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Jan. 21—UP—The
yesterday captured the
German high comm-
announced that soviet tank
had driven five to 32
side German Silesia by
into Namslau, 27 miles
Breslau and 106 miles
Two-thirds of Po-
been liberated.

Russian assault forces
inside the Junker
of East Prussia from the
advances of up to 24
while more than 250
villages and towns
Marshall Stalin
in one of three orders
for Saturday.

another soviet army
entering into the south-
ern areas of East Prus-
a 30-mile front within
of Danzig.

no confirmation
of these German
of Russian invasions of
and southern East Prus-
ough the soviet high
revealed that red army
infantry had reached
town of Janowo, 32
south southeast of the
city of Allenstein.

Stalin revealed that red
pops 100 miles west of
who have covered more
third of the way to Bor-
week, were 209 miles
the German capital after
the Polish city of Kolo on
saw-Berlin railroad.

an 800-mile front from
Czechoslovakia
to Czechoslovakia
red soviet armies were
a routed German army
included four tank and
divisions rushed from
front, Moscow said.

from 2,500 German, Po-
Czechoslovak towns and
were seized yesterday.
of Poland already was
and Moscow announced
2,000 enemy troops had
killed and 25,000 taken
by three of its armies
past eight days.

red army overran almost
povs and villages in the
of the winter offensive
vanced up to 140 miles
Moscow said.



**Work-Or-Fight
Change Forced
By Farm Bloc**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20—AP—
Farm bloc pressure tonight forced
a modification of proposed work-
or-go-to-jail legislation to protect
essential farm labor.

Chairman Andrew J. May (D-
Ky.) of the house military affairs
committee said an amendment
would be written into the bill
"specifically providing that noth-
ing in the legislation shall be con-
strued to interfere with or super-
sede the operation of the Tydings
amendment" which governs farm
deferments.

The bill, intended to mobilize
home front manpower by forcing
men 18 to 45 to take or keep es-
sential jobs under penalty of fine
and imprisonment, would in no
way abrogate the Tydings amend-
ment, May said, but a specific
amendment seemed necessary to
"remove the fears of some of the
members."

Hershey Accused

Rep. William Lemke (R-N. D.)
and other farm state legislators
charged earlier that Selective Di-
rector Lewis B. Hershey was at-
tempting to force local draft
boards to ignore the Tydings act
and to remove all men under 26
from farms.

Chairman John W. Flannagan,
Jr. (D-Va.) of the house agricul-
ture committee announced that
War Mobilization Director James
F. Byrnes, War Food Administra-
tor Marvin Jones and Hershey had
been asked to appear before his
committee Monday.

"We're just going to develop the
facts and find out where we are
on the farm manpower situation,"
Flannagan said.

Jones has told the military af-
fairs committee that the bill as
written does not affect the Tyd-
ings amendment.

Union Membership

If farm bloc opposition is dis-
sipated by the proposed amend-
ment, the May committee will face
only one major obstacle—the is-
sue of union membership.

The committee, determined to
finish writing the bill Monday,
will take up amendments by Reps.
Paul Stewart (D-Okla.) and Ar-
thur Kwinstead (D-Miss.) which
would prohibit forcing any work-
er, assigned to an essential job, to
join a union.

**Dr. Huffaker Reports Tuesday
On Local Area School Housing**

Dr. C. L. Huffaker of the Uni-
versity of Oregon will make his
report and recommendations, fol-
lowing a study of school housing
problems in the Eugene area, at a
meeting to be held in the county
court room at the courthouse Jan.
23 at 8 p.m.

Laurence C. Moffitt, county
school superintendent, is sending
out a letter to school board mem-
bers and clerks of districts No. 4,
6, 7, 12, 56, 86, 104, 129, 133,
150, 160, 181 and 185, telling them
of the meeting.



RESPIRE FROM WAR.—This probably isn't the way to win a war but this douchboy couldn't resist the temptation to stop and tetter-tatter with these three delighted Filipino youngsters in the Luzon town of Dazupin. (Photo by Stanley Troutman, NEA-Acme photographer for war picture pool.)

**Luzon Defense
Virtually Split
By Americans**

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEAD-
QUARTERS, LUZON, Sunday,
Jan. 21—UP—U. S. 6th army
troops have "practically" split the
Japanese defenders of Luzon by
advancing as much as seven miles
westward below the mountain
stronghold of Baguio after turning
back strong counter-attacks which
cost the enemy 23 tanks and heavy
troop losses.

The Japanese on the northeast-
ern end of the Lingayen gulf line,
thwarted in an attempt to drive
back across highway No. 3 and re-
store direct communications be-
tween Manila and northern Luzon,
are now breaking up into disor-
ganized groups, Gen. Douglas
MacArthur's daily bulletin an-
nounced.

The Americans now hold a solid
37-mile stretch of highway No.
3 from Sison, four miles southeast
of stubbornly-defended Rosario,
37 miles southward to Paniqui
junction. They also have smash-
ed seven miles eastward from the
highway to the town of Asingan,
22 miles in from Lingayen gulf.

"This practically cuts the enemy
in two, severing his forces in
northern Luzon from those in
southern Luzon," the bulletin said.
The Japanese still have highway
No. 5 over which to maintain cir-
cuitous liaison between their
troops in the north and south and
it was menaced by the Americans
who were within 26 miles north-
west at Asingan.

In the central Philippines, the
American conquerors of Leyte
were revealed to have jumped
westward across the Camotes sea
into the Camotes islands, between
Leyte and Cebu, the latter the
birthplace of Philippine President
Sergio Osmeña.

Ponson Island, 15 miles west of
Leyte and 32 miles from Cebu, was
invaded Jan. 15 and three days
later the Americans jumped into
Foro island, three miles southwest
of Ponson. Foro is connected with
Pacijan, third island in the Cam-
otes group, by a causeway across
a narrow strait.

The forces charging down Luzon's
central plains toward Manila
scored unspecified gains be-
yond Santa Ignacia, 13 miles
north of Tarlac. A United Press
front dispatch said these forces
had driven 40 airline miles or 50
road miles into Luzon to within
25 miles of Clark field and that it
was within "easy striking dis-
tance" of Tarlac. The dispatch
indicated the Americans had
pushed to within seven miles of
Tarlac and 71 of Manila.



SGT. W. L. SIEGMAN

**Cheer Gained
In Letter From
Wounded Son**

Encouraging to his parents,
Captain and Mrs. L. W. Siegman
of Junction City, is receipt
of a letter from their wounded
son, Staff Sgt. William L. Siegman,
which he had written himself.

Sergeant Siegman was reported
eight weeks ago as having been
wounded seriously in action in
France, Nov. 19. Succeeding
messages were most dishearten-
ing, stating that his condition was
"unsatisfactory."

The son's letter stated he had
been shot in the head and arm;
he added that he was "hungry and
back," from which his mother
took heart that he must be bet-
ter.

The letter, undated, was re-
ceived Jan. 2. Last message from
the war department, received
Dec. 24, said he was expected
soon to pass the crisis in his con-
dition.

Attackers Gain Three Miles In Initial Thrust

PARIS, Jan. 20—(UP)—
The French 1st army hurled
troops, tanks and guns into
a powerful offensive against
the Colmar pocket below
Strasbourg today, striking to
relieve the critical front
north of the Alsatian capital
where German armor rein-
forced by panzers from the
Ardennes bulge had swept
back the U. S. 7th army five
miles.

Simultaneously, the British 2nd
army merged its two drives from
the Dutch flank of the erupting
front into a seven-mile broad ad-
vance on the Rhineland with
white-camouflaged tanks, stab-
bing three miles into the reich
and capturing Breberen, only 21
miles from industrial Munchen-
Gladbach.

Behind its greatest barrage
since the drive through Belfort
gap, Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tas-
signy's Frenchmen struck on a
25-mile front against the south-
ern side of the Colmar strip,
which across its northern fringe
reaches within 10 miles of Stras-
bourg.

Attack In Storm

American-equipped poilus at-
tacked in a blinding snowstorm
at 7:30 a. m. and by noon had
advanced up to three miles be-
tween St. Amerin in the Vosges
and the Rhine river. Caught off-
guard by the initial surge, Ger-
man defenders of the perimeter
rallied and hard fighting was
reported in the afternoon.

North of Strasbourg, mean-
while, the Germans had succeed-
ed in crashing westward to the
outskirts of Weyersheim, nine
miles above the capital and six
miles south of Haguenau, in three
attacks employing nearly 50
tanks.

Hard-fighting doughboys, ba-
zooka men and anti-tank crews
blasted 30 Panther and Tiger
tanks but failed to dislodge the
sprawled threatening communi-
cations from both Haguenau and
Strasbourg to the west through
the Saverne gap.

Air Forces Grounded

Saturday, the snowfall and
swirling fogs cast an ominous
shroud over further German ac-
tivity and tied the allied air forces
to the ground but as of late Fri-
day the enemy still was pouring
armor and other equipment across
the Rhine north of Strasbourg by
ferry and at least one pontoon
bridge.

Marshal Karl Gerd von Rund-
stedt's strategy obviously was to
split the American front between

Lush To Head Red Cross In '45 Campaign

By MARIAN LOWRY

Announcement of the selection
of William Lush to head the 1945
Red Cross war fund campaign,
reports revealing that the Lane
county chapter of the Red Cross
has broken all records to date
in totals of production and in
completion of volunteer projects
and activities, and election of
officers to begin a new year of
service, all featured the annual
meeting of the chapter, Friday
evening, Osburn hotel.

Lush accepted the appoint-
ment of war fund chairman late
the past week, and soon will be-
gin organizing his committees
preliminary to opening of the
1945 drive. The entire month of
March, nationally, is as aside as
Red Cross war fund month.

H. V. Johnson, who has served
the past year as chapter chair-
man, was re-elected to that post,
and other officers elected by the
attending membership at Friday's
dinner include:

Virgil M. Cameron, vice-chair-
man; Frank L. Armitage, treasur-
er; Mrs. E. V. Bissell, secretary;
Mrs. Mary C. Brockelbank, Wil-
liam S. Fort, Roy S. Woodruff,
Nathan Rubenstein, Henry Peck,
Joseph G. Weinstein, Dr. Harold
J. Noble, Raymond B. Bacon,
Mrs. E. H. Peterson, all executive
board members.

At a general board meeting the
coming Tuesday evening, general
board members and branch chair-
men through the county will be
announced for the coming year's
work.

Overseas Worker Speaks

Hugo Vindal, for many months
a club director with the Red
Cross overseas, was guest speak-
er for the Friday gathering, being
on four out of the Pacific area.

Lt. Col. John Steele Wins Decoration

Lt. Col. John C. Steele, 667
Twelfth Avenue east, Eugene, has
been awarded the legion of merit
for the performance of outstand-
ing services in the coast artillery
corps, Alaskan department head-
quarters announced Saturday, ac-
cording to an Associated Press
report from Seattle.

Lt. Col. Steele (then major),
assigned to a task force which
was to occupy an Aleutian base,
successfully planned all supply
phases of the amphibious move-
ment. Suddenly notified the ob-
jective was changed, he com-
pletely altered all supply plans
within 20 days.

Two days after the force had
landed at its objective a supply
ship ran aground. The small
amount of supplies and rations
ashore were not enough to sustain
the force. "Lt. Col. Steele re-
mained on the beach—sometimes
for 24 hours without relief—di-
recting unloading operations in
the face of wind, rain, snow, bit-
ter cold and rough seas," said the
citation. "By his example the
men were stimulated to great
feats of endurance, and as a re-
sult, sufficient supplies were de-
livered to the troops to main-
tain them until more shipping ar-
rived."

The award was made for ser-
vices performed from October 17,
1942 to October 21, 1943.

Meat Dealers Appeal For Point Balance To Stop Meat Spoilage

The Eugene Meat Dealers asso-
ciation has appealed to the Oregon
Food Merchants association for
help in obtaining a ration-point
holiday on beef hind-quarter cuts,
T. J. Busch, president of the Eu-
gene group, reported Saturday.

Dealers here are finding them-
selves flooded with an oversupply
of hind-quarter meat on which
point values are so high that
point-shy consumers cannot af-
ford to buy, Busch said. On the
other hand, OPA's Jan. 1 ration
schedule has placed points on
front-quarter meat so low, that
dealers find it impossible to keep
a supply on hand.

Busch explained that normal
difference in seasonal demand
brings more call for front-quarter
beef in the winter months, since
stew, roast and boiling meat come
from these sections. In establish-
ing point values Jan. 1, OPA

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marked chuck or shoulder roasts
at three points a pound, and upped
the values on round steak and
boneless loin to 13. Choice T-bone
cuts and loin sold with bone in
are placed at 12 points a pound.
These are hind-quarter meats.

Busch pointed out that dealers
no longer can buy extra front
quarters from the tight market,
and that they must purchase a
whole side of beef at a time, leav-
ing them with a large part of the
hind-quarters on hand while the
front-quarters sell out immediately.
He suggested that values on
hind-quarter meat be dropped four
or five points a pound and that
chuck roast and similar cuts be
raised, possibly to six.

Associated Press report from
Portland Saturday indicated that
district OPA officials have ordered
more investigators into the
Portland area to check reports that
high-point meat cuts are spoiling
in store coolers for lack of buyers.

Mrs. C. L. Knight, field secre-
tary of the Oregon food mer-
chants association stated that
Portland butchers are forced to
throw away a tenth of beef hind-
quarters and that an inspection of
25 markets showed hundreds of
pounds of meat spoiling in coolers
for lack of buyers.

"I watched meat cutters throw
away into the garbage can an
average of 10 per cent of each
quarter," she said.

The district OPA, however, re-
ported that so far its investigators
have found no evidence of meat
spoilage.

Junior Symphony In Concert Today

Eugene's junior symphony will
present its first concert of the sea-
son today (Sunday) at 3 p.m. in
the school of music auditorium,
University of Oregon campus.

Admission will be by season
tickets, sustaining membership
cards, or tickets obtainable at the
door (40 cents, including eight
cents federal tax). The concert
will feature the first movement of
the Grieg piano concerto, with
Miss Virgine Lindley as soloist.

Douglas Orme conducts the or-
chestra, which has 45 members.
Following the final rehearsal Sat-
urday afternoon a party was held
in Gerlinger hall for all members
of the orchestra, at which time
pins were presented to the musi-
cians. Those receiving pins are as
follows:

First Violins: Nancy Belz, Robert
Furrer, Dorothy Furrer, Do-
lores Keyes, Jacquelyn Meisel,
Linda Sanchez, Lois Williams.

Second Violins: Dorothy Jean
Findlay, Donna Louise Guay,
Shirley Guay, Dolores Halderson,
Audrey Hodgkin, Ramona Hulung,
Mickey Marshall, Billie Jean
Means, Maxine Nuttman, Nona
Orton, Carlo Pedron, Janice Sem-
ler, Mary Lou Watts.

Violas: Maxine Banton, Nadine
Newhouse.

Oboe: Virgine Lindley.

Cellos: Norman Diebel, John
Furrer, Emmy Lou Harpham,
Muriel Stone. String Bass: Shir-
ley Humphrey, Mary Anne Pear-
son. Flutes: Mary Brandt, Marjorie
Walker, June Walker. Clarinets:
Marcia Summers, Helen McAd-
ams, Betty Stille, Trumplets: Mary
Jo Summers, Bill Gardner, Trou-
bons: Harry Paulus, Jack Long-
moss, French Horns: Carolyn
Thompson, Percussion: Marilyn
Johns, Clara Winchester.

Sgt. Kolz Of Shedd Killed On Leyte

SHEDD—Mrs. Bernita Kolz
recently received word from the
war department that her husband,
Staff Sgt. Frank Kolz, was killed
in action on Leyte Island, P. I.,
Dec. 7.

Gerald Johnson, Top Pacific Ace, Gets Lt. Colonel's Rank

It's Lt. Col. Gerald Johnson
now.

The ace flier's most recent let-
ter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs.
H. V. Johnson of Eugene, bore
his new rank in the return ad-
dress, which is the manner in
which he has casually announced
to them each advance which has
come to him.

Colonel Johnson, of whom
much is heard over radio, and
read in the press and magazines,
because of his high score of de-
stroyed Japanese planes (he is
said to top the list of active fliers
now in the Philippines), is a
member of the 49th fighter group,
the "Fighting Fortyniners."

He recently wrote of spending
Christmas day with two other
Eugeneans, Delbert Lane, in the
Seabees, and Marc Dunn, infan-
tryman.

The flier's latest letter closed
by saying: "Tell the folks at
home to hold up on celebrating
victory until we give the 'go'
sign; it seems as though we're
the ones qualified to make that
decision."

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Maglady Park Sum Boosted By Barbara

Change that Stella Maglady
school figure for the Park and
Playground Fund once more. Mark
up an even \$50 from the little
school on the hill back of the old
airport. And most important, add
the name of little Barbara Pitcher
to that list of people, kids and
grownups who now "own a piece"
of parks and playgrounds.

Dark-eyed little Barbara, in
person, appeared at the U. S. Na-
tional bank in the middle of the
Saturday morning rush and de-

PARK-PLAYGROUND FUND

Participants	Amount
Last week - 717	\$2,390.36
This week - 837	2,452.36
Pledges - 8	315.00
TOTAL - 845	\$2,767.36

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Florence Soldier Missing In Belgium

FLORENCE—Mr and Mrs. Ar-
nold Karnowsky of Cushman have
been notified by the war depart-
ment that their son, PFC Frank
Karnowsky, is missing in action
since Dec. 31, in Belgium. He
was serving with the army engi-
neers. His brothers, John and Wil-
liam Karnowsky, are Florence
residents, and the family are Sius-
law pioneers.

Eugene Child Falls Down Elevator Shaft

Ronnie Brown, three-year-
old son of Mrs. Edward H.
Baumgardner, route 2, Eugene,
was recovering Saturday after
falling down an elevator shaft
in a local department store, ac-
cording to Dr. Charles D.
Thompson, attending physician.

The doctor said the child had
no broken bones, but was being
examined for possible inter-
nal injuries.

WEBFOOTS WIN

University of Oregon defeated
Washington State College at Mc-
Arthur court Saturday evening,
64 to 48, thus splitting the cur-
rent two-game series here, and
evenly dividing the four games
the teams have played this sea-
son. Washington State won Fri-
day night's contest.

EUGENE HIGH WINS

Eugene high school's basket-
ball team whipped Monmouth in
a game at Eugene high's court
Saturday evening, 37 to 31.

Lane Men In 'Lost Battalion' Blocking Japs In Ormoc Fight

Three Lane county men were
with the "Lost Battalion" which
successfully threw a road block
against Japanese reinforcements
attempting to reach a strong
troop concentration opposing Am-
erican forces hammering to
break southward toward Ormoc,
according to an Associated Press
correspondent with the 24th di-
vision in the Philippines.

The men were 2nd Lt. Lyle E.
Weigman, 860 Adams street, Euge-
ne; PFC Reno N. Fry, 300 N.
Douglas street, Cottage Grove,
and Pvt. Emmett F. Jackson,
route 1, Eugene.

The battalion was battle-
fatigued when ordered to go in,
and had to fight over tortuous
mountain terrain for four days to

LANE MEN IN 'LOST BATTALION' BLOCKING JAPS IN ORMOC FIGHT

reach the road. After 24 hours
without food, the men establish-
ed the road block and held it for
four days. Medicine, food, wa-
ter and ammunition ran low.
Men were wet continuously. Feet
began to swell and "jungle rot"
developed. Dysentery and stom-
ach troubles weakened many.

They clung doggedly to the
block across the vital supply
road, the dispatch said. When
they were ordered out the retire-
ment took another four days.
When the battered battalion fi-
nally reached the main American
force, its casualties were 10 per
cent killed or wounded. It had
counted 600 dead Japanese.

All three Oregon men came
through safely.

Weather

Weather Bureau forecast:
Increasing cloudiness
Monday followed by
warmer Monday.
Statistics: Minimum tem-
perature Saturday morning, 30
degrees; maximum temperature,
day, 37 degrees; stage of
flood river in Eugene at 6
p.m., 1.67 feet.
Sun and Sunset (PW7):
Sun, 8:43 a.m. and 6:06 p.m.;
Moon, 8:42 a.m. and 6:07 p.m.;
Sun, 8:41 a.m. and 6:09 p.m.
Moon, 8:40 a.m. and 6:11 p.m.
Sun, 8:40 a.m. and 6:12 p.m.
Moon, 8:39 a.m. and 6:13 p.m.
Sun, 8:39 a.m. and 6:14 p.m.
Moon, 8:38 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.