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GERMAN ROUT WEST OF RHINE

PARIS, March 20 - Tank columns of Lt. Gen. George Patton Jr.'s Third Army have driven to within fourteen miles of the important Rhine city of Mainz today as the rout of the Germans in the Rhineland maintained its swift momentum.



L/GEN GEORGE PATTON Jr

Patton's movements were under a partial news blackout but it was disclosed that a new armored division is now under his command giving him a powerful armored army of four armored divisions and thirteen tank battalions.

SHAEP reported Patton's Army was menacing the Rhineland cities of Worms, Ludwigshaven, Frankfurt Au Rhin, Wiesbaden, Ludwigshaven and Mannheim as well as Mainz. Thousands of disorganized German troops were racing toward the Rhine from the area south of the stretch reached by other elements of the Third Army.

Coblenz was being cleared of the last enemy opposition as the Third Army gained control of the west bank of the Rhine, with the exception of two pockets, from Coblenz thirty miles south to captured Bingen where the Rhine veers to the east.

Associated Press correspondent James L. Long estimated that 80,000 Germans were retreating in daylight under perfect strafing weather.

This was the last German debacle west of the Rhine and the Germans are losing terrific numbers of men and machines in their rout. Swift tank and infantry columns of the Third and Seventh Armies were within fifteen miles of a junction between Saint Wendel and Zweibruecken.

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MARINES STORM HEARST NEWSPAPER

ABOARD THE NESHOBIA-----Protesting against an editorial which appeared in the San Francisco Examiner, 100 Marines, most of them veterans of the Pacific, demonstrated before the newspaper office according to a late issue of Time magazine just received aboard.

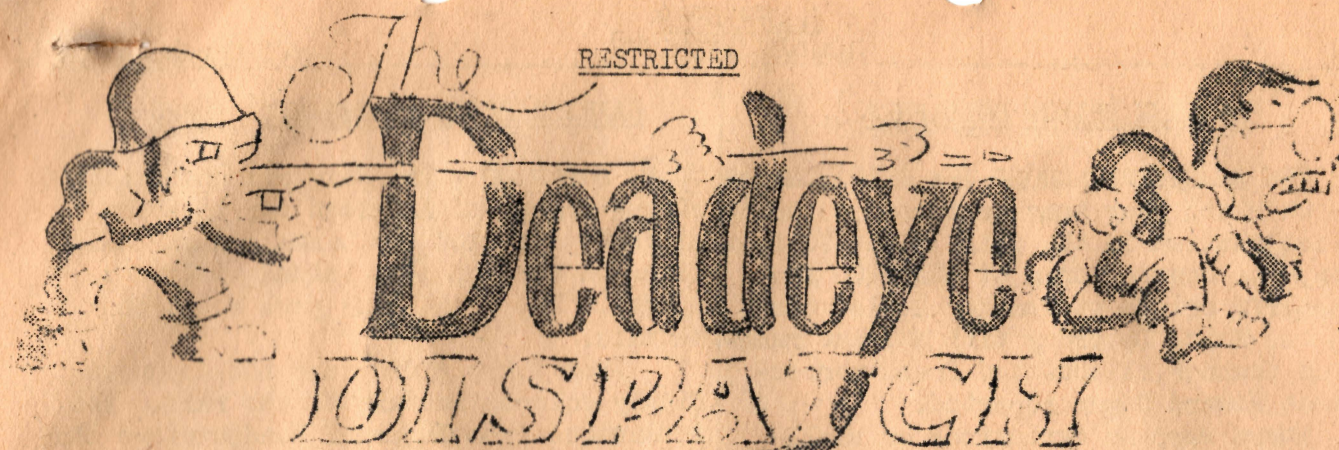
The editorial which aroused the Leathernecks' ire asserted that the American Forces were paying too dearly for the conquest of Iwo Jima and that the same thing happened at Tarawa and Saipan. It called for General MacArthur to be put in command of operations stating that "he outwits and outmaneuvers the Japanese. He saves the lives of his own men."

The Marines asked for and got the right to print a reply the next day. Their answer was that "MacArthur generally lands on big islands where there is room to maneuver while the Marines get the small heavily fortified islands to conquer." In the meantime the San Francisco Chronicle tore into its rival paper for "running down the Marines to build up General MacArthur who needs no build-up at anyone's expense."

From Washington D.C., Secretary of War Stimson, added his praise to the nationwide tribute which has been paid to the Marine conquerors of Iwo. Stimson in a letter to Secretary of the Navy Forrestal outlined the strategic significance of the tiny island. He wrote, "This mission was given the highest importance by our chief of staff in the scheme of operations planned to bring us within striking distance of the Japanese homeland."

Calling the operation "one of the most brilliant and decisive in the history of the Marine Corps," he said, "The price has been heavy but it's conquest has brought closer the day of our final victory in the Pacific."

PARIS, March 19--Allied forces in western Europe have captured 1,066,882 prisoners of war since D-Day last June 6th.



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REDS CAPTURE BALTIC PORT

DID YOU MISS US?

For the first time in its long history of publishing a newspaper aboard the "Mighty N", the DEADEYE DISPATCH was unavailable at newsstands aboard ship yesterday. We have weathered revolutions (of the ship's engines) famines (when we got up too late for breakfast) and disease (when the entire staff was on sick call). But a lex is too much for us.

In case you did not participate, let us explain that a lex is sort of a GI picnic. We took off early in the morning in LCVP's each of us carrying a box lunch in addition to our combat paraphernalia. In order to make sure we arrived at the picnic grounds with empty stomachs so we could enjoy our sumptuous lunch of K rations, the coxswains of the tiny craft maneuvered them very skillfully. By the time we transferred into LVT's we were all hanging over the sides. To revive us the LVT pilots steered into the waves deluging us with invigorating sea water.

Like at all picnics we played games. We pretended we were soldiers assaulting a beachhead. It really was loads of fun. By the time our stomachs became stabilized and we were ready to consume a tasty tidbit from our box lunches which incidentally were packed by Hiram Walker & Company who also manufacture some delicious beverages (paid advertisement), the call came to load up again for the return trip.

Personally when it comes to lex, we'll take Grables.

LONDON, March 20--In an order of the day, Marshal Stalin announced the capture of Kolberg. A city of 33,000, Kolberg is an important German naval port on the Baltic. Stalin declared the First White Russian Army of Marshal Gregory Zhukov and Lt. General Popalawsky's First Polish Army, recently organized, had broken the resistance of the encircled garrison. Kolberg which lies 63 miles northeast of Stettin has been under assault since March 6th when it was cut off by a sudden Soviet thrust to the coast. Berlin had claimed the besieged garrison aided by German naval bombardment would fight to the last man.

Not waiting to consolidate their gains, the two armies pushed forward along the Pomeranian coast with the mouth of the Oder as its immediate objective. Bitter fighting was raging from the eastern suburbs of Stettin to Wollin island in the Oder estuary.

East of Kolberg Marshal Rokossovsky's Second White Russian Army ground deeper into perimeter defenses of Danzig and Gdynia, key ports of the Danzig bay.

Pointing out the significance of Marshal Zhukov's maneuvers, Daniel De Luce, Associated Press correspondent said the drive which prevents a German counter-offensive against the Soviet flank, was preliminary to a grand assault on Berlin.

Tokyo Radio: "Americans have broken into Iwo strongholds. Consequently, communications have more or less the tendency to stop."

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QUINN'S COLUMN

My friend Mac cor vich wants it made known that his name is spelled Marikovics Just for the hell of it, see how many four and five letter words you can make out of his name.....

Two girls in bobby socks peeked at the headlines on a newsstand, "British Bomb Sumatra"... One exclaimed, "Why are they picking on poor Frankie???"

Commando Kelly, Phm3c walked into the corner drug store in Boston, Mass. one day and asked the girl at the stationary counter if she kept stationary... She replied, "I do until the last minute and then I go to pieces." Nice work if you can get it Commando!

Boy: I wish I could change the alphabet!
Girl: Why, what would you do?
Boy: I'd put "U" and "I" closer together..

" A FATHERS PRAYER"

I watched him in the cradle, I counted each each baby step, eased him through all sickness, prayed over him as he slept. Then he reached fair boyhood, the 1st step in the battle of life, unheard by us the call of war, unheard the battle and strife.

21, my son's a man, see - he is tall and strong. War has started across the seas, we'll have to right the wrong. Pearl Harbor, the blow has fallen, a sneak blow, but we're no sap. My boy and a million others are on the march to beat the Jap.

Letters come from far away, my boy is fighting in the thick. I brush aside a tear of pride, though tough I know he'll stick. Then comes that dreaded letter, that letter edged in black. My boy is now a hero, but he isn't coming back.

There'll be no flags a-waving, no home coming at the pier, the cost we pay the demon war, is the lives of those held dear. A mound of earth, a wooden cross, are the marks of a hero's grave, there is a comfort in my heart, my son died with the brave.

NEW AUSTRALIAN ARMY READY

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20-Michael Forde, Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Peace Conference delegate told reporters today, "Heroism and self-sacrifice of American boys forestalled a Japanese attack on the Australian mainland, in the early days of the war. Australians owe a real debt to America. Her boys turned the tide in the Pacific."

Forde declared "Australia has assigned to General MacArthur a new splendid striking force for use when needed to eliminate a quarter million by-passed Japanese in southwest Pacific islands. This force is in addition to Australian expeditionary forces now fighting in the islands."

Forde is en route to London but will return here for the Peace Conference to be held in San Francisco April 25th.

"FORT LOSSES ARE "AMAZINGLY LOW"

March 20- The New York Times reported it now can be disclosed that losses of B-29's bombing missions to Japan have been amazingly low. In fact, measuring the cost in lives and equipment against the huge damage inflicted on the enemy to date may have set a record for economy of operation.

When 300 planes ground nearly 17 square miles of Tokyo into ashes and rubble two Superforts were lost to enemy action. Forty-eight hours later, 300 planes flew from Saipan, Tinian and Guam for incendiary bombing of Nagoya and one craft was lost in action.

One reason for this performance has been the highly trained quick thinking crews. Another and perhaps one that has not been sufficiently emphasized has been the men behind the flights --- ground crew: skilled repairmen and the Air Forces' own service of supply which prepare planes for their rapid turn-arounds.

Thursday at one o'clock the Ladies Benevolent Society will meet. Sister Johnson will sing, "Put Me in My Little Bed", accompanied by the minister.

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REMAGEN BRIDGE COLLAPSES

WITH THE AMERICANS ACROSS THE RHINE, March 20 - Carrying many Army engineers to death and destruction in the swift river 70 feet below, the central span of the 1200 foot Ludendorff bridge at Remagen keeled over into the Rhine Saturday with a great rumble and thunder, Associated Press correspondent Howard Cowan reported.

There were no explosions or shell bursts when the bridge tumbled at 3:10 P.M. and no enemy action was responsible. At Lt. Gen. Omar Bradley's headquarters, it was explained the main span, 512 feet long toppled into the water as a result of cumulative strains and stresses which Army engineers had been trying to offset with repairs. About 200 engineers were working on the bridge when the structure gave way without warning. Some were killed, others were drowned and many more were injured.

The whole steel framework collapsed leaving three stone piers and approaches intact. Many of the men bobbing in the swift current were carried toward a ponton bridge where they were rescued by troops who hurried to the scene. The bridge had been weakened by two charges of dynamite left by the Germans which had failed to destroy the bridge at the time of their explosion.

Despite the loss of the Ludendorff bridge upon which repairs were speedily being made, the U.S. First Army continued to score gains in its bridgehead on the east bank of the Rhine. The area controlled by American forces now measures fourteen miles long and seven and a half miles deep and includes four and a half miles of the Rhine-Berlin superhighway.

Supplies continued to pour across the Rhine on a pontoon bridge erected north of the Ludendorff bridge.

AIR ATTACKS CRIPPLE NAZIS

LONDON, March 20 - High spokesman in the British War Council told newsmen today that only one of Germany's synthetic oil plants and but 19 of her 68 coke ovens are in operation as the result of bombings.

CARRIER BASED PLANES HIT KYUSHU

GUAM, March 20 - The Navy announced that strong forces of American carrier-based aircraft attacked air bases and installations on the Japanese island of Kyushu Sunday. The communique gave no further details.

From Tokyo radio came the Japanese highly colored account of the raid. The communique from Imperial headquarters stated "An enemy task force has appeared in waters southeast of Kyushu and are raiding in waves the southern and eastern sectors of Kyushu. The first attack by Japanese forces sank either a battleship or a converted carrier, instantaneously sank one cruiser and set ablaze a regular carrier."

The dispatch from Tokyo continued to say, "1400 American carrier planes continued their attack for at least eight hours concentrating their attacks on airfields with Mathuyama on Shikoyu and Wayama prefecture on Honshu among the targets as well as Kumamoto and other cities on Kyushu. Part of the enemy fleet has been sunk and hot pursuit is underway to deal it a painful blow."

CHINESE CAPTURE BURMA CITY

CALCUTTA, March 20 - Chinese troops advancing along the Namtu-Hsipaw road have liberated the junction city of Haipaw on the Mandalay - Lashio road. Haipaw is 455 miles southwest of Lashio and 35 miles northeast of Mandalay. It was an important communications center for Jap troops and its loss leaves only secondary escape routes for Japanese troops north of Maymo. Fifty miles northwest of Haipaw are engaged in sharp battles with Jap troops holding strongly entrenched positions northeast of Mogok. Japs are still resisting in southwest corner of Fort Dufferin in the heart of Mandalay. Meanwhile Indian troops have reached the partially demolished Ava bridge across the Irrawaddy river and entered Sagain southwest of Mandalay.

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PATTON: (Cont'd from Page Three)

In the south Lt. Gen. Patch's Seventh Army jabbed through the Siegfried Line east of Saarbrücken and pushed into Wissembourg and the French border town of Lauterbourg barely nine miles from Karlsruhe.

Allied radio stations today broadcast a SHAEF proclamation to railway workers in the Rhineland cities warning them to follow evacuation orders broadcast yesterday to other inhabitants of the region. Warning of the merciless bombardment to come, the proclamation said, "For you railway men above all to remain at your post is suicide."

NAZIS DEFEATED IN HUNGARY

MOSCOW, March 20—At the southern end of the long Russian front, the German counter-offensive in Hungary came to a grinding halt with the crushing losses of 20,000 men and 600 tanks.

Explaining the reason for the desperate fight staged by the Germans in Hungary, the Moscow radio said, "At first glance it seems strange that the Germans, sustaining losses on other fronts, should bring picked Guard Divisions here and launch large scale counter-attacks. The fact is that the Germans are receiving hundreds of tons of bauxite steel and oil from northwestern Hungary. From here run main roads to Austria and southern Germany where huge steel, automobile and armament plants are concentrated.

Associated Press Correspondent Daniel De Luce reported the German offensive power in Hungary had completely collapsed.

GREMLIN IN THE INKWELL

Our artist and mimeographer are in the doghouse for their butchery of our headline which we wrote as port not port. They claim its the work of a gremlin.

Watch for the Deadeye Features soon.

OUR STOCK IN TRADE

by W. R. Anderson,
AT Co, 362nd Inf

What a shocking thing did I discover
When she saw my mattress cover,
Money to her means not a thing,
And she has no use for a diamond ring.
And if you hanker for a lover,
All you need is a mattress cover.

You'll be surprised at the things you'll
get,
Bananas, Yams, or even a pet,
A parrot, a dog, around you hover,
Trying to trade for a mattress cover.

I know one thing if I ever come back,
Of all the things I'll have in my pack,
I'll do away with this and that and the
other,
and have plenty of room for some mattress
covers.

Mother: (putting Junior to bed) Sh, dear,
the sandman's coming.
Junior: For fifty cents I won't tell tadd



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THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES HAVE BEEN FOUND
AND ARE NOW IN THE OFFICE OF THE TROOP
COMMANDER

- 1 - Devotional prayer book with Rosary inside. (No name in book)
- 1 - Identification bracelet with initials M P R marked thereon.

Owners may pick up the above articles at the troop office upon proper identification of them.

LOST

- 1 - Parker fountain pen, name engraved, Sgt M. L. Barnhart.
- 1 - Wrist watch (Omega), \$10.00 reward. T/Sgt Mark Alexander.

Any person that has lost any articles aboard ship should report the loss and identification of such article to the Troop Office. These items will be listed in the DEADEYE DISPATCH under the lost and found column in order to endeavor to recover them for the owner. No guarantee for recovery of articles should be expected unless at least some effort is made by all persons aboard to turn in articles found to the troop office. Even small items may have sentimental value to its owner -- if everyone will help in this project a minimum of losses should occur.

NAZI DEMOLITION OFFICERS EXECUTED

March 20 - A DNB report quoted a German announcement today that four Nazi officers responsible for failing to blow up the Ludendorff bridge at Remagen had been court-martialed and executed. The dispatch said the fifth officer presumably in Allied hands was sentenced to death in his absence. Charges against the officers were given as "cowardice, grave negligence of duty in the field of combat neglectful failure to blow up bridge at the proper time or else to defend it with determination."

NEVADA

I gazed across a sea of blue,
With thoughts of a land that I once knew,
Thoughts of deserts, sage and sand,
And mountain lakes that are quite grand.

Of mountain peaks that are white with snow.
A Desert's sunsets afterglow,
Of dry lakes on the desert's floor,
Where coyotes run along the shore.

Where whiskey is the favorite brew,
And divorces are legal, too,
Where gambling is not a sin,
For Lady Luck helps you to win.

I thought of Tahoe in the mountains high,
And stars at night in a moonlit sky,
A crystal stream where trout abound,
Of gold and silver in the ground.

Of friends who wished me lots of luck,
And roulette wheels that I'd like to buck,
Where a girl is waiting patiently,
A land I love forever free,
That's Nevada

by Pvt V. J. Dow

HOLE FRONT TO HEAR AIR WAR

WASHINGTON, March 18-Inauguration of new "plane to people" radio program, whereby people at home may tune in their dials and listen to first hand reports of air combat was announced today by the commanding general of the Army Air Forces. The broadcast is done by means of a wire recording apparatus installed in fighting planes and by combat air crews. Combat and radio reporter teams will broadcast from every theater where the Army Air Force is operating. This adaptation of the ground forces' "walky-talky" technique will bring home to the radio public the sound flavor of the air war.

GI: How many drinks does it take to make you Dizzy?
She: Two, and the name is Daisy and not Dizzy.