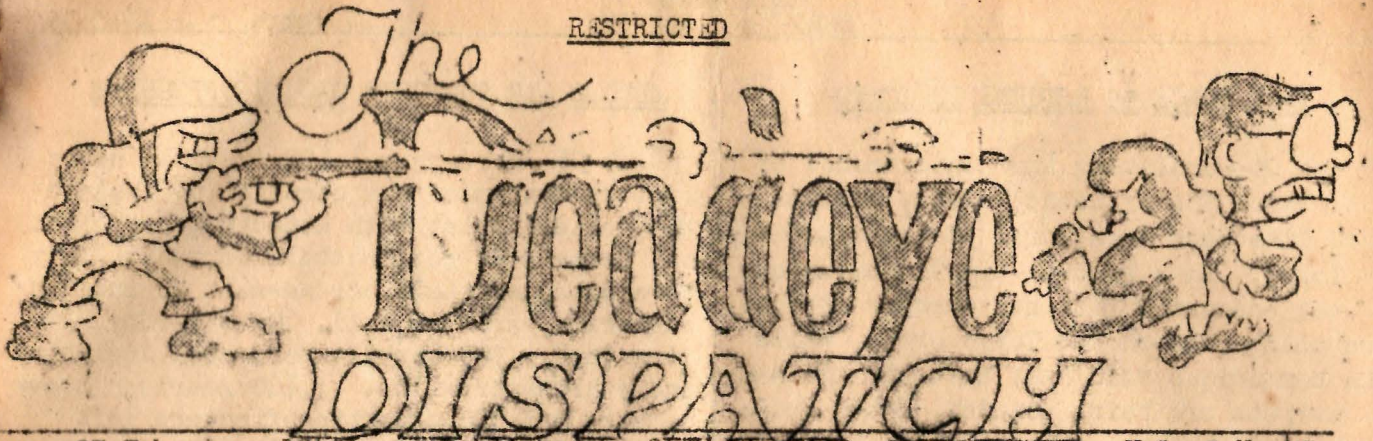


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ALL OUT ON WESTERN FRONT!

IRVING BERLIN GUEST OF 96TH DIV  
by John Sutor

Irving Berlin, best-known and best-loved of American popular song writers and entertainers is to appear as the stellar attraction at the Deadeye Theatre tonight, Tuesday, 27 February at 1900. While awaiting arrangements for a full-scale production of his show, "This is the Army", Mr. Berlin is the guest of the 96th Division. Appearing with him tonight will be the 96th Division Band under the direction of C.O. Shetney, along with such other favorites as the "Quintones" and the "G.I. Gypsies."

Playing to an audience of several thousand, the 381st Infantry entertained Mr. Berlin Sunday evening with a show fronted by the Division Band. This show presented something new to 96th audiences in the person of three entertainers from the WACs. Sgt Patricia Darr, dancer, displayed her talent and charms to advantage in a Hula dance, and a tap routine. Personality singer, Jimmy Jindersak and Sgt Ruth Haake, ballad songstress, each triumphed in her own field. The "Quintones" and the "Gypsies" maintained as always their unflinching high standard of performance. Master of Ceremonies was Lt. Robert Barrett.

Mr. Berlin delighted the audience with his singing of his own songs such as; "Oh how I Hate to Get Up In the Morning", "Alexander's Ragtime Band" and "White Christmas". As encores he sang his new tunes,

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\*\*\*Feb 26--The Western Front is ablaze with Allied flame and thunder as General Eisenhower gets his final drive rolling. Battling forward on a 20-mile front toward the Rhine, the American and Ninth Armies gained nearly five miles across the Cologne plain beyond the Roer River. Forward spearheads are already only 12 miles from the Ruhr Basin and 19 miles from Cologne. Jurich has been captured, and Duren, astride the super-highway to Cologne, is half-cleared. Massed Allied artillery is battering German village after village.

Simpson's fresh American Ninth Army was gaining momentum after driving through the village of Baal. This village is 12 miles southwest of Muenchen Gladbach, an industrial city at the western edge of the Ruhr. A staff officer of these same American forces who had driven beyond Baal said, "We are looking down their throats." Battle planes supported the drive by strafing and bombing German troops. German rail traffic was disorganized by the great preliminary bombings.

Canadian First Army troops lashed out in new actions on the northern end of the Western Front. Their scout forces had reached almost to the edge of Calcar without much resistance. An Allied communique stated that during this drive, the American Ninth Army was placed in Marshal Montgomery's Army Group for tactical reasons. Lt. General Omar Bradley still has the American First and Third Armies.

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TASK FORCE 58 RETURNS TO TOKYO

\*\*\*Feb 26--Emulating the achievements of Task Force 58A of Deadeye fame, Admiral Mark Mitschers Task Force 58 has returned to Tokyo. In a special Nimitz communique it was announced that new carrier attacks are being made on the Tokyo area. While the communique said only that air and naval targets are being pounded, Tokyo radio announced that the attack, which started Sunday morning, was bigger than last week's carrier raid on the Japanese capital.

The Japanese radio broadcast that 1600 American planes are attacking from Tokyo to Yokohama in separate groups of 200. The previous raid ended a week ago after our carrier task force pinned down the bulk of Jap air power while the rest of the Pacific Fleet hammered Iwo Island preliminary to the Marine landings. These two major raids, coming a week apart, have brought American carrier task forces closer to Japan's heartland than at any previous time. In last week's attack over 600 Jap aircraft were destroyed or damaged.

200 SUPERFORTS RAID TOKYO

\*\*\*Feb 26--Tokyo has received its largest Superfortress raid. More than 200 B-29's  
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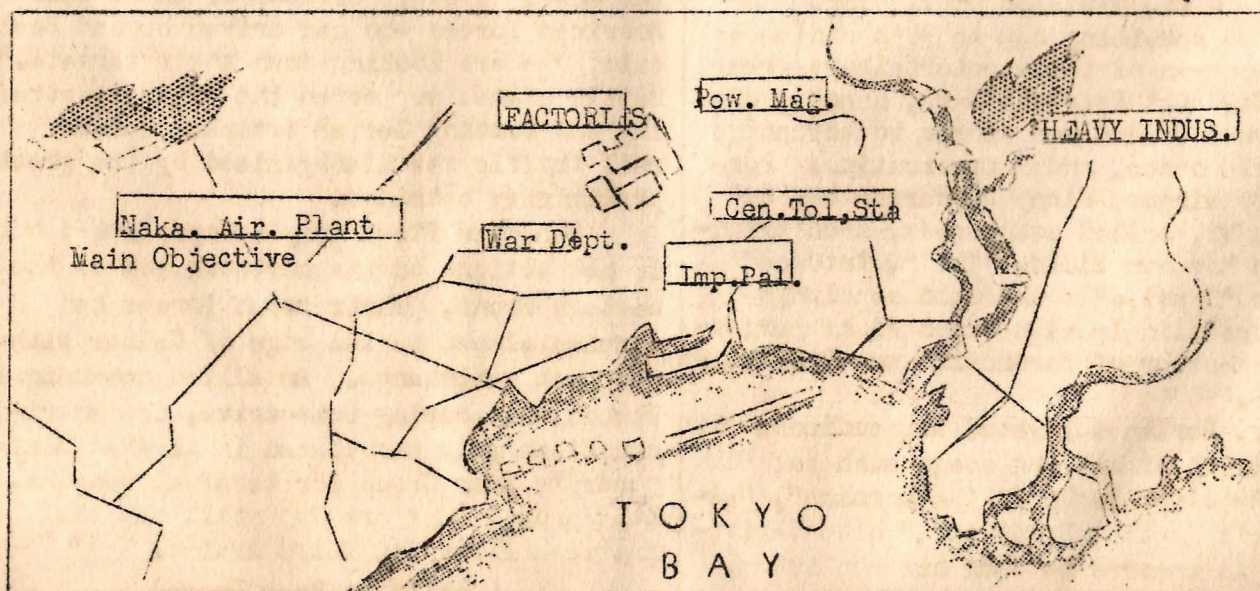
ALLIED AIR SUPPORTS GROUND OFFENSIVE

\*\*\*Feb 26--More than 1,100 American heavy bombers continued the campaign to isolate the Western Front with attacks on rail and oil targets in northwestern Germany. They have extended their air assault to include submarine yards as well. On Saturday, more than 3,300 sorties were made against enemy transportation. 1,100 American heavy bombers and 500 escorting fighters left England and broke into small task forces to hit various targets. Among the targets were oil refineries at Misburg, Hamburg U-boat pens, and Bremen. 700 RAF planes hit a refinery near Dortmund while American heavies from Italy attack rail installations at Graz and Klagenfurt Austria.

BRESLAU ANOTHER BUDAPEST

\*\*\*Feb 26--German and Moscow accounts agree that fighting in encircled Breslau had mounted in fury. The Soviet Radio said that the Breslau garrison had been ordered to fight to the death. As a result, Marshal Konev told his assaulting forces to "tear it to pieces, stone by stone."

Elsewhere, little activity other than artillery duels were reported. Red Army  
(Cont'd on Page Seven)

TARGET FOR TODAY -- TOKYO!

BATTLE OF MANILA ENDS

\*\*\*Feb 16--The bloody, hand-to-hand battle for South Manila is over. After successfully releasing 3,000 civilians held by the enemy, Yank doughfeet completely overwhelmed the Jap force in the Walled City. Troops of the 37th Infantry and 1st Cavalry Divisions moved in on the unyielding Jap garrison after American artillery had blasted huge holes in the Intramuros walls.

Rescued civilians in the Walled City represented many nationalities, the largest element being Filipino. All of them suffered unbelievable indignities and danger including some Catholic nuns.

More than 12,000 Japanese dead have been counted in Manila, but there are still many more to add to this figure. Known enemy dead on Corregidor total about 2300 while thousands more are trapped in the 100 blasted and sealed tunnels of the rock. Enemy casualties on both Luzon and Leyte so far exceed 200,000.

Striking 40 miles south of Manila, Yank paratroopers wiped out the entire Jap guard at the Los Banos prison camp. They then freed 2146 civilians from the camp as Filipino ground troops assisted their airborne landing. Most of the civilian internees were American and only two were hurt during the raid. Among those rescued were 11 Navy nurses captured at Cavite in 1941.

Gen. MacArthur announced that these victories presaged the early clearance of the enemy from all Philippines. To speed

LOST

Between Dulag and Jaro late Wednesday evening Feb 21, one pay book with Immunization record, 40 pesos and \$11 in bills.

Reward  
Pfc Robert G. Ewig, 33297431  
Battery A, 921st FA Bn  
APO 96

LOST

Two boxes, standard size, bearing shipment No. 54113-T. Box numbers 11 and 12. Any information concerning these boxes will be appreciated by 96th C.I.C. Detachment. Phone Capital 74.

Joseph A. Goette  
2nd Lt. F.D.  
Operations Off.

LOST

Foot Locker on Rear Echelon Shipping: Marking R-26, 94584-11. Lt. Col. T. D. Turner. Finder please notify DISPATCH Office.

that hour, the 33rd Infantry Division of Illinois' National Guard, was thrown into action. They became the 10th American division to join the fighting on Luzon.

WESTERN FRONT: (Cont'd from Page One)

In the center of the flaming battlefront, Patton's Third Army gained four miles while rolling through 23 German



GEN DWIGHT EISENHOWER

towns and capturing 1,400 Nazi prisoners near the Eifel mountains. Gen. Eisenhower said he had no hope of an imminent enemy collapse, and anticipated a hard fight to the end when armies from the west meet the Russians "in the center of Germany." "I expect," continued Eisenhower, "to destroy every

German west of the Rhine in the area where we are attacking." At the same time, Eisenhower said he expected German guerrilla activity very likely after the end of organized resistance. He also stated that he had satisfactory liaison with the Red Army.

EGYPT JOINS ALLIED WAR CAMP  
PREMIER ASSASSINATED

\*\*\*Feb 26--Egypt declared war on Germany and Japan yesterday as tragedy stalked through the Egyptian halls of Parliament. Just as Egyptian Prime Minister Ahmed Maher was reading the Royal decree declaring war in the Chamber of Deputies, he was fatally shot by an assassin. King Farouk had left the Chamber only a few minutes earlier. The assassin was arrested shortly afterwards, and was described as 22 years old and an extremist party member.

Egypt's declaration of war on the Axis followed Turkey's example the other day.

SUPERFORTS: (Cont'd)

from the Mariannas attacked the Tokyo area Sunday. While no further details were given in the official announcement, it was revealed that this raid marked the end of the development stage of the giant plane and that a new phase of the aerial battle against Japan was beginning.

Another 150 Superforts hit the Singapore dock area Sunday with good results. It was the second blow of the month by the India based B-29's. Only weak fighter opposition was encountered and none of the B-29's was lost to enemy action. American fliers saw smoke billow up 20,000 feet as their bombs hit harbor facilities the Japs captured from the British three years ago.

LEATHERNECKS MOVE IN FOR KILL ON IWO JIMA

\*\*\*Feb 26--On tiny Iwo Island, a slow and painful fight is in progress for possession of the central airfield. Three Marine divisions have been thrown into the struggle and now control half of the strategic air strip. After a previous statement by Admiral Nimitz that there were no marked changes in the lines, it has been announced that the Marines gained three to five hundred yards in the face of fierce Japanese resistance.

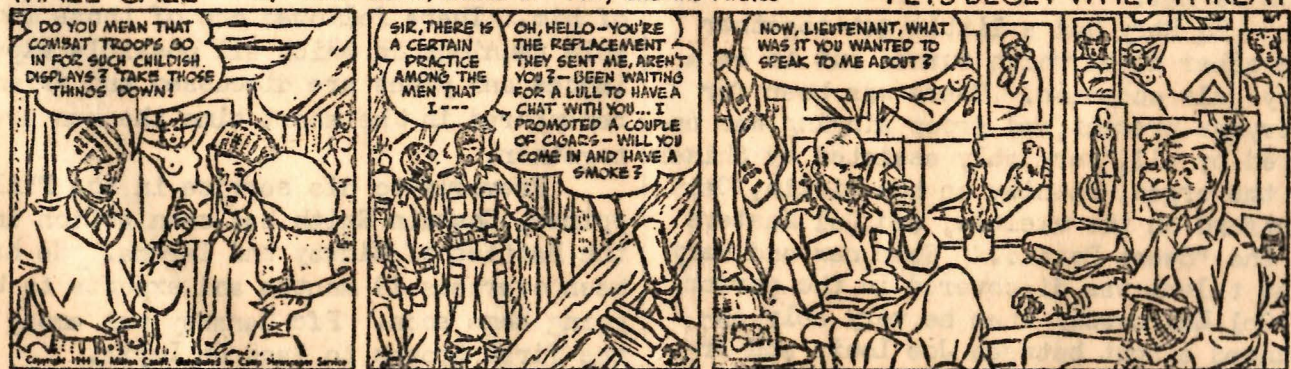
Vice Admiral Turner said that the final drive is on, as American warships moved in closer to back the ground offensive. The Marines are advancing through thick minofields into a network of interlocking underground strongpoints. Jap defenders are throwing everything in the book at the advancing Leathernecks, including their new half-ton rocket and a weapon similar to the American Bazooka.

Now what are you stopping for?  
I've lost my bearings.  
Anyway, you're original, most fellows run out of gas.

MALE CALL

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

PETS BEGET WHET THREAT



## Unit Reporters Column

HQ BTRY 361ST FA BN

Through the efforts of the DEADEYE, the 381st Inf 2nd Bn "Batmen" and Hq Btry 361st FA Bn finally met in their first ball game, Feb 12th on the Infantry field. The Infantry took the lead early in the game and kept it during the complete seven innings. In the last inning Hq Btry tried a rally but succeeded in scoring only four runs. The final score was 8-4, Infantry. After the ball game there was a horse shoe match scheduled, the winner being the best three out of five. It was a very close match, each team having won two games a piece at the end of the fourth game. Hq Btry came through in the fifth game by a score of 21-14, thereby winning the match. Some very good pitching was exhibited by both sides. Sgt Shields and Cpl Richards of Hq Btry totaled 24 ringers, while Hanson and Veihmeir of the Infantry totaled 16 ringers. The next day the two teams met once more on the field of battle, this time on the Artillery field. The game proved to be a real thriller from start to finish, and Hq Btry finally emerged victor in the 11th inning. You can always look forward to an exciting game when those Infantry boys play ball. They have an exceedingly good team who are always on their toes. We are anxiously looking forward to our next game with them. Since playing the "Batmen", Hq Btry has also scored victories over 382nd Anti-Tank Co and Division Signal.

Hq Btry had a little get-together the other night which turned out to be a very gala occasion. There was beer for everyone present, and group singing was enjoyed by all, very ably assisted by Shiner on the organ, Stanley on the violin, Capt Hartford on the ukelele, and Col Masters on the "Sweet Potato." Some new and very fine talent was discovered in the person of Cpl Malinowsky when he very ably announced a bout between Joe Louis and Arturo Godoy - a real Clem McCarthy. The

highlight of the evening's entertainment was the appearance in a "can-can" number of those scintillating stars of stage and screen -- none other than that glamorous pair - Cpl Blackmire and McGrath.

TO A FILIPINO LASS

Dark brown beauty  
With elfin face,  
Would your charms  
I could embrace.

But that odor that you wear,  
On your person, in your hair,  
Oil of coconuts is there.  
T'is a scent I cannot bear.

O! that nature  
Made you sweet,  
Like the flowers  
'Neath your feet.

by - Jack Oglesby 19118728  
363rd FA Bn

BUDDIES MEET IN PHILIPPINES

"I certainly was glad to see him!" Pfc Ernest Ganaway was recounting how he and his home town buddy, Coxswain Phil Smith of Morgan City, Louisiana, had met in the Philippines. Pfc Ganaway had been driving down a muddy island road when he saw a familiar figure cross the road ahead of him. There followed one of those memorable reunions in which all possible experiences and plans are discussed and friends remembered in the short time the men are together.

Previous to his service in the Philippines, Coxswain Smith had seen action in the Battles of Midway and Tarawa. He has been overseas 19 months and expects to be going home soon. Pfc Ganaway was among the first troops to land on Leyte.

Hqs Co, 2nd Bn, 382nd Inf

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Capt D. W. Millsaps, Jr., Officer in Charge

Editors Note: A news item printed in last Sunday's DISPATCH concerning Turkey's declaration of war on the Axis, in which it was erroneously mentioned that Franz von Papen was a former champagne salesman stirred a diplomatic tempest. Herewith, we publish some of the letters received in the DEADEYE office.

HERR EDITOR:

Where do you get that stuff about that shlemiel Franz von Papen being a former champagne salesman? Call him a fish peddler if you will, but I'll have you know that the champagne concession in the Third Reich belongs to me. Ambassador von Papen can't even sell schmaltze, let alone Turkey.

When it comes to champagne, I am the greatest expert in all Europe. I have sold more of it, I have drunk more of it, than any man in Europe. I have even taken baths in it. In fact, it pours out of my ears. I am sending you via parcel post a case of my best champagne. With the speedy postal service which you have been enjoying, you should receive this not later than VE Day plus 6 months.

HERR VON RIBBENTROP

HERR VON RIBBENTROP:

Thanks for your kind letter. We are mortified at our mistake. We cannot understand how that dunkopf who writes our editorials could confuse a rat like you with a louse like von Papen. As far as champagne concessions go, we will do our best to reserve the exclusive champagne rights in hell for you.

Thanks for your offer of champagne, but for God's sake don't send it thru our APO. They would drink it all up themselves. Just send it to Tokyo and we will pick it up on our way through there.

IRVING BERLIN: (Cont'd from Page One)

as yet unpublished, which were written for the Fifth Army while he was with them in Italy. They were sung for the first time six days after our troops occupied Rome. These songs range from such present day subjects as Wacs in Slacks and something about Foxholes Without Wings, to songs for the future concerning Post-War Planning. The 96th Division Band was the reci-

ipient of high praise both in audience-response and from Mr. Berlin who was unstinting in his enthusiasm for the professional excellency of its work under the most adverse conditions. Having no opportunity for rehearsal, and playing without score, the band played Berlin's songs in whatever key best suited his voice.

The Deadeye Theatre is located in the Division CP. All are invited.

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BATAAN NURSES ARRIVE IN CALIFORNIA

\*\*\*Feb 26--Heroines of Bataan and Corregidor arrived at Hamilton Field, California Saturday. Two transports and a hospital plane brought the 67 army nurses and one Red Cross worker from Luzon. Major Maude Davidson, 59 year old nurse, was senior officer. She had lost 67 pounds after Corregidor and weighed only 80 pounds when freed from the Santo Tomas prison camp.

One nurse asked, "Where is Mrs. Roosevelt now?" The last she had heard was that the President's wife was in Australia. That news reached Santo Tomas in 1943 via the grapevine. The song, "Remember Pearl Harbor" was brand new to these nurses. General MacArthur gave each nurse one rank promotion when rescued.

TOO BIG FOR A DUFFEL BAG

One of the operations' largest souvenirs was hauled in recently by four members of one of the Deadeye artillery outfits. A Japanese field piece was discovered by the four while out patrolling west of Dagami, and working on the assumption that if a pistol is valuable a cannon must be many times more so, the men began dragging it down the mountain. The four "lucky boys" were Cpl Archie Cupp, and Pfs's Virgil C. Lemons, Tee Wilson, and Anthony Monroe.

Reaching a rice paddy the men borrowed a native's caribou and towed the weapon back to their camp. With the aid of a few buckets of paint, the men painted the former Jap weapon red, white, and blue. It now patriotically adorns their battery position, serving a worthwhile purpose at long last.

JJA

GUAM: Cable communications from Guam to the United States via Honolulu was restored about Christmas time, it was revealed. This was the first time since the Japs had taken the island in the early days of the war.

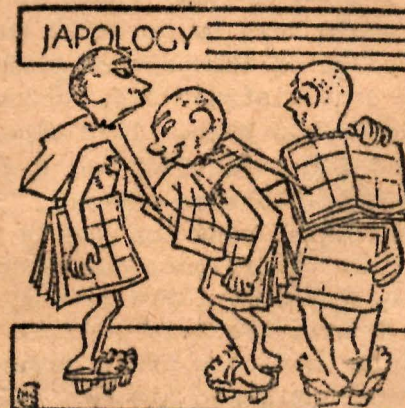
RED ARMY: Cont'd from Page Two)

forces had pushed to within 33 miles of Danzig while still others took nine towns in the shrinking enemy pocket southwest of Konigsburg in East Prussia. Poznan in western Poland was captured yesterday, opening what had been a supply bottleneck for the First White Russian Army. Field dispatches say that the Red Army has crossed the Neise River in strength south-east of Berlin.

Adolph Hitler had another message for the Old Guards of the Nazi Party. He said that Germany had taken such a terrible beating that now "there is no greater terror in store for us." He called upon every man, woman and child in Germany to fight to the last breath, and threatened any shirkers with death.

DODGE WAR PLANT TIED UP BY STRIKE

\*\*\*Feb 26--Practically all production at the Dodge plant of the Chrysler Corporation stopped Saturday with a strike of 11,000 employees in protest of firing eight men accused of loafing. Local United Auto Workers Union approves the strike. But the International UAW Union disapproves the strike and has ordered the men back.



The Japs are set to fight a hundred year war. Every Jap worker pays back from 30% to 90% of his wages to the government, either in bonds, taxes or savings. He eats two-thirds less than before the war. He wears paper clothes and cardboard shoes. In Japan, they're "all-out" for victory

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A DIRECT HIT

Tap, tap, tap, drum the raindrops on the poncho which I had stretched as a roof over my "bed", a double layer of boards on the rainsoaked, maddy Philippine soil. It's 0615 in the morning, and the dim light of dawn barely penetrates the low hanging layer of moisture loaded steel gray clouds. The whistle had just beckoned for chow, and anticipating a plateful of delicious hotcakes with plenty of jam and a cup of steaming hot Java, I reluctantly put on my clothes, bent on braving the elements to satisfy my growling stomach.

Suddenly, from somewhere way up high comes the droning of motors, and one can clearly discern the Jap's engine, the sound of a heavy truck laboring uphill, and the familiar din of our P-38 engines. Closer and closer comes the roar, and soon, between the layers of floating mist one can get an occasional glimpse of a Zeko chased by two of our valiant fighters. It is evident that the dishonorable son of Nippon was trying to sneak to a nearby airstrip to drop his lethal load there. Now, however, the picture has changed. With two perful fighters on his tail, and unwilling to give his life for his God-emporer just yet, he has to jettison his load to get greater speed. There it is. Wide eyed I see a long bulky stick curve from the fuselage of the pursued plane, which is yet some distance off. Closer and closer looms the bomb. It's close, and there, not 100 yards from me, a geyser of mud and debris blossoms skyward. The concussion places me none too gently in a nice sea of mud. Where once our beautiful 8-hole latrine reposed, there is only a big, gaping crater, which is rapidly filling with water. But soon after another "son of heaven" has taken his place in hell.

A rapid muster disclosed that the place, so appreciated by those afflicted with "GI blues", by sheer luck was empty at the time, and many a brave soldier gives thanks to the Lord for letting him be either too early or too late.

by Tec 5 Julius Mayer, 321 Engr Bn

Protestant Services will be conducted by Chaplain Howard Patrick of the Division Artillery in DivArty area each Sunday evening at 1730 until further notice.

SPRING ELECTIONS IN STATES

State elections are being held this spring in the states of Michigan, New Jersey, and Wisconsin and applications for absentee ballots will now be accepted by all states. The elections will be held on the following dates: Michigan, April 2nd; New Jersey, May 15th; and in Wisconsin on April 3rd. In order to be eligible to be counted, soldiers' ballots must be received by the appropriate officials by the date of the election.

The offices to be voted for in Michigan are: Superintendent of Public Instruction; member of the State Board of Education; State Highway Commissioner; Supreme Court Justices; regents of the U. of Michigan; members of the State Board of Agriculture, and local officers.

JJA.

STETTINIUS "SELIS" WORLD PEACE AT MEXICO

\*\*\*Feb 26--Visiting Mexico City to participate in the new Inter-American Conference, Secretary of State Stettinius is launching a super sales campaign. He is attempting to interest all the American nations on the world peace principles developed recently at the Dumbarton Oaks conference in Washington. That the original Dumbarton Oaks proposals were incomplete was made clear by Stettinius. He added that the recent Big Three conference supplemented the original proposals made at Dumbarton Oaks. Also at the Mexico City confab, Asst. Sec. of State Archibald Mac Leish, speaking on the decision reached on Poland by the Big Three, said it was more or less an accident of history that the boundaries set for Poland were not agreed upon after the last war.