

110,000 Nazis Face Saar Trap By Patton's Tanks

1,300 Heavies Plaster Berlin

Rhine Span Falls; 3rd In Coblenz

Armored columns of the U.S. 3rd Army were reported yesterday to be slicing through disorganized German defenses in the Saar in their drive from the north behind the out-flanked Siegfried Line toward a junction with the U.S. 7th Army and possible entrapment of 110,000 troops of two German armies, the last enemy groupings still left west of the Rhine.

Allied tactical planes had a busy day hammering eastbound enemy columns striving to escape across the Rhine.

After ten days' service the Ludendorf span into the Remagen bridgehead, weakened by German demolitions on the day of its capture, collapsed Saturday afternoon, it was announced yesterday. Loss of the span will not seriously hamper development of the bridgehead, now 14 miles long and 7½ miles deep, dispatches asserted, since supplies will be funneled across by pontoon bridges.

Overran an Airfield

On the Rhine east bank, 1st Army troops overran a German airfield east of the six-lane motor highway, six miles of which were now in U.S. hands. Another field was only 1½ miles away to the north. Gains of better than a mile were made in the push along the Rhine bank and troops were opposite Bad Godesberg, on the west bank. Units driving northeast from the bridgehead were halted by heavy artillery fire.

While 7th Army doughboys gouged deeply into the Siegfried Line on the Saar's southern edges, units of four 3rd Army tank divisions carved up enemy defenses inside the industrial basin. Luxemburg Radio said 3rd Army troops had entered Bingen, at the confluence of the Rhine and Nahe Rivers, and that

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Saves 2 from Freezing Rhine as Bridge Falls

RETAGEN, Mar. 18—Minutes after the Ludendorf Bridge crashed into the Rhine, S/Sgt. George J. Aneson, who learned to swim at Coney Island, dove in to rescue a wounded bridge engineer, whose legs were crushed in a tangle of grinding girders, and his would-be rescuer, Cpl. Roy Larsen, of Erie, Pa.

Aneson, who had just helped pull a colonel, a captain and a corporal from the river, had noticed Larsen waving a feeble arm as he and the engineer were being swept swiftly down stream. Stripping and taking hold of a rope, Aneson dove into the freezing water, swam 100 yards to seize the exhausted two who were clinging to a board.

He tied the inch-thick manila rope to the board. On shore, a private and colonel dragged all three to safety.

GIs Caught in Twisted Girders As Ludendorf Bridge Caves In

By Andy Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

RETAGEN, Mar. 17 (Delayed)—Ludendorf Bridge crumpled into the Rhine at 3:10 this afternoon, ten days to the hour after the 9th Armoured Division had captured it.

The bridge fell with no warning. The fall was not due to enemy action at the time. The center span began to sway and as it fell, pulled with it both end sections running from the two mid-river piers to the east and west banks, dumping a large number of men from an engineer battalion into the river and burying more under its massive twisted girders. The center section disappeared into the water.

There were an estimated 150 men working on the bridge when it crumpled, among them Lt. Col. Clayton A. Rust, of Seattle, battalion commander.

Rust and 20 more engineers, clutching parts of the planking with which they had been flooring the bridge, were rescued at the downstream pontoon bridge. Other men had been crushed or drowned. Their bodies were pulled out.

Five minutes after the disaster no one could say exactly how many men or

Watch Out, Watch Out, Wherever You Are



Ruins, rubble and enemy fire punctuate the advances of U.S. troops along the Western Front. Above, an inquisitive 26th Division dough pokes his head around the corner of a shell-marked building in a German town to watch a Nazi rocket explode in the street, but his buddy, a sub-machine gunner, backs into the safety of a wall. Below, a recon group of the 63rd Division picks its way cautiously through the wrecked streets of Gudingon on the way to Saarbrücken as smoke from shellfire clouds the background.

Superforts Again Cascade Incendiaries on Nagoya

A large force of Superforts again hit at industrial targets at Nagoya on the Japanese mainland yesterday, Washington announced. Large numbers of incendiaries were dropped.

With Japan's four largest cities still smoking from Superfort fire-bomb attacks—the latest of which fired 12 square miles of Kobe—Tokyo Radio yesterday reported another carrier-based attack on the Japanese homeland, the third in a little more than a month.

Enemy reports that 800 carrier planes struck at Kyushu and Shikoku, most southerly of Japan's home islands,

vehicles were on the bridge when it caved in. At the west side, an air compressor truck working with welders and another 2½-ton truck rode the fall 50 feet to the river bed.

They were within 100 feet of shore when the compressor hit the water, but the driver, T/5 Leo E. Morgan, of Sheffield, Ala., and T/5 Roy Johnston, of Stockton, Kan., got out of the truck and scrambled up the slanting bridge structure to safety.

Less than three minutes after the bridge went, medics were scrambling down the wreckage to grab men from the water and to dig out the men screaming for help beneath the steel girders, rail tracks and heavy planking trapping or pinning them.

Everyone at the site was in agreement that there was no explosion and that, because of the way the bridge went, sabotage was impossible.

"We were working on the bridge flooring," said Cpl. Daniel J. Yoko, of Santa Rosa, Cal. "We were near one end when the bridge started giving from the center. It just piled up like matchsticks."

Several small Army power boats pushed

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Kolberg Falls To Red Army

Marshal Zhukov's Red Army troops yesterday captured Kolberg, an important German naval base on the Baltic coast of Pomerania, as Berlin commentators reported that the entire southern part of the Eastern Front was under attack by four Russian armies.

In an Order of the Day Marshal Stalin announced that elements of Zhukov's 1st White Russian Army, including Polish units, had liquidated resistance in Kolberg—Nazi citadel on the important coastal railway which the Germans claimed would fight to the last cartridge. The port, 64 miles northeast of Stettin, has been under assault for two weeks.

The blackout on news from Zhukov's central Oder front apparently still was in force yesterday, but farther south the Germans said four Soviet armies had gone over to the offensive.

Vienna, Prague, Dresden and the Trieste Gap leading to the plains of northern Italy all were possible objectives of these thrusts. Dozens of industrial plants also have been transferred to the area.

According to the Germans, the Russians were attacking on both sides of Lake Balaton in Hungary.

There was no confirmation from Moscow of any of these reported moves along the southern flank.

Moscow, however, announced that German attempts to break through to the Danube River near Budapest had failed and listed Nazi losses in this "offensive that failed" as 20,000 men and at least 600 tanks, self-propelled guns and armored troop carriers. This German defeat apparently was the signal for a resumption of the Russian drive along the southern front.

Meanwhile, bitter battles to wipe out other pockets of German resistance on or behind the main fighting lines continued.

Biggest Day Raid of War Hits Rails

Berlin, feeling the cold steel of Allied pincers closing tighter every day and stung by RAF Mosquitoes for 26 nights in a row, took its soundest daylight pasting of the war yesterday when more than 1,300 8th Air Force heavies winged over the Nazi capital to shower railroad and industrial targets with more than 3,000 tons of high explosives and incendiaries.

It was a 50-ton-a-minute deluge and the 8th's 17th and strongest attack of the war on the city. For more than an hour the heavies roared over, hitting two rail targets in the heart of the city and two war plants in the industrial suburbs.

The rail objectives—the Schleisicher Station traffic center and the North Station freight yards—formed the focal point of the attack, nearly 1,000 Forts pouring their loads on these two targets two miles from the Air Ministry. They had been hit by the bombers in the Feb. 26 attack, until yesterday the largest daylight assault on the city.

Lay Down 1,000-Pounders

The 300 Liberators in the force swung over suburban Tegel and Hennigsdorf to lay down patterns of 1,000-pounders and incendiaries on the sprawling Rheinmetall Borsig plant, which makes guns, bombs and torpedoes, and on the Borsig Lokomotiv works, a factory that covers 120 acres and turns out wide varieties of armored vehicles.

The 700 escorting Mustangs ran into scattered opposition from the Luftwaffe, but none of the enemy planes, some of them jet-propelled Me262s, got in a solid blow against the bombers. At least 13 Nazis were reported shot down.

Some of the 8th's fighters teamed with Red Air Force fighter planes for the first time when they combined with pilots of Soviet Yaks to quell a Luftwaffe strafing attack on a Soviet airfield east of the Oder River.

Run Into German Planes

As Capt. Ralph L. Cox, of Robbstown, Tex., described the fight, the Mustangs peeled off to patrol the Oder River territory, when they ran into four German FW190s diving to attack the airdrome. Cox and fellow pilots tangled with the raiders as the Soviet pilots rose to the defense and Cox sent down one plane in flames while the Yaks drove the rest of them away.

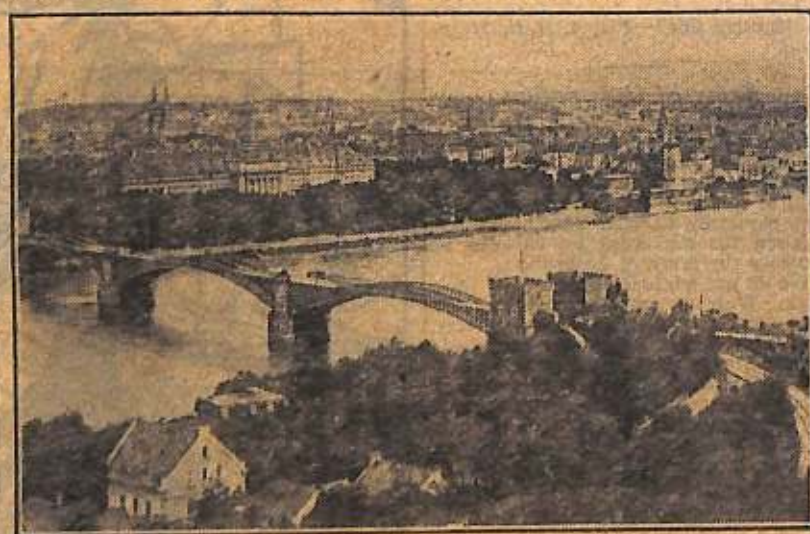
The heavies, which ran into thick cloud Saturday while attacking oil, industrial and communications targets, got a hand from the weather yesterday when big breaks in the clouds enabled bombardiers to pound away visually on most targets.

Saturday's force, which consisted of 1,300 heavies and 750 fighters, hit synthetic oil plants at Bohlen and Ruhland, tank factories at Hanover and the marshalling yards at Munster. Eight bombers and two fighters failed to return.

Estimate Nazi Jet Toll

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (ANS)—Since Kraut jet-propelled fighter planes appeared in action last July, four U.S. bombers and seven fighters have been lost to their attacks, the War Department announced today. On the other side of the picture, 49 enemy jets have been knocked out of the air by U.S. planes; 55 more have been destroyed on the ground.

Its Towers and Its Turrets Stand—Aside



Here is a view of Coblenz across the Moselle, captured by 3rd Army troops Saturday.

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THE B BAG
BLOW IT OUT HERE

NOTE: B-Bag is receiving many un-
 signed letters. We require your signature
 as evidence of good faith only. Your
 identity will not be revealed if you inform
 us you wait your name withheld.—Ed.

Veterans' Allowances
 Mar. 15, 1945

To the B-Bag:
 Occasionally GIs take the position that
 they do not expect to be compensated for
 the sacrifices they have made. In my
 opinion such an attitude is erroneous and
 based on a misconception of the process
 of democratic life. The people of our
 nation have the right to demand that the
 fittest among them take up arms in time
 of peril to defend and protect their
 country. But after the danger is past, by
 the same token, the "actives" have the
 right to demand that the people as a
 whole shall fitly compensate them for
 their sacrifices.

Veterans should be wary of politicians
 who raise the cry that we are "bankrupt-
 ing the nation." Such demagogues are
 trading on our ignorance of monetary
 theories. Uncle Sam will spend billions
 in subsidies to industry and in developing
 foreign markets. Why skimp on veterans'
 allowances when they too will expand pur-
 chasing power and develop the home
 market? The Stars and Stripes would be
 doing a great service to the boys if it
 would provoke discussion and focus atten-
 tion on this problem now before we are
 demobilized.—Capt. S. H. Anderman,
 Sta. Compl. Sq.

Greetings from 'Butch'
 Mar. 11, 1945

To the B-Bag:
 The enclosed letter from New York's
 Mayor LaGuardia is in acknowledge-
 ment of a New Year's card I sent him.
 In the last paragraph he asks me to
 convey his best wishes and good luck to
 the men in my old outfit, but since I'm
 now separated from that unit, I thought
 the best way to do this was through B-
 Bag.—Sgt. E. H. K., Hosp. Plant,
 Dear Sgt. K.:

Many, many thanks for your New
 Year's card. It is always nice to hear
 from New Yorkers who are doing their
 bit overseas. I believe that when you
 boys return to the city of New York you
 will find certain changes, but the chances
 are that the beautiful aroma of the Ful-
 ton Fish Market will have remained the
 same.

The deeds which the 18th Infantry,
 First Division, have been performing are
 well known here on the home front. You
 boys certainly have been maintaining the
 great tradition of your outfit. It looks
 as if the day when you will all be able to
 return to your families and friends here
 in New York is not too far distant.

Please convey my best wishes and good
 luck to all the men in your outfit.—
 Sincerely yours, F. H. LaGuardia, Mayor.
 (Censorship regulations, which ban pub-
 lishing the names of casualties, prevent us
 from revealing the name of the recipient, a
 hospital patient.—Ed.)

Duffle Bags
 Feb. 15, 1945

To the B-Bag:
 Normally I can hold my temper, but
 when I have to dig to the bottom of my
 duffle bag, I get so mad I frighten every-
 body in the vicinity. What makes me
 madder, though, is that GIs could be
 spared the inconvenience of this im-
 practical "carry-all" with only a little bit
 of extra work for the Quartermaster or
 whoever is responsible for the design.
 Why couldn't the bags be made like
 sleeping bags with a zipper extending from
 the handle down the side, across the
 bottom and at least two of three inches
 up the other side?—Pvt. A. D. E., Hosp.
 Plant.

Army of Occupation
 Feb. 21, 1945

To the B-Bag:
 Since by the time the war is over
 combat soldiers will have well-earned the
 right to return to the States, we suggest
 that physically fit men who have been
 deferred for war work be inducted to
 compose the army of occupation.
 We do not minimize the value of their
 work. With few exceptions war workers
 have done a good job. However, they
 have been denied the misery and hard-
 ships of combat, the loneliness that
 accompanies long absences from home and
 many other "real" sacrifices of war.
 Their vacancies in industry, while it is
 converting to peace-time production, can
 be plugged up by returning soldiers. They
 have made good money in our absence.
 We are not crying that soldiers are grossly
 underpaid, but when you compare them
 with workers in war industry, our pay
 is meager.—Seven GIs, Engr. Co.

Hash Marks

Diogenes, searching thru the ranks with
 an issue flashlight, claims to have found
 another honest man. Asked how he got
 in the Army, the guy replied, "First, I
 wanted to fight to defend my country;
 second, I knew it would build me up
 physically; third, a posse came and got
 me."

Who said that? A sergeant is a guy
 who gets credit for all the hard work
 somebody else does.

GI Daffynition. A peeping tom is a



wolf window shopping!

Story of the week (from Pfc M.
 Abramovitz): "I am a company aid man
 with a rifle platoon, somewhere in Ger-
 many. When my outfit was in France one
 of the French girls who knew a few words
 of English noticed my medical red cross
 brassard and asked, 'You red cross?'
 When I told her yes, she would not leave
 the area until I assured her that I didn't
 have any donuts or coffee."

It happened in a Red Cross club. A
 sleepy GI looked at his pal and muttered,
 "Did you see that buzz bomb go over
 last night?" "That was no buzz bomb,"
 sighed his pal. "That was me. I had a
 cigar in my mouth, looked out the
 window and burped."

Time spotted this one. In Pittsburgh,
 a local ration board received this letter:
 "You gave me gas for which to go to
 work about a month ago. Now I am out
 of gas on account of having a baby and
 I want more for the same purpose."

Our Spy on the Home Front sends us
 this one (again). Two Washington steno-
 graphers were walking down the avenue



when they detected a GI following them.
 Frantic as to what to do—they decided
 to match for him.

Oldest Gag of the Week. Remember the
 little termite in the officers' club who
 looked up at his papa and sighed,
 "Beat me, daddy—I ate the bar!"
 J. C. W.

Be Gentle to the Germans

"Be gentle to the Germans,
 Now we've got them on
 the run,
 Do not say or do a thing
 To irritate the Hun;
 Forget about Lidice,
 Laugh off the rocket gun."

"Remember German people
 Were cruelly misled,
 Of course we mustn't hate them;
 Be kind to them instead—
 What's a little matter
 Of twenty million dead?"

"These humane, peace-loving
 people
 Deserve our charity,
 So let us extend to them
 The hand of sympathy:"



Help them prepare to murder us
 In nineteen sixty-three."
 —C. W. W.
 In The New York Herald Tribune.

Over the Hill With a Fun-Loving Sergeant

Military Government Was a Cinch Until They Caught Up With Him

By Ernie Leiser
 Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

RHEYDT, Mar. 18—This is the story
 of a guy who went over the nob and had
 himself one hell of a week before the
 law caught up with him.

He was a sergeant in an infantry outfit
 and he just got tired of the war. So he
 took off from his outfit and wandered
 around in the Rhineland for a couple of
 days, finally landing in a town near
 Rheydt. He decided that the town and
 a couple of others right next to it needed
 military governing, so he took over all
 three of them. He became a first lieuten-
 ant by act of a strip of adhesive tape
 on each shoulder.

He went around the towns in a jeep
 he had picked up along the way and
 found the best looking blonde in the
 parts and brought her back with him and
 set up headquarters. She became his sec-
 retary, housemate, and—because she had
 been a nurse—the head of his "Health
 and Welfare Department."

He tacked a Military Government sign
 outside his headquarters and started
 administering. Every place else, the
 German civilians were being kept strictly
 in their houses, except for three hours
 in the morning when they were allowed
 out to round up their food and water.

More Generous Regime
 But his was a more generous regime.
 Any civilian who asked—and there were
 a lot of them—got passes.

Troops came through and asked for
 billets, so he handled that for them.
 Naturally, he had to protect the interests
 of his kind, so the officers got the best
 billets and the Joes what was left.

It was a busy week. There were the
 passes, the billeting, the problems of the
 civilians and long evenings with the little
 blonde fraulein.
 But then someone started getting nosy.
 Capt. James Mallen, of New York, head

of the real Military Government detach-
 ment of Rheydt, got complaints from his
 Germans because their relatives in these
 three towns were getting passes and they
 weren't.

Mallen picked up one of the Germans
 and one of the passes. It wasn't like
 any in the MG textbooks, so he got a
 little suspicious. He sent 1/Lt. Charles
 Pellegrin, of Newark, N.J., to investi-
 gate.

Pellegrin was met at "Military Govern-
 ment" headquarters and offered the keys
 to the city. Did he want a billet? Easiest
 thing in the world. How about a cute
 little girl friend? That might be arranged,
 too.

But Pellegrin was a hard man to please.
 He started asking questions.

What was the number of this Military
 Government detachment? It didn't have
 a number? It was a special detachment?
 Whose control was it under?

Whose control? Why, mine. Does it
 have to be under anyone else's?
 Where's your AGO card, Lieutenant?

Demands AGO Card
 AGO card? Well, it's this way. Col.
 Williams—you know him, of course—
 just came up to me on the road one
 day and said, Sergeant, you're a 1st
 lieutenant now—a 1st lieutenant in Mil-
 itary Government.

That's the way it happened, fast like.
 So I guess they haven't got around to
 giving me an AGO card yet.

Have you got dog tags?
 Oh, sure, I got dog tags all right.
 Well, look, "Lieutenant," suppose you
 come along with me.

Damn.
 That was the end of the week. The
 rest is anti-climax. He was pulled in,
 turned over to the division MPs and sent
 back through channels to Corps, Army
 and Eisenhower only knows where else.
 When they try him, if they want to, they'll
 be able to throw the book at him, a book-
 full of charges like (1) Impersonating an
 officer, (2) Fraternization, (3) Intimidation
 of civilians, (4) Illegal use of government
 property and (5) Desertion.

UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



"I'll be dawgoned! Did ya know this can opener fits on th' end of a rifle?"

AFN Radio Program

American Forces Network—With the AEF
 on the Road to Berlin
 On Your Dial
 1375 kc. 1402 kc. 1411 kc. 1420 kc. 1447 kc.
 218.1m. 213.9m. 212.6m. 211.3m. 207.3m.

Monday, Mar. 19
 1200—World News.
 1205—Duffie Bag.
 1300—Headlines—Concert Hall.
 1315—Music from the Movies.
 1400—World News.
 1410—AEFP on the Spot.
 1430—Village Store.
 1500—Headlines—Strike up the Band.
 1530—On the Record.
 1630—Fiesta.
 1700—Headlines—Melody Roundup.
 1715—Music Parade.
 1800—World News.
 1805—Mark up the Map.
 1810—American Sports Roundup.
 1815—GI Supper Club.
 1900—Headlines—Lynn Murray Chorus.
 1915—Strings with Wings.
 1930—Duffy's Tavern.
 2000—Headlines—Combat Diary.
 2015—Johnny Mercer's Music Shop.
 2030—Canadian Band of the AEF.
 2100—World News.
 2105—Top Ten with the RAF Orchestra and
 Beryl Davis.
 2135—Comedy Caravan.
 2200—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
 2205—California Melodies.
 2215—Merely Music.
 2300—News.
 2305—Merely Music.
 2330—Sign off until 0755 hours, Tuesday, Mar. 20.

Tuesday, Mar. 20
 0755—Sign On—Program Resume.
 0800—Headlines—Combat Diary.
 0815—Personal Album with Lily Ann Carol.
 0830—Harry Roy.
 0900—World News.
 0905—Spotlight on Stan Kenton.
 0925—Music America Loves Best.
 1000—Headlines—Morning After (Duffy's Tavern)
 1030—Strike up the Band.
 1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
 1105—Duffie Bag.
 On the Continent listen to your favorite AFN
 programs over the
 Allied Expeditionary Forces Program:
 583 kc. 514m.
 Also shortwave: 6.195mg. 49m. band) between
 0600 and 1900 hours.

See Regrouping In States Before Going to Pacific

Here's "Heard in Washington," a
 weekly forecast by the Washington staff
 of the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain.

WASHINGTON—When the European
 war is over, here's what will happen to
 approximately 3,250,000 men in our
 armies there:

Nearly 500,000 will be kept there to
 police the territory assigned to the U.S.
 —southern Germany.

A few thousand will be sent direct to
 the Pacific war. These will be airport
 engineers, technicians of various types,
 some hospital units and others whose
 skills are urgently needed there.

The rest of them will return to the
 States for furloughs. (Likely 30 days.)
 Then their units will be regrouped, their
 equipment repaired, and their clothing
 changed and restored. After that they
 will be sent to the Pacific war.

Discharge Figure a Guess

Any estimate of the number of men to
 be discharged at the end of the Euro-
 pean war is a guess now, but the estimate
 seems to be about five to ten per cent.
 Estimates that it will be as high as 40
 per cent are way off base.

Bear in mind that the percentage to
 be discharged must be applied equally to
 those in the Pacific. The discharge system
 will be a point rating basis called the
 "adjusted service rating card." These four
 factors will be scored on the card:

Number of months in the army,
 number of months overseas, credits for
 decorations, and number of dependents.
 The value of the points has not yet been
 announced, but note that it is worked out
 on an individual basis, not by units as
 in the last war.

No such luck for sailors. The Navy
 expects to discharge none.

To transport the men in Europe the
 U.S. will take approximately one year.
 That estimate is based on the speed at
 which we sent them over to Europe. Ord-
 inary transports carry only a few hundred
 men. We have only a few big ones which
 can carry several thousand.

Won't Expand Ports

West Coast ports will not be expanded
 to handle traffic for the Orient. Ports
 there already are big enough to handle
 anything that the Army Service Forces
 can send. The bottleneck is the railroads
 over the Rockies. They cannot handle the
 necessary volume, and so many men will
 sail for the Pacific war from Eastern
 ports.

The problem of moving the European
 armies to the Pacific will be the greatest
 traffic job in the world's history. While
 it is in progress, new staging areas will
 be built and camps here will be reopened
 and stocked with equipment so that men
 can be retrained for Pacific fighting while
 slow-moving items are being shifted.

The Army knows it will have the
 biggest headache in its history when the
 men from the European theater are being
 moved to their second war. Letters are
 already pouring in—"My boy has served
 his time, let someone else go." But
 Japan must be licked and the only way
 to do it is to send seasoned men there.

The Army's point system for earned
 discharges will not be followed exactly.
 There will always be a shortage of some
 skilled types and in those cases, military
 necessity will determine which ones must
 stay.

GI Wins Battle On Baby Front

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer
 WITH 9TH ARMY, Mar. 18—A fuzzi-
 checked, 20-year-old company aid man
 who had only half listened to a single
 time-killing lecture on obstetrics a long
 time ago, did a slick job of delivering the
 baby of a German mother the other day.
 The baby's father was in Hungary at the
 time as an SS trooper.

When the 102nd Inf. Div. moved into a
 German town, Pfc Robert Frear, of
 Grosse Pointe, Mich., settled in one of
 the row of houses along with the rest of
 Cannon Co. of the 406th Regiment.

In one of the houses being evacuated
 for the company they found a pretty 23-
 year-old German girl very obviously
 about to have a baby. They let her stay
 where she was.

The morning after they moved in she
 started having her labor pains. Doc
 Keown—Capt. Kenneth K. Keown, of
 Independence, Mo., the regimental sur-
 geon—came around to see if she needed
 help. It looked as if the baby wouldn't
 be born until that night, so he went on
 his way.

A few hours later the frantic mother
 and grandmother of the girl ran into com-
 pany headquarters and begged for some-
 one to send the doctor over. The child
 was being born and they didn't know
 what to do. Doc Keown couldn't be
 reached. They couldn't wait.

D.C. Doings New Cars Get Fewer

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (ANS)—The dwindling supply of unused 1942 automobiles became harder to get yesterday. With only 10,000 new cars left, OPA whittled down to eight a list of 26 groups hitherto eligible for automobiles, eliminated home-to-work driving as a qualification for new machines and took other restrictive steps.

The eight groups include government employees engaged in fire fighting, crime detection, law enforcement and mail deliveries; physicians, surgeons and midwives; farmers, veterinarians and public health nurses; ministers or other religious practitioners; members of the armed forces or State military forces on official business; taxicab owners and owners of car rental businesses.

All groups eliminated from the list still are eligible, however, for used 1942 cars, also rationed.

A provision for the recognition of an honorably discharged veteran on any service flag displayed by his family in the window of their home has been announced by the War Department. The design of the lapel button worn by a discharged soldier will be used as the symbol.

A gold design will be placed on the flag in place of the blue star to make the symbol stand out from the white background of the flag. The design will be edged in blue.

PRESIDENT Roosevelt has proclaimed Apr. 6 as Army Day and has urged civilians to put a renewed energy into the task of supplying implements of war to fighting men.

He has invited the governors of States to issue proclamations calling for observance of Army Day so as to "give special honor to our courageous soldiers."

The President will broadcast to the nation Tuesday night in an appeal to support the American Red Cross campaign for \$200,000,000.

Lanky Rep. George Gillie (R-Ind.) appeared unsuccessfully to the War Production Board for more shirts with extra long sleeves. So the six-foot four-inch Congressman dug out an old Army shirt he wore as a reserve officer.

"Other fellows can write to their Congressman when they get in a fix like this, but what am I to do?" Gillie asked.

RAMBLINGS: War Production Chief Julius A. Krug disclosed that limited production has begun on the new super-bomber—the B32. . . . Americans last year contributed at least \$25,000,000 to various political organizations, a record sum, the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee announced.

One of the capital's happiest fathers is shown herewith. His baby hippo son is doing well at the local zoo. . . . Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt declared that the home folks "have neglected" knowing what's going on in service hospitals when asked to comment on a recent magazine article which said veterans were receiving "third-rate medicine for first-rate men."

The Republican Party will announce in ten days a new personnel staff, according to National Committee chief Herbert Brownell Jr. . . . Of 4,000,000 cases handled by the Adjutant General's legal assistance department, 26 per cent involved tax problems . . . only six per cent divorces.

At a meeting of a Senate committee, Sen. Robert F. Wagner (D-N.Y.) asked Board Chairman S. Clay Williams of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. if he had brought any cigarettes. Other Senators all leaned forward eagerly, only to settle back when Williams said he had only one pack.

WPB announced a deep slash in the supply of leather available for civilian shoes in April, May and June. However, no change in shoe rationing is planned. . . . Glen Taylor, Idaho's showman Senator, has put his secretary to work asking Capitol visitors what they think about the Senate.

And, for those who are worried about the war hurting the nation's population, the Department of Commerce disclosed that for each battle casualty reported since Pearl Harbor, 12 babies have been born.

War Mobilizer James F. Byrnes' advisory board has asked that it be consulted on such things as entertainment curfews and horse-racing bans. Chairman O. Max Gardner said that some members felt concern over what they regard as a growing ascendancy of the military over home front management.

After refusing for many years, Cordell Hull finally has permitted his name to go on the Spanish-American veterans' pension rolls. He'll collect \$75 monthly.

The Army's newest promotion list, which would boost nine lieutenant-generals to four-star ranks, has aroused Sen. Richard B. Russell (D-Ga.). Declaring that the military had "titled," Russell said:

"They're going to have to make officers' jackets with broader shoulders to hold all the stars they'll have to wear."

12 Per Cent Less Meat for U.S. This Spring

WFA Sees No Improvement Until Autumn

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (ANS)—The government today told the public, already hungry for beef and pork, that it would have to get along with 12 per cent less meat during the next three months.

It blamed the worst meat famine since the drought and dust storm blight of ten years ago on a four per cent increase in Army and Navy requirements and a six per cent drop in the U.S. meat supply from the first quarter of the year.

Six government agencies, meanwhile, were rushing along as rapidly as possible emergency measures to improve the home supply and assure equitable distribution. But the War Food Administration said bluntly there was no reason to believe the civilian supply picture would be any better in the third quarter of 1945 than it will be the next three months.

As a result of the reduction, each person will receive about two and a quarter pounds a week and over the entire year about 30 pounds less than in 1944 and 10 pounds less than in the average peace year. More veal, lamb and mutton but less beef and pork will be available. Beef production was said to be down 50 per cent over 1944.

Officials said the total meat supply during the second quarter would be about 5,526,000,000 pounds, 2,000,000,000 pounds under the amount for the same period a year ago, but still about 5,000,000,000 pounds greater than in pre-war 1939.

At the same time, it was announced that overseas meat supplies had been sharply curtailed. The only countries to receive meat through Lend-Lease during the next three months will be the United Kingdom, 25,000,000 pounds, and Russia, 300,000,000 pounds. In the first quarter of 1945 the U.K. was allocated 207,000,000 pounds. This means the U.K. will receive approximately one-eighth of previous allocations for the same period.

(A Reuter dispatch from Washington Saturday stated that at the request of Gen. Eisenhower "hundreds of millions of pounds of food"—mainly meats, fats and flour—had been taken from Britain's reserve stocks—and sent to Holland, France and Belgium. Col. J. J. Llewellyn, British Food Minister, announced that "substantial amounts" of food have been made available to liberated areas. On Feb. 27, Prime Minister Churchill declared in the House of Commons that he was "not prepared" to have the U.K. "cut below its minimum safety reserves of food and oil, except in cases where sure and speedy replacement can be made.")

Liberated countries will receive limited supplies from the stocks now held in Great Britain.

Cupid Finds a Way

Love Laughs at Jailers—And Space

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Mar. 18 (ANS)—A two-week death cell reunion arranged by a sympathetic jailer because of the housing shortage has ended for Donald Wood, 24, condemned slayer and his young warworker wife, it was disclosed today.

Wood, scheduled to die last Friday for the hitch-hike slaying of a Jackson, Miss., laundry owner, has been given a stay of execution pending appeal of his case. His wife, pretty red-haired Bernice Wood, has returned to her home in St. Louis.

Jailer J. I. Hartfield disclosed the prison reunion. He said that Mrs. Wood came here for the final reunion and found no place to stay. A Hattiesburg music teacher learned of her predicament and appealed to Hartfield to allow the couple to be reunited for the "last two weeks of his life."

The jailer permitted Mrs. Wood to live in her husband's cell, sharing his bunk and prison fare. After his execution was stayed a week ago, she left. Wood collapsed as they parted.

Hopeful of a final acquittal, the ex-soldier revealed he had been studying gardening "so I can fix up at garden for greeneyes (his wife) when I get out of here."

DALLAS, Mar. 18 (ANS)—A Dallas nurse who married by proxy a broken-jawed soldier sound asleep in an Army hospital 5,000 miles away today received a cable from him saying, "Our married life will never be any more difficult than our marriage."

The new bride is Ruth Edna Engle; her husband, Lt. Jerry Krohg, 34, of Chattanooga, now in the Aleutians.

The marriage was performed in the Dallas County Courthouse last Tuesday with Mrs. Krohg's attorney, Charles Wise, serving as proxy. Due to the time difference between Texas and the Aleutians Krohg was assumed to be sleeping. Krohg suffered the broken jaw, his wife said, when he fell downstairs several days ago.

She notified him of the ceremony by cable, saying: "Missed you at wedding, honeymooning with girls."

He replied: "Never a dull moment, thought ceremony extremely beautiful and simple. Know our married life will never be any more difficult than our marriage."

Nice Story, Anyhow



Ex-actor, now Navy Lt. Cmdr., Wallace Beery meets Sylvia Galfield, 17, with whom rumor mongers had linked the film lunatic romantically, on his return to Hollywood. Beery said Miss Galfield is the daughter of a very dear friend and would attend UCLA next fall, where she'll be a classmate of Beery's daughter.

WLB Okays Textile Raises

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (ANS)—The War Labor Board today recommended for 50,000 textile workers fringe wage increases which it said would increase production and "help win the war."

In a precedent-setting order, the Board directed mills and workers to continue collective bargaining with its recommendations as guides.

The approved increases may be put into effect only if the Office of Price Administration finds they will not force price ceilings up or if Economic Stabilization Director William H. Davis approves.

There appeared to be no doubt the proposed increases would be allowed. The Board's action formalized a tentative order of last month providing for a 55-cent an hour minimum rate and other wage adjustments in the textile industry. WLB Chairman George W. Taylor said the textile decision would form the pattern for the entire industry and would serve as a precedent for correcting substandard pay generally.

Ozarks A-Fire

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Mar. 18 (ANS)—More than 300 forest fires raging through the resort-dotted Lake of Ozarks region in Central Missouri, burning over an area estimated at nearly 800 square miles, were reported under control today. No loss of life was reported.

A Sob, A Laugh—A Good Time for All



The excitement caused by a visit of circus performers to the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children at Oak Park, Ill., brought tears instead of laughter to Donald Ungaro, three. Policeman-clown Jean Randon, however, got Don back in the smiling mood by employing a few of his laugh-bringing tricks.

Art's Art—But There's a Limit

Kennebunkport Tires of Nudes in its Post Office

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (ANS)—It's taking an Act of Congress to help drive some shameless hussies out of the Kennebunkport, Me., post office.

After learning that the women are fat, scantily clad and are given to disporting themselves, the Senate Saturday amended a \$3,000,000,000 appropriations bill—just to correct the situation.

Not a word was said in defense of the women as the decorous Senate passed the amendment unanimously. It all began when the government

got somebody to print a mural to adorn the Kennebunkport post office when it was constructed some years ago. In appealing to the Senate to approve the removal of the mural, Minority Leader Wallace White (R-Me.) described it as "a picture which, to speak frankly, depicts a number of fat women, scantily clad, disporting themselves on a beach."

Meanwhile in Indianapolis, Booth Tarkington, the Hoosier-born author who spends his summers in Kennebunk-

port, said he wasn't shocked by the "New Deal-approved monstrosity," but that it was so ugly it upset his artistic sensibilities and overshadowed his summer vacations.

Tarkington, whose vision is badly impaired, said he had seen the mural many times before his sight began to fail. He was a member of the committee which appealed to Congress for removal of the painting on the grounds that it depicts fat female bathers with "bulges fore and aft."

As for the folks in Kennebunkport,

they, too, want to see the mural removed, and have collected \$1,000 to replace the painting with another which shows the town's historical seafaring and shipbuilding activities.

However, their hands are tied. To remove anything from the walls of a post office, it takes an okay from Congress—plus a signature from the President.

So the fat ladies of Kennebunkport go on disporting themselves for a while, at least.

38% in U.S. Expect Another War in 25 Yrs.

NEW YORK, Mar. 18 (ANS)—Thirty-eight per cent of the American people questioned in the latest Gallup poll said they thought there would be another war within 25 years, 45 per cent thought not and 17 per cent were undecided. Of those queried in England, 48 per cent predicted another war some time during the next quarter of a century.

Spring Heat Wave Hits U.S.

NEW YORK, Mar. 18 (ANS)—Spring arrived with a rush in the U.S. over the weekend as high temperature records were shattered in scores of eastern, southeastern and mid-west communities.

Along Broadway, it was 74.5, a 35-year record. Washington sweltered in 85, an all-time March high. It was 83 in Baltimore and 82 in Charleston as Pittsburgh reported a high of 77—more records.

Ohio's "heat," meanwhile, ranged from 76 in Cleveland to 82.5 at Cincinnati. In Chicago it was 77 and 85 in St. Louis, while deep in the heart of Texas, at Mission, the thermometer roared to 95.

Other highs included 81 at Memphis, 82 at Kansas City, 85 at Fort Worth and Little Rock, and 75 at Des Moines.

—And Murder Doesn't Pay—

Safecracking Ain't Safe Enough

CHICAGO, Mar. 18 (ANS)—The gangland killing yesterday of Wincel Urban, "one of the best safecrackers this town has seen in years," eliminated him from a police search for four additional men in connection with a \$2,500,000 vault robbery last Jan. 20.

Urban, 49, and one of St. Louis' better known mobsters with a police record extending back to 1922, was found strangled to death in a ditch near Kankakee, Ill., according to the Coroner's office. His lips were sealed with adhesive tape and his body was tightly trussed. Identification was made through fingerprints.

Wilbert F. Crowley, Assistant State's Attorney, who made the estimate of Urban's safecracking ability, said he had been sought as the "brains" of the vault robbery.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Mar. 18 (ANS)

—A 24-year-old taxi driver was held today on open charges after police reported he confessed to killing six persons including his second wife and an Arkansas State official.

State Police Sgt. Homer Sims said that James W. Hall, of Enola, Ark., told him he had killed J. D. Newcomb Jr., a boiler inspector, whose charred body was found in an auto last Thursday; Mrs. Faye Clements Hall, his second wife; E. C. Adams, of Humboldt, Kan., found slain near Little Rock on Feb. 1; Doyle Mulherin, a truck driver whose body was found near Brummett last February, and an unidentified Negro woman at Salinas, Kans., seven years ago.

Hall said he also had killed an unidentified Negro man at Camden. He murdered his wife, he confessed, by beating her to death.

This Time It's a Movie

Oh, Ma! That Tree from Brooklyn Is Here Again

By Irvin S. Taubkin
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

It's gettin' so about Brooklyn that when there ain't nothin' else to say, somebody says Brooklyn and it's good for a laugh. It's like George M. Cohan and the flag. Georgie always managed to pull a flag out of his pocket—no matter what kinda show he was playin'—and wave it. It always got a hand.

Nowadays it's Brooklyn. Some broad (Betty Smith's the name) writes a book about a tree grows in Brooklyn and everybody goes nuts. Like there was something unusual about trees growing in Brooklyn. The place is full of trees. Williamsburg, Canarsie, Greenpoint, Flatbush, Boro Park, Bensonhurst, the Heights, even Coney Island. Prospect Park ain't nothin' but trees—and a lake. And that's not counting the cemeteries. They're full of trees, too. Even the Dodgers has a boss named Branch Rickey.



Peggy Ann Garner, 13, and comebacking Jimmy Dunn in scene from film.

So now they go and make a movie out of it. Out of the book. Not out of the tree. You sit through two hours of movie and never once see the damned tree. Only a couple of branches. And some joker is slicing them off. You can see for yourself when the picture shows in the U.K. soon.

Ya can't blame the tree. Brooklyn's a good place to be. It used to be a city all by itself until it got sorry for New York and joined up to protect it. They used to call it the city of homes, schools and churches. Where there's homes, schools and churches—there's people. And that's what this movie is really all about—just plain people.

Poor people, they are, and they got all the trouble poor people is got—which is mainly they got no dough. But they got this tree—which you never see—out in the yard. They use the tree to hold up the clothes lines for all these poor people in this tenement.

So the idea is, the tree's tough. And so are the Nolans—real tough Brooklyn Irish, which there ain't no tougher. So the Nolans come through all right—Mrs. Nolan has another kid, and little Francie Nolan gets to go to the school she wants, and Mrs. Nolan is gonna marry Mr. McShane, the cop on the beat, when a decent time has passed after Johnnie Nolan's death. Johnny was a singing waiter who never made any money but had the Irish gift of making people feel good and making them laugh and when he does lots of people come to his funeral and stand by his family.

"It's a good story, all right. Most honest stories about plain people—which this is—are good. But it couldn't happen anywhere, not only in Brooklyn. There ain't even any gags about Brooklyn in it—only one, and it's not too hot, about the fireman who became a hero in Manhattan and Joan Blondell says, 'Guess he couldn't make the grade in Brooklyn.'"

The people in the movie do a sweet job, especially Dorothy McGuire as Mrs. Nolan and little Peggy Ann Garner as Francie, her daughter. James Dunn—who's beginning to look like Lionel Barrymore—does a nice job as Johnny Nolan, the singing waiter.

Yeah, "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" is OK. Even without trees. Even without Brooklyn.

This Has Us



When sour-pussed, baggy-eyed Fred Allen unmasked paunches, bowlegs and store-teeth into svelte figure Esther Williams among the light-struck beauties. She's a form

But He Runs It Like a Veteran

'Hell,' Said the Pfc., 'It's Just One Camp'

By Ernie Leiser
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

ANRATH PRISON, Germany, Mar. 18—Here in this grim Nazi jail, built to cage men and women who didn't believe the way the Germans thought they should, a corps of the 9th Army is today caring for some 3,000 slave laborers, liberated in the drive to the Rhine.

That the 9th is successfully caring for the conglomeration of Russians, Poles, Frenchmen, Dutch, Belgians, and Italians—30 per cent of them women—is a result largely of the efforts of one GI—Pfc Irving Stern, of New York, member of a 102nd Inf. Div. military government team.

A little more than a week ago Anrath was occupied and Stern's unit, commanded by Maj. Wilbur Donner, of Green-castle, Ind., took the town over. A few of the PWs and political prisoners, original occupants of the jail, stayed behind when the Nazis opened the prison doors and fled, and they ultimately wandered into town to tell the American authorities about the jail.

Donner, visualizing the place as a fine clearing center for the few hundred displaced persons he expected to handle, turned over to Stern the job of organizing it, cleaning it out, and running it. For a day, the job was easy.

Then came the mass invasion. Within a day and a half close to 3,000 men, women, and children, the majority of them foreign slaves working in the Krefeld steel mills, were hauled in GI trucks and dumped on Stern and his crew.

"It was rough," Stern said. "We didn't know what to do with all of them at first. Luckily we had some medics, including a couple of doctors, from a division collecting company, and they helped a hell of a lot, cleaning up the place and these people."

But there still wasn't any food around. According to Donner and Stern, Cpl. Sanford White, of Troy, N.Y., handling the mess, "practically had to use brute force" to whip together the food for the hungry 3,000.

The military government unit commandeered all the bakers in town, and set them to work making bread out of the flour in the prison. They got hold of some GI coffee, scrounged some milk from surrounding farms for the babies, and dug meat out of German Army warehouses nearby.

They liberated some yeast and discovered a hoard of potatoes and barrels of sauerkraut in the prison basement. Pfc George McClintock, of Port Arthur, Tex., worked day and night with Stern, White, Donner and the rest of the detachment to get the people fed, cleaned and processed. They worked that way for a week.

The operation got them all down. They were out on their feet, dead tired, from handling a 100-man job with 12 men. The place is running smoothly now—as smoothly, that is, as you can expect with 3,000 voices constantly babbling a dozen languages—and displaced persons are coming in, being registered, investigated and deloused at a regular pace.

Those who are French, Belgians, or Dutch, will be shipped by truck to refugee centers from which they will be sent home. Those from Eastern Europe are provided for as well as possible, and Maj. Edward Wilmoth, of Chase City, Va., who runs the show now, promises that this will be until they're sent home, too.



Among the 3,000 liberated foreign slave workers who flocked to the Anrath prison captured by the U.S. 9th Army were many like those shown above. Top, Ukrainian peasant girls queue up for American bread. Bottom, Russians impressed in a German labor gang await a trip home

But everyone who was there at the beginning—Donner, McClintock, T/4 Murray Bittman, of New York, a medic who helped get the place and the people from shambles into order—all agree that the guy who deserves the credit, the guy who really did the job, is Pfc Irving Stern.

He Heard It Knock

By Ed Clark
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

EAST OF THE RHINE, Mar. 15 (delayed)—When they get around to writing the history of World War II there'll be a lot of stuff about master plans and a lot more about men who brought the Allies victory, plan or no plan.

Some of these men will be sergeants, some will be lieutenants, others won't even be Pfc's. Here's one who is a general and has won the hands down right to join the great of this war.

He's the general who didn't follow orders, who seized and crossed the Ludendorf Bridge and gave the Allies their first bridgehead east of the Rhine.

His single star stands out brightly among the galaxy of rank born of this war, for William M. Hoge, of Lexington, Mo., is commander of the 9th Army's now famous Combat Command B. He answered opportunity's first knock and sent his outfit over the Rhine, while he had the chance—orders or no orders.

Reach Remagen in Day

Hoge's tanks, infantry and other troops arrived at Remagen just past noon of Mar. 7 after a day's push from a village singularly named Ludendorf, about 15 airline miles from the Ludendorf Bridge and more than double that distance over the country roads on which the drive was made.

He had been ordered to reach the Rhine, take Remagen and establish a bridgehead over the Ahr, a western tributary of the Rhine, a few miles south of Remagen. The orders made absolutely no reference to taking the Ludendorf Bridge or to gaining a bridgehead east of the Rhine.

Learning from civilians that the Germans were scheduled to blow the bridge in less than an hour the General as good as scrapped his orders, sent his Remagen units across the Rhine, and brought his other forces to reinforce the bridgehead. After the operation had started he contacted his higher command and reported his action.

First Since Napoleon

A Regular Army officer who thought nothing of putting his whole career in jeopardy on one toss of the dice, this first general to fight his way east of the Rhine since the days of Napoleon was born in the typical American town of Booneville, Mo. Class of 1916 at West Point, he served with distinction but without particular fame as an engineer battalion commander in France in the last war.

Between wars his history was much the same as that of other Regular Army officers. He worked with the U.S. engineers on the Mississippi and Missouri, studied at MIT and taught at VMI and Forts Belvoir and Benning. He was also on Gen. Douglas MacArthur's staff in Manila, organized and was first Chief of Engineers of the Philippine Army.

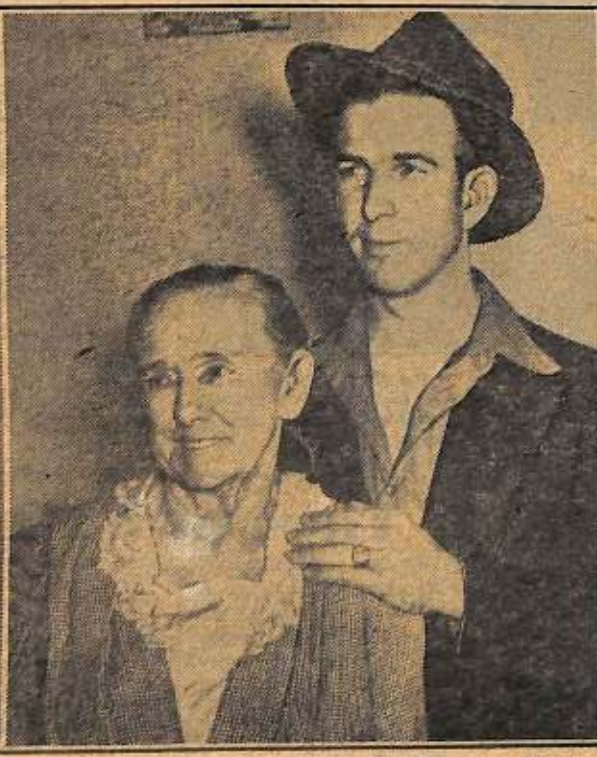
Directed Alcan Construction

His early activities in World War II hardly pointed toward his being the general to make the crossing of Germany's great western barrier. He was in charge of construction of the Alcan Highway, took command of the 9th Army's Combat Command B in the Fall of '42 but left that assignment about a year later to organize a special engineer group for the invasion.

He set up Omaha Beach on D-Day and ran it until he rejoined CCB in October. He won the DSC and Silver Star in the last war and the Purple Heart in Normandy. Married, with two sons—the elder an artillery officer now in the U.S. Aachen, while the younger will graduate from West Point this June.

Iron-gray haired, bespectacled and quietly looking his 51 years, he is the man who without orders made the most of an opportunity and gave the Allies their first foothold over the Rhine.

Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring



Time doesn't alter the course of true love in these two jolly Southern households. Left, 13-year-old Mary Lou Brown, knowing that a good man is hard to find these days, left her sixth-grade classroom in a country school to wed rough-whiskered Ralph Houdeshell. Ralph's age isn't given, but these vital statistics might help you to determine it: He's the father of 11 children and a veteran of the first World War. Right, 69-year-old widow, Mrs. Bettie H. Young, of New Orleans, and 23-year-old Wilborn Henry Fisher, of Sanford, N.C., tied the knot after meeting in Washington.

Some Babes



It all depends where you are. Back home (top) troupe—entertain Capt. George Varga (left) and radio broadcast contest, the officers won dates with coupla babes, small fry style, after entertaining the mess, 8



Hollywood a few weeks ago as a factory that turns nimble limbs and toothpaste smiles, he didn't number he couldn't have, unless those satchels under his optics own here on a perch beside the ole swimmin' hole, is swim suit is no camera prop, either, as you well know, swimming champ.

Doughs on the Rhine Get Home Front Cheers

By Phil Bucknell
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Mar. 18—Last week was one in which home folks started to cheer when they heard that the Nazis had forgotten to burn one bridge behind them—then sobered down as they realized one bridge wasn't enough to send eight Allied armies across the Rhine.

But they liked what the Air Forces were doing and they liked what Prime Minister Churchill and Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson told of the war's progress. Especially they liked Stimson's report of lower casualty rates.

At home, the passage of the anti-bias bill in New York encouraged liberal thinkers, coming as it did on top of Georgia's anti-poll tax measure. New Jersey, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and California are expected to follow the New York lead.

St. Paul, Minn., school authorities were alarmed at the percentage of students quitting high school—48 per cent in 1944 as against less than 26 per cent in '33. . . . South Carolina was putting a crimp in the style of North Carolina lovers.

York, Gaffney, Bennettsville, Lancaster and other counties no longer will be able to provide immediate marriages—the State said they would have to wait all of 24 hours. ANIMAL CORNER . . . Canine residents of Detroit's Palmer Park district were smoothing their ruffled pelts and breathing easier now that a motorist has run over a hungry wildcat which wandered into the city limits and sent the dogs home so beaten up that their owners complained. . . . And the dog catcher went back to work in St. Paul, Minn., where women reported that packs of dangerous dogs were roaming the street scaring people and biting children.



Leave Us Not Chase Wildcats

AND there was Spring in the air. Pussywillow bloomed in Oradell, N.J., and cottonwood in Illinois. Women's hats also came out looking like flower shops . . . and talking about flowers, a department store on Peachtree St., Atlanta, Ga., planted peach trees in front of its premises.

In Andrews, Tex., two fires destroyed the only theater, cleaning shop, appliance shop and county newspaper in town, so folks thereabouts were considering getting up a fire department . . . and in Logansport, Ind., the Boyer fire apparatus company was burned out.

Missouri claimed to be the "Show Them" instead of the "Show Me" State since it passed its new constitution which citizens hope will lead to things worth showing. . . . Wisconsin tried a farm census, but according to Rep. Lawrence Smith, some "farmers greeted census enumerators with axes and shotguns. They figured it they were checking up on taxes."

LOUISIANA'S oil output was up eight per cent compared with '43. . . . St. Louis was worried by a ring worm epidemic among public school children. . . . Artist Reginald Marsh was awarded the Corcoran gold medal for his picture, "Strip Tease in New Jersey." . . . Toledo planned to spend a half million bucks on making its zoo the world's largest. . . . And in Portland, Ore., a woman picked up a wallet in a bank, handed it to a clerk after extracting one dollar "for the reward."

Some Babies



Up grown up babes—members of the Earl Carroll James A. Myl, just returned from overseas. In a lassies for the evening. Below, in Holland, a night as an expression of gratitude for Yank kindness.

Not-so-White Way, But Still Gay—Broadway Commandos Flourish After Curfew

By Stars and Stripes U.S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Mar. 18—Main stem harpies these days "go the ordinary prostitute and Victory Girl one better," the Daily News said last week. Since the midnite curfew, the Times Square commandos "offer liquor in addition to the customary 'good time.'" The paper quoted Sgt. Charles Mell, of Burlington, Vt., as saying, "Only one thing happens after 12. Since you don't have any place to go you walk along Broadway and are accosted by one woman after another. They use the stock line 'You want a good time?' They also warn you 'it will cost a little bit.' Most of them are pretty good looking girls, too."

Bob Hope, emceeing the Oscar presentations of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences last week, drew a lot of laughs upon announcing he had received a life membership in the Academy with the words, "Now, I know how Roosevelt feels." Presenting Der Bingle mit der Oscar for his performance as a priest in "Going My Way," Hope quipped, "Now I know how Dewey felt."

William L. White's "Report on the Russians" is the book that stirred up most comment last week. Another book, less readable, but believed more objective—Edmund Stevens' "Russia is no Riddle"—also published. . . . "Wars I Have Seen," by Gertrude Stein, is a stream of thought, mainly the author's memories of life in France under the occupation. Extract—"I am going on cleaning weeds off the terrace so when the American Army gets here, it can sit comfortably on its. . . ."

Movie critics are currently engaged in clubbing MGM's "Keep Your Powder Dry," a story about WACs starring Lana Turner as a curvaceous GI Jane. The crix maintain that the picture paints America's young women in uniform as a bunch of fretful, squabbling girls, and that it doesn't tell the real story of their contribution to the war. Incidentally, the WAC PRO helped in the picture's production thinking it would be a great recruiting aid.

Lt. Com. Douglas Fairbanks Jr., a pneumonia casualty in a Navy hospital. . . . Veronica Lake wears makeup on her midriff for her latest pic. . . . Police Gazette, celebrating its hundredth year, blossomed out in a four-color cover for the first time. . . . Is Gable's face red? Clark recently barged—accidentally, of course—into the ladies' room of a Turkish bath. Incidentally, there were no complaints from the ladies.

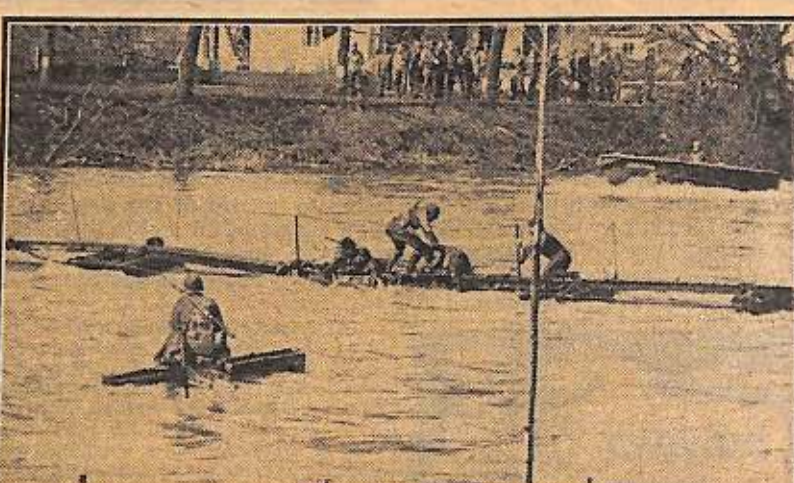
Latest edition of the Celebrity Service Contact book, the only directory coordinating all branches of the entertainment world, is off the presses. . . . James T. Farrell's "Studs Lonigan" purchased for immediate filming by les freres Warner. . . . WO. Gene Autry's play "Cinderella Goes Hollywood" will be aired by CBS on its Hollywood Workshops program.

MODESTY is the word for Gypsy Rose Lee these days now she's a mother. When she begins her personal-appearance tour soon, the ecdysiast said, she'll add a feather to her birthday suit costume.

NO KIDDIN' DEPT. The Army assigned a WAC to mind Benay Venuta's baby when the songstress was scheduled to appear at a USO show near New York. . . . Spencer Tracy reported interested in doing a Broadway play. . . . Wig-wearing wit George Jessel known among impolite circles as the Wig Wag. . . . Molly Picon, just returned from USO tour, reported one soldier complimenting her thusly, "Gee, you're better than a hot pastrami sandwich."

Myrna Loy has the title of Assistant to the Director of the Military and Naval Welfare of the North Atlantic area for the American Red Cross. Who! Job is to line up talent to play the hospitals.

Garbo is sojournly getting gregarious. She went to a party at Clifton Webb's penthouse and actually exclaimed: "Oh, so many people!" . . . Trombinik Earl Wilson complained: "The maitre d'front door of one of the regal restaurants had a fortune of \$800,000 when he quit his job recently. Which adequately explains why he snooted the hell out of me."



GI stretcher bearers go in where the going is toughest—and save lives. Never were they more in evidence than in the crossing of the Roer, as these dramatic pictures show. Top, a wounded dough is handled gingerly over the body of his dead buddy by two stretcher bearers attempting to cross a small bridge. Center, the bridge collapses hurling all parties into the swirling waters. Doughs wade helplessly from shore as the soldiers struggle in the water. Bottom, one bearer who succeeded in drawing himself onto the remains of the bridge has trouble trying to pull the wounded dough out of the water. A motor launch shown in background speeds to the rescue.

Crossword Puzzle

Across
1, 6—Pictured daughter of Philippine president.
11—Stage performer.
12—Symbol for sodium.
13—Gypsy husband.
14—Like a tentacle.
16—Senior (ab.).
18—She—acting as her father's official hostess in Washington.
19—Piece out.
20—Ambary.
22—Overpowering freight.
25—Hinder.
28—Birds.
29—Indentation.
30—Symbol for nickel.
31—Ut infra (ab.).
32—In the matter of.
34—Foxes.
36—Chairs.

Down
1—Mother.
2—Perform.
3—Route (ab.).
4—Type of architecture.
5—Crafts.
6—At one time.
7—Measure.
8—Age.
9—Neither.
10—Part of "be."
15—Conducted.
16—Spaniard.
17—Deep gorges.
20—Striped.
21—Artisans.
23—Symbol for neon.
24—Small island.
26—Redacts.
27—Symbol for tellurium.
33—Sun god.
35—Bone.
37—Monkey.
38—To one's de.
41—On the sheltered side.
42—Skin.
43—Sacred bull of Egypt.
45—For.
46—Diminutive of Harold.
47—Born.
48—Auricle.
49—Overtime (ab.).
52—Steamship (ab.).

Bigger the Shot, the Smaller the Shoot

By Pat Mitchell
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 11TH ARMD. DIV., Mar. 18—The squad leader frisked the Wehrmacht major general, relieved the Prussian of his fancy bellygun and said: "The bigger they get the smaller their pistols."

S/Sgt. Carlton E. Cassidy, of Clayton, N.J., on foot reconnaissance ahead of the task force led by Lt. Col. J. T. Wingard, of Lexington, S.C., was slipping down the winding main drag of a small village in the path of the Rhine River drive when he passed what looked like a pretty well-stocked bar and grill.

Cassidy, armed with a .45, pushed open the front door and bumped into two German soldiers just emerging from the cellar stairway. The Wehrmachers went into their surrender pose, then suggested they be allowed to go back into the cellar and "return with their comrades."

Cassidy, foregoing his original mission, stood by while the parade started. He said, "First of all there is a fast conference downstairs and then they make the decision to give up. I see this outfit coming up the stairs and the leader is a major general, all decked out with glistening boots and medals.

"This general grunts when I show him we mean business, but didn't say a word. Then come colonels and majors and finally the staff small fry like captains and lieutenants."
Cassidy, who realized the supreme success of grabbing a small arms collection, ranging from the general's petite Walther to the unfinished machining of the lieutenants' P38s, said:
"I kept the general's pistol because it was a very net little heater. The next in rank, like colonels and majors, had Lugers and Mausers."
In all, Cassidy captured a major general, whose identity was withheld, and 24 assorted staff officers.

Jim Rafferty's Spurt Nips Haegg in Banker's Mile

CHICAGO, Mar. 18—Jimmy Rafferty, veteran New York AC miler, made it three straight over Gunder Haegg here last night when, with a powerful finishing kick, he darted past the swift Swede in the final lap to grab the featured Banker's Mile in 4:13.7, the fastest recorded in indoor athletics this year. Haegg's time was 4:14.5.

Rafferty, who laid back in the field for most of the race, finished 12 feet ahead of Haegg, who holds six world's records.

Haegg and Bob Hume of Michigan swapped the lead in the first half of the race, followed by Rudy Simms of New York, Ens. Tommy Quinn of the New York AC and Rafferty. Hume faltered after the halfway mark and fell back as Rafferty remained behind while Simms went up to challenge the Swede.

Then in the last lap Rafferty bolted from well back in the field to pass his competitors as Simms fought doggedly to catch Haegg. Simms finished three feet back of Gunder, Quinn was fourth and Hume last.

Haakan Lidman, Swedish hurdler, was unable to compete because of a knee injury suffered in New York, but the fans got plenty of thrills from other events.

Les Eisenhart of Great Lakes caught Bob Kelley of Illinois on the second lap and won the 1,000-yard run in 12:4 for his third straight victory in the Chicago relays, and Cpl. Barney Ewell, former Penn State star, won the 40, 50 and 55-yard sprints and tied the relay record with a 5.2 job in the 50.

Dwight Edelman of Dayton Field won the high jump with a six-foot-six leap; Ed Dugger of Dayton copped the 40, 50 and 60-yard high hurdles in 5.2, 6.3 and 7.5, and Elmore Harris, of Long Branch, N.J., outlasted Jimmy Herbert of the Grand Street Boys' Club to win the 600-yard run by four feet in 1.14.

Rams, Bowling Green Win at Garden

By Jay Barnes

Special to The Stars and Stripes
NEW YORK, Mar. 18—The eighth annual Invitational basketball tournament opened at Madison Square Garden last night with Bowling Green University trouncing formerly undefeated Rensselaer Polytechnic, 56-45, in the opener and Rhode Island State's roaring Rams socking Tennessee, 51-44, in the windup before 18,142.

The first game was all Don Otten as the six-foot-11 Bowling Green center typed through 27 points for a new season high for the Garden. Otten, whose main stock in trade is standing under the

basket and tipping in his mates' shots, hit the first nine points of the encounter as the Falcons built up a 16-1 lead in the first eight minutes. And his 17 points telling most of the story, Bowling Green led 35-18 at the half.

After the intermission RPI, which had won 13 straight before meeting the Falcons, started out to make a game of it. With Tony Orlando and Hank O'Keefe leading the way, the Troy (N.Y.) five pulled up within six points of the Falcons at 35-41, but there the attack bogged down and the Falcons proceeded to put the game on ice.

Rhode Island's 51-44 victory over

Tennessee was accomplished easier than the score would indicate.

Paced by Ernie Calverley and Dick Hole, who ranked fourth and fifth among the nation's scorers for the season, the Rhodies took a 5-0 advantage within two minutes and kept right on rolling to hold a 31-18 edge at the halfway mark.

Employing their usual helter-skelter style, the Firemen completely un-

nerved the slow-breaking Tennessee quintet and never were in danger. Most unusual factor in the game was that the contest pitted the nation's top-scoring team against the best defensive big time five. In regular season play the New England aces averaged 85 points while Tennessee held their opponents to an average of 32 points.

Big Frank Keaney, colorful Rhode Island mentor, kept in the same five men all the way, with Hole collecting scoring honors with 21 points and Calverley next with 17. Dan Thomas led the Vols with 16.

Wednesday night DePaul meets West Virginia and St. John's plays Muhlenberg in second round battles.

Loyola Tops Pepperdine

KANSAS CITY, Mar. 18—Scoring an outstanding upset, Loyola of New Orleans became the first team from south of the Mason-Dixon Line to annex the National Intercollegiate tournament championship here last night by trouncing George Pepperdine College of Los Angeles, 49-36, in the final.

Definitely the underdogs, the Loyola crew grabbed the lead after six minutes of the opening period and were never headed. With LeRoy Chollett and Jim Hultberg leading the way, Loyola had a 27-23 intermission edge and literally swarmed over the Californians in the second half. Chollett led the Loyola firing with 18 points, and Jim Hendrix was high for Pepperdine with 14.

In the first game of the evening Eastern Kentucky belted Southern Illinois Normal, 56-49, to salvage third place in the tourney. Paced by Fred Lewis, whose 24 points ran his four-game total to 99 for a new tourney record, Kentucky led the Illinois quintet all the way and never was in danger.

No. Pacific Coast Title Won by Oregon Webfeet

EUGENE, Ore., Mar. 18—Oregon's Webfeet battled their way to the Northern Division championship of the Pacific Coast League and a place in the Kansas City NCAA regional tourney this week by beating Washington State, 39-37, in the deciding playoff game here last night. Each team had won a game previously.

Washington State's Cougars looked like they were going to put the final game away as easily as they had the second one as they forged to an early 18-7 lead, but the Ducks came back strong and went in front for good after 13 minutes of the second half on successive baskets by Dick Wilkins, Bob Hamilton and Dick Bartell. Vince Hansen, the nation's leading scorer, laddered in 17 points for the Cougars, while Wilkins paced Oregon with 12.

Bivins-Bettina Go to a Draw In One of Garden's Worst Bouts

NEW YORK, Mar. 18—Eddie Egan, new chairman of the New York State athletic commission, has been trying to get rid of the ring scoring system currently in vogue, and the greatest argument for a change he could be handed came up Friday night at the Garden when Jimmy Bivins, Cleveland Negro, and Melio Bettina, former light heavy champ, staggered through ten rounds to what was labelled a draw.



DIAMOND DUST

There was a great division of opinion as to which smelled the louder—the fight or the decision arrived at by three judges who seemed to be watching three different contests. Bivins and Bettina, both out of shape, put on one of the worst bouts seen at the Garden in a good long time and the customers who were allowed into the Garden after depositing \$70,000 with Uncle Mike Jacobs got their final jolt when the decision was announced.

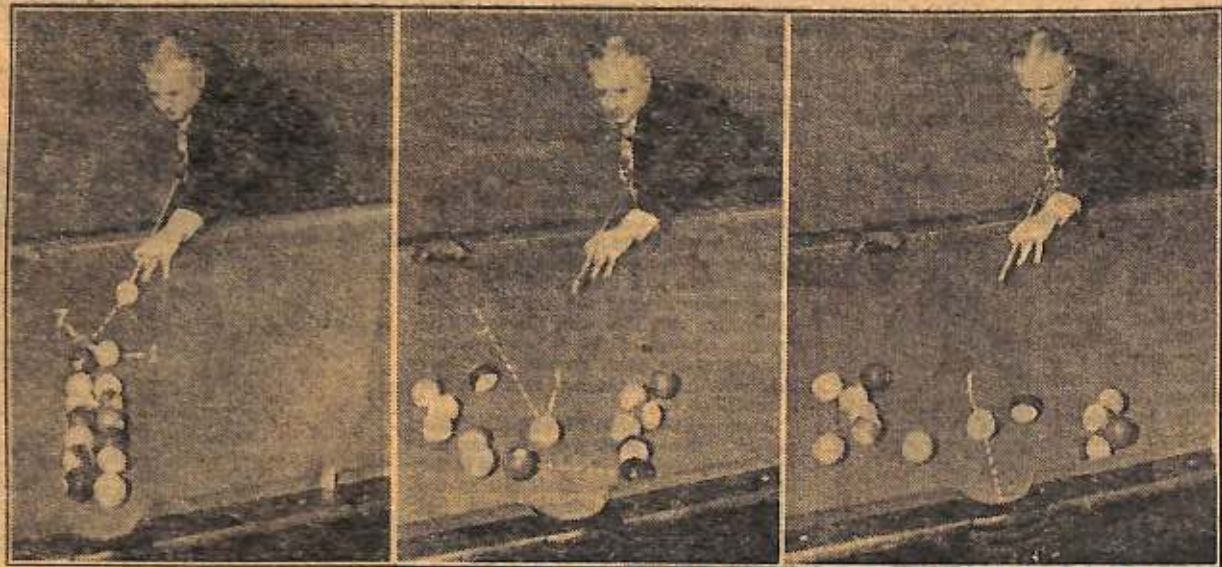
Most ringsiders were of the opinion Bivins won the "contest." Some thought he had won easily and others thought it was close, but almost everyone thought he had beaten Bettina. However, Judge Marty Monroe was the only official who agreed with the majority. He gave Bivins eight rounds and the pudgy corporal two. Judge Jack Gordon split the ten rounds down the middle and Referee Arthur Domovani gave it to Bettina, six rounds to four.

That Bivins didn't receive the decision is not what bothers the experts because the fight was so rank that maybe he deserved nothing. They just think something is awfully wrong with a system which sends three different men, supposedly expert in their trade, to view fist-cuffing only to produce verdicts of a fight which would make one think they were in different arenas.

Ferris Denies Ufer Ban Was Slap at Big Ten

NEW YORK, Mar. 18—AAU Secretary Dan Ferris has denied that he had disqualified Bob Ufer, former Michigan runner, from competing at the Knights of Columbus meet here Saturday in retaliation for the Big Ten's refusal to allow its athletes to compete in Eastern meets. Ferris said the 600-meter star was refused permission to compete because he was deemed professional.

"Football shot" is what Andrew Ponzi, now making a tour of Southern California service hospitals and camps, calls this trick array of pocket billiard balls shown in left photo. Problem is to sink 1 ball. Cue ball smacks into 7 ball, with the result that 1 ball rolls down the path cleared by the parting of the "line" as shown in the center photo. Ponzi seldom misses as is attested by photo on right.



McCool, Leaf Goalie, Wins Calder Award

TORONTO, Mar. 18—Frank McCool was honored on St. Patrick's day with the Frank Calder Trophy for having been the outstanding rookie in the National Hockey League. The 26-year-old Toronto goalie, a former sports writer and Canadian Army dischargee, received 1,424 points out of a possible 3,024 in balloting by 28 members of the Hockey Writers' Association.

The award marked the third straight year the trophy has gone to a member of the Maple Leafs. Center Gus Bodnar received it last year and Wing Gaye Stewart the year previous.

Cooper Again Classified 4-F

ST. LOUIS, Mar. 18—Mort Cooper, right-handed pitching mainstay of the St. Louis Cardinals, was again classified 4-F yesterday after three days of examination at Jefferson Barracks.

"The results confirm our previous examination that he is not acceptable for military service," said Capt. Kenneth Ray, PRO, "but final decision, of course, will have to come from Washington." Although there was no announcement from Cooper or the medics, the pitcher is reported to have high blood pressure and a back ailment.

Tokle Was Ruth of Skiing

NEW YORK, Mar. 18—When T/Sgt. Torger Tokle was killed in Italy Mar. 3 skiing lost a man who meant as much to the sport as Babe Ruth did to baseball. He brought the snow sport from a weekly outing for Scandinavians into a spectacle that drew 20,000 people every Sunday.

His first appearance at Bear Mountain on the day after he arrived from Norway in January of '39 to visit his brother marked him as the outstanding practitioner of his game. Only a few hours off the boat, he went 133 feet off a medium hill at Bear Mountain. The record at Bear Mountain was 156 feet, and it was considered foolhardy to go more than 150, but Tokle promptly hiked the mark to 180 with a cracked ski.

His stupendous leaps brought newsreel men scurrying to every meet in which he participated, one reason being his scorn for safe distances. He was always out to jump as far as possible, although most of the hills he jumped had limits beyond which it was considered suicidal.

Tokle broke his own American record when he jumped 289 feet at Iron Mountain, Mich., Mar. 1, '42, and it has been estimated that millions of people saw newsreel pictures of that leap. Tokle's previous record, one foot shorter, was

made at the Snowqualmie festival at Snowqualmie, Wash.

Tokle lost but five times in 43 meets between the time of his arrival from Norway and induction into the U.S. Army in '42. In August of '43—the same month he became a U.S. citizen—he joined the Tenth Mountain Division.

Tokle was killed leading his Infantry platoon during an attack across the rugged Apennine peaks. Shell fragments cut down the 25-year-old jumper shortly after his rifle company of the 86th Regiment jumped off north of Monte Torracchia in a drive which resulted in a four-mile advance through some of the most rugged Apennines terrain.

U.K. SPORTS MIRROR

ROBERTSON'S RIDERS of the 93rd Bomb Gp., winners of the 2nd Air Division brass hoop crown on a forfeit, captured their 27th straight hoop victory the past week by defeating the 448th Bomb Gp., 38-23. And in the chess line the 93rd Bomb Gp. does all right, too. Cpl. Maurice Petruska, of New York, emerged the area champ in a tourney sponsored by the ARC. Led by Pfc Phil Wilber, former University of Wis-

consin court ace, who scored 14 points a Base Air Depot five defeated an Air Force quintet, 32-23.

Sgt. John Coleman, of Bernhards Bay, N.Y., pushed through ten points to lead the 1C Golden Tornados to a 35-33 nod over a Nav quintet. . . . Pvt. Buck Bullock, of Tyler, Tex., connected for 14 points to lead the 364th Fighter Gp. Golden Tornados to a 44-39 victory over the 353rd Fighter Gp. It was the 27th win against five losses for the Tornados.

SOCCER is frowned upon by a lot of Joes, but out at the 91st Bomb Gp., where men have been playing the sport for three years, the lads have become quite accomplished at it, and recently copped the First Div. crown. Playing as Terry's Tigers, they are led by S/Sgt. Stan Friedman, of Los Angeles, a former international player for the Palestine, Jerusalem, Waccabees; Sgt. John Kurszwicz, of Kearney, N.J., and Cpl. Bill Biagene, of Gallatin, Pa. The Tigers have won 12 against one loss to a British team this season.

Snead Leads Field In Charlotte Open

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Mar. 18—Sammy Snead, of Hot Springs, Va., went three strokes up on the field yesterday when he toured the Myer Park course in 68 to run his 36-hole total to 133 in the \$10,000 Charlotte Open golf tourney.

Jug McSpaden was next with 136, adding a 70 yesterday to his opening round of 66, and Byron Nelson, of Toledo, shot a 68 for a total of 133 to slip in ahead of Sammy Byrd, who carded a 71 to end up tied with Craig Wood at 139.

PHILADELPHIA

Herb Pennock, Phillies' general manager, has revealed that three Phillie regulars last season are holdouts. They are Pitchers Al Gerheauser and Charley Schanz and Outfielder Buster Adams. . . . FRENCH LICK, Ind.—The Chicago Cubs played their first intra-club game with Coach Red Smith's A team defeating Manager Charley Grimm's B club, 7-0. The A combine collected six hits and six runs off George Hennessey, former Nashville pitcher, in the fourth inning of a five-inning game.

LAFAYETTE, Ind.—The Cleveland Indians have received the good news that Outfielder Myril Hoag will be able to play every inning in '45. Hoag had his tonsils removed and was pronounced in the best condition of his career.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.—Bob Muncief, right-hand pitcher who won 13 games for the Browns last season, is en route here. Muncief worked in a Houston, Texas, shipyard this winter.

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—Thirteen Tigers, mostly batterymen, took part in the first workout under a hot sun. The two-hour drill consisted of pepper games and batting practice. Dizzy Trout hit the first out-of-the-park homer, clearing the left field fence at the 334 mark.

Dick Tracy



L'I Abner



By Courtesy of Chicago Tribune

By Courtesy of United Features

By Chester Gould



By Al Capp



Tut Tabor Signs Up With Conn and Ray

By Tony Cordaro
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Cpl. Billy Conn, No. 1 world heavyweight contender, and his pilot Johnny Ray, have taken over the management of Pfc "King Tut" Tabor, generally regarded as the ETO's best ring prospect.

Tabor, whose home is Oakland, Cal., will move his headquarters to Pittsburgh when peace-time rolls around.

The coast middleweight has impressed ETO boxing followers for months with his 38 successes in 39 bouts, but he turned a deaf ear to all professional offers until Conn showed an interest and a desire to handle him.

"He's a real find and should make his mark in the middleweight picture," Conn commented. "I've sized Tut up as another Freddie Apostoli. He still has a lot to learn before he's turned loose against the seasoned middleweights back home, however."

Tut accompanied Conn on the latter's tour of the Mediterranean, acquiring many of his manager's ring characteristics on the trip. At times Conn boxed with his new charge to point out mistakes he made.

"And Billy knows all the answers," is the way Tut puts it. "I'm getting more reach out of my left jab and also learning how to move away, under or roll from a right hand smash to the head."



"King Tut" Tabor, promising middleweight from Oakland, Cal. (left), talks over his ring future with Cpl. Billy Conn.

Ticked off the Global Wire

Nazi V-Bomb Assault On Antwerp a Failure

ANTWERP, Mar. 18 (UP)—Nazi attempts to wipe out this city and its port facilities—without which the present Battle of the Rhine would have been impossible—have failed completely, it can now be disclosed. Throughout the V-bomb offensive the port was not affected, unloading never stopped.

From the moment the first V-bombs fell early in October, the city's inhabitants, aided by Britain's civilian defense workers and Pioneer Corps troops, daily bore the death and destruction and never failed in unloading the goods destined for the fighting fronts.

"If we can't make Antwerp a city without a port," Lord Haw Haw had boasted, "we will make it a port without a city." And the full weight of the Nazi V-bomb effort was turned on the cold, hungry people of Antwerp.

There had been many grim incidents. Once a V-bomb fell on an Antwerp crossroads during the midday rush-hour. A packed movie house was hit later, causing heavy casualties.

By the end of January hundreds of houses had been completely demolished, thousands were rendered uninhabitable and many thousands more damaged.

Life Goes For Halifax

NEW YORK, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—Life magazine pays tribute to Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the U.S., in a seven-page profile. "If anything within human reason can be done by an Ambassador in Washington to make Anglo-American relations run smooth, Halifax is the man to do it," the magazine said. "Churchill definitely knew what he was up to when he chose Halifax to succeed Lord Lothian. In his initial appearances in front of the mass, Halifax bungled and bungled. But when he ceased going after the mass and turned to cultivating the particular individuals who compose it, the curve of his popularity ascended."



HALIFAX

Baruch Won't Talk

NEW YORK, Mar. 18 (UP)—Reports he will leave for London soon to talk with Prime Minister Churchill regarding Germany's post-war economic position "may be true, or may not," Bernard M. Baruch said yesterday. Baruch, chief of the Advisory Unit on War and Post-war Adjustment policies, was an economic adviser to the American Peace Commission headed by President Wilson after World War I.

No Bananas, Though

MADRID, Mar. 18 (AP)—The U.S. Purchasing Commission and the Spanish Fruit Syndicate have signed a contract for the purchase of 10,000 tons of lemons, raisins, and dried figs destined for Allied forces in the ETO.

Why Not 'Gang Busters'?

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (AP)—The Washington Post suggested yesterday that Britain name its new 11-ton bombs "town busters."

Behind the Sports Headlines

NORMAN, Okla.—Harry Phillips, assistant grid coach at Arizona, has signed as sooner line coach on a lend-lease agreement. Arizona dropped football in '42 and though Phillips' contract calls for only one year at Oklahoma the job will run until Arizona resumes the game.

OAKLAND, Cal.—For a brief period during a recent light heavy match between Newsboy Millich, of Sacramento, and Billy Smith, of Oakland, there were three fighters in the ring. During the third-round mixup, Smith accidentally planted a hook on Referee Jimmy Evans' eye. Evans countered immediately with a sizzling right to Smith's body before he remembered he was just the third man in the ring. Millich won.

MEMPHIS—The architect commissioned for the job has finished plans for the Chicks' new post-war stadium. The plant will cover 33 acres, seat 15,000 and provide parking space for 3,600 cars.

RALEIGH, N.C.—Lyle M. Rich, Charleston (W.Va.) high school system director of athletics, has signed a one-year contract as head grid coach at North Carolina State.

WASHINGTON—Walter "The Great" Mails, former Cleveland and Coast League pitching talking star, has finished a Red Cross course at American University and is preparing for an overseas tour. Mails did a hitch in the Marines in this war before entering American.



FRANKIE FRISCH

PITTSBURGH—Frankie Frisch, Pirate manager, missed the opening of training camp by doctor's order, bringing on this effort from Harvey Boyle of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. "The Pirate manager is laid up with water on the knee which, despite energetic pumping and a great many damps, so far has declined to respond to treatment."

CAMP ROBERTS, Cal.—Pvt. Manuel Ortiz, bantamweight champ,

has become the first Mexican fighter ever to make the Encyclopedia Britannica. Ortiz was honored for defending his title eight times in one year in '44.

AUBURN, Ala.—Tex Warrington, Auburn's all-America center of the past season, has signed as assistant to Head Coach Carl Voyles. Warrington turned down big pro football and baseball offers to stay with the Plainsmen. Auburn also signed C. L. P. "Shot" Senn, Birmingham's Woodlawn High coach, as assistant.



WARRINGTON

BOSTON—Eddie "Flash" Bryant, who caught Bill Dudley's passes at Virginia, then starred at North Carolina as a Marine trainee, has signed with the Boston Yanks after receiving a medical discharge.

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Portland Beavers are following the style set by the St. Louis Browns in signing Pete Gray. The Beavers have signed one-armed outfielder Pete Travis for trial. Travis led the California Winter League in hitting.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—When Sammy Sneed broke into golf's winter tour set in 1937 his name was spelled "Sneed" throughout the tourney. Sammy finished sixth and the unknown had arrived. During the recent Jacksonville Tourney, Sneed's sixth victory of the season, the name chalked on his locker again was Sneed. Sammy said, "That's okay as long as they just get it right on the check."

CHICAGO—The entire starting eleven of the 1941 Chicago Bears, including the coach, are now in service. All but Center "Bulldog" Turner, who has only been in a few weeks, are LG commissioned officers. Seven players and Coach Halas have seen overseas service.

Ice Playoffs Start Tuesday

MONTREAL, Mar. 18—Stanley Cup playoffs for the championship of the National Hockey League will open here and in Detroit Tuesday night, the league office announced yesterday.

The third-place Toronto Maple Leafs will meet the league-leading Canadiens here Tuesday and Thursday nights and the series will be moved to Toronto Sunday and the following Tuesday. If necessary a fifth game will be played here Thursday the 29th, a sixth Apr. 1 at Toronto and a seventh here Apr. 3. The fourth-place Boston Bruins will meet the Red Wings in a best four-of-seven series played under the same circumstances.

This year's playoffs will be decided on a point basis the same as the regular season's standings. The first team scoring eight points—two for a victory and one for a tie—will be the winner.

Canadiens' Surge

Whips Black Hawks, 4-3

MONTREAL, Mar. 18—The Canadiens toyed with the Chicago Black Hawks for the first two periods here last night and then came from behind with a rush in the first ten minutes of the final period to score three goals and win, 4-3.

Toe Blake tallied for the Canucks in the second chapter and the locals applied

Hockey League Standings

W	L	T	P	W	L	T	P		
Montreal	37	8	4	78	Boston	16	28	4	36
Detroit	31	13	5	67	Chicago	12	30	7	31
Toronto	24	21	4	52	New York	10	29	10	30

the crusher in the final stanza on a goal by Butch Leonard and two by Pete Filion. All the Chicago scoring was done in the first period, with Clint Smith hitting for two counters and Billy Mosienko for one.

Wings Clip Leafs, 4-3

TORONTO, Mar. 18—The Detroit Red Wings defeated the Toronto Maple Leafs, 4-3, last night after the Leafs had come from behind three times to tie the score. Steve Wochoy, Flash Hollett, Carl Liscombe and Joe Carveth tallied in that order for the Motor City club and Babe Pratt, Nick Metz and Bob Davidson hit the nets for the Leafs.

American Hockey League

HERSHEY 9, ST. LOUIS 3				CLEVELAND 12, PITTSBURGH 10					
W	L	T	P	W	L	T	P		
Buffalo	29	21	8	66	Providence	22	31	6	50
Hershey	27	22	4	58					
WESTERN DIVISION				W L T P					
Cleveland	34	16	9	77	Pittsburgh	26	27	7	59
Indianapol.	25	24	11	61	St. Louis	15	36	7	37

Elliott Faces Third Exam

MUNCIE, Ind., Mar. 18—Bob Elliott, Bucs' third baseman, has been ordered to report to his Pittsburgh draft board for re-examination. Elliott is 4-F, having twice been rejected for military service.

Male Call



Blondie



Siegfried Line Is No Barrier to This Front-Line CG

WITH 7th ARMY, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—Doughboys of the U.S. 3rd Division sometimes find their CG literally dropping in on them and at other times, when a personal call is impossible, they get notes of encouragement, adding up in brief "to get going after the Heinies."

That's because Maj. Gen. John W. O'Daniel, an EM before World War I and now the 3rd's commander, directs his fighting men from a Piper Cub plane in which he skims up and down the Siegfried Line a few feet above the dragons' teeth defenses.

A breezy and grizzled officer, O'Daniel often lands in the bumpy terrain of the front line to urge his men on, but when he can't do that, he scribbles notes to drop to advanced elements.

MacArthur to Visit Capital

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (ANS)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur will come to Washington soon to present his views to President Roosevelt and the Chiefs of Staff regarding operations against Japan, the Army and Navy Journal predicted today.

To Broadcast Missions

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18—Beginning Mar. 31, the Blue Network will broadcast recordings made by radio reporter teams on actual combat missions in every war theater to give those at home an idea of what fliers face in the air, the Army Air Forces announced today.

DuPont Denies Telling Nazis About New Plastic

WILMINGTON, Del., Mar. 18 (AP)—E. I. duPont de Nemours and Co. denied today that it had disclosed information on Polythene—a new war plastic—to I. G. Farben or "to any other German firm or individual." The question was raised in the British House of Commons last Thursday.

The American company's statement said: "The company has abided strictly by the letter and spirit of the terms under which manufacturing rights were obtained from the Imperial Chemical Industries of England. As far as duPont is concerned, all information on Polythene has been completely protected for the exclusive use of the United Nations."

'Not to Reason Why'

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (ANS)—Navy Secretary James V. Forrestal has been writing to mothers anguished by heavy losses of U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima that there is no way to win a war but to fight.

"There is no short cut or easy way. I wish there were," he replied to a typical letter protesting the losses. Forrestal's comment was published soon after Adm. Nimitz had announced that Marines killed on Iwo numbered 4,189, or about one-fifth of the Japanese slain.

Execute Norwegian Patriots

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 18 (AP)—German firing squads have executed 14 Norwegian patriots in revenge for recent extensive railway sabotage in Norway, reports from Oslo said yesterday.

AF 'Treatment' in Pacific

MIAMI, Mar. 18 (ANS)—The same bombing tactics used to soften up Germany—destruction of transport, industry and oil stocks—will be used on Japan, Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the AAF, said today. "We would like to get as many bases as we can within striking distance of Japan so we can put a maximum number of planes in the air over Japan," Arnold added.

The Yanks Are Coming

NEW YORK, Mar. 18 (Reuter)—The Japanese government has announced its intention of closing all schools, colleges and universities for one year beginning Apr. 1 as "A measure closely linking all students with national defense and to mobilize them for production to cope with the current war situation," the Japanese news agency broadcast today.

From Chow Line to Sack Line

Pearlstein Spent School Hours In College Cafeteria, Lounge

BROOKLYN, Mar. 18—Larry Pearlstein, one of the five Brooklyn College basketball players involved in the bribe scandal, yesterday confirmed statements of officials that he never was a student at Brooklyn College and admitted that although he carried books about he spent all his time in the college cafeteria or the lounge.

Testifying before County Judge Samuel Leibowitz, Pearlstein said his mother was notified by Dean Frederick Maroney on Jan. 30 or Feb. 1 that he was not and never had been a student at Brooklyn. He said he visited the dean's office on Jan. 30 and was told there was no record of him as a student. Pearlstein then told the dean that he was taking courses with classes only once each week.

Limless Vets Star In All-Purple Heart Hospital Field Day

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Mar. 18—The first Purple Heart Field Day was held at the Army's Percy Jones hospital here Friday and three amputee patients earned three-day passes for winning highest awards in the meet.

Pvt. Robert V. Croker, 21, of Baden Station, Mo., who lost one eye and both hands when a grenade landed in his fox-hole near St. Lo, France, captured the sportsmanship award. Croker gave a diving exhibition and easily won the 20-yard free-style swimming race.

Pfc Jerry Wilson, of Keansburgh, N.J., who lost a leg near St. Lo. in July, captured the title of all-around athlete by winning the free-style swimming race, the breast stroke and finishing second in breast basket shooting. The plaque for winning most events went to S/Sgt. Ralph Roth, of Donnelly, Minn., who won the basket shooting contest, played basketball and tied for first in a foul-shooting contest.

Adam Walsh to Coach Rams

CLEVELAND, Mar. 18—Adam Walsh, Notre Dame line coach, has signed a five-year contract to coach the Cleveland Rams of the National Football League, succeeding Buff Donelli, who recently entered the Navy. Terms of the contract were not divulged by either Walsh or his brother, Charles "Chile" Walsh, general manager of the Cleveland team.

Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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MUSIC and Facilities Branch, Special Information Service, HQ, U.K. Base, APO 413, is anxious to discover musical talent available in the U.K. Opportunities exist to take part in concerts, broadcasts and variety programs and to study. Auditions are to be held twice each month at the Music Branch. Write to the Music Officer at the above address for an audition, stating your qualifications. Include your military address and status.

Wanted
A GERMAN LUER Pistol.—Sgt. John R. Dolin.

By Milton Caniff



By Chic Young



She Makes the Jerries Hit High C



U.S. Army Signal Corps photo

Nazis holding down Duisburg bent under a coloratura round from one of their own 88s when Lily Pons, shown loading a shell into the breach, fired one into the city from an 88 captured by the 9th Army.

Front-Line Reports Show:

The War Ain't All Fightin'

By Stars and Stripes Staff Writers

IN THE RHINELAND, Mar. 18—Outside, the skies rumbled as 9th Army artillery zeroed in across the river. But inside this great shed today few even heard the artillery—for inside Lily Pons was singing "Ave Maria."

Less than three miles from the Rhine and the front, 2,000 doughs, tankers and artillerymen forgot for an hour there was a war, forgot in the music of Andre Kostelanetz and a GI orchestra, in the perfect voice that sang "Blue Danube," that sang an aria from "Rigoletto," that sang and sang, because the audience whistled, stamped and wouldn't let it stop.

It was just a USO show—but it didn't seem the same, possibly because it was so close to the lines, or perhaps because Lily, in a silver fox fur and a shoulderless evening gown, looked as though she had just stepped out of the Metropolitan Opera House.

Maybe it was because of her husband, chubby, bald little Andre Kostelanetz, who refused to accept the bows for himself, but insisted that the audience applaud the Joes from the 1st and 9th armies and from the 84th Inf. Div. Rail-

splitter band, who made up his orchestra.

Maybe it was because of what they were playing, Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue," a medley of Victor Herbert's music, "Star Dust," "Besame Mucho," music that sounded like home, like a lot of things to remember.

Whatever it was, a concert that was scheduled for an hour lasted two, an audience that had half-expected to be bored stiff by classical junk came out of the barnlike theater kind of choked up, and 2,000 guys piled into jeeps and trucks and drove away with a little different kind of smile on their faces.

And when they finally let her go, little Lily Pons had that kind of smile, too, as she walked off the stage, nodding to herself as though pleased at something special.

When Doughs Need a Train—They Get One

WITH FIFTH DIV.—They were never in the train business but they are now. Lt. Col. Richard L. McKee, of Williamsport, Pa., G4 of the 5th Div., an inventive sort of guy, was discouraged with poor road conditions leading from rear supply depots to his division and said, "What we need is a train."

Not knowing anything about train procurement, maintenance or operation, he turned to his assistant, Maj. Robert Shamblin, of Charleston, W. Va., who likewise knew nothing about chemins de fer, and said: "Get a train."

Shamblin got busy, broke rules, and in 24 hours had a fully loaded train staffed by civilians waiting at the station.

Scheduled to make two round trips daily along the single line narrow gauge, the Red Diamond Express—20 assorted boxcars which came through four years of Allied air bombings practically unscratched, and a saved off 45-year-old engine, The Rocket—was being loaded with 35 tons of assorted beef, ten-in-one cases, cabbage and 44 tons of gasoline.

The chef de train, venerable employee of the Chemin de Fer de L'Etat Luxembourg, said, "What the American Army wants, it gets. This engine, which continues to march well despite its age, was hidden from the Germans' bombings until mon Colonel McKee said 'Produce a train.' Voila! Here it is."

It's Easy to Make a Banker See—With a Tank

WITH 11th ARMD. DIV.—Jesse James should have used a tank. The light tank crew under Sgt. Sidney Leavitt, of Dorchester, Mass., perhaps didn't have the finesse of James, but they had the fire power and they got what they went after—\$44,000 in legitimate German marks.

When the 41st Tank Bn. roared into Burgbrohl, within mortar distance of the Rhine, its commander, Lt. Col. W. Ray Sagaser, of Tucson, Ariz., made a foot reconnaissance through the twisting streets of the town with Capt. Dick McCoy, of Little Rock, Ark., whose light tank followed in case of trouble.

Down in the heart of town, McCoy, remembering the standing rule to impound anything which would be of value to the Germans, such as large collections of arms or coin of the realm, spotted the local bank and called for his tank.

"The joint was closed and the citizens were street-shy, but I knew we ought to corner the local dough so there wouldn't be looting and inflation," McCoy said.

Driven by Pfc Bob Rainwater, of Campbellsville, Ky., the light tank clanked to the bank's front door, pivoted and prepared to go into action.

In understandable but rusty high-school German, McCoy shouted to the watching windows overlooking the bank: "Open up or I'll blow the joint."

No German ran up with any keys so McCoy ordered Leavitt: "Blow the lock off that door."

While Leavitt depressed the 37mm. cannon to line up his sights on the big brass door, Rainwater and Pfc Johnny Secord, of Milwaukee, dismounted with tommy guns to follow up the blasting operations.

This pantomime made extremely logical sense to Germans peering through their window shades and a pudgy bank president suddenly burst from the house across the street, bank keys dangling from his nervous fingers.

Phillips Resigns Post As India Ambassador

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18 (ANS)—President Roosevelt announced yesterday that William Phillips, veteran diplomat, had resigned as his personal representative to India. Phillips, who had not been in India for almost two years, was once criticized in some British quarters for his advocacy of Indian independence, but diplomatic officials here said his resignation was without political significance.

U.S. Tactical Bombers Using Reich Fields

By Bud Hutton

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

A NINTH AF FIGHTER FIELD, Germany, Mar. 18—American war planes are now flying from airfields in Germany. Ninth TAC fighters today and yesterday flew from runways stretching between Nazi field fortifications, and in other sectors of the U.S.-occupied Reich fighter-bombers have moved up to close-support fields.

Credit for the first mission from a base in Germany is disputed. Earliest claim has been made by the 363rd TAC Recon Gp. Maj. Olynord W. Hansen, of College Inn, Ia., and Capt. Leo J. Sommer, of Los Angeles, flew their P51s from one base to Dusseldorf and the Ruhr on Mar. 12.

Ninth AF engineers from the command of Brig. Gen. James B. Newman Jr. were still working on the taxi strips of this field today as pilots of Col. Ray J. Stecker's 365th Gp. took off from steel runways in their second day of operations inside Germany. Six weeks ago the field was in a muddy American artillery area.

To prepare the way for 1/Lt. John H. Rogers, P47 flight leader from Shepherdstown, W. Va., who flew back from the Hagen marshalling yards and made the first landing here yesterday, engineers led by Lt. Col. Lloyd A. Cutter, of Mexico, Mo., moved in when the ground was covered with snow.

Thaws and rains turned the area checkerboard by German trenches and pillboxes into a one-foot-deep expanse of mud.

The engineers had to build roads so they could walk to the runway sites—there was that much mud. As the rains turned the alluvial silt into slick, almost bottomless muck, heavy equipment bogged down and the engineers turned to the slogging job of making a runway with picks and shovels.

When the American ground forces jumped the Roer and headed for the Rhine, the engineers turned on floodlights and worked 24 hours a day to keep the tactical air cover within shooting distance of the infantry.

Yesterday, their job was not done, but runways were, and the Thunderbolts landed while graders and dozers still labored.

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Alaska on Friday, causing large explosions and starting several fires.

The 2,500-ton incendiary load dumped Saturday on Kobe, Japan's fourth largest city and greatest shipbuilding center, was described as the greatest of the Pacific war. No planes were lost in the attack, which hit docks, an aircraft plant and a locomotive works and set fire to an area of 12 square miles.

A few hours later, India-based Superforts, together with B24 Liberators, made their heaviest attack of the war on Rangoon, hitting storage dumps near Victoria Lake, an area which holds an estimated 50 per cent of Japan's Burma supplies.

Meanwhile, the War Department disclosed that Libs are being used to supplement Superfort operations from both the Marianas and India. The presence of B24s in the Marianas is regarded as significant, in view of the conquest of Iwo Jima, which is 750 miles from Tokyo, well within their operational radius.

At Manila, Gen. MacArthur announced another Philippines landing—this time at Basilan, which guards the approaches to the Zamboanga peninsula on Mindanao, where general advances were made.

MacArthur also disclosed that 145,000 Japs had been killed or captured on Luzon alone, raising to 282,000 the total of Jap casualties during the five-month-old Philippines operation. American losses during the same period were 3,813 killed, 196 missing and 14,570 wounded.

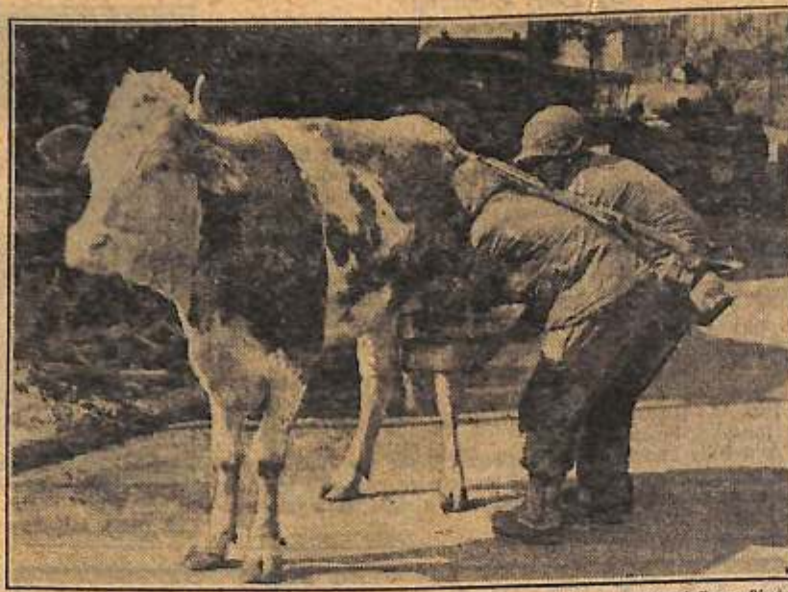
It was announced last night that the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division, now fighting east of Manila, had been cited by Maj. Gen. F. C. Sibert, X Corps commander, for outstanding performance of duty on Leyte Island last year.

New York's Curfew Extended to 1 AM

NEW YORK, Mar. 18 (AP)—Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia announced today that the midnight curfew would be extended to 1 AM.

"A rigid midnight curfew won't work in New York City," the Mayor said in his weekly radio broadcast. He said serious transportation jams had resulted from the midnight closing.

GIs Are Glad This Jerry's Still Bossy



U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo

This is an appetizing scene on the udder side of war. Two Yanks give a yank in a street of Geislauren, Germany.

What the Heil's Wrong With This Story?

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Mar. 18 (AP)—Urged by giggling companions, a small boy edged toward a German prisoner of war, raised his right hand and said "Heil Hitler." The prisoner glanced at the boy and said "He's crazy."

110,000 Nazis Face Saar Trap

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other forces had crossed the latter stream farther west.

Still another Rhine city was in U.S. hands. This was Coblenz, standing at the Moselle-Rhine junction, where doughboys of the 87th Division were clearing out snipers from the last tenth of the city still showing fight.

Farther south, infantrymen of the 90th Division cleared Boppard, 10 miles from Coblenz, and closed up to the Rhine on a 10-mile stretch below, bringing up guns which already had served part of their purpose of blocking an escape by the enemy across the river by sinking three packed steamers and ferries caught on the way to the east bank.

On the western rim of the Saar, doughboys of the 65th Division—the first disclosure that this outfit was with the 3rd Army—crossed the Saar River at an unidentified point between captured Merzig and the previously established bridgehead at Saarlautern, to the south.



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Terry and the Pirates



By Milton Caniff

