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# YANKS DRIVE TOWARD RHINE

## FORRESTAL ON IWO JIMA

\*\*\*Feb 27--Navy Secretary Forrestal observed the Iwo landings from a flag-ship and later went ashore to observe the Marine ground fighting. Afterwards, Secretary Forrestal visited Guam for a conference with Fleet Admiral Nimitz. Broadcasting from Guam Sunday, Forrestal said, "The tremendous storm of metal thrown into Iwo sharpens the necessity for continuing the output of munitions in plants at home. Only because of that rain of metal can the island be reduced at all. Because of it, our ratio of losses is far less than it otherwise would have been." Forrestal continued, "We had to land where they expected, and it had to be a frontal assault. We will be digging dead Japanese and some live ones out of caves and underground forts for many weeks to come."

The three Marine divisions on Iwo Island began a new attack for the central airfield. They captured all of one strip of the airdrome and two-thirds of another despite fierce enemy resistance. Naval gunfire and carrier as well as land-based Liberators supported the ground action. Marines on Iwo now have the first land-based heavy bomber support in the central Pacific since Tarawa.

Jap night raiders attacked Saturday night, but caused no damage to American units. Ironically, the enemy's bombs fell inside enemy territory. 2,827 dead Japs have been counted on Iwo.

\*\*\*Feb 27--Four American armies on Europe's Western Front are driving hard toward the Rhine River. The American First Army has already captured Duren and a score of other German towns. With a great bridgehead across the Roer River now behind them, the First and Ninth Armies are now seven miles deep into Germany and only fifteen miles from Cologne.

American troops are now five miles from the Erft River, last natural defensive barrier short of the Rhine itself. Slightly to the north, Ninth Army units stand ten miles from Munchon-Gladbach.. This German industrial city has a population of over 200,000. The Canadian First Army is still making progress on the extreme northern end of the front.

General Patton's Third Army has crossed the Prum River at two points within six miles of Bitburg. Farther south, Third Army armored units sent tanks across the Saar River in twin thrusts toward the Rhine. While the First and Ninth knocked out large gains, the Seventh Army was poised for another thrust. It made no big gains yesterday on the southern end of the Western Front.

On the 13th day of their super-aerial offensive over Germany, more than 5,000 Allied planes of seven air commands bombed and strafed the German homeland. The biggest formation was a fleet of over 1100 American heavy bombers from England which pounded Munich, Aschaffenburg and Ulm. Fighter planes destroyed 41 enemy planes.

HARI KIRI FOR JAPS ON CORREGIDOR

\*\*\*Feb 27--Violent underground explosions have been shaking Corregidor since last Wednesday, it was reported. It is believed that trapped Japanese in Corregidor's many tunnels are committing mass hari kiri in hopes of blowing up American positions. One blast buried several Americans alive, and injured others.

General MacArthur announced capture by the 1st Cavalry Division of San Isidro and Montalban east of Manila. Spearheads are nearly 18 miles east of Manila. Units of the 11th Airborne Division crossed San Juan River some 15 miles south of captured Muntinlupa.

American planes attacked from northern Luzon to Borneo. They set afire one 5,000 ton tanker off Indo-China and damaged a 7,000 ton transport off Swatow China. Yank fliers also sunk troop laden barges at various places and hit six airdromes on northern Borneo.

JAPS ADVANCE IN CHINA

\*\*\*Feb 27--Japanese troops on the Chinese mainland have captured the town of Shang, west of the Canton-to-Hankow Railway, 100 miles south of Hongyang. Chinese forces claimed they killed 100 Japanese before giving up the town.

PREMIER GETS BIG FUNERAL

\*\*\*Feb 27--Police in Cairo, Egypt have arrested 50 persons following the assassination of Prime Minister Maher in the Chamber of Deputies last Saturday. The arrests were precautionary measures during the inquiries of the assassin. The assassin was taken shortly after the shooting.

A state funeral for Maher Sunday was followed by one of the longest funeral processions ever seen in the Eastern Hemisphere. It included detachments of the Egyptian Army and contingents of the British South African, Indian, American troops

REDS DRIVE TOWARD BALTIC

\*\*\*Feb 27--Tank spearheads of the Red Army smashed to within 60 miles of the Baltic coast in a drive aimed at splitting Pomerania and isolating German troops in the Danzig area. A late Moscow communique revealed the Red Army capture of the strongpoint of Preussich-Friedland in Pomerania.

The drive is gaining through lake country seven miles west of Crojnice on the Polish frontier. Rail and highway connections between Berlin and Danzig have already been severed. Three thousand Germans were killed in this new drive while 2,000 others are reported annihilated in East Prussia.

To the south, the battle inside Breslau continued bitterly from block to block. Hitler has ordered this by-passed strongpoint defended until the last man. Soviet troops are systematically eliminating the Nazi garrison in a battle that rivals Budapest for ferocity.

SKI TROOPS IN ITALY

\*\*\*Feb 27--In Italy, the American 10th Mountain Division was revealed as the captors of Mount Belvedere. This was the first mention of the 10th Division, which included the 85th, 86th and 87th Mountain Regiments.

These mountain regiments trained at Camp Hale, Colorado and are skilled as ski troops as well as mountain climbers. After repulsing German counterattacks beyond Belvedere, they captured the mountain, which is 29 miles southwest of Bologna.

NY NIGHTSPOTS CLOSE AT MIDNIGHT

New York City's Mayor LaGuardia announced Sunday that Manhattan night clubs would have to close at midnight Monday in accordance with the new government curfew order. He had previously told the clubs to wait for his official announcement, which he said would be given with ample warning.

MOUNTIES TANGLE WITH DRAFT DODGERS

\*\*\*Feb 27--When Canadian Royal Mounted Police and Provost Corpsmen of the Canadian Army combed the town of Drummondville, for draft dodgers and deserters a riot broke out last Saturday. The police fought a two hour battle with the deserters in the Quebec town. A possible 100 persons were injured.

Drummondville was being searched for a large number of persons who had failed to return from leaves to the Canadian Army, as well as those who didn't bother to comply with draft regulations in the first place. 25 persons were arrested on charges of interfering with the Canadian police.

YOU CAN HAVE AFTERNOON TEA IN LONDON!

Breakfast in New York and afternoon tea in London on the same day is now a post-war certainty according to the Consolidated-Vultee Aircraft Corporation of San Diego. Consolidated will build a fleet of passenger clippers for Pan-American World Airways which will carry 204 passengers at cruising speeds of 340 miles per hour. Passengers of the proposed six-engined planes will sit in air conditioned cabins and travel at an altitude of 30,000 feet to avoid storms. Wingspread of the post-war giants will be 230 feet, more than twice that of present day B-24 Liberators. Pan-American officials say the completely double deck clippers will make the New York to London run in a little over nine hours.

WLB ORDERS STRIKERS BACK TO WORK

\*\*\*Feb 27--The War Labor Board has ordered nearly 14,000 Detroit Dodge workers to end the strike which started last Friday and virtually halted production of plane and tank parts. Strikers must resume work by Monday, said the WLB, or the Local United Auto Workers' Union must show cause. The local union, however, is not supported by the UAW International, which has also ordered the men to return to their work.

Dodge Company officials originally fired eight union men accused of loafing by the company. This was the union's reason for the strike. The union then charged the Dodge Company with a "speedup" program.

NEW GLIDER RECORD

\*\*\*Feb 27--The Curtiss Wright Company has claimed a new non-stop distance record for one of its gliders. Flying from Karachi to Calcutta, India, the glider made the 1320 mile flight in seven hours and 45 minutes. A commando air transport towed the glider which was loaded with two tons of Christmas packages. The previous glider record was a distance of 1177 miles.

WE APOLOGIZE

Thru oversight the name of Morty Rappaport was omitted from the list of entertainers who appeared on the show with Irving Berlin at the 381st Inf. Morty, formerly a member of Fred Waring's Glee Club, stopped the show as he has so often done in the past with Kate Smith and Eddie Cantor.

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Editors Note: In keeping with our policy of presenting both sides of a question, we herewith publish a letter received by the DISPATCH in reply to that published yesterday. It all started when Ambassador Von Papen Germany's representative to Turkey was erroneously labeled as a former champagne salesman, in confusion with Von Ribbentrop.

HERR EDITOR:

You've got your nerve printing that I'm a schlemiel. That louse Von Ribbentrop is blackening my clean character in front of all my good friends in America. He says I'm a lousy salesman. But did he mention that Turkey is much harder to sell than champagne. And that while he had the sole concession for champagne, those slickers Roosevelt and Churchill were cutting in on my Turkey business?

In fact, it was his lousy champagne that ruined my business, and that isn't sour grapes. When I got the Turks drunk on his champagne they woke up with such a hang-over the next morning that they throw me out of the palace. Then that Roosevelt smoothie sent the Turks a case of GI beer and they signed for him on the dotted line. So, you can see who the real schlemiel is.

Altho you've offended me deeply, I'll ask you one last favor. Don't send Von Ribbentrop's champagne to Tokyo. It just isn't kosher. They might drink it and they already have enough headaches without it. Just have him send it through your APO and let them open it. They'll drink anything.

HERR VON PAPEN

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HERR VON PAPEN:

Thanks for your advice about the champagne. We will have it sent through our APO but hope they don't get into it. We have received our last beer ration, and even Von Ribbentrop's lousy champagne is better than nothing. If we can get tuba, we'll give the champagne to the APO boys.

THE EDITOR

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"THE LITTLE THINGS THAT COUNT"

Nothing with Japanese writing on it is unimportant until proven so by experts who know! Just as a map is a picture of a unit's location, the personal belongings of its members give an accurate picture of the unit's morale. When you come across enemy material of any sort TURN IT IN! If you want it returned and it is of no further value to Intelligence, it will be returned to you. The importance of such items as maps and orders is obvious, but to some Deadeyes the information on post cards, magazines, etc. is overlooked. The results of the average contribution is very seldom witnessed, but nevertheless felt by every man.

# SPORTS--

The Chicago Blackhawks blanked the Boston Bruins at Chicago 5-0 the other night. Goalie Mike Karakas has held his opponents scoreless in two successive games a feat equaled only by Frank McCool of Toronto. In the American Hockey League, the Hershey Bears rolled up an 8-3 victory over the league-leading Cleveland Barons.

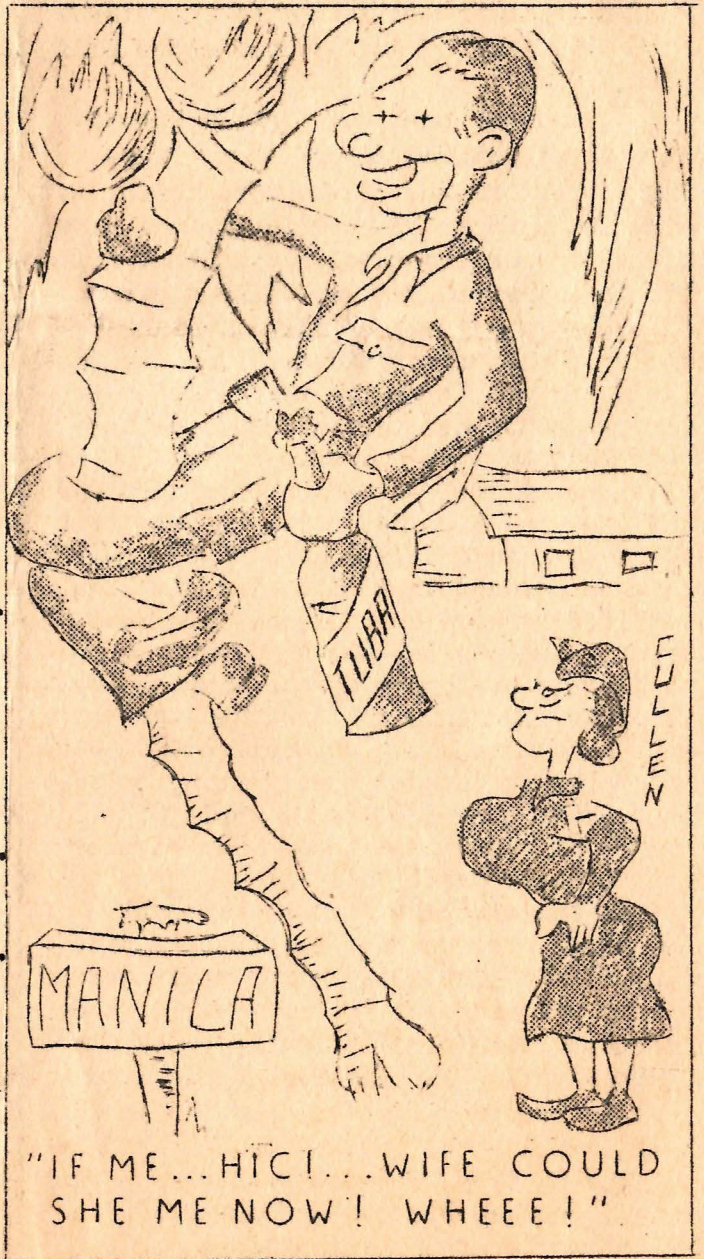
Here are some late basketball scores from all over the nation: In the Big Ten basketball race Iowa's unbeaten Hawkeyes barely escaped a torrid last-half rally by Wisconsin to defeat the Badgers 54-53. Ohio State pushed Illinois out of second place yesterday with a thumping 60-44 victory. Over on the east coast City College of New York beat Brooklyn College 57-54. Temple whipped Syracuse 49-31. And St. Johns cinched its bid for the eastern championship by defeating NYU 34-30. In the Southwestern Conference, where Rice has already won the championship, Arkansas swamped a weak Texas A&M team by 80-21. While in the southeast, Duke beat Maryland 76-49, and North Carolina defeated South Carolina 39-26. On the Pacific Coast, Southern Cal walloped UCLA 37-20, Washington State was victor over Washington, 53-42. The University of Oregon took possession of first place in the northern division by defeating the University of Idaho, 56-45.

Ohio State U. has erased the word acting from the title of football coach Carrol G. Widdoes and has also appointed him a full professor of physical education. Widdoes in his first year as a coach last season turned out what everyone agreed was the finest non-service team in the country. Ohio State won nine straight and took the Big Ten Championship.

At Gulfport, Mississippi, Sammy Snead the hot golfer from Hot Springs, Va. scored a victory in the playoff and won the five thousand buck open championship. This was Sammys fourth championship in the winter golf series. Byron Nelson, who placed second, has also won four tournays.

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## UNIT REPORTERS COLUMN

CO "C", 382ND INF

Take three mortar squads, two machine gun squads and toss in a Mess Sgt --- and what have you got? Non-combatants? Well friends, roll up that idea in your mattress cover and stick it on the bottom of the duffle bag. That theory is the bunk! The weapons platoon of Co C (382nd) proved its invalidity when they went out with rifles instead of their usual weapons on a three day patrol just to see how the other half lives.

We thought that our first day would end without getting any of those Drippy Nips to our credit. We were beginning to think the purpose of the mission was just to develop our leg muscles with that hill climbing. No kidding, we climbed more hills than Bayer has aspirins. Then a couple of the boys noticed a live Jap just sitting around trying to take life easy. Well, we made sure that he would -- he won't have to move a muscle again. To complete our mission we had to cross one more gulley -- one of those straight jobs that seemed to have a 89.9 degree slope. We began to descend in a file with our scout, Sgt Cliff Barker in the lead. Progress was very slow due to the thick underbrush and the extreme steepness of the ridge. About six of the 30 man patrol reached the bottom -- the rest were close on their heels --- when Barker noticed a hand resting on the bank. Then things began to pop! Of all things, we had walked into a Jap bivouac area and were practically standing on their tents! The six that were on the bottom of the gulley were as much surprised as the Nips, but it just took them a split second to take advantage of the situation. They all opened fire simultaneously and killed the Monkeys in all different types of positions -- sleeping on cots, washing in the creek, chewing the fat. Mess Sgt McKiddy got four of them, Sgt Klwjeski and Barker got three each, Platoon Sgt Claude Payne rid the world of one, machine gunner Pvt

Brown BAR'd two and Pfc Pete Henz also knocked out two. That brought the Grand Total to 15 in just 60 seconds! Realizing that the Japs greatly outnumbered us, the platoon sergeant decided to take advantage of the still existing confusion and climb back up that 200 foot ridge. Well, we did just that and the ascent proved much more difficult than the descent -- if that is possible. But we didn't mind the sweat, and the struggle and the mud. We felt good. We had killed 15! Pete Henz stole the show by putting a slug through the leg of a Jap. Pete used the off-hand standing position and at 500 yards hit his target. That's shooting! Incidentally, we captured that one alive.

Well, now when we walk around the battalion area, we have the rifle men gazing at us in awe--they should. Now that we've shown them that we can take the rifle and handle it expertly, let's see them partol with mortars and machine guns!

Abc Sitcov  
C Co, 382nd Inf.

361ST FA BN

The softball league that was started in the 361st FA Bn has turned out to be a huge success with a maximum amount of interest by everyone concerned. The first round of the league has been completed and we find "C" Btry on top by one-half game with Ho Btry close behind. Service Btry ranks third, with the Bn Officers and "B" Btry ranking fourth and fifth respectively.

The main rivalry within the league seems to be between "C" Btry and Hq Btry. Both have lost one game a piece up to this date -- to each other. They both have a pretty fair bunch of ballplayers, and you are assured of a thrilling game anytime they play against one another.

The league is to be rounded off by a two out of three series between the top two teams. We're all waiting expectantly for the results.