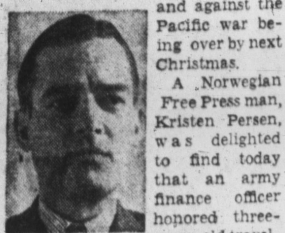


## Captives Trade Diamond Rings With Japanese for Cocoanuts

By LEE G. MILLER  
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer  
MANILA, Feb. 26 (By Air Mail)—  
Today I solemnly signed as witness a \$100 bet between a U. P. man and an A. P. man for and against the Pacific war being over by next Christmas.



A Norwegian Free Press man, Kristen Persen, was delighted to find today that an army finance officer honored three-year-old travel checks. He has been in Manila since before the Japs took it.  
I paid 2 1/2 pesos (\$1.25) for a bar of cheap soap to send out with my laundry.  
Many Filipinos, fooled by the early fall of Manila, are stuck with bales of Jap pesos which might serve for wallpaper. You can pick up plenty of this "Mickey Mouse money," as it's called, in the street—including shipwrecked denominations as low as one centavo. Smarter Filipinos spent their Jap pesos for commodities useful in barter.

SOLDIERS and correspondents keep asking me whether Ernie Pyle will come to Luzon. I can only tell them that Ernie expects to go ashore with the army "somewhere out here" after do-

ing two or three months with the navy.  
Yesterday I drove many hot, dusty and back-wrenching miles to the rest camp of those 2000-odd internees sprung from Los Banos a few days earlier.  
Albert H. Terry, 46, of San Francisco, lost 34 pounds in captivity.

THE WHOLE lot of the Los Banos internees looked mighty skinny, as well they should on the starvation diet the Japs imposed in a few weeks just before their liberation in that marvelously co-ordinated strike by guerrillas, amphibious troops and paratroopers.  
Mr. Terry told of eating the roots of banana and papaya trees—the trees themselves were just outside the barbed-wire stockade, but the Japs refused to let the internees pick the fruit.  
"We were in the heart of the world's greatest coconut area," he said, "but no coconuts for us except at such prices as one watch for one coconut, or one diamond ring for four."

ERNEST J. MORA, 60, New York, who was an independent electrical engineer and contractor here, said his plant and home had been stripped by the Japs. He estimated his loss at \$125,000. Mr. Mora's wife was also an internee. He said he traded her gold wrist watch to a Jap guard for four pounds of raw brown sugar and two pounds of rice.

## BRIDGE ESCAPES 'SUICIDE' DIVES

German Reveals Tired Nazi Was Responsible for Capture of Span.

By JOHN B. McDERMOTT  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
REMAKEN BRIDGEHEAD, Ger-

many, March 13.—The Germans are flying what the Americans call "suicide missions" against the 1st army bridges across the Rhine in desperate efforts to cut the lifelines to the Remagen bridgehead.  
Today it can be revealed that in the last five days 135 German planes have made "suicide" attacks on the bridges. Sixty-six were shot down. Fourteen others disappeared in the clouds trailing comet-like tails of smoke and flame.  
The 1st army men say the German air force must be on its last legs. That is the only way they can explain its failure to go all out to destroy the railway bridge

## Fleeing SS Troops Blow Bridge as Nazi Convoy Crosses

By ROBERT W. RICHARDS  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
WITH U. S. 3D ARMY IN GER-

many, March 13.—Remnants of a fleeing German convoy were half way across a Rhine bridge when Nazi storm troops blasted the structure.  
Horses screamed and German soldiers shouted in panic as they were hurled into the air and fell screaming into the swiftly flowing river.  
The men who lived attempted to swim toward the east bank but SS

rifemen, crouching in shelters, coldly picked them off one by one.  
This story was told to officers of the 4th armored division by a captured German captain, three Luftwaffe pilots and 22 Ukrainians who had been members of the Wehrmacht.  
Each man talked independently of the other and all recited virtually the same facts.  
The convoy of at least 200 horse-drawn and motor vehicles began withdrawing toward the Kron Prins bridge, midway between Andernach

and Coblenz, at 6 a. m. March 9. Fourth division tanks and artillery intercepted it only 200 yards from the bridge. Their fire destroyed the lead vehicles and threw the entire column into confusion.  
Several vehicles reached the span and were half way across when Germans on the east bank set off prepared charges to demolish the bridge.  
The prisoners said no Americans were within crossing distance, and there was no immediate necessity for the destruction.

They charged the S. S. blew the bridge quicker than necessary because the force attempting to cross had been ordered to hold west of the Rhine.  
"The S. S. saved their own skins and murdered our comrades for attempting to do the same," one prisoner said.  
So much German equipment was left destroyed along the narrow approach to the shattered span that Americans have named it the "Little Falaise."

## WALTER H. O'NEALL, BUSINESSMAN, DIES

Times Special  
CRAWFORDSVILLE, March 13.—Rites will be held here Thursday for Walter H. O'Neill, Crawfordsville businessman and president of the W. Q. O'Neill Co. He died yesterday.  
Active in Crawfordsville industry since his graduation from Wabash college in 1906, Mr. O'Neill was 60. He was vice president of the Armco Drainage and Metal Products, Inc., secretary-treasurer of the Post-war Public Works Council of Indiana and secretary of the Highway Equipment and Materials association.  
He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; a daughter, Mrs. Norman Perry Jr.; two sons, Samuel, with the army in France, and Thomas, at home. A third son, Lt. William Q. O'Neill, B-17 pilot, was killed in France, Dec. 31, 1943.

NO, NO, NO  
NEW YORK, March 13 (U. P.).—A cigarette counter in the lobby of the Central Court building, Brooklyn, "No ifs, No ands—No butts," displayed this sign today:

## Sees Nazi Party Planning Elaborate Underground

By HELEN KIRKPATRICK  
Times Foreign Correspondent  
PARIS, March 13.—The sur-

render of the already badly mauled and disorganized German army should not be expected.  
There is every indication that the German army leaders are fully aware of the disintegration of Germany's armed might.  
Despite the situation the German army chiefs are not in a position to withdraw, regroup or order surrender.

There is every reason to believe that Hitler and Himmler have taken complete charge and prevented senior Wehrmacht officers from having any contact with one another—so much do they fear the army's capitulation.  
Corps commanders have no idea where their divisions are, and have no contact with army or army-group headquarters. They fight on with pistols at their backs.

PART and parcel of this suicidal political control is the Nazi party plan for defending the "German citadel," which is located somewhere in Bavaria and Austria. There are complete underground headquarters, arsenals and factories.

Protecting the citadel on the eastern flank, Germany's best S. S. (elite guard) divisions are now fighting the Russians, in a position where they can fall back into the citadel.

Elaborate plans have been made and are now in process of being executed. French maquis and Yugoslav Chetnik experiences are being fully utilized.

COMPLETE resistance cells have been reorganized throughout Germany and Austria. Only the chiefs of each know who the members are.

A carefully checked list of high-

ranking party members has been drawn up and only those known to be 100 per cent trustworthy are to be allowed to enter the citadel.  
A list of other high Nazis, suspected of being disloyal or capable of treachery, will be allowed to fall into allied hands.

MEANWHILE, lesser known but trusted Nazis and S. S. leaders are already trying to assume the names and paper of foreign workers, who died in Germany. Or of German civilians, killed in air raids.

They, thus, hope to escape allied justice and be able, if necessary, to flee the country.  
The citadel's western flank is on the Swiss border, thus giving the Nazi leaders an escape route if the citadel finally falls.

ORDERS to resistance cells cover three main headings:  
ONE: Disguised and highly trained Nazis are to sabotage the allies in every possible way. The Hitler youth have been especially trained for this job.

TWO: Others, disguised as civilians, are to do everything to stir up trouble between the British, Americans, Russians and French.  
THREE: Others in allied uniforms, of which the Germans have a good supply, are to commit atrocities against the civilian population, thereby stirring up hatred and trouble between the occupiers and the civilians.

THESE PLANS have been worked out with a detail and precision of which the Germans are more capable than any other "people."

For the Nazis are determined to hold out in their citadel long enough to tire out the allies and, beyond that, by underground methods.

These are the plans which will keep Germany a trouble center for many months, possibly years, after the organized resistance of the German army has been eliminated.

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## INDIANAPOLIS ELKS WILL ELECT FRIDAY

Election of officers of Indianapolis lodge No. 13, B. P. O. E., will be held at 8 p. m. Friday, with officers to be installed April 6. Nominees for lodge offices are: John DeMase and William E. Dietrich, exalted ruler; James Gribben, esteemed knight; Stanley Mascoe and Hawes Deneck, esteemed royal knight; Theodore Young and Dr. E. J. Boland, esteemed lecturing knight; Frank M. Krause, secretary; Peter L. Covenor, treasurer; Fred L. Bodenmiller, usher; Warren P. Todd, trustee; John DeMase, representative to Grand lodge and Mr. Gribben, alternate representative.  
A class of candidates will be initiated into the order and honored with a reception March 23.

## WORD FROM GERMANY AWAITS ERNA SCHUTZ

Erna Schutz, formerly of 1331 Central ave., is being sought by the Indianapolis chapter of the Red Cross which has received a reply to the message she sent to relatives in Germany in November, 1943.

## Dog With Bottles Answers GI's Call

WITH MARINES ON TWO, March 13 (U. P.).—Rex wasn't a combat dog, but he went ashore anyhow to help the wounded and weary marines.  
A four-year-old German shepherd and pal of Chief Pharmacist Mate Robert R. Steele, Rex carried strapped to his back eight small bottles of blood plasma—and a pint bottle of brandy.  
One day, Jimmie Dugan Jr., Hollywood, Cal., feigned an injury—just for a gag. Rex paddled up quickly with his bottles.  
That was the last the marines saw that day of either Dugan, the dog or the brandy.

## DINNER HOSTESSES NAMED

The past-presidents' council of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War will hold a dinner Friday at the home of Mrs. Frances Blye. The other hostesses will be Mrs. Nellie McGinnis, Mrs. Grace Hoffmeyer and Mrs. Pearl Keaton.

## RATION CALENDAR

MEAT—Red stamps Q5 through S5 good through March 31; T5 through X5 good through April 28; Y5 and Z5 and A2 through D2 good through June 2. E2 through J2 are valid through June 30. Meat dealers will pay two red points and 4 cents for each pound of waste fat.  
CANNED GOODS—Blue stamps X5 through Z5 and A2 and B2 good through March 31; C2 through G2 good through April 28; H2 through M2 are good through June 2. N2 through S2 are valid through June 30.  
SUGAR—Stamp 35 valid for five pounds through June 2. Another stamp will become valid May 1.  
GASOLINE—A-14 coupons good for four gallons each and are valid through March 21. B5 and C5 and

B6 and C6 are good for five gallons; E1 and E2 good for one gallon; R1 and R2 are good for five gallons.

SHOES—No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 "airplane" stamps in Book 3 good indefinitely.

FUEL OIL—Periods 4 and 5 of 1943-44 heating season and Periods 1 through 5 of 1944-45 heating season good. Approximately 78 per cent of fuel oil supply should be used as of March 5.

TIRES—Commercial vehicle tire inspection every six months or every 5000 miles.

TIN SALVAGE—Drive opens Monday, March 12, with collections north of 16th st. through Tuesday, south of 16th st. Wednesday and Thursday.



We call them "Play-Suits" but they work hard at keeping the feminine home-front looking bright, blithe and beautiful!

Playsuits with Their Own Matching Skirts, 7.98-10.95

Sports Shop, Third Floor

TUESDAY 1ST GRADE NAZI [2] Counter As Yan Supr (Continued) reports that thrown at least across the river to supplement bridge.) Berlin reports attacks against Rheinbreitbach and one-half of the east bank of the Rhine, after a ration. N. Bradley's headquarters at air forces near weather to the German bridgehead. But this added, and even holding efforts of the This report had lost 31 p They were Ludendorff orders to ge Brin German and the 1st army numbers of brought up use against them four miles from a base along the Rhine. Battling gains of up to the American but steadily resistance from ets using au and self-pro At least 23 ready "had forcements of ples poured Ludendorff stream desp ready has de lin estimated troops and already were The rema front was e and artillery can 8th and hurled shell Ruhr war grouping fo Rhine north First arm Rhine ramn a half mi Cologne - Fr after captu east of Rema Highway The super transportat shal Karl German co has shifted between the land fronts sives. Once the cut, the Ge detour over inevitable battered land they pass. The sup under Ame not in suffi use to the previously railway run of the Rhine The next north-south highway wa the capture and a half Report The unre ported that captured, b firmed imm patches or The 9th protecti with one of clock air ur Twelve bridge itself other group over its, a planes were over which move up for an emen mand in Ev Only one identified Remagen p German hit-run rail none in enemy raid by Americ craft battle area. IN I EV City the can Indiana, Washington Phil Delta Be ington hotel Red Cross wa Mrs's Cl Central Y. EVEN City the can Junior Cham Washington MARI James Mason Philip 443 Duke Elwott Eleanor Jan Robert Bryant Mae Young Harry Lee G E Hatfield Wilmet Rudol Corena Ell Box 314 Lee Nolen, 46 Adair, 1029 McKinley Hen 1400 Charles Clavet C. Schroeder Shuman Don Rosamond G William Geor trout, Mich. St. Paul, Fred Elmer w Sylvia Bell Carl Edward Blanche M Harold Floyd Juvonia Yv James Steven Bertha Kern Guy D. Sturgi M. Carr, 21