

# The DEAD-END DISPATCH

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## BERLINERS PREPARE FOR BATTLE

### THIRD LANDING ON LUZON

\*\*\*Feb 2--A third amphibious landing on Luzon Island was made yesterday by troops of the American Eighth Army. They landed on the west coast of Bataangas Province to the south of Manila, just below the lower jaw of Manila Bay. The landing place was Nasugbu.

Again the enemy was caught off balance reported General MacArthur. He said this new landing places the Eighth Army on the south side of Manila which is now the center of the converging columns of the Sixth and Eighth Armies.

Meanwhile, other Eighth Army troops captured Olongapo Naval Base on Subic Bay. Dispatches said Olongapo fell without opposition. Soon afterwards, the American Seventh Fleet entered Subic Bay and is now using the Base. Grande Island, at the Bay entrance, was also taken by Eighth Army forces.

In the north to south drive on Manila, General Krueger's Sixth Army Yanks waded through the Luzon swamps and arrived at Calumpit, within 25 miles of the capital. Beyond Calumpit, the central Luzon plains open wide to Manila but Associated Press correspondents said there are very good natural defenses for the Japs before these plains can be reached. In the northern sector, near Lingayen Gulf, Sixth Army troops captured the highway junction of Udiao, 15 miles south of Baguio.

While the Yanks were splitting the Jap forces on Luzon into small segments,  
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\*\*\*Feb 2--Piledriving Russian armies on the eastern front are now between 39 and 50 miles distance from Berlin. German broadcasts declared that the Russian drive had carried to a point on the Oder River 39 miles or less from Berlin. Moscow placed the nearest Russian advance to Berlin at 50 miles with announcement of the capture of Durhrugshof. This city is 18 miles northeast of Kustrin. 35 miles east of Kustrin, the town of Schwerin was taken. The Russians had also encircled the important railway and highway junction of Schneidemuhl on the Pomeranian border north of Poznan.

The First White Russian Army captured Beyersdorf after a ten mile advance, while another Soviet column captured the town of Topper, 70 miles due east of Berlin. With the Russian armies in east Prussia, Moscow announced the capture of Friedland, and Heilsberg which are south and southwest of Koenigsberg. Moscow was silent about operations around Breslau.

Soviet armies to the south are nearing the Moravian Gap into Czechoslovakia. This gap leads to Prague, capital of Bohemia, and into Czechoslovakia. On all other sectors of the Eastern front, the Red armies moved forward. Berlin broadcasts told of men, women, and children being rushed eastward to dig a vast trench system. Every child, and aged person capable of holding a shovel is being pressed into service by the Nazis.

Liberation of Czechoslovakia will practically encircle Germany and give the Soviets control of almost all Europe.

LUZON: (Cont'd. from Page One)

American PT boats and planes swept the enemy controlled coastline to destroy shipping in which the Japs might escape Luzon. In coordinated attacks, PT boats and Yank fliers knocked out 51 enemy coastal craft.

RANGERS RESCUE BATAAN YANKS!

\*\*\*Feb 2--Out of Luzon yesterday came one of the most sensational stories of World War II. It was the story of how the dream of liberation came true for more than 500 prisoners of the Japs on Luzon Island. In a daring strike 25 miles behind enemy lines United States Rangers and Filipino patriots swept down suddenly on Cabantuan Prison Camp near Cabux. There they found 513 gaunt and ragged men, most of them survivors of Bataan and Corregidor. In rescuing these Americans, the Rangers killed every one of the Japs guarding the camp. Then, on the way back to the American lines, the Rangers liquidated another 500 Japs.

This was one of the few instances in modern warfare where a small force has been able to penetrate behind enemy lines, break into one of the enemy's prison camps and then slash its way back to friendly territory.

Many of the rescued prisoners were hospitalized soon after reaching the American lines, but some expressed the desire to get right back into the fight for Manila and Corregidor.

GREAT DAMAGE AT SINGAPORE

\*\*\*Feb 2--American superforts of the 20th Bomber Command dealt the Japanese Navy one of the most devastating blows of the war yesterday. The B-29's destroyed the huge floating drydock at Singapore, a dock which could have handled the largest warship in the world. Reconnaissance photos proved beyond a doubt that the dock was sunk and showed the burning hulk of a 460 foot merchant ship which had been anchored at the dock. This raid was described as  
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U. S. FIRST CROSSES GERMAN BORDER

\*\*\*Feb 2--Competing with Patton's Third Army already on German soil, the U. S. First Army under General Hodges crossed into Germany at four new places amid slush, rain, and bitter cold. Together with the Third Army, they widened the Aachen breach in the Siegfried line by two additional miles as well as captured twelve more towns. These two American Armies are pushing ahead on a full scale offensive along a 40 mile section of the German westwall. The front extends from the Aachen bridgehead along the Roer River to Welchenhausen. Some troops made as much as a 5,000 yard gain eastward.

The American First Army drove as much as two and a half miles through tank traps and pillboxes before hitting the first heavy fire of opposition. The Third Army pushed three and a half miles into Germany without even sighting a tank. Patton's men are within seven and a half miles of Prum, a vital road and supply center that serves a portion of the Siegfried line.

In the Alsace sector at the southern end of the western front, German troops gave strong opposition to Patch's Seventh Army and the French First Army. These two Allied armies have pushed their way back across the Moder River north of Strasbourg.

Heavy snowstorms over the western front prevented any mass bombing of Nazi targets. Four waves of American fortresses from Britain, however, attacked the Rhine industrial cities of Mannheim and Ludwigshafen. Two bridges over the Rhine at Wesel also were bombed. 15th Air Force planes flying for the first time in ten days hit oil installations and rail facilities in the Vienna area.

HERE TODAY, ROME TOMORROW

\*\*\*Feb 2-- U. S. Sec. of State Stettinius arrived in Rome yesterday and shortly afterwards, left with Presidential adviser Harry Hopkins. Although their destination was unrevealed, it is probable that they are headed for the tri-power meeting.

# SPORTS

Betting on college basketball results, recently highlighted by Nat Holman's rebuff to professional gamblers in a Madison Square Garden game, was busted wide open today when a Grand Jury investigation of gambling on college basketball games was ordered in Brooklyn, New York. Judge Samuel Leibowitz instructed the Grand Jury to hand up any indictments necessary, only an hour after Harvey Stemmers, described by police as a gambler, was arraigned on a charge of giving \$1,000 to five Brooklyn Collegt athletes to throw tonight's game with Akron in the Boston Garden. The game was cancelled.

Brooklyn College was the underdog in the Akron contest and the alleged arrangements were planned to insure the Brooklyn loss by a specified number of points. The five athletes were dropped from the Brooklyn squad. Edward Hefferman and Louis Andreozzi, Assistant District Attorneys, said the Brooklyn youths told them they already had received \$1,000 and were making certain the final \$2,000 payment would be made when their conference was interrupted by police. The officers were watching Stemmers residence on another case at the time. Although it has been a major activity among the men of change for years, since the close of the race tracks January third, betting on basketball games has jumped.

Only nine days after the War Dept ordered local draft boards to send to Washington for review the cases of all profes-

sional athletes rejected for military service, four major league baseball players and two boxing champs have been called up for reclassification and pre-induction exams. The ball chasers were Bill Fleming, Ron Northey, Tom Heath, and Dick Wakefield. The two champs are Manuel Ortiz, world bantam champ and Willie Pep the feather-weight titleholder. Also ordered up for examination are Frankie Sinkwich, of the Detroit Lions and Cecil Johnson of the Brooklyn Tigers pro football teams. Sinkwich, with a medical discharge from the Marine Corps has been playing pro ball for the past two years. Army doctors put him in 4-F last summer.

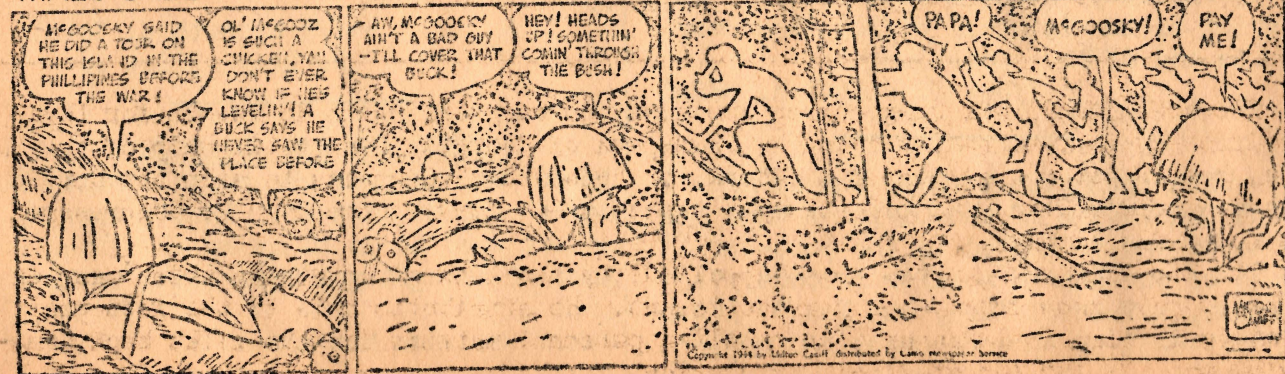
World heavyweight champion Sgt Joe Louis, who apparently can change his mind faster than he can floor an opponent, did a quick mental change yesterday and insisted he has no idea when he will retire from the ring. Louis said, "That is what I want to do, fight Billy Conn and then retire, but then a lot of things can happen to make a fellow change his mind." The champ said it was too early to commit himself one way or the other. Louis also mentioned that he needed some boxing money to recoup his finances.

Late basketball scores in collegiate play included: Iowa over Indiana 56-51; Ohio State walloped Purdue 50-35; Purdue came back to down Wisconsin 45-34. Army defeated Penn State 33-28; Columbia edged Princeton 38-37; N. Carolina over Wake 65-4.

## MALE CALL

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

## TRUTH AND CONSEQUENCES



## SINGAPORE RAID: (Cont'd, from Page Two)

one of the greatest air attacks in strength ever flown by B-29's.

Installations bordering Georgetown Harbor on Penang Island were also hit and set afire by a sizeable diversionary force. Penang is one of the most important Jap submarine bases and supply ports in the Pacific.

## JAPS TRAPPED NEAR MANDALAY

With Allied forces advancing on them from three directions, the Japs in Burma have decided to put up a last ditch fight before Mandalay. They are hammed in a corridor between the Irrawady River and the Myitkyina-Mandalay Railway. If they lose Mandalay, the Japs will have ceded Burma's second largest city.

Further north, in the Kwangtung Province of China, the Nips were faring better. The Chinese High Command announced the fall of Kukong, provisional capital of that province. Almost all of the Chinese soldiers defending the city were killed.

Kukong, which served as an important communications hub north of Canton, is essential in the Jap plans to control the entire length of the Canton-Hankow Railway.

## PERSIAN GULF COMMAND LIQUIDATED

A dispatch from Teheran says that the Persian Gulf Command is being liquidated since the opening of a shorter supply line to Russia through the Dardanelles and Black Sea. American ground forces and railway service troops, however, will stay in Iran for some time. Motor transportation service across Iran was abandoned two months ago.

\*\*\*Feb 2--The Czech government in London has formally recognized the Soviet sponsored Polish government at Lublin. The Czechs became the second Allied government to recognize Lublin rulers. The Lublin group was sponsored by the Soviets.

## CALL FOR ART WORK

Releases to be made to National Publications.

If you have talents along the artistic line, now is your chance to acquire national fame. The 96th Div Public Relations office in accordance with a recent announcement from the News and Pictorial Section, Public Relations, GHQ, will accept oil paintings, pencil sketches, charcoal, pen and ink sketches and cartoons for ultimate distribution to newspapers throughout the United States.

The paintings and sketches will be sent to GHQ for censorship and the best ones forwarded gratis to leading newspapers for use in Sunday Rotogravure and Art sections.

Each painting or sketch should be accompanied by a suitable caption explaining the subject matter. The caption should also contain a brief biographical sketch of the artist including full name and rank, unit, home address, decorations if any, school attended, and civilian occupation.

Captain Daniel Millsaps of the Division I & E Office who is acting as coordinator of this program for Deadeyes has a limited amount of artists materials on hand for deserving artists. An artist himself, he will be available to give any technical advice or to suggest subject material.

The DEAD EYE FEATURES will print some of the drawings submitted.

Drawings should be well wrapped with stiff backing. Address them through Message Center to Capt. Daniel Millsaps, I & E Office, Headquarters, 96th Division. Members of attached units are invited to participate in this service.

The new manpower bill before Congress would give draft boards power to either put men 18 to 45 years old in the Service, or shift them into essential war jobs. A penalty of a fine or jail sentence would give the bill its power. President Roosevelt had asked the passage of manpower legislation to speed up war production.

## Unit Reporters Column

"ANTIDOTE FOR BATTLE FATIGUE"

Tall lean thirty-nine year old Robert Lee (No relation) can well be proud of his "work" in the Leyte operation. Despite his years he had never "fallen out" of an endurance march, carrying out his duties like a model soldier, and "toting" his share of the "base plate", in the 81mm mortar platoon. He hit the beach like a veteran and went forward aggressively, never complaining (except for the usual GI bitch) through the rain and mud and the hell of Tabontabon.

After weeks of fighting under the most difficult circumstances, much younger men were showing visible signs of the strain they were under. "Lee" said nothing, but seemed to grow "taller and leaner".

It was finally at "bloody corners" while the battalion was temporarily pinned down and receiving heavy enemy fire, Lee who was up to his knees in a mud hole, struggling with his part of the mortar told me as I came by, "Sgt. I guess I'm no good anymore, I don't think I can take it any longer."

That night I discussed his condition with Lt. Short, our platoon leader and he ordered me to have him evacuated in the morning if he showed no improvement. The same night the Japs made a Banzai attack. Lee crouched in his fox-hole and emptied his carbine at three Japs on his left, wounding them and finally finishing them off with a record throw of a hand grenade.

Next morning when I asked Lee how he felt and told him he was to be evacuated, he ejaculated, "hell, I feel fine!". He carried on in his usual efficient manner to the end of the operation.

T/Sgt W. Hillktion, 382nd

With apologies to Omar Khayam Pfc. Ralph Cunningham of the Division Band has composed and dedicated to the post-war plans of our native soldier friends, "A Caribou, a Tube of Tuba, and You." After a great deal of encouragement and urging

Cunningham is submitting the tune for publication in the States. Seeing the effects of the potency of the local beverage he has also written "Tuba Blues", -- and believe us that doesn't mean several hat choruses for the bass horn.

HQ MESS 361ST

A bunch of fine fellows we all know,  
Is the mess crew commanded by Dunovic Joe.  
Bradley, Hammond, Dickson and Ruch  
Work awful hard cooking toast and mush.  
The hot cakes and coffee are not too bad,  
If we don't get seconds it makes us mad;  
They hit us light when first in line  
Maybe have seconds some other time.  
If things are not right we bitch and moan  
But remember boys we are not at-home.

Now dinner and supper we welcomingly greet,  
We go to chow prepared for a treat -  
They fill our mess kits brimming full  
Of dehydrated potatoes and Australian bull  
A side dish of carrots, lima beans and sp  
With preserved butter, light bread and jam

After going to bed we lay awake  
With that goshawful bellyache.  
We grab a shovel, boy how we go!  
If we don't do a rush, we are too slow.  
We sit in the dark looking toward the sky  
Saying "Lord have mercy, I've got the GI's.  
Now when we get that awful pain,  
They say it is caused by the mud and rain;  
But among the boys, there are very few  
Who don't say, "Damn that mess crew."

--T/5 Kenneth W. Tuttle  
Hq Btry, 361st FA

MEDICS AND NEW ADVANCES

Jake: Oh, is your arm hurt? Sal: Yes.  
Jake: Let me kiss it. That's what my  
mother used to do to my hurts. Long Pause.  
Sal: I thought you were going to kiss my  
arm.  
Jake: Science has advanced.

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ALLIED TROOPS MUST STAY IN GERMANY, JAPAN ---- HOPKINS

Harry Hopkins, off-stage voice of President Roosevelt, yesterday called for a perpetual Army of Occupation for Germany and Japan to prevent them from ever rearming. At the same time, he advocated compulsory military training in the United States.

Now in Europe presenting this nation's views on European problems to Allied leaders preparatory to the Big Three meeting, Hopkins said that "The United States must accept a new and tough concept in world affairs -- the earth is not civilized enough to make worldwide disarmament practical for a peaceloving nation."

"I have no doubt", Hopkins asserted, "that powerful forces in Germany and Japan are preparing even now for their next attempt to conquer us. We will try to keep them impotent, but only a perpetual Army of Occupation would be able to prevent them from rearming eventually."

Hopkins went further than any administration official yet in proposing never-ending occupation of enemy territory.

YANKS FROM EUROPE WILL COME HERE WITHOUT EQUIPMENT

In a dispatch from Washington, the Associated Press announced that American troops shifted to the Pacific from Europe will leave the bulk of their equipment behind. Under present plans, these troops will be given new arms and equipment for the fight against Japan when they reach the Pacific theater.

Reason for the trip with light baggage is to hasten the final outcome of the war by bringing substantial forces to bear against the Japanese. It was revealed that major blows can be dealt against Japan "months and months" ahead of schedule by bringing the troops to the Pacific theater and equipping them here.

Because he believes Congressmen are kept too busy trying to do favors for their constituents, Representative Robert F. Ramspeck of Georgia, Democratic Whip of the House, has proposed creation of a second, or "executive" Congress to help the home folks in their dealings with Government agencies --- leaving the regular Congressmen free to handle national problems.

The Georgian says he has been "appalled" by the lack of knowledge which many of his colleagues show concerning current issues. He attributes this to the fact that 90% of their time is taken up with handling personal matters for the folks back home-- leaving but 10% for the study of legislation.