

# Patton Tanks Enter Frankfurt

Any Raum's Okay Now—So Long As They Still Leben



Planet Photo

Once they dreamt of storming the beaches of England. Now they tramp tiredly off landing barges to lebensraum in Britain, prisoners captured by the 3rd Army in its sweep through the Saar. One fittingly stumbles and comes to his knees as he reaches shore.

## Tokyo Says Yanks Land On Ryukyus

BULLETIN

MANILA, Mar. 27 (AP)—Cebu and the important harbor of Legaspi on the southeastern end of Luzon were bombed heavily on Sunday. Gen. MacArthur announced today in a communique placing Japanese losses in the Philippines at 297,024.

Tokyo radio said 2,000 American troops in about 100 barges had landed Monday (Pacific time) on islands 335 to 400 miles from the Japanese homeland, going ashore in the Okinawa group of the Ryukyu chain under protection of a task force including 13 to 15 carriers, 11 battleships, ten cruisers, 32 destroyers and many auxiliary vessels, which were continuing to bomb and shell the area.

There was no Allied confirmation of the landing. The latest official announcement from Pacific Fleet HQ at Guam, issued Sunday, said U.S. carrier planes had destroyed an eight-ship enemy convoy Saturday west of the Amami island group, northeast of Okinawa, sinking three cargo ships and five escort craft, including two destroyers. Other fleet units, Pacific HQ said, had shelled Minami Daito, an isle 250 miles east of Okinawa.

The Ryukyu chain, consisting of 55 islands in three main groups, stretches over 650 miles between Japan and Formosa, to the southwest. Okinawa, 70 miles long and ten miles wide, is the largest island of the central cluster, and its northern tip is 335 miles from Kyushu, southernmost island in the Jap homeland.

Pacific Fleet HQ had announced previously that battleships had shelled four unidentified islands in the Ryukyus Friday and Saturday. Tokyo said Okinawa had been shelled three times Saturday.

Formosa was hit by Philippine-based 5th Air Force Libs and Lightnings, which struck the main hydroelectric plant serving the island's industries and ranged over Jap airdromes and the chief naval base.

Sunday's Marianas-based B29 raid on Nagoya, which cost three planes, destroyed or damaged 25 buildings of the Mitsubishi plant, it was announced officially.

## Russian Drive in South 38 Miles from Austria

Russian pressure appeared to be mounting all along the southern sector of the Eastern Front last night as three Soviet army groups drove toward the great German industrial areas in Austria and southern Germany.

Marshal Stalin announced in an Order of the Day that Marshal Tolbukhin's forces, pushing across the Hungarian plain, had captured the towns of Papa and Decezer, described as German strongpoints. Papa is only 38 miles from the Austrian frontier.

In an earlier Order, Stalin revealed that the northern wing of Marshal Malinovsky's 2nd Ukrainian Army had started an offensive in Slovakia and captured Banska Bystrica. Stalin, however, did not confirm German reports that these troops also had established a bridgehead across the Hron River near Leva, 45 miles southwest of Banska Bystrica.

South of the Danube, Malinovsky's left wing was driving west toward Bratislava, the gateway leading to Vienna. According to some reports from the front, these elements of Malinovsky's army have linked up with Tolbukhin's force.

### Another Threat More Remote

Another threat to Vienna—although more remote—was being made by Marshal Koniev, thrusting toward the Moravian Gap on the Silesia-Czechoslovak border. Once through the gap, Koniev may drive toward Vienna or swing west in the direction of Prague.

The blackout on news from the central Oder River front continued yesterday, but the Germans said that Russian attacks were increasing east of Berlin with Marshal Zhukov's armor attempting to break through to Seelow. The Germans several weeks ago announced that these forces already had broken through to the area of Seelow, only 28 miles from the Reich capital.

At the northern end of the front, Berlin commentators said the attacks continued on Stettin and predicted an

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## Lloyd George Dies at 82

Earl Lloyd George, Britain's Prime Minister during World War I and a member of the Big Three at the Versailles peace conference, died last night after a lingering illness. He was 82 years old.

He held the position of Chancellor of Exchequer from 1908 to 1915, when he was named Minister of Munitions to whip Britain's industry into a solid front and solve a critical shortage of war material.



LOYD GEORGE

In 1922 he was forced out as Prime Minister, and except for his continued membership in the House of Commons, he devoted himself to writing his war memoirs and several volumes on the peace conference.

Chief of Britain's elder statesmen, George was the last surviving member of the three world leaders at the end of the first World War. The other two were President Woodrow Wilson and France's Premier Georges Clemenceau. Lloyd George died at his home in North Wales.

## 4 Armies Advance Into Ruhr, Bavaria; 7th Crosses Rhine

BULLETIN

SHAEF, Paris, Mar. 26—The Allies gained a sixth bridgehead over the Rhine early today when the U.S. 7th Army after cleaning up the Saar line smashed across the river at an unnamed point. The crossing was made in undisclosed strength without huge artillery preparation or aerial support.

The battle for the Rhine was fast becoming the battle for central Germany as troops of four Allied armies drove steadily eastward yesterday from their bridgeheads against resistance which as yet has shown no indications that the Germans will be able to muster enough strength to ward off the Allied advance into the heart of Germany.

Troops of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd Army, which now has seven crossings over the Rhine, were well in the van in the Allied race to overrun Germany. Tank units entered the southwestern suburbs of Frankfurt-on-Main, Germany's ninth largest city, where, according to pilots' reports, the civilian population was in great confusion as it sought to escape from Patton's path.

Tanks of the 4th Armored Division were already across the Main River after capturing a bridge intact at Aschaffenburg, 23 miles southeast of Frankfurt. Other units were closing up to the Main in the pocket formed by that river and the Rhine.

## Ike Crosses The Rhine

By Jules Grad

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

ALLIED FORWARD COMMAND POST, Mar. 26—Gen. Eisenhower today became the first Allied Supreme Commander in history to cross the Rhine into Germany during a war.

On a surprise flight to see his Ruhr-bound troops, Eisenhower visited the III and VII Corps with Lt. Gens. Omar N. Bradley, 12th Army Group commander, and Courtney H. Hodges, 1st Army commander. Earlier he conferred briefly with Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., commander of the 3rd Army.

Commending the 1st Army, Reuter reported, Eisenhower declared, "I expect them to lick everybody they come up against. They did it all the way across France and I see no reason why they should stop on the road to Berlin."

Eisenhower spoke at the hotel in Bad Godesburg in which the late Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain conferred with Hitler in 1938, Reuter said.

The Supreme Commander left here early this morning accompanied only by his aide-de-camp, Lt. Col. Ernest R. Lee, of San Antonio, Tex.

Before arriving at the headquarters of the two corps, he saw the shambles of the Ludendorff Bridge which collapsed eight days ago.

## President Seeks More Tariff Cuts

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26 (AP)—President Roosevelt asked Congress today for additional authority to reduce tariffs, as much as 75 per cent on some items.

The President, in a special message, endorsed the bill introduced by Chairman Robert L. Doughton (D.-N.C.) of the House Ways and Means Committee, extending the Reciprocal Trade Act.

The new authority is needed as part of the overall plan to lay the economic basis for a secure and peaceful world, the President said.

Reports covering Patton's operations were almost a day old, and it was likely that his spearhead forces were well beyond the points mentioned in dispatches. United Press quoting what it described as reliable sources said that Patton's forces had reached the Wurzburg area, 70 miles east of the Rhine.

In the 1st Army's Remagen bridgehead, visited yesterday by Gen. Eisenhower, U.S. tanks and troops drove 35 miles eastward to Heckholzhausen as they cracked enemy defenses wide open.

Only eight miles separated troops of the 1st and 3rd Armies on the east bank of the Rhine. Doughboys of the 1st were about three miles northeast of Coblenz, below which 3rd Army units have established crossings in the Boppard area. Here, in contrast to operations farther south, the Yanks were advancing against resistance described as stubborn.

Luxemburg Radio said the 1st Army's break-out from the Remagen bridgehead

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## 8th Hits Oil, Armor Plants

The 8th Air Force concentrated on strategic targets for the second day in a row yesterday when more than 300 Fortresses, covered by approximately 450 Mustangs, bombed oil and industrial objectives in eastern Germany.

Operating for the 10th day in succession, the heavies went after a synthetic oil refinery in Zeitz, 20 miles south of Leipzig, and for the third time this month ranged over Plauen to hit a weapons and armored vehicle plant in this industrial town 40 miles southwest of Chemnitz.

At the same time a strong force of 15th Air Force heavies renewed the drive to keep the Luftwaffe out of the picture by lashing at four Nazi airfields in Czechoslovakia and Austria. Only two Forts out of some 500 were lost in this raid.

Other Fortresses of the 15th supported the Russian offensive along the Danube when they hit rail lines in Austria and Hungary. Mustangs strafed rails between Vienna and Czechoslovakia.

## Rats Wanted Courtesy of the Road

### Rat Race to the Rhine

By Howard Bryne

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 7TH ARMY, Mar. 26—Just how fluid the situation became during the rat race of the 3rd and 7th Armies to reach the Rhine is illustrated by the experience of a medical battalion on the third day of the push.

When the medics rolled into Jackenbach they found that our fighter-bombers had left the town in flames and blown the bridge. The medics bandaged civilians while waiting for the engineers to make repairs.

"Our ambulances and trucks completely blocked the narrow street but we didn't think anyone would mind," T/3 Paul Worley, Gallatin, Pa., said.

However, a German armored column which pulled into the town behind the medics seemed rather annoyed that they could not get by. They were headed for the Rhine.

A German motorcyclist dismounted

and nudged Capt. John M. Garnello, of Chicago, with his burp gun, but the Captain, completely absorbed in dressing the wounded, brushed him aside absent-mindedly. Finally he glanced up and saw the German commander waving furiously at him from the turret of a tank.

"That was when the Captain realized he was ahead of our infantry, not behind," said Pfc Theodore Kober, of Cudahy, Wis.

The German commander explained that he wanted the medics to stop hogging the road. The Captain said he would be glad to oblige and ordered his vehicles to move aside.

"After the Germans had gone we did something that wasn't very kind," said T/4 Bill Howard, of Oklahoma City. "We gave their position to our artillery and they blew them off the road."

## Just Follow the Arrows As They Speed Toward Berlin



Allied armies were expanding their bridgeheads east of the Rhine yesterday and projecting drives into central Germany. The U.S. 9th Army, with open plains before it, was 300 miles from Berlin, while the U.S. 3rd Army, with hilly terrain and rolling plains in the path of its advance, was reported 35 miles east of the Rhine and 275 miles from the Reich capital. The drives are aimed at a squeeze, with Soviet armies applying pressure from the East.

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THE B BAG BLOW IT OUT HERE

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

Wrongs of Bill of Rights Mar. 22, 1945

To the B-Bag: We take off our hats to Capt. S. H. Anderman for his letter in B-Bag concerning a substantial bonus for the servicemen after the war. The much-publicized Bill of Rights is a very poor substitute for the rights of the servicemen. Very few men will obtain any real benefits from it, so why not give the servicemen a generous cash bonus upon discharge? That's when we will need it most, not several years later. Money talks and with a bonus you can obtain an education, a home, a business, or whatever you need most. Most of us have given the best years of our life serving Uncle Sam—years that can never be replaced, so why not give us a half decent break when we get home.

Let's take a lesson from the men in the last war. They were forgotten before they even set foot on home soil. So right now, before demobilization, is the time to start the ball rolling. We are in agreement with Capt. Anderman that something should be done about a bonus NOW.—T/Sgt. Leo D. Topolski and eight others, Fir. Group.

Mar. 23, 1945

To the B-Bag: For some reason the government seems unwilling to help us fellows return to civilian life without a debt hanging over our heads. So I'd like to make a deal with the guys who drew up the Bill of Rights. If they're willing to cancel the income-tax I owed upon coming to the Army, I'll waive my rights to the Bill of Rights. Then when I get the \$300 bonus I can use it to get my furniture out of storage, &c., instead of having to give it right back in a short time for income-tax.

I'll promise not to go to school or borrow money on a proposition that is so bad the government would have to guarantee the loan. I would also waive the unemployment compensation as I had a small business before coming to the Army, and I had observed that jobs didn't seem too hard to get, although you couldn't make much money.

After reading the Bill of Rights very carefully, I can say that I can't see any benefits in it, and I'm willing to forfeit the whole damned thing if they'll let me start out without owing a sixpence to anyone. How about this deal?—Pvt. Guy S. Hall, MP Co.

Hershey Bars for Sailors Mar. 15, 1945

To the B-Bag: I'd like to ask why the Navy doesn't follow the Army's example and authorize some sort of chevrons to indicate just how much time a fellow has spent overseas.

One of my buddies recently went back to the States and met a friend of his who had been in the Pacific. His friend was wearing two rows of campaign bars, and all my buddy had to show for his two years overseas service was the spam bar.

I hope some of the Navy higher-ups read this and try to rig up something for the sailors.—Y/1c J. H. L., USN.

Technique-Aid for Wolves Mar. 22, 1945

To the B-Bag: Here it is, men, the new Wolfcar. It's just the thing service men have had in mind for the past several years, and it will go into production on V plus one or as near thereafter as facilities will permit.

Here are a few of the handy accessories and gadgets: 1—Rocket tube for quick getaway from tight spot; 2—Venetian blinds on windows to insure secrecy; side windows equipped with murals portraying innocent poses; 3—Radar antenna for tracking down attractive prospects; 4—range-finding periscope; 5—powerful binoculars for accurate appraisal; 6—three-toned horn for normal traffic, a wolf call for exuberant expression and whistle for tactical purposes; 7—cowcatcher for swooping up reluctant specimens for study; 8—retractable tank treads for finding suitable cover and concealment; 9—carpet which rolls out to insure warm welcome; 10—gloved hand-shaped knob which assists (the wolf) in the struggle; 11—retractable steering wheel for convenience; 12—radio to play soft music to encourage proper mood; 13—bar for dispensing all intoxicants as part of softening-up process before advance; 14—push buttons for operating all this damn junk.

Get your order in early. Modifications can be made according to individual specifications.—Pvt. R. A. G., Hosp. Plant.

Hash Marks

Pvt. George Brantley sez he went to a hospital and saw a guy who was so thin that he was telling the nurse: "You can't smooth the sheets any more—those wrinkles are my body."

Verse of the Week. (By Pfc H. Witkoff.)

With Germany beaten by and by, We'll be off to the CBI. And I often wonder, Tho it may sound screwy, Will our rations include Dehydrated chop suey?

New Secret Weapon (?). Our spy at the front reports that when Gen. Montgomery had the 64-mile smoke screen



thrown along the Rhine, large blocks of London fog were flown to the scene and mingled with the smoke. The blocks of fog were so thick they could be used to bridge the river!

Shed a few tears in your beer for Pvt. Johnny Gaines, recent arrival in the ETO. When his mail finally caught up with him one of the letters from home included a five-dollar bill with a note telling him to "have a good time in New York."

Flash! According to the latest rumors Hitler has decided that it is safer to be on the West side of the Rhine.

Mark Folsom's favorite story. When movie star Gene Kelly was inducted into the Navy and wore his sailor suit for the first time an officer asked him, "Well, Kelly, how do you like it?" "Well, sir," the screen star answered, "I got a bigger bow tie than Frank Sinatra's."

Benny Goodman's description of Carmen Miranda: "A girl who was given a bowl of fruit salad and it went to her head."

Overheard in the Blackout. "That guy's spent so much dough on that babe, he's marrying her for his money."

Thumbnail description of civilian life at present:



Gas blanks, draft blanks, tax blanks, bank blanks, And just plain blankety, blank, blank-blank-blank!

Today's Daffynition. Executive: One who decides quickly and gets someone else to do the work.

J. C. W.

An Editorial A Report to the Editor

THE Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund, organized by the Allied Expeditionary Force in World War I and revived in England on Sept. 26, 1942, with the endorsement of Gen. Eisenhower, followed this newspaper and its readers to France, where the Continental fund was organized Nov. 29, 1944.

The French fund, approved by the French Ministry of Health, is administered by the American and French Red Cross. Its job is to sponsor French war orphans. During World War I American doughboys contributed enough funds in 1918 and 1919 to support 3,444 parentless French children for a year. The following report is dated Mar. 22, 1944:

In U.K.: Total of fund to date—£71,703 14s. 5d. Contributions received during the week—£160 5s. 10d. Number of orphans sponsored—661. Number of orphans in process of being sponsored—6. On Continent: Total of fund to date—Fr.s.2,106,607.



Contributions received during this week—Fr.s.85,490.

Number of orphans sponsored—67.

Number of orphans in process of being sponsored—25.

If there is a better way of cementing ties among peoples, The Stars and Stripes would like to sponsor it. Send in your suggestion or your contribution—to The Stars and Stripes War Orphan Fund, APO 413, U.S. Army.

Cheers for the Volunteers

1st Division's Negro Riflemen Uphold Its Fighting Tradition

By Andy Rooney

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

1ST INF. DIV. HQ, Mar. 26—There was nothing unusual about the platoon. In action, it did what you'd expect any Fighting First platoon to do. Its only difference was that it was made up of Negro soldiers.

The 43-man platoon of Negro volunteers joined the 18th Regiment of the 1st in Bonn. Baker Company's CO, Capt. William Cushun, of Johnstown, Pa., asked veteran platoon sergeant Casper Koch, of Beaver Dam, Wis., if he wanted the platoon.

"I told him I didn't care who they gave me as long as they had rifles," Koch said.

Four days after T/Sgt. Koch took over the outfit saw its first action in a little German crossroads town.

Practiced Taking Houses

"We had practiced taking houses while we were resting," Koch said. "When they came to this town we only gave them eight or nine houses on one side of the street to clean out just to see how they worked."

"It went like clockwork. They got 11 Jerries out of the first house and left three dead inside. They moved down that row of two-story houses, working in teams of four. When they finished the nine houses they had 63 prisoners and there were more dead Germans inside the houses."

That night 11 men of the platoon under Pvt. Howard L. Fletcher, of Dayton, Ohio, who took a bust from patrol to join the infantry, moved out on a patrol which took them more than a mile into German territory. They got back without the loss of a man. No one knows how, because

the following day a battalion had a stiff fight getting through the same territory.

The battalion CO, Lt. Col. Henry G. Learnard, of Alexandria, Va., had only one complaint. The Negro platoon had already lost men because of an over-aggressiveness which more experienced doughs might not have had.

When their first job was done Koch knew he'd made a good choice when he took the platoon. The men were from port battalions and trucking companies and 11 of them took busts to join the infantry as privates.

Either Smart or Crazy

"When I heard they took busts to get up here I figured they were either real smart or crazy," Koch said.

When they accepted their transfers to the infantry the men knew that there was no chance for promotion and that in all probability they would be privates for the duration. None of them, even after a few battles under their belts, were sorry they had quit their rear echelon jobs.

"When I got drafted," Pfc Joe R. Reager, of McNeil, Ark., said, "I thought everyone in the Army fought. I guess pretty near everybody thought that. I didn't know soldiers did work like loading and unloading ships and stuff like that. That's one reason I wanted to get in the infantry."

While most of them admit they were moved by idealistic reasons, they also said "there was too much brass in the rear echelons."

"I got sort of mad the way the officers put the things to us," Pvt. Alfred W. Curry, of New Haven, Conn., said. "We had a formation one morning and this officer said, 'Okay, now let's see how tough you guys are.' Then he laughed a little and said, 'Who wants to volunteer for the infantry?' Almost everyone raised his hand."

AFN Radio Program

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Tuesday, Mar. 27

- 1200—News. 1205—Duffle Bag. 1300—Headlines—NBC Symphony. 1400—World News. 1410—Melody Roundup. 1430—HO Band of the RCAF. 1500—Headlines—Strike up the Band. 1530—Combat Diary. 1545—On the Record. 1625—Ozzie and Harriet. 1700—Headlines—Yank Bandstand. 1715—Canada Guest Show. 1800—World News. 1805—Mark up the Map. 1810—American Sports Roundup. 1815—GI Supper Club. 1900—Headlines—Chamber Music Society of Lower Basin Street. 1930—Jack Carson. 2000—Headlines—Combat Diary. 2015—Johnny Mercer's Music Shop. 2030—American Band of the AEF. 2100—World News. 2105—Frank Moran. 2135—Dinah Shore Show. 2200—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A. 2205—Hit Parade. 2235—Mercy Music. 2300—News. 2305—Mercy Music.

Wednesday, Mar. 28

- 0755—Sign On—Program Resume. 0800—Headlines—Combat Diary. 0815—Personal Album. 0830—Music in the Modern Manner. 0900—World News. 0905—Spotlight Band. 0925—Music from Canada. 1000—Headlines—Morning After (American Band of the AEF). 1030—Strike up the Band. 1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A. 1105—Duffle 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 0800 and 1900 hours.

Foxhole Sailors Would Rather Sail the Seas

By Jimmy Cannon

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH U.S. NAVY ON THE RHINE, Mar. 26—You can't have a girl in every port when the MPs pick you up for fraternization.

Anyway, the only female in the vicinity today was the LCVP Bunny and her four-man Navy crew was too busy to do any flirting.

"I'll take the ocean," said Petty Officer Joseph Doyon, of Seattle, Wash. "The Army can keep the land. No matter how tough it gets at sea you always have a warm bed and hot meals. All I've had since I've been with the Army is a foxhole and K rations."

Dust spurted from their fur-collared field jackets as they hauled the hawser of the Bunny ashore and lashed it to the sloping, cobbled bank of the Rhine.

"I admire the infantryman," said SI/c Earl Barber, of Winston-Salem, N.C. "They have it real rough. But I've learned a lot from them. They can hear a shell miles off. When they duck, I duck. They're never wrong."

They stood beneath a German training mast rising above the rope ladders and cross bars of a miniature bridge the Germans had used as a naval training site on the west bank.

They all agreed that the assault crossing of the Rhine was easier than they had expected. Little D-Day, as they called it, was as quiet as a swan boat voyage around the lake in General Park compared to the big one.

"Buster, this may be far from the ocean," said W/O Ed Warnoc, of Charlotte, N.C. "But we're proud as hell to say we worked with these doughboys. What they go through!"

The great sigh of an incoming shell swept in an arc of sound over the Rhine. The soldiers fell flat and waited. So did the sailors.

Rhine Beaches Rear Echelon

By Ernie Leiser

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

9TH ARMY BRIDGEHEAD, Mar. 25 (Delayed)—The beaches on either side of the Rhine around this 79th Division bridge today looked like the beaches of Normandy—several weeks after D-Day.

Thirty-six hours after the first 9th Army infantrymen had stormed across the river, this was the rear echelon.

There wasn't a sound of combat—except the drone of the fighter-bombers flying constant air cover over the bridgehead and the rumble of artillery from the lines, several miles east by then.

The tanks bristled with anti-aircraft guns, but their crews lolled at ease and stretched out in their holes under the warm sun. On the bridge, Joes leaned back against the spans and fired their M1s lazily at objects floating down the river. Sea mules chugged across the way they might on the Hudson, slowly.

Other soldiers clambered onto a beached barge on the river bank, wandered around, spat into the water, and batted the breeze. T/5 Allen White, of Petersburg, Va., driver for one of the AA outfits, paraded around the beach in a blue nightgown he had liberated some time ago.

MPs wandered around in pairs, and at the edge of the bridge was a Speed Limit sign. Engineer trucks, loaded with rock for road repair and building, lined the banks, littered with crossing craft which had served their purpose. A pair of GIs were joyriding down the river in one of the eggbeater-operated storm boats.



"No use running, gentlemen—there goes the last train!"

# U.S. May Have Main Job Of Keeping Germany Fed

WASHINGTON, Mar. 26 (ANS)—Pointing out that there is no intention of letting the German people starve after the war, authoritative officials here said today that the U.S. may be faced with the main burden of feeding most of occupied Germany. The Associated Press reported. The southern part of Germany, which U.S. troops will occupy, normally has been self-sufficient, but refugees pouring into the area from both west and east—estimated at 10,000,000—has constituted a great drain on food supplies.

The officials also cited the destruction by air and land bombardment of wide sections of the Reich and Russia's undisclosed plans for the area she will occupy to substantiate their statements that the U.S.—main Allied food supplier—may bear the main weight of the post-war feeding problem.

Northwestern Germany and the Rhineland—to be divided into British and French zones—is an industrial area which always has had to import food. Only in the east, or Russian zone, did the Germans usually have a food surplus. It remains to be decided whether extra food from that area will be shipped into the U.S., British and French zones. The Russians may want it for their occupation force or to send back to devastated parts of the USSR.

## Soong to Frisco

CHUNGKING, Mar. 26 (AP)—China's delegation to the United Nations conference at San Francisco will be led by Foreign Minister T. V. Soong, and will include Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador at London, and one Communist delegate, it was revealed today.

## German Ship Sunk

SHAEP, Mar. 26 (Reuter)—American artillery has sunk a 7,000-ton German ship in Lorient harbor, it was announced today. The vessel, which sank in 15 minutes, apparently was trying to supply the besieged enemy garrison holding out in the Brittany port since last summer.

## Can They Bake a Cherry Pie, Billie Boy?

ATLANTIC CITY, Mar. 26 (ANS)—Lt. Donald M. Detry, 26-year-old Chicago bombardier, who has just returned from the Southwest Pacific after 44 combat missions with the 5th Air Force, watched the Palm Sunday fashion parade yesterday and voiced an opinion.

"Australian women," he said, after viewing hundreds of neat examples of U.S. feminine pulchritude walking along the boardwalk, "are more attractive than American beauties. The average Australian girl is head and shoulders above the run-of-the-mine crop here in the States. American girls may be better dressed and better educated, but the Australian girls have real beauty. They are lovely."

That's why hundreds of GIs are bringing home Australian brides, he said. Detry's status? Oh, he's single . . . and if and when he marries it will be an American girl, because, he grinned, "they've got those extra qualities that make a good wife."

## He Wants In on Party

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Mar. 26 (ANS)—Capt. Jack Clay, test pilot, adagio dancer, pro wrestler and one-time house guest of Hitler at Berchtesgaden, is on his way to pay Adolf another visit. The former University of Nevada football star, who performed with a dancing team in Nuremberg in '39 with Hitler in the audience and was invited to his famous mountain retreat, is leaving here soon with the 575th Ferrying Group to go overseas at his own request.

"I want to get in on that party they're arranging for Hitler," he said.

## U.S. 'Chutists in Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 26 (UP)—Five U.S. parachutists who were dropped on Swedish territory near the Norwegian frontier yesterday have been turned over to the Swedish military authorities, it was announced today.

The men, a sergeant and four corporals, were found in a wood near the border and had with them a considerable quantity of explosives. They said they thought they had landed in Norway and declined to answer questions concerning their mission, but it is believed here they came to carry out sabotage work in Norway.

## Year's Mediterranean Air Losses 100%

NEW YORK, Mar. 26 (ANS)—Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commander of Allied air forces in the Mediterranean, revealed today that his air forces had lost 2,057 bombers and a total of 25,570 men in the last year, according to a Blue Network correspondent who interviewed him.

"When you realize our annual manpower quota is only 20,000, you can understand our losses were 100 per cent," Eaker was quoted as saying. "However, I draw consolation from the fact that our force has saved the lives of hundreds of thousands of Allied ground soldiers, and has kept the Luftwaffe virtually grounded. Nazi airmen are parked on airdromes for lack of fuel."

"During the past week we have attacked the six remaining oil refineries within reach of our planes, and right now we average some 2,000 aerial missions per day, compared with the Nazi total of only 20 missions a day."

## Help Wanted —AND GIVEN

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# Wings Subdue Bruins, 3-2, In Fast Tilt

BOSTON, Mar. 26—The Detroit Red Wings gained their first victory of the National Hockey League playoffs here last night, defeating the Bruins, 3-2, in one of the hardest played games of the season before 13,000 fans.

The action was particularly fast in the opening chapter, but neither team was able to connect with the nets until near the 19-minute mark when Ted Lindsay shook loose to ram one home for Detroit.

## Stanley Cup Playoffs

First-Third Series		Second-Fourth Series	
W	L	W	L
Toronto	2 1 0 4	Boston	2 1 0 4
Montreal	1 2 0 2	Detroit	1 2 0 2

Five seconds before the end of the period Murray Armstrong added another for the Wings and the crowd began to think that the Bruins were in for a drubbing.

However, the Bruins came back with a rush in the second stanza and Pat Egan banged through a vicious drive, but they couldn't dent the Wing defense for another and in the third session Mud Bruneteau, playing with a fractured jaw, netted what proved to be the winning counter when he stole the puck deep in his own territory, outskated the Bruins and sank a 25-foot shot that Goalie Paul Bibeault never saw.

Two minutes later Gino Rozzino notched the final goal of the game for Boston on a pass from Paul Gladu.

Defenseman Earl Siebert and Goalie Harry Lumley were the heroes for the Wings. Siebert broke up threat after threat, while the 18-year-old Lumley stopped 2½ difficult shots.

# 2-Second 'Back-to-Hoop' Limit Would Curb Basketball 'Goon'

NEW YORK, Mar. 26—Lads who happen to be big and who like to play basketball have always had their troubles, and fans and coaches have suggested everything from raising the baskets to saving the "goons" legs off below the knee in moves to keep them from "spoiling the game." So it was no surprise when the Basketball Coaches' Association came up with more suggestions here yesterday.

## Jack Chevigny Killed on Iwo

GARY, Ind., Mar. 26—Jack Chevigny, former Notre Dame football star and widely known grid coach, was killed on Iwo Jima Feb. 19, his brother Dr. Julius Chevigny revealed yesterday. The 38-year-old Chevigny enlisted in the Marines shortly after the outbreak of war, was assigned to the Pacific and rose to the rank of first lieutenant.

A native of Hammond, Ind., Chevigny entered Notre Dame in '25 and starred at right halfback for three years under the late Knute Rockne, who rated him as one of the best blocking backs he ever handled.

Upon graduation Chevigny joined the Notre Dame coaching staff and later coached the Chicago Cardinals of the National Football League, served as athletic director at St. Edward's College in Texas and coached Texas University.

## Mikan, Kurland Chosen On All-America Quintet

ST. LOUIS, Mar. 26—George Mikan, six-foot nine-inch DePaul center, was chosen for the second straight year on the Sporting News All-America college basketball team. Wyndol Gray of Bowling Green and Howard Dallmar of Penn won forward positions, while Arnold Ferrin of Utah and Bob Kurland of Oklahoma at guards round out the quint.

## Indianapolis Gains First Playoff Victory

HERSHEY, Pa., Mar. 26—The Indianapolis Capitals remained in the running in their semi-final Governor's Cup series with Hershey here last night by edging the Bears, 4-3, after two straight setbacks.

## American League Playoffs

W L T P		W L T P	
Cleveland	2 1 0 4	Hershey	2 1 0 4
Buffalo	1 2 0 2	Indianapol.	1 2 0 2

And in the other American Hockey League playoff battle Cleveland slapped Buffalo, 5-3, to take a 2-1 edge.

## Byron Nelson Wins Greensboro Open

GREENSBORO, S.C., Mar. 26—Byron Nelson captured his second golf championship in five days yesterday when he tied the trick Starmount course record with a 66 and won the Greensboro Open tournament with a 72-hole total of 271, collecting \$1,333.33.

Byron's blistering five-below-par 66 before 10,000, the largest crowd of the winter tour, enabled him to leave the field far behind. Sammy Byrd was second with a total of 279 and Johnny Revolta third with 280.

## Diamond Preview

# Mel Ott High on Giants' 1945 Chances

By Charlie Slocum

LAKELWOOD, N.J., Mar. 26—Stronger pitching, a better balanced infield and more outfield reserve strength make Manager Mel Ott feel that he will have a vastly improved Giant club over that which finished fifth in '44.

"For the first time in years we are well stocked in pitchers," Ott said. "Besides Bill Voiselle, who should be our ace again, we have Harry Feldman, Ewald Pyle and Ace Adams. We've added Ray Harrell, Loren Bain and Bill Emmerich, and Van Lingle Mungo has returned from the Army. Mungo has surprised everyone. He's a different fellow and we look for good work from him."

Harrell won 20 for San Francisco last year and at 33 looks very good. Bain is a curve baller from Minneapolis and Emmerich a control pitcher from Rochester.



Phil Weintraub is out of the Giants' doghouse and his experience is bound to help in the same infield that performed so well last season—Napoleon Reyes at third and the sophomore keystone combination of John "Buddy" Kerr and George Hausmann.

"Hausmann, Kerr and Reyes are bound to have more confidence after a full season at their positions," Mel added.

He wants another reserve infielder to make things complete. Roy Nichols and Billy Jurgas are presently considered Giant reserve infielders, but Jurgas is highly dissatisfied with his terms and seems about

ready to chuck it for a gin mill business and semi-pro ball.

Ernie Lombardi can't be as bad as he was last year, his worst season since hitting the bigtime in '31. Ray Berres is expected back to help out along with Johnny Toncoff, Jersey City rookie, although neither has signed. Lombardi, apparently chastened by his woeful season last year, showed up for his first spring training in many seasons and has been working like a horse every day.

The Giants' real strength lies in the outfield with Ott, Joe Medwick and Johnny Rucker in the regular lineup and Leon Treadway, Bruce Sloan, Steve Filipowicz, Charlie Mead and Desperate Danny Gardella fighting for reserve jobs.

Medwick's present indisposition with a sore back is not expected to last long. Carerter Joe hit .337 last season and the Ottmen may sink or swim with Joe's bat in '45. Gardella's unfamiliarity with the niceties of outfield play is the only thing that keeps him from a regular major league job.

The Giants have no serious holdout problem and expect to sign Lefty "Cliff" Melton soon.

By Chester Gould



By Al Capp



## Dick Tracy



## L'il Abner



# DIAMOND DUST

FREDERICK, Md.—The Athletics had an easy time defeating the Frederick Hustlers, local semi-pro club, 7-1. Hal Peck, Frank Hayes and Dick Siebert broke up the tilt with successive doubles in the fifth. . . . WASHINGTON—Southpaw Jimmy Wallace, young Army dischargee, pitched two scoreless innings, clouted a double and scored a run as the Boston Braves downed the Senators, 2-1.

sailors took advantage of the wildness of Van Lingle Mungo and five Giant errors for the first three runs and pounded Ray Harrell for the remainder. . . . BEAR MT., N.Y.—Lippy Durocher used nine pitchers as the Dodgers downed Montreal, 10-8, in a loosely played game.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.—Outfielder Mike Kreevich signed with the Browns and Catcher Red Hayworth, Pitcher Weldon West and Outfielder Gene Moore notified the club they had "accepted terms."

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—Dizzy Trout allowed one hit in four innings as the Detroit Tiger regulars blanked the Yankees, 2-0, in an intra-squad game. Hal Newhouse hurled for the rookies.

BAINBRIDGE, Md.—Al Lyons and Jake Wade, former New York Yankee pitchers, gave up only four hits in pitching Bainbridge Naval to an 8-4 win over the New York Giants. The

WILMINGTON, Del.—The Phillies played an intra-squad game with the Jays beating the Blues, 7-0, in seven innings. . . . FRENCH LICK, Ind.—Manager Charlie Grimm got the jump on other major league pilots today when he announced that Claude Passeau, big right-hander, would be his opening day pitcher.

# Seek to Avoid Strike As Miners Set to Vote

WASHINGTON (ANS)—With negotiations between the United Mine Workers and soft coalmine owners still up in the air, Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins was reported ready to try to stave off a nation-wide strike by appealing for a 30-day extension of the contract which expires Saturday night.

The miners themselves were set to vote Wednesday on whether to strike or not, and only a few would predict that they would vote in the negative while their union's president, John L. Lewis, was negotiating a new contract for them.

Congress, meanwhile, opened debate on compromise manpower legislation, viewed in some quarters as a potent anti-strike measure aimed at the 400,000 miners. To the bill has been added the preamble: "Every individual not in the armed forces shall have the obligation, when called upon, to serve the nation in an activity essential to the war effort."

One member of the Senate-House conference committee, which drafted the bill, said the preamble was written into the bill as a direct result of the stalemated coal contract situation.

**CAPITAL RAMBLINGS:** President Roosevelt warned the nation's motorists they must continue to take care of their automobiles to avert a breakdown of public transportation. . . . Senators opening an investigation into the meat shortage wanted to know why Britain didn't get more meat from Canada, where it's supposed to be ample, and less from the U.S.? They received no immediate answer.

### Sees Change-Over Easy

NEW YORK (ANS)—Rapping as "pretentious poppycock" remarks by some educators that soldiers would return home with "warped values and neurotic personalities," Frank H. Bowles, Director of Admissions at Columbia University, said the transition from military training to civilian educational terms would not be difficult. He said the two were fundamentally similar.

### Saroyan May Get Out

AUBURN, Cal.—Pfc William Saroyan, noted author and playwright, revealed that he fell off a bar stool in Paris in 1939 and had been suffering from back injury ever since upon his arrival at the Army's DeWitt General Hospital for treatment after 20 months. In addition, he said, he had chronic bronchitis and that he had also been hospitalized in France. He said he now expected to go before an Army board for a possible medical discharge.

### Circus Coming to Town—But for How Long?

SARASOTA, Fla. (ANS)—The "greatest show on earth"—the Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey circus—moves north Tuesday for its 1945 opening in New York Apr. 4, and an uncertain future.

Because six of its key officials have been sentenced to prison terms in Connecticut for involuntary manslaughter arising from the circus' fire in Hartford last summer, President Robert Ringling said the show might be unable to tour after the New York stand.

The six have been reprieved until Apr. 6, at which time they'll learn whether they must serve the terms. Ringling said the men couldn't be replaced in war-time and without them "the show can't carry on" and make money to pay the claims of the Hartford victims.

### Helicopter Jitneys

DES MOINES, Ia. (ANS)—A scheme to carry persons living off main transportation routes by helicopter to train and



plane junctions after the war was outlined by Ralph Budd, president of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad.

### Next Time He'll Get Johnny One-Note

DETROIT, Mar. 26 (ANS)—Karl Krueger, conductor of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra, accused his audience of a "display of bad manners" Sunday night after he had walked out on the concluding concert of the season.

Krueger said he left the stage because the audience of 4,000 demanded an encore from the guest violinist, Zino Francescatti. "The audience knew Mr. Francescatti didn't want to play an encore," Krueger said.

Francescatti later told newsmen, "I would have been glad to have played again for them but Mr. Krueger told me it was against the custom to play encores at these concerts."

### 'Pint-Sized' Paper

DES MOINES (ANS)—Only a six-page edition of The Des Moines Register and Tribune appeared Sunday when a jurisdictional strike of mechanical employees forced the management to issue small multigraphed sheets.

### Always Together

HALISPELL, Mon. (ANS)—The Jacobson twins, Pfc Henry and Cpl. Alvin, who joined the Army together, served in the same outfit and were reported missing on the same day, have written their parents they're now PWs in the same Nazi camp.

### Bronx, It's Wonderful!

NEW YORK (ANS)—New Yorkers who crave peace and quiet should settle down in the Bronx, according to the League for Less Noise. Both Manhattan and Brooklyn make three times as much racket as the home of the Bronx cheer, and only Staten Island, all by itself out in New York Bay, is quieter. So, at least, the league reported.

### Clark Gable Hurt

HOLLYWOOD (ANS)—Actor Clark Gable was in a hospital suffering from a bad gash in his right leg after jumping a curb with his car to avoid an auto driving on the wrong side of the road. The Gable car ended up against a tree.

### Draft Catches Father of 9

PHILADELPHIA (ANS)—Samuel Magro, father of nine children, will be called in the April draft, his local board announced.

### Killed By Bulldozer

BIXBY, Okla. (ANS)—A freakish accident in which the blade of an Army bulldozer being transported on a truck cut open an auto resulted in the death of William J. Duran, of Tulsa. The blade, which stuck over the side of the road, was reported to have "slashed the car open like a tin can."

### Bad Jump

PITTSBURGH (ANS)—After shooting Robert Hunter in an argument over a crap game, Richard Fuller jumped into an auto waiting for a red light. The car's driver was Patrolman Ted Walters, who immediately nabbed the shooter.

### No More Coasting

COMPTON, Cal. (ANS)—It was all because she couldn't stay away from roller coasters that her four children were neglected, Mrs. Ruby Bishop, 23, told the court. The judge gave her a suspended sentence after she promised to return home—and forget the roller coasters.

### 2-Way Morale Stretch

NEW YORK (ANS)—Manufacture of corsets and brassieres on a priority basis as a "mean of keeping up the morale, among other things," of woman war workers was proposed by Lou Hahn, National Retail Dry Goods Association executive.

# The Navy Cleans Up the River



One of their depth charges spewing up the Rhine behind them, U.S. sailors patrol the river in a landing craft. The Navy kept up a constant vigil for mines and two-man submarines used by Nazis in attempts to blow up bridges.

# Women Observers Find British Labor, Plants Lag Behind U.S.

By A. Victor Lasky  
Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

"We came to learn how British labor functions in the factories and we're going home convinced that British factories could learn a thing or two from the United States. We've seen factories here using techniques that were outmoded in the U.S. years ago."

That about sums up the impressions gained by four American women trade union leaders after a month's tour of U.K. factories, hostels and rehabilitation centers.

Their junket, arranged jointly by the



MRS. SPRINGER MRS. BLACKETT

Office of War Information and the British Ministry of Information, will be followed by a similar visit to the U.S. by four British trade union women.

"What appalled all of us," said Mrs. Maida Springer, of New York, "was the great number of kids working in factories here. Kids 14 and 15 years of age. Surprisingly, though, they appeared healthy and rosy-checked despite their difficult jobs."

### Educational Director

Mrs. Springer, a Negro, is an educational director of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (AFL). Her colleagues include:

Mrs. Grace E. Blackett, who used to work on the Ford assembly line at Willow Run and now represents the United Automobile Workers (CIO) in wage bargaining.

Mrs. Julia O'Connor Parker—"an old hand in the labor movement with 35 years' experience"—who heads the Telephone Operators Union of the AFL Electrical Workers.

Anne Murcovich, an organizer for the

American Federation of Hosiery Workers (CIO) in Reading, Pa.

The women said they were constantly amazed at the U.K. man-in-the-street's conception of the U.S.

### Such Ideas They Have

"Most every worker we talked to seems to think we live in palaces back home. And where do they get such ideas? From the movies. While we do have a higher standard of living, they forget we also have our slums and our small towns which don't even have a movie. Many English brides of GI Joes are going to be unpleasantly surprised," said Miss Murcovich.

"British labor is backward in its demands," Mrs. Blackett added. "Ameri-



MRS. PARKER MISS MURCOVICH

can workers demand more and get more. Here they work longer hours for less pay. Politically, American labor is extremely powerful as well."

Despite a "common" language, linguistic difficulties between the U.S. and the U.K. are great, they said, so great they're going to mention it in their report to the OWI.

# S & S Reporter Shot Down

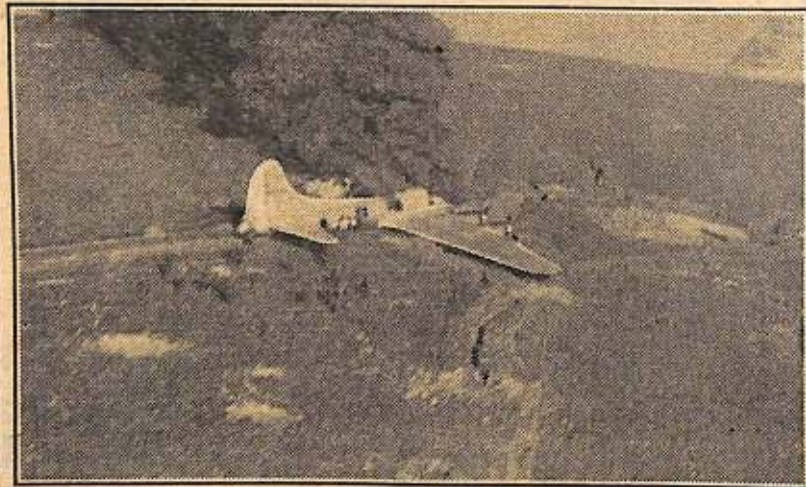
S/Sgt. Paul V. Connors, 29, of Chelsea, Mass., correspondent for Warweek and The Stars and Stripes, was shot down over Germany Jan. 28 while flying as a gunner on the 8th Air Forces' third anniversary raid on Ruhr objectives. His wife has been notified.

Connors' ship was hit by flak before it went down. Several parachutes were seen to open by crewmen in other planes.

A Boston sports writer before entering the Army in October, 1942, Connors transferred to Warweek's staff from the 30th Inf. Div. last July. He flew on several 8th Air Force missions as a combat correspondent.

Last September Connors was one of the first correspondents to go into Germany. Traveling with an advanced infantry patrol Connors reported the first street fighting doughs engaged in the Reich.

# Crossing the Rhine Was Not Easy



Thick black smoke balloons from a Flying Fortress which crashed on the east bank of the Rhine during Saturday's huge operations. The 8th Air Force lost 22 bombers in support of the Rhine crossings.

# Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate

# By Milton Caniff



# Crossword Puzzle Solution



where GIs were stationed. "Within a few hours after the cessation of hostilities in Europe," the Sun said in a dispatch from Washington, "every U.S. soldier on every fighting front in the world will be fully informed of the details of the Army's plans concerning his personal future."

The film explains how an individual's status will be determined, the paper said. It will not be possible for a soldier to determine in all cases whether he will be discharged or sent to the Pacific, but it will be possible to calculate his own standing on the basis of a point system in relation to other men in his outfit.

"If he is to be sent to the Pacific, he will understand why certain groups and units must be sent directly with no opportunity even for a brief home leave," the paper said. "If he is to be discharged he will see clearly why it may be months before he can actually be sent to the U.S."