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major water barriers before Berlin. Nuernberg, site of many Nazi Party conventions, now lies directly in the path of the American Seventh Army. With that city only 40 miles distant, the Seventh has also swept up to Wuertzburg and Heilbronn. Aschaffenburg has already fallen. British Second Army troops scored a major gain by driving into the great industrial center of Es-nabrueck on the road to Bremen. They were also striking out beyond captured Nordhorn. In Holland, the Canadian First Army is only twenty miles from the Zuider Zee and the complete encirclement of 90,000 Germans.

REDS IN SUBURBS OF VIENNA

***Apr 5--Soviet infantrymen, riding on large tanks, captured the great Messerschmitt plane center of Wiener Neustadt yesterday. After breaking into this great industrial city, they continued their drive and broke through 17 miles of enemy defenses, stopping just six miles short of Vienna itself. The powerful surge carried the Soviet Third Ukrainian Army into administrative Vienna. Soviet troops have already cut the main Vienna to Venice railroad and the highway to the Italian front. The Second Ukrainian Army is also driving on Vienna from a southerly direction. It is now within 11 miles of a junction with the Third Ukrainian Army.

Red troops in Slovakia threatened Bratislava as they hurled a twenty mile siege arc around the city and outflanked it from the southwest.

ALLIED BOMBERS HIT SUB PENS

***Apr 5--Altho Nazi-held Germany is shrinking daily, Allied bombers are still pounding what is left of the Reich. Yesterday submarine and shipbuilding yards at Kiel were hit by American heavies. British planes attacked troop concentrations

41ST DIVISION INVADES SULU ARCHIPELAGO

***Apr 5--General MacArthur announced today that the veteran infantrymen of the 41st Infantry Division have invaded Tawitawi at the southern end of the Sulu Archipelago in a 200 mile leap from Zamboanga on Mindanao. Speaking of the operation, General MacArthur said, "This strike places us within 30 miles of Borneo and the great oil and rubber resources of the area." The 41st Division infantrymen seized the vast Tawitawi harbor which was a former Japanese naval base, and two airfields. The Sulu Archipelago stretches between Mindanao in the Philippines and northern Borneo.

In his announcement, General MacArthur mentioned that the 41st Division has seen more service than any other Division in the Pacific theater and has completed three years of overseas service 22 months of which have been in actual combat.

ONE VOTE FOR U.S. IN WORLD ASSEMBLY

***Apr 5--Secretary of State Stettinius has announced that President Roosevelt will not ask for more than one vote in the world assembly to be proposed at the coming San Francisco Security Conference. The White House previously had announced that since the Soviet Union wanted three votes and the British Empire will have three, the United States would demand three votes also.

President Roosevelt's decision came after a confab with the American delegation to the Security Conference. Because the Ukrainian and White Russian Republics together with the Soviet Union had played a heroic part in the victory over Germany, it was decided that Russia should have three votes to one for the United States.

ITALY-BASED BOMBERS BLAST NAZIS

***Apr 5--Fifteenth Air Force planes from Italy continued strafing and bombing attacks on Nazi communication lines in Austria.

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DILL ENTERS "OKI" FIGHT

TANKS 140 MILES FROM BERLIN

***Apr 5--Powerful Third Army tank columns have again lunged forward to shorten the distance between the American armies and Berlin. They smashed into the outskirts of Gotha yesterday, only 140 miles from Germany's capital. Patton's tanks reached Gotha after a 19 mile sweep across Thuringia Province.

The Third Army drive, which began in the Saar Valley, has now carried Yank tank forces three fourths of the way across Eastern Germany and only 65 miles from Czechoslovakia. Flying tank columns are still driving eastward to seal up the 160 miles which now separates them from the Soviet lines. Another Third Army force sixty miles northwest of Gotha is locked in a bitter fight for the city of Kassel. To the south of Gotha, Third Army troops captured Fulda.

Thousands of Nazi soldiers trapped in the giant Ruhr pocket tried in vain to break out of the American First Army's vice-like grip. While the Yanks threw back Nazi break-out attempts, Allied planes showered surrender leaflets on an estimated 110,000 Germans.

American Ninth Army forces burst through the hilly fortified area of Teutoburger and raced around both sides of Bielefeld, within 175 miles of Berlin. These troops are closing up to the Weser River, one of the two

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***Apr 4--Entering the fight for the first time on Okinawa, Col. Macey L. Dill's battalions today pushed rapidly to the south and took responsibility for one sector of the Deadeye fighting line.

Beginning an energetic drive, the troops of Lt. Col. Charles Johnson and Lt. Col. Cyril Sterner reduced numerous pill boxes and centers of resistance between Nodake and Komiyama on their path.

Unused to being a reserve element, the regiment, whose motto of "We Lead" was well supported in the Philippines by the aggressive action there, was committed to the battle of Loyte for a record time. Now again she has begun to add to her record of good Japs and yesterday reported 148 killed.

Opposed by machine guns in pill boxes and advancing against mined tank traps which were also covered by small arms fire, parts of the regiment had to leave the assigned zone and go the the east to annihilate the resisting Nipponese in the early afternoon. After the resistance was reduced, the regiment advanced 2000 yards.

96TH BOX SCORE OF GOOD JAPS

Loyte Campaign Total.....	7,341
Grand Total to 4 April.....	639
Total for 4 April.....	284
Grand Total to Date.....	8,265

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NEWSMEN JOIN DEADEYES

With doughboys of Colonel Edwin T. May's and Colonel Macey L. Dill's regiments driving south toward a meeting with the elusive main body of Japs on Okinawa, the Deadeye's are drawing increasingly heavy attention from the large corps of war correspondents on the island.

In addition to the writers and photographers who came ashore with the Division, Ed Thomas of United Press, Bill Sand of Midpacifican, and three Yank men -- Lonnie Wilson, Justin Gray and Dillon Ferris -- moved into the press "tomb" yesterday. Thomas and Wilson moved forward with Dill's men in yesterday morning's attack, Ferris was with the Minute Men and Gray plans to move in for several days with a line company of one of the regiments.

Several others, including William McGaffin of the Chicago Daily News, Mac Johnson of United Press and John Beaufort of the Christian Science Monitor visited the Division CP yesterday.

Two names were inadvertently omitted from the DEADEYE L-Day press story. Capt. Lauren Soth, officer in charge of the attached 1st Inf. & Hist. Serv. team came ashore before noon on L-Day and has been shepherding the correspondents around the island ever since. Another very active pressman has been Pfc Joe Kahl of the Division PRO office, whose initials "JAK", are well known to Deadeye readers.

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2300 CIVILIANS IN DEADEYE ENCLOSURE

96TH & 7TH CUTS OKINAWA IN TWO

***5 Apr--Soldiers and marines have driven another wedge across Okinawa against negligible opposition and have taken firm control of the south central section of that strategic Ryukyu Island. Major General John Hodge, commander of the XXIV Corps, said, "The invasion is going far better than our wildest dream. They have made us a present of the center of the island. We are ashore and set." General Hodge added, "If they had elected to hold the high ground in the middle of the area, they could have given us plenty of trouble."

Deadeye troops on the southern flank are nearing Naha, where one of the best airfields in the Ryukyu chain is located. Seventh Infantry Division troops (who were identified as such in Admiral Nimitz's communique) reached the coast Monday and moved southward along the shores of Nakagusuku Bay. Deadeye troops have not as yet been identified as on the Ryukyus. Field officers said that the hour probably was nearing when the estimated 60,000 Japanese on Okinawa could be expected to put up a stand.

TRIPLE B-29 ATTACK OVER HONSHU

***6 Apr--At least 300 Superfortresses from the Mariannas made a pre-dawn attack Wednesday against three cities in the Tokyo area. Swooping in at low level, the sleek sky monsters slip into three formations to hit industrial targets at Shizuoka, 85 miles south of Tokyo, and Tachikawa and Teizuma, 20 miles east and north of the Japanese capital. The weather at the time of the bombing was bad, so the Superfortresses dropped their bombs by instrument.

Have you taken Atabrine?

RECEIVE GOOD, BUT FIRM TREATMENT

***Apr 5--Up to April 4th 2300 Okinawa civilians have been received and cared for by the military government authorities of the 96th Division. In the XXIV Corps sector the number had reached the 3100 mark and the Corps camp for civilians was complete. Plans are to move those impounded in the Deadeye sector to the larger enclosure which will accommodate 70,000.

Initial plans did not anticipate that such large numbers would come thru our lines during the first three days and at first the civilians were reluctant to turn themselves in, but when interpreters were sent to the hills explaining the good treatment which they receive an announcing names of local leaders who were already with us, men women and children poured from the caves.

About two-thirds of the civilians are women and children and one third old men. They are being fed by foodstuffs captured on Okinawa by 96th Division troops and have done all the work in connection with their living. They are described as "docile" in our hands and soon lose their fear when they have been in the enclosure for some time.

Treatment of physical ails is given them and all details of organizing them is under the direction of Col. W. R. Anderson, the head of Military Government for General Bradley.



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BRADLEY PUSHES SOUTH

REDS HOT -- KOISO QUILTS

Apr 6—Two hard blows shook the Japanese Empire yesterday. Moscow let the boom down by announcing that the Soviet Union would not renew its neutrality pact with Japan on April 25; then Tokyo revealed that Chief of State Premier Koiso and his entire cabinet had resigned from office.

Russia's reason for abandoning her neutrality with Japan struck a menacing note for the Nips. The Soviet State Department had called in the Japanese representative in Moscow yesterday. He was informed by the Soviets that since the United States and Britain were Russia's allies, it would not be appropriate for the Soviet Union to agree to neutrality with Japan, who is at war with the U. S. and Britain. In Washington, our own State Department made only this brief comment, "We are pleased."

The State Department, as well as millions of GI's, was also pleased to witness the sudden resignation of Jap Premier Koiso, known affectionately to his confederates as the "Tiger". Filling in for Premier Tojo after the Japanese debacle at Saipan, the "Tiger" had reorganized his present cabinet four times in an effort to hold the Jap ship of state together. Altho many had wondered how he withstood the disasters of the Philippines and Iwo Jima, informed sources believed that Japan could not

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DEADEYES GAIN AGAINST FIRST RESISTANCE

***Apr 6—Pouring fire and men toward the southern end of Okinawa, Major General J. L. Bradley's Deadeyes yesterday pushed against the first real organized enemy force yet encountered by any of our forces, Army or Marines on Okinawa.

His forces have killed more than any comparable unit so far according to all available reports. To April 5th he has accounted for 1,151 Japanese. The III Amphibious Corps has accounted for 694 Japanese for the same period and the 7th Division for 536.

Aided by naval air strikes of excellent precision the attack moved out this morning early and a large gain is expected today.

In the sector of Col. E. T. May an enemy counterattack was destroyed during mid-afternoon yesterday before it reached the stage where it could be called effective. By courageous actions men of the 2nd Battalion nipped the Japanese force of an estimated company before they could damage our well-organized advance. The regiment gained 400 yards and pushed hard into caves and pill-box positions, in the vicinity of Uchitomari. (See map on Page Three). The developing counter-attack was supported by three enemy tanks, one of which was destroyed.

By afternoon, an estimated Japanese battalion was opposing our positions southwest of Ginowan. This is the

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MAY LAUNCHES ATTACK ON CORPS OBJECTIVE

by Pfc Joseph A. Kahl

April 4 -- The 2nd Battalion of May's Infantry shoved off at 0830 this morning from a ridge below Futema to attack down the valley toward the Corps Objective across the neck of the island above Naha.

I went up to the advance OP just before the shove off with T/5 Abel, FO press photographer. There I found the battalion commander, Major Prosser Clark, perched up on top of a large rock jutting forward from the peak of a hill overlooking the entire valley down which the assault was to go. Beside him was Lt. Leigh, S-2, Pfc Payte, telephone operator, and Pfc Taylor, radio man. The panorama stretched below us was like a demonstration for a Benning OCS class -- and we were in the best seats.

Capt George A. McCaffrey's company was moving down the left, almost to the road which marked the boundary of the regiment. Capt Irvin T. Larson's men extended to the right. Five Sherman's of Company "C" of Col. Edmonson's tanks, were in position amidst the infantry. Capt Jesse Thomas' heavy weapons were in support.

At 0830 the advance began. The infantry moved forward, tensely watching the dumps of trees hiding houses which might be pillboxes. Suddenly an enemy machine gun opened up directly to the front. One of our heavies put in several bursts of tracers, which set the house on fire. An artillery shell completed the job, and made the place much too hot for the Nips.

Soon heavy machine gun fire swept McCaffrey from his left flank, pinning down the company. Maj. Clark was worried about the high ridge which extended about 600 yards ahead of our left front. He called over Lt (jg) Art Maisinger naval liaison officer, and the two of them gave me a lesson in the uses of naval gunfire and field artillery. "The naval fire is not quite as accurate, so

I will use it to sweep that ridge in order to eliminate any possible fire from that sector," the Major said. "At the same time, I can use pin-point artillery to knock out that other machine gun nest that we just picked up"

A few orders over the JASCO radio to a destroyer, and back to the field artillery of Lt. Col. Glenn, and both missions were perfectly executed.

Just then, the OP came under machine gun fire. We hugged the ground much closer, but couldn't give up this perfect vantage point.

At 1010 we sighted the forces of Col. M. L. Dill's men coming up the left hand road. They were headed by nine tanks, jeeps and trucks. A whole convoy with the enemy right ahead! They pulled under cover until the tanks and foot troops could clear the way. "I feel a hell of a lot more comfortable now", the Major commented.

A contact patrol was sent out, and by 1115 it was arranged that our battalion with Lt. Col. Cyril D. Sterner's battalion would move forward and eliminate the machine guns holding down McCaffrey. The movement continued, it was by the outpost resistance of the strong defense line across the neck of the island. There they waited until our entire forces, to be joined by other troops, could continue down towards Naha.

Thus ran the story of what happened when stalwart Deadeye's approached the first strong Jap line to be met by the Tenth Army on Okinawa.

Most people nowadays have more respect for "old age" if it is bottled.

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JAPAN'S KOISO: (Cont'd from P. One)

withstand another cabinet change and that Koiso would remain in office as long as possible. As his reason for stepping down, Koiso gave the swift advance of American troops on Okinawa Island.

In Koiso's place, enters 77 year old Admiral Hiroto Suzuki, former Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Navy. As grave dissension has existed for some time between the Army and Navy, Suzuki's appointment is viewed as a political face-slapping for the Jap Army Staff.

Aged Admiral Suzuki takes over a government whose Navy has been virtually crushed by the American Pacific Fleet. He now faces the problem of stemming the American advance in the Ryukyus, as well as keeping Japan's supply lines up to at least a trickle.

AMERICAN BLOCKADE COMPLETE: MACARTHUR

General MacArthur has proclaimed that the American blockade against Jap shipping is now in complete operation. Confirming his proclamation, escorted heavy bombers made their first concerted strike at Hong Kong, hit the dock areas with 126 tons and returned to their bases without losing a single plane. Planes on blockade duty from Shanghai to Indo-China also sank or damaged 28 Jap ships, including the destruction of a destroyer escort and a 10,000 ton tanker. MacArthur said that the seizure of Tawitawi harbor in the Sulu Archipelago has severed the Japanese life line to the East Indies, thus putting the blockade in complete operation.

Troops of the 40th Inf Division have landed on Masbate Island, west of Samar and are rapidly securing the entire island with the help of Filipino patriot forces.

In other actions in the Philippines American doughboys continued to advance. On Negros an airfield was captured while the 32nd Division gained 10 miles on Luzon.

ALLIES TIGHTEN RUHR POCKET

***Apr 6--General Simpson's Ninth Army has reached the Weser River and is 38 miles from Hannover. With Ninth Army troops fighting in Hamm and five miles from Dortmund, they are compressing the Ruhr pocket from the north into a strong trap. Gen. Hodges' First Army to the south tightened its hold on the Ruhr trap from below with an advance of three miles. It is reported that Marshal Kesselring, German Commander on the Western Front, is caught in the Ruhr encirclement along with an estimated 110,000 Germans. Units of the American Ninth Army overran a German tank firing-ground and discovered a new super "Tiger" tank mounting a 155 mm gun. The super tank is 12 feet high and has tracks three feet wide.

On the far northern end of the Western Front, Canadian troops moved up to Arnhem and reached points within 20 miles of the Zuider Zee. The British Second Army is still operating under a partial news blackout, but dispatches indicate that the Tommies have crossed the lower Weser and Ems River and are now dashing on to Bremen and Emden, less than 55 miles away.

Still rolling without letup are the powerful armored units of Patton's Third Army, slashing their way inside central Germany to within 130 miles of Berlin. Third Army troops captured the war-factor city of Kassel, as well as Gotha and Suhl. Gotha fell without a shot when the German broke out white flags a half hour before the Fourth Armored Division was to begin its attack. The 2,000 Germans who had been estimated to be holding the city fled the night before. An example of Nazi confusion at Kassel is shown by the report of German reinforcements marching into the waiting arms of American troops and surrendering without resistance.

Fatch's Seventh Army has pushed to within 34 miles of Nuernberg. The French First Army took the important city of Karlsruhe. At present, the Germans are losing over two divisions a day in prisoners alone. Five of the nine Allied armies on Wednesday took over 26,000 prisoners.

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WAR MANPOWER BILL SQUASHED

***Apr 5--The United States Senate rejected the War Manpower Bill by a vote of 46 to 21 last Tuesday. Designed to provide penalties for employers and workers who refused to cooperate with the government's intention to keep workers on essential jobs, the bill had passed the House last week. Although it was a compromise measure, the Senate turned thumbs down on the bill. According to the Associated Press, there is now no prospect of any manpower legislation at all.

MARINE COMMANDANT NOW A 4-STAR GENERAL

***Apr 5--The Senate confirmed on Tuesday the promotion of Lt. General Alexander Vandergrift, Marine Corps Commandant, to the rank of four-star general. Also approved by the Senate was the promotion of Richard Edwards and Thomas Kinkaid to the rank of Admiral.

COAL SHORTAGE AND COLD IN U. S.

***Apr 5--The soft coal mining industry shut down in many parts of the country Tuesday in spite of a 30 day extension of the old union contract. Blame in many cases was placed on slow delivery of telegrams notifying miners of the extension. Fuel Administration expected coal production to be back to normal by Thursday.

Meanwhile, residents in the northern half of the United States settled down to endure another cold wave as temperatures fall rapidly from the Great Lakes region to as far southwest as New Mexico.

Two small negro boys were sitting on a curb. One turned to the other and said, "Ah's five, how old is yo?" "Ah doan know. Ah guess ah's five too." Does yo dream of winnin?" "Nope" --"Yo's only foh."

MAY WOUNDED, BUT FIGHTS ON

***Apr 5--Colonel E. T. May, leader of the Deadeye 383rd Regiment was yesterday wounded by mortar fire but he resisted all suggestions of medical officers that he retire for treatment. Immediately after he had been bandaged Col. May returned to the front to take his troops forward in their sweeping drive against the Japanese lines.

The wounds were described as "slight" and it is believed that Col. May will be recovered very shortly.

During the afternoon, Col. May's troops were opposed by the strongest resistance yet encountered by a Deadeye regiment in her battle history. South of Uchitomari the first well-organized Japanese position slowed his advance before nightfall.

RAILWAY CONDUCTOR HAD 12 WIVES

***Apr 5--Tommy Mansville and a few other may have had quite a number of wives in their day, but they played it safe and married one at a time. Not so with railway conductor Van Wie, who had 12 wives all at the same time. In San Francisco, the Superior court jury ruled that Van Wie may have married 12 women, but that he kept his sanity through it all.

The 54 year old railway conductor was found guilty on three counts of bigamy after being tried a second time on his plea of insanity. Van Wie admitted marrying 12 times without benefit of divorce. He contended that he was mentally incompetent because he was kicked in the head by a mule, clouted on the skull with an ax, and dropped 65 feet from a smokestack. The jury, however, believed there was a method in his madness and found him guilty of bigamy.

Here's a toast to the girl who steals, Lies and swears - who steals into your arms, lies there and swears she loves you.