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DOWNTOWN MANILA IN FLAMES

BERLIN FALL NEAR, SAYS MOSCOW

***Feb 8--Crossing the Oder River on a 50 mile front southwest of Breslau, the 1st Ukrainian Army has penetrated more than 12 miles beyond its west bank. This was disclosed in the official Moscow communique along with the capture of a number of important communications centers. Thus, for the moment, the spotlight has shifted from Frankfurt and Kustrin south to Breslau.

Moscow has not announced any bridgeheads over the Oder in the Kustrin-Frankfurt sector as reported by Berlin, but a Soviet broadcast declared, "Kustrin and Frankfurt are being outflanked. No miracle can save Berlin. Its fall can be delayed only for a few weeks at the most".

In Hungary, the Russian offensive southwest of Budapest was beginning to take on steamroller proportions. Moscow indicated that the Red Army might once more be driving toward the Austrian border.

Although most of East Prussia is under Russian domination, the capital, Königsberg, promises to become another Budapest. Moscow said this formidable bastion might require days of close quarter fighting to reduce.

BIG THREE MEETING NOW ON SAYS BRITISHER!

***Feb 8--According to a British labor leader, Sir Walter Citrine, the meeting between Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin is going on at this very minute. He offered

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***Feb 8--Retreating Japanese in Manila have set fire to the downtown business district and have turned it into a flaming inferno. Flames roared from building to building in the Escolta district, and spread towards the musty old Bilibid prison where 1,300 Allied prisoners were released Sunday. General MacArthur said, "The trapped and frustrated Japanese garrison has wantonly set fire to the downtown business district of Manila along the Escolta and is practicing general sabotage destruction which has no relation to the military operations."

American troops are taking Manila house by house, a marked contrast to their speedy initial push into the city. The fires, which were started after MacArthur's troops entered the city, have spread rapidly due to the fact there is no water system functioning. Japanese troops blew up the water pumping stations in Manila several days ago. As a result, water mains were empty and the Manila fire department helpless.

Three United States Army columns have been active in and around Manila. Inside the city are the First Cavalry and 37th Infantry Divisions. The Eleventh Airborne Division has been pushing into Manila along two routes from the south. It has encountered stiff enemy resistance around Nichols field at the extreme southern edge of the city. One of the few American planes lost in the Luzon campaign was brought down by Japanese anti-aircraft fire over Nichols Field Tuesday.

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that statement in explanation of the absence of Churchill from the opening of the British Trade Union Congress.

In Washington, the White House discreetly kept mum, pointing out that Sir Citrine has no official position in the British government. It is probable, however, that Citrine is on the inside track.

At the same Trade Union Congress, the Soviet delegation urged that Union strength be committed to the political and economic isolation of Argentina, Spain and Portugal. The 35 man Russian delegation said that these countries are fascist governed and that it is the duty of trade unions in democratic countries to help their peoples wipe out Fascism.

YANKS APPROACH NAZI FLOODGATES

***Feb 8--American troops of the First and Third Armies have swung northwest in their drive thru the main Siegfried Line. The Yanks are now making a two directional attack against the last enemy positions west of the Roer River positions which guard the dams whereby the Germans have been flooding the countryside at will.

At Brandschied, the Germans threw in a small but furious counter-attack. Field dispatches said there were only 250 Nazis involved in the attack, and that two thirds of them were captured after a wild battle. After repulsing this onslaught, an American column pressed on to three miles of the fortress of Prum.

It has been disclosed that the famous 42nd "Rainbow" Division under command of Major General Harry Collins is now a part of the American Seventh Army. Like the Rainbow Division of the First World War, it is made up of men from every state in the union. General MacArthur gave the division its original name in the last war and at one time was its commanding officer.

She was an optician's daughter ---
two glasses and she made a spectacle of herself.

MANILA: (Cont'd. from Page One)

On the Bataan Peninsula, American forces moved southward fighting in close quarter action against the enemy from bamboo thickets and jungle growth. The enemy is isolated on Bataan, as well as the northeastern sector of Luzon, and is without hope of escape or reinforcement. Meanwhile, Corregidor was hard hit with 180 tons of bombs, as other planes ranged as far as Formosa across the China Sea.

General MacArthur, marking his return to Manila, issued an order-of-the-day to his troops. It said in part, "You will shortly complete the liberation of the Philippines. You have redeemed a country's pledge to recapture its lost land. You have inflicted the greatest military defeat in its history on your enemy. You have fulfilled the sacred mission for our sacred dead. For all this we have to thank God." MacArthur asked that Divine Services be held throughout his command.

JAPS PUSH AHEAD IN CHINA

***Feb 8--For the Japanese people, the only measure of solace they could find in a world of defeat was in China. There the Japanese armies continued to push ahead in their drive to establish an inland route from south China to its northern coast. They have recently completed the capture of the Canton-Hankow railroad, which gives them an excellent means for transporting their military supplies and ill-gotten gains over a route safe from American naval warships.

Chinese High Command announced the loss of Nanyung and Kanchow in the path of the Japanese offensive from Canton area of China. Fourteenth Air Force Headquarters announced earlier that American forces had to abandon their fighter bases at these points. With the opening of the Stillwell Road in China from India, it is hoped that the rest of the American air bases in China can be held.

Follow the war in the DEADEYE Map Room.

General Bradley to Speak at Memorial Services Sunday

General J. L. Bradley will speak at a general Memorial Service on Sunday at 1015, at the Chapel at the Deadeye C. P.

The program will be Protestant in nature with Acting Division Chaplain B. W. Jackson giving the dedication and the closing prayer. The 96th Division Chorus and Band will participate. A large attendance is anticipated to honor our fallen comrades.

FILIPINOS PRESENT VARIETY SHOW

In a variety show featuring both popular numbers with which we are familiar and native songs and dances strange to most of us, a large group of entertainers from Bureau and San Pablo were presented to an enthusiastic audience at the Deadeye Theatre last evening.

Outstanding among all the fine performances was the work of the "Hawaiian Trio", composed of Espina and his gang. The trios' professional night club work in Manila before the war is well known among the island inhabitants. The quality of their vocal and instrumental accomplishments combined with their humor and the comic antics of the diminutive member of the trio, recalled them for numerous encores. The Hula hula dance, always a welcome addition to a bill of this type, was adroitly performed by Miss. F. Ancito. The dance, as explained by the Master of Ceremonies, lacked the final "Power Stroke".

Introducing to us a part of the tradition that is the heritage of her people, Miss Say and Company presented a series of interesting Folk Dances.

Miss Pezade and Mr. Masayon contributed immeasurably by their version of "Boggie Woggie", as did Mr. Aguillon with his tap dancing.

This show, produced by the Vice Mayor of Bureau, and presided over by the Mayor of that city, is available to other units of the Division by calling the SSO.

JEWISH MEN OF THE 96TH DIVISION ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE FOLLOWING RELIGIOUS SERVICES:

Friday - Eighth Army Command Area...1800
- 118th General Hospital...1815
Saturday-872nd Engr. Avn. Bn., one block south of Palo Cathedral ...1100
Base K Chapel, Tacloban...1930
Sunday - Sub Base K Chapel, Dulag...1000

Three additional services will be held in centrally located places each week soon. Announcement will be made about the schedule.

Men of the Jewish faith from Division Artillery, Signal Company, and Division C. P. area, will be provided transportation to a Jewish Service and Recreational hour at Eighth Army Headquarters on Friday, 9 Feb 1945. The truck will leave the Division Motor Pool at 1700 sharp.

Have you a gripe? suggestion? about the DISPATCH or FEATURES? Send it in to us.

BOMBERS OVER GERMANY AS WEATHER CLEARS

***Feb 8--Almost 4,000 American and British war planes flew over Germany yesterday as the weather cleared. The largest force was 1300 American heavy bombers with an escort of 850 fighter planes. The Yank heavies and their escorts raided the important communications centers of Leipzig, Chemnitz and Magdeburg, all southeast of Berlin. Other fighter formations concentrated on Germany's railroads.

HOSPITAL VETS GET RADIOS

Every soldier in the Mayo General Hospital of Galesburg, Illinois will now have a bedside radio headphone thanks to the Daughters of the American Revolution. The DAR is furnishing headphones and putting out 60,000 to have them installed in the hospital. A gadget at the bedside will give each patient choice of five stations including the hospital speaker system. Army Surgeon General Norman Kirk has already endorsed the project and told DAR members that it supplies a need not furnished by Government Army hospitals.

(ANS)--Camp Carson, Colo.--once a great Infantry training center --will become the Army's largest hospital center on May 1. It will handle 7,500 patients near the famous Pike's Peak health resort.

IWO JIMA HIT AGAIN

***Feb 8--Iwo Jima, one of the U. S. airmen's most important stops on their Pacific milk run, was again bombed Monday and Tuesday, according to Admiral Nimitz. The American fliers hit storage facilities and barracks, as well as installations on Haha Jima.

Marine planes bombed a barge and building in the Palau Islands and destroyed a pier on Yap Island. Another Marine Group hit Ponape in the Carolines. Navy planes attack Japanese bases in the Marshalls on Monday.

SUPERFORT PRODUCTION INCREASED

***Feb 8--B-29 Superfortress production was increased 13 per cent in January over the December record. War Production Board officials gave no total of the Superforts turned out, but two of four plants building the giant planes finished 135 of them in December. Total B-29's turned out up to January was over 6,500, but that figure was four per cent behind schedule.

The 'Sky is the limit' they say, and maybe so. Lois De Fee, six foot four inch burlesque queen, has married for the ninth time. Her new husband is 6 foot 5 inch Lt. Hugh Roper. Miss De Fee won wide publicity in 1936 when she married midget Billy Curtiss only 3 feet 11 inches tall.

MALE CALL

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

PLAIN IDENTIFICATION

Unit Reporters Column

NEWS OF THE 381ST

Now that the long awaited dry season is here — it only rains every other day— usually on the day we plan on playing ball. Many tournaments are in progress on the well developed sports field at the present time—Softball being the main event. The men certainly haven't forgotten their softball, and are displaying enough talent so that we feel justified in indulging in a little bragging.

Our team, Hq Company, has a batting average of .565 so far, and has performed the remarkable feat of making 73 runs in 19 consecutive innings. The potential champions and their batting averages are:

	<u>AB</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>AVE</u>
Kummerow	10	8	.800
Tommy	14	11	.786
Chandler	12	8	.667
Dumphy	12	8	.667
Hansen	13	8	.616

So if you are suffering from nostalgia, would like a little excitement, and haven't cleaned your shoes, drop by and see us in action ---You will not be disappointed.

Pfc Bohlig, Hq Co
2nd Bn, 381st Inf

REST AREA

When I have passed the battle test
Here's the way I take my rest:
Calisthenics, uniforms --
Vaccine shots in both my arms --
Check for shortage in equipment
Then rest is done! It's time for shipment.

The infantry goes through the battle
Clears the rugged spots:
And then comes in to take a rest,
And gets its typhoid shots.

HQ BTRY 361ST F.A. BN.

Hq Btry began the softball season with a bang January 21st. Their first two games were scheduled for Sunday, so they were forced to play a double header in the afternoon. The morning was spent draining the field and hauling and spreading sand on it, all as a result of this beautiful Leyte climate. The team started clicking from the very beginning of the first game and emerged victors over the Bn Officers' team by a score of 10-5.

A short time later the fellows again trotted out on the field to defend their honor against a very worthy opponent; "C" Btry, 361st F.A. Bn. At the end of a hard and very well played game on the part of both teams, Hq again celebrated a victory. This time by a score of 6-1. The fellows feel pretty confident now. So much so in fact, that they are eagerly extending a challenge to any unit which might be interested.

(Ed. Note: Team on opposite side of page would make a worthy opponent it seems)

Don't be frightened by the weird sounds coming forth from the various tents in Hq Btry area up to as late as midnight. It's merely the occupants studying, arguing and working together on their SWPA courses.

If you should come across one of men in the battery sitting hunched over, deeply absorbed in a certain something, an interesting look on his face, and a determined tenseness and power of concentration about his entire being, rest assured that everything is alright. It is a very common sight at this particular time. The man is merely another victim of the "Shortage of Cigarettes" plague trying valiantly to master the manly art of rolling a cigarette.

No, I'm not nervous, I'm just breaking in these goosepimples for a goose.

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WORK OR FIGHT: LABOR AND ARMY BLAME EACH OTHER

A Senate battle now looms over the proposed War Manpower Bill. There are two schools of thought on the bill, each diametrically opposed to each other. One is advocated by the War and Navy Departments, which believe that there should be complete mobilization of manpower. Under-Secretary of War Patterson yesterday told the Senate Military Affairs Committee that no one is entitled to a free ride in this war. He said that half-hearted mobilization is not the way to bring about unconditional surrender at a minimum cost of lives. The fighting men are doing the hard part, said Patterson, and they should be given all-out support at home.

The other school of thought is sponsored mainly by labor, especially the CIO and AFL. In Miami, Florida, yesterday the AFL executive council said war production has been excellent and blamed slow-ups on the military authorities. They have planned poorly and shown lack of foresight, said the Council. AFL leaders maintain that labor and industry has responded in a remarkable way under the voluntary manpower setup now in effect. The trouble is, they declare, that military leaders change plans and requirements overnight and then blame production difficulties on the lack of manpower.

Advocates of the bill will probably answer the "overnight-change" charge with the truism that military situations do change overnight and that no matter how remarkably labor has responded to the call, there wasn't enough manpower when it was needed. The issue is due for decision on the Senate floor in a few days.

(ANS)—Selective Service headquarters back home have just revealed that more than 40 percent of the men called up at the age of 28 are rejected as being unfit for military service. The rejection rate goes over the 50 percent mark at age 34 and climbs on to 59% for men of 38, the officials reveal.

On an occupational basis, the highest rejection rate has been among men employed in domestic service—cooks, valets, and chauffeurs. Almost 60% of the men in this group have been turned down. Next highest rejection rate is among part-time workers and unemployed, followed by farmers and farm managers. On the basis of its study, Selective Service finds that on a national average, 39.2% of all men are unfit for the armed forces.

Mental ailments and deficiencies lead the list of causes for rejection. Other principal reasons include injuries, heart disease, syphilis, ear and eye defects, hernia, nerve ailments, and tuberculosis.