

# Tanks 100 Miles Beyond Rhine

## Main German Line in West Broken, Ike Says

### Warns Foe May Still Make Stand

By Jules Grad

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

SHAFF, Mar. 27—Germany's main defense line on the Western Front has been smashed, Gen. Eisenhower announced today, but warned against expecting a clear road to Berlin.

"I would say that the Germans as a military force on the Western Front are a whipped army," the Supreme Commander told a press conference of SHAFF correspondents. But he hastily added: "That does not mean that a front cannot be formed somewhere where our maintenance is stretched to the limit and their defensive means can be better brought to bear."

There will be no "negotiated unconditional surrender," said the General in answer to a question. "There will be an imposed unconditional surrender, and the first thing to do is to enforce order and we're going to have to do that by force of arms."

#### Reviews Rhine Campaign

Standing before an 18-foot map of the Western Front, Eisenhower reviewed the Rhine-bound campaign, climaxed by the river crossing. He asserted the end of this campaign meant that the Allies had reached the conclusion of one phase and were now entering another.

"There have been a quarter of a million Germans captured since Mar. 1," the General said. "You can see what a quarter of a million means."

He said the Rhine crossing "has gone much quicker and has been much less costly than we expected," and recalled that on the first day's crossing two U.S. infantry divisions—the 30th and 79th—had fewer than 35 men killed.

Paying high tribute to all his Allied commanders, "for teamwork wins wars—Allied teamwork and teamwork among the services . . ." Eisenhower declared "the elimination of the German troops west of the Rhine was one of the greatest victories in this or any other war."

#### Couldn't Stand Losses

He repeated his belief made at his last press conference several weeks ago that if the Germans lost Silesia, the Saar and Ruhr, the Wehrmacht's power to continue the war could not be prolonged for a long period.

The Ardennes offensive, said the General, "was the costliest mistake the Germans have made since their decision to stand in the face of our Avranches breakthrough last Summer."

He denied reports that German civilians were firing in organized bands on American troops east of the Rhine, but asserted: "I have told my Army commanders that any civilian resistance will be dealt with sternly and on the spot. I will not tolerate civilians out of uniform firing on my troops."

Asked about non-fraternization, the Supreme Commander said he thought the conduct of the Allied troops had been exemplary. He admitted that he would be amazed if some did not sneak round to the back doors and get a bit of wine or whatever else they were looking for.

In answer to the query as to when it (Continued on back page)

### Food for Larders—and for Thought



U.S. Army Signal Corp Photos

Defeat has come to the haughty Herrenvolk and, where they have been overrun by U.S. troops, they show it. Top photo shows a 7th Army MP taking confiscated food from prisoners, who are being searched for weapons, and throwing it to eager German civilians. Lower, a one-time member of the Hitler Youth stares blankly at the ruin and destruction that broke his and his Fuehrer's dreams of conquest.

### 'Stay On Job'—FDR to Staff

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27—President Roosevelt started a torrent of rumors in the U.S. today that victory in Europe was immediate when he directed his Cabinet members and their staffs to stick to their jobs during the "present critical time."

Until the White House issued a later statement explaining that the President's order was intended merely to ease the strain of communications imposed by the San Francisco conference, peace talk hummed everywhere. Newspapers and radio stations were besieged with inquiries.

### B29s Strike Kyushu; Libs Hit Formosa

The air war against Jap bases from Formosa to the home islands was sustained through its tenth successive day yesterday when more than 200 Superforts *Okinawa islanas in the Ryukyus* 300 miles to the south. Allied announcements said.

Tokyo reported another U.S. landing in the Philippines and claimed to have beaten off an attempted invasion in the Ryukyus. Neither enemy claim had Allied confirmation.

B29s from the Marianas, reverting to a high-altitude raid, hit airfields and an aircraft plant on Kyushu, most southerly of the Jap home islands, while Philippine-based Libs continued the "neutralization" of Formosa, 300 miles north of Luzon.

Pacific Fleet HQ at Guam said U.S. battleships and carrier planes had shelled and bombed Okinawa Monday for the third time in four days. There still was no confirmation of Tokyo reports of U.S. landing attempts in the Ryukyus. The Japs estimated the roving naval carrier force at more than 1,000 planes.

According to an enemy broadcast, the invasion of Cebu—the last large Philippine island in Jap hands—got under way Monday morning. Gen. MacArthur, however, announced only that the heaviest air attack on Cebu had been staged that day. The Japs said American troops followed up a naval bombardment of Cebu by landing at Talisay, on the east coast.

A new summary of enemy casualties in the Philippines brought the total dead to 297,000 in the five-month-old campaign.

#### Reds Rescue U.S. Fliers

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (ANS)—A State Department official said today that Chinese Communists in North China had rescued many American fliers, including Superfort crews, in Japanese occupied territories.

### 5 Allied Armies Roll Ahead Against Crumbling Enemy

Five Allied armies were on the run in Germany yesterday—but running toward Berlin in what dispatches described as the climactic phase of the war in the West. Security blackouts and time-lags on reports from the front cloaked the actual whereabouts of Gen. Eisenhower's many spearheads thrusting eastward through crumbling opposition. Highlighting the latest developments were reports that 3rd Army tanks were about 35 miles from Nuremberg, putting them 100 miles east of the Rhine, and that 1st Army tanks were already 54 miles east of the Rhine.

Dispatches stressed that the Allied command was taking no chances on its advance elements running low on the stuff they needed to keep on going. Long lines of supply columns, getting priority on bridges and at traffic points, roared along in the wake of the ram-paging armor.

Droves of German prisoners, disbelief in their eyes, trudged back along the roads over which the weapons, fuel and men were rolling up to the runaway armored columns. Tankmen, too busy to attend to prisoners, sent many of them toward the rear without escort and went on.

This was the situation along the Western Front, from north to south, as pictured in last night's dispatches:

21st Army Group—Troops of the U.S. 9th Army were said to have bypassed the great industrial center of Duisburg, on the Rhine, and to have pressed to within eight miles of Essen, site of the Krupp munitions works, largest in the world. Doughboys of the 30th Division been sited up by tactical planes on Monday, when 27 tanks and about 500 other vehicles were knocked out. While the main body of the American force apparently was moving southeast beyond Duisburg, doughboys of the 79th Division edged into the outskirts of the city.

German resistance slackened on the northern rim of the British 2nd Army's front, where it had been strongest ever since Saturday's Rhine crossings. With eight bridges over the river in this sector and still others on the 9th Army's area farther south, masses of tanks and supplies continued to pour into Field Mar- (Continued on back page)

### Nazis Admit Reds 20 Miles From Austria

Declaring that the new Russian drive in Hungary "has assumed the proportions of a great offensive," German Radio commentators last night admitted that Marshal Tolbukhin's Red Army troops had reached the Raba River, within 20 miles of the Austrian border.

The Germans also reported that Marshal Zhukov was massing "super tank forces" in the area of Seelow, 28 miles from Berlin.

On Marshal Koniev's front, Marshal Stalin announced last night that troops of the 1st Ukrainian Army had captured two Silesian towns covering the approaches to the Czechoslovak border. These were Stroken, about 20 miles from the frontier, and Rybnik, along the route to the Moravian Gap, leading through the mountains into Czechoslovakia.

German News Agency commentator Von Olberg, however, said Koniev's armor was only three miles from the Czech border, eight miles beyond Rybnik.

Berlin also reported that Marshal Malinovsky's drive along Tolbukhin's right flank on the direct road to Vienna had made gains with the expansion of bridgeheads across the Hron River.

Moscow did not confirm these Nazi reports.

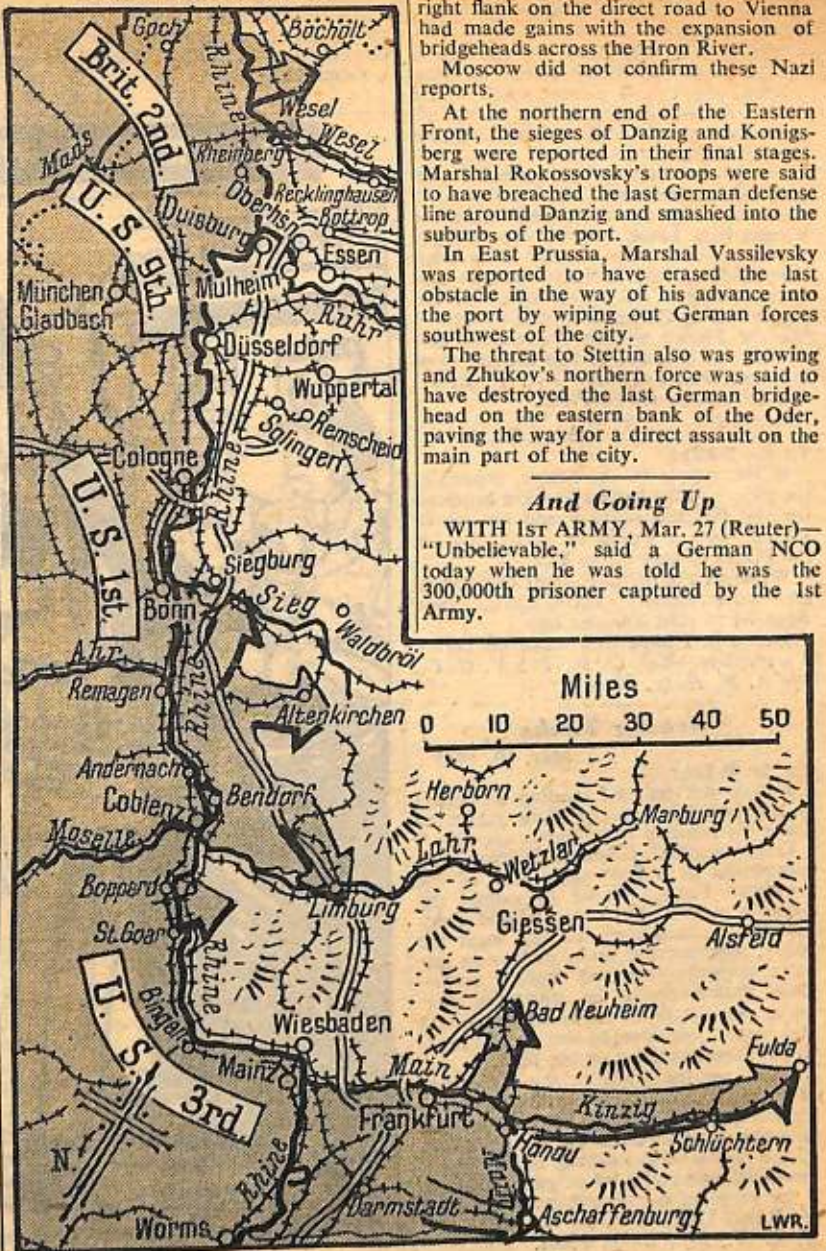
At the northern end of the Eastern Front, the sieges of Danzig and Konigsberg were reported in their final stages. Marshal Rokossovsky's troops were said to have breached the last German defense line around Danzig and smashed into the suburbs of the port.

In East Prussia, Marshal Vassilevsky was reported to have erased the last obstacle in the way of his advance into the port by wiping out German forces southwest of the city.

The threat to Stettin also was growing and Zhukov's northern force was said to have destroyed the last German bridgehead on the eastern bank of the Oder, paving the way for a direct assault on the main part of the city.

#### And Going Up

WITH 1st ARMY, Mar. 27 (Reuter)—"Unbelievable," said a German NCO today when he was told he was the 300,000th prisoner captured by the 1st Army.



### No Matter What the Headlines Say

## The Juggernaut Is Just a Tired Dough

By Ernie Leiser

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH 30th INF. DIV. EAST OF THE RHINE, Mar. 27—The headlines—big black ones—said "9th Army Knifes East." The correspondents back at SHAFF wrote about the "9th Army juggernaut plowing irresistibly through the Wehrmacht."

Riding 10 miles east of the Rhine today along rutty, dusty roads, past columns of tired, dusty infantrymen, past tanks hiding in the pine woods that hadn't been burned out, you finally reached the front—the juggernaut itself.

There was a thin line of unshaven, hollowed-eyed doughs

digging in along the side of the road or watching the Thunderbolts dive on targets in the clump of trees up ahead or just lying there, waiting, trying to rest.

1/Lt. Edward Cope, of Denver, acting executive officer of I Co. of the 117th, looked up from his map and said, "We moved up from the woods back there this morning, up to this point here on the high ground, see? Damned if I know what's on our left flank, but we're supposed to move ahead up to this other high ground here, as soon as the 2nd Bn. can clean out their sector on our right."

"There's a couple of SPs ahead

of them and a few 20mm. flak guns they're using against our troops. Got 'em pinned down right now. There's some of that ahead of us, too. Might cause us plenty trouble when we move up."

Back a little down the road, a pair of machine gunners, Pfc John Greenwalt, of Philadelphia, and Pfc Marvin A. Feller, of Hustisford, Wis., from K Co., were covering a hole they had dug along the road with some railroad ties scattered around.

"We dig holes the engineers never thought of," Feller said.

"And we live longer that way," added Greenwalt, covering the

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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.

Symptoms to Watch For Mar. 23, 1945

To the B-Bag: The question posed in today's B-Bag concerning symptoms by which one can determine whether another Hitler is coming to birth is a rather complex one. It can be answered, but certainly not completely, in the 200-word allotment. Briefly, Hitlerism (or totalitarianism) shows its spots in cartels, in racial hatred, in the curtailment of civil liberties or denying a group its inalienable rights.

It shows its spots in the halls of government that would oppose better housing, better distribution of foodstuffs. It shows its spots in a country where labor unions are torn asunder by political prostitutes who would, because of a party line, disrupt the honest appeals of labor. Hitlerism is bred by the men who would turn their backs on intolerance, on aggression because business means more than human life. Appeasement of these evils is one way of breeding Hitlerism.

It has happened in Germany, and it could happen in the United States. However, we future veterans must watch the individual or organization that offers a panacea, cloaked in honey and money language, but which, in reality, offers the mask for another super-nationalistic form of government.

We must fear the person who ridicules and criticizes a nation, a race, a people, a color. Those are some of the symptoms. Then men who carried umbrellas to Munich and who have the umbrellas breed.—Pfc Walter L. Kirschenbaum, PWD, SHAEF (Rear).

Friends and Neighbors Mar. 19, 1945

To the B-Bag: Among the many letters crossing my desk en route to the States, the name of Pfc Charlie McCarthy caught my eye. It looks as if local draft boards have pulled the bottom out of the barrel.—Lt. B. G. K., A. Censor, Hosp. Plant.

Treatment of POWs Mar. 20, 1945

To the B-Bag: This is to let you know that the fellows in this ward are pretty kissed off after reading about how women back in the States are making (and having) dates with those bastards we have been fighting over here so long.

Every time we turn on the radio over here the announcer tells us not to fraternize with the Germans. Are the women back home told the same thing? I doubt very much if they know what happened to the French women for sympathizing. All American women caught dating Germans should be treated like the French women—have their hair cut off and be made to run around town in their birthday suits.—Pvt. V. E. K. and 29 others, Hosp. Plant.

To the B-Bag: If the people in the States, especially the girls, had the hatred we have acquired for the German soldiers and the whole nation, then it would be dangerous for the POWs to stay in the U.S.

While we are fighting a war our people are unconsciously encouraging these bastards to start another one. Damn it, I hope they wake up before it's too late.—Sgt. O. B., T/5 V. C. C., Pfc A. R., Hosp. Plant.

Heavier Tanks Mar. 10, 1945

To the B-Bag: I have just finished reading an article in the Feb. 12 issue of Time magazine under the heading "Our Tanks are O.K."

Gen. Campbell, Chief of Ordnance, on completion of a four-week tour of the European Front, offered to supply the Army a new 62-ton tank. Field commanders claimed they did not want the heavy, slow-moving tank, preferring our more maneuverable and lighter armor. Gen. Patton made the statement that we've got the finest tanks in the world and would just love to see the German Royal Tiger come up on the field.

I can see the point in the preference of a mobile armor by our higher commanders, but I still fail to see why our tankmen have to buck the thick-shelled, 72-ton Tigers with nothing more than a three-inch gun and a lot of guts. I doubt if the crews of our Shermans love to see the Royal Tigers come on the field.—Pfc H. B. W., Inf., Hosp. Plant.

Hash Marks

Silly Telephone Conversation. Voice on Phone: "How do you feel this morning?" Girl: "All Right." Voice on Phone: "Then I guess I have the wrong number."

A little late but still good. Jack Benny's quip, "Old cigarette vending machines are being reconditioned. They've been fixed so that now you can put in butts and get out money."

It happened in the U.S.A. A certain general was scheduled to make an appearance at a training area and the lieutenant



who was supposed to make advance contact with the inspecting officer was plenty nervous. All morning long he kept pestering the sentry, "Has General So-and-so arrived yet?" The sentry got a bit weary of all this. Finally the sentry challenged a new figure. When the officer identified himself as the long-awaited general, the sentry shook his finger at him and muttered, "The lieutenant is going to be awful mad at you!"

According to a recent Winchell item, post-war life will be rough for some characters. Val Valentino has invented a little gadget which can be carried very handily in any woman's purse. He calls it a lycanthrometer. Says it can spot a lycanthrope at ten feet. According to Webster's dictionary, a lycanthrope is a man "who imagines himself a wolf."

Cause for Divorce? An Oakland, Cal., citizen wants a divorce from his 18-year-old wife. The charge: He came home



one night and found her playing strip poker with four strange men. She wasn't winning either, he complained.

And then there's the GI wolf who always wears bi-focals. He uses the top-half for reconnaissance and the bottom-half to see what he's got after he whistles.

Asked where he expected to be during the reign of the army of occupation, a GI answered gloomily, "I'll Be Around—From Now On."

J. C. W.

An Editorial Omar the Warmaker

BURIED under the avalanche of good news of the Rhine crossings were Gen. George C. Marshall's congratulations to Omar Bradley. "I am filled with admiration," wrote the Chief of Staff, "over your handling of the operations involved in the establishment and development of the Remagen bridgehead, and the clearing of the Saar Valley."

Some men are born with lead linotype slugs in their mouths. When they labor, printer's ink, not sweat, oozes from their pores. Around them crashes the thunder of headlines, the lightning of publicity. Omar Bradley is not one of these.

Always, it seems, the forces and events he directs seem, by their magnitude, to overshadow their master. While others lead the charge, he tends his maps. While the guns speak, the armor clashes and the air vibrates with ten thousand planes, Bradley quietly ponders the morrow's mission. While the fire and fury of battle fix the eyes of the world, Bradley, with



the serenity of a great soldier and a great gentleman, moves men and events to victory.

Omar the Warmaker neither speaks the lines nor sings the arias nor takes the bows. But under Ike

Eisenhower he writes the play, sets the stage, directs the actors and knows the silent satisfaction of the next morning's reviews. The inner glow of seeing other good men get the glory. The contentment of a job well done.

The Juggernaut Is a Tired Dough

(Continued from page 1) ties with some German camouflage net.

Over to the left, a German machine-pistol and a couple of American rifles opened up. Pfc Harold Morgan, of Savannah, Ga., ducked under cover and tried to peer through the woods to see what was going on. "There's supposed to be a Kraut patrol over there," he explained. Pfc Louis Skagen, of the Bronx and K Co., said, "We're getting pretty tired, doc. We haven't had a hell of a lot of sleep since we crossed that river back there."

Pfc Raymond Nowicki, of Chicago, was surrounded by a few guys, and was showing them the hole in his pants made by a shell fragment that had come at him a few hours ago.

"I was afraid to look down at my leg for a while," he said, "I thought it had been blown off. And look, that's all it did." "Close, though," he added.

Back a little and out of the woods from the left—where the sound of firing had come—Sgt. Ralph Todd, of Preston, Md.,

shepherded in three Kraut prisoners, two middle-aged men and a kid, the first slightly wounded.

"They killed five more of them," he announced without a shade of emotion. He tossed the butt of his own cigarette to one of the prisoners to light his cigarette.

Still farther back along the road a handful more of men looked out of their hole as some people walked by, yawned, spat and slumped back wearily.

This was the front. This was the juggernaut.

Roads to Ruin

By Hal Boyle

Associated Press Correspondent WITH AN AMERICAN ARMORED COLUMN ON THE ROAD TO BERLIN, Mar. 27 (AP)—I am on the greatest armored joyride in history—and Hitler literally paved the way to his own downfall.

These great single- and double-lane motor roads he built to move his armies from the heart of Germany to attack neighboring countries are now proving his undoing.

These are smooth, concrete avenues to Berlin and other great German cities, over which the mightiest masses of tanks ever assembled in the West are rolling at blitzkrieg pace in a dozen columns from so many directions the Germans are powerless to scrape together enough troops to stop them.

These columns swept through some towns so fast householders did not have enough time to put out their white surrender flags.

Armored vehicles escort ammunition and food trains far behind the ranging columns of spearhead tanks and guard them against ambush. Despite advances of 20 to 35 miles a day not one tank has run out of shells nor has a single soldier gone without food.

"We are getting most of the men at least one hot meal a day even at the rate they are traveling and fighting," said one commander. "I don't know of any other army in the world that could equal our combat supply record in this advance toward Berlin."

AFN Radio Program

- Wednesday, Mar. 28
1200—World News.
1205—Duffie Bag.
1300—Headlines—Radio Theater.
1400—World News.
1410—Down Beat.
1430—Let's Go to Town.
1500—Headlines—Strike up the Band.
1530—Combat Diary.
1545—On the Record.
1630—Great Moments in Music.
1700—Headlines—Science Magazine.
1730—Intermission.
1800—World News.
1805—Mark up the Map.
1815—GI Supper Club.
1900—Headlines—Take the Air (Eighth Air Force).
1930—Raymond Scott.
1945—Strings With Wings.
2000—Headlines—Combat Diary.
2015—Johnny Mercer's Music Shop.
2030—British Band of the AEF.
2100—World News.
2105—Eddie Condon's Jazz Session.
2130—Bob Hope, with Frances Langford.
2200—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.
2205—Soliloquy.
2235—Mercy Music.
2300—News.

- Thursday, Mar. 29
0800—Headlines—Combat Diary.
0815—Personal Album, with Martha Tilton.
0830—Jill's Juke Box.
0900—World News.
0905—Spotlight on Les Brown.
0925—Waltz Time.
1000—Headlines—Morning After (British Band).
1030—Strike up the Band.
1100—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A.

U.S. Tanks Best On West Front, Patton Declares

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27—Lt. Gen. George S. Patton Jr. has fired a high velocity volley of words and figures at critics of American tanks.

The War Department made public today a letter from the 3rd Army commander to Lt. Gen. Thomas T. Handy, Deputy Chief of Staff, written Mar. 19, in which Patton answered charges that American tanks are not comparable with German Panther or Tiger tanks. This, said Patton, "is wholly incorrect for several reasons."

One he cited is that since the 3rd Army started fighting Germans last summer German tank losses have been virtually double those of the 3rd—2,287 to 1,136.

"But let me add that the 3rd Army has always attacked, and therefore better than 70 per cent of our tank casualties have occurred from German anti-tank guns and not enemy tanks, whereas the majority of the enemy's tanks put out have been put out by our tanks."

Patton conceded that if an American Sherman medium tank were to engage in a fixed-place duel with a Tiger medium it would not last, but he insisted that the purpose of an American tank is not to engage in a slugging match but to attack from the rear.

"With the advent of the heavy, cumbersome Tiger tank the German, in my opinion," Patton said, "lost much of his ability in armored combat. These tanks are so heavy and their road life is so short the German uses them as guns and not as tanks; that is, he uses them on defense against our armor, whereas we invariably try and generally succeed in using our armor on offense against his infantry, which is the proper use of armor."

Losses Were Negligible

"Had armored divisions which accompanied the 3rd Army across France been equipped with Tiger tanks, road losses would have been 100 per cent by the time we reached the Moselle River. As it was, road losses . . . were negligible."

"In the current operation, had the 4th Armored Division been equipped with Tiger and Panther tanks . . . it would have been necessary to rearmor it twice, and, furthermore, it would have had serious if not insurmountable difficulty in crossing rivers."

"Finally, we must remember that all our tanks have to be transported on steamers and the difference between 40 tons and 70 tons is very marked. A 70-ton tank would never have been brought ashore in landing boats as many of our medium tanks were."

"Nor could they have marched from the Cotentin Peninsula to the Rhine as practically all of our tanks have been required to do."

"In mechanical endurance and ease of maintenance, our tanks are infinitely superior to any tank in this theater of war. The outstanding advantage which our tanks possess over German tanks is the mechanical traverse and stabilizer, through use of which we get most of our kills."

MP Dims Out a Star Who Twinkled After 12

NEW YORK, Mar. 27 (ANS)—The Army's ban on military personnel remaining in night spots after midnight caught a one-star general in a Lexington Avenue all-night restaurant last night.

The general was having late supper with his family when the MPs came in and ordered all GIs out. They made a special trip to the general's table and asked him if he were aware of the order. The general said he was . . . and left promptly with his party.

UP FRONT WITH MAULDIN



"One of 'em ain't been in long enough. Th' other one has been in too damn long."

# Wait Till '46 Is Dodgers' Theme Song

By Charlie Slocum

Special to The Stars and Stripes

BEAR MT., N.Y., Mar. 27—Dodger plans and prospects for the forthcoming baseball season are surrounded with mystery, double talk and occasional dissension. To begin with, Dixie Walker is holding out strongly enough to prompt Brother Rickey to term his case "serious" and express doubts as to Dixie's availability for opening day.

The Dodger infield situation is, to put it mildly, deplorable. The most appropriate term to describe the first base problem is fubar.

Howie Schultz, six-foot seven-inch first baseman, has been classified 1-A by his St. Paul draft board and the Dodgers were making plans to put Augie Galan on first. Rickey has come up with the announcement, however that Schultz probably will be available to the Dodgers even though his present deferment is until June to allow him to get a degree at Hamline University.

Rickey said he'd been told by Ford Frick that Schultz would be available. Where Frick got his information Rickey didn't know and Frick ain't talking.

## Cash Incentive Spurs Lippy

At second, for 15 games anyway, Leo Durocher will preside. Rickey has promised the Lip \$1,000 if he plays the first 15 games—and that he will. Eddie Basinski or Eddie Stanky will undoubtedly take over when Leo throws in the sponge. Basinski has been freed from his war plant job by the WMC ruling and is expected soon. Stanky is in the south recovering from pneumonia and when he will be available is not known.

Tommy Brown, Brooklyn youngster who played shortstop part of last season, seems to have gotten the nod for that post and Bill Hart, Durocher's erstwhile whipping boy, has been named third baseman.

Leo told at Leo for trading with Hart and Leo asked Rickey to discipline Frenchy. Rickey refused and they kissed and made up last week. Bordagaray's days in Brooklyn, however, are believed numbered since the Dodgers need a catcher and he is good trading bait.

Galan, Walker and Luis Olmo are believed set for the regular outfield with Red Durrett and Morris Aderholt in reserve. Aderholt has his eyes on first base, but Leo will probably wait for definite word on Schultz before deciding.

The mound staff on opening day will include Hal Gregg, Curt Davis, Ben Chapman, Vic Lombardi, Ralph Branca and Clyde King. What Whit Wyatt does would seem largely up to Wyatt himself. He's dissatisfied with terms and Rickey apparently doesn't want to give him any more. Les Webber is holdout.

Lombardi is a five-foot, seven-inch left-hander with mysterious talents from Montreal's national defense list and Rickey thinks very highly of him. The Deacon says Lombardi has an excellent pitching motion and should win games. Rickey also detected one beautiful part of Lombardi's makeup which he described as a change of pace. What it is a change from Rickey didn't say because Lombardi admittedly has no fast ball.

Stanley Andrews is the only catcher presently available. Mickey Owen apparently has decided to enter service and Rickey will have to make a deal, probably for Bordagaray.

Wait until next year.

By Chester Gould



By Al Capp



# Mikan Paces DePaul Five To Invitational Crown

By Jay Barnes

Special to The Stars and Stripes

NEW YORK, Mar. 27—DePaul's Blue Demons, with big George Mikan registering 34 points, surged forward in the last six minutes last night to down Bowling Green, 71—54, and take the eighth annual Madison Square Garden Invitational cage tournament championship.

Mikan answered once and for all the question as to whether he is just a scorer with height advantage or a real basketball player. Playing opposite Bowling Green's six-foot-11 Don Otten, the six-foot-nine Mikan captured rebounds, directed play and still found time to score 26 points while Otten was in the game with seven minutes to go. Otten fouled out and Mikan turned to sparkling ball-handling and was the key man in the DePaul attack that netted 22 points in the last six and a half minutes.

DePaul supporters almost had heart failure during the opening minutes as Bowling Green started out like a whirlwind, grabbing an 11—0 lead in less than four minutes. Five minutes elapsed before Mikan tossed in a charity shot for DePaul and at the nine-minute mark the Falcons were out front, 16—2.

At that point, however, the Demons turned on the steam, thrilling the crowd with a dazzling passing and shooting exhibition as they climbed into a 20—20 tie with five minutes remaining in the period and pushed out in front, 30—22, at the half.

## Otten Fouls Out

After the intermission the Falcons stuck to within five points of the Demons until the midway mark when a Mikan pivot shot gave DePaul a 42—35 margin. The teams then traded baskets until Otten fouled out, giving the Demons a height advantage, and they proceeded to pour it on.

Except for the opening minutes Mikan made a dope out of Otten, feinting him out of position time after time and limiting the big fellow to seven points, all three baskets coming on tip-ins. Mikan's 34 points gave him a total of 120 for three games and broke every individual scoring record on the Garden books. And his mates' assistance gave DePaul every team scoring mark in tourney history. It came as no surprise when Mikan was named the tourney's most valuable player.

In the opening game St. John's came from behind in the last four minutes to beat Rhode Island, 64—57, for consolation honors. The Redmen led, 42—21, at the half, but with Ernie Calverley hitting five straight baskets the Rams grabbed a 50—49 lead after ten minutes of the second session before running out of gas.

Thursday DePaul meets the winner of Cross national championship tilt.

## Armless Cager



Despite the loss of his left arm, Cpl. Dick Klinger, of Canton, Ohio, handles the ball with ease in a game at Battle Creek's Percy Jones Hospital. Guard Pfc Louis Saucier, of Venice, Ill., failed to stop Klinger from passing to a teammate for a score.

## Coaches Back Big-Time Tilts

NEW YORK, Mar. 27—The National Association of Basketball Coaches yesterday adopted a resolution approving grounds that such participation contributes to the "improvement" of the game.

"The coaches feel that the games away from the college campuses have promoted wholesome interests," the statement said, "generated new playing skills, made for uniform interpretation of the rules and contributed to the improvement of basketball."

The declaration was issued after many coaches had been asked for an opinion on the matter brought into strong focus by the recent Brooklyn College basketball scandal.

## Loss of Grimes, Lindell, Stirnweiss Faces Yanks

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., Mar. 27—Half of the New York Yankees' infield and one-third of its outfield took it on the chin over the weekend—the roughest pushing around the New Yorkers have taken since last fall when they were being bopped by the St. Louis Browns.

Snuffy Stirnweiss, suffering from ulcers, was lifted from second base and 4F to 1A; Oscar Grimes, third baseman, was put in 1A, and Outfielder George Lindell was ordered up for a pre-induction physical.

## Joe Louis' Wife Wins Divorce

CHICAGO, Mar. 27 (UP)—S/Sgt. Joe Louis, world heavyweight boxing champion, was divorced by his wife, Marva Trotter Louis, here today. She alleged that Louis had deserted her last Oct. 2.

Louis' wife started divorce proceedings in 1941, but dropped them after a reconciliation.

## Lombardi's Homer Sparks Ottmen to 9-2 Triumph

BAINBRIDGE, Md., Mar. 27—The New York Giants wound up their three-day exhibition series with Bainbridge Naval yesterday with a 9—2 victory highlighted by Ernie Lombardi's grand slam homer in the first frame.

Leon Treadway, George Hausmann, Mel Ott and Steve Filipowicz singled for two runs and Phil Weintraub walked, loading the bases. Lombardi then smacked an offering of Hugh East, former Giant, over the left field wall.

## Quinn Predicts Tough Time For Stars Seeking Comeback

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27—The argument won't be settled until the war is over and players find out for themselves, but Bob Quinn, 75-year-old farm system supervisor for the Boston Braves, believes that the majority of big league players who entered the service will never return to baseball. After one or two years maybe. But after three or four years no, thinks Mr. Quinn.

"They'll have developed a new set of muscles that are necessary for war," Quinn told reporters, "but will lose the co-ordination so vital for a big leaguer." Quinn pointed out the case of Brave



BOB QUINN

Pitcher Tom Earley, whose first workout after a year in the service showed his shoulder muscles tightened up to the extent that he almost had to "put" the ball as if it were a 16-pound shot.

"Tom's only 27 and he should be able to come around," Quinn said, "but he's a good example. He hasn't thrown a ball in over a year and you can see what has happened to him."

Quinn said he definitely thinks that baseball will have to look to the schools and sandlots for its post-war talent.

## Meade Suspended By Jockey Guild

MIAMI, Mar. 27—Jockey Don Meade, the bad boy of the race tracks who was set down for the duration of the season at Mexico City the other day for "reprehensible conduct," didn't pull that little trick of betting on a nag other than the one he was riding in a race. He went a little farther (if that is possible) and disturbed international relations.

In announcing that the Jockey Guild has followed the action of the stewards of the Hippodromo de Las Americas and suspended Dashing Don, General Manager Jack Cleary said he had learned Meade's crime was "cursing Mexicans as individuals and Mexico as a country."

## A's Whipped by Service Nine

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27—In two exhibition games replete with errors and heavy hitting the Curtis Bay Coast Guard nine defeated the Philadelphia Athletics, 19—8, and the Washington Senators slammed the Boston Braves, 12—5. The St. Louis Browns-Toledo game was rained out.

Around the 48 Yesterday

Blames Food Shortage On Army 'Overbuying'

WASHINGTON—Overbuying by the Army for the European war "on the assumption that it will last for ever" was cited today as the basic reason for the current U.S. food shortage by the American Institute of Food Distribution.

The Institute in its weekly report charged that the Army "overbought and still is overbuying" and was retaining reserve stocks amounting to 6,000,000 tons of food in England and equally large supplies in North Africa and Australia.

At the same time, Wilbur LaRoe Jr., counsel for the Independent Meat Packers Association, testifying before a Senate sub-committee investigating the food crisis, slapped the blame on the Office of Price Administration's pricing policies which, he said, were putting packers out of business and driving meat into black markets.

Meanwhile, President Roosevelt asked Congress to approve U.S. participation in the food and agriculture organization of the United Nations, saying that by doing so the nation would "retain complete freedom of action in determining our national agricultural policies."

The President said the group's work would primarily be to improve nutritional standards, increase farm incomes and avoid agricultural surpluses—not relief.

Mr. Roosevelt's request came on the eve of the scheduled opening tomorrow of the Anglo-American food conference at which arrangements for the redistribution of supplies for the United Nations are expected to be made.

What's in a Name?

DENVER (ANS)—Nobody turned even a hair despite the presence of a German and a Jap at Lowry Field graduation ceremonies. The guests were 2/Lt. Lewis German, of Jeanette, Pa., and F/O Leonard H. Jap, of Huntington Park, Cal.

Want Ike at Peace Table

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP)—A resolution has been introduced in the State Legislature to ask President Roosevelt to name Gen. Eisenhower, a Kansan, as the representative of fighting men at the peace talks.

War's Tough on the Hoboes, Too

CINCINNATI (ANS)—War's terrific, and the authority is no less than Jeff Davis, king of the hoboes—terrific, because of its effect on the 1945 annual convention of the Hoboes of America, Inc., scheduled for Buffalo, June 3-9.

Whereas a peace-time convention cost the hoboes maybe \$100 or \$200, this one will set the organization back around \$2,000, even when streamlined to the bone. All of which will be tough on the boys, Davis said, because of the higher cost of living and all the dough they're putting into war bonds.

There's only one major voting issue on the docket, Davis said. That's ratifying a "previous convention action that made me king for life."

Head Man

NEW YORK (ANS)—Claiming that a study of 30,000 heads qualified him for the task, magazine artist Frederick Varady named the ten most "exciting and symmetrical" heads in the world. Some of his choices included President Roosevelt as "aristocratic," Gen. Eisenhower as "determined," Maj. Richard I. Bong as "fearless" and actor George Brent, whose

Lifers Coining Dough

PHILADELPHIA (ANS)—Four Eastern Penitentiary inmates serving life terms for murder own and operate prison shops which returned them \$58,300 between November, 1942, and October, 1944, the Philadelphia Record said. The paper said that the prisoners, who set up their businesses several years ago, switched to war work two years ago, materially increasing their profits.

Proof

NEW YORK—Here's the reason why the government has asked civilian travel to be held to a minimum: A total of 8,373,000 troops were moved on Pullman cars in 1944 exceeding by nearly 900,000 the number of military passengers in 1942, the year of mobilization. George A. Kelly, of Chicago, vice president of the Pullman Co., gave the figures at a meeting of railroad ticket agents and operating men.

Youngest Navy Officer an Inventor, Too

CHICAGO (ANS)—The Navy's youngest commissioned officer, 18-year-old Jerome Tamkin of Los Angeles, disclosed here that he was receiving \$10,000 annually for the invention of an explosive-gas vapor detector to be used by the Navy, Army and commercial factories and plants.

Tamkin went to work on producing the detector after a series of gas explosions in rubber plants throughout the U.S. had slowed war production.

Bund Camp Cleaned

ANDOVER, N.J. (ANS)—Purchase of the former German-American Bund's Camp Nordland near here for an American boys' camp was announced by a group of business men. Nazi enthusiasts operated the camp from 1937 to 1940.

Name to Live Up to

NEW YORK (ANS)—Fined \$3 for playing catch with a glass dish on Coney Island, Hugo LaGuardia—no relation to the Mayor—was told by the Magistrate: "Any man who has the family name of LaGuardia must be particularly careful of what he does."

The City Beautiful

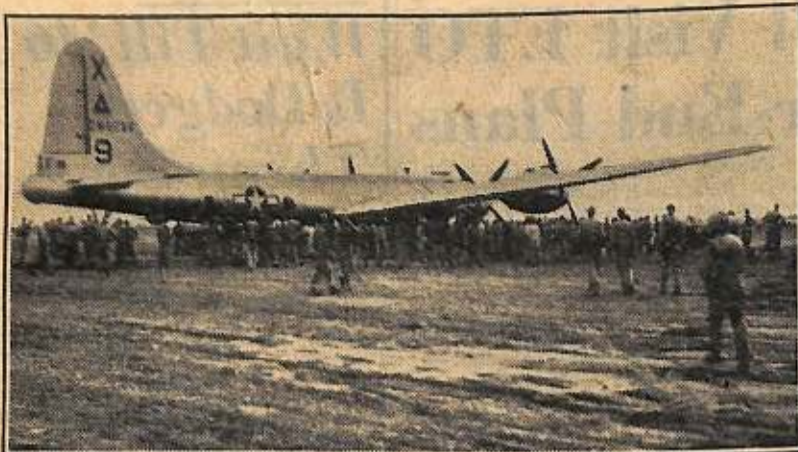
OMAHA (ANS)—Titan-haired Ruth Jane Lake and ash-blond Helen Holm Jensen, both 23, filed as candidates for the City Council because "we want to make Omaha beautiful."

Keeper of the Keys



As deputy sheriff at Manteo, N.C., pretty 90-pound Donis White has a jail to look after, among other things. However, the place hasn't had any "guests" in such a long time the door squeaks as she unlocks it.

The Shape of Things to Come



Marines on Iwo Jima mill around the first Superfort to make an emergency landing on Motoyama airfield No. 1. Fighters and Liberators are now operating from the island to supplement raids of the Marianas-based B29s.

The Vets Are Back from the States

Home, Sweet (Sour) Home

By Dan Regan

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE 1ST DIV., Mar. 27—They didn't know what the big red One meant, that was the thing that hurt most. These were 30 infantrymen and two officers from the 26th Inf. Regt. of the 1st Div. who had just returned to the front after spending 30-day furloughs in the States. They had left the division in December, were in Paris during the breakthrough and in New York Jan. 12.

Today they were back with their outfit continuing the fight the 1st Div. has been making since D-Day in Africa.

S/Sgt. James Hines, of Manchester, N.H., summed it up for the gang when he said, "Sure it's worth it. Any chance to see your family and friends is swell, even if only for a few days."

Capt. Linwood Billings, of Dover, N.H., had the same feeling. "It seemed great to get home and find out how family affairs were being run after my dad died a little while ago," he said.

But except for life with their immediate family the men were pretty bitter about the States, and especially their division insignia. "Most people either didn't know or thought the red One was for the 1st Army," one dough said.

They said that even their families couldn't believe they had to fight for as long as a month without rest. "They asked us if we fight at night and if we ever killed a German," said T/Sgt. Russell Stone, of Lynchburg, Va.

Another common complaint was that folks at home weren't doing what they should. "What color is that?" and he said,

"Purple," and I just said "Well?" and walked away."

One 1st Division sergeant who has the Purple Heart with four clusters and who has been in on three invasions said: "One Blue Star commando says to me, 'Where'd you get all the ribbons? In a ten-cent store?' That's how people get into fights."

"There were more cars on the road than ever and people have plenty to eat, but not always the particular kind they want," said Lt. Steve F. Phillips, of Greenville, S.C.

Sweet milk and pastry were the most popular items the men filled up on when they hit their own Main Streets.

They found, when they talked with overseas veterans now reclassified and working in camps in the States, that the men and officers who had never seen combat resent them and give them all the dirty jobs.

"Not only don't they know about the 1st Division, but they think that Patton is winning the war. Patton is the idol at home. But he should be good. The 1st Division trained him," said one doughboy, who added, "Jeez, don't put my

Eisenhower

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could be expected that the Wehrmacht would abandon occupied northern Holland, Eisenhower reminded northern correspondents that the Allies were well beyond the French coastal points like St. Nazaire and Lorient but the Germans were still holding out there.

Reminded that northern Holland was the launching sight for reprisal weapons, the Supreme Commander remarked that the surest way to halt bombardment of England was to cut the enemy's communication lines leading to the sites.

Pricking through any possible balloon of optimism on the home front, Eisenhower frankly told correspondents: "I would not have you think I have written off this war. No one knows what the German can do within his own country. He is trying to do everything that he can. I believe so far as he is able the German will stand and fight wherever we find him."

"I know their main defensive line has been broken but that doesn't mean that all our difficulties are over."

King Says Jap War Is 'Ahead'

WASHINGTON, Mar. 27 (ANS)—The Pacific war is ahead of expectations, but the American people should not take it for granted that there will be an easy victory over Japan even after the European war ends, Adm. Ernest J. King, Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. Fleet, declared today in a report to Navy Secretary James V. Forrestal.

Covering naval operations up to Mar. 1, King said: "While we rejoice in the reoccupation of Guam and of the Philippines, we must constantly realize that we are only now gaining the position from which we can assault the heart of Japanese strength. That is our goal. . . . We must never forget that there is a long, tough and laborious road ahead."

King revealed that tentative plans for demobilizing naval personnel after Japan's defeat have been completed. The Navy, he said, is considering a priority system for releasing men along lines similar to those already announced by the Army.

Five new-type combat aircraft are now in production, including jet-propelled fighter planes, King said.

Discussing American submarine operations in the Pacific, King said rapid advances were due in no small measure to their activities "in waters where nothing but a submarine could go." He added that submarines now not only are continuing their independent operations but are also working with task fleets.

11-Tonners on U-Boat Sheds

While heavy bombers of the 8th Air Force were idle yesterday, Lancasters of the RAF attacked German oil, railway and U-boat targets. Eleven-ton bombs fell on submarine pens at Farge, near Bremen and benzol plants near Hamm and the railway center of Paderborn, also in the same area, were hit.

Terry and the Pirates

By Courtesy of News Syndicate



Yanks 100 Mi. Beyond Rhine; Foe Crumbles

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shel Montgomery's wide bridgehead to exploit the situation, which had all the aspects of a breakthrough. Airborne troops stormed the defense point of Brunen, northeast of Wesel, while British tanks struck into the enemy's rear moving against almost no opposition and in open country.

Allied troops have taken 16,000 prisoners on this front in four days.

U.S. 1st Army—While tanks and troops of the 1st Army, slashing eastward in three columns, met some resistance before quelling Limburg, elsewhere along the southern sector of this front the Germans were said to be virtually routed. Advance units, 54 miles from the Rhine, were only two miles from Wetzlar, southwest of Giessen, as they plunged ahead through the Lahn River valley in the mountainous region.

In the northern reaches of this front the 1st Infantry Division met tough going as they headed into the southern boundary of the Ruhr industrial region. Strong resistance was met by another unit driving on Altenkirchen, 28 miles beyond the Rhine.

U.S. 3rd Army—A Blue Network correspondent said 3rd Army tanks had advanced 25 miles beyond Wurzburg and were within 35 miles of Nuremberg, putting them almost 100 miles east of the Rhine. German reports said the 3rd had reached Lohr, on the Main River 12 miles northwest of Wurzburg. Enemy broadcasts also told of fighting in progress in Frankfurt. Allied announcements so far have mentioned only that 3rd Army tanks had entered the suburbs of the city. These forces were only 85 miles from the Czechoslovak border. The 1st and 3rd Armies have linked up at a point east of the Rhine.

U.S. 7th Army—Latest American Army across the Rhine, the 7th was disclosed to have a bridgehead 19 miles long and four miles deep north of Mannheim, which is below the original 3rd Army's initial crossings. The 7th Army's 15th Corps went over against resistance ranging from light to intense and the drive was said now to be well ahead of schedule and making excellent progress.

Argentina, Too, Joins the War

Buenos Aires, Mar. 27 (Reuter)—Japan today was completing the argument of American republics against the Axis.

Although the declaration came too late to gain Argentina a seat at the United Nations conference at San Francisco next month, she will be able to participate in the hemispheric agreements reached at the inter-American conference at Mexico City in February.

The declaration followed a move to take over all Axis-controlled firms in the country after the discovery of a large Axis spy ring.

Jewish Soldiers Mark Passover Fete Tonight

Approximately 15,000 U.S. soldiers of the Jewish faith are expected to attend services at 75 centers throughout the U.K. during Passover week, beginning this evening.

Chaplain Max J. Routenberg, of Reading, Pa., chief Jewish chaplain for the U.K. Base, who will officiate at the West London Service Club, announced that 25,000 pounds of matzas were being distributed to Jewish soldiers here and that three times that amount had been sent to the Continent.

News to Re-Educate Nazis

By Bryce Burke

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

Elmer Davis, director of the U.S. Office of War Information, said in London yesterday that the re-education of the German people has started and that he hoped it soon would be extended over a large part of Hitler's Reich.

Re-education must be a continuing process, Davis said, explaining that at present OWI's Psychological Branch is concentrating on warning the Germans about their hopeless position.

The OWI, Davis said, will continue in Europe until after the entire war ends, when the State Department will take over and continue the work on a smaller scale.

The State Department already has taken over in some small isolated areas, he said.

After the European war, Davis said, the best means of educating the Germans will be to give them accurate news of what happens in the world—something they have not had for the last 12 years. He said there probably would be some newspapers published in Germany for this purpose.

Asked about the food shortage, Davis said that the U.S. and Britain both were much better fed than the Continental Allies, especially Belgium. In the U.S., Davis said, "we have plenty to eat," but not always "what we want to eat."

He explained that he had been in Paris to correlate OWI's work with military and diplomatic authorities.

By Milton Caniff

