

Man Spricht Deutsch
 Kennen Sie den Weg nach...
 Kennen Zee den Vayg nakh...
 Do you know the road to...

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 Oh, mon dos douloureux!
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 Oh, my aching back!

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Allies Pursue Foe in Bulge

Yanks Press Inland Against Jap Hill Defenses

Sea Battle Raging Off Indo-China

Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger's Sixth Army pressed further inland on Luzon yesterday, meeting its first organized resistance from Jap artillery hidden in the hills south of San Fabian, while Adm. William F. Halsey's carrier fleet struck at an enemy naval force off the Indo-China coast in a bold offensive stroke to insure safety of supply lines to the Luzon invaders.

Gen. MacArthur's latest communiques told of penetrations of more than nine miles between San Fabian and Lingayen. One spearhead overran the road junction of Calasiao and pushed to Bulog, from which a network of roads spreads out in several directions toward Manila, 90 miles south.

As the Luzon invasion entered its fourth day, reports from Pearl Harbor indicated that the biggest naval

Jap War Ahead of Schedule

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (ANS).—Sec. of War Stimson said today that General MacArthur's leapfrog advances have pushed the Japanese War ahead of schedule, but he warned that the invasion of Luzon means "an extended campaign."

battle since the Leyte sea engagements last October were probably in progress in the China Sea, 300 miles northwest of Luzon, off the southeastern coast of Indo-China.

The communique issued at Adm. of the Fleet Chester W. Nimitz' headquarters last night said that "carrier aircraft were now attacking the enemy... between Saigon and Camranh Bay."

Frontline reports from Luzon, quoted by Reuter, said that American troops have captured ten miles of the San Fabian-Manila railway and patrols had crossed the Agro River, 20 miles inland from Lingayen, which would place the Americans within 87 miles of Manila itself.

More than 30 towns and villages

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U.S. Armies Forge Ahead on Luzon and on the Western Front



Sixth Army forces drive nine miles into Luzon while medium and light bombers, using the airstrip on Lingayen, bomb airfields near Manila.



The German winter offensive goes into reverse as Allied forces pursue retreating Germans who may try to make a stand near Houffalize.

First KOs 3 Panzer Divisions

The giant seesaw of the winter war on the Western Front tipped toward the east yesterday as Allied men and armor crashed back through the frozen Ardennes toward Germany in pursuit of Von Rundstedt's retreating armies.

The great German winter offensive, which rocked the Allied world for 26 days, was over. Reuter front reports yesterday that there were no Germans left west of Laroche-St. Hubert highway indicated that the enemy had recoiled 23 miles from the westernmost point of the Nazi drive at Celles near the Meuse.

As some of the worst weather of the war grounded Allied planes, yesterday's major ground developments in the withered salient were:

- 1—British and U.S. Third Army forces linked in the vicinity of St. Hubert.
 - 2—Germans fought bitterly midway along the northern and southern flanks to prevent U.S. First and Third Armies from slicing through the center of the salient.
 - 3—Germans planned to withdraw farther than the Ourthe River, which bisects the salient between Laroche and Houffalize, to save their troops if necessary, the Nazi news commentator, Ludwig Sertorius, said.
- Germans Lost 225 Tanks
 German losses in the bulge included 225 tanks—equivalent of (Continued on Page 8)

Medic Amputates Legs of 3 Women Trapped In Debris

By Frank Conniff

International News Service Writer

WITH AMERICAN INFANTRY in Ardennes Forest, Jan. 12.—Using a GI scissors for a scalpel and sometimes lying on the floor while he worked, a 20-year-old sergeant amputated the legs of three Belgian women trapped in a destroyed air-raid shelter during an attack on Malmédy.

Sgt. Frank Palco, of Roth, Va., a medical aid man, performed the operation as the only way to extricate the victims after deciding their legs were crushed beyond saving by a falling beam.

Some Field Officers Relieved, Stimson Says

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (ANS).—War Secretary Stimson said today "a number" of field commanders have been relieved because they failed to measure up to particular assignments.

He declined to make public any of the commanders' names, explaining that reassignments "are made without public announcement in order that the efficiency of a loyal officer may not be impaired in a new assignment."

The women remained conscious throughout the ordeal and urged Palco to perform the necessary amputations. Two recovered but the third, resistance weakened by advanced age, succumbed after being rushed to a nearby hospital in jeeps.

Palco never studied medicine. His sole previous experience besides field work at aid stations has been

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McNutt Praises Home Front as War Tour Ends

By Richard Lewis

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

The U.S. home front is on the ball and war workers are not ducking into civilian industries, but the home folk still haven't sensed the full impact of the German war, a group of U.S. war production and manpower commission officials said here yesterday.

"That crowd at home—they don't get the impact you get over here," Chairman Paul V. McNutt of the War Manpower Commission said. "but they've done a job and they'll keep on doing it. We've worked without a (National Service) law. If we had one, it might be easier."

The group, which just completed a tour of the ETO to size up battlefield needs, also included Maury Maverick, WPB vice-chairman and head of the Smaller War Plants Corp.; Harold Boeschstein, WPB vice-chairman for operations; William Y. Elliott, WPB civilian requirements vice-chairman; Joseph Keenan, WPB labor production vice-chairman, and Frank L. McNamee, WMC regional director.

Ex-Congressman Maverick said he had been impressed by the

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11 9th AF Groups Now Off Secret List

Eleven medium and light bomber groups of the Ninth AF Bomber Division were taken off the censor's secret list yesterday.

The groups have flown since pre-invasion days. They include the 322nd, 323rd, 386th and 387th Marauder groups, which introduced the B26 to the ETO in the early summer of 1943 and the 416th Group, first U.S. unit to fly the Havoc and the new Invader in the European theater.

The other groups released were the 344th, 391st, 394th and 397th Marauder Groups; the 409th, flying Invaders, and the 410th, flying Havocs.

Poland Battle On, Nazis Say

LONDON, Jan. 12 (AP).—Marshal Stalin's long-promised winter offensive was apparently under way today. According to the German radio, the Red Army launched an attack from its Vistula bridgehead 120 miles below Warsaw, spreading out on a broad front west of Baranov.

In the explosion of the southern Polish front there is every indication that the battle of Hungary is virtually won and the Red Army is now ready to strike at Germany from a new quarter.

MOSCOW, Jan. 12 (AP).—With three-quarters of Budapest officially reported cleared, Russian assault guns have penetrated into the last enemy-held section.

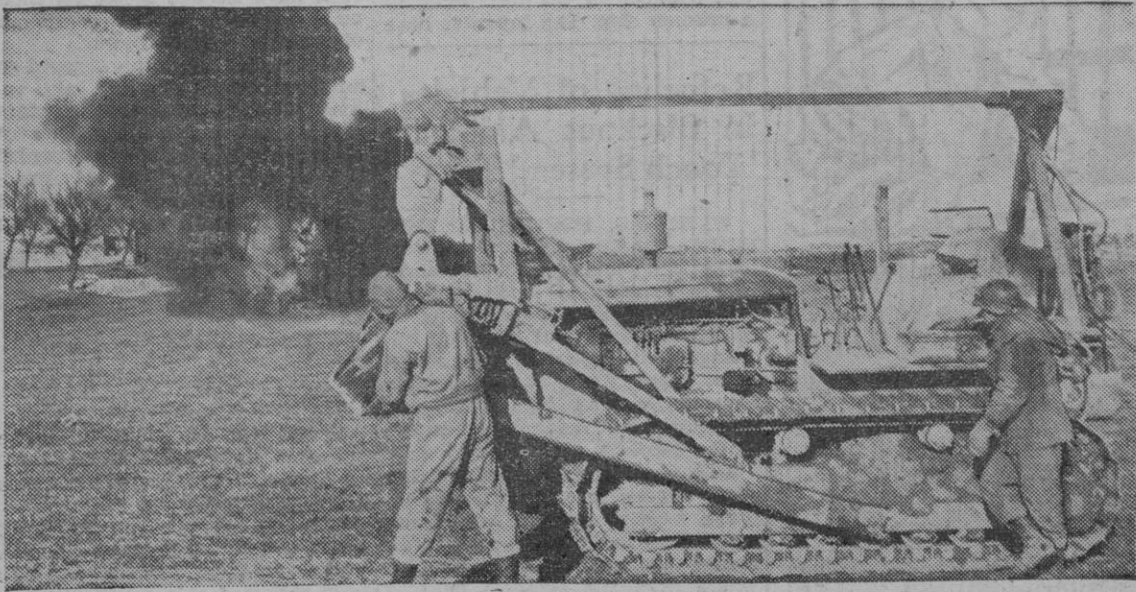
(Other Russian advances were such that a Moscow radio commentator was reported from London to have said "the Red army is entering the Bratislava plain" thus turning "the great battle for Budapest into a battle for Bratislava.")

War Casualties Listed At 646,380 for U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (Reuter).—Total casualties of U.S. armed forces from the outbreak of the war number 646,380, according to the Office of War Information.

This total includes: dead, 138,393; wounded, 370,647; missing 73,594, and prisoners, 63,746.

Engineers Dynamite Top Soil—Save Achin' Backs



The tough job of digging through frozen top soil to start a plane pit was eased for pick-and-shovel soldiers by a few pounds of dynamite. It's another labor-saving accomplishment by the Engineers.

THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

General Delivery

(B-Bag has received many calls from officers offering cigarette lighters and cigarettes to Sgt. H. J. Cohen, after his letter appeared in the column, describing his troubles trying to obtain a lighter. Sgt. Cohen stated that he couldn't buy a lighter in the States, when he arrived overseas nor when he got up front. One of the first to call was Maj. Gen. Hughes, whose letter appears below.)

Dear Sgt. Cohen: By the time the lighter accompanying this letter arrives, you probably will have received a dozen. If you have, please pass this lighter on to some other soldier.

It works, although it is far from perfect and not new. It got that way while I was trying to find another lighter.

Maj. Gen. E. S. Hughes.

Taxi-Truck

We often remain in position for several days and during this time many of the two and a half-ton trucks in our AA-aa. automatic weapons outfit are parked and remain static. There are many uses these trucks could be put to, such as carrying ammunition and supplies. We are sure each unit would be willing to lend these vehicles and drivers to assist our war effort.—Two Lieutenants.

Let's Go!

Word was flashed again that we were having an inspection. Time spent to police was enough to produce approximately 60 vitally-needed tires for combat duty. I suggest the inspecting officer come unannounced, catch us with our pants down and let us take it in the neck; but for Johnny Doughboy's sake, let us put out the tires they need.—1/Sgt. K.E.W., Ord.

Offer

We are a HQ outfit and received combat sweaters. Shortly thereafter an order was published that these sweaters could not be worn as an outer garment.

How are we supposed to wear these sweaters beneath our shirts and still maintain a neat, soldierly appearance? Now that some big shot decided against our wearing them, some of us feel that we'd prefer giving them to units where chicken is less prevalent. How do we do it?—Sweater-Less, First Army HQ.

Auto Mechanics

Here's a tip that may save drivers a lot of trouble on cold days: If your windshield freezes, dip a cloth into the radiator and moisten the glass with the anti-freeze mixture.—CWO N. Fierman.

Get on the Ball

Why can't the high command be a little tough on regimental and battalion commanders who are temperamentally unfit to control junior officers? Or, if that is too much to ask, have all regimental and battalion commanders take a two-week course on "How to get along with and get the most out of officers under your command."

I have been in the Army for nearly four years, two of them been spent overseas as a company commander, and I do not feel that I am too sensitive when I say that it makes me shudder to see how junior officers are treated at times. Officers have their pride, prestige and self-respect to maintain, and whenever a commanding officer

fails to respect the above qualities, the inevitable result is a lowering of morale and efficiency.

Whenever the efficiency and morale of officers are lowered by blunt, selfish, implacable and irascible officers, I feel that it does as much damage to the war effort as a saboteur. Moreover, the junior officers cannot help but pass some of the above to the enlisted men.

A little study in human relationships, the use of tact, diplomacy, mutual trust and the judicious shifting of officers in and out of the unit will do a lot to improve conditions. A company commander may spend months in improving the frame of mind of his lieutenants and making them think and act as officers, only to have it undone in 15 minutes by a battalion commander who over the dinner table launches a tirade directly against platoon commanders. Capt., Engr. Regt.

Man to Man

Not long ago, I learned a definition for leadership that, because of its clarity and conciseness, I have never been able to forget.

"Leadership" the definition went, "is the ability to impose one's will upon another in such a manner as to obtain his obedience, respect and wholehearted co-operation."

Authority will always command obedience. But respect and wholehearted co-operation are voluntary and depend upon the private esteem of a man toward his superior. It is the personality of the superior that wins not only the admiration of those under him, but their respect and wholehearted co-operation.

War is made hard enough by the inhuman assault of the enemy. Let us try to make it more bearable within our own camp by considering and respecting the other fellow, regardless of name, rank or present condition of servitude.—Pfc Peter Kougasion.

Music Lover, Ltd.

Why are most of the rotten programs put on the AEF after 1800 hours, especially on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights? Most of us only have time to tune in at night. During the day they put on such programs as, "Strictly On The Record," "Duffle Bag" and good dance bands. Why not have more of these programs nightly and less Latin music and symphonic orchestras?—T/3 R. J. D., Cpl., W. R. Y., Finance.

An Editorial

Check List for Officers

NEWS item: Second lieutenants now can make 1st regardless of TOs.

Some GIs were asked: What do you expect of an officer? Here are their answers:

1 Confidence and Decision.—His decisions must be quick. He must be calm and confident. He must be at his best when the going is rough.

2 Knowledge.—He must know his job to a T. He must have that certain something which causes him to be accepted by his men as best fitted to guide them.

3 Fairness.—He must rotate duties and missions. He must show no partiality. He must be fair-minded. He must be human, but not allow personal emotions to affect the performance of his duties.

4 Self-Control.—He must show a cheerful front under the most trying conditions. He mustn't get excited or show his real feelings at the end of a hard day. He mustn't blow his top when things go wrong.

5 Care of his Men.—He must make the men feel he



is doing his best to help them. He must speak up—"stick up"—for his men. He must take interested care of his men before he cares for himself.

6 Conduct.—He must comply with his own rules and regulations. He must never ask his men to carry out a mission he would not be willing to undertake himself. He must be able to carry out any task he assigns his men. He must have courage—and sometimes purposely display it as an example.

7 Personality.—He must have the confidence and friendship of his men through sharing their common lot. "We like to feel that he's one of us." He must know his men personally. If the men don't feel free to come to him he is not a leader.

8 Keep Men Informed.—He should keep the men informed about the situation and mission. "One of the best platoon leaders we ever had always told us everything he knew about what was going on."

Fewer than 2,000 Yank Prisoners Are Expected to Be Found on Luzon

Many of 16,827 PWs Taken On Islands Thought Dead

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (ANS).—Fewer than 2,000 of the 16,827 captured Americans of Bataan are likely to be found by the liberating U.S. forces on Luzon, it was estimated today, because death

has long since ended the agony of more than half of them and the majority of the survivors are in forced labor camps in Japan, Formosa and occupied China.

The UP reported American civilian internees in the Philippines have fared comparatively better at the hands of their Japanese captors. It is estimated that 6,000 will be liberated when the enemy is driven out.

While the fate of many of the captured defenders of Bataan and Corregidor has been obscured by time and the inscrutability of the Japanese, even less is known of 14,933 American Filipino soldiers reported missing when Corregidor fell.

Most Presumed Dead

Most of them are presumed to be dead. Of the original number of prisoners, at least 5,200 are known to have perished as of October, 1942, either as a result of the brutal "death march of Bataan" or through starvation and other barbaric treatment. Another 2,500 are assumed to have died.

Since then, some 700 more died last summer in the torpedoing of a prisoner ship. The Japanese have

Wainwright Reported Interned in Prison In Japan

officially reported the death of 1,900 prisoners by disease or wounds. The American liberating forces will not find in the Philippines the No. 1 captured American there—Lt. Gen. Jonathan Wainwright, who took command after President Roosevelt ordered Gen. MacArthur to Australia.

Removed to Japan

Wainwright was removed to a prison camp in Japan proper soon after the surrender of Corregidor.

Meanwhile, authoritative military observers here cautioned against expecting a quick American reconquest of Luzon.

They explained that "the Japs have learned better by now" than to attempt a strong resistance at the beaches. Because of the terrific pre-invasion bombardments to which such areas are subjected, the Japs have learned to set up their main defenses at inland points out of range of big naval guns.

Concurrent with the stepped-up military assault, the U.S. also intensified its psychological warfare against the Japs. The Office of War Information has bombarded the enemy with "Voice of America" programs from six powerful new 50,000-watt transmitters on the West Coast.

Jan. 25 Deadline Set By PX on Orders for Easter Gifts to States

Orders for Easter gifts to be delivered in the U.S. must be placed by Jan. 25, the Army Exchange announced yesterday.

The new catalogue, on display at all PXs and Army bases, shows a variety of gifts. The service has been extended this year to include war bonds, magazines, toys, beauty articles, perfume, jewelry and silverware, tobacco, candy and flowers.

Up Front With Mauldin



"If you'll turn my weapons platoon loose, I'll give ya my cooks for security. I'm going on th' line tonight."

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This Was America Yesterday: U.S. to Close Night Spots? It's All News to Washington

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Jan. 12 (ANS).—War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes reiterated today that he has given no consideration to closing of night clubs. Asked about a statement by Dr. James S. Thomas, Deputy OPA District Director for Florida, that Washington officials were considering closing of nightclubs to prevent absenteeism among war workers, Byrnes said, "I have given no consideration to that question at all." And Thomas, in Miami, said that he was "speaking as a private citizen."

ANOTHER little guy felt like doing something about night club celebrations. He was D. L. Whitehurst, veteran Palm Beach, Fla., copyreader who was temporarily in charge of putting the Palm Beach Post-Times to bed New Year's Eve. He wrote a scathing denunciation of West Palm Beach revellers who, "too drunk to make out the hands of their own wristwatches," sat around clubs, predicting when the war would end—"thanks to Yanks in tanks." Then he slapped the story on Page One and went home. Next day, having realized a newspaperman's dream of letting fly with the works, he learned he was without a job—and famous.

Was it an omen? Ed Blancett, of Oklahoma City, was driving along minding his business when a pair of pants dropped out of the sky. Papers in a wallet containing \$136 identified the owner as Maj. R. T. Akins, of Deming Air Field, N.M., who later admitted they'd blown out of his plane as he tested bomb bay doors.

Dog Eats License Plates

FROM Springfield, Ill., Street Commissioner Frank Lock reports they finally corralled that dog. The hungry pup had been going around town eating 1944 license plates, which were made of soybean compound. The pooch may be spared, though, as he nibbled no '45 plates.



IN Hollywood, Paulette Goddard was doing nicely after an operation for abdominal hemorrhages caused by pregnancy. The baby is expected in June. Capt. Burgess Meredith, Paulette's husband, is working on the film version of Ernie Pyle's book, "Here Is Your War." Joyce Reynolds, "Janie" in the film by the same name, became the bride of 1/Lt. Robert Lewis, Houston, Tex., Marine fighter pilot who recently completed a year in the South Pacific. Houston attended UCLA before entering pictures in 1942.

"BROWNOUT" is the term they're using for dimming of advertising lights ordered by War Mobilizer Byrnes. Broadway, already dimmed, prepared to comply with direct orders to turn 'em out, especially window and marquee lights. There's still light on Broadway, though—such as the New York Times news bulletin board, the Bond Drive Statue of Liberty, and fronts of bars, stores and theaters.

More trouble from out on the range—Jim Adakai, blind Navajo medicine man, was accused of brewing "bad medicine" which incited a group of Navajos to revolt against the Federal government. Meanwhile, a Navajo posse trailed six fellow redskins accused of kidnaping two Indian Service employes and the wife of one of them.

BUT on the nation's farms, things look fine. The Agriculture Department reported 1945 weather forecasts favor continued heavy production. Egg and milk production is being maintained and another near-record wheat crop seems a probability.

DESPITE an hour-long off-the-record address by Gen. George C. Marshall, the Association of American Colleges approved a resolution objecting to compulsory military training by a 213-35 vote. President Emeritus John Noller, of Grinnell College, Iowa, leader of the opposition, said that discussion by Gen. Marshall was limited to the military aspects of the problem.

"His talk," the pundit declared, "was based on one broad assumption that war is inevitable. I do not accept that premise."

NEWSPAPERS of the war were thrown into vivid relief by today's PM. The front page of the New York newspaper was a tight-packed list of casualties which was headlined: "These men did their share. Get a war job today."

Who Wouldn't Take \$250,000?

IN Chicago, Miss Ethabelle Green, secretary of the late Big Bill Thompson, settled for a quarter of a million dollars with the Thompson estate. She had petitioned for half on the grounds Big Bill promised her that much if she would take care of him and treat him as a daughter would as long as he lived.

EMPLOYMENT of women as taxi-drivers in Chicago is being considered by the War Manpower Board. And in Austin, Texas, Gov. Coke Stevenson has received from a committee of women a list of 84 women they consider should be appointed to state government boards. Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, incidentally, is recommended as a member of the state board of education or University of Texas Board of Regents.

This happened in Dubuque, Iowa: Told by a friend that so-and-so in the Army was now in India, a Dubuque woman said: "My, my, it won't be long before they'll be sending him across, now, will it?"

GI demolition job: Pvt. William Wigfield, Jr., of Theodore, Ala., arrived home and removed his name from the honor roll in the country courthouse in Mobile. He was reported missing after the fall of Bataan. He successfully eluded the Japs for 33 months, eventually made his way to Australia and from there home.

THIS week's Time Magazine carries five pages on liberated countries. It also carried an advertisement in questionable taste. The ad shows a room full of worried high-ranking officers. Through the windows is seen a milling crowd with "We Want" banners. The caption, presumably words of the two-star general is, "If we only had two shiploads of soda-pop we could stop all this unrest."

INDUSTRY notes: 150 workers at the American Box Board Company are on strike. The reason given is that 30 German prisoners of war employed at the plant are "insolent, inefficient and goldbrickers." The workers say the prisoners whitewash swastikas all over the walls and tell the employes, "We work for you now, you will work for us later."... Soldiers furloughed by the Army to work in war plants will be offered honorary membership in the United Automobile Workers Union where applicable, the union announced. . . . Federal Judge Harry E. Kalodner was on the spot at Philadelphia District Court. He had declared he would jail all OPA violators, and Anthony Avicola, who pleaded guilty to passing 428 counterfeit gas coupons is a war worker. His Honor didn't want to keep Tony from work, so Tony works five days a week, spends Saturday and Sunday in jail for 15 weeks.

Work or Fight Edict Violators May Get Jailed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (ANS).—Congressional ideas on how to handle men who won't work or fight shifted today toward criminal penalties rather than to a proposal to use such men in military work battalions. This developed amid signs of delay in consideration of limited national service legislation, the Associated Press said.

Chairman May (D-Ky) reported that many members of the House Military Affairs Committee believe Army and Navy work units, proposed for men who refuse to accept or retain jobs necessary in the war effort, should not be set up.

Instead, he explained, there is a growing sentiment for legislation to make these men liable to penalties now provided by draft law. A fine of \$10,000 and five years' imprisonment may be assessed against those who neither work nor fight.

May, who earlier had set today as the last day for hearings on his work-or-fight bill aimed at men between 18 and 45, said further public hearings have been scheduled.

On Monday, the committee will hear spokesmen for the AFL. Tuesday it will listen to Philip Murray of the CIO.

College Leaders Rap Universal Conscription

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Jan. 12.—Strong opposition to universal military conscription was voiced by educators attending an annual meeting of the Association of American Colleges.

Dr. Paul Bowman, president of Bridgewater College, Va., objected to perpetuation of "Army and Navy mentality" in education, asserting that America is not yet ready to subscribe to the proposition that the only sound pattern of education was that of military authorities.

He expressed fear that a year of conscription might regiment young boys in the routine of the military system and thereby cripple them for life in free society.

Hotfoot Prank Leads To Manslaughter Charge

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 12 (ANS).—Rufus Bisslerup, 40, was arrested last night on a Federal warrant charging manslaughter in the hot-foot death of Naron Jackson, a fellow welder at the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

The warrant named Bisslerup as a man who attempted to give napping Jackson the hotfoot with a blow-torch on Dec. 3.

The flame ignited Jackson's grease-soaked overalls and in an instant he was ablaze. He died Tuesday in Navy Hospital.

Fight Fire in Downtown Syracuse, N.Y.



A 36-hour play of water upon a smouldering fire which gutted two three-story buildings on So. Salina Street, Syracuse, left this icy display. Damage was estimated at \$100,000.

What's in a Name? 'GI Joes' Mostly Indifferent To Argument Over Nickname

NEW YORK, Jan. 12 (ANS).—After the American soldier has settled accounts against the bugler and the guy who wakes the bugler up he may (or may not) want to take revenge on whoever coined the term GI Joe.

As in all extremely important controversies—there are some, doughboys who object to the now-famous appellation GI Joe and others who say in their very best French "Il n'y a pas de quoi"—meaning it is of little consequence or don't mention it—the brush-off.

William Smith White, war reporter recently returned from an assignment with the 1st Army, says, "I don't think it is a very good idea for civilians to refer to a soldier as GI Joe. They use it among themselves but don't like it applied to them by civilians. It has a slightly patronizing tone."

However, three of five soldiers polled at random at the Halloran General Hospital at Philadelphia didn't object to being called GI Joe. Buddy Covington, Forestburg, Texas, said, "I don't mind, I've been listening to it ever since I got in the army."

Paul Lee, who covered campaigns

in North Africa, Sicily and Italy says: "GI Joe is used to denote the soldier who followed the rule book right out the window. He is little GI Joseph, who did everything he was supposed to do. He had too much 'spit and polish.' It was definitely a term of opprobrium."

However, Sgt. Ben Towns, Clarks-ville, Texas, hospitalized in Philadelphia, declared: "I don't mind it a bit."

Sgt. Bill Mauldin, soldier-cartoonist, recommended the N. Y. Times editorial writer who deplored the abuse of the term "GI Joe" for the Pulitzer Prize or "something."

In a letter to the The Stars and Stripes, (Rome edition), Mauldin deplored the "unfortunate similarity in the names of Joe, the honest foot soldier bucking for rotation, and GI Joe, the jerk who has become Tin Pan Alley's conception of every soldier."

Mauldin also reiterated that "GI" itself is authentic soldier, but that in combination with "Joe", has always been strictly civilian and strictly anathema to soldiers themselves.

So, as the French say "Comme ci, comme ça," or in good old Americanese "maybe yes, maybe no."

Men Under 30 Face '45 Draft

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (ANS).—Asserting that the Army is "under-strength when measured in terms of effectiveness," War Secretary Stimson said that 1945 will see the drafting of "substantially all physically qualified men under 30."

He said 450,000 wounded and sick are in Army hospitals and that the rotation plan keeps 85,000 out of service.

"Effective size of the Army must be kept up to its ceiling if needs of the armies at the front are to be met," Stimson said. He explained the places of young men and women drawn from war industry "will have to be taken by older men and women and by young men not acceptable for military service."

Estimates indicate that the plan will take 200,000 to 250,000 young men out of war plants this spring.

Chaplin-Berry Case Set For Reopening May 2

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12 (ANS).—Retrial of Joan Berry's paternity suit has been set for May 2, despite insistence by the prosecution for an earlier date.

Chaplin's counsel, Charles Millikan, told reporters Chaplin is paying \$75 a week for the support of Miss Berry's 15-month-old daughter, Carol Ann, in addition to \$150 monthly for rent.

President Bans V-Day Guesses

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (ANS).—President Roosevelt has requested all government officials, military and civilian, to refrain from predicting an early termination of the war lest such speculation curtail war production. In response to inquiries, the White House yesterday made public a letter dated Dec. 1 which the President sent to the heads of executive departments and independent agencies.

"At this most critical time, when the production of essential supplies vital to the war effort must be kept at a high level," the letter stated, "speculative public statements by responsible military and civilian public officials at home and abroad indicating an early termination of the war tend to curtail the production of essential war materials."

"It is highly necessary that this condition be remedied, and to this end all government officials are directed to refrain from making such public statements."

Nation's Highest Award Given 7 at White House

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (ANS).—President Roosevelt awarded Congressional Medals of Honor to five soldiers and two Navy men today at a mass ceremony at the White House. It was the largest number of presentations of the nation's highest award ever made on a single occasion.

Those who received medals were: 1/Lt. Edward Michael, Chicago; 1/Lt. Beryler Newman, Fargo, N.D.; 1/Lt. Jack Montgomery, Sallisaw, Okla.; Pvt. Leo J. Powers, Alder, Mont.; Pvt. Lloyd C. Hawks, Park Rapids, Minn.; Comdr. David McCampbell, Los Angeles; and Comdr. L. P. Ramage, Lowville, N.Y.

Circus Officials Blamed For Hartford Disaster

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 12 (ANS).—Seven officials and employes of Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey's Combined Shows, Inc., were held criminally responsible by Coroner Frank E. Healy yesterday for Hartford's disastrous circus fire last July 6. The fire caused 168 deaths and injuries to 682 persons.

The coroner held that they were "guilty of such wanton or reckless conduct either of commission, or of omission, where there is duty to act, which makes them criminally liable for the deaths."

Byrd Awarded Medal

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (ANS).—For finding Pacific airfield sites that will cut future air travel time, Rear-Admiral Richard E. Byrd, retired, yesterday received the Legion of Merit from President Roosevelt.

Once Over Lightly

By Paul Horowitz
Sports Editor

THE ODT has been besieged by requests from sports officials on what plans they should make for the forthcoming season, promoters handling basketball and track events being especially interested in learning if their meets are included in the government ban on conventions attended by 50 persons or more. No clearcut answer has been forthcoming, but War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes soon is expected to give a definite decision on the fate of wartime sports.

A committee headed by ODT Director J. Monroe Jackson has been studying the effect of recent government rulings on sports, and it is believed the committee ultimately may go to the White House for its final decision. Dispatches from the States reveal an ever-increasing alarm spreading through the American sports sphere, but baseball leaders have adopted a laissez-faire policy and are awaiting developments.

MEANWHILE, major league magnates have expressed their preference for a man of baseball background and knowledge to fill the job of the late commissioner, Judge K. M. Landis, according to a poll conducted by the Associated Press. Ed Barrow, of the Yankees' Clark Griffith, of the Washington Senators, and Sam Breadon, of the Cardinals, are united in their belief that the next commissioner should possess vast experience in baseball, either as a former player or business executive.

PHIL WRIGLEY, of the Chicago Cubs, dissented somewhat and said regardless of previous occupation, baseball should make every effort to get the best man available. Warren Giles, general manager of the Cincinnati Reds, said he "doubts the wisdom of selecting one identified with baseball if someone else equally qualified is available."

Baseball's ten-man committee has drawn up a rough outline of a contract to be tendered the nominee for the post, the contents of which will be revealed at a meeting in New York next month. In the interim, everybody from Ford Frick, president of the National League, to Babe Ruth, who put the click in baseball's turnstiles, has been mentioned as Landis' likely successor.

'Violent' Ray KOs Hayes in Boston

BOSTON, Jan. 12.—Elmer "Violent" Ray, Los Angeles Negro heavyweight, scored his 23rd consecutive victory here last night with a three-round knockout over Irish Dickey Hayes, of Milwaukee, in a scheduled ten-rounder.

The Los Angeles fighter dumped Hayes for a nine count with a right to the whiskers early in the first stanza, but Hayes came up swinging and rocked Ray several times. A vicious left in the third was followed by Ray's payoff blow, a hard right to the belly, which put Hayes away at 1:55 of the session.

Ray weighed 197, Hayes 193.

Drake to Play Hamline, Defying AAU's Edict

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 12.—Drake University announced today its basketball team would live up to its contract with Hamline University of St. Paul, despite an AAU edict declaring all Hamline's opponents ineligible for AAU competition as long as Howie Schultz and Rollie Seltz, professional baseball players, continue to play for the Hamline quintet.

Drake athletic authorities revealed that its basketball players had voted unanimously to go through with the game.

Gay Blades Pummel Blind Rovers in Amateur Hockey Game



The Baltimore Blades trampled the New York Rovers, 6-0, in their recent Eastern Amateur Hockey League match in Madison Square Garden. Shown in action are Jocko McLean (10), Jerry Lubeck (12), Goalie Nick Pidsodney (1), Paul Waldner (5), all of the Blades, and Len Wharton (5) and Roland Lemire (3), of the Rovers.

Canadiens and Rangers Climb Notch in NHL Race

MONTREAL, Jan. 12.—The Montreal Canadiens scored five goals in the second period last night and withstood a third-period Toronto rally to win, 7-5, and regain sole possession of first place in the National Hockey League.

After Dutch Hiller had scored on a pass from Buddy O'Connor in the first period, Montreal's powerful front line of Hector "Toe" Blake, Elmer Lach and Maurice Richard went to town in the next session. Blake and Richard each turned the red light on twice and Lach scored the fifth goal. Emile Bouchard made the final Canadien marker midway in the last period.

Dave Schriener scored for the Maple Leafs with ten seconds left in the second period, and Nick Metz, Babe Pratt and Schriener added points in the last five minutes of the game. Art Jackson assisting Platt and Schriener.

Rangers Whip Bruins, 5-1

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The constantly improving New York Rangers moved into a tie for fourth place, the important borderline playoff spot, by beating the Boston Bruins, 5-1, at Madison Square Garden last night. It was Boston's fourth straight defeat.

Boston got off in front in the first minute when Jack Crawford took a pass from Bill Cowley and beat Goalie Ken McAuley. Hank Goldup tied it ten minutes later with Ab DeMarco getting the assist. From then on McAuley played superbly in the nets.

Walter Atanas scored on a pass

Minneapolis Amateur Boxer Dies of Blow

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 12.—William Kurtzig, 20-year-old amateur boxer, died at St. Mary's Hospital yesterday without regaining consciousness, after being knocked out Wednesday night in the first round of his bout with Bob Lee at the Ascension Club.

State Athletic Commission doctors had pronounced Kurtzig fit before the fight. A post-mortem inquest has been ordered.

from Fred Thurier and Kilby MacDonald made it 3-1 as the second period ended. Grant Warwick and Thurier scored the last two Ranger goals in the third period, Atanas helping on Thurier's thrust, and Thurier assisting Warwick.

	W	L	T	Pts.
Montreal	19	5	2	40
Detroit	17	6	4	38
Toronto	13	11	2	28
New York	6	13	7	19
Boston	9	15	1	19
Chicago	3	17	4	10

Indianapolis 5, Pittsburgh 1.

The Question Box

Sgt. Bill Brown.—Lou Gehrig played in 2,130 consecutive major league games, starting June 1, 1925, and continuing until May 2, 1939. His lifetime home run total is 494, including games with Hartford of the Eastern League, where he started in organized baseball. He benched himself, May 2, 1939, after he had secured only four hits, all singles, from the beginning of the season until that day.

Pfc Joseph Kaminski.—World Series winners for last 13 years: '32, Yankees; '33, Giants; '34, Cards; '35, Tigers; '36, Yankees; '37, Yankees; '38, Yankees; '39, Yankees; '40, Reds; '41, Yankees; '42, Cards; '43, Yankees; '44, Cards.

Pfc J. F. Scatti.—Fle on the AP for its boner, which we overlooked, in the pre-Orange Bowl story about "Tattered Georgia Tech," in which Tech was credited with a 19-13 Sugar Bowl victory over Boston College at Miami in '41. BC beat Tennessee by that score in the '41 game at New Orleans. Georgia Tech was involved in no bowl game that year.

Sgt. Garvin Croonquist.—Joe Boley played short for the A's in the 1931

World Series, lost four games to three to the St. Louis Cards. Frank "Lefty" O'Doul was a regular outfielder with the Giants in 1933.

Cpl. J. O'Malley.—Jimmie Foxx hit 58 homers for the A's in 1932.

Pfc S.P. Schoop.—Ohio State lost to California, 28-0, in the 1921 Rose Bowl, the Buckeyes' only visit there.

Pvt. R. L. Monk and Pfc Chris Panopoulos.—Joe Louis and Bill Conn fought only once, Louis winning by knockout in 13th round, June 18, 1941, at New York City.

Second Platoon, L. Co.—Jim Braddock won the heavyweight title from Maxie Baer, June 13, 1935, in New York City on a 15-round decision. Billy Conn was counted out in the 13th round of his fight with Joe Louis.

Sgt. W. L. Jones.—Alabama's Rose Bowl victories: 1926, 20-19, over Washington; 1931, 24-0, over Washington State; 1935, 29-13, over Stanford.

Cpl. Jordan Baud.—We Snafued on Clyde "Bulldog" Turner. He played for Hardin-Simmons and not TCU.

Holman's Ruse Worked 2 Ways

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Nat Holman, City College basketball coach, thought he had the bookmakers right where he wanted them Wednesday night at Madison Square Garden when he ordered Bill Levine to take the ball out-of-bounds, instead of making a foul shot with a second remaining in the Syracuse game, and CCNY leading, 48-42. Holman had heard before the game that his team was a six and eight-point favorite to beat the Orange cagers. Had Levine sunk the shot, the Beavers would have won by seven points, thus giving the book the opportunity to collect all bets.

All books don't work alike, however, and there were many professionals in the house who had made City College a seven and five-point favorite. Thus, when Holman's action clinched CCNY's six-point victory, the latter tinnhorns cleaned up.

Frisch, Ott and Co. Arrive in New York

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The touring baseball unit, comprised of Frankie Frisch, Mel Ott, Dutch Leonard and Bucky Walters arrived here today after a six-week junket in the ETO.

Ott, who came back with a pile of phone numbers, accumulated during the trip, spent all morning calling mothers, sisters, wives and sweethearts to deliver messages from their servicemen in the front-line battle areas of Europe.

This was the second troupe to return to the States. Steve O'Neill, Detroit manager; Yankee outfielders, Tuck Stainback and Johnny Lindell, and Umpire John "Beans" Reardon, of the National League, recently returned from the Pacific.

Eagan Named to Boxing Commission in N.Y.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Gov. Thomas E. Dewey announced yesterday that Eddie Eagan, one of the most famous amateur boxers in the history of the game, has been appointed to the New York State Athletic Commission to succeed Brig. Gen. John J. Phelan, whose term expired Jan. 1st, after 13 years at the helm.

Finazzo to Meet Washington

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Johnny Finazzo, aggressive Baltimore middleweight, has signed for a ten-rounder against the veteran, B.B. Washington, next Tuesday in the opening fistic feature of 1945 at Turner's Arena.

Coaches Offer Kickoff, Pass Rules Changes

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 12.—The Rules Committee of the National Football Coaches' Association met here today and voted to recommend five proposals to the National Collegiate Athletic Association when it meets in a couple of months. The principal action of the meeting was approval of two rules changes adopted last fall by Eastern schools in defiance of the NCAA.

The coaches will suggest to the national body the out-of-bounds kickoff be outlawed, and that forward passing be permitted from any point behind the line of scrimmage, instead of five yards back, as the rules now read. Last fall Midwestern coaches entered into a gentleman's agreement forbidding the out-of-bounds kickoff. Under the proposed rule, the team kicking would be penalized five yards and forced to rekick every time the ball went out.

Other recommendations voted in the all-day session: 1, Mandatory use of the one-inch tee provided by officials for all kickoffs; 2, Hand to be held against the body in blocking (striking on the face with elbow will be illegal); 3, A more lenient penalty for a lateral pass that goes forward.

The coaches rejected suggestions which would legalize running with a recovered fumble and various suggestions designed to discourage stalling. One suggested change that was voted down would have each period consist of 40 plays, instead of being governed by the clock.

"We agreed officials can prevent stalling by strict enforcement of the rules," said Lou Little, Columbia coach, and acting secretary of the Coaches' Association.



Lou Little

Ex-College Players Face French Cagers

An international basketball game between a U.S. Army quintet and a French team representing Paris will be played tonight in the Palais des Sports, Boulevard de Grenelle. The French Basketball Federation, which is sponsoring the game, has reserved 1,800 seats for Allied troops, who will be admitted free.

The American squad includes: Capt. Bill Hapac, former Illinois and Big Ten Conference scoring champion; Capt. Ken Kitchen, Wisconsin; 1/Lt. Bob Artz and Sgts. Homer Shadle and Bill Zell, Penn.; Pvt. Jack Baker, Missouri; Sgt. Gid Campbell, Texas; Capt. Don Anderson, Michigan, and Pvt. Lowell Rollins, Minnesota.

Fabricant is the ace of the Paris squad.

Yanks vs. French on Ice

An ice hockey game at Sporting Victor Hugo, 17 Rue Mesnil, will be played tonight between the Hqs. Command, COM Z, and the 1944 French championship six. The contest is scheduled to start at 8:30 PM. A skating exhibition will precede the game.

SHAEF Eleven to Play Mudcloggers Tomorrow

SHAEF's undefeated football team, having had its last two scheduled games with Second AADA postponed for security reasons, will try again tomorrow at Parc des Princes, with the Normandy Football League championship Mudcloggers' eleven as the opposition. Kickoff is at 2:30 PM.

CAGE RESULTS

Ball State Tehrs. 62, Eatham 48.
Bemidji Tehrs. 43, Moorehead Tehrs. 25.
DeKalb Tehrs. 53, Wheaton 27.
Indiana State Tehrs. 72, Evansville 53.
McPherson 44, Central 43.
New Mexico Ags. 55, Hardin-Simmons 38.
North Dakota Ags. 58, North Dakota 45.
Tennessee 23, Alabama 14.

HASH MARKS

S/Sgt. H. P., of a bomb group, makes the following observation of a shapely miss: "She derails my train of thought."

GI's description of an affected society gal in a smart cocktail lounge: "She removes her gloves as ceremoniously as if she had taken her cue to go into a striptease."

Street scene: GI: "I can't see what keeps you girls from freezing."
WAC: You're not supposed to."

WAC-sense: When buying brasieres it isn't the price that counts—it's the upkeep.

Women are funny. First they wanted sheer stockings to look like



bare legs—now they buy leg make-up to look like stockings.

Is a reformed sinner a guy who changes the circles under his eyes for one over his head?

Thumbnail description: Her gown fit so well that she looked like she was poured into it—but overflowed a little.

Cpl. Ed. Glick observes: "Judging from the great number of Yanks marrying English girls, it would seem that Anglo-American relations are bound to flourish numerically as well as politically."

GI Daffynition: A bachelor is a guy who prefers single blessedness to double bedlam.

A musically-inclined WAC was heard to say to her soldier friend:



"Either take your arm from around my waist or keep it still—I'm not a banjo."

The little moron just dropped by the office. He sez he knows a nurse that everybody calls "Appendix"—only a doctor can take her out.

Would you go so far as to call a mail orderly "Postal Packin' Papa"?

Then there was the absent-minded girl violinist who kissed her violin goodnight and went to bed with her bow.

J. C. W.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

Write your question or problem to Help Wanted, The Stars and Stripes, Paris, France. APO 351.

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IDENTITY BRACELETS belonging to Harry E. Hartzog, by Maj. W. Stansbury; J. Alkan, by Maj. W. Stansbury; Lt. Robert E. Grass, by Maj. W. Stansbury.

CAMERA EXCHANGE

WANTED: 35mm., 4.5 lens, 1/500 speed, offer 3,500ft. with film; Lt. J. M. Eva. Camera using 35mm. or 120 film; Sgt. A. Green Jr., 35mm., any make; Lt. E. Bennetts, Argus, model A candid; Pvt. R. Traylor, Speed graphic, Zeiss Ikonta or 35mm., with coupled range finder; Maj. S. Leslie.

APOs WANTED

Lt. Al Cann, Providence, R.I.; Lt. Sewell H. Coskan, Stamford, Conn.; Lt. 3rd Commiso, Newark; Lt. Rose Glatzer, Roanoke, Va.; Maj. Joe Gallacher, New York; Lt. Cavalee Hicks, Watkins Glen, N.J.; Lt. Max Lyons, Fairmont, Neb.; Lt. Betty Ross, Hartford, Conn.; Sgt. Carl G. Schubert, Chicago; Pvt. Irene Smith, Binghamton, N.Y.; Clifford Smith; Sgt. Edward Wagner, Manitowish, Wis.; Jack Walton, Boston; Lt. Jeff D. Wright.

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Abbie an' Slat

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Blondie

By Courtesy of King Features Syndicate



Jane

By Courtesy of The London Daily Mirror



By Al Capp



By Milton Caniff



By Raeburn Van Buren



By Chester Gould



By Chic Young



By Norman Pett



Stiff Sentences Again Given to EMs for Thefts

Stories of having to forage for food in box cars to keep alive and of, gradually stealing and selling cigarettes in addition to taking their own rations were told yesterday by the third group of soldiers tried in the Army's grand-scale black market prosecutions.

A major in the 716th RR Operating BN. told the men "you're handling the equipment—if you go without anything it's your fault," one of the four men court-martialed yesterday testified.

Trials were again swift and sentences severe. The court gave three of the men 40 years at hard labor and the fourth 35 years, in addition to dishonorable discharges.

Accused Make Plea

For the first time since the Army opened its cases against the 182 men and two officers charged with the theft and sale of government cigarettes and rations, the accused men took the stand in their own defense.

Admitting their guilt, the men pleaded that circumstances had forced them to start stealing from box cars, and that once they started, and began making money from the sales, they kept on.

Pvt. Robert Cosgrove, one of the defendants, said that the accused group was not alone in the dealings. "Some people think that only the 716th is involved," he said, but insisted that other battalions "up and down the line" were doing the same things. "I could name at least another 65 involved in the case, and so could the others," he said.

Another defendant, T/5 Howard Raubolt, told the court that one of the battalion's captains told guards on the rail cars from which cigarettes were taken to "lay off the men—they've been working hard."

Raubolt, Cosgrove, and T/4 James Lemen were sentenced to 40 years. Sgt. Paul Hart, who cited the major's statement, was given the 35-year term. All were from Co. C, of the 716th RR Bn.

Amputate . . .

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hygiene courses in high school and at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

"I don't remember how long the operations required," he said. "I just kept working without thinking of time. I saw their condition was critical and that I'd have to work fast."

Palco was approached on the street by a young girl who begged him to help rescue the women. The girl was the granddaughter of the woman who later died.

"The oldest woman was in the worst shape but she begged me to work on the others first," Palco said. "I only had scissors but the legs were crushed so badly it was sharp enough to cut through."

"I gave them morphine injections to reduce pain but they still must have been in agony. I only amputated one leg of one woman but the others lost both."

Although he volunteered as a "medic," Palco has no post-war ambitions to become a surgeon.

Hi'jalutin' Shootin' Cowboy

Rides Herd on Nazis

WITH 80TH DIV., Jan. 12.—Pfc William A. Webb, cowboy from Elko, Nev., Baker, Ore., and all over Texas, nearly failed to qualify as a marksman in basic training.

"Never could shoot with my elbow over my shoulder in that goldarn sling all twisted up like a pretzel," he explained.

But when the 318th Inf. advanced to relieve Bastogne, Webb got some classic shooting in. He was posted as a guard near a brick wall in which there was a shattered hole.

Two Nazis crawled through. One tossed a grenade and missed. Two Nazis dropped. Others came through, dropped. Others tried to climb over—and dropped. Webb reloaded his M1 four times, pumping lead free style until it was over. They counted almost a platoon of Germans around that hole, and a small arsenal of hastily-abandoned equipment.

He's now allowed to use the "back home" style of firing, at which he admitted he'd been "a fair to middlin' shot."

Frenchmen Warned On Black Marketing

Calling attention to the "severe penalties" imposed by the Allied armies on their personnel who sell military supplies or equipment, the Parisian Military Governor warned French nationals against traffic in such articles.

Penalties ranging from one to five years' imprisonment were threatened for holding or receiving properties belonging to the French or Allied armies.

Allied Armies Pursue Foe as Bulge Shrinks

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three panzer divisions—destroyed by the First Army alone, and more than 30,000 prisoners taken by both First and Third Armies.

American troops on both the north and south flanks stabbed deeper into Von Rundstedt's contracting flanks. U.S. forces were attempting to close toward the Houffalize-Laroche area, where Germans are believed preparing to make a stand.

The going was slow in the snow-bound Ardennes. Southeast of Bastogne Third Army forces sewed a pocket in the vicinity of Tarchamps and took 1,200 prisoners in about 24 hours.

In the First Army's Salm River bridgehead, American patrols thrust several thousand yards to the east.

Fluid Till Yesterday

On the collapsed western sector of the salient, British and American lines locked in an area which up until yesterday had been fairly fluid. The merger of the two forces trapped no Germans, according to reports.

On the south flank, American infantrymen reached the roadnet center of St. Hubert, 15 miles west of Bastogne, as the Germans pulled out.

Stars and Stripes Correspondent Pat Mitchell with Third Army said Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's doughs reached Tarchamps ahead of a racing column of Nazi motorized vehicles heading northwest.

In Luxembourg, the 318th and 319th regiments of the 80th Div. advanced up to one and one-half miles in the vicinity of Nocher, Mitchell reported. He said temperatures dropped toward zero some nights and snow slowed traffic.

Stars and Stripes Correspondent Dan Regan with First Army reported that advancing First Army troops entered many small villages which had been vacated by the Germans. This indicated, he said, that most of the enemy's troops would have escaped eastward when the rest of the bulge collapses.

Regan reported new evidence that Germans robbed, then shot captured U.S. troops.

In Alsace, Germans again hurled armor at U.S. Seventh Army troops near Hatten, south of Wissembourg, but the attack was smashed, front AP reports said. There were no significant changes in Allied Rhineland positions.

Yank Tank Rumbles Frontward Over Snow-covered Fields



An American tank heads toward the enemy lines over a snow-covered field in the Bastogne corridor. Machine-gunners of the Fourth Armored Div. cover the field from their ice-bound foxhole.

Yanks Advance 9 Mi. in Luzon

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around the Lingayen Gulf were in the hands of Sixth Army troops, according to Thursday night's communique. The AP said that the American advance inland, although progressing favorably, had been limited because Gen. MacArthur was using extreme caution to build up strong landing points and insure safety to supply lines.

U.S. reconnaissance planes were operating from the Lingayen airfield, captured Tuesday night, and engineers were working day and night to put the runways in shape for heavies. Attack and medium bombers, meanwhile, were ranging over the cratered airfield around Manila, blowing up bridges and strafing convoys over which the Japs were trying to move truck and train convoys north to the Lingayen sector.

McNutt . . .

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shortage of nurses in Army hospitals.

"In one place," he said, "one nurse had four or five tents and she had to keep running back and forth in the snow."

He said he was impressed by the "great necessity" for close co-operation among the Allies, especially by the need of rehabilitating French industry so that French industrial manpower could be put to work for the war on a greater scale.

The need for putting French industry back on its feet, he said, was second in importance only to the immediate needs of the front.

McNutt said approximately 54,000,000 Americans were working in the war effort and that manpower was being used as effectively in the U.S. as in Britain.

He cited the additional 11 millions-plus of men in the armed forces. "What else can you take out of a population?" he demanded.

Elliott, civilian requirements official, warned that severe shortages can be expected on the home front in view of mounting military demands.

Shortages cannot be blamed on labor, Keenan said. No one is laying down on the job, he said. The soldiers' attitude toward unions, he added, has been overstated at home.

ELAS, Government Sign Another Truce

ATHENS, Jan. 12 (ANS).—Another truce, the 12th so far, has been reached in the 40-day-old Greek civil war to enable Left-wing ELAS leaders and the Greek government to discuss their differences, British headquarters reported.

Under terms of the truce ELAS forces will withdraw from designated areas and prisoners will be exchanged.

Wild Tank-Infantry Charge Wins Vital Ridge for Yanks

By Russell Jones

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

SAMREE, BELGIUM, Jan. 12.—Lt. Col. Hugh R. O'Farrell, of Athens, Ga., led a wild tank-infantry charge across 1,500 yards of deep drifted open ground at dawn to capture this town and give Americans command of a great ridge which dominates the terrain running southeast to Bastogne.

3 Destroyers Lost in Storm

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (ANS).—Three destroyers of the Pacific Fleet, the Hull, Spence and Monaghan, were lost in a severe typhoon in the western Pacific, the Navy has announced.

Five officers and 49 men of the Hull, 24 men of the Spence and six of the Monaghan were rescued. The Hull and Monaghan had normal complements of about 150 men each, and the Spence carried about 220 personnel.

The disaster occurred while the vessels were taking part in combat operations. A number of other vessels were damaged.

The Navy also announced the loss of four landing craft—an LST, a motor torpedo boat, a small submarine chaser and a small auxiliary vessel—to enemy action.

Bergen U-Boat Shelter Bombed by Lancasters

Heavily-loaded RAF Lancasters, screened by a fighter escort, yesterday attacked a U-boat shelter at Bergen, Norway, with 12,000lb. bombs. German shipping in and near Bergen Harbor also were bombed.

Eighth AF heavies and fighters were grounded and the Ninth flew only reconnaissance.

Small forces of the First TAF flew armed reconnaissance over the Colmar pocket and east of the Rhine yesterday for the First's 30th consecutive day of activity.

USSTAF reports on Wednesday's Eighth AF raid on Karlsruhe said that the giant marshalling yard there was severely damaged and that the Ports and Libs scored five concentrations on the target area. Twenty-five bombers are missing, but some are believed safe in friendly territory. Four fighters are missing.

Italian Weather Clears; Yank Patrols Active

ROME, Jan. 12 (AP).—Fifth Army patrols stabbed into Nazi-held ground today as weather along the entire Italian front improved.

Raiding parties advancing as far north as 10 miles from Bologna achieved the farthest northward penetration so far along the Bologna-Florence route.

Tanks had tried for two days to flank the town but hard packed snow had given them no traction. This morning Col. O'Farrell sent his Third Armored Div. tanks smashing straight down the road while infantry of the 84th Div., avoiding woods because of tree-bursting mortar fire, struggled across open fields to join the tanks in town.

Simultaneously with O'Farrell's attack a task force of Third Armored tanks and infantry, commanded by Col. William M. Stokes, Lynchburg, Va., stormed hills south of the town and fired down to support O'Farrell's troops.

Infantry rode the tanks to their position, then deployed for movement into the town.

1/Lt. William B. Woods, Hillsboro, Tex., exhausted after eight days of attack and efforts to keep the infantry abreast of the tanks, led C Company, in the lead of the infantry. He gave credit to 2/Lt. Roy M. Bradley, a Californian, commander of the lead platoon, for bringing the infantry to the road junction on time.

They arrived in town just as 1/Lt. A. J. Gable, of Chicago, commander of I Co., had burst through a haze of artillery smoke preparation. Behind Gable came Capt. Joseph S. Roberts, Chico, Cal., with G Co., and 1/Lt. Colter M. Montgomery, Davenport, Iowa, with H Co. Both tanks and infantry arrived in town so quickly they found German vehicles with the engines still running.

The prisoner count was small because Volksgrenadiers ran when the Americans came near. It was a relief for armor, which had been restricted by weather. The infantry was glad to gain the shelter of battered buildings after nights in unheated dugouts, sharing one blanket between two men.

Hits Jackpot

A Ninth Army engineer combat battalion claims the highest paid second looney in the whole works. He is George (Pop) Walker, of Texas, veteran of World War I and 25 years in the regular army. A recent battlefield appointment as second lieutenant will net him \$398.40 per month.

Besides his other medals, awards, ribbons and decorations, Pop winks slyly and claims a certificate of merit from Gen. Custer for having the cleanest bow and arrow in all Cheyenne.

