SUPREME HEADQUARTERS ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE



Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force!

You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you. In company with our brave Allies and brothers-in-arms on other Fronts, you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world.

Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely.

But this is the year 1944! Much has happened since the Nazi triumphs of 1940-41. The United Nations have inflicted upon the Germans great defeats, in open battle, man-to-man. Our air offensive has seriously reduced their strength in the air and their capacity to wage war on the ground. Our Home Fronts have given us an overwhelming superiority in weapons and munitions of war, and placed at our disposal great reserves of trained fighting men. The tide has turned! The free men of the world are marching together to Victory!

I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full Victory!

Good Luck! And let us all beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking.

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The Philadelphia Inquirer

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TUESDAY MORNING. JUNE 6, 1944

THEER CENTS

Allies Land in France, Smash Ahead; Fleet, Planes, Chutists Battling Nazis

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, 'ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE, June 6 (Tuesday) (A. P.). - 'Allied forces landed in northern France early today in history's greatest overseas operation, designed to destroy the power of Adolf Hitler's Germany and wrest enslaved Europe from the Nazis. The German radio said the landings were

FOUR PARACHUTE DIVISIONS LAND

LONDON, June 6 (A. P.)—The German radio re-ported today that four British parachute divisions had lander there not. Harve and thereburg in France. This was four times the size of the Nazi parachute force dropped on Cret-in the Wediteranean.

NAVY, COAST GUARD, MARINES IN BATTLE

DIEPPE HIT BY AIR, NAZIS SAYS

NEW YORK, June 4 (A. P.).—The Berlin radio, in cast recorded by N. B. C., and this morning that stre I air attacks had been inunched on the Dieppe area.

ALLIES GAIN 5 MILES IN ITALY

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By RICHARD C. BOTTBLET

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made from Le Havre to Cherbourg, along the north coast of Normandy and the south side of the bay of the

Allied Headquarters did not specify the locations, but left no doubt whatever that the landings were on a gigantic scale.

FULL VICTORY' ASKED

Ringing in their ears, the American, British and Canadian forces who made the land-ings had these words from their supreme commander, General Dwight D. Eisenhower:

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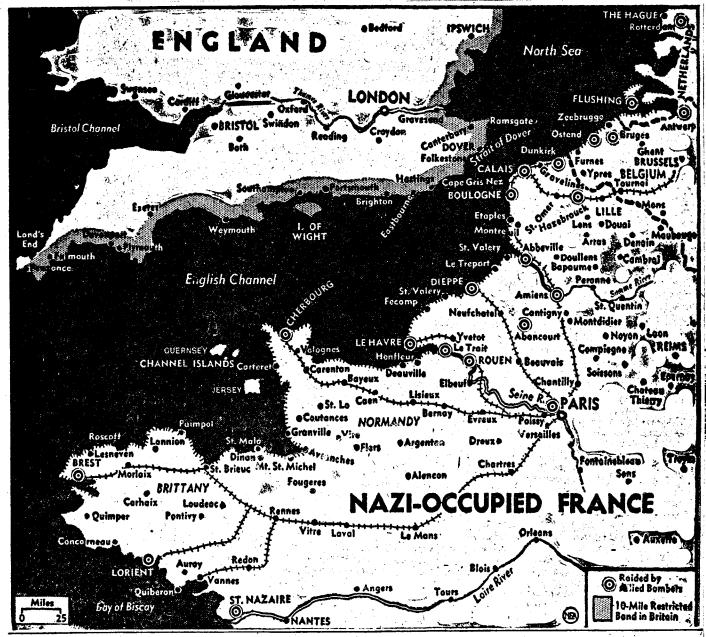
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lst Communique.



Late News Bulletins

ANNOUNCE OTHER LANDINGS REPORT FIGHTING

LONDON, June 6.--(U.P)--DNB, German news agency, said today that the Allies had landed "further reinforcements" by sea and air in the Seine Estuary.

De GAULLE ARRIVES

LONDON, June 6.--(U.P.)-Charles De Gaulle arrived in Great Britain today and it was announced that he would ad-dress the people of France during the day.

KING MAKES BROADCAST LONDON, June 6.—(U.P.)— King Haakon of Norway, will broadcast a message in Norwegian to his people today.

MONTGOMERY LEADING

LONDON, June 6.—(U.P.)—The German trans-ocean agency broadcast a report, unconfirmed by Allied sources, of heavy fighting with "invasion" forces in the area of Caen, about eight and onehalf miles south of the north coast of the Normanry peninsula and 31 miles southwest of LeHavre.

NEED BLOOD DONORS

John F. Rees, director of the blood bank, said early today that the center will stay open as long and as late as is necessary to take care of those who wish to give blood on D-day. with profug prod jt gud, u

Communique No

Text of the official Communique No. 1 from Eisenhower's headquarters was:

"Under the command of Gen. Eisenhower, Allied naval forces, supported by strong air forces, began landing Allied armies this morning on the northern coast of France."

KNOCK OUT PILL BOXES WASHINGTON, June 6 .-- (U.P.)-Specially trained, picked assault teams of the U.S. Army made the initial attack on fortress Europe, knocking out pillboxes and other fortifications of the vaunted Atlantic Wall, the War Department said today.

CLAIM SHIP AFTRE LONDON, June 6 .-- (U.P.)-

BRITISH KING TO TALK LONDON, June Buckingham Palace announced at 10 a. m. (4 a. m. EWT) that King George would broadcast later today.

Casualty List

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The Evening News



Montgomery Leads British, U.S., Canadian Force

BEACHHEADS

11,000 Planes in Assault France: 'All Going to Plan'-Premier THE KING ON

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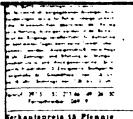
The London press proclaim a D-Day victory

LONDON, Tuesday, June 6, 8:33 a. m. --- (UP) --- Allied supreme headquar ters announced today that Allied troops were landing on the coast of North ern France with the support of naval and air forces.

The announcement that the greatest military operation in the history o the world, one which is intended to crush Germany and her satellites and t liberate the oppressed millions of Europe, was made in communique No. of Allied headquarters. It was made shortly after 9:30 a.m. (3:30 a.m. EWT about three hours after German broadcasting stations had said that the in vasion was under way.

The Germans put the invasion front opposite the South England coast centering around the Seine River estuary and the Seine Bay, about 80 mile from the British side across the English Channel, along a stretch of abou 75 miles of the French coast.

The Germans said that air borne troops were playing a big part in the operation.



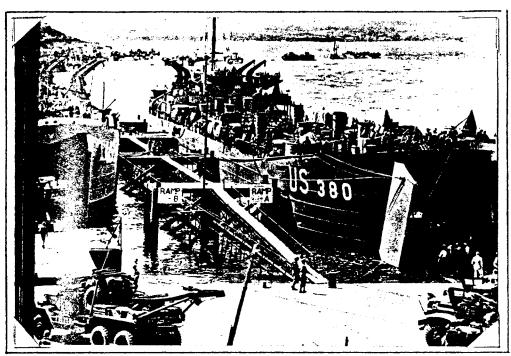


Mittwoch, den 7 Juni 1944

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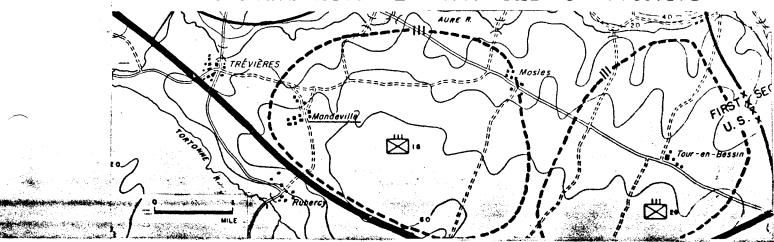


TYPICAL LST LOADING OPERATION IN ENGLAND

The 897 departed Southampton, England, P.O.E. on LST Nº 494@ 0400, LST Nº 5@ 5 45, and LST Nº 543@ 10 45, June 15, 1944, reaching Omaha Beach, Normandy, France,@ 2200 on June 15. Unloading began @ 2330 but was not completed until June 16. During the night the beach area was attacked by German bombers.

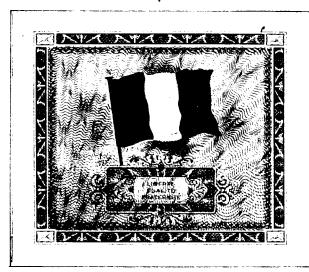
Upon driving the 173 vehicles off of the LST ramps, some vehicles encountered 3-4 feet of water causing the loss of one truck-tractor 10 ton semi-trailer van loaded with "parts common."

At D+9 we were the first H.A.M unit on the continent, setting up shop in a apple orchard about 2 miles east of Treviers.



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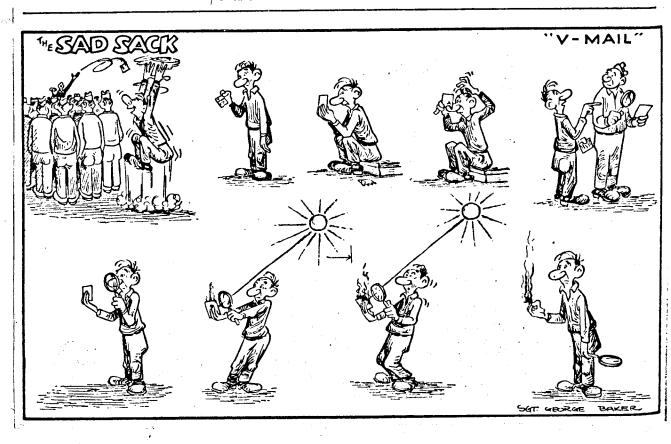




"Regular" French Money (1944)







Deliver V-Mail Minus Envelopes

PARIS, Mar. 13- To save paper, manpower and time, V-mail for soldiers on the continent is being delivered without envelopes, Brig. Gen. R. B. Lovett, ETO

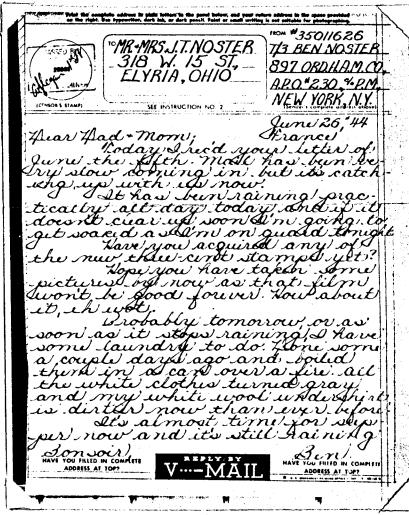
envelopes. Brig. Gen. R. B. Lovett, ETO adjutant general, announced yesterday. Fifteen new high-speed folding and sealing machines have been installed in the Paris V-mail station—now in full operation—which fold the letters blank side up so that only the address is visible. A thin line of mucliage is austomatically put on each edge, sealing the letters and ensuring privacy.

To make sure when opening that the inner surface is not torn and the legibility of some of the words destroyed.

bility of some of the words destroyed, the letter should be unsealed carefully, working from the inside to the outer

edge.

Twenty-five tons of envelopes a month will be saved by the new system.





SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE AUGUST, 1944

SHOWN ABOVE IS A MEMBER OF THE 897 ORDNANCE, DEPICTING THE SIDE EFFECTS OF OVERSEAS, DUTY "IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS"——THE RESULT OF GOOD FOOD, PLENTY OF REST, EXERCISE, LOTS OF FRESH COUNTRY AIR, CLEAN LIVING, DISCIPLINE, AND A SUPPLY OF CALVADOS.

French Folies' Queen Opines on Yanks' Amour



enthusiasm of a child after a new toy. . They want it impatiently at first. . .".

Mile. Ginette philosophizes on l'amour. "An American man sips love as light-heartedly as champagne."



She will do anything for her

Yanks Are Babes at Love, Treat It Like Toy, Star Says

INS Staff Correspondent

PARIS, Apr. 10—American men are babes in the art of love. So says Mile. Ginette Wander, blonde young star of the Folies-Bergère.

Mile. Wander, who sings and dances nightly before hundreds of

American soldiers in Paris, declared that American men treat love as lighty as a child with a new toy.

"It is hard for French girls to have a big, serious love with American men," said the tiny leading woman of the most daring musical show in Paris.

Just Like a Babe "An American man in love is like a baby." she said in an interview. "He sips love as light-heartedly as one sips glass of champagne on a gay even-

a glass of onampagne ing.

"Your soldier boys go after love with the simple, eager enthusiasm of a child after a new toy. They want it impatiently when they first see it; they get terribly excited about it when they first have it but before they have found out how to make it work they are attracted by a new toy.

"Love seems to be a little thing with them. With French women it is a big

"Love seems to be a little thing with them. With French women it is a big thing. I know we are supposed to be liberal with our love, but actually we with our love, but actually we are very serious about it. A French woman does not give her heart lightly. When she does, she gives it absolutely. She will do anything for her man.

Fair to American Women the love of the American boys who have come to liberate our country and help defeat the Germans. That would be unfair to American women. Tell the love develops.

"But," added the little musical star who has never been in America, "I am sure American women know how to win their men,"? "We are not, however, trying to win

them not to worry. We shall send their men back to them. What we want to do while they are here is to try to take their minds off the horrors of war, give them a little of the joy of life, and let them carry presant memories of France back home with them.
"I often think that many of those

boys out in the audience will soon be staring death in the face, and it makes me work harder to give them a little

pleasant relexation.
"The enthusiasm of the American soldiers is marvelous. There is such a sonders is marvelous, there is such a happy spirit about them. The greatness of your country can be seen in their youthful, healthy faces and in their easy, wholehearted laughter."

Advice to the Lovelorn Asked what advice she would give to a woman who was seeking to win a man's love, the Parisian stage beauty

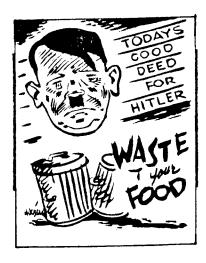
said:
"If a woman is interested in winning should first use the love of a man, she should first use her charms to the utmost to capture his attention. When she has succeeded in making him infatuated with her she should then stop immediately and feign indifference. Once the woman knows the man is definitely interested, she should not let him think she is easy to get. She must let him think she has other interests, that there are other men around. If the man really wants her, that indifference will make him keener than ever. The attention he shows during that period of indifference will be the test of during that

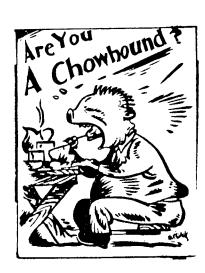
his true feeling for her.
"If he loves her, he will continue to pursue her. If he does so with genileness and devotion, the woman can then begin to risk giving him the affection of her heart. It is from that moment



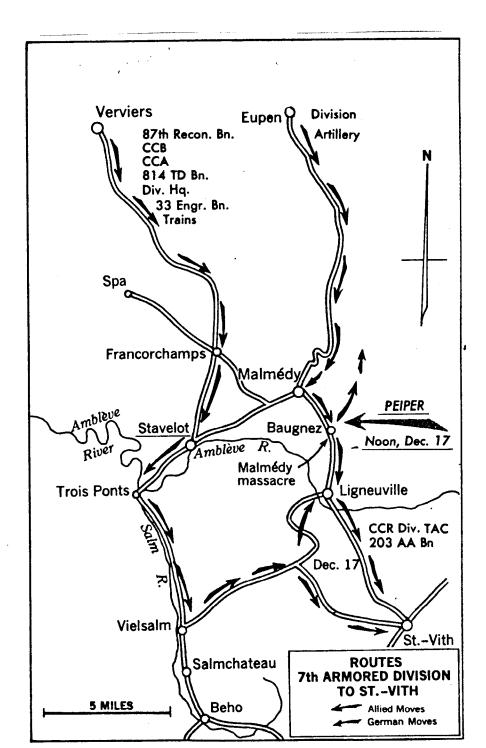








Four posters reprinted from ROUND-UP published by the Technical Training Division, Quartermaster Replacement Training Center, Fort Francis E. Warren, Wyoming.



On December 15 Lieutenant Colonel Harvey R. Fraser, who had assumed command of the 51st the day before, called all the officers of the battalion together to introduce himself, and the next day he went off on a

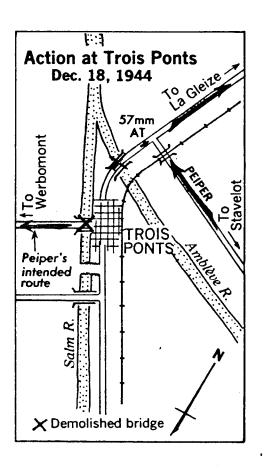
tour of the sawmills to become acquainted with their owners and civilian personnel.

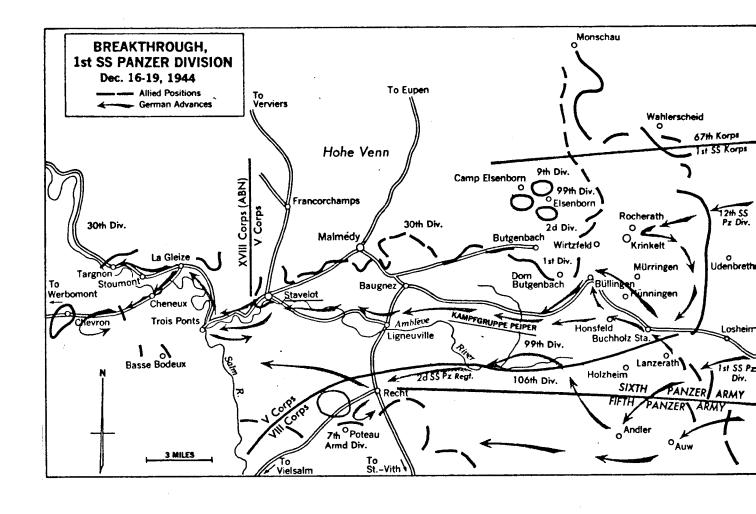
The idyll was shattered at 5:30 P.M. on December 17: the battalion received an alert to move out to various defensive positions to blow bridges and execute a delaying action in the face of an enemy attack.

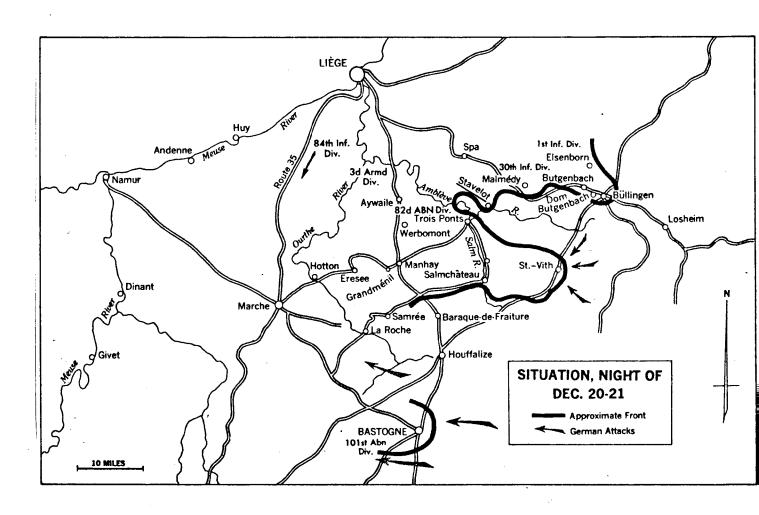
Of this group, Company C was given a mission destined to have a major impact on the campaign in the Ardennes: it was ordered to proceed from its campsite near Marche with demolition equipment to a small town named Trois Ponts. Located about 25 miles east by road, this town, at the confluence of the Amblève and Salm rivers, was thus named because it boasted three bridges, one over the Amblève and two over the Salm (see map at left). At eleven thirty that night an advance section of 75 men arrived in Trois Ponts, set up a command post in the railway station, and

began preparations to blow up two of the bridges at Trois Ponts—the one entering the town over the Amblève and the major bridge to the west over the Salm. Major Yates, in charge of the task force, ordered roadblocks to be set up to protect both demolitions.

By eight o'clock the next morning, as Peiper was attacking Stavelot in earnest, Company C had taken position on the west bank of the Amblève River, which skirts the edge of Trois Ponts. By singular good luck, it had commandeered an ally, a wandering 57-mm. antitank gun and crew







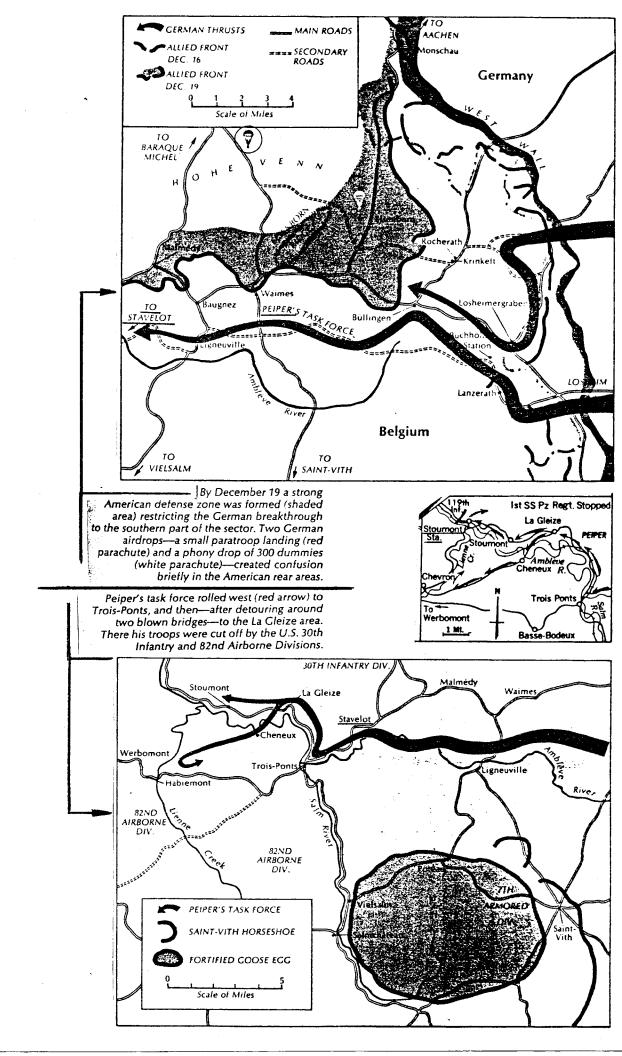


Captured German photo, Courtesy U.S. Army

Jochen Peiper's men on the march after having achieved their breakthrough, December 17, 1944.



The bridge over the Amblève River at Stavelot, seen from the American (northern) side.





HE STAID BEHIND. Stavelot, taken early by the Germans in their lunge into Belgium, was one of the first towns to be retaken by the Allies. Heavy losses were suffered by both sides, the Nazi losses being mostly in men, the Allies losing principally tanks and guns. The picture shows one Nazi who fought his way into Stavelot and remained.

ATROCITIES DURING THE ARDENNES CAMPAIGN (Battle of the Bulge)

Committed by SS Lt. Col. (Obersturmbanfuehrer) Joachim Peipers "Kampfgruppe Peiper" in and around Stavelot, Belgium.

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Operation "Wacht am Rhein" was the name for Hitlers plan to smash the "Western Front" and perhaps end the war in the west. At first, his venture into the Ardennes sections of Belgium and Luxembourg seemed like madness, but despite the pessimism of his generals the plan had elements of genius. His objective, the port of Antwerp, Belgium, was a key to the success of the Allied European campaign --- its loss could ruin Allied plans.

Furthermore, Hitlers forces had achieved a near miracle in this same Ardennes territory in 1940 when Runstedts army burst through the French lines, crossed the Meuse R. at Sedan, and dashed all the way to Boulogne on the North Sea. The French and British armies were split. The French surrendered and the British evacuated what was left of their army through Dunkirk.

The Ardennes, the classic route taken by German armies in 1914 and 1940 ---- was a region of difficult terrain; dense woodlands and rolling hills slashed by deep valleys and rugged ravines. But the Germans had occupied the region for four years before evacuating it in early Sept.,1944 and the commanders were familiar with the twists and turns in the vital roads that would speed the Panzer divisions on their way.

The Ardennes section of Belgium changed hands four times since 1870 . Originally Belgian , it was annexed by Germany in 1870 on a line running roughly from Aachen , through Eupen , Malmedy , Spa , St. Hubert , and Stavelot, to the French border . For 149 years it was part of Germany . It was ceded to Belgium in 1921 following WWI. Hitler overran it in 1940 and annexed it again. Then, in 1944 the Allies moved in.

In response to Hitlers orders, the main attack was entrusted to the Sixth Panzer Army, headed by a burly Nazi veteran. SS General Jozef "Sepp" Dietrich, a former bellboy and street brawler and by profession a butcher, who had started his military career as a tank soldier in WWI. Dietrich was a brave and determined soldier and because of his party loyalty and friendship with Hitler, rose quickly in the army. In 1942 he commanded the 1st Panzer Div. on the Russian front and was promoted to Corps Commander in 1943.

Dietrichs army was made up of nine divisions, but his hopes, and Hitlers --- lay primarily with his own 1st SS Panzer Div. and the 12th SS panzer Hitler Youth Div. These elite shared a reputation for ferocity in battle ---- also for disregarding the commonly accept ed rules of war. While fighting on the Eastern Front under Dietrich,

men of the 1st SS once executed an estimated 4,000 Russian prisoners in reprisal for the killing of 6 captured SS men by the Russian secret police. The 12th SS had put to death 64 Canadian and British POW in Normandy after interrogating them.

The spearhead of the 1st SS Panzer Div. was a task force built around the 1st SS Panzer Regt., commanded by Lt. Col. Joachim Peiper, a hard cored, arrogant Nazi, a talented product of the SS officer training school. He possessed the kind of fanaticism that Hitler admired, and was famous for his ruthlessness, for in Russia he allegedly burned two villages and killed all the inhabitants. He also earned the Knights Cross, one of Germanys highest decorations, for breaking through Russian lines and rescuing 1,500 trapped and wounded German soldiers and bringing them back to safety.

Some of the SS troops he was to lead in the Ardennes campaign had served a long time on the Eastern Front where brutality was commonplace. Others were boys but fanatic believers in Hitler. Soft heartedness would have no place in this offensive, a most difficult assignment for which Peiper was a natural.

German unit commanders received their final briefings by Hitler himself on Dec. 11& 12 in a bunker known as the "Eagles Nest" which had also served as the command post for the German blitzkrieg through the Ardennes in 1940. The Fuehrer concluded his two hour speech by saying "this battle is to decide whether we shall live or die. I want all my soldiers to fight hard and without pity. The battle must be fought with brutality and all resistance must be broken in a wave of terror. The enemy must be beaten----now or never. Thus lives our Germany!".

By the night of Dec. 15, a powerful force consisting of approximately 300,000 men, 1,900 pieces of artillery, and 970 tanks and armored vehicles and assault guns were poised for the jump off.

The exact strength of Peipers battle group is unknown, but it is likely that it exceeded 5,000 men, 42 mammoth Royal Tiger tanks, as well as a battalion of Mark IVs and Panthers; atotal of about 120.

The opening salvo by the Germans for the Ardennes campaign, was at 05:30 A.M. on Sat., Dec. 16, 1944. The shelling went on for more than an hour along an 85 mile front, from Eternach in the south to the cobblestoned honeymoon resort town of Monschau in the north. Then 300,000 German troops attacked 83,000 American troops.

At first, Peipers group failed to make a gap in the American lines as assigned and he had a very frustrating day on Sat., Dec.16 ----two bridges on his route had been blown and he had to change course, detouring to Lanzerath, which he reached by midnite. He then considered a change in tactics and decided on a route generally north of the Ambleve R., through Ligneuville, then south of the Ambleve R., to Stavelot, where he would have a choice of routes for crossing the Salm R. at Trois Ponts, from which he would be able to make a dash for Huy on the Meuse R. by way of Werbomont.

However, before the offensive, two trainloads of gasoline failed to arrive. This meant he would have to deviate from his drive, to capture American gasoline. He believed some might be found in Bullingen, Stavelot, or Spa. This made these three locations north of his line of march of critical importance to him.

At 0400 on Sun., Dec. 17. Peiper attacked Honsfeld which was taken with ease. At Honsfeld, Hitlers directive to "show no human

inhibitions" was given its first expression !!!! ---- In one house 22 Americans were surrounded by Peipers SS troops. A88MM gun began to methodically pulverize the building when a white flag appeared in a window. The firing subsided and 12 American soldiers walked out to surrender. As soon as they emerged they were shot down!!

Elsewhere in Honsfeld, Peipers troops rounded up about 200 Americans. As these men were herded towards the rear, a German tank opened fire on them. When the shooting died down, 19 more Americans were dead in the Honsfeld area.

By this time, Peipers group was running low on gas and he detoured to Bullingen to refuel, where he found an American gas dump as expected.

On the way to Bullingen, Peipers tanks came upon a half dozen Americans and the prisoners were immediate ly mowed down by machine gun, rifle, and pistol fire. Then the Panzers helped themselves to 50,000 gallons of fuel, forcing 50 American P.O.W. to do the fueling.

In Bullingen, the Germans continued slaughtering prisoners. About 30 Americans were lined up and shot. Another group of 12, marching to the rear with their hands above their heads, were then fired upon by machine pistols and rifles. An SS Co. Commander beckoned to 10 Americans and then shot them down as they obediently listened and approached his vehicle. A civilian too fell victim. Some SS troops entered a house and asked a woman whether any Americans were hiding there. When she said "no", one SS man put a rifle to her forehead and pulled the trigger. So far, Peipers rampaging men had murdered 69 American P.O.W. and 1 civilian. ---- But the worst was yet to come !!!!

At Baugnez, a crossroads hamlet 2½ miles south of Malmedy, units of Battery B of the 285 Field ArtilleryObservation Bn., carrying 140 men rolled into Baugnez just as Peipers advance guard reached the crossroad, Peipers column opened fire on them. Most of the men scrambled for cover in a ditch and the rest dashed for safety to a nearby patch of woods. The men in the ditch were quickly surrounded and crawled out with their hands above their heads. In all, about 120 men were rounded up and relieved of their rifles and carbines. The SS troopers helped themselves to the Americans watchs, wallets, warm gloves, and cigarettes. Then they were lined up and prodded into a pasture where they stood in the cold and mud with their hands raised in surrender.

Soon other SS tanks and half-tracks moved up opposite the field and opened fire with machine guns, machine pistols, and other weapons. The Americans crumpled to the ground, a few unscathed by feigning death. When the firing died down, SS officers and men walked among the prostrate forms and pumped bullets into those who showed signs of life, or crushed their skulls with rifle butts. One SS soldier tested each soldier by kicking him in the groin; if a victim reacted, he was shot in the head! A total of 86 American soldiers had been killed in cold blood by the SS troops while being held as P.O.W.

In due time, some survivors managed to reach American lines with their account of the grisly episode. The bodies of the slain were discovered by a patrol about 1430 the same day, Sat., Dec. 17.

This event quickly came to be known as the "Malmedy Massacre" and by late evening of the same day, word that the Germans were killing prisoners spread rapidly throughout the American front line troops. It had an electrifying effect; American resolve stiffened! Surrendering to the Americans now would be a risky business for any German, especially SS men.

At the site of the massacre stood a small cafe operated by Madame Adel Bodarwe. Unfortunately for Madame Bodarwe, she was a witness to the massacre. She disappeared that day and has not been heard from since.

The trail of death that Peipers men left at Honsfeld, Bullingen, and Baugnez was a substantial contribution to the wave of terror called for by Hitler.

When Peiper left Baugnez crossroads, he sent an arm of his column to probe Malmedy and took his main column on towards Stavelot. His route lay south along a road to Ligneuville (where in happier days, tourists came to hunt wild boar and deer in the nearby forests) which they reached sometime before 1300 hours, Sun., Dec., 17. There, the Germans managed to capture 22 Americans ---- 8 of whom were taken out and shot. The killings were witnessed by the owner of the Hotel du Moulin of Ligneuville. The lives of the other 14 were saved only by the bravery and cleverness of the owner of the hotel.

Continuing their march at about 1400 hours (Sun., Dec. 17), Kampfgruppe Peiper reached the heights across from the village of Stavelot and stopped to assess the situation.

Peipers forward scouts reported that the streets of Stavelot were full of American vehicles; some parked and some moving busily about with their headlights on, giving the appearance of a force being assembled for defence. It led Peiper to believe that the town was held in force. However, the Panzers were running out of gas and Peiper decided to plunge forward anyway in hopes of finding an American fuel dump.

Peiper moved on to attack Stavelot and made a rush for the single stone bridge leading into town over the Ambleve R. Shortly after dark, three German tanks made a dash for the bridge but were stopped when the lead tank hit the mines set up at a roadblock near the bridge by Co. C., 291st Eng. Combat Bn. The tank was disabled, blocked the bridge and stopped the other tanks from crossing.

Fearing the town was too strongly defended for a night engagement, Peiper withdrew to the top of the hill where he halted for the night astraddle the road, to wait for some support, and then make his attack on Stavelot at dawn.

During the night, Stavelot was reinforced by one Co. of American infantry and one platoon of tank destroyers, arriving in town at about 0400 Mon. morning Dec.18.

At dawn, before The American troops could get a defense organized, Peiper attacked again and managed to cross the bridge, but met fierce resistance from the village square. Peiper then ordered

his column to turn left through the outskirts of Stavelot and head for Trois Ponts by the highway which followed the north bank of the river, leaving a sizeable detachment to deal with Stavelot.

Meanwhile, as Peipers column headed west, his SS troopers in Stavelot ran amuck. On the edge of the woods near the Ambleve R. bridge, they shot 8 unarmed American P.O.W. A German tank fired on 8 Belgian civilians, killing 2 and severely wounding 2 others. Elsewhere, SS troops fired into a group of 30 civilians, killing 3 or 4 and wounding others.

Madame Regine Heuser Gregoire, thirty, was alone with her two small children in her house along the road about a mile west of Stavelot. She had spent the night before, Monday, Dec. 18, at home without being bothered, despite the columns of 1st SS Panzer tanks and half-tracks that had passed her doorstep.

But the battle for the town had not ceased. The Americans had retaken the town, to be sure, but the Nazis on the south side of the Ambleve were making it dangerous for civilians to be above ground. On Tuesday, Dec.19, as the German armor was holding an American battalion in town, Madame Gregoire decided to go with her children across the street to the house of Monsieur Legaye, which had a basement that would afford more protection.

Madame Gregoire was not a native of Stavelot; her original home was Manderfeld, on the German border, and this was later to save her life.

She found huddled in the Legaye basement 23 persons, most of them women and children who, like herself, had not been molested up to this time. About noontime the civilians were startled by the appearance of an American soldier. Glancing quickly around the basement to assure himself that none of his buddies were hiding out, he left. Toward nightfall another American soldier came in. As best as he could, he explained to the refugees that the Germans were making an attack through the hills toward the hamlet of Ster but the column had been checked. His advice was to stay in the cellar and make no noise.

Shortly thereafter the terrified refugees heard exchanges of shots over their heads. Obviously either the Americans or the Germans --- probably the former, were using the building as a strongpoint in a house-to-house fight. The firing went on for about an hour.

A little after 8:00 p.m. a grenade was rolled into the basement by SS troopers. Miraculously, no one was hurt. Several moments later the Nazis threw a second. Again the grenade was relatively ineffective, the only casualty, Madame Gregoire, wounded slightly in the leg. Then came the shout into the basement. "Heraus!".

Madame Gregoire became the spokesman for the group. Calling up the stairway, she told the Nazis that the basement was occupied only by civilians. "Have mercy," she pleaded.

The Nazis refused to listen. Fearing another grenade, the wounded Madame Gregoire decided to lead the group out. Accompanied

by her two children she accosted the first German she saw, and repeated once more: "The basement contains nobody but civilians."

Immediate ly she found herself surrounded by a dozen SS troops who demanded that the rest of the refugees come out of their hiding place. She called down the steps, and they stumbled out single file.into the garden.

After some discussion, the Nazi troopers told Madame Gregoire to instruct the civilians to crouch or sit in the garden against the hedgerow. Then she and her children were removed to the rear and told to tend injuries of a wounded German. Despite the darkness, she could see that two German soldiers, each armed with a revolver and a rifle, were methodically and coldly shooting the civilians, one by one. She did her best to stop the slaughter. "There are none here but innocent civilians," she pleaded to one of the SS men.

The man was unperturbed. "It is necessary that the innocent pay for those guilty. The people of Stavelot have been hiding American soldiers." he said.

After the SS finished their slaughter, they marched Madame Gregoire and her children to the basement of a near house. Monsieur Massote's, where she was forced to act as an interpreter between Germans and French. The SS behaved as though convinced that all civilians were guerrillas. One made the remark. I know what the people of Stavelot are. I'll flatten them all. A platoon leader ordered his men to do away with all civilians who came in sight.

Madame Gregoire realized bitterly that the SS troopers did not honestly suspect the civilians of firing on the German columns. The SS conducted no search for firearms; indeed, they made no inquiries of any kind.

As she lay in the basement of the Massote house through the night of Tuesday, Dec. 19. Madame Gregoire heard the storm troopers boasting about the atrocities they had committed --- or pretended to have committed. One SS man told how he decapitated a civilian, stuck the head on a pike, and used it for target practice. One returning patrol claimed to have assassinated American soldiers. In the dim light, Madame Gregoire recognized one of the SS men who had participated in the massacre at the Legaye house. "There is a good pile of victims in that garden," he boasted, "and it will be even more beautiful tomorrow." Some of the bodies, he admitted, had moved after they were shot, but after a while all movement ceased.

Madame Gregoire was fortunate. She and her children were rescued several days later by the Americans. But Madame Gregoires experience and the murders at the Legaye house are not the whole story. About a mile north of the small hamlet of Parfondroy stands the Chapelle Sainte Lucie, built in 1629. By the chapel a monument has been erected in memory of 26 civilians similarly slaughtered. They ranged in age from nine months to 78 years. Farther up the hill at Ster Parfondroy, a monument contains another 30 names.

In Trois Ponts, 3 women were found dead, murdered by the SS troopers. One, that was pregnant, had been disemboweled. In the cel lar of one of the houses, where the Germans had gathered all the people left in town, the Germans proceeded to punish the people for

In the process of cleaning out the western edge of Stavelot, and the small surrounding villages of Parfondroy, Ster, and Renardmont, Americans of the 117th Infantry discovered what kind of enemy they were up against in Peipers men. In homes and outlying buildings north of the Ambleve R., the Americans counted 117 men, women, and children, all killed by small arms fire, Civilians told the Americans that the children had been killed because their crying had annoyed the SS troopers.

To quote an eyewitness account of the scene as the American troops moved backed into the towns: "10 or 12 completely burned bodies, charred black, were seen where a small shed had once stood --- in the adjacent house, there was the body of a middle aged woman who had been stabbed with a knife and then shot. Bodies of two boys between the ages of six and ten were found with bullet holes in their foreheads --- one old woman had been killed by a smash over the head, probably with a rifle butt. There was the body of a young man with his boots taken off; he had been killed by being shot through the back of his head --- near a fox hole were bodies of a thirteen year old boy and a fifteen year old girl who had been shot, apparently as they tried to escape."

The horrors sustained by the Belgian civilians who languished miserably in the basements of the Ardennes, or being slaughtered by SS troops along Peipers route, shows the tragedy that befalls those who unfortunately find themselves in the path of war.

By the 19th of Dec., Peipers combat group had covered 30 miles, more than half the distance to the Meuse R., and was stopped between Stoumont and La Gleize where he held 149 American prisoners, 15 of them wounded. Here he compelled some prisoners to load trucks under artillery fire. A few Americans had tried to escape and 7 were shot.

Dec. 20th dawned bright, clear, and very cold; by morning the temperature had dropped below freezing. The damp foggy weather suddenly broke and Peipers column was attacked by fighter-bombers. It was at this location that Peiper concluded that his situation was hopeless for he was now boxed in by American forces and cut off from all supplies of food, fuel, and ammunition. By the afternoon of Dec. 23rd, Peiper realized his only hope was to try to breakout of his extremely restricted pocket.

The spearhead of the Sixth Panzer Army had failed! By night-fall of Christmas Eve, the American 30th Div. would hold an unbroken line from Stoumont Station to Malmedy.

At 0100 hours in the morning, Sun., Dec. 24, Peiper abandoned all his vehicles, heavy equipment, all wounded, and the 149 American prisoners and left Stoumont and La Gleize, silently and on foot, through 14" of snow. Peipers "Kampfgruppe", now down to only 800 men out of the original 5,000 plus, crossed the Ambleve on a small foot bridge, filtering through the American lines in the dark. That night, Christmas Eve, they made contact with German units, leaving behind a trail of 353 American prisoners and 138 civilians killed in cold blood!!!!

Christmas Eve was a bright and moonlit night for Peipers "Kampfgruppe", as it was for the 897th after its arrival earlier in the evening in Herstal, on the outskirts of Liege, after its perilous journey from Stavelot, one jump ahead of Peipers SS troops. Unbeknown to us at the time, the 2nd SS Panzer had taken Manhay late on Christmas Eve and Liege was now in grave danger too !!! Perhaps it explains why the banks of the Meuse R. in Liege were lined with infantry occupied foxholes, in anticipation, as we proceeded through Liege along the Meuse to Herstal.

"Sepp"Dietrich and his cohorts were accused and convicted of killing some 900-odd American P.O.W. and Belgian civilians during the Ardennes offensive (Battle of the Bulge). Most of the civilians were slaughtered mercilessly by Peipers rampaging SS troopers after they were trapped in the Ambleve R. valley. The official U.S. Army history estimates that by Dec. 20, Peipers command had murdered approximately 300 American P.O.W. and at least 100 unarmed Belgian civilians from twelve different locations along Peipers line of march.

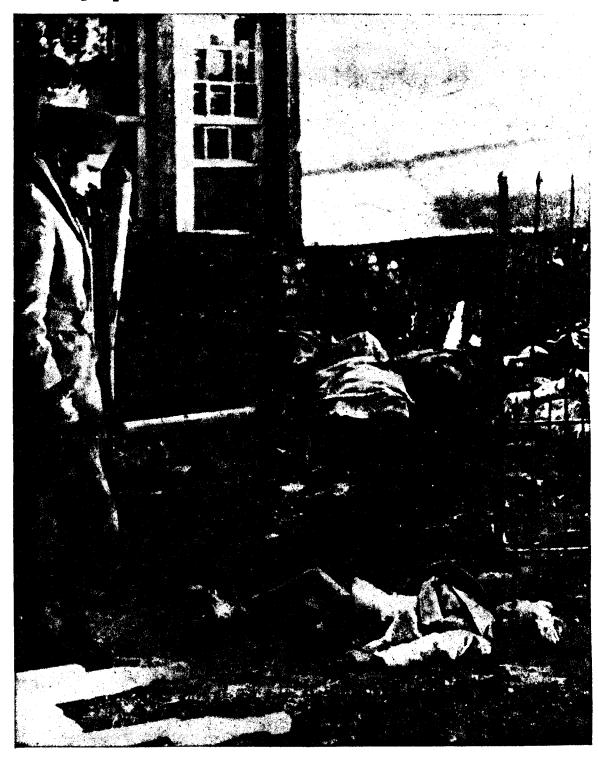
The "Malmedy Massacre" was the subject of extensive hearings after the war. A U.S. military tribunal at Dachau sentenced 73 former members of Kampfgruppe Peiper --- 43 to death ---- 22 to lifelong imprisonment ---- and 8 to prison terms ranging from 10 to 20 years. Many of these sentences were commuted.

Peiper was tried for the atrocities committed by his men. He was sentenced to death but because of faulty evidence, a mistrial was declared and he was set free on probation.

The report on the atrocities by Peipers Kampfgruppe, is a composite of material accumulated over a period of time from several reliable sources.

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It is a very sobering thought indeed when you stop to think of what could have happened to the 897th if Peiper had been able to cross the Ambleve R. bridge on his first attempt, early Sunday evening as originally planned!!!



THEY WERE IN THE WAY. When the German juggernaut smashed into Stavelot, innocent civilians as well as soldiers were killed. Here an American soldier looks with silent sorrow upon the terrible price of war. The Allied flanks of the Nazi salient into the Belgium-Luxembourg lines held firm and it was pressure from the north and south that finally strangled the Nazi drive.

Nazi Panzers Flee East As Ardennes Gap Closes

BULLETIN

PARIS, Sunday, Dec. 31.—(U.P.)—A critical new battle is raging around Bastogne where German forces have launched a two-way attack against the U. S. Third Army's corridor through the city but thus far have failed to steam Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's troops in their drive to cut off the enemy salient into Belgium, dispatches said today.

(The Luxembourg radio, heard in London, said the U. S. First and Third armies had taken between 16,000 and 20,000 German prisoners since the start of the German offensive on Dec. 16.)

By JAMES F. McGLINCY United Press War Correspondent

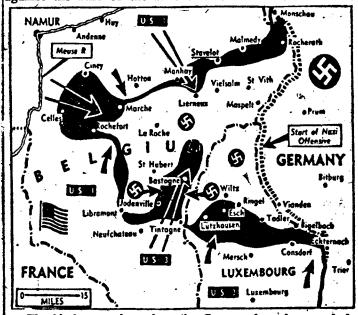
PARIS, Dec. 29.—(UP)—The Germans have gone back to the attack for the first time in three days. They launched strong co-ordinated assults on both sides of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army lunge through Bastogne which threatened to cut the enemy's Belgian salient at the waist and trap tens of thousands of Wehrmacht troops, front dispatches said tonight.

American tanks and doughboys stormed the road center of Rochefort at the apex of the bulge, street by street, in an effort to throw the Germans into complete reverse after knocking back Panzer spearheads 11 miles from the high-

water mark of their drive.

Otherwise the battle of the bulge entered its third week in a state of precarious balance. Both sides apparently were regrouping and strengthening their major forces for the next blow. Observers were about equally divided as to which would launch it.

(German broadcasts asserted the Allies had thrown in 25 divisions, with the bulk of their armor concentrated against the base of the salient were the First and Third



The black area shows how the Germans have been pushed back from the farthest point of their penetration, and where the Nazis are counter-attacking to keep their escape corridor open.

armies in simultaneous assaults, were reported trying to slice

off the German bulge.

(Since mid-December, the enemy broadcasts asserted, the Americans have lost more than 100,000 men. Fifteen of their divisions, including seven of armor, have been "badly mauled," the broadcasts added.)

Foe Menaced By Entrapment

PARIS, Jan. 10.—U.E.—German Panzer divisions broke off contact with the British at the western end of the Ardennes pocket and fled eastward today.

It was a last-minute break to escape envelopment by converging American forces that crushed in the waist of the salient to nine miles or less.

Fast-moving patrols stabbed across the Homme River and pushed on within 30 miles of Houffelize in hot pursuit of the retreating Nazis.

Strong armored

Strong armored and infantry formations were advancing more slowly in their wake, hampered by six-foot snowdrifts and vast minefields.

The German retreat coincided with a sudden crack in the Nazi defenses along the southern and northern flanks of the salient.

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All accounts indicated that Marshal Karl von Rundstedt was pulling back his forces for a lastditch stand in the center of the bulge.

American First Army troops hammered out small gains all along the northern wall of the Ardennes against generally weaker resistance than at any time since the start of the coutner-offensive a week ago today.

At the northwestern corner of

At the northwestern corner of the salient, however, the Germans still were fighting savagely and in force to hold the road hub of La Roche. They apparently were seeking to keep open a line of retreat for their armored divisions in the west.

Units of the American Second Armored Division blasted their way forward yard by yard to within 1000 yards north of La Roche early today. Other tank and infantry elements of the same outfit were locked in a violent battle for Samree, three miles to the east.

Nazis Fire V-Bombs
Field dispatches said the Germans were strongly entrenched with tank and mobile 88-millimeter guns along a high ridge dominating Samree. They were laying a murderous fire down on the attacking Americans.

the attacking Americans.

The Nazis also were reported firing V-bombs point-blank into the doughboys.

At last reports, the Americans had reached the outskirts of Samree and were punching into the town.

the town.
On the Second Armored's western flank, strong British forces also were closing in on La Roches, advancing more than a mile.

European War Ends

WASHINGTON, May 8.—(UP)—
President Truman, announcing the
"unconditional surrender" of Germany, told the country today that the
war was only half over. He warned
the Japanese that they can expect
nothing but complete destruction
unless they too surrender.

Mr. Truman proclaimed the end of the war in what he called a "solemn but a glorious hour," and called on the nation to pray for strength to bring about the end "of treacherous tyranny of the Japanese."

"When the last Japanese division has surrendered unconditionally, then only will our fighting job be done," he said in a proclamation which he read to the world by radio.

Simultaneously, the President issued a statement of warning to the

Japanese which said:

"So long as their leaders and the armed forces continue the war the striking power and intensity of our blows will steadily increase and will bring utter destruction to Japan's industrial war production, its shipping and to everything that supports its military activity."



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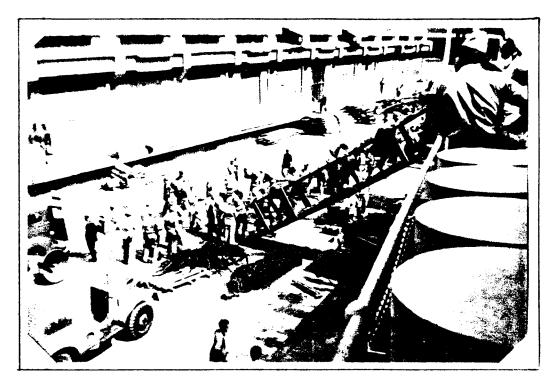
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BOARDING THE LIBERTY SHIP "CAPE BEALE"

IN NAPLES, ITALY



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Brazil

BRAZIL

South Atlantic Bases

THE air bases that contributed to your victories are now points along your Victory Voyage. At Naral, Recife, Fortaleza, Sao Luiz, Belem and Amapa, your airborne galleon is being serviced before continuing to the U.S. A. After a short pause at some of these bases, while you take the kinks out of your limbs and the engines of your plane get a breathing spell, a fresh crew will wheel you skyward toward the Guianas, the Antilles, and Florida.

It is the desire of USAFSA and the South Atlantic Division of ATC to get you home as soon as possible. In most cases you will remain on the ground for only brief rest periods. However, should there be delays on account of weather or air traffic, we urge you to bear in mind that we consider you our guests.

At Natal you will see a large military air terminal, where planes are taking off (most of them in the homeward direction now) every few minutes. Other bases and stations lie to the Northwest and Southwest of Natal, some with extensive runways and facilities, others being auxiliary airstrips.

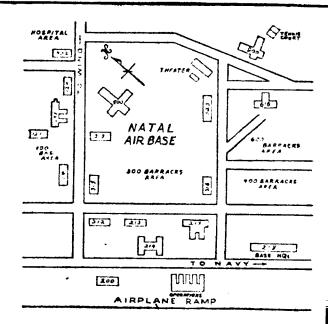
Although there are no leather seats while aloft, nor private rooms with baths while on the ground, one will concede that this military airbase 4,000

miles from home has achieved a reasonably accurate facsimile of LaGuardia Field.

Near the mouth of the mighty Amazon lies Belem, a port which has decayed since the collapse of the rubber boom at the beginning of this century, but which still recalls that its opera house was opened by Enrico Caruso. In constructing the nearby base of Val de Cans, the jungle had to be hewn away by crews of hundreds of laborers with machetes and axes, to clear building areas and allow expansion of the already existing airfield. Some of the trees grow 200 feet high and all are straight and close together, bound with masses of tropica undergrowth.

Northwest of Belem you will pass over the emergency landing strip at Amapa deep in the steaming jungle of the Amazon basin, where soldiers literally "sweat out" their tour of duty and, for pastime, hunt crocodiles and 20-foot boa constrictors. Leaving Belem, you will cross Marajo Island—bigger than Formosa or Belgium—and the estuaries of several mighty rivers. When you come to one which colors the ocean yellow-brown for a distance of 20 miles out from shore, you will have reached the Demerara River and have left the pleasant tropical land of Brazil.

Happy Landings; or, as we say in Portuguese, Boa Viagem, from the United States Army Forces in the South Atlantic.



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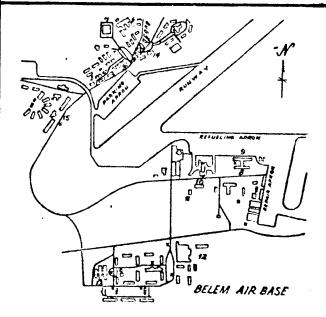
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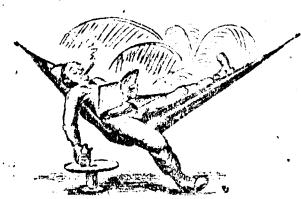
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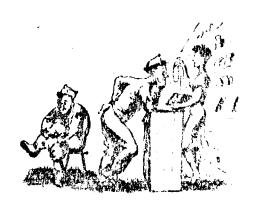
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- 12. Hospital
- 13. Officers Club Mess
- 14. N. C. O. Club
- 15. Headquarters
- + Shuttle Bus Stop



- You are responsible for your own personal valuables. Keep them on your person at all times. Any losses should be reported to the office of the Provost Marshal immediately. Facilities are available at the registration desk in Transient Service for checking property.
- Identification tags will be worn at all times. You will be required to show your tags prior to boarding aircraft. If you do not have yours, Transient Service will make up a new set for you.
- 3. Lights out in quarters after 2200.
- U. S. currency may be used anywhere on the Base except for paying Brazilian employees. Give only Brazilian Currency to Brazilians.
- All sidearms and classified equipment must be checked while on the ground at all Bases.
- Due to the uncertainty of departure schedules, Transients are required to remain on the Base. Due to a transportation shortage, it is impossible to provide sufficient vehicles to permit visits to the Brazilian towns adjacent to our Bases.

- All Bases have free movies every night. At Natal, in addition to the Base Theater, building #210 will run newsreels and short subjects on a twenty-four hour basis.
- 8. You are on your way home as conquering heroes. Your appearance will be noticed by many admiring eyes. Here in the South Atlantic, we are in the habit of equalling the military bearing and courtesy of the Brazilian Armed Forces. Although it is not our policy to criticize, it is recommended that you keep your appearance neat. Ties are the custom after 5:00 p.m. Sleeves will be rolled down and hats will be worn at all times. Trousers legs will not be worn rolled up.
- Native vendors are not authorized to sell merchandise of any kind on Bases. Do not buy from them.
- 10. No' pictures can be taken. Official photographers will secure permission to take photos from Base S-2.
- 11. Security must never relax, as YOU KNOW, even though the European phase of the war is over. But let us remind you that your battlefield experiences may contain valuable military information for Jap agents, who are still lurking where we least expect to find them.
- 12. Details such as K. P. and guard are filled only by personnel from the Base. While you are Homeward Bound, the order of the day is . . . RELAX.





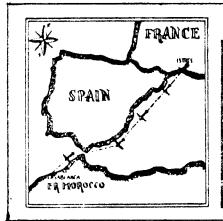
THE POST EXCHANGE—even on its quiet days, looks like Macy's basement on bargain day. Here, school chums and relatives from the main streets of home meet in transit to and from the opposite ends of the world. But crowded or not, every effort will be made to offer a generous assortment of articles priced far below what you will pay for them in the States.

While cigarettes are rationed—as everywhere—you are urged to sample the excellent Brazilian cigars, which possess a bouquet rivaling Havana coronas. There isn't much need to remind you of Natal boots, for they seem to be famous with fighting Yanks everywhere. There are also colorful souvenir dolls from Bahia, alligator and calfskin ladies' bags and wallets, and many varieties of semi-precious stones including aquamarine and topaz. And . . . if the worms can turn out the stuff fast enough, there will be ladies' silk stockings for everyone.

A barber shop, featuring a first-class haircut for 15 cents, is open during daylight hours, and a nickel will get you a super shoe shine to the rhythm of "Tico Tico." Only suckers pay more.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT having defeated the Axis powers in Europe, has been flown from France to Africa on the first leg of the journey home in a Flying Fortress of the 92nd Bombardment Group—Fame's Favored Few—the oldest bomber group in Europe.

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The route flown starts from latres airfield on the Rhone delta near Marsellies, The coast of Spain is followed to Gibraitar, thence along the Atlantio North African coast to Casablanca, The trip, almost 1,000 miles over water, is flown in approximately 5 1-2 hours.

"SHORT SNORTER" (BOTH SIDES SHOWN)

COURTESY OF HOWARD HAMMOND

PIGEONS, PILOTS, PASSENGERS, PIKIES' and all other babitants of the ozone

GREETINGS:

know ye by these presents, by all the winds that blow from the four quarters of the earth whether from Grid North, Solid South, Near East or Mae West, by the stratosphere, the troposphere and the tropopause, the thunder, lightning and the rainbow, that

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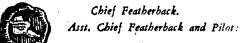
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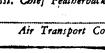
MERCURY. godlike gremlin of the Greeks, Jupiter's flying flash, most high and mighty winged heel, DO HEREBY AWARD HIM

One bag of select, tropically-warmed, Amazonian bot air, for use in describing his experiences on return to the States, and initiate him into the TRUSTY ORDER OF FEATHERBACKS. Equatorial Chapter, and to all rights and privileges therein.

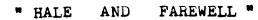
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Air Transport Command



"FEATHERBACK" CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY A.T.C. FOR CROSSING THE EQUATOR





Welcome to British Guiana! Though your stay may be brief we sincerely hope that it is a pleasant one.

So that you may tell the folks at home that you stopped at "B.G." and answer any questions about it, we have prepared a "quickie" covering the outstanding and worth talking about features of British Guiana.

Since its inception, this base has undergone many changes and improvements and has seen personnel come and go. Yet, through all these changes one thing has remained constant, and that is, our motto "We Shall Serve". Opened in July of 1941 the field has been an important link the chain of the bases feeding the South Atlantic route to active combat theaters.

The Colony's chief transportation facilities are its rivers, which honeycomb the area. Not the least of these is the Demerara. It is muddy in color, full of treacherous undercurrents, huge water snakes, and man-eating fish. Although there are sharks at the rivers mouth, they are "sissies" as compared with the finny denizens of the rivers known as "cannibal fish". These dead-

liest of the worlds fish are the Piranha. Only four to five inches in length, they are voracious flesh-eaters and will attack any living thing in the water without any provocation, even members of its own species. They have been known to devour a full grown cow in less than half an hour. Natives and unbelieving visitors have lost toes and fingers merely from trailing these members over the side of a canoe.

We are now approaching Georgetown, the capitol of the colony and its largest city. Many are the interesting sights to be seen. for this is truly the land of "contrasts and contradictions". The Botanical Gardens are large and beautiful and contain many examples of tropical flora and fauna among which are the famous orchids. Travelers palms, the toucan, and the "manatee" or "sea-cow". As we stroll along the walks of this extremely well kept park, we see signs directing our steps towards the governmental experimental stations where studies are made of the agricultural problems of the colony and the means of bettering the breed of the livestock raised here. On North Road, we encounter a large wooden structure known as St. Georges Cathedral. This is reported to be the "the largest wooden building in the the Western Hemisphere". Dedicated on 24 August 1892, after having been under construction for three years, it is a beautiful sight. On 23 February 1945, disaster struck and part of the city of Georgetown was engulfed in a conflagration which threatened its very existence. Originating at 3:40 P.M. in Bookers Drug Store, by an explosion of alcohol, from which a clerk, Ivan Morris, had been drawing the

liquid, used in the manufacture of B.G.s famous cure-all "Limacol", the fire, fed by a strong N.E. wind, soon spread through the business district. It was only kept from doing greater damage by the presence in its path of five concrete and metal buildings which served as a fire break.

The heroic efforts of the local fire brigade and the prompt action of the officers and crew of a U.S. tanker, anchored at the docks which turned its hoses on the wooden frame buildings along the waterfront, were in a great measure responsible for the curbing of the flames. The U.S. Army M.P.s and the B.G. garrison rendered invaluable aid in the maintaining of order.

This colony, although an old one, still contains vast areas unknown to the white man and even to the aborigines. The products and natural resources are varied and range from the inevitable rice, the main item of the natives diet, to the exotic and beautiful gem diamond. In spite of the variety, quantity, and quality of its resources, B.G. does not possess a single industry as we Americans know them. Raw sugar is sent out of the colony and the finished product imported. It is only in recent years that its fine rum has been exported to the States. It has the worlds largest potential supply of greenheart, one of the most valued of hardwoods, but it cannot afford to keep a cut supply on hand and can only fill large orders when they are placed months in advance. Gold mining furnished a source of income and flourished for a while, due to the richness of the ore and the deposits, but that was soon dropped in favor of the extraction of diamonds from the earth. The export of diamonds was once this colonies second largest source of income and the production af the stones before the war was exceeded only by the large mines of South Africa. The gems found here are of the finest quality and color and rank with the best to be found anywhere. Due to the war need for light metal, the chief mining interest in the colony was transferred to its deposit of Bauxite, the principal ore of aluminum. These deposits are the second largest in the world. Other precious minerals are present too, including one of the worlds four known deposits of radium. With the help of the U.S., the rubber production here has increased from nothing in 1939 to 15 tons per month in 1943, and it is still increasing. With all these possibilities, British Guiana has been unable to attract sufficient labor or private capital to exploit its resources. The sun, the sea, the floods, and the insects and thescarcity of sanitary and medical facilities to combat malaria and other tropical diseases and infections, have discouraged many a potential worker and investor. With all this, British Guiana holds much promise for the future and leads us to believe in the prophecy that it will take its rightful place among the richer of the Crown Colonies.

In the interior, near the head-waters of the Petaro River, there are some falls known as "Kaieteur". These mighty and majestic falls were discovered in 1871 by Barrington Brown. They derived their name from the aboriginal Indian "Old Man" or "Kaietuk", later being modernized and misspelled "Kaieteur". The falls are 370 feet wide and have a total height of 822 feet, roughly five times that of Niagara. The very size of the falls makes it impossible to call them beautiful, rather it is a fascination of terror, and makes this place stand high on the list of places to visit.

We hope that your visit here, whether brief or prolonged, is a pleasant one. We are here to serve you. In any event, "smooth sailing."



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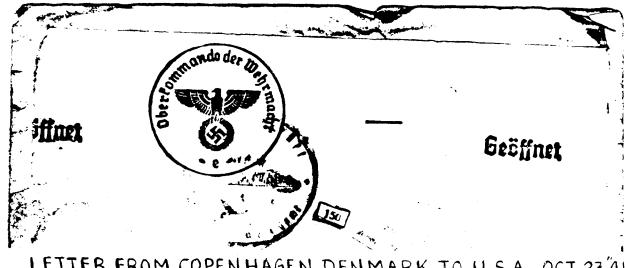
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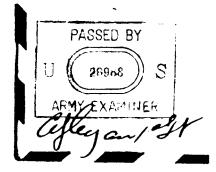
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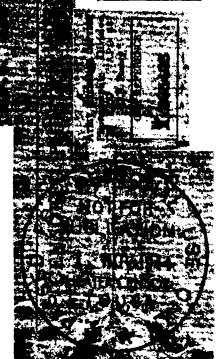
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Vet Job Seekers Can Expect Break

WASHINGTON, Apr. 10 (ANS) -- Edward Schelberling, national commander of the American Legion, said that returning veterans can not be expected to start all over again doing the job they held before the war.

He said that public opinion will be on the side of the veteran when it comes to seeking jobs in the postwar world.

"Any attempt on the part of any seg-ment of our people to maintain wartime advantages gained solely because of the absence of millions of men and women in the service, will create one of the most tremendous employment problems we have ever faced," he said.

Pre-Yule Letters. Delayed 3 Times, Finally Cross Sea

The most delayed shipment of mail ever sent soldiers in the ETO-four and a half million letters, mailed in the U.S. from Dec. 4-14-has arrived on the Continent.

Brig. Gen. R. B. Lovett, ETO adjutant general, said the shipment consists of 54.978 pounds of air mail and 41.274 pounds of ordinary letters. Many Christ mas cards were believed to be included.

The ship—dubbed "Old Unlucky" by APO men—left New York Dec. 16, but had to turn back with mechanical trouble. Sailing again, it was forced to put into an intermediate port for more repairs.

The third start ended in a collision, forcing the vessel into another intermediate port. Repairs and lack of unloading and transportation facilities prevent_ ed trans-shipment of the mail.

Once here, "Old Unluckys" cargo was en route to the front in 48 hours.

Don't Hoard Silk Hose, Rita Hayworth Asks

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 14.—(UP)— Film star Rita Hayworth today asked 110 actresses to pledge themselves not to hoard silk stockings and underwear.

"It wouldn't be fair for girls in the higher income brackets to buy up stocks when there are so many

10 Food Stamps Expire Saturday

Ten food ration coupons expire Saturday, OPA reminded housewives today. They are blue coupons C-2, D-2, E-2, F-2 and G-2 and red coupons T-5, U-5, V-5 and X-5. They will be replaced by 10 more coupons, five reds and five blues which become valid next Tuesday. All coupons are good for 10 points each.

Unrationed Tires Predicted in 1946

(U.P.) -Holders of A-cards may be able to buy new tires on a rationed basis by the end of this year and on an unrationed basis sometime in 1946, J. Ward Keener, assistant to the president of B. F. Goodrich Co., predicted today.

Keener told business leaders here that the 89,000,000 tires esti-mated for 1947 will put all the old vehicles, trucks and autos, as weil as several million new ones, "in first class condition as far as

tires are concerned."

At the same time, he said, the world could absorb boosted rubber supplies if other nations "re-motely approached" America in their uses of the commodity. He added that since Pearl Harbor the United States has produced as much synthetic rubber as the entire world's supply of natural rub-ber for all the 17 years from 1900 through 1916.

Tomato Plant Best Bet For Mother's Day

The "smart" child on Mother's Day, Sunday, will be giving his mother a dozen tomato plants for her Victory Garden.

The flower situation among Columbus florists today appeared to be worse than Easter, with the supply falling far short of the demand.

"Get your order in as soon as possible," one florist urged.

The florists said they were "pushing" pots of mixed flowers which are in bloom now.

The biggest reason for the shortage is that florists are patriotic, with their greenhouses producing vegetables.

Cross-Country Flight Record Believed Set

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—U.D. A four-engined Army C-97 apparently set a cross-continent speed record of about six hours,

it was announced here today.
The C-97 is a double-decked transport version of the Boeing B-29 Superfortresses now bombing Japan. Previous record was set by a Lockheed-built Constellation transport piloted by Jack Frye of TWA and Howard Hughes, noted sportsman pilot.

Inside Today

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1945

Rationed Liquor To Flow June 1

Liquor rationing in Ohio at an expected pint-a-month rate will begin June 1 and sales of whisky will be stopped in all retail stores for two weeks prior to that date, Don A. Fisher, liquor director, announced today.

Persons whose mailed application blanks are postmarked not later than Monday will be eligible to participate in the first ration period, Mr. Fisher said. Applications are available at all stores, but must be obtained by registrants at the store located in the sone in which they live.

Ration books will be issued on an alphabetical basis beginning Monday, May 17—the first day when stores will be closed for sale

of whisky.

When applicants call at their stores on the designated dates to get their ration books, they will be required to furnish some specific means of positive identification which will be announced next week Mr. Fisher said.

Here's when applicants will go to their stores to get their ration

books.

Monday, May 17-Persons whose last names start with the letters A and R

Tuesday, May 18-Persons whose last names start with the letters C and D.

Wednesday, May 19 - Persons whose last names start with the letters E, F and G.

Thursday, May 20-Persons whose last names sart with the letters, H, I and J.

Friday, May 21-Persons whose

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Shoe Ration Stamp Delay Is Indicated

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(U.P.) The Office of Price Administration said tonight that present indications point to a delay in validating a new shoe ration stamp until "sometime next summer," thus forecasting a further tightening of rationing on the home front.

Such action would extend for at least two months the period the current ration stamp would have to last before another is declared valid. This puts the ration on a basis of three pairs per person every two years instead of the present rate of two pairs a

In a joint announcement with the War Production Board, the OPA said cancellation of outstanding shoe stamps is not be-

ing considered.

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PERPETUAL CALENDAR

Tells on what day of the week you were born!

Perpetual Calendar. A perpetual calendar is one that shows the day of the week for any year desired. The perpetual calendar below may be used to find any day of the week from 1753 to 2030. The calendar is easy to use. The letters after each year refer to the Table of Months below, right, while the figures in the Table of Months refer to the Table of Days (on opposite page).

For example, to find on what day of the week Christmas fell in 1900, look for 1900 in the Table of Years. The letter a follows. Then look for a in the Table of Manths. Opposite a and under December in this table is the number 6. In the Table of Days, look under the column headed 6. There 25 is opposite Tuesday. Therefore, Christmas, or December 25, fell on Tuesday in 1900.

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AND, IN CONCLUSION,

A VERY TIMELY ARTICLE FROM THE NEWSPAPER

Dear Ann Landers: You know you're getting older when:

Almost everything hurts. What doesn't hurt, doesn't work anymore.

It feels like the morning after, the night before, and you haven't been anywhere.

All the names in your little black book end in M.D.

You get winded playing chess.

You look forward to a dull evening.

You still chase women, but have forgotten why.

You turn out the lights for economic, not romantic, reasons.

Your knees buckle and your belt won't.

You are 17 around the neck, 42 around the waist and 126 around the golf course.

You sink your teeth into a steak and they stay there.

You try to straighten the wrinkles in your socks and find you aren't wearing any.

A little old gray-haired lady tries to help you across the street. She's your wife. — L.F. in San Antonio

C'EST LA VIE!