increased significantly in the past week. There is a strong possibility that the Luftwaffe may be guarding its strength for a last-ditch battle when the Rhine drive gets under way.

Fishing for Information

8—The German radio again is "fishing" for information, trying to locate Allied units which have been under a security blackout. DNB's latest groping for some hint of Allied plans was the announcement yesterday that Montgomery had launched an Allied offensive from the west along a 65-mile front from Arnhem to Dusseldorf, and another German broadcast, according to Paris radio, put Monty's forces already across the Rhine. There was no Allied confirmation.

Not only where, but how, the Rhine will be crossed is a stunner for the Germans who know the river—one-fourth to one-half mile wide—should be too long a gap to be bridged by any Bailey-type structure.

Foe May Risk All Air Force In Final Blow

By George Dorsey

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE NINTH ARMY, March 23.—Will the Germans, in their last desperate stand against the Allied armies pressing into the fatherland, deliver a final large air blow against their attackers in the west?

The possibility of such an all-out blow was foreseen by Maj. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, Jr., deputy chief of the USSTAF in Europe, who, in an exclusive interview with Kingsbury Smith, European manager of International News Service, said, "Germany still possesses a large number of planes. In fact, the German Air Force has continued to grow steadily stronger in numbers since July, 1944, but weaker in efficiency of strength."

Lacks Oil, Trained Pilots

"Germany cannot use the Luftwaffe efficiently because of a lack of oil and properly-trained pilots. However, the Germans can still concentrate a strong striking force if they wish to risk it in a final desperate fling," said Anderson.

If the Germans should risk all in a last-thing attempt to smash the massive movement of General Dwight D. Eisenhower's armies over the Rhine, Gen. Anderson said one of the greatest air battles the world has ever known might develop.

Possible Forms of Attack

Should the Luftwaffe take to the skies in effective numbers once more, here are some of the forms AF officers with the Ninth Army believe the offensive might take:

1. The old long-range German bomber force might be resurrected and sent out to smash at Allied supply bases in the rear. This force has not operated effectively, however, since losing the Battle of Britain.

2. Germany might lash out with her new jet-propelled bomber. But there are not many of the jet jobs operating on the Western Front and some persons believe that the Luftwaffe cannot bring enough of them to bear immediately.

3. The Germans might marshal masses of assorted aircraft to attack heavily certain highly important Allied targets.

Yanks Seize Isle Off Panay

MANILA, March 23 (ANS).—Seizure of little Guimaras Island, across a narrow strait from the captured port of Iloilo on southeastern Panay, was announced today as heavy bombers stepped up their pounding of Cebu, one of the few major Philippine islands still in Japanese hands.

Maj. Gen. Rapp Brush's 40th Div., which invaded Panay Sunday and quickly conquered Iloilo and an important airdrome, hopped a mile-and-a-half channel Wednesday to take 25-mile-long Guimaras without opposition.

Guimaras helps form one of the best harbors and seaplane bases in the central Philippines.

Meanwhile, in three successive days, heavy bombers have poured 214 tons of bombs on bivouac and supply areas in the vicinity of Cebu City, midway along Cebu's long east coast.

America Newsreel



Members of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the U.S. visited a matzoth plant in Jersey City for the annual matzoth-making ceremony before the Passover holidays, which begin on the evening of March 28. Inspecting the matzoth (unleavened bread which is eaten during Passover) are (left to right) Rabbi Dr. M. Scharff, of Brooklyn, Joshua Manischewitz, host to the visiting rabbis, and Rabbi B. Notelevitz, of Brooklyn.



A manager of a Chicago drugstore puts up a sign advertising the fact that he now has the wonder drug, penicillin, in stock. However, U.S. citizens cannot buy it across the counter like liver pills but only by prescription. A physician must administer the drug.



The famous—or rather, odoriferous—gashouse district in old New York will be torn down to make way for Stuyvesant Town, a private postwar housing project. Here is a street scene at 16th street and Avenue B, looking east... and one of the gas tanks down the street.

No Plans to Bring Back MacArthur—Patterson

WASHINGTON, March 23 (ANS).—Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson says that he knew of no plans for Gen. MacArthur to return to the United States soon. The unofficial Army and Navy Journal said recently that MacArthur would be brought back for conferences on Pacific strategy.

Jolson, 56, Plans to Wed 21-Year-Old Actress

PALM SPRINGS, Calif., March 23 (ANS).—Al Jolson, 56, said today that he hoped to take Miss Erle Galbraith, 21, a Little Rock, Ark., brunette, for his fourth wife. In Hollywood, Miss Galbraith wouldn't say what the answer would be if Jolson did ask her, but indicated that it might be yes.

U.S. Black Market Hunted

OPA Increases Meat Subsidy To Spur Output

WASHINGTON, March 23 (UP).—The government announced plans today to do something about the meat shortage, after Congress was told that the largest cattle population in history was roaming the range, that the Army's food supply was too low for safety and that civilians' belts must be pulled tighter.

With the hope of getting more meat to consumers, the OPA increased subsidy payments to cattle slaughterers by 50 cents a hundred pounds.

The increase was announced to the Senate Banking Committee by Price Administrator Chester Bowles, who was answering charges that the OPA price policy was to blame for the shortage.

Bowles said the new subsidy should put meat packers in a "reasonably good position." But Arthur Winn, of the National Independent Meat Packers Association, another witness, said the packers would continue to lose money.

"Meateasies" are springing up in New Jersey, Joseph Vian, president of the Independent Retail Butchers of N.J., told the House committee investigating the food shortage. He said that meat dealers were beginning to operate behind drawn blinds.

Acting Secretary of War Robert Patterson said the Army's food supply was "below the minimum safety factor."

War Food Administration officials reported that fighting men would get more food in the next three months but civilians and foreign relief agencies would get less.

Workers 'Legion' Set Up, Demands Equality With Vets

CHICAGO, March 23 (UP).—Veterans of the production front are forming a national organization to seek equal rights with war veterans in the reconversion period.

Chartered as the War Workers League of America, the organization is said to have 2,500 members and is planning to set up a lobby in Washington to champion "a Bill of Rights" for war workers.

National Superintendent George M. Hodge said that the league, formed at the Buick plant here, also hopes to concern itself with matters such as full employment and disability insurance.

"Our organization is going to be a workers' 'American Legion,'" he said.

Reporters Rib FDR, Marshall

WASHINGTON, March 23 (ANS).—President Roosevelt, Gen. George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff, and other dignitaries were joshed last night at the 22nd annual dinner of the White House Correspondents Association.

Before the annual ribbing of public figures took place, Raymond P. Brandt, chief of the Washington bureau of the St. Louis Post Dispatch, received the first annual Raymond Clapper Memorial Award, presented for "fair and painstaking reporting."

The President, who chain-smoked throughout the show, was the target of many a joke. Gen. Marshall was kidded by Jimmy Durante, who smoked a cigar he swore he received from the general. Jimmy interrupted his routine four times to say: "What a stinker this Gen. Marshall slipped me."

When the show ended before midnight, the President said he had been thinking about humanity for a lot of years, and therefore his usual Friday press conference would not take place today.

Your Baby, Karl!



And here's proof for Lt. Karl Timmermann, of West Point, who commanded the first company across the Remagen Bridge—that he's a father. The baby, Gay Dianne, was born Feb. 28. Lt. Timmermann only last week learned about his new daughter.

Coed's Instructor Packed Off to Jail For Party in Nude

PASADENA, Calif., March 23 (ANS).—Francis McGough, 54, the Pasadena college manual-arts instructor who was found nude in an automobile with a 19-year-old coed, was sentenced to 30 days in jail and placed on two years' probation.

McGough pleaded guilty to a morals charge. He is married and the father of a 27-year-old daughter.

The coed was released to her parents. She had told the police that she accepted McGough's invitations because he told her she needed an emotional outlet and that it would be "good for her."

She said that there was very little that she could do about it, because "after all, he was my teacher."

Representative Fears National Strip-Tease

WASHINGTON, March 23 (ANS).—Rep. George H. Bender (R-Ohio) declared in Congress that "WPB's slogan is back to Adam and Eve and it begins to look as if WPB is trying to put all of us in Mahatma Gandhi three-cornered loin cloths."

Protesting the WPB orders on clothing production, Bender said: "If folks haven't any clothing to wear they are going to have to stay home. Maybe it is to enforce the midnight curfew."

Treasury on Trail Of Tax Evaders At Luxury Spots

WASHINGTON, March 23 (UP).—A nation-wide crackdown on black market-rich "free spenders," living in luxury and cheating the U.S. out of income taxes, is under way.

Treasury agents are checking up on several hundred at Miami and Miami Beach, Fla.

The drive was ordered by Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr. and will be extended throughout the country, it was learned. Treasury agents will go to New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco, Seattle and "all the big pleasure and spending centers" to track down the big tax evaders, one official said.

Biggest in History

The drive will be the biggest of its kind in the nation's history, even overshadowing the campaign against tax evaders during the prohibition era.

The investigation is being made by a large group of agents headed by Elmer L. Irey, who put Al Capone in prison for income-tax evasion.

The T-men have compiled several hundred names of Florida free-spenders. The income-tax return of each is being checked and many indictments are expected.

The Treasury is looking into the tax records of Florida resort amusement places and establishments handling goods on which excise taxes are levied.

When the word got around that Treasury agents were in the vicinity, there was a wave of tax payments by cabaret owners and by dealers in excise-taxed goods. It was said that these payments already add up to \$50,000.

\$10,000 on a Dice Roll

A Treasury spokesman, reporting on a ten-day investigation of Miami and Miami Beach, said there is so much free spending and luxury living there "that you would never know there was a war on." A lot of the money is "black market" money, he added.

Another agent said that he saw a vacationist lose \$40,000 in one evening of gambling. He said he saw \$10,000 change hands on a single roll of the dice.

Agents kept watch on night clubs, bars and similar meccas for money-laden vacationists.

"We are not trying to pry into the private lives of the law-abiding public," a spokesman said. "We realize that much of this money is honest money, but we also know that much of it is black-market money, and it wouldn't take a magician to understand that there is a great deal of income-tax evasion."

Morgenthau, saying that the department was not after the small fry, declared: "I am interested in the fellow with the suite of big rooms and the lush boys."

Vote Privileges Extended

ALBANY, N.Y., March 23 (ANS).—The State Assembly today passed a concurrent resolution, previously approved by the Senate, to extend soldier voting privileges to members of the Merchant Marine, Red Cross workers and others attached to similar organizations.

Discharged Lieutenant Colonel Disappointed at \$45 a Week

ATLANTA, March 23 (ANS).—A tough problem confronting some returning servicemen is the readjustment to civilian incomes, a War Manpower Commission official said today, citing the case of a 26-year-old discharged Air Force lieutenant colonel who gave up an Army income of about \$7,200 a year for a \$45-a-week newspaper job.

S. G. Springfield, WMC area director, said the man was just out of school and making \$35 a week on the newspaper before the war. Springfield said that after the colonel was discharged he returned to his old job.

"His boss was overjoyed to see him and assured him his job was waiting, and at \$45 a week instead of the old salary," Springfield said. "The colonel was bitterly disappointed at the idea of taking such a drop, although a salary of \$2,000 a year is still pretty good pay for civilians, even in these times."

"The salary back home of an average civilian is nothing compared to a commissioned officer's. When the officers come back to civilian life they must be ready to accept lower salaries, even though they are well above the pre-war level."

Awarded Oscars for Film Performances



The movie industry honors its "best film performers of 1944," awarding Oscars to (left to right): Barry Fitzgerald, for best supporting role; Ingrid Bergman, best actress, and Bing Crosby, best actor.

This Happened in America Yesterday:

GI Delegate at Frisco Suggested in Congress

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, March 23.—The part soldiers can play in creating peace machinery for the world is considered important by Sen. Olin D. Johnston (D-S.C.) and Rep. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.), who have introduced resolutions in Congress calling for a soldier delegate to the San Francisco security conference. The resolutions stipulate that the soldier delegate have a rank no higher than sergeant.

Texas and South Carolina have passed resolutions memorializing Congress to seek a soldier delegate. In Iowa, 83 percent of people polled by The Des Moines Register on the question thought it a good idea. Asked if they thought the vet could accomplish much at the parley, 46 percent said, "A great deal," and 29 percent said, "Very little."

Three vets wounded on D-Day in France have unique jobs at the Des Moines, Iowa, ordnance plant. When people get a yen to quit, the vets talk to them straight from the shoulder and try to persuade them to stick to the job.

SEAGULLS have a terrific sweet tooth for the rubber de-icers of airplanes or the wing fabric itself, Pan-American World Airways reports. The firm appointed a mechanic at one of its fields to shoo away the birds, and a junior engineer has been directed to study the problem.

The West Coast plays a prominent role in postwar manufacturing plans of General Motors, which will invest up to \$500,000,000 in new plants and equipment. A big slice will go to the Pacific.

THE birthplace of the Bronx cheer has been cleared of the suspicion of being a raucous community. The League for Less Noise, Inc., says both Manhattan and Brooklyn make much more racket. For the record: Bronx had 16,000 arrests, summonses and warnings for unnecessary noise last year, while Brooklyn had 92,000 and Manhattan 99,000. Chief cause: children yowling in the streets.

In Ft. Benning, Ga., 1,000 vets of Europe and the Pacific are rehearsing their "Here's Your Infantry" show, which will tour the nation for the Seventh War Loan between May 14 and June 30. Twenty-five units of the show will visit big cities and small towns to explain the job of the doughboys.

Don't Let the Wacs Down

THE CASE of the Missing Brassiere—15,000 of them—has been solved, Newsweek magazine reports. A WAC major complained they had not been delivered, but Quartermaster sleuths found 'em stored among crockery supplies in the warehouse at Camp Lee, Va. Some innocent lad had interpreted labels on the boxes "cup one, cup two, cup three"—too literally.

Two of seven defendants charged with participating in a conspiracy to bribe the 1939 legislature have been convicted in Michigan Circuit Court. The convicted men, State Sen. Carl F. Delano (R-Kalamazoo) and Dr. Mikhel Sherman, Detroit chiropractor, were sentenced to three to five years.

DOWN in Lexington, Ky., a classified ad offering to sell a "Beautiful Man's Genuine Italian Heavy Cameo Ring" brought an eager reply from a woman reader. She wrote: "I don't care anything about the ring but I'd like to bid on the beautiful man."



Ralph Budd, president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, submitted a proposal for using helicopters to transport citizens living off the main transportation routes to trains and planes after the war.

MRS. Patricia M. Archer gave Portland, Me., cops and a judge a special exhibition of her strip-teasing act after her arrest, but the judge didn't get one belly

laugh and sentenced her to 30 days in the clink. After a child had been bitten by a rattlesnake near Archer City, Tex., a posse, aided by a bulldozer, went in search of the rattler lair and gathered 35 in one afternoon.

A TIPSY possum reeling along Upper Creek, near Morganton, N.C., aroused the suspicion of enforcement officials, who trailed him to a hidden 50-gallon still. The possum had got his binge by eating some fermented mash around the still.

LaGuardia Defends 1 AM Curfew, Says He Sought 'Workable' System

Asserts Opponents Play Politics But Insists He Didn't

NEW YORK, March 23 (ANS).—Mayor LaGuardia, defending his 1 AM curfew in a nation-wide broadcast, charged last night that political opponents were seeking to make capital out of the incident.

LaGuardia denied he had been moved by political reasons and asserted he had not been influenced by the city's multi-million entertainment industry. "I am not interested in politics when my country is at war," he said. "I do not like night clubs, I never go to them. The Police Commissioner of the city never goes to them for amusement."

Feared Crime Wave

The peppery mayor maintained that his only reason for extending the curfew beyond the national midnight ban was to make it "workable, enforceable and sensible." He also said he sought to prevent a repetition of the crime spawned by prohibition.

LaGuardia said that state law sets a 4 AM closing hour for places licensed by the State Liquor Authority and that he had tried to change this law to conform to the midnight curfew request. He said he had been "reliably informed" that the change could not be made.

The mayor suggested that Congress might establish a licensing system that would fix hours of operation.

Curfew Is Termed Breach of Constitution

WASHINGTON, March 23 (ANS).—Terminating the curfew order a "brazen violation of the Constitution," Rep. Berkeley L. Bunker (D-Nev.) told the House today that the "decree has all the unwholesome characteristics of a mandate designed to condition the people for further regimentation."

He urged action on a resolution seeking the fact which prompted its issuance.

In Toledo, Ohio, Jack O'Connell continued to defy the curfew and kept his movie house open until 5 A.M. He said his electricity was not cut off, as threatened by Ralph O. Snyder, Toledo area director of the War Manpower Commission.

"The patrons, mostly war workers and wives, came in as usual after midnight," O'Connell said. He called the curfew "screwy and ambiguous."

Snyder said the WPB in Washington would act on the violation "soon."

Early Returns to U.S. After Duty With SHAEF

WASHINGTON, D.C., March 23.—Stephen Early, the President's press secretary, returned to Washington today from a tour of duty at Supreme Allied Headquarters in Paris.

Early is known to have been seeking release from his White House post to accept a private offer, but the death last month of Maj. Gen. Edwin M. Watson, the President's appointment secretary and military aide, probably will postpone a Presidential decision on Early's release.

Nation Runs Gamut of Weather

NEW YORK, March 23 (ANS).—Cold, raw rain, following several days of balmy, spring-like weather, yesterday fell on virtually all the Eastern Seaboard states as far south as the District of Columbia.

Midwest and Southeastern cities, however, with the exception of Louisville, which reported near-freezing temperatures, basked in the sunshine, with thermometer readings ranging from 10 to 15 degrees above normal in Iowa. In Goodland, Kan., the thermo-

The Shape of Things to Come

Pull Those Biceps In, Babe

WASHINGTON, March 23 (ANS).—Relax, brother, and stop worrying about your babe becoming beefy with bulging biceps.

After the war women themselves are going to see that they are trim and glamorous.

Any kind of postwar physical fitness program that might develop American amazons is out. So is compulsion, which might not be so good for the figure, they figure.

You can take that for keeps, straight from the National Women's Commission of the Form Feminine—also known as Physical Fitness.

The commission's chairman, Lauretine Collins of Detroit, and other commission members, including representatives from fashion circles, medical groups, the pulpit, schools, the Army and the Navy, are here discussing the woman's part in strengthening the nation physically.

Working against any compulsory program, Miss Collins declared that women don't go in for mass formations... "A woman's got to want to do a thing and then plan her own program."

Exercise isn't the only way to make women healthier. Improved nutrition and emotional maturity also are needed, Miss Collins said.



Trolley Lover Found Guilty; Faces New Trial on Sanity

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23 (ANS).—Francis Van Wie, Casanova of the trolley cars, who loved well, but not wisely, was found guilty yesterday on three counts of bigamy by a Superior Court jury of nine men and three women. He faces another trial Tuesday to determine his sanity.

The jury deliberated only ten minutes before deciding that the former street-car conductor, who was accused of marrying 12 women without divorcing any, was guilty of the charges brought by the last three women in his life.

Van Wie, an erstwhile lion-tamer, who once admitted that he was more afraid of the tongues of his wives than a cageful of circus beasts, said that he had expected the guilty verdict, but he added: "It's a terrific blow to me that one of them didn't come over and console me."

The pudgy frame of the 58-year-old conductor shook as the verdict was read. He faces a sentence as long as ten years and may be fined as much as \$5,000 on each count, although probation is possible.

Van Wie was described by his attorney as being "in the sunset of life" and therefore unable to face "San Quentin's gray walls."

The conductor did not testify during the three-day trial. He is expected to take the stand during the insanity trial.

The three wives whose complaints had brought Van Wie to trial heard him pronounced guilty without displaying emotion.

"We don't desire to gloat," said Mrs. Myrtle Wheeler Van Wie, while Mrs. Mary Bergman Van Wie and Mrs. Evelyn Brown Van Wie nodded in agreement. "The verdict was entirely just."

Three psychiatrists have already expressed opinion that he is sane.

Rep. Heidinger Dies

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 23 (ANS).—Rep. James V. Heidinger, 62, (R-Ill.), died yesterday at the Good Samaritan Hospital here.

Senate Rejects REA Nominee

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The Senate today rejected President Roosevelt's nomination of Aubrey Williams to be director of the Rural Electrification Administration. The vote was 52 against the nomination, and 36 for.

The President's choice of Williams to head the REA for a ten-year term at a \$12,000-a-year salary had been debated by the Senate for five days, with opponents charging him with Communistic views and supporters lauding his abilities as an administrator.

Both sides sought to bolster their arguments by pointing out Williams' ultra New Dealism as director of the now defunct National Youth Administration.

In connection with the Communism charges, which Williams denied, Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont.) made this comment:

"Today it is becoming common practice in the U.S. if you don't agree with somebody, to call him a Fascist or a Communist. That is a great disservice to the country."

Wallace Learning to Fly

WASHINGTON, March 23 (ANS).—Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace was described as "A normal student" by Paul Young, of Civil Aeronautics Administration, who gave him his first flying lesson this week.

meter hit 75. Temperatures ranged from the 70s in Louisiana to the 60s in Georgia and the Carolinas.

In New York City sleet and snow fell at intervals, starting late yesterday afternoon, and many streams overflowed banks in upstate New York. Boston reported a cold drizzle falling over most of New England, with snow in some of the northern sections. In the far northwest, Spokane, Wash., reported the wettest March in 65 years. Meanwhile, a new danger spot de-

veloped on the swollen White River in Arkansas, and at New Orleans. Army engineers were preparing to ease the flood strain there by opening the Bonnet Carre Spillway. Opening of the 300 bays of the spillway would divert the flood waters into Lake Pontchartrain.

The rising Mississippi has reached more than 18 feet.

Col. G. W. Miller, district engineer at Memphis, said that the Jackson Bayou levee, on the White River near Trimble Island, might break.

Leafs Defeat Canucks, 3-2, In Cup Series

MONTREAL, March 23.—The underdog Toronto Maple Leafs stunned the Montreal Canadiens, 3-2, here last night for their second consecutive upset victory over the National Hockey League champions in their Stanley Cup semifinal series. The Leafs won, 1-0, Tuesday night.

Ted Kennedy, leading thorn in Montreal's side Tuesday, again ignited the game-winning rally last night, scoring in the first period on a pass from Bob Hamilton. Fists flew in the first period and Montreal's Toe Blake and Toronto's Walt Stanowski drew five-minute penalties.

Emile Bouchard tied the score midway through the second frame on a solo dash through the Toronto backline, but Lorne Carr put Toronto ahead at 10:58 with a backhand shot off a pass from Dave Schriener. Nick Metz gave the Leafs a 3-1 lead in the final period, and Elmer Lach's goal on a pitch from Bill Bouchard a few minutes later ended the game's scoring.

Boston Bruins Upset Red Wings Again, 4-2

DETROIT, March 23.—The Boston Bruins, who won Tuesday's opener, 3-2, followed the same pattern last night to trounce the favored Detroit Red Wings, 4-2, in their Stanley Cup playoff series.

Jack McGill, Kenny Smith, Paul Gladu and Pat Egan registered goals for the Bruins, while Bill Quackenbush and Eddie Bruneteau scored for the Wings.

Bears Repeat Over Capitals

HERSHEY, Pa., March 23.—The Hershey Bears assumed a two-game lead in their semifinal Governors Cup hockey playoff series with the Indianapolis Capitals by winning, 3-2, here last night.

Jim Drummond set the Hershey pace by drilling two goals past the Indianapolis goalie.

Baseball 'Safe,' Frick Asserts

NEW YORK, March 23.—Ford Frick, National League president, notified his club owners today that he had been assured James J. Byrnes, War Manpower Commissioner, "contemplated no action or ruling to embarrass or interfere with baseball operations during the coming season."



Ford Frick

Frick, who has been in close contact with Byrnes and other Federal officials, indicated there would be no discrimination by draft boards against athletes who follow their trades.

"The only possible interference now would be pending legislation," Frick said, "and we have no reason to believe that any contemplated bill will interfere at all."

Hoppe Breaks Record With High Run of 20

BOSTON, March 23.—Willie Hoppe wielded his well-educated cuedstick into the record books last night when he ran 20 in a row during his championship billiards match with Welker Cochran at the Boston City Club. The former high run was 17, set in 1919, repeated in 1920 and equaled again in '41 by Tiff Denton.

Hoppe's run contributed to his 60-23 victory over Cochran in 24 innings and moved the former champion to within six points of Cochran in their 5,400-point transcontinental match. Cochran leads, 778-772.

'Hup, Two, Three, Four'



Lumbering Ernie Lombardi (left), veteran Giants catcher, limbers up with Outfielder Charlie Meade as Giants open their spring training program at Lakewood, N.J.



CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., March 23.—Pete Gray, one-armed Browns outfielder, swatted three singles and drove in three runs to pace his mates to a 6-5 victory over their Toledo farmhands yesterday. Rookies Earl Jones and Johnny Miller twirled for the Browns and allowed 11 hits in seven innings, while the Browns were collecting seven . . . BEAR MOUNTAIN, N.Y.—Dixie Walker, No. 1 major league batsman last year, won't report to the Dodger camp unless the front office boosts its offer, he wired President Branch Rickey. Dixie is sweating out further word from the club at Birmingham, Ala.

NEW YORK.—Ball players who refused to report until they heard encouraging news from Washington already have started to drift back into the fold. Most notable to hop on the major league bandwagon is Bill Nicholson, long-range Cub slugger, who notified Manager Charlie Grimm he would reach French Lick, Ind., as soon as possible. While toiling in a Maryland warplant, Nicholson has been working out with the Athletics at Frederick, Md. . . . Others expected to rejoin their teams are Nick Etten and Ernie Bonham, Yankees; Blas Monaco and Russ Peters, Indians; Eddie Bazinski, Mike Sandlock and Al Zachary, Dodgers; Les Scarsella and Ken Raffensberger, Phillies; Bucky Walters and Ed Heusser, Reds; Pete Coscarart, Lee Handley and Allie Rubeling, Pirates; Arnold Thesenga, Senators; Denny Galehouse, Chet Laabs and George Caster, Browns; Grey Clarke and Joe Orenge, Tigers, and Ace Adams and Johnny Toncoff, Giants.



Bucky Walters



Bill Nicholson

CAIRO, Ill.—Mort Cooper, pitching mainstay of the Cardinals who has been examined and classified 4-F on three occasions, reported to the training camp here today and signed his contract without an argument. Augie Bergamo, Redbird outfielder whose status has been in doubt, notified Manager Billy Southworth he would arrive this week . . . ATLANTA, Ga.—Jimmy Griffy, 15-year-old sandlot catcher who was batboy for the Chattanooga Lookouts last year has been signed to a player contract by the Cardinals.

New York Giants

1945 Major League Flag Prospects

(This is the third in a series on major league prospects for 1945.)

LAKEWOOD, N.J., March 23.—Stronger pitching, a balanced infield and more outfield reserve strength make Master Malvin Ott, manager of the New York Giants, certain he will have a vastly improved club over that which finished fifth in 1944.

"For the first time in years we are well stocked in pitchers," Ott



Ewald Pyle



Ducky Medwick

said. "Besides Billy Voiselle, who should be our ace again, we have Harry Feldman, Ewald Pyle and Ace Adams. We've added Ray Harrell, Loren Bain and Bill Emmerich, and Van Lingle Mungo has returned from the Army.

"Mungo has surprised everybody in camp," Ott continued. "He's a

different fellow and we look for good work from him. He got down to business as soon as he arrived at camp."

Harrell won 20 for San Francisco last year and, although 33, he looks very good. Bain is a curveballer from Minneapolis and Emmerich had masterful control at Rochester.

Phil Weintraub has emerged from the doghouse and his experience is certain to help the same infield that performed so well last season. With Weintraub at first base, rest of the inner defense is comprised of George Hausmann at second, Buddy Kerr at short and Napoleon Reyes at third.

Ott wants another reserve infielder to make things complete. Roy Nichols and Billy Jurgas are considered reserves at present, but Jurgas is highly dissatisfied with terms and seems about ready to chuck it for his gin mill business and semipro ball around the city.

Ernie Lombardi can't be as bad as he was last year—his worst season since hitting the big time in 1931. Ray Berres is expected back to help with the catching chores and Johnny Toncoff, Jersey City rookie, is due to put in an appearance soon, although neither has inked his contract.

It's no secret that Ott would like to acquire either Vince Di-

Ohio Staters, NYU Survive In NCAA Cage

By Jay Barnes

Army News Service Sports Writer

NEW YORK, March 23.—New York University walloped Tufts, 59-44, and Ohio State cruised past Kentucky, 45-37, in Madison Square Garden last night before 16,000 fans to advance to the finals of the Eastern NCAA basketball tournament.

Tufts, rated a 28-point underdog by the bookies, opened with a burst of speed and led for seven minutes on the sharpshooting of Bob Skarda and Johnny Cumiskey, who at five feet, six inches is the smallest tournament player of the year. However, the Violets regained their stride and surged to a 27-22 half-time lead on a barrage of field goals by Al Grenert, Sid Tanenbaum and Don Forman.

Schayes Opens Rally

Adolph Schayes, 16-year-old center, tipped in a basket as the second half opened. Tanenbaum added a field goal and freethrow and Frank Mangiapane hit a hook shot to carry the Violets out of trouble.

Tanenbaum was leading scorer with 17 points, followed by Schayes, who counted 13. Skarda caged 15 and Cumiskey 14 to head Tufts.

Ohio State won easily in the nightcap as some of the more patient customers refused to leave the arena. Don Grate made the game's first basket and Arnie Risen, six-foot, nine-inch center, broke loose for three more in rapid succession to provide the Buckeyes with a lead they never relinquished. Grate was high scorer with 15 points.

It was a sloppy game and 39 fouls were called, 21 against Ohio State. Aim from the line was poor, however, and Kentucky muffed 12 of 27 tries and the Bucks missed 13 of 24.

Favored Phillips Oilers Head Field Into Semis

DENVER, March 23.—The defending champion Phillips "66" Oilers, second-seeded Ambrose, of Denver, and two other seeded teams—20th Century Fox and the Wichita Cessnas—advanced to the semifinals of the National AAU basketball meet here last night. Cessnac plays Ambrose and the Oilers face 20th Century tonight.

In last night's quarter-final tussles, the Oilers stopped San Francisco A.C., 47-40; Ambrose sidelined Camp Robinson, 51-43; 20th Century shaded Milwaukee Bradleys, 39-33, and Cessnas humbled Fort Lewis, 53-40.

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

S/SGT. Junior James Spurrier, husky 134th Infantry Regiment hero who has an amazing collection of medals on his chest, prefers to talk about baseball than about his risky exploits on the battlefield. In fact, the 22-year-old footslogger from Bluefield, W. Va., would gladly trade his Congressional Medal of Honor and DSC for a pitching tryout with his major league idols, the St. Louis Cardinals.



Junior Spurrier

"By a never seen a big league game or talked to a player in the majors," Junior said, "but I'm sure I can make the grade with the Cardinals. And as soon as I get out of the Army, I'm going to make plans to hook up with them. I wouldn't even consider an offer from another club—I'd only sign with St. Louis."

Why is he so intent on playing for the Cards? "Well," he drawled, "I used to listen to their games all the time and I like their spirit. They never quit fighting even when the game was hopelessly lost. That's the kind of team I want to pitch for. And I will . . . some day."

SPURRIER'S confidence certainly must be admired. But there's notoriously little sentiment in the major leagues and he may find himself limping through the minors on a long, bumpy route because his experience in organized baseball is practically nil. His complete record, compiled while in the Army at Fort Bragg, N.C., and Jamaica, Cuba, consists of 54 victories in 58 games. That's hardly indicative of qualifying for a shot at the big time, but perhaps Junior is one of those rare natural athletes who can develop without experienced coaching.

"When I came into the Army, I was a left-handed boxer (he won 16 of 18 GI bouts as a middleweight) and pitched as a southpaw," Junior explained. "Then some guy suggested I switch over to the right side and quit boxing so I could concentrate on baseball. I did, and haven't pitched left-handed since, though I could without losing any skill if my right arm ever went dead on me."

ALTHOUGH Junior vividly remembers the two no-hit games he pitched, he'd rather talk about his slugging prowess. "When it wasn't my turn to pitch," he said, "they'd move me to the outfield. I don't remember exactly what my average was but I usually got three or four hits in every game. Guess it must have been better than .500. Once I hit three homers in one game, and I didn't strike out very often."

The soldier who captured Achain, France, singlehanded has another postwar ambition. "I want to marry a stacked-up blonde who will settle down with me in those West Virginia hills during the winter when I'm not pitching with the Cardinals," he grinned.

We hope he accomplishes both ambitions. Junior is quite a boy.

Crowe, ND Cage Coach, Named Iowa Grid Tutor

IOWA CITY, Iowa, March 23.—Clem Crowe, basketball coach at Notre Dame, was signed yesterday as acting head football coach at the University of Iowa, replacing Edward "Slip" Madigan, who for the past two years has filled the post left vacant when Maj. Eddie Anderson, regular Hawkeye coach, entered the service.

Crowe, 41, is one of six brothers who starred in different sports at Notre Dame. He's reported to have signed a two-year contract. The new Hawkeye coach is on leave from St. Xavier University, of Cincinnati, which suspended intercollegiate sports in 1942.



Phil Weintraub



Mel Ott

and Johnny Rucker in the regular lineup. As replacements, Ottie has Leon Treadway, Bruce Sloan, Steve Filipowicz, Charlie Meade and desperate Danny Gardella, whom they keep on the roster for laughs. Much of the club's fate depends on Medwick, who has been ailing lately from a sore back. Last year he clubbed .337.

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Births

1/PFC Irving Chelifetz, Staten Island—girl, March 17; Pfc Robert D. Leighton, Baltimore—girl, March 18; M/Sgt. Edward W. James, Pennsville, N.J.—girl, March 18; Lt. Clarence T. Day, Maryville, Mo.—Don Ray, March 15; Sgt. Donald Ray Dickover, Muncie, Ind.—girl, March 12; Sgt. John F. Yunger, New York—John Frank, March 16; Maj. William T. Osborne, South-Orange, N.J.—girl, March 16; Lt. Russell R. Weldon, West-Hartford, Conn.—James Russell, March 14.

CAPT. George P. Whitman, West Medford, Mass.—William Whittemore, Jan. 13; 1/Sgt. John R. Brown, Anderson, S.C.—Joe Gary, Jan. 8; Sgt. Jack Holly, Morristown, N.J.—Helen Claire, March 19; P.O. G. E. Schwartz, Springfield, Ill.—William Bert, March 15; Pfc Howard E. Anderson, Canton, O.—Elsie Marie, Feb. 5; Maj. Henri F. Frank, New York—Amanda Penna, March 20; Pvt. Milton H. Marshall, Baltimore—boy, Feb. 23; Pfc Arthur Lee Martin, Warrensburg, Miss.—Glenda Joyce, March 12; T/5 Willis E. Lyons, Holyoke, Mass.—Martin, March 13; Capt. Paul I. Pickel, University City, Mo.—William Carl, March 1.

PVT. Jack Shane, Chelsea, Mass.—Paula Gall, March 6; Pfc Salvatore Parrinello, New York—Lillian Patricia, March 18; Sgt. Robert S. Buforce, Richmond, Va.—boy, March 17; Chaplain James P. McGuggin, Portland, Ore.—girl, March 20; Capt. Nelson R. Simpson, Bastrop, Tex.—William Roland, March 20; Sgt. Otis Lutz, Waterloo, Ill.—Dennis Warren, March 20; S/Sgt. John Faubion, Electra, Tex.—boy, March 15; Sgt. August Schenzinger, Brooklyn—boy, March 18.

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By Al Capp



Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff



Abbie an' Slat

By Courtesy of United Features

By Raeburn Van Buren



Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate Inc.

By Chester Gould



Blondie

By Courtesy of Arthur J. Lafave Syndicate

By Chic Young



Jane

By Courtesy of The London Daily Mirror

By Norman Pett



Three Towns and a Blonde All His Own—For a Week

By Ernest Leiser

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

RHEYDT, March 20 (Delayed).—

This is the story of a guy who went over the nob and had himself one hell of a week before the law caught up with him.

He decided that there must be better rackets than soldiering, so this is what he did: He took his outfit and wandered the Rhineland for a couple of days, finally landing in a town near Rheydt. He decided that the town and a couple of others near by needed military governing, so he took over all three of them. He became a first lieutenant by placing a strip of adhesive tape on each shoulder.

He went around to the towns in

a jeep he had picked up along the way and found the best-looking blonde in the place. He brought her back with him and set up a headquarters. She became his secretary, housemate. And—because she had been a nurse—the head of his health and welfare department.

He tacked a military government sign outside his headquarters and started administering. Every place else, the German civilians were being kept strictly in their houses, except for three hours in the morning when they were allowed out to round up food and water.

But his was a more generous regime. Any civilian who asked—and there were many—got passes which read: "Place live this man and his family to go to Willich and live at their homes and work on the farm at home. 5 pipples and his

car with him. Signer M. Government, 1/Lt. Ted Smith or sometimes 1/Lt. Frank Henshaw."

Troops came through his towns and asked for billets, so he handled that for them. Naturally, he had to protect the interests of his kind, so the officers got the best billets and the Joes got what was left.

It was a busy week. There were the passes, the billeting, the problems of the civilians in the towns and then, of course, those long evening conferences with the little blonde fraulein. He was right—there were better rackets than fighting.

But then someone started getting nosy. Capt. James Mallen, of New York City, head of the military government detachment of Rheydt, got complaints from his Germans because relatives in these three towns

were getting passes and they weren't. Mallen picked up one of the Germans and one of the passes. It wasn't like any in the MG textbooks he had read, so he sent 1/Lt. Charles Pellegrin, of Newark, N.J., to investigate.

Pellegrin was offered the keys to the city. But Pellerin was a hard man to please. He asked questions. What was the number of this military detachment? Oh, it didn't have a number? Was it a special detachment? Whose control was it under?

"Whose control?" asked the bogus officer. "Why, mine. Does it have to be under anyone else's?"

"Where's your AGO card, lieutenant?"

"AGO card? Well, it's this way. Col. Williams—you know him, of course—just came up to me on the

road one day and said, 'sergeant, you're a first lieutenant now—in Military Government.'

"That's the way it happened, fast like," he continued.

"Have you got dog tags?" Asked Pellegrin.

"Oh sure, I got dog tags, all right." "Well look, 'lieutenant' suppose you come along with me."

"Damn."

That was the end of the week. The rest is anti-climax. He was pulled in, turned over to the division MPs. When they try him, if they want to, they'll be able to throw the book at him, a book full of charges like impersonation of an officer, fraternization, intimidation of civilians, illegal use of government property and desertion.

But buddy, that sure was one hell of a week.

'We Can Cross Rhine at Will,' Says Bradley

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mand of the Nazi forces in the west.

The general summed up the losses of men and material suffered by the German Army as they were forced back across the Rhine, but cautioned, "I don't think we should write too glaring headlines that the war is over or anything like that. It may be almost over; it may last a long time. The fact is that we have destroyed a large German force. How much resistance he can put up yet remains to be seen."

Nazi Seventh Army Destroyed

The German Seventh Army "has been destroyed," and the German First Army "partially destroyed," Gen. Bradley said.

Referring to the original plans for driving the Germans from the Ruhr to the Rhine, Gen. Bradley said that the Americans had gone "faster than we had dare hope."

From February 1 to March 22, the four American and two Allied armies captured 203,010 German troops, who have been counted and processed through the Army PW cages.

The 3rd U.S. Army has captured an additional 30,000 PWs but has not had an opportunity to process them as yet.

Gen. Bradley said that almost everyone would agree on the superiority of American equipment. The only exception, he said, was American tanks. Gen. Bradley admitted that the Mark V and Mark VI have bigger guns and bigger armor than present American tanks, but emphasized that tanks were not designed to fight against tanks. He said that the American tanks have the advantage of maneuverability and dependability.

Gen. Bradley asserted that our losses during the Ruhr-to-the-Rhine offensive were very light.

British Troops Advance Southwest of Mandalay

A British armored column, driving 40 miles in three days, yesterday captured Pindale, 60 miles south of Mandalay. Other troops seized the town and airport of Myingyan, on the Irrawaddy River, some 60 miles southwest of Mandalay.

In China, a Chungking spokesman announced that 60,000 Japanese supported by mechanized units had begun an attack from positions northwest of Hankow to seize the wheat crop in southern Honan and northern Hupeh provinces.

In Indo-China, where the Japanese are attempting to take full control and end all French administration, French guerrillas were reported to have increased their pressure against the enemy in the mountainous jungles of Tonkin and Upper Laos.

Army Pianist in Concert

1/Lt. Edward Kilenyi, internationally known pianist, will appear in a concert Sunday with the Lamoureux Orchestra, under the direction of Eugene Bigot, at the Palais de Chaillot, Paris.

Holland's Queen Ends Self-Exile



Queen Wilhelmina visited the Netherlands during the past week-end, ending four years of self-imposed exile. She is shown here at Maastricht where she inspected Dutch troops.

Berlin Reports New Red Blow Statehood OK'd For Indo-China

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east, and dive-bombers raked that Baltic port, starting large fires.

In southern Silesia, where Marshal Ivan Koniev's troops killed 30,000 Nazis and captured 15,000 more southwest of Oppeln, Moscow dispatches said German lines had cracked wide open and the Russians were, according to Reuter, "hot on the heels of broken German units retreating into the Sudeten mountains."

Koniev's push deeply outflanked the Czech industrial center of Moravska-Ostrava, center of German communications in Bohemia and anchor of the Nazi line protecting central Czechoslovakia and Prague.

On the Hungarian front, German News Agency's Col. Ernst von Hammer reported German reinforcements prevented a Soviet breakthrough to Komaron, between Lake Balaton and the Danube.

Starvation Threatens Occupied Holland

LONDON, March 23 (U.P.).—Death from starvation will overtake inhabitants of occupied Holland "by the thousands and possibly by tens of thousands" if the area is not liberated or the food situation alleviated by other means before June, Netherlands Prime Minister Pieter Gerbrandy said today. He confirmed reports of Dutchmen "dropping like flies" along roadsides from starvation.

Named U.S. Embassy Aide

Maj. Gen. Ralph C. Smith, former commander of the 27th Inf. Div. in the Central Pacific, has been appointed military attaché to the U.S. Embassy in Paris.

The provisional government of Gen. de Gaulle, putting into effect a sweeping change in colonial policy, moved yesterday to raise Indo-China from colony to statehood as a member of the projected French Federal Union. This would give Indo-China a large measure of self-government and eventually some degree of economic self-sufficiency.

The new deal for the colony, now battling the Japanese, would go into effect when the country is liberated.

It is the first step toward the realization of the Brazzaville conference decisions of 1942, when chiefs of the free portions of the French empire established the policy of eventually bringing all colonies into the French political framework as states.

Point Plan . . .

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total service, time overseas, the number of battles in which a soldier has participated, the number of medals or wounds received and the number of dependents.

Edwards and Henry told the committee that the Army needed more than 405,000 inductions between now and July 1. Thereafter, according to the President's appropriation request, draft calls may drop an average of 31 percent.

The two generals explained the streamlined training program by which the Army prepares men for combat in Europe within five to six months and for action in the Pacific within six to seven months. Edwards declared that use of 18-year-olds in combat may have averted a stalemate in the war.

Intensive Patrolling

As the German press and radio raised its pre-crossing chorus, Allied sources were tight-lipped as to what was going on. Correspondents at Supreme Headquarters were told that there were no changes in the tactical situation on Field Marshal Montgomery's front, but that intensive patrolling across the Rhine was continued by both sides.

The reports given out by the Germans showed the extent of their jitters. Paris papers and radio quoted the Nazis' DNB yesterday morning as saying that Montgomery's troops had crossed the Rhine at several points on a 60-mile front, but later the German news agency reported only artillery duels across the river and said that "preparations for crossing the lower Rhine appear to be complete."

Meanwhile, the first details of the phenomenal smokescreen veiling Montgomery's troops from enemy view were permitted to be disclosed. Correspondents who toured a 44-mile stretch of the river described the screen as resembling a gigantic trail of blazing forest fire. From dawn until dusk, smoke generators designed by a Princeton physicist, Irving Langmuir, kept up the pall.

In the south, meanwhile, armor and infantry of Patton's Third and Patch's Seventh were flattening the Palatinate bulge—the only pocket of Germans left west of the Rhine—virtually back to the river, and in most places the Yanks were finding the enemy in almost complete confusion and disorganization.

The Third Army counted 10,020 additional prisoners yesterday, while the First sent 1,153 back from the Remagen bridgehead. No figures were given by the Seventh.

Third Army tanks, working their way southward along the Rhine, took Speyer the Associated Press reported last night, reducing the German pocket to a length of approximately 25 miles.

North of Speyer, the Third Army had closed to the Rhine along its entire front except for a small pocket of resistance eight miles

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in an attempt to hold open the narrowing escape gap for their trapped forces, but U.S. troops were reported last night to have broken through there, too.

5—A sudden slackening in resistance in the First Army's Remagen bridgehead suggested that the Germans' fear of an imminent and more menacing blow somewhere else had prompted the withdrawal of some forces from that area. On the bridgehead's southern flank, men of Maj. Gen. Walter Lauer's 99th Inf. Div. crossed the shallow Weid River—where stiff opposition had been expected—at half a dozen places along a 14-mile front and advanced two and a half miles. In the north, other troops drove the Germans from Honnef, on the Sieg River, and a score of other towns, while Maj. Gen. Louis A. Craig's Ninth Inf. Div. pushed 1,500 yards against suspiciously light resistance to cross the autobahn and deepen the bridgehead to ten miles. It is 31 miles long.

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