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MARINES LAND ON IWO JIMA

"LAST ROUND", SAYS MONTY.

***Feb 20--In a message to his troops yesterday Field Marshal Montgomery said that the Allies have come to the last and final round of the European war. He stated that with the terrific successes of the Red Army, victory is in sight.

British, Canadian and Scotch troops of Montgomery's command have smashed to within one thousand yards of the key road hub of Goch. British infantry, which cut the Goch-Calcar highway on the northeast, fought near the city while other troops were a little farther away on the north and northwest. Only one road on the south of the city is now in German hands.

General Patton's Third Army is now all the way through the Siegfried Line and has broadened its front in Western Germany's Eifel Hills to 32 miles. Advance elements of the Third Army now stand five miles inside Germany.

Armored units of General Patton's army are pacing the advance. Third Army mechanized cavalry made a new crossing into Germany near Vianden while other forces crossed the Enz River seven miles south of Bitburg.

American troops of the Seventh Army poured into Germany's Saar Basin six miles southwest of Saarbrücken. Nazis in this area, while trying to infiltrate the American lines suffered heavy casualties. Bad weather grounded most of our planes, but RAF heavies supported the Canadians.

***Feb 20--Marines of the Fifth Amphibious Corps, which includes the Fourth and Fifth Marine Divisions, have landed on Iwo Island and are reported progressing satisfactorily. The landing followed a three day bombardment by heavy units of the U.S. fleet aided by carrier and land-based planes.

Admiral Nimitz's communique stated that two landings were made and that a flaming battle is underway on the south and east sectors of the little volcanic island. Dispatches indicate that the Japanese are holed up tightly in caves and tunnels on the volcano on the southwestern tip of the island and that prying the enemy from these holes will take time and effort. Marine casualties were described as moderate.

The Leathernecks struck the shore of Iwo after a merciless naval and air bombardment with at least six battleships throwing lead into the island's defenders. Suribachi volcano at the southwestern tip of the kidney-shaped island is 546 feet high and commands the beachhead and surrounding lowland. There is not much cover for the Marines in either of these places. The Marines, however, have already penetrated the first defenses of the island's biggest air strip.

DETAILS OF BIG TOKYO RAID!

***Feb 20--Admiral Nimitz announced that American carrier planes scored a decisive victory over the Japanese in two days of
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NAZIS BOLSTER BERLIN LINE

***Feb 20--In a last desperate attempt to prevent Berlin from being outflanked, the Germans are throwing in heavy reinforcements to hold Guben and Cottbus. These two German fortresses southeast of Berlin are the outer limits of the Berlin defense line. Their capture would outflank Berlin's eastern defenses, which are hinged on the fortress towns of Fuertzenberg, Mustrin and Frankfurt.

Violent air battles are now raging over this section of Brandenburg Province. The Germans report that the Soviets have penetrated to the area of Lauban on the road to Dresden and that bitter mobile battles are raging along the 62 miles of front between Lauban and Guben.

To the north, Red Army troops encircled and broke into a town 57 miles north of Danzig. They beat off 20 German counterattacks there while other Soviets beat back Nazi thrusts outside the Baltic city of Stettin.

ARGENTINA PEEVED AT NAZIS

***Feb 20--Charging Nazi interference with the safe conduct of her diplomats, Argentina announced that a "State of tension" exists between her and Germany. The Argentine government sent a note to the Nazis which protested against the German refusal to grant safe conduct of Argentine diplomats returning to South America. These diplomats are now being held by the Nazis in Sweden as a reprisal to Britain, who has refused to allow the passage of certain Germans now in Portugal.

Although Argentina recently broke diplomatic relations with Germany, she is the only country in South America who has not declared war on the Nazis. Argentina has been suffering diplomatic exclusions from the Pan-American nations for over a year now. Virtually all of the other 19 American nations have contended that she failed to do her part in defending the

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TOKYO RAID: (Cont'd from Page One)

raids on Tokyo, Yokohama and nearby areas of the Japanese homeland. Last Friday and Saturday planes of the Fifth Fleet scored a complete tactical surprise over the defending Japanese airforce. They destroyed 509 Japanese planes and probably destroyed or damaged 150 others. 332 were shot out of the air and 177 destroyed on the ground.

In addition to destruction of enemy planes, one Japanese escort carrier was bombed and set afire. One destroyer was sunk, two escort destroyers sunk, one cargo ship and nine coastal vessels sunk, and 22 other ships damaged by our planes. 49 American planes were lost to enemy action, including 30 to 40 U.S. fliers missing.

No American surface ships suffered damage. Admiral Nimitz said that the weather hampered enemy air operations and he congratulated all hands for a job well done. All Japanese efforts to stop our forces were turned back by Yank fighters. A Japanese escort carrier was left lying on her side at the Yokohama beach and a enemy plane factory was also hit.

MANILA JAPS REFUSE SURRENDER

***Feb 20--American troops under Major General Griswold are massed around the walled Intramuros district of south Manila and are withholding their fire in an effort to get the trapped Japs to release thousands of civilians interned there. Gen. Griswold twice offered the Japanese garrison a chance for honorable surrender, but the Japanese have thus far chosen to hide behind the defenseless civilians.

On Corregidor, Yank doughfeet are cleaning out pockets of Japanese resistance. The east entrance to the tunnel on the island fortress was blocked by a landslide caused by bombardment. Warships shelled the Cavite shoreline south of Corregidor as well as Bataan, where a small

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HOLLYWOOD AND BROADWAY

(ANS)--Red-haired film star Ann Sheridan has been suspended by Warner Brothers for refusing to take the leading role in the Technicolor film "When Old New York Was Young" soon to be produced. The part, characterizing a champion of woman's rights, will be played by Jane Wyman. Jack Carson will have the role of a political boss, and Dennis Morgan will portray Tony Pastor famous American vaudevillian. Picture will be a musical. Ann reneged because she said she wanted something straight and dramatic for a change.

Radio comedienne Shirley Mitchell, (5 ft. 4. weight 117, age 25, hazel eyes, golden hair) who hails from Toledo, Ohio, and had taken up residence in Hollywood, says: "Hollywood is much like the fairy tales I used to read, but here there are no handsome princes on white horses." (No but there are plenty of wolves prancing in and out of court looking for Lady Godivas).

USO Camp Shows has received rights to perform the Broadway comedy hit "Dear Ruth" overseas. Other legitimate shows in preparation for overseas are "Oklahoma" and "The Man Who Came to Dinner." Moss Hart, who wrote "Winged Victory" will have the lead in the latter.... Buddy Clark, out of the Navy, has organized a band that has moved into the Latin Quarter, New York.

Film star Joan Bennett's book "How To Be Attractive" has reached the half-million sales mark. But it all doesn't come out of the books.

The poll and survey craze has gotten into the colleges. Now comes the College of the City of New York with the results of what it says were the most widely heard popular songs on the networks in 1944:

"Long Ago and Far Away," "I'll Be Seeing You," "I Love You," "I'll Get By," "I'll walk Alone," "It Had To Be You," "San Fernando Valley," "Bosamo Mucho," "Amor", and "The Trolley Song." All in favor -- the "I'lls" seem to have it.

The cast that played in the comedy film, "Janie", will be together in a sequel.

WILL ROGERS JR. DECORATED

Former Congressman Will Rogers, Jr., has been promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant and awarded a Bronze Star. He got the medal for leading a patrol against a German force which had threatened to cut off withdrawal of part of the Seventh Armored Division from Saint Vith during the recent German drive. Rogers is a platoon leader in a scout company of a tank destroyer battalion.

(ANS)--In order to provide its own Infantry replacements overseas, Ass't. Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson recently revealed that 500,000 men have already been withdrawn from installations in the States and shipped overseas for combat.

According to Patterson, some 50,000 men were turned over to the Ground Forces when the Army Specialized Training Program was reduced. A call for volunteers for transfer to the Infantry from other branches resulted in the reassignment of 90,000 more GIs to the Infantry and to parachute organizations.

In addition, 80,000 men have already been transferred by direct order from the Service Forces and the Air Forces.

At the same time, the War Department reveals that some 3,000,000 men are now stationed within the United States while 5,000,000 are overseas.

Of the 3,000,000 men now in the States, about one million are in training as replacements for overseas units; another million are training as tactical units also for overseas duty; and the third million are "housekeeping" units composed of men who are either overseas veterans or limited service personnel.

(ANS)--The Army's crack mountain troops -- those GI's who have been specially trained for tough fighting in snow and mountainous regions -- are going to get a special insignia of their own. The 10th Mountain Division in Texas will be among the first to receive the new insignia.

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ARGENTINA: (Cont'd from Page Two)

Western Hemisphere against the Axis.

Those nations will soon meet in a new Inter-American conference at Mexico City, to which Argentina has not been invited.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Stettinius stopped over at Brazil on his way back from the Crimean conference to talk with Brazil's President Vargas.

MANPOWER BILL STILL DEBATED

Secretary Stimson in a radio address urged passage of the "Work or Jail or Fight" bill, declaring, "We dare not delay longer." He said that deadly shortages in both weapons and manpower now loom before us and that a crisis is at hand.

The House passed the bill February first and it still is in the Senate Committee.

ARMY TAKES OVER ASHVILLE PLANT

Orders have been given the War Department to take over the American Enka Corporation plant at Asheville, North Carolina. The plant, which turns out rayon cord for tires and employs 3,000 men, has been closed for ten days. Issues at stake are the paid lunches and wage differentials. The company and union had disagreed as to whether the present contract between them could be reopened to consider these issues.

Although the War Labor Board ruled that the matter could be arbitrated at present and ordered the workers back on their jobs, Enka maintained that the contract could not be reviewed until its expiration. Enka had already taken the case to court before the WLB ruling and was awaiting a court ruling before opening. The President did not wait, however, and ordered the War Department to seize the plant.

MANILA: (Cont'd from Page Two)

group of Japanese are dispersed near Orion. The Philippine General Hospital in south Manila has been captured and 7,000 patients, internees, and civilians were taken to safety. There were 100 American patients among them.

General MacArthur, who returned to Bataan Friday to see part of the Corregidor landing, hailed the Bataan fight of 1942 as "one of the decisive battles of the world." He said that had not Bataan held out, Australia would have fallen with "incalculably disastrous results." No army in history, according to MacArthur, more thoroughly accomplished its mission than the Bataan garrison did by its long holdout.

Meanwhile, in the air our planes continued their daily attacks reaching as far north as Formosa. Seven small enemy freighters were sunk in Formosa as well as rolling stock on Formosa proper. A 3,000 ton freighter transport was sunk off Indo-China and other ships damaged.

JAPS AGAIN ADVANCING IN CHINA

***Feb 20--The Japanese are attempting to close the 25 mile gap in the Canton - to - Hankow railroad and have made progress in that aim by recapturing Pinghshek. Chinese troops had taken Pinghshek, which is 165 miles north of Canton, previously in an effort to cut the rail line.

In India, British Indian and Gurka troops in five days of bitter fighting have crossed the broad Irrawaddy River some 35 miles west of Mandalay. This river flows south for most of its course, but bends west just below Mandalay. Allied troops now have a bridgehead on the left bank of the Irrawaddy.

***Feb 20--The first flying Mexicans destined to see action in this war have completed their training in Texas. The 200 men were among the first Mexican fighter squadrons to train in the U.S. for action.

Unit Reporters Column

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VALENTINE - 1945

Everyone is well aware of the fact that mail call is the most important moment of the day. It decides whether the day is a success or failure. When the cry is heard, "That's all fellows," too many of us turn away with a forlorn expression clouding our faces. One little note from the girl would have made us so happy -- but how to get that letter? Of course, there are always a few "friends" willing to offer a helping hand -- we have some in our company.

First, there is Pfc Rubly who advises a buddy to follow the middle road. "Just kid then along and keep 'em guessing. Don't let them think they have you on the string or brother, you're really going to be hooked." Maybe this is good advice if you are looking for a platonic friendship-- but I don't think any of us are looking for that; we have our sights set on better things.

Then there is the amorous approach, as advised by Lieut. Clepp. "Recapture those tender moments that you shared; those intimate evenings under a starlet sky; those lingering kisses; the final embrace." Sounds good but I'm afraid too much of this would cause frustration.

On the other hand Lou Leonatti does not believe in pampering the little girl back home. "If she couldn't take time out to write a few lines a day I'd tell her to go straight to hell." This is great advice -- real ho-man tactics, but it doesn't get letters.

I doubt if any of this friendly advice is going to produce desired results. Love has been a problem ever since Adam made his first grab for Eve and I don't think that F Company Romeo's have been pre-destined to provide a solution.

She was an electricians daughter but she had low resistance.

Adolf, how we hate this year
Of nineteen forty - five
Because through it we sadly fear
You'll not remain alive.

Leader, gad, we've loved you so
Each bomb bore our affection
And now it's time for you to go
Imagine our dejection!

We stood in awe of wondrous deeds
That bore your autograph
And now we'll stand in awe and read
Your glorious epitaph.

The world will long remember you
How can it forget?
So while you say your sweet adieu
Leave without regret.

Instead, my darling Fuhrer, sweetheart
Take this Valentine
Rejoice to know that as we part
We'll toast your death in wine.

Then listen in your home in Hell
To our foolish laughter
Be proud on Earth you did so well
That you may roast hereafter.

- Anon.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear DEAD EYE:

I, Gallahad Trueheart III, have made an extensive study of the poetic art published in the DEAD EYE DISPATCH. I've given it a lot of thought and I think I can safely divide this poetry into four groups. Group I --- Liberation type; Group II --- Bitch type; Group III --- Self Praise type; Group IV --- Romance type.

Included is my first poem, which gives my impression of your poems in Group I. In closing, I would like to say we aspiring Deadeye poets are really thankful for your interest in our work and for the incentive your fine paper gives us.

T/5 G. T., III

P. S. Watch for poem #2 tomorrow!

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Ed. Note: The DEAD EYE DISPATCH will publish the significant works submitted by good Gallahad on four successive days. The first of the series follows:

ODE TO FREEDOM

(Written in traditional lyric style of the Deadeye poets)

They lived in shacks
Everybody big and little dressed in sacks.

They ate rice
And searched in each others heads for lice.

They pound clothes with sticks
And some of us thought that they were hicks.

They walk on their bare toes
And ride around on water buffaloes.

It wasn't always the same
Before those dirty Japs came.

MacArthur said he'd return
And now forever more freedoms light will
here burn.

We threw out Satanic rules
And we set up children's schools.

We brought movies here once more
And we're here to see that they have them
forever more.

Because soldier, America has the means
We're bringing the Four Freedoms back to
the Philippines.