

CATS ARE MINELAYERS

***Feb 9--RAAF Catalina patrol bombers have been acting as mine layers in extensive operations in the Southwest Pacific. This information was disclosed by the British Air Ministry, which credited the "Cats" with closing every important harbor in the Netherlands East Indies for a temporary period during the last few months.

A heavy toll of Jap shipping was exacted. At one point, the Catalinas, manned by Australian crews, bottled up a Jap battle fleet, including four battleships, one carrier, six cruisers and many destroyers.

INTERNEES AND POW'S WILL GO HOME

***Feb 9--General MacArthur has informed the War and State Departments that persons liberated in the Philippines will be permitted to come home as soon as the military situation permits. Meanwhile, the General says, he has taken all appropriate measures to provide for the welfare of the newly liberated citizens of the United Nations in the Philippines.

GENERAL ARNOLD ON SICK LEAVE

***Feb 9--General Henry Arnold, Army Air Forces chief, is ill and has gone to the Air Force hospital for a month's rest. The War Department said the illness was induced by overwork, but that it is not serious and that 58 year old General Arnold is recuperating satisfactorily.

Arnold's temporary duties have been taken over by his Deputy, Lieutenant General Barney Giles.

Columbus, Ohio--Gov. Frank Lausche, in his first appearance before the Ohio general assembly, told the legislators how he proposes to spend the \$92,000,000 surplus left in the state's treasury by the Bricker administration. He plans to save half for postwar demands, and the rest for new hospitals, improvements in penal institutions, buying of waste land, and soil erosion.

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between Holland and Saarlautern.

To the south on the Alsatian front, the United States Third Division stormed and captured the old Rhine fortress city of Neufbreisach. There they captured more than 1,200 prisoners and cleared the Rhine bank for five miles south.

Bad weather again kept the huge Allied bomber fleets in Britain grounded. However, a force of 700 night-flying RAF heavies attacked Nazi troop concentrations in small towns between the Maas and Rhine Rivers. U.S. heavy bombers from Italy hit oil refineries in the Vienna area. Since Silesian oilfields have become a theater of military operations, the Vienna refineries have become the most important source of motor fuel for the Nazi war machine.

***Feb 9--U. S. Fifth Army troops in northern Italy jumped off on an attack behind a terrific artillery barrage and gained six hundred yards in the mountains southeast of Bologna. Allied Headquarters said frankly that the attack was aimed at taking limited objectives. German resistance was prompt and heavy.

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BIG THREE MEET NEAR BLACK SEAYANKS CHASE JAPS UPTOWN IN MANILA

***Feb 9--Japanese demolition squads have been eliminated from the business section of Manila. These are the forces which set fire to the heart of the city.

Meanwhile, Jap artillery opened up against the heart of Manila and caused some casualties among the internees at Santo Tomas University. One shell fell within 100 feet of General MacArthur as he visited the area Wednesday morning.

The 1st Cavalry Division and the 37th Infantry Division have taken over the entire city north of the Pasig River, save for a few small pockets. But for the 11th Airborne, at the southeast edge of Manila, the going is still rough. It is still being held up in the Pasay suburbs where the Japs are battling to hold Nichols Field. Some American troops have crossed to the south side of the Pasig, but not in great strength. These units crossed the river before the Japs blew up the last two bridges. To the north, in the First Corps area, fighting continued against stubborn Jap resistance.

JAPS FEAR FOR CORREGIDOR

***Feb 9--Radio Tokyo broadcast yesterday that United States war ships have been bombarding Corregidor steadily for the last two days. The Japs were speculating an American landing on the island soon in (Cont'd on Page Two)

***Feb 9--An official announcement today disclosed that the Big Three, President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, and Marshal Stalin, are in session in the Black Sea area. Exact location of the secret meeting was not disclosed. The Soviet Union, Rumania, and Bulgaria all touch on the Black Sea. Leaders were accompanied by their Chiefs of Staff and Foreign Secretaries. One plane crashed while carrying Aides of Prime Minister Churchill to the meeting place. Its ten passengers were killed, including six members of the British Foreign Office.

First official announcement said that the Big Three have agreed to aim coordinated punches at Germany and are now discussing a "secure peace." This three power statement was issued simultaneously in Washington, London, and Moscow. Three overall political subjects were listed in the official report. One was the plan for occupation and control of Germany. Another subject included plans for the political and economic problems of liberated Europe. The third proposal was for "the earliest establishment of a permanent international organization to maintain peace."

The official statement showed that the military phase of the conference has ended and that the critical political discussions have begun. Another communique was promised at the end of the momentous conference. This swing away from the military to the post-war situation is a definite and ominous sign for the Axis powers.

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"TO THE VICTOR BELONGS THE SPOILS"?

In Washington, diplomatic circles are somewhat surprised at the big stir which is occurring regarding who will sit at the peace conference. Some authorities on international law said that it has long been taken for granted that only warring nations would sit at the conference which dictates terms between the victors and the vanquished. The meeting of United Nations at the Hot Springs Food and Agricultural Conference, however, set a different precedent. At that meeting not only the great powers were invited, but also associated nations. The United States Government invited the smaller governments because it believed they also are helping agriculturally in the war effort and are interested in planning post-war improvement.

Since the Hot Springs Conference, most diplomats in the United States have understood that associated nations as well as those at war would attend such peace meetings. According to all known precedents, the conference would naturally be restricted to those nations actually at war. It is a heartening sign of forward thinking that the United States would give a voice to small nations at the peace conferences.

CALIFORNIA CALLS FOR INCREASE IN GI BENEFIT

(ANS)--Bills calling for substantial increases in benefits for returning California servicemen and women have been introduced in the state legislature. Major proposals call for an increase of \$100,000 000 for veteran's home and farm loans; An increase in the maximum amount to be loaned any veteran from \$7,000 to \$15,000; broadening the base of veteran's aid by permitting the Vet Welfare board to acquire and subdivide lands for homesteading of farms by servicemen.

At a meeting of many related federal and state agencies, a long-range program to assure both employment and training to returning servicemen who want to enter various technical crafts, was outlined.

CALLS FOR MODERNIZATION OF GOVERNMENT

(ANS)--Maurice J. Tobin, 43 years old, moved up School Street from the office of mayor of Boston to Governor of Massachusetts. In his inaugural speech before a jammed joint convention of the Senate and House, the Governor recommended abolition of the state tax on cities and towns, called for a constitutional convention to revise the state's "Archaic and unsound" tax structure, creation of metropolitan areas, a state wage and hour law, creation of a state department of commerce, abolition of the Appellate tax board, liberalized workmen's compensation and unemployment compensation benefits.

He also called for the full development of Boston's harbor and airports.

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order to open Manila Bay to our shipping.

Tokyo also suggested the bombardment might be a prelude to an American attempt to force the strait north of Corregidor with its ships. It seems unlikely, however that the U.S. Navy would enter Manila Bay while the island still remained in Japanese hands.

The Tokyo broadcast said that Corregidor was under attack by U. S. Naval guns Tuesday and had also suffered "violent bombardment" Monday. It added that this indicated the Americans were going to reach Manila by entering the strait north of Corregidor with their ships.

It was at Corregidor that the original United States garrison made their last stand in 1942. The rock fortress fell to the Japs on May 6 of that year.

MARINE ROCKETS HIT JAP SHIPPING

***Feb 9--Billy Mitchell bombers, equipped with rockets, and manned by Marine crews have made another strike at Jap shipping around the Bonin and Volcano Islands. One large ship was hit by rockets and another left smoking, Pacific Fleet Headquarters disclosed yesterday.

Army Liberator bombers also hit Chichi Island and Ototo Island in the Bonins. Other Liberators from the Aleutians bombed enemy positions in the Kuriles.

SUPERFORTS RAID THAILAND

***Feb 9--Superforts of the 20th Bomber Command were on the prowl again yesterday. They flew from India, made two important strikes at Jap objectives and returned home without loss. One force of B-29's raided Saigon in Indo-China while another knocked out Rama Bridge, west of Bangkok in old Siam. Rama Bridge had carried most of the supplies for Jap troops in Burma. Two thirds of the center span of the 1400 foot bridge is now lying in the river.

Sign seen in a real estate office: Get lots while you're young.

REDS MAKE 7TH BRIDGE-HEAD ACROSS ODER

***Feb 9--News from the Eastern Front is scant, and latest details of the fighting come from Berlin. One German broadcast told of a Soviet crossing of the Oder River at a new point south of Kustrin. They reported that the Soviets had established their seventh bridge-head across the Oder 40 miles due east of Berlin. Moscow did not confirm these reports. Red Star, Soviet Army newspaper, did say, "Fighting is going on in the fortified area before Berlin."

One Moscow communique speaks of mopping up operations east of the Oder River and the capture of Guostebese on the east bank, 35 miles northeast of Berlin. The report also listed some advances on a 50 mile Soviet bridgehead in Silesia far to the southeast, including capture of 50 towns. After its unprecedented 250 mile rush across Poland into Germany, it appears probable that the Red Army is taking time to organize its supply lines. The lull before such a new drive is always marked by silence from Moscow.

TWO HOLES PUNCHED IN SEIGFRIED LINE

***Feb 9--On the Western Front, units of the American First and Third Armies continued to move up. Four Divisions of Patton's Third Army drove into Germany from Luxembourg at ten points on a 24 mile front. They gained up to one mile as they crossed both the Our and Sure Rivers. General Hodges' First Army moving forward in a heavy rainfall made moderate gains north and southeast of the Roer River network of dams.

First Army troops have driven through the last main zone of the Seigfried Line defenses in the Olef River sector near Schleiden. The Allies now have put two punctures in the permanent Seigfried line defenses in the central sector of the Western Front. Malsbenden was also captured by the First Army, as they neared to within 500 yards of Schmidt. American armies hold a front that is almost continuous along 120 miles of German soil (Cont'd on Page Three)

SPORTS

Heavyweight Lee Oma of Detroit wrestled the civilian heavyweight championship from Big Joe Baksi in an upset ten round decision at New York Madison Square Garden. Oma won an easy victory over the former Pennsylvania coal miner, keeping away from his heavier opponents body attack and jabbing as he sidestepped. Although outweighed 211 pounds to 185 and a half, Oma brought blood to Baksi's nose in the first round and staggered him in the second and seventh. Oma was in danger only once, that was in the ninth when Baksi rocked him twice with left hooks to the chin.

College basketball teams continued their torrid race for the mythical court championship with De Paul of Chicago, Iowa, Ohio State, St. Johns of Brooklyn, Temple, Army and Navy, retaining their places at the top of the heap. The two service schools remained the only undefeated major teams in the country, as the cadets gained their eighth straight and their 24th in a row over a three-year stretch, by shading Yale 44-43. Navy won the seventh straight game on its program, beating Columbia 51-44.

Meanwhile, De Paul improved its claim for top ranking, winning two important games over the week-end. The Demons knocked over Notre Dame and Purdue for its 16th victory in 17 games.

Here's the way the major conference races shape up. Eastern Intercollegiate League - Pennsylvania, with only one game left became assured of at least a tie for the title by topping Cornell, 52-50 in an overtime match. In the Big Ten race, Iowa and Ohio State each won its fifth game in

DEADEYE THEATRE PRESENTS.....

In pursuance of its policy of presenting five nights of entertainment each week, Special Service is bringing to the Deadeye Theatre tonight, Saturday, Feb. 10, a show of instrumental and vocal music designed to meet a wide variety of tastes.

Professional in calibre, moving at a fast pace, featuring such groups as the 96th Division Chorus, the G.I. Gypsies, a "blue" quintet, and the indispensable "jam session", the show is presided over by that ol' master of patter "Chuck" Banciu.

The 96th Division Chorus, which earned its popularity in a recent memorable concert with Lt. Michael Oden, pianist, is presenting as soloist Lt. Col. Clarence DeHaven, who will sing "Ol' Man River" with chorus in an arrangement by Harris Krawitz, a chorus member.

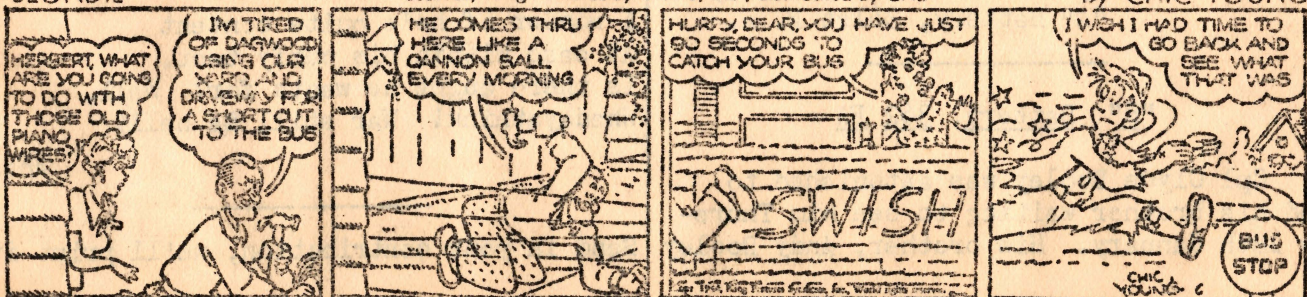
Scarcely needing an introduction to Deadeye audiences are the G.I. Gypsies, who are most favorably remembered from innumerable past performances.

six starts. Illinois still is in the running. In the Southeastern Conference, Tennessee remained undefeated. South Carolina, Duke and Richmond still are undefeated in the Southern Conference. But South Carolina has won six to five for Duke. Only the Southwestern Conference race was a one-team show. Rice tightened a grip on first place with eight wins and no losses. In the Big Six Kansas tied Oklahoma for first place. Oregon and UCLA lead in their respective divisions in the Pacific Coast Conference.

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by CHIC YOUNG



Unit Reporters Column

EXTRA DUTY

We spend two years mid sweat and tears
To fit ourselves for fighting,
Then comes the dawn we must go on,
The beach amid the sniping.

We fought for moons like crazy loons,
Until the fight was o'er
Then not being taxed we had relaxed,
But we find what we're really for.

The WACS it seems have had some dreams
They're needed on this spot,
The order comes they need some bums
To guard the whole darned lot.

So it falls on us, the Artillery
To guard these G.I. dears,
But do we find the ordinary kind
Of danger lurking near?

Ah no, my friend it's a different trend
Of enemy a'lurking,
It's these Air Corps guys with big blue eyes
That hang around a-smirking.

Now what I want to know is when we finally
go,
From this darn place to fight,
Are you gonna come again to the place we're
in,
To spoil our victory's delight?

Please stay right here for another year,
So the combat troops can go,
To another clime to fight in slime
To free your typist commando.

by Tec 4 William H. Wade,
"A" Battery, 361st F. A.

"B" Battery, 362 FA

Cpl Clyde Dooley was astonished to
find his brother waiting to see him Thurs-
day 18th January. His brother, Andy Dooley

CPO in the Navy happened to anchor in the
Gulf and requesting shore leave he put out
to find Clyde. It was their first meeting
in 13 years.

Oliver Haecher, San Antonio, Texas,
met his brother just the other day and
so it seems that other men in the battery
are sweating out meeting their brothers.

Congrats to 1st Lts. Arzino and
Focht on their recent promotions. "Well
deserved", was the opinion of everyone.

"B" Btry, 362nd FA, hereby claims
to have fired the highest altitude in the
Pacific. A recent battery check point on
a battery survey was Alto Peak (Altitude
1429 yds). They fired upon it and landed
one smack on top.

Baker has been assigned to guard
units of the 6th Army, F.E.A.F. and the
7th Fleet. Nobody has yet been known to
get a date with any WAC, although we know
of two officers who built a chair for one
WAC Lt. How about that.....

Where did Lt. Morrow get those swim-
ming togs. They're strictly G.I. (Glare
Inducer.)

I have come from Leyte lately,
There the Deadeyes sit sedately --
A movie every second night,
Dusky maids that treat you right,
Shows galore, the USO,
Lots of beer, a radio;

I wonder if he's quite content
At ease within his comfy tent.
Is there aught he wants for? Well,
Whadayathink! War still is hell!

Anon.

Send in your contribution, we'll print it.