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## When It's Round-Up Time in Luxembourg



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

U.S. soldiers round up cattle in Harlange, Luxembourg, as a jeep carrying a Nazi prisoner to the rear waits for the road to be cleared.

## U.S. Boosts Output Goals To Meet Fast War Pace

### Stress Is Placed On Trucks, Planes

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (ANS).—The war is traveling at such a fast pace, the Army said today, that production goals of only a month ago are too low now.

The War Department and War Production Board, in separate actions, called for increased output, with emphasis on new secret fighter planes, heavy bombers, trucks and engine parts.

The Army 1945 procurement schedule was raised \$1,600,000,000 over amounts fixed in January. Now the total for the year is to be \$37,800,000,000, or 18.9 percent above 1944 deliveries.

Besides air force increases, ground troops need more ammunition, heavy artillery and tanks. The schedule for tanks calls for 70 percent more than in 1944.

The WPB acted on the engine part situation in response to pleas by the Joint Chiefs of Staff that there is a "critical emergency." A high percentage of trucks, bulldozers and other equipment in every battle zone is out of use for lack of engine parts, officials said. In many cases the Army has ordered complete new trucks because of inability to get replacement engines.

As a quick remedy, the WPB has installed three-man panels—a WPB executive with Army and Navy assistants—in each of seven major engine plants. They hold overriding priority power to divert deliveries to any combat zone where emergencies develop.

### Italy-Based Heavies Attack Vienna Again

ALLIED HQ., Italy, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Allied heavy bombers today attacked communications targets in the Vienna area of Austria for the third day running.

On the Fifth Army front, between Strettoia and Seravezza, American outposts were moved back after German activity increased.

## Will Roosevelt Visit France? Take Your Choice of Answers

The \$64 question among American correspondents in Paris yesterday was:

"Will President Roosevelt visit France on his way home from the Crimea Conference?"

And, if you read Associated Press reports you were informed the President had planned such a trip.

However, the United Press said it had been "informed on the highest, unimpeachable authority" that reports that Mr. Roosevelt was planning a visit to France were completely untrue and devoid of any foundation whatsoever.

"The President," said the AP, "is expected to take advantage of his sojourn to persuade the French provisional government to forget the blow to France's pride in its exclusion from the Yalta meeting. Both American military and French authorities are standing by anxiously for news from Italy, where

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (UP).—War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes today ordered a new "standby" plan prepared for reconversion of industry to civilian production.

The Byrnes order directed War Production Board Chief J. A. Krug to work out, by Feb. 23, a new blueprint to guide reconversion efforts when military needs eventually slacken. Krug has ordered a special staff to work on the project behind closed doors.

It was emphasized that the decision to get the reconversion plan ready does not mean an early end to the European war. The plan is being prepared now so there will be no delay in starting reconversion when the war in Europe does end.

Details will not be announced for some time, it was said, to guard against misinterpretation of the purpose of the plan.

## Paris Civilians To Get ARC Aid

The American Red Cross announced yesterday that the first supplies of clothing for Paris civilians would be distributed today to bombed-out families of the suburb at St. Cyr l'Ecole by the Civil Affairs Section, SHAEF.

The four tons of clothing to be given out are part of more than 1,500 tons of Red Cross-donated clothing allocated to the Continent. It was explained, the Associated Press said, that transportation difficulties had prevented earlier distribution.

### Submarine Tang Lost

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (ANS).—Loss of the submarine Tang, which once saved 22 aviators in a daring rescue off Truk Island and of the U.S. tanker Fortlee, which was torpedoed in the Indian Ocean, was announced.

Mr. Roosevelt reportedly is preparing to receive a group of White House correspondents flown from Washington for a special press conference on the Big Three meeting.

However, the UP said that "for reasons of military security it was impossible to divulge the President's itinerary or confirm from Paris reports in Marseilles newspapers that Mr. Roosevelt had passed through there en route to the U.S."

From Reuter came a report that a French Foreign Office spokesman had said he had no knowledge of any proposed visit to France by Mr. Roosevelt and that "well informed circles in Paris still are mystified by American reports of his impending visit."

### Pope Pius III

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 15 (AP).—Pope Pius was confined to his bed today by an attack of influenza.

# Blazing Dresden Hit Again In New Allied Aid to Reds; Canadians Cross the Niers

## 7th Army Attacks On 5-Mile Front; Roer Level Falls

Canadian forces yesterday continued to expand their salient into Germany, driving across the Niers River and breaking the German defense line on its south bank.

Ten miles northward the Canadians pushed the northern flank of their salient along the Rhine bank for ten miles as they drove into Huren-deich, opposite the important German town of Emmerich.

A Reuter report from the Sixth Army Group last night said that American troops of the Seventh Army attacked on a five-mile front east of Sarreguemines early yesterday, gaining over a mile against stiffening resistance.

The town of Rimling, where fighting has been going on intermittently for several weeks, was occupied, said the Reuter correspondent. The advance has straightened the shortened Allied line in this area, he reported.

Nazis Shell Strasbourg Elsewhere on the Western Front, official and press reports indicated that yesterday was one of the most inactive days since the German winter offensive, highlighted by the 16-inch drop in the level of the Roer River floodwaters in the First Army sector.

In the Luxembourg bridgehead on the central front, U.S. Third Army forces made slight gains. In Alsace, the Germans fired an undetermined number of artillery rounds into Strasbourg from emplacements east of the Rhine.

Fighting an amphibious battle along the marshy and flooded Rhine, Canadians sloshed eastward to extend the Allied grip along the northern part of the river to a point 14 miles east of Nijmegen.

On their south, Scottish troops advanced two and one-half miles southeast of Cleve and neared Rosendahl. British Tommies moved

## Superforts Strike At Main Jap Island

GUAM, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—Marianas-based Superfortresses today bombed the aircraft center of Nagoya, on the main Japanese island of Honshu.

Bombing of Iwo Jima, in the Volcano Islands, 750 miles south of Tokyo, went into the 69th consecutive day Tuesday as Army Liberators smashed the tiny island. Adm. Nimitz announced today.

Haha Jima, in the Bonin Island group, was bombed the same day. The Palaus and Yap, in the western Carolines, were attacked by Marine fighters.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (ANS).—The Navy announced today that U.S. submarines had sunk 31 more Japanese ships, including a converted light cruiser, a converted gunboat and an escort vessel.

## House Votes to Speed Vote on George Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Democrats barely won their first House test today on the Senate-passed George Bill, the key to confirmation of former Vice-President Henry Wallace as secretary of the trimmed-down Commerce Department.

The House voted 232 to 192 to proceed with consideration of the bill to rip the RFC from the Commerce Department prior to the Senate vote on Wallace. (Earlier details on page 3)

## U.S. Casualties Reach 394,874 in West

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (ANS).—U.S. casualties on the Western Front were 61,692 in January, boosting the total since D-Day to 394,874, Secretary of War Stimson disclosed today.

January casualties included 8,848 killed, 41,325 wounded and 11,789 missing. Army casualties in all theaters since Pearl Harbor, Stimson said, now are 693,342. These were compiled on the basis of names assembled in Washington through Feb. 7.

## Koniev's Drive Imperils Flank Of Berlin Nazis

Marshal Ivan Koniev's Russian forces swung a broad "left hook" through lower Silesia yesterday to capture Sommerfeld, only 75 miles from Berlin, and also drive to Goerlitz on the Neisse River, 53 miles from strategically and economically important Dresden.

Two Koniev spearheads, operating about 40 miles apart, were said by both Moscow and Berlin reports to have nearly completed the occupation of Silesia and the encirclement of besieged Breslau, on the lower Oder River.

Unconfirmed dispatches said Koniev's shock troops driving toward Berlin had linked up with advance elements under Marshal Gregory Zhukov. Koniev's units also captured Gruenberg, eight miles west of the Oder and 32 miles west of surrounded Glogau, and Sorau, 37 miles southeast of Cottbus.

Sorau, like Sommerfeld, is in Brandenburg Province. Sommerfeld, according to official Soviet reports, marks Koniev's closest approach to Berlin. But unconfirmed reports, mentioning no towns, placed Koniev units 60 miles from the capital.

In the north, Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's forces captured Konitz, 60 miles southwest of Danzig and near a junction of the main Berlin-Danzig and Danzig-Stettin railroads.

The capture of Konitz placed Rokossovsky's forces across the lower Vistula and far to the west of it in

## 2,500 Heavies Sent Deep Into Reich; Cottbus Battered

Continuing direct support of Russian armies on the Eastern Front, almost 2,500 American and British heavy bombers Wednesday night and yesterday again smashed at German industry and communications. The new assaults raised to more than 5,000 the total of heavy bomber sorties flown in 48 hours.

In the two days and nights up to dusk yesterday, more than 12,500 Allied fighters and bombers attacked targets along the East and West Fronts to make the present aerial offensive one of the greatest of all time.

### Dresden Hit Anew

Eighth AF heavies, 1,100 strong and escorted by 450 Mustangs, yesterday attacked Dresden, 50 miles ahead of Marshal Koniev's troops and already burning from previous U.S. and RAF attacks. Also attacked was the important rail center of Cottbus, between Dresden and Frankfurt-on-Oder. Cottbus is a supply-shuttle point feeding the Eastern Front.

The U.S. assaults followed massive night attacks by the RAF, which sent out 1,300 heavies for the second night in succession to blast the key industrial and communications center of Chemnitz, southwest of Dresden, and the synthetic oil plant at Rositz, south of Leipzig. Twenty-two bombers were reported lost.

RAF crewmen said that Chemnitz, desperately needed by the Germans for collecting and regrouping troops to be thrown against the Russian drive, was heavily hit.

### Three Bridges Bombed

Approximately 100 Ninth AF mediums yesterday attacked three Western Front bridges spanning the Ahr river at Sinzig, southeast of Bonn, and the Moselle River at Mayen and Bremm, near Coblenz. One medium was missing.

Three hundred and fifty Ninth AF fighter-bombers ranged along rail lines west of the Rhine, claiming 236 rail cars destroyed and 313 damaged. One fighter-bomber was lost.



Driving within 75 miles of Berlin, Marshal Koniev's armies yesterday captured Sommerfeld. In his westward push toward Dresden, his units were reported at Goerlitz.



# THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

## Direct Report to GI Joe

At a recent luncheon of the Shriner's Club in Philadelphia, I was called upon for a few remarks and observations on my recent tour of the European and Mediterranean Theater of Operations.

And like many quotations given in the recent presidential campaign, which were circulated for the purpose of creating a false impression, I was quoted as saying "that not a hundred men of the million and a half American soldiers, constituting those fronts, were concerned or wanted to come home under the rotation plan." Or words to that effect.

Let me say here and now, nothing could be farther from the truth. No American soldier overseas, would be true to his heritage, if he did not always harbor in his heart the longing desire to be back with his loved ones. After viewing the hardships our boys are enduring and the sacrifices they are making, I endeavored to impress on my guests the splendid attitude of our troops by stating "That among the million and a half American soldiers, constituting these fronts, I didn't find a hundred who wouldn't give up even their rotation or furlough home if they felt it would end the war—one day sooner." While on the home front I find that attitude of sacrifice solely lacking, in some individuals, in fact to such an extent that we find it necessary to pass a National Service act.

About a week ago, a staff officer of the 82nd Airborne, Div. stated: "It may seem corny, but it is literally true that some of the boys didn't want to go home—at least not at that particular moment. They were naturally reluctant to leave their buddies. They were especially reluctant to do so when those guys were tangling with the Germans in a whale of a fight." So that my opinion is shared by responsible military command, that the one thing our boys hold so dear will be gladly sacrificed if the conditions of battle so demand.—Congressman John Edward Sheridan, Mil. Aff. Committee.

## Convert

Heretofore, when some chronic griper would learnedly compare things American with the British, this lowly person could usually find something to help things along. My pet peeve with the British was—they were so SLOW. I've just read the British Demobilization Plan and now I do declare: No more will I be an ass; no more shall I bray like an ass; I shall pull in my ears; Amen.

Hell's fire, the British will have had their soldiers demobilized and said soldiers will have become fathers twice over before we know what the score is.

We're seriously considering British citizenship.—1st Sgt. S. L. Marvin (and 9 others.—Ed.)

## Everything for the Front

I take a very dim view of some of your remarks in your editorial "Notes on Trench Foot—Type II." Agree 100% on your remarks as to the priority on supplies for the soldier on the actual front and the actual treason of stealing supplies.

But when you say "Too many combat clothes in offices. Too many radios in private rooms. Too much stuff topside. Not enough down below, etc., etc." that is rabble-rousing writing, not taking into account or considering actual facts. The type of story that tends to create a chasm between the soldiers of the armies and the soldiers supplying them. They are all of the same stock and 99 percent of them assigned to the jobs they are on by the breaks of the Army classification system.

When you refer to "combat clothes in offices"—remember those men in offices who have to be out in the field, and also see that supplies get through. Do you want them to wear pinks in the field?

"Too many radios in private rooms—" Those radios, when soldiers are lucky enough to have them, happen to be personal radios bought by the people having them and for broadcast reception only, which does not happen to be the type required in the field. You say "too much stuff topside. Not enough down below." That's pure unadulterated hogwash and the sort of stuff that makes the men, getting the supplies through, heartsick. Ninety-nine percent of them are breaking their necks getting the supplies through and, as far as the Signal Corps is concerned, getting the message through, too.

Let's stop that sort of half-truth and concentrate on the main job—doing our assigned mission so that we can finish this mess and get home.—Lt. Col. George Lennox, Signal Corps.

... To me it was one of the most constructive things you have printed.—Maj. Gen. M. Eddy, XII Corps.

Here's a solid round of applause for your editorial on "Trench Foot—Type II." I am sure you echo the sentiments and the legitimate bitches of every footslogger on the front.—Pfc J. Lehrer, Inf.

I hope that you never let up on the fight. No doubt you will make some enemies through your editorial.—Pvt. J. Sussman, T.D. Bn.

Most men possessing a pair of combat boots (or what have you) would take the boots off their feet and hand them to a line soldier if they saw him personally and knew he needed them. The reason we don't "turn this stuff in" is because we are afraid it won't get in the right hands.

Let's get a drive started to collect all these items and send the results up to the line. It ruins my digestion and disposition to see all the fancy specialized items of clothing and equipment adorning the desks and persons of the troops back here.—Lt. Col. L. W. Powers, MP Bn.

I'm afraid it's a hopeless job because, unless you've been at the front, in a foxhole, subjected to small-arms, mines, booby-traps, artillery and mortar fire, you can't appreciate the difficulties and hardships of the infantry soldier. Just imagine the complaints and gripes you'd get if you had a group of men dig holes in the ground and sleep there for just one night. I don't mean up at the front. A hole in the ground on the outskirts of Paris or London would suffice. Yet you must know that supplies of all sorts are diverted or delayed.

I hope the cigarette scandal we are told about is not a true or even a faint indication of what may be happening to other supplies. I have been the regimental surgeon here for quite some time and each day my respect and admiration for the front line boys grows by leaps and bounds.

Everything good should go to them first!—Maj. D. K. Adler, Inf.

## An Editorial

# The Squad and 'Art'

THE squad attacked in field jackets, OD pants and combat boots. With helmets on their heads and six bandoliers of clean, un-bent ammo over each man's shoulders. And grenades dangling all over. Light. Fast. Stripped for action.

They toted no fancy stuff. No razors. No shaving cream nor shaving lotion. No anything. Except the stuff it takes to kill Germans.

They had no combs, no mirrors. No polish. No whisk brooms. So that through the grime of battle there crept the stubble of a beard. And chaff from the straw clung to their tousled hair and clothes. And there were mud and stains all over them. And here and there a little blood.

The water froze in their canteens. There was ice in the jerricans, too. Coffee was too precious to wash with. And snow isn't much good to scrape off the dirt and the beard.

And so there were clots in the corners of their eyes. And oozy stuff in their noses. And dirt in their ears. And bristles on their cheeks: It was that way with everybody. With the squad, the captain and the battalion commander too. Because when they weren't fighting,



"I've given you th' best years o' me life."

they were working. And when they weren't working—well, for those few precious minutes they slept.

After a few days, up came a copy of The Stars and Stripes. With an "Up Front with Mauldin" picture with whiskers. Dirt. And circles under the eyes. The squad laughed. Outside they laughed. But inside they didn't.

For the squad knew "Art" when they saw it. The mirror held up to truth. Showing the world the indecency of war.

They laughed. With the humor of Americans. And they respected the cartoon for its honesty. And they wished they had hot water and a blade and soap. And a chance to clean up and become men again.

## Jugoslavs Rally Around Tito To Start Rebuilding of Nation

The following was written by a representative of the Sifton newspapers of Canada, who was one of a small group of war correspondents recently admitted into Yugoslavia by Marshal Tito.

By Maurice Western  
BELGRADE, Feb. 15.—The Yugoslav people are uniting around the government and tackling the problems of reconstruction energetically. As a result of the Crimea Conference, they anticipate an

early solution of the regency question.

The country has not turned to Communism. On the contrary, it is clear that the Jugoslavs, under Marshal Tito's leadership, are choosing an independent course, socially, economically and nationally.

People once opposed to Tito now say that many reforms are long overdue. Some former supporters of Gen. Mihailovich are convinced that he dealt with the Germans, and some remark: "Mihailovich is finished. Had he won you would have seen the persecution of democratic elements in Belgrade."

Jugoslavia is stirred with a renaissance that is bridging the gulf between nationalities. Undoubtedly the liberal attitude of Tito himself has contributed to this lessening of opposition.

## Subasic on Way to Belgrade

LONDON, Feb. 15 (AP).—Premier Ivan Subasic and other members of the Yugoslav government-in-exile left London before daybreak today en route to Belgrade to merge themselves with Marshal Tito's national liberation committee. King Peter did not accompany the group.

## Births

Folks at Home Send These GIs Swift News of St. Nick's Arrival:

L. T. Emanuel F. Glickman, Nyack, N.Y.  
L. —Correction: It's a boy, Barry Stuart;  
Sgt. Philip Padgett, Pensacola, Fla.—N.  
Philip Tanton, Feb. 11; Maj. Hartley Grim,  
Rockville Center, N.Y.—Kathryn, Feb. 10;  
Sgt. Frederick O'Donnell, Boston—Ruth,  
Feb. 9; R. W. Blair, Los Angeles—boy,  
Feb. 3; Pfc Roy C. Simpson Kemmerer,  
Wyoming—Ron Clark, Jan. 27; Pfc Anthony  
Ingenito, Brooklyn—boy, Feb. 6;  
2/Lt. Robert J. Dunn, Sioux Falls, S.Dak.  
—Robert Joseph, Feb. 7; S/Sgt. W. D.  
Houser, Oklahoma City—William Freder-  
rick, Feb. 7; Sgt. Charles Sapienza, Bronx  
—Frances, Jan. 25; T/Sgt. Harry Quick,  
Morristown, N.J.—Peter David, Jan. 31;  
Lt. Leroy J. Malloy, Independence, O.—  
girl, Feb. 7; Sgt. John M. Coleman, Chi-  
cago—boy, Feb. 10; Pvt. Leonard J. Lint-  
ner, Gnadenhutten, O.—boy; Sgt. H.  
Freil, Brooklyn, N.Y.—Marie, Oct. 27; Pfc  
Ben F. Anderson—Benjamin Joseph, Dec.  
4; S/Sgt. Reed Akers, Norfolk, Va.—  
Arthur, Dec. 4; Pvt. Florian Kus, Chicago  
—Lee Gregory, Dec. 9.

## PUP TENT POETS

### On the Snow There's Blood

Belgium in winter, white with a thick blanket of snow.  
Beautiful, feathery, iced crystals dropped from heaven  
Upon the hills and trees in perfect patterns of symmetry.  
But on the snow there's blood.

The trees of the Ardennes—beeches, dwarf oaks and pines;  
So thick, so varied, so multitudinous.

One great forest of Christmas trees all together.

But on the trees there's blood.

The flat earth, the valleys, the hills with contours fascinatingly mysterious—  
A view from the summit of one is a panorama of loveliness—  
There is unforgettable elegance in these hills.

But on the hills there's blood.

Churches, many of them, and cathedrals a few, with  
Their tall spires like hands reaching up to heaven, pleading with the God above,  
Stained-glass windows, golden altars, carved woodwork,  
Historic spots where men have worshipped generation after generation.

But in the churches there's blood.

Beauty is robbed of beauty because there's blood.  
Are we at an impasse like Lady Macbeth

With blood-spots that won't wash out?

Or can we stop the flow of blood upon Belgium—  
And all the places of the earth  
For everywhere God meant for men to enjoy beauty.

What do you say—blood or beauty?  
—Chaplain Lawrence Fitzgerald.



"Kee-ripes! Lookit them!"

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**This Was America Yesterday:**

# Deans Fret As 4Fs Quit Colleges for War Jobs

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—College heads from such representative schools as Columbia, Fordham, Dartmouth and U. of Pennsylvania expressed concern today over the fact that many 4-Fs already are leaving school for war jobs as a result of discussions of the pending May bill.

The New York Times indicated that numbers of 4-Fs in U. S. colleges range from ten to 50 percent of total male civilian enrollments. However, while expressing the hope that 4-Fs will be permitted to continue their studies under the limited National Service legislation, almost without exception college leaders pledged support for the measure.

In Raleigh, N.C., "Hitler," symbolic snake, symbolically died following the Yalta conference. Hitler is the state museum's four-foot canebrake rattler. Harry Davis, museum director, said the snake had been in failing health for six months, and went on a hunger strike out of pure meanness while President Roosevelt was away. This leaves only three of the famous snakes named in 1943 ceremonies, "Tojo," "Hirohito" and "Mussolini." Mussolini, a timber rattler, is ill.

## Army Life Just One '13' After Another

FROM McCloskey General Hospital, in Texas, comes the tale of Pvt. Robert Tipton, of Hendersonville, N.C. Tipton entered the Army Oct. 13, 1942. He went to France, June 13, 1944, was wounded Nov. 13. Doctors removed 13 pieces of shrapnel, and he's recovering in Bed No. 13.

In Pittsburgh, Mrs. Ruth Suehr returned home after attending a mass for her husband, Capt. Richard C. Suehr, reported to have been killed in action Jan. 1 in the South Pacific. In the morning mail she found a letter in her husband's handwriting. It was dated January 31. Check at the War Department revealed he is safe and still piloting his P38.

IT wasn't a booby trap, but after this Alfred Grenier, clerk in a war plant office at Andover, Mass., will be careful. He pressed the lever of what he thought was a paper stapler. It turned out to be a tear gas gun, kept handy in case thieves should try to grab the payroll. Yes, he cried and cried.

In Winceser, Ind., Mrs. Maggie Millard Deeds, on the eve of her golden wedding day, hit her husband over the head with a stick of trewood because he refused to go out to the henhouse for eggs. She went herself, and when she returned she found her husband unconscious. She is now held on an assault charge.

## Mama Cow Cried for Baby

MOTHER love is a wonderful thing. But it disturbed the sleep of residents of Harris Ave., Kansas City. The mother was a cow belonging to Mrs. Everett Gordon, and its lamenting when a calf was taken away made the night hideous for neighbors. After they complained to the sheriff, Mrs. Gordon agreed to repurchase the calf, provide it with a muzzle and return it to the bereaved bovine.

Last week we reported that Big Bill Tilden was contemplating a tennis comeback. Today an advertisement appears for an exhibition doubles to be played at Park Avenue Armory, New York, on Saturday. Tilden's opponents will be John N. O'Grady and Vin Richards. His partner will be Errol Flynn.

Tule Lake, Calif., headquarters of two illegal pro-Japan societies at a segregation center were raided yesterday and police discovered made Japanese flags and records of the societies. They removed members of the societies to a Department of Justice internment camp.

Back here in the U.S. cars are beginning to rattle from old age, but I.R. Danielson, of Malibu Beach, Calif., discovered a new kind. He captured a four-foot rattler with 14 rattles and one button, put it into the trunk of his automobile and started to deliver it to the University of Southern California. On the way it burrowed its way into the upholstery of the car. It took three hours to dismantle the interior and recapture the snake.

# U.S. Refuses Priority Rating For Violation of WLB Order

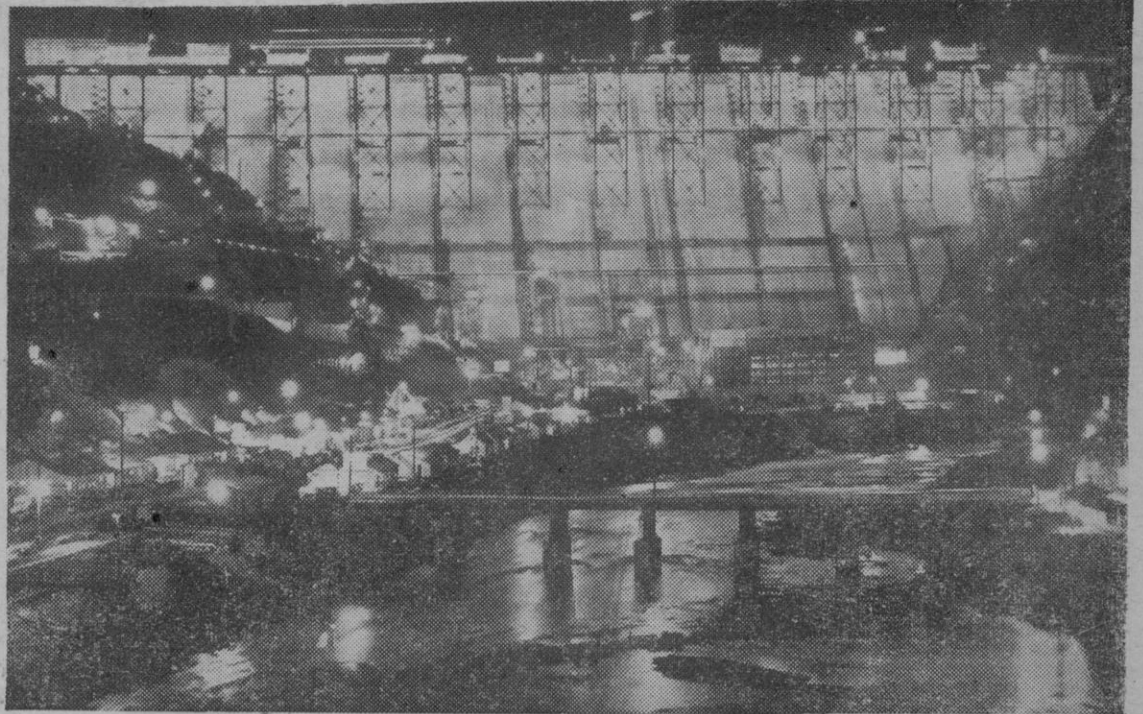
WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (ANS).—Using a new weapon to crack down on violators of War Labor Board orders, the government today canceled Army-Navy war contracts held by the Ea Laboratories, Inc., of Brooklyn, and denied the firm priority assistance. The crack-down came last night from Fred M. Vinson, director of economic stabilization, who acted under an executive order which empowers him to use such directives. Vinson said the government had two weapons "in our arsenal"—the denial of priority assistance and government seizure. He indicated that the government may use the latter procedure more sparingly than in the Montgomery Ward and other cases. Ea Laboratories manufacture electrical equipment.

## In U.S.—He Longs for England



And he's got a good reason. After serving in combat in France for five months, Sgt. Gregory Tissier is back in the States for a 30-day furlough—his first in four years—but he wants to get to England to visit his wife and two-month-old son. En route from France to the U.S. he was allowed only an eight-minute conversation on the telephone after his attempts to change the furlough to visit England were unsuccessful.

## Bright Lights Keep Workers Going Nights in Dam Construction



Work goes on under lights on the Fontana Dam of the TVA project. It will be highest dam east of the Rocky Mountains, towering 480 feet from bedrock. At the outset it was figured that it would take 27 months to construct the dam. A good peacetime schedule would be from four to five years.

# George Bill Forwarded to Floor of House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (ANS).—The full membership of the House was scheduled to begin debate today on the George bill—a measure that would cut in half the work and responsibilities of Henry A. Wallace if and when he is confirmed as Secretary of Commerce.

By a six-to-four vote, the House Rules Committee late yesterday sent to the floor the measure to divorce the RFC from the Commerce Department. Chairman Adolph Sabath (D-Ill.) predicted the House would pass the bill today, although many of its members are openly hostile to Wallace.

The Rules Committee thus refused to bottle up the divorce measure until after the Senate votes Mar. 1 on Wallace's nomination. Critics hoped this way the Senate would reject Wallace rather than give him command of lending agencies.

### Called Democratic Victory

The Rules Committee's vote, according to the Associated Press, was considered a victory for the Democratic leadership in that it apparently improved Wallace's chances to enter the Cabinet although without powers inherent in the RFC.

As it went to the House, the legislation did not provide for the safety of the Republican-sponsored amendments designed to curb further the secretary's activities. Democrats succeeded in rejecting the opposition's request that its amendments be given floor consideration without parliamentary objections.

## Mischa Auer Breaks Leg While Chasing Prowler

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 15 (ANS).—Film Comedian Mischa Auer broke his leg when he chased a prowler over a backyard fence. Auer dolefully reported that he was awakened by a noise. He saw a shadowy form slinking around his estate. He took off after the prowler who retreated and hurdled a fence in one bound. Long-legged Auer tried to follow suit but tripped and broke his right leg.

### Comic Strip Creator Dies

CORINTH, Miss., Feb. 15 (ANS).—Russel Keaton, 35-year-old creator of the "Flying Jennie" comic strip, died yesterday. His wife and two daughters survive.

## Paris Wants to Shed Its Avenue de Tokyo

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (AP).—The Paris City Council today sent a Valentine to Manhattan with notice of a decision to rename the Avenue de Tokyo, on the Seine's right bank, as Avenue de New York.

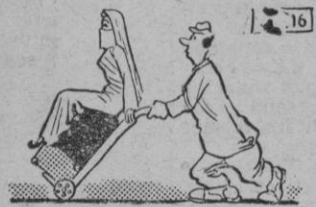
Representatives of the Manhattan and city governments will be invited to participate in ceremonies for renaming the street, which lies across the river from the Eiffel Tower.

### Walking Hock Shops

## Yanks Collect Curios Galore

NEW YORK, Feb. 15 (ANS).—Gifts sent home by soldiers have convinced Capt. Harry Krieger, officer in charge of baggage and effects at the New York POE, that "our boys around the world must be walking hock shops."

Appearing on the "We The People" radio program Krieger



listed some reasons for his "hock shop" characterization: A whale's tusk, Harem houris slippers, a stuffed seal and a camel saddle.

A jeep, which also trickled into the U.S. part by part, was okayed by the Army after it was assured the sergeant had bought the parts individually and had a bill of sale for each item.

## GI Who Wouldn't Drill Gets Reduced Sentence

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (ANS).—The original death sentence imposed by Army court martial on Pvt. Henry Weber has been reduced by the War Department to five years' imprisonment with a dishonorable discharge. Maj. Gen. Myron C. Cramer, Judge Advocate General, said the modification was made "to equalize the sentence in accord with War Department policy."

Weber was given the original sentence after refusing to drill at Camp Roberts, Calif. Following a protest by Sen. Burton K. Wheeler (D-Mont.), the court martial itself had reduced the sentence to life imprisonment at hard labor.

# Labor Leaders Speak Against May Work Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (ANS).—Labor spokesmen yesterday voiced strong opposition to the May manpower bill, and a representative of the CIO urged adoption of a substitute being drafted by Sen. Harley M. Kilgore (D-Va.) and Sen. Robert F. Wagner (D-N.Y.).

Clinton Golden, CIO legislative representative, told the Senate Military Affairs Committee that the May bill leads to totalitarianism. Lewis G. Hines, AFL representative, declared the bill would retard the war effort because it was "coercive."

Praising the substitute Golden asserted it would mobilize "the entire civilian manpower and womanpower of the U.S. and not merely the males between the ages of 18 and 45."

The substitute would authorize the War Manpower Commission to channel both male and female workers into war industries but would preserve their right to choose their own jobs.

## Chaplin's Deportation Sought by Senator

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (ANS).—Sen. William Langer (R-N.D.) today introduced a bill directing the Attorney General to investigate Charles Chaplin and determine whether the actor should be deported as an undesirable alien.

Langer contends Chaplin should be deported on the basis of his own evidence in the court suit brought by Joan Berry, who charged Chaplin was father of her child.

### Donald Nelson Weds

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (ANS).—Donald M. Nelson, 56, former WPB chairman and now special Presidential advisor on international economic affairs, was married last night to Marguerite S. Coulbourn, 26, his former secretary. Nelson was divorced five weeks ago in Chicago.

# Bulk of U.S. Civilians Agree Their Sacrifices Are Minor

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau  
NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Today Dr. George Gallup published results of a poll which provides the key to the home front picture, showing on one hand unthinking vacationers in luxury places, and on the other hand a magnificent record of production.

It showed, in addition, an overall desire for unfettered opportunity for returning service people, and growing awareness of the part the country must play in the postwar world.

A question asked of Americans was: "Have you had to make any real sacrifices for the war?" And 64 percent of those asked replied, "No."

Of the 36 percent who said they had made sacrifices, the majority were those who had lost relatives in the armed forces, those who had suffered financial reverses on account of the war, and some who

mentioned shortages and rationing. Very small, in proportion, was the number of people who gave frivolous answers, such as having to get along without Nylons—given by a Detroit stenographer—and the complaint that "all my boy friends are overseas, so I can't get married"—given by a Dayton, Ohio, waitress.

On the other hand, consider Merchant Marine Lt. Charles Howard, who arrived in San Francisco on a 15-day leave. He couldn't get gas for the car he had rented. He had to wait 15 minutes to make a phone call, and stood for ten minutes in other queues.

He couldn't find a place to stand at downtown bars. The city was too noisy. He couldn't buy cigarettes. Today, after three days of civilian hardship, he signed up on a ship headed for the battlezone, where he said, there was "a semblance of peace."





You Name It, He's Got It

C. O. G. 335th Inf., 84th Div., boasts the possession of a one-man mobile PX in Pvt. Ira M. Richardson. While going through his pockets in what they term the interests of "pure academic science," S/Sgt. Edward Mayer and Pfc. George W. Dowsley and Ralph E. Charnley claim they uncovered the following:

Loose pictures (3), German field pictures (4), You know whis (40), aftermats thereof (2), books, pocket size (5), old letters (3), V-mail sheets (2), combs (3), mirror (1), scissors (1 pair), cigars (2), cigarette, packages (6), cigarette case (1), match boxes (5), books of matches (14), pocketbook (1), cigarette paper books (2), packs of razor blades (5), safety razor (1), pencils (10), bottle of ink (1), pocket knives (4), cigarette lighters (2), harmonica (1), neckties, Army (2).

Good Conduct Ribbon (1), rifle cleaning equipment (1 set), soap (1 bar), face cloth (1), D rations (4), bundles of string (6), coat hook (1), shoe laces (3), legging lace (1), cellophane bags (16), K rations D bars (6), boxes of caramels (2), lifesavers, packs (2), dice, pair (1), skeleton keys (2), safety pins (3), C rations keys (22), buttons, assorted (10), can openers (1), assorted candy (114).

Chiclets (4), Charms, packages (2), peanut bars (2), crumbled Hershey bar (1), fruit bars (2), fork (1), spoon (1), bouillon powders (9), synthetic orange juice packs (3), synthetic lemon juice packs (7), bundle of tissue paper (6), sticks of gum (20), synthetic coffee (5), Halozone tablets (200), K-ration cracker units (3), sugar lumps (28), anti-motion pill packages (1), handkerchiefs (4), can of chopped ham and eggs (1), can of Vienna sausage (1), can of dubbing (1), tie pin (1), celluloid ring (1), nails (2), tacks (1), lapel insignia (2), Inserts for M1 rifle minus stock (1), gauze (1).

Play-Time

PAPER-DOLL cut-outs, jacks, marbles, a "Yo-Yo," numerous other ten-cent gadgets which delight the simple hearts of very young children, were recently received by Sgt. Thomas W. Spicknall, Jr., of Louisville, and the 87th "Acorn" Inf. Div., who embarrassedly opened the package before an audience of drooling sweets-expecting buddies.

The sergeant, who headedly swears that he has not played with toys since he was a Pfc, explained he had his wife send them for some French children who lived near his former station.

Sgt. Spicknall now offers the toys to Yanks who are either bored with the war or in need of equipment for their recreation pits.

Now He's Doubling in Brass

Pfc Henry J. Brabinsky was assistant concert master for the Dallas Symphony Orchestra and director of strings instruction in Dallas public schools before he joined the Army.

Now he makes the welkin ring as a cannoneer.

Did Anyone Receive a Gig?

A patrol of C Troop, of a Cav. Recon Sq., recently conducted what they considered one of the weirdest inspections ever held.

Entering the town of Berg, France, the patrol was impressed by the apparent lack of civilians. As they cautiously approached the first building they were startled by the sound of a window being raised. Three guns went up quickly and covered the window.

Instead of the muzzle of a Mauser protruding from the opened window, there appeared a white bath towel, with a serious-faced Frenchman holding it up as if it were to be inspected.

Simultaneously, the window on the opposite side of the street was thrown open, and the same procedure was repeated. As they came in front of each house a window would open and a serious-faced Frenchman would appear.

After traveling the entire length of the street, the soldiers paused and looked back. In perfect dress a white towel was fluttering from each house. During the entire trip not a word had been uttered nor a sound heard, other than the opening of one window in each house.

A Real Hot Potato

Digging potatoes near his 23rd Inf. anti-tank gun position, Pfc Olen H. Walker started to drop one in the sack when he noticed that it was heavier than the others, scraping the mud off he found he was holding a German anti-personnel mine.

He laid it gently on the ground and walked gingerly out of the minefield.

Well, They Asked for It

INTELLIGENCE officers of the Tenth Recon Gp have been told that no detail of the missions are too small to report, and they take that advice literally. A report describing how 2/Lt. Wayne S. Patrick, of Saybrook, Conn., had his P51 shot down near American front lines concluded:

"Weapon Co. of 76th Div. picked him up, and he went by jeep to regiment, division, corps CPs, and 19th TAC, and then to base. Lt. Patrick had a steak dinner at regimental hqs., ice cream at the 19th TAC."

Two Nazis Become 'It'

WHEN the 94th Inf. Div. made its recent thrust into Tettingen, Pvt. Konstantin Borg of Co. C, 319th Engrs., strolled up to a Nazi-held house, casually crooning, "Come out, come out, wherever you are."

Two Nazis vacated the house and surrendered.

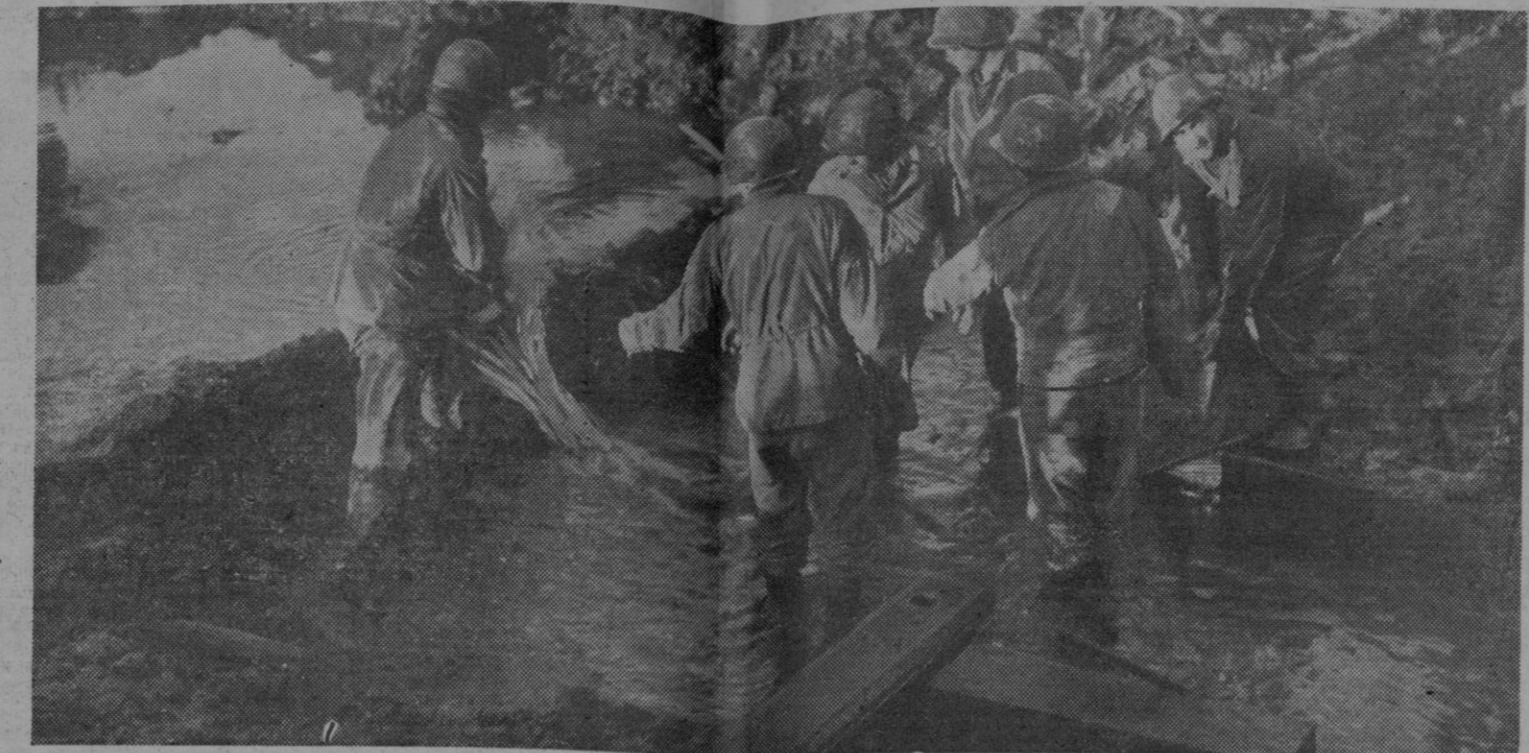
Weather Whips Up Muddy Menu From Icy Ingredients



U.S. Army engineer completes fastening of "apron" for a barbed-wire entanglement in Hatmat, France. Mud made work difficult but assured a sturdy setup when ground hardens.



Traffic was bogged down by mud, so Pvt. Ray Shaffer, with sledge, and Pvt. Edward Capazi, engineers of the 102d Div., were forced to fill mudholes to keep the traffic rolling at Ubach, Germany.



It became necessary for these combat engineers to install a culvert to prevent a road from being flooded in St. Vith, Belgium. Warm weather created a thaw and water threatened to wash out the road. They piled up mud, rocks and timber to hold it off.



Plowing through the mud on way to the front, U.S. engineer vehicle found the going gooey. Warm weather made the snowy and icy roads very wet indeed.

Here's how it was before the heat was on. Tankmen of the Seventh Arm Div. are shown driving through deep snowdrifts to gas up their tank from a truck near Weeps, Belgium.

Duckbills Keep Tanks Rolling

A theoretical drawing, speedy and effective Allied co-operation and immediate necessity proved a winning combination when American tanks were bogged down in the autumn mud. Maj. Gen. Henry B. Sayler, Chief of Ordnance of ETO, revealed yesterday.

An old manual showed a drawing of a "duckbill" which would have the same effect as snow shoes when attached to tank treads. Gen. Patton's experts had Third Army craftsmen hand-forged five models which were sent to Ad. Sec. Com Z, with orders for immediate production of several hundred thousand.

Within 24 hours, three contracts with Belgian factories were made. By the first of the year, 20 French and Belgian firms had produced more than a million "duckbills."

And the tanks kept rolling. Under a greatly expanded program, French and Belgian factories are starting to produce several hundred thousand items. More than 30,000 bazookas, 7,000 mortars, 150,000 spark plugs, 25,000 bayonets, thousands of batteries, small-arms parts, artillery fire-control devices and other items have been produced and delivered.

Each cycle in which the factory changed hands was exactly the same, yet the Germans didn't seem to catch on. A platoon led by Lt. John A. McCarthy, of New York, would advance in early dawn under the guidance of S/Sgt. Richard W. Grooms, of McKenzie, Tenn.

They'd overpower the lone sentry—there was always one lone sentry—and then rush the factory. The place was so constructed that it was always safer for the Jerries to give up rather than flee into the open. So they took the easy way out. Six men would be left behind by the platoon, one man out in front in a trench with a machine-gun. The Jerries would counter-attack in company strength in the afternoon, the dough on the outside would give the alarm, and the Yanks would get out of there. They sustained some casualties but never left any prisoners.

The doughs—under squad leaders Sgt. Vincent D'Angelo, of Hartford, Conn., and Sgt. Jose Casserez, from Texas—got so familiar with the factory that they knew which posts to jump behind as they entered and in which of the building's elaborate offices they could usually find Jerries.

Yet there is a limit to fooling even the Germans. Monday morning our 155s tossed white phosphorous shells into the factory and burned it down. As McCarthy explained it, "The Jerries were getting wise to the gag and we figured it wouldn't work any more."

One of the many places where WACs are serving is the African Gold Coast, where 159 were flown from the U.S. recently.

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"I never knew how safe a foxhole was," he said.

Some of 'Big 3 Million' From Front Discuss Crimea and Other Topics

GIS Loudly Claim Woman's Place Is in the Home

By John R. Wilhelm, Chicago Sun Writer

WITH 82nd AIRBORNE DIV., Germany, Feb. 15.—If you take the almost unanimous views of the American soldier on the Western Front, the American woman's place is in the home.

Outraged GIS protested lustily along the entire American front today after The Stars and Stripes headlined a New York item: "Woman's Place Not Home, 11,690,000 Gals Tell Poll."

The item said: "Does your little woman plan to remain at her lathes after you're mustered out? According to one of Dr. Gallup's latest polls, chances are she does. The Bureau of Census says 15,000,000 women are working and the Poll indicates that 11,000,000 of them intend to continue after the war."

And then the item wound up with this provoking comment: "There was no indication that Dr. Gallup polled absent GI husbands to find out what they think of the idea."

Well, this correspondent, who happened to be with one of the toughest and oldest paratroop divisions who fought through Africa, Sicily, Normandy and now Germany, didn't have to interview anyone—everywhere he turned during the day the air was reverberating with smoking-hot comment. Typical was that of one young but veteran paratrooper:

"They better get back in the kitchen or we'll blow the joint when we get home."

Paratrooper Stanley Baranowski, of Chicago, said: "I think it's a damn shame. If they want to keep jobs, next war we'll let them fight and we'll stay home."

Sgt. William Lange, of Dubuque, Iowa, whose wife has a war job now, said: "I don't care what she voted—when I hit home, back she goes into the kitchen."

Only one paratrooper of dozens interviewed came out and said, "Let women work." That was S/Sgt. Manfred Steinfeld, of Chicago, who said he plans to return to the University of Illinois and that he'd be happy to see girls keep on at lathes. He said:

"If I go back to school I can find a girl who wants to support me working a lathe or elsewhere, and that would be swell. Tell any girls interested to write me a letter."

Col. R. H. Wienecke, of Glencoe, Ill., said: "I think girls won't hold that opinion long when our boys get back."

T. Sgt. Mike Cozmanoff, of Crown Point, Ind., said: "God bless the women. I can't understand them. Maybe there aren't going to be enough husbands to go around, but still, I don't really believe that they mean it. It's just something on their mind, and you know women."

WITH FIFTH INF. DIV., Luxembourg, Feb. 15.—The quality of the reinforcements arriving on the western battlefront from the U.S. is the best since D-Day, according to Capt. Fred H. Bomkamp, classification officer for the Fifth Div. Bomkamp has the job of assigning men from reinforcement pools to the Red Diamond Div., and he described the new men who came to him in January as "young, strong and in good physical condition after their 17 weeks of basic training. He praised the course as "a great benefit to both the man and the outfit he joins."

The captain also reported on Fifth Div. casualties, 70 percent of whom, he said, eventually return to duty. Each division, he pointed out, is as anxious to get its veterans back as the men themselves are to return.

WITH NINTH INF. DIV.—Pfc Floyd Deitchler, of Los Vegas, Nev., was one of the most envied men of his weapons company in the Ninth Inf. Div.

He had a pair of German leather boots and a full-length mirror. The boots were perfect for mudslogging, and the mirror—well, it was a reminder of civilian days.

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France's Perfume Boxes Put to Work by ASC

HQ. U.S. ASC.—French industry has turned over thousands of special perfume boxes to the Air Service Command to ship delicate aircraft instruments. The instruments will be used to replace those damaged in bombing missions carried out from U.S. bases in Britain.

Home Best For Wives, Say Soldiers

By James Cannon, Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH FIFTH INF. DIV., Feb. 15.—Married riflemen of this division today disagreed with Rep. James Fulton (R-Pa.) who thinks ETO visits by soldiers' wives would skyrocket morale.

"It's tough enough leaving them the first time when you ship overseas," said Pfc Robert Miller, of Mansfield, Ohio. "It would be murder to have your wife come over for a visit. You'd just be getting used to her again, then you'd have to go back into the line."

"I am dying to see my wife, but I'll sweat it out a little more," said Pfc George Hatfield, of Flint, Mich. "I don't want my wife to see what I'm going through. Anyway, we need the space the wives would take up for war materials."

No Place for a Wife

"It's bad enough for us to see it," said Pfc Harold Auld, of Dubois, Pa. "No siree, this is no place for any wife of mine."

"I don't know whether my wife is alive or dead," said Pvt. William Smith, of Sheffield, Ala. "She was going to have a baby the last I heard, and I don't know how she is. I'd sure love to see her, but not here, Jack, not here."

"Under different conditions, yes," said Sgt. F. McCann, of Harrisburg, Pa. "Maybe for the rear echelon boys. But I'm a rifleman, and there's no place for my wife in this hell of a life."

"This is enough for one in a family of two," said Sgt. George Moore, of Toms River, N.J. "It would boost my morale to see her, but it boosts it more to know she is safe."

Front No Place for Family

"I'd like to see my wife, but only where I left her," said Pfc Herbert Jones of Little Rock, Ark.

"I want to be a family man," said Raymond Jones, of Greenville, Tenn. "But how in the hell can you be a family man and fight a war at the same time? I'll wait until it is over, thank you."

Pfc Andrew Cicco, of Philadelphia, thinks Fulton's plan might destroy his home life forever. He said:

"You know how the guys fall for French broads. Well, what's stopping the wives from falling for the Frenchmen if they come over? I don't want to take any chances with my old lady."

From the Third Army front, S and S Correspondent Pat Miteanel quoted Pvt. John A. Banks, Detroit, Fourth Arm Div. infantryman:

"From a combat point of view, the Big Three statement doesn't help us out at all. The German resistance—the backbone of German resistance—still don't know whether they will be slaves when the war is over."

S & S Correspondent Dan Regan reported soldier comment from the U.S. First Army.

Pfc Wayne E. Johnson, of Highpoint, N.C., 18th Regt., said:

"The Germans should have to pay for all this damage and pay hard. No punishment is too hard. I hope all the good points they decided upon aren't just left on paper, but carried out to the fullest extent."

Ten Groggy Pups for Sally



Capt. Samuel Y. Brown, (left) and Capt. Carlisle B. Hughes Jr., who performed a caesarian operation on Sally, watch her and the pups.

A FIRST TAF BOMBER BASE, France, Feb. 15.—Sally, the terrier mascot of this B26 Marauder Group, is a mother today, thanks to the skill of two group surgeons who made possible the birth of a litter of ten pups by a caesarian operation.

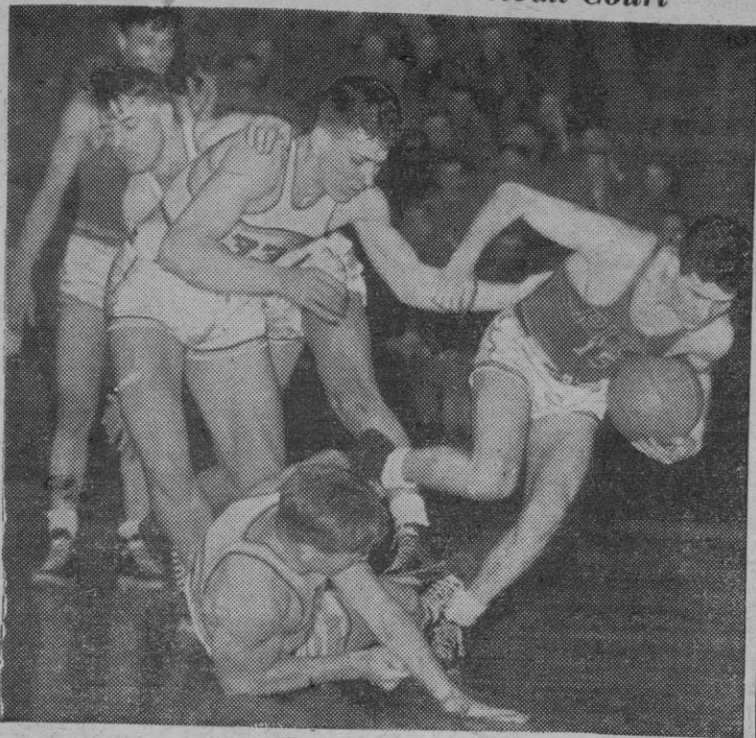
The attending physicians were Capt. Samuel Y. Brown, formerly

an obstetrical specialist in Atlanta, and Capt. Carlisle B. Hughes of Orlando, Fla., assisted by S/Sgt. James V. Norborn, of Galva, Ill.

Norborn did such a thorough job of administering the ether that the pups themselves were knocked out by the fumes and had to be revived after their abnormal delivery.



Grid Tactics on the Basketball Court



Forward Nate Apple (15), of the University of Pittsburgh, takes off with the finesse of a football halfback after stealing the ball from Army Guard Bobby Dobbs (on floor) and Center Harold Crossman (33) in a recent game played at West Point. The Cadets won, 71-51.

Army Wins 27th Straight, Navy 9th, in Cage Tests

WEST POINT, N.Y., Feb. 15.—Army staged a last-half scoring spree to beat St. John's, of Brooklyn, 56-39, for its 27th straight basketball victory, before 4,500 at the fieldhouse here last night.

After finishing the first half on the wrong end of a 35-19 score, the Brooklyn Redmen found the range and narrowed the Cadets' margin to three points, 35-32, after ten minutes in the second half were gone. At this point St. John's lost Bill Kotsoros on personals and the Cadets pulled out ahead.

Dale Hall led the Army that netted 17 straight points. Hale shot four field goals during the game, and had 20 points for the game, with John Nance second with 16 points. Hymie Gotkin led St. John's with 11 points and Kotsoros had ten before getting the heave-ho.

Robinson KO's Costner in 1st

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Ray "Sugar" Robinson of New York, uncrowned king of the welterweight division, knocked out George Costner, of Cincinnati, in the first round of a scheduled ten-round bout at the stadium here, ending Costner's string of 23 straight knockouts.

Robinson tore into his younger opponent at the start and finished him off at 2:55. After tying up Costner at close range, Robinson stepped back and fired two dynamite-laden left hooks to the youngster's jaw and school was out for the evening.

A crowd of 29,193 paid \$94,120 to see the fight.

Quinn, 75, Quits As Braves' Prexy

BOSTON, Feb. 15.—Bob Quinn celebrated his 75th birthday yesterday with the announcement that he was retiring as general manager of the Boston Braves. However, he doesn't intend to sit around waiting for his arteries to harden.

Buffalo Gardener Led Int. Batters

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Edward Mayo Smith, 30-year-old Buffalo Bison outfielder and veteran of 12 minor league seasons, won the batting crown in the International League in 1944 with an average of .340, according to the official figures released by the league office today.

A native of New London, Mo., Smith added 79 points to his 1943 average and was rewarded by being drafted by the Philadelphia Athletics for next season.

Smith made 170 hits, including 30 doubles, four triples and eight homers, and knocked in 55 runs. He bats left-handed.

Marshall Cage Squad Depleted by Draft

COLLEGE PARK, Md., Feb. 15.—The University of Maryland athletic office announced last night that Friday night's scheduled basketball game against Marshall College of Huntington, W.Va., has been canceled because a number of Marshall's players had been influenced by persons having no connection with the sport.

The cancellation was explained in the following tersely worded message from the Maryland athletic office: "Most of the Marshall team has been drafted."

Once Over Lightly

By Gene Graff

CHICAGO, Feb. 15.—Somewhat like baseball's hot stove league debate over the comparative prowess of the St. Louis Cardinals' Marty Marion and Pittsburgh's old Dutchman, Honus Wagner, National Hockey League managers and owners are taking sides in favor of Howie Morenz or Maurice Richard.

Morenz, Montreal's fabulous stylist for years, is generally conceded to be hockey's counterpart of Babe Ruth and Ty Cobb. Nobody in the history of the bigtime ice game ever dared to ignore the Canadian's hero when selecting an all-time, all-star sextet. As a forward, Morenz ruled the roost for years, according to a consensus of oldtimers, who have seen 'em all.

Now there's a movement afoot in Montreal—of all places—to classify Morenz' contemporary, Richard, in the same lofty category with the old master himself. There's no questioning Richard's versatile brilliance on the blades but whether he is another Morenz is a horse of a different color.

WHEN the Toronto Maple Leafs arrived here recently to tackle the floundering Black Hawks, we popped a question at Connie Smythe, the Leafs' owner, who has been bumping around the NHL for years. He saw Morenz, perhaps too frequently, during the Great One's plush days and now he's watching Richard in action, so there is no disputing any statement he may make on the subject.

"DON'T try to sell Richard short for one moment," Smythe asserted. "But although he is a fine scorer and a steady team performer, I personally doubt he is as good as Morenz was in his prime. There was a player who had all the natural talent in the world and, what's more, he knew how to make the most of it. I'm only sorry he wasn't wearing a Toronto uniform—we sure could have used him."

Manager Paul Thompson of the Black Hawks chimed in next. "Richard is good," he said. "He is a fine shot and a helluva player inside the blue line. He can't take the puck all the way like Morenz could, however, and he can only move forward effectively while Morenz was one of the game's greatest back checkers. In my book that is a real test, just like whether a football halfback can run equally well left or right."

WHEN the Hawk prexy, Bill Tobin, also cast a ballot for Morenz, we decided Richard's constituents weren't among those present. Tobin happens to be the same gent who stirred up the controversy during the recent board of governors' meeting in Canada by stating flatly, "I never hope again to see anybody as good in their positions as Eddie Shore (defense) of Boston, Morenz (center), and Bill Cook (right) New York."

WHILE rating Richard somewhat below Morenz as a great puck artist, Tobin conceded the current Canadian is No. 1 and with Elmer Lach and Toe Blake, probably as good as the famous Morenz-Aurel Jolia-Johnny Gagnow threesome of the championship Montreal squads in 1931-32.

Then Smythe returned to the discussions. "You've gotta figure hockey's changed a lot," he said. "Morenz played against the best goalies we've ever seen and against the toughest defensemen. On the other hand, Richard has the league's best net-minder in Bill Durnam, while others are far below par, so he's able to think more about the offense."

But don't misunderstand. Any manager in the league would practically give half the club's franchise to acquire Richard's contract. That's how good he is.

Red Wings Top New York, 4-2

DETROIT, Feb. 15.—The Red Wings defeated the New York Rangers, 4-2, here last night in a National Hockey League game after grabbing the lead on Flash Hollett's two goals in the first period. Hollett scored on a pass from Murray Armstrong eight minutes after the start, and went through unassisted nine minutes later.

Jud McAtee and Herb Lindsay scored for the Wings in the last period with Mud Bruneteau and Armstrong getting assists.

Kilby MacDonald scored for the Rangers in the second period on a pass from Ott Heller, and Ab DeMarco scored in the third period, with Grant Warwick and Hank Goldup assisting.

Quaker State GIs Meet Tonight in Oise Fights

HQ., OISE SECTION.—Twelve bouts are scheduled tonight for GI fight fans, with two features topping the card. Pvt. George Smith, 145-pounder from Philadelphia, meets Cpl. Dick Mack, 145, from Harrisburg, Pa., in the main event. Both fighters are undefeated. In another windup bout, Pfc Joe Lomongion, 158, New York, will trade punches with Pvt. Samuel Logan, 160, of Rocky Mount, N.C.

Hockey Standings

Table with columns for American League, National League, Eastern Div., and Western Div., listing teams and their W, L, T, Pts records.

Navy Cracks Down on Release of Stars

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The Navy Department, in an order dated Jan. 25 and sent to all ships and stations, reserved to itself the final word on the discharge of "apparently able-bodied" athletes, it became known today. Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal attributed the Department's action—which resembles closely the previous War Department directive—to "adverse public reaction and criticism" following discharges of nationally prominent Navy personnel.

The Navy order refers not only to athletes, but to other Navy men who have been prominent in the entertainment world. The order says in part: "The discharge of certain nationally prominent persons from military services has caused adverse public reaction and criticism. To illustrate: The discharge of a well-known professional football player for physical disability was followed

immediately by his participation in professional games. Such an act obviously is subject to widespread public disapproval.

"Further, the discharge of appar-



Willie Pep and Frankie Sinkwich, nationally prominent figures to enable them to take part in activities unessential to the national health, safety and interest, cannot be justified, to the general public." Among the notable cases of

athletes discharged from the Navy, performers who resumed their athletic activities where they left off, are those of Dick Wakefield, Detroit slugger; Willie Pep, world's featherweight champion; Sammy Snead, topflight pro golfer, and Frankie Sinkwich, Detroit Lions' football player.

Wakefield, discharged when the Navy curtailed pilot training, is back in service. Pep has been drafted by the Army and Snead has a medical discharge from the Navy because of a bad back. Sinkwich was discharged from the Marines for a variety of ailments and now is awaiting results of an Army physical.

Henceforth, the final judgment on discharges will be passed by Vice Admiral Harold Jacobs, Chief of Navy Personnel; Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandergriff, Marine Corps Commandant, or Vice Admiral R. Waesche, Coast Guard Commandant.

LIU Outlasts Canisius in Garden Game

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Long Island University scored seven points in an overtime period to defeat Canisius, 61-58, in the opening game of a Madison Square Garden doubleheader here last night. A crowd of 13,000 saw CCNY down St. Joseph's, of Philadelphia, 60-49, in the afterpiece.

The Blackbirds led, 29-26, at the half and led by five minutes to go, but the Griffs turned on the heat as Bill Melvine scored a foul, then a layup, and George Doyle tied the count with a pair of fouls. Jerry Lewis hit from the field for LIU, but Doyle again deadlocked the score with a field goal. Vince Verdeschi slipped in for a layup that looked like the game for the Blackbirds, but Jimmy Degolyer fired a set shot from center court as the gun sounded, the regulation game ending at 54-44.

Elmer Benyak netted a rebound and a foul, Verdeschi made a layup and Lewis flipped in a one-hander for LIU in the overtime, while Doyle scored from the bucket and Melvin's set shot ended the scoring.

Beavers on Spree

City College, making a desperate bid for the National Invitational tournament, set a blistering pace against St. Joe's, leading all the way. Hal Korovin and Sid Finger led the Lavender cagers with 14 points apiece and Bob O'Neill scored 13 for the losers.

Navy Plans Huge Stadium

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 15.—A huge stadium, with an ultimate seating capacity of 100,000, will be constructed here after the war. Capt. Morris Gilmore, assistant director of athletics at the Naval Academy, said today. The Academy owns about 200 acres in West Annapolis, Gilmore said, and plans for the construction of the stadium were progressing when the Japs hit Pearl Harbor.

CAGE RESULTS

- List of boxing results including: Army 56, St. John's 39; Akron 69, Baldwin-Wallace 55; Cape Girardeau Techs. 52, Carbonsdale 50; Denison 59, Ohio University 36; Georgia Tech. 65, Alabama 45; Illinois Tech. 65, George Williams 58; Lafayette 41, Rutgers 29; LIU 61, Canisius 58 (overtime); Michigan State 53, Detroit 29; CCNY 69, St. Joseph's 49; Navy 40, Muhlenberg 33; North Carolina 51, Duke 38; Notre Dame 51, Iowa Pre-Flight 38; Pittsburgh 75, Westminster 56; Rice 74, Texas 45; Sampson 40, Cornell 28; Temple 63, Penn State 60; Texas Aggies 29, Baylor 28; Texas Tech. 46, Texas Mines 36.

Covering GI Sports

By Gene Graff

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

BOXING SHOWS at the Palais de Glace, Paris, entering the 13th week Monday, have produced some interesting results for thousands of GI fight fans.

Under joint sponsorship of the American Red Cross and Special Service, some 125 soldier-boxers have appeared since the shows were started Nov. 27. George Carrington and A. A. Cameron, of the ARC athletic department, and officials of Special Service, arrange the weekly cards.

Boxers are matched according to weight and experience. Intercollegiate rules are enforced. A silver, red and blue-trimmed medal, with "American Red Cross, Paris, 1944-45, Boxing Shows," are awarded to each winner, at his first appearance. For each succeeding victory a star is given. At the end of every five verdicts, a gold medal is awarded.

Among the leading fighters at the Paris boxing arena are Pvt. Vern LaCross, middleweight from San Francisco, and former Golden Gloves champion, who has won eight straight fights, and Pvt. Harvey Matthews, Negro featherweight from Detroit, winner of five of six bouts. Matthews, representing the 19th Reinforcement Depot, was formerly featherweight titlist of the Fourth Port Bn.

Pvt. Steve Ampellas, of San Antonio, Texas, former Texas Golden Gloves finalist, has won two of his last four bouts. Pvt. Jimmie Johnson, of Fort Worth, Texas, light-heavyweight, has won seven of eight bouts. A newcomer to Paris GI fight fans is Pfc Jose Rivera, of New York, who had had 18 professional fights in the States—16 of them triumphs—before entering the Army. The Puerto Rican has won two of three fights in Paris.

Sgt. Tommy Hogan, of Alberta, Canada, has won three of four bouts. One of the most improved fighters at the Palais de Glace is Pvt. John Thompson, of New York, who has won five and lost two.

The figures show Sgt. Johnny Murdoch holds the record of the quickest knockout. Murdoch, fighting in the heavyweight bracket, kayoed Pvt. Richard Vireick, of Gloucester, N.J., in 33 seconds of the opening round. Pvt. Costello Cruz, of Los Angeles, gave Pvt. Jimmie Johnson, of Fort Worth, Tex., his only defeat and the second fastest knockout. It took Cruz 46 seconds to polish off Johnson.

Refereeing the weekly GI bouts are Mike Ruggerio, of Newark, N.J.; Paddy Ryan, of Philadelphia, and Homer "Chief" Woolridge, of St. Paul, Minn.



# HASH MARKS

Nearing the three-year mark, an ETOer, who has been around, sez he has finally found a girl who doesn't drink—after 10 o'clock.

A WAC once remarked: "When a girl marries she gives up the attentions of many men for the inattention of one."

Overheard at an airbase. A CO turned to his operations officer and said, "Let's send the boys on a practice mission today—so's we can have the pool table to ourselves."

Fun on the home front. A slow-thinking woman driver ran over a pedestrian and after going about 30 yards yelled, "Look out!" The battered pedestrian calmly got up and inquired, "Why? Are you coming back?"

An armored unit officer was heard to remark that a tank destroyer is a mechanized Montana mule.

After a steady round of shots, a GI staggered out of the dispensary



singing, "the object of these injections is to change my complexion from white to rosy red."

Today's daffynition. Gay blade—"A man who shows his wife the best two-time of her life."

A guy who signs his letter "Anxious Frankie" writes from Belgium: "In the event that seasoned troops with more than 20 months service both here and in North Africa are shipped to the Pacific, will the Army issue purple hearts for broken hearts?"

Ode to a restaurant: "Braise the ham and pass the malnutrition."

Latest War Bond chant. "Don't forget to buy a bunch of bonds to buy a bunch of bombs to bomb a bunch of bums."

Another daffynition. Diplomat: A man who can convince his wife that a fur coat makes her look too fat.

Famous last words: "He and I were buddies and then he ran out of cigarettes."

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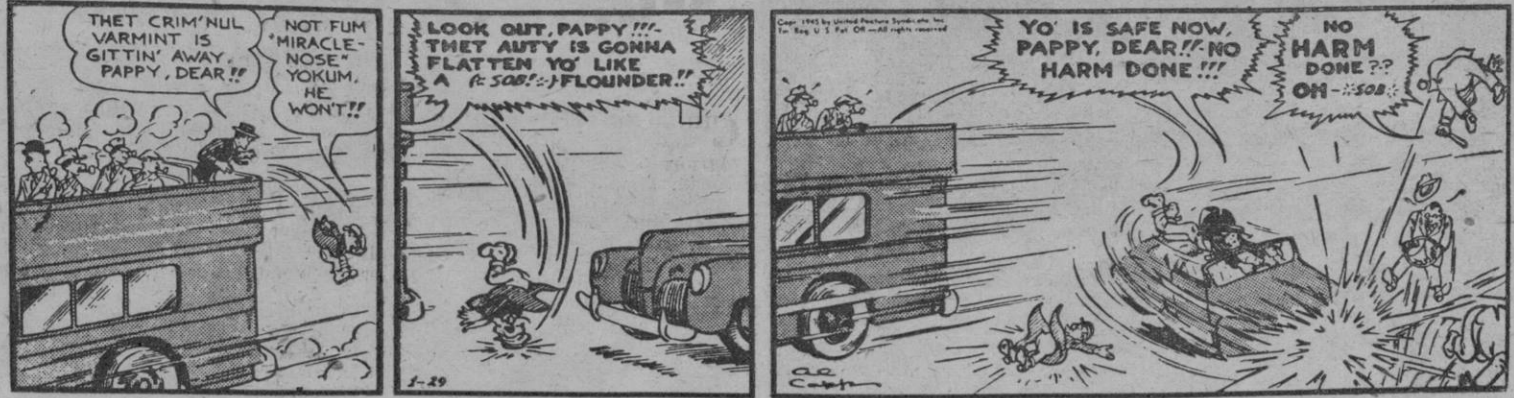
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## Jap Holdouts In South Manila Shoot Civilians

MANILA, Feb. 15 (ANS).—U.S. troops tightened the noose today on Japanese stubbornly resisting in southern Manila.

The enemy was shooting and bayoneting unarmed civilians. American troops were moving ahead carefully, so as not to kill civilians inside the Japanese lines.

Explosions and flames swept the old Intramuros, Ermita and Malate districts along Manila Bay shore, south of the Pasig River mouth. Some walls in Intramuros, site of the heaviest Japanese resistance, are forty feet thick at the base.

U.S. 37th Div. troops, bearing the brunt of the house-by-house attack, yesterday reached the campus of the University of the Philippines, a half mile from the High Commissioner's residence on the bay front. The Japanese still held the General Hospital near by.

Tokyo Radio, according to the Associated Press, said that U.S. minesweepers had begun clearing the entrance to Manila Bay and "there were indications the sweepers were being followed by ten transports apparently carrying fresh invasion forces." A U.S. naval bombardment of Corregidor also was reported by the enemy.

On Bataan, Yanks of the 38th Div. captured Abucay, in an 11-mile drive down the east coast of the peninsula. Another American force was moving down the west coast toward the east-west highway which bisects the peninsula.

Liberators dropped 107 tons of bombs on coastal batteries on Corregidor, which had already been pounded into virtual uselessness. Fighter planes sank 24 supply barges off the east coast of Bataan, while enemy positions in the Zambales foothills, west of Clark Field, were hit by fighters and dive bombers.

## Isolated Japs Put at 266,000

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (ANS).—Estimates of the number of Japanese troops virtually isolated on Pacific islands run up to 266,000, a Navy spokesman said yesterday. Many of these Japanese have supplies on hand for extended resistance, but some of them are said to be "dying on the vine" for lack of outside help.

This information has been gathered by continuous air reconnaissance and through natives and prisoners. There is evidence that some effort is being made by the Japanese to move in supplies by submarine and that, in some instances, they maintain contact by aircraft.

The by-passed enemy will have to be taken care of some time officials feel, but there is no great haste because they do not now constitute a serious danger. They must however be watched, since clever maneuvering might make possible a Japanese air strike at the rear of American forces.

The areas covered by the estimates do not include the Netherlands East Indies and the Philippines.

## Tinian Isle in Marianas Is New Superfort Base

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (ANS).—The War Department announced today that Superfortresses were operating from a new base on Tinian Island, in the Marianas.

Gen. Henry H. Arnold, commander of the 20th AF, said that with headquarters of the 21st Bomber Command on Guam and the original B-29 bases on Saipan in full operation, "the three major islands of the Marianas form an impressive center of B-29 operations in the Pacific."

The Superforts on Tinian make up a new unit of the 313th Wing of the 21st BC, under Brig. Gen. John H. Davies, of Piedmont, Calif.

## U.S. China Coast Invasion Is Predicted by Tokyo

Tokyo Radio yesterday predicted large-scale American landings on the Chinese coast as soon as offensive operations on Luzon are completed.

The enemy broadcast followed a Reuter report from Chungking that the Chinese are actively preparing a counter-offensive as part of a broad plan to co-operate with American troops should they invade the mainland.

## Huskies Find Mush on West Front

### 23 Dog Teams Flown From North Turned Over to the Medics

Where are the snows of yesterday?

The poet left this question unanswered, but it is an important one for 209 yelping Huskie dogs, their drivers, sleds and equipment—23 teams in all—which recently were recruited from far-flung northern bases in Greenland, Canada and Labrador and landed in France a few weeks ago.

The dogs, needed to transport wounded and supplies on the Western Front, were obtained in four days on a rush request from Maj. Gen. Harold C. George, ATC Commander, to Gen. Fritz, who commands ATC's North Atlantic Division.

They were flown in on C47s and C54s, and are attached to medical units at the front, one group of teams with the First Army, the other with the Third.

The largest single plane load on the way over consisted of 60 dogs with equipment and drivers. While en route the animals were chained to bucket seats, where they slept most of the trip. Not one was sick during the entire journey.

Nine dogs make up a team



An Eskimo husky is eager to get into the plane for a hop to the front.

which pulls one or two sleds, and the mission, known as the sled dog rescue unit of the North Atlantic Division of ATC, is commanded by Lt. Col. Norman D. Vaughan, of Hamilton, Mass., a veteran dog man who was with Grenfell in Labrador and with Adm. Richard E. Byrd in the Antarctic.

All that is needed now is some snow and the first sled dogs to fight with the U.S. Army in France will be mushing over new trails.

## Niers Crossed By Canadians

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down the Cleve-Udem road to a point 3,000 yards south of Bedburg.

While Welsh forces consolidated positions on the northern bank of the Niers river, the Scots enlarged a second bridgehead across the stream by the capture of Viller, and then pushed on toward the Siegfried outpost of Goch, a heavily-defended strongpoint eight miles south of Cleve.

Other forces captured Hommerum, a border village three miles west of the Maas, as they pushed the salient southward. German counter-attacks in the salient were reported slackening.

Heaviest fighting on the Third Army front in the Luxembourg bridgehead was reported in the sector of the 76th Div., which was nearing Echternach. S & S Correspondent Jimmy Cannon reported that the 417th Inf. Regt. of the 76th knocked out 80 pillboxes and took 200 prisoners in nine days' fighting.

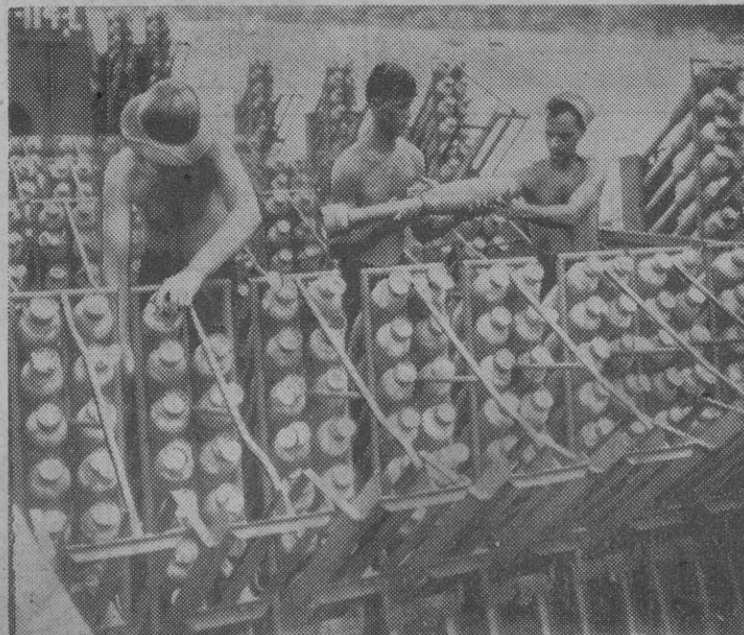
German artillery continued to shell the bridgehead across the Sauer. The river had risen to flood heights during the crossings from Luxembourg into Germany, he reported, but had fallen a foot in the 24-hour period up to yesterday.

North of the 76th, Fifth Div. doughs gained a quarter of a mile to reach a point two and one-half miles beyond Fersweiler. Doughs of the 94th Div., south of Echternach, continued the tough job of cleaning out pillboxes and fortified houses in the vicinity of Sinz.

### Escort Carrier Lost

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (Reuter).—The escort carrier Omaney Bay and the minesweeper Long have been lost to enemy action in the Philippines area, the Navy announced today.

## Massed Rocket Batteries Loading for Barrage



The deck and sides of this Landing Craft Mechanized are covered with massed batteries of rockets. Crewmen are shown loading the racks. This LCM was one ship of this type used in the Luzon landings, filling in the bombardment gap between the opening barrage of the big ships and the actual landing of troops.

## Nazi Murder of USAF Major Charged by German Official

By John B. McDermott  
United Press Staff Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN GERMANY, Feb. 15.—From the bulging, bruised lips of an anti-Nazi German police chief today came the story of the cold-blooded murder of an American Air Force major who was beaten and shot by the *amtsburgomaster* of Hellentnan, a small German town now under fire.

## Fight Knocked Out Of Elite 'Chutists In Nijmegen Area

WITH SCOTTISH TROOPS, Germany, Feb. 15 (AP).—Field Marshal Montgomery's offensive in the Nijmegen salient gathered impetus today after shaking off six German counter-attacks.

Prisoners straggling back to the rear in mud-caked uniforms and down-at-the-heel jackboots looked like a parade of scarecrows.

Some of these prisoners were elite paratroopers, fiercest fighters of the Wehrmacht, but they had all of the fight knocked out of them in the past seven-day Allied offensive, which now has overrun more than 120 square miles of territory—most of it inside Germany.

Through rubble German villages on the way to the front, the eye found evidence that the Germans are now turning to slogans in an attempt to whip up their jaded spirits and to instill fear into the faint-hearted.

Typical of these slogans, splashed in huge white and green letters against the sides of houses, were these:

"Victory or Siberia."

"We shall win yet."

"Everything counts now."

The police chief said: "Ambsburgomaster Fischer and his Gestapo agents took the flier away from a sergeant who was taking him to a prisoners' camp. The American had been shot down by the Luftwaffe and surrendered after parachuting. Fischer killed him."

Sitting in a stone-walled room where Napoleon once mapped his campaign to win all Europe, the gray-haired chief told the story of the slaying and of his own struggle to keep himself and his Catholic family safe from the Nazis.

"How do I know that what I tell you will not be used against me by the Gestapo when I go back home?" the police chief asked.

"I promise not to identify you—I'm Catholic, too," I answered.

The police chief said that just as the guard was about to put the flier on a train for the prison camp, Fischer and several Gestapo agents pulled alongside. Fischer yelled: "What are you doing with this schweinehund? He's been molesting children. Take him out and shoot him."

### Sought to Explain

The chief said that the sergeant tried to explain that there must be a mistake—that the flier had voluntarily given himself up immediately after parachuting. But Fischer demanded his death, and ordered the Gestapo to seize the major and "give him a going over."

When the Gestapo finished mauling and beating the American into unconsciousness, five drew pistols and shot him as he lay, a bloody mass, in the gutter. The police chief said that German civilians in the vicinity of the railroad shuddered, but were unable to help.

The police chief didn't explain his own bruised lips. He merely said he escaped from his own countrymen to American lines because he felt safer. He was unable to identify the murdered flier.

## Head of Reich Tribunal Killed in Berlin Raid

LONDON, Feb. 15 (AP).—German newspapers have confirmed reports that American Flying Fortress bombs killed Roland Freisler, president of the Reich People's Tribunal since 1942, the French Telegraph Agency said yesterday.

Freisler died during the Berlin attack of Feb. 3. Under his direction, the tribunal sentenced thousands of persons to death. He presided over the trials which followed the bomb plot against Hitler.

### Gen. Marshall in Italy

FIFTH ARMY FRONT, Italy, Feb. 15 (AP).—Gen. George C. Marshall, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, in a three-day surprise tour of the Fifth Army front, told Allied troops they are preventing Nazi troops in Italy from aiding Hitler's "hard-pressed" forces on the Eastern and Western Fronts.

## Peace Talk Bid Is Awaited by Vandenberg

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 (ANS).—Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.), named by President Roosevelt as a member of an American delegation to the United Nations conference at San Francisco April 25, said today he had not yet received a formal invitation to serve. He refused to say whether he would accept.

Vandenberg, the Republican Party's outstanding foreign policy spokesman in Congress, said all he knew about the appointments was what he had read in the newspapers. The White House said the formal invitations may possibly be on their way to the delegates.

Meanwhile, indications mounted that the Big Three have definitely decided to hold an all-inclusive general peace conference once all fighting has ceased. This represents a change, the Associated Press said, from the earlier official view that the war would wind up with a series of piece-meal settlements.

The Big Three's agreement on voting procedure in the world security council discussed at Dumbarton Oaks represented substantial concessions on Russia's part, and was long lines originally put forward by Britain, the Associated Press said.

Russia accepted the principle that a great power could be accused of real or threatened aggression before the council. The five greatest postwar powers will all be permanent members. Total council membership planned is 11, of which six would be smaller nations. Under the voting rule agreed to, any combination of six members could agree to bring up any subject, including a charge of aggression, the Associated Press said.

On the question of applying sanctions, military force or any other collective action against a power charged with aggression, Russia won agreement to a procedure which would require unanimous approval of five permanent powers, the Associated Press added.

## East Front . . .

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strength. Observers speculated that at least one army of his army group already had crossed the former Nazi defense line.

The fall of Konitz, Sommerfeld, Gruenberg and Sorau was announced by Marshal Stalin last night in two Orders of the Day.

Moscow observers pointed out that one of the main objectives of Koniev's offensive appeared to be the shifting of his tanks and infantry in position to strike at the naked flank of German units opposing Zhukov's forces in the Frankfurt-Kustrin sector.

By the time Koniev is ready to strike, it was said, Zhukov probably will be ready to move across the Oder in a frontal assault on the capital.

## Briton Defends Allies in France

LONDON, Feb. 15 (AP).—British Minister of State Sir Richard Law yesterday informed Commons that France was producing as much food as she did during the German occupation, but added that lack of transport is causing "almost insoluble difficulties" and "great hardship" in some regions.

He disclosed that since D-Day, 7,500 trucks had been sent to France, Belgium and liberated Holland for civilian purposes.

In obvious retort to criticism that the Allies have been remiss in aiding liberated countries, Sir Richard asserted that the fact that there is "a very great hardship does not mean there is a serious overall shortage of food."

## American Naval Losses Placed at 261 Vessels

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—A total of 261 American naval vessels have been lost since the beginning of the war, the Navy Department announced yesterday. The Navy, breaking down the losses, said 209 ships were lost, 42 ships overdue and presumed lost, and ten ships destroyed to prevent capture.

Heaviest losses were in submarines and destroyers. The Navy said 49 destroyers were definitely sunk, four destroyers overdue and presumed lost and one destroyer blown up to prevent capture. Four subs were sunk, 31 subs overdue and presumed lost and two subs sunk to prevent capture.