

LOVE TRIANGLE ENDS IN MURDER

At Columbia, South Carolina, Lieutenant Samuel Epes, son of a prominent Richmond, Va. industrialist, was turned over to civilian authorities who immediately prepared to question him about the violent death of his wife. Mary Lee, his wife, had her wrists slashed with a razor. The autopsy revealed a severe blow on the head, and presence of drugs in the body.

Lt. Epes said that there never was any trouble between him and his wife, but police, attempting to establish a motive for the killing, are searching for a woman believed to be in Mississippi. Epes said that on the night of January 27th, Mary Lee took a couple of capsules of sodium sconal which medical officers had given her. Later in the evening she took about ten more, Epes testified. Police believe he kept the body in his apartment for two days before stuffing it in the back of his car and driving it out to a maneuver area, where he buried it in a foxhole.

IT'S NOW MAJOR MAJOR

The day that Capt Joseph Major always dreaded has now arrived has now arrived. He has been promoted to the rank of Major. Major Major, now stationed at Cheyenne, Wyoming, is a native of Overland Park, Kansas.

(ANS)—GI's, hospitalized with war wounds have twice the chance of recovery as they would have had in the First World War, says Brig. Gen. Hugh J. Morgan of the Surgeon General's office.

In the last war the death rate among hospitalized soldiers was eight percent, but in the present war the rate among the wounded is only three percent.

If a fighting man contract meningitis, his chances of recovery are ten times better today than in World War I. And if he catches pneumonia, his chances of recovery are 20 times better. He attributes the decline in soldier deaths from wounds and disease to new drugs and equipment.

BAND STARS IN "MUSIQUIZ"

The Division band, of West Coast fame, stole the show last night as AG defeated a G-2 & G-3 team in the CP in I&ED's first "Musiquiz" of the current theatre season. After the news quiz and "Tokyo Rose's" comments, in the person of Rodney Sinkson of IG, had made their appearance and the curtains had been dropped, the customers should have been content to go home happy. But they didn't. They stayed and rattled their chairs and yelled for "more music!" And more music they got. Three additional numbers had to be beaten out by CWO Shetney and his musicians before the crowd would disperse in peace. All credit for the band's solid arrangements goes to pianist Cunningham.

The program was broadcast to much of the Division over the Radio Anti-Tank station of the 382nd Inf. MCing the show was the experienced radio announcer W/O Smith of the IG Office. The "gag" man of the show was Sgt Jim Koon, veteran of more than 25 productions on the stage, he drooped across the Stage with a gag.



"Now remember! We're coming to that turn where the native girls bathe. Keep your eyes on the road—and drive very-slowly."



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YANKS TAKE CORREGIDORBRESLAU COMPLETELY ENCIRCLED

\*\*\*Feb 19--Moscow Radio announced that Marshal Konev's First Ukrainian Army has completely encircled the Silesian defense bastion of Breslau. Marshal Konev's troops have long since swept far past Breslau. Red Army forces in this area captured more than 200 populated places.

Leading elements of Konev's rampaging First Ukraine Army have shifted their direction of attack from Dresden, north. Red Army spearheads are advancing on Cottbus, a large German rail center 47 miles from the German capital. Soviet artillery and planes are already hammering this city.

Premier Stalin also announced the capture of the East Prussian strong-holds of Mehlsack and Wormditt on the Allestein-Koenigsburg railway 32 miles southwest of besieged Koenigsburg. This pushes the Nazis trapped in East Prussia into a net about 500 miles square.

CANADIAN FIRST ADVANCES IN RUHR

\*\*\*Feb 19--On the Western Front, the Canadian First Army almost scored a breakthrough into the Ruhr Valley. British troops of this army made a lunge forward for two and a half miles that severed the Goch highway and cut off the garrison of this bastion from direct communication. In this drive, the Canadian First Army got all the way clear of the Westwall fortifications. Other British units fought to  
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\*\*\*Feb 19--Corregidor Island in Manila Bay has been siezed by American troops in combined air and sea landings. Prior to the sea landing, Yank paratroops dropped on the island's inland fortifications to capture its batteries and defenses from the rear. General MacArthur announced that, with all decisive points already in American hands, the conquest of the little island was assured.

A coordinated air and sea bombardment preceded the landings. Warships of the Seventh Fleet and Army planes of the Far Eastern Air Force gave the rock fortress a thorough going over. The landings which followed were made with only light losses.

Meanwhile, American troops had a secure hold on the southern tip of Bataan Peninsula. Before the landings on Corregidor, they had been able to bring it under heavy artillery fire.

Surviving Japs in South Manila are now compressed into a small triangle between the Pasig River and the South Manila Bay shore. The Japs entrenched in the ancient walled Intramuros section ignored a surrender offer designed mainly to save civilian lives in that part of the city.

FIFTH FLEET OFF JAPAN

\*\*\*Feb 19--A partial news blackout, concealed all but the barest details of the activities of Admiral Spruances Fifth Fleet. At last reports, it was still  
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### THE PACIFIC NARROWS

At the outset of our war with Japan, there was little known about the kind of land warfare, and how much of it, would be waged by her armed forces against our troops. The "incidents" in China were not adequate examples of her army's might nor did they portray a real insight to her powers since China was bleeding from internal strife, political instability and the lack of great army leaders and an army.

Japan's treachery at Honolulu, and her later temporary conquest of the Philippine did establish to the mind of the world that she had the means for successful warfare coupled with the daring unmitigated gall to venture on military missions of stealth, but still not enough was known about her tactics.

When our forces began their long haul back, to recover the bases and islands she had filched from us, we were for the first time able to gain a real insight to her means and capabilities, her tactics and military doctrine. She fought a defensive war employing weapons and principals especially designed to the terrain and utilized deftness and great thoroughness at every trick. The picture began to unfold and we became indoctrinated on Japan's island warfare and it appeared we were on the right road in our diagnosis of the enemy.

Then came the Liberation of the Philippines and the new realization for us, and probably for her too, that the Tarawa, Kwajalien, and Saipan type of resistance could not be used on a large land mass. This was quite conclusively proven on Leyte where the enemy floundered in disorganization, employing over 100,000 troops in, to put it mildly, a very untactical manner.

We cannot judge what her future resistance will be like. But the ultimate fate for her is assured, for to us at this time comes the reality that: (1) We will face better trained troops. (2) We will be striking areas that have been under Japanese domination and development for a longer period. (3) Her airpower, such as remains of it, can be employed more often and over shorter distances. (4) Her supply lines have been shortened.

Of course, we have our counterparts and the additional advantage of being a great fighting machine in full swing, with ever-increasing power that will undoubtedly result in but the most gratifying and victorious results. For us the future demands that we go forward with stouter hearts and greater determination.

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within a mile of Goch and to within a mile and a half of Calcar, seven miles to the northeast. Goch was being outflanked by the British on the east, and by other British and Scotch troops on the west. More than 1,300 German prisoners were taken in 24 hours, the biggest bag since the opening of the Canadian First's offensive.

The only other activity on the Western Front was in the Third Army sector. General Patton's forces seized the heights overlooking the Prum and En Rivers.

### GENERAL MARSHALL VISITS ITALY

\*\*\*Feb 19--General George C. Marshall stopped off in Italy on his way back from the Big Three conference. In a talk to the boys of the "forgotten front," he praised them for holding down a large number of German divisions that the Nazis might well have used on other fronts.

Lieutenant General Mark Clark said that the Germans were likely to withdraw from Italy in order to get a little more manpower for their fighting eastern and western fronts. General Clark warned the Italians in the northern provinces to stay away from all roads because the Allies will turn loose their air armada on the Germans if and when they start to pull out of Italy.

### U.S. MERCHANT SHIP SUNK IN ATLANTIC

\*\*\*Feb 19--United States Navy Department announced in Washington that a medium sized American merchant ship, The Steel Traveller, was sunk in the North Atlantic by enemy action. Survivors have landed in the United States.

\*\*\*Feb 19--A medical board has approved the return to limited duty of Marine Lt. Colonel Evans Carlson, one time leader of the Marine Raiders. He had been recuperating at his ranch home from a shattered arm bone. Carlson received the wound on Saipan, trying to rescue a wounded soldier.

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ranging boldly some 300 miles off the Japanese coast. Meanwhile, Pacific Fleet Headquarters has issued nothing new on the great carrier raid on the Tokyo - Yokohama areas of Japan. Admiral Nimitz has revealed merely that the attacks went into the second day during the week-end.

Admiral Nimitz' communique also revealed that the naval bombardment of Iwo Island in the Volcanoes continued into Saturday. The shelling of the watchdog island, 750 miles from Tokyo, by United States warships, has caused serious damage. Many ground installations were wrecked, three bombers destroyed on the ground and several Jap interceptors shot down.

### JOB DODGERS TO GET UNIFORMS

\*\*\*Feb 19--In Washington, War Mobilizer Jimmy Byrnes announced the program for men inducted into the Army under his recent "work or else" order. The program still gives a big leeway to those physically unqualified who had left jobs in essential industry or changed jobs without draft board permission.

Men drafted under this order, but not physically fit for Army duty, may be put to work in government owned plants after a four week modified training period at Camp Ellis, Illinois. Those who do not like the rigors of this basic training, will be given the opportunity to volunteer for essential war jobs. They will then be assigned to the Enlisted Reserve and still do war work in civilian clothes.

Any of the physically unfit job dodgers who do not volunteer for the Enlisted Reserve deal will be put to work in government owned plants as uniformed soldiers. Others may be assigned to Army installations. For those that are physically qualified, the prospects are not so lenient. They will receive the usual basic training and the implication is that service with the armed forces will follow.



## SPORTS

Billy Kelly, University of North Carolina swimming star, broke the fifty meter individual medley long course American record yesterday in one of a series of AAU sanctioned record trials. Kelly's time was one minute, 49.13 seconds, almost two full seconds faster than the old record set by Walter Spence of Rutgers University in 1929. Kelly also set an American long course record for the 100 meter breast stroke. His time was 1.12:4.

Late basketball results included: Franklin and Marshall 56-Ursinus 55. Citadel tromped over Davidson 60-26; Brigham Young eked out a win over Colorado 60-58; in another close one, Idaho beat Washington 36-35; Wyoming stomped over Greeley State, 50-26; Penn defeated Columbia U. 57-50; Cornell over Syracuse 38-33; Tennessee was a victor over Georgia 48-38; Illinois ran away with Indiana, 71-48; DePaul of Chicago defeated little Miami of Ohio, 66-43; Iowa beat Purdue 48-43.

Big Ten coaches declared that basketball officials should enforce the hands off rules now in the book and stamp out the rough house tactics which are beginning to dominate the game. They said basketball still is basketball, a non-contact sport and officials should end the rapidly growing tendency to make it a contact game by crowding, rough playing and chopping. The Big Ten coaches hold the opinion that it is not a case of drawing up new rules, but merely enforcing the rules as written. Harold Foster, U. of Wisconsin coach, said, "I believe there is too much judgement being used and not enough whistle."

## P.R.O.-files

Capt. Sigismund E. Rovinski, Jersey City, N. J., as Catholic chaplain in the 381st Infantry Regiment has conducted numerous religious services under battle conditions during the battle of Leyte with complete composure but he admits it is most disconcerting to have a 12 foot cobra attending his church.

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While the chaplain was saying Mass in a tiny native hut used as a shelter for the altar, a huge cobra stuck its head through the thatched roof. A bit unnerved, he nevertheless finished the ceremony. Afterwards the doughboys tried to get the snake out of the roof. Failing to do this, they burned the shack to the ground.

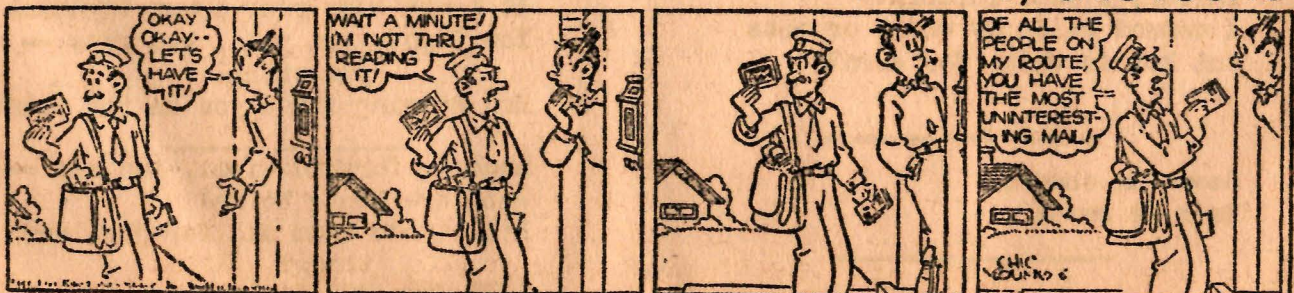
RADIO-BANNED SONG HITS "BIG TEN"

(ANS)--The biggest change in the popular song lineup in early February was the splashing of "Rum and Coca Cola" right in sixth place despite a ban on it by the major networks because of its suggestive lines and advertising. Sheet music, records and juke box sales more than made up for the lack of radio plugs for the calypso type number written by Morey Amsterdam after a USO show tour in Trinidad.

"Don't Fence Me In" continues to top the list, "Accentuate the Positive" is two.

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## Unit Reporters Column

PARDON MY BLUSH

It was the last half of the fifth inning of the game between K Company and the Brass, and K Company was at bat. They had already scored one run this inning, the score was K Company four and the Brass 3, and a man was on third with another on first. S/Sgt Barnacle was up, and the crowd was yelling, "Slap it out there, Barney! Show the Brass where they live!" An amazing thing then happened. A beautiful smile appeared on the face of the pitcher, Captain Wheeler, and he calmly proceeded to walk Barnacle, bringing up T/Sgt Kai. Whom it was Captain Wheeler thought was at bat next or the deeply involved strategy of walking Barnacle may never be known, for at the first pitch, Kai cut savagely, connecting, and driving the ball far over the left fielder's head into the tall grass in back of the Officer's latrine. The results of this were (1) Exit one pitcher with a slightly red face, (2) Enter another pitcher, Lt. Birrell, who fared little better, (3) Company K Triumphant - 10 to 5, and ready to trounce Headquarters the next night.

Pfc W.L. Sanders,  
HEADLINER, 383rd Inf

Our soldiers fight so very hard  
(At least it so appears)  
Not for glory or reward  
But just for souvenirs.

I'm just a farmer boy at heart -  
In war, I feel forlorn:  
I cannot raise my wheat or oats  
But how is this, for corn?

Hear 'em cheer!  
Beer is here!

LEYTE AND THE INFANTRY

Down on the Blue Chinese Ocean,  
On the road to Mandalay  
Lie the spoils of Kinkaid's battle  
In beautiful Leyte Bay.

Down on the water soaked Isle of Leyte  
Are the men that God forgot  
Battling the itch and fever  
The tropical ulcers and rot.

Down where there are no Ten Command-  
ments  
And the Infantry is rough as bricks  
Live's the basis of our army  
The Pride of the Ninety Sixth.

We've carried packs on our aching  
backs,  
We've trudged o'er the muddy dells  
We've beat the Nips, and from their  
lips.  
Heard screaming dying yells.

Now take it from a Dhobie  
Who's been in this land before.  
This was once a soldier's paradise,  
When we were not at war.

Soon we will have a payday,  
We'll celebrate with our meager pay  
For we've re-gained our country's  
millions,  
And Old Glory is here to stay.

Sgt. J. B. DeCarlo  
Co K, 383rd Inf

Tuba is a lousy drink  
It takes away your power to think --  
You fight, you yell, you cuss --  
you stink!  
And morning finds you in the clink.

Honors, fortune, fame, success --  
What are these to me?  
I'll trade them all for just one  
thing:  
Home and Family.