

FRENCH SHOULD JOIN FRISCO CONFERENCE

***Feb 22--Although President Roosevelt and General DeGaulle have their differences, diplomatic quarters believe France will join the World Security Conference to be held in San Francisco, April 25th.

The Big Three are now awaiting word from Paris on two points. First is French approval on the voting procedure developed for the new world organization at the Crimea conference and second, her decision to attend the San Francisco meeting. The United Nations will discuss problems of the new world peace machinery at the coming conference.

Lacking better explanation, diplomatic circles are dismissing the French delay as a reflection of DeGaulle's annoyance at not being included in the Crimea conference and President Roosevelt's inability to visit France. The President did wire DeGaulle to meet him in Algiers, but the French leader declined the invitation.

CHAPLIN TELLS OFF SENATOR!

***Feb 22--In Hollywood, Charlie Chaplin told off Republican Senator William Langer of North Dakota for the latter's proposal that Chaplin be shipped back to his native England.

Chaplin said Langer's action was all part of political persecution that had been going on against him since he made his anti-Nazi film, "The Great Dictator." Miss Berry was encouraged to file her paternity suit against him by the same forces who inspired the deportation proposals, declared Chaplin.

Chaplin revealed that he had been investigated as a "war monger" by these reactionary elements, but the "war mongers" phrase had been dropped after Pearl Harbor. The same groups of pro-Nazis found a new angle and increased their persecution after he dared speak in behalf of Russia, urging the Allies to open a second front.

Then came Miss Berry's trumped-up
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JAPS LOOT MANILA

***Feb 22--Bitter fighting is reported still under way in south Manila where American troops have compressed the Japs into an area of about 1,200 by 800 yards. Our artillery is pumping a round a minute into the thick walls of the Intramuros district where the Japanese are holed up. In an effort to save the civilians also trapped in this area, General MacArthur is not using planes there.

"The enemy," according to General MacArthur, "is acting with the greatest savagery in his treatment of noncombatants and private property." He said that the Japanese looted Manila and apparently shipped all private possessions of any value to Japan. Southeast of Manila, an enemy unit was surrounded at Mabato Point, while patrol activity continued elsewhere.

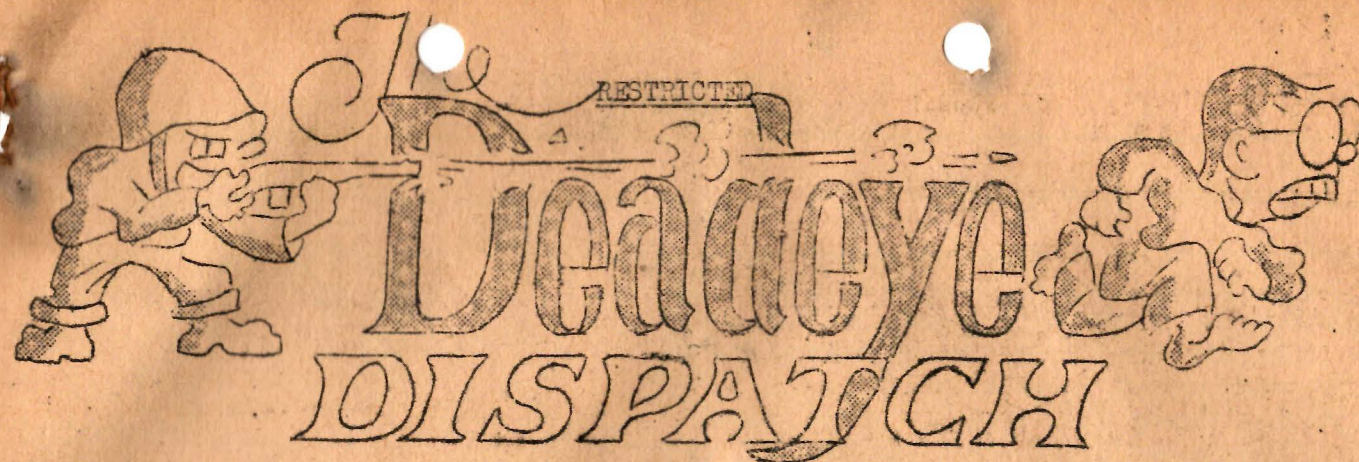
On Corregidor, American troops continued the destruction of enemy strong points on the fringes of the island. U. S. Planes and light naval units were also active here. General MacArthur said that enemy casualties for the six weeks of the Luzon campaign exceed 92,000; American losses for the same period are given as less than 13,000.



Be sure to give your feet the good attention they deserve. Treat blisters and sores at the first opportunity so they won't cause you more trouble.



Keep your first aid kit handy and ready for use. All wounds, even the slightest scratch, should be treated as soon as possible.



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IWO 'TOUGHEST IN 168 YEARS'

THIRD ARMY NEARS TRIER

***Feb 22--American Third Army troops, fighting in mud and rain, slashed into and beyond the Siegfried Line on a 50 mile front. They smashed across the Moselle River into Germany at a new point west of Saarburg, and are now within four miles of that city. Another column fought to within thirteen miles of Trier.

The Canadian First Army is clearing out the last German pockets from the town of Goch, southeast of Kleve. A determined German counter-attack enabled the Nazis to cross the highway between Goch and Calcar, slowing the Canadian drive considerably. Calcar is a fortified town which has been under heavy Allied attack.

Yanks of the First and Ninth Armies yesterday lined up along the Roer River banks to watch the river drop steadily from the flood stage. Opening of the dam gates above the river by the Nazis, and the ensuing flood, had considerably complicated the Allied supply problem. Latest reports that supply roads behind our lines are drying rapidly.

NAZIS LOSE MORE TROOPS NEAR BERLIN

***Feb 22--On the Berlin front, the Nazis are still able to counterattack. Yesterday they tried near Christianstadt, 65 miles from Berlin, at a cost of 1000 lives and 32 tanks. Christianstadt is in Bran-

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***Feb 22--Lieutenant General Holland Smith, commander of the Pacific Marines, viewed the Iwo action from a warship and said, "This is the toughest fight we have run across in 168 years."

Admiral Nimitz announced that the Marines in Iwo Island are moving forward against enemy defenses as fanatically defended as any encountered in the entire Pacific. They already have driven clear across the southern neck of the island and have captured the southern Borber airfield with its three runways. The Leathernecks met stiff opposition at Suribachi Volcano, below the Yank corridor running across the southern tip of the island from east to west.

A large portion of the American artillery has now been put ashore and is in position to support both flanks of the beachhead. The beachhead held is a wedge two miles wide on the southeast shore. Guns of the Pacific Fleet warships continued to shell enemy defenses. Combat vessels concentrated their fire on caves and other strong points from which the Japanese were bombarding the Yanks. Naval guns already have fired over 8,000 tons of shells into cave positions and strong points from close range.

Night counter-attacks by Japanese down the runway of the airfield was broken up and night fighters frustrated several small Jap air raids which failed to reach the island. Carrier planes continued intensive attacks on the island although handicapped by rain and clouds. Admiral Nimitz said
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FIRST BATTALION 382ND INFANTRY HOLDS MEMORIAL SERVICE

With simple, yet impressive ceremony, members of the First Battalion, 382nd Inf under the command of Lt. Col. C. W. Johnson, stood at "Present Arms" last Sunday morning, honoring its officers and men who fell during the Leyte operation. Colonel Macey L. Dill, commanding officer of the 382nd Deadeyes, held the place of honor on the speaker's platform. Men from the Medical Detachment and the 362nd Field Artillery, attached to the First Battalion, who lost their lives, were likewise honored. The artillery had representation on the stand in the person of Lt. Col. Francis W. Jenkins, artillery CO.

After Captain Joest J. Andresen had taken the battalion report, he briefly stated the purpose of the formation, and read the honor roll of dead. Colonel Dill, disdaining the use of a microphone, spoke directly to the men, paying high tribute not only to the dead, but to the living who had displayed exemplary devotion to duty in bringing the operation to a successful conclusion, and in keeping the KIA lists to a minimum. Chaplain Durham spoke briefly but brought a message which will long be remembered by those present. Quoting Katharine Lee Bates' lines, "O, beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife," he pointed to the visible beneficial results of the Philippines liberation: Roads have been constructed which will contribute to an improved commerce and higher living standard; where natives were naked, they now are clothed; schools now hum with activity under a resumed educational program; and individual enterprise has replaced forced labor. Admitting the cost of liberty to be dear indeed, he contended that its blessings were nevertheless worthy the sacrifice. Consequently, the day was not one for sadness, but one for rejoicing, carrying with it a challenge to the living, as Lincoln put it, that these dead should not have died in vain; and that from them be taken increased devotion to the unfinished work which lies before us.

Major George W. Carter paid special tribute to Lt. Col. Jesse Mechem, former battalion commander who was killed in action near Kiling, early in the campaign. After a prayer by the chaplain, the battalion presented arms, while a firing squad from "A" Company executed a three-volley salute with precision. When the final notes of "Taps" had echoed in the distance, the battalion returned to attention -- not only to that formal position, but to a more scrupulous attention to duties that lie ahead.

The regimental I & E officer was on hand to make photographs of the formation, and it is anticipated to mail a copy of a picture, together with a printed program of the Memorial Service, to the family or next-of-kin of each of the deceased.

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denburg Province, on the southeastern approaches to Berlin. It is here that the main action is now taking place.

The Red Army forged ahead in Brandenburg, carving out another ten miles and capturing eighty communities. Among these were Crossen and Bobersburg. Crossen is on the south bank of the Oder River where it is joined by the Bober, while Bobersburg is six miles south.

German-held territory in the Polish Corridor is decreasing rapidly. Soviet troops gained ground toward Danzig, capturing 50 towns in the area and coming within 33 miles of the sea-port city.

YANK BOMBERS HIT NAZI "SEAT"

**Feb 22--Advice from the Russian Army revealed the Nazis had moved their government offices to Nuernberg. Then Yank air officers took reconnaissance photos which revealed that the city's vast railroad yards were filled to 95% capacity.

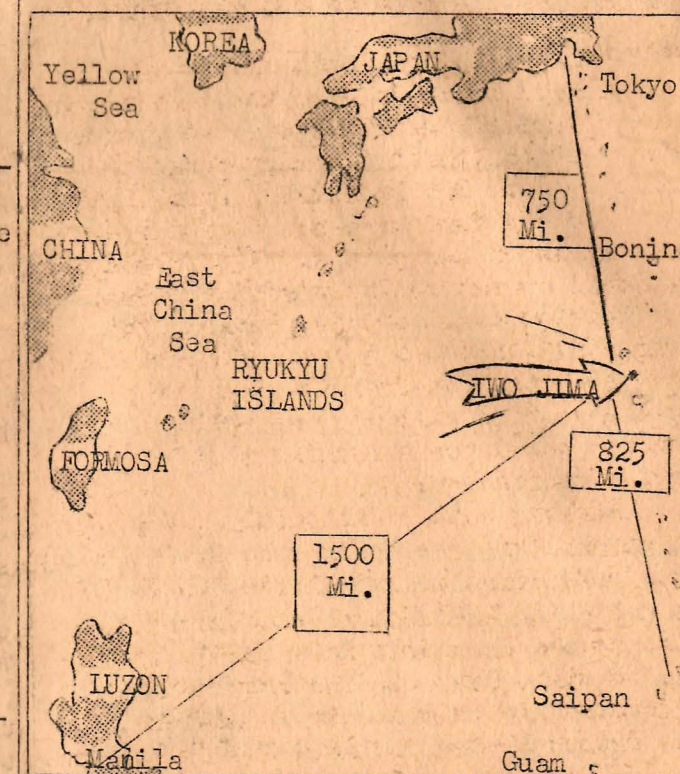
The reconnaissance mission over Nuernberg was followed up last Tuesday by a tactical one. Nine hundred Fortresses and seven hundred escorting Mustangs and Thunderbolts hammered this city in Southern Germany. Nuernberg lies 90 miles north of Munich.

NAZIS IN ITALY TRY PEACEFUL PERSUASION

**Feb 22--Resourceful Nazis in Italy tried to convince British soldiers that the Allied cause was hopeless. They set up a loudspeaker and staged a propaganda broadcast. They received their ovation in the form of heavy mortar fire.

The Nazis also tried more forceful methods of persuasion when they counter-attacked the Tommies near Fusignano. British troops threw them back.

American Fifth Army troops improved their positions in the coastal area west of Mt. Belvedere in the face of German mortar and machine gun fire.



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that supplies were going ashore satisfactorily and that no estimate of casualties is yet available.

A correspondent on Iwo described the battle raging around Suribachi by saying that the volcano bristled with guns. Although completely cut off, Japanese troops are fighting to the last man from fortified caves and gun emplacements which stud the mountainside. This correspondent reported that Marines found pillboxes every ten feet or less at the base of the volcano.

Japanese guns were fired almost point blank at Leathernecks clambering up the steep rock sides. Fiercest resistance was met at the northern end of the beachhead where Japanese were supplementing their guns with anti-personnel rockets for the first time in Pacific warfare. Marines answered with flamethrower while the ceaseless fire of the warships rang over the island.

CHAPLIN: (Cont'd from Page Three)

charges, inspired by the vicious lies of sob sisters who were using her as a tool said Chaplin. Charlie continued, "The Berry case is being used to attack my character, discredit me with the public and banish me from the country for which my two sons are now fighting overseas."

"Reactionary columnists called me a Communist and an ingrate", said Chaplin, "but I am neither. I am an internationalist."

NAVY JET-FIGHTER TO SEE ACTION

(ANS)—A new jet-propelled fighter plane will soon be seeing action with the U. S. Fleet, says Artemus L. Gates, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air.

Flight characteristics of the new jet-propelled plane developed by the Navy are still strict military secrets, but Gates promises it "will play a spectacular part in forthcoming operations."

Gates also reveals that the Navy has already reorganized the plane complements of heavy carriers of the Essex class to include a large number of fighter-bombers—the first time in Navy history!

According to Gates, "carriers of this class will carry a much augmented squadron of fighter planes which have been fitted as fighter-bombers. These fast planes are capable of carrying a 1,000 pound bomb at 400-miles an hour within a limited range.

She was the kind of girl who wore the kind of dresses that kept everyone warm but her.

CHINA GETS AST SCHOOLS

***Feb 22--Six specialized training schools now are operating or about to open in China under direction of Lieutenant General Albert Wedemeyer, the U. S. China Theater Commander.

Chinese troops engaged the Japanese forces in a furious battle near Ichang, close to the border between Hunan and Kwangtung Provinces. More than 500 of the enemy were killed. Ichang is about 100 miles south of Hengyang.

WASHINGTON:--Senate Democratic leader Barkley predicted that the Senate would confirm Wallace as the Secretary of Commerce on March 1st, now that the George Bill re-defining economic powers had passed the House by an overwhelming vote.

NEW YORK:--Gloria Morgan Vanderbilt De Cicco, who had to pawn some of her jewels last year to get by on her \$60,000 annual allowance, will become owner of \$4,363,099 on February 20th, when she becomes 21.

LLOYD GEORGE CRITICALLY ILL

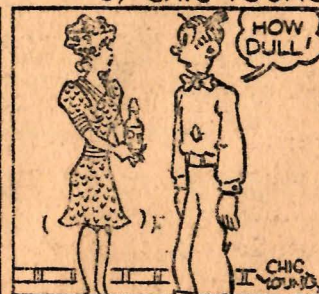
***Feb 22--David Lloyd George, Britain's older statesman, is critically ill in his home at Wales. George, now 82 years old was England's Prime Minister during World War I.

She's the kind who loves to whisper sweet nothing doings in your ear.

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Unit Reporters Column

A TRIBUTE TO THE ENGINEERS

On Wednesday morning, February 14th, the 321st Engineer Battalion, under the command of Lt. Col. S. R. Kelley, honored its heroes of the Leyte campaign in a special ceremony at San Jose. Major General Bradley presented the Purple Heart to wounded veterans, and the Bronze Star to others for meritorious service. Following these presentations the General praised the Engineers for their excellent showing in combat. Tribute was also paid to our honored dead as the entire Battalion was led in prayer by Chaplain Jackson.

Following the Chaplain's words three volleys were fired and Taps were sounded in honor of those who had made the supreme sacrifice.

The battalion then passed in review before General Bradley. Returning to the bivouac area, the 321st resumed their duties. A bigger job had been promised by General Bradley, and the Engineers were preparing to accomplish it.

The following officers and men of the Battalion received awards:

The Purple Heart:

Major Edward A. Martell; Capt J. R. Kneisler; S/Sgt R. C. Spicer; Sgt J. M. Blair; Tec 5 H. J. Tepper; Pfc R. L. Hawthorne; Pfc V. E. Lockhart; Pfc W. J. Strosnider.

The Bronze Star:

Capt M. P. Lager; 1st Lt F. Ashford, Jr; 1st Lt. M. Hanson; 1st Lt M. J. Larson; S/Sgt J. Maccono; S/Sgt R. C. Spicer; Cpl C. J. Moran; Tec 5 C. A. Atkinson; Tec 5 F. E. Starner; Pfc C. A. Davis, Jr; Pfc L. A. Rieder.

The 96th Division band, under WO Krog, supplied music for the ceremony.

Aren't people funny? - If you tell a man there are 270,678,943,341 stars in the universe he'll believe it, but if a sign says

Editors Note: This masterpiece of personification is the third in a series of poems typifying the Deadeye contributors.

GROUP III SELF PRAISE TYPE

OUR OUTFIT

We came eight thousand miles, the Philip-
pines to save
So you can see we are very brave.

On this operation we didn't have much work
But what there was to do you can be sure
we didn't shirk.

We don't get much praise
Although the Japs know just how much hell
we raise.

We're rough, we're ready, we know just
what to do
And most of all, we're Deadeyes--just
like you.
People call us four-F's and say we are not
soldiers
But we can handle a carbine and know judo
and have strong shoulders.

We don't build bridges like the engineers
or wear infantry blue.

Some day we'll go back to the Dodgers and
double headers
Because, you see, we're that fighting out-
fit,
The 529th Snow Shoe Retreaders!

T/5 Gallahed Trueheart III

fresh paint - that same man has to make
a personal investigation.

"Missing will definitely not shorten onc's
life" doctor's say - but it does make
time pass more quickly.