

Man Spricht Deutsch
Ist die Starsse frey?
Ist dee Strahse frey?
Is the road open?

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Nazis Cut Off In East Prussia; Russians Encircling Breslau

Where There's Smoke There's Fire



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

Two doughboys of the Third Armored Div. race through the smoke of an artillery barrage in an advance on Mont-le-Ban, Belgium.

Trainload of Art Treasures Stolen by Nazis Recovered

By Arthur W. White
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

French patriots and the American Army prevented a special train carrying millions of francs worth of looted art treasures from reaching Germany, it was revealed yesterday.

Comprising 51 freight cars, which contained more than 1,000 paintings, in addition to rugs, tapestries, furniture, sculptures and rare books, the train was ready to leave for the Reich Aug. 1. But members of the Resistance movement and the National Museums administration had it shunted from siding to siding around Paris until the liberation of the city 24 days later.

ETO Cigarette Ration 7 Packs Next Week

Com Z Headquarters yesterday announced that the cigarette ration next week in all ETO PXs would be seven packs.

Rear-echelon troops here were cut from seven to five packs Nov. 6, and received none in the two weeks following Nov. 13, when the cigarette famine on the Continent was acute. The ration since Dec. 25 has been five packs.

Troop Carrier Sunk; 248 Die

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—A troopship carrying more than 2,200 U.S. soldiers was sunk recently in European waters as a result of "enemy action," Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson told his press conference today.

He said that 248 men were killed and 517 are listed as missing. He gave no further details. (Unofficial sources in New York said that this was the third troopship carrying American soldiers to the European theater to be sunk since the war began.)

Nazis Gain In Alsace Offensive

Powerful German forces in Alsace stepped up their offensive for the re-conquest of Strasbourg and the Alsatian Rhineland yesterday with fresh attacks at points along a 20-mile front as the remnants of Von Rundstedt's armies in the Ardennes continued an orderly retreat to the Siegfried Line.

The Alsatian drive, which began during the bulge battle as a diversionary attack, has assumed the proportions of a full-fledged offensive. U.S. Seventh Army troops defending the plain north of Strasbourg have been withdrawn to shorter defense lines near Haguenau.

The new Nazi attacks were launched between the Lower Vosges Mountains and Haguenau. They made gains in the initial stages and were not stopped up to latest reports yesterday.

German forces drove across the Moder River east and west of Haguenau after cutting the Haguenau-Sarreguemines road, but counter-attacking Seventh Army men wiped out the enemy's eastern bridgehead over the Moder, Stars and Stripes Correspondent Wade Jones reported from Seventh Army.

First of the series of attacks, which came from the north after nightfall Wednesday, drove toward the river near Haguenau. It was followed by a heavier assault between the towns of Neubourg and Schweighausen, west of Haguenau. The third drive came in from the north of Schweighausen. Nazis also tried to cross the river east of Haguenau.

The attacks were being held in the early stages and U.S. forces smashed five enemy tanks and 10 other armored vehicles.

South of Strasbourg, French forces attacking on the northern

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8 More PWs Slain by Nazis

LIGNEUVILLE, Belgium, Jan. 25 (AP).—The murder of eight more American prisoners by the Germans was disclosed when a middle-aged Belgian spinster who saw the atrocity led a burial squad to the yanks' frozen bodies.

The German non-commissioned officer who shot them one by one placed a pistol barrel in the mouths of some before pulling the trigger.

The Americans, all tankmen, were victims of the same SS panzer division reconnaissance patrol which slaughtered some 100 other American prisoners two miles away on Dec. 17.

President Names Son For Brigadier General

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—President Roosevelt has nominated his son, Col. Elliott Roosevelt, who commands a photo reconnaissance wing in the Eighth Air Force, for brigadier general in Army Air Forces.

The proposed promotion went to the Senate amidst a controversy over the Army's air priorities system which gave Elliott's dog precedence over three servicemen.

The President nominated Maj. Gens Leonard T. Gerow for lieutenant general and Brig. Gen. Anthony C. McAuliffe for major general.

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'How're Reds Doing?' Is Query in the West

ST. VITH, Jan. 25 (AP).—First subject of interest among doughboys in this former heart of Von Rundstedt's drive is not what's going on in the Fattle of the Bulge but "how far did the Russians make today?"

Although the big battles on this front are far from over, at least two German divisions recently in this sector have been rushed away in an effort to help stem the Red drive. Von Rundstedt is fending off the Americans with only rearguard and aggressive action.

Arctic Clothing En Route Here, Somervell Says

By Richard Lewis
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Great stocks of arctic clothing, including shoeleathers tried out in Alaska, and new, heavy mittens, are on their way to American troops on the Western Front, Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell, ASF commanding general, said yesterday at a Paris press conference.

The supply chief also revealed that Gen. Eisenhower has accumulated enough war stocks in the ETO to launch a major offensive in the west. Somervell has been in the ETO several weeks looking over the supply situation.

He disclosed that the U.S. will help equip hundreds of thousands of French troops for the drive against Germany and that on a

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Gen. Somervell

Reds Drive To 125 Mi. Of Berlin

The Red Army, hurling back the first German counter blows of the 12-day-old offensive, surged ahead with undiminished fury along the 400-mile front yesterday, severing East Prussia from Germany proper in a swift thrust to the Baltic Sea and reaching a point 125 miles from Berlin in a vast movement to encircle flaming Breslau.

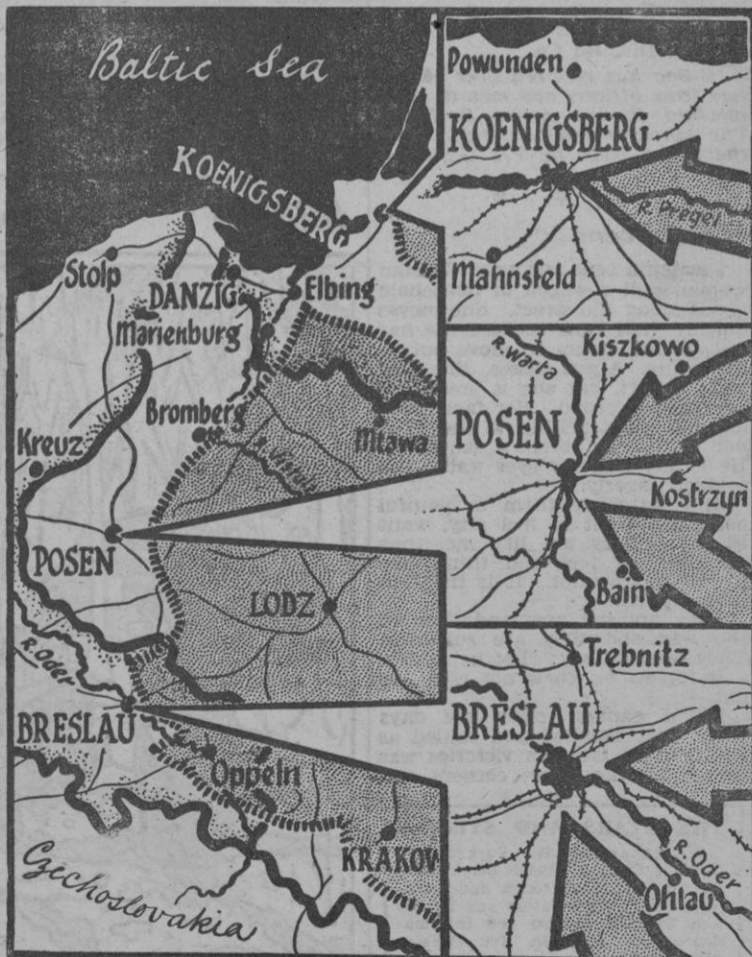
As the German high command staged stubborn holding battles at three key defense points in desperate efforts to hold the Russian avalanche, Moscow radio last night proclaimed that the "enemy in the East has been shattered . . . the Red Army will reach Berlin by spring . . . regardless of losses."

3 Miles From Breslau

Converging on Breslau from three directions, shock troops of Marshal Ivan Koniev's First Ukrainian Army were reported within three miles of the city on the southeast, four miles from the east and ten miles from the northwest.

Fighting in a blinding snowstorm and in below freezing temperatures, panicky Volksturm detachments and remnants of Wehrmacht divisions were reported by Moscow to be defending the city of 1,000,000 inhabitants. Yesterday, Oels, 12 miles east of Breslau, and several smaller towns

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Stars and Stripes Map by Baldr

Germans counter-attack 14 times in battle for Koenigsberg. Reds reach Baltic in area around Elbing. On central front, Germans hurl panzer units into holding battle for Posen. To the south, Soviets converge on Breslau, reach point four miles away.



Etiquette Be Damned

Pardon me, if I seem impertinent, but I'd like to drop a hint to those GIs of those infantry and armored divisions, and the pilots of those planes, who went and stuck their great big nebbly noses into Bastogne and spoiled all that fun the 101st Airborne Div. was having with the Germans. The next time, fellows, don't be so impolite. Wait until you are asked. Some people are pretty sensitive about something like that, and resent being intruded upon. I know you didn't mean it, but after all, you did cause them a lot of inconvenience. For instance, just look at all that food, ammunition and medical supplies that you boys in the C47's have gone and unloaded on them. Just what did you think they were going to do with all that stuff? Use it? For what?

Completely Surrounded

Oh, I know you'll say that you thought they needed it, because they were completely surrounded by the Germans and there was no other way of getting supplies to them, but in the future let's not be jumping at conclusions.

Then, just when they are busy picking up all that stuff, the planes dropped on them, they hear a lot of noise in the distance, and damned if it doesn't turn out to be a bunch of tanks and infantrymen coming down the road into Bastogne, hell bent for election. Did they stop at the outskirts of town and wait for an invitation? Hell no, they busted right smack into Bastogne. Can you blame them if they weren't glad to see you? You'll admit that's enough to get any guy's dander up. Of course, the whole thing was a misunderstanding on your part and must be viewed in that light.

You figured that because the 101st was sitting up at Bastogne, completely surrounded by Germans, that the 101st needed to be rescued, because if they weren't rescued they would either be completely annihilated, or taken prisoner in time.

Positively Unfriendly

So, since you had good reason to believe from past experiences that sometimes the German soldiers are positively unfriendly, you did what any one else would have done under the same circumstances, you went up to give them a helping hand. It's too bad that someone has had to go and bite your hand for doing it. But, I'll let you in on a little secret. There are a hell of a lot of guys, including myself, who want to shake your hand for making that visit. And I'll bet if you get a lot of those 101st Airborne boys by themselves, they will shake your hand, too. Anytime a situation like this arises in the future, let's all say: "Etiquette be damned, full speed ahead to the rescue." If it wasn't a rescue, boys, it was a damned good facsimile.—T/5 P. F. O'Shea, Div. Hq Co.

(B-Bag has received over 50 letters from officers and men of units involved in the Affair Bastogne. The others weren't as frivolous as the above piece by T/5 O'Shea.—Ed.)

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Street Scene

I watch a bent and aged German woman pull a wagon of household goods along the street. She moves quickly, half runs because she has only a few hours to move out of her house. A girl passes. She, too, pulls a cart, but she is erect and her walk is proud. Her face is set and she looks neither to the right nor left. And then a schoolboy. He is gay and his eyes watch the soldiers eagerly.

And watching them is painful because I want to feel pity, want to say: "They are like me, they breathe and feel and think like me," but I cannot. It is true but it is not true.

They are sad now and tired of the war and they are suffering. They want to say: "Let us forgive and forget. We knew not what we did."

But I cannot forget the days when they laughed and smiled as the news of German victories was passed on the street corners and

in the markets, when their hearts were warm because a continent had been conquered. And though they themselves did not kill and torture Poles, Czechs, Jews and Russians and millions of others, they did not try to stop those who did.

They banished this knowledge from their minds. Instead, they dreamed a dream of ruling a world. They must have known that nations were being destroyed and that a whole world was plunged into misery because they and their sons and brothers and husbands accepted that dream. And even the humblest must have dreamed it or they could not have done what they did. That is enough. They must be punished for even having had that dream, for if they had not there could have been no war.

That old woman, the girl, the schoolboy, too—they smiled while "inferior" women were being raped, some torn from children to work in their factories, while thousands were being butchered daily at Laidanek. Smiled while the Paris Gestapo tore men's joints apart. Smiled when entire towns were depopulated by German bullets. Smiled while whole nations, whole peoples were driven to their knees, forced to crawl or die.

"I did not do it," they say. "I have been here working on my farm, minding my own business."

"You lie, damn you, you lie!" I scream. "You did not mind your business, for it was your business to prevent this from happening; for you, yes, you old woman, and you, young girl, and little boy, you brought this on. It is your fault. For you were willing to smile and dream of conquering the world."—Cpl. Walter J. Slatoff, Inf.

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J'accuse

Anatole France called Emile Zola a monument of the conscience of man.

Because my words deal with the conscience of every Allied soldier, I have plagiarized Zola's immortal title.

For threatening obstruction to decisive drives of our armies. For indirectly accomplishing what the Nazis are striving to do. For prolonging this war and our early return home.

J'accuse every Allied soldier who gets briefed in security, then gets steeped in liquor and proceeds to brief every civilian he leans on, in bars and cafes.

J'accuse every Allied soldier who barter our vital gasoline for a bottle of whiskey.

J'accuse every Allied soldier guilty of unlawfully disposing of or destroying clothing, food and vital war material.

J'accuse every Allied soldier guilty of gifting PWs with cigarettes and candy in exchange for souvenirs.

Thank God! my accusations are only to an infinite few. However, these infinite few are thoughtlessly awarding themselves the Iron Cross for "meritorious services rendered to the Axis."

Any time you see a fellow soldier guilty of these acts ask him straight-forward and keep a fistful of knuckles ready. "Buddy, who the hell are you fighting for?"—S/Sgt. R. H., Gen. Hospital.

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"Could I interest you gentlemen in some freshly liberated items at five marks per pound?"

An Editorial

Everything for the Front

TODAY'S conundrum: Why is this pin-up like the Red Army? Answer: Because they both have the same slogan—"Everything for the Front." And because they both wear fur.

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In America there's lots of fur. Fur to point up the pulchritude of pin-ups. Fur for the facades of debutantes and dowagers. Fur for first nights and fancy shindigs. Fur for strolls down Fifth Avenue to cocktails and tea. Fur for everything—for putting up a front.

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In Russia there's not much of anything. No zippers. No leather. No silk. No nylon. No lace panties for the gals. No Esquire for the boys. Nothing except bare essentials. It's everything—literally everything for the front.

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The Reds are fighting a total type of total war. So are we—but ours isn't quite as total.

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If it were, every Joe in the snow would be wearing mink. America's fur would be in Monschau, not Marshall Field's. In Esch, not I. J. Fox'. In the Vosges and not the Stork. On the Saar,



the Roer, the Rhine. Out where feet freeze. Where hands are numb. Where noses, cheeks and ears turn white with frost. Where fires burn low and there's no warm indoors to which a man can go.

The nome folks have given all they've been asked for. It's just that they haven't been asked for enough. It's just that "Everything for the Front" still doesn't have quite the same meaning in the U.S.A. as in the U.S.S.R.

Field-Made Toboggans, Boots Aid Yanks Beat Belgian Snow

WITH 30th INF. DIV., Jan. 25.—Boots made of salvaged blankets, toboggans of discarded lumber and sheet metal, and snow suits of "requisitioned" materials are aiding infantrymen in beating the knee-deep snow in the Belgian hills south of Malmédy.

All supplies and wounded, from company back to battalion, are being carried on make-shift toboggans pulled by four soldiers.

The Toboggan-Transport is the brainchild of Capt. Thomas Hooper, of Brewster, Mass., Assistant Regt. S3, who spent the last two winters training in Northern Michigan. Capt. Hooper is working on a plant to use sleighs and sleds pulled by weasels—small wide-tracked vehicles especially designed for work in the snow.

Col. B. P. Purdue, of Fayetteville, Ark., the regimental commander, designed the boot. It is made of

three thicknesses of blankets and is worn in foxholes and dugouts. The men take off their shoes and socks and wear the boots under their overshoes while their socks and shoes dry out. Frostbite and trenchfoot have been cut down considerably.

The men carry an extra pair of socks under their shirts. Whenever they halt they change and put the cold pair next to their skin to dry.

Although other outfits have snowsuits made by Belgian seamstresses, the 120th made its own from night-shirts, underclothes, sheets and curtains from bomb-damaged houses in Malmédy.

New Discharge Forms Are Simplified by Army

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (ANS).—New discharge forms for servicemen have been adopted by the Army in an effort to assist veterans and their future employers, the Army said today.

The new forms will consolidate the 20 forms previously in use and will supply prospective employers and government agencies with a concise history of each veteran, including personal data, military record and service, and attendance at Army schools. Each veteran will receive a copy of the form and the seven other copies will be distributed to veterans' agencies charged with helping him to obtain benefits and privileges due.

Impact of Red Drive Changes V-E-Day Estimates in U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (AP).—Hitler's grand strategy for the prolonged defense of Germany possibly has been thrown completely off balance by the terrific impact of the Russian offensive.

This is the opinion of military authorities here who are beginning to wonder how long Germany will be able to hold out under the onslaught.

Estimates that the European war would last until late summer or fall as a result of the German West Front offensive in December now are being scrapped. At the moment there is an open-minded attitude on how quickly and in what manner Germany may be defeated.

Defeat could take the form of unconditional surrender by the army high command if the command splits with Nazi political leadership. It could be evidenced by a fairly rapid breakup of organized resistance with a long period of guerrilla warfare following.

The last several days have brought no evidence here of a German attempt to surrender. Diplomatic sources report the usual crop of unofficial rumors and inquiries in neutral capitals about peace but see no particular significance in them, AP said. Hitler's grand strategy is based on the hopelessness of the Nazi position and on the desire to split the Allies in order to modify peace terms initially contemplated.

The defense on the borders of the Reich is a tip-off that German

plans in some measure have gone haywire.

Evidence has been found in the fact that they have been withdrawing reserves from the Western Front in such haste to get reinforcements to the East that railroads and highways are jammed.

It is felt here that only situations of utmost urgency could force commanders of the Wehrmacht to expose their troops and equipment to devastating blows of Allied air power in the West.

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

- M/Sgt. Edward D. Johnston, York, S. C.—Edward, Jan. 19; Cpl. Paul Carmody, Warsaw, N.Y.—twin girls, Jan. 19; Lt. Philip A. Goduto, Morristown, N.J.—Philip, Dec. 28; Pvt. George Sacks, New York—girl, Jan. 21; Sgt. Eli Simon, Brooklyn—Gail Patricia, Jan. 23.
- CAPT. Edward C. Ballard, Nashville—Edward Ganson, Jan. 19; Sgt. Joe Sedlmayer, New York—Susan Gisela, Jan. 17; Cpl. Martin H. Quinn, Bronx—Martin John, Jan. 10; Pvt. William H. Boles, Pittsburgh—Diane Carol, Oct. 27.
- PL. Arthur Shapiro, New York—boy, Jan. 19; Sgt. Martin J. Bellew, New York—Anne Marie, Jan. 23; Lt. William John Rose, Chicago—Carroll, Jan. 19; Pvt. Don I. Douglas, New York—Dwight Hendea, Jan. 23; Lt. Russell H. Bosworth, East Bridgewater, Mass.—boy, Jan. 24; T/Sgt. Norman R. Powell, Kansas City—Karen Adrienne, Jan. 7.
- PL. Gunther Ballasus, Malverne, N.Y.—Jo Ann, Jan. 22; Maj. Andrew E. Okeeffe, Verona, N.J.—Mary Jo, Jan. 23; Capt. Edmund A. Schlesselman, New York—boy, Jan. 20; Sgt. John C. Bulkema, Little Falls, N.J.—John Byron, Jan. 11; Pfc Wilmont M. Ross, Spokane—Roger, Dec. 20.

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This Was America Yesterday:

Congress Hears Secret Report From War Chiefs on Draft Bill

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Heads of the armed forces made a secret war report to Congress today, and backers promptly claimed a big boost for National Service legislation, according to the AP. The meeting was attended by most of the members, who heard talks by Gen. Marshall, Adm. King, Secretary of War Stimson, and Secretary of Navy Forrestal.

Speaker Sam Rayburn said after the three-hour session in the Congressional Library auditorium that the meeting was bound to have "considerable psychological effect" on the current drive for "work, fight or jail" legislation. None of the speakers mentioned legislation directly, however.

Rep. Wadsworth (R-N.Y.) a leading National Service advocate, said the proceedings "didn't hurt" and others said the talks dealt primarily with progress of the war and the need for all-out effort.

"They discussed with us frankly and candidly situations in every theater," Speaker Rayburn said.

OPA Spanks California Nudists

NATIONAL Service advocates might look to Santa Rosa, Calif., where nudists will be out of something to do this summer. The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors have decreed a \$500 fine and jail sentences up to six months for not wearing 'em. This followed a raid last summer on the Sun-O-Ma nudist colony, where OPA men found a number of gas ration violators.

IN a Chicago hospital a stranger who spoke no English rebuffed attendants when they offered him a thermometer, suggested he take off his coat. After they located an interpreter, it was discovered the man only wanted to see a friend in one of the wards.



SUBJECT for argument, if you can find a stove: We refer you to Dr. Preston Bradley, who, lecturing in Kalamazoo, Mich., said: "It is a fact confirmed by official statistics that there never has been a person convicted of a major crime anywhere in the United States who loved to fish, smoked a pipe and owned a dog."

Members of Ford's Detroit plant had their own method of dealing with the nationwide shortage of automobile parts—but cops and the company didn't like it. They had almost perfected a scheme of diverting a portion of regular shipments of piston rings, carburetors, etc. to a marketing system all their own, and as a result are facing grand larceny charges.

Meat Shortage Getting More Acute

ANOTHER civilian shortage—meat—will be getting more acute. OPA says the nation's weekly average for February will be 242,700,000 lbs, compared with 267,000,000 this month.

BUT, according to the New York Daily Mirror's William Peer, shortages don't mean much to a fellow with well greased greenbacks. A five-spot got him a hotel room, ignorance of ceiling prices and the point system got him butter and steak, and \$50 extra would procure reservations for a Florida trip. A dollar bill bought "cigarettes without." Without what? Without change, of course.

MRS. LOU CLARK'S coffee shop in Chicago is doing a landoffice business. She gives away a cigarette with every meal.



not change his decision to shut down Camp Hale, mammoth ski-troop training post near Leadville, Colorado, say we might need ski-troops, that we could use the camp for PWs, or that it should be kept for a tourist resort after the war. But the ski-camp is definitely on the skids.

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Women Outnumber Men in Census Report

THE population of the U.S., including armed forces overseas, was 138,100,874 as of last July 1, and women outnumbered men by about 6,000, the Census Bureau estimated in Washington. In all previous years there have been more men than women, and in 1940 there was an excess of 700,000 males.

The bureau also reported there were 82,586 illegitimate births in 1943, an increase of four-fifths of one percent over 1942. Of each 1,000 births, 36.5 were illegitimate last year.

CIO Puts Pressure On 44 Legislatures

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (ANS).—The 44 state legislatures which will meet this year were urged today by the CIO to enact laws providing more liberal unemployment insurance, stricter child-labor regulation, fair employment practices committees and stronger employment services.

The United Press said that state legislators whose voting records in these matters are regarded by the CIO as unfavorable will be marked for retirement to private life by the CIO PAC. The CIO, which is planning intensive participation in state and municipal elections, said that since most legislatures meet every other year, the laws would have to be in good shape at the end of the 1945 sessions in preparation for reconversion and other post-war problems.

No Meat—Plenty Potatoes

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Jan. 25 (ANS).—Tired of explaining, retail butcher John Plevkin hung a beribboned cow's tail above the refrigerator with a sign that said: "That's all that's left of the cow. No meat, but plenty of potatoes."

Barracks Baby

SOMEWHERE in Rhode Island— Pvt. John Wilson's wife was whipped off to hospital just before he had to go back to camp and he had no place to leave his five-month-old baby daughter. He took her to barracks with him—and got indefinite compassionate leave.

COLORADO is annoyed with Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson. Despite a congressional delegation from the state he will shut down Camp Hale, mammoth ski-troop training post near Leadville, Colorado, say we might need ski-troops, that we could use the camp for PWs, or that it should be kept for a tourist resort after the war. But the ski-camp is definitely on the skids.

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WMC Orders 350 to Work In War Plants

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 25 (ANS).—A "war work or no work" plan enforced by War Manpower Commission rules went into effect yesterday for 350 workers in non-essential industries here. Eventually, 650 others will be compelled to take war jobs or remain idle, and if the plan is effective, WMC sources said, it may be adopted in labor shortage areas elsewhere.

In many cases, workers will earn lower wages in war jobs than they did in non-essential employment. Philip Neuweiler, part owner of the Neuweiler Brewery, one of the plants which will lose workers, said that the "men are plenty sore."

The WMC predicted some dissatisfaction, but reported that the unions involved were fully co-operative. Workers released from non-essential plants will be interviewed by the U.S. Employment Service, which will offer them suitable war jobs.

If the workers refuse without a valid reason to take war jobs, they will not get references to any jobs and thus will be barred from any employment.

House Group OKs Labor Draft Bill

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (ANS).—Minus an "anti-closed shop" clause, a limited national service bill for men between 18 and 45 won the final approval of the House Military Committee late Tuesday. The committee voted to give registrants a "reasonable choice of employers for whom to work" when directed to do so by local draft boards.

The final draft of the bill was adopted shortly after Congress had held a three-hour confidential session with Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, Admiral Ernest King, Secretary of War Henry Stimson and Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal. The Army and Navy chiefs emphasized the need for maintaining a steady flow of men and supplies.

Indiana Ammo Line Loses GI Workers

LOUISVILLE Ky., Jan. 25 (ANS).—The Army has withdrawn its authorization for use of 150 furloughed soldiers to work on the ammunition line at Hoosier Ordnance Plant, Charlestown, Ind.

The action came after the Louisville area labor management committee of the WMC had expressed opposition to assignment of soldiers to war jobs without prior approval of WMC.

The Kentucky State Federation of Labor said that "organized labor is opposed to Army-bossed workers in our war plants."

Walter H. Girdler Jr., acting general manager of Tube Turns Inc., where the 34 soldiers began work, said: "The Army wants shells, hell or high water, and we'll give them shells. The only way we could get the shells for the Army was with the Army's help."

Navy Secretary Replies To Senators' Charges

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (ANS).—Secretary of Navy James V. Forrestal, commenting on the Senate War Investigating Committee's charge of "hoarded labor and enforced loafing" at the Norfolk Navy Yard, said that such committees could give useful service but "I sometimes demur at their impulsive action."

He and Undersecretary Ralph A. Bard told a press conference yesterday he was cognizant of the Norfolk problem and was "doing everything on earth" to improve conditions. He noted that the Navy's own inquiry undertaken by a special committee of eight or nine men, required about two weeks, whereas he said the Mead committee members spent less than 12 hours on their investigation.

Detroit Is Arrested In Slaying of Senator

LANSING, Mich., Jan. 25 (ANS).—Abe Rosenberg, 44, of Detroit, was arrested today on an open charge "for investigation of murder" in the slaying of State Sen. Warren G. Hooper, State Police Capt. Harold Mulbar announced.

Hooper, who had testified before a grand jury investigating corruption in Michigan government, was shot to death Jan. 11 near Springport, Mich.

Medal for Hope



Bob Hope receives the Gold Medal of Achievement from Graham Patterson, president of the Poor Richard Club, at the organization's 40th annual dinner in Philadelphia, commending war zone trouper. Hope was honored as a leader among battlefield entertainers.

Ward Accuses Army of Laxity

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Montgomery Ward and Co. declared yesterday that during the last two weeks of Army operation of its Chicago mail order department "more than 100,000 orders have remained unfilled at all times" and that \$1,200,000 of needed merchandise stock had not been ordered.

Bert R. Prall, Ward's vice-president and general operating manager, made the assertions in a letter to Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Byron, military manager of Ward's, who issued a statement commenting: "I have no intention of engaging in any public debate with officials of Montgomery Ward as to whether or not the War Department is doing its job efficiently."

Gen. Byron's statement said affidavits of Army officers filed in Federal Court "show that any departure from normal operating procedure was not caused by the Army but by the desire of company officials to embarrass officers who have attempted to discharge their duties."

Martha Raye Reports Four Fur Coats Stolen

BURBANK, Calif., Jan. 25 (ANS). Martha Raye and her husband, Nick Condos, today reported to police the theft from their home of four fur coats and a bracelet. The latter was inscribed, "To Martha Raye, a Great Artist, from Al Jolson."

The coats were described as a \$6,000 mink, a \$1,500 silver fox, a \$350 blue fox and a \$300 leopard.

Police Seek Bald Lion Tamer—On a Little Matter of 8 Wives

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25 (ANS).—Police were looking today for Francis Van Wie, 56-year-old street-car conductor, to ask him how many times he married. They think it was eight.

The FBI joined in their search for the five-foot bald Romeo, who was a Ringling Bros. lion tamer for 14 years before he undertook his marriage career.

Police had three warrants charging Van Wie with bigamy, and they were searching court records to see if any of his other marriages were performed without benefit of divorce.

Van Wie overdid things last year. He was married three times, police allege, and left no trace of divorce.

Up in Mabel's Room

Police traced Van Wie's local record back to 1932 when he was shovelling coal on a WPA project and getting chased through the streets by a wife named Mabel.

Mabel was an artist's model who worked in a side show. Van Wie's feeling towards her sometimes was not too fervent. Once he told his friends he spent a night in the cage of a lion named "Old Mary" and came out next morning with fewer bruises than a night in Mabel's room.

In 1939 he was arrested on a charge of wife abandonment.

Wallace Fights To Hold Power In Cabinet Post

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Henry A. Wallace, fighting to retain the federal loan powers that go with the job of Secretary of Commerce, contended today that opposition to his appointment to the Cabinet stemmed not from a lack of experience but rather from the kind of "experience I have had."

Wallace made these remarks at a Senate Commerce Committee hearing on a bill which would divorce the federal lending agencies from the Commerce Department. The bill was introduced by Sen. Walter F. George (D-Ga.) immediately after President Roosevelt had nominated Wallace as Jesse H. Jones' successor.

Jones States Stand

Yesterday Jones appeared before the committee and declared that he did not think Wallace was qualified for the dual job. Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla.) had asked Jones whether he thought the Secretary's job and the loan functions could be handled by one competent man.

Jones shot back this reply: "If you are trying to ask me if Henry Wallace is qualified to handle both jobs, I'll say, 'No.'"

Earlier Jones had said, without mentioning Wallace's name, that the lending agencies should not be entrusted to "a man willing to jeopardize the country's future with untried ideas and idealistic schemes."

Proposes U.S. Probe

Today Wallace expressed "deep concern" over the congressional moves to take the banking functions away from the Commerce Department. He said that big business versus little business was the "real issue," and he proposed a congressional investigation of Reconstruction Finance Corp. lending under Jones.

Wallace made it clear that he intended, if confirmed, to use his authority to assist little business as well as big companies in a drive for "a free America that is also a prosperous America."

Hollywood Bars Are Gypping GIs, C. of C. Charges

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 25 (ANS).—An investigation of night clubs and bars, particularly those catering to servicemen, was ordered today by the police commission after John Kingsley, chamber of commerce president, described night-life conditions as "intolerable."

Many of the film capital's entertainment places, Kingsley charged, are in business "solely for the purpose of gypping servicemen. It is not unusual to hear that servicemen have been charged 50 cents for a ten-cent glass of beer." The police board asked help of Navy SPs and Army MPs in gathering information.

Police Seek Bald Lion Tamer—On a Little Matter of 8 Wives

Mabel dropped from sight, but Van Wie continued to list her as his wife on his employment record, giving her address as "c/o Clyde Beatty, Russel Bros. Side Show," Portland, Ore.

Wanted Annulment

Van Wie had no more serious trouble with the police until Tuesday when Mrs. Josephine Bergman Van Wie, whom he married last April, and Mrs. Evelyn Brown Van Wie, his December bride, appeared before Attorney Clarence Stafford and said they would like to get their marriages annulled.

Mrs. Louis Weller Van Wie, who was married last January, could have him, they said. But police, looking through court house records, found a Mrs. Sadie Levin Van Wie whom Van Wie married shortly after putting on the brass-buttoned uniform of the municipal railway company in 1941, and Mrs. Myrtle Martha Wheeler Van Wie who became such in 1943.

Police were also looking for Mabel to get a better line on her lion-taming spouse. The best they could find were former friends who knew them both and said Van Wie used to worry about the wife he lived with before he met Mabel.

That was number eight or number one, according to the way you look at it.



THE supply sergeant was flabbergasted. Here was a GI just back from the front lines with nothing but the clothes on his back and he refused blankets. The sergeant wanted to know why.

"Well, you see, I've got my two parachutes," said Pfc Kenneth K. Barnes, of Combat Command Reserve of the Ninth Armored Div.

But the supply man, S/Sgt. Benjamin Krentz, couldn't see the connection between parachutes and blankets. Barnes told Krentz he was a runner near Bastogne and had lost his effects in a run-in with Nazi 88s.

"There was nothing to sleep in Christmas night," he said, "except two parachutes I salvaged after the C47s came over and dropped our supplies when Bastogne was cut off. I tried them and they were cold at first, but my body warmed them and I really sweat that night. Now I wouldn't be without them. The way things were, that was the best Christmas present I could have gotten," Barnes added.

First it was a German heavy truck, then it was a house, but 2/Lt. Donald B. Kuhn, of Cincinnati knew they didn't build houses in the middle of roads, so it's neither. The lieutenant, piloting a P47 Thunderbolt, was flying an armed recon mission beyond Bastogne when he saw the truck on an Ardennes forest road. By the time he had his sights trained on the target, the vehicle miraculously had been transformed into a cottage smack in the middle of the highway. The camouflage didn't fool Lt. Kuhn, who destroyed the truck and deceptive drapery.

"BIRDSONG'S KILLERS" got quite a laugh from the report of villagers in Luxembourg that German officers told civilians the Germans had been attacked by crack American ski troops.

The "crack ski troops" were doughs of Lt. Col. William Birdsong's Third Bn., 11th Regt., of the Fifth Inf. Div., who had used sheets and table linen as camouflage to attack a company of Nazis after crossing open snow-covered ground.

The improvised camouflage was suggested by Pfc Harry Saghbazarian, of Watertown, Mass., when his outfit was assigned the mission of seizing high ground south of Hallerin, Luxembourg.

"OVER HERE," the American Red Cross journal, reports that one of its Belgian clubs is "near a story-book chateau—complete with a story-book Prince and a most remarkable painting of a Belgian peddler, holding a string, on the end of which is a donut!"

Another club staged a GI party to which Belgian villagers and their children were invited. Wild boar sandwiches were served.

He went shopping for cookies and got jewelry, which is all right with Sgt. Arthur J. Franz, but he'd like to know where the jewelry came from.

The sergeant, stationed with a reinforcement company, bought a box of cookies at the PX. When he opened it, he found, among the cookies, a gold cross and necklace.

He thinks maybe a girl working in the cookie factory back in the States dropped the necklace by mistake when she was preparing the box of eats, and he's trying to locate her.

C. G. Second Regt. of the Fifth Inf. Div. has been adopted by a new mascot—A small, white nyan-got. As Capt. John J. Sullivan, of Stewart Manor, L.I., puts it, "With utter disregard for her own safety and mine, that goat followed me through the mud and in and out of every doorway and basement on a morning reconnaissance."

The captain and Pfc Vernon Schurbusch, of Madison, Wis., were making their recon of their position in Saarlautern when "Nanny" attached herself at their heels. The pair didn't like the attachment, because the goat was conspicuously white and a good target for snipers, but the two couldn't drive her away, even when they got back to battalion CP.

FROM the ballet to the battlefield and a Silver Star is the story of Lt. Lorand J. Andahazy, executive officer of a reconnaissance company of the Third Armored Div.

Andahazy, former soloist with the Ballet Russe at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York, won the Silver Star by single-handedly ambushing a German howitzer battery commander and forcing him to surrender his entire unit.

When a captured German captain spied the Dental Corps insignia on Capt. Joseph P. Grodzek, of Jersey City, at the 318th Aid Station of the 89th Inf. Div., he headed to be placed in the dental officer's custody. The German explained he fled his CP near Bastogne in such haste that he forgot his upper plate.

TWO Wellington, Kan., brothers, Capt. John A. Young, Squadron operations officer in a B17 outfit, and Col. Charles H. Young, CO of a troop carrier group, were discussing the war situation. "How's France?" asked brother John. "Our new base is really torn up," Brother Charles answered, explaining that the field had been hit during U.S. raids last June. "There isn't a building standing." "Gee, thanks," said John. His outfit did the job.

GIs Prepare New Composition on Bazooka for Wagner Fans



Practice makes you know what and two infantry replacements are shown schooling themselves in the operation of a bazooka as they wait to go up front. Pvt. Henry Chesnut, of Forest City, Pa., watched Pvt. Albert A. Smith, of Whitaker, Pa., demonstrate his use. Both men are with a tank battalion in Fourth Armored Div.

A Dead and Blackened Village Lies Where the Tide of Conflict Flowed

Returning GIs Find Sprawling Nazis, Charred Ruins

By Herb Caen
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 35th DIV. IN THE ARDENNES, Jan. 25.—The captain jerked his head briefly toward the snow-whitened hill ahead of us. "Jerries on the other side of that hill," he said. "This is far enough for now."

We paused on the outskirts of a mass of rubble that had once been a living, laughing, breathing Belgian village. "This dump," said the captain, "has changed hands more times than a dollar bill. Isn't much left worth fighting for now."

The village had a name and some people—just a few days before. A tiny, quiet place in the bend of a road that winds up the hill ahead. A village that was ours, and then was scooped up in Von Rundstedt's breakthrough. Now we have it back again and the smell of cordite is still about.

Only a Cow Remains

It was a village of farmers and cows. The farmers and their families are gone. One cow remains by the side of the road. On its knees, leaning over to one side at a grotesque angle. With the strangest, surprised look in its open eyes. "You can't feel sorry for dead Jerries. But a dead cow is different."

"See that house?" said the captain, pointing to a pile of snowy stones. "We had about a hundred boys in there when the breakthrough came. Jerries surprised them a few nights ago. Brought up assault guns and flamethrowers. Got 'em all."

He's Dirty But Neat

We walked back to the road—the only street in the dead and silent village. A lieutenant appeared suddenly. He was small and dapper, even in his dirty combat clothes, with a neat, well-trimmed moustache. He would have looked more at home on top of a stool in a cocktail bar. But now he's in charge of the graves and registration detail.

"Finally got this joint cleaned up," he said, ignoring a dead German lying stiff and frozen behind him. "Got a lovely sight coming up the road. Two six-by-sixes, loaded with good Jerries."

Planes Sweep Into View

As we walked back toward the village, the chill, dead silence was broken by the distant roar of plane engines, growing closer and closer. A long, majestic flight of B26s crawled across the sky, dragging vapor trails behind them. Suddenly, six black ME109s scoured across the hill and toward the formation. The Marauders swept on haughtily across the thin blue ceiling. The MEs climbed until they were hanging on their props. Then, abruptly, they broke away and streaked back to spread the news that the Ninth AF was churning in.

"Reconnaissance," the captain nodded briefly. We piled into our jeep and headed slowly away from the dead village. In the near distance, we could hear the clear CR-UMP of bombs.

"Listen to that music," the captain said. "Give 'em hell, babies."

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Someone Get the Chaplain—Dilemma of the 88s...

By Russell Jones
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NORTH OF ST. VITH, Jan. 25.—All the horrors of war are not at the front lines. A force of tanks and infantry and TDs moved 1,500 yards through woods and deep snow to a point dominating roads into St. Vith. As the infantry approached the southern edge of the woods Lt. Col. John P. Wemple, of Shreveport, La., called, "Hey, we just captured seven brand new 88s complete with ammunition. What shall we do with them?"

Maj. Joe Ford, of Philadelphia, the S3, said, "Hell, turn the damn things around and use them, of course."

So the S3 said, "Wait a minute, I'll call division." Division said, "Get them out on the road and we'll be down to get them."

Ford told Wemple about it and Wemple said, "Get them out on the road! Why in hell do they think the Germans left them there? Because they couldn't get them out any more than we can."

They called division again and said, "We can't get them out on the roads. What shall we do?" and division replied, "Turn them around and use them, of course."

Ford said: "Now I'm back where I started. No way to get them out on the roads and no crews." Then Capt. Richard Stern, of New York, the PW officer, came in and said:

"What, no crews?" he quipped. "Hell, I can fix you up. I put those crews in my PW cage last night."

Blazing Houses, Spitting Tanks, Crying Women--That's Hatten

WITH SEVENTH ARMY, Jan. 25.—"Hatten is hell," said the tank commander in a quiet, strained voice.

"There were people running around the French village, yelling and screaming, and the town was burning like a torch with the Nazis shooting with flame throwers."

"And all the time the doughfeet were fighting a war—a building-to-building war."

That was Hatten when Sgt. Earl Simpson, of Junction City, Kan., rolled in with a platoon of tanks. U.S. troops held one third of the town. A wall of fire and smoke separated the German section.

The Jerries poured in heavy artillery and mortar fire, and then a platoon of Tiger tanks would roll through the smoke and shoot up everything they saw. And there was plenty, Simpson said.

That's why the Yanks were overjoyed to see the tankers. To break through, Simpson's tanks crossed a mile of flat, open field into which the Germans had zeroed in.

"The field looked like a graveyard," said T/8 William Hopkins, of Davidson, Mich.

"Wherever you looked, you could see a burnt-out vehicle and dead Germans were everywhere," said Hopkins.

The tanks stayed in Hatten all night and all day, giving supporting fire and keeping the German tanks on their side of the smoke screen.

France Signs Up

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3 Railsplitters Move Boldly in Enemy Column

WITH 84TH INF. DIV., Belgium.—Mistaken for Germans by three men of a recon patrol of this Railsplitter Division followed a few feet behind an enemy armored column in two jeeps. They escaped, passed more German vehicles, escaped again, shot up a Jerry tank crew with carbines at short range and finally reached American lines under a hail of machine-gun bullets.

Lt. Davis Smith, of Somerville, Mass.; Pfc Robert Steer, of Malrose, Mass., and Pfc Thomas Reagan, of Phoenix, Ariz., were leading the patrol near the Belgian town of Buissonville, when they came upon a German tank, scout car and armored car moving in a column.

Bring Up the Rear

Two Germans sitting on the turret of the tank waved at Smith, who signaled the patrol to follow the column. For two or three miles they rode at the end of the enemy procession until they found a side road and turned off toward the American lines, meeting another German scout car that failed to recognize them.

They turned again, entered Buissonville and saw an American jeep. Smith decided to make a dash through the town.

Almost Hit Nazi Car

As they turned a corner, they faced a German recon-car, dodged it and nearly crashed into a parked tank surrounded by enemy soldiers. Smith and Steer opened fire with their carbines killing one member of the tank crew and scattering the others.

Machine-guns of a German half-track parked in the town, forced the second jeep to stop. Lt. Smith and his men sped out of town. Less than a mile from Buissonville they saw three enemy tanks but turned before they were spotted.

Finally they picked up a wounded engineer who directed them to American troops.

Each One Willing To Risk His Life To Save Another

A NINTH AF BOMBER BASE.—The pilot of the B26 Marauder "June Bug" was willing to risk his life to save Engineer-Gunner S/Sgt. Michael Aguilar, of Los Angeles. He offered to crash-land the flak-battered ship instead of letting Aguilar bail out with a chute that had been jettied open.

But Aguilar literally took his life in his hands, he wrapped the parachute around his waist and jumped rather than jeopardize the life of the pilot, Lt. John H. Alexander, of Chicago.

At 2,000 feet, with a ruined engine and severed rudder controls, the ship was losing its struggle to reach friendly territory when the engineer refused the pilot's offer to crash land.

"No thanks, lieutenant," Aguilar said, "we'd never make it with all these hills and trees."

He picked up the billowing parachute, lowered himself through the nose hatch and dropped safely.

Lt. Alexander trimmed the parachute and bailed out at about 700 feet. On the way down he saw the medium bomber crash and explode.

"Even after we landed, we still had trouble," Alexander said. "Infantrymen thought we were Nazi parachutists and started firing at us. I hit the dirt twice before I convinced them I was a Yank."

79-Year-Old German Is One-Man Gun Crew

WITH FIFTH ARMORED DIV.—Hitler is scraping the barrel bottom for manpower—he's almost into the ground, believes Sgt. Charles Torchia, of Johnstown, Pa.

One German 88mm had been getting near hits on Torchia's 34th Tank Bn. light tank one afternoon near Kufferath, Germany. Small arms kept pecking at his crew. When tanks and infantry outflanked the gun position they found: stacks of shells, machine-guns in the middle of all this—a 79-year-old German, who told his captors that he had been loading and firing the 88 by himself, and getting off a few machine-gun bursts in between.

4th Armored Pair Get Soldier's Medal

WITH FOURTH ARMORED DIV.—Rescuing a comrade who had gone down while swimming near Autainville, France, last September, Cpl. Elrod C. Thompson, of Wilkinsburg, Pa., and Cpl. Walter E. Burns, of Fort Wayne, Ind., have been awarded the Soldier's Medal.

A month later, Cpl. Thompson drove a wounded soldier through direct enemy artillery fire to an evacuation hospital near Arracourt. The act won him the Bronze Star.

Both soldiers have been overseas a year with the Fourth Armored Div., and participated in the division's drive as Third Army's spearhead across France. They were on hand when the Fourth Armored helped break the siege of Bastogne.

Death Spray Raises Blossom of Flame



Lt. Richard D. Law, Colorado Springs, Colo., a Ninth AF fighter-bomber pilot, spotted this German ammunition truck on a road in Belgium withdrawing from the Bulge. He pulled his trigger and...



...sprayed the vehicle with .50 cal. incendiary bullets, setting it aflame. In a minute...



...the truck went up in a geyser of flame and steel as the ammunition exploded.

Yank Wears Lucky Pajamas Through 275 Days of Combat

By Dave Whittier
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 82nd AIRBORNE DIV., Belgium.—Capt. Albert E. Milloy, of Hattiesburg, Miss., overslept on the morning he was scheduled to make his first parachute jump at Fort Benning, Ga. He just barely had time to get aboard the plane after pulling a pair of coveralls over his pajamas.

The jump was a good one. Capt. Milloy figured it was because of the pajamas so he "adopted" them as a lucky charm.

Since training days, Milloy has worn his charmed night-clothes on jumps with the crack 504th Parachute Inf. of the 82nd Airborne in six different countries and through three invasions. Through 275 days of combat, they have carried him safely through flak-infested skies of Sicily where 26 of his comrades' planes were shot down and have kept him from harm in Italy and Holland.

Frequently Missed Injury

During two months at Anzio, three houses collapsed on him at three different times. Milloy came through unscathed. Another time at Anzio a shell came through one window of the CP and went out another. A 155mm shell struck the roof of his dugout at Altavilla, Italy, just after the Salerno jump. The round was a dud.

Capt. Milloy commanded C. Co. of the 504th during most of his 21 months overseas, and C. Co.

Air Gunner Glad To See MP Insignia

By Ralph G. Martin
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH SEVENTH U.S. ARMY, Jan. 25.—A U.S. waist gunner jumped out of a bomber at 50 below zero, 20,000 feet over Germany, and landed 20 miles away in a pine tree, hanging head-down 30 feet above the ground. And meanwhile, the woods were full of well-armed American MPs hunting for a "German spy" who was supposed to have dropped down by parachute.

The gunner, S/Sgt. Roger Bates, of Whitman, Mass., was on his 19th mission, a bomb run on the vital Rhine bridge. When the Fortress hit the target it began getting thick, concentrated flak from everywhere.

His First Jump

It was Bates' first jump and he delayed it for 6,000 feet before he yanked the ripcord. But the wind carried him along for a long time before he really started dropping, and then he found himself in the pine tree.

Somehow he slipped loose, then dragged himself to a nearby cave and stayed there.

Meanwhile MPs were scouring the woods.

Pfc Fletcher King, of Wolland, Tenn., spotted his footprints and trailed them to the cave.

"I was scared stiff until I saw the MP armband," said Bates. "I never thought I'd be so happy to see an MP in all my life."

Negro Firemen Save Vital Gas

WITH U.S. FORCES IN BELGIUM, Jan. 25.—While German planes strafed and bombed a U.S. gasoline dump, a Negro engineer fire-fighting platoon stood its ground and succeeded in saving several hundred thousand gallons of vital fuel.

Headed by Lt. Herbert J. Smith, of Beaumont, Tex., the unit had fought a similar blaze only a week before but without enemy interference.

When the unit arrived on the scene, Nazi planes had already set part of the gasoline stores afire.

They worked 14 hours, often wading through blazing gasoline, to save gas vitally needed for operations against the German bulge.

Tankers Are Sped To Bulge by Air At Peak of Battle

Hundreds of badly-needed tank mechanics and technicians were flown from rear areas to airfields in the bulge battle zone in less than a day after a rush call had been sent out for them at the height of the Nazi counter-offensive, USSTAF disclosed yesterday.

The disclosure was made in a commendation given to the Air Service Command's 302nd Transport Wing by Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz, USSTAF chief. The commendation said that 100 planes of the 302nd flew from bases in England and France to a rear-area field on the Continent, picked up the men and sped them up to the Third Army on Christmas Day, less than 20 hours after the operation began.

Urges Montreal as 'Geneva'

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (ANS).—Chairman Sol Bloom (D-N.Y.) of the House Foreign Affairs Committee proposed today that the seat of the future world peace organization be established in this theater, and recommended Montreal as the new "Geneva" of the United Nations.

War Brings Contrast to Burma

The old steps aside for the new as native Burmese teamsters pull their ox-carts to the side of the road and Chinese soldiers speed forward in American tanks to do jungle battle with the Japs.



Buried 'Men of Bataan' Rest Now in Free Soil By Prison Camp Ruins

This story of the military prison camp which the Japanese turned into a mass graveyard is the first story written by Russell Brines after his return to the Philippines, where he was held for two years in a concentration camp.

By Russell Brines
Associated Press Correspondent

CAMP O'DONNELL PRISON CAMP, Jan. 23 (Delayed).—Rotting burned ruins of Camp O'Donnell is all that remains of one of the most notorious pestholes where the Japanese herded 80,000 prisoners of war.

A Filipino colonel who survived the camp's horrors estimated that 40,000 American and Filipino soldiers—half of the 80,000 imprisoned—had died of disease, malnutrition and mistreatment. In the early days after the infamous "Death March" of Bataan, several hundred died daily.

The touch of those doomed, despairing men hangs heavily over this camp.

Tall grass grows over the graves of some 4,000 Filipinos. Scores of American bodies lie in the American cemetery about 700 yards northeast of the main buildings. Deep in the thickets of grass I found small unpainted crosses on which were the dog-tags of the dead. That was all.

In the center of the cemetery stands a large white wooden cross "In remembrance of the Americans who died here—erected by the Imperial Japanese Army, 1942."

All Sarge Wants Is Affidavit That His Outfit's Hot

WITH NINTH INF. DIV.—Sgt. Hadwick Cepelink, of Albert, W. Va., isn't going to let any other outfit "steal credits" from his acknowledgment section if he can help it. And with Cepelink's certified method, it looks as if he can help it.

His AAA section shot down a ME109 recently. The pilot bailed out and landed nearby, while the plane crashed a half-mile away. Cepelink took off to find the pilot.

When 1/Lt. Sidney Kessler, of Brooklyn, arrived on the scene, he came upon the sergeant bending over the injured German. To the lieutenant's query, "What are you doing?" Cepelink answered, "We've shot down so many planes that other outfits got credit for that I'm making damn sure we don't lose this one. I'm trying to get this guy to sign a statement."

Written on the paper Sgt. Cepelink had handed the Nazi pilot was: "I swear that the ME109 I was piloting was shot down by a 40mm gun, belonging to Sec. 6, Btry. D, of an ack-ack Bn."

B26s Make Monkey Out of GI Prophet

A NINTH AF BOMBER BASE, France.—"Don't worry about 50-hour inspections when you get overseas because B26s won't last that long in combat," an instructor told crew chiefs two years ago at a Marauder overseas training unit school.

T/Sgt. William Stepnicka, Cleveland; T/Sgt. George Corwin, Ozark Park, N.Y.; T/Sgt. Thomas Coughlin, Brooklyn, and T/Sgt. John Early, Philadelphia, crew chiefs in Col. Grover Brown's Marauder group, would like to meet their former instructor again to exhibit "Flying Ginny," "Five by Five," "Hangover Hut" and "Four Questions."

The four veteran B26 Marauders, all of which have flown more than 125 bombing missions without a mechanical failure, are original aircraft of the "Tiger Stripe" group, which flew overseas more than a year and a half ago. They still are in combat service.

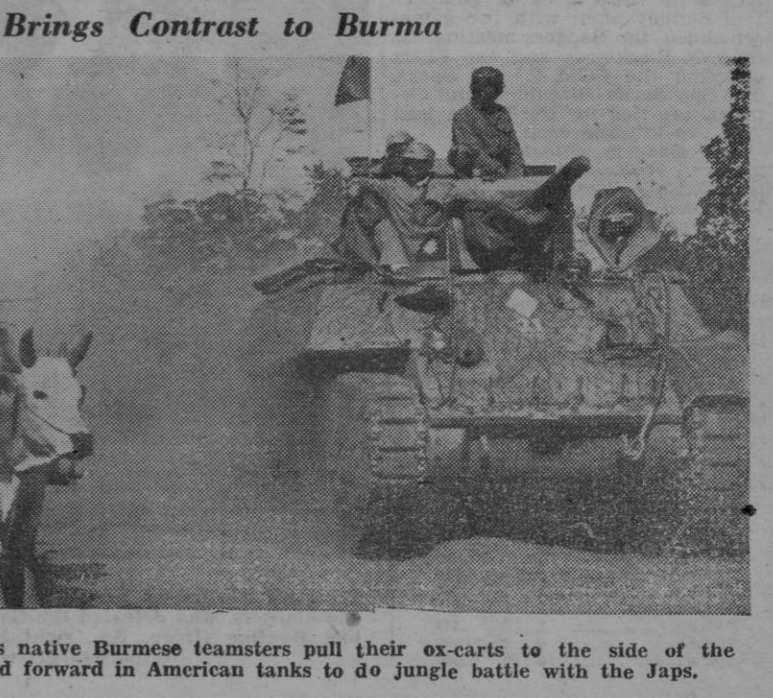
Not Even Scratched In 12 Shot-Up Tanks

WITH A TANK BN.—"Foot" Matula has been driving tanks in Co. B since D-Day. Fighting in every major action in which the company participated, including the drive through France and Belgium and the breaching of the Siegfried Line, he has never suffered a scratch, but he has had 12 tanks knocked out from under him.

"Foot" is T/4 Julius C. Matula Jr., a 6 foot 3 Texan who wears size 13 shoes.

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Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Paddlefoot Adolph Kiefer, who frequently hauled this writer from a watery grave in Chicago high school pools way back when, slipped into Gotham Saturday, backstroked in his usual sizzling manner, then returned yesterday to Bainbridge Naval where he's an ensign and swimming instructor.



Adolph Kiefer

The weekend visit with the blond merman, whose talented feet somewhat resemble gunboats, was an anniversary reunion. It was just about ten years ago this week that Adolph, then 16 years old, churned into national prominence by shattering the backstroke record in a prep event, navigating the 100-yard distance in a 20-yard pool in 57.6 seconds.

Since then Adolph has acquired possession of every backstroke record in the books, brought home first place prizes from the 1936 Olympics and has stroked more than 10,000 miles in the nation's swimming pools. But that's still the No. 1 memory in his mind.

"HERE'S the funny part about that record," Kiefer told us Saturday night in a Broadway lemonade emporium, (it says here). "Most people think I improved every year after getting out of school. If they'd consult the records, they'd discover the time of that high school race is still the official American record. I've been clocked under that speed but never in sanctioned competition."

Then "Kief" leaned back and chuckled softly to himself. "I have to laugh every time I think of Nat Levin, our high school swimming coach," he said to no one in particular, "because we've discussed the same tale many times in the past. He helped me develop the tricky turn at the end of the pool which saves so much time." Adolph continued. "What's funny though, is during all the time he coached me he couldn't swim a foot and hated even to wade in the pool. Yep, he was a guy!"

AFTER "Kief" swallowed the last of the lemonade and headed back to his New York Athletic Club suite, we returned to the office and thumbed through the record books. If you're a swimming enthusiast, the following will throw you for a loop:

Kiefer's best time, in any 100-yard effort, is that 57.6. To make it more amazing, his world record set April 1, 1939, at Columbus, Ohio, is a comparatively lazy 58.8, and his American AAU mark on a short course (25-yard length pool) is 57.8. In the final analysis, this comparison explains Kiefer's domination in his specialty. Whereas other paddlers do better in a longer pool with less turns, his copyrighted somersault turn actually saves time.

Incidentally, merely to keep the record straight, his 58.5 performance Saturday night at the New York AC eclipsed his world record by three-tenths of a second. It still is far short, however, of the clocks that day a decade ago when the swimming world first heard of the husky, good-natured kid named Kiefer.

Fort Lewis Player Claims Point Lead

FORT LEWIS, Wash., Jan. 25.—Pvt. Gail Bishop, playing coach of the Fort Lewis basketball team, disagrees wholeheartedly with the table of the nation's leading scorers, which puts Dick Wilkins, of Oregon, at the top. Bishop claims he should be up there with 179 points more than Wilkins in four fewer games.

Bishop has dunked in 214 field goals and 96 free throws for a total of 524 points, while Wilkins has scored 343 points.

Race Head Offers Byrnes Aid

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Harry Parr, president of the Thoroughbred Racing Association, met with War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes today to offer the association's services in the present manpower situation. Parr said there was absolutely no mention of the possible reopening of racetracks.

Two 'V' Circuit Tilts Sunday

The "V" Basketball Conference enters its third week of competition Sunday night with two games scheduled, the Badgers meeting the SHAEF Blackbirds and the Fliers opposing the COM Z Sad Sacks. The Sad Sacks, Blackbirds and Generals are tied for the league lead with two victories each.

Team	W	L	Pct.
Blackbirds	2	0	1.000
Sad Sacks	2	0	1.000
Generals	2	0	1.000
Fliers	1	1	.500
Blockbusters	1	2	.333
Badgers	1	2	.333
Engineers	0	2	.000
Commandos	0	2	.000

Ho, Hum, Haegg Won't Go Over

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Here is Story No 89 about Gunder Haegg's trip to the United States, and what do you think? That's right he ain't coming over.

Dan Ferris, secretary of the AAU, went to bed last night thinking the Swift Swede and Hurdler Haakan Lidman had already left Sweden by plane for the States, but yesterday there was a cablegram from Stockholm, informing him they were still at home.

"That probably means they've abandoned it for good," Ferris said, "but I cannot understand what happened to reverse the thing so suddenly."

"This changes everything," he went on, "although we still haven't given up hope. Haegg still has two more days in which to reach Scotland in time for the next transatlantic plane which gets over here some time next week."

Cadets Solve Penn State's Zone Defense

WEST POINT, N.Y., Jan. 25.—The Army basketball team rallied belatedly in the second half to score a 33-28 victory over Penn State last night. The sliding zone defense of the Nittany Lions baffled the Cadets throughout the first half. The game was strictly defensive with Army using a man-to-man and the Cadets didn't pull away until the final ten minutes. The score was tied at the half, 15-15.

Dale Hall put Army ahead, 29-24, with two set shots, and from then on Penn State couldn't catch up. Johnny Nance, playing in place of Doug Kenna, who was out with a bad knee, was high with 12 points, while Hall made eight, Dick Light led Penn State with eight.

Navy Rally Stops Penn

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 25.—Navy's basketball team whacked the University of Pennsylvania quintet, 61-41, here yesterday. The Quakers held the Middies to a three-point halftime lead. It was Navy's fourth straight victory and Penn's fourth loss in ten starts.

DePaul Beats Hamline

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 25.—DePaul University, of Chicago, swept its two-game basketball series with Hamline by defeating the local cagers, 49-40, here last night.

George Mikan, DePaul center, played a great game during the first half, when he scored 13 points and held his opponent, Howie Schultz to one field goal. Mikan fouled out early in the second half, however, and Schultz, Brooklyn Dodgers' first baseman, broke loose to score 19 points and was high for the night with 21.

Big Ten Conference Scoring Leaders

Player	G	F	Pts
Morris, Northwestern	35	22	92
Gaahan, Michigan	24	14	62
C. Wilkinson, Iowa	22	16	60
Farris, Indiana	27	5	59
Anderson, Purdue	20	17	57
Risen, Ohio State	25	7	57
Lund, Michigan	20	13	53
Gosewehr, Purdue	23	5	51
Huston, Ohio State	16	12	44
Kirk, Illinois	17	9	43

CAGE RESULTS

- Army 33, Penn State 28.
- Columbia 38, Princeton 37.
- DePaul 49, Hamline 40.
- Evansville 58, Camp Breckinridge 33.
- Floyd Bennett Field 51, Mitchell Field 42.
- Fort Williams 45, Bates 40.
- Geneva 59, Allegheny 34.
- Iowa State 57, Drake 32.
- Louisiana State 59, Southeastern La. 44.
- Lincoln AAF 56, Chanute Field 43.
- Loras 70, Mexico University 43.
- Louisville 74, E. Kentucky Techs. 42.
- Navy 61, Pennsylvania 41.
- North Carolina 60, Virginia Poly 28.
- St. Mary's (Minn.) 58, St. Thomas (Minn.) 52.
- Syracuse 47, Rochester 45.
- St. Louis U. 43, Washington 38.
- Texas Christian 64, Baylor 25.
- Texas 47, Bergstrom Field 36.
- Yale 60, Coast Guard 47.
- W. Virginia 68, VMI 27.
- Wiley 50, Bishop 37.
- Wittenberg 45, Kenyon 19.

Boxing Boss

By Pap



Edward Egan - THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE NEW YORK STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

EAGAN WON RING CHAMPIONSHIPS AT YALE, AT HARVARD AND AT OXFORD. AS A PROCESSIONER, HE WON THE AMATEUR HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

HE TOURED THE WORLD WITH THE MARQUIS OF CLEVELAND, TAKING ON ALL AMATEUR BOXERS. HIS CURRENT JOB IS MADE TO ORDER FOR THIS LAWYER, WITH A BACKGROUND OF NATIONAL A.A.U., OLYMPIC, A.E.F. AND INTER-ALLIED RING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eagan Plans Innovations In Judging New York Bouts

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Eddie Egan, new chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, told local boxing writers at their annual banquet last night that a new system of judging fights will be inaugurated in the near future. Egan said increasing dissatisfaction with the round-by-round method of scoring was the reason for the change.

Rangers Defeat Black Hawks, 4-3

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—The New York Rangers moved to within two points of the fourth-place Boston Bruins last night by defeating the Black Hawks, 4-3, after the Hawks had rallied to tie the score three times.

Phil Watson put the Rangers ahead at five minutes of the first period on a pass from Bob Dill, but Billy Mosenko tied the score ten minutes later. Ab DeMarco once again sent New York ahead just before the period ended. Wiebe made it 2-2 going through alone, but with 48 seconds to go, Kilby MacDonald scored unassisted and the second period ended with the Rangers ahead, 3-2.

Mosenko came through again for the Hawks after 12:45 of the third period, but MacDonald delivered the clincher 18 seconds later on a pass from Joe Shack.

Hockey Standings

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	24	5	2	50
Detroit	20	8	4	44
Toronto	15	14	2	32
Boston	11	19	1	23
New York	7	17	7	21
Chicago	5	19	4	14

American Hockey League

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Providence 7, Buffalo 7 (tie)				
Cleveland 4, Pittsburgh 3				
EASTERN DIVISION				
Buffalo	20	14	7	47
Hershey	17	14	6	40
Providence	15	20	4	30
WESTERN DIVISION				
Indianapolis	18	12	10	46
Cleveland	19	9	8	46
Pittsburgh	15	19	6	36
St. Louis	7	23	5	19

Billy Conn in Oise Exhibition Tonight

HQS., OISE SECTION.—Returning from a brief exhibition tour in England, Cpl. Billy Conn, former lightweight champion of the world, will appear tonight in an exhibition bout with Pvt. Maxie Hutchins, of Los Angeles. Twelve GI fights are on the card. The program opens at 6:30 P.M.

Conn boxed an exhibition in Paris New Year's Day, following a three-months' tour of Sicily and Italy.

Havana Horse Owners Strike

HAVANA, Jan. 25.—Stable owners went on strike for higher purses at Oriental Park today and there will be no racing here until the matter is settled. The owners are asking for \$2,800 weekly in increased purses. The total now is \$8,000 a week.



Benny Leonard

Officer of the Sheepshead Bay Maritime Station. Pvt. Sidney Walker, whose ring name is Beau Jack, received a medal from Nat Fleischer, publisher of Ring Magazine, which designated him the outstanding boxer of the year.

Warns Chicago Boxing Promoters on Gambling

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—The Chicago Police Department and the State Athletic Commission today warned Jack Begun and Irving Schoenwald, Marigold Gardens boxing promoters, to clean up gambling at the club or face prosecution under the state anti-gambling law, which calls for fines up to \$10,000 upon conviction. The commission placed entire responsibility on the promoters operating events where gambling takes place.

Balogh Comes Thru With Another Classic

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Boxing Announcer Harry Balogh, whose vicious abuse of the English language has spread his fame to all corners of the nation, delivered an extra special message Monday night at St. Nick's Arena. Making a plea for "March of Dimes," Balogh ended his impassioned plea with:

"Dig down deep and the pretty, little girls will pass among you with their little cans. Give until it hurts."



Pfc Ivan Shottel, of King City, Mo., racks up two points for the Blockbusters, who defeated the Badgers, 29-26. S/Sgt. J. W. Thornton, Bowling Green, Ky., right background, was high scorer for the winners with 13 points.

HASH MARKS

This story comes out of the Bastogne area during the heat of battle, submitted by T/5 Robert J. Freiler. "Bedcheck Charlie" dropped a few "eggs" and they were darn close. S/Sgt. Stewart D. Fanning, of Bluefield W.V., and an armored division, reached for his steel helmet, but it was nowhere to be found. Instead, Fanning was seen around his unit with a shiny aluminum pot for a helmet.

Memo to Pfc Maury Campbell. All rumors to the contrary, this column was not named "Hashmarks" because each gag published has had at least three years' service.

Pfc Dan Pagely reports that the German draft boards are singing "They're either too young or too old."

Notes on Dog Department: "Flak" black mongrel mascot of the "Annihilators" Marauder Gp, was born in London at the height of the buzz-bomb blitz and brought to France shortly thereafter. Even now, when one of her masters begins to snore in the middle of the night, "Flak" runs and dives for the nearest slit trench.

And here's a verse that got here by way of the ARC:



Billing and Cooing?
I'm filled with laughter.
The cooing comes first—
The billing after.

GI observation: A nice girl shouldn't hold a man's hand—but on the other hand, a nice girl has to.

One Army office has a complicated system of filing. So much so that not only has it a cross-index system, but a criss-cross index, too.

Then there was the sad sack who commented: "My wife is a magician—she changes everything into an argument."

J. C. W.

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TODAY

- 1200-News
- 1210-Programs
- 1215-Light Orch.
- 1301-J. C. Thomas
- 1330-Saludos Amigos
- 1400-News
- 1410-Old Songs
- 1430-BBC Orch.
- 1501-Music
- 1530-Combat Diary
- 1545-On Record
- 1630-BBC Orch.
- 1700-News
- 1715-AEFP On Spot
- 1730-London Column
- 1745-Rhythm Mus.
- 1800-News
- 1805-Mark up Map
- 1810-U.S. Sports
- 1815-Going to Town
- 1830-Music We Love
- 1901-Command Show
- 1930-Kate Smith
- 2000-World News
- 2005-Britain News
- 2010-Canada News
- 2015-Accent on Rhyt.
- 2030-AEF Band
- 2100-News
- 2105-Canada Show
- 2115-Navy Mixture
- 2201-U.S. News
- 2207-Hit Parade
- 2230-Here's Rom.
- 2301-News

TOMORROW

- 0601-Rise and Shine
- 0700-News
- 0715-Programs
- 0720-Rise and Shine
- 0801-Combat Diary
- 0815-Album
- 0830-Amer. Music
- 0900-News
- 0920-Programs
- 0925-Interlude
- 0930-Canada Dance
- 1001-Morning After
- 1030-Music
- 1102-U.S. News
- 1106-Duffie Dag
- 1145-Piano Parade

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

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PVT. Jacob J. Krupel, 42104333; Dorothy Miller, Chicago; William Muzek, Gary, Ind.; Sgt. Bill McCracken, Tampa, Fla.; Kenneth May; Beatrice Mendiola, DuBoise, Idaho; Pvt. Lawrence Mendosa, Los Angeles; Frances Morrison, Dallas; Kinny Madiell, Somerville, Mass.

PVT. Earthen M. Haynes; T/5 John Helbo, South Plainfield, N.J.; Irvin Helsey, Millersville, Pa.; Francis Hochrieter, Ashley, Pa.; Robert C. Holden; Chaplain Lewis L. Koon, Radford, Va.; Joe Kansas; Chaplain Eugene Kelly; Sgt. Gilbert Koss, De Pue, Ill.; Joseph Krawczynski, Kiedelberg, Pa.

Li'l Abner

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Blondie

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By Chic Young



Jane

By Courtesy of The London Daily Mirror

By Norman Pett



Corregidor Hit By Libs; Clark Field Reached

American troops on Luzon have penetrated almost to the center of the Clark Field network of airstrips, and U.S. heavy bombers have made their first attack on the fortress island of Corregidor, guarding the entrance to Manila Bay.

Gen. MacArthur announced yesterday that strong motorized forces of the U.S. 40th Div. had captured the Japanese stronghold of Bambang and one of the 11 Clark Field airstrips. Then the Yanks went on to take Mabalacat, 47 miles from Manila.

New Landings Reported

In the center of the American front moving eastward across Luzon, the Japanese were driven from Mount Balungao. At the northern tip of the front, 43rd Div. troops continued to reduce Japanese fixed defenses in the mountains around Rosario.

The Japanese radio reported new American landings on Luzon—at Bolinao and Alamo on the Bolinao Peninsula—and said that more U.S. transport convoys had been sighted off Lingayen Gulf.

Gen. MacArthur reported that in the Luzon fighting up to Tuesday, 6,449 Japanese had been killed, 423 captured and an estimated 7,200 wounded. American casualties totaled 657 killed, 187 missing and 2,301 wounded.

Libs Hit Corregidor

The attack on Corregidor was made by Liberators, which dropped 45 tons of bombs. It was the first blow at the fortress since Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright's forces surrendered there in 1942. Other U.S. planes hit Japanese coastal defenses on Subic Bay.

The Tokyo radio reported that Superfortresses had attacked Korea and the Japanese homeland island of Honshu. The enemy also said that British carrier-borne planes had made an attack at Palembang, Sumatra.

Burma Japs Blasted

In Burma, the block set up on the old Burma Road by the U.S. Mars Task Force was paying dividends. Chinese troops and American artillery bagged scores of Japanese seeking to escape around the block, some 80 miles north of Lashio.

SEAC headquarters reported that the Japanese had turned a strong artillery concentration on the British 14th Army's bridgehead across the Irrawaddy River, east of Shwebo and northwest of Mandalay. Enemy troops counter-attacked vigorously, but were held.

Harmon Sees Long Jap War

PACIFIC AIR FORCES HQ, Jan. 25 (ANS).—Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, AAF commander in the Pacific, asserted today that Japan will be "on her feet and fighting in 1946."

In a radio address, Harmon appealed to the home front to keep up production and outlined what he believes lies ahead in the Far Eastern theater. He said Japan's largest, best-trained and toughest army—the Kwantung Army—still stands in Manchuria, and that there will be war in the Pacific as long as such a force is willing and equipped to fight.

"I can assure you," Harmon said, "we have not so far seriously unjoined the Japanese war effort." He pointed out that the Japanese, with aircraft production estimated at more than 1,500 planes a month, have been studying B29 tactics and preparing for the coming Battle of Japan. Thus, he emphasized, Japan has been following a strategy of holding back her strength.

French Asked to Aid In Hunt for U.S. Reels

Speaking over a French radio hookup in the name of the French Minister of the PTT Augustin Laurent, his undersecretary, M. Farat, appealed to French children and adults to co-operate with American GIs in recovering 300,000 wire reels for the U.S. Signal Corps.

The reels have been left on roadsides during the American advance and the American Army now needs them at the front.

Get Camouflage Suits

The XII Corps Second Cav. Grp. was among the first to receive the winter camouflage suits designed by the 672nd Eng. Camouflage Bn. Co. A, according to 1st Lt. Elmer A. Kaestner, of Fond du Lac, Wis., Corps Camouflage Officer.

Foxhole Fashion Note

Pinter's Booties Ducky for Frosty Footsies

W/O A. L. Hooper, of Reidsville, N.C.—"Great foot-warmer—beats putting hot bricks in bed."
Sgt. William Hare, of Chicago—"My feet never get cold in Pinter's booties."
Pfc Joe S. Evans, of Fayetteville, Ohio—"Pinter's booties keep my feet warm and dry."
Pfc James L. Diamond, of Charleston, S.C.—"Always had trouble keeping my feet warm—until I started wearing Pinter's booties."

WITH THIRD ARMY, France, Jan. 25 (AP).—The ingenuity of a New Yorker has licked the problem of frostbitten feet among doughboys of the 120th Inf. Reg. The solution is a simple creation fashioned from salvaged blankets by Cpl. Morris Pinter, who operated a tailor shop before he entered the Army.

The foxhole footgear he calls "booties" are made from three thicknesses of blanket and are worn without shoes inside arctic. The bottoms are cut separately and three thicknesses sewed together in the shape of a shoe sole, then stitched to the tops, which are also three thicknesses and come halfway to the knee. The finished

products look like an oversized moccasin. "We haven't had a single case of frostbite since we started using them," Col. Branner Purdue, of Fayetteville, Ark., said. "The men put them on just before going into an attack. They carry them underneath their battlejackets, across their bellies, so they will be warm when they put them on."

Stilwell Named Chief of AGF

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—The appointment of Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell as new commander of the AGF was announced today by Secretary of War Stimson. Gen. Stilwell succeeds Lt. Gen. Lear, whose assignment as ETO Deputy Theater Commander was revealed yesterday by Gen. Eisenhower.

The selection of four-starred "Vinegar Joe," former chief of U.S. forces in China, confirms recent reports that he would be named to the AGF post. When he was relieved from his command in the Far East, reportedly at the request of Chiang Kai-shek, President Roosevelt announced that he would be given a new important assignment.

It had been originally reported that Stilwell, renowned as a "soldier's soldier," was seeking a fighting command, and one Washington report was that he would lead an Allied expeditionary force landing on the China coast.

Alsace . . .

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end of the Colmar salient, met an enemy counter-attack east of the Ill River, near Osthelm. Another enemy counter-thrust south of Colmar, in the vicinity of Richwiller, northwest of Mulhouse, was beaten back by the French, who then advanced southeast of Cernay to liberate a group of workers' villages.

In the Ardennes, U.S. First and Third Armies were pushing slowly toward the Siegfried Line through snowdrifts five feet deep and in temperatures eight degrees above zero.

First Army's First Div. smeared a series of counter-attacks along its front after its 18th Regt. took the town of Moderscheid, seven miles northeast of St. Vith, and cut off enemy troops in the Butgenbacher forest.

German Column Nabbed The Seventh Armored Div. pushed 1,500 yards south of St. Vith and also mauled a counter-attack. While the Seventh was fighting out of town, its units in St. Vith nabbed a German column retreating into the town, unaware it had fallen.

Six miles southwest of St. Vith, the 75th Div. took Aldringen.

Art Treasures . . .

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ing. But when the train started, railway workers and members of the Resistance, tipped off by Mlle. Valland, kept shuttling it around Paris. Three weeks later it was still there.

2/Lt. J. J. Romier, of New York, Seine Section Monuments officer, who supplied a report to U. S. authorities on the recovery of the train, said that many other works of art, stolen by the Germans and left behind in their scramble from Paris, have been recovered by U.S. troops in military installations and turned over to the French. The work of tracing art treasures looted by the Germans in France still is going on.

Woman Held for Threat On Draft Official's Kin

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 25 (ANS).—Mrs. Evelyn B. Polzin, 31, a local war worker, and mother of an 11-year-old son, was arrested last night by FBI agents who said that she threatened the family of the chairman of the Minneapolis draft board which sent her husband to the Army in 1942.

Brownout Affects Memphis Flag Light

MEMPHIS, Jan. 25 (ANS).—The electrically-lighted flag atop the Commercial Appeal building is going out for the first time since World War I. During the dimout two years ago the flag continued to shine at government request, but it goes out tonight, in anticipation of the "brownout" beginning Feb. 1.

9th Boosts Toll Of Nazi Armor

What was left of Nazi motor columns after a three-day aerial beating doggedly continued their flight out of the Bulge yesterday, and again were pounced on by fighter-bombers of the Ninth AF. The fighters teamed with Invaders and Havocs of the Ninth's Bomber Div., who blocked roads in the Schleiden area, stalling traffic and setting up targets for the bombing and strafing swoops of the fighters.

In all, Ninth planes destroyed 679 Nazi motor vehicles during yesterday's attacks and damaged 515 more, bringing their total for the past four days to more than 6,500 vehicles destroyed and damaged. Fighter-bombers, which flew 760 sorties, despite continuing bad weather, also destroyed 167 rail cars and damaged 224.

Most of the kills were scored by the Ninth and 29th TAC fliers in a corridor running from St. Vith to Euskirchen. Another concentration was caught and riddled by 19th TAC pilots six miles east of Clervaux.

Six Air Generals Win High Awards From Eisenhower

SHAEF, Jan. 25.—Six USAAF generals, who directed "the most effective use of air power the world has ever known," were awarded high decorations for "exceptionally meritorious service" by Gen. Eisenhower today.

The Supreme Commander presented oak-leaf clusters to the DSM to Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, Eighth AF Commander, and Maj. Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, commanding the Ninth AF. He awarded the DSM to Brig. Gen. Edward P. Curtis, USSTAF chief of staff; Maj. Gen. Frederick L. Anderson, deputy commander for operations of USSTAF; Maj. Gen. William E. Kepner and Maj. Gen. Earle E. Partridge, commanding the Second and Third Divisions respectively of the Eighth Air Force.

According to his citation, Gen. Doolittle dealt the German air force a paralyzing blow prior to the invasion and "the sound tactics employed by heavy bombardment aircraft and fighters contributed materially to the ground attacks against Germany proper."

2 S. and S. French Orphans Guests at GI Musical Show

Two French children being cared for by The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund were guests of honor last night at the GI-WAC musical revue. "Com Zee, Com Zaa," in Paris. They are among five orphans being sponsored by the cast.

One-hundred-thousand francs or \$2,000 was raised through the sale at the theater of five-franc programs, for which some soldiers gave as much as 500 francs. Launched in France Nov. 29, after sponsoring 630 orphans in Britain. The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund already has

Arctic Clothing Slated for ETO

(Continued from Page 1) reverse lend-lease basis French factories would turn out increasing stocks of war material for Americans. He cited the salvage program pushed by Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, Com Z commanding general, as an important factor in easing the strain on the productive machine back home.

List New Materiel

Here is how he described the supply situation in the ETO.

1.—Clothes.—Frontline troops will get a third suit of woolen underwear. There are enough combat boots in stock for combat men. There is an adequate supply of overshoes except in the larger sizes. Each combat man will receive six pairs of wool socks and ski socks will be issued with shoe-pacs. Stocks of highneck sweaters and wool field jackets are being issued. Knit gloves with the leather palms are being replaced by new wool mittens with removable leather shells, for line troops, so that the gloves can be dried out.

2.—Ammunition.—Small arms production has gone up 200 per cent, medium and heavy caliber, 100 percent. This is on a global scale.

3.—New weapons.—"Buzz-bombs," said Somervell, "are Gen. Arnold's (Air Force) job."

4.—Other production.—Heavy truck production is up 25 to 30 per cent. Pressure at home is on tires, radios, tentage and webbing, in addition to ammunition.

5.—Tanks.—Better tanks are coming. The U.S. made a tank like the German Tiger in 1942, but the Army didn't want it, so the armored forces will get something better.

Enough Winter Clothes

He said there are now enough winter clothing supplies here to equip every frontline soldier properly for winter.

Describing the shoe-pac, he said: "This has been used in the arctic for years. If it keeps feet warm in Alaska, it ought to do it in Germany."

Somervell said great losses of clothing had been incurred by the discarding of garments, particularly coats in combat areas. In some cases, he said, unit commanders order their men to remove overshoes while going in for an attack, assuming the overshoes will be picked up later, but nobody comes around to collect them and they are lost.

The British are pouring war goods into the front and English production is one of the vital factors in the supplying of American as well as British troops, he said.

French troops now fighting are issued American rations, which they supplement with local food wherever they can get it, he said.

Battle Bars

Battlefield commissions in the 84th Inf. Div. have been awarded to S/Sgt. Carrol G. Zosel; T/Sgt. Warren C. Hubbard, of Alba, Mich.; Sgt. John C. Crouse Jr., of Etowah, Tenn.; T/Sgt. Hubert W. Estridge, of Rock Hill, S.C., and S/Sgt. Mario Lage, of Lowell, Mass.

Soviets Cut Off German Force In E. Prussia

(Continued from Page 1) northwest of the city fell to Koniev's army.

The second bridgehead across the Oder was secured by First Ukrainian troops in the vicinity of Stienau, about 20 miles northwest of Breslau.

Fanning out north of Steinau, Koniev's spearheads were reported by the U.P. across the Oder "in strength," capturing an undisclosed town within 125 miles of Berlin.

The other bridgehead, south of Breslau in the vicinity of captured Oppeln, is the life-line for Russian troops moving on Breslau from the south.

Bitter Battle at Elbing

Cutting off East Prussia from the homeland, Second White Russian Army troops under Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky last night were reported engaged in bitter battles for the port of Elbing, 40 miles southwest of Koenigsberg.

Rokossovsky's troops reached the Baltic coast at Frisches Haff, where the Vistula empties into the Baltic 25 miles east of Danzig.

Red Star, the Army newspaper, said that Gen. Cherniakovsky's Third White Russian Army had hurled back 14 German counter-attacks in a violent battle for a suburb east of Koenigsberg, capital of East Prussia.

It was estimated by the Associated Press in London that more than 200,000 Germans were thus isolated in East Prussia.

Battle for Posen

No official news of the fighting around Posen was available from the Soviet capital last night. Berlin reports, however, said that Field Marshal Guderian, German commander-in-chief in the East, had thrown in powerful panzer units to halt tank spearheads of Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First White Russian Army driving on Posen from two sides.

Other violent tank battles were reported by the Germans along a wide front between Bromberg, 58 miles northeast of Posen, and Gniezno, 20 miles east of Posen, on the main Berlin-Warsaw highway. The Germans claimed "heavy losses" had been inflicted on the Russian columns.

The northern prong of Marshal Koniev's army straightened the line between Posen and Breslau by capturing Gleiwitz, an industrial center in northern Silesia and one of Germany's most valuable sources of coal.

On the southern fronts, the Third Ukrainian Army under Marshal Rodion Malinovsky pressed deeper into the heavy forested areas of Czechoslovakia. As this army advanced, Moscow radio announced that a state of siege had been proclaimed by German authorities in Prague, the Czech capital. Czech workers were reported to have gone on strike and German SS troopers were called out to quell the civilian resistance.

Russian Offensive Expected to Free Yank Prisoners

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25 (ANS). Although the Russian offensive is sweeping much of the area where PW camps are believed located, there is no estimate of the number of Americans who may be freed. At one time more than 1,000 U.S. ground officers were held 20 miles northeast of Inowroclaw, which the Red Army has captured.

Basil O'Conner, national ARC chairman, reported that American and other Allied PWs have been moved to Central Germany.

The State Department announced it had taken up with Moscow the question of protecting and releasing American PWs freed from German camps by the Russians.

The WD expects Russia to carry on the policy followed in Rumania and Bulgaria, where Americans were turned over to U.S. authorities as soon as possible.

Ninth AF Fliers Wreck 350-Foot V-Bomb Site

NINTH AF HQ, Jan. 25.—Three Ninth AF fighter-bomber pilots dive-bombed and destroyed a 350-foot V-bomb launching site 20 miles south of Euskirchen. Ninth AF headquarters disclosed today.

The site was discovered by 1/Lt. William Hurd, of Newburgh, N. Y., who led his two wingmen, 2/Lts. John Kennedy, of Tampico, Ill., and David McClure, of Bloomington, Ill., to the target, and saw them score four direct hits with 500-pounders on the ramp and on five truckloads of dismantled V-bombs.