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Tuesday, March 13, 1945

1st Army 4 Mi. Past Rhine

Kustrin, Oder Bastion, Falls to Reds

Berlin Push Under Way, Nazis Hint

Marshal Stalin announced last night in an order of the day that Russian troops had captured the fortress town of Kustrin, powerful Nazi hedgehog position guarding the eastern approaches to Berlin.

Kustrin, which lies on the east bank of the Oder River 40 miles from the German capital, fell to Marshal Gregory Zhukov's First White Russian Army.

The fall of Kustrin opened the way for Zhukov to launch a full-scale push toward Berlin, and German reports indicated that this drive already had started.

German sources said yesterday that four Russian infantry divisions, supported by tanks and self-propelled guns, were knifing into the Berlin defense field west of the Oder.

The Germans reported that Russian troops were attacking from west bank bridgeheads south of Kustrin and had succeeded in merging all their local thrusts "into a single attack on a broad front."

Several days ago the Germans said that the Russians had ad-

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Britain Turns Out For PW Manhunt

LONDON, March 12 (AP).—One of Britain's biggest man-hunts was under way today, with soldiers, planes, police and civilians trying to run down 36 escaped German war prisoners.

The men, still at large, were the remainder of a group of 70, including many SS and Luftwaffe men, who tunneled under three rings of barbed wire before dawn Sunday to escape from a big PW camp in Wales.

5 Square Miles In Nagoya Fired By Superforts

GUAM, March 12 (ANS).—Speeding over the target at 5,000 feet in clear weather, a fleet of 300 Superfortresses today (Sunday, Paris time) poured 2,000 tons of incendiary bombs on Nagoya, Japan's greatest plane-producing center and third largest city.

American airmen said they started fires visible for 95 miles. The fires turned a five-square-mile area into an inferno and raged unchecked for hours. Radio Tokyo acknowledged that the fires burned ten hours.

The first Superfortresses struck Nagoya 48 hours after a record

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3 Direct Hits Set Nazi Tank Ablaze



Flames belch from the twisted turret of a German Mark V tank after a 90mm gun of a Third Armored Div. vehicle had scored three direct hits on the German tank in a battle near Cologne.

Allied Air Role U.S. to Prime Hailed by Ike Frisco Team

LONDON, March 12 (AP).—As Allied armies advance into former industrialized areas of the German Rhineland, "they are everywhere confronted with striking evidence of the effectiveness of the bombing campaigns," Gen. Eisenhower said today in a message to Air Chief Sir Arthur Harris, chief of the RAF Bomber Command. The letter reads:

I have just returned from a visit in the Julich, Duren and Munchen-Gladbach area.

As the Allied armies advance into the former industrialized area of the Rhineland, they are everywhere confronted with striking evidence of the effectiveness of the bombing campaigns carried on for years by Bomber Command, and, since 1942, by the Eighth AF.

City after city has been systematically shattered. Our artillery is often used to blast out pill boxes, snipers and hidden tanks, but it could scarcely add to the completeness of the material destruction.

Here and there, possibly because of their relative unimportance as industrial centers, certain towns have been largely spared. These present a remarkable contrast to the ruins of Aachen, Julich, Duren, Cologne and the other Rhineland cities that have been targeted by our big bombers day after day and night after night.

The effect on the war economy of Germany has obviously been tremendous: a fact that advancing troops are quick to appreciate and which unfailingly reminds them of the heroic work of their comrades in Bomber Command and in the United States Air Forces.

I should like all your units to know that the sacrifices they have made are today facilitating success on all fronts.

WASHINGTON, March 12 (Reuter).—The American delegation to the San Francisco world security conference has been invited to meet tomorrow at the State Department for a preliminary conference, Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius announced today.

The delegation will meet President Roosevelt after the conference, he said. The conference, expected to be the first of several, aims at reaching agreement on general lines on U.S. policy so that all the U.S. delegates will support unanimously American proposals.

Stettinius also announced the formation of an Allied Reparations Committee to be established in Moscow. Dr. Isador Lubin was named as U.S. representative.

British Pacific Fleet Grows

MELBOURNE, March 12 (ANS).—Adm. Sir Bruce Fraser, commander-in-chief of the British Pacific Fleet, said today that it had reached such strength as to leave "no doubt" that it was capable of defeating the Japanese Fleet alone.

23 Towns Seized on East Bank

By Dan Regan

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH FIRST U.S. ARMY, March 12.—Lt. Gen. Hodges' forces across the Rhine, launching their first concentrated organized attack today since crossing the Ludendorff bridge, battled ahead more than a mile. As enemy artillery slackened due to capture of high ground and strong counter-battery fire, troops within the salient pushed south one mile and were fighting tonight in the town of Honningen.

Driving east toward the autobahn, which runs north and south parallel to the Rhine and six miles from Remagen, strong infantry units gained more than a mile in the area near Ginsternach which was cleared.

They crossed the first of two north-south roads between the river and the autobahn and now are halfway to the superhighway.

Bridgehead Now 40 Sq. Miles

Tonight the dimensions of the bridgehead were four miles deep by ten miles long.

The town of Hargarten was cleared and as of tonight 23 towns have been claimed by First Army forces within the bridgehead.

Enemy airplanes sneaked under the foggy ceiling today to strafe the bridgehead area for half an hour. A few artillery shells hit the railroad bridge but did only slight damage.

Two apparent effects of the First Army's strong counter-battery fire were disclosed today. One artillery liaison plane was observing an enemy battery when the pilot saw white panels on the ground. He radioed the nearest infantry units, which captured the entire battery and 100 prisoners.

In another sector, an artillery officer sent a German-speaking soldier to inform a Nazi battery that American artillery was zeroed-in and would fire at 1720 hours. The battery surrendered.

The Germans within the bridgehead have been making small counter-attacks of about company strength. In one such attack four Mark V Panther tanks were destroyed.

In another attack by two Panthers, carrying infantry, one tank was knocked out and the attack was repulsed. Elsewhere along the

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Stars and Stripes Map by Baird

East of Berlin, the Russians captured Kustrin. The Germans reported a heavy Soviet attack west of Kustrin. In the north, Russian troops moved closer to Gdynia and Danzig.

Sick Call, Nazi Style

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

FIRST ARMY FRONT, March 12.—World War II is almost over, according to German propaganda leaflets showering on American soldiers.

After that blunt declaration, in bold red letters across the top of the leaflets, the propagandists tell the American dough that as long as it's so close to the end there is no sense in his taking any chances.

"Are you going to be one of the war's last victims?" asks the German leaflet. Then it explains a "simple" way of getting into a hospital and staying there with fake ailments which doctors cannot detect as phony.

Just in case the soldier hasn't the ingredients which the German sick-call prescription calls for, the items are printed in French with phonetic spellings at the end of the pamphlet.

A second and smaller German leaflet describes an easy way to produce a good heart attack so that you will be hospitalized.



Shots

Why are reinforcements sent out from reinforcement pools without having their immunizations properly recorded on their service records or 81 forms? Recently our unit received over 60 men whose records failed to show any immunizations during the past six months. These men all claimed they had received shots at the reinforcement unit about two months ago, but of course didn't know just what the shots were for. I noticed this same display of inefficiency back in the States.

The average man resents being jabbed in the arm needlessly and in my opinion his attitude is justified. It is also a waste of serum.

How about a little serious co-operation on the part of all personnel departments in regard to the recording of immunizations? —Capt. John C. McEwen, 738 Med. Tank Bn. (Sp.)

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Back Pay

Read with interest T/4 Herman H. Snyder's letter on "Pay Adjustment."

He served 14 months at \$21 per before Congress gave him a raise to \$50. Now, says he, when he is mustered out, he should collect the difference. May I ask Sgt. Snyder a question? If you were back in the U.S. working in a factory for \$1.25 an hour, and were raised to \$1.50 an hour, would you expect your boss to fork over that extra 25 cents for every hour you had put in at \$1.25? —Capt. Albert Newbury, AAA AW Bn.

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Family Affair

I shall cite my case, which will fairly well cover that of most of the men I speak for. I am 37 years old. My son, 17, will enter the merchant marine this year in lieu of being drafted into the Army, but still having to forfeit his college education which I have worked and saved for. I worked hard for years to establish my own business, which is barely staying open while my associate and I are in the service.

When men in our shoes return home we cannot look forward to weeks or months of rest before tackling the old job or a new one the different agencies are providing. We are pioneers and to continue with that feeling we derive from putting forth one's abilities and initiative we must pick up where we left off and work not a set amount of hours per week, but work, work, work, watch and pray.

Neither can we afford to overburden our investments with government-sponsored loans. For mistakes at our age are far more hazardous than those made before one reaches thirty.

Now, I know what you and many of your boys are thinking. But let's look the score-board over after we first analyze the rule of playing this game, namely: Demobilization following the defeat of Germany for those with most decorations, most years in service and overseas, and dependents—children under 18.

Where do we stand? Too old, except in rare cases, for combat. Our children are too old to count points but not too old to give their blood for what we hoped to handle. We are too old to go to college and too long established to be content on the other man's payroll. Our status in the Army is not very es-

sential and our percentage of the Army's total is negligible.

We are not lamenting the fate that, with our specialized abilities, serving our interests on the home front, we, too, didn't get rich nor did we just enter the service and land on foreign soil. Most of us are turning our third and fourth year, with more than half overseas. But I am of the opinion that if we don't ask we won't receive. What about us, Uncle? —Pvt. George T. Smith, 602 Ordnance Bn.

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Looking For a Seat

All the nations are in a grand rush to declare war on Germany and get in on the San Francisco peace conference. Labor is lobbying for all it's worth to gain admittance—for labor's sake.

Sure, there'll be plenty of Army and Navy big-wigs present to talk shop. But who is going to represent me—GI Joe? There are ten million others like me in uniform who will have to take the results of the conference the way we take the Army—take it and like it.

Of course, Congress will have to ratify any treaties that are made. But do the honorable senators and representatives speak for themselves or for us? Most of them are hold-over politicians from elections we were too young to vote in—or too far from home to vote in—like the last one.

When governments can get together to discuss plans for peace, then it's not a moment too soon for me to put in my two cents, American.

I'm not trying to straighten out the boundary lines of my home back home. I don't want relief, nor do I want to see economic chaos or inflation at home. I don't want a two-cent an hour wage raise. Hell, I just want to get home and realize the principles I'm in the Army for. And I don't want to see my children go to war.

When do we get a chance to speak up? Our boys have been fighting and dying without a voice in the matter. They know what they're fighting for. They don't intend to quit until it's over. And what they're fighting for is many different things. Not just the vagueness of Atlantic Charter. Not for Pearl Harbor alone, nor Bataan, nor Corregidor. They're fighting for the kind of life they were trying to live before they went to war. It may not have been peaches and cream for all, but they knew that if they kept trying in America they had the chance.

Let GIs be represented at the parley by a GI Joe. Let us speak for peace.—Pfc Herbert Rosenberg, 15th Reinf. Dep.

HUBERT

by SGT. DICK WINGERT



"You boys'll hafta carry your took—they ain't no more room."

An Editorial

The Watch on the Rhine



While flows one drop of German blood
Or sword remains to guard thy flood,
While rifle rests in patriot hand
No foe shall tread thy sacred strand.
—From "Die Wacht am Rhein."

MEN fight hard on their native soil. We can expect a hard fight from the Germans. They are cornered, desperate, determined. And doomed.

Doomed by a determination greater than their own. Born of the realization by

Americans that, in this shrunken world, no man fights far from his fireside. No army fights far from its own frontier.

Planes that left LaGuardia airport yesterday land in Europe today. Planes that leave Tempelhof tomorrow may drop their cargoes in New York the day after. The Atlantic has become a river. More easily spanned by a plane than the Roer or the Rhine by a dough.

So we fight on the Rhine. The shadow of American factories and farms falls upon the flowing water. The fire and fury of war return to their birthplace. The towns and the treasures of Germany, not America, are blasted and burned.

All men love their homes. All men will fight for them. But when love of homeland is coupled with love of freedom and hatred of force—there can be but one winner.

Out of Test Stage, B19 to Haul Cargo

DAYTON, Ohio, March 12 (ANS).—The B19, described by the Air Technical Service Command as the world's largest airplane, is quitting the role of an experimental ship and will haul cargo. Payloads of possibly 25 tons can be hauled directly to combat fields.

Built four years ago by Douglas Aircraft, the plane has been used as a flying laboratory by ATSC.

Return Sought For M'Arthur

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP).—Sen. Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio) said today that Gen. MacArthur should be brought to Washington to help determine the final strategy to defeat the Japanese.

Noting that Adm. Nimitz, the Navy's Pacific CIC, is here now, the Ohio senator regarded it as "significant" that MacArthur has not been summoned here since the war began. "I think the high command should bring home MacArthur and consult him on plans to beat the Japanese," said Taft.

There has been speculation in Congress over choice of a supreme commander for the final Tokyo drive. Nimitz and MacArthur are regarded as possibilities, along with Gen. Marshall. Rep. Andrew J. May (D-Ky.) said he thought that MacArthur's experience should be utilized.

Half a Million Patients Flown Out of War Zones

WASHINGTON, March 12 (ANS).—Of more than half a million sick and wounded American fighting men flown out of battle zones last year, only 28 died in flight, the War Department announced.

Twenty percent of all casualties returned to the U.S. in 1944 came by plane, without a single loss by enemy action.

Huge Penicillin Shipment

WILMINGTON, Calif., March 12 (ANS).—More than \$1,000,000 worth of penicillin, one of the largest shipments ever to leave the U.S., was placed aboard a refrigerated ship bound for an overseas base. The penicillin is to be used to treat U.S. soldiers wounded in the Pacific.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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

MASONIC MEETING

FOR Freemasons of Armed Forces, 7:30 PM Wed., March 14, Music Room, Empire Theatre, 41 Ave Wagram, Paris.

FOUND

- PENCIL, GLOVES, in room 309, Rainbow Corner. Joseph E. Avila.
- BRACELETS belonging to: John DALLY, Minneapolis, by Capt. H. F. Holtz; William COLEMAN, St. Charles, Ill., by Capt. Edwin W. Vall.
- BRACELET belonging to Edison E. HECHT, by Sgt. Milton J. Kline.
- PHOTOS left by soldiers visiting "Halfway House." Write, describing yours, to Capt. J. A. Campbell, Hq. & Hq. Command, APO 513.
- BRACELET inscribed "JOE-OUR FIRST YEAR-LOVE DOLL."—H. R. Reynolds.
- CAMERA, at Hq. Ninth AF Service Command about Feb. 1.—Capt. L. E. Smith.
- TOILET KIT belonging to Norman J. Romey R-3680.—Cpl. J. M. Jordan.

FOR SALE

ACCORDION, Roland soloist, \$150. Pvt. Eddie Padgett.

APOS WANTED

DAVID Burns, Dorchester, Mass.; Bennie L. Bailey, Durham, N.C.; Louie Byram, Pacific, Mo.; Jack Cromwell, Momence, Ill.; Pvt. John Casey; Cpl. R. V. Cox, Seattle, Wash.; Pfc C. A. Beckrest, Cleveland, Ohio; Joe Ciaoco, Chicago, Ill.; Dick Dilts, Detroit, Mich.; Pvt. William David Keller; Guy H. Henderson, Four States, W.Va.; Edward Hill, Rochester, N.Y.; Sgt. Stanley Johnson, Raleigh, N.C.; Pvt. Thea-trica Jones, Fordyce, Ark.; Joseph Lill, Rochester, N.Y.; S/Sgt. John Martin, Indianapolis, Ind.; Harlan Murray, Milwaukee, Wis.; T/Sgt. Carl Alfred Parker, Old Oceanside, N.Y.; Benjamin Pero, Old Forge, Pa.; Mathew O. Peters, Detroit, Mich.; Pvt. Theodore M. Reid, Germantown, Pa.; Cpl. Wallace Ross, Hamlet, N.C.; T/4 George Robinson; Pfc Francis Russell, New Fane, N.Y.; Cpl. Edward Stevens, Dora, Ala.; Donald Shupp, Harrisburg, Pa.; Joe Sroka, New York City; William Scheller, Paterson, N.J.; Donald Shearer, Paterson, N.J.; Cpl. Rockie Upton, Cadillac, Mich.; Pvt. Leonard Vogt, Chappell, Neb.; Cpl. Fred White, Peoria, Ill.

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It Happened in America Yesterday:

Critics Rush to Arms In Defense of the Wacs

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, March 12.—Movie critics at home have come to the defense of the Wacs and are currently engaged in clubbing Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer for its picture, "Keep Your Powder Dry," starring Lana Turner in a story about the WAC.

All the critics say the picture paints America's young women in uniform as a bunch of fretful, squabbling girls, and that it doesn't tell the real story of their contribution to the war.

Men and women of Wichita, Kan., war plants are okay, says the United States Employment Service, which finds they have gone for five years without a single strike and that absenteeism is far below the national average.

And Prof. I. T. Schultz, of Friends University, Wichita, says Kansas workers have passed tests for mechanical know-how and supervisory skill with higher marks than the average for industrial workers in the eastern cities, and that Kansas plants had fewer than half as many neurotics.

Vital Statistics on Vital Points

JUNE HAVER, blue-eyed charmer, has been picked to play the part of sister to Betty Grable in a new film. Hollywood press agents gushed about vital statistics which show that June's bust is 33, compared to Betty's 36 1/2, while both girls' hips are 36. The name of the picture? Not known at this time.



La Grable (left) and La Haver

Make way for the monkeys in the Jackson County courthouse, Kansas City, where Vice-President Harry Truman once sat as a county judge. Four monkeys that have been trained to operate vacuum cleaners will slip into narrow air ducts in the walls of the top floor and do, it is hoped, a thorough clean-up job. Court attendants are skeptical, but George S. Montgomery, presiding member of the county court, says it's straight goods. Cost to the county: \$22.65 an hour, or about \$5.67 an hour per monkey.

WAR is taking the ritzy gilt off highly restricted residential zones, such as the Zone AA district of Denver, where permission has been granted to rent rooms to wives of veterans who have been sent to Colorado to recuperate.

The five-cent cigar is taking a whale of a beating, say cigar producers, who are angry at the OPA. The stogie men say there will be a shortage of five-centers and other low-priced cigars, and they blame it on OPA's price-fixing.

REP. A. Clayton Powell Jr. (D-N.Y.), Negro minister, wrote a letter to FDR asking that S/Sgt. Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champ, be commissioned. Powell points out that two former heavyweight champs, Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney, have Navy and Coast Guard commissions, and asks: Why shouldn't Joe have one, too?

Women should go into politics, says Eleanor Roosevelt. She asserts women have feared to enter "practical politics" because they've been afraid of criticism, much of it unjustified, directed at every public servant. They've also been afraid that practical politics is undignified, but she continues, "most men have gone into it to use politics to get ahead in business, putting the profit motive and political work together."

Peace jitters ran through Washington, but not through the capital's officialdom. Military and diplomatic officials said rumors about an early German surrender had been prompted by the dramatic crossing of the Rhine. Experts expect a piecemeal disintegration of the enemy.

RADIO prizes, similar to the Pulitzer awards in journalism, went to H. V. Kallenborn, news commentator, and radio stations WJR, Detroit, and WTAG, Worcester, Mass. Two other stations, WDSU, New Orleans, and KMA, Shenandoah, Iowa, were cited for meritorious service.

Veterans Hear GI Rights Bill Called a 'Hidden Ball Trick'

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP).—The GI Bill of Rights was described today as the "hidden ball trick" and declared of little value to veterans. This description was offered by Patrick L. Carroll, of West Depere, Wis., in an address to 22 members of the first group of veterans to be trained as service officers for Disabled American Veterans (DAV).

"The GI Bill," Carroll declared, "is one of the greatest hidden ball tricks of all time. It has two main provisions. How any veterans will be able to go to school on \$50 a month with the present high cost of living is beyond my comprehension. To obtain a loan, the veteran

must have qualifications that would enable him to borrow from a private banker four or five times the amount guaranteed by the government.

"What should have been the most important part of the bill was only hinted at. I refer to mention of an adjusted compensation more commonly known as a single 'bonus'."

"A bonus is the only just and fair means of compensating the veteran. Such a bonus could be used to gain an education, start a business or a nest egg for the future. It should be given now when it will be of maximum help in the rehabilitation of the veteran."

They Answered Nation's Call for Nurses



Taking a last look at New York as civilians from the windows of their train in Penn Station, 125 New York nurses head for Fort Dix, N. J., where they will take training to become nurses for the Army.

Crowley Heads 12,000 Strike Supply Board In Film Capital

WASHINGTON, March 12 (UP).—War Mobilization Chief James F. Byrnes today created a new inter-agency committee to handle all commitments for overseas supplies designed to end jumbled conditions in the domestic food and raw-material supply situation.

Byrnes appointed Foreign Economic and Lend-Lease Administrator Leo T. Crowley as head of the committee and said Crowley's first job would be to make certain that vast quantities of our exports "do not reduce our own capabilities to support our war effort and meet our essential needs."

In many cases, commitments made by agencies have been duplicated or were made without advanced knowledge that they could be fulfilled.

New Inquiry Slated On Army Hospitals, Prisoner Handling

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP).—New investigations of Army hospitals and of the treatment of war prisoners, both American and Axis, will be started by the House Military Committee. Those subjects, both investigated last year, top the program submitted to Chairman Andrew J. May (D-Ky.) by Ralph Burton, the committee's general counsel.

Burton said the committee also will investigate "the increasing tendency to place Communists or fellow travelers in key positions in the War Department and the relaxation of restrictions giving Communists or fellow travelers commissions in the Army."

Hundreds of hospitals and related facilities will be visited to make doubly sure, Burton said, "that our sick and wounded soldiers brought . . . are receiving the best possible care and treatment."

Maj. Gen. Clayton Bissell, head of Army Intelligence, meantime told the committee that there are no Communist officers in the Army.

New York Liquor Sales Up, Drunks Fewer in '44

ALBANY, N.Y., March 12 (ANS).—New Yorkers drank more alcoholic beverages and behaved better last year than in 1943, the state liquor authority's annual report to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and the legislature revealed. Beverage taxes in 1944 amounted to 41 million dollars, an increase of two million dollars over 1943. Arrests for drunkenness in 1944 were put at 25,000 compared to 32,000 the preceding year.

Coal Dispute May Result in Court Appeal

WASHINGTON, March 12 (UP).—Contract negotiations between the United Mine Workers and the country's soft-coal operators today appeared to be headed for Federal Court.

The court move was indicated after it was reliably learned that the National Labor Relations Board plans to reject an operator petition to ban the union's 30-day strike notice.

Edward R. Burke, president of the Southern Coal Producers Association, who sent the petition to the NLRB, said that if the board vetoed the petition he would appeal to the Federal District Court.

Charges Bad Faith

The UMW, meanwhile, charged the operators with bad faith in allegedly violating contract conference rules by sending the petition to the NLRB. These rules were adopted on the first day of negotiations and bind both sides not to make separate statements to the public.

Another labor development, which bears sharply on one of the UMW's contract demands, came with statements by the CIO and industry members of the War Labor Board. The UMW has asked for a ten-cent a ton royalty to build a medical and rehabilitation fund, and observers have regarded this as a sidestepping of the Little Steel formula forbidding a wage boost more than 15 percent over wage levels of January, 1941.

"Increases are needed now to prevent the triumph of deflationary forces," the CIO members said in a report to President Roosevelt, but industry members declared that "some deflation is inevitable" and "real wages, not dollars, are the important thing."

The CIO members asked for immediate general wage increases of at least ten percent for the early postwar years. The report said that present economic conditions indicate the need for "increases in wage rates of 25 percent to 40 percent over present levels" to assure full employment.

Draft to Force Airlines To Slash U.S. Service

WASHINGTON, March 12 (ANS).—The Air Transport Association today said that U.S. airlines stand to lose 3,000 young employes to the draft and this would mean the grounding of almost half the planes now in service by April 1.

Selective Service orders, it explained, permit the deferment on occupational grounds of no more than 30 percent of all employes in the 18-29 age bracket. Remarking that the airlines have proportionately ten times as many men under 30 as the railroads have, the association said, "The induction of more than 3,000 key airline employes under the age of 30 will reduce the air transport service by at least 25 percent."

It Looks Like Spring



This is a sure sign of spring. The grass is one-grab high and just right to lie in out in the sun and figure your income tax.



Special Delivery

ETODDIES: Delivering babies in Europe is getting to be a routine proposition for the Army Medical Corps...

An Order's An Order

The dilemma facing Lt. William Sandler is one of the toughest he's met in his four years of soldiering...

Driver Almost Tireless

IT takes a lot to discourage Cpl. Edwin Rueb, of Leola, Dak., driver for the 287 QM Refrig. Co. Enroute from a Normandy base port to the front with a truck of meat...

Old Standby Now a 'Secret' Weapon

MAYBE it's stretching a point to classify it as the newest V weapon, but doughs of Co. A, 175th Inf., 29th Div., say the results speak for themselves...

The Topkick Was Late

THIS yarn's about a soldier who cussed out a topkick for being late. The soldier got away with it, too. He wasn't in 1/Sgt. Leonard Tilson's company, though...

Risky Business, This Heading for U.S.

IT probably will be necessary to call on volunteers for furloughs to the States in the 41st Armd. Inf. Regt., for it has become a risky business to start the homeward trek...

Shy Butcher Boy Hailed as First Across Rhine; Valley Is Beautiful, But Not For Busy Doughs



Twisted masses of wrecked Nazi vehicles litter the west bank of the Rhine river at Orsoy, Germany, where they had lined up for ferries to go across. The Fifth Armd. Div. of the Ninth Army caught up the convoy before it could move and left a trail of destruction.

Yank's CG Praises Him for Racing To Eastern Bank

By Don Whitehead. ON THE RHINE BRIDGEHEAD, March 9 (Delayed).—A gangling embarrassed butcher boy from Holan, Ohio, received praise today from his commanding general for leading the heroic charge across the Remagen bridge.

An American Citizen Returns To Germany in a New Role

By Pat Mitchell. WITH THIRD ARMY, March 12.—His name can't be printed because his relatives are still inside what's left of Germany, and so you may call him "an American Citizen."

Now things are different. He managed to get out of Germany after signing statements that he would never again step inside her frontier. He managed to reach America, where he enlisted in the Army. Before they sent him over here, he became a citizen and regained the pride he had relinquished when he scrubbed with his coat sleeve cuffs the spittle cast on Vienna streets by the Nazis.

Sorting the Chutes that Delivered the Goods



Quartermaster troops sort parachutes which were used to drop supplies to the Fourth Inf. Div. in Germany, when they were cut off from supply convoys that were bogged down on muddy roads. Good chutes will be used again, those damaged will be salvaged.

Hard Work, Danger Are Keeping U.S. Troops Sweating

By Ed. Clark. RHINE BRIDGEHEAD, March 12.—This is the valley of the Rhine, beautiful, romantic and rich in history. It's also the valley of sweat.

It's a good bet that the most vivid recollection for the 27th Armd. Inf. will be the wondering if the Ludendorff bridge would blow up under their feet as they made the initial crossing last Wednesday afternoon. They sweat.

Prisoner No Longer

It's equally sure that all outfits which followed the armored men east of the Rhine had their minds on something other than the view when they inched across the converted railway span with Jerry guns plopping them over from beyond the scenic bluffs. They sweat.

18 Nations Accept Food Constitution

WASHINGTON, March 12 (AP).—Eighteen nations have agreed to accept the constitution of a food and agriculture organization of the United Nations, it was announced today by the United Nations interim commission on food and agriculture.

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Some Differences Likely

They concede that there may be arguments about the details, but claim there is sufficient strength now to obtain two-thirds of the vote for approval of such a treaty.

Greek Territorial Claims

LONDON, March 12 (AP).—A highly reliable source said today that Greece would present the Big Three with territorial claims against Bulgaria and Albania "as security against any future aggressions."

It's the Same Story

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Crawling cautiously alongside a low wall of bricks, affording them protection from heavy enemy shellfire, doughs of the Ninth Army fight to capture a German town near the Rhine.

They Were All in the Saloon, Cologne Poses Problem for G5

By James Cannon. WITH FOURTH ARMD. DIV., Germany, March 12.—All of them were in the saloon. But one of them was dead on a litter under a gray German blanket.

Morgenthau Urges Bretton Woods OK

MINNEAPOLIS, March 12 (AP).—Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau, Jr., urged Congressional ratification of the Bretton Woods agreements as "the necessary first step toward getting and keeping foreign markets for thousands of American products."

Run Over by Own Tank

Fat, who was shoving the balls around the little pool table, crouched to shoot a hanger into the side pocket. He missed the shot and scratched the cue ball.

War in Paris Has Its Problems

Harassed is the Word for Billet Chief

This powerful piece of prose is dedicated to the most harassed man in Paris—the billeting officer. Should Maj. Francis J. Fishburn, of Charleston, S.C., the



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New 15th Army To Have Speed As Its Keynote

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer. 12TH ARMY GP. HQ., March 12.—Speed, with a minimum of written orders, will be the policy for the new 15th U.S. Army, for it is essential in the "pursuit phase" of warfare which the Americans now are entering.

Indian Troops Gain In Battle for Mandalay

Indian troops gained more ground in the Burmese city of Mandalay, but still were meeting strong Japanese resistance at Fort Dufferin, in the center of the city, SEAC Hq. reported yesterday.

Correspondent Killed

LONDON, March 12 (AP).—Peter Lawless, London Daily Telegraph correspondent with the U.S. First Army, died from a shell wound he received when he crossed the Rhine to the Remagen bridgehead, it was announced today.

Then There's Pet Hall

Although nobody will admit it, there appears to be method in the lovely madness of having Pvt. Lucille Hall, of Abundant, Mass., behind the billeting counter. Pvt. Hall, being almost six feet tall, comely and the possessor of curves where curves belong, can either charm or bounce, depending on the jerk-stances.

Something Was High

A colonel stepped into his new room and announced it stank—literally. Femmes de chambre, the manager and others reluctantly agreed, but failed to find the source. The billeting officer found one old, ripe and very high camembert cheese in the colonel's foot locker.

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Baseball Brevities

ST. LOUIS, March 12.—Mort Cooper, righthanded pitching ace of the St. Louis Cardinals, will undergo another physical examination at Jefferson Barracks Wednesday, although he was examined in February and classified 4F. Cooper said the exam is at the direct request of the Adjutant General's office in Washington. Induction center officials did not reveal the cause for Cooper's initial rejection.

LAKEWOOD, N.J.—Mel Ott hasn't any current manpower worries, for 27 men reported to him yesterday for pre-season workouts, among them Ernie Lombardi, the only catcher to handle ten pitchers in camp.

CHICAGO.—Jimmy Gallagher, general manager of the Chicago Cubs, after months of research, has some revealing figures on just how many men left professional baseball for the Armed Services. Gallagher said his studies show over 4,000 players now in the Armed Services.

Baseball's reserve list at the end of 1944, for both the majors and minors, showed 1,753 players, while at the same time in 1941 there were 5,298. One factor in this huge discrepancy is that over 30 minor leagues have thrown in the sponge since Pearl Harbor. Over 3,576 minor leaguers have answered the call and last December's active list was 1,188. The big leagues have 16 and the minors 153 players with honorable discharges. Present major league figures reveal a list of 565, presumably for this season, with 509 in service.

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—The Yankees opened training under new ownership Sunday with Tuck Stainback, reserve outfielder, and Pitcher Floyd Bevan, recalled from the Newark Bears last year, the only real Yanks. The others were kids from the minors.

CHICAGO.—Earl Hilligan, director of American League publicity, has released his version of an All-Star team now in the services. The dream team lineup with lifetime average in parenthesis follows: Pitchers Bob Feller, Cleveland, (W 107, L 54) Spud Chandler, Yankees, (W 78, L 29); Virgil Trucks, Detroit, (W 23, L 23); Red Ruffing,



Tex Hughson Bobby Doerr Bill Dickey Ted Williams

Yankees, (W 258, L 216); Tex Hughson, Red Sox, (W 57, L 29); Bill Dickey, Yankee catcher, (.314); Hank Greenberg, Detroit, lb., (.325); Bobby Doerr, Red Sox, 2b., (.291); Cecil Travis, Senators, ss., (.327); Buddy Lewis, Senators, 3b., (.304); Outfielders Joe DiMaggio, Yankees, (.339); Ted Williams, Red Sox, (.356); Charley Keller, Yankees, (.294).

CLEVELAND.—Definite holdouts among the Cleveland Indians, according to Vice-President Roger Peckinpaugh, are Jeff Heath, Mickey Rosso, Roy Cullenbine and Joe Heving. All have shown willingness to talk over terms, however, and they're expected to sign contracts soon.

CHICAGO.—The White Sox have signed all but ten players on their entire roster and spring training sessions began today at Terre Haute, Ind. Well known holdouts are Pitchers Orval Grove and Joe Haynes, Wally Moses and Ed Lopat, outfielders, and Infielder Bill Nagel.

Rensselaer Brings Clean Record Into N.Y. Cage Series

NEW YORK, March 12.—For the first time in the history of the National Invitation Basketball Tournament, a team with a clean record will compete in the eight-team event.

This was assured Sunday when Rensselaer Institute of Troy N.Y., accepted a bid, which will be held in Madison Square Garden, March 17-19, and 21-26. Rensselaer ended a 13-game schedule Saturday night with a 70-56 defeat of Canisius. Those 70 points helped bring the Engineers' average close to a point-a-minute mark.

THE QUESTION BOX

Lt. Isaac Street—Ohio State and Alabama football teams have never played.

Cpl. Bill Schafer—Davey O'Brien played at Texas Christian in 1935, 1937 and 1938. Team in 1938 was undefeated. Ohio State defeated Texas Christian, 14-0, in 1937 at Columbus.

Pvt. Ralph Wheeler—The leftfield wall in Briggs Stadium, Detroit, is 340 feet from home plate. However, there is no way to judge the distance of the drive after the ball clears the fence. Leftfield in Wrigley Field, Chicago, is 350 feet and Wally Berger, when with the Braves, slapped the ball on the roof of a three-story building across the street, but the distance never was measured.

Pvt. Nick Lillios—Iowa's footballers defeated Notre Dame, 10-7, in 1921, 7-5, in 1939 and, 7-0, in 1940.

Cpl. George Hoxie—Rhode Island State basketball team average, 77.6 in 21 games in 1942 season, 80.5 in 19 games during 1943. 1943 opponents: Camp Edwards, Fort Williams, Brooklyn College, Maine (twice), Fordham, St. Joseph's, Northeastern (twice), Connecticut (twice), Providence (twice), Mass. State, New Hampshire (twice), Worcester Tech., Brown (twice).

Cpl. Jesse Spund—In a Casino card game a player can't overbuild from cards on the board, but must play the card from his own hand. In pinochle, a trick must be taken before a player can change the nine of trumps for trump card turned up originally.

Nelson, McSpaden Win Four-Ball Golf Tourney in Miami

MIAMI, Fla., March 12.—Byron Nelson and Harold "Jug" McSpaden finally got together in their team play and swept over the course in devastating fashion to defeat Denny Shute and Sammy Byrd, 8 and 6 in the finals of the international four-ball golf tournament.

Shute and Byrd had provided the big upset of the \$7,500 tournament in the semifinals when they eliminated the favorites, Sammy Snead, of Hot Springs, Va., and Bob Hamilton, PGA champion from Evansville, Ind.

Sheboygan Five Swamps Zollners in Playoff Tilt

SHEBOYGAN, Wis., March 12.—The Sheboygan Redskins defeated the Fort Wayne Zollners, defending champions, 65-53, yesterday in the first game of their three-out-of-five series for the National Professional Basketball League championship. The winners led throughout, except when the Zollners tied the score twice in the first period.

Zurita-Williams Bout Off

PHILADELPHIA, March 12.—The bout between Juan Zurita, NBA lightweight champion, and Ike Williams, Trenton, N.J. Negro, scheduled for April 9, has been cancelled so far as Philadelphia is concerned. Promoter Herman Taylor announced the cancellation following the refusal of the Pennsylvania Athletic Commission to sanction it as a title fight.

Fight Correction

In the heavyweight feature of the SHAEF boxing show last week, it was erroneously reported that the winner was Pvt. Tom Hardy. Pfc Lloyd Findley scored a TKO over Hardy in the second round, and should be credited with the victory.

Bribe-Taker Misled Brooklyn Faculty

NEW YORK, March 12.—Larry Pearlstein, one of the five Brooklyn College basketball players who admitted accepting a bribe last January, was not a student at the school, Mayor LaGuardia revealed yesterday in his weekly radio broadcast. LaGuardia said Dr. Harry Gideonse, president of the college, voluntarily reported Pearlstein's status, declaring that Pearlstein deliberately misled college officials including Basketball Coach Tubby Raskin.

Pearlstein and four other Brooklyn College players were expelled after they admitted accepting a \$1,000 bribe from two men to fix a scheduled game with Akron University.

M'Carron Wins In Paris Ring

Cpl. Stan M'Carron, Belleville, Ill., knocked out Sgt. John Horn, Detroit, in 59 seconds of the second round in the top bout of the weekly boxing show at the Palais de Glace, Paris, last night before a crowd of 3,500 soldier fight fans.

M'Carron, free-swinging middleweight, dropped the Detroit Negro for a count of eight in the first round with a left to the face and a right to the body. In the second round, M'Carron again sent Horn to the canvas for a count of eight. Thirty seconds later, the Belleville battler finished Horn with a barrage of rights and lefts to the body.

In another stirring bout, Pvt. Will Mason, of Toledo, Ohio, was sent to the mat for a no-count in the opening round by Pvt. John Stevens, of Cortland, N.Y., but rallied to decision Stevens.

Cpl. Rufus Bishop, Brooklyn, N.Y., decided Pvt. Charles Clark, New Orleans, La.; Cpl. Don Anderson, Philadelphia, decided Pvt. Jack Murray, Milford, Conn.; Pvt. George Thornton, New York, TKO'd Pvt. Lloyd Rice, Miami, Fla., (second round); Cpl. Stanley M'Carron, Belleville, Ill., knocked out Sgt. John Horn, Detroit, (59 seconds, second round); Pfc Jack Nowitzke, New Brunswick, N.J., decided Cpl. Lonnie Scott; Kansas City, Mo.; Pvt. William Mason, Toledo, Ohio, decided Pvt. John Stevens, Cortland, N.Y.; Pvt. Riley Byrd, Independence, Kan., TKO'd Pvt. Charles Stewart, Brooklyn, N.Y., (1:44, first round); Pfc Earl Judge, Gary, Ind., decided Pfc Johnny Thompson, New York.

With Net Nomads



Sgt. Frankie Parker

Parker, national singles champion in 1944, along with Don Budge, Frank Kovacs and George Lott, all former titlists before entering the service, will assemble in New York April 1 before embarking on a round-the-world tour to entertain American troops.

Racial Issue Hits Red Sox Ball Club

BOSTON, March 11.—Tom Yawkey, owner of the Boston Red Sox, has been notified that action will be taken at the next meeting of the Boston City Council to deprive major league ball clubs of their license to play on Sunday on the grounds that Negro baseball players are discriminated against in organized baseball.

Councilman Isadore Munchnick said he would propose at the next meeting of the Boston City Council that the annual license to play baseball on Sundays not be issued to Yawkey this year unless he notifies the council before the issue date of said license that "all players, regardless of race, color or creed will be afforded an equal opportunity for positions on his team."

Bears Sign Underwood

MURRAY, Ky., March 12.—Johnny Underwood, 155-pound tailback of the Murray State Teachers College, yesterday signed to play with the Chicago Bears of the National Professional Football League.

Canucks Oust Rangers from Playoff Race

NEW YORK, March 12.—Elmer Lach, classy center for the Montreal Canadiens, scored three assists last night to set a new all-time National Hockey League record as his team swamped the New York Rangers, 11-5.

National League

W	L	T	Pis	W	L	T	Pis		
Montreal	36	7	4	76	Boston	15	29	3	33
Detroit	29	13	4	62	Chicago	12	28	7	31
Toronto	24	24	4	50	New York	10	29	10	30

American League

Buffalo 10, Pittsburgh 4.				Indianapolis 4, Providence 1.					
EASTERN DIV.		WESTERN DIV.		EASTERN DIV.		WESTERN DIV.			
W	L	T	Pis	W	L	T	Pis		
Buffalo	29	20	8	66	Cleveland	33	15	9	75
Hershey	35	22	4	54	Pittsburgh	26	25	7	59
Providence	22	29	6	50	Indianapolis	24	24	11	59
					St. Louis	12	36	7	31

Lach brought his season total to 51 assists and played a big part in eliminating the Rangers from the Stanley Cup playoffs. A crowd of 13,324 looked on.

The Boston Bruins' defeat of the Chicago Black Hawks made it impossible for the Rangers to gain fourth place.

The Canadiens took a 4-1 lead in the first period, then coasted. Four Montreal players, Toe Blake, Butch Hiller, Maurice Richard and Ray Getliffe, each made two goals, while Lach, Bob Fillion and Fern Gauthier contributed one each to the scoring orgy. Grant Warwick scored twice for the Rangers and Ab DeMarco, Hank Goldup and Bob Dill, one each.

Leafs Finally Clip Wings

DETROIT, March 12.—Rookie Teeter Kennedy's goal in the third period gave the Toronto Maple Leafs a 3-1 victory over the Detroit Red Wings and their first win in Detroit ice since March 14, 1943.

The Leafs took a 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by Mac Me-



Creedy and Swaney Schirmer. Less than two minutes before the period ended, Flash Hollett bounced a 25-footer off the crossbars into the net to reduce the margin. Mud Bruneteau tied the score in the second session on a neat angle shot.

Detroit Goalie Harry Limley spent a busy two minutes in the third frame when Defenseman Hal Jackson was chased for charging, but Limley pulled through with miraculous saves. Shortly before the 15-minute mark in the final period, Kennedy took Mel Hills' rebound and punched it past Limley for the winning goal.

Bruins Nearer Playoffs

BOSTON, March 12.—Boston took a firmer grip on fourth place last night by defeating the Chicago Black Hawks, 7-2. Each team has three games left on its schedule, the rivals playing Detroit and Montreal before meeting each other in the final game of the season.

Bill Cowley and Pat Eagan gained scoring honors for the Bruins, each notching two goals. Other Bruin goals were by Armand Gaudreault, Paul Gladu and Herb Cain. Chicago markers were by Joe Cooper and Clint Smith.

LaGuardia Asks Police To Grab Garden Bettors

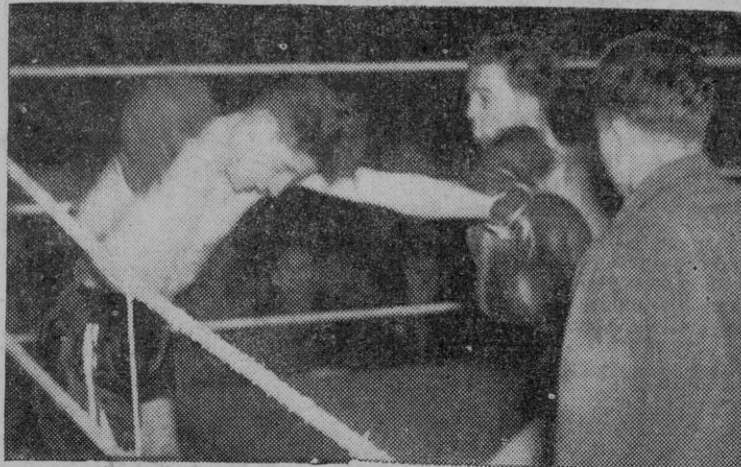
NEW YORK, March 12.—Mayor LaGuardia stole the show in the open court hearings in the basketball gambling trial yesterday when he called in high-ranking police officers and ordered them to get a little busier around Madison Square Garden. Refusing to limit his activities to basketball, LaGuardia told a group of police officials, including Chief Inspector John J. O'Connell, Deputy Chief Inspector Michael J. Murphy, and Acting Deputy Chief Inspector Conrad Rothengast to bring in every gambler found in the vicinity of the Garden.

Covering GI Sports

XIX TAC HQ., France.—The 367th ended a rival's 26-game winning streak and copped the XIX TAC basketball championship when it knocked off the 10th cagers, 45-32. Both clubs fought into the tournament final by winning closely-contested semi-final games. The 367th edged out the 100th, 50-48, and the 10th scored a 33-32 victory over the 368th. T/Sgt. Bob Anderson, of Franklin, Ind., was high man in the championship tussle, pouring in 19 points. M/Sgt. Stan Petela, of Boanford, Conn., tallied 18 markers for the 367th.

An all-tournament team was picked. Petela and T/Sgt. George Weese, of Danville, Ill., of the champions; Anderson, 10th; T/4 George Gibson, of Monfort, Wis., of 100th, and Sgt. Harry Heath, of East Chicago, Ind., 368th, comprised the all-star cast.

Offense is Self's Best Defense



Pfc Tommy Self (left) is blindly throwing a southpaw punch at Sgt. Bill Moya in one of the feature bouts of an eight-card boxing show staged by the SHAEF athletic section. Self went on to TKO Moya in one minute of the third round. The referee is E. L. Brookman.

PUP TENT POETS

There Is No Peace

There is no peace where shells are bursting;
Where blood is flowing and men are dying.
There is no peace where there is no singing;
Nought but the sound of loved ones crying.

All the world is steeped in anguish and in woe.
Smiles have faded and hearts are heavy.
Even the beauty of the sunset has lost its glow
In a world that is fighting to be free.

Yet out of the sadness and despair,
Out of the turmoil will come answered prayer;
'Twill be the dawn of a world that's free
From the highest mountains to the rolling sea.

Where men may work and play and love
'Neath God's own skies of blue above;
And all mankind will tell the story
Of white peace and all its glory.

—Glenn D. Clark.

I Bequeath...

To you, my darling, I would give
Whatever things I own;
The cozy house wherein I live,
My chair, my telephone.

I would present you with food
And all I have to drink,
My energy, my slightest nod
And everything I think.

Oh, I would offer all I know,
Each word, each written line;
I would bestow the rain and snow
If they were only mine.

For you are everything to me
My hope, my dream, my song,
My future and the memory
Of what has passed and gone.

To you, my darling, I would send
A letter penned in gold,
And happily I would extend
My heart for you to hold.

—Pvt. Major Sadler.

Births

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

Sgt. Oswald Vento, Providence, R.I.—Lucille, Dec. 13; Lt. Frank M. Pierson, Terrehaute, Ind.—girl, Feb. 24; Major Bertram A. Weeks, Oklahoma City—Patricia Elynn, Feb. 14; Corp. James W. Rowe, Leonia, N.J.—Susan, Feb. 25; Sgt. James Gleason, Hackensack, N.J.—Maureen, March 2; Corp. Arthur L. Cox, Arabi, Ga.—Valynda Jay, Feb. 28; S/Sgt. Michael McCann, Cheltenham, Pa.—March 2; S/Sgt. David R. Batchelor, Oswego, N.Y.—boy, March 5; Pvt. Ralph Lombardo, Bronx, Orsalina, March 5; Sgt. Tom Pentacoda, Bronx—Jasper, March 6; Pvt. I. J. Cohen, Bronx—Carole Ruth, March 5; Capt. Robert Kerber, Oakpark, Ill.—Robert N., March 6; Sgt. Stanley W. Norris, Bronx—Stanley William, Feb. 19; Lt. Col. Ross W. Hall, Vinita, Okla.—Ross Woodrow, March 6.

AMERICAN FORCES NETWORK

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Time	TODAY	TOMORROW
1200-News	1920-Burns & Allen	0600-Rise and Shine
1210-Beaucoup Music	1945-U.S. Army Band	0700-News
1300-Rans, Sherman	2000-World News	0715-Song Parade
1330-Let's go to town	2005-Your War Today	0730-Return Eng'm't
1400-News	2015-Johnny Mercer	0800-Combat Diary
1410-MelodyRoundup	2030-American Band	0815-Personal Album
1430-Aldrich Family	2100-News	0830-Modern Music
1500-Strike Up Band	2105-Frank Morgan	
1530-Combat Diary	2135-Dinah Shore	
1545-On the Record	2200-U.S. News	
1630-They call me Joe	2207-Hit Parade	
1700-News	2235-Pacific Music	
1715-Canada Show	2300-News	
1800-News	2305-MysteryPlayh'se	
1805-Mark Up Map	2330-One-NightStand	
1810-U.S. Sports	2400-News	
1815-GI Supper Club	0015-Night Shift	
1900-Raymond Scott	0200-S & S News	
		0010-Spotlight Band
		0925-Canada Music
		1000-Morning After
		1030-Strike Up Band
		1100-U.S. News
		1106-Duffie Bag
		1145-Melody Roundup

News Every Hour on the Hour

Li'l Abner

By Courtesy of United Features

By Al Capp



Terry and The Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff



Abbie an' Slat

By Courtesy of United Features

By Raeburn Van Buren



Dick Tracy

By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune Syndicate Inc.

By Chester Gould



Male Call

By Milton Caniff



Jane

By Courtesy of The London Daily Mirror

By Norman Pett



Remaining Japs on Iwo Squeezed Into 2 Pockets

GUAM, March 12 (ANS).—The battle for Iwo Jima—bloodiest of the Pacific war—appeared to be all but over today.

Most of the surviving Japanese troops were squeezed into a 1,000-yard triangle on Kitano Point, northern tip of the island. There they fought desperately, though they were battered by Marine heavy artillery and U.S. naval guns.

Only one other pocket of enemy resistance remained at 6 PM yesterday.

Fifth Div. Marines, moving up the west coast, had sealed off the Kitano Point position. The Fourth Div. surged forward on the east coast after capturing Tachiwa Point, easternmost tip of Iwo. The Third Div. expanded its wedge to the northeast coast from the center of the island to join up with the Fourth.

Army fighter planes, flying from Iwo's southern airfield, strafed Chichi Jima and Haha Jima in the Boian Islands north of Iwo.

Americans on Mindanao Near Center of Zamboanga

MANILA, March 12 (ANS).—U.S. infantrymen who landed on Mindanao Island, in the southern Philippines, made a swift and close approach to the municipal center of Zamboanga and Wolfe Airdrome, Gen. MacArthur reported today.

The Americans went ashore Saturday at the southwestern tip of Mindanao after a thorough naval and air bombardment. They quickly overran four coastal villages and chased the Japanese garrison into the hills.

Radio Tokyo said that the Japanese garrison was engaging the Yanks in fierce fighting and reported that Americans had landed last Thursday on Basilan Island, 12 miles from Zamboanga.

Zamboanga is 200 miles from Borneo. MacArthur said that the Zamboanga operation strengthened the American blockade of the South China Sea and further severed Japan from her rich holdings in the East Indies.

U.S. infantrymen of the 41st Div. of the Eighth Army hit the beaches four miles west of Zamboanga's city center. Actually, they were in the city the minute they stepped ashore. Zamboanga, covering the entire end of the peninsula of the same name, has a total area of about 600 square miles.

In area, Zamboanga is one of the largest cities in the world, although its population is about 132,000. The island of Mindanao, where guerrillas have been extremely active for years, is the second largest in the Philippines.

On Luzon Island, Yanks continued systematic reduction of Japanese cave and pillbox positions along the bitterly contested Antipoll-Wawa line east of Manila. To the south, U.S. troops drove farther eastward along the southern Luzon shoreline, clearing the northern side of the Verde Island passage between Luzon and American-held Mindoro.

Philippines-based Liberators bombed waterfront installations at Takao, on Formosa.

Levee Battle Won, Ohio City Counts Ten-Million Saving

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio, March 12 (ANS).—Portsmouth today had won its five-day battle of the levee—a \$10,000,000 victory—as an estimated 9,000 residents began moving back to their homes.

The Ohio River dropped to a 60-foot stage, two feet below the top of the floodwall section on which citizens and State guardsmen had piled nearly half a million sandbags to plug the gap in flood defenses. City officials estimated that the fight that kept the river back saved \$10,000,000 in damage.

All along the Ohio River levels were dropping slowly and weather officials said that the worst was over for thousands of families flooded out at Memphis, Tenn.

The Arkansas River overflowed near Palarm, northwest of Little Rock, but the weather bureau report indicated a rapid fall in the river.

1st Gains Mile East of Rhine

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First Army front infantry units cleared the Rhine River as far south as Brohl.

The "pocket" created by the linking of the First Army with the 11th Armd. Div. of the Third Army has been eliminated. From 1,000 to 3,000 prisoners have been taken from this area since the beginning of the present offensive.

It was estimated today that nine German divisions have been liquidated during the offensive from the Roer to the Rhine by the First and Third Armies and 79,648 prisoners have been captured. The Ninth Army's prisoner bag brings the total to more than 100,000.

Ninth Army's Guns Shelling Ruhr Targets

Lt. Gen. Simpson's heavy guns have begun incessant shelling of Essen and the densely-populated area of the Ruhr Valley.

A daily average of 3,500 to 4,000 shells are being hurled across the river by the Ninth Army. On some days, 10,000 shells have been loosed.

South of Remagen to the Mosel, Lt. Gen. Patton's Third Army cleared the west bank of the Rhine to Coblenz. With the exception of a 16-mile strip along the Mosel, that river's north bank was also clear from Coblenz to Trier.

Maj. Gen. Morris' Tenth Armd. Div. mopped up Mehring, Polich and Schleich, eight to ten miles northeast of Trier, and overran the villages of Pehlbach, Altrich, Platten, Wählholtz and Berlingen in advances near the mouth of the Mosel.

It was evident from SHAEF reports that remaining German forces in the strip along the Mosel were using it as a bridgehead for evacuation to the south of the river.

8th AF Heavies Blast Swinemunde

About 650 Eighth AF Flying Fortresses and Liberators yesterday struck at the important naval base of Swinemunde, only 15 miles west of Marshal Zhukov's Baltic wing on Pomerania Bay. Swinemunde is located on the outer harbor of Red Army-encircled Stettin, which lies 40 miles to the south.

One bomber and three fighters were lost. Four ME 109s were shot down near the Danish border.

Approximately 700 other Eighth AF heavies attacked marshalling yards at Siegen, Betzdorf, Dillenburg, Wetzlar, Friedburg and Marburg in the area between Frankfurt-am-Main and the Ruhr.

The Ninth AF sent out 800 bombers and fighter-bombers, to hammer German communications leading to the bridgehead area.

Most Delayed Mail Shipment Finally Arrives on Continent

The most delayed shipment of mail ever sent to soldiers in the ETO—4,500,000 letters, mailed in the U.S. during the Dec. 4-14 period—has arrived on the Continent. It was held up twice by mechanical trouble and once by an accident.

Brig. Gen. R. B. Lovett, ETO Adjutant General, said yesterday the shipment consisted of 54,978 pounds of airmail (half the airmail from the U.S. comes by boat because of a lack of air transport) and 41,274 pounds of ordinary letter

New Joseph Stalin Tank in Action on East Front



Five mammoth Joseph Stalin tanks rumble along through German defenses in East Prussia. The Nazis have rated the Joseph Stalin as more than a match for their Tiger Royal.

Pope Suggests Changed Order

ROME, March 12 (AP).—Pope Pius said yesterday that the time had come to consider "a new order of productive forces of people," in which the welfare of the community would be placed above that of labor or capital.

Speaking to members of the Italian Catholic Workers Organization, the Pope declared that capital-labor agreements confined merely to accords between the two interested groups did not constitute "a stable principle of a social order," because they might lead to exploitation either of labor or of capital.

Socialization is justified only when the "common welfare" really requires it as the only means of repairing abuses or avoiding waste of a nation's productive forces, the Pope said. Even then, he added, just socialization requires that all interested parties receive indemnities.

Roatta Gets Life-If They Catch Him

ROME, March 12 (AP).—Gen. Mario Roatta, former Italian Army chief of staff and head of the secret service, whose escape from jail last week precipitated a political crisis, today was sentenced to life imprisonment as Pro-Fascist.

The High Court of Justice sentenced Roatta as the police pressed a search in liberated Italy.

East Front . . .

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vanced as much as ten miles west of the Oder and had reached the town of Seelow, only 28 miles from Berlin.

In another order of the day, Marshal Stalin announced that Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's forces, closing in on the ports of Danzig and Gdynia, had reached the Bay of Danzig, 14 miles above Gdynia. There, troops captured Neustadt and Puck, the latter on the coast.

Fifteen miles southeast of Danzig, Rokossovsky's men captured Tczew after working their way through a maze of interlocking canals. Other Russians were reported storming the suburbs of Danzig, which was being shelled.

Marshal Zhukov's northern forces were battling to cross the Oder north and south of Stettin. The Germans said that the Russians still were six miles from Stettin, but reported that the town of Altdamm had been evacuated. Altdamm is a suburb of Stettin on the east side of the Oder estuary.

At the southern end of the Eastern Front, a tank battle was raging in Hungary between Lake Balaton and the bend of the Danube River near Budapest. The German High Command, after reporting for several days that a new German drive was making progress toward the river, last night indicated that the Wehrmacht had been forced on the defensive.

French Tribunal Tries First of Vichy Chiefs

The Vichy trials opened in Paris yesterday at the Palais de Justice when 63-year-old Adm. Jean Pierre Esteva, Tunisian resident-general under the Vichy regime, went before the French high court, charged with treason.

He is the first of 60 accused Vichy leaders, including Marshal Petain and Pierre Laval, to be brought to trial before the jury of 12 senators and deputies of the pre-war French parliament and 12 Resistance delegates.

Mail to France Extended

WASHINGTON, March 12 (ANS).—Postmaster General Frank Walker announced yesterday that the limited mail service to France had been extended to the departments of Doubs, Meurthe-and-Moselle, Meuse, Haute-Saone and Vosges.

Nazis Ordered To Hold in Italy

ROME, March 12 (AP).—Field Marshal Albert von Kesselring has ordered German troops to defend northern Italy inch by inch, Allied H.Q. disclosed today, contradicting rumors abroad that the Germans would withdraw from Italy soon to defend Hitler's last-ditch fortress in southern Germany and Austria.

Von Kesselring's orders were found in a captured German document issued by the commander of the German 232nd Inf. Div.

"We do not defend Italy in these battles, but Germany itself," Von Kesselring was quoted as saying. "Not one inch of ground must be surrendered to our enemies."

German Planes Reappear in Italy

ROME, March 12 (Reuter).—German planes reappeared on the Italian front today, attacking positions of Fifth Army troops advancing on Vergato, which is threatened on three sides.

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2,300-ton incendiary attack by Superforts on a 15-square-mile area of central Tokyo. Fires in Tokyo still smoldered today.

Some of the first pilots returning from Nagoya said that the raid there did not appear as destructive as Saturday's devastation of the heart of Tokyo. Reports on the Nagoya attack still are incomplete, but no Superfort losses have been recorded, no planes were seen in trouble over the target, and none are overdue.

Commercial and municipal government centers lie in the area of Nagoya that was attacked. Rail yards also were hit, along with industrial targets.

Nagoya has a population of 1,500,000, a high percentage of which is engaged in aircraft production. Perhaps 375,000 persons lived in the bombed area.

Maj. Gen. Curtis Lemay, commander of the 21st Bomber Command, said today that the total destruction of Japanese industry was contemplated.

It was disclosed that in Saturday's Tokyo attack some Superforts flew as low as 500 feet.