

# 1st Army 140 Mi. From Berlin

## Konigsberg Falls, Vienna Collapsing

Konigsberg, capital and last German bastion in East Prussia, has fallen to troops of Marshal Alexander Vassilevski's 3rd White Russian Army, Marshal Stalin announced last night in an Order of the Day. More than 27,000 prisoners were captured, including the German commander of this fortress city, which had been cut off by Soviet thrusts to the Baltic coast in previous operations nearly three months ago.

Resistance in the surrounded city ceased at 9.30 PM last night, when the enemy laid down his arms after a bitter fight through the streets, Stalin said.

Meanwhile, according to both Russian and German reports of operations on the southern front, the collapse of German defenses in Vienna appeared imminent as the Red Army troops smashed through the streets to within a mile of the center of the city, now under attack from three sides.

German broadcasts admitted that the tide had turned heavily against the Nazi garrison, whose last escape route along the Vienna-Brunn road was reported by Moscow to be under bombardment. German News Agency also acknowledged Red Army thrusts into the northern sector of the city in addition to Marshal Tolbukhin's penetrations into the western and southern areas.

"The Vienna garrison's collapse may come at any moment," a radio report from Moscow said.

Outside the city Marshal Malinovsky's troops were closing in on the Vienna-Brunn road north of the capital, and the road was said to be under fire from heavy Soviet artillery.

On the other side of the city Tolbukhin's mobile columns were sweeping toward Linz, and reports placed them 25 miles west of Vienna in a maneuver to cut off German groupings along the Danube.

Nazi commentator Col. von Hammer last night said that the Red Army, pushing westward from Vienna, had crushed a German bridgehead at Tulln, on the southern bank of the Danube ten miles from the capital's outskirts.

Moscow Radio, quoting a declaration by the Soviet government, yesterday told the Austrian people that the Russian government has no designs on any part of Austria's territory and promised restoration of the country's independence and re-establishment of a democracy.

On the Oder-Niesse front, the lull continued, but the Germans reiterated their predictions that a Russian offensive was imminent.

## U.S.—Argentina Friends Again

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9 (AP)—Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. announced today that the U.S. along with 19 other American republics, had resumed normal diplomatic relations with Argentina.

(At the same time, Great Britain and France announced their recognition of the Argentine government headed by President Edelmiro J. Farrell.)

Resumption of diplomatic relations brought a statement from the State Department saying that the decision was based on the "reorientation of Argentina's foreign policy reflected by her declaration of war against the Axis countries and her adherence to the acts of the Mexico conference on Mar. 27."

At his press conference, Stettinius refused to comment on whether Argentina would be permitted to become one of the United Nations or to attend the forthcoming San Francisco world security conference.

## Army Provides Free Travel To States for GIs' Wives

A wife of an American serviceman in the ETO may now travel from her doorstep to her destination in the U.S. with all expenses—except subsistence, amounting to about \$1 a day—paid by the U.S. Army, it was officially announced yesterday.

In the U.K. some 20,000 women are eligible. Children of U.S. servicemen are also provided free transportation under the setup. About 200 British women have already made the Atlantic crossing.

Applications for free transportation should be filed with the American Embassy, which will issue the necessary passports and visas as well as notify the Army of the request.

The Army then takes over. Aboard

## Rolling Toward Another Anschluss



Rolling up the quickly shrinking frontiers of Nazi Germany, Red Army amphibious vehicles stream down a road toward Vienna, moving by abandoned German equipment stacked along the road.

## Jap Resistance Holds Gains In Fierce Okinawa Fighting

Fierce fighting on southern Okinawa, where the Japs have begun their expected bitter defense, and the disclosure that Army and Navy bombers last month sank or damaged 375,767 tons of Japanese shipping in the China Sea, marked yesterday's developments on the Pacific front.

Infantrymen pushing south on the Okinawa line were held to gains of 200 to 400 yards Sunday by continuous enemy artillery fire and strong resistance from Jap troops dug in on rough terrain well suited for defense, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced.

The communique said fighter planes of the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing, under command of Maj. Gen. F. P. Mulcahy, already were using airfields captured on the island.

Summing up air operations under his command for March, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced that 221,492 tons of Jap shipping were sunk, 44,645 probably sunk and 108,630 tons damaged by Army and Navy bombers blockading the China Sea.

### Ground Fighting Bitter

Ground fighting was particularly bitter in the Balet Pass sector of northern Luzon, where 25th Division troops have been struggling for 83 days to clear out the Japs.

In Washington, naval experts worked on estimates of Japan's remaining sea power after Saturday's attack by Vice-Adm. Marc A. Mitscher's carrier planes, in which the 45,000-ton battleship Yamato was sunk.

It is believed the Japanese now have only 12 battleships, including two which are obsolete, the United Press reported. Reconnaissance photographs indicated that the Japs still have, in addition to the dozen battleships, about seven airplane carriers, enough cruisers to serve with a "not so powerful task force," about 40 destroyers and approximately 100 submarines.

Announced enemy warship losses since the start of the war include seven battleships, 14 carriers, 78 cruisers, 238 destroyers and about 20 submarines, including some of the midget type.

## U-Boats More Active, Less Deadly in March

Nazi U-boat activity increased during March, but fewer successes were scored against Allied shipping than in February, a joint statement issued under the authority of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill revealed yesterday.

Extensive bombing and the mine-laying policy of the Allies delayed introduction of the new type U-boats, the statement said. Capture of Danzig by Soviet armies helped to cut off the evil at its source, the statement added.

ship, the most modern of comforts are provided. Nurses are in constant attendance. Instead of regular Army chow, a special diet is provided.

American relatives of the bride are notified of her imminent arrival as soon as she is on the high seas. The port of debarkation is also informed and arrangements are made to transport her to her final destination.

Present regulations make no provision for free transportation for women married to soldiers below the grade of staff sergeant if the soldier is in the U.S. However, an application for reimbursement will be accepted by the Adjutant General's Department if the trip is made at the soldier's expense.

## 9th Army Fighting In Essen; British Trapping Thousands

Troops of the U.S. 1st Army, already beyond the halfway mark from the Rhine to Berlin, surged ahead yesterday in the Allied race to reach the German capital by entering the town of Duderstadt, 140 miles away. Dispatches said this was the closest point to Berlin yet reached by forces on the Western Front.

Thrusting eastward from bridgeheads on the Leine River, 1st Army forces were said to be meeting virtually no opposition. In the 24-hour period ended Sunday, dispatches said, not a single German counter-attack was mounted against the Americans on this sector northeast of Cassel and south of Hanover, between the U.S. 9th Army to the north and the U.S. 3rd Army to the south.

## 1,250 Heavies Strike Munich

Heavy bombers of the 8th Air Force once more struck at the source of German air power when over 1,250 Fortresses and Liberators, protected by approximately 750 fighters, hammered ten airfields in the vicinity of Munich, besides attacking an oil depot and explosives stores in the same area.

All the airfields are believed to be bases for jet-propelled fighters, which gave the heavies their greatest source of trouble during renewed aerial opposition over last weekend.

It was the third day in a row that the 8th has dispatched more than 1,000 bombers and the second straight day that operations have been facilitated by clear weather. In the last three days the 8th has attacked 27 airfields.

Lancasters of the RAF, some of them carrying 11-ton Town-Busters, bombed U-boat pens at Hamburg and an oil storage depot in the same city.

## Navy Using New Gyro Gunsight

NEW YORK, Apr. 9 (Reuter)—A secret gyroscopic gunsight which has "made the fleet relatively invulnerable to attack from aircraft" has been developed by Sperry Corporation engineers and Dr. C. Stark Draper, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the company announced today.

The device, known as the Mark-14 gyro gunsight, was delivered to the Navy in June, 1942, and in one engagement enabled the battleship South Dakota to shoot down 32 Jap planes before the enemy could strike, Sperry officials said. The sight extends the mental powers of ack-ack crews by quickly and automatically calculating and applying the angle by which the guns must lead in order to hit fast-moving targets.

### Nazis Call Up 10-Year-Olds

Germany was notified yesterday that all ten-year-old boys and girls must register for the Hitler Youth Movement, German News Agency reported.

Infantrymen of the 1st Army linked up with tanks of the 3rd Army southwest of Heiligenstadt, 13 miles southeast of Göttingen, which is on the Leine River.

Tanks of the 2nd Armored Division of the 9th Army, headed toward Berlin on a more direct line, had last been reported closing on Brunswick and about 70 miles west of Magdeburg, on the Elbe River, the last major water crossing in the path to the Reich capital, but yesterday's dispatches did not mention what gains had been made by this outfit since Sunday's advances.

Units of the 9th Army were about five miles from Hanover, moving along the military highway into the city, already outflanked from the south. South of Hanover, American troops captured Hildesheim and were within two miles of Bad Gandersheim, 20 miles farther south.

### Battle in Corner of Essen

In the fight for the Ruhr, 9th Army troops were battling in the northwestern corner of the great steel manufacturing city of Essen, site of the Krupp munition plants. Gains up to four miles were reported for units pushing into this industrial region where, according to dispatches, the Germans are now so far behind the front that it would be impossible for them to break out even if they should succeed in mustering a co-ordinated counter-attack.

In northwestern Germany, where recon pilots reported a series of fires of undetermined origin raging in the principal cities on that open plain, Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery's forces were said to be carrying out a vast operation to trap hundreds of thousands of German forces against the sea in the north.

Tanks of the British 7th Armored Division—the "Desert Rats"—were reported only five miles from Bremen and about 30 miles from the Heligoland Bight, into which both the Weser and Elbe rivers flow.

British troops have cut the last rail line out of western Holland, trapping perhaps the bulk of the 80,000 German soldiers believed to be in that country.

Canadian recon units were in sight of the Zuider Zee after driving northeast of Zwolle to link up with airborne troops dropped over northeastern Holland during the weekend for the purpose of disrupting the enemy's communications. There were indications that the Germans had begun

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## The Stars and Stripes Goes Up Over the Reich



Another historic flag-raising over enemy territory in World War II. The Stars and Stripes goes up over Fort Ehrenbreitstein, overlooking Coblenz, on Army Day as the 69th Division acts as guard of honor. Gen. Omar Bradley, 12th Army Group commander, inspected the troops.

U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo



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THE B BAG



NOTE: B-Bag is receiving many unsigned letters. We require your signature as evidence of good faith only.

Sane Treatment of Germans

To the B-Bag: In view of the controversy over Dorothy Thompson's suggestions for the treatment of post-war Germany I'd like to make a few comments on what our attitude should be.

There is a common fallacy, masquerading under a banner of patriotism, that all Germans are responsible for the brutal crimes of the fanatical Nazis.

Records show that 20,000,000 out of 25,000,000 German voters favored a new democratic regime in 1920, and despite troubled economic conditions, agitation and pressure, only one third of the voters favored Hitler at the last free election.

It seems clear that the ordinary German people, who probably were never consulted in the first place as to their desire for war, are tired and sickened by years of fighting.

Priority for Love

To the B-Bag: We have been sitting here listening to the home news on AFN. It seems that some poor, lonely GI fell in love with an English girl and was shipped to the States before they could be married.

The GI has asked a certain Senator to arrange a high priority so he can fly over to his lady love. But when relatives die, it's just TS to get back at all.

Debt to the U.S.A.

To the B-Bag: Thank God that Washington and a few of the other founding fathers can't read B-Bag. Poor George! He had high hopes for our country and the people he would father.

How can you live with yourselves? Where's that self respect? Where's that courage you took into battle?

And about the bonus you want: Good Lord, man, it was paid tenfold before you ever donned that uniform.

My brother didn't die so I could get a bonus. He died to preserve a grand country—a country that doesn't owe us a damned thing and a country to whom we owe more than we can ever repay.

Hash Marks

Quip of the Week (by Sgt. Vince Clabby). "A Joe with plenty of Es can certainly throw his weight around."

Shed a tear in your beer for the guy who wanted some whisky and wrote home for Four Roses. After sweating out the mail for weeks he received four roses—the flower variety—neatly wrapped in tissue paper.

An air force guy tells us that southern Germans have a different accent from their northern brothers.



A Joe now residing at the guardhouse for a slight infraction of Army Regulations informs us that the saddest words ever spoken are these:

Six months—at ease! Take him away, guard, please.

Cpl. Jack Garber has made a profound observation. He sez that our air force is bombing the Nazi munitions plants so hard that the Germans can't tell their arsenals from a hole in the ground.

A group of business men were discussing the fact that today women were holding many jobs supposedly reserved for men only. An auctioneer present stated that his business was one that women couldn't infringe upon.

Oldest gag of the week. A cpl., unfamiliar with abbreviations used in travel orders, was mumbling over a phrase



reading. "Cooked rat in kind will be furnished EM while traveling."

Once upon a time we asked our readers to shed a tear in their beer for the guy who wrote so many letters to his girl friend that she married the mailman.

Please don't shed a tear in your beer, The mailman doesn't deliver mail here So have no fear.

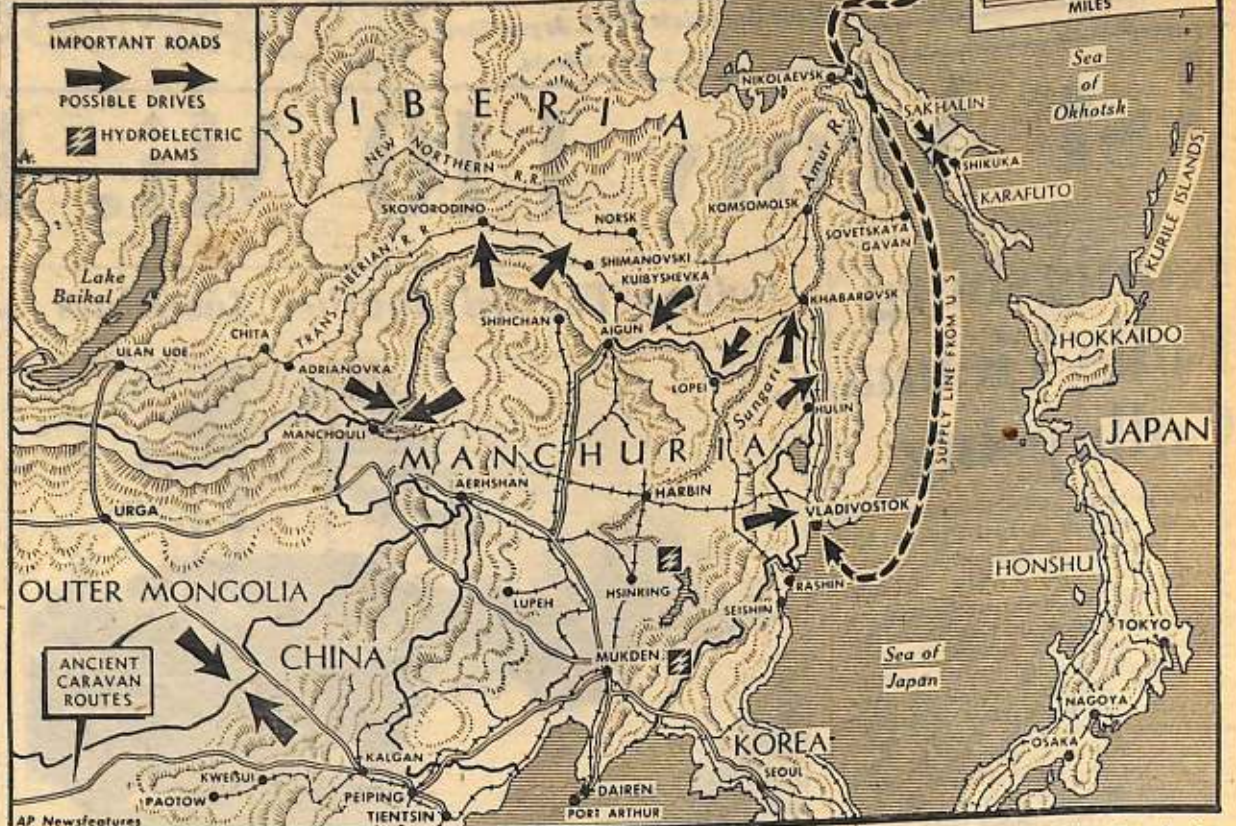
Afterthought. Imagination is given to people to compensate them for what they are not, and a sense of humor to compensate them for what they are.

PRIVATE BREGER



"Stop mumblin', Dave! I can't make out a word you're sayin'!"

If Russia Fights Japan



The U.S.S.R.'s denunciation of its neutrality pact with Japan opens the possibility of Soviet armies joining the Pacific war, a possibility conditioned a good deal by geography.

The decision to war, however, may not be up to the U.S.S.R. History provides no instance where the Japanese have waited to be attacked in a comparable situation.

Aachen Officials Worked in Exile

By Andy Rooney Stars and Stripes Staff Writer WITH 7TH ARMD. DIV., Apr. 9—The city government of Aachen which last September picked up its desks and administrative records and fled to another German city to carry on a "ghost government" has been overrun and 50 employees have been found in the German town of Gellerhaus, 125 miles from Aachen.

The government in exile has been carrying on business as usual for the past six months despite Allied occupation of the city they govern. They had worked on their records up until a few hours before elements of the 7th Armd. Div. entered the city.

Members of the overrun ghost government said that they had been trying to straighten out the city records, handling evacuees from Aachen, trying to pay all city salaries and generally keep a city government functioning so that they could move back when the Nazi government gave them the signal.

The city's records were kept in Gellerhaus, while the postal authorities worked in Frankenu. Other government agencies were located in three different towns. The phantom government first set up in Cologne and later evacuated east to their present locations.

Most of the personnel thought they would be able to move back into Aachen when some secret weapon displaced the Allies and threw them back.

Then Folds His Golden Wings

A Patched-Up Screaming Eagle Jumps Again—Just for the Record

By Jim Russell Stars and Stripes Staff Writer 466TH BOMB GROUP, Apr. 9—The picture was vastly different from Normandy or Holland. The only noise was the drone of the Fort's four engines and no flak dotted the DZ.



English countryside, he floated down easily and dropped gracefully into a soft patch of ground to earn those prized gold jump wings.

"Nothing to it," the quiet, reticent Schaeffer said later. "The only mishap was a run or two in my chute."

Schaeffer came to the Air Force the hard way. With the 101st, he jumped on D-Day and again in Holland last September. In the stiff fighting for Nijmegen, a Nazi mortar shell burst near him.

Then, as he phrased it, he sweated it

out for four months in hospitals and reinforcement depots while his buddies went on to write history in their blood at Bastogne. Now limited service, he came to the 466th as a replacement for Air Force boys who had gone into the line to plug gaps in the infantry.

Thus, while this group was marking the completion of its 200 missions in the ETO, Schaeffer picked the occasion to make his own record jump and punctuate the air show with a sample of another phase of air war.

In all the 50 jumps, he was injured only once, when he hurt an ankle in a training leap in the States. And of all of them, the 50th may have been the best.

"This, I hope, was the last," he said with a grin, as he picked up the chute he will stow away along with those gold wings.

Now Hoiman's Squoimn' Luff Vill Find Der Vay—Even Into PW Cage

By a Stars and Stripes Staff Writer WITH THE 84TH INF. DIV., Apr. 9—Come hell, high water or total war, love will find a way. But sometimes it blossoms in the damndest places.

The way 1/Lt. John F. Boland, of New York, tells it, this German soldier, Herman, was captured when the 335th Regt. first pushed over the Weser River. Herman was one of about 6,000 rounded up that day and the next and he was sort of lost in the shuffle.

But it turned out that the regimental PW cage was right near Herman's home town, which goes to show what a small German world it's getting to be.

Well, who should come waltzing by the enclosure but Herman's girl friend, Gretchen, a blonde of some 20-odd summers, who was a little odd herself, according to some ways of thinking.

Gretchen was pretty sad at seeing her sweetheart behind all that nasty barbed wire. So, like the little Brunhilde she was, she scrounged around, found herself a German medical uniform and got herself admitted to the PW cage as a slightly delicate but presumably male member of the Wehrmacht.

What with the traffic situation and the high number of prisoners, this particular group of PWs wasn't evacuated rearward for a full day.

Meanwhile, Herman and Gretchen, lost in the blur of the thousands, enjoyed a life of cuddlesome bliss.

Finally, the prisoners were trucked back to the divisional cage and two hours later processing unmasked the lovelorn Gretchen.

When discovered, the blonde fraulein begged for one last embrace with her lover. But them hard-hearted MPs, who had found Gretchen something of a gremlin, said Nix and bundled her off to the military Government authorities.

AFN Radio Program

- Tuesday, Apr. 10 1200—Headlines—Duffie Bag. 1300—World News. 1310—American Sports Roundup. 1315—Kay Kyser. 1345—Melody Roundup. 1400—Headlines—NBC Symphony. 1500—World News. 1510—Bandwagon. 1530—Combat Diary. 1545—On the Record. 1630—Strike up the Band. 1700—Headlines—Nelson Eddy. 1725—Downbeat. 1755—Mark up the Map. 1800—World News. 1810—GI Supper Club. 1900—World News. 1905—Eddie Condon. 1930—Take the Air. 1945—Strings With Wings. 2000—Headlines—Dinah Shore. 2030—American Band of the AEF. 2100—World News. 2105—Your War Today. 2115—Comedy Caravan. 2145—Johnny Mercer's Music Shop. 2200—Headlines—Home News from the U.S.A. 2205—Hit Parade. 2235—Music from the Pacific. 2300—World News. 2305—Merely Music. 0000—World News. 0015—Sign off until 0755 hours Wednesday, Apr. 11.



Ticked Off the Global Wire

Stimson Indorses Plan For Single Defense Dept.

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9 (ANS)—Sen. Lister Hill (D.-Ala.) disclosed yesterday he had received a letter from Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson personally indorsing his proposal for a post-war merger of the Army and Navy into a single Department of National Defense.



SEN. HILL

Out at Second



Outfitted in uniform and barracks bags, Philadelphia Phillie second sacker Charley Letchas steps out the proverbial 120 to the minute after Uncle Sam procured him at Armed Forces Induction Center at Ft. McPherson, Ga.

Pat Cavuto Upsets Wade In 8th AF Boxing Semis

By Tony Cordaro

THIRD STRATEGIC AIR DEPOT, Apr. 9—S/Sgt. Pat Cavuto, of Rochester, N.Y., racked up the biggest upset of the semi-final round of the 8th AF boxing tournament here last night when he won a three-round decision over highly regarded Sgt. Jimmy Wade, of Birmingham, Mich.

Pvt. Vince Padilla, of San Bernardino, Cal., was conceded an edge over his featherweight opponent, Pfc Howard Moreno, of Santa Barbara, Cal., but few expected the flashy Vince to dispose of his plucky foe in the first round.

Cavuto's victory can be traced to a wild swinging right hand which floored Wade in the first round. Wade rallied, but not enough to offset the knockdown.

Cpl. Bobby Volk, of Portland, Oregon, USTAFF middleweight title holder, registered a convincing three-round TKO over Pfc Harold Conley, of Everett, Wash., in a middleweight bout.

Molina Also Victor

Other favorites to survive were Sgt. Primitivo Molina, 1943 ETO bantam champ from Concord, Cal.;

Cpl. Jesse Puente, Mercedes, Cal., lightweight; Pfc Joe Lucignano, Hoboken, N.J., junior welterweight, and Pvt. Stephen Kruchko, Ortonville, Mich., heavyweight.

Pfc Jerry Pecoraro, veteran New Yorker who opposes Padilla in the finals, won by a default, as did Pfc Charlie Bryan, Indianapolis welterweight.

Here are the summaries: BANTAMWEIGHT—Sgt. Primitivo Molina, Concord, Cal., defeated S/Sgt. Samuel Stinson, Peoria, Ill.;

Sgt. Louis Panarese, Boston, drew a bye. FEATHERWEIGHT—Pvt. Vince Padilla, San Bernardino, Cal., TKO'd Pfc Howard Moreno, Santa Barbara, Cal., in first;

Pfc Jerry Pecoraro, New York, won by default from 1/Sgt. Corchel Mullis, Mount Molly, N.C.

LIGHTWEIGHT—Pvt. Clement Marrone, Cleveland, defeated Cpl. Sal Guajardo, Detroit; Cpl. Jesse Puente, Mercedes, Cal., defeated Pfc Bobby Quinn, Cleveland.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT—Lt. Chuck Davey, Detroit, defeated Sgt. Al Deacon, Providence, R.I.;

Pfc Joe Lucignano, Hoboken, N.J., knocked out Cpl. Al Lindsay, San Antonio, Tex., in the second.

WELTERWEIGHT—Cpl. Al Reado, Seattle, defeated Sgt. George Ventzen, Nederland, Texas; Pfc Charlie Bryan, Indianapolis, won by default from Sgt. Albert D'Ambrasio, Philadelphia.

MIDDLEWEIGHT—Cpl. Bobby Volk, Portland, Ore., TKO'd Pfc Harold Conley, Everett, Wash., in the third; Cpl. Tommy Carbonaro, New York, defeated Sgt. Bud Van Slyke, Syracuse, N.Y.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT—S/Sgt. Pat Cavuto, Rochester, N.Y., defeated Sgt. Jimmy Wade, Birmingham, Mich.; S/Sgt. Harry Gregorian, Detroit, drew a bye.

HEAVYWEIGHT—Pvt. Stephen Kruchko, Ortonville, Mich., defeated Sgt. George Nippert, Colorado Springs, Col.; S/Sgt. Allan George, Homedale, Idaho, defeated T/Sgt. Sylvester Heintzer, Los Angeles.

Leafs Shut Out Red Wings, 2-0, For 2nd in Row

DETROIT, Apr. 9—Goalie Frank McCool registered his second straight shutout in the Stanley Cup final playoffs here last night as the Toronto Maple Leafs belted the Detroit Red Wings, 2-0, to take a two-game edge in the series.

Ted Kennedy, Toronto center, hit the nets for the visitors in the second chapter and the only other counter of the game was tallied by Elwyn Morris in the final period.

Babe Pratt, big Toronto defenseman, set up Kennedy's goal by carrying the puck the length of the ice, while Morris scored his on a solo dash. As in the opener, McCool received excellent protection from Toronto's defensemen, who continually forced the Wings to waste shots at the nets from bad angles and while off balance.

Barons Gain 3-2 Lead Against Bears

CLEVELAND, Apr. 9—The Cleveland Barons took a 3-2 lead in games in the American Hockey League final playoffs here last night by downing the Hershey Bears, 3-2.

Solo dashes for goals by Les Cunningham and Tommy Burlington in the third period gave the Barons the victory after each team scored in the first session and traded goals in the second canto.

Nelson Shatters Tournery Mark

ATLANTA, Ga., Apr. 9—Byron Nelson climaxed a successful winter golf tour and set a new all-time tournament record by carding a spectacular 65 here yesterday to win the \$10,000 Atlanta Iron L u n g tournament with a total of 263.



BYRON NELSON

It was his third sub-par round and broke the tournament record of 264 set by Craig Wood at Bloomfield, N.J., in '40.

Sammy Byrd came through with a 69 to finish second with a total of 272, which gave him \$1,500 in war bonds compared with Nelson's \$2,400, and third, fourth and fifth places were annexed by Jimmy Hines, Joe Kirkwood and Jug McSpaden with scores of 278, 279 and 280 respectively.

A crowd of 5,000 watched Nelson start slowly and get better as he went along. Employing woods and irons with machine-like precision, Byron sank birdies on the fifth, eighth, ninth, 13th, 14th and 15th holes.

Miss Jamison Trails Babe Didrikson

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 9—Babe Didrikson Zaharias took a seven-stroke lead over Betty Jamison, former women's golf champion, in their first 18-hole match termed the "Battle of the Century."

Babe's terrific drives thrilled 7,000 fans. They were straight down the fairways and her putting was almost perfect as she toured the course in 74.

Octogenarian Gets Ace

WINCHESTER, Mass., Apr. 9—Nelson Seelye, 80 years old, has played golf for more than 50 years, but today he realized his pet ambition when he scored a hole-in-one on the 140-yard 14th at Winchester Country Club.

Haakon Lidman Lowers High Hurdle Mark to 14.4

DAVISVILLE, R.I., Apr. 9 (Reuter)—Gunder Haegg's partner, Haakon Lidman, made up for a couple of the unspectacular showings he and Gunder have given before American track fans this season when he turned on the heat here yesterday to set a world indoor record for the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 14.4 seconds.

Pacific Coast League

Sacramento 6, 5; Portland 1, 1; Seattle 6, 8; Los Angeles 3, 3; Hollywood 8, 4; Oakland 1, 5; San Francisco 11, 1; San Diego 1, 2

U.S. Gets Money's Worth

CHUNGKING, Apr. 9 (ANS)—The Japs lost a ton of shipping sunk for every 2.3 pounds of U.S. bombs dropped and every 2.2 gallons of U.S. gasoline used by certain 14th Air Force units in special operations from May 24, 1944, to last Feb. 28, Maj. Gen. Claire L. Chennault, 14th Commander, said yesterday.

Planes Drop PW's Papers

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Apr. 9 (Reuter)—Night-flying planes of the Desert Air Force have dropped British forces newspapers over a prisoner of war camp in northern Italy to keep the Allied prisoners informed of the latest news.

Dietrich, Hitler's Friend, Killed in Vienna

MOSCOW, Apr. 9 (Reuter)—SS Col. Gen Sepp Dietrich, one of Nazidom's most notorious figures, was killed by five revolver shots fired at him pointblank while he was on his way to give a radio "pep" talk to the people of Vienna, where he assumed command last week over German forces defending the city against the Red Army.

A one-time waiter, the 53-year-old Bavarian was a close friend of Hitler and served as commander of the Liebstandarte Adolf Hitler, Der Fuehrer's personal bodyguard. Dietrich took part in the 1923 Munich putsch, and is said to have personally murdered Capt. Ernst Roehm, Hitler's former friend, in the 1934 purge.

Dietrich commanded one of the two panzer armies in the Germans' Ardennes counter-offensive in December and had previously been a corps commander in Normandy. The Soviet Union had listed him as a war criminal because of atrocities he ordered carried out in Russia, where he led the forces which participated in the fighting around Kharkov.

Togo Jap Foreign Minister

SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 9 (Reuter)—Shigenori Togo, Foreign Minister in Gen. Hideki Tojo's cabinet at the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, has taken over the posts of Foreign Minister and Minister for Greater East Asia, originally announced as being held by Adm. Suzuki, the new Prime Minister.

Togo once served as Ambassador to Russia and was instrumental in framing the Russo-Japanese neutrality pact which was repudiated by the Soviet Union last week.

Leon Fraser, U.S. World Banker, Suicide

NORTH GRANVILLE, N.Y., Apr. 9 (ANS)—Leon Fraser, 56, president of the First National Bank of New York and former director of the Bank for International Settlements at Basle, Switzerland, died here yesterday as the result of what police described as a self-inflicted gunshot wound.



LEON FRASER

Chief of Police Patrick Roche said there could be no doubt that Fraser committed suicide, but that a formal coroner's inquest was being arranged. Roche said he found a note in Fraser's handwriting saying that though he "had everything," he was becoming more and more "melancholy."

After World War I, in which Fraser jumped from private to major as Judge Advocate of the AEF, he was executive officer and acting director of the U.S. Veterans Bureau in 1921. He later was legal adviser to the American delegation at the London Prime Ministers' Conference in 1924, was general counsel to the Dawes Plan and Paris representative of the U.S. for reparations payments from 1924-27, helped draft the Young Plan for reparations in 1929, and was a member of the Commission of Experts at the London Monetary and Economic Conference, 1933.

Fraser also has been a director for the General Electric Co., U.S. Steel Corp. and N.Y. Central R.R. Co.

Health Shots for Freed

WITH 3RD ARMY, Germany, Apr. 9 (Reuter)—Medics of the 3rd Army have inoculated about 10,000 liberated foreign workers in a camp near Frankfurt to prevent an epidemic of typhus, several cases of which were discovered recently.

Coincident with this first mass inoculation of civilians in the Reich, the Army destroyed the workers' camp, a former concentration center, by firing all wooden structures and blasting concrete buildings.

Tiger-Yankee Merger Near

NEW YORK, Apr. 9—Negotiations were reported near completion yesterday for merging the Brooklyn Tigers and the Boston Yankees to reduce the National Football League to ten teams so that a workable schedule can be arranged.

The merger was delayed because three clubs must be satisfied—the Tigers, Yanks and New York Giants. The Giants come into the picture because the Tigers plan to play some games in Yankee Stadium. This requires a waiver of territorial rights by the Giants, who are reported willing to do so but demand territorial rights restored later.

At the same time it was reported that league moguls were laying the groundwork for a 12-club circuit, interpreted by most observers as the first move of the National League to meet competition from several post-war loops. The 12-team circuit is expected to go into effect in '46.

DIAMOND DUST

BEAR MT., N.Y.—Brooklyn Dodgers scored their first run in 25 innings here Sunday, but their losing streak continued as they bowed to Montreal, 4-2. Tommy Warren, Army dischargee, worked five frames for Montreal and fared well except in the third, when the Bums got to him for both their runs.

WASHINGTON—A ninth-inning triple by Tommy Holmes, followed by Butch Nieman's single, gave the Boston Braves a 3-2 triumph over the Senators to tie the inter-league series at three games each. Nate Andrews and Jimmy Wallace, an Army dischargee, worked for Boston and Dutch Leonard went the route for the Nats.

NEWARK, N.J.—Twenty safeties rang off the bats of the New York Giants as they whaled the Newark Bears, 20-1, before a crowd of 7,000. Mel Ott, Danny Gardella and Phil Weintraub paced the Giant attack with homers, and Bill Voiselle, 20-game winner last year, went the distance, limiting the Bears to eight bingles.

ST. LOUIS—Making the most of 17 hits and six walks the Cardinals evened

the annual city series with the Browns by hanging up a 13-4 victory. Augie Bergamo and Johnny Hopp led the Card attack, Bergamo collecting four hits and Hopp driving in five runs with a triple and homer, while one-armed Pete Gray treated the crowd of 15,300 to his first major league hit—a single.

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.—Atley Donald was banged for six runs in the third inning and Walt Dubiel, his successor, was nicked for four more as the Red Sox walloped the Yankees, 10-5, to clinch the spring exhibition series five games to three. Jim Wilson and Vic Johnson shared mound chores for Joe Cronin's men and scattered 12 hits.

INDIANAPOLIS—Allie Reynolds and Jim Bagby showed excellent pitching form as they tossed the Indians to a 10-4 nod over Indianapolis. Ed Wright and Bob Logan were hit freely by the Tribe, each allowing five runs. Vice-president Roger Peckinpah, of the Indians, announced after the game that Outfielder Jeff Heath had asked to be traded.

BALTIMORE—With the Athletics trailing, 4-3, in the eighth inning, George Kell and Charlie Metro exploded home runs to give the Macks a 7-5 win over Baltimore's Orioles. Bobo Newsom joined the A's and went to work immediately, pitching three innings.

MUNCIE, Ind.—The Pittsburgh Pirates scored their third straight shutout, blanking the Muncie Citizens, 14-0. Fritz Ostermueller, Max Butcher and Preacher Roe held the locals to four raps, while their mates collected 14.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind.—Detroit avenged their two previous defeats at the hands of the White Sox by walloping the Chicagoans, 15-9, in a free-hitting game. Dizzy Trout went the distance for the Tigers and Orval Grove and Bill Dietrich split the mound assignment for the Dykesmen.

WILMINGTON, Del.—Bill Nicholson, Cub outfielder working out with the Phillies, homered with one on to help the Phillie Jay team defeat the Blues, 10-6, in an intra-squad tilt.

Vince DiMaggio played his first game in a Phils' uniform and went hitless, but walked twice.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Roy Hughes got six hits in six trips as the Cubs slaughtered the Reds, 19-5, to atone for a 19-5 drubbing, received from the Redlegs Saturday. In the opener of a twin bill the Reds tripped the Louisville Colonels, 8-6.

Dick Tracy



Li'l Abner



By Chester Gould, By Al Capp



Around the 48 Yesterday

# Still Plenty to Eat in U.S. Despite Slimmer Rations

WASHINGTON (UP)—Americans this year may be experiencing their slimmest rations of the war, but they still will fare much better than their British allies, a War Food Administration survey showed. The survey also disclosed that, generally speaking, the Canadian food situation is superior to that in the U.S. and U.K.

WFA economists said that American civilians whose diet in 1944 was nine per cent better than it was before the war will have to return this year to their pre-Pearl Harbor eating standards. The catch in this diet analysis, the WFA admitted, is that the foods Americans like best—meat, butter and sugar—will be considerably scarcer than before the war.

Food experts described the present U.S. situation as on a par with what the British have experienced for more than five years . . . with one exception: Americans will continue to enjoy such items as fresh oranges and eggs, rarities in Britain.

The survey revealed that Americans would average around 120 pounds of meat this year, 78 pounds of sugar and just under ten pounds of butter per person. It added that each American was expected to eat around 400 eggs, a record number.

**CAPITAL RAMBLINGS:** Two top ranking members of the House Military Affairs Committee—Reps. Ewing Thomason (D-Tex.) and Walter G. Andrews (R-N.Y.) said they believed that manpower legislation was a dead issue now but that some measures might be needed after Germany falls to control worker surpluses. . . . Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins was reported ready to ask President Roosevelt to appoint a second Assistant Secretary to help in the revitalization and enlargement of her department.

### Oldest GAR Dies

MINNEAPOLIS (ANS)—Henry Mack, believed to be the oldest Civil War veteran in the U.S., died at the Veterans Hospital here three months short of his 109th birthday. A former slave, the aged Negro was a vice-commander of the Minnesota Department of the GAR. He was a native of Fayette City, Ala., and served with the 57th Infantry, colored volunteers from Arkansas.

### To Appeal on Sedition

NEW YORK (ANS)—Hugh Callan, 39, a former soldier who Friday lost his appeal from a ten-year prison sentence for sedition and making uncomplimentary remarks about the President, said he would attempt to have his conviction reviewed by the Supreme Court.

The U.S. Court of Appeal had ordered Callan, convicted by court martial in 1942, removed to the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta to start serving his sentence.

### Shirley Temple Engaged

HOLLYWOOD (ANS)—The parents of Shirley Temple, who will be 17 years old Apr. 23, announced the engagement of the former child film star to Air Force Sgt. John G. Agar, 24, of Chicago.



SHIRLEY TEMPLE

In disclosing the betrothal, the Temples said, "both Shirley and John have promised they do not intend to get married for two years, or possibly three, and in any case Jack is in the Army and his first duty is to his country." Agar, now stationed at March Field, has presented a diamond to Miss Temple, who still is in school.

### Grew Calls Stassen GI at Frisco

HARTFORD, Conn. (ANS)—Answering a Connecticut legislative resolution asking that enlisted personnel of the armed forces be represented at the San Francisco world security conference, Under Secretary of State Joseph C. Grew called attention to the presence of Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen on the U.S. delegation.

"Although he is not an enlisted man," Grew said, "it is felt he will fully represent the point of view of men that have taken part in actual combat. You may be assured, in the selection of advisers to the U.S. delegation, that sympathetic attention will be given to the suggestion contained in the resolution."

### No Liquor for Minors

ST. PAUL (ANS)—The State Legislature approved and sent to the Governor a bill which would bar persons under 21 from places selling liquor. Supporters of the measure, sponsored by Sen. J. William Huhtala, of Virginia (Minn.), said that liquor interests had no objection to its passage.

### Mayor's Pay Jumps a Mile

HOOPESTON, Ill. (ANS)—The town has voted enormous pay boosts for its mayor, who has been getting 50 cents a year, and its eight aldermen, each of whom has collected 25 cents annually. Under the new ordinance the mayor will draw \$500 annually, while the aldermen are paid \$300 apiece.

### Sunday Dinner Presents Problems



Because of the shortages of certain food items, Detroiters have been flocking across the border to Windsor, Canada, where most items—especially meats—are plentiful and non-rationed. However, those bringing back U.S. rationed items are forced to give up red and blue points for them. Duty also is charged.

### Fresh Air Fiend

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (ANS)—Ray Frye poked his head out of the window to get some fresh air. He leaned too far, however, and ended up on the street 20 feet below. He wasn't injured.

### 21st Hospital Ship

NEW YORK (ANS)—The Army placed in service its 21st hospital ship, the Ernestine C. Koranda, named after a Lesterville, S.D., nurse who was killed in a Southwest Pacific plane crash in 1943.

## Howse to Sell War Surplus

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9 (ANS)—Appointment of Col. Alfred E. Howse, of Wichita, Kan., former procurement executive of the USAAF's Material Command at Wright Field, was appointed today to succeed Mason Britton as Administrator of the Surplus Property Board, which will dispose of \$100,000,000 in surplus war items. Britton resigned to accept a confidential government post.

Howse, called to active duty shortly after Pearl Harbor, was retired from the Army in 1943 after being injured in the South Pacific, where he was Acting Chief of Staff of the 13th AF.

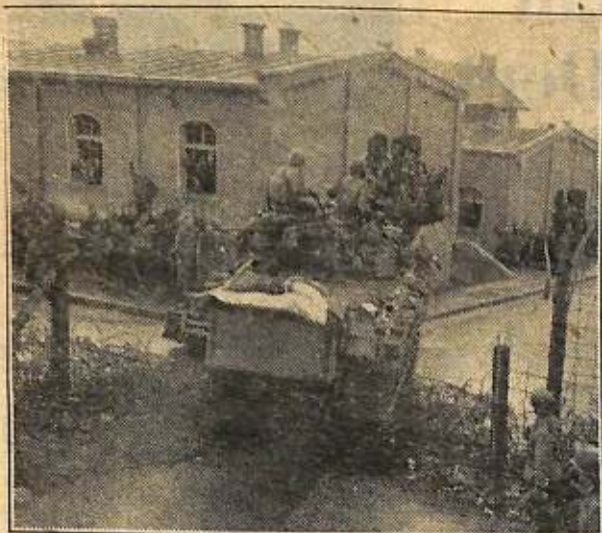
WASHINGTON, Apr. 9 (ANS)—Harry Hopkins is drawing \$15,000 a year as assistant and adviser to President Roosevelt, the AP reported today.

This is what a Cabinet member gets. It tops by \$5,000 Hopkins' income of a year ago. President Roosevelt gave him a raise last July, Jonathan Daniels, White House press officer, said.

Hopkins is paid out of emergency funds assigned to the President by Congress, Daniels said, because he is "working on matters relating to the emergency."

Daniels noted that the raise gave Hopkins the same salary he formerly had as Secretary of Commerce.

## Tanks Batter Way to Free 5,000 Allied PWs



A 14th Armored Division tank smashes through barbed wire of a Nazi prison camp in Hammelburg, Germany, to release cheering Allied prisoners.

By Howard Byrne

Stars and Stripes Staff Writer

WITH THE 14TH ARMD. DIV., Apr. 9—A combat team commanded by Col. Francis P. Gillespie, of Brooklyn, had its orders to strike swiftly southeast of Hammelburg to liberate a prison camp containing between 4,000 and 5,000 prisoners of various Allied nations, among whom were many high ranking American officers.

The camp was 20 miles away and one column of tanks led by Lt. Col. James P. Lann, of Armory, Mass., battered its way beyond captured Lohr for 20 miles before reaching its objective.

They found the camp surrounded by two high barbed wire fences and dotted with anti-tank gun emplacements. But, despite the obstacles and the attempts of German artillery, mortar and bazooka fire to disorganize them, Lann and his 14th Armd. boys ploughed through the fences right into the front yard of the camp, where thousands of prisoners, whom the Germans had no chance to evacuate because of the swiftness of the American strike, stood cheering.

Many American officers were sick or wounded and a complete tally of their rank and former position has not yet been completed. Lt. Col. John K. Watters, Gen. Patton's son-in-law, was among the liberated.

## Discharge Data Awaits Victory

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9 (AP)—The War Department disclosed today that not until formal German resistance ends and the extent of U.S. occupation is determined would it be possible to release the point values upon which soldiers adjudged as surplus will be discharged.

Meanwhile, the Army said that it was keeping the point system under a continuous study and that the total point score would be used in selecting the personnel to be declared surplus after V-E Day. As originally announced, four factors—length of service, overseas time, combat activity and parenthood—will be considered in computing the score.

Mere possession of sufficient credits, however, would not be an absolute guarantee that a soldier would be discharged. The Army already has announced that certain types of personnel, including members of Service and Air Corps units, probably will not be declared surplus until the fall of Japan.

## Boy Who Ran Away Was Headed for Army

NEW YORK, Apr. 9 (ANS)—A two-and-a-half-year search for a young Brooklyn runaway ended today when police learned that Pfc Melvin Rosen, who disappeared from home in 1942, was in an army hospital in Germany recovering from wounds received while serving with a 3rd Army medical unit.

The soldier's mother, Mrs. Anna Rosen, told police she had received a letter from her son telling of his hospitalization. The youth, who was then 17 years old, had been inducted under an assumed name.

## V-Bomb Threat Said Ended

NEWCASTLE, England, Apr. 9 (AP)—The German V-2 campaign has been "brought to a definite end," Ellen Wilkinson, Parliamentary Secretary of the Ministry of Home Security, told correspondents today.

"The Germans cannot now send V-bombs to Britain because to do so they would have to lengthen their range by 100 miles. This would mean carrying extra fuel and so reduce the warhead as to make them an ineffective weapon of retaliation," Miss Wilkinson declared.

The Home Office had previously announced that a total of 8,436 persons were killed by enemy air activity since V-bombing began on June 15, 1944, and that 25,101 were seriously injured.

## Cut Sentences Of Circus Men

HARTFORD, Conn., Apr. 9 (ANS)—Superior Court Judge William Shea suspended the prison term of one of the six Ringling Bros., Barnum and Bailey Circus officials held responsible for last Summer's fire here, reduced the sentences of three others and left the remaining two unchanged.

Shea freed Davis W. Blanchard, rolling stock superintendent, "because the court is impressed with your testimony," Blanchard had said the circus could continue without him, while the other five maintained that without them the circus, now in New York, would go bankrupt.

The Judge reduced to a year and a day—five years the one-five-year sentence of Vice-President James A. Haley, and the two seven years sentences of chief canvasser Leonard Aylesworth and general manager George W. Smith. Start of their terms was delayed until June 7 so that the trio could prepare the show for its annual road tour.

## Mississippi Flood Continues to Spread

NEW ORLEANS, Apr. 9 (ANS)—Mississippi River floodwaters, which have left 30,000 families homeless, continued to spread today, but it was announced that the opening of the Morganza floodway would not be necessary.

Opening of the floodway had been opposed by citizens of six affected parishes and War Production Board officials who said it might interfere with the movement of war materials.

The fight to control the spreading waters of the Red, Black, Ouachita and Little rivers in northern and central Louisiana continued as more than 1,000 soldiers and civilians worked through the night on a two-mile stretch of the Fletcher levee above Colfax, La.

### Army Holds Nazi Gold

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9 (AP)—The U.S. Army will hold in custody the gold, currency and art treasures which were seized by American troops in a German salt mine at Merkers, Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr. said today, adding that final disposition would be made by the Allied Control Commission for Germany.

### Terry and the Pirates



By Courtesy of News Syndicate

By Milton Caniff

## Pilots Strafe PWs in Error

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9 (ANS)—The war is moving so fast in Europe that fighter pilots briefed to disrupt transportation and strafe all German vehicles have occasionally fired on columns of migrating Allied war prisoners by mistake, an Army spokesman said today.

"It is hard to understand how this happens, as our pilots are briefed about prisoner of war movements," Brig. Gen. B. M. Bryan, Assistant Provost Marshal, told a meeting of prisoners' next-of-kin, "but the truth is that things are changing so fast over there it is impossible to brief pilots accurately."

Bryan described three great mass migrations totaling nearly 1,000,000 prisoners, including 50,000 Americans, forced by the Germans to march westward because of the Russian advance.

Information obtained from Swiss sources, Bryan said, showed that the largest group on the march was one of 800,000, including about 25,000 Americans, up the Danube past embattled Vienna.

The other two groups were one of about 100,000, of whom about 15,000 were Americans, moving along the northern German coastal area of Hamburg, Bremen and Lubek, and one of 60,000, including 10,000 Americans, moving westward south of Berlin, Bryan said.

## West Fronts -

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attempts to flood the flat areas in this sector of Holland.

Some Canadian tanks were less than 36 miles from Emden, major port in northwestern Germany.

At 12th Army Group HQ it was estimated that the Germans have lost an average of 50,000 men daily for the last ten days, the majority being prisoners.

Troops of the 3rd Army gained up to nine miles along a 23-mile front between Negalstadt, 12 miles southeast of captured Muhlhausen, and Roth, 36 miles south of Gotha. Tanks of the 6th Armored Division were 11 miles east of Muhlhausen. German resistance on this sector was reported diminishing, and a resumption of the American eastward sweep may be expected soon after the build-up period is completed.

In the south, tanks of two 7th Army divisions were four miles from Schweinfurt on north and south, closing a pincers on this ball-bearing manufacturing city.

The 10th Armored Division, which had stabbed to Craillsheim, was reported beating off enemy air and ground assaults as the Americans sought to keep open a slender 22-mile corridor. German artillery was said to be shelling a bridge at the base of the 10th's wedge toward Craillsheim at a rate of one shell every three minutes, stepping up the rate of fire whenever vehicles appeared.

## 8 Flavors Yet Double Dips Coming Up

WASHINGTON, Apr. 9 (ANS)—Ice cream, "morale food," will be served to American troops overseas as often as possible this Summer in eight new flavors as well as the usual vanilla, the Quartermaster Corps revealed today.

Ice cream mix powder comes only in vanilla, but the QMC has found that it can be mixed with parts of B-rations to give troops a variety of flavors.

By addition of dehydrated fruit juice powders, canned fruits and other ingredients in the standard B-ration, mess officers can now turn out chocolate, lemon, fruit cocktail, peach, coffee, maple, pineapple and hard candy ice cream. The QMC is sending along a new recipe book with instructions.

The Corps also disclosed that a new kitchen spice kit, containing 18 condiments and flavoring materials packed in a compact unit sufficient for 1,000 rations, had been developed.

In addition to the usual spices and flavorings, the kit contains dehydrated table sauce, gravy base and mustard mix.

### Crossword Puzzle Solution



## 5th Takes 2 Towns On Way to Spezia

ALLIED HQ, Italy, Apr. 9 (Reuter)—British destroyers continued yesterday for the third straight day to hammer German coastal batteries and troop concentrations in the path of U.S. 5th Army troops advancing toward the west coast Italian naval base of Spezia, which was hit by medium bombers. Two towns fell to the ground forces.