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PHILIPPINES: (Cont'd from page one.)

to pursue its destiny in the family of free nations."

While Mac Arthur spoke in Manila, Yank infantry, cavalry and airborne troops advanced east and south of Manila into the mountains of the Marikina watershed. Japanese troops have already established a line of defense there and sharp fighting is already in progress. Major General Oscar Griswold, XIV Corps commander predicted heavy fighting in this mountainous area.

American troops also occupied tiny Verde Island, between Luzon and Mindoro. Elements of the 24th Infantry Division occupied the island almost without loss. Verde could have been an obstacle to the American use of Manila Bay.

BRITISH NEAR BURMA OIL FIELDS

***Feb 28--British troops in Burma have reached within striking distance of the heart of Central Burma's oilfields. They made a fifth crossing of the Irrawaddy River to capture the ancient Burmese capital of Pagan. Pagan is 96 miles southwest of Mandalay.

British and Indian troops already control a line of oil fields that stretches 60 miles south of Pagan along the Irrawaddy River.

FRANCO-BRITISH ALLIANCE IN MAKING

***Feb 28--In London, British Prime Minister Churchill and French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault opened the first talks aimed ultimately at a Franco-British pact. The new agreement would follow the lines of the present Franco-Soviet Military Alliance.

JOHN L. LEWIS THREATENS STRIKE.

Pres J. L. Lewis of the UMW notified Labor Secretary Perkins Monday that the contract between soft coal miners and operators expires March 31st. Lewis said that the Smith-Connally Act requires his

COMPLETE CLOSEDOWN AT DODGE PLANT

When the main Dodge plant of the Chrysler Corporation closed Monday more than one thousand workers were sent home because they could not work while 14,000 strikers are out. The strike began Friday when the company discharged eight men for loafing. Local union officials charged the company with a speedup.

POWs IN EUROPE SLATED FOR HOME

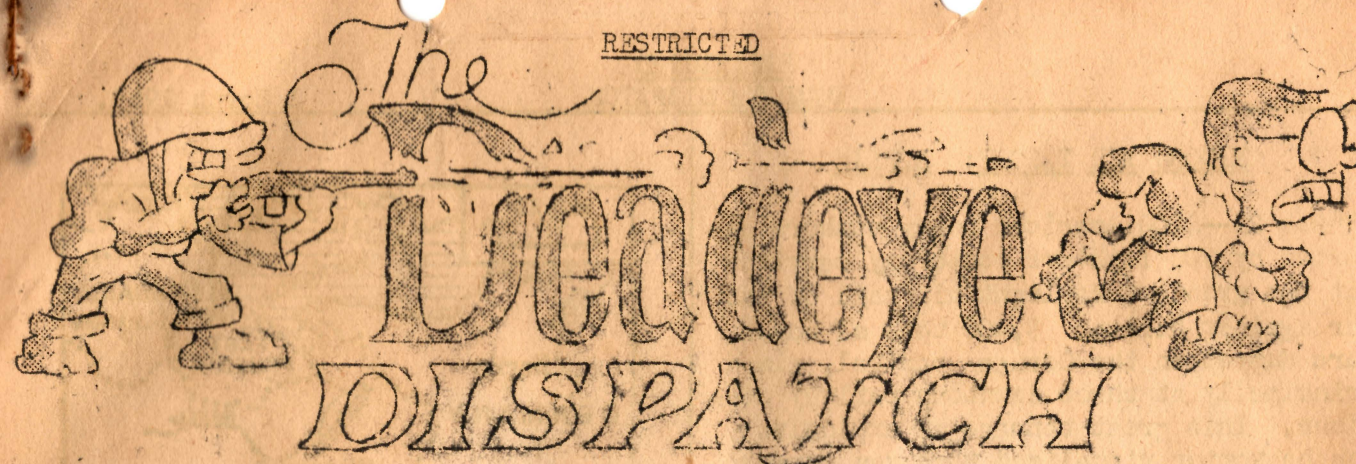
An early trip home for about 1000 Americans and 2500 British prisoners freed by the Red Army was promised by Rear Admiral Archer, Chief of the British military mission in Moscow. These Allied prisoners were freed recently when the Germans abandoned their prison camps in Poland and Germany as Soviet troops dogged their heels

union to give notice and that means taking a strike vote if a new contract is not agreed upon by expiration date. Lewis said his union would work diligently and forthrightly during March to prevent interruption of coal production.

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ALLIED BREAKTHRU IN GERMANY

MARINES SHAKE JAPS FROM IWO FIELD

***Feb 28--After a terrific bombardment of Iwo's central air field by American warships, the 3rd, 4th and 5th Marine Divisions launched an all out assault to take the field. They now hold most of the strip, with only the tip of one runway still in Jap hands. Also captured by the Marines was the hill east of the field where artillery observers can overlook most of the remaining enemy positions.

Iwo's main airfield was first used by an American observation plane last Monday. This field, on the southern end of the island, was taken by the Marines in the first days of combat.

At dark Monday, more than 3500 dead were counted and nine prisoners taken.

***Feb 28--Four great Allied armies are smashing through Germany proper on the Western Front in this all-out drive to crush the German armies. Simpson's newly-armored Ninth Army hurled itself in tanks, against the faltering German resistance, seeking a breakthrough. They are within six miles of the western Ruhr foundries at Munchen Gladback and 18 miles from Dusseldorf. At four points, the First and Ninth Armies are within one to four miles of the Erft River, last natural barrier to the Rhine. One Ninth Army officer said, "There is no organized resistance before us and it seems that we have a breakthrough."

Two First Army spearheads are ten miles east of the great arsenal city of Cologne. A late dispatch reports that one Long Tom artillery battalion is already shelling Cologne. American forces are now 27 miles inside Germany sweeping forward over trenches and enemy fortifications. On the northern end of the Western Front, the Canadian First Army jumped off in a new offensive gaining three one-half miles. They are moving forward under a creeping artillery barrage of strong intensity. In heavy mud, the Canadian First attacked the fortified town of Calcar while other units reached the third and last defense line between Maas and the Rhine River.

The American breakthrough appears to have spread far to the south. General Patton's Third Army broke loose on a seven front in the Eifel Mountains in a
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B A R G A I N S

Most of you are familiar with the story of "Happy Moto", the Jap PW captured by the 381st Infantry. "Happy" talked himself into a job working for the 381st. He returned to the Jap forces on three different occasions bringing back a total of six prisoners. It seems that he convinced them that "the American way" isn't so bad after all. Who can deny that "Happy" was a BARGAIN!

One Jap map taken in the Catmon Hill area proved to be more accurate than any we had at the time. This map was copied, reproduced and distributed and consequently played a large part in the final taking of Catmon Hill. BARGAIN no. Two!

These two outstanding cases clearly demonstrate the value of taking prisoners and the importance of the prompt forwarding of captured enemy documents. There will be other cases in the future as long as the men in the line outfits continue their splendid cooperation. The results obtained speak for themselves. Let's have some more BARGAINS!

"Q U E S T I O N S"

The DISPATCH has been unable to run a "For-um and Agin-um" series lately -- but we have found that many people in the division are alive in their questions. We get in each week sets of For-um and Agin-um questions that come up in company sessions and just bull sessions. Today we publish some of the questions that your buddies are talking about. We should be glad to have your thoughts on the subjects even tho some of them do not have a yes or no answer to support. And perhaps you would like to request your own Information-Education Officer to use some of these questions for a discussion in your next War Information Conference. Here they are: "Should the U.S. establish a protectorate over such islands as the Marshalls, Carolines, and Mariannas after the defeat of Japan?" "Is the G.I. Bill of Rights government charity?" "Should military service be made compulsory for all men during peacetime?" "When should the Phillipines be granted complete independence?" "Should we destroy Japan completely as a nation? Is it necessary to our safety?" "Should the post-war police program include having U.S. soldiers stationed in the Far East. If so should men stationed here be volunteers?"

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RECORD AIR TARGET: BERLIN

***Feb 28--1200 American heavy bombers escorted by 700 fighters yesterday carried out the greatest daylight air raid of the war against Berlin. 3,000 tons of bombs were dumped on the German capital, aimed principally at three downtown railway stations. This great tonnage of explosives can be better visualized when you compare record bombings in the Pacific using 200 tons of bombs. Flak was moderate in the Berlin raid, and no Nazi planes attempted interception. 16 bombers and seven fighters failed to return.

Another attack on Berlin shortly after nightfall was indicated by the enemy radio, which flashed an alarm that strong formations of Allied bombers were over the city. The bombers and fighters which hit Berlin by daylight streamed across northern Germany in a straight line which stretched for 150 miles. This great mass of American air power arrived over refugee-swollen Berlin in three waves just before noon, dropping 5,000 high-explosive bombs and 500,000 incendiary bombs.

GERMANS TRAPPED NEAR DANZIG

*****Russian troops stormed toward the Baltic through Pomerania after toppling the Nazi frontier stronghold of Prussich-Friedland. Soviet forces are attempting to seal off large enemy units in Danzig. Moscow said that other Russian forces battling southwest of Koenigsberg captured six more towns. Farther north, heavy German counter-attacks on the Samland Peninsula were repulsed. The Nazis were fighting desperately to keep open a corridor between Koenigsberg and Pillau, a Baltic escape port 25 miles west of the Prussian capital.

Only limited gains by Red Army scout units were reported on the Oder River front of Marshal Zhukov. A Soviet communique quoted a captured General as saying Gestapo Chief Himmler now commands the so-called Vistula group of German armies in the East.



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IRVING BERLIN, WE GREET YOU
By - John Sutor.

It was the Irish Sage and Wit, George Bernard Shaw, who made that quib, now well on its way to becoming immortal, to the effect that Youth being so wonderful should not be wasted on the Young. What Mr. Shaw, now past his "three score years and ten" must realize is that despite the undeniable wonder and charm of Youth, Age possesses something that She alone can bestow.

This "Something" is what the huge audience at the DEAD EYE THEATRE last night applauded in Mr. Berlin. Here was talent, yes; personality, yes; showmanship, yes; and that extra thing that we give to our celebrities - a certain lending of ourselves to enhance the aura that is theirs. But these were not the things, primarily, that we applauded last night. It was more than these things - a case of the whole being more than the sum of its component parts - that we applauded. Here was enthusiasm tempered with mellowness, love of mankind honestly flowing; age adoring the Spirit of Youth, and Youth returning that adoration; the struggle of attaining replaced by the joy of giving - a certain timelessness - "A Heap O' Livin'", if you will.

By your own admission, Mr. Berlin, you did not wish to "break our hearts", but Mr. Berlin, how you did tug at our heartstrings; heartstrings so entwined with your melodies down through the years, so revealing of your joys and sorrows, sharing them with us through your songs, that last night, 'The you only mentioned some of them, perhaps too poignant are they to sing again, we lived them again with you, and in so doing re-lived our own. Only in the glow of the maturity which you bring us is this possible.

We greet you, Mr. Berlin, a fellow-human being.

WASHINGTON: WPB said that it could keep only "vital hard core" of essential workers under 30 out of the draft. Men between 26 and 29 with occupational deformities will be drafted this year.

BERLIN HONORS DOUGHFEET AND FILIPINOS
By - John J. Archibald.

Two new songs, one for the Infantry and another for the citizens of the Philippines in commemoration of their liberation, have been contributed by America's greatest living composer, Irving Berlin. In an interview just before going on the stage at the Division CP Tuesday evening Mr. Berlin publicly revealed for the first time that he has honored the people who so valiantly resisted their Japanese captors until freed by American forces. While arranging for the appearance of his world famous show, "This Is The Army" here on the island, Mr. Berlin has been giving informal appearances in the Division. The all-G.I. stage show, which has played in every major war theatre, is expected to arrive on Leyte early this month. It has been playing the South Pacific since January 1st and so far has entertained over 230,000 servicemen in the area.

Because he prefers to withhold the title of the Filipino song until it is given its formal unveiling by a group of school children at General Headquarters here, Mr. Berlin would only reveal that it is somewhat similar in theme to the stirring "God Bless America", which he composed for his own nation during the last war. And just as he donated the proceeds of "God Bless America" to the Boy and Girl Scouts of the United States, he has signed over all royalties of the song of liberation to the Boy and Girl Scouts of the Philippines.

The second of Mr. Berlin's tributes is entitled "There Are No Wings On a Foxhole". And in a voice that has first uttered some of America's most beloved tunes, he sang this praise to the men who do their fighting on foot. The words of the new Infantry song are as follows:

"There are no wings on a foxhole
If its where you happen to be.
While the shells are flying
It's doing or dying
For the men of the Infantry.
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15TH AIR FORCE SUPPORTS SOVIETS.

****Feb 28--It was disclosed today that the United States 15th Airforce heavy bombers have been hammering Germany's rail lines to the eastern and southern fronts in direct support of the Soviet Armies. The support was requested by the Soviet forces and the plan of operation was mapped out in conferences with Russian ground commanders. Lt Gen Ira Eak, commanding officer of the Mediterranean Airforces and Maj Gen N. Twining, commander of the 15th Airforce, flew to Romania and Bulgaria for the meetings.

The aerial offensive began 13 days ago and has hurled more than 12,000 planes from Italy against key targets using more than 13,000 tons of bombs. Yesterdays blows were concentrated on Linz in Austria where lines from Regensburg were cut. A link for a run

**8TH ARMY
CONCERT**

8 P.M. (2000) TONIGHT!!!
March 1st.
Featured work will be the----
BEETHOVEN SYMPHONY #3-----
"EROICA"
Everybody invited to the 8th
Army Chapel.

Germany and Japan last Monday. The declaration still must be ratified by the Syrian legislature.

Meanwhile, in Buenos Aires, Vice President Juan Peron, virtual dictator of Argentina will be expected to announce that Argentina will support the United States against the

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There are no wheels on your 'tootsies'
When you march from night'til the dawn.
Twenty miles of hiking
Is not to your liking,
But the foot soldier marches on.
From the night'till the dawn
The foot soldier marches on.
There's a sharp end on your rifle
When you're close to your enemy.
At that close-up meeting
There is no retreating,
For the men of the Infantry."

ARNOLD ASKS FOR POSTWAR AIRFORCE

***Feb 28--General Henry H. Arnold of the AAF in his annual report, recommended a strong postwar American air force. He said that a longtime security of American and world peace will rest henceforth on airpower. Aggression was water-borne in the past, and naval power was America's traditional defense. But, continued Arnold, further successful aggression must come by air, and defense lies in adequate air protection.

He termed a second rate postwar air force worse than none at all because it would lead to false security. We must not hang on, Arnold stated, to old models after this war as we did before because that would retard development of proper air protection.

Improved modification of the German V-1 rocket, according to General Arnold, will soon be available for possible use by the Allies. The Air Force Chief said that bombing of German rocket launching platforms last year reduced the scale of enemy attacks to one-fourth what was planned. He also cautioned against the present tendency to underestimate the strength of the German Luftwaffe.

Jack Spratt was big and fat
His wife was thin and lean
But you should see their daughter Pat
Wow - is that baby keen.

BEER QUIZ SHOW FRIDAY NIGHT

Combining the informative with the entertaining, the second in a series of Quiz Shows sponsored by the I & E Office will be staged at the DEADEYE THEATRE in the Division CP Friday night, March 2nd, at 1900. The superlative 96th Division Band, CWO Orville Shetney, director, will share the spotlight with a series of scintillating acts. CWO Robert D. Smith of IG Section will be Master of Ceremonies.

New to DEADEYE theatergoers and promising to be of great interest are the guest stars of the evening, Sgt Ruth Haake and Pfc. Patricia "Patsy" Darr of the WACs. Sgt Haake, ballad singer, is the possessor of a beautiful voice and great personal charm. The anticipation with which her appearance is awaited is heightened by the fine reports of her performance elsewhere with the Division Band. Pfc Darr, lays claim to being a veteran in show business, having made her debut in the theatrical world at the ripe old age of three. Early childhood saw her a member of the famous "Our Gang" comedy team, and with the more mature years came contracts with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and other Hollywood Studios. Her talents will be demonstrated in the staccato snap of the tap dance. Singing with the band will be the increasingly popular "Quintones", who stock is in the ascendancy with audiences wherever they appear.

On the Quiz side of the program, the first round finds the "Hot Shots" vs the "Sages". Comprising the "Hot Shots" are FO, IG, JA and Surgeon Sections, while the Red Cross, G-1, G-4, C/S, Chaplain Section, SSO and PRO carry the banner for the "Sages." The second round finds the "News Hounds" from DSM and TQM pitted against the intellectual brows of the Bandsmen. A double performance and double beer prizes for the contestants. Place all bets early, gentlemen! You pays your money and you takes your choice!!!

A bathing suit is a costume with no hooks on it - but plenty of eyes.

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Unit Reporters Column

Few events are as memorable as a reunion of buddies overseas. There are so many experiences to discuss, so many old friends to remember, so many plans to make in the brief time that they are together.

One of those series of coincidences that figure in all such reunions brought together two Prairie du Chien servicemen, M/Sgt Kenneth Voth, 19th Bomber Squadron and his buddy Pfc Francis Bohonek of Hq Co, 2nd Bn, 382nd Infantry. Pfc Bohonek had stopped his jeep to inquire about the destination of a plane warming up on the runway. To his surprise, the soldier who turned around to answer him was M/Sgt Voth. "It just goes to prove that you meet fellows you know regardless of where you are," Pfc Bohonek remarked later.

Previous to his service in the Philippines, M/Sgt Voth, an assistant maintenance flight sergeant, had been training at Camp ... for Cannon

to ...

Look at this:

Preusser CF
Scott.....SSS
Sullivan.....1st
Davies.....3rd
Felch.....CF
Gray.....BF
Zuellke.....LF
Clarco.....2nd
Becker.....G
Morris.....P

A million peso ball club and all that is missing is an official name and water boy, but that will keep.

Tuesday, 20 Feb 45, which was the 383rd four months on the island also saw uncorked a Class A, Headquarters' Softball Team. Tentively captained by "Meatball" Clarco and thru the superior pitching of ... Headquarters decisely defeat-

... the tune of 1-0.

... for Cannon

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