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## CANADIANS HIT SIEGFRIED HARD

### PASIG RIVER IN MANILA CROSSED

\*\*\*Feb 10--American troops fighting in the Manila area have crossed the Pasig River in amphibious vehicles near Malacan Palace. Point of crossing was nearly two miles east of the docks, indicating a wide circling movement around the walled part of the city towards the Eleventh Airborne Division. American Airborne units have been trying to break into Manila from the south by way of Suburban Pasay.

Inside Manila, starvation and the outbreak of looting has increased the city's suffering. Yank troops had little time or means to attend to these less immediate problems. They were almost entirely occupied with the job of trying to clear Japanese units out of the remainder of Manila. Artillery and mortar shells from enemy guns south of the Pasig River and the thunder of American artillery aimed at remaining enemy garrisons added to the horror.

Meanwhile, as mopping up continued in Manila, two American units drove toward Nichols Field at the southern fringes of Manila in an effort to clear the city of Japanese demolition squads before more damage resulted. Units of the American 37th Infantry Division crossed the Pasig River and worked south toward the Eleventh Airborne Division.

General MacArthur also disclosed the capture of Munoz, Rizal, and Lupac. He said that enemy losses were very heavy in  
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\*\*\*Feb 10--Canadian and British divisions of the Canadian First Army launched a new offensive yesterday on the western front which was aimed at the extreme northern terminal of the Siegfried Line. By nightfall they had fought their way into the outer defenses of the main German bunkers and gained two miles in the northern sector which has been quiet for many weeks.

The offensive was preceded by an 11-hour artillery barrage and supported by 2700 Allied tactical planes, which slashed the enemy a short distance ahead of advancing Allied troops. These troops, which are part of Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery's Twenty First Army Group, moved forward on a five mile front and reached the edge of the Richwald Forest, which screens the approaches to the fortress of Kleve. Kleve is the extreme northern anchor of the Siegfried Line.

Four miles north of Kleve the Rhine crosses into Holland and the drive along its west bank would bypass the powerful defenses along the Roer River. Although German resistance to the new thrust was severe at first, Allied pilots reported the Nazis were pulling out of the line late in the day.

Meanwhile, troops and tanks of the United States First Army knocked out a third hole in the Siegfried line further south and slugged to within 27 miles of the Rhine River. It is becoming apparent that the Americans are driving for the  
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PASIG RIVER CROSSED: (Cont'd from P. One)

this sector. More than 1,200 enemy troops were killed at Munoz alone. 42 tanks were captured or destroyed along with many armored cars and artillery vehicles. More than 200 tanks of the Japanese Second Armored Division have been wiped out, and the remaining elements scattered.

Turning from war on the ground to in the air, Corregidor was heavily bombed again. The Navy announced a new attack on Iwo Jima, making the 63rd consecutive daily raid on this island. Haha Island in the Bonins was also hit.

CHINESE COUNTER-ATTACK

\*\*\*Feb 10--The Chinese High Command announced that successful Chinese counter-attacks in three provinces had severed the Kwangtung-Kiangsi highway east of Kukong. The Kwangtung line supplies a Japanese drive which had swept on into the former American air base at Nanyung. The Chinese drive also headed towards Tayu, a great wolfram mining center.

NEW DUTCH CABINET ON DECK

\*\*\*Feb 10--Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands yesterday asked her Prime Minister, Premier Gerbrandy, to form a new government as the Dutch Cabinet resigned in London. She asked for a government that would include leaders of the anti-Nazi resistance movement. Gerbrandy then asked for time to consider whether or not he could handle the job.

\*\*\*Feb 10--In Paris, ten enlisted men got from 3 to 10 years each for dealing on the black market. 23 more soldiers remained to be dealt with in the court martial proceedings now going on. Indications are that some of these will be dismissed, leaving about 15 actually awaiting trial.

Four officers also remain to be tried. One officer, Lt. Ario Dal Porto, of Tracy California, was acquitted of all charges.

CANADIANS HIT: (Cont'd. from Page One)

Cologne plain. Troops of the Yank 78th Division captured the high ground near the plain along with the German's stronghold of Schmidt.

Also inside Germany is the American Third Army, while the British Second and American Ninth are still poised for a strategic punch.

"LAST TRAIN FROM BERLIN"

\*\*\*Feb 10--According to a London correspondent, thousands of refugees in Berlin were killed last Saturday and buried in the streets by a new type of "air pressure" bomb dropped from Allied planes. The Daily Mail's correspondent in Sweden described a shipment of 22 men and women arriving at a Swedish port as "...the last train from Berlin". He also quoted the refugees as saying the death toll from bombing, exposure and hunger in Berlin has been so staggering that burial squads are making the rounds from door to door. One refugee said, "It's like the end of the world."

The Soviet communique remained silent on the great battle raging at the outer gates of Berlin, but Moscow radio broadcast, "The Oder Line has been pierced and Berlin in panic is witnessing the crumbling of the last obstacle in its forefield!"

Red Army troops drove a new spearhead within 38 miles of the Baltic seaport of Stettin yesterday. The drive was aimed at sealing off 13,000 square miles of German Pomerania, the Polish Corridor and Danzig. Moscow announced that more than 1300 Germans were captured during one day in the Stettin area.

In Silesia, the First Ukrainian Army gained up to four miles in the westward expansion of its bridgehead between Breslau and Oppeln. It has already severed the Breslau-Stehlen highway.

\*\*\*Feb 10--From Washington comes word that two of the largest flat-tops ever built will soon be launched. They are the 45,000 ton carriers, the Midway and the Coral.

## IN HOLLYWOOD--

Darryl Zanuck had to find a nurse for Betty Grable's baby on Thursdays, when the regular nurse takes off....Which brings up a scene from Myrna Loy's next picture, "A Woman's Place". If the censors don't get there first, Myrna will slam the door on a nursery where two infants are yowling, and quips: "I should have stood out of bed!". And the blue-pencil dept. on CBS found something offensive about "A Song of Two Cigarettes" -- ruled that men could sing it on the air, but not women.

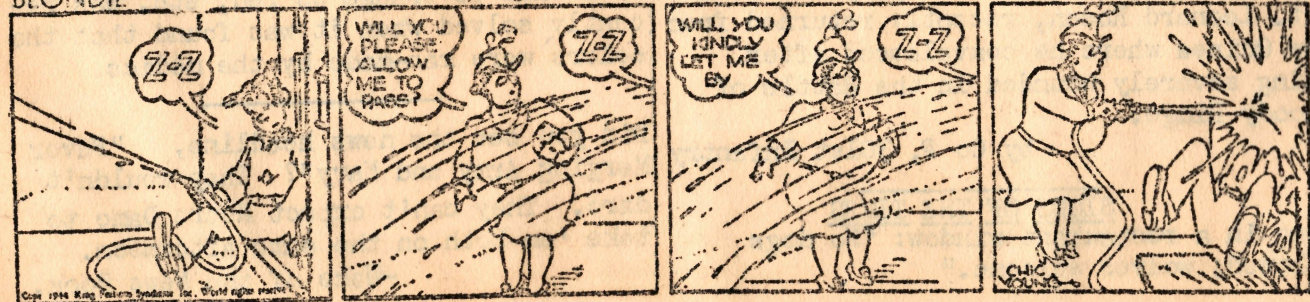
Awarded the annual Poor Richard award in Philadelphia, Bob Hope told the audience that when he got the invitation he was uncertain of Poor Richard's identity... "Thought maybe he was some guy who voted for Dewey."....Leading a recent list of hit records is one by Louis Prima, entitled "Hitsum-Kitsum-Bumpity-Itsum and What's the Matter Marie?".

Harold Lloyd, the silent film comedian with the horn-rimmed spectacles for a trademark, is returning to the screen. Temporary title is "The Sins of Harold Diddlebock". Jerome Courtland, the adolescent admirer of Irene Dunne in the refreshing comedy "Together Again" will have the juvenile lead opposite Shirley Temple in the Hollywood version of "Kiss and Tell". Betty Caulfield is still capering in the Broadway production now in its second year. Warner Brothers have changed the film title of the stage comedy "Pillar to Post", in which Ida Lupino and Sydney Greenstreet are featured, to "Pillow to Post." Softer approach no doubt. For the record: The New York Company of the musical "Oklahoma!" has given its 800th performance.

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by CHIC YOUNG



## "PRO-files"

When it comes to the Philippines climate, Pfc Richard Walook, a full-blooded Eskimo from Wainwright, Alaska, prefers the weather north of the Arctic Circle.

Literally sweating out the hot tropical weather, he declared, "All I can say is that this is one h--- of a place to send an Eskimo."

Pfc Walook, who left his hunting rifle and traps up in the frozen wastes North of the Arctic Circle to voluntarily enlist in the United States Army, is now a member of an ammunition and pioneer platoon of the 382nd Infantry Regiment.

Joining the Army in March, 1942 he served as a rifleman with the 4th Infantry at Attu. Wounded in that battle he has been awarded the Purple Heart.

He is the only Eskimo serving with the 96th Infantry Division. When his buddies have difficulty in making themselves understood by the Filipinos, they generally call on Pfc Walook. He says there is a similarity in pronunciation and accents between the Filipino and Eskimo languages which have enabled him to pick up a small knowledge of one of the Filipino dialects.

After the war, Pfc Walook hopes to go back to hunting and trapping foxes. As a sideline, he will herd reindeer up in the Santa Claus country

Hollywood's high divorce rate necessitates a new reference book -- "Who's Whose".

## NAZI JET PLANES TROUBLE FORTRESSES

\*\*\*Feb 10--American heavy bombers over Germany have encountered ten-mile-a-minute jet propelled planes that flew rings around them and broke through their fighter screen. Even with this obstacle, they dropped 400 tons of bombs on the oil plant at Lutzendorf, factories at Weimar and railyards at Magdeburg. American fighters shot down five of the German jet jobs and 18 conventional fighters, while another 38 enemy planes were destroyed on the ground at Weimar.

## BRITISH GI'S REPORT ON GREEKS

\*\*\*Feb 10--Enlisted men of the British Army have given the low down on the civil strife in Greece. A report made by the British delegation to the British Trade Union Congress stated that enlisted soldiers had offered the following information. The Greek EAM military force of ELAS was dominated by communists. Also, it was the opinion of the British troops that only British intervention forestalled a wholesale massacre in Athens.

Ordinary soldiers and not officers or Generals, provided the facts, emphasized the British delegation.

A number of boxes, containing records and administration supplies, are missing from rear echelon material of Hq Btry, 96th Div Arty. Any information regarding the whereabouts of these boxes will be deeply appreciated by this unit. Replies may be addressed to S-1.

All of the boxes are marked with the number 54113-J and following is a list of the numbers of individual crates and their contents:

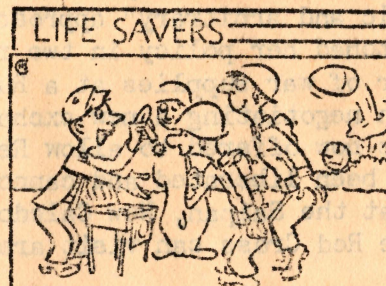
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## "GREETINGS" FOR THE VOICE

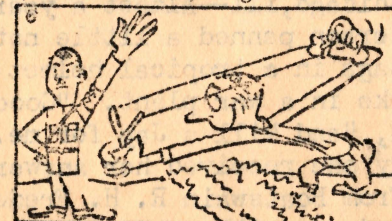
Frank Sinatra waved a wan farewell to more than 350 bobbysoxers who waited in vain outside the armory for five hours in rain, sleet, and snow. They waited to hear the fateful decision which took his 108 pounds of sex appeal to Governor's Island for further induction examinations. Even before he reached the examining medic Frankie was a casualty.

More than 100 shouting, screaming, females refused to allow him to enter the armory. They backed him against a wire fence where his coat caught, suspending him prisoner until Policeman Evans rescued him. 43 girls dived headlong into snowbanks screaming, "With Frankie gone, I no longer want to live." Others sang, "They can't take Frankie away from me." Many of the adolescent girls wore white scarves, explaining that it was for "mourning or something."

Embarrassed Sinatra said, "If I get into the Service, I'll not sing songs. I want active combat service. If the Army takes me, I want to go into the Tank Corps. If I go in the Navy, I want PT boat duty."



Avoid gathering in groups when under mortar or other heavy fire. Keep dispersed and hold your ground



Don't shoot unless you have a worthwhile target. Blind shooting simply gives away your location and invites return fire.

# Unit Reporters Column

We've been through mud and muck,  
We plugged on when "Cats" got stuck.  
Patrol, patrol, night and day,  
Lots of work but not much play.

Going home - - - - going home,  
Never again to roam,  
Through the hills of Leyte Isle,  
Not for eternity and a while.

When Major Finnegan's forces stormed the shores of Leyte Island the cry was soon heard -- "Lay down your pieces men, the war must be over." Some units were prone to take stock in this -- others remained a bit skeptical. F Company was to be found in the latter class. For two months we had been separated from higher units and had gradually adapted a "Seeing is believing" attitude when confronted by new rumors.

Not very long ago we were informed that the time was drawing nigh for our reunion with Battalion. Somehow we had become rather accustomed to the idea of our frequent journeys into the foothills and many of us found the news a bit disturbing (like heck). Soon the rumor was verified and with belts, packs, and rifles, not to mention a scowl on our face, we started on the long trek back through the usual and inevitable mud fields.

After the first few days, F Company had established itself and joined the "family circle". Just to make sure that everyone was aware of our presence, a challenge was issued to G Company to cross bats with us. As a sporting gesture, we went elaborate on the 10 to 0 beating administered by "Bollinger's Bombers".

Waiting to greet F Company was Staff Sgt. Leonard Rosen, recently returned from New Guinea where he convalesced after being severely wounded in the Battle of Bloody Ridge.

by Co F, 381st Infantry

### SIGNS OF THE TIMES

seen in a restaurant window: "No dogs allowed; wolves welcome."

### HQ BTRY 361ST FA BN

The champions of the 361st FA Bn and the champions of the 381st Anti-Tank Company met January 31st in a horse-shoe tournament at the court in Hq Btry 361st FA area. It was to be a three out of five match and Cpl Bob Richards and Sgt Dick Shields of Hq Btry won the first three games played against Gilbert and Duke, Putnam and Thescant, and McPetus and Smith respectively by scores of 21-12, 21-17, and 21-8. Richards and Shields each pitched a total of eight ringers while the 381st representatives had a total of six. Cpl Richards and Sgt Shields are anxious to take on all comers, so if you have a good horse-shoe team, by all means contact us.

Hq Btry has collected quite a menagerie of animals since its arrival. The list now includes a small chicken who answers to the name of "Ling" and comes running when you snap your fingers. He would rather roost on any part of your person than any other possible place. Then there is the pup that the wire section has adopted as a mascot, and named "Coconut", one of the biggest chow-hounds the battery has and the cause of so many pieces of scraps being on the floor of the mess hall. And of course one mustn't forget the two horses who have been the cause of many sore posteriors in the battery. Above all is the hen that is now actually laying fresh eggs for "Doc" Olsen and his associates. They even induced the poor thing to hatch a chicken which is now forever at her side. The mystery of this hen changing the colors of her feathers daily from blue to orange to red, etc. was recently solved when it was found that the colors were man-made by the medics.

Did you see the news headline, "Favor Merging Army and Navy"? They wouldn't dare. They can't expect Notre Dame to take 'em both on the same afternoon.

-Wake of the News Book.

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## JAPS MODIFY PW POLICY

The War Department reported today that the Japanese have shifted 177 American prisoners of war from a camp on Formosa to Manchukuo. Among the prisoners transferred were Lieutenant General Jonathan Wainwright, who was taken prisoner after the surrender of Corregidor.

Apart from the shifting of American PW's, there is noted another important change in Japanese treatment of prisoners of war. Washington believed that American military achievements in the Pacific have caused Japan to modify her policy of refusing to negotiate regarding prisoners of war and civilian internees. Evidence of this is seen in the State Department announcement that Japan had taken the initiative in a move permitting reciprocal visits to certain American Japanese prison internment camps.

While the State Department criticized the small scope of Japan's offer and her "sporadic and arbitrary" approach to such matters, it noted that apparently Japan had softened her policy in two respects. First, she agreed to pick up American prisoner of war supplies at a Russian port and distribute them. Secondly, she acted first in negotiating a new exchange of prisoners and internees. The Japanese government has now offered to allow Red Cross to inspect the camps (the one at Manila has already been liberated and cannot be counted), if the United States permits similar visits at the Saipan, New Caledonia, Guam, and Tinian camps. The other two Jap camps that the Red Cross can visit are at Singapore and a hospital in Thailand.

(ANS)--Chicago, Ill.--Almost a year ago, Mrs. Iris Peterson penned a little note on one of the tags in a tropical helmet which she helps make in a war plant. "Good luck," she said, "and kill a Jap for me." The other day she received her answer -- a letter from Boatswain R. H. Fredericks-- "In accordance with your request, it is my pleasure to inform you that on Oct. 25, 1944 at 1:35 p.m., one Japanese pilot flying a dive bomber attacked this ship. He

was shot down and killed by the heavy anti-aircraft battery under my direction. Please consider your request fulfilled many times over since that day."

Berkeley, Calif.--The University of California, with 15,261 full-time students on its eight campuses, led the nation in enrollment last year. Columbia, with 12,039, was second and NYU, 10,218, was third.