



# Deadeye DISPATCH

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## 11TH AIRBORNE TAKES CAVITE!

### NAZIS IN BUDAPEST SURRENDER

\*\*\*Feb 15--After 49 days of bloody fighting, Budapest has fallen to Soviet troops. Marshal Stalin said the fighting there cost the Germans 49,000 killed and 110,000 captured. Among equipment taken by the Red Army was 269 tanks, over 1200 cannon and 46 stores of food and ammunition.

Heading the list of prisoners was Colonel General Pfeffer Wildenbruch, the German commandant, and his staff. Wildenbruch, ordered his troops to hold out to the last, always expecting a Nazi breakthrough to save the day. The Germans did attempt to relieve Budapest with a drive from the northwest several weeks ago, but failed at a cost of 16,000 German dead and 800 tanks destroyed.

Budapest now lies in the backwash of the Soviet tide. Far to the west, Marshal Konev's First Ukrainian Army gained 10 more miles through Silesia, breaking the Bober River defense line at several points and seizing 150 more towns. With the capture of Klitchdorf on the Queis River, Konev's army is only 68 miles from Dresden.

Brosław and Glogau, key Silesian cities are now almost completely encircled. The Soviets captured nearly 350 German planes on the ground in that area during the last several days.

The Big Three meeting decided that their foreign ministers will meet every three or four months.

\*\*\*Feb 15--General MacArthur announced the capture of Cavite Naval Base in Manila Harbor, and Nichols Airfield in the Southern Manila area, by the 11th Airborne Division. These troops seized ten Japanese seaplanes and a battery of three inch guns intact. Action of the 11th Airborne puts American forces on the shores of Manila Bay for the first time.

First Cavalry units also reached Manila Bay below the downtown section of Manila, while troops on the left flank cleared Nielson airfield. It is in this sector that General MacArthur believes that the trapped enemy will make his last stand. The savagely fighting enemy appeared to have the bleak choice of extermination in the rubble of the city, or death in Manila Bay. Hope for escape across the bay was blasted for the enemy when American war planes sank 35 enemy barges carrying 2,500 Jap troops off Bata.

Armored units of the American Sixth Division completed segregation of Japanese troops in the mountains in north and north-eastern Luzon. The American troops penetrated to Dingalan Bay, establishing a complete defense line across the island from Lingayen Gulf on the northwest. Sixth Division troops also took an airfield at Baler on the east Luzon coast. Japs attempting to raid Rosario at night were dispersed, as the American 40th Division continues their systematic mopup in the Zambales foothills. Japanese casualties on Luzon now exceed 68,000, while our own totaled under 9,700.



TOMMIES MAKE NEW BRIDGEHEAD

\*\*\*Feb 15--Slugging through the heaviest resistance since their six day old offensive, Canadian First Army troops drove beyond captured Kleve on the northern end of the Siegfried Line. They threw a bridgehead across the Niers River below Kleve and entered Greithausen, less than a mile from the Rhine. For the first time during their offensive they received large scale air support. Over 1000 Allied planes struck at the Nazis defending the northern sector of the front.

One hundred miles to the south, the U. S. Third Army sent parts of three divisions through a new break in the German West Wall south of captured Prum. Other Third Army Yanks drove the last Germans from the soil of Luxembourg.

Flood waters of the Roer River continued to form obstacles to any operations of the British Second, and American First and Ninth Armies. The southern end of the Western Front was also relatively quiet.

There was no lull in the continental air war, however, as tactical planes flew over 2500 sorties against unusually heavy German opposition. They blasted hundreds of railway cars and motor vehicles. 23 planes were lost to the Allies.

PROMINENT AMERICANS TO WORLD CONFERENCE

\*\*\*Feb 15--President Roosevelt has named the eight American delegates to the newly scheduled United Nations conference to be held in San Francisco this April 25th. Secretary of State Stettinius will be the head of the delegation and former Secretary Cordell Hull will be the senior advisor.

Other members of the delegation will be Sen. Vandenburg, Michigan Republican, Sen. Connally, head of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Rep. Sol Bloom, head of the House Foreign Relations Committee, Rep. Eaton, Republican of New Jersey, Navy Commander Harold Stassen, former Republican Governor of Minnesota, Gov. Dean of Virginia, Prof. Gildersleeve.

PHILIPPINE PLANES HIT CHINA COAST

\*\*\*Feb 15--American fighter planes, it was disclosed, for the first time swept the China coast from Philippine bases. A small force of P-38's of P-38's of the 13th Air Force damaged several small coastal vessels off Indo-China and Hong-kong, and probably sank a destroyer transport. Other planes ranging over Formosa bombed an important enemy air base, shot down 13 enemy planes and destroyed a number of others aground. An enemy naval escort was damaged off Pescadores Islands.

Army Liberators hit Iwo Island for the 68th straight day as well as Chichi and Meimei in the Bonins. Marine planes again attacked Babelthau and Yap Islands. Admiral Nimitz revealed that his new forward headquarters is at Guam.

AUSSIES ON BOUGAINVILLE

\*\*\*Feb 15--Australian Radio said today that Australian troops have knocked out a main body of Japanese in northwestern Bougainville. They are concentrating on mopping up enemy forces dug into cliffs facing the coast in the central part of the island. The Aussies took over the task several months ago of cleaning out Japanese in most of the Southwest Pacific islands.

NAVY CONFIRMS LOSS OF FLATTOP

\*\*\*Feb 15--The U.S. Navy Department disclosed the loss of the escort carrier Ommaney Bay and the mine sweeper Long to enemy action in the Philippine area. No details were given, but the Navy said both commanders were saved. Ommaney Bay was the tenth carrier and fifth baby flattop lost by us. She went into action last December, supported three invasions, and was in the naval battle of Leyte. Up until her final action, she had not lost a pilot or air crewman.



"SOMETHING FOR THE BOYS"

A recent letter to the DEADEYE from the "Replacements of Co F, 381st Inf" inquired as to whether these newer men were "in the Leyte Campaign" and "just what are we credited for and entitled to?" The letter stated that the newcomers had landed on Nov 18, "under fire" and "unarmed", and wished to know just how much they have contributed to the victory.

As for awards and ribbons for their part in the operation, the new Deadeyes will be entitled to wear a bronze battle participation star on their Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Ribbon, and one star on their Philippine Campaign of Liberation ribbon. The fact that these men were not in the initial assault deprives them of the second star.

Because these men landed on Nov 18 "under fire" and "unarmed", as far as we have been able to find out, does not entitle them to any special awards. The "fire" on the beach on Nov 18 has not been regarded as sufficiently intense to rate a special ribbon or star. The occasional Zeros and Tonys that pestered the AA runners at that time were reported to be highly inaccurate because the veteran Deadeyes had been taking pot-shots at them for nearly a month prior to that date.

The recent additions to our ranks however, have proven themselves to be excellent soldiers and highly worthy of being called "Deadeyes".

POISON LIQUOR KILLS SIX G.I.'S!

Six soldiers of the XXIV Corps and one civilian on Leyte have died as a result of drinking rice wine or whiskey, General Hodge announced this morning.

The men who succumbed were from four different units. Two more men are deathly sick and two others are suffering severe discomfort. The civilian who distributed the liquor, later himself succumbed to its effects.

Investigators believe the liquor is being retailed about the island. Whether it was poisoned intentionally or by accident is not known. It is known, however, that after action ceased on Saipan, several men died from poisoned liquor which the Japs left with the natives to sell or give away.

One of the men who drank the liquor but survived described the effects during the first 24 hours to be "no worse than an ordinary hangover." However, during the second 24 hours those who drank it either died or became violently ill.

New Orleans, La.--Tuesday in New Orleans was the date of the annual Mardi Gras, but merry-makers were not on the streets. They were at work. Mardi Gras King and Queen this year will be the boy and girl who sells the most war bonds.

EXPERTS SAY RUSSIA WILL FIGHT JAPS

\*\*\*Feb 15--In Washington, so-called educated guessers are betting that Russia will fight Japan sooner or later. Only a small minority think she won't lift a finger. And even those few join the rest in agreeing that the Soviet Union is the key to an early victory over Japan. Here's why, according to top American military authorities.

It will be necessary to defeat Japan upon the Asiatic mainland in order to achieve final victory. And once the European war is over, Russia will be in a good position to cope with the Japs in China because of Russia's huge army in Siberia, which has forced the wary Nips to keep 20 to 35 divisions of their toughest troops in Manchuria and Korea and out of war against the United States. Thus, if Russia joined with us, she would engage the bulk of Japan's strength and allow the United States to invade the Japanese homeland.

Of course, there's a few plums in the deal for Russia. She would have a chance to regain Port Arthur, lost to Japan in 1904, to reestablish the independence of the buffer state of Korea and to be sure of peace in Siberia and North China so that she can expand her industries in those areas. Then there is always the fact that the United States will probably do a lot of Russia's post-war financing and the Soviets know how much we -- including every GI in the Army -- would appreciate their assistance in shortening the war.

FARMERS SPEAK ON MANPOWER

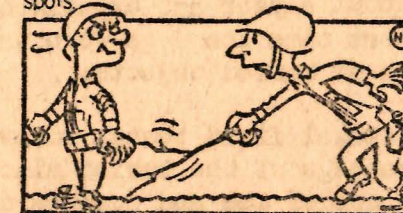
\*\*\*Feb 15--War Mobilizer Byrnes reaffirmed his support of the "Work-or-Jail" Manpower Bill asserting, "More men will be in combat in March than ever before." Senate Military Committee continued hearings on the bill. W. R. Ogg, head of the American Farmers Bureau Federation's Washington office told the committee he favored the labor draft provisions of the bill but asked safeguards to keep essential farm workers on the farm. On the other hand, James Patton, head of the National Farmers Union and Fred Brenckman, a representative of the National Grange, both criticized the bill. Brenckman said, "The Grange does not consider it proper to draft men to work in industry for the profit of someone else." Patton said he considers the bill not only unnecessary but "positively harmful to the best utilization of all available manpower and to the most effective prosecution of the war."

"BIG TURNOVER"

T/4 Lee Shankland, Deadeye mimeograph operator, while cranking out a load of forms, turned his right arm a total of 48 miles.



Watch out for trip wires. They often set off flares which disclose you to the enemy who has weapons sited on such spots.



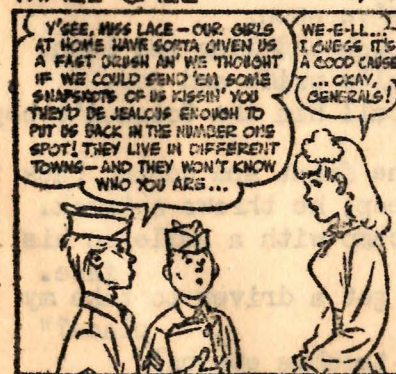
In areas where trip wires are numerous, a long slender stick used as a "feeler" is helpful in detecting such wires.

PLAQUE TO 321ST ENGINEERS

Award of the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque to the 321st Engineer (Combat) Battalion was announced in an order by Division Chief of Staff, Colonel C. H. White, Jr. The plaque was presented for superior performance of duty consisting of "exceptionally difficult tasks" over the period July 1, 1944 to February 1, 1945. Battalion Commander of the 321st is Lt. Col. Stanley R. Kelley.

MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff



DRY RUN--BUT ALL UNDER-WATER SHOTS





## UNIT REPORTERS

NEWS FROM THE 3RD BN 383RD INF

Sunday afternoon, 11 Feb 1945, this Battalion held a Memorial Service for our men who died valiantly for the liberation of the Philippines.

The program opened with the Battalion singing two verses of "America". Chaplain Durham led us in prayer, followed by the Battalion Adjutant, Captain Davidson, reading off the honor roll. Colonel Joseph R. Lewis delivered an impressive address in their honor. "We are gathered here today to do honor to the men of the battalion who have died in the course of duty in this campaign. They gave their lives to keep freedom and liberty intact in our country. The words freedom and liberty are words that have been used constantly throughout this war and even long before this war...."

The men of our battalion who died in this campaign, today stand in the ranks of the millions who have died for freedom down through the centuries of mankind. The world speaks of these men as being dead. It is true their physical presence is no longer here, but men are never dead who live in the memories of their friends and comrades. As long as we shall live, they too shall live.

Volley ball competition has already begun and this evening "I" Co trounced the "L" Co team to the tune of 15-11 and 15-9. We are counting on "I" Co to come through with the Regimental championship.

WANT AD

Anyone wishing to purchase a brown mare which will bear a colt approximately March 3rd 1945, contact Lt. Col. Joseph R. Lewis, 3rd Bn, Headquarters, San Pablo P. I.

Richard S. Good, 3rd Bn, 383rd

BRUNO'S GREASY SPOON

At our C.P. there is a shack  
The thought 'most makes me swoon  
I can hardly wait till I get back  
To Bruno's Greasy Spoon.

The chow is swell, but what the hell  
The flapjacks make me swoon  
To every one I like to tell  
Of Bruno's Greasy Spoon.

Some day I hope we'll leave the front  
And I hope that day is soon.  
Then for my mess kit I will hunt  
And rush the Greasy Spoon.

After tonight, Oh! what delight,  
I'm crazy as a loon,  
We're going back, and I'll sit tight  
At Bruno's Greasy Spoon.

Cpl. W. R. Anderson, Jr.  
Anti-Tank Co, 382nd Inf.

THE COLONEL'S BOY

We have prime movers, we have our trucks,  
They are all very good for this P.I. muck  
There are the 3/4, and a quarter-ton jeep  
The man from Boston calls it a peep.

The best vehicle for a sad sack,  
Is the little weasel with its twin track.  
Corporal Barlow is the driver, the best  
we've seen.

He's hard and tough and long and lean.  
He is the Colonel's pride and joy,  
That is why we call him the Colonel's boy.

They drive to the front and coming back  
The mud is so deep, he throws a track.  
He hoofs it to camp with a smile on his  
face.  
Says, "Have you got a driver to take my  
place?"

Though you have trouble eternal  
You will have to drive for the Colonel.

T/5 Kenneth W. Tuttle, 361st FA

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BYRNES SAYS BIG THREE STICKS TOGETHER

War Mobilizer Jimmy Byrnes, just back from the Big Three conference in the Crimea, told newsmen all about it at the White House. With American taking an active part in European affairs for the first time, said Byrnes, the Big Three will present a unified front on all questions arising in liberated parts of Europe. Byrnes revealed that President Roosevelt himself wrote the Declaration on liberated areas by which the United States agrees to share with England and the Soviet Union the responsibility for restoring order and independence to small nations hit by the war.

Byrnes cited the present Polish situation as an example of how the Big Three intended to support each other. The Polish government in London has bitterly criticized the decision of the conference on Polish territory and refused to accept the plan, describing it as Soviet interference in Polish internal affairs. If it were not for the solid front of the Big Three, the Poles in London could solicit support from the British government and perhaps pit England against Russia on the question of Polish territory. But the fact that the three powers have agreed to act jointly on any emergency, will prevent the Polish government in London from playing one country against the other. The present agreement calls for a merger of the London government with the one now functioning in Warsaw.

(ANS)--The training of War Dogs for use in detecting enemy mines has been suspended the Quartermaster Corps announces, because of the increasing need for scout and messenger dogs and because of the latest developments in mechanical mine detectors.

Just about a year ago experiments were started at the War Dog Training Centers and in a short time the dogs were taught to discover, with considerable accuracy, the location of buried objects.

Under actual field tests, however, it was found that while the dogs discovered a good percentage of the buried mines, still the percentage was not high enough to justify the use of men and dogs as a substitute for the more efficient mechanical devices. The training of scout and messenger dogs whose performance against the Japs is credited by the War Department with having saved hundreds of American lives, will be continued.