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The Wind is Strong.

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3d Army Opens 2 Attacks

Fifty Killed In Salt Lake Rail Wreck

OGDEN, Utah, Jan. 1 (ANS).—At least 50 persons were killed and 60 others injured in a New Year's Eve crash of a speeding Southern Pacific mail express and a slow-moving passenger train—both westbound—on the fog-shrouded causeway over the shallow waters of the Great Salt Lake.

Railway officials believed all the bodies had been taken from the tangled wreckage of nearly a dozen cars and locomotive, but workmen were still toiling today to clear away debris.

It was one of the worst railroad accidents in the history of the West.

The first section of the Pacific Limited was running slowly along the causeway when it was struck from behind by the section of the Limited which was made up of 20 mail and express cars.

The locomotive of the second section bored into the rear pullman of the passenger unit, the impact sending the car through the dining car and into another sleeper several coaches ahead. Others cars were forced off the track and two telescoped into the air, sliding down the causeway and into the lake.

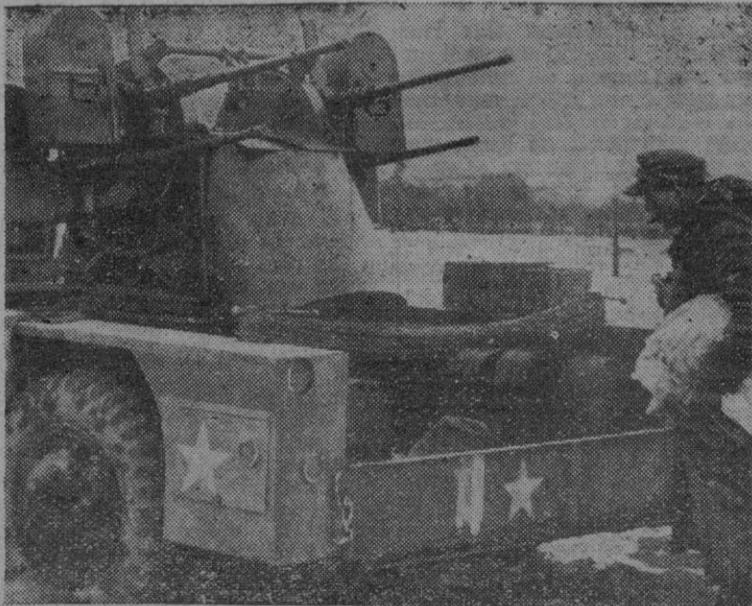
The FBI disclosed after a preliminary inquiry that there was no evidence of sabotage.

Peace Prospects Better in Athens

Hopes for an early end of the Greek civil war rose yesterday as a new delegation from the ELAS (left-wing resistance fighters) visited the British commander to discuss a truce. British troops had cleared two-thirds of Athens and the Piraeus of the ELAS forces.

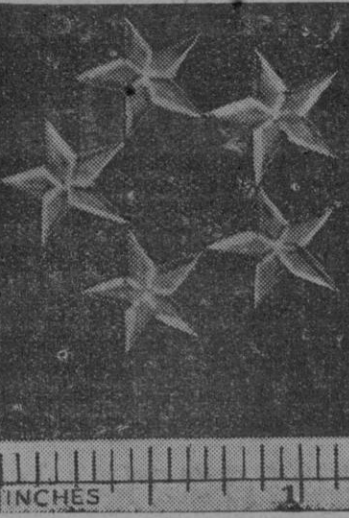
Meanwhile Archbishop Damaskinos of the Greek Orthodox Church, who took office as Regent Sunday, following the resignation of Premier George Papandreou and the entire cabinet, continued consultations seeking to form a new government.

German Looks Over Battle Booty



This picture, printed from captured German film, shows a German soldier inspecting an American anti-aircraft trailer. The scene is believed to be somewhere on the northern sector of the Western Front. Note swastikas painted on upper half of vehicle.

For Chosen Four



In case you should turn around one day and find some one wearing one of these on each shoulder, you better come to attention—Quick! It's the new "General of the Armies" insignia and he will be either Ike, Marshall, Arnold or MacArthur.

Soda Jerks, Clerks—They Didn't Panic

By Ken Dixon

Associated Press Correspondent

WITH AEF ON THE BELGIAN FRONT, Dec. 31 (Delayed).—New Year's Eve. Ring out the old, ring in the new. Ring in the guys who finally stopped the German drive—those guys who are still around. The captain knew who stopped it. Mad and proud and bitter, he stood there in the cold fog cursing in that racking way men sometimes sob, with the words rasping out dry and harsh.

"Soda jerks and grocery clerks," he said. "Look at 'em. Pimp-faced mothers' boys. Scared school kids. Not a military man among them, and it took this to prove they're the best damned fighting men in the world."

After holding 10 days against impossible odds his company had just been pulled out of the line—what was left of it. They'd held, too. He rubbed a cold, cracked hand across his bearded face.

"Your beatdown, undertrained, softy civilian soldier. That's who

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Slashes 6 Miles into Bulge; Luftwaffe Attacks Airfields

Change of Tactics Costs Enemy 196 Planes

The Luftwaffe, in a complete tactical switchover, hurled its full weight against American and British airfields and other ground targets in Belgium yesterday, opening the New Year with a desperate attempt to neutralize Allied air supremacy over the Bulge.

The Nazis, who had previously restricted their air activity to flying cover for the Wehrmacht and to concentrating on single ground targets, used the clear weather to strike out with a series of vicious day-and-night bombing and strafing raids.

Late reports last night indicated that all the attacks had been beaten off, and that American and British fliers had knocked down more than 165 planes. Another 31 were destroyed by anti-aircraft fire.

In one fierce, hour-long dogfight over a Ninth AF field in Belgium yesterday morning U.S. Mustangs and Thunderbolts took on a force of 50 ME109s and FW190s, knocking 35 of them out of the air, and sending the rest scurrying home.

In addition to the planes destroyed during the raging battle over the airfield, Ninth fighter-bombers knocked down two more enemy fighters as they flew more than 1,000 sorties for the day.

RAF pilots of the Second TAF, rising up to meet what a Reuter dispatch called the "biggest and most concentrated Luftwaffe effort since D-Day," knocked down 84 German fighters over Belgian air.

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UK Snubs Lublin, Is London Report

Britain, despite its support of Soviet territorial claims in eastern Poland, does not intend to recognize the provisional Polish government set up by the Russian-sponsored National Liberation Committee in Poland, a Foreign Office commentator said in London yesterday.

The Lublin government, whose formal establishment was announced New Year's Eve, was denounced as illegal by the exiled Polish government in London.

Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. announced that the U.S. would continue to recognize the London government.

Death of Kesselring Reported in Italy

The Paris radio reported yesterday that Marshal Kesselring had been killed in Italy and that Marshal Keitel, formerly supreme commander of the German forces, had succeeded him. A spokesman at Allied Mediterranean headquarters said there was no confirmation there.

No Holiday for FDR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (ANS).—New Year's was just another work day for President Roosevelt. He spent it shaping up his State of the Union and budget messages and in receiving three new ambassadors.

Stubborn



A. Hitler

...see today's German lesson

Fuehrer Tells People That Germany Never Will Capitulate

Adolf Hitler told his people yesterday that the Allies would starve and enslave the whole German nation if they could and asserted that, "faced with such a fate, we are resolved to go to the limit." He said that the war would not end before 1946 unless by a German victory "because Germany will never capitulate."

"The world must know that we will never capitulate," he repeated, "and that in spite of setbacks we will never leave the road on which we have embarked. We know the aims of our enemies, because they are offering us this enlightenment themselves. The German people know what would be in store for them if they lost this war. But they will not lose it."

The Fuehrer's half-hour New Year's broadcast was his first radio speech since he took to the air at 1 AM July 21 after the bomb plot, to assure the Germans that he was alive. His voice yesterday sounded vigorous and seemed to come from

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Sommocolonia Rewon U.S. Troops Move Up

ROME, Jan. 1 (AP).—U.S. troops have advanced a mile and a half from recaptured Barga, Allied Headquarters announced today, and occupied the hill town of Sommocolonia, one of the first places taken by the Germans in their Serchio Valley push last week.

It Wasn't Flying Weather—But This One Was for Joe

By Bud Hutton

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
A MARAUDER BASE, France, Jan. 1.—"If it'll help the doughs up front any, we'll put ice skates on these things and skate 'em off the ground."

Max Van Ausdal, a first lieutenant pilot from Plymouth, Calif., stared down the length of the ice-slick runway where New Year's Eve sleet had frozen hard. He squinted at the ice, at the frosted plexiglass and at clouds which raced southeast in front of a gale-force wind.

The Marauders of Col. Wilson R. Wood, of Chico, Tex., were taking

Rundstedt Hurls Five Attacks at Seventh

U.S. Third Army armor and infantry have launched blazing attacks against the German salient west and north of the Bastogne corridor.

The drive west of Bastogne has gained up to six miles on an irregular 12-mile front in the first American full-scale offensive since the enemy breakthrough on Dec. 17.

The attack aimed west of Bastogne jumped off Saturday morning and was followed 24 hours later by the drive northward. The twin offensives, however, were not immediately disclosed because of security restrictions.

Tanks and infantry of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's forces first struck west of Bastogne shortly after three German counterattacks were repulsed and apparently before Von Rundstedt could reorganize his depleted forces following their disastrous defeat at Bastogne last week, according to Stars and Stripes correspondents with the Third Army.

The enemy lost 94 tanks, destroyed and damaged, during his counterattacks on the east side of Bastogne, Associated Press correspondent Ed Ball reported.

During the widespread action of the south flank of the salient, the U.S. Fifth Inf. Div. captured Reisdorf, east of Bastogne and a half mile inside Luxembourg, while the Germans recaptured Moiray, 11 miles west of Bastogne.

As Patton struck at Von Rundstedt in Belgium, however, SHAEF reported that the German commander in the West hurled five successive attacks against the left flank of the U.S. Seventh Army in the vicinity of Bitche, about 15 miles southeast of Saarbrücken.

The new German attacks, two of which were made in approximate

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700,000 Negroes in Army

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (ANS).—More than 700,000 Negroes are in the Army and 60 percent of them are overseas, the War Department disclosed today. Many Negroes, who are serving on every fighting front, have received citations and decorations, the WD survey showed.

off in flying conditions which a year ago would have kept them grounded and the crewmen in warm Nissen huts or English pubs.

"This is tough flying," Van Ausdal said slowly, "but we all figure it's tougher for those guys up there." He gestured to the east, where the German big push bulged into France and Belgium. "We'll do what we can."

He turned to the Marauder as engines coughed in the frozen air, and the crew got aboard. A couple of hours later, we swung over the curiously patched woods and torn fields below Malmédy, where Ger-

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THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

Less Moaning

We're in the field artillery and when it comes to bitching, I'm sure we do our share, but after a recent occurrence we feel like pulling in our ears.

En route to what we considered an important and dangerous mission, we encountered the 94th Inf. during a road halt. In spite of their rain-soaked condition, did they boo us for riding while they walked? Not on your life.

They had only words of praise and best wishes for us, who had what they termed "big guns." Then they walked off in the night with not a word of discomfort or a bitch from any of them.—The Fighting Fifth.

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Kid Gloves

If the Germans have any knowledge of our publicized plans for their treatment, they must be laughing at us and our foolishness.

Why all this squabbling on the treatment of the Germans? Why is the Army pounding into us "non-fraternization with Germans" and our fighting men being followed into Germany by administrators with kid gloves?

Is there any doubt in the minds of GIs in the ETO on how to handle Jerries? Is there any doubt in the minds of our military leaders? Do the Russians or the blitzed people of Britain have any doubt?

The Germans are used to being treated harshly when they stepped out of the Nazi line, and it appears now that after the long years of indoctrination, they are solidly lined up. Any man who thinks the Germans can be trusted with self-government to any degree... is thinking of another world war.

Take off the kid gloves and get out the brass knuckles.—T/Sgt. Edward Mamrack, Medics.

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Starless Nights and Days

We have been fighting since D-plus-34 and the last account of awards in this battalion was one Silver Star and five Bronze Stars. The rest of the units in this regiment are in a similar state, with the exception of various staff officers.—Sgt. E.H., Fifth Div.

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Good and Impatient

I thought that to get a Good Conduct Medal it is necessary to display "exemplary behavior, efficiency, and fidelity" for at least one year prior to the time the award.

In my regiment, there is a hidden ruling that only two men per company may receive the award each month. Monthly the CO submits a list of at least 15 names but it is always cut down to two. The regiment was activated 20 months ago, so about 40 in the company have the medal. If the war lasts I'll have to be an angel until 1950. God forbid!—Mommy's Boy, Engrs.

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School Days

We don't appreciate some of your editorials and items appearing in the B-Bag, but in some cases they produce results, so here goes. Instead of giving stars, like most outfits do, ours gives stars like teacher did. Here are some samples:

One pilot after getting plenty of flak, had to bail out over the Channel. When he returned, he was showered with stars. Another broke formation and clobbered several enemy aircraft. He picked up a few stars for that. One guy bailed out between enemy and

friendly lines and also bellied a ship in behind German lines. He has been given his share of stars. I ask you, Stars and Stripes, don't you think it would be better if they kept us after school?—Thunderbolt Pilot, Ninth AF.

While on guard duty I halted my approaching CO. Because I used the wrong word in challenging him, I now find myself writing many times on a sheet of paper that I will not do it again.

Now what the hell is this—Kindergarten?—Pvt J.B. AAA. AW. Bn.

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Smoking... and Burning

I'm at the front? No complaint on life there as I realize the rules and restrictions are necessary to the safety of myself and the others. I get hit. I'm back at a field hospital. Today a "no smoking" order comes down.

Reason? A one-star general is going to make an inspection.

I'm damned sure the general didn't request or condone such a silly bit of eyewash.—Sgt. B.F. Roberts, Inf.

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For Figuring Out Loud!

Through a slight amount of figuring and deduction, I have given up the idea of being included in this new furlough-to-the-States deal. There are an estimated 3,000,000 men on the Western Front and if the current 2,000 men a month quota is followed, it will take 125 years to make a complete turnover. This isn't a bitch or gripe, but just some fun with figures.—Sgt. R. Olson and Pvt. E. Mehok.

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Do's and Don'ts

I have been out on communication line repair day and night and usually find where someone has cut out a couple of yards to tie his bed roll or something else.

It would help if anytime you find a broken line you'd just take your knife, skin the wires and tie them together.—Pvt. F. Wells, Art.

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Water, Water, Everywhere

We are serving water to front-line troops as well as anyone who comes in for water. Some of these say that certain water points refuse to serve them, causing them to go eight to ten miles to another point. Lots of gasoline could be saved if every organization could draw their water from the nearest water point.

Who gives those "yard birds" the right to refuse any organization, including medics, water?—Pfc C. K. Doty, five others.

An Editorial
Murder on the Western Front



Three American soldiers, killed in battle, lie in the mud of a German town. One soldier has had his shoes removed. The German is adjusting his shoes. Picture printed from captured German film.

AN item from Time magazine, Dec. 25, 1944. The caption: "Murder."

"Despite their other crimes, the Germans had generally observed the rules of war in their treatment of captured U.S. and British fighting men. But last week even that record was blotched by the cold-blooded murder of scores of U.S. soldiers.

"It was in Belgium, in a sector where the Allies had stood for nearly three months. On Sunday a column of 15 to 20 Nazi Tiger tanks, spearheading the new German drive, cut off a U.S. First Army unit which had only light weapons to defend itself. The Americans were quickly overcome; 143 were herded into a field with a few others the Germans had captured earlier. The Germans took away the prisoners' watches and any other possessions they fancied.

"A German officer gave an order to a tankman, who opened fire on the Americans with a pistol. Another German in an armored car methodically sprayed the hapless captives with a Schmeisser sub-

machine-gun. Some fell to the ground dead or wounded. A few fell, shamming dead. After the submachine-gun was silent, German noncoms walked among the fallen Americans, systematically shooting all who moved or moaned.

"For an hour the survivors hugged the ground, not daring to look around. Gradually the German tanks rumbled off, and when a furtive glance showed only one left, every American who could run or stagger made for the woods near by. Fewer than a score reached Allied positions."

And an item from The Stars and Stripes, Marseilles edition:

"Army investigation has revealed the second authenticated case of Germans shooting American prisoners. Six were shot near Bastogne.

"One survivor reported that a lieutenant and five other men were taken prisoner in ambush and after perfunctory questioning were lined up and shot. The surviving soldier was badly wounded and was kicked in the face."

GIs Leave Dillingen as Conquerors; Bought City With Bravery and Pain

By Jimmie Cannon

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
WITH THE AMERICAN FORCES, Dec. 22 (Delayed).—The fury of the demolition in Dillingen caused sudden and unnatural tides to churn the Saar. The flames of burning buildings rose straight and tall above the ruins

Modern Metropolis on Saar Blasted Into Oblivion

like the spires of many churches. The snow fell gently as the deserted city burned into oblivion.

The modern industrial metropolis on the Saar was dynamited and set afire by the angry men of a famous Infantry Division who withdrew across the river by night after fighting in its houses and streets for 16 days.

They had purchased this real estate with bravery and skill of arms and stealth of movement; with hunger and thirst; with the pain of cold and the misery of clothes always wet by rain. But now they were bilked out of their victory by the shifting of the frontiers of war; commanded to abandon Dillingen after they had taken it. They withdrew as conquerors.

Ferry Brings Them Back

They had crossed the Saar in assault boats. But in the windless snow they came out of the blazing town on a ponton ferry pulled by a jeep on each shore. Infantry, tanks and tank destroyers returned on the ferry. One tank that faltered at the river's brink had to be destroyed.

For the 16 days of the occupation the greatest smoke screen since D-Day swirled over the Saar which runs narrow and shallow opposite Dillingen. The counter-fet fog exploded from 4.2 mortar smoke shells and concealed the erection of the jeep-drawn ferry

and the passage of armor and supplies.

The man of the garrison now talk of Dillingen as though it were a town in which they had lived decently and normally. They have the same pride in destruction that an architect has in creation.

"We fought like hell for that town and we were entitled to stay in it," said Sgt. Earl Thayer, of Fargoos Springs, Calif. "I hated to pull out and leave it for them. But we didn't leave much. We busted every building in the town and then set them afire. It looked awfully pretty when it caught fire."

Dead Piled up

"We caught more stuff in that town than we did since we came to France," said S/Sgt Albert Van Oort, who comes from Inwood, Iowa. "But what we did to them was a picnic. Why, we killed so many of them the dead ones were piled up like cord wood."

They ate nothing but a third of a K-ration each day for four days. Thirst hurt their throats until they used an enemy water point.

"They'd get their water in the day time," Van Oort said. "At night we'd go down and stock up. It was pretty good water."

"Six counter-attacks in one day Jerry threw at us," said Pfc Commodore R. Vores, of Ventura, Calif. "We had one company across a tank ditch and they started working on them. But that old artillery of ours just zeroes in and whamo they blew those counter-attacks higher than an airplane. You never heard such screaming in your life."

Private Breger



Dave Breger

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"D'ja ever see a guy so scared of runnin' outa ammunition?"

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This Was America Yesterday:

U.S. Wishes for Victory, Peace And a Little More—in 1945

Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—The United Press went to all the great people it could find at home and asked, "What do you hope to do with the New Year?" All of them desired victory and peace, and here are a few who wished for more:

Lucile Ball, actress—"I hope I have enough courage to go blonde for 1945."

Ann Sheridan, movies—"I hope to use the New Year to make of myself a cigarette teetotaler." (Just send 'em to the ETO, Ann.)

Harry S. Truman, your new Vice-President, has peace plans too. "I hope," he said, "I can be instrumental in bringing about better working relationship between the White House and my old friends in the Senate."

But John Garfield—it was the day for actors—wins the fur-lined, brass-bound bazooka with: "I hope the New Year will bring the boys back so they can hold their girls in their arms instead of pinning them to the wall."

Senator Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont.) also is thinking about peace. He has proposed that the Senate formally proclaim its aims "in the absence of the President's taking a stand."

BUT Charie Chaplin, lately haloed at by "That Girl's" attorney as "a young bull," is taking his peace now, in a hospital. The actor cut a deep gash in his leg Friday night when he came home without the keys to his house, and had to kick in the glass door to get in. He'll be in a wheel chair for two weeks, doctors say, although the paternity suit resumes tomorrow.

"Everybody else is getting a kick out of it, why not me?" was not attributed to the beleaguered actor.

MORE peace news. Peace, it's wonderful! The old Belmont Hotel and Country Club at Pine Brook, N.J., has been taken over by Father Divine. It opened today as Palace Mission Church and Home, Inc. And while the angels tee off in this new Heaven, Brooklyn returns to its hellish past. Trolleys now cross the Big Bridge for the first time since it opened to surface cars in 1898. They are running over tracks abandoned last March when the "EI" gave up.

Brooklynites now can use the trolley to get away from gloomful notices in Manhattan's groceries: "No Butter," "No Sugar," "No Soap Chips," "No Cigarettes," "No Whiskey."

BUT in Spokane, Wash., a man found some whiskey. Neighbors reported him missing, probably dead, and two gumshoes went to the house. Finding it locked, they started beating on the door and windows. From inside a happy whiskey tenor protested—"What are you doing out there? You're making enough noise to wake up the dead." Well—you can't pinch a man for passing out in his own kitchen; what the hell we fighting for? The cops agreed, crept reverently away.

FROM Peace to War: the Eastern Defense Command of the United States will absorb the Southern Defense Command in 1945. Henceforth there will be only two commands—Western, including eight states, and Eastern, the remainder. Lt. Gen. George Grunert will lead the consolidated command.

And war may pop any time between Kansas and Oklahoma. Kansas, it seems, has been pursuing an imperialistic policy. Former Governor of Oklahoma William "Alfalfa Bill" Murray has discovered that the whole northern border of Kansas is 531 feet into the "Sooner" state. Furthermore, Fort Smith, Ark., Bill says, rightly belongs to Oklahoma. Anybody want to volunteer for that one?

JOE E. BROWN, comedian, baseball player and favorite with GIs, was honored in Hollywood by stage and screen stars, who greeted him on his 44th anniversary in show business. Joe, now 53, revealed he started in at nine and now—after front-line appearances—eats his icecream with a mess tin instead of a spoon.

Nor can you keep Bing Crosby out of the news. Without stopping a single egg he outranked Frankie Sinatra in polls conducted by the musicians' magazine, "Down Beat." Bing got 2,406 votes, The Voice 1,606.

Duke Ellington edged out Woody Herman in the swing band division and Charley Spivak beat Tommy Dorsey among the sweet bands. Dinah Shore was proclaimed "best girl singer not connected with a band," followed by Helen Forrest and Jo Stafford. Favorite band vocalists were Bob Eberly, formerly with Dorsey and now in the service, and Buddy DeVito, with Harry James. Femmes: Anita O'Day, Stan Denton's chanteuse, beat Harry James' Kitty Kallen.

EVERETT GREATON, of the Maine State development commission, forses plenty of postwar jobs. In his state, he says, many firms are negotiating for factory space and plan activity, including one of the largest rubber manufacturers in the world, two furniture manufacturers, a veneer mill, several chemical plants, a garment factory and several tanneries.

BATESVILLE, Miss., citizens have voted in favor is issuing \$60,000 of bonds for construction of a hosiery plant to provide jobs for returning veterans and others—more evidence that they're not just playing with the postwar employment problem.



Charlie... and... Joan with Courtroom Faces

Sober, Orderly U.S. Celebrates New Year's Eve

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (ANS).—Though New York's millions, reinforced by crowds of out-of-towners gave the New Year a tumultuous welcome last night reports from the Nations big cities said the holiday celebration was the most orderly and sober New Year's Eve on record.

Times Square, traditional gathering spot of merrymakers, was jammed at midnight, and thousands of others observed the holiday by attending Holy Hour devotions and Watch Night services.

Night spots were crowded, although tariffs ranged as high as \$36.30 without drinks.

In Kansas City, federal officials joined liquorless throngs, but not as revelers. OPA authorities were watching for overcharging based on 1943 prices. With liquor sales taboo until midnight and then permitted for only a half-hour, the city saw a fairly quiet night.

Some Stayed on Job

In San Francisco, night-clubs had been sold out from two to four weeks ago. However, not all of the area's residents were celebrating, for full production continued in all war plants.

Harbor boats whistled in the New Year at New Orleans, and night spots were aglitter there, as they were at Miami Beach, for the first time since war travel restrictions cut down on celebrations at the Florida resort.

In some cities, Americans had moved the celebration back a day—to Saturday night—to avoid conflicting with Sunday liquor bans.

Employees of Ward Told To Take Yule Vacations

CHICAGO, Jan. 1 (ANS).—Pending hearing Jan. 8 before Federal Judge Philip L. Sullivan, Montgomery Ward's Chairman Sewell Avery took off for the holidays and told employees at his Chicago plant to do the same. Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Byron and a staff of 25 officers were in peaceable possession.

He said his position is the same—that the Army is a trespasser—and he'll let the courts figure it out on Jan. 8.

23-Year-Old Lt.-Col. Weds

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Jan. 1 (ANS).—John Hoover, 23, of Cresson, Pa., youngest lieutenant colonel in the Army Air Force, today was married to 20-year-old Helen Smith, of West Los Angeles, Calif.

Examine Jap Balloon in Montana



Army and FBI officials examine a balloon found last week in the big timber section near Kalispell, Mont. FBI officials said a huge unexploded incendiary bomb was found attached to the balloon, which bore Japanese ideographs and other markings. It was believed to have been launched off coast and carried inland by the wind.

America Warned by FBI Chief Of New Sabotage Attempts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (ANS).—J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director, today warned the nation to be alert for renewed enemy sabotage attempts. He declared there still are many Nazi agents at liberty.

Recalling the 1942 landing by submarine of eight saboteurs, he said, "I can now reveal that the enemy has made other attempts to penetrate our inner defenses." He said a Japanese balloon was found in the mountains of Montana recently.

"While we have not had a single act of foreign-directed sabotage and espionage efforts have been kept under control, we must not assume they have stopped trying," he said.

In the past year, Hoover said, 24 persons were convicted as foreign agents. Their sentences aggregated 135 years. There were 44 convictions for sabotage not enemy inspired, but the result of malice or prankishness. The FBI investigated 437,000 draft evasion cases since 1940, but only 42,000 were convicted in the last year. Most delinquents, he said, ultimately are inducted into the service.

Ruth Hanna Simms, GOP Leader, Dies

CHICAGO, Jan. 1 (ANS).—Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick Simms, 64, Republican party leader, former Congressman-at-large from Illinois and publisher of Rockford, Ill., Register-Republic and Morning Star, died yesterday.

Her husband, Albert G. Simms, of Albuquerque, and her daughters, Mrs. Cortland T. Barnes, of New York City, and Mrs. Peter Miller, of Chicago, were at the bedside. The funeral will be held Thursday in Albuquerque.

Daughter of "President Maker" Marcus A. Hanna, late Senator from Ohio, Mrs. Simms was active in politics for more than 40 years.

With Hostesses, Too?

VICTORIA, B.C., Jan. 1 (AP).—Two 8,000-ton passenger liners of the Blue Funnel Line which were converted into mine-sweepers at the outbreak of war are to be reconverted into floating night clubs to entertain troops in the South Pacific.

'Drastic' Controls Near For U.S. Civilian Travel

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (ANS).—Closing of the nation's race tracks may be followed by more drastic steps unless unnecessary civilian travel is eliminated, Col. Monroe Johnson, director of the U.S. Office of Defense Transportation, warned today.

"Needless passenger movement is getting to the point where it is embarrassing the war effort," Col. Johnson said. "There has been some co-operation with the ODT on the part of the public, but not nearly enough."

Col. Hobby Earns DSM For Direction of WAC

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (ANS).—Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, director of the WAC, has been awarded the DSM, the War Department announced today.

She is the first woman in the Army to receive this recognition.

The citation said that Col. Hobby had rendered "outstanding service" both as director of the former WAAC and as chief of the WAC.

U.S. Per Capita Income Has Doubled Since 1938

CHICAGO, Jan. 1 (ANS).—The average income per capita doubled in the U.S. during the five-year period from 1938 to 1943, the Federation of Tax Administrators said today in a report based on Department of Commerce data. Records showed a rise of from \$511 to an all-time high of over \$1,000 last year, or 52 percent more than during the boom year of 1929.



The Mouth and Orson Welles

Gee! A Woman! And With Shoes, Too!



Hollywood was a bad place (or was it good?) for these Marines to make their first place to visit after serving three years in the Pacific. As Marie MacDonald, film actress, strolls past, the Leathernecks git that glint in their eyes.

SOMEWHERE IN EUROPE

FOR three weeks Pvt. Pete Novajovsky, of Dickson City, Pa., led an "egg-patrol" into no-man's-land and supplied a battalion medical section of the 109th Inf. Regt. with fresh eggs from an abandoned and much-shelled village. But on one trip the Germans, apparently sighting the foragers, sent in a barrage of 88's. Novajovsky hit the dirt fast—and smashed 33 of the 40 eggs he had stowed in various pockets.

THE unit's code name was "Chow," and that's the outfit Pvt. Andrew E. Bugie, of Chicago, driver for an officer from an armored division headquarters, was looking for when he entered a strange town. "Where's Chow?" he asked a GI. "Turn right, second door," came the answer. Bugie followed directions and found a chow line. Chow headquarters was on another street.

A FAVORITE Nazi trick is to set up a machine-gun to cover a strategic area, attach wires to the trigger and traversing apparatus, then crawl into a cellar and operate the gun from safety.

A company of the 114th Inf. of the 44th Div. had its chowline fired at by such a machine-gun one morning. The Yanks figured out the gun's traverse time, then they'd hop to the chowline, pile the chow on their messkit and scramble back before the MG hit their direction again. Only casualty was a guy who got a slug in his oatmeal.

T/Sgt. Ray Brown, of Galatia, Ill., went after a pair and drew a full house. Brown spotted two German soldiers entering a house in the Siegfried Line during a 30th Div. attack. He clubbed open the door and found himself facing not two, but 52 armed Nazis. They didn't feel like fighting that day, so they went back with him as prisoners.

HOMEMAKERS' Section: Fudge made with D ration chocolate bars "saves wear and tear on your teeth and tickles the palate," says Sgt. Everett O. Tauber, Third Arm. Div. medic, who sends in this recipe: Chop six D bars into a saucpan, add one cup of water and one-half cup canned milk. Cook well. Pour over chopped nut meats and let stand overnight to cool. For a sweeter fudge, add sugar while cooking. Another Third Arm. recipe, used by S/Sgt. Walter G. Anderson, of Chicago, in his mess hall: Mix chopped onions, milk, egg powder, flour and seasoning with mashed pre-cooked dehydrated potatoes. Form into patties and fry until golden brown. If the supply sergeant says "No soap" in his laundry time, try Pvt. Percy T. Peters' soap-making formula. Save kitchen grease until you have enough to fill a couple of No. 10 cans, boil in a double quantity of water to remove salt. For each can of prepared grease use one can of lye dissolved in one and one-half quarts of water. Make sure grease and lye solution are lukewarm, then pour lye slowly into grease, and stir. Pour the mixture into paper-lined boxes and allow to stand overnight. Out into sections, let stand two more days, and it's ready for use.

FAULTY mechanism, which failed to ignite liquid shot from a German flame-thrower, probably saved the lives of a Second Inf. Div. tank crew, but the foul odor of the fluid put the men out of action temporarily. So bad was the stench that when the crew returned to the 741st Tank Bn. area it was nicknamed "The Stinkers."

S/Sgt. Norman K. Crisler, of West St. Louis, who was commanding the tank when the flame-thrower attack was launched, said, "The stuff smelled so bad we thought it might be a new weapon to smoke out tank crews."

There's such a thing as overdoing the business of taking Jerry prisoners, Sgt. Jerome Robert, of Goconda, Ill., says. He was in charge of 29 German prisoners detailed to police up their own mines when Ft. Driant was cleaned out by the Fifth Inf. Div. The sergeant said he had no trouble running his platoon of prisoners—except that whenever visiting brass saw the Jerries around, they wanted to recapture them.

T/SGT. John A. Laquinta, Silver Star winner from McKeesrock, Penn., found out recently that even an empty bazooka can be used to capture Germans. After the Sixth Arm. Div. 44th Arm. Inf. Bn. doughfoot had knocked out an enemy armored vehicle with one shot, caused three of the enemy to surrender from a house with another round, he threw his empty bazooka into the face of two other armed Nazis, causing them to give up in sheer surprise.

Medics Ignore Battle; Hospital Work Goes On

WITH ADVANCE SUPPLY FORCES, Belgium—While fighting raged on the lawn of a U.S. Army General Hospital during the recent Nazi counter-attack, three doctors and 25 enlisted men treated battle casualties at the hospital, which was three miles closer to the front than the nearest battalion aid station. The remainder of the personnel and those patients that could be moved, were ordered to evacuate.

Baby Is Delivered
At one time wounded soldiers occupied the three operating tables; in a fourth room, an examining room pressed into operating service, Capt. Jesse M. Franklin, staff surgeon, of Brooklyn, delivered a girl to a Belgian mother. The child was named "Lucky." Patients not seriously injured were put to bed in the shock ward, given first aid, hot food and a chance to rest. Many of them trotted back across the field and rejoined their units on the line after a few hours.

On Christmas Day the kitchen staff served turkey. On the same day, in a small chapel in the hospital, a Belgian priest read a funeral service over the bodies of three Americans.

Claims 'First' Into Bastogne

WITH 80TH DIV., Belgium—First infantryman to filter through the Wehrmacht's ring of steel into besieged Bastogne, his outfit claims, was Lt. Walter P. Carr, of Hot Springs, Ark., who reached the encircled GIs with a patrol consisting of 1/Sgt. Virgil L. Miller, of Elyria, Ohio, Pfc Mulford E. Jones, of Jackson, Miss., and Pvt. Eddie Martinez, of Houston, Tex.—all Co. E, 318th Inf. Reg.

An experienced night prowler, Carr holds the Silver Star for capturing Nazis with valuable information on previous patrols. It was the night after Christmas when he and his men stealthily infiltrated 3,000 yards through constantly shifting German lines into the besieged bastion. At its southern fringes they contacted an outpost of a Yank engineer outfit. "They did everything but kiss, they were so damn glad," Carr said. "I told them how the relieving forces were progressing, and felt like a GI Santa Claus—even if we were a day late."

GIs Liberate Town, Hold Religious Rites

WITH THE 26th INF. DIV.—When the 26th (Yankee) Div. liberated the French town of Vi-sur-Sielle, Pfc Jack Katzman, of New York City, rounded up all the Jewish soldiers he could find and conducted a religious service in the ruins of a Jewish temple. Some of the scrolls and prayer books used were salvaged from the debris. Pvt. Katzman learned from residents of the town that the temple, dating to the year 1294, originally was a convent of the Dominican nuns. Nazis had permitted no Jewish services since they captured Vi-sur-Sielle in 1940.

Blood, Guts, Living Hell—That Was Bastogne

Hurried Back



GENERAL TAYLOR
Rejoined 101st Division In 'Bulge' After Dash From States

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (UP)—Maj. Gen. Maxwell B. Taylor, now leading his 101st Airborne Div. in the fighting in the bulge, sat in an armchair in his home near Arlington, Va., on Christmas Eve and watched his family trim their Christmas tree before leaving on his whirlwind dash by plane to rejoin his unit.

Describing the circumstances leading up to his father's departure for the front, Jack Taylor, the general's 14-year-old son, said his father "had no doubts about his men winning, but he wanted to be there." He said: "I just hope there will be some Krauts left when I get there."

Sentry Raid Casualty; Knocked Over in Rush
WITH 84th INF. DIV.—Only casualty in an enemy air raid was Pvt. Louis Durbin, of Alexandria, Va., who was on sentry duty. Other men in the CP ran out to get a look at the planes when they heard the alarm and knocked over Durbin, who was at the head of a flight of stairs.

An Eye-witness Story In Chaumont and Out Again On the Road Into Bastogne

By Kenneth A. Koyen
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
WITH FOURTH ARMED DIV.—Here's what it's like on the road to Bastogne. Elements of the Fourth Arm. Div. with its Eighth Tank Bn. and the 10th Arm. Inf. Bn. took Chaumont.

The armored infantrymen rode the mediums into the village. My men started back 50 yards apart moving fast. We found a wounded tank and Pvt. William McIlvaine, mortarman from Charlestown, Mass. helping him back. "I was going down. We were the last out. But we made it. I passed my lieutenant on the way. He was wounded. He called, 'Don't leave me here.' I couldn't take him too. I told him the medics would come. I thought they could. "And we went by a tanker sitting in a ditch. His foot was mangled. He saw we couldn't take him. He just said, 'Hiya, fellows." "We waded a creek, they were shooting burp guns at us but we got through." Sergeant Kosiek, last man to get back, is credited with bringing back his platoon with comparatively light losses.

Gliders Brave Hail of Bullets To Fuel 101st

The 101st Airborne Div., surrounded by the Germans near Bastogne last week, was down to its last 150 gallons of gasoline. A frantic call was radioed out for more.

Within the hour, three transport-carrying gliders of the 440th Troop Carrier Group were on their way to the bulge. The six glidermen knew what was ahead—they had to make a pin-point landing and they had to make it under fierce fire.

Over Bastogne, they were cut loose and headed toward a tiny field. There were Germans less than 100 yards away from the field at each end, and they started blasting with flak and machine-guns. They riddled each of the gliders with more than 70 shots, but the glider pilots brought their ships right down on the field—and right side up.

Though the self-sealing gas tanks had been hit, not one had been touched by the flaming German tracers. The 5,000-gallon cargo of gasoline was safe.

Target For Buddies
As soon as the gasoline was lugged away, the six glidermen were pressed into battle service. Men were needed badly, and they were put on prisoner guard duty.

By Jimmie Cannon
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
WITH 101ST AIRBORNE DIV. IN BASTOGNE, Dec. 28 (Delayed)—German morale, which flamed tall and bright in this sector, has burned to the ashes of despair today. "They really had high morale the first two days. They had us out of," said Maj. Robert Harvick, of Landsdowne, Pa.

Trio Escaped German Trap By Themselves
WITH NINTH ARMORED DIV. Jan. 1—Sgt. Arthur Sloan, of Bonham, Tex.; Sgt. George A. Bab, of Tallapoosa, G. A., and Pfc George Peets, of Jackson, Miss., were mighty hungry. They had been trapped without food for three days during the enemy counter-attack east of Bastogne.

They would try to infiltrate the German lines, and during the day they would take cover. They made no progress. Finally, the trio became so tired, hungry and cold they decided on a bold attempt to get back to their own lines.

Sergeant Quits His Mess To Avenge Missing Kin
WITH SECOND ARMED DIV.—They call him "the fighting mess sergeant" in Co. E, 67th Armored Rgt. He used to cook up chow for the tank crews.

Light Fiction
Capt. Clyde M. Baden, of 310th Rgt., 78th Inf. Div., couldn't find his flashlight. It turned up the next day in the pocket of a German soldier the captain captured.

Captive Germans En Route to Rear Area PW Cage



Ninth Army men with fixed bayonets escort a group of German prisoners past other Yanks who are taking a rest on the hillside along the route to the PW enclosure.

Nazis Cry 'Mercy' at Bastogne Town Attests To Stubborn Valor of GIs

By Russell Jones
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
WITH AMERICAN FORCES IN BELGIUM, Dec. 28 (Delayed)—The little Belgian town of Manhay, a vital junction on the Liege-Bastogne and Malmedy-Dinant roads, which is now in American hands, is mute witness to the fierceness of German attacks and the stubborn courage of Americans beating them off.

After a TOT—Time on Target—fire mission by American artillery forces, a tank fight in the streets, two infantry battles and bombing and strafing by P38s, Manhay is now a heap of rubble, inhabited by troops, cows with gaping wounds and swollen udders from lack of milking, sheep with wool burned from their backs bagging mournfully and a three-month-old puppy which frolics among the wreckage.

Moved Swiftly, Surely
H and I companies of the battalion led by Lt. Col. Forest Paxton, of San Francisco, moved swiftly and surely into the town after both tanks and two battalions of infantry had tried and failed. I company, commanded by Capt. James Birder, of South Bend, Ind., led the attack without faltering even after a platoon leader and ten men had been killed and 33 wounded by U.S. artillery falling short. H company, under 1/Lt. Richard Jackson, of St. Paul, Minn., moved in alongside.

In the hills to the south, the Germans, harassed by continual artillery fire, are trying to mass for a crushing assault, but U.S. troops just continue to dig in, confident that a staff officer was right in saying "It's a case of power against talent. . . and, boy, we've got talent."

Assault Troops on the Attack



U.S. infantrymen of the First Army move over the snow-covered, tree-studded countryside, to attack a German position being shelled on the next hill.

Nazi Wrangles Leave ForPW 'Annie Oakley'

WITH THIRD ARMY, Jan. 1—The German private was all smiles when he came into the American-held German town of Bliersbruck. "It's good to be in American hands," he said.

The week before he had been on the Russian front. Begging a furlough to see his wife he headed west. As he neared Bliersbruck Germans hurrying in the other direction said, "Don't go that way, the Americans are there."

"My wife is there," he cried. "I must rescue her at all costs." Then he hurried heroically to Bliersbruck with his hands up. He has no wife.

ETO Hospitals Foresee Need Of 1,600 Nurses

ETO hospitals, already staffed by almost half the total nurses in the Army, will nevertheless be 1,600 short by April unless the present recruiting drive draws thousands of civilian nurses into uniform, Lt. Col. Ida W. Danielson, ETO chief nurse, revealed yesterday.

Station and general hospitals here face staff reductions of 10 to 15 percent below present minimum levels, Colonel Danielson disclosed. Nurses must be transferred to staff new general hospitals being sent over from the States, she explained.

Medical detachment technicians—specially trained EM—are scheduled to assist those nurses transferred from the established installations.

Activation Speeded
Campaigns on all fronts in September resulted in about 12,000 American casualties a week. More casualties were evacuated that month to the U.S. than during the entire preceding period since Pearl Harbor Hospital units that were to have been activated next spring were activated in October, November and December. As a result, the Army Nurse Corps in the U.S. is calling for 10,000 nurses immediately.

All the hospitals taken over from the Germans in the Paris area had a small number of French nurses who now are working side by side with American staffs. ETO nurses have been working long periods, doing "a marvelous job," Col. Danielson said, and there has been no lowering in the standard of nursing. The chief nurse acknowledged, however, that some field and evacuation hospitals think they could give "more finished" nursing care with larger staffs.

Wins 2 DSC Clusters In Less Than 3 Weeks

WITH SECOND INF. DIV.—Col. Chester J. Hirschfelder, of San Antonio, commander of the Ninth Inf. Reg. of the Second Inf. Div. received a second cluster to his Distinguished Service Cross less than three weeks after the first. Col. Hirschfelder was awarded the DSC in World War I when he silenced an enemy machine gun after 18 other Americans had been killed in attempts. He won the first cluster during the Normandy campaign for standing bareheaded on a hedgerow mound and asking his exhausted men, "Well, what's holding you up?" The men resumed an attack and smashed German attempts to establish a line.

Christmas Plans Fizzle
WITH THE 30th INF. DIV.—Sgt. J. G. Bleier, of Rochester, N.Y., had visions of a gay Christmas when he captured five bottles of champagne along with a bunch of Nazis during a 30th Div. push. The enemy opened up with an artillery barrage. Bleier dove for cover. All five bottles were smashed.

Captured Yank Drivers Die at Hands of SS Men

WITH U.S. TROOPS ON SIEGFRIED LINE, Jan. 1 (AP)—For 12 hours 30 American medics hid in a church, listening to Nazi SS Panzer troops outside shoot captured American truck and jeep drivers without mercy.

5 Nazis Shot, 37 PWs Taken By Lone Texan

INSIDE THE SIEGFRIED LINE, Jan. 1—T/Sgt. Marion A. Corley, of Olney, Tex., killed five Germans in their trenches and holes and uprooted 37 more for the POW cages in a recent action. His company was pinned down by heavy machine-gun and small arms fire.

He motioned to five men of his platoon to follow. They worked around the right flank and suddenly plunged into the enemy-held draw. Fighting fiercely with bayonet and grenades, the sergeant killed five and captured four in the first trench. He charged into a large dugout. Then he reappeared with six more Germans at bayonet-point.

Convoy Visits Three Nations

WITH NINTH ARMED DIV.—Using three-quarter-ton trucks and some battered half-tracks, with personnel clerks and typists as drivers, Capt. Vincent D. Damiani, of Brooklyn, brought service records and mail through shellfire to division headquarters. Stranded in a rear position which overnight became a forward post, the convoy made a 150-mile trip that took it into three countries, at one point passing over a bridge just before it was blown up by our men to prevent a Nazi advance.

Supply Train--One-Man Style

WITH 45th DIV.—When an unexpected battle caught his platoon of the 45th Div. short of ammunition Pfc Barney Noto, of Brooklyn, operated a one-man supply route through enemy fire. The Germans attacked as Noto's platoon rounded a turn in a country road. The battle was on and though the men had been carrying all the ammunition they could, their supply was running low. Noto remembered passing an ammunition dump back along the road about 300 yards. While German bullets whipped by his head, Noto left his cover and crawled along the road to the dump, where he obtained all the rifle ammunition he could carry. He made his way through the Jerry screen of fire and reached his platoon.

No Harm in Dreaming, Boys



Ants in your tank, Yank? Get them out by taking a long, luscious look at Evalyn Keyes, no relation to the General but generally Okay.

Once Over Lightly

Here's the sport-by-sport review of 1944. Stop us if you've heard this before:

FOOTBALL—Army generally was conceded to have the best team in the nation, and Army's second team probably the second best. Many schools which canceled schedules in '43 resumed for the '44 season, playing with 4Fs and 16-17-year-olds. Ohio State had the outstanding all-civilian team as well as one of the country's best players, Les Horvath. Notre Dame took the worst beating in her history when Army rocked the Irish, 59-0. National Professional League celebrated its 25th year with record attendance, Green Bay Packers beating New York Giants, 14-7, in championship playoff. Fullback Bill Paschal of Giants became the first pro ever to win ground-gaining honors two years in a row. Don Hutson led scorers again, while discharged Frankie Filchok of Redskins led passers. Frank Sinkwich of Detroit was the best all-around player in the league.

BASEBALL—Death of Judge Landis was the most significant event of the year. His iron rule started in 1921 after the 1919 Black Sox scandal, continued until his death, Nov. 28th. World Champion Cardinals completely dominated third wartime season being the only club worthy of major league ranking. Other clubs were manned by antiquated castoffs, 4Fs and juveniles. Browns ended their pennant famine by sweeping final four-game series with the Yankees, while Washington's Dutch Leonard knuckleballed the challenging Tigers into submission on closing day. Browns' 89 victories lowest pennant figure in league history. Cards captured series, four games to two. Marty Marion, Cards' shortstop, and Hal Newhouser, 29-game winner for Detroit, voted most valuable in their respective leagues. National League won A.-Star game, 7-1. Minor league champs, American Association, Milwaukee; International, Baltimore; Southern, Nashville; Pacific Coast, Los Angeles. Little World Series, Baltimore.

BASKETBALL—Utah won NCCA title, beating St. John's in the invitation tournament 43-36, after substituting for Arkansas when Razorback team was in an accident which injured several players and killed one coach. Dartmouth, Eastern League winner, beat Ohio State, Big Ten champ, in National College championships. Army cagers unbeaten in 15 games. Phillips, Oilers, won National AAU title.

BOXING—Willie Pep beat Chalky Wright for 79th win in 80 professional fights. Beau Jack year's most popular fighter. Biggest surprise was Al "Bummy" Davis' knockout of Bob Montgomery, who came back two weeks later to decision Jack for the title. Fighting for sweet charity, after he and Montgomery had been indicted, Jack easily beat Bob, but latter's title was frozen and he continued as champ. Two new NBA champs were Sol Bartolo, 126-pound class, and Juan Zurita, 135-pound class. Most promising boxer was Billy Arnold, Philadelphia schoolboy.

TRACK—Gundar Haegg cleaned up in America and returned to Sweden only to lose six of seven mile races to Arne Andersson. Haegg turned in a record 3:43 minutes 1,500-meter win over Andersson and lowered the two-mile record to 8:42.8. Illinois' Buddy Young was top collegiate performer, running an official 9.5 in the 100, being clocked unofficially in 9.4.

HORSE RACING—Mutuel machines took in \$1,126,308,645 and bookies' takings probably equalled that again. Twilight Tear was "Horse of the Year" with 14 wins in 17 tries. Pavot was leading two-year-old and top money winner. Pensive won Kentucky Derby and Preakness, then went bad. Ted Atkinson led jockeys.

GOLF—Byron Nelson selected "Athlete of the Year," but Bob Hamilton, of Evansville, Ill., won PGA title. **TENNIS**—Sgt. Frankie Parker won men's singles, Pauline Betz, women's. **SWIMMING**—Alan Ford, swam 100 in record 49.7 to become first man ever to break 50 seconds in a regulation length pool. Ann Curtis gained 18 swimming records and was named the woman "Athlete of the Year."

MISCELLANEOUS SPORTS—Willie Hoppe lost his billiard crown to Welker Cochran... Montreal Canadiens won the league title and Stanley Cup... Hambletonian trotting winner, Yankee Main... Bowling match game champion, Buddy Bomar... U.S. chess champ, Arnold Denker... Table tennis champion, Pfc John Somael, Camp McCall, N.C.; doubles champs, Bill Holzrichter of Navy and Laszlo Bellak of Army; handball champ, Frank Coyle; doubles, Joe Platak and Bob Quinn.

Defenders Defeat Blue Devils, 10-0

The Ninth ADC Defenders blanketed the Fourth Service Group Blue Devils, 10-0, yesterday at Velodrome Municipal, Paris, scoring all their points in the third period. The Defenders completely outclassed the opposition, making 15 first downs to two.

Virgil Robinson, of Staples, Minn., scored on a short buck for the game's only touchdown. Mike Barto kicking the extra point. Barto also booted a 22-yard field goal.

Thunderbolts Win

Led by Jim Anderson, the Ninth AF's Second AADA Thunderbolts scored their sixth straight triumph Sunday, 32-6, over the Ninth AF's Headquarters' football team.

Anderson figured in a spectacular play in the third period. He passed to Rudy Petrina, who lateraled to Joe Prano, the play being good for 65 yards.

Time Differential Delays Bowl Scores

Results of the major bowl football games in the United States will be published in detail in tomorrow's edition of The Stars and Stripes.

The five-hour difference in time between the ETO and the Eastern half of the States (eight hours different from California, where the Rose Bowl is being played) made it impossible to beat today's deadline.

Court Comet

By Pap



Excellent Football in '45, College Coaches Forecast

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Jan. 1.—Youngsters and 4Fs will provide the nation with lots more, if not lots better, football in 1945. That's the opinion expressed by a group of college

Howard Death Recalls Deals

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 1.—Col. Howland Maxwell Howard, 77, wealthy business man whose casual interest in horses and abiding faith in a former jockey's judgment, made him one of the nation's wealthiest and most famous sportsmen, died yesterday of coronary thrombosis.

Howard purchased Sceneshifter in 1937 and as the deal was to be concluded Earl Sande, one of America's greatest jockeys, induced him to include the gawky Stagehand in the deal. Howard consented and Joseph Widener threw in Stagehand with a slight increase in price.

Sceneshifter was one of the favorites in the 1938 Santa Anita Derby and Stagehand was merely a completion of Howard's entry. Stagehand, however, stole the show and romped home in front to grab the \$60,000 first prize. Two weeks later Stagehand downed the mighty Seabiscuit in the Santa Anita Handicap to be the only horse ever to win both races in one year.

Keeper, 9 Horses Die in Blaze

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 1.—Michael Rice, 77-year old custodian at Douglas Park here, and nine race horses were burned to death when fire of undetermined origin swept the barn at this ancient racetrack early yesterday. Rice was found dead in the barn after he had led one horse to safety and had gone back to rescue another.

Twelve horses were saved by firemen and track employees, but some were injured so severely they'll have to be destroyed.

Giants' Voiselle Was Best Rookie

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—The Chicago chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association named Hard Luck Bill Voiselle, New York Giants' right-handed pitcher, the most valuable rookie of 1944 and awarded him the J. Louis Comiskey memorial plaque. Voiselle polled 118 votes on the basis of 15 for first, ten for second and eight for third.

Don Johnson of the Cubs was second and Ted Wilks and Blix Donnelly, both Cardinal pitchers, were next.

Mud Bowl Game Postponed

CHERBOURG, Jan. 1.—The Mud Bowl football game between the Mudcloggers and Peacemakers, divisional champions of the Normandy Football League, has been postponed until next Sunday, league officials announced today.

Fifth Div. Studded With Ex-College Stars

WITH FIFTH INF. DIV. Ill. is a Second Inf. rifleman. The staging of post-season bowl games and selection of All-America football teams are noted with nostalgia by members of the Fifth Division, many of whom gained fame in the States crashing another kind of line—the sports headline.

Capt. Jack D. Jester, of Indianapolis, division education officer, visited a Fifth medical company recently and spotted a familiar figure whom he recognized as Corbett Davis, a former Indiana U. teammate. Pfc Davis, of Wilmette,

executive officer of the 11th, played with the Tennessee Volunteers. Col. Homer C. Ledbetter, of Hobbs, N.Y., played at Arkansas U. and later performed professionally with the Chicago Cards in football and the Cincinnati Reds in baseball.

Other Fifth Division men who played varsity football in the States are Capt. Frank Smith, of Austin, Minn., ex-Indiana ace; Maj. Bernard B. Blank, of Michigan City, Ind., Purdue; Maj. William F. Simpson, of Meadville, Pa., West Virginia, and Maj. William A. Gethal, of Eau Claire, Wis., a former North Dakota operative.

Ice Verdicts For New York And Detroit

DETROIT, Jan. 1.—The Detroit Red Wings strengthened their hold on second place in the National Hockey League and dumped the Chicago Black Hawks deeper into the cellar with a 6-2 victory over the lawless Birds here last night.

The Wings went to work in short order with four goals in the first period. Carl Liscombe, Bud Lindsay, Syd Howe and Murray Armstrong beat the Hawks' goalie, Mike Karakas, in the opening period and Howe and Mud Bruneteau added final markers in the third session.

The score was 6-0 when Earl Seibert notched the first Chicago tally at 13:53 of the final period. Cully Dahlstrom scored the other goal for the losers with 12 seconds of the game remaining. Joe Cooper assisted on both Chicago scores.

Rangers Nip Bruins, 3-2

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Ab DeMarco sparked a third-period rally which enabled the New York Rangers to withstand two Boston goals and the local pucksters defeated the Bruins, 3-2, here last night.

After a scoreless first period, the Rangers went ahead on a goal in the second by Grant Warwick with Hank Goldup assisting. In the third period, Gino Rossini tied it for the Bruins unassisted, but the Rangers went ahead again when Goldup scored on an assist from DeMarco. Three minutes later, DeMarco hooked the loose puck and skated through the whole Boston team to score unassisted.

Hockey Standings

National League				
	W	L	T	Pts
Montreal	16	4	2	34
Detroit	14	6	3	31
Toronto	12	8	2	26
Boston	9	12	1	19
New York	4	13	5	13
Chicago	3	15	3	9

American League			
	W	L	T
Hershey	3	—	—
Indianapolis	3	—	—
Providence	2	—	—
St. Louis	1	—	—

TKOs Feature Paris Fights

A capacity crowd of GIs last night was treated to stirring action at the Palais de Glace, Paris, where several bouts ended via the technical knockout route. Cpl. Billy Conn fought a three-round exhibition bout with Jimmy Johnson, of Fort Worth, Tex., substitute for Leo Matriccianni, Conn's regular sparring partner.

After Lee Guessford, of Chicago, drew with Earl Martin, of New York City, in the opening bout, the next three fights ended in knockouts. Tommy Hogan, of Alberta, Canada, put away Harvey Matthews, of Detroit, in the second round; Steve Antellas, of San Antonio, Tex., won over Willie Boyd, of Houston, and Vern LaCross, of San Francisco, defeated Sam Boykin, of Norfolk, Va. John Thompson, of New York City, also knocked Louie Cornelius, of New Orleans, in the second. A. W. France and Fred McKenzie drew.

CAGE RESULTS

Duke 28, Camp Lejeune 24. Canisius 40, Texas Christian 36. Colorado 47, Colorado College 30. Washington 38, Gonzaga 47. Twentieth-Fox 76, UCLA 56. Salt Lake Eckers 39, Southern Cal. 34. Norman Naval 61, Texas Tech 33.

Interlachen Club Rejects Golf Open

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 1.—The Board of Directors of the Interlachen Golf Club last night voted to reject the opportunity to hold the National Open golf tournament here in '45.

The directors agreed to urge the United States Golf Association, at its annual meeting in New York next month, not to hold a National Open next year because of wartime conditions.

Hash Marks

Fun on the home front. A sweet young thing visited an astronomer. Looking through his telescope, she cooed, "Is that Venus?" "No, that's Jupiter," he replied, "How clever," she sighed, "To be able to distinguish the sex at this great distance."

A GI we know received some cheese in a Christmas package. He is now wondering if the cheese was imported or deported from Switzerland. (Phew!).

Silly sallies. "Well, I guess I might as well put the motion before the house," thought the chorus girl as she went on the stage.

Signs of the times, seen on the Bulletin board in a certain general hospital: "Will the one who



borrowed Capt. Littlefield's 'Superman' comic book, please return it at once. A reward of two 'Green Hornets' is offered."

A chaplain we know says his secret ambition is: "To tell the Joes my troubles."

Famous last words. "The sergeant can't put me on detail now—I'm listening to my favorite program over the Army Forces network."

Back in the U. S. A., muses Cpl. Ed Glick, one usually looked for a good bicycle with a light attached. In the ETO one looks for a good light with bicycle attached.

Another unsigned verse left in our type writer.

When kings lose their thrones,
It's as sad as can be,
But a sight more tragic,
Is a sergeant Doing KP.

Worst pun of the century.
"Should yellow-haired WACs be called war blondes?"

Pvt. Jerome D. Osterweil quips,
"Would you say the Nazis are fighting Teuton nail?"

What really makes a female beautiful, sez a cynic we know, is three-fourths imagination and one-fourth silk stockings.

Births

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

L. T. S. R. Bailey, San Antonio—boy, Dec. 29; S/Sgt. Sam Sirota, Brooklyn—boy, Dec. 28; Cpl. James Wilson, Bedford, Ind.—James Virgil Jr., Dec. 23; Pvt. John J. Pellicone, Bronx—John Jr., Dec. 28; OWO William J. Fisher, Tacoma—Stephen Grant, Dec. 1.

PFC Lester F. Simon, Grover, Mo.—Linda Sue, Dec. 27; Pfc Alfred R. Zughoe, Hamilton, O.—girl, Dec. 27; Pvt. Martin Miller, Youngstown, O.—girl, Dec. 18; Lt. David Arthur Schlecting, Kansas City—Lynda Kay, Dec. 26; Capt. Richard W. Briggs, Pendleton, Va.—Nancy Winslow, Nov. 26.

Lt. Alfred J. Rooklim, Bethlehem, Pa.—Sandra Louise Dec. 16; T/Sgt. Victor J. Emmert, St. Louis—Marla Ann, Dec. 26; Pfc Charles M. Odell, Auburn, N.Y.—Marilyn Jean, Dec. 23; T/4 Robert M. Bridges, Jackson, Tenn.—Carolyn Kay, Dec. 15.

CAPT. Douglas W. Bonner, Bronx—Judith Ann, Dec. 25; Lt. Johna Clymer, Elmhurst, N.Y.—Karen Ann, Dec. 27; 1/Lt. Charles E. Bright, Stockton, Cal.—Barbara Katherine, Dec. 27; 1/Lt. James G. Boyle Jr., Berwyn, Pa.—Dec. 6; Lt. Leon Glickenstein, Bronx—girl, Dec. 28.

SGT. James B. Schwab, Rochester—James Gerard, Dec. 25; Capt. John O. Williams, New York—boy, Dec. 27; Pfc S. Clinton Stern, New York—boy, Dec. 23; T/Sgt. Leonard W. Moersch, Elkhart Lake, Wis.—boy, Dec. 27.

PFC Robert J. Pyle, New York—boy, Dec. 27; Pfc John D. McElpearny, Lawrence, Kan.—boy, Dec. 27; Maj. A. J. Stone, New York—Albert, Dec. 27.

AFF-RADIO-AFN Program - AFN

Time TODAY
0925—Music America Loves.
1830—Blondie and Dagwood.
2105—Charlie McCarthy.
2207—Hit Parade.
(News every hour on the hour.)
TOMORROW
1715—Amos 'n Andy.
2015—Merco's Mudy Shop.
2105—Condon's Jazz Session.
2130—Bob Hope.
(News every hour on the hour.)

Terry And The Pirates

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Abbie an' Slats

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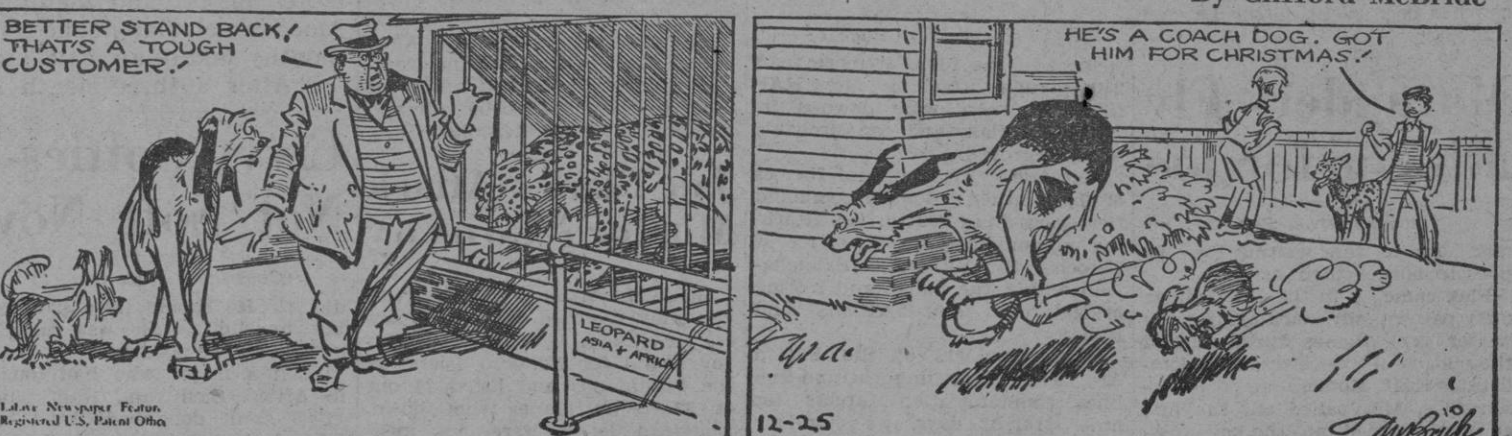
By Raeburn Van Buren

By Milton Caniff



Napoleon and Uncle Elby

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Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate



By Chic Young

Jane

By Courtesy of The London Daily Mirror



By Norman Pett

Soviet Tanks Hurl Back 15 Counter Blows

The battle for dying Budapest took on the proportions of a Stalingrad yesterday as Russian tanks and infantry, smashing 15 enemy counter-attacks in one locality alone, piled up 6,300 dead Germans within 48 hours.

Fires were so numerous that the whole Hungarian capital seemed to be aflame, said a Russian dispatch. Some 2,000,000 men, women and children, living through the city's final agony, were without water or electricity as a result of German demolitions and hundreds already have died of starvation.

Virtually all Buda, on the west bank of the Danube River, was in Russian hands but progress was slower in the crowded Pest district on the east bank.

Nazis Deny Killing Officers

The official Russian statement that the Nazis had shot two Red Army officers who carried a surrender ultimatum into the capital under a white flag of truce was denied by the German News Agency, which called it an "obvious propaganda lie from beginning to end," but Moscow stuck to its story.

West of the city Marshal Rodion Malinovsky widened and deepened his bridgeheads across the Hron River in preparation for a full-scale drive for Austria. Behind him, the last of the Germans were cleared from northern Hungary along the Czechoslovakian border.

German commentators meanwhile expressed concern over the long-dormant East Prussia front, the Berlin radio saying that "all signs" point to an early resumption of the Soviet offensive there.

The Germans also told of renewed fighting in Latvia in which they said 46 Soviet infantry divisions and 22 armored and artillery formations were participating. Moscow has been silent on the Latvian campaign.

Marauders Fly Mission for Joe

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man soldiers were waiting for supplies to bolster their drive.

Flak came up in the old familiar dirty pattern, oily black against the winter sky. Planes ahead slipped their loads of explosives, and bombardier E. H. Mondenhal, of Jefferson City, Mo., called out the hits as they smashed into the key crossroads of St. Vith, artery for Wehrmacht reinforcements and supplies.

The Marauders turned homeward through more flak. They went back to the same icy runways and landed on a scarred, rutted surface over which the crews wouldn't have driven jeeps a year ago.

T/Sgt. Sid Hardaway, of Kansas City, veteran of a Flying Fortress tour of operations who now is well into a B26 tour, clambered out of the plane with the other gunners, T/Sgt. Albert Stroup, of Columbia, Ky., and S/Sgt. Ira B. Capps, of Birmingham, Ala. Hardaway's breath steamed in the cold as he spoke for the crewmen:

"Well, flying a B17 in the first days of the air war against Germany, back in the winter of '42-'43, was as tough as you'd want. And living in a tent in a French winter is no picnic, nor flying in some of the weather we hit; but it's those guys on the ground, slugging it out with those crazy Krauts, who have it tough. We figure that most of us are livin' in comparative luxury, and anything we can do ain't any too much for the infantry."

He said "Happy New Year" like that and started to clean his guns for another mission.

Tiger Royal Heads for U.S.

The first serviceable specimen of Germany's newest tank, the Tiger Royal, which Nazi crewmen had been given strict orders to destroy before abandoning, is on its way to the U.S. for study by Army Ordnance experts.

The 65-ton giant, mounting an 88mm. gun with a barrel 12-feet long, recently was captured when it ran out of gasoline and was hurriedly abandoned by its crew.

Maj. John S. Taylor, of Pittsburgh, who supervised the loading of the tank onto a freighter, said that the armored vehicle had four inches of armor-plating in the front and three in the rear.

War in Burma



Allied Forces Driving Toward Junction to Open China Road

SHORT arrows indicate Allied drives in eastern Burma and western China, where the Chinese in the Bhamo and Wanting areas are driving toward a junction at Namhkam. Long broken arrow indicates how meeting of forces will open a land route into China, via the Leda road from India. Other fighting between the British and the Japs is taking place in the Arakan area (not shown on map).

Nazis Attack Allied Fields

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fields. Of the force of more than 250 planes attacking the RAF fields, 31 more were downed by British flak, and ten probably were destroyed.

Marauders, Invaders and Havocs of the Ninth AF Bomber command flew more than 200 sorties, attacking communication centers at Laroche, St. Vith and Salmchateau within the bulge, and hitting bridges at Konz-Karthaus and Bullay.

Heavy bombers of the Eighth AF, after pounding behind-the-lines communication targets for nine straight days, yesterday switched back to strategic bombing and ranged deeper into the Reich to hammer an oil refinery in Dollbergen and the rail network leading into the Coblenz area.

More than 800 Forts and Liberators, escorted by another 800 fighters, participated in the raid. The Eighth forces ran into scattered Luftwaffe opposition and shot down at least 17 enemy planes.

Berlin Bombed

Berlin was bombed a few hours before the New Year by the strongest force of Mosquitoes ever to sting the German capital, the RAF announced yesterday.

All GI-WAC Stage Show To Open Jan. 9 in Paris

"Com-Z, Com-Za," a GI-WAC revue, is scheduled to open a two-week run at the Empire Theater in Paris Jan. 9. Com-Z headquarters announced yesterday. With a cast larger than "This is the Army" and with stage sets and costumes by French designers, the revue is being staged for troops on pass.

3rd Launches Two Attacks Against Bulge

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battalion strength, were sprung before midnight on Sunday and continued yesterday afternoon along a ten-mile front on both sides of Bitche, the old Maginot Line fortress town. Results of the attacks during the first several hours were not known, but it was conceded by SHAEF that the enemy might have made progress.

There were indications, however, that Von Rundstedt's stroke at the Seventh Army may possibly be the beginning of another major assault, since his Belgian effort has been thrown into reverse.

In the same manner that he launched the Battle of the Belgian Bulge, the Nazi commander hit Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's line at Bannstein, six miles southeast of Bitche, with one force of battalion strength. Another spearhead of equal strength lashed out south of Dambach, about five miles northeast of Bitche, while three more smaller enemy forces attacked two miles west of Dambach and west of Bitche.

Nazi Patrol Activity

At the same time enemy patrol activity flared up in woods near Budenthal, northwest of Wissembourg, and other German forces were probing French First Army positions due west of Colmar, on the extreme right flank of the Allied Western Front.

The Third Army offensive, meanwhile, was officially reported to have advanced two miles, although unofficial dispatches from the front put Gen. Patton's tanks and infantry forward as much as six miles on both sides of St. Hubert.

Frontline reports also said that the new drive was running into considerably stiffening resistance as Von Rundstedt shifted his weight to meet Patton's threat, according to the Associated Press. The corridor to Bastogne was being widened again after Americans held firm against the weekend counter-attacks into which the Germans were said to have hurled elements of seven divisions.

Jap Planes Attack Mindoro Convoy

Gen. MacArthur's headquarters yesterday reported further Japanese air attacks against a U.S. convoy bound for Mindoro Island in the Philippines and listed 14 out of 32 enemy planes shot down. American losses were not mentioned.

U.S. planes were disclosed to have carried out two new raids against Iwojima in the Bonin Islands, from where Japanese planes have raided the Saipan Superfortress bases. Bombers also set oil refineries ablaze in Borneo and hit a variety of targets in the Philippines, sinking a 6,000-ton freighter in the Lingayen Gulf.

Hitler . . .

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a large, empty room. He spoke at almost breathless speed.

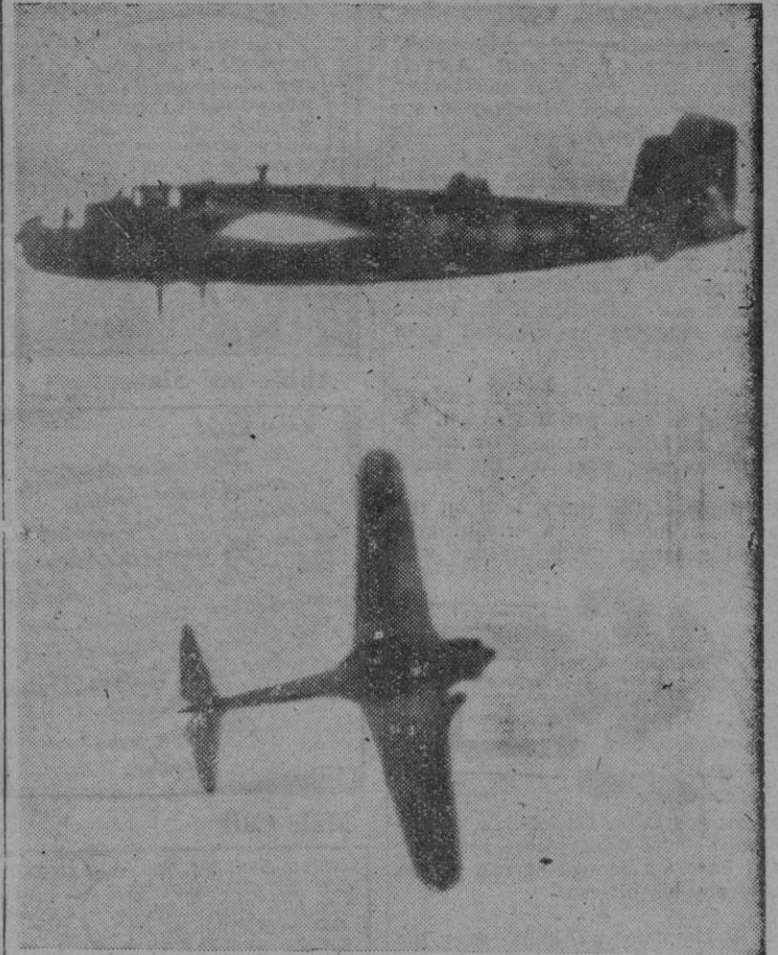
The speech, delivered from Hitler's headquarters at a secret location, was carried by the entire German network and by all the foreign stations which the Nazis control. A "ghost voice" broadcasting on the same frequency broke in at intervals with heckling.

The only new fact the speech revealed was that the Nazis now have definitely written off Hungary, even while the battle for Budapest still rages. He included Hungary along with Italy, Finland, Bulgaria and Rumania in a list of nations which "have collapsed this year" because of "cowardice and lack of determination of their respective leaders."

Famed French Writer Dies

CLAMECY, France, Jan. 1. (AP).—Romain Rolland, 72, renowned French writer and critic, died at his villa near here Saturday night. Rolland won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1916. His works included "Jean-Christophe," "The Triumph of Reason" and the "Men of Good Will" series.

An 'Oscar' Jumps a B25



A Jap fighter plane, known to Pacific airmen as an "Oscar," jumps a B25 Mitchell as it makes a bombing run on a Jap base in the southwest Pacific. According to the caption, a burst of fire from the B25 knocked the landing gear loose on the "Oscar" seconds after this picture was taken.

Some Jap Planes 'Superior,' Ours 'Safer,' Author Says

NEW YORK, Jan. 1 (ANS).—The Japanese air force has better planes and maintains higher standards than the American civilian public generally supposes, Popular Science monthly said in an article today.

After a three-month study of Jap warplanes, Devon Francis, author of the article, said that several enemy types were superior in performance to comparable American planes.

He said he believed, however, that this superiority was more than offset by much greater safety afforded the pilot and crew by American plane designing. He also stressed that pilot training and tactics of the American air forces are superior to those of the Japanese.

Francis cited four greatly improved types of Jap planes which have appeared recently in combat, two of them fighters with speeds in excess of 400 miles an hour.

The newest Jap planes reflect heavy losses inflicted on flying personnel, he said. In an effort to minimize the danger of operation and protect trained pilots—now scarce—the new planes have protective armor. So far, however, this armor has been insufficiently hardened and will shatter at the impact of .30 cal. bullets.

Guard Trouble? Here's One GI's Toothsome Tale

WITH NINTH ARMD DIV., Jan. 1.—With GI guards getting touchier all the time about the identity of people walking around after dark, T/5 Carl L. Lind, of Ingham, Neb.,



is making one valuable piece of equipment serve a dual role.

The other night, making his way to a command post, he had trouble in convincing a guard of his identity, even after giving the password and producing dogtags. Desperate, he pulled out his GI dental plate, complete with serial number. That did it.

North England 'Quake Causes Slight Damage

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Northern England had its heaviest earthquake since before the war early yesterday, but only slight damage was caused. Residents of one large city dashed for shelters thinking it was an air raid.