

LEAR WILL ASSIST EISENHOWER

***Jan 25--Lieutenant General Ben Lear, commander of the Army Ground Forces, has been appointed Deputy Commander of United States Forces in the European Theater. Lear was named commander of the Ground Forces last summer after Lieutenant General Leslie McNair was killed while watching an aerial bombardment by United States planes in Normandy.

Washington observers have been speculating that General Stilwell might be given the Ground Forces command spot in Lear's place, while Lear takes over such duties as conservation of manpower and morale and welfare under Eisenhower's command.

PARIS LOOTING TRIAL CONTINUES

***Jan 25--Six more enlisted men of a U.S. army railway battalion was convicted of looting supply trains enroute to the western front. They drew sentences ranging from 15 to 25 years at hard labor. The trial of officers involved in the black market scandal was scheduled for Saturday. The United States army also announced that two soldiers had been sentenced to life imprisonment for going AWOL. 13 others guilty of the same offense were given sentences of from five to twenty five years; these trials covered only AWOL's not deserters. The army announcement went on to say that President Roosevelt had revised the 61st Article of War, removing all limitation on punishment for AWOL.

In London, Private Carl G. Hulten, 22 year old American paratrooper of Cambridge, Massachusetts, was sentenced to hang by a British jury Tuesday. Hulten was tried for the murder of George Heath, a London taxi driver. Also sentenced to death with the Army private was Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, an 18 year old British strip teaser, whose testimony reveals she robbed the taxi driver as he lay dying.

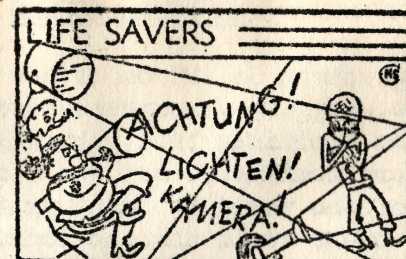
Does your husband snore in his sleep?
I don't know, we've been married only 3 days.

EDEN QUIZZED ON SYRIAN INDEPENDENCE

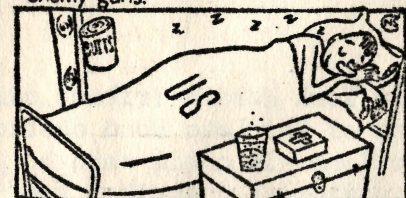
***Jan 25--In a House of Commons debate Major General Sir Edward Spears, until recently British Minister to Syria, plied Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden with questions, all of them dealing with Syrian independence and the Syrian armed forces.

Eden stated that the British government will keep in close touch with the French and Syrian governments now discussing these questions. Spears then reminded Eden that France in 1941, before her own defeat, had issued a proclamation of Syrian Independence and promised to give the Syrians all the help in her power to enable them to have their own national forces. At the same time, the British government had endorsed this proclamation. Now Spears wanted to know if Eden had or would consider making any representations to De Gaulle's government on the subject, or whether De Gaulle had requested the good offices of the British government in the matter.

Eden sidestepped this one by saying that Spears was as familiar with the question as he (Eden) and it wasn't helpful to debate the issue publicly now. He did reveal, however, that Syrian gendarmes had recently been increased in number, and reequipped.



Watch out for trip wires! They often set off flares on spots covered by enemy guns.



Never neglect your first aid kit. Have it with you at all times and be sure it's complete.



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RUSSIANS REACH ODER RIVER!CAMP O'DONNELL FALLS

***Jan 25--Notorious Camp O'Donnell on Luzon, where American and Filipino prisoners were separated during the Death March from Bataan, has fallen to the American XIV Army Corps. The Corps advance elements now 50 miles from Manila and about 10 miles from Clark Field. During yesterday's operations, the Yanks in this sector broadened and deepened their forward wedge toward Luzon's capital.

Associated Press reports said there were strong Jap patrols in the vicinity of Clark Field and that the Japs were expected to make a determined stand to protect the field along the Bamban River. The Bamban River is six miles south of captured Capas and a natural defense line for Clark Field and Manila.

To the north, on the American left flank, the I Army Corps advanced eastward to seize huge stores of enemy supplies after wiping out an enemy stronghold on Mount Alava, southwest of Sison.

Meanwhile, the Nips were putting the torch to native villages and unless a military miracle occurs, the same fate lies in store for Manila.

SUPERFORTS BLAST NAGOYA

***Jan 25--American super-fortresses bombed industrial targets in Nagoya on the Jap home island of Honshu Tuesday. The
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***Jan 25--Russian armies in a tremendous sweep over a 600 mile front continued to race across the Polish plain driving the disorganized Germans before them. The First Russian Ukrainian Army reached the Oder River in German Silesia on a 37½ mile front Tuesday. Indications are that the First Ukrainian Army may jump the Oder without waiting for the Soviet armies northward to pull abreast. Stalin did not give the exact point where the Oder River was reached, but did say Marshal Konev's Army had reached it near Breslau, capital of Lower Silesia.

The Oder River is the last major natural defense barrier between the Russian armies and the German heartland. It has long been heralded as Germany's strongest and last-ditch fortifications. Should the Red Army succeed in crossing the Oder, a long step will have been taken toward victory on the Eastern front.

In East Prussia, Stalin announced that the Second White Russian Army captured Saalfeld, 22 miles south of the Baltic port of Elbing, as well as taking 600 other towns. Capture of Elbing, westernmost port in East Prussia, would seal off the whole province; tens of thousands of German troops would be caught in a gigantic trap. Meanwhile, the Third White Russian Army, which is invading East Prussia from the east and northwest, captured Labiau and Wehlau, 27 and 32 miles from Konigsberg. Konigsberg is the capital of
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OBITUARY TO A CITY

Newspaper accounts refer to Budapest as a ruined city, a mass of rubble, a heap of stone. While we hastily scan these accounts to read about new and perhaps more important Russian victories, I would like to stop for a minute and reflect on the kin of place this new victim of total warfare really was.

A Time correspondent has called the city worldly and decadent, and yet a young reader hastened to point out that it really was a place of beauty and splendor. In reality it was both, a city with magnificent architecture, beautiful vistas, lovely gardens and parks, excellent restaurants, splendid music and fine wines, the best of foods and famous nightclubs. It was also a city of fast women, political strife, intolerance and hatred.

And yet as it stands in its ruins as a condemning monument to German brutality and willingness to sacrifice the property of others, I cannot help but hope, that out the ruins will rise a place with faults corrected and virtues preserved to become a capital of not only apricot brandy, but a truly democratic and peace-loving nation.

By-T/5 Andrew Major---Reg Hq Co, 382nd Inf.

MONTREAL BOOLED AS HOME FOR NEW PEACE BODY

Congressman Sol Bloom of New York, ex-chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, suggested Montreal become the home of the proposed world peace organization.

Bloom explained that Montreal is the center of the Western Hemisphere and that the Western Hemisphere has done so much toward winning the war and assisting the nations of the world to fight against Germany and Japan. He said a peace conference centered there would have no connections with former world leagues and if a new start is to be made, why not make it in this hemisphere.

THE GLORIOUS BUMS

A New York Herald-Tribune editorial titled, "The Impossible Job" cites the background of the Ledo Road obstacles that confronted General Joseph Stilwell and the objections given him when he pushed the idea of the road.

The editorial describes how Stilwell trained Chinese troops to fight their way across the Salween River and over mountains to seize the Chinese section of the old Burma road. It concludes that those who fought in China were a ragged and hungry lot and dubs them "The Glorious Bums". Credit for the actual building of the road should go to the Engineers commanded by Brig. Gen. Lewis, who was picked by Stilwell especially for the job.

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big bombers shot down or damaged 62 enemy planes and lost one of their own to enemy action.

Reports from Guam said the sky giants operated at a lower altitude than usual and that the Nips offered the strongest air opposition yet seen over Nagoya. B-29 gunners bagged a large number of Jap interceptors and one crew saw 15 enemy planes crash below.

Approximately 100 B-29's swept over Nagoya, Japanese industrial center and home of aircraft producing factories. The swarms of fighters that rose to meet our formations stayed with them through the bombing runs and until they were 100 miles out to sea.

B-29 CHIEF BACK TO STATES, HOW LONG?

***Jan 25--Brigadier General Haywood Hansell, commander of the Twenty First Bomber Command in the Mariannas, is returning to Washington for temporary duty, but speculators are laying odds he won't be there long. They believe his relief from the Twenty First is based on the expectation that the central plain of Luzon will become the major center for B-29 operations. It is sufficiently far from the Mariannas and would therefore necessitate a separate command.

Hansell's experience in bomber commands dates back to 1942. At that time he was on General Eisenhower's Air Staff in North Africa. He later commanded a bombardment wing of the Eighth Air Force in England. Then he returned to Washington for various staff duties and later became Chief of Staff of the Twentieth Air Force.

There is a good chance that the Nipponese mainland will again hear from Gen. Hansell.

FRENCH ARMY GETS U.S. SUPPLIES

The military supply program to equip eight French divisions has started to flow from the United States. This program was cited by the President in his last speech.

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the whole Prussian province. The Second White Army took more than 450 towns in the eastern neck of the Polish corridor.

200 miles directly west of Warsaw, in central Poland, one Russian army is pounding at the gates of Breslau. The Germans broadcast a news account of a tank battle only two and one half miles east of Breslau. Although Red Army troops in this sector are still 50 miles from the German frontier, they are still the closest of any Allied force to Berlin. Yesterday's advance gained them another 20 miles, so that the Red Army has swept forward 200 miles in less than two weeks. In one single day the Soviets had taken more than 3350 communities, 1500 of them inside Germany.

ALLIES ADVANCE ALL ALONG WESTERN FRONT

***Jan 25--On the western front the combined Allied armies continued to push the Nazis back in Belgium, France, and Holland. The American First Army after liberating St. Vith, eastern Belgian highway center and last German strong point in their Belgian salient, continued on to within four miles of the German frontier. St. Vith had been beaten into an unrecognizable pulp by Allied planes and artillery. At the northern end of the front, British Second Army troops gained two miles on a six mile arc to within seven miles inside the German frontier.

Farther to the south, the American Third Army under General Patton made gains up to two miles along a twenty mile front against stiffening resistance. On the extreme southern end of the western front, the French First Army continued their powerful attack launched last Saturday.

Ninth Airforce fighter bombers, who had record hunting Monday, chalked up another big day Tuesday. They destroyed 996 motor vehicles, damaged 933, destroyed 39 tanks, damaged 41, destroyed 207 rail way cars, and damaged 313.



The heavyweight champ of the world, Staff Sergeant Joe Louis said that, "It's true that I am going to defend my title only once more after the war and Billy Conn will be my opponent." Louis said that Conn "deserves the first crack at the title. He is the number one contender and gave me my hardest fight. While the war is on, though, I am not thinking about prize fighting. I am doing whatever the War Department wants me to do for as long as it wants me to do it. But when peace comes I will have that fight with Conn and win or lose or draw, I'll quit".

Army, De Paul, St. Johns of Brooklyn, Notre Dame and Tennessee have risen to challenge Iowa for top college basketball honors of the nation, as Kentucky was toppled from the undefeated list by Tennessee Saturday night, 35-34. Iowa barely managed to remain in the unbeaten list by nosing out Michigan 29-27 for their ninth straight victory. St. Johns followed their overtime triumph over Temple U. with a victory over previously undefeated Akron 48-42. Notre Dame shattered the 16 game winning streak of Great Lakes, 55-51, as Johnny Dee scored 25 points. Army ran its string to four straight for the season with a 67-24 defeat of Princeton as footballer Dale Hall hit the bucket for 22 points.

Manpower continued to bite deeper in major league reserves as the number of big time baseball players entering the service rose by at least 24 as compared to six discharged veterans who may return to the game. With both major and minor leagues anticipating a possible player shortage this spring, they prepared to tap a player source previously unavailable to professional baseball, the Junior American Legion players. Leslie O'Connor, chairman of baseball's three-man advisory committee, announced that all clubs could sign Junior American Legion players, provided the negotiations are made on or after February fifth and before June first.

SHORTS STORY

Chillicothe, Ohio--"When he started taking off his shoes and socks I left the theatre", said the young Wac. The MP had taken her to the show but had fallen asleep soon after arriving. It was only a short while after that he began disrobing. When he had eliminated all but his shorts, he started walking down the aisle in his sleep. Finally someone grabbed the MP's shoulder and shook him until he awoke.

Horrified he made a dash for the men's lounge while an usher hurriedly grabbed up his uniform.

His explanation was, "I dreamed I had gone to bed with my clothes on so I got up and undressed".

He was released.

I don't know what we want; but we have 100 feet of .35 millimeter film in our possession and what we want is pictures--Have you a camera? Maybe we'll split--one way or the other.

Sgt. Ashitl, QM

In Tanauan, by the river.

THE WOLF

by Sansone



Unit Reporters Column

It seems that S/Sgt Coover and Cpl. Scott of this battery were horse breeders at one time. They put on quite a show with a warmed-over mare and a pint-sized stud. It made the boys homesick for the farm! Now everyone is anxious as to the outcome of the battle and whether or not we will be here to see it. We don't know if that's good or bad but we're open for suggestions.

If anybody wishes to learn how to ride a horse please don't ask Cpl. Hohman to show you how. But--on the other hand if there are any people who want to be taught how not to ride a horse then by all means get intouch with him. At the present time he is quite able to show you the wounds received when he himself learned how not to ride. One cherry on each cheek, but what cherries.

The battery volleyball players are getting quite adept at the game. "A" battery of 198th F.A. found that out to their sorrow the other afternoon. In the eyes of this expert (?) they are going places and will come out on top when the dust or mud clears. Any team that doesn't think so may consider this a challenge and they will be welcomed to the court and led to the slaughter. (You know fellas, accidents will happen even to the best teams so don't be afraid).

B Battery, 361 F.A. Bn.

Volleyball champs take notice: In the Jan 17th issue of the "Deadeye", 96th Div Hq Co issued a challenge to all comers to play the winner of their forthcoming volleyball league. The 362d FA Bn accepts that challenge and when the Hq Co League has crowned its champion, we would then like a chance of also crowning them.

Our team is composed of husky artillerymen with an average height of six feet three inches and an approximate weight of 200 lbs on the hoof. Rugged as a 105mm howitzer and swift as an Hq shell, this ruthless volleyball combination does not

intend to suffer defeat. Sgt. Noel Martin, in charge of this amazing athletic aggregation, can be contacted at Hq Btry, 362d FA Bn.

96th Div MP's, contenders for the volleyball championship in the Hq League, swamped the 382d Regtl Hq Co team, 15-2, 15-2. Two strong teams will battle it out to play in the semi-finals today. Hq Co Defense Platoon will face G-2 with the winner playing the hot G-3 boys.

"Mysterious Annabelle Jones"

"To my darling Woody,

Annabelle."

Thus was the photograph signed. But "Woody", who is more commonly known as Capt. Woodrow W. Lindler of Headquarters Company, says that he never saw or heard of "Annabelle" in his life! Or at least he hopes not.

The picture came to Capt. Lindler yesterday afternoon in an envelope post-marked Leesville, South Carolina, which just by coincidence (?) happens to be the Captain's home town. On the outside of the envelope was the name "Annabelle Jones".

She does not bear a close resemblance to any of the more popular pin-up girls. In fact, she looks far more like one of the cotton-gin mules often seen in the vicinity of Leesville, with regard to both shape and complexion.

If anyone knows of a female answering to this description and name, there is a Captain in Headquarters Co. who would like very much to converse with him. But quick.

J.A.A.

Did you hear about the moron who:
Drank eight cokes and burped 7-up.
Was feeling low and got his face slapped.