

invaders. Gen. MacArthur's lastest 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 Mac-

Arthur'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 within 87 miles of Americans Manila itself.

More than 30 towns and villages (Continued on Page 8)



strip on Lingayen, bomb airfields near Manila.

Stars and Stripes Map by Baird The German winter offensive goes into reverse Allied forces pursue retreating Germans who may try to make a stand near Houffalize.

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# Medic Amputates Legs of 3 McNutt Praises Women Trapped In Debris

way to extricate the victims after

The women remained conscious

throughout the ordeal and urged

Palco to perform the necessary am-

putations. Two recovered but the

third, resistance weakened by ad-

rushed to a nearby hospital in

Palco never studied medicine.

His sole previous experience besides

field work at aid stations has been

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beyond saving by a falling beam.

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

jeeps

Some Field Officers **Relieved**, Stimson Says

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

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

**Home Front as WarTourEnds** 

#### By Richard Lewis

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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. deciding their legs were crushed

"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." vanced age, succumbed after being

The group, which just completed a tour of the ETO to size up bat-tlefield needs, also included Maury Maverick, WPB vice-chairman and head of the Smaller War Plants Corp.; Harold Boeschenstein, WPB vice-chairman for operations; Wil-liam Y. Elliott, WPB civilian requirements vice-chairman; Joseph Keenan, WPB labor production vice-chairman, and Frank L. Mc-Namee, WMC regional director. Ex-Congressman Maverick said he had been impressed by the

there were no Germans left west of Laroche-St. Hubert highway indicated that the enemy had re-coiled 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:

-British and U.S. Third Army forces linked in the vicinity of St. Hubert.

- -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.
- -Germans planned to withdraw 3 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)

# **Poland Battle On**, Nazis Say

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

### Engineers Dynamite Top Soil-Save Achin' Backs



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

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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.

In the explosion of the soul 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 enter-ing the Bratislava plain" thus turn-ing "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.

#### THE STARS AND STRIPES

- An Editorial -

Saturday, Jan. 13, 1945



#### **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 trou-bles 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 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.

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#### 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-at matic 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.

#### 察 Let's Go!

Word was flashed again that we were having an ins-pection. Time spent to police was enough to produce approx-imately 60 vitally-n e e d e d 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.

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#### Offer

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

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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 antifreeze mixture.-CWO N. Fuerman.

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Get on the Ball

fails to respect the above qualities, the inevitable result is a lowering of

morale of officiency 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.

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#### Man to Man

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

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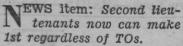
"Leadership" the definition went, is the ability to impose one's will upon another in such a manner as to obtain his obedience, respect and wholehearted co-cperation."

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 cooperation.

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.

#### \* 梁 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,



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

\* \* 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.

举 梁 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. 恭 恭 恭

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.

恭 5 Care of his Men.-He

is doing his best to help them. He must speak up-

Check List for Officers

"stick up"-for his men. He must take interested care of his men before he cares for himself.

\* 米 茶 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

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

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

# Many of 16,827 PWs 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, For-

mosa 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 irbaric 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 re-conquest of Luzon.

They explained that "the Japs have learned better by now" than to attempt a strong resistance at fic 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 in-tensified 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.



Up Front With Mauldin

# must make the men feel he example.

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 com-mander, 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

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

Refueling of Vehicles In Blackout Aided by 'Touch System' Tags

WITH U.S. FORCES IN BEL-GIUM .-- Small metal tags attached to jerricans, enabling identification of the contents by touch, make it possible for accurate refueling of vehicles during total blackout. Engine oil tags are oval with irregular edges. Gear oil markers are square. Metal bands fastened around th nozzles denote the octane of the gasoline.

2/Lt. Gerald Skripton, of Omaha, Neb., supervisor of a petroleum dump a short distance behind the front lines in Belgium, said, "The touch tags are designed for use where even the smallest light is not safe from enemy observation. Up here, we know their value can't be overestimated.

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. Saturday, Jan. 13, 1945

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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."

A NOTHER 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 coralled 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 A 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 Bights 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 Depart-**B** ment reported 1945 weather forecasts favor continued heavy pro-duction. 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. **D** Marshall, the Association of American Colleges approved a resolu-tion objecting to compulsory military training by a 213-35 vote. Presi-dent 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."

NEWS of the war was 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.

MPLOYMENT of women as taxi-drivers in Chicago is being con-sidered 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 mem-

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 and Navy work units, Army proposed for men who refuse to accept or retain jobs necessary in the war effort, should not be set

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 asessed 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 educa-tion 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 ManslaughterCharge

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

The warrant named Bisserup 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 Tuesday in Navy Hospital.

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

and the guy who wakes the bugler up he may (or may not) want to take revenge on whoever coined the term GI Joe.

U.S. NEW'S

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

William Smith White, war re-porter 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 themselvese 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."

#### NEW YORK, Jan. 12 (ANS) .- | in North Africa, Sicily and Italy After the American soldier has settled accounts against the bugler 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, Clarksville, 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 con-ception 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, ot in the army." Paul Lee, who covered campaigns comme ça," or in good old Amer-icanese "maybe yes, maybe no."

# Men Under 30 President Bans Face '45 Draft V-Day Guesses

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (ANS). WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (ANS). -President Roosevelt has requested Asserting that the Army is "underall government officials, military strength when measured in terms of effectiveness," War Secretary and civilian, to refrain from pre-Stimson said that 1945 will see the drafting of "substantially all physically qualified men under 30." dicting an early termination of the 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 places of young men and the 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 daughinstant he was ablaze. He died ter, Carol Ann, in addition to \$150 monthly for rent.

war lest such speculation curtail war production. In response to in-quiries, 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 medala 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

Fight Fire in Downtown Syracuse, N.Y.



ber 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,

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.



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.

Angeles; and Comdr. L. P. Ramage, Lowville, N.Y.

#### **Circus Officials Blamed** For Hartford Disaster

HARTFORD, Conn., Jan. 12 (ANS).—Seven officials and em-ployes 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 Le-gion of Merit from President Roosevelt.



CPL. Cleo Wright, of the 45th Inf. Div., thought he made a good deal when he swapped a pack of cigarettes for Jack, the military monkey, back at Venafro, Italy. Wright began to suspect it wasn't such a good deal

when it developed Jack's favorite trick was to sit of inquisitive Germans lured from on a window sill and bat unsuspecting passersby on their protective cover by the sight on a window sill and bat unsuspecting passersby on the snoot. Jack would bop the victim, then hug his sides in delight and chatter. That sort of thing soon to be amusing ceased to be amusing.

Wright went home on rotation and sent Jack along to a battalion motor pool. The guys tolerated him a few weeks, then made a gift of him to the morn-the tolerated his map and reached for ing reports staff, where Cpl. Elbert Johnson, of Stidham, Okla., became the zoo keeper. When the outfit moved to its present location, Johnson abandoned Jack at the old site and breathed a sigh of relief. It didn't last long. An artillery truck delivered Jack our jeeps," he told his artillery fire at the new camp. The men said they'd found him

on the highway, thumbing rides. on the highway, thumbing rides. The guys in Johnson's outfit are resignedly peek-ing around corners now, wearing their helmets low over their noses over their noses.

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**P**VT. James E. Fletcher, of Greensboro, N.C., and the 84th Inf. Div., learned that colonels can Smoke and dust mushroomed suddenly off to the left of the milling Germans, and they made be pretty quick a frantic effort to scramble for on the headwork. cover as steel fragments flew.

Fletcher was

ucking a shell

ip he bumped

last and when a e straightened Katz called out.



nel, "get those buttons sewed on-and quick."

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Mathematicians will tell you it's about a one-In-500,000 chance that two men with the same last initial and last four serial numbers will land up in the same division. But S/Sgt. Cyril J. Glowinski, of Detroit, and Pvt. Cecil V. Gaylor, of Loyerly, Ga., make the odds on their case higher. They're both in the same company, with G6813 as their number.

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The Nazi soldier captured by First Inf. Div. men was young—only 19—and cocky. He told inter-was young—only 19—and cocky. He told inter-THE Nazi soldier captured by First Inf. Div. men was young—only 19—and cocky. He told inter-days of fighting. I would like to have built up some battle experience to be of more use to our Fuehrer." How there is one more ourmand in the PW cage. An infantry squad had been liv-ing in the basement of a block of German houses. They used the dark cellar adjoining as a latrine

One Yank, fed up with the arrogant chatter, de-cided to call his bluff. He told the prisoner that he "On the third dark cellar adjoining as a latrine and source for kindling."

Next morning, as other PWs were being loaded into a truck bound for a rear enclosure, they came to the Nazi blowhard and offered him the armband. He started blubbring and offered him the armband. He started blubbering and told them he had changed his hands in the air. He had been

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H<sup>E</sup> thought more of his truck than his clothes, so T/4 Mathew Buda, of Adams, Mass., is wearing Braves Explosions a Bronze Star. Buda parked his truck and unloade

equipment in a barn back in November. The Germans had attached a thermite grenade to a civilian auto parked next to the barn outdoors, and somehow during the



The 26th Inf. soldier popped out of bed. Dressed only in his "long johns" he loaded the truck and vehicle exploded. Metal fragments drove to safety. Buda's clothes, barracks bags and flew in all directions but none hit everything else he owned went up in smoke.

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Pfc Richard Morgan, 26th Inf. Div. soldier from Edenion, N.C., discovered a unique way to get back to his lines after being lost in enemy territory, but he doesn't recommend it as SOP. It was growing dark, but Morgan kept moving.

Then he came upon a German sniper, captured him and made the Nazi lead the way back to the American sector.

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CAPT. JOHN KENT, of Fairfield, Ala., had one of those fountain pens "guaranteed for a lifetime." He's thinking seriously of trying to get his money back. During the battle for a town, a piece of shrapnel struck him in the chest, bending the pen double. Kent was unhurt. The captain, commander of Co. A, 117th Inf. Regt., considered sending the pen back to the manufacturer with a note reading: "It's a damned good pen for the shape it's in and If it wasn't in that shape I wouldn't be able to write to you."

8 Heroes of Bastogne Head for U.S. BOM on For **Artillery Cures** Nazi Curiosity WITH 8TH INF. DIV .- A group the telephone when he spotted the "Twenty Jerries sitting smack on Concentration 79, looking at one of "We'll give you two guns," the

> Veterans of many months fighting in France and other theaters, these men-relieved after the Bastogn Veterans of many months fighting in France and other the standing in the state of the standing in the Bastogne battle-are on their way home for rotation furloughs. Left to right, standing: Pfc. Gerald Stevens, Fairbattle-are on their way home to, rotation thildagis Cpl. Ignatius Vaznonis, Gary, Ind.; Lt. Ray Yantis, Stephenville, Tex.; Sgt. Angelo Yequierdo, San Leandro, Ga.; Sgt. Oscar Thomas, Jefferson City, Mo.; and kneeling, Sgt. Robert Mays, Wilmington, Ill.; Cpl. Hugh Doyebi, Oklahoma City, and Sgt. Odeno Scanzillo, Burlington, Vt. Scanzillo, who was not at Bastogne, fought, in Luxembourg.

WITH 29th INF. DIV.-There survivors of the Bastogne siege. enemy tanks at Bastogne. was a German in the woodpile. They were taken from the front

#### Thought It Propaganda

Thought It PropagandaYecuierdo, of San Leandro, Calif.,<br/>rescued several buddies from fivePaul Hawk, Homestead, Pa.T/5 Ignatius J. Vaznonis, of<br/>Gary, Ind., said it was "latrine<br/>propaganda" until they handedYecuierdo, of San Leandro, Calif.,<br/>rescued several buddies from five<br/>burning buildings during the raid.<br/>Cpl. Hugh Dovebi, Choctaw In-<br/>h a ve been through hell and I

togne. Among the first of 15 men sent from this division to the U.S. on rotation furioughs, the eight were survivors of the Bastogne signed the bastogn

Plans to Sleep

He started blubbering and told them he had changed his mind, begging not to be sent back to the front. So they tossed him in the truck with the others. He re all the time with a machine gun and six grenades." Description of the front of th

Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star after only three months of would be returned to the lines the next day, given a red cross band to insure him safe conduct, and be turned free to rejoin the Nazis. "On the third day I went there for some wood and heard a noise," said S/Sgt. Rudy Fanti, of Wilkes "On the third day I went there for some wood and heard a noise," said S/Sgt. Rudy Fanti, of Wilkes "On the third day I went there for some wood and heard a noise," said S/Sgt. Rudy Fanti, of Wilkes "On the third day I went there for some wood and heard a noise," said S/Sgt. Rudy Fanti, of Wilkes "On the third day I went there for some wood and heard a noise," said S/Sgt. Rudy Fanti, of Wilkes "Deturned free to rejoin the Nazis. "On the third day I went there for some wood and heard a noise," said S/Sgt. Rudy Fanti, of Wilkes "Deturned free to rejoin the Nazis. "Deturned free to rejoin the Nazis." ing of Bastogne, Sgt. Angelo Tellalien, Bridgeport, and S/Sgt.

# **Mess Pair Catches** Kraut for Dessert

9th Army

WITH NINTH ARMY.-William J. Cunningham, of Jersey City, J. Cunningham, of Jersey City, J. Cunningham, of Jerkey Cray believes he is the only mess ser-geant in the ETO who started out to serve a meal and wound up to serve a meal and wound up with "kraut" for dessert.

enberg, Germany, when he was bringing up food for an MP detach-ment. His ration truck was stopped by GIs who warned there were some Germans barricaded in a house down the road. While Cunningham and his driver, Pfc. Donald Barden, waited, a Heinie dashed Div.), for leadership and bravery in ac from the house and took off across a field.

Cunningham gave chase and fired a few shots from his .45 He ound the German in an abandoned foxhole, nursing a wounded arm.

### 2nd Armored Div.

Hidden Fliers Greeted As Town Is Liberated

WITH SECOND ARMOREI DIV.—An elderly Frenchwoman beckoned to Pfc James Lejeune, of the Second Armd Div. as he was the Second Armd Div. as he was patrolling newly-liberated Elboeuf, He followed her to an attic where five Allied airmen greeted him, They had been hidden there for eight weeks.



MP Pvt. Jack H. Hunton, of Phoenix, Ariz., gets on the right side of this Belgian Bossy to pull a deal for some fresh milk. Cows were left behind by evacuees in the 82nd Airborne Div. sector.

He's an Old Cowhand To Rescue Captain WITH THE 26th YANKEE INF.

DIV.-Pfc Henry G. Preston of Iarrisonburg, Va. was returning rom patrol when a jeep about 200 vards in front of his struck a mine, turned over and burst into

sound-ranging in the artillery's

Signals Again

"Five-zero left, repeat range,"

"On the way!" came the anserver.

to the shelter of a nearby pillbox. The jeep stood alone.

. . The Germans had no time to

Imets with a scramble. The whole picture was

29th Inf. Div.

Preston dashed into the blaze to bring out a captain who had been oinned down under the vehicle. nade went off, setting fire to the car and the building. Two mines went off in quick suc-Preston. He took off his jacket, stamped out the flames and brought the officer to an aid tation.

#### 80th Inf. Div.

26th Inf. Div.

**Grateful Yanks Say It** With Silk Scarf Gifts

WITH 80th INF. DIV.-Grateful men of beleaguered air-borne and armored uni': inside Bastogne gave "thank-you gifts" of parachute silk scarfs to every member of the 80th's Sec Bn., 318th Inf. which made the initial infantry contact by cutting through the German ring encircling the Belgian commu

nications center. The parachutes had been used to drop supplies to isolated troops in the city.

**German in Wood Pile Finds No Good Luck** KnockingUponWood

# 20 Men Earn **Officers' Bars** In 78th Div.

WITH 78th INF. DIV.-Second lieutenant's bars were pinned on the uniforms of 20 men of this command by Maj. Gen. Edwin P. Parker, Jr., commanding-genera of the "Lightning" Division, in two recent ceremonies.

The first enlisted men in the 78th Div. to receive battlefield ions, they won their appointments for leadership and bravery in action against the Nazis. Several of them have been with he division since it was activated at Camp Butner, N.C.

The New Lieutenants Are:

Johnnie Krofchick, Newnan, Ga.; Virg 9. Bobb. Seymour. Ind.: Durell B. Har-nan, Baltimore; Donald P. Jamieson Brooklyn; Robert W. Field, Chicag Burnice E. Barnett, Idabel, Okla.; Thoma Burnice E. Barnett, falose, Okia., Holm B. Pierce, Buffalo; Andrew Pekarel Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Garland L. Rucke Kansas City, Mo.; Prank S. William Savannah, Ga.; Henry J. Repinsky, Blair ville, Pa., and Arthur H. Kelley, Some

Kaiph W. Drennan, Jophin, Mo.; Donaid S. Walls. Bloomington, Ind.; Earl C, Kram, Kansas City, Mo.; Paul A. Smith, Hazelwood, N.C.: Prentiss M. Hartley, Thi-atoba, Miss.; Dallas E. Dimmer, Den-mark, Wis.; Richard A. Williams, Iowa City, Iowa, and Chester C. Scurlock, Detroit

#### **Battlefield** Promotions

distinguishing themselves in battle both in Italy and France. BROWN, PFC BUSTER E., of Omaha, Neb., and 134th Inf. Regt. Defended bn. CP during St. Lô battle. Hurtgen Forest Battle

BUTTERFIELD, CPL. BICHARD, of Omaha. Neb., and 134th Inf. Regt. Medic wounded rescuing comrade at St. Lô. CROSS, SGT. MELVIN A., of Williams-burg, Mass. (26th Inf. Div.), for protect-ing his platoon's withdrawal under heavy fire.

WAGNER, PFC THEODORE (90th Div.).

WAGNER, FFC THEODOKE (90th Div.). Under enemy observation, he scaled a 25-foot rocky hill and pitched several hand-grenades into German machine-gun and small arm fire positions. Wagner knock out two of the machine-guns, cap-turing eight and killing nine of the en-emy.

### Silver Stars

McLAUGHLIN, S/SGT. LLOYD T., of with "kraut" for dessert. It happened recently near Bard-

### Gold Bars Await GI On Return from U.S.

WITH SIXTH ARMORED DIV .- S/Sgt. William D. Murphy, of Callaway, Minn., and the 15th Tank Bn., who is on his way home on a furlough, loesn't know it yet, but he will be a second lieutenant as soon is he takes the oath.

Two days after he left for the States his battalion was notified of approval of Murphy's field commission. If it had come through prior to his de-parture he would have had to choose between gold bars here or to remain an EM and get



Lunchtime in the snow-shrouded area around the bulge in Be gium finds Pvt. James W. Mc-Morris munching his cold K ration right from the can. McMorris, from St. Louis, is with Co. C., First Bn., 330th Regt., of the 83rd Inf. Div.

41st Armd. Regt. Nazi Gabbing

WITH 41st ARMD. INF. REGI. -Silence may not be golden, but Among 15 Tiger Div. Men Returned Under Rotation Plan WITH TENTH ARMORED DIV., Jan 8 (Delyac).—Eight Tenth Ar-mered (Tiger) Div. men have togen. Soft Rohert Mays of Wu-Soft Rohert Mays of Wu-Soft Rohert Mays of Wu-Soft Rohert Mays of Wu-Soft Rohert Mays of Wu-Germain opened up at point-blank range, and three of the four half-tracks never took either road.

### 4th Inf. Div.

# **'Tougher Than D-Day'**

WITH FOURTH INF. DIV .-the Siegfried Line, according to vets of the Fourth Inf. Div.

vets of the Fourth Inf. Div. "Normandy was plenty rough," said one doughfoot, voicing the general feeling, "but Hurtgen was edgerow."

aged tree. He still has his money. combat troops and hospitals.

WITH 84TH INF. DIV. IN GER-MANY.-When they were fighting around Brest the men of the about this war are the dogs the retreating Germans leave Second Field Artillery ran out of behind. cigarettes.

write home and tell the folks to send them something to smoke. But before the packages could arrive the Second was attached to the Railsplitter Division.

more cigarettes than they could found in the smouldering ruins of

#### Major Leads Off

Maj. Gail. C. Aldrich of Manchester, Okla., suggested they give the surplus to a Railsplitter rifle company. Backing up words with action, he contributed a carton. Company I of the 335th Inf., which had a bitter fight in the

Leads to Doom rettes, 50 candy rolls, a box of hard candy, 50 cakes of soap and 25 packages of gum.

1st TAF

argument broke out—in German— as to which road should be taken. I flight, but he didn't lose his head. (Pop' Slugs Back

Art Service Crosses BARTLEY, I/SGT, ROBERT W., of San Francisco: WIESE, S/SGT, HENRY A., of Sacremento, Calif.; BRITZ, S/SGT, JOHN C., of Santa Barbara, Calif., and CLARK, S/SGT. WILLIAM J., of Pocatelli, Ida, (all of 776th TD Bn., XV Corps), for both in Halv and Formation in battle he attempted to crash-land with a the last war and thought he would Washington, D. C. The mission was

would likely result in death. First, he ordered the crew, with gineer depot. the exception of the co-pilot, to bale out. He dumped his bom in a field and circled about.

Just before his gas ran out, he took the plane in for a belly land-The battle of Hurtgen Forest was tougher than D-Day or cracking before touching the ground. All crew members were saved

An officer had offered 5 to the Exchange Services (\*,\*,\*,\*,\*,\*,\*) the infantry beat off a German in Belgium. The plant supplies attack that was supported by a

Belly-Laughs Drown Out Din of War in Underground Theater

miss it in this one when he was to clear houses of snipers in a assigned to drive a jeep at an en- small village. The patrol had Then came the big German coun- two German machine-guns pinned ter-attack. Depot soldiers were ordered into the line to hold a flank with infantry troops.

WITH AN ADVANCED SUPPLY

On the way to the front, "Pop" lipped off a railroad trestle and fell 40 feet into icy water below. The men thought "Pop" would be forced to turn back, but he clambered up the bank and fell into line clinging to his carbine.

Tiger tank.



A homeless pooch makes friends with Sgt. Alvin Smith, of Detroit, Third Army medical corpsman, near the Saar front.

# 78th Inf. Div. **Depot Soldiers** Untried Patrol Fight at Front Proves Worth

WITH 78th INF. DIV .-- It was HQ.—Pfc Arthur Wiegel, 49, of the first combat action for a patrol Davenport, Iowa, missed action in led by Lt. Ted W. Maloney, of hardly moved out when fire from it down.

The Jerry guns were in a house less than a hundred yards away. Lt. Maloney and Pfc James Shive, of Edmonton, Ky., and Sgt. John Huggins, of Mulberry, Ark., crawled slowly under fire to the house and entered by a cellar window. While the Jerries were peering out the doughboys surprised them from ugher. It was just one big edgerow." The first bottle of "coke" came off the line recently at the Army rest of the men when they helped chine-gun and 11 red-faced super-

> CpI. Harold Masters, of Marietta, Ohio, and Pvt. Carl McDaniel, of Knoxville, Tenn., other members of the patrol, discovered several wounded Americans and assisted in their evacuation. All of them have been recommended for awards.

# 9th AF

# Negro Lieutenant Is 29-Year Vet

A NINTH AF QM TRUCK UNIT. -When 1/Lt. Darwin E. Smith, of Munnhall Terrace, Pa, retires from Army life next summer he will have completed 30 years at stations all over the world. He says that for distance covered, the last few months have been the mosttravelled.

A convoy officer of a Ninth AF QM Truck unit, Smith has led convoys more than 17,000 miles over French. Belgian and Dutch roads during the past nine weeks. Truckers say the 50-year-old Negro officer's still going strong.

#### 'Anything, Anywhere'

"Naw, we're no ack-ack Joes," infantrymen of the 39th Inf. Regt. tell inquisitive soldiers who ask what the "AAA-O" painted on their elmets means.

It stands for the regimental slogan "Anything-Anywhere-Anytime, Bar Nothing," which was adopted by the Ninth Div. outfit in Sicily.



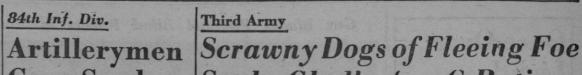
U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo moment as relaxing Yanks get a belly-laugh during a movie in an underground War is forgotten for theater at Herzogenrath, north of Aachen, in Germany,

By Earl Mazo Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THIRD ARMY.—Among the most pathetic things

Of all sizes, shapes and breeds, they are frequently

skinny, whimpering animals, who, like many of their



Unit News

Third Army

masters, change allegiance quickly

A Fifth Div. doughfoot said his

dog, Kamerad, wasn't friendly at

first. A shaggy-haired cross-be-

a-few-other-breeds, Kamerad was

"I gave him some brooklynese

German and a piece of cheese and

"I guess dogs are lucky," one in-fantryman said. "They don't let

things like Hitlers bother them. All they want is a good word and

hough, who knew we were the guys

who had been killing off their masters. I hate to see dead dogs

a town near Metz.

-usually for a can of C-rations

# Gave Smokes Settle Gladly for C-Rations **To Infantry**

There wasn't anything to do but

Presently the packages from home began arriving. The artil-lerymen found themselves with a-few-other-breeds, Kamerad was

One of the battalion officers, now he won't leave me," the Amer-Many of the dogs know the dif-ference between incoming and outgoing artillery better than infantrymen, and some of them even learn to bark and snarl at German

town of Lindern, was selected. A few days later S/Sgt. John Chonko, of Rankin, Pa., presented Company I with a big box. It tained 259 packages of cigation food. I've seen some of them,

#### and horses almost as much as dead people, and I guess I've seen more dead dogs than live ones in this The big dog snuggled up closer. "Look at 'en, now," the doughboy mused. "He was mighty skinny and hungry when I took up with 'em. Maybe I'll make a good Amer-A FIRST TAF MARAUDER ican out of 'em. What do you think?"

# **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 inin learning if their meets are in-cluded in the government ban on conventions attended by 50 persons or more. No clearcut answer has been forthcoming, but War Mobi-lization Director James F. Byrnes soon is expected to give a definite decision on the fate of wartime exacts. 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 everincreasing alarm spreading through the American sports sphere, but baseball leaders have adopted a laissez-faire policy and are await-ing developments.

MEANWHILE, major league mag-nates 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 Yank-ees' Clark Griffith, of the Wash-inton Senators, and Sam Breadon, of the Cardinals, are united in their belief that the next commissioner should possess vast expe-rience in baseball, either as a former player or business executive. DHIL WRIGLEY, of the Chi-

cago Cubs, dissented somewhat and said

regardless of

previous occu-

pation, baseball

should make

every effort to

get the best man available.

Warren Giles,

general man-

ager of the Cin-



cinnati Reds, said he "doubts the wisdom of Sam Breador 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 "Vio-



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 Lubek (12), Goalie Nick Pidsodney (1), Paul Waldner (5), all of the Blades, and Len Wharton (5) and Roland Lemire (3), of the Rovers.

**Minneapolis** Amateur

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 12.-William Kurtzig. 20-year-old amateur boxer, died at St.

Mary's Hospital yesterday with-out regaining consciousness,

after being knocked out Wednes-

day night in the first round of his bout with Bob Lee at the

State Athletic Commission

doctors had pronounced Kurtzig

fit before the fight. A post-mortem inquest has been or-

from Fred Thurier and Kilby Mac

Thurier assisting Warwick.

W 19

Ascension Club.

dered.

**Boxer Dies of Blow** 

# 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 Na-

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

#### **Rangers Whip Bruins**, 5-1

Donald made it 3-1 as the second period ended. Grant Warwick and Thurier scored the last two Ranger 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

BOSTON, Jan. 12—Elmer vio lent" Ray, Los Angeles Negro heavyweight, scored his 23rd consecutive victory here last night took a pass from Bill Cowley and beat Goalie Ken McAuley. Hank **National Hockey League** Goldup tied it ten minutes later with Ab DeMarco getting the assist. From then on McAuley played superbly in the nets.

# Holman's Ruse Worked 2 Ways

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Nat Hol-man, City College basketball coach, thought he had the bookmakers right where he wanted them Wednight where he wanted them wed-nesday night at Madison Square Garden when he ordered Bill Le-vine 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 eightpoint 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 ac-tion clinched CONY's six-point victory, the latter tinhorns 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

# **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 Mid-western 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.

Lou Little

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

# **Ex-College Players FaceFrenchCagers**

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

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 Universiy announced today its basketball team would live up to its contract with Hamline University of St.. Paul, despite an AAU e dict 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.

Walter Atanas scored on a pass



Indianapolis 5, Pittsburgh 1.

Montreal .....

# 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 Hart-ford 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 be-ginning of the season until that day.

Pfe 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.

Cards; '43, Yankees; '44, Cards. Pfo J. F. Scatti.—Fie 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 vic-tory over Boston College at Miami in '41. BC beat Tennessee by that score in the '41 game at New Orleans. Geor-gia Tech was involved in no bowl game that year.

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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 Pano-pulas.—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.

that year. Sgt. Garvin Croonquist.—Joe Boley Ciyde "Bulldog" Turner. He played for played short for the A's in the 1931 Hardin-Simmons and not TCU.

sweethearts to deliver messages from their servicemen in the frontline battle areas of Europe.

This was the second troupe 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 yes-terday 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.

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 champion-ship Mudcloggers' eleven as the opposition. Kickoff is at 2:30 PM.



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

#### Saturday, Jan. 13, 1945



EET EES EEN THE CORRIDOR!! LOOK OUT THOSE CURTAINS, MAM'SELLE!!!

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Abbie an' Slats

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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 nourish as politically." to flourish numerically as well

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

musically-inclined WAC was A 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-



By Courtesy of United Features

TO BE AFRAID OF-

By Raeburn Van Buren



**By Chester Gould** 

By Chic Young



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minded girl violinist who kissed her violin goodnight and went to bed with her bow. J. C. W.

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# **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

day by the third group of soldiers tried in the Army's grand-scale black market prosecutions. A major in the 716th RR Oper-ating BN. told the men "you're handling the equipment—if you go without anything it's your fault," one of the four men court-mar-tical development to the ford tialed 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.

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#### Amputate . . . (Continued from Page 1)

hygiene courses in high school and at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. "I don't remember how long the

"I operations required," he said. 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 am-putated one leg of one woman but the others lost both." armor at U.S. Seventh Army troops near Hatten, south of Wis-sembourg, but the attack was Although he volunteered as a "medic," Palco has no post-war am- There were no significant changes bitions to become a surgeon.

# Frenchmen Warned **On Black Marketing**

Calling attention to the "se-vere 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 Ri-ver 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, Americai. infantrymen reached the roadnet center of St. Hubert, 15 miles wes. of Bastogne, as the Germans pulled

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 tem-peratures dropped toward zero some nights and snow slowed traffic.

Stars and Stripes Correspondent Dan Regan with First Army re-ported 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



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.

# YanksAdvance Wild Tank-Infantry Charge 9 Mi. in Luzon Wins Vital Ridge for Yanks

#### (Continued from Page 1) around the Lingayen Gulf were in the hands of Sixth Army troops, according to Thursday night's com-munique. 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 . . . (Continued trom Page 1)

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."

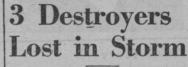
He said he was impressed by the "great necessity" for close co-operation among the Allies, especially by the need of rehabilitating French industry so that French industrial manpower could be put to work for the war on a greater scale.

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

#### **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.



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, yes-terday attacked a U-boat shelter at Bergen, Norway, with 12,000lb. bombs. German shipping in and near Bergen Harbor also were

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 treebursting mortar fire, struggled across open fields to join the tanks in town.

Simultaneously with O'Farrell's attack a task force of Third Ar-mored tanks and infantry, com-manded 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 Calif-ornian, 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 1 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 ar-

sembourg, but the attack was smashed, front AP reports said. in Allied Rhineland positions.



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 overand 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."

He cited the additional 11 millions-plus of men in the armed "What else can you take forces. 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.

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 s .J that the giant marshalling yard there was severely damaged and that the Forts 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.

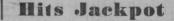
### **Italian Weather Clears;** Yank Patrols Active

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.

rived in town so quickly they found German vehicles with the engines still running.

The prisoner count vas 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.



A Ninth Army engineer combat battalion claims the highest, paid second looey 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.

