

**Boyle's Column**

**Remagen Bridgehead Was Shaky One During Capture**

By HAL BOYLE  
MIAMI, Fla., March 7 (AP)—Two years ago tonight a German truck backfired and almost cost the American army its first bridgehead across the Rhine, established a few hours before in a brilliant military gamble.

Behind the staccato noise of one misfiring Nazi vehicle—apparently a civilian one at that—lies an unusual illustration of how slight sometimes are the influences that decide crucial battle issues fought by tired men.

It is the story behind the story of how American armored infantry in the first successful invasion across the Rhine since 1805 stormed and seized the Ludendorff bridge at Remagen, gave it up without a shot being fired at them, and then took it back again without firing a shot to win it—all in the space of a dozen hours.

The surprise capture of that bridge after a brief bloody skirmish electrified the world, but I believe you will search the war department records in vain for an account of how the same men retreated back over the span that night—leaving any enterprising Nazi commander free to blow it up if he chose. You won't find this because the boys on the scene simply didn't include the incident in their "after action" reports, although they caught a big mouthful of hell at the time from their own brass.

**Officer's Tale**  
Here is what happened, according to an officer in the 27th infantry battalion, the unit of the ninth armored division

**Kaiser Plant Seeks Low Rate**

FONTANA, Calif., March 7 (AP)—Survival of southern California's only basic steel plant—Kaiser of Fontana—is dependent on reduced freight rates and extension of a \$123,000,000 reconstruction finance corporation loan, says Henry Kaiser Jr.

He told an industrial tour yesterday that the Kaiser plant must pay a fixed charge of \$21.40 per ton if the debt is to be liquidated as required. He said the RFC payment throughout the rest of the steel industry is 78 cents a ton.

F. M. Rich, vice president in charge of manufacturing, said the Kaiser mill is producing steel and pig iron cheaper than Pittsburgh plants. And, he added, when the Kaiser iron mine at Eagle mountain goes into production, production costs will be cut another \$2 or \$3 per ton.

**Navy Reserve To Be Expanded**

Vernon Chitwood, CMM, local navy recruiter, announced today that the navy in its drive for a huge postwar reserve arm, has allotted a large quota of the reserve to permit ex-Waves to continue their service connections. The new Wave reserve program, known as the V-10 inactive reserve, permits ex-Waves to enlist in the pay grade held at the time of discharge, and offers all the privileges of the men's reserve program except the two-week yearly training cruise.

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ly for three days, and were dog tired.

"During the night a German truck pulling out of a little village to the left of the bridge began backfiring."

The noise, coming weirdly against the black mountain backdrop, sounded to the worn, fatigued nerves of the doughboys like the lead tank in a German armored column moving in to attack. No American tanks had yet been brought across to support them, and the infantrymen felt the Nazis had lured them into a trap.

"One by one the men began falling back, calling 'tanks!' to the ones behind," the officer said, "and they all came back across the bridge. They crawled into our halftracks and fell asleep."

"So far as I know there were only two Americans who stayed on the east side of the Rhine—a platoon sergeant and his runner. They were asleep in their foxholes and didn't hear the others leave."

"The Germans hadn't yet begun shelling the bridge, I suppose they were too disorganized. About dawn we routed all the men out of the halftracks and sent them back over again, and the armor started rolling over, too."

For days the Nazis tried by planes, shells, railroad guns and even dynamite-loaded human

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