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REDS POISED: (Cont'd from Page Two)

Associated Press Correspondent Dan DeLuce in Moscow reported that Russian heavy guns firing from the ruins of conquered Kustrin hurled a prophetic barrage across the river and that the Soviet Command worked out a tactical situation for the Berlin offensive in which three armies soon will take part. Field dispatches made it plain that the Germans have assembled a great concentration of fighting reserves west of the Oder for what may be the last major battle on the Eastern Front.

A companion battle to his victory in Kustrin is still being waged by forces of Marshal Zhukov against another vital enemy bridgehead that embraces the eastern outskirts of Stettin. Based in three suburbs of Altdamm, Finkenwalde and Podjuch, this position, however, is being steadily whittled down by Russian attacks.

BERLIN REELS UNDER NEW BRITISH BLOW

Mar 13--Bomb-battered Berlin reeled again last night under another devastating air assault by British Mosquito bombers which dropped two-ton blockbusters on the tottering German capital. It was the 21st successive night raid on Berlin by the RAF.

British bombers, escorted by RAF Polish and Czech fighters, today attacked communications industrial town of Barnen at the outskirts of the Ruhr. British heavies were part of a long procession that headed out of Britain toward Germany but targets of other formations were not disclosed.

ROOSEVELT NOMINATES NINE FULL GENERALS

***Mar 13--President Roosevelt today nominated nine lieutenant generals to be full generals in the United States Army. They are: Joseph T. McNarney, Supreme Deputy Allied Commander Mediterranean Theater; Omar N. Bradley, Commanding General 12th Army Group, Western Front in Europe; Carl Spaatz, Commanding General United States Strategic Air Force in Europe; George C. Kenny, Commanding General Far East Air Forces; Mark W. Clark, Commanding General 15th Army Group in Italy; Walter Krueger, Commanding General 6th Army in the Philippines, General Somervell, Commanding Army Service Forces Jacob L. Devors, Commanding General 6th Army Group, European Theater; Thomas T. Handy, Deputy Chief of Staff, United States Army.

AMERICANS TAKE MONTE SPIGOLINO

Mar 13--Fifth Army troops blasted the Germans from 5,900 foot Monte Spigolino in forbidding mountain country, 14 miles northwest of Pistoia and repulsed enemy counter-attacks upon the peak, Allied Headquarters announced today.

Activity flared in the section southwest of Monte Belvedere which Americans hold. Activity along the Eighth Army front farther east on the fringes of the Po Valley was confined to patrol clashes.

A Navy communique announced that PT boats operating off Mesco Point in the Gulf of Genoa.

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FORTS AGAIN ROCK JAPAN!

DEADEYE DISPATCH GOES NAUTICAL

With the Deadeye Division afloat on numerous ships, the "Deadeye Dispatch" has sprouted into several editions, the best of which we modestly admit will be printed aboard this ship.

Through the cooperation of CRM Frank J. Quinn, editor of the Ship's News which which will be combined with the DISPATCH, two high speed radio operators of the Deadeye Signal Company, T/3 Emil Dargess and S/Sgt Cordell Holt will join CRM Quinn in constantly scanning the ether waves to bring you the latest news developments from all theaters as well as stateside news.

The paper will hit the decks at 0800 daily. Copies may be secured by a representative from each unit at the Troop Commander's Office.

Co-editors of the APA 216 edition of the DEADEYE DISPATCH are Sergeant Ralph Hart, POA Army Correspondent who covered the Leyte campaign with the 96th Division and Pfc Gil Feinstein, also a combat correspondent attached to the 96th Division Public Relations Office.

Contributions from both Navy and Army personnel are welcomed. There will only be one copy per 10 men so when you finish your copy, pass it on to your buddies.

BERLIN "UNHEALTHY"

Spanish newspapers reported tonight that the Spanish Ambassador to Berlin has quit his post "for reasons of health".

Mar 14--There was no rest today for Japanese civilians and defense workers as American B-29's roared over Osaka, Japan's second largest city, in the third mass bombing of densely populated enemy industrial centers in five days.

The 20th Air Force announcement of the attack described the Superfort task force as "very large", indicating there were as many planes in the attack as the 300 or more which hit Tokyo early Saturday and Nagoya early Monday. Osaka's congested industrial area was the target of today's assault.

From bases in the Marianas, the B-29 fleet pounded Osaka with two thousand tons of incendiary bombs at 5,000 foot altitudes striking the triangular core of the city for an hour and half. Among the targets were factories turning out iron, steel and aluminum products, air plane propellers, machine tools, bearings plants. Area also included thousands of small-piece workshops of Japan's war industry.

Osaka, with 3,252,000 population, is the most densely populated city in Japan and one of the most important as an industrial center. A great rail center, Osaka is but 245 miles southwest of Tokyo and 80 miles southwest of Nagoya.

THE MOVIE FOR TONIGHT -- IF THERE IS A MOVIE, WILL BE "IT AIN'T HAY" --- STARRING ABBOTT AND COSTELLO.....

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4. QUINN'S COLUMN

Curley Clevenger was transferred the other day to the USS Refuge for further medical treatment. The Second Division wish to express their gratitude to Dr. Boyd and the Corpsmen for the excellent care rendered to "Curley".

Radar gang gives correct range and bearing after 11 years of hit and miss methods. Expecting in July 1945 -- a son -- or a daughter, Gordon R. Charles RDM 3/C

Some of the men in the 2nd Div, are wondering why Chief Burcham doesn't give a few of the men enough work: They have to work up a sweat lifting weights with one of our muscle bound gunners mate. "He is also thinking about admitting some yeomen to his class.

There's a hell of a lot of truth in some of these.... A lot of men who should make footprints in the sands of time, merely leave heel marks there....

Men should keep their eyes wide open before marriage and half shut afterwards.

Next to the originator of a good sentence is the first quoter of it....

The Pride of dying rich raises the loudest laugh in hell.....

As friendly as two guys in the same kind of trouble.....

Was told to inform Ducky Poo not to worry as much as he is because of not hearing from cup cake of late. It's probably because the mail is held up over here....

Is it true that Cox. Meggan is definitely going to be a twenty year man?????

Another reminder to all hands that the suggestion box is up. It's mounted outside the Post-Office. Please contribute as much data as possible toward helping this column.

THE ROAD TO VICTORY

by W.R. Anderson, AT Co, 382nd Inf

The 96th has hit its stride,
They point to us with the greatest pride,
Our maiden fight, the Philippines,
We now compete with our Marines.

Of our outfit we're really proud,
Though on our brows there is a cloud,
When we think of the men who gave their
all,

To ensure the fact of the Japanese fall.

There are those who came who'll ne'er
return,

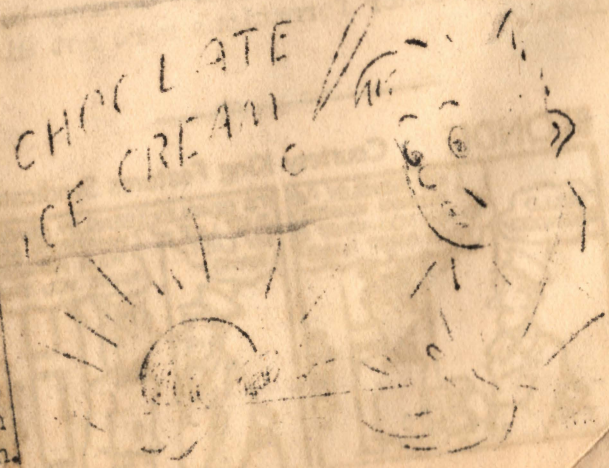
Though the hearts of their loved ones shall
over yearn,

And to these men we stand in awe,
And the wounds in our hearts are painful
and raw.

May God look down with loving grace,
On the men who came to the end of the race,
Who shed their blood in the Victory march,
And may we who are left ever carry the
torch.

Until at last the Victory's won,
And we've set at last the Rising Sun,
The 96th will ever be,
Marching the Road to Victory.

A gentleman is a wolf without courage



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YANKS NEAR VITAL GERMAN HIGHWAY

Mar 13--The American First Army has thrown a pontoon bridge across the Rhine to its Remagen Bridgehead and has driven to a point less than two miles from the six lane automobile highway linking the Ruhr with Frankfurt-On-Main, front dispatches reported today.

Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodge's First Army headquarters disclosed that German artillery which had been plastering the bridgehead appeared to have been withdrawn across the highway against which American doughboys are closing.

In other sectors of the Western Front war, American troops continue on the move. Gains up to five miles were registered yesterday and German holdings north and west of the Moselle River were whittled to six miles long and four miles wide.

Two U.S. Armies have captured 32,365 prisoners in the last eight days, bringing the latest official total of prisoners taken in the weeks since D-Day last June to 1,034,930.

RED ARMIES POISE FOR ASSAULT ON BERLIN

***Mar 14--Western front dispatches said today that three Russian Armies were being disposed for an all-out assault on Berlin although there was no official report of any crossings of the Oder River.

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FRONT LINES ON IWO UNCHANGED TODAY

Mar 14--Pacific Fleet headquarters has announced that no appreciable change was made in the front lines on Iwo Island on March 13 (East Longitude Date). The Enemy occupying the northern end of the tiny island continued to resist our attacks with small arms, machine gun and mortar fire.

While mopping up operations continued in the third and fourth Marine division sectors, our forces made unopposed landing on Kama and Kangoku Rocks, west of the island. An enemy pocket in the Fourth Division sector was reduced in size but part of it still held out last night. During 24 hours yesterday, 115 Jap caves were sealed up.

YANKS GAIN ON MINDANAO

Mar 14--General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters announced Wednesday morning that American troops on Mindanao have taken Canelar, Santa Maria, Sinonog and Pitogo villages in the Zamboanga area. With tank support the Yanks are pursuing the enemy into the hills north of the airfields against increasing resistance.

JAP AIRCRAFT PLANT DESTROYED

Mar 13-- Reconnaissance photos taken after Monday's strike on Nagoy showed 13 buildings of the Aichi Aircraft plant destroyed. Over 38,500 square feet of this important production center was wiped out by the Superfort bombs, John Cashman, of International News Service, reported.

Cashman also revealed that heavy damage was inflicted on the Arsenal Chemical Works, harbor facilities, steel foundries, machinery company and light metals plant in Japan's third city.

Maj. Gen. Curtis Lemay emphasized that Nagoya was not hit a mortal blow since fire control measures instituted with rigid discipline by Japanese would curtail the damage.