#### FRENCH OPEN DRIVE INTO MORTH ITALY

ar 31 -- A French communique has reported that French Forces had opened a campaign Long the Franco-Italian border just be-Low Switzerland. The report stated that French troops had captured the German strong point near Saint Bernard Pass leading into northern Italy. There was little other action on the Eighth Army front. It is possible, with the French forces driving into northern Italy from the west and Tito's forces driving into Italy from the east, that the Allies are attempting to seal off the strong German army in Italy from the rear.

#### TITO'S FORCES ROUTE GERMANS

Mar 31-The Yugoslav communique announced a major victory for Marshal Tito's Partisan forces over the Germans after eight near the western coast of Yugoslavia. Pospic lies 13 miles inland from the Adriatic coast and 67 miles southeast of Fiume. In the eight days of fighting. enemy losses amounted to 4,000 and 2,000 captured.

RECORD ALLIED AIR ARMADA HITS GERMANY ar 31--Over 1,400 American heavy bombers and 900 fighters attacked Germany's North Sea ports of Bremen, Hamburg and Wilhelmshaven yesterday. This armada is the lar est sent out by the Highth Air Force this year. The massive attack was intended to cut off any seaborne supplies destined for the German armies in the north; Bomber targets included submarine yards, naval vessels in port, and oil storage depots.

RAF Mosquitos bombed Berlin for the 37th time in 38 nights. The orders "Hold your fire" were flashed to Allied pilots chasing Germans across the Westphalian Plains because the British tanks were breaking into the fleeing enemy columns. Italy based bombers made over 900 sorties! Against targets in northern Italy and the Brenner Pass.

#### ALLIES SPEED ACROSS GERMANY

Mar 31-Allied Armies are still racing across the plains of Germany, finding no solid German line from Montgomery's armie: on the north to Patch's Army on the south. The British Second Army sped ahead just north of the Ruhr operating under a censorship blackout. Hodges! First Army boldly cut through the Ruhr, smashing int Paderborn, 185 miles west of Berlin. Paerborn is on the main railway connecting orlin with the Ruhr. Late dispatches placed First Army columns at Fritzlar,

which is 14 miles southeast of Kassel. First Army troops are cutting directly west into Germany on a rolling terrain favorable to mechanized warfare.

On the north flank of the First Army Simpson's Ninth Army is rolling through the Ruhr after clearing Duisburg. While the exact whereabouts of the British and Canadian Armies is not known, vanguards days of heavy fighting in the Gospic area of these forces were reported to be in the Westphalian capital of Muenster. The Bri tish troops are fanning out northeastward in the direction of Bremen and Hannover

Patton's Third Army to the south, after cutting deeply into Germany, veered northward from Giessen and headed towards the First Army. It appears that Patton ! swinging shut the door on a giant trap; whether there are any units of the German Army in this encirclement has not been announced. Third Army troops have virtue ly cleared Frankfurt of enemy resistance,

Far to the south, General Patch's Seventh Army entered the anchor city of Heidelberg, while the French First A: my was reported by Brussel's radio to be olding a bridgehead ten miles deep acros e Rhine near Baden.

Scores of great German cities have fallen to the swiftly-advancing Allied armies; among the larger Allied held Ger-man cities are Coblenz, Ludwigshafen, Wiesbaden, Trier, Saarbrucken and Heidelberg. The extent of the German debacle on the western front can be gauged by the number of Nazi prisoners taken in the past fow days. Radio London said that dispirited Germans were surrendering at the rate of 2,000 hourly.

# THE DEADEYE

# HAGUSHI, OKINAWA

ORRESTONDENTS LAND WITH ASSAULT TROOPS

April-Full news coverage of the Easter anding of the DEADEYES is to be given by swsmen and photo raphers who landed this rning with the initial waves of troops. quipped with notebooks, pencils, cameras of film, five correspondents are covering he landing from ashere while two addition-I ones are reporting to the world from board General Bradley's Command Ship and reparing to land with him.

Eugene Smith, well known LIFE photo-mapher stated before he landed that he ected to have a sizeable number of ots before the afternoon when he plans return to ship to carry in the larger m ras which he has awaiting him there.

Three Army photographers were among o group landing this morning. They are 5 Robert Viken of the Signal Corps and 4 Beaument Mood and T/5 Gerald Able. th of Pacific Ocean Areas.

Accompanying the landing forces also s Gilbert Feinstein, known to all 95th ivision mon as our own Fublic Relations ssistant and a Special Correspondent for he DEADEY B DISPATCH.

With General Pradley's command group e Herb. Paul of the Hinnearolis Star-Joural and Des Moines Register-Tribune; Roy main s of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin and icago Sun; and S/Sgt Franklin P. Hall my radio correspondent.

Lt O. R. Davidson, Division Public lations Officer, is coordinating the tivities of the various news services.

(0930- April 1---Preceded by a terrific bombardments from land, sea and air, elements of Major General Bradley's DEADEYE Division landed today on Okinawa Jima in the vicinity of Sunabe in the first amphibious landing carried to territory which the Japanese call "homeland." The first waves of troops under the command of Colonel E. T. May and Colonel M. E. Halloran landed as scheduled at 0830 a ainst what appeared to be light opposition.

Swarming ashore after the shelling had been moved inland and aided by the excellent landing conditions on most beaches, front line companies rapidly reorganized and plunged ahead after tanks had preceeded thrm, passing through holes blown in the sea wall which lined the beaches. By 0900 the troops were 300 ards inland.

A part of the much larger force comused of both Army and Marine troops in overpowering numbers, the DEADEYES were carried to their target in vessels of Admiral Nimitz's command under Commodore Richardson. At this time there is no information released on the many other units which were to be landing simultaneously with the DEADEYES. In all, more than 1,200 naval vessels and more than 1.500 planes were involved. So many carrier planes were flying over the landing beaches at 0800 that the Division Air Observer had to fly farther inland to avoid crowded airways!

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#### TODAY IS EASTER!

To the religious, the Resurrection is ne rising of Christ from the doad; to th orld the Resurrection is a revival -- a ow beginning. To us this Easter is the ty of the beginning of a new victory over to Japanese. The landing we are making this issue of the DISPATCH is published ; our way of observing the day. Our pooto at home are praying for us today in very Church or home, -- whether they are cligious or not it means the same.

"Easter" was derived from the name . 'the Angle-Saxon goldess of spring actie" or "Estara". Spring is at home and we fight for a return to that cing. The DISPATCH wishes its readers day, good luck, good shooting and many od Japs -- as we make a new beginning the war. The war on Japanese home rritory.

Hore's something for the papers For news dissemination The 96th has now begun Her second operation.

Hot and fast the fire falls And many Japs now die. Because there's grit in every craw Of every damn DEADEYE!

IT —— It Dusts Down Typhus!
Is in that little gray tin box they gave . USE IT EWERY DAY!

We are happy to announce that this issue of your DEADEYE DISPATCH is the first American (and the first Army) newspaper to be published at what the Japanese consider home territory. We will come to you each day with the latest news of the fight - while the spotlight of the world is on this Island and you. We propose to let you know what is being said of you and what your buddies are doing.

#### A ROLE OF DISTINCTION.

In his speech to the troops yesterday General Bradley stated, "You go into this operation as conquerors; you will land on the soil of Japan." To be the first to land on Japanese home soil is truly a distinction. A distinction because it has long been inevitable that SOMEONE destroy the cancer that is Japan. There can be place in a free world for a people who done the cruelty that their nation has licted on its neighbors. Invasion of the Japanese homeland is the only way to "persuade" them that America will not tolgrate their present form of government.

Altho we come here as conquerors and not as liberators, our role is one of distinction. That role is well described by General Bradley's words, "You are...the warriors of a free land striking against a country of fanatical, power-hungry people.

#### TOKYO RADIO TALKS OF LOSING WAR

ar 31-With the Ryukyus Eslands under one of the heaviest air and naval bombardments of the war, Tokyo Radio spoke in somber, possimistic tones to the Japanese people last night. The time for the decisive battle between Japan and inerica has finally come upon us Tokyo declared. Continuing with a note of desoration, the broadcast said that the battle which wild decide the rise or fall of Japan is indeed now. Excerpts from the Tokyo broadcast follow:

"Should we lose this opportunity now, it will result in our losing everything."

hammered southern Japan for over ten hours today, concentrating on targets including Sasebo and Euro naval bases."

Tokyo was honest for once in admitting the presence of a huge Imerican Floot off the Ryukus. Admiral Nimitz announced that heavy warships and planes of the Pacific floot continued their bombar mont of the Ryukus Friday, carrying the assault into the eighth straight day. A Jap counter-attack on Admiral Spruances Fifth Fleet, lying probably four hundred miles off Japan itself, was repulsed by Ship's guns and carrier planes. Nimitz' communique said that in this attack 17 enemy aircraft were shot down and four torpedo boats destroyed.

### SUPERFORTS HIT BUKUM AND NAGOYA

Tar 31-Twentieth Air Force headquarters announced twin super-fort raids last night on Maroya and Bukum island off Singapore.

A fleet of more than 40 India-based B-29's pounded Japanese oil stores on Bukum Island, leaving oil tanks crumblin and the sea northwest of the island covored with burning oil. The last crews over the target reported fires burning an hour after the first bombing. Brigadier General Roger N. Ramey's Twentieth Bomber Command flow the mission, which was carcied out by visual bombing. All planes Contid on page five.

DEADEYES: Cont'd from page one.

Stirred by the words of General Bradley who sent a message to all his officers and men yesterday addressing the as "conquerors", the battle-tested soldier of the assault companies pushed ahead well knowing that their superior training, weapons and equipment would carry them to the first victory to be had on soil of one of Japan's prefectures.

#### RESEARCH SHOWS INFERIOR CUALITY OF JAP WAR PRODUCTS.

The Battelle Memorial Institute of "At least 500 American carrier planes Industrial and Scientific Research reports that metallurgical examination of captured enemy war materiel shows that Japanese workmanship is "consistently mediocre," while German craftsmanship "is just as consistently good".

The report, covering studies for Army Ordnance and U.S. Navy Departments, described the Japs as being "copycats" in their workmanship but said "unpressed by the need for metal conservation, they can afford to lag in design and to accept inferior standards in production of their war materiel." Studies have shown Japs are using an abundance of vital alloying metals, indicating they had adequate sources or stockpiles at the time products were made. (CNS).

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(11:00--April 1--By 1000 this morning troops of Lt Col Byron King were 1200 yards inland and air observer reports placed our troops in his sector on a roamore than one mile inland by 1045.

In another sector soldiers of anoer division were reported pushing east of the southeast end of the Katena airstrip. (2000 yards inland) and meeting very light opposition.

#### MAY MAKES A "PATTON DRIVE"

\*\*3 April -- Carrying the Deadeye beachhead to its 6000 yard depth of yesterday. Col. E.T. May's troops lead the way to the south during the first two days of the operation with spectacular specia. Altho it was most cases not opposed by particularly heavy Japanese resistance, the drive south was fast and furious. CLARK GETS BAG OF 214 -- Driving against the strongest resistance yet encountered in the division sector troops of Col. May under Lt. Col. P.E. Clarkbroke through a readblock which was apparently covered by a good Japanese position and reported 214 enemy dead for their total for April 2nd. The battalion was supported by a platoon of Col. H. L. Edmonson's medium tanks. This was the largest number of enemy dead reported by a single battalion for a one day period during the operation to date.

#### ARTILLERY LANDS WITH LIGHTENING SPEED

\*\*\*Apr 3-The Deadeye's three battalions of light artillery of General R. G. Gard were landed and in position to fire by 1730 on L-Day. Cubs of that command were being assembled to operate from a strip on Okinawa yesterday and one L-5 has been operating from another island throughout the operation.

#### 96th DIVISION BOX SCORE

Number of Good Japs April 1 - 130 Number of Good Japs April 2 - 361 Cumulative total of Good Japs 491

\*\*\* April -- News of the invasion of Okinawa has been given to the world. Banner front-page headlines telling of our landings are momentarily crowding all other world news into the background of American nouspapers. An Associated Press. dispatch said that American infantrymen and Marines landed on Okinawa Island. southern gateway to the Japanese homeland, on Easter Sunday morning. No mention has yet been made of any of the divisions on Okinawa, although the dispatch said that the XXIV Corps and Third Marine Amphibious Corps, both under the Tenth Army, were on the island.

The AP story said that by nightfall doughfeet had pushed inland to a depth of three miles at some places and captured three airfields. Resistance was amazingly light and American casualties exceptionally small. With eight miles of beachhead secured on the first day, American commanders still felt there was a tough fight ahead.

Ten days of pre-invasion air and naval gun bombardments had apparently driven the Jap soldiers to the hills. There was little opposition as the assault waves hit the beaches, but an hour later the Japs opened up on the beaches with light mortar and artillery fire. They also tried a brief and unsuccessful tank attack in the n orthern sector. Waves of troops and supplies continued to pour ashore Sunday afternoon while American planes were blasting and strafing along the front lines.

News of the 77th Division's landings on the Kerama Island group have already been announced.

More's a true story with a moral to it. It happened on Loyto. During the carly stages of the compaign, a sketch wa seized that showed all the Japanese gun amplacements and battalion command posts on Cataon Hill. It was passed out to our artillery units and you can suess the result; it was used to blast the Jap positions right straight to hell. The next day, the 383rd was able to storm the hill with small losses.

New supposing some clever GI had gotton chold of this sketch from the body of Jop he had killed. It was done up in retty colors and had lots of funcy Jap tharacters on it. | Sad Sack says to i self: "I killed the bastard, so I'll toop this man and send it home to my wife as a souvenir." If he had done so, dozons, maybe hundreds, of his buddies would love been killed the next day by undesroyed Jap batteries.

The moral of the story is as plain as he stupidity of the forementioned Sad ack: TURN ALL CAPTURED MATERIAL IN TO NITITLEGANCE PERSONNEL. And do it fast complete plans were captured before the aps landed paratroops on Buri airstrip. ut di h't reach headquarters in time. mericans died as a result.

Does that mean that you can't get my souvenirs? Certainly not! Here's the recedure: When you lay your hands on nythin Japanese, even if it only has one character written on it, take it, or (if ou are busy at the moment, as is quite ikely) send it up through regular command returned safely. harmold to your regimental, Divarty, or pocial troops headquarters. Most of the tuif will be of no tactical importance. The interpreters right at the regimental P will slanes it over and if it is OK. will stamp it, give you a clearance slip, and hand it right back to you on the spot. hen things quiet down, you can send it

If you turn up with semething that looks like it might have value in giving aformation about the enemy's plans, the regimental intelligence people will send t on up to higher headquarters. But you

still have a chance to get it back. Tak it with your name, organization and hom. address. After it is no longer needed. will be mailed directly to your home. very effort is made to return each item when it is no longer needed to save our lives and destroy the enemy's

Here's the stuff that's needed most: Any papers with sketches or Jap writing on them. Can you speak Japanese? If not don't try to decide for yourself whether or not it means anything. Let the expert do it. Also needed are samples of new types of Jap equipment, such as mortars or gas masks.

Most ordnance material will not be returned to you. It is needed for detail ed study. You will get back swords and knives, however. And of course flags and personal papers of dead Japs will be give right back to you, as soon as they are checked for possible intelligence information.

There's no point in risking your lif or that of your fellow soldiers, by keeping something because you are afraid you won't get it back. The price you might have to pay is too big. Higher headquart ers know you are souvenir-happy, and will send it back if they can - rumors to the contrary. And don't forget: before you go home, you will have a showdown inspection. Any fool who has withheld valuable apers will be court-martialed. Don't ke the chancel

SUPERFORT RAID: Cont'd from page two.

Superforts based in the Marianas hit the industrial target of Nagoya for the second time this month. Nagoya is a Jap aircraft production center and the site of the big Mitsubishi plant. Major General Curtis E. LeMay's Twenty First Bomber Command flew the mission.

You still take your morning bath, I suppose? Never miss it. - Sometimes I take it hot, sometimes cold, and when I'm in a hurry, I take it for granted.

## PATTON'S TANKS 162 MILES FROM BERLIN

\*\*\*Apr 3--Despite desperate German attempts to halt the American advance, General Fisenhower's armies continued their smashing drive across Germany to within 162 miles of Berlin. The first organized German resistance since the Rhine breakthru produced furious fighting at Paderborn and in the Kassel area. Tanks of the Fourth Armored Division of the Third Army raced up the Frankfurt-Berlin highway 18 miles west of Paderborn. At that point they were 162 miles from Berlin.

Encirclement of the Ruhr Basin was completed by the juncture of the American Ninth and First Armies. Climaxing a drive across 75 miles of enemy territory by the Ninth Army in less than a week, they joined forces at Liggt adt.

Vanguards of both the American Third and Seventh armies plunged to within one hundred miles of Czechoslovakia. The Third Army is racing toward a juncture with Soviet forces now on the Niesse River, southeast of Berlin. Less than 200 miles separates the Americans and the Soviets. Seventh Army columns are also within 45 miles of Nuernberg and 315 miles of Red troops striking into Austria.

\*\*\*Apr 3-Planes of the Allied tactical air force are roaming the skies over Germany, bringing destruction to remaining Nazi armor and grounded aircraft. In the Kassel sector alone Allied pilots shot up enemy armored vehicles and destroyed or damaged 82 German planes in a surprise attack. Severe weather over Europe grounded heavy bombers based in Britain.

#### REDS SPRING TRAP ON VIENNA

\*\*\*Apr 3 -- Two Soviet armies are closing on Vienna from the south and east. They have already engulfed two towns only 22 miles south of the Austrian capital. (Cont'd on Page Three)

#### JAPAN NOW ISOLATED SAYS NIMITZ

\*\*\*Apr 3--In his first communique on the Okinawa operation, Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz declared that our new foothold will enable us to cut Japan off from the world with a sea and air blockade. Standing guard at the entrance to the East China Sea, the Ryukyus will give America an excellent pivot for air and naval attacks on both Formosa and the Japanese homeland.

Admiral Nimitz concluded his commentary with a very optimistic statement. "As our bombing increases in strength and proficiency, our final victory is assured." And while Nimitz spoke of victory, hopes of an early restoration of peace were reflected in the celebration of Easter throughout the world last Sun-

#### SUPER-FORTS STRIKE BEWILDERED TOKYO

\*\*\*Apr 3 -- Striking on the heels of the Okinawas invasion, a large force of superfortresses .from the Mariannas attacked Tokyo Sunday. B-29 targets were military installations in the Tokyo district. Altho the Air Force communique did not describe the nature of the military targets. it is possible that the B-29's were pin-CONTINENTAL AIR FORCE FINISHING LUFTWAFFE | ning down Jap aircraft during the first phase of the Okinawa invasion.

#### YANKS FIGHT JAPS IN LUZON MOUNTAINS

\*\*\* Apr 3--Remember the Philippines? Most of us associate the Philippines with Leyte Island - now tranquil and seemingly a part of the ancient past. But heavy fighting still goes on in the Philippines on Luzon, Negros and Cebu. Gen. MacArthur's latest communique reveals that almost 11,000 more Japs have been killed in the Philippines since March 26. This brings the total figure since the Leyte landing to 311,000 good Japs.

On Luzon, Jap resistance has stiffen ed along the upper Marikina line, in the (Cont'd on Page Three)

POLISH FLAG RAISED OVER DANZIG

Mar 31-Marshal Stalin announced that the Paltic port city of Danzig has been captured and that the Polish flag now flies over that city. Over 10,000 German prisoners and 45 U-Boats were taken when German resistance collapsed inside Danzig. This great international naval base was the scene of the first shots of World War II. On Monday September 1, 1939, the Free City of Danzig was shaken by ti explosion of shells fired from German batteries of the Schleswig-Holstein. pocket battleship.

While the new Soviet Slovakian offensive on the south battered toward Vienna, other Red Army forces moved toward Neusenden in Austria. Soviet troops have crossed the Austrian frontier town of Koszeg, 50 miles south of Vienna. Moscow said that the German Army's confusion there bordered on panic and that Soviet tanks found it difficult to keep up with the retreating enemy.

# LARGE BRITISH FLEET WITH US.

Mar 31-Pacific Fleet headquarters at Guam has revealed that the powerful Britich naval task force now pounding the Ryukus is composed of both carriers and heavy surface warships. The task force. attached to Admiral Spruance's Fifth Fleet, sped out from a secret American base on March 22nd to join American Units in their attack on the Ryukus this week. Containing ships famed for Atlantic operations, such as the 35,000 battleship King George and the 23,000 ton carrier Illustrious, the force has been converte

into a fast, self-sustaining, long range unit. Battleships, carriers, cruisers and destroyers are included in its numbers.

THE DEADEVE DISPATCH

Concentrating on the Sakishima Isla roup, southwest of Okinawa, the British force's planes bombed and strafed instal lations, destroyed 20 enemy aircraft on the ground and sunk a number of small coastal vessels.

Altho it is a part of the American Fifth Fleet, this task force is selfserving. It uses British made shells an Jombs and gets much of its food and equip ment from Australia and New Zealand. Vice Admiral Bernard Rawlings commands the force.

#### YANKS DROP LAOHOKOW AIRFIELD

Mar 31-Facing a new drive by 80,000 Jap troops, the American Fourteenth Air Force has abandoned its base at Laohokow in Hup in Province. Jap forces pushing westward through Hupeh and Honan provinces from the Hankow-Canton Railway were reported only three miles from Laohokow. The Yanks left the field on March 26 and have bombed it twice since that time.

Lachokow is approximately 350 miles northeast of Chuncking and less than 200 miles northeast of Hankow.

They were at sea, the boat was rocking and rolling something awful. One sailor got pretty sick and soon he was leaning over the rail. The captain came along and said "You can't be sick here, sailor The sailor regarded the captain for a moment and said "Watch."

