Washington, D. C. NO MILITARY ERROR

Those close up to the war picture are convinced that aside from faulty intelligence, there was no one single military error which brought on the swift and disastrous German break-

Undoubtedly some intelligence of-ficers will be disciplined or broken for failing to evaluate the concentration of German troops opposite the First army about a week before-hand. But there were other factors contributing to the reverse, none of which can be laid at the doorstep of a single commander. Basically they are factors which only General Eisenhewer and General Marshall themselves could properly evaluate

Here are some of the inside, basic factors involved;

1. General Marshall himself ordered the U. S. offensive which began November 8, and which continued with battering-ram tactics until Von Rundstedt turned the tide against us. Marshall, visiting the battlefront in October, said that during the winter the Germans could mobilize 100 new divisions, so it was bilize 100 new divisions, so it was wise for us to clear them off the west bank of the Rhine before

winter closed in.

2. There was and is no disposition to doubt the wisdom of General Mar-shall's decision. However, these battering-ram tactics cost men, also tire men out. The American system is to keep divisions on the front line, bringing up fresh men only for replacements. Thus the divisions now at the front have been fighting steadily since the landing in Normandy last June—with, of course, a lot of

last June—with, of course, a lot of men coming up as replacements.

Germans Rested Troops.

3. This is considered an excellent system and gets results. However, the Germans immediately took out their battle troops after Normandy and sent them to rest behind the lines. The Nazi boys and old men we encountered in the Siegfried line made us think the German army made us think the German army was shot to pieces, but it wasn't. The experienced battle troops, now refreshed after a long rest, are tak-ing the offensive against us.

4. The war department itself was responsible for a lot of the favorable

news which gave the public a gen-eral feeling of overconfidence. One eral feeling of overconfidence. One of its most important indications was that some 800,000 German troops were killed or taken prisoners during the clean-up of France, making a sizable hole in the Nazi army. Of these, however, about 400,000 were Russian-Ukrainian labor battalions. Thus the American public had reasons to believe that a large slice of the German army was decimated.

mated.
5. Germany's new Royal Tiger
tank is superior to ours and we
have known it. It is extremely
difficult to knock out of commisdifficult to knock out of commis-sión. However, we thought the war was going to be over soon and that we could finish up the job with the tanks already on hand—of which we had tremen-dous quantities. More recently, however, we have started build-ing a hig tank which can equal or better the Royal Tiger.

Robots Beat Airplanes. 6. Robot bombs and rocket bombs can fly in any weather whereas air-planes can't. Also they don't re-quire men. Thus the Germans have been able to bomb us from the air-by robots and rockets-while because of bad weather we couldn't bomb them. The Nazis lay out a square of territory in and behind per it with rocket bombs. They can aim them well enough to hit within

7. The German system is to attack suddenly with tremendous force and heavy armor in one small area; they concentrated hundreds of tanks in their first attack. Once they broke through, they spread out. Also the Nazis had little to lose.

8. However, it remains a fact that we had advance information of great Nazi activity for about a week before the attack came, though apparently we sized it up as preparation for retreat rather than attack.

Note - Gen. Courtney Hodges, against whose First army the blow was launched, is regarded as an average American general. He was not able to make the grade at West Point, but immediately enlisted in the army and has worked his way He was a major in command of infantry in the last war, one rank higher than Marshall, who was then a captain, and has commanded in-fairtry all his career since, having to be chief of infantry shortly before we entered the war.

UNDER THE DOME The expansion in the tire industry, announced by WPB, inspires no cheers from anyone in the tire industry. Labor is unhappy because manpower difficulties rule out Akron as the site for the new plants. Akron is a strong union town, and organization there is fairly simple.

The big rubber companies are un-The big rubber companies are un-happy because they have no assur-ance that the new tire plants will be ripped apart after the war. They are afraid of new postwar competi-

Life-Saving U. S. Pilot Uniform



These pneumatic pants prevent U. S. fighter pilots from blacking These pneumatic pants prevent U. S. Ingiter phots from blacking out in aerial maneuvers by applying pressure to the pilot's abdomen and legs during a pullout or turn, preventing the blood from pooling in the lower extremities and aiding the heart to maintain circulation to the brain. They are infiated by lung power or by mechanical devices. Many civilian accidents as well as military resulted from blacking out. The new pneumatic pants will largely do away with the condition, often fatal in war as well as peace.

Camouflage Used Against Nazis



Sergeant Marvin C. Hans Jr. of Owensboro, Ky., demonstrates new snow cape being used by U. S. infantrymen battling Nazi winter offensive in Belgium. The one-piece cape, which ties in front, provides quick, easy camouflage for soldiers fighting on snow-covered ground. White rags around rifle give additional protection.

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Man at Work-An Observer



Taking life as easy as possible under the circumstances, Corp. Louis C. Reggio of Washington, D. C., a radio operator at a forward artillery observation post in Eurdorf, Germany, sends back results to a 165-mm. Howitzer battery pounding a German command post on the other side of the Roer river opposite the Ninth army front.

Radio's New Chief



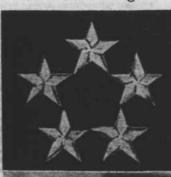
Paul Porter, above, publicity chairman for the Democratic nation-al committee during the recent campaign, has been given an interim appointment by President Roosevelt, as chairman of the Federal Comnications commission.

Movie Star Flier



Lieut. Bert DeWayne Morris, USNR, better known to movie fans as Wayne Morris, is shown in his Helleat following a series of mis-sions in which he shot down seven Jap planes. He has been reported several times in dispatches from the

Five-Star Insignia





Pictured above is the five-star in signia to be worn on the shoulders of Generals Marshall, Arnold, Eisenhower and MacArthur, denoting their rank of "General of the army." Below, the five-star flag of Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King.

Medal for B-29 Ace



By PAUL MALLON

MUST BE A MILITARY, NOT A MILITARISTIC NATION

WASHINGTON.—A strong, generally thoughtful editorial writer who is against the Roosevelt, particularly Mrs. Roosevelt, regime spoke out in several metropolitan papers re-cently (Note, I think the radicals called him fascist-minded during the last campaign although the charge was of a political nature and therefore not intended to be believed literally):

"There is only one way to assure ourselves of military strength, whenever needed. That way consists of a system of compulsory military training."

That is simply not true. There are many ways of assuring our-selves of military strength, whenever needed. A logical, straightforward way consists of putting military training into the high schools and colleges to develop, and keep trained, the necessary officer personnel, and enlarging and modernizing the necessary of the personnel of the necessary of ing the national guard, giving it weapons, including airplanes and tanks, artillery, ammunition and commissary to develop a private personnel.

That would be the more efficient way, because it would be constant, always up-to-date, always ready to handle the latest implements of war-fare scientifically and efficiently, although there are of course many other things which must be done, including the maintenance of a greater permanent military inven-tors' council with laboratories, continuance of West Point and Annapolis at war size or larger, and an alert, ever watchful and efficient war department to see that we do not fall asleep to dangers from with-

These are democratic ways. The taking of a boy from his home, work and career for a year of service in the army is a Prussian method instituted by the Prussian militarists after the war of 1870. It must be an inefficient way of developing an army because the Prussians have never won with it, nor has it produced results in France and some other nations which took it up.

RADICAL VIEWPOINT

On the opposite side of the same fence a radical editorial writer in a metropolitan daily (I think he is the very one who called my above friend "fascist-minded" and certainly he thinks the Roosevelt regime, and particularly the Mrs. Roosevelt regime, is just about right on everything) wrote recently: erything) wrote recently:

"The only way this country can get away from maintaining a very large army and de-veloping a militaristic caste sys-tem after this war is by com-pulsory military training."

Is this not the strangest collection of bedfellows upon any world mat-tress? Radicals, conservatives, people who think each other fascists or communists, Mr. Roosevelt and the chamber of commerce, PM and the N. Y. Herald Tribune, Mrs. Roose-velt and "the fascist minded," all enjoying this same delusion—in-

only way to maintain an army. It would be a large army of more than a million youths 17 to 21 years old, a new large army each year.

Rut 16. For there is no more truth in say-

But it would hardly be what we would call a skilled army. We would have to maintain another one for older men for defense. We would have to have an air force constantly alert, a corps bent on nullifying the effect of rocket bombs, and what other new weapons, daily, a whole war department of just as much strength as if we did not have compulsion in training.

These trainees would only be re-serves—reserves that might otherwise be obtained more efficiently by a real national guard. As a friend of mine puts it:

"We must be a military, but not a militaristic nation" and we need a national guard which literally must be "a guard of the nation."

But a great many other people are saying daily in the papers a year of national service would cure juvenile delinquency, promote youthhealth, make better citizens. These are all nonmilitary excuses for a military step, which lacks sound military grounds.

This is a new element which has entered into the private discussions here. It will become important only as developments from Europe direct, and will simmer and die if those developments become more satisfactory.

Gen. Henry H. Arnold, commander of the army air forces, makes bedside presentation of the Legion of Merit to Brig. Gen. Laverne G. Saunders, commander of the 20th bomber command of B-20s.



SENATORIAL CIGARETTE INVESTIGATION

Senator Wibbie—As I stand here doing my part in the great battle for the preservation of that thing which is so dear to America, the cigarette, I sometimes wonder if my colleagues fully appreciate the part played by it in the life of our glorious country. What, I ask, would civilization be without it? What would democracy be with no smoke-rings curling above it? What would a free world be with no ashes on the rugs?

Senator Bunkem—Does the Sena-

Senator Bunkem—Does the Sena-tor contend that the world could not survive on the old-fashioned clay pipe of our forefathers?

Senator Wibbie-We have passed beyond the era of pipes. They are s relic of the days before mankind, and womankind, reached that stage of development where the very home was built around the cigarette. With the last drop of my blood I will hold the fort against those reactionaries who would plunge our wives, mothers, and sisters and kiddies back into those dark ages when nicotine-stained fingers were when incomestained ingers were the privilege of princes and prelates, when the great blessing of blowing smoke through the nose was un-known to the masses, and when that great blessing to all mankind, the ashtray, was almost unknown.

Senator Toopsey—In my grand-father's time they had to use old saucers for trays. Senator Bunkem—I remember my

grandfather going around the old home looking in vain for something to empty his pipe into, and finally using grandma's ginger jar.

Senator Wibbie (resuming) — My friends, this is one of the gravest friends, this is one of the gravest hours in history. This country must face that great question, can our people get all the cigarettes they need, and upon which their lasting happiness depends. Deprive us of our cigarettes and you strike a blow at the very foundation of liberty. Would Thomas Jefferson stand idly by today and watch long lines of mothers and deughters writing page. mothers and daughters waiting pa-tiently before the store offering but one pack to a customer? Would Jackson submit to cigarette ra-tioning? Would Lincoln, Cleveland, McKinley and the great Teddy Roosevelt have stood unmoved by the suffering involved when thou-sands of our school children were obliged to reduce their cigarette quota by as many as two smokes per day?

Senator Toopsey (getting into the spirit)—The important place of the cigarette in our civilization is plain to all. With it we conquer, without it we fail. I have a few statistics here marking the extent of the crisis now confronting us. In 11 of the northern states 60 per cent of the women and children haven't been able to inhale in weeks. In 8 western states over 80 per cent of the wives and mothers do not know where their next smoke is coming from. In 4 border states the nico-tine stains are fading fast."

A strong Democratic senator— Let us here and now place the blame for the cigarette shortage where it belongs, at the door of Herbert Hoover.

A Left Winger-Right! But let us not forget that the forces of re-action as represented by Wall street, the capitalistic system and the United States chamber of commerce

was, but it was concealed by the Tory press.

Senator Bunkem—Are we sure there is a shortage? I listen to the radio and all the big eigarette companies are filling the air with sales talks for their product. Why do they do this if they are out of cigarettes?

Senator Earake-They are building up good will.

Senator Duffer—Would it be pos-sible at this time for the senate to take up the arms shortage on the western front? It seems to me to be more important.

(Cries of "Throw him out" and "No! No!)

Senator Duffer - Is it not advisable that we look into the mat-ter of getting more shells to General Patton, stopping the drift of workers from war factories and focusing the attention of the American public on the more vital aspects of the world situation?

Chorus of Voices—What! And make cigarettes a secondary issue!! (The session ends in disorder.)

The Gotham Taxists Don't See:

To this writer's mind one of the sights of New York worth seeing, yet seldom mentioned by the guides, is Washington Market. A combination county fair, food show, Elks picnic, carnival and home town "general store," it is one of the town's big shows. During the noon hour, when thousands crowd into it to lunch at its unique clam, sandwich, fish and quick-lunch bars, it is at its best.

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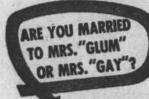
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