

3d, Gaining on 50-Mile Front, Nears Trier; Suicidal Japs Slow Reinforced Yanks on Iwo

Another Landing Bolsters Marines In Crucial Hour

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HQ. Guam, Feb. 22 (ANS) — The U. S. Marine Corps' 3d Div., landing on Iwo Jima at a critical hour, bolstered the hard-pressed 4th and 5th Divs. today in a costly fight against a Japanese garrison that is cave-entrenched, heavily gunned and apparently prepared to stand until the last man of the original 20,000 defenders is dead.

Adm. Nimitz announced today that the Marines, after having been brought to a virtual standstill by desperate Japanese resistance had resumed their northward advance toward the fighter-plane field on central Iwo, destroying many gun positions on the way, and their southward push up volcanic Mt. Suribachi.

Last night several heavy Japanese counterattacks were driven back on the slopes of central Iwo Jima. Earlier, Nimitz had reported the repulse of a Japanese counter-blow east of Mt. Suribachi.

Japanese fighters and bombers made a night attack on ships of the U. S. 5th Fleet, standing off Iwo, and inflicted some damage, Nimitz said. Seven enemy planes were shot down. It was the first enemy air action against the U. S. warships since the battle for Iwo began.

The 5th Fleet continued to shell Japanese positions in the northern part of Iwo, and carrier planes still were support for the Marines.

From Tokyo, 750 miles north of Iwo, the Japanese reported that their planes had sunk two American aircraft carriers and another vessel off the island.

Adm. Nimitz announced that the Marines had suffered 4,553 casualties in the fighting on Iwo up to 9:45 p.m. yesterday. The number of Marines killed stood at 384.

Maj. Gen. Graves B. Erskine's 3d

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New Mail Trains To Speed Parce's

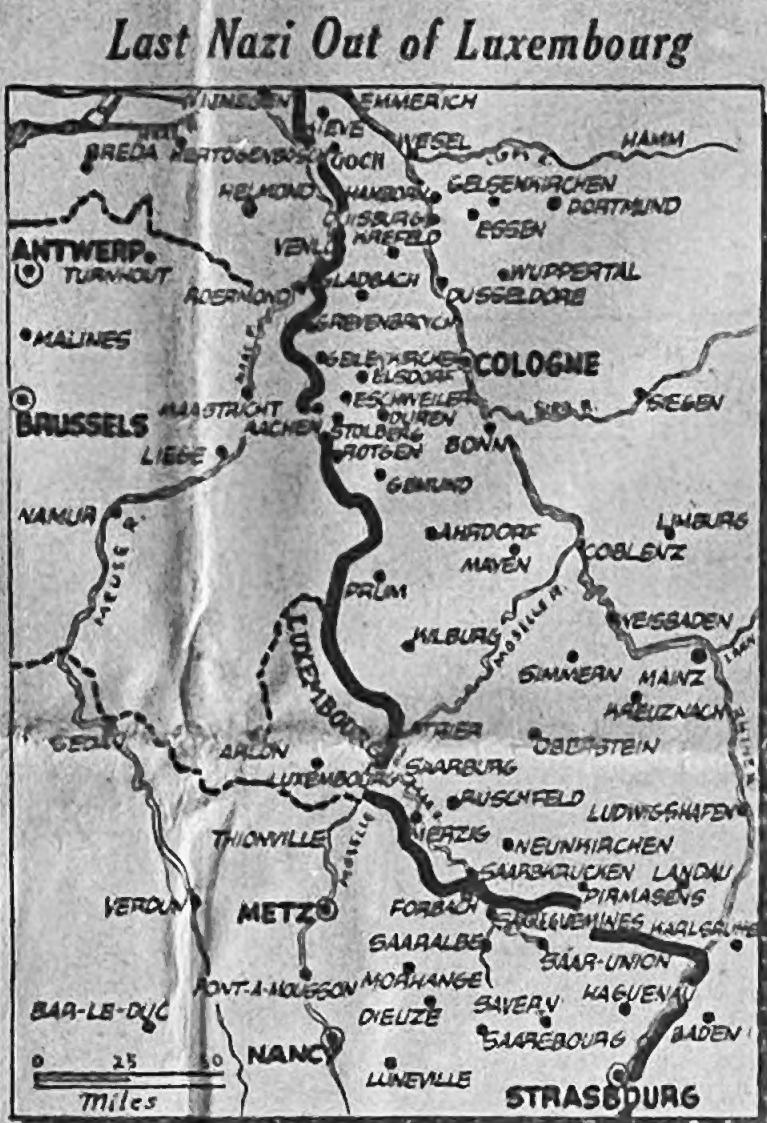
Stars and Stripes Paris Bureau

PARIS, Feb. 22 — A new mail train program will cut delivery time of parcels to and from individuals in the ETO, it was announced today.

The system, worked out by Army Postal Service and the 2d Military Railway Service, calls for shipment of parcels by train from the ports directly to the postal regulating stations servicing each army.

Parcels originating in the armies will go to the base post office by combined rail-truck transport.

Previously letters had been moved by truck as rapidly as they came in, but this first class mail is now also being moved by regular scheduled trains.



Threatening Trier and now holding practically all of Saarburg, the 3d Army yesterday cleaned out the Germans from Luxembourg and is now doing all its fighting on German soil. To the south, 7th Army doughs were in a house-to-house struggle for Forbach, just this side of the French border from Saarbrucken, the largest German city in the area. In the north, Canadian 1st Army troops were also meeting strong resistance between Goch and the Rhine.

Corregidor Japs Blow Selves Up

MANILA, Feb. 22 (ANS) — Only Japanese remnants remained on Corregidor today after enemy troops inside the island fortress, hopelessly cut off in a vast network of tunnels, had blown themselves up by touching off one of the main underground ammunition dumps.

The main body of the Japanese garrison had been sealed into the tunnels by American paratroopers and infantrymen who invaded the island a week ago. They caved in the tunnel entrances with explosives.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported that "so far as can be found, no living Japanese soldier" remains on the Bataan peninsula. Yanks cleaned out Bataan in less than a month. It took the Japanese more than three months to win the peninsula in 1942.

In southern Manila, U. S. troops cut down the Japanese pocket to an area 700 yards long and 500 wide—almost all of it in the Intramuros section. American artillery still was battering the walls of Intramuros.

Russians Imperil 4 Nazi Bastions

Guben, Cottbus, Forst and Goerlitz—important German defense points guarding the approaches to Berlin and Dresden—were directly threatened by the Russians last night as Marshal Ivan S. Koniev's troops began operations to cross the Neisse River at several points along a 50-mile front.

Koniev's pressure against the

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Patton's Men Cross Saar River; 7th Army in Bitter Fight for Alsatian City Near Saarbrucken

SHAEF, Feb. 22 — U. S. 3d Army—infantry, armor and cavalry overran 23 towns and neared the key Nazi communications center of Trier today as they surged up to three miles deeper into the great triangular areas of western Germany formed by the Rhine and Moselle Rivers and drove across the Saar River south of Saarburg.

(U. S. 7th Army troops Wednesday night captured the town of Spicheren, four kilometers southwest of the German industrial center of Saarbrucken, and by noon Thursday had taken more than two-thirds of Forbach, an Alsatian factory town three kilometers farther southwest. Fanatical resistance by locally-recruited Volkssturm units marked the fighting in both towns. The Germans poured strong artillery barrages into Spicheren before it fell to the Americans.)

Last dispatches from SHAEF HQ. said the Yanks had crossed Forbach's main artery, a highway leading to Saarbrucken. Enemy artillery was increasing here, and heavy machine gun, mortar, small-arms and automatic weapons fire was being poured at the doughs in the house-to-house fighting in Forbach.

Meanwhile elements of ten Nazi divisions 150 miles to the north fought savagely to stem the Canadian 1st Army advance toward Colmar in the elbow of the lower Rhine.

Third Army troops shifted into near-blitz pace along a 50-mile front between Prum and Saarburg.

Punching into the belly of the Saarland, Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's armor cleared all Saarburg along the Saar River and rolled a mile and one-half to the northwest.

South of the embattled town, men of the 94th Inf. Div. smashed across the Saar River in assault

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1st TAF Attacks Rhine Rail Lines

FIRST TAF HQ., Feb. 22 — American and French airmen of the 1st TAF smashed German rail communications east of the upper Rhine today.

Well over 100 rail cuts were made by fighter-bombers of the 12th TAC and 1st French Air Corps as Marauders were raining high explosives on more than a score of rail yards and marshalling points.

Three Messerschmitts were destroyed and ten damaged by P-47s. In all the day's operations, 1st TAF suffered only one fighter-bomber and one medium bomber missing.

The fighter-bombers concentrated on all principal rail lines connecting interior Germany with the Saar and Alsatian areas. More than 175 Marauders attacked rail centers in an area bounded by Strasbourg, Stuttgart, the Rhine on the west and by Lake Constance on the south.

Court Frees Railway Bn. Major Whose Men Sold Black Market

(Stars and Stripes Paris Bureau)

PARIS, Feb. 22 — Maj. Walter H. Marlin, former commander of the 71st Railway Operating Bn., was acquitted today by a Paris court-martial of charges of neglect of duty in connection with widespread black market activities of men in the battalion.

Marlin was not accused of participating in black market activities. More than 100 of his men had

been convicted of stealing cigarettes and other supplies.

Prosecutor Lt. Col. Carmon C. Harris argued that corruption was so prevalent in Marlin's battalion that he must have been aware of it and therefore guilty of neglect. Marlin said he knew nothing of the thievery.

Marlin said that he had told his men to take food from the trains

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The GI vs Tom Chandler

SINCE Thomas Chandler's letter on "Goin' Home" appeared in our Feb. 12 edition we have been swamped with replies. For those unfamiliar with Chandler's views we have reprinted his letter and followed it with representative excerpts from GIs' letters.—Editor.

Goin' Home

We have been reading much about demobilization lately. Being former ASTP men, we feel it is only right that we be sent home first so we can continue our educational programs. We fully believe that the majority of men will agree with us.

After all, what has an old married man to look forward to outside of a wife and children? What the country needs is young blood and the former ASTP men are the ones for this job.

We feel the army of occupation should be made up of drafted personnel.

—Thomas Chandler
*Army Specialized Training Program

Your letter displays selfishness. We don't believe you are justified in your statement about married men. Your statements are an insult to us.

—Former ASTP Men, Tk. Bn.



A wife and children are the best reasons for anyone wanting to go home. We married men have to get home and secure a job to support our families. You ASTP men can wait a few months.

Sgt. R. Landry
—T-5 G. F. Lachat, Ord.

his views are not those of the average ex-ASTP man. I'm one and I don't think that phase of my military career has anything to do with my demobilization status. His views are selfish and immature. He does not represent the "young blood" he feels "his country needs."

—Pic. Harry P. Sheevers, Inf.

Suggest you stay in the ETO after the war long enough to attend, perhaps, the Sorbonne in Paris and learn a little philosophy of life before your mental meanderings get you into trouble with us married men, sonny.

—T-Sgt. Howard Carlson, Eng.

Your time in ASTP didn't make you a mastermind; just another Quiz Kid trying to get home first.

Maint. Section, Cav.

Send this type home by all means, even before demobilization. Send us some more "old married" men so we can finish the job and get home ourselves. Never send a boy to do a man's work.

—Two Old Married Men, Tk. Bn.

The letter is a plant printed for the enjoyment of the moron who wrote it. He isn't very funny

and if not ignored, he will cause dissension among troops.

—Pic. I. Stiebel, Inf.

Education is of very little use to such stupid and selfish-thinking persons.

—Pvt. Julius Blanu, FA Bn.

Hitler and Chandler would be good friends. They have the same ideas.

—S-Sgt. Peter A. Tufano, FA Bn.

Tommy, who will operate the nation's business and have an opening for you when you finish your education? Who will help pay the war debt through taxes and also help pay for your education?—the married men with children.

—Sgt. L. A. Branton, Eng.

Do we or don't we get credit in the demobilization plan for time spent in ASTP?

—Fifty-four Infantrymen

Remember boys, while you were studying hard many GIs were fighting hard. They had no chance of furthering their education!

—1st Lt. Old Man, Inf.

If returning ASTP men home first after the war will assure us of a prosperous country with plenty of jobs, I'm for it. Let the "wronged" men receive points for every month they passed in their educational program. Bah!

—Pic. H. L. Jones, Jr., Inf.

It's annoying what innocent babbling comes from a child in its puberty.

—Cpl. K. W. Scalford, Eng.

If your ASTP training bred ideas like yours, thank God it has been abolished.

—Ex-Combat Men

WHY DON'T I KEEP MY BIG MOUTH SHUT!?

—Pic. D. C. DeLoach, Inf.

I lost a scholarship at the University of Iowa when I was inducted. My educational program was completely disrupted. I'm single only because I'm in the Army, but I dream of a home and kids. I'm not crying.

—1st Lt. M. W. Leesberg, Inf.

You are one of those campus lounge lizards, male Wac and a juke box commando who is bitching because your play days are over.

—Sgt. J. G. H., Inf.

What have these former ASTP men done that is so outstanding? What else is there for a man to go home to except his wife and kid?

—Ten Cannoneers, Inf.

If you will contact us, Chandler, we'll see that your fresh, young blood is forwarded to the U.S.

—Pic. Norman A. Eleath, Med. Bn.

ASTP boys are so well educated it would be a waste of talent to send them home. Send them to Japan to educate the Japs.

—Pic. Louis Prete, Inf.

Many good universities are in the ETO. Let's leave the ASTP boys to continue their studies in Europe and to perform incidental policing duties. This will leave non-ASTP personnel free to return home or to fight in the Pacific theater.

—T-5 Oscar Martin, FA Bn.

HUBERT

By Sgt. Dick Wingert



"I said how should I know what they've lost, Grammaw!"

Background of War: Italy

Against Men and Mountains, 'Activity Limited to Patrols'

There is still a war going on in Italy. President Roosevelt, in his recent State of the Union address, pointed out:

"These valiant forces in Italy are continuing to keep a substantial portion of the German army under constant pressure—including some 20 first-line German divisions and necessary supply and transport and replacement troops—all of whom our enemy needs so badly elsewhere."

Compared to the rest of poverty-stricken, war-shattered Italy, the Po Valley may seem like an inviting treasure house with its industrial cities like Milan, Turin, Trieste, Venice, Genoa and Modena. However, it is a safe guess that Mediterranean Air Forces were no less accurate there than anywhere else along the line.

Sharp, fierce firefights characterized the action. The patrol activities so nonchalantly referred to in the news dispatches take place under conditions as grueling as any on the Western Front. The winter cold and snow which gripped the armies facing the Rhine were no less bitter in sunny Italy. And the Germans under Field Marshal "Smiling Albert" Kesselring fight as hard as the Germans anywhere else and as well.

The battle line in Italy has moved little in the last three months. The last major movement was that of



Folks at home send these GIs swift news of Sir Stork's arrival:

Sgt. A. E. Anders, Cicero, Ill.—boy; Pfc. James W. Alexander, Hugo, Okla.—James; Lt. Eugene G. Leachman, Des Moines, Iowa—boy, Feb. 9; T-5 Wilbert D. Harlan, San Pablo Calif.—Nancy Sue, Feb. 20; Lt. Philip Glevin, Champaign, Ill.—Linda Jane, Feb. 16; Cpl. John Schmidt, New York—George Walter, Feb. 17.

Joe Di Novo, Blue Island, Ill.—girl, Dec. 5; Pfc. Harold Saks, Philadelphia—Mark Phillip, Jan. 31; 1st Lt. James D. Rapp, Castle Rock, Col.—girl, Feb. 14; Lt. Leon F. Burns, Los Angeles—Judith Karen, Feb. 14; Sgt. James H. Lhommedieu, Calisoga, Calif.—girl, Feb. 16; Capt. Henry Postier, New York—boy, Feb. 18.

Sgt. Arthur Newman, Bronx—boy, Feb. 17; Cpl. Henry Tuch, Brooklyn—Adelle Sharon, Feb. 17; Sgt. Robert Jaekel, New York—Joan Elise, Feb. 18; Pvt. Irving G. Venitsky, Philadelphia—boy, Jan. 31; Pfc. Melvin Cannon, Grenfield, Ind.—Jimmie Lee, Nov. 26; T-Sgt. James T. O'Brien, Cincinnati—boy, Nov. 27.



IN THE MARIANAS—Now we are far, far away from everything that was home or seemed like home. Five thousand miles from Africa and twelve thousand miles from my friends fighting on the German border.

Twelve thousand miles from Sidi Bou Zid and Venafro and Troina and Saint Mere Eglise—names as unheard of on this side of the world as are Kwajalein and Chichi, Jima and Ulithi on the other side.

Pacific names are all new to me, too, except the outstanding ones. For those fighting one war do not pay much attention to the other war. Each one thinks his war is the worst and most important. And unquestionably it is.

We came to the Marianas by airplane from Honolulu. The weather was perfect, and yet so long and grinding was the journey that it eventually became a blur and at the end I could not even remember what day we left Honolulu, although actually it was only the day before.

As soon as we were in the air, Lt. Comdr. Max Miller and I took off our neckties and put on our house slippers. West of Pearl Harbor military formality immediately drops away.

We made but two stops in the 3,500-mile journey to the Marianas and how we ever found those two tiny islands is beyond me, for they were the merest dots in the wide ocean. But they find them all the same, so who am I to worry?

OUR FIRST STOP was at Johnston Island, four hours out from Honolulu. As it came into view, I was shocked at how tiny it is. It is hardly bigger than a few airplane carriers lashed together and it has not got a tree on it.

Yet it has been developed into an airfield that will take the biggest planes. Several hundred Americans live and work there. The climate is magnificent and most of the soldiers and sailors wear only shorts and are deeply tanned. The way I feel now a life of quiet escape out there for a while would be wonderful. But the boys there are tired of "escape" and the monotony of the place gets on their nerves.

We stopped there for an hour in the late afternoon and then we took off and headed west, and soon it was dark.

A flight orderly brought a blanket for each of us and the passengers wrapped up. But soon most of them unwrapped, for the cabin was heated and even at high altitude it became almost too hot.

It was after midnight when we could sense by the motor's tone and the pressure in our ears that we were coming down.

There were lights, snack underneath us, lights of what seemed a good sized little town, and then at last we were on the ground in an unbelievably bustling airport teeming with men and planes and lights.

THE PLACE was Kwajalein. That's not hard to pronounce if you don't try too hard. Just say "Kwa-juh-leen." It's in the Marshall Islands.

The island is transformed as we so rapidly transform all our islands that are destroyed in taking. It is a great air base, now.

Naval officers met our plane despite the hour and loaded us into jeeps and drove us a few hundred yards to a mess hall.

For an hour we sat around a white lined table and drank coffee and sipped iced fruit juice. You would hardly have known you were not in America. And then we were off again, to fly through the sightless night westward and on westward.

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T-5 Oscar Martin, FA Bn.



WITH THE 80TH DIV. Inside Siegfried Line, Germany, Feb. 22—Eight months ago the war for Billy Fisher was a calamity that took the older fellows out of Sharpsburg, Pa. Eight months ago Sinatra never stopped singing in the juke boxes and the guys were all in love with Betty Hutton.

Billy Fisher was a high school boy in Sharpsburg eight months ago and he used to read the poetry of A. E. Housman while he played baseball because it cooled him out and settled his nerves.

Eight months ago in Sharpsburg Billy Fisher never thought about the beautiful music that the drowning people hear because Sinatra was singing the national anthems and those were the songs in your head, the ones you learned if you were 17.

Still Reads Housman

But today in these mournful hills, far from Sharpsburg and far from Sinatra and Betty Hutton, Fisher still reads Housman when he can.

"I couldn't sleep the night before we were going in," he said.

"I laid there and thought about the river we had to cross and what would happen. I thought if I have to die in this war it's okay to die in the river. I remember an old story that people who drown hear beautiful music."

"Things started to pop around me right away," he said. "It was a funny feeling but I had it once before when I was a boy and my kite was caught in a tree and I climbed out on a limb to get it.

The limb was pretty thin. I went out on it and it started to bend and I got warm inside. After a while I froze inside but just for a second. I wanted the kite so I kept on going and the limb didn't break and I got the kite. That's how you feel when the first ones come in at you."

Boat Sinks Quickly

"Right in the middle of the river in the dark a boat rammed our boat and we sank right away," he said. "I heard no music when I went under but I'm a good swimmer and made it easy."

Eight months ago, back in Sharpsburg Billy Fisher was full of yes-sirs and no ma'am's for the old folks around the town, but no one stays a boy forever. Even some of Frank Sinatra's songs are gone from the Hit Parade after eight months and some of the guys go for Betty Hutton's kid sister, Marion.

"No one has to tell you what to do when the shells come in," he said. "It's funny how fast you find the ground. I have a lot of respect for my sergeant and I do what he does when I can. But you know what to do pretty fast. I got to go now. I'd like to find me a tank."

And up that lonesome hill in the rain went Billy Fisher, who belongs to the age of Sinatra and carries Housman's poems into combat.

—Jimmy Cannon

Enemy Baby Rocket Packs Power

WITH THE 9TH ARMY, Feb. 19 (Delayed)—Baby rockets hurled by the Germans toward the front lines are only four feet long but have the explosive power to blow down an average size house. Classed as a terror weapon, it can be launched from a truck trailer or from the edge of a German trench. The "warkeeper" packs the wallop of a 300-pound bomb.

Maj. Harry Suffield, Woodward, Okla., exhibited a preserved rocket of this type, developed from a Russian weapon invented in 1942, which had been picked up in Germany.

According to available information there is the 280 mm. type which has TNT; the 300 mm. type, employing amatol, and the 320 mm. size, whose warhead carries petrol and oil.

The weapon has the appearance of a piece of stove pipe, is 50 inches long and a foot in diameter, only it's made of much heavier material on one end and is larger. The tail has jet openings about the size of a little finger and barrels drilled on angles to make the rocket spin as gas fumes propel it through the air.



The Yanks bawling home their particular argument around Manila found the Jap who didn't consider it worthwhile dying for his emperor. They marched him off to the PW stockade in the garb depicted above—just in case he had a change of heart.

Walking Baby 'Home'

WITH THE 80TH DIV. Inside Siegfried Line, Germany, Feb. 22—

Their first action under fire, the 70th Inf. Div. lived up to its name of "Trailblazer" by smashing forward to blaze a trail of victory with the capture of Wingen, it was disclosed today.

10 Hours in Icewater To Escape Nazi Guns

WITH THE 76TH INF.—Sgt. Ray Cromer jr. of Johnstown, N. Y., may run into more dangerous situations but probably never into a more uncomfortable one.

When his unit crossed the Sauer River at Echternach to help crack the Siegfried line, Sergeant Cromer was caught under the grazing fire of Nazi machine guns and forced to lie partly submerged in the water for nearly 10 hours. When he finally did get out it took him 2 1/2 days to rejoin his unit.

been massing for an offensive in Wingen, but the untried Trailblazers stopped all that cold. After house-to-house fighting in which the small village changed hands several times, the 70th cleaned out last-ditch snipers and freed many American prisoners, who had been held in a church converted into a hospital.

Though the Trailblazers were fresh from training in the States, they quickly learned the bitter art of war under fire. In the final stages of the three-day engagement they fought like veterans against the crack Nazi SS troopers opposing them.

The Trailblazers were activated in Oregon in June, 1943, on the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Oregon Trail. Their shoulder patch has a pioneer timberman's white ax on a turkey red background. The 70th is commanded by Maj. Gen. Allison J. Barnett of Washington, D. C., a veteran of the Meuse-Ardennes and other engagements in the last war.

Olette admits that he did get a headache and took two aspirins from the medic.

Hubert Does His Bit in Nutrition Campaign

Ninth air force soldiers are forsaking heaping platefuls of meat, potatoes and bread in favor of a more varied diet of "a little of everything" as part of a two-month-old campaign to foster the best possible nutrition.

Posters in messhalls showing the Stars and Stripes character Hubert waddling away from a chow-line with his mess-kit groaning under a pile of meat, potatoes and bread

are helping to point out that although the diet is filling, it is far

from satisfactory from a nutritional standpoint.

"Adequate nutrition is essential in maintaining physical fitness and mental alertness, and it's only achieved by a varied diet," said Col. Edward J. Kendricks, 9th AF surgeon.

"For obvious reasons," he said, "the variety of food available in the ETO is limited, and every soldier should eat a little of everything on the menu because it has been planned to provide an adequate number of calories, as well as the vitamins and minerals necessary for good health."

He listed fruit juice, lemonade,



from satisfactory from a nutritional standpoint.

Rogers' Raiders, School Behind, Pay With Lives If They Flunk Now

By RALPH G. MARTIN, Staff Correspondent

WITH 9TH ARMY (Delayed)—They're called Buck Rogers' Night Raiders.

There are only several dozen left now, all of them volunteers, most of them not yet old enough to vote. Before they were transferred

to the 407th Reg. of the 102d, most of them were studying subjects like psychology and medicine and engineering in Army-sponsored college training courses all over the States.

Now that they've joined up with Buck Rogers, these boys are going to school again every afternoon before they go out on a raid.

German Command Training

Their psychology course teaches them when to yell what German commands in a thick Munich beer-hall accent to confuse the Jerries. Their engineering lessons are mostly expert use of demolitions and operation of any type weapon, German or American.

And instead of medicine, they're learning how to kill quickly and quietly at night with a knife, how to blacken their faces and hands so that they can see without being seen, how to read recon photos telling their target for tonight.

Their boss, 1st Lt. Roy (Buck) Rogers, sets the example, teaches the lessons, leads the patrols. Rogers is the kind of guy who races after a Jerry with a grease gun, suddenly notices his magazine has slipped out, but just keeps on running, pulling out his trench knife to do the job. And he does the job.

Overran Enemy CP

There was the time the raiders crossed the Roer and infiltrated so deep into the Jerry lines that they overran a company CP.

"The Jerries were so surprised that they started screaming," said Pfc. Joe Evangelista, who comes from Long Island. "So we just kept shooting until the screaming stopped."

By the time the screaming stopped, the raiders decided that it was time to go home. En route back to the river, they spotted a fancy network of deeply-dug foxholes and heard voices and saw lights. They couldn't resist it. So Pvt. Ed Diamond of the University of Chicago dropped in a couple of grenades and a German corporal came running out, his hands up, his pants down, very anxious to surrender. But several others weren't so anxious and tried to make a run for it.

The Raiders Struck

They didn't get very far. S-Sgt. Rufus Wilkes, of Notre Dame, opened up with an M1, Sgt. Chris Lorenz, of the University of Illinois, let loose with his BAR, and S-Sgt. Enoch Hood, of Purdue University, started firing with his Tommy.

By the time the raiders had reached the Roer, the air was filled with flares. Somehow the patrol got back without any Purple Heart candidates.

Further down the river, another Raider patrol wasn't so lucky. They were trying to crawl through two Jerry MG nests when they ran into a third one. Seven of the twelve were casualties.

"College was never like this," said Pvt. Paul McGrail, who studied psychology at Yale.

Patton's Role of Medic Revealed

CAMP CARSON, Colo., Feb. 22 (ANS)—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr., Commanding General of the 3d Army was only a front-line legend to Sgt. Carroll Jewell of Cedar Rapids, Neb., until Patton personally helped save his life.

Sgt. Jewell, now convalescing at Camp Carson, related today how a machine gun bullet smashed into his shoulder during the 3d Army break-through last summer.

An officer rushed over and straightened the sergeant's arm which was pinned underneath him. It was Patton.

"He pitched right in as though he were a medic and applied pressure to the artery to halt the bleeding. I think I owe my life to him," Jewell said.

"Then he escorted me to a jeep and told me 'don't worry soldier, everything will come out all right.' That's one thing I like about the guy. He was right up there with us while hell was popping."

Congress to Probe Army Order Okaying Communist Commissions

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—A Congressional committee will investigate the recent Army order permitting commissions for Communists, it was announced today by Chairman Andrew J. May (D., Ky.), of the House Military Affairs Committee.

At the same time Maj. Gen. James A. Ulio, Adjutant General, in a letter to Reps. John A. Rankin (D., Miss.) and George A. Dondero (R., Mich.), explained that restrictions on Communists serving in the Army were relaxed in "justice to the individual and fairness to the government."

The policy was changed on Feb. 8, 1944 by a letter which made individual attitudes and actions the test. Ulio said Army officials continued to base their actions "purely on an individual's sympathy with Communism."

Ulio asserted that the Army found its restrictive policy toward Communists was "exceedingly difficult to enforce with fairness to the individual and fairness to the government."

On Dec. 30, Ulio said, the Army issued an order which stated that the basic consideration was "not the property of individuals' opinions but loyalty to the United States." He told Rankin and Dondero that the Army intended to watch its new policy with "great care," and to modify it if experience showed changes were necessary.

Canal Zone on Alert; Panama Politics Upset

PANAMA CITY, Panama, Feb. 22 (ANS)—U.S. Army and Navy forces in the Canal Zone were placed on "full alert" yesterday, apparently in connection with the unsettled political situation in the Republic of Panama.

The full alert keeps American armed forces in their Canal Zone ports and MPs at the border to keep soldiers and sailors from entering Panamanian territory.

Air Force Mechanical Marvel



Tragedy in Maine: 16 Babies Die in Fire

Sixteen babies and one adult died in this New England boarding home for war workers infants on Jan. 31, after a stove explosion turned the wooden building into an inferno in a matter of minutes. Right: Firemen inspect the charred porch after the blaze was brought under control. Below: The gutted remains of a crib in which one of the infants died. Two nursing bottles are still in the crib which was in the room behind the fireman. Most of the victims, who ranged in age from three months to three years, died in their cribs. Only eight of the 26 occupants of the converted farmhouse escaped.



**How the Navy Grew:
Ships Had Pups'**

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22—Lt. Earl G. Baumgardner, USNR, of Yonkers, N. Y., one of the liberated prisoners from the Philippines, had this to say today in comparing the present U. S. Navy with that of three years ago:

"Looks as though every battleship must have had pups."

—Associated Press Photo

It's a Hell of a Way to Get Home, But Wounded Vets Cheer in Port

AN EAST COAST PORT, Feb. 22—Walking wounded lined the ship's rail and bedridden patients shouted happily as the hospital ship steamed into an East Coast harbor.

The gray-painted transport bearing almost 1,000 veterans of ETO campaigns offered grim evidence of the cost of winning the war as the limbless, the blind and other seriously wounded were carried on stretchers down the gangplank by medics and placed in Army ambulances. At their destination they'll be processed and sent to hospitals near their homes if possible.

For many this was the first glimpse of the American coastline in two or three years. In all there were 900 soldiers and even the more seriously battered managed to forget their aches and pains momentarily in the jubilation of being home once again.

Milk, Beer and Telephones

Milk and beer were the major cravings of most of the battle-scarred veterans when they reached the hospital. However, liquid refreshments shared honors with phone booths and telegraph offices as the men clamored to contact families all over the States. Portable phones were plugged in at some of the patients' bedside, and where the casualties were too weak to make calls, Red Cross women took over. Then started a mad rush for overnight passes by patients able to get about by themselves.

A few patients in the group got home because of odd experiences with the medics. Although blasted

Business Loans For Vets

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (ANS)—Director Maury Maverick of the Smaller War Plants Corporation today recommended SWPC extension to provide industrial home-steads for war veterans.

He advocated legislation to provide direct government loans to veterans to start independent small businesses and blanket insurance to replace partial guarantees on loans provided by the Veterans Administration under the veterans Bill of Rights.

Leave the States for a few years and they start turning out copper men, but don't worry, he'll never replace the real thing. Fact is, this fellow's sole job is to reproduce a body temperature so that cold weather clothing and blankets can be tested. He's tailored to the average dimension of Air Force fliers. The girl at the switchboard is Virginia Mayo, a movie actress.

—Gene Photo

Manpower Board In Doubt About Hot Spot Curfew

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (UP)—War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes was pleased today by public response to his midnight curfew on management spots, but shed no light on how it will be interpreted or enforced.

He said representatives of the entertainment field had "already pledged cooperation" and state and local officials had promised to help make it work.

He turned enforcement over to the War Manpower Commission. However, WMC said they weren't having much luck finding out exactly how Byrnes wants the order carried out. As one spokesman put it, "all we know is that the curfew bell rings next Monday night. Nobody seems to know exactly whom the bell tolls."

At Philadelphia, William S. Hopkins, head of the Philadelphia Cafe Owners Guild, proposed the government close all non-war businesses one day a week rather than bars each midnight to save fuel.

Objector Stirs Up Philadelphia Tale

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22 (ANS)—A ballyhoo fugitive from a conscientious objectors' camp jammed traffic outside the Federal Building.

"You'll carry me or I'll stay here," Corbit Bishop told police after he had been in court. Police lugged him to an elevator, then to a waiting van. Girls started a rumor the prisoner had been shot and a crowd gathered.

Bishop is charged with failure to return to a Michigan camp for a furlough at his Hoboken, N. J. home. He refused to answer "present" at the hearing.

"I am not here in spirit. I am here only in body," he said.

Freed by Germany, 77 Medics Go Home

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22—The first noncombatant troops repatriated in this war—77 Medical Department officers and men released by Germany—will arrive early in March at Charleston, S. C., from Marseilles.

The War Department said non-combatants are "protected" personnel who are not treated as prisoners of war and are repatriated as quickly as conditions permit.

Although the 77 are travelling on a hospital ship, the WPA said all are in good health and none will require hospital treatment.

Upon arrival they will be sent to reception centers near their homes and given 30-day furloughs with option of an additional 30.

Burglar Steals My Alibi'

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 22 (ANS)—Included in the loot of a burglar who robbed a Hollywood perfumer were the scents named, "Follow Me," "Escape," and "My Alibi."

U. S. Casualties Reach 800,000, WD Reveals

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (ANS)—American combat casualties passed the 800,000 mark, the War Department announced today.

The Army figures broken down included 138,723 dead, 420,465 wounded, 60,086 prisoners of war and 92,233 missing in action. The Navy total included 33,862 dead, 40,783 wounded, 10,546 missing and 4,474 prisoners of war.

Secretary of War Stimson announced that Allied armies have captured more than 900,000 Germans in Western Europe since D-day. These

Did They Take YOUR Place?



Ex-Street Cleaner Offers Criticism To Both Parties

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Rep. William J. Gallagher, who once swept the streets of Minneapolis for a living, made his first speech in the House yesterday. While he didn't go to say much—Republicans and Democrats kept interrupting him—the mild little Congressman got his message over, criticizing both parties.

He told Republican their party is going the way of the Whigs and Federalists, and denounced them for "singing hymns of hate" at the administration without offering constructive criticism.

At one point, Rep. McDonough (R., Calif.) arose in the tumult to inquire of Gallagher, "Who's making this speech on your 30 minutes?" But Gallagher smilingly yielded the floor to everybody who wanted it.

At last he managed to drive home these thoughts to Republicans: "join in and give your talents for the benefit of the whole country in this hour of need. Unite and work for the benefit of the country or pass out of the picture in the next four years." To Democrats: "No man is perfect. No man can be President as many years as Franklin Delano Roosevelt without making mistakes. But he has done great things, and the greatest of these is financial reform."

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It Happened at Home

Life is Tough at Home: Panties Shortage Dims Domestic Scene

The Stars and Stripes U. S. Bureau

NEW YORK, Feb. 22—Don't blush now, but it is necessary to convey in this report to the foxholes that another shortage has darkened the American scene. Panties. This is because of the War Production Board's newest list of vital low cost items which must be kept available. Washington didn't think women's stockings were vital, but the women did and they mobbed stores, snapping up available supplies as soon as the word of the ruling got around.

"It's not life-and-death, yet, though. Benign old Uncle Sam declared when the shortage becomes too acute, he'll modify the rules.

It hurt D. D. Osley, Howard County, Ind., farmer, so bad he offered to swap a two-year-old horse for 15 cartons of cigarettes. James W. Burch and Ernest Wade, of Indianapolis, answered his advertisement in the Kokomo Tribune. They said they'd made special arrangements with wholesalers—and nobody inquired further. Let it never be said that this department snuffed anybody's horse deal.

Few Warlike News Restrictions, Editor Says

IN NEW YORK, Edwin L. James, managing editor of the New York Times, told a group of teachers attending a Times course on newspaper papers that the American press today is practically past the danger of radical wartime restrictions on news. He praised the work of Byron Price, director of the Office of Censorship. But he used the occasion to bring up, pointedly, a question of the future. James thinks the peace conference, when it occurs should not be censored as was Versailles.

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Nurses Enroute to U. S. From Jap Prison Camps

AT HERE'S the day's best piece of news from the Pacific: In Honolulu 54 American nurses flew into Hawaii yesterday on their way home from Batan and Corregidor, after three years' internment by the Japanese in the Philippines. The nurses were rescued in Gen. MacArthur's Luzon conquest.

Officially received at Honolulu, they were re-introduced to the first real comforts they have known in 36 months—almost forgotten luxuries such as real beds, showers and a beauty parlor set up by Hickam Field Wacs.

Maj. Juanita Redmond, last American nurse flown out of Batan, was in charge of the group.

Fire Department Turns Out for One C's rule

FROM SALT LAKE CITY comes news that seven pieces of fire equipment answered an alarm from a downtown tavern. That's okay and probably fun, but it goes on to say the firemen found a blazing cigarette in a cuspidor.

Colonel's corner: John Foster, counselor of the British Embassy in Washington, arrived in the D. C. after a considerable absence wearing the uniform of a brigadier in the British Army. A friend who had known him in civilian days said, "I see you are a general, now." Brushing off his crown with a languid gesture Foster replied, "Yes, a man's got to start somewhere."

Here is the difference between Boston and Denver: a few hours before the eastern dog show was due to open, the Office of Defense Transport stepped in and called off the Boston affair. But in Denver there are lots of dogs. Robert Ames got mad about dogs running after him as he bicycled through the streets, so he got a gun and shot one. Fine, \$200.

In the Wake of a Tornado



Court Rules Wacs Are Really Soldiers

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 22—Federal Judge Harold P. Burke ruled yesterday that a member of the WAC is a soldier, denying a defense motion to set aside the conviction of Jake Williams, 43, Buffalo, of harboring and concealing Pvt. Irene Alice Way, 30, formerly of Zanesville, Ohio. The defense contended the law in the case specified "soldiers."

Holding that a soldier need not necessarily be a combatant, the judge upheld the government's contention that the statute transforming the WAAC into the WAC made the organization a component part of the Army, and members thus became subject to all laws and regulations applicable to enlisted men.

Nurse Draft Bill in House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (ANS)—A bill to draft unmarried graduate nurses from 19 to 45 years of age was approved today by the House Military Affairs Committee. It will be the first proposal to draft women to reach the House.

J. T. Smith sits amid the wreckage of his home in Montgomery, Ala., after the city was hit by a disastrous tornado that swept through eastern Mississippi and part of Alabama. The terrible twister left more than 40 dead in its wake and leveled 300 homes in Montgomery. International News Photo

Too Fast for Humans

4-Minute Mile Impossible, Parson Dodds Says

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 22 (ANS)—Gil Dodds, American indoor mile champion who hung up his running shoes to be a preacher, said today that a 4-minute mile is beyond human capability. Dodds, on a preaching tour of the south, believes a pair of human legs capable of that performance just haven't been made.

"I've tried it repeatedly, using every possible method. I've tried a fast first quarter, fast third quarter, everything I could muster in the finishing kick, but I've never even come close," said Dodds with resignation.

The Parson said there was nobody in the United States capable of beating Gunder Haag. "Nobody in training now could beat Haag," Dodds said. "although I think that he might be able to do it if he got back into shape. Without trying to sound my own horn, I think



Gil Dodds

maybe I could beat Haag on an indoor track."

In his new full-time career as a preacher, Dodds draws heavily upon his athletic experiences in his sermons. He says that many Biblical characters were athletes and tells his audiences clean living and conditioning were part of their lives.

All-Star Game Is Cancelled After ODT Asks Cut in Baseball Travel

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (ANS)—Baseball officials have received a "request" from the Office of Defense Transportation to curtail team travel by 25 percent this year, and as a result the 1945 All-Star baseball game, scheduled for July in Boston, has been cancelled.

ODT announced it was formulating a policy which would result in a like cut in all athletic travel, both amateur and professional, but decisions announced yesterday dealt primarily with baseball and were received by Will Harridge and Ford Frick, presidents of the two major leagues who were here for two days discussing baseball's problems with officials.

Fate of the World Series was not immediately announced, but officials made clear that unless the situation changes drastically before October that too may be cancelled.

ODT 'Suggestions'

Baseball officials have received four separate "suggestions" from J. Monroe Johnson, ODT director:

1—Games will be played only at the home field of one of the competing teams except at Army or Navy posts, in which case the military will provide transportation. Pre-season training will continue in or near the team's home city.

2—Ball clubs will cut their rosters as far as possible while on the road.

3—World Series games will be played only if transportation and war conditions permit.

4—All clubs will re-examine their schedules and effect any possible savings in transportation.

Frick and Harridge said they were "very well pleased" after conferences in the office of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes and with ODT.

Travel Saving

Frick estimated junking the All-Star game would result in saving at least a half million passenger miles. Counting players, coaches, writers and officials, about 500 "working persons" are involved in the All-Star game plus travel to the contest by fans.

Johnson commended baseball's cooperation, which he termed "exemplary," and said baseball was an excellent travel deterrent.

"Twenty thousand fans in the grandstand seats probably means several thousand fewer travellers in railroad and bus seats," Johnson said. "In that way a comparatively reasonable amount of travel by baseball groups is a good investment in the general travel conservation economy."

"However, the transportation situation this year is so critical that I am asking baseball to effect such further economies as will permit continuance of the national game."

Lumbago Hospitalizes Conn

LONDON, Feb. 22 — Cpl. Billy Conn, No. 1 contender for heavyweight champion Joe Louis' crown, has been taken to a hospital in Hertfordshire to be treated for lumbago, it was learned today from sources.

McQuinn's Injury To Get WD Ruling

CAMP LEE, Va., Feb. 22 (ANS)—The case of George McQuinn, St. Louis Browns first baseman who has been undergoing an exhaustive physical examination here, has been referred to the War Department for a final decision.

McQuinn was classified 4-F two years ago for a back injury and when he was recalled recently he was sent to the hospital here for further examination. He will be notified by his Arlington, Va. draft board in a few days as to the War Department decision.

BASKETBALL SCORES

Navy 73, Fordham 30
St. John's 24, New York Univ. 30
C. N. Y. 57, Brooklyn 54
Syracuse 51, Temple 49
Muhlenberg 54; Franklin-Marshall 41
Virginia Poly 57, V. M. I. 34
Loyola (N. O.) 60, Camp Piaule 48
Texas Christian 55, Baylor 24
Rider 60, St. Francis 49
Denison 73, Miami (Ohio) 32
Busquehanna 42, Elizabethtown 34
Akron 85, Heidelberg 28
Murray State 39, Moorehead 38
Glennan Hospital 58, Tulsa 48
Wahpeton Science 22, N. D. State 19

Sees Hubbell on Eve Of Sparkling Career

MIAMI, Feb. 22 (ANS)—Edward Thomas McGonigle Brannick, the genial secretary of the New York Giants who has been rooting for that club since it moved into New York, predicted today that Carl Hubbell, the greatest lefthander in the team's history, is on the brink of an entirely new career. Brannick says the old screwballer is destined to become one of the game's best farm executives.

Brannick said the Giants were particularly fortunate in having a combination of Mel Ott directing the Giants and Hubbell running the farms.

"Hubbell is very conscientious and highly interested in his work. He will spare himself no trouble in tracking down ball players. Besides that he is tremendously popular throughout the country and you'd be surprised how much that means when folks sit down to tip off a big league club on a prospect," Brannick said.

U.S. Asks Rematch With Sugar Robinson

NEW YORK, Feb. 22—The New York Sunday News said that Ray "Sugar" Robinson has been ordered to report to the Grand Central Palace, Feb. 27, for what Selective Service is billing as another reinduction examination. Following is a partial rehash of the story written by Dave Charnay and Art Smith:

Uncle Sam wants a return match with "Sugar" Robinson, the gold-plated welterweight ring attraction, who last June was honorably discharged from the Army under singularly mysterious circumstances. The Negro ring star, who drew a \$94,000 gate in Chicago a week ago and who is scheduled to meet Jake Lamotta in the Garden, has been ordered to report to the Grand Central Palace on Feb. 27 for what Selective Service is billing as another reinduction examination.

Last spring Joe Louis and Robin-

son, who had just completed tours to Army camps in this country, were set to sail for Europe and entertain with lectures and exhibitions for fighting men of the Allies, but the ship sailed without "Sugar."

Robinson was sent to Fort Jay on Governors Island, from which he was transferred to Halloran Hospital. The Army kept quiet about his being there until Louis and his troupe of uniformed boxers arrived in England. This was in April. The "Sugar" next came to light and flesh. He had been discharged on a sub Section Eight (of AR 615-368) which means that he was honorably discharged for what the Army calls "ineptness."

Without delay, the topflight welterweight began fighting for cash. He hit small towns scattered throughout the country and finally, last Friday, hauled into Chicago

where, before a \$94,000 house he outsugared George Costner in 2-55 of the first round. At that time there was no hint whatever as far as either public or the "Beach" knew that Ray was to take another Army physical.

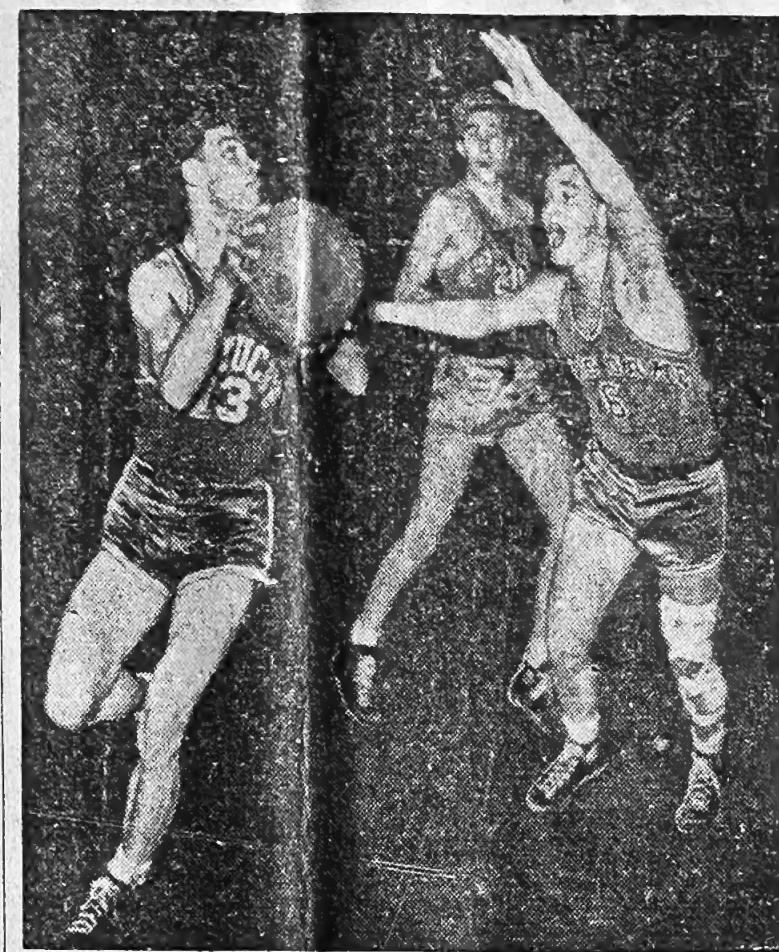
It was learned that the type of discharge given to Robinson last June is what is called a "white" discharge, while ordinarily a man discharged under Section Eight gets a "blue" discharge.

Regulations provide that if a Section Eight discharger is to be reprocessed for the Armed Service, a waiver first must be obtained from Maj. Gen. Louis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service. It was learned that this waiver already has been obtained and, in Sugar's case, that he received his notice to appear for examination under his right name, Walker Smith.

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'Hey, Hold It!'



And he did! Parker, Kentucky forward (13) had every intention of letting go with a shot for the Notre Dame basket during a recent clash between the teams but Hassett, Irish guard (6) put the squeeze to his rival and the shot never even got off. That Notre Dame onlooker in the background is Boryla.

Redmen Top N.Y.U. Five, 34-30; CCNY Defeats Brooklyn College

NEW YORK, Feb. 22 (ANS)—In the feature of a collegiate twin-showing, St. John's thwarted a belated rally by New York University to shade the Violets, 34-30, before an overflow throng of 18,134 in Madison Square Garden tonight. City beat Brooklyn College, 57-55.

It was the 15th victory in 17 starts for the Indians and the sixth reversal against 11 wins for N. Y. U. City College scored its tenth success in 13 tries, while Brooklyn stepped to the 500 percent mark with eight triumphs and eight setbacks.

Brooklyn held a slim leeway during the opening half, leading 31-28 at the intermission. Bill Rosenblatt, Whitey Levey and Al Goodlerner each contributed three field goals to the cause. However, the Beavers opened the throttle midway through the second half and pulled away to a 48-39 lead on two successive baskets by Paul Schmones and one each by Sam Smolowitz, Hal Korovin and a pair of rapid fire shots by Sid Finger.

The first half of the featured nightcap was ragged. St. John's enjoyed an 18-13 half-time lead, but neither club was able to round out a smooth-working floor game.

Although Adolph Schayes, N. Y. U.'s 16-year-old freshman center sensation, demonstrated a floor superiority over the Redmen's more experienced Ivy Summer, the Violets were unable to overtake the Brooklynites during the last half. The Violets threatened upon the return to the floor when Schayes and



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Pudent Poets

The Million-Dollar Wound

(Sing to tune of "I Found a Million-Dollar Baby")

I've got a million-dollar wound boys;
I've got a badly broken bone;
I've got a million-dollar wound boys
That is taking me back home.

'They're going to wrap me in a cast boys
For maybe half a year or so,
Then I'll be following the war boys
On my good old radio.

Say hello to Berlin
And to Tokyo too;
Give them hell for me boys
So I can read it in the news.

Now listen:
Massage your feet and keep your
sox dry.
Don't mind the mortars when they
mean:
For I've got a million-dollar wound
boys
That is taking me back home.

—Sgt. Orey Y. Shrogin

Rear Echelon Infantry

The old man gave a talk last night
And said rear echelon soon would
fight.
We'll turn in crosses and medical
kits
And join the infantry to do our bit.

The first hour in combat will be
quite tough
Of B's and mortars we'll get
enough
We'll lay in mud and pray like hell
And think of rear echelon where
things were swell.

But let's all be doughboys true
Cause there were plenty of guys
just like you.
They went in when the going was
tough
And all died before they had
enough.

We're all scared and know that
right
But let's go in and give a damn
good fight
So all you medics and rear echelon
too,
Let's show the Infantry what we
can do.

—Sgt. Henry Marcantonio

To Flo

I had a date with you last night.
We had a lovely time;
The wine and food were perfect;
The music was divine.
We danced till 3 a.m.
Went home the longest way.
And when we finally said good-
night

'Twas almost break of day
What's more I wore no uniform.
The war was fought and won;
The fear, the hate, and misery
Were over with and done.
Oh, yes, I was only dreaming;
A lot of which I do.
But then I always add a prayer
And hope it may come true.
Each day when I arise to see
Another day for me to greet,
I think of you so far away
And pray to God that we'll soon
meet.

—Pvt. Bill Mullins

To Be With You

It matters not what I may be,
I do not care what things I see,
Viewing the world's pretended
pleasures
Invokes in me still greater measures
To have you back again with me.
No matter what Fate tries to do
In his endless strife to rend anew,
I will not falter; will not tire;
Fate's worst decrees will in me
inspire
My undying hope to be with you.

—1st Sgt. Don Radnovich

LI'L ABNER

THE STARS AND STRIPES

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By Al Capp



TERRY AND THE PIRATES

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By Milton Caniff



ABBY AN' SLATS

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DICK TRACY

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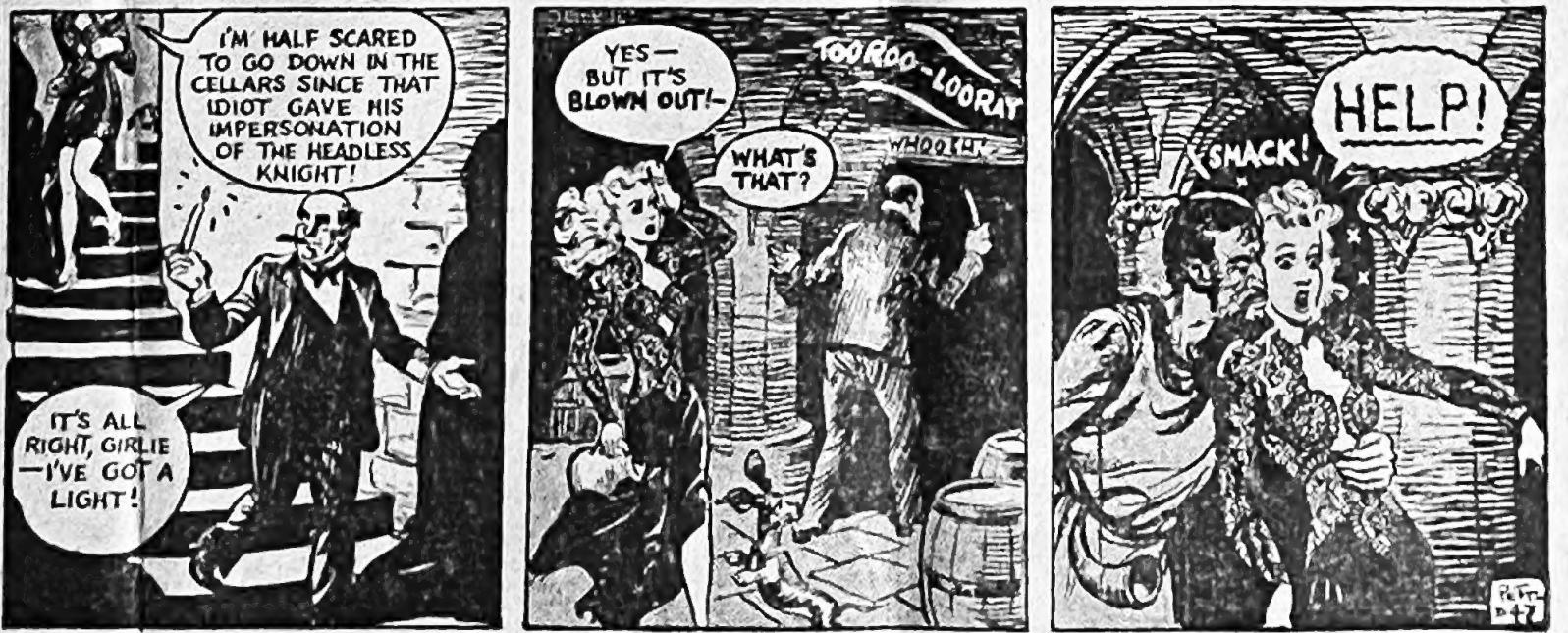
By Chester Gould



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By Norman Pett



Stimson Reports War Department Will Move From Europe Equipment Of Effective Use in Pacific War

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The War Department will transfer from Europe the maximum equipment which can be used effectively against Japan, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said today. Stimson, in a letter which appeared in the Congressional Record today, contradicted statements by highly placed anonymous Government officials who said troops shifted from Europe to the Pacific theater would leave behind the bulk of their equipment in the interest of speed and would be largely rearmed later.

The report, particularly an Associated Press story on Jan. 31 making it public, was submitted to Stimson by Rep. Albert J. Engel (D., Mich.) along with a request that the War Secretary state whether or not he adopted such a policy and his reasons.

Engel bluntly told Stimson that his (Engel's) support of the next War Department appropriation bill would depend largely upon Stimson's reply. It was reported by AP today. Stimson's letter, entered in the Record by Engel, said the War Department "contemplates making maximum use of all equipment which can be utilized effectively in the war against Japan, regardless of where the equipment is located."

All Possible Transfers

"The expressed goal of the present War Department policy is a maximum transfer of equipment to the Pacific from Europe, and from all inactive theaters. There is no War Department policy which contemplates duplication of production."

Engel also incorporated in the Record a statement of his own revealing that earlier requests of the Army for information got a confusing answer.

Following publication of the original report, another high Government source gave a similar account stating that production policy could not be based upon the hope of using left-over armaments after the Nazi collapse since it was hoped to bring about the transfer of troops as quickly as possible.

Ultimately, these sources said, such equipment as was usable would be sent to the new war theater or returned to this country.

Stimson's letter acknowledged that the end of the European war would find certain American equipment and supplies on hand in Europe which "because of wear and tear or the very nature of it" could not be shipped to the Pacific.

Such supplies would have to be disposed of "as good judgment and common sense dictate," Stimson wrote.

Allies Take First Coal From Reich

By A Staff Correspondent

WITH THE 9TH ARMY, Feb. 22.—The first export from occupied Germany to the looted countries of western Europe rolled toward Luxembourg today.

The export was coal and today's load—approximately 256 tons—was the first of more than 16,000 tons which are to be taken from the giant yards at Alsdorf, near Aachen, and shipped to the little principality for use in civilian industry there.

According to Maj. Thomas Williamson, of Bluefield, Va., who heads the German Solid Fuels Sub-section of SHAEF's G-4 branch, this was the first export since the Allied entry into the Reich and is a "forerunner of bigger things to come."

Williamson predicted that when, as in the last war, we occupy the Ruhr area, vast amounts of Germany's coal would be used to supply the fuel-starved liberated countries. He said that "we hope to exploit all the German mines under our control for such uses as soon as possible."

Confidence Vote On Crimea Talks Churchill's Aim

LONDON, Feb. 22 (AP)—Prime Minister Churchill's government announced today that it would seek a direct vote of confidence from Commons next week at the end of debate on the Crimean Conference.

Some members of Commons predicted that the debate would be the most important of the year.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden said that debate would arise on a government motion stating "that this house approves the declaration of joint policy agreed to by the Three Great Powers at the Crimea Conference, and in particular welcomes the determination to maintain unity of action not only in achieving final defeat of the common enemy but thereafter in peace as in war."

The motion is certain of being approved overwhelmingly, despite sharp exchanges that will occur over the Polish issue.

Big Three Assure France

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22 (AP)—France has been assured that the Big Three made no secret agreements at Yalta about the governments of liberated countries of Europe.

France had felt that the Big Three's foreign ministers would determine policy in the periodical meetings outlined at Yalta, and that if France agreed to help administer the affairs of disturbed countries, she would have no voice in deciding policy.

Major Freed

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If they were hungry, but emphasized that the food be for their own use.

He testified of frequently inspecting trains operated by his battalion, but said he had never seen any signs of looting.

Marlin testified that he became a major without any military experience. "I wanted to serve," he said of his start in the army, "so I wrote to the War Department outlining my railway experience and requesting a commission. Right away, I was notified that I would be made a major and told to report for a physical examination. I had four weeks of training at Camp Stoneman."

General Lauds Railroads

PARIS, Feb. 22—Maj. Gen. Frank S. Ross, ETOUSA chief of transportation, yesterday made public a letter he had sent several weeks ago commanding American railroads for sacrificing "trained manpower from their own organization" to enable the transportation corps to rush men and material to the front.

According to an announcement made yesterday at Com Z headquarters, the railroads responded immediately to General Ross' request last fall for additional trained personnel.

"We feel confident," General Ross said in his letter of commendation. "That when history is written, the contribution of the American railroads in the form of railroad men in the Transportation Corps' military railway service will be one to which you can always point with pride."

Annie Oakleys, Russian Style



From their hiding place in the tall grass, these volunteer girl snipers are ready and more than willing to zero in some Nazi's head. Soviet women are playing a big role in Russia's drive on Berlin.

Army Deserters Help to Crowd Berlin, Says Suede Who Just Left

A correspondent of the Stockholm *Aftonbladet*, who has just left Berlin after a two-and-one-half-year stay, describes in this copyrighted article the mood and appearance of the city as it waits for the Red Army's next blows. The Associated Press, which distributed the article, says the writer is the first Swedish correspondent definitely to leave Germany since 1943.

By HERJE GRANBERG

I have just left Berlin, city of the doomed, where the arrival of German army deserters has helped to spread a creeping paralysis among the capital's barricaded, bomb-dotted inhabitants.

As the front moved closer to Berlin, more and more deserters slipped into the city. One day by chance I overheard a desperate mother discussing with another woman the possibilities of concealing her son and 37 comrades who had deserted. This woman, a fanatic, was worried about making the decision.

I didn't give the matter much thought but the same day, the spokesman for Berlin's Gauleiter urged the population to report immediately the presence of deserters and threatened severe penalties for concealing them.

Berlin's fall may not come as rapidly as most people believe. The suburbs and the city itself have tens of thousands of barricades and

mines. Ruins have been transformed into fortresses.

When I drove from Berlin, it took me 90 minutes to travel six miles—not because of military pickets but because the barricades were so thick it was difficult to pass them. If everything goes "according to plan," one may predict that Berlin's conquest will require six to eight weeks.

Staffs Evacuated

High military staffs were evacuated hastily from Berlin last week.

The government already had been evacuated in part after the heavy American raid. Several ministries were laid in ruins on that-bloody Saturday—the result of American carpet bombing—and men worked long into the night recovering archives and taking them away.

Although Berlin has been formally declared a fortress, the possibility of escape never really existed for the civilian population for weeks. Berlin simply cannot be evacuated because there is no place and no means to go.

Iwo Jima

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Div. victory over the Japanese in the invasions of Bougainville and Guam, made a timely arrival on Wednesday Adm. Nimitz, in announcing the new landing, said that the Japanese then were holding the Marines on Iwo to no appreciable gains.

The Marines, who had sealed off the southern third of the tiny island, encountered tough going against enemy pillboxes on the mud slopes of Mt. Suribachi. In the push toward the fighter field, deep volcanic sands impeded and at times stopped U. S. mobile guns, tanks and tank destroyers.

2nd Army Gains On 50-Mile Line; Spans Saar River

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boats as other units of the division closed up along the river's banks and took four towns.

Stars and Stripes correspondent James Cannon, with the 3d Army, reported the collapse of enemy resistance in the Moselle-Saar triangle, where approximately 40 towns in an area of 80 square miles were cleared. Third Armored Div. elements clearing the triangle mopped up two pockets, one of them two miles by three and the other two miles by four.

Cannon said the Saar river is now held from the junction of the Moselle southward to the Saarbittern area, with Patton elements overlooking Konz. Within the triangle, the towns of Fellerich and Rommelganger were captured after a four-day operation by the 34th Div. and other elements.

North of it, Patton's cavalry drove the last German forces out of the Duchy of Luxembourg in advances east of Vianden. Ten miles north of Vianden, armored troops captured the road hub of Durbuy.

Pincers Threatened

In the Echternach bridgehead, meanwhile, 80th Inf. Div. doughs slugged their way a mile toward the Prum River.

These advances by the 80th bulged 3d Army's lines eastward and formed the southern jaw of a pincer beginning to encircle a Nazi salient extending northward along the Luxembourg-German frontier to the vicinity of Prum. There, 80th Inf. Div. doughs driving southeast are forging the northern jaw.

Approximately nine miles separated forward elements of the two divisions which appeared to be driving to close the pincer, a move that would trap what Nazis remain along the frontier.

The Germans were officially reported to have suffered heavy losses in the 3d Army's new drive, which in three days has cleared up to 40 inhabited German places, gone 10 miles or more and widened Siegfried Line penetrations.

Patton's losses were officially described as comparatively light.

His men took 1,925 prisoners in the 24-hour period ending today to swell their February bag to 13,015.

Since Jan. 29, when they smashed into the Siegfried Line east of Luxembourg, they have taken 936 pillboxes.

Operating on this front with the 90th, 28th, 80th, 5th, 76th and 94th Inf. Divs. are two armored divisions, the 11th and 6th.

Red Army

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Neisse, an Oder River tributary along which the Nazis hoped to hold the flanking attack against Berlin, appeared to be strongest at two points—around Guben, 85 miles southeast of Berlin, and above Goerlitz, about 50 miles northeast of Dresden. Soviet forces had reached the barrier in several other sectors, however.

The Soviet communiqué reported that troops south of Guben had reached the Neisse and had occupied more than 60 inhabited places. Other forces of Marshal Koniev's army captured three suburbs of the encircled city of Breslau.

Unofficial reports from Moscow indicated that several bridgeheads had been thrust across the Neisse, but there was no official word that the river had been crossed at any point.

The Soviet communiqué reported that Russian troops on the Samland Peninsula, west of Koenigsberg, were repelling strong attacks. Other forces tightened the ring around the Germans and captured the town of Zinten, 17 miles from Koenigsberg.

5th Army Goes Ahead, Takes Big Bag of PWs

Troops of the U. S. 5th Army gained a half mile and captured many prisoners in following up the repulse of German counter-attacks near Monte Belvedere, southwest of Bologna.

Meanwhile, dispatches from the frontier town of Chiasso said that the Germans had moved five divisions through the Brenner Pass from Northern Italy to Germany during the last week, snapping the western sector of the line around Geneva and Turin.