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THREE WAY MANILA SQUEEZE

BERLINERS GET LITTLE SLEEP

SIXTH ARMY 18 MILES FROM CITY

***Feb 3--In Berlin the roar of Russian guns can now be plainly heard. Although Berlin dispatches placed the Red Army vanguard some 30 miles from the capital, Moscow says Russian columns are fighting 59 miles away. Stalin's communique disclosed the capture of Duhringshof at this point.

***Feb 3--Elements of the Eighth Army which landed early this week south of Manila have driven inland and are now approaching a town situated eight miles from the point which commands the Cavite Naval Base. These American troops went ashore at Nasugbu on the west coast of Batangas Province, 32 miles southwest of Cavite naval base. This operation effectively seals off all north-south roads and rail communications through Manila. A late dispatch says that the Japanese tried to raid our Batangas beachhead with 30 small vessels, but American naval forces turned them back, destroying many of them.

The bulk of Marshal Zhukov's forces are now preparing to assault Frankfurt on the Oder and German resistance is beginning to stiffen at this point. Just before Frankfurt, the Oder River forms the last natural defense barrier guarding Berlin.

General Eichelberger revealed that the Batangas landing was at first intended to be only a recon action. But when he saw how weak the Japanese resistance in that sector was, he ordered a full scale invasion.

Soviet troops have encircled Schneidemuhl in Pomerania and took Torun in North Poland. The Torun garrison had been encircled for days by the Russians while other Soviet columns by-passed the city and crossed the German border. By sidestepping important cities like Torun and leaving mopping up forces in the vicinity, the Russians have been able to keep up their terrific pace during recent weeks.

MacArthur's main force moving southward from Lingayen Gulf is approaching the town of Malolos astride the main highway 18 miles north of Manila. Units of the Eighth Army which landed above Manila on Subic Bay have driven inland six miles across the peninsula, meeting only light resistance. Two American forces caught a Japanese column between them and destroyed tanks, guns, and vehicles. Gen. MacArthur also disclosed that the American 32d Division as well as the 1st Cavalry Division from Leyte are now in action on Luzon.

Dispatches coming out of Moscow reveal the intense hatred of the Russians for the German Army and civilian populace. A Russian correspondent described the German civilians in territory already overrun by the Red Army. "Their eyes are blank", he said. "They greet our soldiers with a formal 'good morning' and take off their hats to them, but the Soviet soldiers only glance at them in disgust."

The Red Army, spread over a 320 mile front, appears to be engaging in a great pincers movement on Berlin.

THE MAP ON PAGE 3 SHOWS THE EUROPEAN
SITUATION AS OF FEBRUARY 2ND, 1945.
KEEP THE MAP FOR FURTHER REFERENCE

NEW ALLIED LANDING IN BURMA

***Feb 3--British Indian troops have made a sixth amphibious landing on the west coast of Burma. They went ashore on an unnamed island without meeting any resistance. In central Burma, other British columns continued their advance towards the port of Mandalay.

Under Secretary of War Patterson revealed that Japanese troops in China have completed the capture of the entire Hankow-Canton railway line. This gives Japan a secure all-land route to south central China now that the water route is menaced by U. S. naval forces.

WEDEMEYER HINTS ALLIED CHINA LANDING!

***Feb 3--Major General Albert Wedemeyer in Chungking said that loss of some United States air bases in China appears imminent. Nevertheless, he remained enthusiastic and confident about the Allied operations in the China theater. Indications are, according to General Wedemeyer, that the enemy expects American landings on the China coast, and "I assure you, we won't disappoint him in his expectations."

(ANS)--A Women's Army Corps unit, composed of Negro Waacs, is being formed for overseas duty, the War Department announces.

FLASHES FROM HOLLYWOOD & BROADWAY

(ANS)--New York's Club 18, where the customers come to be panned, observed its tenth anniversary recently. Chief Insulters Vince Curran and Roy Sedley fell to reminiscing about some of the celebrities they've slammed. Of Judy Garland they said, "She's got a schoolgirl complexion--a reform school!" Sonja Henie was handed an ice cube and told, "Here, do something." When fashion Plate Lucius Beebe strolled in one night, Sedley sneered: "I've seen broken arms better dressed." The clowns hailed Elsa Maxwell as "hostess on a cattle boat," and once asked Gregory Ratoff, "Have you been eating cut-glass? You talk broken English."

Alexander Knox, after following up his memorable performance as Woodrow Wilson with the part of the officer candidate in "Over 21," wants to tackle a Broadway play....Palm Springs, Calif., will have a new plastic-and-glass theater, wired for television and costing \$200,000. That's almost equal to a few nights' room rent at any of the leading hotels there.

Warners plans to film the true story of four Army chaplains who gave their lifebelts to others and went down with the torpedoed transport Dorchester, off Greenland....Jimmy Cagney, who has been shot at or killed in at least half of his 41 pictures, goes through the motions again in his latest, "Blood on the Sun"....The prop men are having their troubles, trying to reproduce the Italian coastal village in "A Bell for Adano." Five weeks and almost a quarter of a million dollars were spent in an effort to have the wartorn village look wrecked -- "and wrecked in the proper way," as one adviser explained.

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BIG HOLES IN SIEGFRIED DEFENSES

***Feb 3--United States First and Third Army troops moved as much as two and a half miles through the Siegfried Line. Advancing on a 40 mile front against a surprising lack of opposition, they found German defenses suddenly abandoned along with guns and ammunition. On large sections of the Western Front there has been no artillery fire for three days against the Yanks who are attacking eastward. This is almost without precedent since the first breach was made in Germany's West Wall.

Allied heavy bomber fleets centered attacks on German railway points immediately behind the Western Front. Apparently, large enemy troop movements are going on behind the Siegfried Line as the Germans move their forces to face the Russian armies.

YUGOSLAV WAR PRISONERS LIBERATED

***Feb 3-- In Yugoslavia, the Belgrade radio said that patriots had broken into a Gestapo prison and freed a large number of captives. The announcement added that the liberated Gestapo prisoners had joined the ranks of the Patriot Army.

JUSTICE, NOT REVENGE, FOR WAR CRIMES:

Lord Wright, Chairman of the United Nations War Crimes Commission recently stated that the aim of the Commission is justice, not revenge. It's primary task is to collect evidence upon which military authorities can act against apparent offenders.

TRANSFER SOLDIERS IN STATES TO INFANTRY

The War Department revealed this week that 80,000 officers and enlisted men have been shifted to the infantry from other branches of service to provide replacements for infantry combat units. They will train in eight camps for six weeks as riflemen.

"YANKS ARE HERE"

***Feb 3--The daring Commando raid on southern Luzon a few days ago by the U. S. Rangers accounted for the rescue of 513 Allied prisoners, men who were the heroic defenders of Bataan, Corregidor, and Singapore. 418 of the rescued men were Americans. Making a surprise raid behind enemy lines, U. S. Rangers and guerrillas freed the prisoners and made a forced march back to their base. The total raiding party consisted of 121 members of the Sixth Ranger Battalion and 286 Filipinos.

Despite tropical ulcers, wounds, and bodily weaknesses, the rescued prisoners walked back with the Rangers. Those that couldn't walk were carried by Rangers or rode Carabao carts. When the shooting started, the Allied prisoners through it was the end and dropped to the floor. While waiting, the prisoners heard the welcome words, "Take it easy fellows, the Yanks are here. We got this place!" The entire Japanese defendingarrison was caught by surprise and killed. General MacArthur said of the raid, "No event of the campaign has given me so much personal satisfaction." He decorated every member of the raiding party.

SEEBEES CREDITED FOR LEYTE WORK

American navy seebees, it was revealed today, converted an airstrip on Leyte into an 8,000 foot bomber field in less than thirty days. Most of this time was spent working under fire. The Navy got the field in comparatively good condition as the Japs were building it right up to the time of the invasion. Filipino guerrillas did not sabotage Japanese efforts on the air strip as they figured American forces could capture it intact.

LESS STRIKES IN 1944

Strikes in 1944 involved 2,100,000 men, two-thirds the time lost in 1943. This is less than one-tenth of one per cent of the total man-hours worked.

LONDON PONDER'S BERLIN OCCUPATION

***Feb 5--From London comes a dispatch which shows clearly the British concern over Allied occupation of Berlin. From the report we quote:

"Red Army's drive toward Berlin posed urgent problems for the 'Big Three'. What will the Allies do with the German capital? Secrecy has always hung over Allied plans for Germany. It was believed that Britain, United States, and Russia would exercise tripartite control over Berlin, and divide the rest of the Reich into individual zones of occupation. Popular though in the United States visualized Germany resistance as collapsing a considerable distance from Berlin, as it did in the last war, leaving the capital metropolis of the Reich open to a planned, orderly occupation.

"Now, everything is changed. There are indications that the Russians will take Berlin by storm. The Germans say they will defend it street by street, and house by house. If this is done, there may remain nothing left of Berlin. That raises the question, will Berlin immediately come under the tripartite occupation, or will it remain in Russian hands for the present just like any other Nazi city captured by the Red Army.

"If the Russians keep sole control, will Anglo-American news correspondents be permitted to enter Berlin on any basis except conducted tours from Moscow? These and many similar questions are being asked here. Their answers or basis for answers presumably will be formulated at the big three meeting. From a military standpoint, the big puzzle is how long can Germany continue fighting after Berlin falls?"

(ANS)---The Japanese news agency Domei has announced that a new Jap plane, the Hien, or Flying Swallow, has just been sent into action. It has been used to fight off B-29 Superforts over the Jap home islands.

Six other reportedly new planes have recently been announced by Tokyo. They include the Gekko, Tenzan, Ginga, Suisei, Toryu and the Raiden.

JAPS FEAR LANDINGS:(Cont'd from Page Two)

of the Canton to Hankow Railway. The first base to fall was Suichwan, where the 14th Air Force had destroyed and abandoned its installations.

But paradoxically, as if the hand-writing were on the wall, Tokyo Radio yesterday warned that American landings were soon expected in China. Shanghai officials were arranging for the evacuation of one million persons from the city and imposing martial law therein.

NAZI COMBAT PLANES TERMED "OLD MODELS"

***Feb 5--Lt. General Ira Eaker, Commander of the Allied Mediterranean Airforce reports that his airmen during 1944 destroyed 8,800 enemy planes in the air and a-ground. They probably destroyed 1,200 others and damaged 1,400. These losses were inflicted at a cost of 5,300 Allied planes.

General Eaker said that practically all German planes in combat today in his theater are old models, except for the new jet fighters. Even then, the jet planes are no match for the Mustang, Thunderbolt, or Spitfire. He said that failure of the Nazis to build up a strategic airforce was their big mistake. According to Eaker, long range German bombers might easily have prevented Allied landings in North Africa, Italy, and in France.

NO APOLOGY FOR YANK ORDNANCE

***Feb 5--Chief of Army Ordnance, Major General Lewin Campbell, has released a letter from General Eisenhower saying that we do have general armament superiority over the Germans. General Campbell, just back from a tour of the European battlefields said, "This is an answer for critics who say American armor is inferior to that of the Germans." The Ordnance Chief declared "We need not only have no apology for any item of American ordnance in comparison with that of the enemy, but we are leading them all the way."

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RESCUED YANKS ASK ABOUT HOME

American prisoners, rescued a few days ago at Cabanatuan Prison Camp are now roaming about the hospital grounds in a holiday mood. They are turning aside questions about their own experience to ask about the one thing they are most interested in -- home. Other topics which interested them are the European war and other invasions in the Pacific. But mostly, their questions were pointed back at the States. They knew that Roosevelt had been elected for a fourth term, but were not aware of the new Vice-President.

General MacArthur visited the hospital during the day and personally greeted many of the rescued POW's. The first person he met was Lt. Colonel James Breen, a 40 year army man who was promoted to corporal 35 years ago by MacArthur personally.

Physicians at the hospital said the rescued Yanks were responding favorably to treatment and some who were so weak a day ago that they had to be carried, are now walking fully clad about the hospital grounds.

BROOKLYN PRIVATE WINS \$500 FOR ESSAY, "WHAT VICTORY MEANS"

(ANS)--First prize in a Mediterranean Theater essay contest, "What Victory Means to Me," was won by Pvt. Isadore Rubin of Brooklyn, attached to a Tank Destroyer battalion. For Rubin, victory meant a war bond with maturity value of \$500. Five officers judged more than 1,800 entries in the contest, sponsored by the Information and Education Section of the Mediterranean theater.

Excerpts from his essay follow: "At the moment, it's difficult to think of victory as meaning anything but an end to fear, to loneliness and death, and a chance to go back to pick up the strands of interrupted lives. Henceforth, each simple pleasure each right we always took so lightly will take on rich meaning. We know what it cost to keep them, and we know too that we've really earned a share in them. But victory means much more.....Enemies which must be overcome not by armies, but by minds and hearts and talents set wholly free. Such enemies are poverty, insecurity, prejudice, disunity. These too shall be conquered.....And if we can sweep aside untold obstacles to smash the most ruthlessly efficient machine of destruction ever devised, surely we possess the vision and practical genius to organize for peace, security, and a world designed for living." He ended with, "Our sacrifices have been great, but we have won the opportunity to emerge from the animal kingdom and to enter the kingdom of man."