

LITTLE ROOM LEFT FOR MANILA JAPS

***Feb 16--In Manila, the Yanks are gradually compressing a ring around the trapped Japanese garrison. Dispatches said that American infantrymen in South Manila are pushing toward the Bay front, fighting for each street and intersection and cross roads amid demolition fires and blackened skies. There has been a marked falling off of Jap artillery fire, due in large part to Yank guns bearing down on the system of connecting fortresses in the old walled city known as Intramuros. This section of town is just adjacent to the dock area, and the walls surrounding it are 40 feet thick at the base. The Japs there are now crowded into a sector some 5,000 yards long and 2,000 yards long on the Bay shore.

Meanwhile, the 40th Division has inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy in the Zambales foothills and captured great quantities of supplies. Troops of the 6th 25th and 32nd Divisions, probing the Caraballo Mountains, also found much abandoned equipment, including four enemy tanks.

At the southern end of Luzon, XI Corp troops advanced 11 miles on Bataan Peninsula to seize Abucay. Abucay was the eastern anchor of the American defense line on Bataan in 1942.

American planes ranged over Luzon, supporting ground action, while heavy bombers poured 107 tons on Corregidor and fighters destroyed 24 more barges along Bataan's east shore. Other American planes blasted Jap shipping, supply dumps and airfields from Formosa to the Solomons.

JAPS SAY CHINA NEXT

***Feb 16--Japanese propaganda broadcasts picked up in the United States predicted American invasion forces would next attempt landings on the China Coast. The Tokyo broadcast said that less likely alternatives were landings in French Indo-China or the Malay Peninsula. Captain Matsushima, spokesman for the Jap fleet



in China waters said, "The Japanese Fleet will be only too glad to grapple with American invasion forces". Another Jap spokesman declared, "Especially at the present moment, when Japan's strategic position has been immeasurably bolstered on the continent, the enemy will sustain a staggering blow which will prove his undoing."

At the same time, Radio Tokyo charged that the British Broadcasting Corporation had deliberately distorted a Japanese propaganda spokesman's statement on the Crimea Conference into an implied bid for peace. BBC had quoted Sadao Iguchi as saying that Jap Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu's principle was not to reject any hand which offers peace. But Tokyo Radio claimed "there was not a word or phrase throughout the Shigemitsu statement that might be construed as a Japanese peace offer unless by deliberate distortion."



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YANKS AT CORREGIDOR--JAPSSOVIETS ADVANCE IN SILESIA

***Feb 16--On the eastern front, the Soviets knifed northwest and west across Silesia in two great spearheads. One of the Russian spearheads was aimed at Dresden, 68 miles away and the other pointed at Berlin. Marshal Stalin hailed the onslaught by Marshal Ivan Konev's First Ukraine troops in an order-of-the-day announcing the capture of seven powerful German strongholds in Silesia. Other cities captured in the drive included Neustadt and Sprottau. The southwestern flank of the drive reached some 20 miles from the Czech border.

A second order-of-the-day by Marshal Stalin announced the capture of Schneidemeuhl, a holdout bastion in Pomerania which had been encircled since February 1st. This city is about 15 miles behind the lines and was captured by the First White Russian Army under Zhukov. The siege of Schneidemeuhl cost the Nazis 7000 dead and 5000 captured. Two hundred German planes were captured.

Support to the Russian drive on Dresden was given by Allied planes which plastered the historic city with day and night attacks. In one 12 hour period, about 4,000 tons of bombs were rained on Dresden by American and British planes. The city was still enveloped by fire and smoke yesterday when it was hit again by 450 American Fortresses. 800 RAF heavies hit Dresden twice during the night with attacks
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***Feb 16--According to Radio Tokyo, American naval elements are forcing Manila Bay and escorting troop transports which are expected to invade Corregidor Island in the center of the Bay. The Tokyo Broadcast said that American minesweepers leading ten transports jammed with fresh invasion troops began clearing the entrance to Manila Bay for the apparently imminent assault on Corregidor. Two Battleships, four cruisers and five destroyers participated in a terrific air and sea bombardment on the island said the Japanese source.

Corregidor's batteries replied and a "furious gun duel ensued with the invading surface craft", said the announcement. It continued, "Toward evening twenty minesweepers entered the narrow channel between Corregidor and Bataan Peninsula. The Japanese sank one of the minesweepers and effectively checked the rest."

There has been no War Department confirmation of this report.

MANY LONELY JAPS IN PACIFIC

***Feb 16--Associated Press has quoted a Navy spokesman as saying that virtually isolated Japanese troops on Pacific Islands run up to 266,000. Many, however, were said to have supplies for extended resistance. These estimates did not include the Dutch East Indies and the Philippines. The Dutch East Indies lie in the Indian Ocean and are in the South-East Asia Command.

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WAR BETWEEN RUSSIA AND JAPAN?

The question of relations between Russia and Japan divides itself into two parts. Should Russia declare war on Japan and will she do so? In attempting to answer either or both of these questions it is necessary to consider the point of view of Moscow and also Washington. For reasons of space we shall defer the latter part for a possible future issue.

As has been well noted Stalin's foreign policy follows closely the definition of the recent head of our State Department, Mr. Hull who said that a nation's policies abroad should be directed with but one purpose and that purpose was the interest of the country above everything else. Stalin, though he be taken to task by many cannot be criticized for being indefinite in any sphere of action, political or economical.

Russian moves in the Balkans and in the Baltic have been executed with a sure hand for well defined motives two of which are plainly visible. One is strategic defense or protection. The second is the strengthening of Communistic minorities with the eventual aim of incorporating both areas into the Soviet Union. Elsewhere, Stalin has shown his hand as though he were taking a very long range view as in the United States, Middle and Far East.

If we assay Russia's position in the Pacific from the same two approaches the situation is like this. Russia thru security reasons may have her eyes on Northern Manchuria, and she has already spoken in a general way about Port Arthur which is in Japanese based territory on the southern tip of Liaotung Peninsula. Surely she will not forget about the southern half of Sakhalin Island now part of Japan and taken from Russia years ago. This trio of interests Russia can hardly overlook. If Stalin wishes to sit in on the dismemberment of Japan's empire to his own advantage it appears that he should join us in our war against the Japs. But on the other hand it is well known that Chiang Kai Chek's fight against the Communists for several years is hardly a factor promoting a common purpose.

The future of Communist power in China looks promising and that of the Generalissimo dubious. According to recent news the Yennan government is planning to set up a regime claiming to represent China and in opposition to the National Government of Chungking. This would create a situation similar to Poland only on a greater and more complex scale. China's condition is such that prolonged war would further lead to complete disintegration, a situation much to the liking of the revolutionist minority. However a victory over the Japanese without Russian help might endanger

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SOVIET ADVANCE: (Cont'd from page one.)

three hours apart.

As the Red Army drives closer to Berlin, its plan of action begins to clarify itself. It appears that the Soviets intend to flank Berlin by two great spearheads, one to the north, and one to the south. About 80 miles northwest of Berlin lies the German city of Stettin. One Red Army is driving toward this city and seems likely to push beyond it; this is the Red Army that will flank Berlin to the north. To the south of Berlin is the German city of Dresden, a manufacturing center. It is almost as far east as Berlin and about 100 miles south of it. Here, too, a strong Red Army force is pointed, just 68 miles from Dresden. They appear to be the southern spearhead in the drive to flank Berlin.

ALLIES PUSH TOWARD RUHR VALLEY

***Feb 16--British and Canadian armies on the northern end of the western front pushed nearer to Hitler's industrial Ruhr Valley. Canadian troops gained all along their front, reaching points northeast of Kleve and four miles southeast. They cleared the Kleve Forest three miles north of Goch, and threw a new bridgehead over the Niers River west of Kessel. While German counter-attacks mounted in strength and fury, six strong enemy counter-attacks were thrown back by massed Allied artillery and planes.

For once, the weather was against the Germans. Brilliant spring-like sunshine flooded the battle line as the enemy launched his counter-attacks. Allied planes were able to take to the air in the greatest numbers since the Canadians opened their push west of Kleve last week.

First Army doughboys used mortars and artillery to break up German preparations for an attack in the Hoellenrath sector. Meanwhile, the U.S. Third Army far to the south expanded its bridgehead south of captured Prum, gaining up to a mile.

NEW BRITISH SPITFIRE

***Feb 16--Britain's new fighter, the Spitfire XIV, has a speed of some 450 miles per hour, and a tactical radius of 300 miles. It is described as the fastest orthodox plane in the world (this excludes the new German jet-fighter which is reputed to travel 600 m.p.h.) It climbs swiftly with a five-bladed prop and its performance at an altitude above 45,000 feet is believed unrivaled.

CHURCHILL AGAIN IN ATHENS

***Feb 16--British Prime Minister Churchill and Foreign Secretary Eden arrived Wednesday in Athens for their second visit. After landing by plane, Churchill was cheered as he spoke in Constitution Square. He then conferred with the Greek Premier. In all probability, Churchill was on his way back from the Big Three meet somewhere in the east.

A French Press agency said that Roosevelt visited Marseille on his way back to the United States from the Big Three conference. The source did not say when the visit was made, or for how long.

FIRST GI LOAN MADE TO VET

***Feb 16--Veterans Administration says that it believes the first loan to a veteran to start business under the GI Bill of Rights has been made to Jack Breeden of Falls Church, Virginia. Optimist Breeden says he is going into the meat business. The Hamilton National Bank of Washington, D. C. made a three thousand dollar loan to Breeden so he could buy a refrigerator truck to sell meat to retail butchers.

G.I.: You know, Sally Jane, I think you're getting much thinner.
Sally Jane: Yes, I've lost a lot of weight. You can count my ribs.
G. I.: Gosh -- thanks.

NEWS SHORTS FROM HOME

(ANS)--Hammond, Ind.--The local OPA is doing its darndest to find a loophole in the official gasoline regulations so the Pollack Brothers' Circus can get out of town. For a week the circus, including oléphants and horses, has been stuck in the steam-heated Civic Building, separated from the OPA offices by a mere partition that does NOT keep out the odors of the menagerie. The circus can't leave town--they haven't the gas. But as the smell gets worse, the OPA workers are looking harder and harder to find some loophole and get the circus off.

Kansas City--Patrolman Joe Trabon, sent out to investigate a report that a dog had bitten a woman, is pretty sure the dog did. In fact, the dog bit him, too!

Peoria, Ill.--When the fire department, rushing pell mell to answer an alarm, found not even a wisp of smoke, they promptly marked it down as just another false alarm. But just as they were leaving, a young lady explained: "You would have thought there was a big fire if you had seen what I saw. But I guess it was only the setting sun reflecting in the windows."

Yonkers, N.Y.--Dr. J. H. Standen, a biochemist, had no sooner offered to pay three cents a head for live fleas on which he could experiment, when he received a prompt reply from J. C. Thomas in Little Rock, Ark. Said Thomas, "Why shucks, here in Arkansas, we got large fleas, stick fleas, and sand fleas." Figuring on a neat profit, Thomas asked for information on how to handle fleas for shipment alive.

Salt Lake City--After Salt Lake police knocked down Tabby White, an Indian, with their patrol car, they took him to a hospital. Then they gave him a ticket for jay-walking.

"P. R. O. - files" - -

A taste of how a Jap feels when surrounded by revenge-seeking Filipino guerrillas and efficient Jap-killing doughboys was experienced by Pvt Allen Raff, Chicago and Pfc John Hooper of Boston, Mass.

The two men who are MP's in the 96th "Deadeye" Division sought shelter in an unoccupied native shack during a sudden tropical rainstorm. As they sat quietly smoking their cigarettes, they became aware of noises around the shack. Looking out the window they saw well-armed Filipinos moving through the thick vegetation. They wondered what was happening. Then they heard trucks pull up along the road and come to grinding halts.

By this time a doughboy advancing on the shack with a BAR saw them. To their amazement they found themselves faced by about 25 ferocious looking guerrillas armed with rifles and bolo knives as well as a whole platoon of heavily armed GI's.

The owner of the shack had turned in a report that a couple of Japs were hiding out in it. Insulted by the mistake in identity the two men went out in the rain and made their way back to their own outfit.



Be as quiet as possible and don't move around too much when digging in at a new location and the enemy will be less likely to spot you.



Sweat out enemy artillery right in your own fox hole. You're safer there than if you start running to another place.

RUSSIA: (Cont'd from Page Four)

Stalin's plans for China. Victory achieved by us alone would naturally give us a guardian-like position with regard to China. China's future linked with our future rather than the Russian's would be of great importance to us.

This leaves us with our second conclusion that Russia will declare war on the Japanese to strengthen her position ideologically. On the other hand Stalin has intimated that his contribution to the Pacific war has already been made in the European war.

Pvt C. P. Carnahan.

The DEAD EYE DISPATCH welcomes contributions for this page such as the one above and will publish the best of the articles submitted whether or not the subject has been named in a For-um & Agin-um question.

WPB CHIEF TAKES A WIFE

Donald Nelson, former WPB chief, was married this week to 26 year old Marguerite Coulbourn. Nelson, age 56, is now Special Representative for President Roosevelt on international economic affairs. He was divorced five weeks ago in Chicago.

Miss Coulbourn, whose first husband died several years ago, was a beauty contest winner six years ago at George Washington University.

A conference of the Church Of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints will be held for all L.D.S. men on Loyte Island next Sunday, 18 February 1945, 1400 hours, at XXIV Corps Headquarters.

Transportation will leave Division Chapel at 1200 hours.

CHINESE AGAIN WORKING ON THE RAILROAD

***Feb 16--Sixteen precious miles of the Canton-to-Hankow Railroad is now back in Chinese hands. Chinese troops have recaptured Pingshek, 165 miles north of Canton and have thus cut the vital rail line which had given the Japs a rail connection from Korea and Manchuria to Canton and Hongkong.

That China still has life is further evidenced by the vigorous American directed training program now developing in five schools throughout southwest China. Scattered over the Yunnan Plateau, the schools are said to represent the most ambitious program yet undertaken to increase the combat efficiency of the Chinese armies. American Colonel John Middleton commands the mission, which includes General Staff, field artillery, heavy mortar, motor transport and infantry training.

GOOD AERIAL HUNTING WEATHER

***Feb 16--More than 3,000 heavy Allied bombers were among the 8,000 Allied planes battered Germany in excellent weather.

MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



AS HE WAS

LOST: One 35mm Argus Camera from broken box being unloaded from ship. Was with rear echelon equipment of the 921st F. A. Bn. Address in case--76 F.A. Bn. Liberal reward. Contact Capt John A. Kinagy, 921st F. A. Bn.

LOST: A foot locker bearing the name of Lt. H. L. Paquette, 01640800 -- 1196 - If found contact Lt. Paquette, 96th Signal Company.

LOST: Wallet, contains money, pay-book and identification card. Finder please return to Cpl Peter Fritz, 96th Division Hq Co.

SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED

(ANS)--In years to come, perhaps, you'll never have to walk out in the rain to pick up your morning paper -- and you won't have to wait for the evening editions while your carrier boy plays ball down the street.

All you'll have to do, says Volney Hurd in the Christian Science Monitor, is tune in your favorite radio station, switch on your \$30 "facsimile" set and wait about 20 minutes while it reproduces the equivalent of a 16-page tabloid newspaper. During other hours of the day, this suitcase-size apparatus may bring you magazine features, printed radio programs, reproduction art works, maps on world happenings, late news pictures and display advertising -- all accompanied by suitable voice programs from your radio, such as a commentator describing action involved in the maps.

Whether standard present-day newspapers will be displaced by facsimile, or whether the new science means their further expansion is a question for time to decide. "Such publications will have to adapt themselves to existing on straight advertising revenue," Hurd reckons, "since there will presumably be no income, with facsimile, from subscriptions...radio has not displaced the newspapers. Today both press and radio are doing well."

DEADEYE QUIZ SHOW TONIGHT!

At long last! That pet peeve of all radio listeners --- ranking next only to soap-box serials in obnoxiousness --- has caught up with the 96th. The quiz show!

Tonight, on the Division stage "Mr. Smith's Queries", a combination news quiz, musical, and comedy program will be presented by the Deadeye I&E Office. The quiz-master, "Mr. Smith", is WOJG Robert D. Smith, well known West Coast radio announcer and commentator, who now spends his time inspecting generals in the Inspector Generals Office.

The Division studio orchestra, as yet un-named, will make its initial appearance in the Philippines when it gives out in between the quizzes on current world happenings. The bandsmen feel that they've wiped enough of the cosmoline out of the trombones to start some boots tapping. They'll be there to cheer the winners and soothe the losers, both of whom incidentally, will be rewarded with quantities of beer for their mental activity.

A strong rumor has spread that Tokyo Rose will make a stop-over at the theatre on her way to her weekly visit to the office of the DEADEYE to pick up her news reports. This rumor is entirely unconfirmed however, almost.

The participating teams in this first of a series of weekly shows will be an assortment of G-2 & G-3 child prodigies opposing a group of agitated Adjutant - General men. The program will commence at 1900. Servicemen half-price.

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FILIPINO OFFICERS CLUB FORMED

A club for officers of the 95th Inf, 92nd Division has been formed and the inaugural dinner and dance will be held in Tanauan sometime next week. Many American officers will be invited.

Man is the only animal that blushes -- or needs to.

Unit Reporters Column

An article appearing in the Unit Reporters Column of the DISPATCH of 16 February 1945, reference Memorial Service should have been referred to as of 3rd Bn, 382nd Inf and not 3rd Bn, 383rd Inf.

2d BN, 381ST INF REGT

Greetings, "Deadeyes", we are a little group who you haven't heard of as yet, we'll introduce ourselves as George Co, but are better known as "REUTER'S RAIDERS".

Since the formalities are over, we'll continue this little story, and give all you "Deadeyes" the straight dope on our 2d Bn Softball tournament.

We were united with our Bn about two weeks ago and found softball at a very good start. The first game the "Raiders" tackled was with Bill Bollinger's "Bombers" and our defeat only meant encouragement.

Under the management and coaching of Lt. Robert J. Buck and S/Sgt James V. Stephens, 10 Raiders who have stuck together through "thick and thin" formed a power-house. We started by playing Capt. Brown's Medics, and quickly convinced them that giving "Shots and Pills" was their line and not softball. Then came Dugan's Supermen from H Co, and they have come to the conclusion that they are better at their mortars and machine-guns. We then tackled the undefeated Hq's "Bats-men", whose batting averages, you Deadeyes read a few days ago, were cocked and primed for victory over the "Raiders". We met them again the following day and came thru with top honors to defeat the Bats-man 6 to 3, and send their batting averages down the hill. We have yet to face E Co which we'll let take care of itself.

We have to redeem ourselves with Bollinger's "Bombers", so we have a few more interesting games before getting back down to business. Come on out "Deadeyes" if you are looking for a thrill and see us do our number.

S/Sgt James Bostick, Jr
G Co, 2d Bn, 381st Inf

ODE IN DAGAMI

Caribou Serenade,
And Ode to behold.
Renown its been made,
In Dagami, I'm told.

Both young and old,
Own one or more.
Sisst, Sisst, is the secret,
To stop and to go.

McCloud and Vange,
Our heros of late,
Have studied their habits,
And they can imitate.

Sisst, Sisst, Dorty Cloes,
Veektorrie and allo,
Crackkars, cigareettes,
Veddy dear and I go.

Two pesos and tuba
A drink of fate.
Makes you a Caribou
Of lumbering gait.

A paddy of rice,
In a water field grow.
Is heaven on earth,
To Dagamians I'm told.

So ends our ode,
To this land of romance,
Our boys can tell you,
Who attended their dance.

S/Sgt Frank De Vere
Serv Co, 382nd Inf

At tender times, I whisper, "Sweetheart";
"I love you", I repeat;
But when it comes to solid jive,
She's my little sweet-heat.

Country highways have the most curves -
but they're all in-parked cars.