

Easter

Early in the morning they came unto the sepulchre. . . and they found the stone rolled away.
Luke 24:1-2.

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Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day.
Luke 24:46.

Seventh Army in Bavaria

15th Army in Line; Ruhr Net Tightens; French Over Rhine

The Seventh U.S. Army broke through the Odenwald hills east of Mannheim yesterday and drove into Bavaria—one of the southern provinces of Germany which the Americans are scheduled to occupy after the war.

The Seventh last night was only 15 miles from Wurzburg, 80 miles east of the Rhine and midway between Frankfurt and Nurnberg.

Meanwhile, as it was disclosed that Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow's 15th U.S. Army had gone into action and was holding a front line position on the Western Front, French troops of Gen. Jean de Lattre Tassigny's First Army crossed the Rhine for the first time since the Napoleonic Wars.

To the north, the First U.S. and Second British Armies were tightening their noose around the industrial Ruhr. Latest reports from 21st Army Group headquarters put them only 38 miles apart.

Second Arm'd. in Action

Tanks of the Ninth U.S. Army, spearheaded by the veteran Second Arm'd. Div., continued to drive east from its lower Rhine bridgehead and were at least 60 miles beyond the river.

Meanwhile, the Sixth Arm'd. Div. of the Third U.S. Army advanced to a point only ten miles from Kassel, key communications center on one of the main roads running northeast to Berlin.

As Easter Sunday dawned on the West Front, Gen. Eisenhower had elements of eight Armies across the classic water barrier to the heart of the Reich. At least 12 armored divisions were spearheading drives ranging almost from the North Sea to Switzerland and there were mounting indications that the zig-zag tactics of the tanks were throwing battered remnants of the Wehrmacht into chaos.

Gen. Eisenhower's advance elements were deeper into Germany from the west than was the Red Army from the east.

The Seventh Army's smash into Bavaria
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5,000 Planes Hammer Rails, U-Boat Yards

More than 5,000 planes struck at enemy transportation and industrial targets from Hamburg to Austria yesterday.

Thirteen hundred U.S. heavies raided four rail and industrial centers, rounding out a month in which a record Eighth AF load of 73,000 tons of bombs was dropped on Germany.

RAF Lancasters and Halifaxes, 750 strong, gave the Hamburg submarine yards their second hammering in 18 hours.

Italy-based Fifteenth AF bombers, meanwhile, carried out a series of raids on unspecified targets in Germany and Austria, and Ninth AF flew more than
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Reds 40 Miles From Vienna, Peril Italy Line

Red Army forces in Austria fought less than 40 miles from Vienna last night and threatened to cut the main rail line between Vienna and Italy, the Associated Press reported.

Marshal Stalin announced that troops of Marshal Feodor Tolbukhin's Third Ukrainian Army, driving forward in the western tip of Hungary to within two miles of Austria, had captured Szentgotthard, 38 miles east of the Austrian communications center of Graz.

A Soviet communique earlier reported a penetration of Austria by other forces of Tolbukhin's operating farther north. They crossed the border above the town of Kroszeg.

Forces still in Hungary also seized Kormend and Vasvar, Stalin reported. He announced, too, that Bulgarian troops south of Lake Balaton in Hungary had seized Osurgo, on the Yugoslav frontier.

40 Miles Inside Austria

The Associated Press said Soviet vanguards were believed to be 40 miles inside Austria. German positions there were menaced by four Soviet drives along a 130-mile front from southern Slovakia across western Hungary to Yugoslavia. These drives threatened Vienna, Wiener-Neustadt, Graz and communications linking up with the Italian front.

Stalin announced that Marshal Ivan Koniev's forces, driving toward the northern end of the Moravian gap leading into Czechoslovakia, had captured the Silesian towns of Ratibor and Biskau. Ratibor is six miles from the Czech border and 17 north of Moravska-Ostrava.

Further official reports on the capture of Danzig disclosed that 39,000 dead Germans had been found on the battlefield. Hitler, it was said, had ordered the port held at all costs. Tass, Soviet news agency, said half a million German refugees had been found in the half-ruined city. Hundreds of Danzig's finest buildings were destroyed. A huge column of German tanks retreating eastward from Danzig toward Pillau and Koeningberg was pounded by the Red Air Force.

First Armor Races East, Almost Without Challenge

By Andy Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE FIRST U.S. ARMY ARMORED SPEARHEAD, GERMANY, Mar. 30 (Delayed)—This armored force raced 100 miles farther into the heart of Germany yesterday in one of the greatest armored blitzkreigs the war has yet produced.

Yalta Proposal Stirs Criticism

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (AP)—The Yalta proposal to give Russia and the U.S. three votes each in the projected World League Assembly aroused opposition extending to the floor of the Senate.

Sen. Chapman Revercomb (R-W.Va.) demanded that the U.S. get voting power equal to that of any country. He referred to the British Commonwealth of Nations with six votes.

The New York Herald Tribune declared the proposal is not of "high importance" because "the real work of the assembly is not going to be done by a nice balance of voting majorities."

The New York World Telegram said the public "will assume there are other such things under the Yalta bed yet to be revealed."

Yanks Copy 'Blitz' Tactics, Nazi Says

LONDON, Mar. 31 (UP)—Radio Germany, in a home broadcast by Wilfrid Von Oven, said today that American tank tactics used in the breakthrough into the Reich are the same as those so often pursued by the Germans in the first years of the war.

Von Oven said, "We must admit our enemies learned the lesson well—the German word 'blitz' became a definite term of international language. It could not be helped . . . that that method also was soon adopted by enemy armies."

Present U.S. tank thrusts were being carried out with "often no more than the number we used to destroy on a single day," he added.

Medium and light tanks, half-tracks, jeeps bristling with machine guns, and six by six supply truck trains raced over the German roads and fields at a break-neck speed. German resistance is described as "none at all," in some places to "moderate" in others.

The desperate German High Command yesterday raced a high speed express to many of the towns in the path of advance of one of the armored columns of the spearhead force, dropping from 10 to 30 SS men at each town with bazookas, ammunition and do or die orders to slow the advance.

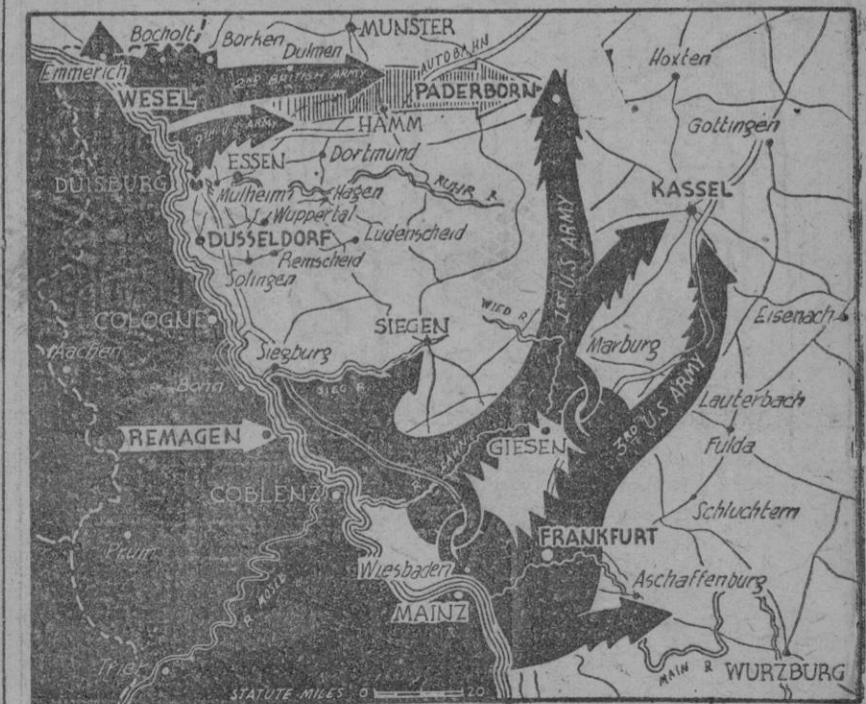
Nazi PWs Crowd Roads

Issuing words of warning such as "roads cleared of Germans to shoulders only," the tankers drive their rumbling vehicles at top speed 18 to 20 hours a day. All through the day, German soldiers stream out of the woods and fields to give themselves up, and the roads back are literally crowded with a flow of German prisoners and multi-uniformed forced laborers who start migrating out of Germany the minute they are released by the leading American forces.

The spearhead knocked out 450 German vehicles in yesterday's advance. German officers who thought they were escaping over dirt roads off the main highway, time and again ran into U.S. forces cutting overland to avoid passing through the narrow-streeted towns.

One small German command car which bumped into the American column apparently thought its strength was limited to the three tanks which the two officers in the car could see from their side of the road. One officer opened up with small arms fire, and in return, 37mm fire from another tank clipped off the heads of the two officers neatly at the shoulder level.

While resistance is described as light and crumbling, armored men have found "crumbling German resistance" still kills Americans. One tank was hit by bazooka
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Stars and Stripes Map by Brown

Slicing Wehrmacht: At least 12 Allied tank divisions were zig-zagging through the Reich yesterday as Yanks fighting at Paderborn were only 38 miles from linkup with Allies north of the Ruhr. Third Army tip was ten miles from Kassel while Seventh Army was 15 miles from Wurzburg.



Jesus—A Divine Being

(Editor's Note: This article was written in 1912 for a Memphis paper and has been reprinted every year since. It was sent to The Stars and Stripes by Mrs. S. T. Lyles Sr., of Oxford, Miss.)

There is no other character in history like that of Jesus.

As a preacher, as a doer of things, and as a philosopher, no man ever had the sweep and vision of Jesus.

A human analysis of the human actions of Jesus brings to view a rule of life that is amazing in its perfect detail.

The system of ethics Jesus taught during his earthly sojourn 2,000 years ago was true then, has been true in every century since, and will be true forever.

Plato was a great thinker and learned in his age, but his teachings did not stand the test of time. In big things and in little things time and human experience have shown that he erred.

Marcus Aurelius touched the reflective minds of the world, but he was as cold and austere as brown marble.

The doctrine of Confucius gave a great nation moral and mental dry rot.

Teachings of Buddha

The teachings of Buddha resulted in mental and moral chaos that makes India derelict.

Mohammed offered a system of ethics which was adopted by millions of people. Now their children live in deserts where once there were cities, along dry rivers where once there was moisture and in the shadows of gray, barren hills where once there was greenness.

Jesus taught little as to property because He knew there were things of more importance than property. He measured property and life, the body and soul, at their exact relative value. He taught much as to character, because character is of more importance than dollars.

Can't Find Flaw

Other men taught us to develop systems of government, Jesus taught us to perfect the minds of men. Jesus looked to the soul, while other men dwelled on material things.

After the experience of 2,000 years, no

man can find a flaw in the governmental system as outlined by Jesus.

Czar and Kaiser, President and Socialist, give to its complete merit their admiration.

No man today, no matter whether he follows the doctrine of Mills, Marx or George as to property, can find a false principle in Jesus' theory of property.

In the duty of a man to his fellows, no sociologist has ever approximated the perfection of the doctrine laid down by Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount.

Not all the investigations of chemists, not all the discoveries of explorers, not all the experiences of rulers, not all the historical facts that go to make up the sum of human knowledge on this day in 1912 are in contradiction to one word uttered or one principle laid down by Jesus.

Never Made Mistake

The human experiences of 2,000 years show that Jesus never made a mistake. Jesus never uttered a doctrine that was true at that time and then became obsolete.

Jesus spoke the truth; He lived the truth; and truth is eternal.

History has no record of any other man leading a perfect life or doing everything in logical order. Jesus is the only person whose every action and whose every utterance strike a true note in the heart and mind of every man born of woman. He never said a foolish thing, never did a foolish act and never dissembled.

No poet, no dreamer, no philosopher loved humanity with the love that Jesus bore toward all men.

Who, then, was Jesus?

He could not have been merely a man, for there never was a man who had two consecutive thoughts absolute in truthful perfection.

Jesus must have been what Christendom proclaims him to be—a divine being—or he could not have been what he was. No mind but an infinite mind could have left behind those things which Jesus gave to the world as a heritage.

Editorial

Pride, Sacrifice and Glory

IN my humble opinion this photograph is a prototype of patriotism. It reflects in its simple figuration the living idealism of America—Freedom and all of Freedom's kinships. It stirs the heart. It is a worthy piece of any master's art. The human and sublime are unified in it.

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Who are the four boys visible there? If we knew, could we describe them as ordinary men? I could not.

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For me the up-raised arm and reaching hand are pride aspirant; to me the clutching hands and inclined head are country's sacrifice; to me the splintered cheek, pressed willingly against that wooden shaft of glory, is itself that glory; and that fore-struggling form is leadership, firm-footed, full of courage.

* * *

They are one and indivisible—like America. Each knows his comrade, feels his presence. Each keeps the other's faith. The pride and glory belong to them together—and to those they hallow, with an honor far greater than that which they themselves are honored by. They plant our sovereign emblem on the remotest mound where they have saved world sovereignty. The encompassing sky observes right's triumph. There, on that desolate peak, they've conquered a great evil.

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We shall perpetuate their deeds—and pray that God Almighty may redeem them for a lasting peace. . .

T/5 D. Cesa.

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"Greater love bath no man. . ."

Trainload of Combat GIs Invades Riviera Dreamland

By Paul Green
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NICE, Mar. 31—With the mud of Germany on their combat boots, the feel of Germany in their hearts, and talk of Germany on their lips, nearly 600 Western Front doughs pulled into this Riviera fairland yesterday.

This was the first mass invasion of frontline troops to hit the U.S. Riviera Recreational Area, as this big-time rest camp is officially known.

Representing the First, Third, Seventh and Ninth Armies, the doughs left their outfits east of the Rhine.

"When we return, we're liable to meet them on their way back from Berlin—we hope," is the general feeling.

Train 21 Hours Late

Packed into the train for three nights and two days, and 21 hours overdue, the foxhole-happy GIs arrived before dawn, piled into trucks and were driven to hotels.

First thing most of them did was to dive into bathtubs and loll luxuriously in steaming water, then crawl into real, live beds and feel the softness of clean, white sheets.

At breakfast time they trooped downstairs for a meal served by pretty waitresses.

Afterwards, they sighed disbelievingly as they baked in the hot sun along the shore, lounged on the promenade, or window-shopped in classy stores.

The keys to the city were handed to them at the only formation of the week. USRA officers told them, and meant it too: "Our job is to serve you. There are no regulations in this town, so get going."

Seven Days in Dreamland

Ahead of them lay seven days of what soldiers dream of in foxholes—sports by day, including sailing, bicycling, and tennis, and a choice of half a dozen GI night clubs by night. Everything would be done to please them, including the placing of a copy of The Stars and Stripes under the door every morning.

Most of them had been in Germany

many months and found it hard getting used to being in a friendly country again. They practiced up on their stale French, remembering to say, "No compris" instead of "Nichts verstehe."

One dough, eyeing slick chicks with short skirts and upswept hairdos, cracked, "All this"—throwing out his arms in a gesture that embraced all Nice—"and no non-fraternization policy too."

Fear for Safety Of Nazi Prisoners

BERN, Switzerland, Mar. 31 (AP)—Fear for the ultimate safety of Allied, war prisoners and conscripted foreign workers in Germany has increased as the Allied smash beyond the Rhine started the greatest wave of defeatism and despair yet recorded in Nazi Germany.

The International Red Cross has lost contact with hundreds of thousands among more than 15,000,000 prisoners working in Germany. Thousands were rescued by the Russian advance and others escaped with the push across the Rhine, but the fate of many others will not be known until long after the war ends.

Apart from the normal prisoners there are the big names who may play the part of hostages—Blum, Daladier, Herriot of France, Schuschnigg of Austria, Marshal Stalin's son.

The weekly paper "Sie Under" said this week: "Now that Germany's total collapse seems imminent the whole world is beginning to tremble for the fate of these hostages."

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN
Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, The Stars and Stripes, Liege Edition, APO 887.

APOs Wanted
CPL. Pete Della Gulla, New York City; Pvt. Sam Grodnitzky, Baltimore, Md.; Joseph Golden, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Ed. Geffeler, Pvt. James Hanahan, Philadelphia, Pa.; T/5 Glenwood Hall; Edward Hand, Baltimore, Md.; Howard M. Harris, 0676325; Pfc Robert Johnson, New York City.

FOUND
POCKET book found at Jewish Seder service in Liege Wednesday March 28, 1945. Owner Robert Weiss. Now in possession of Capt. Meyer Bloom, 28th Gen. Hosp.

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

SGT. Albert I. Sieger, Bronx—Frederick, March 27; S/Sgt. Darwin Little, Fayetteville, Ark.—Darlu Janice, March 26; T/3 Francis C. Emig, Philadelphia—girl, March 26; Lt. John E. Cocks, Galveston, Tex.—boy, March 27; Pvt. Eugene Bond, Mansfield, La.—Eugene Laurence, March 27; Pvt. Joseph V. Dicarlo, Revere, Mass.—Priscilla Ann, March 26; Sgt. Murphy Lee Davis, Hadden Heights, N.Y.—Robert Lee, March 25.

L. T. William O. Rigby, Farmington, Utah—girl, Feb. 14; Pfc Arthur J. Bell, Sayre, Pa.—Kenneth Eugene, March 18; Pfc Norman H. Merlet, Pittsfield, Mass.—boy, March 11; CWO John W. Atamansuk, Brooklyn—boy, March 24.

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TDs Kill 60 And Capture 15 Vehicles

WITH 78th INF. DIV.—"It sort of made us mad when a German captain directed a group of Nazis with under arm bazookas in a frontal attack on A Co., 893rd TD Bn," said Lt. Donald F. Cameron, of Pueblo, Colo.

After beating off one attack, the TDs moved to the edge of the woods facing the German positions, and went after them, firing point-blank with three-inch guns and using the 30s and 50s to spray the area for good measure.

"The Germans still didn't have enough, for they sent more bazookas after us that night," Cameron said, "so we did a repeat performance. In the morning we checked results. There were 15 abandoned German vehicles, including a Mark V, all of which had been hit by shellfire. We also found 60 dead Jerries."

A few days later, when Co. C, First Bn., 309th Regt. was taking Stieldorf, the enemy pinned the doughfeet down with direct fire from SPs, anti-aircraft guns and automatic weapons. A platoon of TDs led by Lt. Benjamin F. Lassiter of Conway, N.C., knocked out four German SPs, two of them mounting 88s, three anti-aircraft guns and five strong points, and the infantry moved in to take the town.

Lassiter was leading probably the first TD platoon to cross the Rhine, with S/Sgt. Melvin R. Austin of Leeksville, N.C., commanding the first TD.

"We were going across behind some tanks," said Austin, "when the Germans scored a direct hit on a tank in front of us. We sat on the bridge for 40 minutes while the Germans threw everything in the book at us."

V Corps CG Praises Second Div. Action

WITH SECOND INF. DIV.—The second Infantry Division has been highly commended by the commanding general of the First Army's Fifth Corps for its rugged defensive stand during the German breakthrough and its successes when the offensive was resumed.

From Maj. Gen. C. R. Huebner, the commendation covered the period from December 12 to February 12.

After the Germans struck on the V corps front, the communication stated, "serious penetrations were made in the 99th Inf. Div. sector in the Krinkelt-Bullingen-Butenbach area" and it "became necessary to suspend your attack and intersperse Second Inf. Div. units with elements of the 99th along the general line Roherath-Krinkelt-Wirtzfeld-Butenbach."

Following the defeat of the counter-offensive, the Second Div. resumed the offensive, retaking Wirtzfeld, Krinkelt and Roherath and then capturing initially, Haperscheid, Ettelscheid, Bronsfeld, Helenthal, Scheuren and high ground on the bank of the Urft River Schleiden.



Here to Stay?—87th Recon Squadron of the Seventh Armd. Div. was completely mechanized until Message Center jeep came up with seven flat tires in two days. Deciding the horse was here to stay, cavalrymen rounded up two Wehrmacht mounts for message delivery. Left to right: T/Sgt. Michael G. Furlich, Omaha; Pvt. Charles J. McCue, Larksville, Pa.; and Pfc Ozell E. Gibbs, Felrio, Tex.

Easter



"I guess we ought to put some colors into the powdered eggs this morning."

Guzwicus 'On Loose Again' Near Bonn Kayoes MG, Takes SP Gun and 89 PWs

WITH EIGHTH INF. DIV.—Tales kept filtering in about "a wild man on the loose" around Bonn and the Ert canal—a GI with "a Polish sounding name."

That had to be Guzwicus, they figured—S/Sgt. Joseph J. Guzwicus, of North Arlington, N.J., of the 13th Regt.—because the same man had run wild under similar circumstances down around Brest.

Their surmise was correct, and during his latest rampage Guzwicus accounted for 89 German prisoners, including a German command car and a complete kitchen truck; he broke up a counter-attack, captured a machine gun nest, knocked out a self-propelled gun and took an enemy command post.

Used to Be Sailor

The only doubt in the doughfoot's mind is whether he's placed right in the Army—he used to be a sailor.

Tank riding had patterned the assault as the infantry hitched forward with the armor. The tank immediately in front of Guzwicus' mount suffered a direct 88 hit and burst into flame. Although badly shaken up as a result of the same shelling, Guzwicus had ran forward and dragged injured crewman and doughs from the blazing vehicle, then extinguished the flames.

Chronologically, his operations started off with a German counter-attack along the Ert Canal. Guzwicus favors a BAR. He took the middle of the Kraut attempt,

killed 12, wounded a lot more and beat them off until artillery drove them back.

Knocks Out MG

The next day he sneaked up on a Jerry machine gun nest, killed three gunners and took three prisoners. He was on the way back to the CP with his captives when he spotted the Jerry command car approaching. He stood in the center of the road and waved them down. They kept coming, so he punctured the radiator with a burst. Then they stopped. Six enlisted men and an officer gingerly climbed out and surrendered.

He turned up at a factory one day later and flushed an enemy CP. The officers elected to die before his automatic fire, but he netted 35 prisoners.

He got a line on the self-propelled gun and wormed his way to the rear of the position. He emptied four magazines on this assignment before a permanent hush settled.

Kitchen was Easy

The Kraut kitchen was easy. Although one item nettled him considerably, "One of them had American fatigue pants on," was his cryptic summary of that situation. He didn't disclose how he dealt with the offender.

He even essayed a little bargaining on the third day after he had cornered three Jerries in one corner of a fortified position. He gave them the choice of dying right there or persuading their comrades within to surrender.

"They were really scared," Guzwicus reflects. "They jabbered at each other for awhile and finally 33 of them came out with a dirty white flag."

95th Div. Assn. Elects Officers

WITH 95TH INF. DIV.—The 95th Infantry Division Association, believed to be the first such organization activated on German soil, has elected a colonel, a T/4 and two privates to be "duration" officers until the first postwar convention.

Representatives of more than 9,000 paid-up (five marks) members, in a meeting at the Division CP, elected Col. Samuel L. Metcalf, CO of the 378th Regt., and a Texan, president of the association. Pfc. Phillip G. McKeen, of Haverhill, Mass., a switchboard operator in Hq. Co., Second Bn. 377th Regt., was elected vice president; T/4 Dorrin Morrison, of West Virginia and 95th Div. Arty, secretary, and Pfc. Frank R. Zek, of Arlington, Mass., and Co. G, 377th Regt., treasurer.

Presidential Citation Awarded

WITH FIRST INF. DIV.—The Presidential Citation has been awarded to the 18th Regt. for outstanding performance of duty during the first 10 days of action following the D Day assault on the coast of France.

GIs Firing With One Hand Carry Wounded With Other

WITH 35th INF. DIV.—Firing their weapons with one hand and holding litters of wounded with the other, 12 127th Regt. doughs fought for an hour to save five comrades who lay helpless 50 yards from Nazi trenches near Ossenbergr.

The wounded men were discovered at 3 AM by T/Sgt. Webster W. Philipps, Hamilton, W. Va., and S/Sgt. Byron J. Hardee, of Guyedan, La., who were on the way to their platoon. Philipps and Hardee quickly secured the aid of 2/Lt. David H. Sudderth, of Los Angeles, Cal., eleven riflemen and Pvt. Orville Powell, medic, of Dayton, O.

Seeing the rescue party, the Germans opened up with machine pistols, rifles, hand grenades and mortars. While some of the Yanks crawled to aid the wounded, the others covered them with carbines. Powell injected the wounded with morphine.

Then the wounded were placed on litters. The men moved back slowly with their charges, firing as they withdrew. When an ammunition clip was empty, the wounded were put down and the rescuers knelt in front of the stretchers, to protect the wounded, and reloaded their weapons. They then lifted the stretchers again, kept firing and moved back a few yards more.

When a German soldier with a burp gun suddenly appeared in the group, shouting "Hande hoch!" he was killed by the Yanks before his words could be translated.

The job was completed, five wounded men were saved, and not one of the volunteer rescuers had been wounded.

War Dogs Trained to Serve As Sentries by QM Outfit

WITH U.S. FORCES IN BELGIUM.—After months of combat service with the First U.S. Army, battle-wise canines of the 42nd Quartermaster War Dog Platoon are being trained to serve as sentries at a huge supply depot in Channel Base Section.

Originally conditioned to smell out land mines, the dogs came overseas last September and were assigned to a combat engineer unit of the First Army. They failed as mine detectors, but were excellent in patrol work and in hunting out parachutists who landed behind First Army lines during the German offensive last December.

QM Supply Totals Tabbed

WITH 99TH INF. DIV.—In one month of operations, the 99th QM Co. supplied units of this division with 179,000 gallons of gasoline and distributed 5,802,000 cigarettes, 105,937 candy bars and 400,453 individual rations.

Passes to Paris Given 84th Div. Night Patrol

WITH 84th INF. DIV.—"Sure. I'll bring back a prisoner, if I get a pass to Paris," jokingly remarked S/Sgt. Milton Lamm, of New Albany, Ind., as the patrol was about to take off across the Rhine.

Officers heard the remark and took Lamm seriously. "Okay, bring in a prisoner and all you men will get a Paris pass."

Led by Lt. Thomas J. Barrett, of New York City, the group took off under cover of darkness, land-



ed safely on the opposite bank, and while two men guarded the boat Barrett and Lamm scouted around.

They spotted three Germans, but had to wait 45 minutes before two of them left. Then they grabbed the lone German, and sped quickly to the American CP. It was as simple as that.

Members of the patrol, which also included S/Sgt. Lawrence Broderick, of Boston, and S/Sgt. Carl Rathbone, of Trenton, N.J., all of Co. L, 333rd Regt., got their passes to Paris.

Unit Citation To 4th Armd.

SHAEP, Mar. 29.—The War Department, by direction of the President, has cited the Fourth Armd. Div. for "extraordinary tactical accomplishment during the period from Dec. 22 to March 27 inclusive."

The Fourth Armd. is the second complete Army division to be so cited. The 101st Airborne was presented with a presidential citation by Gen. Eisenhower on March 15, for "extraordinary heroism and gallantry in defending Bastogne."

Combat Spotlight

99th Div.

T/4 NICK L. YANKOVIC 99th DIV. RECON TROOP

FROM KANSAS CITY, KAS.

A BARRAGE FORCED AN ADJACENT REGIMENT TO WITHDRAW - NO ONE DARED GO FOR A WOUNDED MAN LEFT ON THE FIELD - "HELL," SAID YANK, "I'LL GET HIM" AND HE DID

UNABLE TO EVACUATE TWO WOUNDED, HE WAITED TILL DARK, AND THEN WHILE SURROUNDED BY JERRIES HE CARRIED THEM - ONE AT A TIME, TO SAFETY!

HE CAN'T BE BOTHERED CRAWLING TO THE WOUNDED, IT TAKES TOO LONG - HE GOES STANDING UP - 88'S HE REFUSED TO BE EVACUATED..... NOT!

YANK HAS A PURPLE HEART OF HIS OWN

Reich Control Post Goes to Eisenhower

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (ANS)—Gen. Eisenhower will be the No. 1 American representative in the four-power military government which will run post-war Germany, the White House revealed today.

The disclosure followed the announcement that Maj. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, assistant to War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes, has been named deputy to Eisenhower to handle civil affairs in occupied Germany.

The White House said Clay will take over direction of German civil affairs "when Gen. Eisenhower as supreme commander assumes control under arrangement agreed upon for occupation of Germany."

Civilians To Move In

Administration of conquered Germany will be handled by a commission with headquarters in Berlin. The commission will comprise supreme military commanders in Europe of the U.S., Britain and Russia. France also is expected to participate.

The commission will have final word on treatment of German people, control of Germany's post-war industry and administration of essential government services.

The U.S. sector has been roughly defined as the southern part of the Reich, with the Russians in the northeast, British in the northwest and the French along the Rhineland sector.

Instituted Crackdown

Clay is credited with instigating many of Byrnes' recent decrees to make the home front war conscious. Many believe he is responsible for the racing ban and the entertainment curfew.

The New York Times reported that Byrnes' advisory board recently demanded Clay's ouster and that Byrnes reportedly told the board, "He's leaving."

Clay, 46, and a native of Marietta, Ga., was in charge of materiel procurement for the Army Service Forces when Byrnes picked him as his assistant last December. He was graduated from West Point in 1918.

Wed Seven Times, Blonde Admits She Got Service Dough

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 31 (ANS)—Virginia Summy, trim and blonde, pleaded guilty today to two of 11 charges of accepting military allotment checks to which she was not entitled, and testified that she had been married at least seven times, mostly to servicemen.

Federal Judge Michael J. Roche asked her age. "I think I'm 27," she replied, "but they tell me I'm 31."

Judge Roche asked her how many times she had been wed. She hesitated, then said: "Seven—legally."

Roche referred the case to probation officers for a report.

Movie, Barber Ceilings Denied

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (ANS)—The Senate Banking Committee yesterday turned thumbs down on the OPA's proposal for ceiling prices for movies and barber and beauty shops. The price control agency also was denied the right to extend rent controls to business buildings.

Extension of price limits to such things as haircuts, fingerwaves and screen amusements had been asked by Price Administrator Chester Bowles.

Bowles also had asked the committee to extend the OPA act 18 months instead of 12, but the committee decided that a year was enough.

Sen. Robert F. Wagner (D-N.Y.) chairman of the Banking Committee, asked assurances that they would try to harmonize differences with industry groups.

Quantico Base Chief Dies

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (ANS)—Maj. Gen. William S. Rupertus, 55, commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps schools at Quantico, Va., who led the First Marine Div. in the South Pacific, died here last night after a heart attack.

As Curfew Sounds at Home



One of Billy Rose's king-size show girls holds a sign telling patrons that New York's Diamond Horseshoe will comply with Mayor LaGuardia's 1 AM closing time rather than the midnight limit set by War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes. New York club owners are sitting tight with the LaGuardia curfew after Byrnes' refusal to grant a hearing on their appeal for an authorized extension. Public officials claim the ban has resulted in an increase in prostitution and has spawned the revival of the old-time speakeasy.



MPs leave a 52nd St. night spot (above) after informing the management that they must stop serving military personnel at midnight, in spite of Mayor LaGuardia's one-hour extension.

This Washington bistro (left) remains open, as usual, from midnight until long into the early morning. Management claims the curfew doesn't apply here, since the club serves no liquor.



Since the inauguration of the night club curfew, some of New York's clubs have instituted a "sitting service" for patrons who want to avoid waiting in line for restaurant service after midnight. All-night lunch-counters have been getting a land-office patronage from the cabaret crowd after the night-club closing hour, and post-curfew service is at a premium. Above, Kay Mooney, a professional "sitter," holds a stool for a nightclubber at a late-closing restaurant.

S&S Reporters Cover Peace Conference

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31—Stars and Stripes reporters will cover the San Francisco Conference beginning April 25, the State Department announced today.

Cognizant of the soldiers' interest in the United Nations Conference, which is designed to establish a post-war organization to preserve the peace, a State Department spokesman said that Stars and Stripes reporters will be afforded accommodations and facilities on the same basis as civilian correspondents.

Fires Sweep Jersey Pines

TRENTON, N.J., Mar. 31 (ANS)—Thirty-three fires that destroyed 800 acres of woodland in Ocean, Burlington and Passaic counties, were under control today.

The fire epidemic was the worst since last Spring and followed unusually hot days.

In Ocean county, the town of Forked River and Barnegat were threatened yesterday, but fires in adjacent woods were brought under control last night.

In Burlington county the 200 acre blaze threatened Lebanon State Forest.

The 250-acre fire in Passaic county destroyed Watershed Pine, owned by the City of Newark, causing damage estimated at \$50,000.

Forest Fires Checked Near Oscoda, Michigan

DETROIT, Mar. 31 (ANS)—A forest fire which swept over an area four miles long and a mile wide, was halted by backfires last night after it had destroyed several small buildings on the outskirts of the village of Oscoda in Iosco County, and threatened the business district.

Forest Rangers, State Conservation Department firefighters and soldiers from the Oscoda airbase, joined firemen of four communities and several hundred volunteers in stemming the blaze.

Hobo Convention Has Budget Woes, The King Laments

CINCINNATI, Mar. 31—Jeff Davis (king of hoboes) today said the effect of the war on the 37th annual convention of hoboes of America, Inc. "is terrific."

Davis, knee-deep in the job of supervising the printing of several hundred thousand proxy ballots, said that whereas prewar conventions "cost maybe \$100, maybe \$200, the meeting in Buffalo, N.Y. June 3-9, will cost us \$2,000, even when streamlined to the bone."

"That", said Davis, is gonna be hard on the hoboes, considering the high cost of living and all the money they're putting into war bonds."

Asked what the major questions on the ballot to come before the convention would be, Jeff quickly answered: "Just one important one—ratifying the previous convention action that made me king for life."

40 Percent of 4Fs Suffer Malnutrition

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31—Forty percent of the 4,500,000 men rejected for military service are suffering from malnutrition but many of them would become passable soldiers if given a regular and adequate diets, says Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey.

The Selective Service Director told the House Agriculture Committee the area with the best physical record is the food-producing grainbelt.

Indiana Has Gang Killing

GARY, Ind. Mar. 31 (AP)—Lawrence Finerty, 45, brother of Gary's mayor, Joseph Finerty, was killed yesterday in gangland fashion. A small man fired a sawed-off shotgun at Finerty, his widow said. Finerty was a partner in a wholesale beer concern and operated an automobile supply company, parking lot and restaurant.

Allied Drive Cools Zeal for Manpower Act

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (ANS)—Majority leader Alben W. Barkley (D-Ky.) declined today to abandon hope for a manpower control bill, although many of his Senate associates have written it off as dead.

The administration leader continued efforts to persuade absent Senators to return to the capital for a vote which he expects Monday or Tuesday. The opposition was not idle, either.

The rapid advance of the Allied armies in Germany was accepted as the principal reason for lack of enthusiasm for the bill.

The measure would give War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes power to freeze workers on jobs, set employment ceilings for individual businesses and regulate hiring of workers.

Arguments made familiar in three days of debate were fanned and furled again yesterday. Opponents took most of the time arguing that the bill was a "grab for power," and an unwarranted, unsettling of the war.

Tenn. Judge Kills Poll Tax

GREENVILLE, Tenn., Mar. 31 (ANS)—Collection of the poll tax in Tennessee is illegal, Magistrate J. R. Sentelle ruled yesterday. He held that the poll tax is not mandatory. The power to tax is inherent in the government, but under the Constitution only the legislative branch can exercise or limit this power, he ruled.

Sentelle's judgement was delivered in a suit by J.D. Johnson, of Greene County, against County Trustee Bruce Graham and George McCannless, State Commissioner of Finance and Taxation.

Johnson had held that since the state legislature had repealed the poll tax, the declaration by the state supreme court that the repealer was unconstitutional was in effect a relieving of the tax by the court—a function not delegated to it by the Constitution.

Johnson's attorney, John W. Kilgo, former Republican candidate for governor and Greenville lawyer, said that if Sentelle's ruling was contested, he would carry the case to the U.S. Supreme Court if necessary. Johnson has paid a poll tax under protest and had noted it on the back of his tax receipt.

U.S. Experts Due To Study Plants

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (AP)—The Army quartermaster general has selected ten textile and clothing industry leaders to go to the ETO to survey potential production capacities of French and Belgian plants.

As advisers to the chief quartermaster of the ETO, they will study the possibility of utilizing factories not too severely damaged by war and occupation to produce clothing and fabrics needed by the U.S. Army.

Cake Was Stale, But Not the Pie

NEW YORK, Mar. 31 (ANS)—Sidney Seigal of the Bronx told police today that when he protested in a cafeteria that his cake was stale, counterman Ralph Mazario flung six squishy pies, including one platterful of chocolate cream smack in the middle of his countenance.

Mazario was taken to the police station, and charged with disorderly conduct. Seigal was taken to the cleaners.

Whitewing Volunteers

HARRISBURG, Pa., Mar. 31 (ANS)—A soldier on furlough, a railroader and several farmers were the first to volunteer today to help clean up the city for Easter following after an appeal by Mayor Howard E. Millikens for aid because of a work stoppage by the city ash collectors.

Beef Packers Don't Profit, Court Holds

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (AP)—The OPA's pricing policies attacked as the cause of the current food shortages—reeled today from a judicial blow and Senatorial admonitions to get together with business.

Although upheld on one major contention, the agency was told by the emergency court of appeals that its present ceilings, even with government subsidies, do not allow packers who produce only fresh beef to make an adequate profit or, "indeed, to break even."

The court, on the other hand, ruled that "processing" packer ceilings generally were fair and equitable. Processing packers turn out, in addition to fresh beef, such by-products as sausage, tallow and oil. They handle about 85 percent of the beef supply.

Otherwise, the food picture was in a weekend dimout, with separate Senate and House investigating committees resting for resumption Monday of the quest for the cause and cure of the shortages. There was no rest, however, for the OPA. The agency had direct requests for two Senate committees to patch up differences with business.

The Agriculture committee, in midweek, told the OPA to adjust things with the packers, who contended that they were being forced into bankruptcy.

Yesterday the Banking committee called in OPA officials, and Chairman Robert F. Wagner (D-N.Y.) reported that the agency chieftains gave assurances that they would try to harmonize relations with business.

Meanwhile, in effect, the court said that the special subsidy of 80 cents a 100 pounds now paid to non-processor was inadequate to allow them to compete on an equal footing with processor firms.

This poses an additional headache for the OPA, since reduction of this subsidy to 30 cents had been scheduled to go into effect April 1.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson entered the food picture by saying that the Army food supply was below the minimum safety level, because "unfortunately, you cannot eat priorities."

11 Planes Used To Spot Coyotes On Briton's Hunt

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (ANS)—Rep. George B. Schwabe (R-Okla.) today said 11 airplanes were used to spot coyotes for the Earl of Halifax, British ambassador, on a recent hunt in Oklahoma.

"This was unusually spectacular and the subject of much adverse criticism because of the strict rationing of gasoline among the citizens of Oklahoma, many of whom rather indignantly watched and read of the royal hunt," Schwabe declared.

"It was probably even more irritating to the faithful workers in war plants who have to beg for gasoline rations. How will it sound when truly reported to the men in the armed forces?"

It was explained that there is no ban on private flying in non-coastal regions and plane owners are issued fuel for essential operations, one of which is the hunting of livestock-killing coyotes.

Urges Fortification Of Alaska, Aleutians

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (ANS)—Sen. Albert B. Chandler (D-Ky.) demanded the complete fortification of Alaska and the Aleutians at a secret meeting of the Senate Military committee with Under Secretary of War Robert Patterson. Chandler said after the meeting that "because we didn't have this area well fortified in this war, we came close to losing it to Japan in the early days."

ASF Closes Camp Sibert

WASHINGTON, Mar. 30 (ANS)—The training of Army Service Forces personnel at Camp Sibert, Gadsden, Ala., will be suspended about April 1, the War Department announced today. It has been a training center for chemical warfare troops and recreational directors.

Old vs Nude



Elaine Bacon, president of the Hollywood Models Guild (right), would like to see all models use Ella Raines' Gay Nineties' style of swim suit (left) for private wear and don the daring style only for professional purposes. Elaine figures it would boost the commercial value of models.

Bulging Biceps Not Part Of Women's Fitness Plans

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (ANS)—Relax, brother and stop worrying about your babe becoming beefy with bulging biceps.

After the war women themselves are going to see that they are trim and glamorous and in fine physical fettle.

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

You can take that for keeps straight from the National Womens Commission of Form Feminine—also known as physical fitness.

The chairman, Laurentine Collins, of Detroit, commissions members including representatives from fashion circles, and medical groups.

Discuss Woman's Part

The pulpit, schools and Army and Navy are here discussing the woman's part in strengthening the nation physically.

Standards which may be set up for men will not do at all for women, Miss Collins said. She explained the viewpoint of what some persons used to call the weaker sex:

The need for improving women physically is just as real as for men, but women are different biologically, psychologically and up to now, sociologically.

They don't go in for mass formations. "A woman's got to want to do a thing and then plan her own program."

Suggest Schools

But the principal idea is to make her think that it is important to her. This can be accomplished through competent leadership in schools with at least an hour of required exercise.

"Anything less than that wouldn't change anybody's blood pressure enough to count," Miss Rogers opined.

But exercise isn't the only way to make women healthier. Improved nutrition and emotional maturity also are needed. All of this is going to cost somebody a whale of a lot of money.

Cigarettes Outrank Jewels

TULSA, Okla., Mar. 31 (ANS)—Thieves who ransacked a drawer in apartment of Mrs. Marie Tidwell removed a carton of cigarettes, but passed up a \$10,000 necklace.

U.S. Officer Held By Coroner's Jury In Death of Wife

COLUMBIA, S. C., Mar. 31 (ANS)—A coroner's jury today held a young Army officer responsible for the death of his pretty school-teacher wife, Mrs. Mary Lee Epes, whose body was found in a crude foxhole in February.

The jury recommended that the husband, Lt. Samuel C. Epes, be tried for murder, after determining, according to its report, that she died from an overdose of a drug administered by him.

Epes, a member of a prominent Richmond, Va., family, has been held by the police since he led them to the grave at nearby Ft. Jackson, a military reservation.

Maj. Larry Gaines, fort provost marshal, testified that Epes admitted that he gave his wife eight capsules of a drug after she had taken a couple to ease the pain of a cramp.

Congress Studies Fate Of Seized Jap Islands

HONOLULU, Mar. 31 (ANS)—A Congressional inquiry into the eventual disposition of former Japanese islands seized by the United States will be started within a month, members of a House Naval Affairs Subcommittee announced.

Rep. George J. Bates (R-Mass.) said that in the group's inquiry into seized Japanese territories "the tremendous cost we have paid in lives and materials for islands like Iwo Jima will not be overlooked."

This Happened in America Yesterday:

End of European War May Bring \$8 Billion Cut

NEW YORK, Mar. 31—Because of the pace of the European conflict, the War Department budget for the 12 months starting July 1 has been held up, said Chairman J. Buell Snyder (D-Pa.) of the House Appropriations Committee. He also said the end of the European war, if it comes within two months, may mean a cut of about \$8,000,000,000 in the Army appropriation for 1946.

Results of one economical measure going on in Washington since 1943 came to light when Harold B. Smith, Budget Director, unearthed some facts to refute the popular impression that Federal agencies waste tons of paper on useless reports and forms, such as the recent 300-page dissertation on the fertility of women.

He has figures proving that standardization of letter heads and memorandum forms alone resulted in an annual saving of nearly 10,000 tons of paper worth about \$2,000,000. Smith maintained that about three-quarters of the questionnaires that might have gone out to flood the defenseless citizenry have been stopped.

Indians in the American Army take to soldiering naturally, according to E. J. Diehl, Superintendent of the West Shoshone Indian Reservation in Nevada. He told a meeting of superintendents of Indian agencies that the adaptability of Indian youth to soldiering raised the percentage of non-coms among the more than 20,000 Indians in the armed forces above that of their pale-faced brothers.

As a special House committee was organized to learn how much a rationed American breadbasket of the world can afford to feed hungry people abroad, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt gave her own view of the home-front food shortages at a press conference. Asked if England fared better in meats and fats, she replied: "I wish people over here would go over and live on British rations for just one month. They'd be glad to have ours."

Summer Arrives Before Spring

IT ought to be Spring, but it's Summer. Chicago, New York and points between had temperatures in the eighties, and girls were coming out in summer dresses. The accent seems to be on midriffs this year. Bathing suits and play dresses mostly feature bare midriffs. And for places where the bare midriff may be a little too, too, dresses are made in such a way that the midriff is emphasized, usually with a broad band around the tummy between the skirt and the place where the brassiere usually comes.

Since we've gone this far into women's fashions, we might as well report that nail polish and lipstick colors which are all the rage this Spring are pink—not bright red. Pink, pale pink. It looks kind of funny at first, but the men will probably get used to it—they got used to funnier things than that before.

"Sauerbraten," a 1,200-pound steer, rebelled at slaughter in the United Meat Co. in Brooklyn and tried to make a getaway. After a chase, Sauerbraten gave up the ghost, with 12 bullets fired by a cop having clinched the argument.

Speaking of lipstick, there's a new movie hero named Van Johnson who's become the idol of bobby-sockers—and their older sisters, too. A new picture of Van's, "Between Two Women," just opened in New York. There's a big, life-size picture of Van on display in the lobby, and girl adorers have been rushing up and kissing the cardboard lips. Every few hours ushers have to go out and wipe off the lipstick.

America First Revival



THREATS and anonymous letters of warning didn't prevent Gerald L. K. Smith, organizer and leader of the America First Party, from holding his scheduled revival rally in Chicago. Police reported several small disturbances between Smith supporters and opponents while pickets paraded around the meeting place.

House Takes Easter Recess

AT the Capitol, the House started an unofficial Easter recess, and won't transact any business until April 10. Speaker Sam Rayburn (D-Tex.), with an eye on the Western Front, warned, however, that "there might be conditions arising in world affairs where the chair would feel called upon to ask the members to return before April 10."

Senators working on the manpower bill and other measures were warned by Dr. George W. Calver, capital physician, to get some exercise; he suggested walking. Senators range in age from Hugh B. Mitchell, 38, of Washington, to Carter Glass, 87, of Virginia. Glass has been unable to attend sessions for three years, but keeps in touch through a secretary. Two senators have died since Christmas—Francis Maloney, of Connecticut and John Moses, of North Dakota.

Mound Power Tigers' Forte In Flag Race

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

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Mar. 31—Steve O'Neill lost his two best hitters to the services, Dick Wakefield and Pinky Higgins, but the Detroit Tigers' genial boss still can smile over prospects for the coming season. Rudy York will be back at first, Eddie Mayo at second and Joe Hoover, 1944 shortstop, will move over to third to replace Higgins. O'Neill has acquired Jimmy (Skeeter) Webb from the White Sox to play short.



Dizzy Trout

Webb is no great shakes as a hitter in fact he hit only .211 last year at Chicago, but he promises to do better this year. If he doesn't, he'll catch hell from two sides—Steve and Steve's daughter, who happens to be Mrs. Webb. Despit-

to Skeeter's poor stickwork, he's a fine fielder and will give Detroit a good, defensive infield. Bob Baier, Buffalo's thirdsacker last year, will be moved into left field to work alongside Roger Cramer, in center, and Jimmy Outlaw, in right. Other outfielders are Chuck Hostetler and Don Ross.

The Tigers' pitching staff, which hung up a 3.09 earned-run average in 1944, will be just about the best in the league with Dizzy Trout and Hal Newhouser again carrying the load. This pair won 58 games last year and they'll be aided by Frank (Stubby) Overmire and Rufus Gentry, back from the 1944 team; Al Benton, Navy dischargee; Les Mueller, who won 18 for Beaumont in 1940 before entering the Army; Walter Wilson, 18-game winner for Buffalo last year; Zeb Eaton, Jake Mooty and Forrest Orell.

Bob Swift, Paul Richard and Al Unser will be the catchers with Richards, 37-year-old veteran, doing the bulk of the receiving when Trout and Newhouser are toiling.

O'Neill refused to predict anything for his club, but he has said he thinks it's a good one and there's no doubting he's still ranked over losing out on the American League pennant the last day of the 1944 season.

Senators Lose Spence, Sullivan to Services

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31—The Washington Senators announced today Stan Spence, veteran outfielder who hit .313 last year, and Shortstop Johnny Sullivan, had been inducted. Spence is in the Navy, headed for Bainbridge; Sullivan's in the Army.

The Senators yesterday defeated the Boston Braves, 2-0, behind the four-hit pitching of Roger Wolff, who went six innings, and Dutch Leonard.

Cutters Nip Braves, 5-4

CURTIS BAY, Md., Mar. 31—Hank Sauer, erstwhile Cincinnati Reds' player, yesterday slammed a home run, double and two singles to spark the local Cutters to a 5-4 victory over the Boston Braves in 11 innings. His second single chased the former Giant secondbaseman, Mickey Witke, home with the winning run.

Marion Enroute to St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Mar. 31—After the Cardinals' regulars defeated a team composed of pitchers, 10-4, in an intra-squad game yesterday, Manager Billy Southworth announced Marty Marion had telephoned from Atlanta saying he was satisfied with terms and would leave immediately for St. Louis.

McQuinn Hit by Line Drive

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mar. 31—The St. Louis Browns were anxiously awaiting medical reports on the condition of George McQuinn, slugging first baseman, who was struck on the knee by a line drive in the third inning of yesterday's 6-6 tie exhibition game with the Toledo Mudhens. McQuinn was taken to a hospital for X-Rays and his knee was badly swollen before he left the field.

Colorful Gray Goes Good With Browns

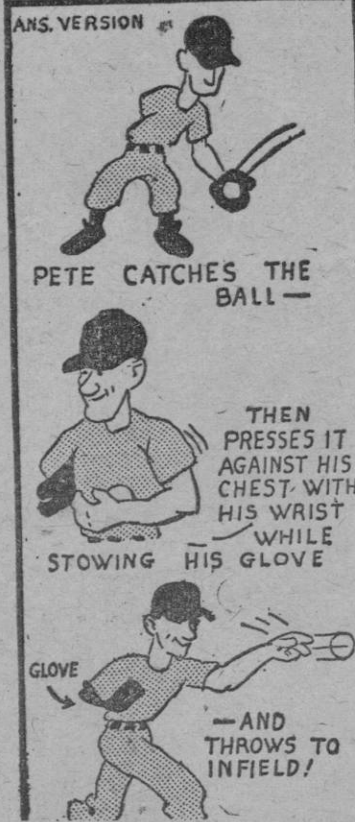


SKEPTICS still are waiting for Pete Gray to prove himself incapable of playing major league baseball, but the colorful one-armed outfielder is battling hard and apparently making the grade in his attempt to stick with the St. Louis Browns.

Gray has displayed marvelous form at Cape Girardeau, Mo., where the Browns have engaged in several exhibition games against the Toledo Mudhens. Since he has only his left arm with which to field and throw, he should be in left field where he won't be bothered too much by balls hit to his right, but Luke Sewell has been playing him in center. A Toledo batter placed a hit to his right last week and a runner on first took off for third. Gray fielded the ball, performed the intricate switch of his glove to his right armpit, and fired the ball to third in time to nip his man.

There have been two interpretations of the way Gray catches and disposes of a fly ball. On the left, the AP Newsfeatures' strip shows him tossing the ball in the air before slipping his glove under his right armpit. Those who have seen him play say that's all wet. The strip on the right shows the genuine Gray procedure. He catches the ball with his left hand, then transfers his glove to the right armpit while sliding the ball along his left wrist and forearm and holding it close to his chest. Having disposed of the glove, Gray brings his arm across his chest until the ball falls into his hand again and then he throws it. He's done it so often, it takes a fraction of a second and appears to be one motion. The league has ruled that Gray will be credited with a catch even if he drops the ball during the transferring maneuver.

Pete has shown a lot of confidence at the plate and has ability in dragging bunts. That's a good reason for pitchers refraining from "dusting him off" at the plate. Gray gets down to first base mighty fast and a pitcher who takes too many liberties with the duster may find himself in an unhealthy spot covering first, after Pete bunte.



Dodgers Sign Dixie Walker

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N.Y., Mar. 31—The expected showdown between Branch Rickey and Leo Durocher, to determine which is most important, managing the Brooklyn Dodgers or appearing on radio shows, simmered down to a 120-second conference between the Dodger officials and after the confab, Lippy charged "a newspaperman is after my job".

But he did take time out to announce Dixie Walker had come to terms. Walker has signed for \$18,000, an estimated \$4,000 raise over 1944.



Dixie Walker

It seems Rickey had intentions of phoning Walker in Birmingham, Ala., and sought Durocher's advice. He was advised Leo was in Manhattan rehearsing a radio show. The Brooklyn president displayed his usual temper and it was feared Durocher's job was at stake. When Leo returned they went into conference and it was announced all was serene. Durocher said, "This is just a tempest in a teapot", but he refused to name the newspaperman who seeks his job.

DeMar Won't Compete In Boston Marathon

BOSTON, Mar. 31—Clarence DeMar, who has won the Boston Marathon seven times, says he'll be just too busy with war work and additional duties on a local newspaper to compete this year. He has picked Johnny Kelly, two-time winner, to capture the 49th renewal of the race, April 19.

Although he hasn't run in the marathon since 1943, DeMar intends to race in events at shorter distances in the future.

Ex-Oregon, Nevada Coach Dies

SEATTLE, Mar. 31—Bruce C. Shorts, former football coach at Oregon and Nevada universities, died late Wednesday night after a long illness. He was a tackle on the first Michigan eleven against Stanford in the initial Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day in 1910.

Barney Oldfield Is 67

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Mar. 31—Barney Oldfield, who still is called the "world's speed king," celebrated his 67th birthday Friday. Thirty years ago he electrified the world by driving an automobile at a mile-a-minute rate.

Plan Billiards Tourney, Calling Shots by Mail

CHICAGO, Mar. 31—Billiards by mail is the latest sports wrinkle. A big pocket billiard tournament will be sponsored by the Boys' Club of America next month. The postal system, was devised by Charley Peterson, of St. Louis, former champion and trick shot king.

The tournament will be divided into junior and senior divisions and is expected to attract 250,000 entries.

Tony Penna Leads Durham Golf Field

DURHAM, N.C., Mar. 31—Only two pros broke par in the first round of the \$5,000 Durham Open golf tournament, with the veteran Tony Penna, of Dayton, Ohio, taking a one-stroke lead by carding a 63 yesterday. Leonard Dodson, of San Francisco, went one under par with a 69 for second place.

Craig Wood, Sammy Byrd, Bobby Cruickshank and Gene Kunes registered 70s for the Hope Bailey Country Club course.

Yankees Blast Red Sox, 13-2

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Mar. 31—The Yankees got grand pitching from lanky Karl Drews, rookie pitcher from Newark, here yesterday to avenge their spanking of Thursday and walloped the Red Sox, 13-2, in an exhibition game. The kid flinger held the Sox to one run in five innings. Atley Donald finished and the Sox bunched three hits for the other run in the seventh.

George Stinweis came through with the big Yankee blow, a home run with two on in the third. The Yanks scored five runs in that frame and four in the fifth. Meanwhile, the Boston team fell apart and made numerous errors of omission and three of commission.

UCLA Picks New Grid Coach

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 31—Bert Labrucherie, halfback on the UCLA football teams of 1926 to 1928, today was appointed head football coach at his alma mater for three years, succeeding Edwin "Babe" Horrell, who resigned in January.

Army Copies Navy Suit in Releasing Pep

FORT DEVENS, Mass., Mar. 31—Willie Pep, featherweight champion in several states, has received a medical discharge from the Army, officials at Lovell General Hospital announced today. He had previously received a medical discharge from the Navy, after serving nine months. He's the first nationally-known athlete to be discharged from both services in this war.



Willie Pep

The titleholder entered the Army at Fort Devens, Mar. 14. He is still in the hospital here, but will be released within a few days.

The 22-year-old Hartford, Conn., fighter successfully defended his title Feb. 19 by soundly trouncing Phil Terranova, of the Bronx, in 15 rounds before a crowd that paid \$48,000 to see the fight in Madison Square Garden. He thus hammered out his 85th victory in 86 pro fights, the most impressive record in modern ring history. There was no announcement regarding the nature of his disability.

Baksi Outpoints Nova in Garden

NEW YORK, Mar. 31—Eddie Egan, New York State Boxing Commissioner, last night introduced his new round-by-round judging system in Madison Square Garden as Joe Baksi, Kul-



Joe Baksi

pmont, Pa., coal miner, gained a unanimous decision over "Yogi" Lou Nova, of California, in the feature ten-rounder. Since Baksi showed clear superiority over his opponent in the last four rounds, after holding his own through all but the first two frames, the new point system wasn't put to a supreme test. Referee Ruby Goldstein awarded five rounds to Baksi, three for Nova and two even. One judge gave Baksi seven rounds, the other six.

Dodgers' Rookie Won't Play Any Sunday Baseball

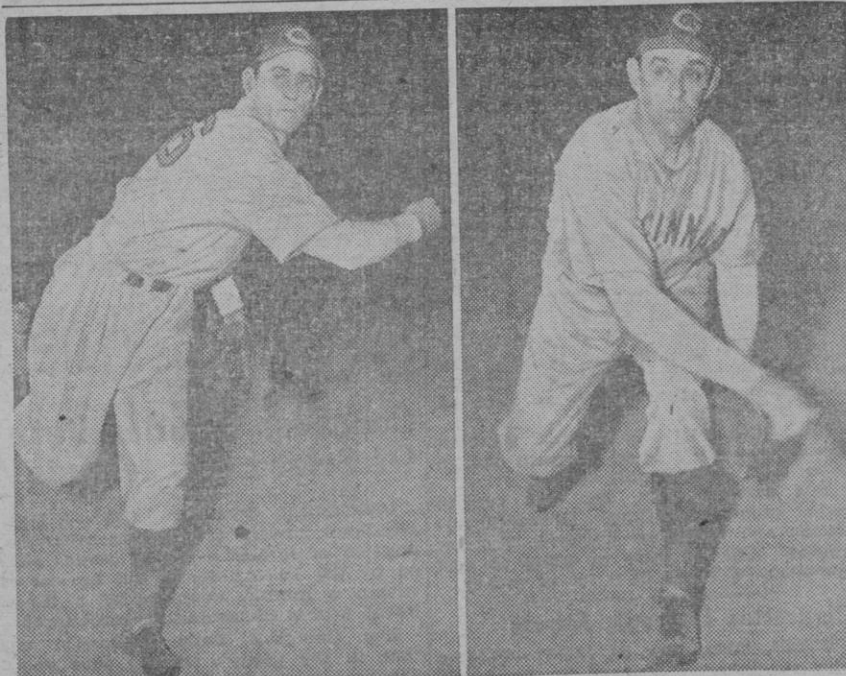
BEAR MOUNTAIN, N.Y., Mar. 31—If Leroy P. Peind, rookie righthander, wins a steady job on the Brooklyn pitching staff he will add to Manager Leo Durocher's mounting worries. Since the 25-year-old hurler started playing baseball he has refused to play on Sundays.

"Sunday is the Lord's Day and I believe it should be observed as such," Peind declares.

His contract stipulates he is not to appear at the ball park on Sundays. Branch Rickey, Dodger prexy, couldn't object to such a clause, for he always held himself aloof from baseball parks on Sundays, even when he was a player and manager.

Rafferty Seeks Fourth Straight Over Haegg

BUFFALO, N.Y., Mar. 31—The indoor track season was scheduled to close here this evening with Jimmy Rafferty, of the NYAC, seeking his fourth mile victory in a row over Gunder Haegg. Haegg, who had been in California to visit his fiancée, Miss Dorothy Nortler, couldn't get plane connections back and is enroute by train. He's expected about five hours before race time.



Resurrected Righthanders—Guy Bush (left), 41-year-old veteran of 15 National League seasons, absent from the scene the last seven years, and Horace "Hod" Lisenbee, who at 42 last season won 15 games for Syracuse, are on the comeback trail with the Cincinnati Reds this year.

Hash Marks

Overheard in a bistro.
"My memory is excellent. There are only three things I can't remember. I can't remember names, faces—and I forget what the third thing is."

A Joe who has been in England too long remarked, "Pat in a woman is like sugar in tea. It soon settles to the bottom."

The editor of "Let's Go", 29th Inf. Div. weekly, likes this one:
I took her auto riding—she was a little angel and walked back,
I took her boat riding—she was a little angel and swam back,
I took her airplane riding—the little devil.

Three men, all slightly deaf, were motoring to London in a noisy old car. As they were nearing the metropolis, one asked, "Is this Wembley?"

"No," replied the second, "this is Thursday."
"So am I," chirped the third one. "Let's stop and have one."

Overheard. "If they call sailors 'gobs'—I guess the WAVES are 'gabs'".

A woman paused while passing through the zoo to speak to two workmen who were crying.

"What are you fellows weeping about?"



she asked.
"The elephant's dead," one replied.
"Did you love the big animal so dearly?"

"Hell, no, mam!—the boss just told us we've gotta dig his grave."

A jeep carrying a Third Army chaplain bears this inscription: "Bringing Up Father."

Weeee! Mark Folsom tells this one. A Georgia woman whose husband is a prisoner of war in Germany sent him a package of a widely advertised indigestion remedy.

A few months later it was returned to her. A note in German explained that the remedy had been analyzed and found to contain explosives—verboten to prisoners.

Alibi of the week. Asked how he got his black eye, a corporal replied:
"I stepped up to a crowded bar and said, 'Just a little stout,' just then a buxom dame walked by, overheard me and slugged me."

J.C.W.

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TODAY

- 0555-Opening Prayer.
- 0601-Great Music.
- 0615-Hymns.
- 0630-Easter Service.
- 0715-Two Tune Time.
- 0720-Sunday Serenade.
- 0801-Combat Diary.
- 0820-Top of Morning.
- 0910-Melody Roundup.
- 0925-Family Hour.
- 1001-Sunday Music.
- 1030-Hour of Charm.
- 1102-Home News.
- 1106-Morning After.
- 1135-Show Time.
- 1210-GI Jive.
- 1230-Clear Lower Dec.
- 1301-Atlantic Spotlight
- 1330-Sammy Kaye.
- 1410-Combat Quiz.
- 1425-Modern Meeds.
- 1455-Sport News.
- 1501-Contemp. Comp.
- 1530-Combat Diary.
- 1550-At Ease.
- 1601-NEC Symphony.
- 1715-NEF Special.
- 1805-Mark Up Map.
- 1810-Sport News.
- 1815-Familiar Music.
- 1845-Raymond Scott.
- 1901-Jack Benny.
- 1930-US Army Band.
- 1945-Spotlight Bands.
- 2005-First Army News.
- 2015-Jazz.
- 2045-Top of the Even.
- 2105-Mail Call.
- 2135-Guy Lombardo.
- 2201-Infomat. Please.
- 2230-And. Kostelanetz.
- 2305-Radio Theater.
- 0015-Sign Off.

TOMORROW

- 0555-Opening Prayer.
- 0601-Rise and Shine.
- 0712-Progr. Summary.
- 0715-Song Parade.
- 0730-Return Engage.
- 0801-Combat Diary.
- 0815-Personal Album.
- 0830-Modern Music.
- 0910-GI Jive.
- 0925-James Melton.
- 1001-Morning After.
- 1030-Strike Up Band.
- 1101-Home News.
- 1106-Duffle Bag.
- 1145-Piano Parade.
- 1202-Concert.
- 1310-Sports News.
- 1315-Movie Music.
- 1401-Village Store.
- 1430-Let's Go to Town
- 1510-Melody Roundup.
- 1530-Combat Diary.
- 1545-On the Record.
- 1630-Strike Up Band.
- 1701-Jack Carson.
- 1730-Eddie Condon.
- 1755-Mark Up Map.
- 1815-Supper Club.
- 1906-Nowatime.
- 1915-Orchestra.
- 2001-Duffy's Tavern.
- 2030-Canadian Band.
- 2105-First Army News.
- 2115-Top Ten.
- 2145-Johnny Mercer.
- 2201-Home News.
- 2206-Calif. Melodies.
- 2235-Fred Waring.
- 2306-Hit Parade.
- 2338-One Night Stand.
- 0015-Sign Off.

(News every hour on the hour.)

Terry and the Pirates

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Lil Abner

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By Al Capp



Dick Tracy

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By Chester Gould



Blondie

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By Chic Young



Jane

By Courtesy of The London Daily Mirror

By Norman Pett



A Lot of Germans, But Only a Sample of the Prisoner Catch



Signal Corps Photo

Captured Germans mount trucks for transfer to rear after roundup in Third Army's enclosure. First and Third Armies' each have captured more than 300,000.

U.S., British Fleets Pound Jap Ryukyus

GUAM, Mar. 31 (AP)—Combined American-British fleets carried their terrific pounding of Japan's Ryukyus islands into the ninth day today, and Adm. Nimitz announced that heavy damage had been inflicted on the Japanese.

On Thursday and Friday alone, U.S. carrier planes sank or damaged 46 Japanese ships and destroyed 87 Japanese planes. Eighteen of the Japanese ships were definitely sunk. Twelve U.S. planes and six pilots were lost.

Adm. Nimitz still did not mention Japanese reports of attempted American landings on the Ryukyus in the vicinity of the principal island of Okinawa, 314 miles south of the Japanese mainland. The continued blazing attack by carrier aircraft and warships centered on Okinawa, but the Japanese News Agency said that no landings on this island had yet been attempted.

Adm. Nimitz's communique said that a British force of aircraft carriers, battleships and supporting units was continuing its attack on the Ryukyus' southern Sakishima group.

Meanwhile, a large force of Marianas-based Superfortresses attacked Kyushu Island, in the Japanese homeland. They battered an airfield at Omura and machine shops at the Tachiarai airfield.

40th Inf. Div. Invades Negros in Philippines

MANILA, Mar. 31 (AP)—American troops of the 40th Inf. Div. have landed on the Negros, fourth largest island of the Philippines, Gen. MacArthur announced today.

Moving across Guimaras strait from the southern Panay and its satellite Guimaras island under cover of air and naval support, the 40th Div. troops landed at Bago and Pulpupandan, on the west coast of Negros.

They drove swiftly northeastward for 14 miles, brushing aside ineffectual Japanese resistance, captured Bacolod air-drome and reached the outskirts of Bago city, the capital of Negros.

The Japanese now hold unchallenged only one big island, Bohol, in the entire Philippine archipelago.

Subs Sink Big Jap Carrier

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (ANS)—U.S. submarines hit the jackpot in recent attacks against Japanese shipping, sinking a large aircraft carrier and ten other ships. A Navy communique also listed two destroyers, two escort vessels and six merchantmen sunk.

Two Soldiers Executed

PARIS, Mar. 31—Convicted by a court martial for rape and murder, two American soldiers were executed March 29, one at the Frise Guinment and the other at Clarence le Heron, Mancjhe, France.

900 Slave Laborers Found In Nazi Mortar Factory

WITH NINTH INF. DIV., Germany—Hitler had one less mortar factory and 900 less slave laborers after the Second Bn., of the 39th Inf. Regt. swept through Sinn, a town on the River Dill. One of the

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fire from a distance of 20 yards. Infantrymen riding the tank scrambled off, then the tankers poured out as the Sherman caught fire and burned. One man was killed.

An advance recon outfit high-tailed it through the German town of Neider-Marsburg without resistance. When the heavy outfits of the column started to roll through, they found they had a firefight on their hands. Infantrymen scrambled off the tanks and headed for the village.

"There are a bunch of SS men here who want this damned town worse than we do," the lieutenant in command of the infantrymen radioed back.

Several high-ranking German officers were captured in the advance which caught the rear-line troops listening to their radioed broadcasts of "American advances several miles east of the Rhine."

Field Marshal Rommel's personal physician, was among those captured. He has not been with Rommel since the Desert Rat days in North Africa. The tall, sandy-haired colonel said Rommel was killed in Normandy, whereas German reports claimed Rommel was not killed until the American troops had pushed into the vicinity of Chartres.

Two Nazi Trains Halted

Two German trains were bagged by the advancing armor yesterday. One four-car express roared along the tracks on a high ridge. If it had continued it would have cut through the armored columns which were deployed like a great naval task force through German grain fields. An ack-ack outfit in the middle of the column lowered their high velocity guns and clipped the cabin of the moving train with their first volley, stopping the German express literally in its tracks.

Another German ammunition train of approximately 58 cars was destroyed as it rounded a long slow curve in the basin of a valley. Large and small rounds of ammunition exploded all through the night and the succeeding elements of the column which passed the wreck in the valley thought they were running into their first heavy German fire until they were told that the artillery was all friendly.

Report Canal Sabotage Try

SANTIAGO, Chile, Mar. 31 (AP)—The newspaper La Nacion, which has important contacts with the government, said today that an attempt to destroy the Panama Canal had been disclosed by detention of a German sabotage chief named Von Appen. The newspaper gave no details.

sector's largest and most efficiently-run factories had been turning out mortars and other German war products until two days before the Yanks arrived. Then 900 slave workers went on "strike," refusing to work because they heard the Americans were close by.

"Of the 1,600 plant employees, 900 were foreigners, including 350 prisoners of war from Russia, Poland, France, Italy and Belgium," the civilian plant boss said. "The rest were forced civilian laborers. There were 200 women in the group."

Except for the PWs, all the workers were crammed together in a single barrack. They were under constant guard and were not allowed on the streets.

The superintendent said the women were the best workers but that most of the labor was too heavy for them. He said he had most trouble with the Russians, who "were stubborn and refused to cooperate, committing sabotage whenever they got the chance."

The boss said it was possible for the slaves to earn "as high as 300 marks a week."

Passover Services In Goebbels' Home

MUNCHEN-GLADBACH, Germany, Mar. 31 (AP)—Goebbels' castle dining room here was the setting for about 300 American soldiers who held a traditional Jewish Passover Seder officiated by Chaplain Joseph Shubow, of Boston.

"In Nov., 1938, Goebbels decreed the burning of all Jewish synagogues in Germany. Now we are celebrating our passover in his castle.

"It's retribution come home," Chaplain Shubow said.

The outfit that selected Goebbels' castle for its Passover services is the famed 38th Signal Construction Bn., which just returned from laying cable across the Rhine during the Ninth Army's assault crossing. It holds the Presidential Citation for lining the Red Ball Highway last summer with telephone wires from St. Lo to Paris.

WLB Extends Coal Pact, Averts Strike

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (AP)—The War Labor Board directed today that John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, and the soft coal operators continue "uninterrupted production of coal" under their present contract, which would have expired tonight.

The board's order came after the operators had agreed at a WLB hearing to an extension of the contract to May 1, with retroactive wage increases.

Col. Ike's Grocery Chit Found in Manila Ruins

MANILA, Mar. 31—A faded piece of paper, more familiarly known as a "chit" reminded doughs that seven years ago Gen. Eisenhower was a lieutenant colonel while on a tour of duty in the Philippines.

Poking through the ruins of what had been the Washington Grocery in Manila, soldiers found a bundle of chit receipts for 1938; One was signed by Dwight D. Eisenhower, lieutenant colonel, for an order of groceries.

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followed a 13-mile advance and put it somewhere in the vicinity of southeastern spearheads of the Third Army, which are probing undisclosed areas east of the Main River.

Ludwig Sertorius, one of German Radio's leading commentators, predicted that the Seventh Army was swinging north to join the Third Army for a combined drive toward Czechoslovakia.

There were, few details on the First French Army's Rhine crossing. It was made along a ten-mile front and a French military communique said the operation was progressing favorably.

12th Armd. Div. Breaks Through
The Seventh Army breakthrough was made by the 12th Armd. Div., which found a soft spot in German defenses near Amorbach. The tanks crossed the Tauber River near Wertheim and Kulsheim, meeting only improvised road blocks. One tank column swung to the southeast to Hardheim and Gotzingen, 20 to 30 miles southwest of Wurzburg.

German prisoners continued to pour into Allied cages yesterday. During the 24 hour period ending at midnight Friday the First Army took 11,207 prisoners. Reconnaissance troops of the 104th Inf. Div. alone captured 1,500 in the Brillon area, 25 miles south of Paderborn.

The Third Armd. Div. was fighting fiercely in the outskirts of Paderborn, meeting stubborn tank and infantry defenses. First Army infantrymen entered Buren, ten miles behind forward elements of the Third Army.

The Ninth Army's breakthrough from its lower Rhine bridgehead was being spearheaded by the veteran Second Armd. Div., battle-tested in Africa, Stilly, Italy and France.

Specific progress of the unit was hidden under the news blackout, but the Ninth's forward elements were officially placed at least 60 miles east of the Rhine. Provided they followed a straight line, this would place them somewhere between Hamm and Lippstadt.

75th Inf. Div. Fighting
Besides the spearheading Second Armd. Div., the 75th Inf. Div. was disclosed to be fighting with the Ninth Army east of the Rhine. No details on its position or activities were given.

In the First U.S. Army sector, the Ninth and Third Armd. Divs. linked up in the vicinity of Warburg, 23 miles southeast of Paderborn. Paderborn, due east of the Ruhr, is the farthest point reported reached by the First Army's northward push.

Nazis Scheme To Escape Allied Curbs

WASHINGTON, Mar. 31 (ANS)—Unless Nazi plans to regain their power after the war are checked, "They will present a constant menace to postwar peace and security," the State Department warned today in making public German documents now in U.S. possession.

The documents show that the Nazis hope to remove Allied control measures over occupied Germany by a subtle plea for "fair treatment," the Department said, and that they seek to achieve their goal of world domination by pouring German technicians, cultural experts and undercover agents into foreign countries.

If court procedure fails, the Nazis will attempt re-purchases through "cloaks," who meet necessary citizenship requirements, the Department added.

In their effort to flood foreign countries with technical and research experts, the Nazis will offer the inducement of low costs. German capital and plans for construction of ultra-modern technical schools and laboratories will be offered at extremely favorable terms "since they will offer the Germans excellent opportunities to design and perfect new weapons."

The Department cited phenomenal increases in German patent registrations in foreign countries during the last two years as an indication of Nazi efforts to continue to share in control and development of technological changes.

These registrations reached an all-time high in 1944. In addition, the Nazis withdrew their ban against exporting capital from Germany several months ago, and a substantial flow of capital to foreign countries has followed.

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1,500 bomber and fighter-bomber sorties in cooperation with eastbound American ground forces.

Yesterday's Britain-based Eighth AF targets included rallyards at Brandenburg, 25 miles west of Berlin, Halle, 20 miles northwest of Leipzig, and Brunswick, 25 miles east of Hannover, and a synthetic oil plant at Zeitz, 20 miles southwest of Leipzig.

Eight hundred fifty Mustangs and Thunderbolts escorted the Liberators and Fortresses. Fighter-bomber pilots reported sporadic jet plane attacks. Three jets were destroyed.

The Eighth's March bomb load on Germany is equivalent to 400,000 pounds of explosives released for each daylight hour of the month. The Eighth's previous record of 58,000 tons was established last June.

Ninth AF fighter-bombers claimed more than 900 motor transports, 769 railcars and 94 locomotives destroyed or damaged. Six enemy planes were destroyed and 21 damaged on the ground.

Twelfth TAC and the French First TAC flew more than 1,000 sorties in the Third and Seventh Army sectors.