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### 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 handwriting 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"

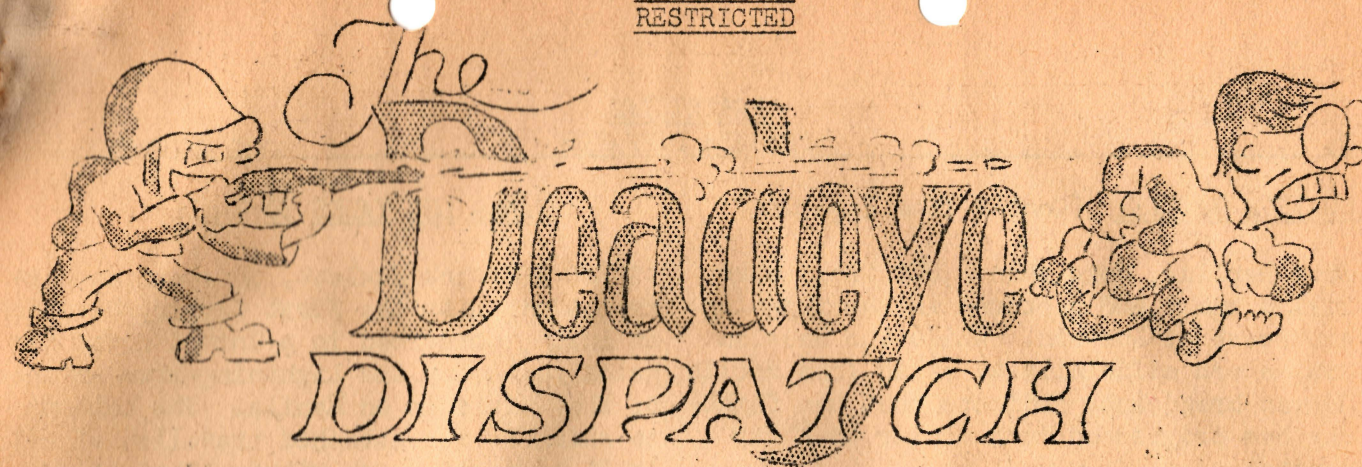
\*\*\*Feb 5--Lt. General Ira Eaker, Commander of the Allied Mediterranean Airforce reports that his airmen during 1944 destroyed 8,800 enemy planes in the air and on ground. They probably destroyed 1,200 others and damaged 1,400. These losses were inflicted at a cost of 5,300 Allied planes.

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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## AMERICANS ENTER MANILA

### BERLIN GETS RECORD AIR POUNDING

\*\*\*Feb 5--With the Red Armies driving toward Berlin on the east, American bombers gave the German capital its most concentrated air attack yesterday. More than 1,000 Fortresses spent 45 minutes unloading 3,000 tons of bombs over the capital. American planes over the city encountered no German interceptors to interfere with bombing runs. As the lead plane of the first formation was dropping its bombs over the heart of Berlin, the last formation was just crossing the Netherland's coast toward Germany. Berlin is reported to be swollen with refugees from the eastern front.

American fliers over Berlin reported sighting the Soviet offensive to the East. From five miles up, Lt. Col. Russell Gutske could spot the Oder River and signs of battle nearby. As a diversionary action, about 400 Liberators hit Magdenberg while another 1,000 tactical planes hammered enemy targets behind the westwall.

### SOVIETS BATTLE NEAR ODER RIVER

\*\*\*Feb 5--Soviet Armies relentlessly continue to cut a swarth in German defenses before Berlin. Moscow announced that the Red Army troops had captured Sonnenberg, six miles east of the Oder River stronghold of Kustrin. The Soviets also took Zielenzig and Sternberg, about 24 miles east of the Oder. Sonnenberg is 47 miles

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### 1ST CAVALRY SEIZES SANTO TOMAS PRISON CAMP

\*\*\*Feb 5--American troops of the First Cavalry Division have won the race to enter Manila. This news was picked up by the DEADEYE listening post at 0930 Monday morning. Elements of the First Cavalry Division made the entry after a wide encircling movement under the cover of darkness.

The night move was aimed at safeguarding several thousand internees imprisoned at the Santo Tomas internment camp near the center of Manila. While the remainder of the division pushed into the city from the east, one First Cavalry column seized the concentration camp at Santo Tomas. The Yanks now stand guard over the internees.

Meanwhile, the 37th Division is pushing into Manila's suburbs from the north and the 11th Airborne, after seizing Agaytay by a parachute jump is driving up from the south. The seizure of Agaytay gives the Americans control of the area overlooking Cavite.

In his report on Manila, General MacArthur added: "We have secured Grace Park Airfield and one of the main government palaces."

The entry into Manila came just three and one half months after the first American landings on Leyte Island.

Altogether eleven American divisions have been identified in the fighting on Luzon plus two independent infantry combat teams.



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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."

#### SOVIETS BATTLE: (Cont'd from Page One)

from Berlin. More than 8,000 Nazis were killed and 9,400 captured in the fighting southeast of Kustrin. While the Russian armies are officially 47 miles from Berlin, German broadcasts indicate that the fighting has progressed much closer to their capital.

As it appears now, the Red Army's drive is aimed first toward a crossing of the Oder, second, towards capture of Kustrin and Frankfurt-On-Oder, and then on to Berlin. There is also the possibility that the Red Army will follow its policy of flanking large cities, leaving them to be reduced later as in Budapest and Breslau, and drive above and below Berlin. The main German defense line is situated from Silesia to the neighborhood of Berlin where the Weire River passes 40 miles from the capital.

London dispatches said that a troublesome thaw had developed on both eastern and western fronts which is hampering operations. Moscow, however, said that this situation will be remedied as soon as the freezing winds from Siberia hit the European continent.

#### FIRST ARMY 11 MILES INSIDE GERMANY

\*\*\*Feb 5--United States First and Third Armies on the Western Front continued their advance into Germany on a forty mile front meeting increasing German opposition. General Hodges' First Army drove ahead three miles through one of the Siegfried Line's widest defense belts to reach points 11 miles inside Germany. This salient was headed by the veteran American Second Division. The First Army is now 25 miles south east of Aachen and 33 miles from the city of Bonn, on the Rhine.

General Patton's armor-plated Third Army widened its own foothold inside Germany to nine miles, taking villages little more than five miles from the fortress of Prum. Far to the south, American and French armies fought into and past Colmar, last large Alsatian town still in German hands.

#### TANKS LUG YANKS TO MANILA

\*\*\*Feb 5--Frank Hewlett, an American correspondent with the First Cavalry Division on Luzon, described in a United Press dispatch yesterday the lightning-like advance of that division on Manila. The column to which he was attached travelled 65 miles in 24 hours to reach within 15 miles of the capital.

Yankee ingenuity played its part as Sherman tanks were employed to tow troop laden trucks and jeeps across rivers where the Japs had blown the bridges away a few hours before. Rivers which might have held up the division for days were cleared by many hundreds of vehicles within a few hours. Besides the Sherman tanks, bulldozers which had been carried along on special trailers towed as many as four trucks at a time across water five feet deep. These columns travelled off the beaten path, using rough country roads, dodging bomb craters and the burnt remnants of Jap trucks which our Air Force had caught fleeing northward.

Passing through the villages before Manila, American soldiers were literally mobbed by excited men, women and children, who lined the roads yelling the familiar "Mabuhay!" "They showered us with flowers, vegetables and eggs", said Hewlett, "Soldiers were feasting on fresh eggs and Army rations, the churchbells tolled continuously, small boys working overtime in the belfry striking the bells with rocks."

Hewlett said the toughest crossing was at the Angat River, about 40 miles from Manila, but here again the tanks came to the rescue and by towing trucks several hundred yards downstream, got the vehicles across and rolling within an hour.

#### JAPS TAKE RAILROAD, BUT FEAR CHINA LANDING

\*\*\*Feb 5--Every dog has his day, no matter how short that day, and so it is with the Japs along the China coast. The Chinese High Command announced that the enemy had reached and captured his first objective in the drive to clear the airbases east (Cont'd on Page Three)



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### MONKEYS WANTED

Two pet monkeys are desired by DIS - PATCH Readers. Cigarettes are being offered and arrangements can be made for the exchange through the DISPATCH office. Write or call or come in before you bring your monkey. (Some say we have enough around here already.)

### Information and Education Officers' Corner.

Recent poop on Information and Education services, and methods can be found in the following periodicals:

ARMY & NAVY JOURNAL--September 23, 1944. "Army Orientation Course" - (Non War Information Program.)

ARMY & NAVY JOURNAL--September 16, 1944. "Information and Education Officers."

READERS DIGEST, January 1945, page 61, "G.I. Joe Goes to School Under Fire"

MILITARY REVIEW--(C and GS School) December 1944, page 22, "Information & Education Division."

INFANTRY JOURNAL--October 1944, page 48, "Orientation is People."

One copy of each of these articles is available at the DISPATCH office for anyone who wishes to read them and whose subscriptions to the periodicals have not arrived.

### O.C.S.???

The recent rush of enlisted Deadeyes to be interviewed as possible candidates for training as officers has very little basis, according to the Adjutant General Section. OCS applications will be accepted and processed but there has been no quota for such candidates given to the Division as yet, and no word has been received regarding such quotas.

Deadeyes are reminded that should the European War be brought to an end in the near future, there would be a great surplus of both officers and enlisted men, and additional officers would hardly be desired.

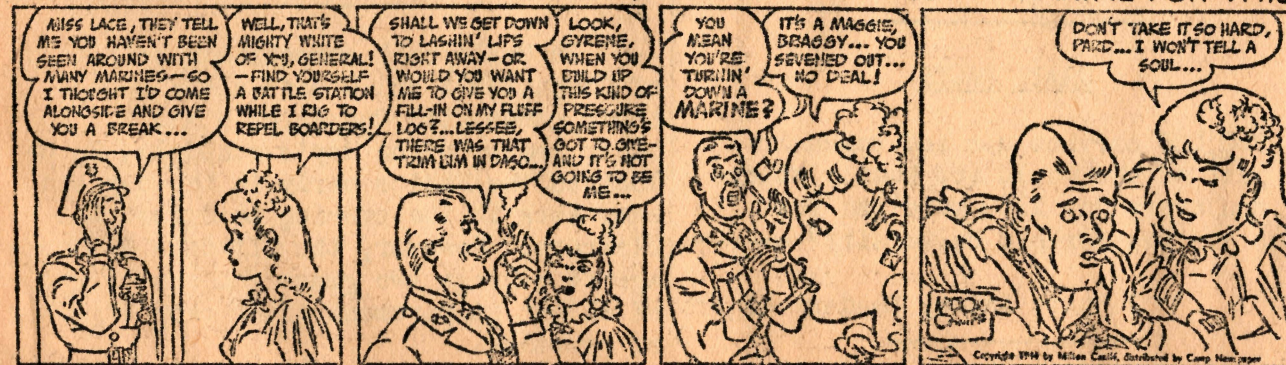
Raleigh, N.C.--R. Gregg Cherry of Gastonia, who, as an officer in the 30th (Old Hickory) Division, had a vital part in the smashing of the Hindenburg line in 1918, was inaugurated Governor of North Carolina.

Denver, Colo--Two solons in the Colorado House have just announced they will introduce a bill to transfer the State Prison to Denver because "most of the prisoners come from Denver and this will save mileage expense."

### MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff

### DADDY, WOULD THEY BUST A MARINE FOR THIS?







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## Unit Reporters Column

### THE COMBAT MEDIC

The goldbrick of the company,  
An extra mouth to feed.  
The Company Medic in garrison,  
For him there is no need.

A large bottle of aspirin,  
Iodine, band-aids galore.  
Bandage, scissors, a medical pouch  
Are his implements of war.

They call him chancre-mechanic,  
He answers to pill-roller too.  
They never call him soldier,  
That compliment would never do.

He trudges along with the infantry,  
On maneuvers, problems, marches.  
Treating cuts and bruises,  
Blisters, fallen arches.

He performs his thankless job,  
Without complaints or kicks.  
His pay is small, his rating's low,  
It's Tec Seven or Tec Six.

Yet, in combat he's in there fighting,  
With his boys up at the front.  
And taking care of the wounded,  
Wherever there is want.

No ribbons, no credit, no glory,  
Upon him do we bequeath.  
But why deny the Fighting Medic  
The Badge with Combat Wreath?

by--Pfc. Meyer Samberg, M Co, 381st

### USAFI FACTS

"860,000 service men and women in every part of the world are busily studying. And every day 1100 more ask for courses "in the Foxhole University" -----

January issue, Readers Digest

New name for cigarette hoarders:"cigarats"

The outstanding figure at the softball game last Wednesday night between I and K Companies was the clowning T/Sgt Powell of K Company, a simple combination of Al Schacht and Lou Costello. With his high screeching voice, Sgt Powell was especially effective in provoking laughs when harrassing the umpire, Lt Reddin of Company I. There were those who didn't care for this type of humor and expressed their feelings by shouting, "Sit down, Powell, take a break and give your brain a chance."

The question is: Who is the fellow who came to Tec 5 Adrian W. Eral and asked if he bought a money order here in pesos, would his father, back in the States be able to cash it in pesos?

With the arrival of Christmas packages and the encouragement of sports, another great American pastime is under way in the vicing of different members of the Third Platoon for the title of Camp Campagal Yo-Yo Champion. Among the outstanding contenders are Pfc's William Peregrin, Lavincie Thibodaux and William Higgins.

Money-minded Pvt John Meyer, sad upon having purchased a carabao in the swamps for a dollar and then losing it, learned that they are worth approximately a hundred pesos. He suffered another disillusionment when he tried to promote the local cigar vender into a wholesale business, only to find out someone had beaten him to it.

by Pfc. W.L. Sanders, Co K,  
Headliner, 383rd Infantry

In Volleyball competition both teams of Companies A and D made clean sweeps in their games with Companies B and C. In other games on the day's schedule, Hq Co lost to the Medics early in the day and came back in the evening to defeat the Officers. However, the Officers did manage to salvage two games and show signs of slight improvement after over a week of practice.

Headliner, 383rd Inf.