

Man Spricht Deutsch
Die Bruecke ist gesprengt.
Dee Breweka ist gesprengt.
The bridge is blown up.

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Agnes Is Frigid, But They Made Her



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo
Cpl. Bernard Butnik, of Cleveland, and Sgt. Richard Goodbar, of Russellville, Ark., offer cigarettes and a coke as they start to break the ice with Agnes, their buxom snow woman.

New Winter Clothing Issues Reaching Men in Front Lines

Combat troops already are receiving the new issues of winter clothing which Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell said Thursday were en route. Reports from Stars and Stripes correspondents on the Western Front indicate full quotas of special winter shoes and clothing of various types are being drawn by the doughboys, as the third month of bitter below-zero temperatures and heavy snowfall draws to a close.

Staff Correspondent Russell Jones, with the U.S. First Army, reported that four infantry divisions of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' forces have been outfitted and other divisions are drawing the equipment as it becomes available.

From the Our River front, Staff Correspondent Bud Hutton reported that in addition to specially designed shoes and gloves, the combat infantrymen are being issued snow suits, although many still must improvise snow camouflage from almost any white material, including lace curtains and women's panties.

Shoepacs Big Feature

The special issues, according to Maj. Dayo, of Oxford, Md., assistant clothing and special equipment officer, of First Army, are being made at a considerable rate. Items include arctic shoepacs with felt inner soles, arctic socks, ski socks, waterproof ponchos, mittens, mitten liners, mufflers and special cotton trousers for each division.

The new footwear is the shoepac type of rubber and leather boot common among woodsmen and north country hunters which GIs used to see in sporting goods store windows before the war.

A rubber foot on the shoepac extends to a point ankle-high where the calf leather uppers begin to lace. The shoepac is issued in larger sizes than the old GI shoes and combat boots which proved ineffective in repelling water or cold.

On the Our River front, Hutton reported, the GIs were told that the sizes were large so that two pairs of socks could be worn. They were told to change the socks as soon as they became sweaty to help prevent frozen feet and trench foot.

"This is something like it," Pfc George R. Like, of Vincennes, Ind.,

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Nine More Sentenced For Cigarette Looting

Nine more EM were convicted yesterday and given sentences ranging from ten to 15 years by the Paris court martial trying the railway battalion black-market cases. They were found guilty of looting trains of cigarettes and other Army supplies worth hundreds of thousands of francs.

Trial of the first officer to appear before court on charges of receiving the stolen cigarettes is scheduled to open today.

Reds Close Ring on Posen, Take Baltic Port of Memel; 1st and 3rd Armies Gain

Patton Men Reach Point 2 1/2 Miles From St. Vith

The U.S. First Army smashed eastward toward the Siegfried Line yesterday, renewing its drive after a two-day lull, as Third Army forces swept into Eastern Belgium near the Reich frontier north of Luxembourg in a four-mile advance which brought them to within two and one-half miles of St. Vith.

First Army men forced their way nearly two miles through a new four-inch layer of snow which overlaid waist-high drifts to take four villages east of the St. Vith-Bullingen Road, Stars and Stripes Correspondent Russell Jones said from the front.

Clad in Snowcapes

The infantrymen, clad in snow-capes, moved out at 0400 under the cover of a blinding storm. In their packs were chunks of dynamite to help blast a foxhole when the time came to dig into frozen earth, the AP reported. Going was so heavy through the snow that the doughs who broke the trails for the advance had to be relieved every 60 yards, the AP said.

Jones reported that the First Div. took Hepscheid and Heppenach. Valender to the south and Borscheid also were captured, he said. Seventh Armored Div. forces striking east of St. Vith extended their gains to 2,000 yards.

First Army lines are now 4,000 to 10,000 yards from the first Siegfried Line positions which were partly destroyed in the pre-breakthrough battles and another 10,000 yards from a second section of the line Germans have improved, Jones said. Third Army's advances, AP front dispatches said, have taken all except a mile and one-half of

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Planes Hit Brenner Pass

ROME, Jan. 28 (Reuter).—Fifth and Eighth Army patrols maintained contact with enemy positions as the temperature dropped to freezing on the Italian front. Large numbers of fighter-bombers attacked the Brenner Pass rail route and targets in the Po Valley.

Nimitz Moves Up



Adm. of the Fleet Nimitz has moved from Pearl Harbor to an advanced headquarters in an unidentified forward area of the Pacific. Nimitz said some time ago that Guam was one of the places considered for advanced headquarters.

Yanks 40 Mi. From Manila

U.S. XIV Army Corps troops on Luzon met no Japanese resistance as they captured Angeles, the last important Pampanga Province city before San Fernando, the provincial capital.

The victory, reported yesterday in a field dispatch, put the XIV Corps a little more than 40 miles from Manila. Another dispatch said that American advanced units had gone past Angeles.

Gen. MacArthur's communique announced that other American troops were liquidating Japanese hill positions commanding Clark Field, now in American hands.

Yanks in northern Luzon continued to gain, capturing Agat and Esperanza. The Japanese counter-attacked at San Manuel, but were repulsed with a loss of 10 tanks and many field guns.

American airmen attacked Ba-

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4 Silesian Towns Near Oder River Fall to Soviets

Red Army troops, reinforced by powerful tank and infantry reserves, expanded their grip on the industrial arsenal of German Silesia yesterday, seizing four important towns near the Oder River, while troops on the central front stabbed through the last enemy defenses along the Berlin-Warsaw highway to complete the encirclement of Posen.

Other sweeping victories were scored on both ends of the blazing Eastern front as Gen. Ivan K. Bagramian's First Baltic Army cleared the last German soldiers from Lithuanian soil, capturing the great port city of Memel. To the far south, Gen. Ivan Y. Petrov's Fourth Ukrainian Army drove 25 miles west along the Carpathians to seize five towns in Poland con-

'Now is the Time'

LONDON, Jan. 28 (UP).—Moscow radio said today that "large enemy reinforcements are being transferred from the western theater of operations to the Eastern Front. German railway lines are crammed with troop trains moving east. Taking this in view, now is the time when the offensive on the Western Front is to be expected."

trolling passes through the mountains into Czechoslovakia.

Beuthen, German town 35 miles northwest of Breslau on the west bank of the Oder River, fell to Marshal Koniev's First Ukrainian Army after one of the fiercest battles of the winter offensive, Marshal Stalin announced in an Order of the Day. This prize gives the Russians a firm foothold across the Oder in a position from where new drives north to Berlin could be launched.

Katowice and two other smaller towns at the southern end of the 150-mile Oder River line also were captured by Koniev's troops. Katowice is one of the largest towns in Silesia and center of the rich Dombrowa coal region.

On the central front, Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First White Russian Army, by-passing encircled

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Volkswagon Is Proper Place for Boobies



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo
Men of the Sixth Cavalry, Third Army, advance down a snow-covered road into the town of Wiltz, Luxembourg, by-passing an abandoned German automobile—dangerously loaded with booby traps.

Peace Rumors Fly in Sweden

LONDON, Jan. 28 (UP).—Warning its readers that it should be read with reserve, the Sunday Dispatch today published a report from its Stockholm correspondent stating that "Swedish professors, soldiers and government officials" believe that peace moves are proceeding in Moscow.

According to the Swedes, a German emissary, a Prof. Hartmann, was "spirited through Sweden from Germany two days ago by a special Soviet airliner." Hartmann was said to be the representative of a German opposition movement, including generals, industrialists and milder Nazis, plus some German government officials.

Report Contact Made

LONDON, Jan. 28 (AP). Rumors swept Madrid, Lisbon and Barcelona that the Germans were close to accepting surrender terms, and Germans in Lisbon said they had reports that the German Eastern Front command is already in contact with the Russians, with the knowledge of the German high command in Berlin.

THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

For EMs and Officers Only

If you would care to print this letter from my old company commander, 1/Lt. Charles "Buck" Rogers, I, as well as all the men in Co. L, 335th Inf. would be very grateful. He is one of the finest COs that has ever commanded a company.

Lt. Rogers was wounded by shrapnel in the right leg during a recent battle. He didn't ask for treatment but continued to command the company throughout the battle until dark. He didn't leave until we had dug in. This was five hours after he was wounded.

We were relieved 7 days later. Lt. Rogers left all missions accomplished.

We want him to know that we miss him more than he misses us. And we sincerely hope that he recovers soon.—Sgt. G. P. Burchett.

Sorry I had to desert you at such a time as I did. Only God will ever know the agonies I went thru that night and have gone thru since . . .

Sergeant, the main reason for my writing you this letter is to first wish I was there with you. Sounds crazy, doesn't it, but I had learned in the few days I was in command of our company to love the men as my own brothers. Second, to say to you and those left: God bless you and may God be with you wherever you go. Tell Lt. Kister and the others to take good care of the men. Some day soon, I hope to be with you again. . . .

Must close. It's past midnight. Kept thinking of you men, finally borrowed a flashlight and wrote you this letter. Again I say: 'May God bless you and our company.'—Your Old CO and Friend, Charles "Buck" Rogers.

During a movie an officer interrupted three times to ask for volunteers for a detail. The second and third times, he just lashed out and threatened to stop the show permanently. The detail was to clean a building vacated by officers who left such a mess that the enlisted men were needed to make it respectable again. Naturally we got mad, I'll bet my bottom dollar if they were sitting in a movie and an order came to clean up someone else's mess they would bitch and really blow off about it.

The incident was small but very often it's the little things that go a long way toward commanding a man's respect.

I don't know why the officers aren't taught a little about understanding the men under them.

When some of the men questioned the lieutenant, he said "This is the army you know." Well, he'd better wake up to the fact men make up the army and it takes only a few to break their morale.—Pvt. J. G. Hoey, G.F.R.S.

How does a medical officer rate a Bronze Star, when he did no more than six other EMs and myself?

Not that I care about getting the decorations as I feel it was only doing our duty as medical men. However, I don't feel as though our part was recognized. Is it because he was an officer and we merely EMs? I'd suggest that all such officers start having a conscience and recognize the work of others.—Just Another Medic.

Complaint Dept.

What's this Army coming to? When the boys who have been to the front come back for a rest period and drop in at the Red Cross Club (the so-called charity organization) they are charged for a cup of coffee and a couple of doughnuts.—T/4 W. S. Serv. Btry, FA.

Only One—the 322nd Gp

Your recent article carrying the headline "Ninth AF Groups Now off Secret List" contains a grievous error.

Not four, as you say, but one group introduced the B26 to the ETO. That group was the 322nd, which was bombing enemy territory

in the spring of 1943, more than two months before any of the other groups you mention even became operational.

When the War Department gave the 322nd a Presidential citation it was because the group was the pioneer B26 outfit in the ETO, among other accomplishments. How about setting the record straight?—Maj. E. A. Daugherty and Nine Others.

(You are right. Scallions to a certain PRO.—Ed.)

What's in a Name

In a recent issue of S & S we notice comments on us doughboys objecting to being called GI Joes.

Brother, we don't mind what we are called—just so we are called in time to receive that discharge—when this mess is over!—S/Sgt. S. T. Villamel, Inf.

Name the Plane

In our squadron of the Tiger Stripe Marauder (387th Bomb) Gp we have nine B26 Marauders without names. We are wondering if the front line men, the soldiers who are doing the actual tough work and tough fighting in this war, would like to name these planes for us.

We promise to send pictures of the planes, bearing the names they have selected, to the front liners who name a Marauder.—Lt. K. J. Shaney and nine others.

All Out

In your Jan. 18 issue "Furloughs to U.S. Explained by GI" gives the requirements a GI must have for furlough. We think they should make him eligible for a discharge.—The Filthy Four.

Malt for Morale

The Stars and Stripes printed a column about the brewery workers in St. Paul going on strike and the WPB declaring that beer was an essential war product to help keep up the civilian morale as well as the soldiers.

Over here 99 percent of the places are off limits. Why? Doesn't the Army figure the GIs in the ETO need a little morale building also?—T/5 Campbell, Ry. Op. Bn.

Finger-Pointers

I come from a DTC and was told that what I went there for was confidential. Now it's in my service record. Every Joe and Jane in personnel can see it and it becomes unconfidential. I suggest that such entries be put into the service record under an Article of War which covers several mishaps and maybe we could live in peace the rest of our Army careers. Usually an Article of War will not be looked up by personnel Joe and Jane. How would you like people staring at you for something you have doubly paid for?—Pvt. Abdo Albert, AC.

HUBERT by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"Now hold it a minute, dammit, while I make sure they're Krauts. We don't want none of them Russians on our conscience!"

An Editorial

Amen

Just in case you didn't see it, we'd like to reprint an editorial from the European edition of the New York Herald Tribune, dated January 26, 1945, entitled "Uncle Joe's Boys."

HAVE you heard the latest? "We are across the Oder," or "We are closing on Breslau," or some such phrase—one encounters it everywhere. Battle action, particularly successful battle action, is a great leveler of nice political distinctions. Even here, thousands of miles from the fronts, our hopes rise with the red star as earnestly as with the white. In cold foxholes and under shell fire, reaction is apparently only more immediate and heartfelt. There are no greater enthusiasts for "Uncle Joe's boys" today than our troops on the Roer and in the Ardennes . . .

Here is one aspect of international relations too often overlooked by theo-



A Russian soldier talks things over with a Yank.

rists. "Uncle Joe's boys" may inspire alarm in some sections of the arm-chair brigade, but to the man in the street they are "ours" and to the fighting soldiers they are heroes. The foxholes have been made passionately aware of the fact that this is one war in one world, that each fights for all and all for each, and that getting the big job done is far more important

than any question of who does it.

Afterwards, no doubt, politicians and publicists will get to work to destroy such foolish notions; but it may be that fighting men and ordinary people will remember "Uncle Joe's boys" and will still believe that the great nations which were so desperately dependent on each other in war can hang together even in peace.

Nazis May Now Be Making Choice On East or West for A Showdown

By James Long

Associated Press Correspondent

SHAEF, Jan. 28.—The German high command, plotting the final desperate phase of its losing fight for the hemmed-in Reich, may yet be in the unusual position of being able to choose which of its foes in the East and West may deliver the final blow.

And it is likely that that choice—if it is to be made at all—will begin to be reflected on the battlefield in the next few days, or weeks at the latest.

For it is the opinion of most military observers that the wounded Wehrmacht could yet mass on either single front enough fighting force to bring an offensive to at least a momentary halt.

A Recent Example

It did just that on the Western Front a little more than a month ago, when a stream of Volksgrenadier and Volksturm reinforcements stiffened the Nazi line against the Allied six-army onslaught and gave

two panzer armies of mobile reserves a chance for the Ardennes breakthrough.

In the East, from the present tidemark of the Russian advance all the way to Berlin, the Germans have neither a defense line comparable to the Siegfried Line nor a natural barricade comparable to the Rhine and its adjacent wooded hills.

If the Germans are to mass mobile defense power in the open, rolling country anywhere from the River Oder to Berlin, they would be forced to use most of what they have for any effectiveness.

Massing Appears Started

The recent eastward movement of the Luftwaffe and even ground reserves from the Western Front, as well as movement of possible reserves of materiel from storing places in the Ruhr, probably indicates already that massing in the East for the last attempted stand there is under way.

Thus begins to unfold still another phase of the craft behind Von Rundstedt's Christmas breakthrough, for that offensive threw the Allies enough off balance to

delay possible further offensive action in the West.

But there other basic factors in the West: weather and terrain. As one Allied officer put it after a review of the ground along and behind the Rhine: "Even if the Germans did not have a single soldier there it would be hard going over the next 50 miles this time of the year."

Weather Plays Role in East

The Russians, on the other side, also have a weather factor. Their front begins to bog down with thaws and then mud from the end of February through March and early April.

The Germans may hope to stem the Red tide until the thaws by switching forces from the Western Front in the hope the Allies there may not be able to take maximum advantage of the move. Later, during the eastern thaws, they might again re-align their forces if a breakthrough is developing in the West.

But even in Germany's tightened inner defense circle that sort of troop shift on a big scale is both difficult and risky.

Three Men On a Nazi Hill—They Stopped Six Assaults

By Ralph G. Martin

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH U.S. SEVENTH ARMY, Jan. 28.—Cut off on a hill after midnight, three doughfeet held off four platoons of Jerries with an M1, a carbine and a BAR. Nazi SS troops launched a counter-attack and overran the First Platoon of Co. K. They stripped the parkas from American dead and, trampling over their own wounded, rushed the Yanks, yelling at the top of their lungs.

"They sounded like some coked-up guys going crazy on Saturday night," said Platoon Sgt. John Dougher, a former New York fruit produce dealer, who fired the carbine.

Just before the Nazi jump-off, a Jerry sneaked up, riddled the machine-gunner with a burp gun and knocked out the gun before Dougher finally got him.

"If I was an inch taller I'd be dead now," said five-foot-six, 20-year-old Pfc Richard Maloy, of Lorain, Ohio, who was standing next to the gunner.

Maloy look over the BAR and stopped six small-scale attacks and knocked out a flame-thrower. "The flame-thrower came so close we could feel the heat," said

Pfc Edward Corteau, 21-year-old truck farmer from Red Bank, N. J. While waiting for daylight they pulled in a 60mm mortar and opened up. In addition the Nazis threw in plenty of small arms stuff and potato mashers.

Suddenly from the rear came fire from a U. S. 60mm mortar outfit. One shell scored a direct hit on a Nazi mortar.

"None of us could believe it when we saw it," said Dougher. "It was like a fairy story."

Shortly after daylight a U. S. tank rolled up from the rear and they were relieved. An inventory of their ammo revealed three clips left.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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

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Yank Hides for 28 Days In Nazi CP, Few Feet From General's Room

By James Cannon
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

THIRD ARMY HQ., Jan. 28.—As though relating a confused and painful dream he could not completely dislodge from his subconscious mind, Pvt. Lee Godfrey today told how civilians hid him for 28 days in a German CP.

Only a few feet from a Nazi general's quarters, Godfrey, who comes from St. Louis, lay in the cold darkness of a cupboard, so small he could not stand erect.

Partially paralyzed from the 28 days in the cramped posture, the unarmed Ninth Armored Div. mechanic brought back three prisoners when he finally contacted an American patrol.

Vote to Surrender

Lost, hungry, cut off and hunted for four days, Godfrey and five other soldiers voted to surrender during the first crazy days of the breakthrough. They approached a house with a white cap on a stick, mistaking it for a German CP. They were 20 minutes too soon, because civilians still lived there.

"I was scared as hell and decided to hide," said the 30-year-old electrician, who does not speak or understand French or German. "So I asked one of the guys to tell the civilians I wanted a place to crawl into. They took me into a room and opened a door. It was a cupboard with a lot of pots and pans on the shelves. They pulled out the boards of the lower shelf and I crawled into a place under the stairs. It was dark and cold in there and I couldn't stand up so I lay there. There was one little crack that looked toward the door.

Germans Move In

"As soon as I got in there, the Germans came and took my buddies. Then they searched for me. I think they must have counted us coming up the road and missed me. Right away they started to move the CP in. They were running up and down the stairs right over where I was laying.

"I got one good break. They put the civilians into the room that led into the cupboard. They fed me through the boards. They were real wonderful people.

"There was nothing in the cupboard but some soap and a bucket of something and some civilian clothes. I put the civilian clothes on because it was cold as hell. I'd figured they'd shoot me and the civilians if they caught me—civilian clothes or no civilian clothes.

General Takes Over

"One day there was a big commotion and I walked a general. I could see him through the crack in the door. They put a sign 'verboten' on the door of his room.

"All the time the area was getting shelled by our artillery. The general and the CP pulled out. I was laying there in the house when civilians came and got me.

"I was just like a baby. I couldn't walk a step. My feet were paralyzed from laying there. They took me out and the artillery was flying around and I was scared as hell.

Gives Foe Sales Talk

"They led me to a storage house that looked like a pillbox because the walls were so thick. There were three Germans there. One was wounded. When they were asleep I sneaked out with their rifles. Then I gave them a talking to and convinced them they should surrender.

"I was there for three days and the shelling was terrible. But on the third day up came a patrol. And well, here I am. It's not much of a story, is it, just laying there and doing nothing."

Mail: 144 Trainloads

ADVANCE U.S. SUPPLY HQ., Belgium, Jan. 28.—Postal units of Advance Section, Com. Z., handled more than 50,000 tons of mail between July 26 and Dec. 31, 1944. Statistics just released show that total mail sacks handled during this period is equivalent to 144 trainloads.

V-Weapon: A Gift of Gab

WITH NINTH INF. DIV.—Lt. Joseph L. Rappazini, antitank platoon leader of the 60th Inf. Regt., knows how to use his gift of gab. It came in handy during a recent clash with a company of Germans, armed with mortars, machine-guns and machine pistols.

The enemy force greatly outnumbered his platoon. Placing noncoms in command with instructions to report the situation to the battalion CP, Rappazini moved forward in the open to try to convince the Germans that they had walked into a trap and were surrounded.

The Germans disarmed the American officer and began questioning him. By this time heavy-weapons fire was being turned on the German unit. Lt. Rappazini was talking fast.

Hearing the heavy fire all about them, the Germans were just about convinced that the game was up. The entire force surrendered.

Hospital Put Up Around Busy Medics

WITH ADVANCE SUPPLY FORCES, Belgium, Jan. 28.—While Army medics treated wounded GIs in a 200-year-old French mental asylum and adjoining infantry and cavalry post, the 372nd Engr. Regt. built a modern 3,000-bed hospital around them without halting any scheduled operations and using salvaged French and German materials.

"Our hospitals in England were all built according to design," said Capt. Edgar H. Bachrach, former New York surgeon. "When we moved in here we operated under field conditions while facilities were being installed. Now we have better operating rooms than in those pre-designed hospitals."

Didn't Wait For Plans

"The medics told us what they wanted as we went along," said Lt. Col. Floyd S. Arnold, of San Francisco, regimental commander of the Engineers. "By the time the plans were drawn we had nearly finished the job."

French plumbing and German lumber and electrical equipment were used in the construction. German cement went to make walks and roadways and a water-borne sewage system, eliminating the necessary trips to outdoor straddle-trenches, was hailed enthusiastically by both patients and staff.

Bold Yanks Cut Nazi TNT Lines

WITH 26th INF. DIV., Luxembourg.—Two "Yankee" Div. engineers crept right under the noses of two Nazi sentries near Albestroff to cut the wires on a demolition charge attached to a bridge.

Sgt. Vincent E. Bunce, of the 101st Eng. Bn. was leading a night patrol to the outskirts of Albestroff while the town was still held by the Germans. On the way he stepped on something soft in the dark. It was a YD recon officer.

The officer told Sgt. Bunce it would be unsafe to lead the patrol farther because German sentries were patrolling a bridge about three-quarters of a mile away.

Bunce said it was the one he was looking for. He and Pfc Wallace G. Labrade continued along, crept past the Nazi sentries and maneuvered underneath the bridge to snip the wires leading to demolition charges.

Bunce and Labrade, both of New York, crawled back, reassembled the patrol and returned to the CP.

Texans' Social Group Reorganizing for ETO

"Texans in the ETO," a social club which had 1,400 members in the UK, is reorganizing on the Continent, with chapters in France, Germany, Belgium and Holland.

Lt. Gen. Wm. H. Simpson, commander of the Ninth U.S. Army, is a charter member. All ranks from the Lone Star State are eligible to join. Details may be obtained from the president, Sgt. Jay C. Stille, OCQM, Hq. Com Z, APO 887.

Doughboys Move Forward to the Battle Line



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo
Moving up after a rest relief troops trudge through a Belgian sector to relieve another company . . .

Men in Tankdozer Brave Explosions, Save Ammo Cars

WITH U.S. SUPPLY FORCES IN FRANCE, Jan. 28.—Buried under the debris of buildings wrecked by exploding boxcars of ammunition, four ordnance men struggled free to save the greatest part of 400 freight cars of explosives from fires started by a German air raid recently.

While shrapnel filled the air about them, Lts. James A. Cassidy, of Cliffside Park, N.J., and Robert Brackett, of Portland, Me., and Pfc Robert Bankson, of Galena, Kan., and Donald Bryant, of Winslow, Ind., used a Sherman tank with the blade of a bulldozer attached to the front to push and pull the ammo to safety. The battle-gear power of the tankdozer succeeded in pushing a loaded 64-car train, plus the locomotive, out of the danger zone.

Outstanding work in the yards was also done by Cpl. J. T. Brewer, of Sonora, Ky., who manned the tankdozer for four hours, and Pfc Lawrence Spaulding, of Muskegon, Mich., who operated the telephone switchboard in the railyard office until both he and the switchboard were blown out of the room.



Stars and Stripes Photos by Riordon.
They snatch a few minutes' rest en route.

GI Decoys Foe To Guard Pals

WITH FIFTH INF. DIV., Jan. 28.—Left by his platoon to protect three wounded comrades inside a railroad station during the attack on Metz, Pfc Fred Matthews, Co. E, 11th Inf., also was told to keep a sharp lookout for enemy tanks reported nearby.

Matthews spotted a German patrol working its way toward the railroad station. He opened fire with his only weapon—an M1 rifle. The Jerries deployed and Matthews emerged from the building to decoy his adversaries from the wounded just as they hurled the first of several "potato-mashers."

The Coolidge, Ga., infantryman picked off two of the attackers. A third advanced to within 15 yards of Matthews, but he, too, fell. Remaining elements of the patrol hightailed it from the scene.

ETO Railway Unit Is Awarded Plaque

Hq. and Hq. Co. of the Transportation Corps' second Military Railway Service, commanded by Brig. Gen. Clarence L. Burpee, has been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque by Lt. Gen. John C. H. Lee, CG of SOS in the ETO, the WD announced. This was the first such award in the European Theater.

By October, 1944, the Military Railway Service in France was carrying more than 10,000 tons of freight daily. As of January 1, soldier-railroaders were carrying more than 30,000 tons of freight a day to forward armies.

Mile of Bridging

A SIXTH ARMD. DIV.—Treadway Bridge Co., commanded by Capt. George White, of Statesville, N.C., has erected 5,280 feet of bridging since arriving in France in mid-July.



The grime of war is upon this infantryman, Pvt. Hilton E. Smith, of Willis Wharf, Va.



Fresh from a front-line foxhole is Pvt. Paul J. Steuer, a rifleman from Milwaukee, Wis.

Stampede à la World War Two

NINTH AF HQ., France, Jan. 28.—It looked as though someone had given a hot foot to a whole county fair.

The P4Ts, led by Capt. Lowell K. Brueland, of Callendar, Iowa, were flying near the German-Luxembourg border when they spotted a Nazi convoy of horse-drawn vehicles. They dove down, and the horses broke off down the road with the German soldiers running after them.

"It was the damndest thing you ever saw," Brueland said. "Horses went stampeding down the road with Germans under full sail after them, and we were right on their tails, giving them burst after burst." In 15 attacks, Brueland's formation destroyed 20 of the vehicles and killed a sizable number of Germans.

'The Body' Removes Her Rivals' Wraps

Movie False Fronts Bared Anew For All

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Some time ago our boudoir man announced that Grable wears no bra, Landis has no derriere, Dinah Shore is a realist like Grable, and a few other choice peeps indicating that Hollywood's finest are going into battle padded like Bill Dickey. Now Earl Wilson, sinister Broadway columnist, has induced Marie "The Body" MacDonald to turn state evidence on her "robust" rivals. Here's a sample:

"Dorothy Lamour's sarongs are specially built up," Miss MacDonald purrs. "Joan Fontaine came on the set of 'Frenchman's Creek' with such a beautifully rounded figure—and then she said, 'I'm so damned hot!' and pulled out her pads and began fanning herself with them."

"Hedy Lamarr—they fix her up with a lot of fluffy doodads in through here . . ." The Body showed where she meant. The Body has modesty, though. She says that Jane Russell (we ran a picture of her Sunday) makes her look "like chopped liver."



Dorothy Lamour.



Marie MacDonald . . . turns state's evidence.



Joan Fontaine.

U.S. to Appeal Court Decision On Ward Case

CHICAGO, Jan. 28 (ANS).—The government prepared today to appeal the decision of Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan, who declared yesterday that the Army's seizure of Montgomery Ward properties by order of President Roosevelt was illegal.

Following U.S. District Attorney J. Albert Wolf's announcement that the government would appeal, Attorney General Francis J. Biddle asserted in Washington that this would be done "as promptly as possible."

Meanwhile, the Army remained in control of the seized properties, including ten retail stores, three mail order houses and three warehouses in seven cities, as Judge Sullivan stayed all proceedings on Wolf's motion pending decision on the appeal.

Judge Points to Act

Ward Chairman Sewell Avery declared Judge Sullivan's decision was a "great day for labor," to which International President Samuel Wolchok of the CIO United Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees Union, commented: "Woe to labor if Avery becomes its champion."

In his opinion, Judge Sullivan said that the War Labor Disputes (Smith-Connally) Act does not give the President the right to order seizure of Montgomery Ward, which he declared was a "distribution" and not a "manufacturing, mining or production" enterprise.

The judge added that "outside a theater of war the President as Commander-in-Chief does not have unlimited power over persons and property of citizens. He may not seize private property just because it might be useful to the armed forces."

Stock Goes Up

In Washington, Chairman William H. Davis, of the War Labor Board, which Judge Sullivan had described as purely advisory, declared that "the whole plan of peaceful settlement of wartime labor disputes will collapse" if the decision stood.

Congressional comment varied according to party, but even administration senators and representatives agreed that a clarification of the law was required. On the New York and Chicago stock exchanges, Ward's common stock jumped after the decision and closed up \$2.75.

Degree for Bong's Fiancee

SUPERIOR, Wis., Jan. 28 (ANS).—Marjorie Vattendahl, who on Feb. 10 will become the bride of Maj. Richard Bong, of Poplar, Wis., the nation's top-ranking air ace, was graduated from Superior State Teachers College yesterday with a BS degree.

Sheridan Says He's Misquoted On GI Rotation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (AP).—Rep. John Edward Sheridan (D-Pa) asserted today he was misquoted, that he had not said that the troops he met while on a battle-front tour were not anxious to come home under the rotation system.

The representative said that his correct comment in Philadelphia, following his return to the United States, was that of about 1,500,000 Americans fighting Germany, "I didn't find 100 who wouldn't give up their rotation or furlough home if they felt it would end the war one day sooner."

Typical of the storm of protests Sheridan's originally-quoted comment aroused was that of the "Frostbitten Infantrymen," who wrote a letter published in the Washington Post.

"We battle-weary soldiers of this infantry platoon would like to make this challenge. If he could spend one night that we have spent in the last two weeks he would give one of his limbs to go home. A furlough from this frozen hell would be a new lease on life."

Successful Ozark Book Sends The Walkin' Preacher Walking

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Jan. 28 (ANS).—Guy Howard, the "Walkin' Preacher of the Ozarks," walked out of his home down in Gainesville yesterday—permanently. Preacher Howard had resigned

his Christian Church pastorate, sold his home, packed his small belongings and said goodbye to friend and foe alike. He left sadly and reluctantly, but even some of his best friends thought it was the wisest and safest thing to do.

Preacher Howard had written a book—an autobiography of his ten years of spreading the gospel in the remote Ozark hills.

About 15,000 copies were sold and the book brought him film offers and fame and money, more money than he ever had in his life—something like \$4,000—just from book and magazine royalties. Folks had given him banquets, including one in his old home town of Chariton, Ia.

But a good many people around Gainesville, where Preacher Howard had lived and preached for the past two years, didn't like the book, with its frank account of life in the hills; its intimate anecdotes, its picture of people living frugally and sometimes primitively.

"People Are Kicking"

Editor E. W. Ebrite, of the Ozark County Times, one of Howard's critics, had said: "He was running us down like we was way back in the backwoods. He had us 50 years behind. People are kicking about it."

Preacher Howard decided to move 50 miles east to Branson, in Taney County, where he will continue to preach and live in the hills of which he wrote; "Doubtless God could have made a better country but doubtless God never did, and when I'm called on to leave it and walk down that lonesome road, I hope to go wearin' my walkin' shoes."

When he left Gainesville, he was still wearing them.

Start Inquiry Into Navy Use Of Manpower

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (ANS).—The House Naval Affairs Committee this week-end began a nationwide investigation of the uses the Navy is making of its hundreds of thousands of civilian workers.

"We are going to find out exactly what's going on," Chairman Carl Vinson (D-Ga.) told a reporter. "We are setting up an investigation staff right now and we are going thoroughly into every phase of the Navy's employment practices."

The check-up came after an assertion by Chairman James M. Mead (D-N.Y.) of the Senate War Investigation Committee that he found loafing and wasted manpower in Norfolk Navy Yard.

At the same time, WPB officials and Chairman Andrew J. May of the House Military Committee squared off in a new disagreement over the need for a labor draft. May asserted that compulsory manpower controls for men 18 to 45, are even more necessary now than before the Russian offensive.

May said that undue optimism stemming from Russian successes might cut the legs from under the Administration's limited national service bill, which will be taken up Monday. "If Germany were defeated today," May declared, "manpower legislation could be needed more than ever, because war workers might start running out of war plants into peace-time jobs."

Joseph W. Keenan, WPB vice-chairman and labor's spokesman in the WPB, said that the War Department's estimate that 700,000 additional workers are needed in six months is too high. As many as are needed can be obtained, he said, through "proper use of the present labor ceiling system on less essential firms."

Sally Rand Sheds Suit Of Two 'Bitten' Patrons

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 28 (ANS).—Fan-dancer Sally Rand today won dismissal of the \$150,747 damage suit filed against her six years ago by a couple of customers who said she bit them.

Superior Judge Alfred Paonessa ruled that time for trial of the suit filed by C. Ray Standford and Hazel Drain in 1938 had expired.

Store Window Home For This Army Wife

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 28 (AP).—Mrs. Elizabeth Ortez, wife of a sergeant serving overseas, will live in a Sunset Blvd. store window for the next week to dramatize the plight of servicemen's wives who are unable to find living quarters.

She was chosen from 500 applicants and will be awarded a \$500 diamond ring by an NBC radio show.

Anti-Wallace Bloc in Senate Moves to Bar Appointment

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (ANS).—Senate confirmation of former Vice-President Henry A. Wallace as Secretary of Commerce appeared highly improbable today, regardless of whether or not the office is permitted to retain the vast lending powers exercised by Jesse H. Jones, the United Press said.

Sen. Kenneth McKellar (D-Tenn.), president pro tem of the Senate, took the lead against Wallace. McKellar joined Senators Harry F. Byrd (D-Va.), Josiah W. Bailey (D-N.C.) and others in mapping the parliamentary strategy they hope will result in rejection of Wallace's appointment.

Republicans, meanwhile, avoided official action on the controversial nomination, but Senator Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) expressed the opinion that most Republicans would vote against Wallace, even if Congress moved to separate the government lending agencies from the Commerce Department.

The Wallace nomination was disapproved, 14 to 5, by the Senate Commerce Committee on Friday. It will go to the Senate tomorrow with an unfavorable report. Committee Chairman Bailey will report favorably a bill that would re-establish the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and kindred agencies under a separate Federal Loan Administration, with specific prohibition against their transfer elsewhere.

Sidney Hillman, chairman of the CIO Political Action Committee, has told regional committee leaders throughout the country that: "The struggle over the Wallace confirmation is in fact the focal point of struggle for a progressive America—for an America which is capable, because it is a healthy nation, of making its contribution for the establishment of a lasting peace."

Jonathan Daniels, author and former editor of The Raleigh (N.C.) News and Observer, has been assigned to handle White House press relations in the absence of Stephen Early, Presidential press secretary. Early has been invited to assist in press relations at SHAEF in France.

Judge Inspects Burlesque, Rules G-Strings Not Enough



San Francisco Municipal Court Judge Twain Mickelsen (left) attends a "command" performance of a show raided as an "indecent exhibition" to decide for himself whether performances were in violation of the law. He watches "Dimples" Sullivan (right) finish her act clad only in a G-string. The next day he fined the show's producer \$100 and gave three strip queens suspended six months' sentences.

This Was America Yesterday:

WPB Exempts Five U.S. Areas From 'Brownout' Set for Feb. 1

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—The War Production Board has exempted five areas, including four Pacific Northwest states and most of Texas, from the "brownout" scheduled to go into effect Feb. 1. Exemptions were granted under provisions that the ban is not essential where use of electricity will not in any way reduce consumption of coal or other scarce fuels. The Northwest exempt area is served by hydroelectric power, and the exempt Texas area has natural gas as well as hydro.

Part of upper New York State, including the counties of Clinton, Franklin and Essex, served by the city of Plattsburg also are exempted because they use hydroelectric power.

In Gotham, Mayor LaGuardia issued a proclamation forbidding delivery of coal to any place of amusement within the city without his written consent. He included theaters, night-clubs, movies, bowling alleys, libraries and museums. The temporary ban was on until Monday, and may force amusement places to close. The coal shortage has been caused by severe cold weather.

Cleveland officials said the shortage is affecting war plants. The Republic Steel Corp., one of the nation's largest, said steel production in Cleveland has been reduced 50 percent by curtailment of coal supplies.

Cleveland's mayor, Thomas A. Burke, requested theaters and taverns to close "indefinitely" to help the city divert at least half of its 40,000-ton stockpile to war plants.

IN Hollywood, screen actress Rita Hayworth posed for her first picture with her new baby, Rebecca Welles. The baby, whose father is Orson Welles, was born Dec. 17.

Newspapers and magazines all over the country are carrying on an unofficial campaign to familiarize the public with the discharge button given ex-servicemen. Many ex-GIs have been embarrassed by: "Why aren't you in uniform?" approaches from officious strangers.



Rita and Rebecca

FROM St. Louis comes a story of a solicitous hostess who asked a sailor visiting a service center about his health. "I'm okay," he said, "except for a sore throat." "Have you tried gargling salt water?" the kind woman inquired. "Lady, I've been torpedoed three times!"

It's a Losing Proposition

D. R. GALLUP is always surprising us with results of his polls. Today he comes up with the fact that 45 percent of Americans actually gamble. He also adds that only 15 percent of the gamblers claim to have made money.

CHICAGO police have found \$2,000,000 worth of portable loot in potato sacks hidden in the walls of a West Side bungalow. This is the largest haul ever recovered in the city and was taken from the E. H. Rumbold Real Estate Co. last week.

Redwood Falls, Minn., is polishing up its frying pans in preparation for its eighth annual Pancake Day, on Feb. 14. Folks are planning on making 10,000 pancakes, together with coffee to wash them down, and it will all be free.

JOHN RINGLING NORTH, who quit his job as president of Ringling Brothers' Barnum and Bailey Circus in '43, said in Sarasota, Fla.,

today that he quit because the other directors wouldn't agree to his proposal to turn all profits over to war charities. The only affirmative votes, he said, came from his brother, Henry Ringling North, now in the Navy, and George Woods.



Sgt. Martin Painkin, six times wounded, chows up with actress Anne Baxter in the Waldorf.

A "DREAM dinner," of the sort that soldiers whip up while thinking of home, was served to a pair of Yanks at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, last week. They were Sgt. Martin Painkin, 20, of Brooklyn, a Ranger who was wounded six times and holds the Silver and Bronze Stars, and M/Sgt. Reginald White, of Charleston, W. Va., 50, who has flown 36 combat missions and 51 sorties. Actress Anne Baxter and Oscar of the Waldorf were hosts.

Always One Thing or Another

LACKING amphibious training, farmer Chris Johansen, of Falle, Mont., had to make a trip of 50 miles each morning to get from the house to the barn in order to milk his cow when a bridge over the stream separating the two collapsed. The bridge has just been rebuilt, but the cow has gone dry.

Fire has destroyed three business blocks in Bangor, Me., with damage estimated at \$150,000. . . . And New York's Grand Central Station was wreathed in black smoke from fire at a clothing store in the 53-story Lincoln Building on 42nd Street. Twenty-six firemen were overcome by the fumes.

Lloyd Mansfield of Le Mars, Iowa, has won the national corn-growing championship with a yield of 165.6 bushels per acre.

AND maybe we'd better return to Prohibition. "corn" anyway. Dr. Howard Goodsmith, superintendent of two Chicago hospitals, says everything would be all right if distillers would "take the hangovers out of liquor." It can be done, states the doctor, by distilling whiskey to 180 proof instead of 100 proof now required by law. The high proof stuff, he says, can be burned up by the body at the rate of ten percent per hour.

President Takes Oath of Office for Fourth Time



President Roosevelt repeats the oath of office on the rear porch of the White House during inauguration ceremonies on Jan. 20. Justice Harlan F. Stone officiates. The President's son, Col. James Roosevelt, of the Marines, is looking on.

Cops Open War On Tip Gouging By N.Y. Cabbies

NEW YORK, Jan. 28 (ANS).—Scores of taxicab drivers who refused to pick up fares were temporarily suspended today as police threatened to revoke the licenses of drivers who refused to accept passengers for any reason other than shortage of gasoline or flat tires.

Capt. Thomas McLaughlin, hearing officer of the Police Department hack bureau, gave five-day payless holidays to offenders. He said they had indexed passengers according to the distances they were likely to travel and the amount of the tip they might give.

Men with brief cases were preferred, he said, because they travel short distances and tip heavily. Women shoppers were on the blacklist, as were persons with luggage who might have to go long distances and children who probably couldn't afford a large tip.

Italy-Based 15th AF Aids Reds, CO Says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (ANS).—Maj. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, commander of the 15th AF in Italy, said today his strategic bombers and fighters had given as much support to Russian ground forces on the southeastern front as to Allied troops in Italy.

He told a press conference the 15th, beginning last April, had coordinated attacks with the Russian drive and made several raids at the specific request of the Soviets. Prior to that, he said, the 15th hit German targets on its own initiative.

Chicago Drafts Plans For Slum Clearance

CHICAGO, Jan. 28 (ANS).—A three-year post-war program to clear the Chicago slums and provide 20,000 new homes and land for 20,000 more at a cost of \$269,000,000 was announced this week-end by Mayor Edward J. Kelly.

The project, submitted by the Chicago Housing Authority to Orvil R. Olmsted, regional director of the Federal Public Housing Authority, calls for 3,500 more dwelling units than are contained in New York's post-war program. The mayor said Chicago has 240,000 sub-standard homes, or "nearly one-fourth of all dwellings in the city."

American Chief in China Nominated for 3rd Star

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (ANS).—Maj. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of U.S. forces in China and successor to Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell as Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Chief of Staff, has been nominated by President Roosevelt for promotion to temporary rank of lieutenant general.

GI Weds a French Girl, As His Father Did in '18

NORRIS CITY, Ill., Jan. 28 (AP).—Folks around here weren't surprised when they learned that Cpl. Kenneth C. Inboden, stationed in the Mediterranean theater, had married a French girl, Yvonne Jeanne Cini, in Algiers. Ken's father Arthur married a French girl overseas in the last war.

Alabama Soil Yields Gold Bricks of 1705

EUFULA, Ala., Jan. 28 (ANS).—L. Y. Dean, Eufaula banker, placed a value of \$7,500 on 10 gold bricks which were plowed up by a Negro farmhand digging for stumps on a tract of land 20 miles north of here.

Each ingot is five inches long and two inches thick and marked "1705" on one side and by an Indian head with a bow and arrow on the other. Dean said they were pure gold.

They were found in a broken and crumbling stone vault which was struck by the Negro's plow. The land was formerly occupied by Creek Indians.

Flier Who Piloted Plane for Winnie Is Toting Ice Now

SAN RAFAEL, Calif., Jan. 28 (ANS).—John Howard Ruggles, an American flier who as captain in the RAF received the Order of the British Empire for piloting Churchill to Casablanca, Moscow and other places, and the Star of Africa for flying badly-needed ammunition to North Africa, wants to serve in the U.S. Air forces but is working as an iceman instead.

Ruggles transferred from the RAF to the AAF with the rank of first lieutenant, but found himself on the inactive list, he explained today, because of injuries suffered in a Greenland crash last year. Now the Army tells him to see his draft board, but the draft board insists he's in the Army.

So he delivers ice for his brother-in-law's firm, despite his aching back. And to make matters worse, he loses his earnings playing gin rummy with the brother-in-law.

Blast Rips Boston Hotel; 30 Saved From Flames

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

BOSTON, Jan. 28.—Thirty persons, several of them suffering from minor burns, fled or were rescued with use of ladders when an explosion and fire tore through the Park Hotel in the south end.

No serious injuries or deaths resulted, although the explosion carried through five stories to the roof and turned the building into a mass of flames. The reason for the explosion, which caused damage estimated at \$15,000, was not learned.

Light of His Life No. 9 Appears On Ex-Lion Tamer's Hit Parade

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 28 (ANS).—Bald, 58-year-old Francis Van Wie, the carban Casanova from San Francisco who married eight women without benefit of divorce, may have been preparing to take wife No. 9 when police armed with bigamy warrants arrested him Thursday, it was learned last night by the United Press.

Matronly, black-haired Miss Caliedonna Pearl Pullen told of meeting the amorous one-time lion-tamer last Saturday in Pershing Square, the center of the Los Angeles downtown section and focal point for pigeons, soap-box orators, and people who are just tired and want to rest.

"He was a very nice, sociable sort of gentleman," she said: "He took me out to dinner and to a show

Episode of Dog Doesn't Affect Elliott's Star

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The Senate Military Affairs Committee has declared that consideration of Col. Elliott Roosevelt's promotion to brigadier general would not be influenced in any way by the inquiry the committee is making into a priority air trip made by the colonel's dog Blaze. The committee has received from President Roosevelt 103 nominations for temporary Army promotions, including the promotion of the President's son.

Chairman Steward (D-Tenn.), of the subcommittee probing priorities, said the inquiry was "entirely apart from the question of whether Col. Roosevelt has earned a promotion."

All Army nominations originate in the War Department and are sent by the White House to the Senate for confirmation.

Anxious to Forget It

The subcommittee headed by Steward is seeking to find out why Col. Roosevelt's English bull mastiff was permitted to bump three servicemen off a plane at Memphis. The dog was en route to Col. Roosevelt's new wife, Actress Faye Emerson, in Hollywood.

In San Diego, Maurice N. Nix, Granite City, Ill., Navy carpenter's mate and one of three servicemen who yielded airplane space to the high-priority dog, said he was anxious to forget the whole thing. "Congress can do what it wants to regarding the matter," Nix said, "I doubt if Roosevelt or the President asked for it."

Col. Roosevelt commands the 325th Photo Recon. Wing of the Air Forces in Europe. His air record to date shows 1,100 flying hours, 300 of them on combat duty.

County Records Asked In Ickes Tax Inquiry

CHICAGO, Jan. 28 (ANS).—Gordon Nash, assistant State attorney, today requested records of the County Assessors Office and the Board of Tax Appeals in an investigation of an "erroneous" tax affidavit which the County assessor's office said was filed by Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior.

John S. Clark, Cook County (Chicago) assessor, said that Ickes had obtained an \$8,548 tax reduction on a Loop building he owned by filing the "erroneous" affidavit. In Washington, Ickes denied making any affidavit to the Board of Tax Appeals.

that evening. Sunday we went to church. On either Monday or Tuesday he told me he was taking out group insurance where he worked and that he wanted to make me his beneficiary because he had no one else. He said his two sisters and brothers didn't need the money."

Police said Van Wie, a streetcar conductor, had made his last will and testament, leaving everything to Miss Pullen.

"I didn't know anything about his other marriages until today," Miss Pullen said, "but it doesn't matter to me. When this matter is straightened out and he returns to Los Angeles, I hope he looks me up. He's a very fine gentleman."

Van Wie is due to go back to Frisco to face bigamy charges.

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Baseball folks are amazed, not so much because the Yankees were finally sold after months of conjecture, but by Ed Barrow's complete about-face in the matter. Barrow, you'll recall, is the gent who fluently lambasted Larry MacPhail whenever possible and frequently stated, "MacPhail will never acquire a part of the Yankee holdings so long as I'm affiliated with the club."

Why Barrow changed his mind is something only he knows. But it is evident the battle for the club presidency continued right down to the wire because Barrow didn't agree to sell his ten percent until ten minutes before the papers were signed.

MacPhail, always a showman, launched a new-venture Friday with the expected flair of holding a press conference in the lavish 21 Club with a setting of Scotch and soda. After announcing he'd assume charge of operations as president and general manager, the colorful baseball character said Barrow would remain with the Yankees as chairman of the board of directors.

BARROW, no doubt, was mildly chagrined at the trend of events and stunned by MacPhail's maneuvering. He didn't have much to say. When he regained his aplomb, however, the 72-year-old baseball executive disclosed he'd "remain with the Yankees and MacPhail so long as his health permits." This paves the way for a gracious withdrawal at the first signs of being pushed around by the new owners.

It will be interesting to watch the developments and see how long Barrow stays as a member of the corporation when MacPhail begins changing the tranquil Yankee Stadium into a three-ring circus like he did in Cincinnati and Brooklyn. Larry is a shrewd businessman, but some of his promotional stunts are certain to make Barrow squirm and yell "Uncle."

Unless Barrow hides his dislike for the spectacular and MacPhail forgets Barrow, there'll be an early divorce of the Yankees and Barrow. It is inconceivable that two such widely-separated personalities will be able to work harmoniously in the same organization for any length of time.

PERHAPS MACPHAIL is clever enough to refuse to make changes in the traditional Yankee scene. The club has always been noted as baseball's sturdy Rock of Gibraltar, the one team which never slipped from the straight and narrow, and it is hard to conceive this institution being altered just to suit the whims of the Billy Rose of the Diamond.

As a matter of fact Yankee partisans already are expressing fear the fabulous dynasty is approaching the end of the road. The Yankee caliber of baseball can't be mixed with comedy and extravaganzas, they say.

SHORTSHOTS—With Luke Appling in the Army instead of holding down the shortstop position last season, the Chicago White Sox used 21 dozen fewer baseballs than in 1943, when Luke won the league batting title. Appling is one of baseball's more notorious foul-ball hitters... OWI came to the rescue of Sid Tanenbaum, NYU's financially stricken basketball star, and gave him a job so he can remain in school. Tanenbaum threatened to leave school unless his finances took a turn for the better... There is a mild campaign afoot to get the late Kenesaw M. Landis' job for Bobby Jones, who departed from the Army a few months ago. Boosters say he has the necessary law background.

Chandler OKs Baseball's 4Fs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Senator Albert "Happy" Chandler, Kentucky Democrat, said today that baseball should continue during wartime, and when the work-or-fight legislation comes up before the Senate he'll put in a good word for the national game.

"I think baseball should have the right to use rejects," Chandler said today, "if that would mean keeping the game going." Chandler's viewpoint is directly opposite that of his colleague, Representative Andrew May, chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, who said recently there was no excuse for able-bodied men playing baseball under the present conditions.

"Playing baseball is the most essential thing those fellows can do," Chandler continued, referring to rejected athletes. "That's about all they've ever done. They have no particular mechanical aptitude—not nearly so much as a woman has for war work."

"It's foolish to discount the value of baseball as a morale factor. For that reason alone, those fellows (rejected athletes) would be more valuable playing ball than fiddling around at something else," Chandler concluded.

Snavelly to Take Aides To Chapel Hill Next Fall

ITHACA, N.Y., Jan. 28.—Carl Snavelly, who will coach North Carolina's football team next fall, today announced he will take his former Cornell aides with him. They are Max Reed and Russell Murphy.

Reed has been line coach at Cornell since 1936 and Murphy became the assistant backfield coach in 1939.

Hall of Fame Draws Blank

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—The Baseball Writers' Association, voting for the sixth time, failed yesterday to name any one to membership in Baseball's Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, N.Y. The fact that 247 scribes, both civilians and in service, balloted, made it necessary for a man to be placed on 186 ballots or 75 percent for election. Frank Chance, former manager of the Chicago Cubs and first-baseman of the immortal Tinker-to-Evers-to-Chance double-play combination, came closest, but missed by seven votes. His cohort, Johnny Evers, was fourth on the list and Joe Tinker, shortstop of the famous

Eastern Loop Paced by Penn

HANOVER, N.H., Jan. 28.—Penn moved into undisputed possession of first place in the Eastern Intercollegiate League by shading Dartmouth, 41-39, the Quakers rallying to overcome a 20-12 deficit at the half.

Yale Routs Tigers

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 28.—Yale, whose 14-game record is marred only by a pair of defeats by Columbia, raced through Princeton, 51-28, John Warstler netting 14 points and Joe Kelly 13 for the Elis.

Columbia Tops Williams

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Avenge an earlier setback, Columbia's Lions closed with a burst of speed to nip Williams, 31-30, as Norman Skinner, leading marksman in the Metropolitan district, was held to eight points, his lowest game total this season.

29th TAC Gridders Blank 2nd AADA

The 29th TAC football team defeated the Second AADA Thunderbolts, 12-0, yesterday at the Ninth AF Headquarters' gridiron, thus claiming undisputed right to the Ninth AF football championship.

Cpl. Mike Santacrose, end from Philadelphia, recovered a Thunderbolt fumble, and scored later on a pass from 1/Sgt. Maxie Ricciardi, of Baldwin, LI. The next two periods were scoreless, but with three minutes remaining in the game, Sgt. Ray Tuller, tackle from Springfield, Mass., intercepted a pass and ran 40 yards for a touchdown.

ND Five Trips Kentucky in 59-58 Thriller

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 28.—The Fighting Irish of Notre Dame staved off a last-minute rush and defeated Kentucky, 59-58 here last night. Notre Dame dominated the early play and led, 35-33, at half-time. Lanky Jack Tingle of Kentucky walked off with individual scoring honors with 20 points. Vince Boryla netted 18 for Notre Dame and his teammate, Dan Dee, scored 16.

Army Beats Coast Guard

WEST POINT, N.Y., Jan. 28.—Army scored its 22nd straight basketball victory defeating Coast Guard Academy, 60-51, with Cadet



second-stringers starting the game.

Dale Hall was high man of the game with 21 points and Bobby Dobbs and Harle Damon dunked eleven apiece. Tommy Wetmore, Coast Guard forward, hit the nets for 18 points and Guard Tommy Dorsey made 11.

Navy Wins Fifth in Row

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 28.—Navy chalked up its fifth straight victory with a 54-43 victory over Duke, its first triumph over a major foe this year.

Wolverines Top Hoosiers

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Jan. 28.—Michigan defeated Indiana, 47-43, to register its second victory over the Hoosiers in the Big Ten race. Bob Geahan tallied 15 points for Michigan while Charley Radcliffe scored 13 for the losers.

Purdue Gets Even

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 28.—Purdue blasted Minnesota, 54-45, avenging a defeat at the hands of the Gophers two weeks ago. Clarence Hermens of Minnesota led all scorers with 18 points, but was closely followed by Bill Gosewehr of Purdue, who netted 17. The score was tied at half-time, 23-all.

St. Louis Cardinals Grab Schoendienst

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 28.—The World Champion St. Louis Cardinals have promoted Albert "Red" Schoendienst from their Rochester International League farm to the Cardinal roster, it was announced today. Schoendienst was drafted into the Army last June, but was given a medical discharge because of an eye ailment. He was one of the outstanding players in the International League before his induction, having an excellent fielding record and a batting average of .337 in 1943.

Sam Breadon, Cardinal president, said Schoendienst probably would be placed at second base unless Marty "Slats" Marion is called for active duty. Marion has been accepted for limited service by the Army.

Litwhiler Remains in 4F Category

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 28.—Danny Litwhiler, Cardinal outfielder, was examined at the induction station here yesterday and continued in Class 4F because of a knee injury. Litwhiler had received his 4F classification at previous exams and doctors said yesterday his condition had not changed.

Don Northey, Phillies' outfielder, examined at the same time, was



Danny Litwhiler

sent to a Naval hospital to determine whether he could be classified for general service or limited service.

Final action on Litwhiler's 4F rests with the War Department.

It's the Same Old Story: Canadiens Ice Another Foe

MONTREAL, Jan. 28.—Lacking the services of Dit Clapper, their coach and star defenseman, the Boston Bruins were helpless before the onslaught of the Montreal Canadiens, and the defending champions rode to an 11-3 victory before a capacity crowd here last night.

Dutch Hiller and Ray Gettiffe each tallied twice for Montreal, while Maurice Richard had one goal and two assists. Elmer Lach netted one goal and had four assists. Other goals for the host team were by Bill Harmon, Pete Filion, Bill Bosdell, Toe Blake, reinstated after a ten-day suspension, and Fern Gauthier. Boston goals were scored by Frank Mario, Pat Eagan and Jack Crawford.

Detroit Crushes Chicago

DETROIT, Jan. 28.—The Detroit Red Wings kept pace with the Canadiens by defeating the last-place Chicago Black Hawks, 5-1, the Wings playing without Syd Howe, who has an ear infection. A crowd of 11,672 fans saw Detroit's rookie goalie, Harry Lumley, lose a shutout when Don Grosso scored on a six-foot backhand shot with only 16 seconds remaining in the game.

Leafs Blank Rangers

TORONTO, Jan. 28.—Frank McCool, rookie goalie of the Toronto Maple Leafs, scored his third shutout of the season last night as he blanked the New York Rangers, 3-0, before 11,492 fans.

It was one of the roughest games of the season as both clubs used elbows, fists and sticks. Wally Stanowski was chased for a duel with Phil Watson and on the way to the penalty box he exchanged words with Bob Dill, a fight nearly ensuing. The Leafs scored on Mel Hill's goal in the second period and Lorne Carr's and Ted Kennedy's shots in the third period.

Ned Colville played his first game with the Rangers since he enlisted in the Canadian Royal Air Force four years ago.

Hockey Standings

National League				
	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	25	5	3	52
Detroit	21	8	4	46
Toronto	16	14	2	34
Boston	11	19	1	23
New York	7	18	7	21
Chicago	5	21	4	14

American League

Pittsburgh 6, Indianapolis 3.
Hershey 1, Cleveland 1 (tie).

Scores 40-Second KO In Oise Boxing Show

HQ, OISE SECTION, Jan. 28.—A crowd of 3,000 GI fans saw the Special Service boxing show here Friday night with an exhibition by Cpl. Billy Conn topping the program. Conn went three fast rounds with Pvt. James Brown, former Golden Glover from Jackson, Tenn.

Five of the eleven bouts ended in knockouts, the quickest by Pvt. Oscar Broussard, of San Francisco, Calif., who stopped S/Sgt. Frank Merriweathers, of Phoenix, Ariz., in 40 seconds of the first round.

Other results: Sgt. Robert Barret, Los Angeles, defeated Pvt. Joseph Shannon, Baltimore, Md.; Pvt. Alfonso Gates, St. Louis, Mo., drew with Pvt. Jesse P. Watts, Kansas City, Mo.; Cpl. Leroy Shepard, Los Angeles, defeated Pvt. Donald Claxton, St. Louis, Mo.; Cpl. Richard Mack, Harrisburg, Pa., TKO'd Pvt. L.T. Dunn, Phoenix, Ariz.; Pvt. George Smith, Philadelphia, defeated Pvt. Vernon Bell, Los Angeles; Pfc Joseph P. Lomangine, New York, knocked out Pvt. Harvey Rodney, Philadelphia; Pfc Milton Euhn, New York, defeated Pvt. Wayne Cook, Detroit; Pfc Leroy Peterson, Philadelphia, TKO'd Sgt. Roy Minter, Los Angeles; Pvt. John Darry, Buffalo, N.Y., TKO'd Cpl. Harry Lester, Pasadena, Calif.

Minors to Play Baseball in '45

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 28.—Tommy Richardson, president of the Eastern League, said yesterday the minor leagues will operate in 1945 and only government orders will stop them.

Richardson said that even if the work or fight or jail legislation is passed to divert 4Fs into war plants, the minor leagues will be able to operate because a great majority of their games are at night, thereby permitting players to work in a war plant in the day time.

Baseball is necessary for the morale of the home folks, insists Richardson, who is vice-president of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues.

LaCross Seeking 7th Ring Verdict

The feature bouts of a 10-card boxing show, sponsored jointly by

the Red Cross and Special Service at the Palais de Glace tonight, will pit Pfc Jose Rivera, New York featherweight, against Pvt. Magdalino Hernandez, of San Bernardino, Calif. and Pvt. Vern LaCross, welterweight San Francisco and former California Golden Gloves champion, who will be seeking his seventh straight, against Calisto Gonzalez, of Bradley, N.Y. LaCross has scored three technical knockouts.

Other bouts:

Steve Ampellas, 126, San Antonio, Texas vs Ivan Davis, 125, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Tommy Hogan, 135, Ontario, Canada vs Willie Boyd, 133, Houston, Texas; Jack Murray, 145, Hartford, Conn., vs Guido Latizio, 148, Dearborn, Mich.; John Thompson, 150, New York vs Homer Johnson, 150, Hawthorne, Calif.; Robert Wilson, 155, Philadelphia vs Vern VanWorst, 155, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Jimmie O'Brien, 135, Shreveport, La., vs Charles Batty, 135, New York; and Johnny Murdoch, 135, Philadelphia vs Randolph Stribling, 132, New York.

Nelson Takes Halfway Lead in Texas Open

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 28.—Byron Nelson shot a 66 yesterday to grab the lead at the halfway mark in the Texas Open golf tournament with a 36-hole total of 133. Sammy Byrd shot a 65 for second place, one stroke behind Nelson.

Raymond Gafford, who led the opening round with 66, took a 70 and went into third place.

'Pap' Re-elected President

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Tom Paprocki, Associated Press cartoonist, was re-elected president of the New York City Track Writers' Association for the second successive year. Paprocki's cartoons signed "Pap" appear on sports pages throughout the United States and in several overseas service publications.

Basketball Scores

Alabama State 46, Tennessee State 40.	Murray 54, Indiana State 45.
Albion 42, Western Ontario 31.	New Orleans Naval Air 49, Tulane 32.
Augustana 37, Iowa Wesleyan 26.	No. Dakota Aggies 65, Maryville Tchr., 41.
Bucknell 46, Villanova 34.	Navy 54, Duke 43.
Ball State Tchr., 64, Franklin 35.	Notre Dame 59, Kentucky 58.
Boston U. 56, American College 50.	Norman Navy 61, Missouri 34.
Camp Endicott 75, Wesleyan 58.	Ohio Wesleyan 59, Case 35.
Columbia 31, Williams 30.	Penn State 37, Colgate 26.
Clemson 29, Furman 22.	Penn 41, Dartmouth 39.
Cornell 27, Syracuse 25.	Pittsburgh 61, Carnegie Tech. 47.
Concordia 45, Wesleyan 38.	Purdue 54, Minnesota 45.
DePaul 59, Marquette 32.	Panzer 48, Drew 36.
Drury 46, Westminster 42.	Rhode Island State 76, St. Joseph's 62.
Denison 57, Ohio U. 53.	Rensselaer Poly 64, Worcester 38.
DePaul 60, Earlham 57.	Rice 69, Arkansas 56.
Great Lakes 72, Western Michigan 39.	St. Lawrence 48, Clarkson 43.
Georgia Pre-Flight 67, Mercer 55.	Southern Methodist 65, Baylor 33.
Harvard 60, Holy Cross 39.	St. Mary's 55, Loyola (Baltimore) 43.
Hampden-Sydney 43, Maryland 42.	Tuskegee 48, Florida Aggies 41.
Kansas 50, Iowa State 35.	Temple 64, Michigan State 47.
Jacksonville Navy 62, Florida U. 26.	Tennessee 44, Georgia Tech. 26.
Long Island U. 56, Canisius 41.	Texas Christian 36, Texas 35.
MIT 62, Bates 49.	Utah 66, Denver 39.
Michigan 47, Indiana 43.	Union 58, Stevens 41.
Marshall 68, Western Ky. 41.	Vanderbilt 51, Sewanee 46.
Muhlenberg 59, Albright 34.	West Va. 52, Geneva 50.
	Wagner 50, Cathedral 39.
	Yale 51, Princeton 28.

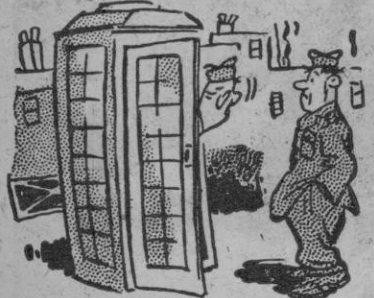


Sign in a Paris cafe (in English): No ladies supplied after 7 PM.

Overheard in the blackout. "The only exercise she gets is running up bills and jumping at conclusions."

It happened at home: Oscar came to the city and got a job as a janitor in a girls' boarding school and was given a pass key to every room in the building. The following week the dean ran across him. "Why didn't you come around Friday to get your pay, Oscar?" "Vot," gasped Oscar, "do I get vages, too?"

You've probably heard better versions of this story, but this is the only way we can get it into print. Two GIs were on their first trip to



London. One stepped into a phone booth and had his first wrestle with a pay-phone. He slipped in his pennies and the operator kept telling him to press that certain button that makes conversation possible. Just then a bomb hit nearby. The bewildered GI staggered out and whispered hoarsely to his buddy, "Honest, Pal, all I did was push 'Button A.'"

Observing the following headline, "Russians Tighten Noose Around Germans," a befuddled soldier commented: "Gosh, those Russians are rough, they're even hangin' 'em now."

It happened at an ARC dance somewhere on the Continent: First Joe: "Is that girl's dress torn, or am I seeing things?" Second Joe: "Both!"

A GI sends in this observation from the front: A wolf became a



Wolf when women organized loving faster.

The other day we heard a corporal moan, "My platoon leader, a second lieutenant, says he doesn't mind his pajamas coming back from the laundry with buttons missing—but when the pajamas pass through the clothes wringer it sure plays hell with his shoulder bars."

Fun on the home front: First Bride: "Does your husband snore in his sleep?" Second Bride: "I don't know yet, we've only been married three days."

Cynical comment. The guy who said: "It is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all" must have been thinking about the florist, the jeweler and possibly the lawyer.

Famous last words: "Aw, come on, follow me. I learned everything about booby traps at Fort Belvoir." J. C. W.

RADIO AFN AEF

(583kc.—514m.)

Time	TODAY	TOMORROW
1200—News	1815—Orchestra	0600—Rise & Shine
1215—Starlight	1900—J. Desmond	0700—News
1230—Home Note	1915—Winged Strings	0715—Song Parade
1300—N.Y. Philharm.	1930—Duffy's Tavern	0730—Dance Band
1400—News	2000—World News	0801—Combat Diary
1415—AEF Extra	2005—U.K. News	0815—Personal alb'm
1430—Village Store	2010—Canada News	0830—Dance Music
1500—Music	2015—Johnny Mercer	
1530—Combat Diary	2030—Canada Show	
1545—On the Record	2100—News	
1630—Fiesta	2105—Top Ten	
1700—News	2135—Comedy Carav.	
1715—Music Parade	2200—U.S. News	
1800—News	2205—Calif. Melodies	
1805—Mark Up Map	2235—Xavier Cugat	
1810—U.S. Sports	2300—News	

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features



By Al Capp

Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



Spaatz Reveals Failing Reich Gas Production

The Germans are producing less gasoline now than at any time in the war and are believed to be consuming it on a hand-to-mouth basis, according to Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz, commander of USSTAF in Europe.

Broadcasting to America on the third anniversary of the Eighth AF, he traced the Eighth's history from the reduction of the Luftwaffe by outright kills and the blasting of aircraft plants, through the black smoke of its war on German gasoline production and up to its present campaign against the tank factories of the Reich.

Tank Production Down

He said that tank engine and assembly plants responsible for 80 percent of total production were attacked last year. The enemy had planned to double tank manufacturing this year but present production is estimated at below the 1943 average, he explained.

Gen. Spaatz said the Eighth AF had dumped more than half a million tons of bombs in daylight precision attacks since Aug. 17, 1942.

"On that day 12 Flying Fortresses bombed the railway yards at Rouen, France," he said. "Compared with the present 2,000-bomber operations of the Eighth AF the flight to Rouen was a puny affair. But it proved that our bombers could penetrate the Nazi defenses in daylight."

Since its birth the Eighth AF has destroyed approximately 12,500 German planes, according to the general. He said that 5,000 American bombers, 2,500 fighters and many airmen's lives had been lost.

Russians Close Ring on Posen

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Posen, was reported at the German border at four places along the Obra River.

Official Moscow remained silent on the whereabouts of Zhukov's forward troops but the German radio for three days has persistently reported that the Russians have thrown in a huge armored force in an effort to break through German defenses near Bentschen, just inside the German border on the Obra River.

Another German report said Red columns have been thrown back near Driesen, 40 miles to the north on the Netze River.

Both Driesen and Bentschen are approximately 95 miles from Berlin.

On the East Prussian front, Gen. Ivan D. Cherniakov's Third White Russian Army reached the outskirts of Koenigsberg after a violent close-quarter infantry battle. Germans were fighting fanatically to prevent the Reds from breaking through the western defenses of the city to the Baltic coast.

Open New Assault

In Western Prussia, Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army opened a new assault on the Vistula River line protecting Danzig. Switching his main forces from the battle against the rear of German troops encircled around Koenigsberg, Rokossovsky attacked northwest of Bydgoszcz, important Prussian town controlling canal dikes leading into Danzig from the Vistula estuary.

At the southern end of the front, Gen. Petrov's forces, advancing through some of the wildest country in Europe, seized Patra and Little Patra, 80 miles south of Krakow.

296th MP Recoveries Heavy in Black Mart

ADVANCE U.S. SUPPLY HQ., Belgium, Jan. 28.—Thousands of dollars' worth of Allied equipment and supplies have been recovered from black-marketeers by the 296th MP Co. in a two-month drive.

Assisted by Belgian civil police and Army CID men, the MPs recovered in one day 2,700 packs of cigarettes stolen from boxcars.

For Post-War Weapons

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (ANS).—Dr. Vannevar Bush, director of the Office of Scientific Research and Development, yesterday urged the appointment of a top military commander to co-ordinate the development and use of new weapons after the war.

Refugee Dough-Boy

Cpl. Kurt Treidel, Army baker in France, learned his trade in Germany as an apprentice to his father. He came to the U.S. in 1937 after spending four months in a Nazi concentration camp.

Partially Paralyzed



Susan Peters, film actress accidentally shot during a hunting trip in Southern California, returned to her Hollywood residence yesterday. Her physician said she was paralyzed from the waist down, but added it was only a "temporary condition."

West Front . . .

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the 30-mile skyline drive from Diekirch to St. Vith.

British patrols reached the River Roer in the Heinsberg sector just across the German border from Southern Holland. Tommies took the town of St. Odilienberg on the Heinsberg-Roermond Road. Germans were reported pulling back in that sector to the Roer's east bank, but there was no indication they would withdraw any farther.

Along the Seventh Army front in Alsace only patrolling was reported in the second day of the lull which has followed the enemy's failure to cross the Moder River.

Only reported break in the lull yesterday was the wild attack of 17 German infantrymen who turned out to be drunk. They charged into a woods west of Rimling, where Americans dropped five of them with small-arms fire before the rest scattered.

Slower Progress in South

South of Strasbourg, French troops entered the towns of Holtzwihr, Wickerswihr and Jebenheim, northeast of Colmar, after stiff fighting. They also cleared the Bois D'Elsinheim to the north and knocked out two Panther tanks and two half-tracks in a sharp fire fight at a crossroads south of the forest.

Northward near Selestat, Allied forces mopped up the enemy in the Illwald woods.

While gains north of Colmar added up to more than a mile, progress was slower south of the salient, where the French cleared Gebelfort, a suburb of Cernay. They also took the Cite Kullman, a village five kilometers north of Mulhouse, after house-to-house fighting.

Maspelt Cleared

The Sixth Army Group yesterday announced the U.S. 12th Armored Div. under its command, Maj. Gen. Roderick P. Allen is division commanding general and Brig. Gen. Riley F. Ennis is CG of combat command A.

On the borderlands of Luxembourg and Belgium, American forces had not yet contacted defenses of the Siegfried Line which run several miles east of the German border.

The Third Army's sweep into Belgium cleared the town of Maspelt, four miles south of St. Vith.

Doughs of the 80th Inf. Div. cleared Munshausen, three miles southeast of Clerf, in Luxembourg.

U.S. Engineers Restore 7,000 Miles of Rails

Following closely behind forward troops, and occasionally slipping into enemy territory to steal needed material, U.S. Army engineers have restored 7,000 miles of vital European railroads to provide Allied armies with major supply routes, Com Z headquarters announced yesterday.

The engineers undertook a reconstruction job on the Normandy-Le Mans line which the Germans had given up as a hopeless task and in the process rebuilt seven railway bridges, laid new main lines in three rail yards and improvised water towers for locomotives—all within 48 hours.

In all, some 5,000 miles of double track and more than 2,000 miles of single track have been restored to operational use in France and Belgium. This includes all the major rail networks in Allied territory.

Assisted by French civilian workers, the engineers have reconstructed 172 major railway bridges destroyed by bombing or enemy demolition. They are now at work on 27 other major spans.

Much of this work was done in forward areas. On one occasion, when steel girders were required to repair a bridge near the front, Capt. Nicholas G. Cots, of Chicago, led a squad of engineers through darkness into territory under German artillery fire. Using a mobile crane, they picked up the girders, brought them back and built the bridge.

Angeles Falls . . .

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taan, other targets on Luzon and Corregidor.

Admiral Nimitz announced that Third Fleet carrier planes had sunk or damaged 125,000 tons of Japanese shipping in the attack against Formosa on Jan. 20. Three hundred enemy planes were destroyed or damaged.

The next day, Third Fleet planes attacked Okinawa in the Ryukyu Islands, sinking or damaging 70 Japanese ships and accounting for almost as many enemy aircraft.

A Washington announcement said that 75 Japanese planes were shot down or damaged Saturday by the Saipan-based Superfortresses which attacked Tokyo. Five Superforts were lost.

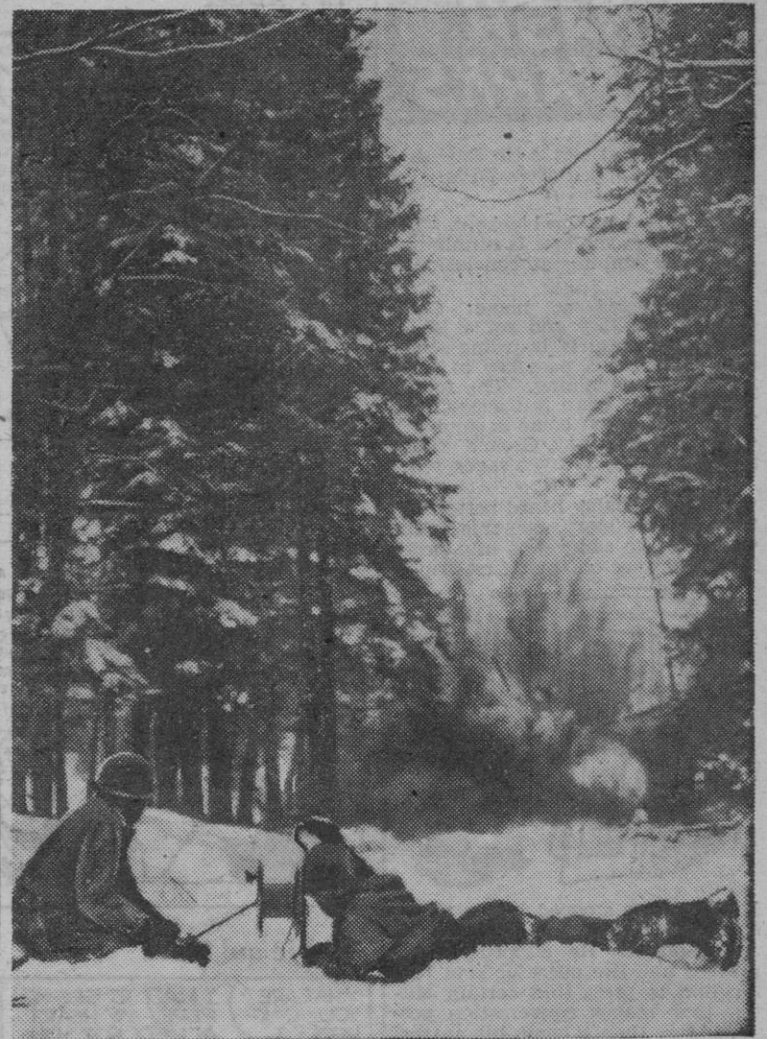
SEAC headquarters reported continued progress by Allied forces in Burma. Allied planes attacked there and in China, where fighters of the Chinese-American Wing struck at Nanking.

New Nazi Gadgets May Be a Key to Rising Sub Threat

LONDON, Jan. 28 (UP).—Repeated warnings of a mounting submarine menace in the Atlantic today focused attention on recent developments which presumably have given the U-boat a new lease on life after the Allies' all-out campaign apparently had eliminated the undersea craft as a serious factor in war.

The Germans claim they are using such devices as a new floating "lung," which enables U-boats to remain submerged 20 to 30 days; an airborne "eye" which rises 300 feet above the sub's deck for scanning the horizon for prospective victims; and a "donkey" sub, towed on a mile-long cable and capable of simulating the actions of a disabled U-boat.

Nazi Defense Post Goes Kaput



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

U.S. Army Engineers blow up a German blockhouse in the systematic destruction of small fortifications found at road intersections in the Reich. The men in the foreground have just fired a charge.

U.S. Doesn't Know the Pitch On Life at Front, Vets Find

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28 (INS).—A group of foxhole veterans returned to the capital today from a two-month morale-building tour of ammunition factories with only a few gripes to carry back to the boys at the front.

Most war workers, they found, are working hard, although

there are a few slackers. Many are confused, they believe, because workers don't understand what life is like at the front and the importance of each particular job.

Those with relatives overseas work the hardest and are most eager to hear of what real battle means to the men at the giving and receiving end of the ammunition they make.

The feelings of the 27 decorated veterans were voiced chiefly by T/Sgt. Alva Jankowske, of Chicago, who opened the news conference by saying, "For one thing, when shooting those shells I didn't know it took so much work to make one."

Picture Declared Inaccurate

"One reason they don't understand the importance of their work is that they don't get a real picture of war," Jankowske said of the people they visited.

"They were surprised when we told them what it's like. They thought we slept in tents and could go back from the front after we had been in the line for a couple of days, like working an eight-hour shift."

"They want to know what goes on, but I don't think the papers and radio give it to them. They play up victories. The other day I saw big headlines about Russians going into Germany and way down at the bottom of the page there was a little headline about 75,000 Yanks being killed in one month."

Faulty Supply Conception

"A lot of them think Germany has been bombed so much that there is nothing left. Jerry's got plenty to throw at us. They think he hasn't any clothes or food. He's got uniforms and he's well fed."

The group of veterans found rationing isn't nearly as bad as they thought it would be. They expected to see no automobiles and that they would have a hard time getting enough to eat. They put on an average of ten pounds on the trip.

'Com-Zee, Com-Za' Ends Its Paris Run

After entertaining 40,000 soldiers, mostly combat troops, in 18 performances, the GI-WAC Revue, "Com Zee, Com-Za" ended its run Saturday night. Produced by 92 enlisted men and women of Com Z headquarters, who designed their own scenery and costumes in their spare time, the show ran three weeks.

Winter Clothes

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with headquarters of a Fifth Inf. Div.'s Regiment, said. "We got a pair of boots that look like maybe they'll keep out the wet."

A sergeant from upstate New York said: "I know they're good. We've been wearing 'em for years in the North Woods."

Poncho Replaces Raincoat

Maj. Gen. S. L. (Red) Irwin, Fifth Inf. Div. commander, warned his men that two pairs of woolen socks would work best in the new shoe packs but that when their feet become sweaty they should change and dry their feet as soon as possible. Circulation of air inside the high-legged, rubber-bottomed footwear is not enough to dry out sweaty feet automatically.

Ponchos will replace the present issue of raincoats and are designed to be used as ground sheets as well as coats. Pulled over the head, they protect both packs and clothing. A drawstring at the neck keeps the ponchos snug.

The new issue trousers are made of lightweight water-repellent cotton and are worn over the issue trousers as windbreak. The gloves are actually mittens, of tough, lined hide, with an extra partition for a trigger finger. They are similar to gloves worn by mechanics and farmers working outdoors.

Hodges Awards DSC To 2nd Div. Commander

WITH SECOND INF. DIV., Jan. 28.—Maj. Gen. Walter M. Robertson, Second Inf. Div. commander, received the Distinguished Service Cross yesterday from Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges for heroism during the counter-offensive in Belgium. Robertson, according to the citation, braved artillery and tank fire to direct the defense of a vital road junction.

Long Stretches Due

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 28 (ANS).—Eighteen pre-war, two-way-stretch elastic girdles, destined for WACs serving in the Pacific, were part of the loot recovered by FBI agents here when five longshoremen were arrested and charged with theft from overseas shipments.

Lana's Bedroom Scene:

Warms Joes, Ices Street

A NINTH AF SERVICE COMMAND BASE, Jan. 28.—Cpl. Joel Conron, who shows movies to the GIs in this Service Group headquarters, is a very obliging guy.

Recently he was reeling off Lana Turner's sexy film, "Marriage is a Private Affair." When the shot of lush Lana arising in a flimsy on the morning after the nuptials was shown, the Joes groaned ecstatically.

Conron stopped the machine, rapped his head through the hole in the projection room, and asked his audience if they would like to see that one again. You know the answer.

Joel reversed the film and, amid the howls of the GI wolves, sent an undressing Lana back to bed. After the show, Joel swears, he fell down twice in front of the theater, on a sidewalk slick with "frozen drool."

