



# THE MEMPHIS DEPOT TENNESSEE

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## GERMAN GAS CLAIMS TWO MORE CASUALTIES

Soldier Guard, Conductor Are  
Latest Victims

SITUATION IN HAND HERE

Two more casualties were added yesterday to the long string of injuries growing out of the shipping of a quantity of leaking captured German mustard gas bombs from New Orleans to the Pine Bluff, Ark., Arsenal.

First burned were 74 longshoremen who unloaded the bombs from the S. S. Frances Lee at Theodore, near Mobile, Ala. Placed on trains, at least eight cars of bombs developed leaks and burned a number of railroad men and soldier guards before being isolated and put under special guard at Memphis General Depot where they are being decontaminated.

### Two Burned At Amory

Maj. Otto J. Spahn, depot chemical warfare officer and Capt. James Whittenberger, medical officer who flew from Edgewood Arsenal, Md., reported the last two casualties are Sergt. Stanley Woronowicz, a guard on a train who was taken to Kennedy Veterans Hospital, and Guy Rorie of Amory, Miss., Frisco conductor, who was taken to St. Joseph Hospital.

Flown to the Fourth Ferrying Group Hospital from Amory where a leaking car was sidetracked Saturday was Sergt. Abraham Steinberg.

Dr. John Murphy of Amory, reported he treated seven railroad men in Amory for burns. Paul Wright, a brakeman of Amory, was sent to a Columbus, Miss., hospital for treatment.

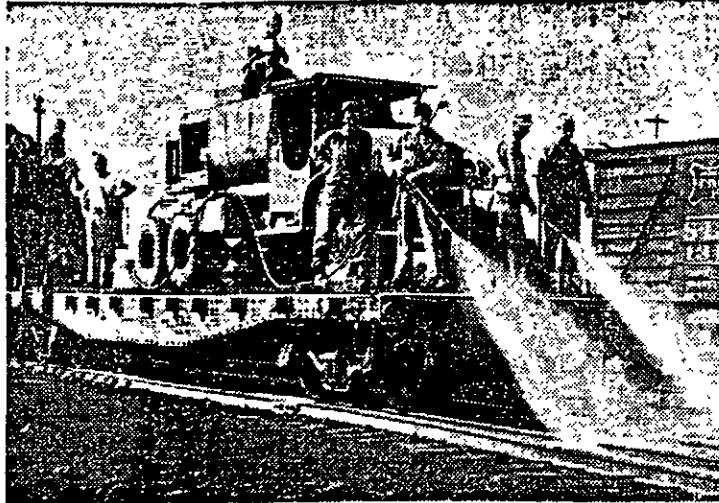
### Railroads Decontaminated

Chemical warfare officers of the depot, headed by Lieut. Charles A. Meyer, chemical warfare officer of Edgewood Arsenal yesterday continued decontaminating all tracks of the Frisco and Missouri Pacific railroads here where the cars passed on their way to the depot for isolation.

Cause of the leaks is being investigated by technicians from Washington, who are working with Major Spahn in handling the situation, which they reported "well in hand."

No injuries have occurred here.

## Deadly Fumes Neutralized



Decontamination crews from the Memphis General Depot yesterday continued the process of neutralizing German mustard gas which leaked from captured bombs and burned nearly 100 men between Mobile, Ala., and Amory, Miss., before being isolated at the depot. They were en route to the Pine Bluff, Ark., Arsenal.

—Staff Photo

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