

THE DEADEYE

# DISPATCH

FIRST TO THE FRONT



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## PATTON NEARS RED ARMY

### BERLIN SAYS REDS OPEN FINAL DRIVE

Apr 16(ANS)--DNB, German news agency, said Saturday night that massed Red Army forces are attacking on the Berlin front after paralyzing barrages by six inch artillery guns. According to the Germans, these huge guns opened the assault against Berlin and had already torn breaches in defenses 30 miles from the capital.

Scores of tanks were reported in action and a big armored battle was developing. Berlin believed that the last grand scale Red Army offensive of the war was opening.

### JAPS FEAR RED MOVE

Apr 16(ANS)--A Chinese Army spokesman at Chungking said the Japs were rushing their mechanized forces from the Shanghai region to Manchuria as a result of Moscow's abrogation of the Russo-Japanese non-aggression treaty.

Bitter warfare raged on many fronts in China as the advantage was reported to be with the Chinese. Japanese threats to Shensi Province and Chungking were said by the Chinese High Command to have been frustrated by the general counter-offensive in southwestern Honan Province. The important highway town of Siangyang, 30 miles southeast of Loehokow, was placed under direct assault by the Chinese. In the south, the Japs drive was repelled.

Apr 16(ANS)--Germany's remaining army must now turn for a back to back stand or be cut off from retreat into the southern mountains of Bavaria. Three tank columns of the American First and Third Armies drove deep beyond embattled Leipzig in the heart of Germany and ripped thru rear supply bases of the German forces facing the Soviets before Berlin. Trapped between the American First and Third, and the Red forces, the Nazis must fight their way out if they are to reach the relative safety of the Bavarian Alps. A mere 85 miles now prevents the Eastern and Western fronts from becoming one steel ring around Germany's battered remnants.

The American broadcasting station in Europe told the German people that the entry into Berlin was imminent and asserted a state of tension existed in the capital. Berlin is now menaced by American forces 45 miles away and Soviet troops 30 miles distant. A partial news blackout is screening movements of the Ninth Army, which may be even closer to the Reich capital.

Armored divisions of the First and Third Army have struck deep into the heart of Germany south of Berlin. The last large-scale fighting may well take place in this southern sector.

The American Seventh Army continued to advance in the sector of Stuttgart, while the French First Army also made progress in the direction of Freiburg.

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## ESCAPE FROM HELL

by Pfc Joseph A. Kahl

April 10 (delayed)--"Leo, I hope I'll see you again, but I don't understand how you can make it. God help the bunch of you." Thus over the radio came the emotion-filled voice of Capt Hugh D. Young, battalion staff officer, who once was company commander of many of the men he was now giving up for lost.

He spoke to 1st Lt. Leo W. Ford, sole remaining officer of a group of men who were cut off from our lines with small chance of return.

Their harrowing story began in the middle of the morning of April 9th, when all available men of the 1st Battalion, 383rd Infantry, were gathered together to make a second assault on a promontory of Kakazu ridge, after a pre-dawn attack had failed. 46 men were the only uninjured ones in the vicinity. They were led by Capt John C. Van Vulpen, 2d Lt. William R. Neiman, and Lt. Ford.

They found it impossible to advance up the hill; enemy fire was too severe. Seven men were wounded, and were carried on stretchers improvised from ponchos. The field behind them was swept by fire, cutting off retreat. In desperation, they fled down a gulch cutting to the right.

Lt. Neiman and two machine gunners acted as the point. After a bit they advanced beyond the rest of the party, and lost contact. Later in the day,

two of them reached our lines.

Capt Van Vulpin and T/Sgt John J. Summers, went to reconnoiter an escape route. They reached battalion headquarters, and sent a volunteer litter party back to the trapped group, consisting of S/Sgt William McElheran, radio Sergeant, Pfc Tom Yee, Pfc William Leonchik, Pfc John Kwasnik, Pvt Allan Schmidt and T/5 James Goodart, medical technician, who had received a radiogram two hours previously announcing the birth of a son.

When McElheran arrived, he and Pfc Chuck Bassett ran out into enemy fire to retrieve a walkie-talkie, and re-established radio contact with battalion headquarters. They asked for mortar smoke, but the Japs sent shells of their own over at the same time, confusing the observers and making it impossible to get the smoke over the right area. It was then that Capt Young bid farewell to his men.

Moving further down the gulch, the men were showered by huge boulders loosened by an air strike in progress against the Japs on the top of the ridge just 300 yards away.

They finally reached the lines of the 3rd Battalion, and after a hellish night during which they were bombarded with mortar fire, reported to an astonished regiment that had given them all up as "missing in action."

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LONDON, MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON  
HOLD ROOSEVELT MEMORIALS

Apr 16(ANS)--Men and women of the United Nations joined in mourning President Roosevelt's death yesterday. Churches throughout the United States held memorial services for the late President and for divine guidance of the new President, Harry S. Truman.

On the battle fronts of the world, men of all the armed services paid tribute to their former commander-in-chief as military conditions permitted. Five minutes of silence was observed by Allied armies throughout the European theater at 3:00 P.M. yesterday. The whole U.S. Army and Navy entered a thirty day period of mourning. Men of the armed forces stood in close formation to attend memorial services on the decks of American ships in every ocean of the world. In many of these ships, the sound of battle was clearly audible in the background.

Millions of Britons joined in prayers for President Roosevelt at Anglican Church Services. The British Empire's memorial will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. In Moscow, black bordered red flags flew from all official buildings in accordance with official Soviet decree ordering two days of mourning. This was the first time in Soviet history that black bordered flags have flown for a foreign statesman.

In Washington, a solemn procession thru the capital's streets was witnessed by thousands. The services, attended by a small group that included members of the family, President Truman and other dignitaries, were majestic in their simplicity. In the flower docketed East Room where the Roosevelts had known many happy hours during their White House residence, Bishop Angus Dun called on the Lord to "Remember thy servant, Franklin Delano."

A brief rainstorm about a half hour before the services sent thousands of Washingtonians who had witnessed the military funeral procession, scattering for cover, but the sun soon shone again.

# HOW THEY SEE US

## OKI HOME DISPATCHES

Ground fighting remained in a stalemate on southern Okinawa, as American and British carrier aircraft raked airfields and towns on Formosa and adjacent islands on Friday and Saturday.

Infantrymen of the Ninety-Sixth Infantry Division throw back a small counterattack on southern Okinawa, while Marines swept ahead in the north against still minor opposition. They were within ten miles of the northern tip of the island. Although Radio Tokyo mentioned the stalemate on Okinawa, she admits the situation is changing for the worse.

U. S. pilots destroyed seven enemy aircraft aground and damaged 25 others. The British damaged a number of enemy planes on the ground on Formosa and heavily raided hangars, barracks, and buildings. Three Jap planes were shot down out of a group attacking the British Task Force. AP dispatches from Okinawa state that 218 Jap planes were shot down in two days in the Okinawa area, and that Jap pilots appear to be inferior.

## POLISH TROOPS CAPTURE IMOLA

Apr 16(ANS)--Associated Press dispatches say that Imola, important junction town on the Bologna-Rimini Highway in Italy, was captured yesterday by Polish troops of the British Eighth Army. The Germans were reported throwing in heavy reinforcements in a desperate effort to smash hard won Eighth Army bridgeheads over the Sillaro River. In the face of bitter opposition Eighth Army attacks made only modest gains northwestward towards Ferrara.

American troops of the Fifth Army advanced through rugged terrain northwest of Vergato and seized control of the two mile long Buffono Bridge. Vergato is 17 miles southwest of Bologna, important German supply and communications center in the Po Valley.

## BOHOL FALLS WITHOUT FIGHT

Apr 14(ANS)--One day after American troops landed on Bohol Island in the Visayas, General MacArthur reported the island "under our control." Yanks had poured ashore yesterday, meeting practically no resistance on Bohol's beaches. Located just northwest of Mindanao, Bohol became the last major Jap-held island in the Philippines to be invaded by American troops.

American doughfoot on Luzon were closing in on Baguio, the summer capital of the Philippines and key point in Luzon's Benguet Mountains. They are now three miles from Baguio's city limits.

Our forces hacked out gains on Bicol and Balate Pass areas of Luzon. In the latter sector, they wiped out several Jap infiltration units.

## DEAD EYE KILLS 15 JAPS

Pfc Delmar Parrish, Liverpool, W. Va., a member of Company C, 383rd Infantry, believes in doing business wholesale.

Recently his company was hit by a banzai charge. Fifteen Japs, led by a saber-wielding Lieutenant, charged right for Parrish's foxhole. He jumped up out of his hole with his BAR, and kept firing until his hand was burned by the hot barrel. Next morning all 15 were lying in front of his position, very much dead.

## TAKEN BY MISTAKE

Taken by mistake from the Deadeye Signal Co Radio Section was a Hallicrafter radio set belonging to someone who did not see it. Please call the Deadeye office, Frontier 300 if you have it and do not know where to return it. The set was an S-20-R with a Mallory Vibrapak #557.

## 96TH BOX SCORE OF GOOD JAPS

Total for April 14.....	262
Previous Okinawa Total.....	4,216
Loyte Campaign Total.....	7,341
Grand Total to Date.....	11,819

## NIMITZ ISSUES STATEMENT ON JAP PILOT

"For some months the Japanese have been employing aircraft on a gradually increasing scale in suicidal attacks upon our forces in the Western Pacific. These aircraft were initially piloted by a group of pilots who were known as Kamikaze corps by the Japanese. The enemy made much in his propaganda of this "sure death-sure hit" suicide technique, which is simply an attempt to crash planes on the decks of our ships.

The enemy has expended a large number of planes on missions of this nature with negligible effect on the continuing success of our operations. Some major units of the fleet have been damaged, but no battleship, no fast carrier, or cruiser has been sunk. Some smaller ships have been sunk, but in the great majority of cases they have remained in operation after being struck by one of these suicide planes. This reflects credit on our officers and men and also on the designers of our ships.

Effective methods of meeting and destroying suicidal attacks have been developed and will continue to be employed to increase the toll of Japanese aircraft shot down by our aircraft and by our anti-aircraft guns.

The "Kamikaze corps" is apparently being used not only to attempt to damage our forces, but also to try to stir the lagging spirits of the Japanese people. Although these "Sure-death-sure hit" pilots are reported to be volunteers many have very willingly become survivors of "suicide" missions and are now prisoners of war.

The enemy claims for "suicide swimmers", human torpedoes and suicide speedboats hardly need comment. In the majority of such attacks up to this date, these personnel have failed completely in their mission but have been successful in committing suicide.

The suicide technique is continuing. It cannot prevent our continuing success in the war in the Pacific!

(Extracts)

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362nd GETS THE BIRD  
by Tec 5 John Suter

He was a dead pigeon. There could be no doubt about it. G-2 made a thorough investigation - there could be no mistake. He was dead. Dead as Marley and the proverbial doornail of the famous Christmas Carol.

It had come to pass - and stranger things could scarcely be imagined. The Japs had given us the bird - and we were glad of it! Confusing as it seems, those are the facts - the incontrovertible facts. But let us retrogress that we may see how this seeming paradox came to be recalled.

Cpl L. E. Iverson and Tec 5 Raymond Holtz of 362nd FA Bn set the stage for us by being the right man at the right place at the right time. Capt Joe Moore, S-2 for 362nd, had received notice to be on the alert for Japanese messengers along certain routes. Cpl Iverson and T/5 Holtz were detailed as an outpost to cover anticipated channels of communications, taking up their post early Saturday morning, 14 April.

From here our heroes Iverson and Holtz may as well speak for themselves.

"My mind was wandering," Iverson said,

"You know how it will,"

"Yes", we interposed, "we know."

"Well," he continued

"I was thinkin' of

home, and as one mem-

ory led to another,

you know how it will!

We nodded, we knew -

"I got to thinkin'

about duck season back

home."

We said ducks in sea-

son or out, back home

sounded good to us.

He ignored the

remark and continued,

"Three duck seasons

have past and me not

home to take part in

the killin' - and with

this mighty fine weapon, too."

"Well sir" (he used the term colloquially) I must have been half dreamin' tho it was nine o'clock and broad open daylight - seemed to hear the flutter of wings, and there it was!" He spread both hands skyward in front of him as though framing the picture he would have us see. "Get it?" he said. Yes, we nodded, we got it - a duck.

Both men lit cigarettes with calculated deliberation, enjoying our suspense. They inhaled deeply and blew out the pale blue smoke. "No." "Not a duck." We were crestfallen.

Holtz broke under the tension first. "A pigeon!" he exclaimed. He was triumphant. "Yep", he continued in face of our astonishment, "A Jap pigeon; a Jap carrier pigeon - right overhead!"

Our interest revived, in fact flamed into a state of high excitement. "AND", we said, now practically suffocating with breathlessness.

"So", he said, "We reached quick- like for our carbines, throw them off safety aimed ---.

We couldn't wait. "Did you get him?"

"Did we get him!" They said in unison. The tone of their voices shamed us

"I blew his head off."

EDITOR'S NOTE: It has been officially confirmed that Iverson and Holtz shoot only the EASLEY POSITIONS. Said General Easley of their marksmanship: Such shooting deserves due recognition and reward. Transfer those men to the Infantry.

To take up the tale again now the the Editors have had thier innings, the pigeon was a carrier pigeon for the Jap forces. Yes, it did have a message attached to its foot. G-2 was in possession of the bird message and all translated within 30 minutes after the kill was made. (G-2 says its top secret)



The Japs like to work in pairs when using the bayonet. Their bayonets (15 1/2 inches long, weighing 14 ounces) have a hook near the hilt. One Jap tries to hook the enemy's rifle while the other tries to sink in his blade.

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JAPANESE CABINET GOES INTO A Huddle

Apr 16(ANS)--Radio Tokyo announced that the Japanese cabinet went into a huddle to discuss the incendiary attack on Tokyo and lay plans to cope with the situation. Twentieth Air Force headquarters in Washington reported that the great Superfortress fire raid on the Tokyo arsenal district early Saturday cost us half a dozen American planes. B-29 crewmen returning to their Marianas base said they left great conflagrations and explosions in the five mile square target area.

Tokyo moaned that our fire bombs started fires in the Imperial Palace and the Meiji Shrine, and said the Japanese people were "indignant over this defilement." Premier Suzuki said the Emperor and Empress were safe. He offered the usual apologies to the throne and at the Meiji Shrine.

WELCOME TO ALL THE  
NEWCOMERS TO  
THE DEADLY  
FAMILY

The DISPATCH is your paper too. Let the company reporter get to know you.

CHALK UP A FLEISHER'S ERROR

New York (ANS)--Even the Inquiring Photographer of the New York News had to blush when he asked Miss Ruby Glen, of the Bronx, if she had ever wanted to commit a crime. Said Ruby: "I'm one of those unfortunate girls who has to wear sponge-rubber busts to make my dresses hang right. I went to the movies with this guy and before I knew it, one of the rubber things fell out. And was I embarrassed!"

AUSSIES PRESS ATTACK ON BOUGAINVILLE

Apr 16(ANS)--Australian troops in northern New Guinea captured the village of Wora, and are pressing their attack in that sector. Artillery duels are in progress.

ARMED FORCES REPRESENTED AT  
ROOSEVELT'S FUNERAL

Apr 16(ANS)--President Roosevelt came home to the White House for the last time Saturday over a sorrow-laden route which he had traveled in triumph so often before. The body of the Commander-In-Chief arrived by train from Warm Springs, Ga., and an Army caisson bore it past a vast silent multitude to the East Room of the White House.

Hundreds of thousands lined the way from the Union Station to the White House. They saw the flag-draped casket drawn by six white horses with a seventh for guide and slowly through the streets. Police estimated the crowd as the largest in Washington history--between 300,000 and 400,000.

Men and women of the armed forces marched in slow measured cadence ahead of the catafalque, while Service bands played the dirge of a Commander-In-Chief fallen in war. When the caisson halted before the main entrance to the White House, eight non-commissioned officers under Master Sergeant James Bowder removed the flag-draped casket and bore it indoors. Immediately following were Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, their son, Brig. Gen. Elliott Roosevelt who flew in from London, and daughter Anna Boettinger. Behind followed Colonel John Boettinger and the wives of the four Roosevelt sons.

Fala, the President's scottie, tugged and strained at the leash held by an attendant, and whimperingly followed his master's body into the White House. Outside, Navy musicians played a few measures of "Abide With Me" as companies of soldiers, sailors, and marines stiffened to attention.

GUAM JAP TOLL UPPED

Apr 16(ANS)--At Washington, Maj. Gen. Larsen, Marine Commander at Guam, said that close to 18,500 Japanese had been killed on that island since D-Day last July 21. This boosted by some 3500 the latest official reports on Japanese Guam fatalities.

# UNIT REPORTERS COLUMN

T/5 R. Drechsler; T/5 J. Gordon; T/5 J. Jurich; T/5 N. Hotton. (Unit Reporters)

## DEAD EYE ARTILLERY

Keeping the caissons rolling along may be the prime function of Stateside artillery on maneuvers - remember? - but in places like Okinawa, as anyone knows, throwing shells is the order of the day, and that's precisely what the Deadeye Artillery is doing.

Here's a typical day's work in the professional life of the 96th Division Artillery.

On the eighth of April, Lt. Col. Jenkins battalion of 105's, the 362nd, gave direct support to the advance of the 382nd Regiment, firing on normal artillery targets such as troops, pill boxes, and mortar emplacements. They also fired six counter-battery missions and adjusted 363rd on additional enemy artillery emplacements. Expenditures included 676 rounds of time fire, 537 rounds of other HE shell, and 78 rounds of white phosphorus.

High scorer for the day in number of rounds fired, was the 361st Bn, 105's Lt. Col. Masters commanding. In the 24-hour period they pumped out 166 rounds of time fire, 1499 of other HE, and 29 of white phosphorus. These expenditures included a preparation for 381st Inf, and reinforcing missions for 362nd FA, and also an adjustment of the 198th FA on a counter battery mission.

The 105's of 921st FA, commanded by Lt. Col. Glenn, in direct support of their combat team-mate, the 383rd Inf, fired four preparations and directed their advance, expending in the process 72 rounds of time fire, 1592 of other HE, and 48 of white phosphorus. On one occasion they brought down time fire upon some Japs who had been blasted from their holes by the 363rd FA.

363rd FA's 155's, with Lt. Col. Hlavac in command, were occupied with their customary role of general support. They fired two counter-battery missions

## "PRISONER"

Lt. Billy S. Parham of Wagoner, Oklahoma is responsible for this rare item about publicity-shy Co "E" of Colonel Dill's "Leaders." In true Deadeye style the company was advancing and the sharp eyes of the doughboys were everywhere -- looking for signs of the presence of Japs. Two of our platoons moved across an open field where a Jap lay sprawled in the most acceptable attitude. As each man went by he glanced at the huddled form and thought how much nicer the Jap looked lying there than he would if he were alive and behind a gun.

No so with Lt. Parham, however. On his way back through the field to summon a tank, something made him draw close to the Jap and it was then he discovered the Nip was not as "good" as he first appeared to be. Making full use of his "persuader" he nudged the Jap and this one (not being of the "hari-kari" type) meekly rose and gave himself up.

So it was that Lt. Parham came marching to the rear with a live (though badly shot) Jap at the point of his gun, and a grin on his face that the folks back in Oklahoma would have been proud to see.

while displacing by echelon, and after arriving at their new position continued reinforcing fires for 362nd and 921st. These missions used 955 rounds of HE and 44 rounds of white phosphorus.

The liason planes of the field artillery were busy all day, reporting targets and adjusting fire. They gave a large number of long range targets to Corps Artillery that day.

On the 8 of April, a quiet day from a FA standpoint, the four battalions fired a total of 6866 rounds of ammo, an expenditure of labor and money well worth the effort, when one considers the grief it causes the Japs.

by Hotton.

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## PRESS PATROL

by Ed Thomas, UP, to United Press.

We heard soft gypsy music coming from the long mud spattered tent and we stopped in and found ourselves right in the midst of the regular afternoon concert by the "G.I. Gypsies."

A tall tousle-haired lad was making a violin talk; another one leaned on the tent pole and harmonized on an accordion and a third strummed a guitar.

Then the tune changed and a kid in dusty fatigues with "Tulsa" painted in white capital letters on the upturned peak of his cap sang "I'll Be Seeing You" and when they finished the haggard men on the cots looked up and clapped, and tried to smile.

The violin player was Pfc Dick Kosner, Sioux City, Iowa, formerly with Frankie Master's orchestra. Pfc Emilio Chiesa, Bronx, N.Y., was on the accordion and Pfc Alfonso Villareal, Corpus Christi, Tex., strummed the guitar.

The baritone was Pfc Robert Alspaugh Jr., 20, of Tulsa, Okla. His father, Chaplain Robert E. Alspaugh (Capt), was killed near Cassino, Italy, in January 1944.

They've been making regular daily tours of the wards at this Division clearing station a few miles from the front lines ever since we landed on Okinawa and according to officers in charge of the clearing station they have helped considerably, particularly in the treatment of battle fatigue cases.

I couldn't help noticing that the kids on the cots didn't twitch and toss so much when the musicians were playing. They even opened their eyes and became

## EDITORIAL

The DEAD EYE DISPATCH issues a strong appeal to recover the American flag which was removed from a hill just south of Kunzan. The flag was the first raised by anyone in the division and was about 4x5 feet in size and of either silk or rayon. You will remember the story of Capt Von Holle's men who placed the flag there. Those men are greatly incensed, as we are, that anyone would remove the flag. Anyone knowing of its whereabouts please call Frontier 300.

## REMEMBER DEAD EYE DISPATCH IS RESTRICTED

Be careful that you do not carry copies of the DISPATCH into any place where it might be captured by the enemy. We tell a great deal to you which would be of use to them were they to know. We are sorry but you still may not mail the copies home.

interested and coherent and asked for special numbers.

"I'll Be Seeing You" and "Always" are especially popular," said Alspaugh. "Usually they want to hear the old favorites or songs they were dancing to when they joined the Army."

## 96TH BOX SCORE OF GOOD JAPS

Total for April 15.....	16
Previous Okinawa Total.....	4,47
Leyte Campaign Total.....	7,31
Grand Total to Date.....	11,98



EFFORT WASTED---It takes more than a destroyed bridge to halt the advance of Yanks on Mindanao Island, Philippines. Here, Infantrymen cross a ruined bridge south of the city of San Jose. Smoke in the background pours from oil and gas dumps which were set ablaze by Jap artillery. (U.S. Army Signal Corps Photo, reproduced and distributed by Information Branch, I-E Section, CPBC).