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35 Miles From Berlin

West Wall

Three American divisions crashed into the Siegfried Line along the northern segment of a 35-mile assault arc east of Malmedy and St. Vith yesterday as U.S. forces closed MacArthur apparent to the Siegfried U.S. Rangers and Filipino guerrillas, slipping 25 miles behind enemy lines in a daring commando raid on a Jap prison camp, 70 miles north of Manila, rescued 510 veterans of Bataan recently, Gen. on Germany's western moat -now weakened by transfer of troops to the east.

The powerful, eastward push of the First and Third Armies from the headwaters of the Roer River to the Third Army's Our River bridgehead across the Belgian-German frontier north of Luxembourg marked the end of the Ardennes phase of the war in the west and the re-opening of the battle of western Germany.

As February brought the first signs of thaw to the front, Allied forces from the northern Lowlands to the Alsace plain were poised or moving into position for what Germans predicted would be a major drive

Everywhere along the Western Front yesterday, the armies of Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt were on the defensive.

Alsace Lull Broken

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On the Alsace Plain, the lull of the U.S. Seventh Army Front was broken yesterday when AP front-line reports said U.S. forces crossed the Moder River in force for the first time since they were drawn back ten days ago to new defense positions south of the Moder.

The Nazi threat to Strasbourg was considered over. Franco-American forces were pinching out the Nazi corridors on the Rhine's west bank north and south of the Alsatian capital. They hammered the German trans-Rhine Salient bulging into the Rhineland

salient bulging into the Rhineland at Colmar, into whose suburhs Allies fought their way yesterday. Along the Siegfried assault arc, First Army's 82nd Airborne Div. went through the Siegfried Line at Losheim three miles south of Losheim, three miles south of Undenbreth. They found two pillboxes empty and captured a dozen 88mm cannon complete with aiming (Continued on Page 8)

3 Divisions 510 Bataan Veterans Break Into Freed in Daring Raid

Ranger, Filipino Force Slips 25 Mi. Behind Jap Lines to Strike

veterans of Bataan recently, Gen. MacArthur announced today.
Striking under cover of darkness, 121 handpicked men of the Sixth Ranger Bn. and 286 guerrillas swiftly reached the camp near Tabu without detection, killed every Jap guard in a short violent battle, then withdrew to Sixth Army lines while fighting off continuous Jap infantry and tank attacks.

tacks.

MacArthur announced that Allied losses were 27 killed and three wounded, while Japanese losses were more than 500 killed.

The commando force attacked with such precision that the prisoners were released within a matter of minutes, During the forced march back to the American camp some of the freed men rode in carts, others ran beside their rescuers. Some injured prisoners were carried on the backs of husky Rangers.

As the men reached the safety of



Cpl. Gerald Wade, of Lewiston, Idaho, was the first Bataan sur-vivor to join MacArthur's Luzon invaders. He escaped from the prison and hid from the Japs for three years.

the Allied lines, they were received by MacArthur and a military guard lining both sides of the highway. After nearly three years at the

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Goebbels Admits 11th Hour at Hand

Nazi Propaganda Minister Paul Josef Goebbels, writing in this week's issue of Das Reich, said that the "eleventh hour seems about to strike."

Dr. Goebbels, whose article was reported by Reuter, also said:

"The Russians are going whole hog. If Germany succumbs, all of Europe, including Great Britain, will be thrown into disaster. The Continent lives by our strength. Were we rendered

impotent, it would collapse.

"Admittedly, we are fighting for our own life, but when we at the core die, the shell around us will crack and perish with

Nazis Prepare To Quit Berlin, Move to South

With the thunder of the guns on the Eastern Front already audible in Berlin, the German government prepared yesterday to move elsewhere, though a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman denied reports that it had already begun to evacuate the

city.
The capital and other German cities were in turmoil as thousands The capital and other German cities were in turmoil as thousands upon thousands of refugees continued to pour in from the east. A traveller reaching Sweden from Stettin said that railway stations, air raid shelters and movie houses there were packed with hungry, shivering refugees. Stockholm also heard that many children had frozen to death in provisional refugee camps. As each train brought more refugees from the east, Stettin people themselves began to head westward from the city.

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Two places were named in these reports as possible new locations for the government—Berchtesgaden, Hitler's resort close to the Swiss border, and Obersalzberg, the Bavarian mountain resort on the Austrian border.

Confirms U-Boat Report

LONDON, Feb. 1 (UP).—A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, today confirmed reports that the Germans have discovered method of charging the betteries. of their submarines while they are an effort to break up the ice and submerged. thod of charging the batteries

Nazis Rush Reserves to **Oder Line**

Marshal Gregory Zhukov's steel avalanche rolled on with undiminished power yesterday, engulfing new areas in Pomerania and Brandenburg to reach a point on the Oder River approximately 35 miles northeast of Berlin as the desperate Germans, barricading the capital with antitank defenses, were reported evacuating the government to southern Germany.

In a day-long recital of military reverses, German radio commentators announced that Field Marshal Heinz Guderian, German commanderin-chief on the Eastern Front, was rushing big forces from the central reserve pool to meet Zhukov's menacing thrusts after an apparent decision to fight for the capital on a

A map and discussion of the Oder battleground will be found on Page 2.

fortified line along the Oder River -running from Frankfurt to Kues-trin to Oderberg.
This line already has been reach-

ed by three spearheads of the First White Russian Army.

Torun is Captured

The first dent in the German Oder line was made two days ago by Zhukov's tanks, which reached the river between Frankfurt and Kuestrin after rolling down the Berlin-Warsaw highway from a breach in the frontier near Mese-

Moscow announced last night that the Red Army had reached the gates of Kuestrin itself. Kuethe gates of Kuestrin itself. Kuestrin is the first express stop for trains running east from Berlin and one of the most important communications centers in Germany. It lies 40 miles northeast of Berlin at the confluence of the Oder and Warde Rivers.

Northwest of Kuestrin, other Zhukov tank spearheads reached the Oder at an undisclosed point placed by the Germans as "about

placed by the Germans as "about 35 miles from the outskirts of Ber-

lin."
German guns were reported (Continued on Page 8)

Shorter Japan War Seen By Quick Shift of ETO Men WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (ANS).-Prospects of a speedier end

of the Japanese war developed today with disclosure of a plan for the quick shift of troops from Europe to the Pacific once Germany is defeated.

Under a system described by what the Associated Press termed "high sources," troops in Europe will leave the bulk of their equipment on the Continent and then re-arm in the Pacific with equipment piled up there from this

country.

This could mean the saving of months in throwing the full weight of American forces against the Japanese in the campaign which has already been described by Se-cretary of War Henry L. Stimson

as ahead of schedule.

The plan will add to war costs
(Continued on Page 8)

NEW YORK, Feb. 1 (AP).—
Harry L. Hopkins, adviser and intimate friend of President Roosevelt, says that "only a permanent army of occupation" would prevent Germany and Japan from preparing to wage war again.

Hopkins, writing in The American Magazine, proposed compulsory military training in the United States after the war, and said: "I have no doubt that powerful forces in Germany and Japan are preparing even now for their next attempt to conquer us."

The presidential adviser wrote that "we will try to keep them

that "we will try to keep them impotent, but only a perpetual army of occupation would be able to prevent them from rearming eventually."

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Hopkins' article, published while he is in Europe, apparently in connection with the Big Three meeting, also said: "We must accept a new and tough concept in world affairs—that the earth is not civilized enough to make worldwide disarmament practical for peaceloving nations."

Better 'Ole

PUNXSAWTAWNEY, Pa., Feb. 1.—The Groundhog interviewed under wraps here today, declared he doubted he'd even come out for a look on his birthday, tomorrow.

"Why should I worry about the weather?" the hibernating prophet explained. "After all, I've got a good hole, and in times like these anybody with a good hole is a damn fool to leave it."

With that he went back to sleep. There was five feet of snow in Punxsawtawney.

General Says Franc Rate Pays GIs Full Amount Law Allows

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (ANS).— American soldiers in France are being paid the "full amount" albeing paid the "full amount ar-lowed them by law either in United States currency or its equivalent in Priz Gen Edward W. Smith francs, Brig. Gen. Edward W. Smith

Rep. John Anderson (R-Calif.) had earlier forwarded a complaint to Army authorities in Washington from one of his constituents that exchange rates allowed by Army paymasters in France were "beat-

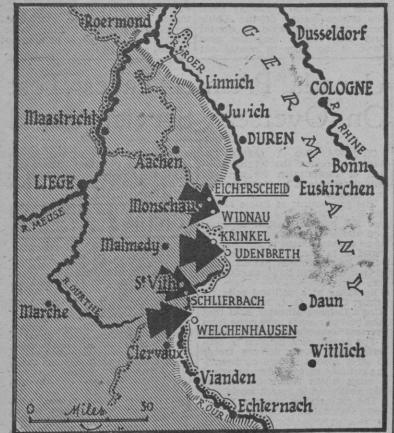
either obtaining francs for local expenditures at the official rate or procuring francs through black-market channels which would be

in violation of the law of France.
"Prevailing high prices of certain goods in French markets are considered to be due primarily to local shortages of goods, disorganization of civilian transportation and distribution facilities and to general economic disruption which follows exchange rates allowed by Army paymasters in France were "beating" American troops out of their earnings.

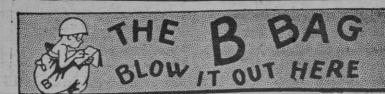
Gen. Smith, deputy chief of the War Department's liaison and legislative division, replied:

"U.S. troops no matter where located are paid the full amount approved by Congress in U.S. dollars or the equivalent thereof in legal tender of the local currency.

"If our soldiers were paid in France in dollar currency they would be placed in a position of



With the Ardennes Battle over, U.S. forces are driving into Germany along a 35-mile front.



Shut Up!

There is a certain Blabbermouth that keeps shooting off his mouth a bout England this—and Russia that—and China etc. He doesn't seem to realize that is exactly what Hitler wants. Please print this so I can show it to him—maybe he will SHUT UP.—"Club 18." *

Give the Axe the Axe

The Quartermaster Corps is doing a marvellous job. However, there are a lot of careless individuals. On my last few visits to the Quarter-master Depot, I have drawn cloth-ing and equipment that has been totally damaged and is beyond repair as a result of axe wielding in opening bales shipped to us from America. Somebody—I have seen it done—is using an Axe, Intrenching M/10. This is a practice that should come to an end immediately.

-T/Sgt. G. E. Reminiskey, Cavairy. *

Fixed Term

Rep. Fogarty's advocacy of a single tour of overseas duty for a period of 18 months is an excellent idea. At the present time a man is in the dark as to when he may

is in the dark as to when he may go home.

If he knew that at the end of a definite period he would be returned to the States his prime source of worry would be removed and his particular task would consequently be that much lighter. Morale would be bolstered and the psychological as well as productive results would be reflected in the increased efficiency of the entire war machine. The question of how war machine. The question of how long a man should serve overseas is merely arbitrary, the definiteness of the period is the important thing.—Pvt. Max Miller, Sig. Corps.

For Less Paper Work

This is an attempt to straighten out a situation which not only causes loss of time for those involved but also delays the records and reports concerned. Records are often returned from higher headeupters for adjustment and headquarters for adjustment and correction with reference made to an authority usually fifteen pages long. It's just as simple to be more pin point about it and quote the paragraph involved, so that more prompt compliance may be more prompt compliance may be accomplished.—Sgt. T. A. Goldberg.

Post-War Essentials

Have read many articles in regard to the "Work or Fight" regard to the "Work or Fight" plan. We have a suggestion on how to take care of the war workers who were given deferments because they were essential to the war effort. As soon as the draft laws were relaxed a bit these socalled skin-deep patriots left their war jobs for something with a brighter future in post-war days.

A law should be passed compelling all of these men to return to war work as soon as the war is over. Induct them into the Army of Occupation and ship them overseas. Give them a little taste of what it means to be away from home.

The greater percentage of war workers are doing a grand job and our hats are off to them. It's that small minority of slackers we want sent over here.—Sgt. A. J. Malvino and 8 boys. Gr. Reg. Co.

* * Record Bombing

I often listen to the regular Jerry broadcast of the program featuring "Axis Sal." I know lots of other Joes who do the same.

During the news broadcasts these meat heads generally throw all the situation into the same gear as their army (reverse). This of

as their army (reverse). This of course is what makes the program

course is what makes the program so funny for us.

We enjoy the music they play very much. However, their supply of recording and sheet music is so small that they are forced to use the same numbers over and over, so often that they are beginning to get old. It would be a good idea if one of our bombers carried some good new records and sheet music

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along on a bombing mission. This bundle could be addressed to the proper station and dropped by

parachute.

See if you can do something about this, Ed. I know the boys would be very thankful to you.—

Pvt. W. A. G. Sig. Co.

Must Be Monotonous

Why do we have to sit thirty-one days a month for six and one-half months without getting to see any movies in our 310th Ord. Bn?— Pvt. Jos. Kurry.

Jerries' GI Friend

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To the GI that stole 4542347:
Joe, you might have needed a truck
pretty bad in order to steal it that
Saturday night in Liege, but do you
know by stealing that 6x6 maybe
you were depriving a lot of GIs
of medical supplies which they
need to keep them alive. That
6x6 was used to haul medical supplies to the front lines. That's
all, bud.—Pvt. Fred, Med Dep. Co.
(B-Bag as a rule does not print
letters complaining about vehicles
being stolen. However, dozens of
such letters as well as many
hundreds otherwise reported prompt
us to print Fred's. Need more be

us to print Fred's. Need more be said than that the weisenheimer whose battle cry is "I Never Stand Short" is fighting us harder than he is the hun.—Ed.)

Free Air Mail

If a majority of air mail letters go via boat, as admitted, and have no advantage over free mail, why should the ETO soldier be charg-ed for a service he does not receive?

The answer may be that all efforts are made for air mail letters to travel by plane but the fact remains that most do not. Therefore it seems only fair that until such time as improvement of service warrants it, all letters be marked "free," with whatever possible percentage going by air possible percentage going by air without charge.—Pfc E. F. Robbins, Q. M. Gas Supply.

According to Schedule

We read an article in the S & S about our being ahead of 'schedule" in the Pacific. We read in previous issues about our being ahead of schedule in the war with

I believe that if they throw away this damn "schedule" and get this war over with as soon as possible, we could all go home that much sooner.

If the person who has this "schedule" would make about two million carbon copies and dis-tribute them to all outfits overseas I'm sure that there would be one less worry in our mind as to when we are going home for good.—

Pfc Caxiato and six others, Eng.

Combat Bn.

The terrain is not as good for

Nazis May Rely on Oder Wall



MANY Washington observers think the Germans will try to stop the Russians along an "East Wall" of defenses, probably follow-Wall" of defenses, probably following the Oder River.

Little is known about this wall, which Hitler probably has built "too little and to late," but it is assumed

It probably consists of innumerable

pillboxes, gun emplacements and "dragon's teeth" to stop tanks. The belt of defenses may be 50 miles deep in places.

Because the Oder runs into the Baltic uncomfortably close to Berlin, the wall is believed to cross the Oder at Grunburg and roughly parallel the Polish border to anchor at the Pomeranian town of Stolp. But the defenses above Grunburg.

Silesia at Ratibor. The Russians have broken over the Oder north and south of Breslau, but it is believed the Nazis have a secondary, defense line farther west.

Silesia, which the Russians have now penetrated deeply, is thickly populated with a mixture of Ger-mans, Poles and Czechs. It is highly industrialized and Hitler had much of his war production in this area.

rallel the Polish border to anchor at the Pomeranian town of Stolp. But the defenses above Grunburg have already been breached by Marshal Zhukov's forces in the capture of Meseritz and Landsberg.

The "East Wall" probably binds the broken corner of the Baltic coast from Greifswald to Stettin and then twists along the west bank of the Oder to ramble out

Up Front With Mauldin



"Gimme my canteen back, Willie. I see ya soakin' yer beard full."

Canada Premier Faces Test On Overseas Service Stand

OTTAWA, Feb. 1 (ANS).—Canada will review the touchy question of conscription for overseas military service in a general election this spring.

The government of Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, which last fall adopted partial conscription and sent a large contingent of home defense troops to Europe, will stand or fall on the outcome.

The Prime Minister has announced that there will be an election be-

speaking at a political rally recently, Gen. A. G. L. McNaughton, King's Defense Minister, said that "the best of reports have come from overseas" concerning drafted troops.
The government decision to con-

script some home defense troops to serve abroad instead of depending entirely on volunteers provoked a crisis which King's government

1 (ANS).-Ca-| sentees have returned but others are listed as deserters. There still is strong feeling on the issue of sending drafted Canadians abroad, particularly in Quebec.

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

PFO Martin Glass, Newark—Steven Leonard, Jan. 27; S/Sgt. Nelson G. Easton, Syracuse, N. Y.—girl, Jan. 23; Pvt. John J. Mazur, Dillondale, Ohio—Elaine Carol, Jan. 24; Lt. Kenneth McLaughlin, New York—Bruce Barrett, Jan. 27; Sgt. Roy T. Miller, Long Island City—Roy Thomas, Jan. 27; Pvt. Morris Boder, Bronx—Elaine, Jan. 12.

S/SGT. Victor L. Hoxey, Fairfield, Mont.—boy, Jan. 9; Lt. Stuart J. Barton, Little Rock, Ark.—Kathleen, Jan. 29; Cpl. Irving Loew, Bronx—Harvey Jay, Jan. 21; S/Sgt. Raymond Cohen, New York—Ronald Howard, Jan. 27; Lyst. David Rergman, Pasadena—girl. 1/Sgt. David Bergman, Pasadena-girl, Jan. 28.

has weathered in recent weeks.

The conscription measure finally won Parliament's approval, but McNaughton recently disclosed that 7,800 of approximately 16,000 home defense soldiers drafted to serve overseas were AWOL from ports of embarkation. Many of the ab-

This Was America Yesterday:

N.Y. Newspapers Have Trouble of War II Cites Keeping Up With Reds' Surge Woes at Home

The See Sun un total strain New York Post Nazis Report: The Washington Jost Smash 30 Miles Through Poland Defenses rontier of Silesia, Peril Lodz From 3 Sides. tiel Drice Cains, Patton Louses New Assault DAILY IN NEWS From T . The New York Times. RUSSIANS IN LODZ AND CRACOW, SMASH NAZI I IN NEW ABVANCE OF 28 MILES IN EAST PRU-ALLIES GAIN IN NORTH, CHECK FOE ALONG I CHICAGO DAILY NEWS F.D.R. Calls for Speed on Total 1

It's a pleasure for folks back home to stop in front of a newsstand these days, as each new edition adds mileage to the Stalin speedometer.

> By Phil Bucknell The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Looking at the front pages of afternoon papers as they hit the newsstands is like watching a speedometer. "Reds 60 Miles from Berlin"—"55"—"50"—"45"—"40"—"35." Newspaper sellers are now forced to cover up a figure of the Soviet mileage, otherwise they lose their sales.

Last night the "brownout" went on officially, an added measure to save fuel which applies in most of the U.S. except regions with hydro-electric power.

"I like it," a sailor in Times Square said. "It makes all the girls look glamorous."

Memo to Maj. Gen. Anthony McAuliffe: You and your Bastogne business have made things tough for holdup men and sneak thieves around New York. Yesterday, when two thugs pointed guns at 23-year-old Grace Lichtenstein, of Brooklyn, and told her to hand over a \$5,000 payroll, she just said, "Nuts," and yelled for the police.

Waves Yearn to Be Grable-Bodied Seamen

WAVES in Washington, D.C., have taken up bowling, and as an extra reducing feature, setting up pins. One WAVE volunteer set up 34 games in one evening.

The idea is, as one gal put it—"We want to be Grablebodied seamen."

THE N.Y. Press photographers have chosen their Queen and will have their annual ball Feb. 14. The girl Feb. the picture guys regard as their perfect picture is Rita Daigle, of Lowell,

FROM Gainesville, Ga., comes news that Pvt. Charles Lee, father of the Gainesville quadruplets, born last summer, was killed in action dur-ing the recent Nazi counter-offensive. Pvt. Lee was stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., when the babies were born and was sent overseas shortly af-terward. Two of the within two days of

Flash! Press Fotogs Pick Rita Daigle

Remember William S. Hart, cowboy star of the silent movies? He has given \$100,000 to the Connecticut Humane Society for establishment of a sanctuary for small animals. The Society an-nounced at its annual meeting at Hartford that the sanctuary will be a memorial to Hart's sister, Mary E. Hart.

If you're thinking of getting married in Missouri, maybe you won't need to show legislators it wasn't the gin that did it. A bill had been introduced to repeal the state's two-year-old "gin marriage" law, requiring a three-day waiting period. Sponsors of the bill say it drives people into other states, mainly Arkansas.

Judge's Faith in Westerners Undimmed

AND in Spokane, Wash. the judge must have been reading Westerns. A woman testified her husband, whom she married in Cheyenne, wyo., threw kitchen utensils at her and once shot at her with a gun, but missed.

"Is your husband from Cheyenne?" Judge Louis A. Bunge inquired. "No," the woman said, "He's from Kansas."
"That explains it," said His Honor.

AT Encino, Calif., they don't usually elect a mayor because the town isn't incorporated. But they're getting one the hard way. Citizens have to put up with the campaign antics of Tom Brenneman, Mischa Auer, Paul Muni and "Wild Bill" Elliott, one of whom will be elected to honorary office Feb. 19 in Edward Everett Horton's barn, the civic gethering place

gathering place.

Brenneman has the edge because of popularity of his "Breakfast in Hollywood" radio program with the women vote, and because Norris Goff, of Lum and Abner, has promised him the Hillbilly vote. Auer has a soapbox in front of an Encino market, from which he harangues anyone who will listen.

But Ring Crosby just some on the air so torrelease. 'til tomorre

But Bing Crosby just came on the air, so tooraloora, 'til tomorra.

First Vet Unit Congressman 'Sea Bee'

THE STARS AND STRIPES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (ANS).

The American Veterans of World
War II, first national organization
of veterans of this war, is going to give overseas servicemen and women a down-to-earth picture of life at home and it will be definitely anti-Utopian.

"Some GIs have the idea that every one at home is making at least \$100 a week and living the life of Riley," said Claude Morgan, Amvets public relations officer, in an interview.

"We have got to counteract some

"We have got to counteract some of these false impressions with the truth about taxes, the higher cost of living and particularly what to expect in the readjustment period when salaries will be down and jobs may be scarce."

Will Publish Magazine

Amvets hopes to accomplish its lf-imposed task through broadself-imposed casts, newspaper columns and the pages of a monthly magazine which it plans to publish soon. In addition, it is going to assign soldiers who are returning to the fighting fronts to spread the word that all is not beer and skittles on the

home front.

Membership in Amvets now totals 7,700, with representatives in

Committees have been appointed Committees have been appointed to study veterans' problems and to report at a convention scheduled for June. Amvets will urge veterans to identify themselves with worthwhile undertakings in their home communities as proof that the things they fought for are not forgotten as soon as the shooting forgotten as soon as the shooting

House Turns Down Two Controversial Labor Draft Issues

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (ANS).

—The House yesterday took its longest stride toward passage of a limited national-service bill. Two

longest stride toward passage of a limited national-service bill. Two amendments, which some members had feared would jeopardize the whole bill, were firmly rejected. The bill itself was expected to reach a vote without delay.

Members turned down proposals that a man compelled to go o work in a closed-shop war plant not be required to join a union, and that race, creed or color should not be a condition of employment. Disposition of these two explosive issues left nothing in the way of final approval except a number of less controversial amendments.

The legislation provides that local draft boards may freeze men between 18 and 45 in essential jobs, or direct them to move to jobs declared essential. A registrant disregarding the order would be subject to immediate induction



Hiding his true identity in a fatigue uniform of a naval Sea Bee, Congressman John E. Fogarty (R-R.I.), of the House Naval Affairs Committee, is somewhere in the Western Pacific with solited man to "eat sleen" where in the Western Factine
with enlisted men to "eat, sleep
and listen to the Joes whose
voices can't be heard back in
Washington." He will return to
the capital with a report in
mid-February.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1 (ANS).—The cold wave which caused proclamation of a state of emergency in New York and brought freezing temperatures as far south as the Texas Panhandle continued today in New England and other sections.

The Weather Bureau promised little relief to the nation's northern plains and midwestern areas. Continued cold was forecast as far south on the Atlantic coast as North Carolina.

Several thousand New York State

several thousand New York State guards men, called out by Gov. Dewey for snow shoveling, driving trucks and delivering coal, are bat-tling against the fuel and trans-portation crisis. Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, re-gional director of the War Man-power Commission, announced that 300 additional soldiers with rail-roading backgrounds have been as-

roading backgrounds have been assigned to New York State. They will supplement 200 soldiers already at work in upstate New York, help-ing clear railroads and handle stal-led traffic.

Wallace Wins Delay in Vote OnNomination

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (AP).— The Administration won a slender victory today in the fight over Henry A. Wallace when the Senate voted, 43 to 41, to delay action on his nomination as Secretary of Commerce

Commerce.

The Senate then began voting on the question of taking up legislation which would strip the Commerce Department of the Federal loan powers which Jesse H. Jones held before he was ousted to make

way for Wallace.
Supporters of Wallace had conceded yesterday that confirmation of his nomination could be won only if control of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and other

tion Finance Corporation and other agencies were taken out of the Secretary of Commerce's hands. Senators bitterly opposed to Wallace had served notice that their objective was immediate consideration of the nomination, ahead of the loan-power legislation. Before today's Senate session began, Senate Majority Leader Alben W. Barkley summoned the Democratic members to an emergency meeting in an eleventh-hour attempt to reach a compromise in the Wallace dispute.

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Cold Continues

On HomeFront

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is past.
Yesterday, Wallace submitted for Senate consideration a statement supplementing his earlier testimony before the Commerce Committee. He asserted, without mentioning Jones, that the RFC "could have used some of its tremendous resources to help secure financing for small business."

Wallace observed that the RFC did not make much of its opportunity, "to any significant extent."

Maine Fire Investigated

AUBURN, Maine, Feb. 1 (ANS).

-Maine officials began a series of —Maine officials began a series of investigations today to determine the cause of a fire which snuffed out the lives of sixteen children and a nurse in a privately-owned boarding home yesterday. Mrs. Eva LaCoste, proprietor of the home, has retracted her earlier statement that an exploding coal stove in the kitchen caused the fire.

Errol Flynn Has a Lot to Say -But Not About Nora, Deirdre

jobs, or direct them to move to jobs declared essential. A registrant disregarding the order would be subject to immediate induction into service or to five years imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 1 (ANS), and lists the Hollywood film starting as her father.

Flynn downed a number of grapefruit fizzes at his favorite bar and said they gave him the kind of masculine appeal he'll

grapefruit fizzes at his favorite bar and said they gave him the kind of masculine appeal he'll display in his new film "Don Juan." The Ritz Hotel said Flynn had

paid his bill and was taking a plane for New York as soon as one was available.

Baby, Mother Vanish

All day long reporters hunted the red-haired, three-week-old the red-haired, three-week-old Flynn baby, called Deirdre—"The Child of Sorrows," whose mother, a former Hollywood cigarette girl, also had vanished. Flynn maintain-ed his attitude of no comment, and reminisced at length about the Spanish War.

He was offered the services of a

He was offered the services of a distinguished divorce lawyer who dropped into the bar. Flynn said he might call on him sometime.

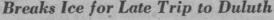
"Next time you guys have me married I'll probably need him if only to give you something to write about," Flynn said.

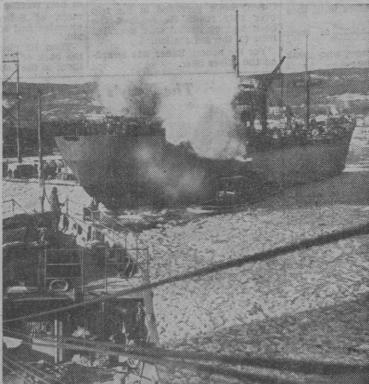
Then he ordered another grapefruit fizz, "to make me stronger." Flynn was full of plans for a new film which he may produce and possibly adorn personally in Mexico.

"It will be serious art," he said, "full of Mexican scenes."

Pendergast Estate Placed at \$100,000

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 1.— The will of the late Thomas J. Pendergast revealed he had left \$100 each to his three children, Mrs. William F. Burnett, Mrs. Thomas Houlihan and T. J. Pendergast Jr. The value of the rest of the estate, which goes to the former political leader's widow, is understood to total \$100,000.





The Coast Guard icebreaker Woodrush cracks ice and keeps it moving in Lake Superior to enable a convoy of freighters to reach Duluth, Minn., and Superior, Wis., iron ore docks in mid-January—a record late trip through the Great Lakes before ice closes in the harbor. The temperature in Duluth was 20 below zero when this picture was taken.

Oh, His Broken Back

Care and Planning served they might be able to crack the combination. They sweated for about four hours with no luck, Finally, one of the men suggested moving the safe away from the wall to see if they could break open the back.

There was a lot of grunting and groaning, but they did manage to budge it a few inches.

They didn't have any trouble after that because there was a shellhole in the wall and the back of the safe was gaping open.

Oh yes—the secret papers. There was an impressive looking document that the translator said was a speech by some Nazi bigwig, urging the soldiers of the Reich to save their money.

Front Line Strip Tease

A German machine-gun crew put Pvt. Jim Jones, of the Fourth Inf. Div., through a strip-tease act. Jones got back "busted out at the seams," but uninjured.

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The first burst tore his sleeve. The next ripped into his pack, severing the carrier strap and cutting his cartridge belt; a third ricocheted off his helmet and the final burst tore a legging off the Co. C, 22nd Regt. dough.

Meanwhile, the rest of Jones' squad was moving in on the gun from a flank, unobserved by the Jerries who were busy with their part in the disrobing act. The squad wiped out the enemy machine-gun nest.

What's Buzzin', Cousin?

DVT. BERT BRENNKE, of Waterloo, Iowa, now

This Yank Likes Snow Now

Pfc Eugene H. Tyler, of Alton, Ill., a message center driver for Hq. Co., 11th Inf. of the Fifth Inf. Div., has cussed snow and ice many a time in his travels around Luxembourg. He takes it all back now, because he figures the stuff pro-bably saved his life.

Tyler drove over a certain route at least six times a day for three consecutive days. Approaching a well-snowed-in spot on the fourth day, he heard an explosion. When he reached the site engineers told him they had just set off a land mine found in the road under layers of ice.

Tower of Babel—Oise Section

IF you think you have troubles trying to learn how to ask some French cutie if her mother takes in ashing, lend an ear to the woes of the TC crew a Oise Section terminal working with Maj. Wil-

b. Charlie, a GI of Chinese descent who mixes English, Chinese, French and his own jitterbug jive just to make things confusing. * * *

'Lightning Bug' Glows Again

"Lightning Bug," a mimeographed publication of the 310th Regt. 78th Div., ceased to exist three months ago because of a paper shortage. It reappeared recently with this page 1 box: "Thanks to Otto Junker, a German manufacturer who ran away so fast he didn't have time to pack up his paper stock, 'Lightning Bug' is able to appear again with the news you want." * * *

S & S Gives Tip-Off to Cupid

THE course of true love ran rough for Cpl. J. Robert Johnston, a 94th Inf. Div. dough, and 2/Lt. Ger trude Hancock, a 35th Evac. Hosp. nurse. The Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, soldier met Lt. Hancock, who comes from Fitchburg, Mass., a year ago at Fort Hayes, Ohio. They have been trying to catch up with each other since.

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Lt. Hancock was whisked off to England just after they decided to be married. When Johnston reached England, she was in France. When the 94th hit France, Lt. Hancock had moved again. But just when Cupid seemed doomed to frustration, they finally met south of Trier, in Germany. She had read in The Stars and Stripes that the 94th was there and wrote him telling him how to find her.

They were married in Luxembourg Jan. 24.

Story of Attack: Yanks Button Up' Enemy Town, Final Score: 1 Shot, 2 Tanks, No Errors But Death Also Marches Under Flame-Lit Sky

quickly and we wont have any

some questions, and the infantry commanders asked fewer because they knew the colonel better. Then they all went away and the colonel turned courteously to the correspondents and said, "Will you have a cup of coffee? It doesn't taste so good but it's hot and strong."

Prefers 'The Hun' Lt. Col. Henry Learnard, of Arngton, Va., a tidy little dynamo "German" but instead says "The Hun," was commander of the First Bn. of a First Div. infantry regiment. His face was lined with fatigue and his eyes were redrimmed from two nights without sleen but when he talked of the

45 minutes to an hour to get well into town. He guessed that every-

Medic Driver

WITH 26TH INF. DIV., Luxembourg.—Fighting was heavy through the day and casualties were collected in a barn to await

evacuation. The barn and the road leading to it were under mortar and shell fire. There was a full moon which made Jerry observa-

Pfc Harold F. Bauer, of Strat-ford, Wis., volunteered to drive his ambulance to the barn to bring out

Wins Award



a mine is located.
Infrequent at first, the noise became more persistent with every two or three steps. Finally it began to so und like the busy signal on a dial telephone. Brennke removed the headphones, discovered the source of the disturbance and immediately dived for the ditch. The buzz-buzz-buzz was caused by a stream of bullets the Germans were firing at him.

This Yank Likes Snow Now

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V-Bomb Launcher

Gives Gl Hot Time

From part of a buzz-bomb

launcher, S/Sgt. Thomas C.

Lowery, an engineer from Washington, D.C., has made

and then welded German shell

damn stove in the ETO."

He converted a high-pres liquid-fire container into a stove

Bn. of a First Div. infantry regiment. His face was lined with fatigue and his eyes were redrimmed from two nights without sleep, but when he talked of the attack he had just co-ordinated with his staff he had the enthusiasm of a high-school boy for football. It would jump off at one in the morning, he said, with Co. C leading, Co. A following and Co. B bringing up the rear. They would go in on tanks and the TDs and would take 45 minutes to an hour to get well into town. He guessed that everything should be buttoned up by six.

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It wasn't until they were in the town that the shell struck. Then everyone clung a little tighter and searched the ground for a good stope to jump. Finally the tanks toiled up the snow-rutted road because all the transportation had been given to the line companies. At the line of debarkation, fool with the DSC and cluster and a fistful of other ribbons"—would bring up the rear with Co B.

'Don't Know Anything'

While they were waiting, 1/Lt.

C Co. Takes Off

Writers Ride Tank As 1st Div. Joes Go Into Action

Both In and Atop Tank In the tank to which the correspondents clung were Sgt. Antpussel Diehl, of Mt. Morriss, Ill., the driver; S/Sgt. William Rensi, of Piney Forks, Ohio, the tank commander, and Pfc Budy Siezegu, of Brooklyn, the gunner. Sharing the icy deck with the reporters were 1/Sgt. Thomas Milan, of Bayonne, N. J., the radio man; Pfcs Earl Weir, of McPherson, Kan., and Eugene V. Knueve, of Milan, Mich., and 2/Lt. Ernest Guldbech, of San Francisco, observer for D Co.'s 81

First Group of ETO WACs Now Wear 4th 'Hershey Bar' German Mortars Halt Nazi Attacks

A small group of WACs in the ETO is now entitled to wear our "Hershey bars," the Associated Press reports. Its members were in the first feminine American Expeditionary Force, 191 strong—plus two women war correspondents—who under the command of Capt. Frances Marquis, of New York,

Pfc Machine Gunner Saves Gun, Kills Nazis

at a Oise Section terminal working with Maj. William B. Sharp.

In this particular town, the RTO section has to contend with the following:

1—French, Belgian and other civilians employed on TC projects,

2—Russians liberated from enforced labor gangs of the Nazis and now working for the Allies until they can be repatriated.

3—Italian POWs awaiting clarification of their status.

4—Assorted individuals of several races who speak a core of different languages, including:

a. Mama Rose, a. French citizen of Italian origin who cooks for the RTO soldiers and who speaks a mixture of French, Italian, Spanish and GI

The Navy's New 'Privateer'—Out to Scuttle the Japs

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WITH SECOND ARMORED

IV., Germany.—The final score econd Armored Div. tank crew, Losers? You guessed it. S/Sgt. Myrlen J. Hix, of Ash-

ille, N.C., tank commander, was of Columbia, Mo., CO of Co. F,

Two Mark V tanks were mov fire on the lead tank. The Nazi vehicle careened off the road and ran into a wall. The trailthe rear. Crews of both bailed out and ran.

Other members of the Fawkes-Hix team include: Cpl. Tony G. Wawers, Fairmount, N.D., and Pfc Ralph D. Day, Mill Pond, Ky.

TC's Burdens Are Eased by **French Canals**

WITH U.S. SUPPLY FORCES, France, Feb. 1.—More than half of the French canals are being opened to traffic, relieving some of the burden from the trains and trucks of the Transportation Corps, Hq.,

canals, which were damaged by German demolitions and Allied bombing, is the combined work of

Engineers Save Pierheads Built **ToInvadeBritain**

By James Cannon Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

ustable pierheads which the Gerthis French port. U.S. Army engineers supervised the task.

They can be seen to seed the river at intervals, scrambling up the cliff on the opposite side and found refuge in the woods.

easily and in quick time if necesten in the morning," said 2/Lt. sary. Each structure is 107 feet long, 39 feet wide and 79 feet high. WITH 90th DIV.—Using captured ed enemy mortars, Sgt. Peter J. Grassi, Los Gatos, Calif., and Eng. Bn, organized a mortar section among his buddies.

The section helped repel two enemy counter-attacks, spearheads of which penetrated to within 25 yards of Sgt. Grassi, who was directing fire. For operating at his post for 35 hours, Sgt. Grassi received the Silver Star.

Iong, 39 feet wide and 79 feet high. They were floated on two halves of a salvaged oil barge. The engineers had the barge pulled underneath the pierheads at low tide. As the grade and the structure permitted to rise. Enemy demolition destroyed a few pinion gears and some parts, like magnets and plugs, were removed by the retreating Germans. The rest of the structures was found in good condition.

510 Bataan Veterans Rescued Every one in the room fell into the straw on the floor and the farm house quivered in its foundations. Then the men talked again about being in Germany. In Daring Raid on Jap Prison

There were Promotions, Too
There are 74 WACs from the first group on duty in Italy. All are wearing either corporal's or sergeant's stripes, Two have become state of the stripes are now in Southern France.

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Mercy of Jap prisoner guards, the mercy of Jap



Four bunks in rear pressurized cabin give B29ers a chance to rest on long flights, an important factor in combating flight fatigue The Superfortress has an unusually steady flight.



The pilot is about to start down the runway. Also shown is the flight engineer of this AAF giant.

New Supply Route to Russia Ends Persian Gulf Setup

TEHERAN, Iran, Jan. 27 (AP) (Delayed).—Liquidation of the Persian Gulf Command as a result of the opening of a shorter Allied supply route through the Dardanelles and Black Sea to Russia has begun, but American troops and influence are likely o remain in Iran for some time. The revision will "streamline the

Vigilant MP Finds Prince of a Story

WITH 80th INF, DIV.—Wide-awake MP Sgt. Tom P. Loftus, of Diamond, Ohio, stopped a portly man in British uniform riding through a Luxembourg town in a station wagon with a brigadier general's star on the bumper. It was a suspicious looking setup, so Sgt. Loftus asked for his credentials.

The ruddy-faced man protested mildly, declaring he was "the Prince of Luxembourg." "Yeh, bud," answered Loftus, "well, I'm Gen. Patton and I want to see your papers pronto!"

The suspect produced his passbook and sure enough, he was Prince Felix of Luxembourg, also a brigadier in the British Army. Prince Felix commended Sgt. Loftus on his vigilance, shook hands and hit the royal road.

voy steamed from the Mediter-ranean through the Dardanelles and the Black Sea, the Persian Gulf

Command was streamlining its organization. are one-way trips to Russia by vehicles assembled in the large American plant at Khorramshahr, where the U.S. Army supervises as-

sembly by Persian mechanics.

A smaller assembly plant at Andimeshk, one of the four established originally in the British-American program of aid to Russia, has been shipped to the Soviet. The disposi-tion of the remaining plant at Khorramshahr will be decided in the near future.

wearing either corporal's or sergeant's stripes. Two have become "top kicks." "top kicks." "top kicks." "to heir sentiment was expressed by Oapt. sames B. Prippe, of Los Angles, former Provost Marshal on Corregidor. He said: "The thrill of Eles, former Provost Marshal on Corregidor. He said: "The thrill of Sgt. Margaret Chick, Toledo—all of Mirth will never leave me." Several prisoner officers still wore ford, Irwin, Tenn.; and Sgt. Ada Wood, Roslyn, Wash. Broke Into Jap Stores Broke Into Jap Stores At 'Kamerad' Succeeds WITH 80th INF. DIV.—The formal strippe, of Los Angles of the last days of Wood, Roslyn, Wash. Broke Into Jap Stores Several suprisingly young-looking men, still retaining a keen sense of humor and clean-shaven faces, were almost back to normal weight because the Japanese prisoner garrison had left temporarily on Jan. WITH 80th INF. DIV.—The German sergeant who surrendered his squad of eight to 80th Div. doughboys said he had three good reasons for doing so. He told Capt. Paul Loeser, of New Rochelle, N.Y., that his commanding officer was a "stinker"; he had surrendered to the Yanks at the identical spot in the last war, and he wanted to be sure to see his wife and son again. The German sergeant said he tried to surrender three times previously, but each time his CO evacuated the squad before he could carry out his plan. Broke Into Jap Stores Several suprisingly young-looking men, still retaining a keen sense of humor and clean-shaven faces, were almost back to normal weight because the Japanese prisoner garrison had left temporarily on Jan. To nearly a month the Japs fired 60 batteries of guns and 40 howitzers to be added them. Others limped from beri-beri and still others hardly could stir from their stretchers. Most of the Bataan veterans were so happy that they could was grin broadly and wave. Little by little they broke down and talked of American food, their stretchers was home. They related tales of Jap brutality, the Death March from Bataan, of men dying like flies of the anti-aircraft batteries on Corregion had been knocked out by Japanese artillery firing from of Contenting the anti-aircraft batteries on Corregion had been knocked out by Japanese artillery firing from the store shack to normal weight because the Japanese artillery firing from Solotation on Correction to Matalana. For nearly a month the Japs fired 60 batteries of guns and 40 howitzers the "Rock" but on "

Here's the Navy's new Privateer, scheduled to replace Liberators in patrol, search and bombing operations against the Japs. Retaining the identifying features of the Libs, the Privateers have been redesigned in most respects to provide the long range and other requisites for the Navy's Pacific operations.

Most noticeable changes are the single rudder and new armament.

Once Over Lightly

SPORTS

By Paul Horowitz

Stars and Stripes Sports Editor

NEW YORK sportswriters must be writing with tongue in cheek as they pour invective, adjectives and split infinitives into their stories about the Brooklyn College basketball bribe scandal. Most of the scribes knew of, or suspected, shady deals between Gotham collegiate cagers and gamblers over a period of at least ten years—and longer.

The lure of gold, though slightly tainted, doubtless has tempted others to throw basketball games so gamblers could make a killing. College authorities might uncover more fixed games simply by investigating every "amazing" upset in collegiate cage competition. Some upsets are genuine, others not. The Brooklyn affair became a scandal because the culprits were "caught in the act."

THE WRITER recalls two such incidents that never made the headlines. The first occurred 20 years ago and an outfit in Newark, N.J.,
was involved. Gamblers got to three players on the home team, which
was opposing a barnstorming squad comprised of former members of
the Passaic (N.J.) High School varsity, which had amassed a truly
amazing record of 159 straight victories over a four-year span.

The gamblers couldn't entice two of the home team members and,
oddly enough, the honest pair just couldn't miss the basket that night.
Contrary to the gamblers' expectations, the Passaic team lost by one
point in an overtime period—and the bettors who backed a "sure thing"
lost beaucoup dough. That night two of the three players who had
accepted bribe money were discovered beaten and bleeding behind the
gymnasium.

THE other "tossed" contest occurred less than ten years ago and a New York college team was involved this time. The New York quintet had won a score or more games and was to meet an undefeated college team in Washington, D.C. Two Gays before the game a member of the Gotham five, playing under an assumed name in New Jersey, openly declared betting on the Capital City squad would be "a sure thing." As it developed, the New Yorkers lost and it was reported in the sports pages as a "stunning upset."

THE MOST RECENT publicized bribe attempt, prior to the current one, occurred the morning of the last day of the 1944 major league baseball season. Emil "Dutch" Leonard, Washington Senators' right-hander who was slated to pitch against Detroit that afternoon, got a telephone call from an unidentified caller who asked him how much it was worth to "take it easy this afternoon." Leonard attributed the call to a "crank or prankster." That afternoon he beat Detroit out of a possible tie with the Browns for the American League pennant.

WE PREDICT the outcome of the current scandal will be the closing down of Madison Square Garden to college basketball teams. Police can't possibly corral all the gamblers who infest Ned Irish's emoorium, so the next best thing will be to ban the cage tilts that invite wagering in the huge New York athletic arena. If the police don't act, college teams from other states soon will be refusing invitations to play in the Metropolis. Whichever way it blows, it'll be an ill wind for Ned Irish, who has been a 20th Century Midas among basketball promoters.

As Big 10 Czar | West Virginia

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Western Conference athletic officials will meet in Chicago Saturday to attempt to elect a successor to the late Maj. John L. Griffith, conference athletic commissioner.

Herbert O. "Fritz" Crisler, football coach and athletic director at Michigan, is considered the leading choice for the job, but it must be confirmed by both the faculty representatives and athletic directors.

Kenneth L. "Tug" Wilson, athletic director at Northwestern, said that of all the applicants for the job not one is "remotely qualified and it looks like we'll have to draft one."

Hands off Policy Voiced by Barrow

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Ed Barrow, who used to rule the New York Yankees with an iron hand and iron fist when he deemed it necessary, said yesterday he would not interfere in any way with Larry MacPhail's administration of the ball club. Barrow, MacPhail and George Weiss, Yankee farm club director, posed for news photographers and Barrow announced he would become chairman of the board of directors when MacPhail takes over after getting the dough for over, after getting the dough for the purchase of the club on Mar. 26.

"As my policy is never to inter-fere," Barrow said, "I'm sure we will get along without any friction. I told him (MacPhail) he would be president and run things and I would stay in an advisory capacity. I will support him when he is in the right, but when he is wrong I will simply keep my mouth shut."

Question Box

T/5 Joe Betz.—Joe Louis beat Bob Pastor twice, once by decision and once by kayo. Louis decisioned Tommy Farr the only time they met.

T/Sgt. William Less.— NCAA cage winners: 1939: Oregon, 1940: Indiana, 1941: Wisconsin, 1942: Stanford, 1943: Wyoming, 1944: Utah. AAU cage: Philips Oilers won four of the last seven championships. The 20th Century Films won two and the Denver Legion won the other. the other.

Cpi. J. O'Malley.—In pinochle a play-er must top his opponent's card and levery suit except if the trick was trump-ed previously.

Pfc Harry Linsky.—Any closed-fist punch above the belt is considered

punch above the belt is considered legal.

Sgt. D. Rubin.—There's no official record on Babe Ruth hitting a 600-foot homer. It is generally conceded that Hank Greenberg and Jimmy Foxx hit the longest, each clearing the center field fence in Chicago's Comiskey Park.

Crisler in Line | Army Subdues

WEST POINT, N.Y., Feb. 1.— Emulating the 1944 varsity which won all of its 15 games last year, the Army basketball team last night crushed West Virginia, 73-47, for its seventh victory of the cur-rent campaign. It was the 23rd straight for the Cadets over three

seasons.

Coach Ed Kelleher started Army's second team, but it soon became evident the Mountaineers weren't evident the Mountaineers weren't going to roll over and he had to send his regulars to the rescue. The Cadets went out in front, 50-30, nine minutes after second half began. Dale Hall netted 21 points to lead the home team, while Leland Byrd scored ten for West Virginia

Virginia.

Army should defeat Yale Saturday, but its biggest obstacle to another perfect season is the game with St. John's College of Brooklyn here, Feb. 14.

Fort Lewis Ace Has 629 Points

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Gail Bishop, of Fort Lewis, Wash., is the top individual scorer among the nation's service basketball players. Bishop has made 263 field goals and 103 fouls for a total of 629 points. Competing in 26 games, Bishop has averaged 24 points per game.

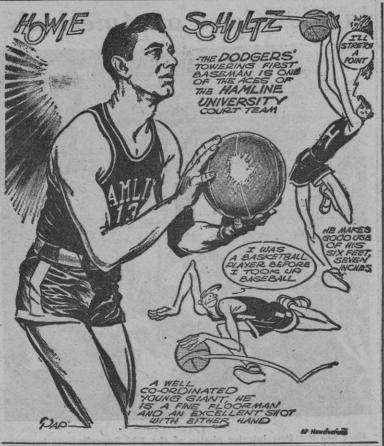
Ermer Robinson, of Fort Warren, Wyo., his nearest rival, has scored 346 points.

The leading scorers: G FG F Pts. 26 263 103 629 18 146 54 346 22 105 68 278 24 83 50 266 19 92 66 248 Bishop, Fort Lewis...... 26
Robinson, Fort Warren
Miasek, Bunker Hill.......... 22
Oldham, Memphis Nav. 24
Cominsky, Olathe........... 19
Ajax, Great Lakes....... 25
Schaefer, Bainbridge.......... 19 83 92 99 79

CAGE

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Augustana 36, South Dakota State 34.
American 42, Loyola (Baltimore) 39.
Butler 43, Camp Atterbury 37.
Bishop 32, Prairie View 29.
Carnegie Tech 59, Allegheny 37.
Dartmouth 45, Columbia 38.
Holy Cross 64, Worcester Tech 47.
Haverford 56, Delaware 35.
High Point 48, Atlantic Christian, 38.
Juniata 61, St. Francis 37.
Lafayette 44, Drew 36.
Muhlenberg 35, Bucknell 33,
Marquette 83, Lawrence 47.
Murray State Tchrs. 34, Marshall 33.
Navy 60, Penn State 27.
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Princeton 37, Rutgers 30. No. Car. Pre-Fight 65, Edenton Marine Princeton 37, Rutgers 30. Quonsett Navy 55, Yale 54, Rice 59, Texas 48, St, Joseph's 45, Syracuse 37. St. John's 71, Fordham 35. Villanova 46, Rider 36, Western Union 19, Buena Vista 16, Wofford 53, Davidson 40.



'Phog' Allen Blasts NCAA For Slating Garden Tourney

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.-Forrest C. "Phog" Allen, Kansas basketball coach, and Harold G. Olsen, chairman of the NCAA basketball tournament committee, today let loose verbal blasts directed at each other as reverberations of the Brooklyn College cage scandal continued to rock the basketball world.

"The NCAA met in Columbus

Writer Says Haegg

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.-Bob

Considine, International News

Service sportswriter, says Gun-

der Haegg is not coming to the United States because he refused to take inoculations against diseases.

Haegg's trip to the United States, Considine said, involved

a stopover in England, and before the British would permit him to land they insisted he take immunization treatment

demanded of every alien landing

Alexander Resigns Ga. Tech Grid Job

Late Move to Stadium

Seen by Dan Topping

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1.—Capt. Dan Topping, USMCR, here between assignments, said yesterday the Brooklyn franchise of the National Professional Football Learner might not be trensferred to

gue might not be transferred to Yankee Stadium until after the

1945 season gets underway.

"We hope to make the shift as soon as possible." said Topping, who is owner of the Brooklyn football franchise and member of the syn-

dicate which recently bought the Yankee ball club and stadium.

"However, there are lots of things to be done and it may take quite a while to complete the details."

American Hockey League

EASTERN DIVISION

W L T Pts.
Indianapolis 19 13 11 49
Cleveland 19 10 9 47
Pittsburgh 17 18 6 40
St. Louis 8 24 5 21

Pittsburgh 3, Hershey 1.

on British soil. Haegg refused.

Balked at 'Shots'

"The NCAA met in Columbus last month and expressed regret at gambling," Allen said in Lawrence, Kan., "but it continues to team up with professional promoters to hold tournaments in arenas where every one knows big-time gamblers operate in hordes."

'Merely Peanuts'
Allen termed the Brooklyn incident "merely peanuts" and said there are some really big-time operators in the East who haven't even

Gen. MacArthur czar and take control out of the hands of the NCAA.

Olsen Answers

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 1.—William Alexander, head football coach at Georgia Tech for the last 25 years, resigned today to take over the job as Tech's Athletic director and the newly-created post of director of Physical Training.

Bobby Dodd, former Tennessee star, who became Alexander's aid in 1931, was appointed head coach and given permission to select his own staff.

And from Columbus, Ohio, Olsen took sharp issue with Allen's statements. He declared Kansas gave no dissenting vote when the NCAA met and voted to hold the finals of the tournament in Madison Square Garden.

"As far as I know," Olsen declared, "if schools which make up the NCAA had objected to holding the tournament in New York, they should have said something about it at that time. As a matter of fact, Mr. Allen's own Kansas team played in Madison Square Garden only a year or two ago."

College players involved in the scandal:

Bob Leder, captain and high scorer: Discharged from the Coast Guard in 1943, sinus trouble, one year's service. Bernard Barnett: Joined Army in 1942, called to active service in 1943, sent to the medical technicians' school, discharged October, 1943, with spine condition.

Larry Pearlstein served nine months in Army, made staff sergeant, discharged in 1944, knee injury; Jerry Green, 4F, reason unknown. Stanley Simon, 17 years old.

Bigtime Cage Promotion on Rocky Perch

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—The mighty commercial enterprise which college basketball has become since it was moved into the big tent from campus and subway gyms about a dozen years ago threatened to crumble as in-dignant aspersions on bigtime pro-motions from all over the country

Legislature Ponders Bill on Bribe Raps

ALBANY, N.Y., Feb. 1.—Assemblyman Malcolm Wilson, Westchester Republican, introduced a bill in the State Legislature yesterday making the acceptance of bribes by amateur athletes punishable by fines up to \$10,000 and imprisonment up

to five years.

The present law applies only to professional athletes.

poured into New York as the result of the Brooklyn College scandal.

The five players who took a thousand dollars to lose by a certain number of points to Akron University are believed to have received their full punishment, the high disgrace of having to turn in their uniforms and leave school with the stigma of having "sold out" as amateurs.

There's a movement afoot to

out" as amateurs.

There's a movement afoot to bring back college basketball to campus gymnasiums and the Brooklyn upheaval will help those authorities who blasted commercial promotions a few months ago.

Wilbur Smith, president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and athletic director at Tulane, said today: "The subject of returning college basketball to school gymnasiums must be considered if gambling is to be stamped out."

Akron Coach's Version

BOSTON, Feb. 1.—Russ Beichly, Akron University basketball coach,

dent "merely peanuts" and said there are some really big-time operators in the East who haven't even been touched yet.

Allen was quoted as saying. "The NCAA is impotent because it is run by a bunch of money grubbers who want to perpetuate themselves in office."

The Kansas coach wants Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who always has been a great sports fan, to be named the college sports

Status of Brooklyn Five

BROOKLYN, Feb. 1.—Here's the military status of the five Brooklyn College players involved in the scandal:

Covering GI Sports

CAPT. JEFF COATS, former University of Arkansas All-America football player in 1941, has been cited for outstanding execution of duty with the Sixth Armored Div. Without previous line experience, he commanded a service company in the Bastogne Bulge to help stem a German counter-attack.

right. Erickson, a messenger with the Seventh Inf. of Third Inf. Div. uses skis to travel the snowfilled roads and fields in delivering divisional messages.

MARCEL THIL, former middleweight champion of Europe, is now training U.S. Army boxers in

S/SGT. RAYMOND A. FLAN-NIGAN, of Baltimore, Md., who pitched for the Baltimore Orioles pitched for the Baltimore Orioles of the International League before entering the Army, was on the receiving end of the pitching in a recent enemy attack while serving the Second Inf. Div. in Belgium. He repelled an enemy attack in a lightly-defended U.S. sector which was being shelled by artillery. Flannigan hurled for the Orioles from 1940 to 1942. He won 11 and lost 14 in 1942.

PFC WENDELL F. ERICKSON, of Idaho Falls, Ida., a former skiing instructor in Idaho, is one man in the Army that has been classified

Markel That tutor GI boxers in their offduty hours and develop new boxing talent in Oise Section. He's now 41 years old.

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Oise Section, according to Capt, Jack Springer, athletic officer at Oise Section. Thil lost to Fred Apostoli in the "Tournament of Champions" held at the Polo Grounds in New York, 1937. The Frenchman will

Frenchman will tutor GI boxers Marcel Thn As He Looked in 1935 in their offduty op new boxing





Question of the week: S/Sgt. Dick Reuben wants to know if it's true that they call second lieu-tenants in the CBI "Burma shave-

It happaned at an Air Service Command depot. 1/Lt. Vernon Thompson, of Oklahoma City, was passing out cigars on the bright silver bar that Uncle Sam had just given him. "Did you tell your wife?" a sad sack remarked. "No", replied Thompson. "I sent home the second looey bars and told her I had been busted."

Which reminds us: A second lieutenant in the ETO is a guy whose bars and hair turn silver at same time.

And then there's the ASC colonel who wears both eagles on one shoulder "Tis the mating season," sez he shyly.

Sgt. Harry Lowenstein informs us that hotels in the States are issuing cards to newlyweds to hang on their doors which read:



"Do not disturb—unless Germany and Japan fold up, Hitler and his staff commit suicide and the Japanese Navy sinks."

Here's the kind of request that drives finance officers crazy: "Give me a partial pay, will ya—I gotta get back in the poker game fast."

Sgt. Reuben Wicklund of a photo group RCN tells this one. "We've group RCN tells this one. "We've heard a lot of stories about the arrogance of German prisoners, but when we captured a German teletype machine, hitched it on a line with one of ours and ran off the usual test 'now is the time for all good men,' all the Nazi machine would print was 'Jaa, Jaa, Jaa'."

A nurse named Faye, who hails from the Smoky City, has just given us the straight dope on Pittsburgh. She sez the dense clouds of smoke and fog are generated at the request of the natives to keep "outsiders" from finding out what a wonderful place the city really is, so they won't move in and crowd the place up. place up.

1 on the Wolf Parade: "I'll be Seizing You in all the old Familiar places."



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U.S., British, Russians Are Reported Prepared With Surrender Paper

An "informed source" quoted by the Associated Press in London yesterday declared that representatives of Great Britain, the U.S. and the Soviet Union have formally signed a document known as an "Instrument of Surrender," which will be presented to the Germans when they capitulate.

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Ambassador John G. Winant, for the U.S.; Sir William Strange, of the British Foreign Office, for the British, and M. Gussev, Russian Ambassador to Britain, were said to have signed the secret document. Only a few of the highest Allied officials, the AP learned, know its contents, which were reported to have been formulated by the leaders of the European Advisory Commission.

Parley Rumored Under Way

Meanwhile, reports from world Meanwhile, reports from world capitals continued to declare that the Big Three conference was probably already under way. A German News Agency dispatch, datelined Geneva and quoting "Anglo-American circles" claimed that Bucharest was being mentioned as the possible meeting place the as the possible meeting place, the United Press reported from London

In Cairo, the scene of the 1943 Roosevelt-Churchill talks, Radio Cairo reported the three-power con-ference had begun, but did not say where. Unconfirmed reports earlier this week said a large hotel in Cairo was being cleared for the meeting.

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Observers in Washington, according to the Associated Press, said that the Big Three were expected to create three definite types of Allied machinery for collaboration in Europe. These included regular, possibly quarterly, meetings, of British-U.S.-Russian foreign representatives to act on political problems; control machinery for Germany with prolonged occupation of the Reich in prospect, and an advisory commission for liberated countries confronted with difficulties in choosing their own governments.

Four-Power Plan Suggested

The same source quoted by the Associated Press as describing the "instrument of surrender" declared that Prime Minister Churchill was taking to the Big Three conference a plan for the creation of a fourpower "governmental consortium" for the Rhineland and the Ruhr

Although details were not known, the AP was told, it was understood that they imply a separation of the Rhineland and the Ruhr from Germany and placing of them under complete control of Great Britain, the U.S., Russia and

The AP's informant said that President Roosevelt is understood to have proposed last August that to have proposed last August that American troops occupy northwest Germany and maintain only a token force in Austria. Now, however, the private source continued, it is understood that America will have an equal share with Russia, Great Britain and possibly France in occupying Austria.

Ward Case Carried

tition for a judgment to uphold the Presidential order whereby the Army seized sixteen Ward Army seized sixteen Ward establishments in seven cities. pending the appeal decision,

Yanks Close In On West Reich

(Continued from Page 1) circles, ammunition and firing tables—all abandoned, Stars and

Stripes front reports said.

AP with the First Army reported that elements of the First and Ninth Divs. stormed Siegfried positions

At the southern end of the assault arc, the Third Army widened assault arc, the Third Army widened its Our River bridgehead southeast of St. Vith to seven miles and deepened it to three and one-half miles in advances of two and one-half miles which overran the villages of Ihren, Winterspelt Eigelscheid and Heckhalenfeld. Eigelscheid is within two miles of the Siegfried positions facing the German-Belgian border north of Luxembourg.

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Southward, for 10 miles through the Duchy to the border town of Vianden, Third Army forces closed up all along the Our.
To the north of the bridgehead, other U.S. troops in Belgium gained two and one-half miles to cross the Our fives miles due east of St. Vith and took Schonberg, a Belgian frontier town. frontier town.

82nd Pushes On

Southward, three First Army divisions in a co-ordinated advance eastward between Malmedy and St. Vith, gained up to a mile and one-

Siegfried after they advanced over a mile inside Germany northeast of

Siegfried after they advanced over a mile inside Germany northeast of Lanzerath, which the division took Wednesday. On their left, First Div. doughs crossed the frontier to within 1,000 yards of the Siegfried Line.

The advancing First surrounded 100 Nazi infantrymen and a force of five tanks. Two of the tanks were smashed as they tried to break out of the doughboy ring, while German infantrymen tried infiltrating back to their own forces.

Northward, Second Div. men plowed 1,000 yards to the east of Krinkelt and Rocherath, which were captured yesterday. They were still inside the Belgian frontier, at latest reports about ten miles due east of Malmedy.

North of the three-division push, the Ninth and 99th Divs. battled in the woods southeast of Monschau. They advanced up to three-quarters of a mile.

Northeast of Monschau, the 78th Div. had apparently reached its objectives and was consolidating its gains.

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First Army's prisoner total of 1.332 Nazis indicated that advances all along the line had been made against considerable opposition.

needed medical supplies, is being provided with American Red Cross medicines and equipment flown to remote areas by the China wing of the Air Transport Command. Nearly ten tons of sulfa drugs, microscopes, X-ray equipment, sur-Meanwhile, the government was granted a stay by which it will gical instruments, and other medical supplies were call supplies were itself communists. ment flown to isolated Communists.

From Gowanus to the Seine

Drops Fell From Brooklyn

Brooklyn, U.S.A., came to the banks of the Seine one day this week and the ensuing uproar looked like the second liberation of Paris.

2/Lt. Gertrude Whitman, newly-arrived WAC officer who was formerly stationed at a Brooklyn POE, arrived at the Special Services Division with her orders, her Valpack—and a full canteen of genuine A-I Brooklyn water.

The news went down through channels and within a matter

channels and within a matter of hours, the clixir from home had to be rationed—a spoonful to each homesick Brooklynite. "We have about 1/4 of the canteenful left," quoth the bewildered Lt. Whitman, "and I guess it will have to go on a first-come first-served basis from now on. Any GI with a bona-fide Brooklyn accent or reasonable facsimile is cligible for a swig."

Snow Block on West Front Road



The snow piles high along the Western Front, half hiding this strug-gling weapons carrier.

U.S. Fleet Enters Subic Bay; Bataan Shelled, Japs Admit

American troops on Luzon have advanced to within 25 miles of Manila, and the U.S. Seventh Fleet has entered Subic Bay, the Associated Press reported yesterday. Tokyo radio said that a strong naval force, including battleships, was shelling the northwestern part of the Bataan Peninsula from the bay.

Sixth Army men made the advance closer to Manila, seizing Calumpit and crossing the Pampanga River. Motorized units have gone safely through a narrow stretch of land between two swamps, and ahead lie open plains leading to Manila.

Gen. MacArthur announced that troops of the new U.S. Eighth Army of Manila, and the U.S. Seventh Fleet has entered Subic Bay,

troops of the new U.S. Eighth Army had won control of Subic Bay. They captured the Olongapo naval base and made an unopposed landing on Grande Island, at the mouth of the key. of the bay.

American guns which defended Grande before it fell to the Japanese in 1942 were taken by the Eighth Army men. Olongapo was dotted with unmanned dugouts and pillboxes. It was occupied by Yanks who advanced 20 miles

700 Forts Hit

AF resumed its offensive against

choked yards at the railroad towns of Ludwigshafen and Mannheim. The Luftwaffe stayed down and the Americans lost one bomber and one

RAF Lancasters struck at Munich. Small forces of Ninth AF medium bombers and fighterbombers plunged through fog and clouds to rip Nazi communications along the Western Front. Mediums struck at the 1,237-foot, double-rail Kronprinz Wilhelm Bridge at Engers and other bridges over the Phine over the Rhine.

Blasts Cheesecake As 'Indecent Picture'

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1 (ANS).— Cheesecake pinup girls for service-men overseas provide an "indecent men overseas provide an "indecent picture before their dying gaze," william C. Smith, assistant executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Men, said yesterday. Smith also spoke of advertisements which "appeal to the reader's lower nature." He said such ads include "lewd" descriptions of women's undergarments, but added that he "was thinking particularly of advertisements of perfume, the whole aim of which, it would appear, is to lead the wearer into circumstances where she can be more easily seduced."

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Peninsula.

Other Americans on Luzon liquidated Japanese pockets west of Fort Stotsenburg, gained in the drive toward Baguio and severed the island's main east-central highway above Cabanatuan, where thousands of Americans were held prisoner early in the war.

American fliers again blasted the Cavite naval base. Philippiness-based Liberators and fighters hit the Heito airdrome on Formosa, destroying 20 parked Japanese planes. Four enemy freighters were sunk by planes in the Sakishima Islands, west of Formosa.

Zhukov Army Now 35 Miles From Berlin

(Continued from Page 1) make the Russian crossings as difficult as possible.

As Zhukov's drive approached its climax after rolling more than 300 miles from its starting point on the banks of the Vistula, Moscow announced that the Red Army was killing or capturing 30,000 Germans daily on the East Front, and only one prisoner is taken for every three men killed.

Fear in Berlin

Moscow radio and other European radio stations drew a picture of confusion and fear inside the Ger-

confusion and fear inside the German capital and one report said the city was being mined.

Red Star, the Army newspaper, said Berlin already can hear the "echo of the Red Army guns . . . nothing in the world can halt the Red Army."

On the southern flank of Zhukov's "Berlin Bulge" the Red Army crossed the German frontier west of Leszno, north of Glogau.

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On the Silesian front, Marshal
Ivan Koniev's First Ukrainian
Army drove against powerful German defenses across the Oder in the Steinau area. The German communiqué yesterday disclosed

Those 'Travelers' Had Reds in Berlin

The Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—United Press quoted London Exchange Telegraph and they, in turn, quoted more of those "Stock-holm Travelers" who said So-viet patrols had reached the outer suburbs of Berlin, but withdrew without fighting.

(Memo from Wire Editor-Hey, cut it out!)

that Koniev now holds several bridgeheads across the Oder al-though only one menaces the Ger-

though only one menaces the German southern flank.

In East Prussia, Marshal Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army seized Torun, old fortress town near the Vistula River, 115 miles north of Warsaw, which had been holding out bitterly.

Fighting still was raging for besieged Koenigsberg, with Red Army artillery throwing down a

besieged Koenigsberg, with Red Army artillery throwing down a 24-hour barrage.
South of the Prussian capital Gen. Ivan D. Cherniakovsky's Third White Russian Army captured 50 towns and villages, yesterday.
Spring-like weather on the central Russian front melted snows on many of the highways leading into the "Berlin Bulge." Russian reports said that large forces of the Luftwaffe from the Western Front appeared over the battlefield yesterday. One captured German airterday. One captured German airman said he had come from the Cologne-Aachen area.

At Rhine Lines Shorter Japan War Seen In clearing weather, the Eighth By Quick Shift of ETO Men

To Court of Appeals

CHICAGO, Feb. 1 (ANS).—The government today carried its case for retaining control of the Montgomery Ward properties to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Decision of the District Court had denied the government's penalty and the denied the government's penalty and denied the government and the day of reconstruction, in addition to post, and require continuation of campaign

Two other factors undoubtedly igured in adoption of the plan: (1) Scarcity of shipping to handle equipment and (2) the war against Japan is moving along months ahead of schedule while the European control of the contro pean war is lagging, time available to shift shift European

time available to shift European forces to the Pacific.

While it was not disclosed what equipment would be left behind, trucks, construction equipment and perishable goods presumably would be included, the AP said. All of these could be used in the rehabilitation of France, Italy, Belgium and Holland.

Most planes still in operating

Most planes still in operating condition, especially heavy bombers, undoubtedly would be flown to Pacific bases. Small arms, some

the Western Front—and the bulk of them presumably would be moved to the Pacific. The war

moved to the Pacific. The war there is fast progressing to the stage where large forces may be used, the AP said.

Coupled with revelation of the plan; there was further indication that U. S. industrial power is being sighted toward Nippon.

The Office of Defense Transportation said the defeat of Germany will increase rather than decrease

will increase rather than decrease demands for rail transport. assertion was based on the report from Maj. Gen. C. P. Gross, chief of transportation, Army Service Forces, that re-deployment of for-ces for the Japanese campaign will place an "unprecedented load" upon transportation facilities.

This was interpreted to mean that, aside from the movement of troops to the West Coast, large quantities of armament produced in Past Coast, centers would necessity and the coast c

East Coast centers would neces-sarily be transported west by rail, Executive Director Jack Small of the War Production Board, com-menting on reports that American troops transported from Europe to fight the Japs will be completely re-equipped, said "everything usable" will be sent from Europe to the Pacific. Plans already have been made to move "a lot" of ma-teriel, he said, and shipping details