

FINDS WIFE AT SANTO TOMAS

***Feb 7--Frank Hewlett, newspaper correspondent with the flying column of the First Cavalry which crashed Manila's back door, supplied dramatic details to the story of the rescue at Santo Tomas Prison Camp.

Although the Santo Tomas University Education Building was surrounded by Americans, 65 Japs held out stubbornly within the building. Living up to character, the Nips held about 200 American hostages within the building so that Brigadier General William C. Chase's troops were unable to fire on them. The internees clustered around the windows cheering the Americans on.

Finally, General Chase agreed to a truce whereby the commander of the Jap garrison was allowed to leave the building and University in return for the safe release of the hostages. The liberated prisoners were thin and hungry, but unharmed. Hysterically overjoyed at seeing the Yank soldiers, they insisted on lifting them on their shoulders and carrying them around.

Hewlett then surprisingly disclosed that he found his wife among the hostages. He said he had bid her goodbye at the time of the Jap invasion when she insisted on remaining behind as a nurse and he had followed MacArthur to Corregidor. "She was in good spirits", said Hewlett, "but her weight was down to 80 pounds." To which we add, "What a woman".

REDS BRIDGEHEAD: (Cont'd. from Page Two)

Just below him, but still above Berlin, is Rokossovsky's army; the most important objective, Berlin, was given to Marshal Zhukov and his crack First White Russian Army; below Zhukov in Silesia is Marshal Konev; Konev and Zhukov seem to have the best chance of occupying Berlin; Marshal Petrov and his army is moving slowly over the Carpathian mountain region in Czechoslovakia; and lastly, on the extreme southern end of the eastern front, is Marshal Malinovsky pressing northwestward beyond Budapest.

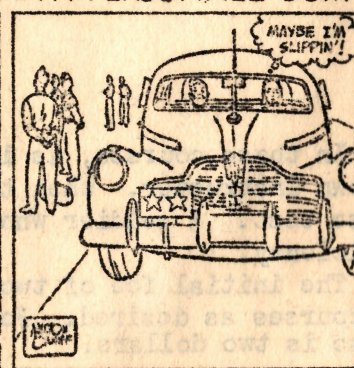
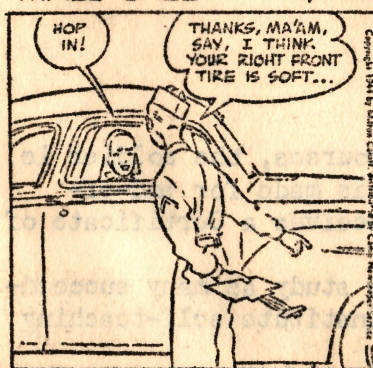
SENATORS BALK ON ROOSEVELT PROMOTION

***Feb 7--The U. S. Senate put off for a week consideration of the proposed promotion of Colonel Elliott Roosevelt to be brigadier general in the Air Forces. Republican Senator Bushfield of South Dakota asked consideration be deferred because some Senators wanted to investigate further the case of the President's son. Colonel Roosevelt's name was on a list of 78 Colonels nominated for brigadier general, so that action on the entire list was delayed. Earlier, the complete list had been approved by the Senate Military Committee.

The Senate did approve promotion of Major Generals Albert Wedemeyer, Leonard Gerow, and William Simpson to be Lieut. Generals. General Wedemeyer is Chief of
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MALE CALL

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

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GERMANS TRAPPED AT COLMARJAPS FEAR RUSSIAN MOVE

***Feb 8--Official circles in Tokyo betrayed increasing concern that Premier Stalin may align Soviet Russia with the United States and Britain against Japan at the forthcoming Big Three Conference. Fearing that Stalin, flushed by recent victories over the German Army will give Roosevelt and Churchill his definite promise to throw at least part of the Red Army against the Japs, Tokyo Radio was preparing the Japanese people for grave news. The Japs well realize that the entire far eastern military situation is scheduled for review at the new conference.

Tokyo Asahi, quoted by the German Transocean Agency, stated "The question of Soviet participation would most certainly be raised, since the Pacific war is nearing a decisive stage. There can be no doubt that Japan, as well as the Anglo-Americans, is now wondering what position Russia intends to take. Just as in the war against Germany, a decision must be brought about in the war against Japan too. Therefore we must pay special attention to this point."

Japan has every right to feel concerned, for any participation by Soviet Russia in the war would only hasten the national suicide to which she is committed.

***Feb 8--A British fast carrier task force has joined the blow against Japan's supply facilities. Carrier planes pounded Jap oil supplies in Southern Sumatra for two days, destroying 64 enemy planes.

***Feb 7--American tanks and French Moroccan Mountain troops closed in on thousands of German troops caught in the Colmar pocket of Alsace, southern France. The Yank forces moved southward while French troops drove northward. After the two Allied forces had joined, they cut the Colmar pocket in two. The Nazi High Command had waited too long to pull out elements of four divisions and an armored brigade. Germans west of the French-American corridor found themselves in a 15 mile wide sack--for them, a sad sack--while Germans to the east were boxed against the Rhine River and retreating into the Reich.

On the central section of the Western Front, Patton's Third Army smashed clear through the German Siegfried line where it is a mile and a half wide. They knocked out key communications centers before Prum, a fortified town in the Siegfried line. The Third Army is within three and one-half miles of Prum. Field dispatches from Patton's headquarters said, "There was an astounding lack of German resistance."

To the north on the left flank, the American First Army reached points 13 miles inside Germany. Southeast of Aachen, they threatened communications in the Monschau sector, 28 miles from the Rhine. First Army troops seized two important Roer River dams, control of which may facilitate the Ruhr drive to the north. SHAEF disclosed that the American First Army has been returned to the Twelfth Army Group under Lieut. General Omar Bradley. This army group was split by the Nazi Belgian

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"SPECIALLY FOR YOU"

A portable branch library is one of the features of the 12th Special Service Company's detachment in the Division CP. Among their stacks are several hundred pocket editions, reference books, classics, and a number of College Outline Series, which will be familiar to any former university students who sometimes found it necessary to do an entire semester's studying in one evening. All these books are issued at the Special Service Tent for five-day periods. Unit Special Service Officers may pick up a quota of books for their men who are too far away to draw them individually.

For use in the Special Service Tent are indoor games such as cards, checkers, dominoes, darts, chuck-a-luck, and others. A radio is also available.

In charge of the tent, located near the APO, are Corp Harold Kovar of Owatonna, Minn., Pfc Kenneth Seaman from Hollywood, and Pfc Charles E. Jones, one of the Texas boys from Corpus Christi, all members of the 12th Special Service Company.

NEW SELF-TEACHING COURSES

The SWPA "B" Branch, APO 503, of the U. S. Armed Forces Institute recently listed seven new self-teaching courses. The courses are:

Modern News Reporting
Mechanics of English
Spoken French
Radio for Beginners
Advanced Shorthand
Blueprint Reading at Work
America-Its History of People

In these courses, as in previously listed self-teaching courses, the soldier is his own instructor. When the course is mastered, application is made for end-of-course test. A soldier who successfully completes a course receives a Certificate of Proficiency.

The initial fee of two dollars permits an enlisted man to study as many succeeding courses as desired. For army officers, the fee for each Institute self-teaching course is two dollars.

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MACARTHUR SAYS, "ON TO TOKYO"

***Feb 7--General MacArthur hailed the fall of Manila yesterday and declared: "This victory ends just one phase of the Pacific struggle and sets the stage for another. Japan itself is the final goal and the American motto is, 'On to Tokyo!'".

In Manila, the Japs still within the city were caught in a three way trap. Three American divisions -- the 1st Cavalry, the 37th Infantry and the 11th Airborne -- are clearing the enemy from the city. The early destruction of all Japs remaining there is inevitable.

First to enter the capital had been the First Cavalry on the east, followed last Saturday night by the 37th. Then the 11th Airborne drove in from the south after a 35 mile forced march.

The Yanks added another 1300 Allied prisoners of war to the 3700 liberated two days ago. This latest group was freed when the Americans drove into filthy Bilibid penitentiary. A total of 5,000 prisoners of war and civilian internees have now been released. 4,000 of these are Americans and the balance Dutch, British, Australian and other nationals.

While great rejoicing went on over the liberation of the war captives, spade-work for the next job was begun. Units of the American Sixth and Eighth Armies joined at the base of Bataan Peninsula and now control all roads leading into it. The next objective is the recapture of Cavite Naval Base on the south shore of Manila Bay and Corregidor at the mouth of the Bay. Both Cavite and Corregidor were heavily bombed by B-24's last Sunday.

EXCUSE PLIZ

A slight error in the article on the MP's volley ball team in the DEAD EYE yesterday has been brought to our attention. It was stated that G-2's team had finished as runner-up to the MP's in the CP area. This was incorrect because 96th Signal was the next ranking aggregation to the MP's. The article referred only to the CP Tournay in which Signal did not participate.

TRAP NAZIS: (Cont'd. from Page One)

breakthrough so that the First Army had been temporarily transferred to Field Marshal Montgomery to facilitate operations.

Low rain clouds blanketed the entire Western front, preventing Allied tactical planes from giving substantial support to ground forces. Fifteenth Air Force heavy bombers from Italy attacked oil targets in the Munich area, while medium bombers plastered the key points in the Brenner Pass.

REDS HOLD ODER BRIDGEHEAD

***Feb 7--Russian troops have captured Zelin, a town within 32 miles of Berlin. Zelin is also 15 miles northwest of Kustrin, a fortress on the Oder River which the Soviets flanked yesterday. This gives the Red Army a 15 mile bridgehead on the Berlin side of the Oder River northeast of the Nazi capital. A Moscow communique said that other Soviet forces had captured Goritz, an Oder River crossing town half-way between Kustrin and Frankfurt-on-the-Oder. Goritz is 40 miles due east of Berlin.

The Oder River is the last great natural water barrier between Russian armies and Berlin. Nazi broadcasters said that the Soviets had established half a dozen bridgeheads on the Oder. Moscow, however, remained silent on these claims. The Reds announced further gains in clearing Germans from East Prussia and in the Budapest area.

Nazi militarists appeared worried over which of the two Soviet forces intended to head for the Nazi capital. Marshal Zhukov and Marshal Konev both had powerful armies lined up for the next phase of the winter offensive. Berlin said Zhukov's men stretched from 20 miles south of Stettin to 50 miles below Frankfurt, and that Konev's men were established from that point southward.

Of the six great Soviet armies facing the Reich, they are distributed as follows: Marshal Chernyakhovsky's army is cutting through East Prussia on the extreme north; (Cont'd. on Page Three)



Last Saturday night we attended an open air dance given by the local populace. It was a rustic setting, the dance floor being surrounded by a log fence which made it resemble a corral back home. But the girls weren't rustic; in fact they even had a few ideas the USO could pick up. For instance, instead of allowing this promiscuous cutting in every thirty seconds, each GI got a ribbon which was either red, white or blue. Then only the reds danced one number, the whites, the next, and so on.

That way you had time to get acquainted with the girls. They made nice acquaintances too. The one I monopolized could talk about anything from boogie-woogie to Schopenhauer. Said she had a year in at the University of Manila and wanted to go back. Looked just like the intellectual type that would trust a nice, clean cut GI to escort her home. So I tried, but she explained sympathetically, "It is our custom here to be gregarious, we adhere strongly to the family circle". (I'd never heard a USO doll turn me down so nicely) "And besides," she added, I live across two miles of swamps, so you'd get lost in the dark on your way back."

I told her I wasn't afraid of the dark. "Oh, you are so brave," she said admiringly; "I am terrified of the dark." She proved it a moment later when a flesh red caused the one Coleman lantern to be extinguished. Like rockets, she and all the other junior hostesses dashed for the hut that corresponds to a powder room. And there they stayed until the lights went on. Later she explained to me, "Dancing in the dark is not our custom."

It will take a little time for American customs to become popular.

GImetry: The shortest distance between two dates is a good line.

SENATORS BALK: (Cont'd from Page Three)

Staff to Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek. Among other promotions approved was that of Brigadier General Anthony McAuliffe to be Major General. MacAuliffe is the officer who replied with one word, "Nuts," when the Germans demanded surrender of the 101st Airborne Division surrounded at Bastogne.

NAZIS MOVE AMERICAN PRISONER CAMP

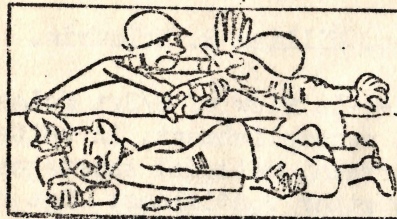
***Feb 7--In Washington, Senator Connally said that he had word from the State Department that the Nazis had moved 1,200 American war prisoners from a camp near Poznan, Poland, to a spot deeper inside Germany, just before the Soviet forces reached Poznan. A late communique from Moscow reported that the Red army had penetrated besieged Poznan, where an estimated 20,000 Germans have been surrounded for ten days.

FOOT LOCKER LOST

A foot locker bearing the name Capt. Clarence B. Howard, 1763, O-453470, was lost. If found, contact owner at Hqs Co, 763rd Tank Battalion.



The enemy has sharp ears and is always trying to hear things. When challenging or replying to a challenge speak quietly and use the prescribed password



Don't try to move enemy wounded. It may be a trick. If he is dead the body may hide a booby trap.

Unit Reporters Column

"BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY"

The air was tense. The grim battle-hardened veterans of the 3rd Platoon, D Co, 381st Inf stood rigid in honor of a hero. Memories tumbled through the brain of S/Sgt. McLaurin, the man to whom the award was to be made. He remembered the hardships he had faced in the erection of his masterpiece. The day when all had seemed lost. That awful day he had saved the day with his typically American ingenuity. They had laughed in derision—told him that all his mighty efforts were in vain because there was "no lime". But they hadn't reckoned with a McLaurin. The McLaurins were known throughout the country as being tough, and smart, and he conquered the terrible problem. As he stood in the broiling sun, he wondered if that Engineer outfit down the road had any more lime in addition to the bags that they had foolishly left unguarded in that tent.

And there was the time at "Hole No. 5". But he knew that he was not the first man in history to have such a struggle. When in school he remembered reading about the British Army's similar problem in India. They had called it the "Black Hole of Calcutta". He wondered if "Hole No. 5" would also go down in history.

But now the time had come. His platoon leader, Lieut. Charles H. Allen, was approaching medal in hand. Behind him came Platoon Sgt. Rodney R. Caprez. Lt. Allen spoke:

"Special Order: # 611

Under provisions of AR 123-321, the following citation is awarded to following named EM.

S/Sgt. William R. McLaurin.

Citation:---In view of S/Sgt McLaurin's efficient accomplishment, in spite of difficult terrain, material shortages and adverse weather conditions: Sgt McLaurin went on to direct, design and construct a super - sanitary, comfortable relief station.

S/Sgt McLaurin is also commended for



his "never say die" attitude, although faced with hazards and difficulties such as he encountered on Hole No. 5, he vowed to do the job well—come what may. We can honestly say he did.

It is my privilege to present you with the "Odor of the Steaming Privy." Congratulations and may God bless you."

Charles H. Allen
CO, 3rd Plat, 1st Lt.

Rodney R. Caprez
Plat Sgt, 3rd Plat, T/Sgt

Then there was the burlesque dancer who was arrested for no gauze at all.