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W A R D I A R Y
APRIL 1945.

"D" COY 2/2 AUST MG BN

Sunday 22nd. Coy preparing to take part in operation known as OBOE ONE".
1000. O.C's Orderly Room, Pte PREEN was admonished on a charge of ~~not having~~ interfering with his emergency rations.
1330. Part of the coy, (Lt H.J.C. COCKRAM and 12 O/r's) march out to take up duties on the H.M.A.T. MANOORA, the troopship on which this coy is to embark.
1600. C.O's conference. Acting on Div. instructions CAPT F.A. VARLEY in withdrawn from the Coy nominal roll.
Capt W.N. TIPPETT ~~is~~ is appointed O.C. coy for the coming ops. Sjt Palmer E.C. will now go as "I" duty for the coy.
2015. Air raid RED. Plane in the searchlights was "Friendly".

Monday 23 rd. Reveille, 0530.
All personnel to be packed and ready to move by 0645.
0700. Trucks arrive in area. Personnel mounted and at 0710 the convoy moves out.
0730 trucks arrive at the debussing point. Personnel dismount and move to several waiting areas.
1030. Coy moves to barge loading point, thence by L.C.M. to the transport. Men climb scrambling nets to board the ship. Some confusion regarding the sleeping quarters for the men, but this is eventually straightened out and each man secures a bunk. The coy is scattered throughout the ship.
During the afternoon the boat team leaders are shown their respective boat stations etc, and all arrangements for the full scale dry practice assault landing to be made tomorrow are made known. This practice does not affect our coy as we come under "ferry-service", which will be "on call" from P plus 30 on the day of the actual landing.

Tuesday 24th. Reveille 0500.
Full scale "Assault landing" begins at 0715.
Waves 1, 2, and 3 go over the side, Wave 4 and Ferry service only go to their boat stations.
Practice is marred by an accident with the collapsible boats, which resulted in the death of 4 members of the 2/48 Inf. Bn. The boats sank, and the 4 men were drowned before they could rid themselves of their gear and equipment.
Troops were returned to the ship between 1000 and 1045.
During the afternoon, experiments are carried out by the 2/48 Bn using various types of life jackets, with the object of preventing a repetition of this morning's unfortunate occurrence.

Wednesday 25th. Reveille 0530.
All personnel warned for boat drill, and for the visit of the C in C, General Sir Thomas BLAMEY, Lt Gen MORESHEAD and Brigadier D. A. WHITEHEAD.
0900. Boat drill commences. All waves go over the side and the first wave of the ferry service.
1000. C in C and party board the ship and watch the operations. Some mail received on board
Lt H.J.C. COCKRAM goes ashore to collect dial sights, but these are now to be used by A coy in subsequent ops, and consequently are not available to this coy.
2000. Boat drill again, All waves go to their boat stations only. Expense stores consisting of soap, atebirin, razor blades and salt tablets issued today.

Thursday 26th. Reveille 0600.
0900. Boat drill again. Tps go over the scrambling nets and then return.
Some mail received on board. Outward mails close 0800 today.
1400. Lt-Col AINSLIE, C.O. 2/48 Bn explains the forthcoming ops to all tps. Main worry is the state of the beach and the beach obstacles.
2000. Boat drill again. Tps go to their boat stations only.

During the day many L.S.T's move into position, preparatory to moving out tomorrow.

- Friday 27 th. Reveille 0600.
0900. More boat drill.
L.C.M's are brought up and made fast for the long tow.
Boat crews commence overhauling their L.C.V(P)'s.
1520. Up anchor, and the ship begins to move out. This ship tows an L.C.T.
1400. All the big ships are in line astern. L.S.T's and other craft begin pulling into line. Long process owing to the slow speed, and it is 1900 before the convoy is in correct formation.
2000. Boat drill and Emergency (abandon ship) drill.
Men are allowed to sleep on deck.
Fine night, cool breeze
- Saturday 28 th Stand to 0515 to 0600, all tps to go below deck.
Calm sea, cool head wind. Very pleasant sailing conditions
C.O. 2/48 Bn again gives outline of coming ops, otherwise N.T.R.
Stand to again at sunset.
- Sunday 29 th Stand to at sunrise and sunset.
1400. Captain of the ship talks to the men over the ship's P.A. system, giving particulars of the convoy, including the names of all ships, particulars of the naval and air forces which are covering the convoy and assisting in the landing and pre-landing operations.
From time to time information in the form of news "flashes" ~~xxx~~ is given over the ships P.A.
- Monday. 30 th. Stand to sunrise and sunset.
Calm day with little or no breeze.
1400. All ships cast off the craft being towed. Convoy takes new formation. Speed much slower, probably not more than 5 knots. Information received that the 2/13 Field Coy have succeeded in making 7 breeches in the beach defences, and that the landing beach is hard. It may not be necessary to use the folding boats.
2100. Submarine scare. Claims that one L.S.T. was hit by a torpedo ~~xxx~~ which did not explode, and the destruction of the submarine cannot be definitely confirmed. The escorting destroyers certainly dropped depth charges, the concussion being felt throughout the ship.
Later information confirmed the above attack by submarine.
Lights out 2130. All tps keyed up for tomorrow's landing.

Robert H. Capt.

War Diary - "C" Coy 2/2 Aust MG Bn - April 1945

Wednesday
11 Apr All detached troops rejoined "C" Coy. C-1 under Lt BOOTH
..... to RAVENSHOE area and carried out practical map
reading in the field. C-2 and C-3 carried out range firing
with rifle and Owen. Capt FARQUHAR went to CAIRNS, returning
with camp stretchers and two-man tents.

Thursday
12 Apr Kit inspection. Sports in the afternoon - combined Australian
Rules match. Pictures at night - double feature program.

Friday 0900
13 Apr Swimming parade in afternoon. Truck load of salvage tents sent
to TOLGA. "C" Coy took over duty Coy from "B" Coy.

Saturday
14 Apr Weather dull and wet. 7 Div Rodeo held at WONDECIA. A truck
load of personnel went down from this area.

Sunday
15 Apr Weather dull and wet. Jeeps were packed and loaded at RAVENSHOE.
Personnel issued with camp stretchers and two-man tents.

Monday 0900
16 Apr All heavy stores were collected and loaded on to trucks and taken
to RAVENSHOE Siding. Stores had to be returned to Coy area until
late evening owing to shortage of loading space on train. Pic-
quet placed on stores in RAVENSHOE overnight.

Tuesday
17 Apr Two truck loads of salvage tents taken to TOLGA. "B" Coy took
over guard duties. Stores left RAVENSHOE accompanied by 1 NCO.

Wednesday
18 Apr 0530 Reveille. 0615 hrs breakfast. 0730 hrs parade. 0800 hrs
embussed at camp area and left. Weather fine. 1300 hrs ar-
rived at INNISEAIL. 2100 hrs arrived TOWNSVILLE. 2430 hrs
detained at OONOONBA Camp.

Thursday
19 Apr Closed camp.

Friday
20 Apr Coy on duty. 60 duties from Coy. Athletic sports held in camp
area. "C" Coy took 1 first, 4 seconds and 1 third place. Pic-
tures at night - "Down Argentine Way".

Saturday
21 Apr Weather wet. 5 Div concert party at night. 3 AWLs reported.
Check parade at 1600 hrs and also at tattoo.

Sunday
22 Apr 0930 hrs. ^{CEIV} ~~Received~~ embarkation orders and serial numbers. Pic-
tures at night. *Adv party embarked*

Monday
23 Apr Weather fine. 1400 hrs entrained at OONOONBA. 1600 hrs ar-
rived on wharf and embarked on USS "GENERAL McRAE". A.P. 140. "C"
Coy occupied decks 6B & 6C. 1700 ship sailed and headed NORTH.

Tuesday
24 Apr Weather fine. Sea moderate. Heading approximately ENE at about
16.4 knots. 1000 hrs breakfast. 0900 hrs abandon ship drill.
1700 hrs evening mess. 1830 hrs darken ship. Time advanced half
hour. Two meals only.

Wednesday
25 Apr 1000 hrs abandon ship drill. Duties supplied on guns and for
cleaning quarters. 1100 hrs sounding of Last Post and 2 min.
silence. Canteen stores of tobacco were issued to personnel.
1235 hrs passed small island on left. 1300 hrs passed ship of
LIBERTY class travelling in opposite direction. Time advanced
half hour. Travelling ENE, then NORTH, doing 16-17 knots. 2 ozs
ACF tobacco issued. 1900 hrs blackout. All troops below.
Atebrin parade. Very calm sea. Two meals only.

Thursday
26 Apr Very calm sea. 1530 hrs anchored off FINSCHHAFEN to drop ship's pilot. 1600 hrs continued on way. 1930 hrs passed SIO, travelling NW. Darken ship. Had cup of tea for midday meal.

Friday
27 Apr Weather fine with occasional shower. Sea smooth. 0800 hrs boat circled twice by BEAUFORT BOMBER, which discharged messages and disappeared in SW direction. 1300 again circled by same plane, which disappeared in Southerly direction. 1845 hrs another visit from bomber. Ship travelling NW to W. 1900 hrs time retarded half hour. Darken ship.

28 Apr
Saturday 0800 hrs commenced to rain and continued until 1000 hrs. Sea very calm. Heading WEST. 1730 hrs anchored off BIAK. 1930 hrs approximately 100 RAAF personnel disembarked. 2030 hrs Darken ship. 2100 hrs left BIAK in convoy.

29 Apr
Sunday Weather fine. Sea calm. Sailing WNW at about 8-9 knots. Travelling in convoy. 1900 hrs time retarded $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. Divine service held on main deck throughout day.

30 Apr
Monday Weather fine and clear. Sea calm. Heading WEST. 1000 hrs fine DC 3 passed well out to port side, heading WEST. 1130 hrs one DC3 passed directly overhead travelling WEST. 1930 hrs darken ship.

General Notes: After BHQ departed from RAVENSHOE, ensuing days were spent on cleaning camp area, Route marches and Swimming.

On 18 Apr 45 the Coy departed from RAVENSHOE by MT to INNISFAIL, thence by train to ONOONBAH Staging Camp. Jeeps and stores preceded the Coy's departure by several days. The move was completed fairly smoothly; the stores were only returned from RAVENSHOE Station once.

The advance party, consisting of Capt FARQUHAR, Ship's Hygiene Offr, Lt BOOTH, Compartment Commander, 2 cooks, 2 guides, and 2 messing Sjts, embarked on USMT "GENERAL McRAE" ^{22 Apr 45} The main body embarked 23 Apr 45, and ship sailed from TOWNSVILLE. En route the ship called at FINSCHHAFEN and BIAK.

Arrived at MOROTAI 1 May 45 at 1000 hrs. The trip on the "GENERAL McRAE" was marred by lack of cooperation between the ship's US staff and the AIF. They did everything to make the trip as uncomfortable as possible. Three meals a day were promised. Throughout the voyage only two meals were provided, and a cup of tea at midday, if the troops were lucky.

Capt CAMERON was gunnery officer throughout the voyage, and 36 members of the Coy were on duty as lookouts and AA gunners.

Our own troops compartments were very comfortable, as we were allotted the mental wards.

The voyage was by no means pleasant, and all personnel were glad to step on land again. The troops refer to the ship as "a sister ship to the ALTMARK."

Red Cameron Capt.
O.C. "C" COY.

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- Sunday
1 Apr Return of "I" Personnel and A.E.S. lectures.
- 0930 Church Parade "D" Coy Mess. Organ completed and in use.
Locstat No. 1 to Div H.Q.
- 0730 Remainder of "A" Coy move out by AASC tpt to Innisfail, then
by rail to JULAGO.
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- Monday
2 Apr Day of rest. HQ Coy and Bn HQ strike tents. Men quartered
in mess huts. Some play sport.
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- Tuesday
3 Apr 0830 "B" Coy, OC CAPT JACK move out on all day route march.
- 0900 CO & party to ATHERTON.
- 1400 All cases of Bn HQ and HQ Coy transported to RAVENSHOE for
onward movement by rail.
- 1500 Information just received - all movement cancelled.
- March W/Diary posted to LHQ Mil His Sec.
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- Wednesday
4 Apr Personnel cleaning up camp area.
- 1300 Unit pay parade.
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- Thursday
5 Apr 0900 All "B" Class personnel march out to 9 Div Recpn Camp.
- 1400 MAJ STANILAND & CAPT VARLEY march in ex school and leave.
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- Friday
6 Apr 1000 CO goes to 9 Div HQ.
- Unit has been standing by ready to move all this week. Packing
has been completed. Very little work being done.
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- Saturday
7 Apr 1300 CAPT SEARLE, P.K., CAPT BENNETT, W.N.C.G., and CAPT FARQUHAR
go out on a fishing trip to the MILLSTREAM RIVER.
- 2230 LT WALTERS, P.R., marches in ex 19 Aust MG Bn - temporarily
posted to A/A Pl HQ Coy.
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- Sunday
8 Apr Church Services 0900 and 0930 - Padre Thomas.
RC " 1030 "B" Coy Mess.
- 1300 Notice received all unit stores to go to RAVENSHOE today.
- 1800 AASC tpt arrives to take unit stores.
- 1830 Stores move out to RAVENSHOE station.
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- Monday
9 Apr Personnel standing by waiting to move. "B" Coy do range prac-
tices on Bn range. "C" Coy spend a day at the swimming pool.
March both ways. Information received - Bn HQ and HQ Coy move
tomorrow? hour. C.O. is appointed OC tps and Lt W. B.
ARMSTRONG is appointed ship's Adj't for movement. MAJ TURNER
(G2 LEARNER) visits the CO on official business. Movement time
now 2200 hrs tomorrow.
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- Tuesday
10 Apr 0815 CO and LT ARMSTRONG move out by car direct to CAIRNS. HQ Coy
and Bn HQ prepare to move at 2000 hrs tonight. CAPT FARQUHAR
goes to ATHERTON. "B" and "C" Coy remain in unit lines, take
over Bn HQ (OC MAJ STANILAND, F.R.K.) and other buildings for accom-
modating personnel. RAVENSHOE camp area to be dismantled and area
to be prepared for civil occupation.
- 1930 Bn HQ and HQ Coy move out AASC tpt arrive RAVENSHOE 2100 entrain
2200. Train moves off 2300. All tps carry out lunch to be used
if required on train. Travelling conditions very cramped.
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War Diary - April 1945 (Cont'd)

Wednesday 0630 Arrive REDLYNCH station. March to 16APSC for breakfast.
 11 Apr Truck moves heavy personal gear. Tps warned to be ready to move at 1400.

0900 MAJ SEARLE, CAPT VARLEY, RSM & SGT IHLEIN go to CAIRNS then on board USAT "SEA BARB". No move for tps before tomorrow. Tps do washing, etc. CAPT SEARLE now OC tps.

1800 Beer issue. Pictures. Closed camp.

Ship's staff will be: OC tps - C.O.
 Ship's Adjt - LT. W.B. ARMSTRONG.
 Ship's RSM - WO I BUCHANAN, C. L'E.
 Ship's Ord Rm Sjt - SGT IHLEIN, N.

Thursday 0900 Tps warned for possible movement at 1330 hrs.
 12 Apr

1400 Parade, clean lines, stand by ready for move. Eventually move by tpt at 1730 hrs via CAIRNS township to No. 10 wharf.

1800 Tps board (woopship "SEA BARB". Sleeping quarters in No. 4 hold.

2000 Meal served to tps. Very crowded conditions. Pictures shown on open deck. No blackout restrictions.

Lack of co-operation by M.C. and ship's staff. Ship's staff forced to work into early hours of next morning - See CO's report.

Friday 0800 Cast off. Tug "UTA" when assisting our ship capsized and sunk.
 13 Apr Two lives lost.

0900 All personnel to carry life jackets while at sea.

0915 Emergency signal. Fire in No. 3 hold - Death of President Roosevelt. Detailing of ships duties. Some mail on board. Calm Sea. Very few seasick. Meals at 0600 - 1130 and 1630. Order of messing: No. 1, 3, 2, 4 holds.

1800 Blackout precautions.

2000 Pictures shown in mess room.

1500 Boat and fire drill.

Saturday 1000 Ships inspection. Issue of comforts to all ranks, comprising
 14 Apr 2 ozs of tobacco, 1 papers and comforts bundle of sox, handkerchief, soap, tooth paste.

1600 Pass MILNE BAY and GOODENOUGH IS round S.E. coast of NEW GUINEA into CHINA STRAITS. Very calm.sea.

1800 General quarters.

1845 Smoking Lamp Out.

Sunday 0545 General quarters.
 15 Apr 0630 Smoking Lamp Lit.
 0830 Pass TAMI IS.
 0900 LANGEMAK BAY
 0930 FINSCHHAFEN. Ship not calling in as previously arranged. All unit personnel busy reviewing old battle ground.
 0915 Church Service (Offrs Lounge) - 1000 No. 3 Hatch - 1045 No. 5 hatch Bn Choir sing King of Kings. Ship's Chaplain gives sermon.
 1500 Memorial service for PRES ROOSEVELT (Padre Thomas, Padre Jones and Ship's Chaplain). Message from PRES TRUMAN and CHURCHILL read over ship's P.A. Still in sight of Nth Coast of NEW GUINEA.
 1815 General quarters.
 1845 Smoking Lamp Out.

War Diary - Apr (Cont'd)

Monday 16 Apr 0400 Clocks retarded half hour. Rainstorm between 0400 and 0430. Calm sea following breeze. Land in sight all day (NE coast of New Guinea).
 0945 Change of all duties.
 1000 Ship's inspection.
 1115 CO holds officers' conference in officers' lounge.
 1430 Pass HOLLANDIA
 1500 Pass disabled ship on port side.
 1520 Boat, fire and air raid drill.
 15-1600 Friendly Aircraft sighted off Port side.
 1730 Ship commences anti-sub tactics. Sub scare.

Tuesday 17 Apr 0400 Clocks retarded 30 minutes. Rainstorm between 0400 and 0430. Calm sea, following breeze. General Quarters 0500-0545.
 0630 BLAK IS in sight - much shipping activity.
 1010 Dropped anchor BLAK IS. Many aircraft and much shipping. Sailing much slower.
 1030 Boat drill for crew.
 1430 Put to sea again with USAT "SEA RAY" and corvette escort "ARARAT". Calm sea 12 knot convoy.
 1500 Choir practice on boat deck.
 Stand-to morning and evening from now on.

Wednesday 18 Apr 0455 Reveille. Stand-to 0510 to 0555. Cool day, head winds, calm sea.
 1030 Ship's inspection. Strong rumour of ship being torpedoed ahead of us. Rumour unfounded.
 1100 SOS picked up in clear. No call sign. Extra precautions taken as message was sent from position approximately 7 hours sailing dead ahead.
 1810 Stand to until 1855. Further warning regarding smoking on open deck after smoking lamp being out.
 1900 Pictures for No 4 hatch in men's mess room.

Thursday 19 Apr 0510 Stand-to until 0555. All ranks on deck.
 0700 Land sighted. West coast of HAIMAHERAS. Bn personnel to have all equipment on forward end of No. 5 hatch by 0900 hrs.
 1045 Drop anchor in Morotai Harbour. 0730 MOROTAI sighted off starboard bow. ETA 1030 hrs. unloading procedure uncertain.
 0800 Passed LCI and LST convoy moving EAST.
 1215 Change anchorage approximately 400 yds away from 1st position.
 2200 Ship sent visual signal to M.C. to remind them we were in the harbour. Another night on board. Pictures shown on open deck.

Friday 20 Apr 0430 Reveille, Breakfast 0515, 0600 all on deck.
 0700 Movement Control come aboard.
 0910 Debarkation starts. This Bn to be last off. Unloading from No. 3 hatch. Men climb into LCMs by means of nets. Gear loaded by winch.
 1400 Debarkation ends until 0700 21st. Soldier hit by shrapnell during A/A practice.
 1530 CAPT BRERETON comes aboard.
 1300 men moved first day, another 1479 to go ashore tomorrow. LT ARMSTRONG & CAPT HODGE (E.S.O) supervising debarkation.
 1900 Pictures on open deck.

Saturday 21 Apr Reveille 0530. Breakfast 0600. Debarkation commences again 0710 at slightly faster rate. Cleaning up all holds and troop compartments.
 0940 MAJ SEARLE, CAPT VARLEY & PADRE THOMAS go ashore.
 1100 Lunch. Approximately 500 left on board.
 1200 Remainder of troops less "Q" Pl go ashore.
 1330 Move by truck and bus to Bn area. Fostered in by "A" Coy.

Sunday 22 Apr 0200 Working party posted at RED BEACH to receive and picquet Bn stores being unloaded.
 0600 Reveille. 0700 Breakfast.
 1000 PADRE THOMAS holds church service.
 1500 CO and rear party arrive on shore. Half shelters being used until R.D. tents erected.
 1700 All personnel issued with stretchers.

War Diary - Apr (Cont'd)

Monday 23 Apr Reveille 0600 - Breakfast 0700 - Adm parade 0800.
 Bn HQ attached to HQ Coy for adm purposes.

0830 General cleaning of area and erecting R.D. tents. After three hours manual labour bulldozer arrives, and in process of removing scrub also removes approximately 1 ft of top soil. New sites had to be located.

1200 Lunch.

1730 Evening meal. Working party at wharf waiting for stores to be unloaded. So far very little has arrived.

0700 "D" Coy move out. Sgt Palmer attached for "I" duties.

Tuesday 24 Apr Reveille 0600 - Breakfast 0700 - Adm parade 0800.

0930 Capt VARLEY marches out as Air Liaison officer to 77 sqn 81 Wing 1 Aust Tact Air Force. Sawn timber available for camp construction from U.S. sawmill located nearby.

2000 Maj P.B. GREEN visits C.O.

Wednesday 25 Apr 0930 C.O. goes in jeep to Div H.Q.

1400 Lt. J. COCKRAM comes ashore from "MANOORA" prior to sailing.

1500 Last of unit stores arrive from USAT "SEA BARB".

Thursday 26 Apr 0745 Adm parade. Standing Orders read to all troops and inspection of arms.

0830 Working parties clean area and officers mess erected.

2000 Maj GREEN and Capt VARLEY visit C.O.

Friday 27 Apr New working roster comes into force.

0630 Reveille - 0730 Breakfast - 0815 Adm parade - Rest period 1030-1430 - Lunch 1200 - resume work 1445-1645 - Tea 1700 - malaria precautions 1830-0630.

0900 Capt VARLEY visits unit.

1200 Infm from 9 Div that all jeeps on WE cannot be taken - no infm as to numbers.

1400 Maj SEARLE and Lt BENNETT go to 9 Div in connection with above. Decided that if compelled to, unit could operate with 3 jeeps less than W.E., viz. "A" Coy HQ., 1 water cart, jeep with sig gear.

Saturday 28 Apr 1400 Capt WNOG BENNETT, Lt MILLS and Padre THOMAS go to Div.

Sunday 29 Apr 0800 RC Mass

0900 OD Church service in YMCA - Padre Thomas.

2030 Maj M. I. WHEATLEY marches in from LHQ Tac School BEENLEIGH - journeyed from BRISBANE by plane.
 Rainstorm during late evening.

Monday 30 Apr 1000 About 50 personnel carried en bloc one mess kitchen from beside BHQ to area to be taken over by "C" Coy.
 "I", AES and Current Affairs returns sent to Div.

1400 Lt ARMSTRONG, W.B., goes to Air Liaison (Capt VARLEY) in search of information TARAKAN - No news as yet.

REPORT

by

LT-COL E. MACARTHUR-ONSLOW

OC TROOPS USAT "SEA BARB" 13 APR 45 to 20 APR 45

on

THE EMBARKATION AT CAIRNS

1. The outstanding feature of the embarkation at CAIRNS was the indecision and lack of control on the part of the Movement Control officers.
2. Past experience has shown that close liaison between embarkation control and ship's Army Staff is essential, but apparently the port officials of Cairns have decided that this liaison is unnecessary, and have adopted in its stead a dictatorial attitude that has made liaison a virtual impossibility.
3. Complaints were made by Movement Control regarding unauthorised personnel on board prior to troops' embarking. Investigations revealed that no attempt was being made to control this traffic, and it was NOT until a guard was posted by the Ship's Staff that it was brought under control.
4. There seemed to be a great deal of indecision regarding units travelling on "Sea Barb". On several occasions the ship's staff received figures that were said to be firmed. Billetting plans and duty rosters were drawn up, and inevitably they had to be abandoned and fresh ones prepared as changes were made in the units embarking. Finally firmed figures were given, and definite plans were made. The troops assembled at the embarkation point, and were led up the gangway by the E.S.O., who informed the Billetting Officer that plans had been changed at the last moment. It is not suggested that any particular individual was responsible for not advising Ship's Staff of the change in plans, but it is felt that, in view of the ease of communication throughout the port of Cairns, some person adopted a grossly inconsiderate and un-cooperative attitude in not giving some warning of the change.
5. During the embarkation certain officers were instructed by Movement Control to leave their baggage on the wharf and recover it later. When they sought to bring the baggage on board, Movement Control objected most violently to their leaving the ship. After considerable debate the matter was finally adjusted by issuing officers with written passes that allowed them to leave the ship and return. If officers were NOT allowed to leave the ship, Movement Control was obviously at fault in directing officers to leave their baggage on the wharf, and if they could leave the ship, then Movement Control was again at fault for adopting such a ridiculous attitude at the head of the gangway.
6. For some obscure reason, nominal rolls were not presented by Movement Control until some four hours after embarkation had been completed, and this involved a great deal of late work on the part of ship's staff in the checking of rolls, and unnecessary delay in the preparation of orders.
7. In conclusion, it is suggested that it should be pointed out to Movement Control, Cairns, that a little consideration for the difficulties of Ship's Army Staff, plus a constant attention to their (Movement Control) duties, would tend toward a more efficient and satisfactory embarkation.

Lt-Col
(E. Macarthur-Onslow)
OC Tps USAT "Sea Barb"

REPORT BY LT-COL E. MACARTHUR-ONSLOW
OC TROOPS ON BOARD USAT "SEABARB" 13 APR TO 20 APR 45

1. The trip has been satisfactory in every respect. Embarkation was accomplished with little trouble, despite the apparent inefficiency of Movement Control at Cairns. Both ship's army staff and ship's crew have been most helpful and cooperative.
2. The troop accommodation is excellent, likewise the food and feeding arrangements.
3. Although nearly 100 different units and sub-units were represented on board, and a complement of approximately 150 officers, thus making for a split control, the behaviour and discipline of the troops have been all that could be desired.
4. The weather has been fine, and, apart from the first day out, when there was just sufficient movement to make a few of the men feel sick, conditions have been perfect.
5. In conclusion, I can say that, of all the troop ships in which I have travelled, this has been by far the most pleasant and satisfactory in every regard.

Lt-Col
(E. Macarthur-Onslow)
OC Troops USAT "Sea Barb"

QM's REPORT ON USAT "SEA BARB"

1. Duties of Q.M. were taken over by me on Tues 10 Apr 45, two days' prior to sailing. The following points may assist future Q.Ms.
2. The loading of the ship was bad, owing to W.O.V. articles being loaded into the hold first.
3. Various stores wanted by the Q.M. to supplement ship's deficiencies were not available. owing to inefficient loading.
4. There was absolutely no excuse for such bungling, as all units prepared separate Bills of Lading for the various types of cargo. Unit stores escort parties were provided.
5. It is suggested that ship's Q.M. receive a consolidated list of voyage rations before they are loaded; this would enable Q.M. to prepare a ration scale for the voyage, and advise messing officers of quantities of stores available each day.
6. Stores loaded on deck were dumped in one area, which necessitated many tedious hours of sorting before we could ascertain what rations were on board to feed the troops.
7. Even prior to sailing there was still a deficiency in list of stores. Fortunately the shipping coy office on No. 1 wharf, Cairns, was a little more cooperative than the Army, and did at least tell us the number of voyage ration cases loaded on the ship.
8. I consider that it is most essential that both a representative of D.I.D. and A.D.C.S. meet C.C. ship, Adjt and Q.M. before they take over their ships duties and give them all available information.

Capt
(C. Toms)
QM USAT "Sea Barb"

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COMMANDING 2/2 AUST MG BN.

2 Apr 45

DUTY COY - "C" COY
Next for Duty - "B" Coy

48. DISCIPLINE

- NX 58302 PTE BROWN, P. - WOAS When in camp being found beyond the limits of the camp fixed by Camp Standing Orders, without a pass or written authority from his C.O. (A.A. 15(3)). Admonished by O.C. "D" Coy 27 Mar 45.
- NX 58302 PTE. BROWN, P. - WOAS conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline (A.A. 40). Admonished by O.C. "D" Coy 27 Mar 45.
- QX 28574 PTE ROSEBERRY, S.G. - WOAS When in camp being found beyond the limits of the camp fixed by Camp Standing Orders, without a pass or written authority from his C.O. (A.A. 15(3)). Admonished by O.C. "D" Coy 27 Mar 45.
- VX 82957 CPL ELLIS, A.S. - WOAS When in camp being found beyond the limits of the camp fixed by Camp Standing Orders, without a pass or written authority from his C.O. (A.A. 15(3)). Admonished by O.C. "D" Coy 27 Mar 45.
- QX 2280 PTE ANDERSON, W.R. - WOAS When in camp being found beyond the limits of the camp fixed by Camp Standing Orders, without a pass or written authority from his C.O. (A.A. 15(3)). Admonished by O.C. "D" Coy 27 Mar 45.

W. M. Bennett Lt
(W.M. Bennett)
A/Adjt 2/2 Aust MG Bn

NOTICES

AMENITIES: Receipt is acknowledged of 7 bundles of papers and magazines from 2/2 Aust MG Bn Comforts Auxiliary, NSW Branch.

2/2 AUST MG BN REGIMENTAL TRUST ACCOUNT
MARCH 1945 MONTHLY STATEMENT

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Feb 24	To Bal Trust a/c £355. 5. 1:	Mar 2	By Cinema Construction £ 7. 8. -
" "	" Cash on Hand 13.19. 5:	5	" Spts. Mat. & W/less 58. -. 9
28	" 2/9 Cav Bagpipes 14. -. -:	10	" T/Racq., F/Balls 6.12. 6
Mar 1	" 1 W/Less Set 33.17. -:	19	" H. Rice Sp. Gear 8. -. -
8	" Prof. Ph/graphy 7. 2. 6:	26	" Footballs 3.10. -
8	" Sale of Salvage 1. -. -:	28	" Unit Canteen Advance 200. -. -
17	" Prof. Ph/graphy 3.16.3 :	31	" Bal Trust a/c 216. 2.11
"	" Canteen Prof Jan 48. 7. 1:		
26	" Refund Snack Bar 22. 6.10:		
	<u>£499.14. 2</u>		<u>£499.14. 2</u>

BALANCE SHEET REGIMENTAL CANTEEN AS AT 31 MARCH 1945

<u>Liabilities</u>	<u>Assets</u>
Capital a/c £603.16. 4:	Canteen Trust a/c £120. -. -
Regimental Funds (loan) 200. -. -:	Cash on hand 130. 5. 2
	Stock on hand 299. 6. 1
	Sundry Drs:
	Ath. T/Lds Coop Dy Asn 1.10.6
	(overpaid) 48. -. 9
	"A" Coy 2. 8. 9
	"B" " 202. 5. 1
	"D" " 254. 5. 1
<u>£803.16.4</u>	<u>£803.16. 4</u>

We certify that we have examined the Cash Book, the Unit Trust Book, and vouchers relating to 2/2 Aust MG Bn Trust Account; and the Canteen Cash Book, Canteen Trust a/c and vouchers relating to 2/2 Aust MG Bn Canteen a/c, and that in our opinion the above Statements correctly set out the position as at 31 March, 1935

[Signature]
Bn Auditor

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Serial 25

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

ROUTINE ORDERS, PART I

No. 49

by

LT-COL. E. MACARTHUR-ONSLOW, D.S.O.

COMMANDING 2/2 AUST MG BN.

3 Apr 45

DUTY COY - "C" COY
Next for Duty - "B" Coy

49. DISCIPLINE

QX 11327 PTE HARRISON, J.L. - WOAS absenting himself without leave from 0630 hrs 30 Oct 44 until 1915 hrs 9 Mar 45. Tried by DCM In the Field and found Guilty, being sentenced on 31 Mar 45 to suffer field punishment for 90 days and to forfeit all ordinary pay for 90 days. On 1 Apr 45 Brig. W. J. V. WINDEYER, Adm Comd 9 Aust Div., confirmed the finding and sentence.

Whene Lt
(W.M. Bonnett)
A/Adjt 2/2 Aust MG Bn

APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, ETC.

NX 154298 PTE COOPER, E.J. - transferred from HQ Coy to "B" Coy wof 3/3/45

NOTICES

MOBILE CINEMA:

Thursday) "MARYLAND" - Brenda Joyce and John Payne
5th Mar)
News from Home 130
Overseas News No. 6
Stars of Tomorrow

Programme commences at 1900 hrs.

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Serial 26

ROUTINE ORDERS, PART I

Nov. 50/51

by

LT-COL. E. MACARTHUR-ONSLOW, D.S.O.

COMMANDING 2/2 AUST MG BN.

5 Apr 45

50. DUTIES

DUTY COY

"B" COY from 1400 hrs 6 Apr 45
to 1400 hrs 13 " 45
Next for duty - "C" Coy

ORDERLY OFFR
ORDERLY SJT.
ORDERLY CORPORAL
RUNNERS

- LT. R. GINN
- SJT. POYNTING, N.
- CPL. WATSON, G.
- PTE. WALTER, H.
- PTE. LEWIS, G.

SJT. OF THE GUARD
CPL. " " "
" " " "

- SJT. BROWN, E.
- CPL. MILLS, W.
- R/CPL. DONOHUE, J.

51. DISCIPLINE

NX 47624 PTE HILTON, R.A. - WOAS absconding himself without leave from 1900 hrs 1 Feb 45 until 1900 hrs 13 Mar 45. On 2 Apr 45 he was tried by DCM In the Field and found Guilty, being sentenced to forfeit all ordinary pay for sixty (60) days. On 5 Apr 45 Brig W.J.V. WINDEYER, Adm Comd 9 Aust Div confirmed the finding and sentence.

W. M. Bennett Lt
(W.M. Bennett)
A/Adjt 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

PROMOTIONS, TRANSFERS, ETC.

NX 6778 SJT COLEMAN, G.H. - transferred from HQ Coy to B Coy - wef 2/45

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Serial 27

ROUTINE ORDERS? PART I

Nos 52/53

by
LT-COL E. MACARTHUR-ONSLOW, D.S.O.

COMMANDING 2/2 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

24 APR 45

52. DRESS - MALARIA CONTROL. (9 Aust Div RO 42)

1. Attention is drawn to previous orders regarding dress.
2. Shirts may be removed only during daylight hours, and then only on the authority of an officer.
3. The following dress will be worn by ALL ranks

Hat, khaki fur
Shirt and Trousers
Anklets, web
Boots.

53. TIMBER FROM SAWMILL

Personnel will NOT approach the Sawmill direct for timber. Requirements for requirements will be submitted through Q.M.

 It
(W.M. Bennett)

Adjt 2/2 Aust MG Bn.

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AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Serial No. 28

ROUTINE ORDERS, PART I

Nos: 54-61

BY

LT-COL. E. MACARTHUR-ONSLOW, D.S.O.

COMMANDING 2/2 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

25 Apr 45

54. CONDUCT AT CINEMAS (Morotai Stg Area RO 40)

1. The privilege of attending US Cinema screenings and stage performances is, in many cases, being abused by personnel, who pass vulgar, and in some cases obscene, remarks regarding the merit of the screening or regarding what appears on screen or stage.
2. Such remarks are in very bad taste and are NOT clever. In addition, female personnel who are sometimes in the audience are greatly embarrassed thereby.
3. Personnel attending cinema screenings and stage performances at US or Australian installations, will conduct themselves in a gentlemanly manner and refrain from the type of comment abovementioned.
4. Provost will remove from the performance and charge personnel heard passing vulgar or obscene remarks at cinema screenings or stage performances.
5. ORs will NOT enter enclosures reserved for officers.

55. TRAFFICKING IN CIGARETTES AND LIQUOR (Morotai Stg Area RO 41)

1. Cases of sale of liquor by members of AMF in this area have come under notice.
2. Should the sale of liquor by members of the unit be proved, supply to the unit will be discontinued.

56. PROHIBITED AREAS (Morotai Stg Area RO 44)

1. Cases have been reported of personnel visiting native villages.
2. Attention is directed to the following Instruction: (Adm Instr No. 22)
"(a) WAMA and PITOE airstrips, dispersal areas, taxi-ways, airfield installations and US Army Camps and dumps are prohibited areas to all AMF personnel except when on duty.

(b) Native villages and gardens are out of bounds to all troops. Trading with natives is prohibited. Native curios and souvenirs may be purchased by arrangement between units and NICA (NETHERLANDS INDIES CIVIL ADMINISTRATION.)"

3. Severe disciplinary action will be taken against AMF personnel found in native villages without authority.

57. WASHING OF ISSUE CLOTHING (Prevention of Schistosomiasis (Bilharzia - Bladder Disease):

Routine Order No. 40 is repeated for guidance:

"With a view to preventing the above, which is a chronic disease, the following orders will be strictly observed by all personnel in all areas NORTH OF AUSTRALIA:

- (a) Troops will NOT bathe, wash clothes, or clean their teeth in, or drink or handle unsterilized water.

(ETO)

- (b) All water for any human use whatever must first be sterilized by super-chlorination for half an hour, or if this is not possible, by boiling.
- (c) The sterilizing tablets of the outfit, individual, water sterilizing, will render water safe after one hour's exposure to the prescribed dosage."

58. PASSENGERS ON MU (Morotai Stg Area RO 48)

1. NO vehicle carrying supplies will also carry passengers.
2. Vehicles carrying loads from wharves will NOT carry passengers other than guides.

59. SECURITY OF INFORMATION

1. The existing security in this area is far from satisfactory.
2. Unavoidable opportunity exists for natives within the occupied area to move freely into the unoccupied portion of the island and contact the enemy. Natives are inveterate gossips, and quite apart from those who may be here as enemy agents, normally harmless natives will pass on to their fellows still living in uncontrolled areas, any item of news they obtain through their contact with troops in the staging area.
3. Instances have already been reported of discussions of proposed operations by those who have access to vital information. To maintain security the following will be rigidly adhered to:

No one will discuss matters connected with operations, with or within the hearing of natives, or officers and ORs of our own and Allied Forces who are not engaged in planning. This particularly applies to conversations by Officers and Office Staffs in messes, living quarters, vehicles and all public places.

4. The need for the strictest attention to security cannot be overemphasised, as the probability of vital information reaching the enemy on this island is very real, and the wireless communication between MOROTAI and the controlling ENEMY HQ is known to be good.
5. The enforcement of this instruction is the duty of all ranks at all times.

60. CENSORSHIP

1. It is realised that due to the inevitable break in delivery of troops mail and the use of reduced postal rates, the fact that some movement has taken place cannot be concealed. However, no specific mention will be made of such movement in correspondence, and no indication will be given as to the present location of the individual or unit.
2. Personnel may describe local conditions, such as vegetation, climate, proximity to the sea provided that in so doing no reference is made, directly or indirectly to the present location, and presence in the NEI. For example, prohibited subjects in this regard include: use of foreign currency, and exchange loading of pay.
3. No reference will be made to movement, identity of other units in the area, size of troop concentrations, ports, shipping or damage caused by enemy action.

61. LIVE SHELLS AND BOMBS:

A number of primed shells and bombs have been located in this area. Personnel will take every precaution when moving off tracks, lighting fires, and felling trees.

In the event of any further location, same will be reported to this H.Q.

NOTICE

W. M. Bennett Lt
(W.M. Bennett)
Adj 2/2 Aust MG Bde

CANTEN HOURS:

1100 hrs to 1200 hrs - 1600 hrs to 1700 hrs

2/2 Aust MG B

War Diary

1945

Appx

B

Administration

Bruce Armstrong Lt

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MOROTAI
27 Apr 45
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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE

2/2 AUST MG BN STANDING ORDERS

ISSUED BY

LT-COL E. MACARTHUR-ONSLOW, DSO

1. ADMINISTRATION

(a) Daily Timetable

Reveille	0630 hrs
Breakfast	0730 "
Parade	0815 "
Rest Period	1030 - 1130
Smoke	1030 hrs
Lunch	1200 "
Work Period	1445 - 1645
Smoke	1430 hrs
Evening Meal	1700 "
Malarial Precautions	1830 -0630

(b) Mail

- i. All censored mail will be lodged at Bn HQ by 1500 hrs.
- ii. Postage Rates -

Surface Mail incl inter-unit	- free
Air Mail - Australia	- 3d.
England	- 1/6
EM Cables	- 2/6
Parcels - up to	1 lb - 2 lbs - 3 lbs - 5 lbs - 8 lbs - 11 lbs
	6d 9d 1/6 1/3 1/6 1/9

Printed Matter - Free up to 4 ozs - Up to 12 ozs: 1d.
Telegrams - 6d for 14 words incl address and signature (if transmitted) - 1d each additional 2 words.
Urgent Rates - Double above rates.
Postal Notes - May be obtained through Postal Sjt.

(c) Canteen

Hours - 1100 hrs to 1200 hrs
 1600 " " 1700 "

The Canteen is for use of personnel of this unit only. Beer issue is two (2) bottles per man per week. All empty beer bottles will be returned to unit canteen. AACS will NOT re-issue beer unless all bottles are returned to them as evidence that none has been sold on the "black market".

Tobacco issue scale is at present indefinite, but it is anticipated that the amount will be approximately 2½ ozs per man per week, or the equivalent in cigarettes.

(d) Pictures

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Personnel will be neatly dressed in accordance with instructions when attending pictures.

(c) Dress

i. Shirts may be removed only during daylight hours, and then only on the authority of an officer.

ii. The following dress will be worn by ALL ranks:

Hat, khaki fur
Shirt and Trousers
Anklets, web
Boots, A.B.

(f) Bounds

All air strips and native villages are out of bounds.

(g) Weapons

Particular care will be taken of all arms to ensure efficient action at all times.

NO firearm will be discharged in the camp area, and any live ammunition or explosives found in the area will be reported to R.S.M.

2. MEDICAL & HYGIENE

(a) Sick Parade will be held at 0830 hrs daily. Coy Orderly Corporal will make out AAP ASG sick report in triplicate for each individual, and march personnel to PMP and hand in sick reports.

(b) Anti Malarial Precautions

All ranks will take one atabrin tablet daily on the adm parade at 0815 hrs, and coys will render a certificate by 1000 hrs that this order has been complied with.

All ranks will apply mosquito repellent lotion by 1830 hrs daily and ensure that mosquito nets are tucked in by that time. Personnel on duty will make a further application of mosquito repellent lotion every 2 hours until 0630 hrs, or until relieved.

Disciplinary action will be taken against any member who contracts malaria.

(c) Water Sterilisation

2 (a) Prevention Against Scrub Typhus

Precautions against Scrub Typhus will be carried out as per 2/2 Aust MG Bn Battle Standing Orders - Appx "F"

(a) Information

Enemy

i. Morotai

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(c) Water Sterilization

Strict attention will be paid to orders on sterilization of water.

No bathing is permitted in the sea or in any stream. No clothing will be washed in streams or in water from streams, ~~for at least 15 minutes.~~
at least 15 minutes.

3. CAMP SECURITY

(a) Information

Enemy

i. Morotai

The present strength of the enemy forces on MOROTAI is estimated to number 800, the bulk of which is located on the western side of the island. NO

formed units or subunits are known to exist, and co-ordinated enemy action is considered unlikely.

The enemy has NO known organised system of maintenance from outside sources, and is virtually cut off from any outside source of supply.

However, infiltration or other action by small enemy parties is always a possibility, and must be guarded against. Small raids by enemy parties have occurred in the area.

ii. Halmahera

HALMAHERA ISLANDS are estimated to contain organised elements of enemy forces numbering 20,000.

Due to continuous vigilance by Allied Air Forces and light Naval Units it is unlikely that this force could reinforce or seriously threaten MOROTAI.

The possibility of small enemy raiding parties must NOT be overlooked.

Own Troops

i. 93 US Div (coloured troops) is responsible for defence of Allied Naval and Air Force units on MOROTAI. This division is also carrying out offensive patrolling into enemy occupied territory.

ii. The 9 Aust Div Staging Area is outside the defences occupied by 93 US Div.

iii. Offensive patrolling by PT boats based on MOROTAI affords a measure of protection against seaborne operations.

(b) Policy for Defence

i. CO HQ Coy will be responsible for co-ordinating defensive measures with those of adjacent units.

ii. By night picquets will be posted as directed by O.C. HQ Coy.

iii. By Night one pl will be held available at all times to counter immediately any enemy action.

(c) Reports

i. Any enemy action will be reported immediately to Bn H.Q.

ii. Reports will include:

- (1) Nature of enemy action.
- (2) Strength of enemy
- (3) Time and place of occurrence.
- (4) Counter-measures taken

4. GENERAL

In all other respects Standing Orders for RAVENSHOE CAMP issued 30 Apr 44 will, where they apply, be enforced.

W. Bennett Lt
 (W.M. Bennett)
 A/Adjt 2/2 Aust MG Bn

<u>DISTRIBUTION:</u>	A Coy	- 1	QM	- 10
	B "	- 2	War Diary	- 11-12
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	D "	- 4	RAP	- 15
	HQ "	- 5		
	Bn HQ	- 6		
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SHIP'S STANDING ORDERS

-for-

A.I.F. Personnel

-by-

Lt-Col E. Macarthur Onslow DSO

Officer Commanding Troops - USAT "SEA BARB"

1. Comd of tps

OC tps assumes comd from time of embarkation.

2. Ship's Military Staff and Appointments.

Ship's Adj't	Lt W.B. ARMSTRONG	2/2 MG Bn
" Quartermaster	Capt W. TOMS	2/9 Cav (Cdo) Regt
" Billetting Offr	" C. HUGGETT	2/13 Inf Bn
Senior Medical Offr	Lt-Col JOHNSTON	2/13 Fd Amb
Ship's Messing Offrs	Lt R.L. STUBBS " H.M. WILLIAMS	2/9 Armd Regt
Ship's Gd Offr	Capt J. LEGOE	2/9 Cav (Cdo) Regt
Asst Ship's Gd Offrs	Lt C. HALL Lt E.A. FARLEY " R.D. SCHOFIELD " A.K. WILSON	2/9 Armd Regt
Ship's RSM	WO1 BUCHANAN	2/2 M.G. Bn
Ship's Ord Room Sjt	Sjt IHLEIN	" " "

*Amendments
No 1 - Para 5 (a) hosts*

4. GUARDS AND DUTIES

- (a) Ship's Orderly Offr will be supplied by Gp 5. For orders see Appx "B" att.
- (b) Permanent gds and duties are as notified to respective units.
- (c) Gd Orders see Appx "A" att.

5. DRESS

- (a) ~~Prior to ship's inspection (1100 hrs) all ranks will wear Boots AB~~

DRESS

SHIP'S STANDING ORDERS
AMENDMENT NO 1
Delete Para 5.(a) Insert - "Wearing of boots AB optional."
sloaks, gaiters, boots AB, belts waist and sidearms.

- (b) ~~Shirt to all meals. Pers NOT permitted to enter the Cafeteria.~~
- (d) Dress for orderly duties. Hats (turned up), shirts, gaiters and Boots AB.
- (e) Sunbaking will be permitted but pers must wear shorts, trunks or underpants.

In regard to sub-para (d) above it is advised that excessive sunburn or sunstroke will be regarded as a self-inflicted wound and disciplinary action will be taken accordingly.

6. MESSING ARRANGEMENTS

For detailed arrangements, see Appx "C" to Ship's Standing Orders

7. BOUNDS

The following places are OUT OF BOUNDS to all ranks except those so detailed:-

- (a) Offrs' Quarters - to all ORs except batmen
- (b) " Promenade Deck - to all ORs
- (c) The Bridge
- (d) Forecastle
- (e) Boat Deck
- (f) Crew's Quarters
- (g) Fantail
- (h) Port side of cabin deck
- (j) ALL life saving eqpt.

8. SHIP'S CREW

- (a) Unless the occasion warrants it the ship's crew will NOT interfere with military pers. When given instrs by the crew all ranks will obey the directions so given

4. GUARDS AND DUTIES

- (a) Ship's Orderly Offr will be supplied by Gp 2. For orders see Appx "B" att.
- (b) Permanent gds and duties are as notified to respective units.
- (c) Gd Orders see Appx "A" att.

5. DRESS

- (a) ~~Prior to ship's inspection (1100 hrs) all ranks will wear Boots AB~~
- (b) Shirts and slacks will be worn to all meals. Pers NOT doing so will NOT be permitted to enter the Cafeteria.
- (c) Dress for gds and piquets will be Hats (turned up) shirts slacks, gaiters, Boots AB, belts waist and sidearms.
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8 SHIP'S CREW (contd)

- (b) Fraternising with the ship's crew is NOT permitted and no/ ^{soldier} will, under any circumstances, interfere with any member of the crew.
- (c) Any soldier wishing to lay a complaint against any member of the crew will do so to his Gp comd who will, if necessary fwd the complaint to OC Tps through the ship's Adjnt.

9. WATER CONSERVATION

Fresh water will be strictly limited and must be conserved at all times. Water bottles will NOT be filled with ship's water any pers detected using fresh water for washing clothes or for personal toilet will render themselves ^{liable} to disciplinary action.

10. ATEBRIN PARADES

Atebrin parades will be held under gp arrangements. A certificate will be rendered to ship's orderly Room by 1200 hrs daily,

11. SALT TABLETS

Salt tablets are available to drinking fountains. Dose of one per day should be taken by all pers.

12. MEDICAL

- (a) Sick Bay is situated main deck aft. *Col Johnston*
- (b) Daily sick parade 0900 hrs. by tp deck. Sick report must accompany pers who will be paraded to RAP by NCO.
- (c) Dressing parade 1500 hrs
- (d) Urgent cases may report at all times (procedure posted at Sick Bay).
- (e) Any further orders will be advised.

13. RELIGIOUS SERVICES

To be advised.

14. ORDERLY ROOM

- (a) Ship's Orderly Room is situated on upper 4 deck and is OUT OF BOUNDS to all ranks except ship's staff, Gp Comds and Gp Orderly Room representatives.
- (b) Gps will set up Gp orderly rooms in tp decks and will advise ship's Orderly Room of location

15. RETURNS

- (a) A daily consolidated strength return showing strength in offr's and ORs will be submitted by Gps. Returns will reach ship's Orderly Room by 0800 hrs daily,
- (b) Units and sub-units are reminded that Cas Returns and Pt 11 Orders are a unit responsibility.

16. POSTAL

- (a) No mails will be despatched while ship is at embarkation port. Mails will be despatched however as expeditiously as possible at port of disembarkation.
- (b) Availability of stamps and general postal services on ship will be advised later.
- (c) The only articles accepted for postage will be air mail and surface letters and letter cards. No registered articles pr parcels will be taken.

16. POSTAL (contd)

(d) Postal rates are as follows:-

Australia and Territories : surface mail 4 ozs free.
Air mail 3d per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz
Air letter cards 1d

Empire countries India UK etc:
Surface Mail up to 2 ozs
free
Air mail 1/6d per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

- (e) "On Active Service" will NOT be shown on envelopes
- (f) No mention of mov will be made and no indication will be given that the individual and unit is no longer in AUSTRALIA.
- (g) Address will remain unchanged.
- (h) Formations will be advised when it is permissible to mention that the individual is no longer in AUSTRALIA.

17. INTER-COMMUNICATION

- (a) Ship's PA System. The system employed on board is primarily for the use of the ship's/normal complement and will be used by Army pers only when the occasion demands it. Gp Orderly Rooms will employ runners and will NOT apply for calls for individuals to be put over the P.A. System.
- (b) Gps will maintain 2 runners at Ship's Orderly Room for normal intercommunication and as a safeguard in the event of the ship's P.A. System breaking down.

18. TROOP COMPARTMENTS

Gp Comds will appoint tp deck offrs who will be responsible for cleanliness and control in tp compartments.

19. SHIP'S INSPECTION

- (a) Daily 1100 hrs by OC Tps, Tpt Comd, Senior Medical Offr and Ship's Adjnt.
- (b) Gp Comds and Tp deck offrs will accompany the inspecting party on their respective decks.
- (c) Cleaning of tp decks will be the responsibility of respective gps and will be completed prior to inspection.
- (d) At inspection time, all pers will vacate tp decks and proceed to main deck immediately above.

20. ROUTINE REGULATIONS

- (a) As in Orders for the Gd Appx "A".
- (b) Smoking will NOT be allowed below decks (except in latrines) This regulation will be strictly enforced.
- (c) Cigarette butts will be disposed of only in receptacles provided.
- (d) When blackout regulations are enforced smoking will NOT be permitted in any other place except latrines.
- (e) Life jackets and water bottles will be carried by all ranks at all times.
- (f) Pers will take proper care of life jackets and will NOT use them in any way that may damage them.

21. SPECIAL MUSTER

- (a) All ranks will be mustered on decks for a period of 45 mins before daybreak and for 45 mins after sunset. A warning of this muster made on the P.A. System will receive the instant response of all ranks. This matter must be treated most urgently as a submarine precautionary measure.
- (b) Areas in which Gps will muster will be advised to Cp Comds later.

22. SPECIAL WARNING

Precautions against leaning on rails and crowding in corridors are for the protection of pers. Space must be left for passage of gun crews and crew generally while danger of rails collapsing does exist. Sea tpt regulations will apply and ship will NOT stop for "Man Overboard" under any circumstances.

23. SAFETY REGULATIONS

1. In order to familiarise all pers with the various emergency signals the following extract from S.O.P. "USAT SEA BARB" is published. To attain maximum efficiency all pers should be informed of these alarms immediately:-
 - (a) The Air Raid Signal. will be a series of one (1) short blast followed by one (1) long blast on the ship's whistle and/or on the general alarm system. All pers proceed below decks to own quarters as quickly as possible. Offrs will proceed to the compartment where tps are quartered. Casual offrs report to own quarters.
 - (b) Fire Rapid ringing of ship's bell and/or continuous ringing on general alarm system for not less than ten secs. All ranks will clear a passageway on both sides of ship and stand by for orders from the bridge.
 - (c) Abandon Ship Seven (7) short and one (1) long blast by the ship's whistle or general alarm system. All tps proceed to the main deck above their quarters and stand by with life preservers securely tied.

Lowering Boats

One (1) short blast - Lower away
Two (2) short blasts - stop lowering
Three (3) short blasts - Secure (hoist boats, fasten gripes, strongbacks)

Gds will remain at their posts for all alarms unless it is an air raid, in which case they will take the nearest cover after checking to see that the deck is clear of all tps.

When the Abandon Ship signal is given the offr in charge of the tps compartment will order all men to proceed in an orderly manner up the companionway to the main deck.

- (d) Surface or Submarine attack
 - (i) From starboard - One (1) long blast followed by one short blast on ship's whistle and/or on general alarm system.
 - (ii) From port - One (1) long blast followed by two short blasts on ship's whistle and/or general alarm system.

Rafts will be launched only on comd of the Ship's Master. When such comd is given offrs will direct certain men to release the lashings on the ropes, rafts and nets and throw them over the side. This done by simply pulling the red painted end of the rope on each or releasing the pelican hooks. Two men each can launch the smaller doughnut rafts, six can launch the larger ones. After the rafts are launched men will be directed to climb down ropes and nets in an orderly manner and swim to the rafts. Unless absolutely unavoidable no one will jump into the sea. If forced to jump, the life preserver must be gripped firmly at the top with both hands and the body must enter the water feet first. Serious injury probably would otherwise result. There are more than sufficient life saving rafts and boats to take care of all on board. Crowding, pushing and panic must be avoided.

Three short blasts by the ship's whistle or general alarm system in any of these drills mean to secure from the drill

These orders, where applicable, will be read in conjunction with "Standard Operating Procedure for the Transport of Troops-USAT "SEA BRRB" which forms the basis of control on the ship while on the present assignment.

S. A.

Bruce Armstrong Lt.
(W.B.ARMSTRONG)
SHIP'S ADJUTANT.

Appx "A" to Ship's Standing Orders, USAT "Sea Barb"
GUARD ORDERS

1. ORGANIZATION OF THE GUARD.

- (a) The Ship's guard will consist of the Ship's Guard Officer, 4 Subalterns of the Guard, 2 Serjeant of the Guard, 4 Corporals & 104 other ranks.
- (b) The duty will be permanent.
- (b) The guard will consist of four reliefs, each commanded by a subaltern of the guard, and each serving ~~three~~ two hour tours on patrol and ~~eighteen~~ hours on reserve during a twenty-four^{hour} tour of duty.

2. JURISDICTION AND DUTIES OF GUARD

- (a) The guard will have jurisdiction over all passenger personnel only.
- (b) Guards will comply with and enforce all general and special orders, all provisions of ship's SOP, and all official orders given over the ship's public address system. Orders issued over the ship's PA system will at all times be given priority.

3. SPECIAL ORDERS FOR ALL POSTS

- (a) Keep all passageways, doors, ladders, and paths to these points clear at all times.
- (b) Permit no one within 3 feet of outside rail of ship.
- (c) Prevent tampering with any part of the ship's equipment.
- (d) Permit only authorised personnel to touch life-saving equipment such as rafts, lifeboats, etc..
- (e) Permit smoking on deck only when the smoking lamp is lit and then only in areas away from inflammable materials such as hatch covers, rope nets, life rafts, lifeboats, etc.. Positively prevent smoking or lighting of matches on deck when the smoking lamp is out or in troop compartments at any time.
- (f) Keep a constant watch for any source of light on the open deck when the smoking lamp is out.
- (g) Prevent personnel from throwing refuse, butts etc over side of ship.

4. POSTS - LOCATIONS AND SPECIAL ORDERS

Post 1 and 2 Forward ladder leading to Forepeak.

- (a) Permit no unauthorised personnel on forepeak or around Ship's gear just aft of forepeak.
- (b) permit no smoking near door to forepeak.
- (c) Keep the ladder and doorway to the forepeak clear and keep paths to these points clear at all times.
- (d) Enforce all orders and regulations in the area from this ladder to the forward raft deck.

Post 3 and 4 Aft end of #1 Hatch to aft end of #2 Hatch.

- (a) Keep all ladders and paths to these ladders clear at all times.
- (b) enforce all orders and regulations on this post.

Posts 5 and 6 Aft end of #2 hatch to Midship House.

Orders same as Posts 2 & 3.

Post 7 Top of Raft Deck between #'s 1 & 2 Hatches.

- (a) Permit no unauthorised personnel on raft deck except upon the abandon ship order or upon special authorisation.
- (b) At no time permit unauthorised personnel to climb upon or into or to tamper with either gunpositions or lifesaving equipment. Lifeboat details will be considered authorised to touch this equipment during boat drills and at the signal to abandon ship only.
- (c) At any time passenger personnel are permitted on deck, keep a clear path to gun positions and life saving equipment and prevent any interference with ship's crews or personnel.
- (d) Watch areas forward & aft of raft decks and call to attention of sentries on these posts any violation of any orders or regulations on these posts.

Post 8 Top of raft deck between #'s 2 and 3 Hatches.

- (a) Orders same as post #7.

Post 9 Foot of Forward Starboard Ladder leading to Cabin Deck.

- (a) Allow only Officers and authorised personnel on cabin Deck.
- (b) Keep ladder and path to ladder clear at all times.
- (c) Enforce all orders and regulations on this post and call to attention of sentries on adjoining posts any violations of orders on their posts.

Post 10. Top of forward port ladder leading to cabin deck.
(a) Allow no unauthorised pers on cabin deck.
(b) Keep ladder and path to ladder clear at all times.

Post 10 (Continued)

- (b) Keep ladder and path to ladder clear at all times.
- (c) Enforce all orders and regulations on this post and call to attention of sentries on adjacent posts any violation of orders on their posts.

Post 11 & 12 Door to Midship House.

- (a) Prevent unauthorised personnel not on legitimate business from entering or passing through.
- (b) Enforce all orders & regulations from this post to the first stairways forward and aft.

Post 13 and 14 Entrance to Thwartship Passage.

- (a) Allow no unauthorised personnel to enter Officer's quarters or loiter in passageway but permit passage through passageway itself
- (b) Allow no authorised personnel to mount ladder to cabin deck except for officers on the starboard only.
- (c) Keep passage, ladder, and doorways, and paths to these points clear at all times.
- (d) Enforce all orders and regulations in the passageway and from this post to the next ladder aft.

Post 15 and 16 Ladder aft of midship house leading to cabin deck.

- (a) Permit no unauthorised pers to move or tamper with any boxes stored on Hatch 5.
- (b) Permit no unauthorised pers to mount ladders to cabin deck.
- (c) Enforce all orders and regulations from this post to the afterdeck.

Post 17 and 18. Ladder leading to afterdeck.

- (a) Permit no unauthorised pers on fantail or afterdeck.
- (b) Keep ladder and paths to ladder and fantail clear at all times.
- (c) Permit no unauthorised pers to touch or move old boxes waste material, rubbish or garbage. Keep deck and hatch free of this matter.

Post 19 and 20. Emergency door between holds 4 and 5.

- (a) Prevent unauthorised pers from entering ship's complement's and crew quarters. Hold #5.
- (b) Prevent unauthorised pers from entering offrs's quarters, hold 4, unless on legitimate business.
- (c) On any sounding of the ship's alarm close emergency doors tightly and remain on duty until the command "Abandon Ship".

Post 21. Entrance to dry stores hold.

- (a) Prevent unauthorised pers from entering dry stores hold. List of pers authorised to enter hold is posted at this post.

Post 22. Scuttle Butt forward in Midship House.

- (a) Prevent loitering in passageways.
- (b) Prevent unauthorised pers from entering or passing through unless on legitimate business.
- (c) Prevent filling of canteens at scuttle butt.

Post 23 Scuttle Butt aft in Midship House.

- (a) Orders same as Post 22.

Post 24. Galley.

- (a) Prevent unauthorised pers from loitering in galley or tampering with food or eqpt in galley.
- (b) Prevent interference with mess pers.

Posts 25 and 26 No 2 Hatch. Port and starboard.

- (a) Prevent unauthorised pers from interfering with stacked rations
- (b) Prevent pers from sitting on the stack.

All Odd Numbered posts are on starboard side of ship and the evennumbered posts on port side of ship unless otherwise stated. Unauthorised pers incl all passenger pers only, offrs or ORs but does not incl permanently assigned merchant marine, navy, and Army pers. Passenger pers wearing or carrying the gun crew badges, ship's complement badges, sentry badges, crew passes ATS passes or ship's brassard or arm bands are to be permitted free passage.

5. Duties of Gd during alarm

- (a) **Fire Alarm** - One (1) long blast of ship's whistle or general alarm system.

- (i) Stand by to maintain order and discipline and render any service necessary.
- (ii) Clear paths for fire crews and prevent any interference with them

5. Duties of gd during alarms (contd)

(b) General alarm

Any series of one (1) short blast followed by one (1) long blast on the ship's whistle and/or the general alarm system.

- (i) Get all pers below decks in an orderly manner
- (ii) Take cover on or near their regular post.

(c) Abandon Ship alarm.

Seven short and one (1) long blast on ship's whistle or general alarm system.

- (i) Aid in moving all pers quietly and in an orderly manner to abandon ship stations.
- (ii) All gds stationed inside or below decks report to nearest Abandon Ship station only after all other pers are on deck.
- (iii) All gds remain on post until all other pers have abandoned ship then descend nets into nearest boat or raft.

APPENDIX "B"

To Ship's Standing Orders

DUTIES OF SHIP'S ORDERLY OFFICER

1. Ship's Orderly Officer will be supplied by Gp 5.
2. Tour of duty will be from 1800 hrs to 1800 hrs daily.
3. Dress will be as laid down for Orderly Duties.
4. He will generally ensure that Ship's Standing Orders are being complied with.
5. He will be in charge of Heads cleaning details.
6. He will report to the Ship's Adjutant at 0900 hrs daily for orders.
7. He will accompany the inspecting party during ship's inspection.

Appendix "C"
to
SHIP'S STANDING ORDERS
MESSING ARRANGEMENTS

1. TIMINGS

Breakfast

Kitchen Fatigues - 0530hrs
Remainder(All ranks) - 0600hrs

Lunch

Kitchen Fatigues - 1100hrs
Remainder - 1130 "

Tea

Kitchen Fatigues - 1600hrs
Remainder - 1630 "

NOTE * Officers NOT messing in Officers Mess will eat after the ORs in Men's Mess.

2. Personnel will eat in the following order :-
Hatches ~~1,2,3, & 4.~~ (Estimated time to feed each hatch 30
1-3-2-4. minutes).
3. All ranks will bring knife, fork, spoon, and mug. Tins, Mess NOT required.
4. Personnel may use either of the two Mess entrances.
5. All ranks will be in possession of a Mess Ticket showing their Hatch number. These tickets will be :-
 - (a) Brought to all meals.
 - (b) Examined for Hatch number at each Mess entrance.
 - (c) Punched at serving points to indicate meal has been received.
6. Personnel will NOT linger at Mess tables on completion of meals. The eating tray will be emptied in bins provided and left at washing bench.
7. In the event of a Mess Ticket being lost, application will be made through Cp Comd to Ship's Orderly Room for replacement.
8. SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE MESS HALL.

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- STATION 6 Hold 4 Lower
 Capt BENNETT }
 RAP Sjt }
 Cpl } 2/2 MMG Bn
 4 SBs }

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 1 L/Cpl }
 4 SBs } 2/13 Fd Amb

- STATION 8 Aft Guns
 L/Cpl }
 4 SBs } 2/13 Fd Amb

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 4 SBs }

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 1 Cpl }
 1 NO }
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Standing Orders (30)

Ship's Orderly Room.
13 Apr 45.

SHIP'S ADM INSTRUCTION NO 1

POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR VOYAGE

1. During the voyage postal facilities will be confined to the acceptance and transmission of Letters and Air Mail Letter cards. Telegrams, cables, Registered Articles, and Parcels will NOT be accepted.
2. Sjt STEVENS, 2/2 Aust MG Bn, will be Ship's Postal Sjt.
3. Groups will appoint a Group Postal Orderly, who will collect mail and deliver it to the Ship's Orderly Room. Franking will be a Group responsibility.
4. Air Letter Cards will be available at the rate of three per man. These will be collected at Ship's Orderly Room by Group Postal Orderly.
5. Stamps - 3d and 1d - will be purchased from Ship's Postal Sjt by Group Postal Orderlies. Sales will NOT be made to individuals.

Bruce Armstrong Lt
(W B ARMSTRONG)
Ship's Adjt.

MEDICAL DIARY FOR APRIL 1945

Evacuations: Approximately 13 ORs
 Nil Offrs

1. MEDICAL CONDITION OF TROOPS

The physical condition of the troops is excellent. There are a few cases of dermatitis, mainly due to the humidity. We have not had even one case of proven malaria. Otitis externa has been responsible for about 5 cases of bad ears.

2. CONSULTATIONS

There were two consultations. Both were satisfactorily dealt with.

3. RECLASSIFICATIONS

Two men were downgraded to B-1: one for a foot disability, the other for a knee disability.

4. MEDICAL SUPPLIES

These have been satisfactory, and during the later part of the month have been drawn from the 2/5 A.G.H.

5. HYGIENE

Good. All refuse is being either burnt or put into sullage pits. Rats are thus given no free food to live on and are living off the land.

6. FOOD

This is excellent. There have been fresh vegetables and there is also plenty of tinned fruit available.

7. TRAINING BY RMO

Nil.

8. GENERAL REMARKS

The Battalion has been widely separated this month. "D" Coy have been with 26 Bde., "C" and "B" Coys are in Australia, and HQ Coy, "A" Coy and Bn HQ are in Morotai. The men on Morotai have had very few complaints, there being a few cases of dermatitis and otitis externa.

W. Bennett Capt
 (W.N.C.G. Bennett)
 RMO 2/2 Aust MG Bn

Subject: MEDICAL REPORT - SMO TROOPS USAT "SEA BARB"

USAT "SEA BARB"
19 Apr 45

DDMS
1 Aust Corps

Numbers

1. Total all ranks embarked on the ship was 2777. The voyage lasted 7 days.

Climate

2. Tropical.

Medical Arrangements

3. As in ship's ROs (att).

Sickness

4. Sick Parades

Total attendances sick parades - 340

Most prevalent condition -

Skin

URTI

No dysentery or enteritis.

5. Hospital

Total admissions - 17

discharges - 13

transfers - 4

Only one patient admitted needed operation for acute appendicitis.

6. Nursing

Hospital was air conditioned, and appointments in wards, Theatre and dispensary and diet kitchen all that could be desired. Patients were nursed by USA personnel assisted by AIF personnel.

Troop Accommodation

7. Sleeping

Troops were quartered in holds, and slept on 4 tiered canvas and iron bunks. Ventilation of holds was satisfactory, and was adequate when a large number of personnel slept on deck.

8. Ablution

Adequate salt water showers, and provision of satisfactory salt water soap was just sufficient in quantity.

9. Latrines

Adequate provision of pedestal pans and urinals.

10. Messing

One troop deck provided with cafeteria system.

11. Cooking

Kitchen, Bakehouse, Stores - all satisfactory.

Victuals

12. Provided at port of embarkation by Aust Army on normal scale.

Exercise

13. Not sufficient deck space for any amount of movement.

Boots

14. Owing to ship having iron decks, troops could not keep their feet. As some serious injury seemed imminent, it was recommended to OC Tps that personnel be allowed to go bare-footed or wear rubber shoes.

Entertainment

Morale

15. Motion pictures were shown every night. P.A. System was used for phonograph records. Troops were generally contented and happy.

General

16. The greatest cooperation and help was given by Major STEWART, U.S.A.M.C., Transport Surgeon, and all medical officers have expressed their appreciation at the help and the facilities he has placed at their disposal.

Hugh Johnston

Lt-Col
(H. Johnston)
SNO USAT "Sea Barb"

Dista: OC Tps - 3
SNO - 1
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A.I.F., AUSTRALIA.

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Dear Sir,

Further to my letter of 29th March, our first Committee Meeting has been held and various decisions made; particularly in regard to the First Re-union and a "Battalion History".

The former will take place at 1300 hours on Anzac Day at The Australian Hall, 152 Elizabeth Street, City, after the March, in which it is expected we will have a good representation.

Regarding the "History", the Committee has instructed me to make initial inquiries in this matter, as it is felt that a commencement could well be made now on what will be a formidable task, though a most necessary one. Doubtless this affair has been given considerable attention already by Battalion Headquarters, but it has been suggested that, circumstances permitting, men who were involved in various important incidents might be gathered together while still with the unit and their impressions obtained to form the outline at least, of happenings still reasonably fresh in their minds. This would save an immense amount of labour and questionnaires after the Unit disbands.

In any case the possibility of beginning soon depends entirely upon the future activities of the Unit and your decisions, as a large amount of the work must devolve upon Battalion Headquarters' Staff with access to the War Diary and other records.

We shall be very interested to hear your views on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

J. W. Jacob
(J. W. JACOB)
Hon. Secretary.

SUNDAY MORNING

USAT "SEA BARB"

APRIL 15TH '45

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WASHINGTON, D.C. -APRIL 13TH- :

THE ARMY WILL STAND FORMAL GUARD OVER THE BODY OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ON ITS ARRIVAL SATURDAY AND LATER WILL ACCOMPANY IT TO ITS FINAL RESTING PLACE AT HYDE PARK. THE WHITE HOUSE SAID THE BODY WILL ARRIVE FROM WARM SPRINGS AT THE UNION STATION HERE SATURDAY MORNING AT 10 O'CLOCK. THE FLAG DRAPED CASKET WILL BE TAKEN TO THE WHITE HOUSE ON A CAISSON AFTER A CEREMONIAL PROCESSION OF HIGH FUNCTIONARIES OF GOVERNMENT, CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LIFE.

THE BODY BEARERS WILL BE TWO NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS EACH FROM THE ARMY, NAVY, COAST GUARD AND MARINE CORPS COMMANDED BY ARMY MASTER SERGEANT JAMES BODER. THERE WILL BE NO OTHER PALL BEARERS.

AT THE UNION STATION THE BODY WILL BE MET BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CABINET, JUDICIARY AND LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENTS WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN AT THEIR HEAD. THE PROCESSION WILL PROCEED TO THE NORTHWEST GATE OF THE WHITE HOUSE.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE IN THE EAST ROOM SIMPLE SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT FOUR O'CLOCK.

BY COMMAND OF KING GEORGE, THE EARL OF ATHLONE, GOVERNOR GENERAL OF CANADA, WILL REPRESENT THE ENGLISH MONARCH AT THE FUNERAL SERVICES HERE.

SERVICES AT HYDE PARK WILL BE HELD AT 10 A.M. SUNDAY AT THE GRAVE IN THE HYDE PARK GARDEN TO THE NORTH SIDE OF THE MANSION AND JUST BEHIND THE LIBRARY.

WITH A TEARFUL "PLEASE PRAY FOR ME" HARRY S TRUMAN GATHERED UP THE PRESIDENTIAL REINS OF A NATION AT WAR FRIDAY AS MILLIONS THE WORLD OVER MOURNED THE PASSING OF FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT.

THE NEW PRESIDENT WENT QUICKLY TO WORK CONFERRING WITH THE HEADS OF THE STATE AND MILITARY DEPARTMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT. BUT THE EMOTIONAL WEIGHT OF HIS NEW RESPONSIBILITIES CAME DOWN UPON HIM AT NOON AS HE RETURNED TO HIS OLD HAUNTS AT THE CAPITOL TO CONFER WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS. TEARS WELLED IN HIS EYES WHEN HE SAW THE FAMILIAR CAPITOL NEWSMEN. HE REVERTED TO THE LANGUAGE OF HIS MISSOURI FARM YOUTH TO DESCRIBE THE CRUSHING WEIGHT OF HIS NEW JOB.

"I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF YOU FELLOWS EVER HAD A LOAD OF HAY OR A BULL FALL ON HIM" HE SAID, "BUT LAST NIGHT THE WHOLE WEIGHT OF THE MOON AND STARS FELL ON ME. I FEEL A TREMENDOUS RESPONSIBILITY. PLEASE PRAY FOR ME. I MEAN THAT."

GOING QUICKLY TO WORK, PRESIDENT TRUMAN CONFERRIED WITH HEAD OF STATE AND MILITARY DEPARTMENTS. HE ARRANGED TO OUTLINE FOREIGN POLICIES TO A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS MONDAY AND WILL ADDRESS THE ARMED FORCES BY RADIO TUESDAY NIGHT. TRUMAN ARRANGE LUNCHEON FRIDAY WITH SENATORS AT THE CAPITOL. EARLIER, SENATE REPUBLICANS HAD SENT A MESSAGE TO TRUMAN PLEDGING COOPERATION TO WIN THE WAR AND MAKE A SUCCESSFUL PEACE AT HOME AND ABROAD.

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GOVERNOR DEWEY OF NEW YORK SENT A LETTER TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN IN WHICH HE PROMISED HIS "FULLEST SUPPORT IN EVERY ACTION YOU MAY TAKE IN THE INTEREST OF WINNING OF THE WAR AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MACHINERY FOR PERMANENT PEACE AND SECURITY."

SENATOR CONNALLY MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"PRESIDENT TRUMAN IS A MAN OF UNQUESTIONED INTEGRITY, AND I HAVE EVERY CONFIDENCE THAT UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP THE U S WILL WIELD AN INFLUENTIAL PART AT THE SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE IN BEHALF OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MACHINERY FOR PERMANENT PEACE AND SECURITY."

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WASHINGTON - APRIL 13TH - :

IN ONE OF HIS LAST COMMUNICATIONS TO CONGRESS PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT TOLD THE HOUSE IRRIGATION COMMITTEE LEGISLATION "TO FACILITATE SETTLEMENT OF RETURNING VETERANS ON FARMS CAN BE OF GREAT VALUE IN ASSISTING THEM IN RETURNING TO CIVILIAN LIFE."

IN A LETTER TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN JOHN R. MURDOCK ON APRIL 10TH, MR. ROOSEVELT SAID "IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT PROGRAMS OF ASSISTANCE TO VETERANS BE AUTHORIZED AND ADEQUATELY PREPARED NOW."

THE IRRIGATION COMMITTEE IS CONSIDERING A BILL TO GIVE VETERANS PRIOR RIGHT TO PURCHASE FARM LANDS ON IRRIGATION PROPERTY UNDER CONTROL OF BUREAU RECLAMATION. THE BUREAU HAS SUBMITTED A PROGRAM CALLING FOR EXPENDITURE OF \$4,792,371,900 FOR POWER IRRIGATION PROJECTS IN 17 WESTERN STATES.

MR. ROOSEVELT SAID THE BUREAU HAD DONE A GOOD PLANNING JOB TO HELP VETERANS. "THE GREAT COLUMBIA BASIN PROJECTS IN THE NORTH WEST, PROJECTS IN THE MISSOURI RIVER BASIN AND OTHERS OF EQUAL SIGNIFICANCE WILL BE GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR RETURNING VETERANS.

"SUCH PROJECTS CONSTITUTE GREAT INCREASES IN NATIONAL WEALTH AND INCOME. THEY OFFER SPLENDID OPPORTUNITIES FOR SECURITY OF LIVING TO MEN AND WOMEN WILLING TO ENGAGE IN ARDUOUS AGRICULTURAL PIONEERING FRONTIERS."

(WE REMIND YOU THAT THIS WAS THE LAST OFFICIAL STATEMENT KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE LATE PRESIDENT)

LONDON - APRIL 13TH - :

KING GEORGE SIXTH IN A MESSAGE TO MRS. ROOSEVELT SAID "THE QUEEN AND I ARE DEEPLY GRIEVED AND SHOCKED BY NEWS OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S DEATH. IN HIM HUMANITY HAS LOST A GREAT FIGURE.... WE HAVE LOST A TRUE AND HONORED FRIEND. ON BEHALF OF ALL MY PEOPLES I SEND OUR MOST HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO YOU AND MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY."

PRIME MINISTER CHURCHILL ADJOURNED PARLIAMENT OUT OF RESPECT TO THE MAN "WHOSE FRIENDSHIP FOR THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM AND FOR THE CAUSES OF THE WEAK AND POOR HAVE WON HIM IMMORTAL RENOWN."

MR. CHURCHILL SENT THIS MESSAGE TO MRS. ROOSEVELT: "I SEND MY MOST PROFOUND SYMPATHY IN YOUR GRIEVOUS LOSS. IT IS ALSO THE LOSS OF THE BRITISH NATION AND THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM IN EVERY LAND. I FEEL SO DEEPLY FOR YOU ALL. AS FOR MYSELF... I HAVE LOST A DEAR FRIENDSHIP WHICH WAS FORGED IN THE FIRE OF WAR. I TRUST YOU MAY FIND CONSOLATION IN THE GLORY OF HIS NAME AND THE MAGNITUDE OF HIS WORK."

TWO SOCIETIES IN BRAZIL AND URUGUAY ALREADY HAVE MADE PLANS TO ERECT MONUMENTS TO THE CHAMPION OF THE GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY.

DEMOCRATIC SENATOR MCKELLAR OF TENNESSEE, PRESIDENT PRO TEM OF THE SENATE, SUCCEEDS TRUMAN AS PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE. THE NATION WILL HAVE NO VICE PRESIDENT DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM AND IN EVENT OF THE DEATH OF TRUMAN STATE SECRETARY STETTINUS WOULD BE PRESIDENT.

NEW FIRST LADY OF THE LAND IS BESS WALLACE TRUMAN. THE TRUMANS HAVE ONE DAUGHTER--MARY MARGARET, AGED 21.

GREAT AND SMALL MOURNED THE PASSING OF MR. ROOSEVELT AND SCORE OF COUNTRIES LOWERED FLAGS IN TRIBUTE. U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICES WILL CLOSE SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND FLAGS WILL FLY AT HALF-STAFF FOR 30 DAYS AT HOME AND WHEREVER THE ARMED FORCES ARE DEPLOYED AROUND THE WORLD. WAR PRODUCTION CHIEF KRUG ASKED WAR PLANT WORKERS TO STAY ON THE JOB TURNING OUT MUNITIONS AS THE BEST WAY TO PAY TRIBUTE AND THUS NOT INTERRUPTING THE STEADY FLOW OF WAR GOODS.

AND NOW THE WAR FRONTS....

THE U S 3RD ARMY VIRTUALLY CUT GERMANY IN HALF FRIDAY WITH A SENSATIONAL 32 MILE ARMORED SPURT THAT ROARED WITHIN 90 MILES OF THE RUSSIAN LINES AND 38 MILES FROM DRESDEN, SAXON'S CAPITAL. ROCKETING EASTWARD ALMOST UNOPPOSED, THE 4TH ARMORED DIVISION HURDLED THE MULDE RIVER 10 MILES NORTHWEST OF THE BIG COMMUNICATIONS CENTRE OF CHEMNITZ WHOSE FALL WOULD CUT THE LAST MAIN RAILWAY LEADING FROM BERLIN TO SOUTHERN GERMANY AND THE BRENNER PASS.

FARTHER NORTH THE 6TH ARMORED DIVISION WAS OUTFLANKING BERLIN ITSELF, REACHING THE MULDE RIVER SOUTHEAST OF EMBATTLED LEIPZIG AND ABOUT 85 MILES DUE SOUTH OF BERLIN.

(THE 9TH ARMY IS VARIOUSLY REPORTED AS BETWEEN 17 AND 50 MILES FROM BERLIN, BUT WE HAVE NO ABSOLUTE LATE DOPE ON THIS)

THE RED ARMY FRIDAY CAPTURED VIENNA AFTER A WEEKS SIEGE, TAKING MORE THAN 130,000 NAZI PRISONERS IN THE BATTLE FOR THE SECOND CITY OF ADOLF HITLER'S GREATER GERMANY AND CLEARING THE WAY FOR DRIVES TO PRAGUE AND HITLER'S MOUNTAIN RETREAT IN BAVARIA.

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IN THE PACIFIC....

ANOTHER GREAT FIRE RAID ON TOKYO BY AMERICAN SUPERFORTRESSES, THE BEATING BACK OF A STRONG JAPANESE COUNTERATTACK ON THE SOUTHERN OKINAWA FRONT AND THE SHOOTING DOWN OF SOME ONE HUNDRED JAP PLANES IN THE RYUKYUS, DOORWAY TO THE RISING SUN'S HOMELAND, WERE OUTSTANDING DEVELOPMENTS REPORTED FROM THE FLAMING PACIFIC WAR THEATRES LATE FRIDAY.

FOR THE 9TH STRAIGHT DAY THE OKINAWA SOUTHERN BATTLEFRONT REMAINED UNCHANGED, BUT YANK DOUGHBOYS SMASHED BACK A JAP COUNTERATTACK IN BATTALION STRENGTH. AMERICAN NAVAL GUNS AND ARTILLERY JOINED THE ROARING FIGHT TO REPULSE THE FANATICAL JAPS.

ON THE NORTHERN OKINAWA FRONT THE MARINES CONTINUED TO GAIN GROUND AGAINST SPORADIC OPPOSITION.

IN HIS COMMUNIQUE LATE FRIDAY FLEET ADMIRAL NIMITZ ADDED MORE THAN A 100 JAP PLANES SHOT DOWN TO THE 118 HE REPORTED DESTROYED IN THE RYUKYUS AND AT OKINAWA THE DAY BEFORE.

BRITISH FLEET UNITS OPERATING IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC MOVED IN ON FORMOSA AND BLASTED AIRFIELDS WITH NAVAL GUNS. BRITISH CARRIER FLIERS SHOT DOWN 16 JAP PLANES.

AMERICAN DOUGHBOYS IN THE PHILIPPINES WERE CLOSING IN ON BAGUIO, THE SUMMER CAPITAL, AND KEY POINT IN LUZON'S BENGUET MOUNTAINS. THE YANKS WERE WITHIN 3 MILES OF THE BAGUIO CITY LIMITS.

AMERICAN FORCES GAINED ON OTHER LUZON FRONTS IN THE BICOL AREA AND THE BALETE PASS SECTOR. IN THE LATTER REGION INFILTRATION JAPANESE UNITS WERE WIPED OUT.

GENERAL MACARTHUR REPORTED NEWLY INVADED BOHOL ISLAND IS NOW UNDER OUR CONTROL WITH AMERICAN SOLDIERS PURSUING THE DISPERSED JAPS.

TOKYO RECEIVED WHAT MAY PROVE TO BE IT'S GREATEST AERIAL LASHING OF THE WAR TO DATE. AMERICAN SUPERFORTS IN VERY GREAT STRENGTH (POSSIBLY 400 OF THE SKY GIANTS) BLASTED THE TOKYO ARSENAL AREA WITH INCENDIARIS A HALF HOUR AFTER MIDNIGHT FRIDAY, JAPANESE TIME. HITTING A HALF DOZEN MILES NORTH WEST OF THE ~~AREA IN WHICH THE ARSENALS ARE LOCATED~~ IMPERIAL PALACE, THE B-29'S RAINED FIRE BOMBS ON A 5 MILE SQUARE AREA IN WHICH 3 MAJOR ARSENALS ARE LOCATED. THE LOW FLYING SUPERFORTS HAD MORE THAN 3 SPECIFIC TARGETS TO SHOOT AT IN THE HEART OF THIS FIRE TRAP AREA CONTAINING HUNDREDS OF WOODEN HOUSES.

IT WAS THE 2ND B-29 STRIKE AGAINST TOKYO IN 38 HOURS AND THE 15TH RAID ON THE JAPS CAPITAL. TOKIO RADIO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FIRES RAGED IN THE CITY UNTIL DAWN SATURDAY WHEN THEY WERE BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL BY CIVILIAN BRIGADES.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. -APRIL 14TH- :

FIRE SWEEPED A PORTION OF THE LOWER DECK OF THE SANFRANCISCO-OAKLAND BAY BRIDGE LATE TODAY, STOPPING INTERURBAN TRAIN AND BUS TRAFFIC DURING THE HOME*GOING RUSH HOUR. CREOSOTE IMPREGNATED RAILWAY TIES WERE SET ABLAZE WHEN THE BOTTOM OF A CROWDED EAST-BOUND KEY SYSTEM TRAIN CAUGHT AFIRE FROM A SHORTED THIRD RAIL JUST AS IT ENTERED THE YERBA BUENA ISLAND TUNNEL. THE TRAIN SPREAD THE FLAMES ALONG THE ENTIRE TRACK FROM THE ISLAND TO THE INCLINE ON THE OAKLAND SIDE OF THE BRIDGE.

OAKLAND AND HIGHWAY PATROL FIRE TRUCKS QUICKLY EXTINGUISHED THE TRAIN FIRE. NO PASSENGERS WERE INJURED. TWO FIRE BOATS JOINED IN FIGHTING THE TRACK BLAZE.

HIGHWAY PATROLMEN SAID TRACK AND TIE REPAIR MIGHT TAKE TWO OR THREE DAYS. AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC ON THE UPPER DECK WAS UNIMPEDED.

OKLAHOMA, OKLA. -APRIL 13TH- :

TORNADOES WHICH HIT OKLAHOMA, NORTHWEST ARKANSAS AND SOUTH WEST MISSOURI TOOK AT LEAST 105 LIVES AS OF LATE TODAY. HUNDREDS WERE INJURED AND MUCH PROPERTY DAMAGED.

THE TWISTERS HIT LATE THURSDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHT.

OKLAHOMA REPORTED 80 DEATHS WITH FIFTY EIGHT OF THEM IN THE TOWN OF ANTLERS. ARKANSAS REPORTED 20 DEATHS WITH 5 PERSONS UNACCOUNTED FOR--5 PERSONS WERE REPORTED KILLED IN MISSOURI'S OZARKS. IN OKLAHOMA, MUSKOGEE HAD 11 DEAD.

NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.:

THREE HURLERS APPARENTLY WON THE HONOR OF PITCHING NEXT WEEKS OPENING GAMES FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE CLUBS AS A RESULT OF STELLAR PERFORMANCES IN THURSDAY EXHIBITION CONTESTS.

SIG JAKCUKI OF THE ST LOUIS BROWNS GAVE THE CARDINALS FIVE HITS IN SEVEN INNINGS AS THE AMERICAN LEAGUERS PREVAILED BY EIGHT TO THREE, TAKING A FOUR ONE LEAD IN THE SEVEN GAME CITY SERIES.

BIG PAUL DERRIGNER OF THE CHICAGO CUBS WENT FIVE INNINGS AND ALLOWED TWO HITS IN HIS TEAMS FIFTEEN THREE TRIUMPHS OVER THE WHITE SOX.

BROOKLYN'S CURT DAVIS SHOWED UP WELL AS THE DODGERS TRIMMED THE NEW YORK YANKEES THREE ONE GOING SEVEN INNINGS AND GIVING SIX SAFETIES.

FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THURSDAYS EXHIBITION BASEBALL GAME RESULTS:

BROOKLYN N 3, NEWYORK A 1. BOSTON N 12, BOSTON A 11.
PHILA A 7, WASHINGTON A 6. CHICAGO N 15, CHICAGO A 3.
PITTSBURGH N 5, CLEVELAND A 2. ST LOUIS N 3, ST LOUIS A 8.

DUE TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S DEATH SEVERAL SCHEDULED GAMES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED, INCLUDING FRIDAY'S YANKEE-DODGERS CLASH, THE CUBS-WHITE SOX CONTEST OF FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AND THE RED SOX-BRAVES GAMES OF SATURDAY.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.: MRS ESTHER G MCKANE IS NOT TOO HAPPY ABOUT THE NAZI FLAG HER HUSBAND SENT HOME. THE SWASTIKA-DECORATED EMBLEM SMELLED OF DISINFECTANT. SHE HUNG IT ON THE BACKYARD CLOTHES LINE. COMPLAINTS STARTED COMING IN ON THE TELEPHONE. A PASSERBY THREATENED TO TEAR IT DOWN. "WE ARE AIRING IT--NOT FLYING IT," SHE TOLD THE COMPLAINERS. "I WISH THE THING WAS BACK IN GERMANY!"

FAMOUS LAST WORDS--

C'MON MABLE--LE'S GO TO THE BEACH. I GOT PASSES.

U.S. NEWS:

IN CLEVELAND, WPB VICE CHAIRMAN H J BATCHELLER SAID THE ALLIE
VICTORY IN EUROPE WILL SIGNAL OPENING OF THE GREATEST ALL-OUT
WAR IN HISTORY AGAINST A SINGLE NATION. HE SAID ALL UN-DAMAGED
U.S. EQUIPMENT AND ABLE-BODIED MEN FROM EUROPE WOULD BE TRANSFERR
ED TO THE ORIENT "TO BRING THE JAPANESE WAR TO A VICTORIOUS AND
SPEEDY CONCLUSION."

THE WAR DEPARTMENT HAS ORDERED A 10 PERCENT CUT IN PLANNED
NAVY ARTILLERY AMMUNITION PRODUCTION. THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN VAST
LY EXPANDED DURING THE GERMAN BREAK THROUGH LAST DECEMBER. BRIG
GEN HARDY OF THE ORDNANCE SAYS THE RECENT COURSE OF THE WAR HAS
MADE IT POSSIBLE TO CUT DOWN ON HEAVY ARTILLERY AMMUNITION, SO
THAT FULL EMPHASIS CAN BE PUT ON MORE CRITICAL ITEMS.

THE SENATE CONFIRMED THE PROMOTION TODAY OF THREE AIR FORCE
COMMANDERS TO LT GENERALS. THE NEW THREE STAR GENERALS ARE HOIT
S VANDENBURG, COMMANDER OF THE 9TH AIRFORCE (FRANCE), HAROLD L
GEORGE, CHIEF OF THE AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND AND JOHN K CANNON, COMM
ANDING THE 12TH AIRFORCE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. THE SENATE ALSO
CONFIRMED NOMINATIONS OF 23 NEW MAJOR GENERALS AND 55 BRIG GENS.

(OLD BULLDOG LEWIS AT IT AGAIN)---THE GOVERNMENT TOOK OVER
235 SOFT COAL MINES AFTER A WILD CAT WORK STOPPAGE FORCED A PART
IAL SHUT DOWN OF PLANTS MAKING STEEL VITAL TO THE WAR. INTERIOR
SEC ICKES ACTED ON THE PRESIDENT'S ORDER, THUS PUTTING THE U.S. IN
TO THE COAL BUSINESS FOR THE FOURTH TIME SINCE THE WARS START.
THE SEIZED MINES ARE IN SEVEN STATES - PENNSYLVANIA, OHIO, TENN,
VIRGINIA, KENTUCKY, INDIANA AND ALABAMA. PART OF THE NATIONS 3478
MINES HAVE REMAINED IN OPERATION.

ICKES ORDERED THE MINERS BACK TO WORK THURSDAY. THE SEIZURE
SECURED AS UNITED MINE CHIEF JOHN L LEWIS BARGAINED WITH OPERATO
RS ON A NEW CONTRACT. A FEW HOURS LATER THEY AGREED ON A CONTRACT
BUT IT STILL WAS NOT IN COMPLETE FORM. THE UNION DISCLAIMS RESPO
NSIBILITY FOR THE WORK STOPPAGES. LEWIS AGREED TO EXTEND OLD CON
TRACTS UNTIL MAY FIRST BUT THOUSANDS OF MINERS STAYED AWAY FROM
THEIR JOBS. THE PRESIDENT'S ORDER COVERED ALL MINES WHERE STOPP
AGES EXIST OR ARE THREATENED.

THE ARMY ANNOUNCES THE WAR IS GOING SO WELL IT HAS DECIDED
NOT TO COMPLETE 12 NEW TANK PLANTS. THE ARMY SAYS IT WILL NOT
NEED THESE NEW PLANTS BUT THAT EXISTING PLANTS WILL HAVE TO CON
TINUE TO MEET FULL SCHEDULES. THE STATEMENT SAID "PRODUCTION IS
NOW AT A LEVEL WHICH ASSURES AMERICA'S FIGHTING MEN OF A SUFFICE
NT PRODUCTION RATE TO COMPLETE THE WAR AGAINST GERMANY AND PROV
IDE THE OUTPUT NECESSARY TO SUPPLY FORCES TO BE USED AGAINST JAP
AN. THE WAR DEPARTMENT EMPHASIZES THAT THIS ACTION IS NOT A CUT
BACK IN PRODUCTION BUT ELIMINATION OF A PLANNED INCREASE IN TANK
OUTPUT."

(THE MUCH TALKED OF RIBBONS): TWO NEW CAMPAIGN RIBBONS HAVE
BEEN AUTHORIZED FOR ALL ARMED FORCES WHO SERVED IN THE PHILIPPI
NES. THE PHILIPPINE DEFENSE RIBBON MAY BE WORN BY ANY MEMBER OF
THE ARMED FORCES WHO TOOK PART IN THE BATTLE WITH THE ENEMY IN
THE PHILIPPINE AREA BETWEEN DECEMBER 8TH 1941 AND JUNE 15TH 1942
OR WHO WAS STATIONED IN THAT AREA AT LEAST 30 DAYS DURING THAT
TIME.

THE PHILIPPINE LIBERATION RIBBON MAY BE WORN BY ANY SERVICE
MAN WHO TOOK PART IN THE LEYTE OR OTHER ISLAND LANDINGS FROM OCT
17TH TO 20TH 1944 OR WHO TOOK PART IN BATTLE DURING THE CAMPAIGN
OR WHO SERVED IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS OR WHO SERVED ON SHIPS
IN THE PHILIPPINE WATERS FOR NOT LESS THAN 30 DAYS BETWEEN OCT 17TH
AND A LATER DATE. SERVICE MEN FULFILLING ALL THREE MAY WEAR TWO
BRONZE STARS ON IT.

LEON FRASER, 56 YEAR OLD PRESIDENT OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF NEWYORK CITY, COMMITTED SEWER PIPE ACCORDING TO A CORONERS JUR
THE BANKER WAS FOUND WITH A BULLET WOUND IN HIS NOGGIN AT HIS H

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HERE ARE A FEW NEWS SHORTS FROM THE ESTADOS:

SECRETARY OF STATE STETTINIUS REVEALED THAT THE U S IS DOING ALL IN ITS POWER TO HELP ESTABLISH POLISH PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT THAT MAY BE REPRESENTED AT SANFRANCISCO CONFERENCE. STATTINIUS SAYS " NOTHING HAS HAPPENED TO SHAKE MY BELIER", THAT THE YALTA AGREEMENT ON BROADENING THE BASE OF POLISH GOVERNMENT WILL BE CARRIED OUT.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ANNOUNCED A NEW COURSE FOR RETURNED VETERANS. THE UNIVERSITY WILL GIVE SIXTEEN WEEK SPECIALIZED COURSE FOR DISCHARGED SERVICEMEN WISHING TO OPERATE THEIR OWN BUSINESSES. COURSE OPENS NOVEMBER FIRST WITH ABOUT ONE HUNDRED STUDENTS.

PRISON SENTENCES FOR THREE OF SIX OFFICIALS OF RINGLING BROS BARNUM AND BAILEY CIRCUS GROWING OUT OF THE DISASTROUS FIRE IN HARTFORD CONNECTICUT WERE REVISED DOWNWARD. JUDGE WILLIAM SHEA OF CONNECTICUT SUPERIOR COURT CUT SENTENCES OF GEORGE SMITH, GENERAL MANAGER AND LEONARD AYLESWORTH, BOSS CONVASMAN FROM TWO TO SEVEN YEARS TO ONE YEAR AND ONE DAY TO FIVE YEARS. SENTENCE OF JAMES HALEY, VICE PRESIDENT CHANGED FROM ONE TO FIVE YEARS TO ONE YEAR AND A DAY TO FIVE YEARS. THIS WILL ENTITLE HIM TO TIME OFF FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR NOT ALLOWED IN ONE YEAR SENTENCES. CIRCUIT HAS SAID IT COULD NOT OPERATE THIS YEAR UNLESS SENTENCES WERE REVOKED. THE JUDGE ALSO SUSPENDED SIX MONTHS SENTENCE FOR WAGON BOSS DAVID BLANCHFIELD BUT LEFT UNCHANGED TWO OTHER SENTENCES.

MINOR VIOLENCE FLARED ON THE STUDIO PICKET LINE HOLLYWOOD FILM STRIKE. POLICE RIOT SQUADS SPED TO COLUMBIA PICTURES STUDIO WHERE ACCORDING TO POLICE, PICKETS ATTEMPTED TO OVERTURN THE AUTOMOBILE OF THE UNION PROPERTY MAN ARRIVING FOR WORK. 14,000 MOTION PICTURE EMPLOYEES ON STRIKE FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. STUDIOS HAVE FIRED ALL STRIKERS AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO GET EMPLOYEES ELSE WHERE. (IT COULD ONLY HAPPEN IN CALIFORNIA)

THE TOP THREE ON THE HIT PARADE LAST WEEK WERE AS FOLLOWS:
#1 - I'M BEGINNING TO SEE THE LIGHT, #2 - A LITTLE ON THE LONELY SIDE, #3 - MY DREAMS ARE GETTING BETTER ALL THE TIME. #5 WAS -RUM AND COCO COLA, AND NONE OF THEM WERE SUNG BY FRANK HOTPANTS SINATRA.

SOFT COAL MINERS AND OPERATORS SIGNED A NEW CONTRACT CARRYING WAGES OF ONE DOLLAR AND SEVEN CENTS A DAY INCREASE. THIS MAKES MINE PAY 10 DOLLARS INSTEAD OF 8.50 A DAY, BUT THE AVERAGE IS A LITTLE OVER A DOLLAR SINCE THE PAY IS SPREAD OVER A 6 DAY WEEK. WORKERS WILL GET 75 DOLLARS IN PLACE OF VACATION TIME OFF. THIS IS A 25 DOLLAR INCREASE.

MINE CHIEF JOHN L LEWIS DROPPED THE 10 CENT A TON ROYALTY HOLDUP. THE GOVERNMENT HAS SEIZED OVER 200 MINES AFFECTED BY WAGE STOPPAGES WHERE THE UNION DID NOT AUTHORIZE WALK-OUTS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ORDERED MINERS BACK TO THEIR JOBS ON THURSDAY WHETHER THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED OR NOT. OPERATORS ESTIMATE THAT THEY WILL HAVE TO UP COAL PRICES POSSIBLY 25 CENTS A TON TO MEET THE PAY INCREASE.

SECRETARY STIMSON SAID TODAY EVERY ABLE BODIED SOLDIER IN THE U S WHO HAS NOT SEEN SERVICE OVERSEAS IS EARMARKED TO GO JUST AS SOON AS HE CAN BE REPLACED BY A MAN RETURNING FROM OVERSEAS OR BY LIMITED SERVICE MEN. HE SAID THAT OF 2,900,000 MEN ON DUTY IN THE U S IN FEBRUARY, SOME 1,400,000 ALREADY HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR OVERSEAS DUTY AND ARE BEING TRAINED FOR IT.

AN AIRFORCES SPOKESMAN SAYS THAT THE GENERAL MOVEMENT OF THE ARMY AIRFORCES FROM EUROPE TO THE PACIFIC WILL NOT TAKE PLACE FOR AT LEAST 30 DAYS AFTER VICTORY IN EUROPE, ALTHOUGH SOME CRITICAL UNITS MAY BE MOVED EARLIER. HE SAID IT WILL TAKE A MONTH TO SET UP TRANSFER OF ADMINISTRATION. SOME UNITS WILL BE OCCUPATION FORCES IN EUROPE. SOME WILL GET LEAVE IN THE GOOD OLD U S A.

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SUBJECT : DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICATIONS RELATING TO THE TAKING OF PW

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- The publications consist of a typewritten sheet entitled "The Importance of Taking Prisoners" and three surrender leaflets to be used as samples to illustrate its first and two final pages.
- It is desired that the contents of the above be brought to the notice of all ranks and that tps become familiar with the appearance of surrender leaflets so as to ensure that any Japanese approaching our forces with a similar leaflet be treated in accordance with the promises made therein.
- Each surrender leaflet is distributed with a copy of the translation of the Japanese text of that leaflet so as to permit exhibition of original and translation side by side if desired.
- The distribution of the publications is as follows :-

	"The Importance of taking Prisoners"	Surrender Leaflets		
		J208	J192	K2
20 Aust Inf Bde	40	21	16	4
24 Aust Inf Bde	40	21	16	4
26 Aust Inf Bde	40	21	16	4
2/9 Aust Cav (Cdo) Regt	12	4	4	4
RMA 9 Aust Div	31	20	8	1
RME 9 Aust Div	6	6	6	1
Sigs 9 Aust Div	3	4	2	-
2/2 Aust MG Bn ✓	6	6	5	1 ✓
2/3 Aust Pnr Bn	6	6	5	1
A Coy 2/1 Aust Gd Regt	5	5	1	-
B Aust FS Sec	1	8	7	6
AMSC 9 Aust Div	1	8	1	-
2/9 Aust Armd Regt	9	9	4	1
2 Aust Beach Gp	12	7	6	1
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A	2	1	1	1
ADMS	6	5	1	-
DAPM	3	2	1	-
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THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING PRISONERS.

Propaganda leaflets are an important factor in bringing about a desire in the enemy to surrender. When conditions under which the enemy is operating are suitable, direct surrender leaflets are dropped with instructions as to how to surrender and where. It is vital that, when the enemy attempts to follow these instructions, he should be assisted to do so by our own troops. Many hundreds of Japanese troops have already been taken prisoner as a result of surrender propaganda.

Prisoners of war are of the greatest importance to us for a number of reasons. -

- (a) They are a source of Intelligence. As a result of interrogation, vital information may be obtained regarding matters of operational importance, such as disposition and strength of enemy forces; their physical condition; the state of their morale; the availability to them of supplies and equipment; the effect on them of our propaganda; and, the conditions existing in Japan and territories under Japanese control.

All this information helps to win the war more quickly.

The Japanese has been taught that it is dishonourable to surrender under any conditions. This makes it more difficult to persuade him to do so, either by propaganda or other means, but, at the same time, it makes him of more value as a prisoner, because he has not been briefed as to what not to say when interrogated.

It is true that dead men tell no tales, but live ones often do - to our military advantage.

- (b) Further, it must be borne in mind that for every five enemy prisoners taken, at least one Australian soldier's life is also saved; this being roughly the ratio of enemy killed to our own troops.

The Japanese prisoner coming in on a leaflet must be taken alive, as more confidence in our propaganda will result among any of his wavering fellows.

Propaganda leaflets dropped on enemy troops are designed to bring these things about. Our own forces must help to complete the propaganda campaign by recognising and accepting surrender leaflets when the enemy present them, and by using every opportunity to take prisoners.

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DATE	AREA and SCREENING	UNITS to ATTEND	PROGRAMME
Tue 3 Apr	2/1 AUST CCS	2/1 Aust CCS HQ 9 Aust Div HQ RAA 9 Aust Div Sigs 9 Div 9 Aust Div Pro Coy MCS	"HONKY TONK" (Clark Gable/ Lana Turner)
Wed 4 Apr	20 Aust Inf Bde	20 Aust Inf Bde 2/118 Aust Ord Fd Pk 2/118 Aust Bde Wksp 9 Aust Div Rec Camp	"MARYLAND" (Brenda Joyce/ John Payne) NEWS FROM HOME No 130
Thurs 5 Apr	2/2 Aust MG Bn	2/2 Aust MG Bn 2/8 Aust Fd Regt ASC 9 Aust Div 2/8 Aust Fd Amb	OVERSEAS NEWS No 6
Fri 6 Apr	24 Aust Inf Bde	24 Aust Inf Bde 2/3 Aust Fd Amb 2/11 Aust Fd Amb 2/122 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk 2/123 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk	STARS OF TOMORROW
Sat 7 Apr	2/12 Aust Fd Regt	2/12 Aust Fd Regt 2/9 Aust Cav (cdo) Regt 2/7 Aust Fd Regt 8 Aust Svy Bty RAE 9 Aust Div	
Sun 8 Apr	20 Aust Inf B de	20 Aust Inf Bde 2/118 Aust Bde Ord Fd Pk 2/118 Aust Bde Wksp 9 Aust Div Rec Camp	ONE MILLION BC (Victor Mature/ Carole Landis) BUGS AND BEETLES CLOCKING JOCKEY

2. Screenings will commence at 1900 hrs.

3. The first named unit will be responsible for controlling attendances and for cleaning the cinema area by 1000 hrs on the day following the allocated screening.

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EUROPEAN REPORT - -

THREE TANK COLUMNS OF THE U S 3RD AND 1ST ARMIES WESTERN. DROVE DEEP BEYOND LEIPZIG IN THE HEART OF GERMANY FRONT YESTERDAY. GAINS OF 10 MILES OR MORE WERE MADE UNDER A PARTIAL NEWS BLACKOUT BUT COLUMNS WERE WITHIN NO MORE THAN 85 MILES OF RUSSIAN ARMIES. ONE INFANTRY UNIT WAS WITHIN 18 MILES OF THE CZECH FRONTIER.

THE GERMAN MOUNTAIN FORTRESS OF BAVARIA AND AUSTRIA WAS THREATENED WITH BEING QUICKLY CUT OFF. ONE 3RD ARMY COLUMN ROAD INTO BAYREUTH, 124 MILES NORTH OF MUNICH AND 173 MILES FROM HITLER'S RETREAT AT BERCHTESGARDEN.

THE 3RD ARMY ALSO WAS FIGHTING AROUND CHEMNITZ.

NORTH OF LEIPZIG, 1ST ARMY TROOPS GALLOPED 30 MILES TO WITHIN 3 MILES OF DESSAU AND 55 MILES SOUTHWEST OF BERLIN.

THE U S 9TH ARMY WHICH HAS ROLLED UP TO THE ELBE RIVER WEST OF BERLIN ON A 90 MILE FRONT HAS NOW FORCED A SECOND CROSSING OF THAT RIVER. THESE TROOPS ARE WITHIN 45 MILES OF BERLIN AND THE GERMAN'S HAVE OPENED UP ON THEIR LINES WITH ARTILLERY.

BERLIN ALSO SAID RUSSIANS SOME 30 MILES DUE EAST OF BERLIN WERE ABOUT TO LAUNCH AN OFFENSIVE THERE BUT MOSCOW DID NOT CONFIRM THIS GERMAN REPORT.

THE BRITISH 2ND ARMY ON THE LEFT FLANK OF THE 9TH SLASHED FORWARD AND REACHED UELZEN, 42 MILES SOUTHEAST OF HAMBURG.

CANADIANS HAD ALMOST SEALED OFF HOLLAND YESTERDAY. THEY REACHED GROENINGEN NEAR THE NORTH SEA AND TO THE EAST WERE WITHIN 10 MILES OF THE NORTH SEA IN THE EMDEN AREA.

THEY ALSO CAPTURED ARNHEM TO THE SOUTH WERE BRITISH 'CHUTE TROOPS WERE CUT OFF LAST SEPTEMBER.

THE 7TH ARMY DROVE ON NUERNBERG.

THE FRENCH 1ST ARMY MADE SOME GAINS ON THE RHINES EAST BANK OPPOSITE STRASBOURG.

9TH ARMY TROOPS HAVE CAPTURED FRANZ VON PAPEN, NOTORIOUS NAZI DIPLOMAT. HE WAS TAKEN APRIL 11TH IN THE RUHR POCKET AT A HUNTING LODGE SOUTHEAST OF HAMM. CAPTURED ALSO WERE HIS SON WHO IS A CAPTAIN AND HIS SON-IN-LAW.

VON PAPEN IS 65. HE WAS FORMER CHANCELLOR OF THE GERMAN REPUBLIC AND VICE CHANCELLOR UNDER HITLER. WHEN CAPTURED HE EXCLAIMED "ACH, I WISH THIS WAR WERE OVER." A SERGEANT STANDING NEARBY REPLIED "SO DO ELEVEN MILLION OTHER GUYS."

THE RUHR POCKET HAS NOW BEEN CUT TO ONE FIFTH IT'S ORIGINAL SIZE AND 114,000 OF AN ESTIMATED 150,000 GERMANS INSIDE HAVE BEEN CAPTURED.

WITH CAPTURED VIENNA BEHIND THEM, RUSSIAN ARMIES EASTERN WHEELED WESTWARD TWELVE MILES TO COME WITHIN LITTLE FRONT MORE THAN 130 MILES OF HITLER'S RETREAT AT BERCHTESGARDEN AND WITHIN 63 MILES OF THE AUSTRIAN CITY OF LINZ. RED ARMY TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA DROVE TO WITHIN 29 MILES OF BRUENN.

RUSSIANS IN EAST PRUSSIA DROVE TO WITHIN 20 CLEAR OFF THE PENINSULA WEST OF KOENIGSBERG. SOVIET NAVAL PLANES OPERATING OFF THE COAST SANK 13 SMALL NAVAL SHIPS, 1 TANKER AND 13 TRANSPORTS.

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SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY R A F HEAVIES BOMBED BERLIN AND SUBURBAN POTSDAM SATURDAY NIGHT.

DURING THE DAY 1150 U S HEAVIES ATTACKED THE FRENCH PORT OF BORDEAUX WHERE NAZIS STILL ARE HOLDING OUT. FRENCH FORCES THEN MADE A LIMITED ASSAULT ON AN UNDISCLOSED SECTOR OF THE COAST HELD BY GERMANS WHO HAVE BEEN ISOLATED FOR MONTHS.

ITALIAN FRONT THE BRITISH IN ITALY DROVE 4 MILES AND CROSSED THE SILLARO RIVER, SOME 22 MILES EAST OF BOLOGNA DESPITE BITTER RESISTANCE. OTHER BRITISH DROVE INTO IMOLA, 20 MILES SOUTHEAST OF BOLOGNA AGAINST SCATTERED RESISTANCE.

AMERICANS 10 MILES SOUTH OF BOLOGNA CAPTURED 3 TOWNS--2 WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT AND THE THIRD AFTER A SHORT SKIRMISH. ALL 3 HAD BEEN GERMAN STRONGPOINTS ALL WINTER.

AMERICANS ON THE WEST COAST DROVE TO WITHIN 11 MILES OF THE NAVAL BASE OF LA SPEZIA.

PACIFIC REPORT - -

IN THE PHILIPPINES AMERICAN TROOPS HAVE LANDED ON THE SMALL ISLANDS OF BATAN AND RAPURAPU JUST OFF THE CAPTURED PORT OF LEGASPI ON SOUTHEAST LUZON AND QUICKLY ELIMINATED THE JAPANESE GARRISONS.

TROOPS ON NORTH LUZON CLOSED A PINNACLES ON STRONGLY DEFENDED BAGUIO. THE 33RD DIVISION CAPTURED HIGH GROUND 8 MILES NORTHWEST OF BAGUIO. AMERICANS ALSO ARE CLOSING IN ON THE PHILIPPINE SUMMER CAPITAL FROM THE WEST AND SOUTH.

ARMY AND MARINE PLANES IN SUPPORT POURED 540 TONS OF EXPLOSIVES AHEAD OF GROUND FORCES.

DAVAO ON MINDANAO WAS BOMBED WHILE PLANES SMASHED AT FORMOSA AND POUNDED SHIPPING AND OTHER TARGETS FROM INDO-CHINA TO BORNEO AND NEW GUINEA.

ON OKINAWA...THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION GAINED UP TO WITHIN 10 MILES OF THE NORTHE TIP OF THE ISLAND. THE SIXTH CORPS VIRTUALLY COMPLETED OCCUPATION OF MOTOBU PENINSULA. AMERICANS NOW CONTROL THE CENTRAL TWO THIRDS OF OKINAWA.

LINE ON THE SOUTH REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED. THE NINETY SIXTH INFANTRY BEAT OFF SMALL BUT DESPERATE JAPANESE COUNTERATTACKS AND ARTILLERY DUELS CONTINUED.

THE ARMY LINE EXTENDS FROM 4 MILES NORTH OF NAHA ON THE WEST COAST TO YONABARU ON THE EAST COAST. THE JAPANESE SENT ONLY FEW PLANES AGAINST OKINAWA SHIP AND GROUND FORCES--NINE WERE SHOT DOWN, BRINGING THE THREE DAY TOLL TO OVER 265 ENEMY PLANES DESTROYED.

FAR TO THE SOUTH SOME ENEMY PLANES ATTACKED A BRITISH TASK FORCE BUT LOST 3 PLANES AND FAILED TO DAMAGE BRITISH SHIPS. BRITISH CARRIER PLANES BLASTED FORMOSA TARGETS AND U S CARRIER PLANES WENT SOUTH TO BLAST THE SOUTHERN RYUKYUS WHERE THE BRITISH HAD BEEN.

THE LAST PREVIOUS OFFICIAL REPORT PLACED ENEMY DEAD ON GUAM AT ABOUT 15,000. MARINE MAJ GEN LARSEN SAID ONLY ONE DAY HAS PASSED SINCE THE MARINES RECAPTURED THE ISLAND WITHOUT AT LEAST ONE JAPANESE BEING KILLED.

SIX SUPERFORTS ARE MISSING FROM THE GREAT SATURDAY FIREBOMB RAID ON TOKYO.

MAJ GEN LE MAY DECLARED YESTERDAY DESTRUCTION OF JAPAN'S INDUSTRY BY AIR BLOWS ALONE IS POSSIBLE BUT HE SAID WE WOULD "HAVE TO HAVE MANY MORE SUPERFORTRESSES THAN WE HAVE AT THE PRESENT."

BRITISH TROOPS IN CENTRAL BURMA CONTINUED TO MAKE PROGRESS AND ALSO ARE NOW DRIVING EASTWARD FROM CENTRAL BURMA.

MELBOURNE 14TH :

AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT RELEASE TODAY SAYS ALL ORGANIZED JAPANESE RESISTANCE IN THE BUT-DAGUA AREA OF NORTHERN NEW GUINEA HAS BEEN OVERCOME BY AUSTRALIAN ATTACKS INTO FOOTHILLS OF THE MOUNTAINS.

FIERCEST FIGHTING OCCURRED AROUND TOKOKU PASS, 2 MILES SOUTH OF DAGUA AIRFIELD AND AN IMPORTANT POINT IN THE LINE OF INLAND COMMUNICATIONS.

THE JAPANESE HELD THEIR GROUND AGAINST SEVERAL ONSLAUGHTS BUT WERE FINALLY ROUTED BY BAYONETS AND AUTOMATIC FIRE. AUSTRALIAN PATROLS ARE NOW ELIMINATING A FEW ENEMY POCKETS THAT REMAIN IN THE AREA. 230 ADDITIONAL JAPANESE DEAD HAVE BEEN COUNTED. MOST OF THESE FELL IN THE FIGHTING AT THE PASS.

SOUTH OF DAGUA AUSTRALIANS HAVE CAPTURED A JAPANESE RADIO STATION IN GOOD ORDER.

AUSTRALIANS ADVANCED 3 MILES ALONG THE COAST EAST OF DAGUA TO KOFTI. AN AUSTRALIAN SLOOP FIRED MORE THAN 400 SHELLS INTO JAPANESE COASTAL POSITIONS BETWEEN DAGUA AND WEWAK.

INLAND, THE ENEMY HAS BEEN FORCED TO WITHDRAW WEST OF MAPRIK ON BOUGAINVILLE IN THE SOLOMONS ARTILLERY EXCHANGES HAVE CONTINUED IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH. VIOLENT TROPICAL STORMS ARE HINDERING OPERATIONS.

IN THE CENTRAL SECTOR AUSTRALIAN ARTILLERY AND MORTARS HAVE CONTINUED TO HARASS THE ENEMY IN COOPERATION WITH DEEP PATROL PENETRATION.

THE TOTAL OF JAPANESE DEAD COUNTED ON BOUGAINVILLE SINCE NOVEMBER, WHEN AUSTRALIANS TOOK OVER, IS NOW 2,343.

ON NEW BRITAIN A JAPANESE ATTACK HAS BEEN REPULSED ON AUSTRALIAN FORWARD POSITIONS IN THE WIDE-BAY AREA SOUTH OF GAZELLE PENINSULA.

WASHINGTON, D.C. -APRIL 14TH- :

MILLIONS OF AMERICANS PAID FINAL TRIBUTE SATURDAY TO FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT. BETWEEN THREE AND FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND PERSONS LINED STREETS IN WASHINGTON AS THE FUNERAL TRAIN ARRIVED FROM WARM SPRINGS AND THE FLAG DRAPED CASKET WAS BORN TO THE WHITE HOUSE. A BLACK ARMY CAISSON DRAWN BY SEVEN WHITE HORSES CARRIED THE BODY OF MR ROOSEVELT FROM UNION STATION OVER THE SAME ROUTE THE FOUR-TIME PRSIDENT HAD RIDDEN IN INAUGURALS.

EIGHT NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS--TWO EACH FROM THE ARMY, NAVY, MARINES AND COASTGUARD--BORE THE BODY INSIDE THE WHITEHOUSE.

THE RIGHT REVEREND ANGUS DUN, BISHOP OF WASHINGTON, OFFICIATED AT A SIMPLE EPISCAPAL SERVICE. BISHOP DUN RECALLED THAT MR ROOSEVELT 12 YEARS AGO VOICED HIS OWN DEEP FAITH THAT "THE ONLY THING WE HAVE TO FEAR IS FEAR ITSELF." BISHOP DUN SAID THAT AS THAT WAS MR ROOSEVELT'S FIRST WORD AS PRESIDENT "I AM SURE HE WOULD WISH IT TO BE HIS LAST--THAT WE SHOULD GO FORWARD INTO THE FUTURE AS THOSE WHO GO FORWARD WITH OUT FEAR--WITHOUT FEAR OF THE FUTURE, WITHOUT FEAR FOR OUR ALLIES AND FRIENDS AND WITHOUT FEAR OF OUR OWN INSUFFICIENCIES."

GUAM -14TH- :

UNITED PRESS REPORTED A SERGEANT WHO FLEW OVER TOKYO IN THE B-W9 STRIKE EARLY TODAY SAID HE SAW A JET-PROPELLED JAPANESE FIGHTER OVER THE CITY.

SAID THE SERGEANT "IT LOOKED LIKE A BALL OF FIRE OR ROMAN CANDEL SHOOTING HORIZONTALLY. IT WAS TRAVELLING AT HIGH SPEED AND MADE A RUN TOWARDS OUR PLANE. WHEN ANOTHER SUPERFORT FIRED ON IT, IT BROKE IN TWO, THE PIECES OF WHICH CRASHED INTO FLAMES."

NEWS FROM THE ESTADOS UNIDOS:-

CONGRESS TODAY RECEIVED A PROPOSAL THAT THE U S KEEP AS PERMANENT BASES THE VITAL PACIFIC ISLANDS WRESTED FROM THE JAPANESE. REP MAHAN, TEXAS, INTRODUCED LEGISLATION THAT THE U S CLAIM PERMANENTLY ANY FORMER JAPANESE ISLAND DESIGNATED BY CHIEFS OF STAFF AS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN WORLD PEACE.

THE BILL ALSO AUTHORIZED THE U S TO HOLD AMERICAN LIBERATED ISLANDS OF OTHER POWERS UNTIL ORIGINAL OWNERS CAN RE-OCCUPY THEM OR UNTIL MUTUAL OCCUPATION IS ARRANGED BY THE UNITED NATIONS.

MAHAN DECLARED "LET THE WHOLE WORLD KNOW NOW THAT WE NEVER PROPOSED TO SEE THE AMERICAN FLAG HAULED DOWN FROM IWO JIMA OR ANY OTHER 'BLOOD BOUGHT' KEY BASES IN THE PACIFIC."

THE U S RESUMED NORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT NOON APRIL TENTH, WITH ARGENTINA, ENDING 13 MONTHS OF NON-RECOGNITION GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA'S GENERAL FARELL. 19 OTHER AMERICAN REPUBLICS ALSO RECOGNIZED ARGENTINA AS DID BRITAIN, FRANCE, CANADA AND HOLLAND.

SEVERANCE OF RELATIONS WAS MADE BY FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE HULL WHO HAD SAID "ARGENTINA, WORKING AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE ALLIED CAUSE."

RECENTLY ARGENTINA DECLARED WAR ON THE AXIS AND ADHERES TO RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT MEXICO CITY CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAN NATIONS. HOWEVER, ARGENTINA IS NOT YET A MEMBER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND CONSEQUENTLY HAS NOT YET BEEN INVITED TO THE SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE.

JURISTS FROM 38 UNITED NATIONS MET IN WASHINGTON TO LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR A NEW WORLD COURT FOR PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES. INTERNATIONAL JURISTS WILL DESIGN COURT TO FIT INTO THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATIONS, THEN SUBMIT IT TO THE SANFRANCISCO CONFERENCE.

SECRETARY OF STATE STETTINIUS TOLD JURISTS THEIR JOB IS TO EXPRESS DETERMINATION OF PEACE LOVING PEOPLES THAT FUTURE INTERNATIONAL DIFFERENCES MAY BE SETTLED BY PEACEFUL METHODS ON THE BASIS OF JUSTICE.

SIR MYERS OF NEW ZEALAND CAUTIONS THAT "NO PERSON OR NATION CAN EXPECT TO HAVE HIS WAY IN EVERYTHING AND IN THE FUTURE THERE MUST BE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF 'GIVE AND TAKE'."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS PREDICTED THAT THE GROUP WILL VOTE TO CONTINUE THE PRESENT PERMANENT WORLD COURT AT HAGUE, NETHERLANDS WITH SOME MODIFICATIONS. ONE GREAT DIFFERENCE WILL BE THAT THE U S WILL PROBABLY BE A MEMBER OF THE NEW COURT AS IT WAS NOT OF THE PRESENT WORLD COURT.

MAJOR GENERAL HANS VON SCHUBERT, GERMAN VETERAN OF TWO WORLD WARS, WAS BURIED IN THE MILITARY CEMETERY IN COMO, MISSISSIPPI, WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS TODAY. THE GERMAN GENERAL DIED IN A P-O-W HOSPITAL IN MEMPHIS LAST WEDNESDAY OF A BRAIN AILMENT.

52 YEAR OLD PRUSSIAN WAS BURIED WITH HIS MEDALS IN A PLAIN WOODEN CASKET BETWEEN THE BODIES OF A LT AND A CPL. A U S FIRING SQUAD GAVE THE GENERAL A LAST SALUTE OVER THE SWASTIKA DRAPED COFFIN WHILE GERMAN PRISONERS STOOD AT ATTENTION.

SECRETARY OF STATE STETTINIUS SAID TODAY THE ARMY WOULD KEEP THE TREASURE TROVE CAPTURED BY THE THIRD ARMY IN A GERMAN SALT MINE UNTIL THE ALLIES CAN DISCUSS ITS DISPOSITION. FINAL DISPOSITION WILL BE MADE BY THE ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION FOR GERMANY.

THE CAPTURED TREASURE INCLUDES PERHAPS 100 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF GOLD BULLION, MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN GERMAN, AMERICAN, BRITISH, AND OTHER CURRENCIES.

THE GERMAN RADIO SAID THAT SIX REICHSBANK OFFICIALS WERE ARRESTED IN BERLIN FOR ALLOWING THE TREASURE TO FALL INTO AMERICAN HANDS. THE BERLIN RADIO ALSO SAID THE TREASURE REPRESENTED ONLY A FRACTION OF GERMANY'S GOLD RESERVE.

REICHSBANK OFFICIALS CAPTURED AT THE SCENE SAYS HE'S SURE IT IS ALL THE GOLD GERMANY POSSESSES.

R A D I O R O O M

TUESDAY

USAT "SEA BARB"

17TH APRIL '45

DAILY NEWS SHEET

FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT, LATE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WAS BURIED SUNDAY.

THE BURIAL SPOT WAS SELECTED BY MR ROOSEVELT HIMSELF. IT IS BORDERED BY A HIGH HEMLOCK HEDGE AND LIES BETWEEN THE HOUSE WHERE THE PRESIDENT WAS BORN 63 YEARS AGO AND THE LIBRARY WHICH HOUSES HIS STATE PAPERS.

THE BODY WAS BROUGHT TO HYDE PARK FROM WASHINGTON WHERE A STATE FUNERAL WAS HELD SATURDAY. THOUSANDS OF PLAIN CITIZENS LINED THE ROUTE THROUGH WHICH THE PRESIDENTIAL TRAIN PASSED, SOME STANDING AT THE DEPOT FAR INTO THE NIGHT TO BID A REVERENT FAREWELL TO THEIR LATE PRESIDENT. THE BODY WAS BORNE TO THE ROOSEVELT ESTATE WHILE A LONE GUN IN A NEARBY FIELD BOOMED OUT IN SLOW CADENCE THE PRESIDENT'S SALUTE. ACCOMPANYING THE BODY WERE MEMBERS OF THE CABINET, THE SUPREME COURT AND BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS. AT THE GRAVE SIDE ALSO WERE MANY OF MR ROOSEVELT'S LIFELONG NEIGHBORS FROM THE SURROUNDING COUNTRYSIDE AND EMPLOYEES OF THE ESTATE. A DETAIL OF GREY-CLAD CADETS FROM THE U S MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT FIRED THREE VOLLEYS, A FAREWELL SALUTE AND THE BUGLER PLAYED TAPS.

AFTER THE SERVICES THE PRESIDENTIAL TRAIN RETURNED TO WASHINGTON AND COLONEL JAMES ROOSEVELT BOARDED THE TRAIN AT PENN STATION, NEW YORK. HE HAD REACHED FLOYD BENNET FIELD, LONG ISLAND TWO HOURS TOO LATE TO ATTEND THE BURIAL. HE HAD MADE A TEN THOUSAND MILE TRIP FROM MANILA--BUT STIFF HEADWINDS DELAYED HIS PLANE. BRIGADIER GENERAL ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT WAS THE ONLY ONE OF FOUR SONS PRESENT AT THE BURIAL.

PRESIDENT TRUMAN, MRS TRUMAN AND DAUGHTER ATTENDED THE BURIAL IN HYDE PARK. AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL BACK IN WASHINGTON THE TRUMAN WENT IMMEDIATELY TO THEIR FIVE ROOM APARTMENT ON CONNECTICUT AVENUE. THEY WILL GIVE UP THE APARTMENT AND MOVE INTO THE HISTORIC BLAIR HOUSE ACROSS PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE TEMPORARILY.

ON THE JOURNEY BACK TO WASHINGTON PRESIDENT TRUMAN WORKED HARD ON THE ADDRESS HE WILL DELIVER MONDAY BEFORE CONGRESS. THE SPEECH IS EAGERLY AWAITED AS TRUMAN'S FIRST DETAILED STATEMENT OF POLICY. AMONG THOSE HELPING HIM WITH THE ADDRESS ARE FORMER WAR MOBILIZER JAMES BYRNES WHO RETIRED FROM PUBLIC LIFE ONLY RECENTLY AND WHO HAD BEEN CALLED "ASSISTANT" PRESIDENT FOR MORE THAN A YEAR. AFTER THE DEATH OF MR ROOSEVELT HE IMMEDIATELY CALLED PRESIDENT TRUMAN, OFFERING HIS SERVICES IN ANY WAY HE COULD TO BE OF AID.

FEW PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON KNOW THE HOME FRONT AND INTERNATIONAL SITUATION SO INTIMATELY AS DOES BYRNES WHO ACCOMPANIED MR ROOSEVELT TO YALTA AND WHO TOOK SHEAVES OF SHORT-HAND NOTES ON THAT HISTORIC CONFERENCE. BYRNES WAS IN ALMOST CONSTANT CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN IN THE LAST TWO DAYS.

TRUMAN WILL HOLD HIS FIRST NEWS CONFERENCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE TUESDAY.

WASHINGTON, D.C. -APRIL 14TH- :

MARSHAL STALIN HAS ADVISED PRESIDENT TRUMAN THAT FOREIGN COMMISSAR MOLOTOV WILL REPRESENT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT AT THE SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE.

TRUMAN DIRECTED U S AMBASSADOR HARRIMAN TO ASSURE MR STALIN THAT THE COMING OF MOLOTOV "WOULD BE WELCOMED AS AN EXPRESSION OF ERNEST COOPERATION IN CARRYING FORWARD PLANS FOR FORMULATING A NEW INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AS LAID DOWN BY PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND CONFIRMED BY THE YALTA CONFERENCE."

HERETOFORE THE RUSSIAN PLAN WAS FOR SOVIET AMBASSADOR GROMYK TO HEAD THE RUSSIAN DELEGATION ALTHOUGH OTHER MAJOR POWERS WERE TO BE REPRESENTED AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL.

REPRODUCED BELOW IS THE COMPLETE TEXT OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT JEFFERSON DAY SPEECH--WE TRUST YOU WILL READ IT CAREFULLY...AND THOROUGHLY.

ATLANTA GEORGIA -APRIL 13TH- (DELAYED) :

HEREWITH TEXT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S BROADCAST SCHEDULED FOR DELIVERY AT JEFFERSON DAY DINNERS ACROSS THE U S TONIGHT AND RELEASED BY PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY STEPHEN EARLY:

QUOTE

AMERICANS ARE GATHERED TONIGHT IN COMMUNITIES ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE LIVING MEMORY OF THOMAS A JEFFERSON ONE OF THE GREATEST OF ALL DEMOCRATS, AND I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT I AM SPELLING THE WORD 'DEMOCRATS' WITH A SMALL 'D'.

I WISH I HAD THE POWER JUST FOR THIS EVENING TO BE PRESENT AT ALL OF THESE GATHERINGS.

IN THIS HISTORIC YEAR MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, WE DO WELL TO CONSIDER THE CHARACTER OF THOMAS JEFFERSON AS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN OF THE WORLD--MINISTER TO FRANCE, THEN AS OUR FIRST SECRETARY OF STATE AND THEN AS OUR THIRD PRESIDENT, JEFFERSON WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AS A VITAL FACTOR IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

IT WAS HE WHO FIRST SENT OUR NAVY INTO FAR DISTANT WATERS TO DEFEND OUR RIGHTS. AND PROMULGATION OF THE MONROE DOCTRINE WAS A LOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF JEFFERSON'S FAR SEEING FOREIGN POLICY.

TODAY THIS NATION WHICH JEFFERSON HELPED SO MUCH TRYING TO BUILD IS PLAYING A TREMENDOUS PART IN THE BATTLE FOR THE RIGHTS OF MAN ALL OVER THE WORLD.

TODAY WE ARE A PART OF A VAST ALLIED FORCE, A FORCE COMPOSED OF FLESH AND BLOOD AND STEEL AND SPIRIT, WHICH IS TODAY DESTROYING THE MAKERS OF WAR, BREEDERS OF HATRED, IN EUROPE AND ASIA.

IN JEFFERSON'S TIME OUR NAVY CONSISTED OF ONLY A HANDFUL OF FRIGATES HEADED BY THE GALLANT USS CONSTITUTION--"OLD IRONSIDES"-- BUT AT THAT TIME THE NAVY TAUGHT NATIONS ACROSS THE ATLANTIC THAT PIRACY IN THE MEDITERRANEAN, ACTS OF AGGRESSION AGAINST PEACEFUL COMMERCE AND ENSLAVEMENT OF THEIR CREWS WAS ONE OF THOSE THINGS WHICH, AMONG NEIGHBORS, WAS NOT DONE.

TODAY WE HAVE LEARNED IN THE AGONY OF WAR THAT GREAT POWER INVOLVES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY. TODAY WE CAN NO MORE ESCAPE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE GERMAN AND JAPANESE AGGRESSION THAN COULD WE AVOID THE CONSEQUENCES OF ATTACKS ON THE BARBARY COAST A CENTURY AND A HALF BEFORE.

WE, AS AMERICANS, DO NOT CHOOSE TO DENY OUR RESPONSIBILITY NOR DO WE INTEND TO ABANDON OUR DETERMINATION THAT, WITHIN THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN AND OUR CHILDRENS CHILDREN, THERE WILL NOT BE A THIRD WORLD WAR.

WE SEEK PEACE--ENDURING PEACE--MORE THAN AN END TO THE WAR; WE WANT AN END TO THE BEGINNINGS OF ALL WARS--YES, AN END TO THIS BRUTAL AND THOROUGHLY IMPRACTICAL METHOD OF SETTLING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS.

THE ONCE POWERFUL, MALIGNANT NAZI STATE IS CRUMBLING. JAPANESE WARLORDS ARE RECEIVING, IN THEIR OWN HOMELAND, RETRIBUTION FOR WHICH THEY ASKED WHEN THEY ATTACKED PEARL HARBOR.

BUT MERE CONQUEST OF OUR ENEMIES IS NOT ENOUGH.

WE MUST GO ON TO DO ALL IN OUR POWER TO CONQUER DOUBTS AND FEARS, IGNORANCE AND GREED, WHICH MAKE THIS HORRIBLE WAR POSSIBLE.

THOMAS JEFFERSON HIMSELF ONCE SPOKE OF THE "BROTHERLY SPIRIT OF SCIENCE" WHICH UNITED THROUGH ONE FAMILY ALL ITS DEVOTEES OF WHATEVER GRADE AND, HOWEVER WIDELY DISPERSED THROUGHOUT THE DIFFERENT QUARTERS OF THE GLOBE TODAY, SCIENCE HAS BROUGHT ALL DIFFERENT QUARTERS OF THE GLOBE SO CLOSE TOGETHER THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ISOLATE THEM ONE FROM ANOTHER.

TODAY WE ARE FACED WITH THE PRE-ESTABLISHED FACT THAT IF CIVILIZATION IS TO SURVIVE, WE MUST CULTIVATE THE SCIENCE OF HUMAN RELATIONSHIP, THE ABILITY OF ALL PEOPLES OF ALL KINDS TO

LIVE TOGETHER AND WORK TOGETHER IN THE SAME WORLD AT PEACE.

LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT MY HAND IS STEADY FOR THE WORK THAT IS TO BE DONE, THAT I MOVE MORE FIRMLY INTO THE TASK KNOWING THAT YOU--MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF YOU--ARE JOINED WITH ME IN THE RESOLVE TO MAKE THIS WORK ENDURE. THE WORK, MY FRIENDS, IS PEACE. MORE THAN THE END OF THIS WAR. AN END TO THE BEGINNINGS OF ALL WAR, YES, AN END, FOREVER, TO THIS IMPRACTICAL UNREALISTIC SETTLEMENT OF DIFFERENCES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS BY MASS KILLINGS OF PEOPLES.

TODAY AS WE MOVE AGAINST THE SOURCE OF WAR, WE ARE MAKING THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTION THAT ANY GENERATION OF HUMAN BEINGS CAN MAKE IN THIS WORLD--THE CONTRIBUTION OF LASTING PEACE. I ASK YOU TO KEEP UP YOUR FAITH AND CONFIDENCE AND TO YOU AMERICAN I SAY THE ONLY LIMIT TO OUR REALIZATION OF TOMORROW WILL BE OUR DOUBTS OF TODAY. LET US MOVE FORWARD WITH STRONG AND ACTIVE FAITH.

UNQUOTE

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- - WAR COMMUNIQUES AND REPORTS - -

EUROPE.....

THE U S 9TH ARMY LOST THEIR BRIDGEHEAD ACROSS THE ELBE RIVER JUST SOUTH OF MAGDEBURG YESTERDAY, BUT SOME 15 MILES FARTHER SOUTHEAST AT BARBY, 9TH ARMY TROOPS SMASHED 4 MILES EASTWARD FROM THE RIVER. THERE, THEY ARE 53 MILES SOUTHWEST OF BERLIN. TWO GERMAN DIVISIONS STRUCK AT AMERICAN INFANTRY WHO WERE WITHOUT ARMORED PROTECTION. AMERICANS HAD GROSSED THE ELBE IN BOATS AND GERMAN TANKS INFLICTED HEAVY LOSSES AT THAT POINT. MASSED ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS OF BERLIN'S OUTER DEFENSES WERE SWUNG DOWN TO GROUND LEVEL AND TURNED ON THE AMERICAN BRIDGHEAD. DISPATCHES SAY VETERAN GERMAN TROOPS FROM RUSSIAN FRONTS HAVE BEEN THROWN AGAINST THE 9TH ARMY THERE.

THE 9TH IS ALONG THE ELBE RIVER FOR NEARLY 100 MILES AND IS WITHIN 45 MILES WEST OF BERLIN (AT SOME POINTS.).

CANADIANS TO THE NORTH AND WEST REACHED THE NORTH SEA COAST NORTHWEST OF GRONIGEN IN HOLLAND AND HAVE SEALED OFF ALL GERMANS IN WESTERN HOLLAND. THE GERMANS ARE FIGHTING BITTERLY IN GRONIGEN ITSELF.

THE BRITISH 2ND ARMY STILL IS HELD IN CHECK ON THE APPROACHES TO BREMEN AND HAMBURG.

MEANWHILE SOUTHERN GERMANY DANGLES FROM THE REST OF THE REICH BY A SLENDER THREAD. ALL MAJOR NORTH-SOUTH HIGHWAYS ARE CUT AND THE ENEMY IS FLEEING SOUTH THROUGH CZECHOSLOVAKIA TOWARDS THE MOUNTAIN FASTNESSES OF BAVARIA AND AUSTRIA.

THE U S 1ST ARMY CLOSED UP TO THE MULDE RIVER ON BOTH SIDES OF BY-PASSED LEIPZIG IN GAINS OF UP TO 18 MILES. SOME UNITS ARE 54 MILES SOUTHWEST OF BERLIN AND SOME PERHAPS 35 MILES WEST OF DRESDEN.

THE 3RD ARMY WAS 5 MILES WEST OF HOF, ENDEAVORING TO CLOSE THE LAST 13 MILES TO THE CZECH BORDER.

THE 7TH ARMY ROLLED TO WITHIN 15 MILES OF THE BAVARIAN MOUNTAIN STRONGHOLD OF NUERMBERG.

U S 1ST AND 9TH ARMIES, BATTLING TO ELIMINATE THE DWINDLING RUHR POCKET, HAVE JOINED UP AND THUS CUT THE POCKET IN TWO. 143,000 PRISONERS HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM THE RUHR POCKET AT THE LAST COUNT. DURING THE FIRST 15 DAYS OF APRIL 457,000 GERMANS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED ON THE WEST FRONT.

ON THE ALMOST FORGOTTEN ATLANTIC COASTAL FRONT FRENCH TROOPS PUSHED GERMANS FROM THE MOUTH OF THE GIRONDE RIVER IN ORDER TO

FREE THE BIG PORT OF BORDEAUX.

AMERICAN ARTILLERY AND FRENCH NAVAL UNITS AND AMERICAN HEAVY BOMBERS ALSO ARE SUPPORTING THIS FRENCH DRIVE. 1300 U S HEAVIES ATTACKED THE GIRONDE ESTUARY WITH A NEW TYPE OF LIQUID FIRE IN TANKS AS WELL AS REGULAR BOMBS.

700 R A F HEAVIES HIT BERLIN AND SUBURBAN POTSDAM AND MOSQUITOES HIT BERLIN AGAIN LAST NIGHT.

THE RUSSIANS HAVE CAPTURED ST POLTEN, 28 MILES WEST OF VIENNA AND SOME 60 MILES FROM THE BIG AUSTRIAN CITY OF LINZ. RUSSIANS FAR TO THE NORTH IN EAST RUSSIA CONTINUED TO REDUCE THE GERMAN POCKET ON THE PENINSULA WEST OF CAPTURED KOENIGSBERG. MOSCOW MADE NO MENTION OF GERMAN REPORTS THAT RUSSIANS JUST EAST OF BERLIN HAVE BEGUN NEW ATTACKS.

THE BRITISH IN ITALY HAVE CAPTURED THE HIGHWAY TOWN OF IMOLA, 20 MILES SOUTH EAST OF BOLOGNA. GERMANS ARE SENDING REINFORCEMENTS TO THESE LINES AGAIN ST THE BRITISH BRIDGEHEAD ACROSS THE SILLARA RIVER.

AMERICANS HAVE SEIZED A TWO MILE RIDGE NORTHWEST OF VERGATO 17 MILES SOUTHWEST OF BOLOGNA. PLANES SUPPORTED GROUND ACTION AND OTHERS HIT RAIL LINES IN BAVARIA, AUSTRIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

PACIFIC....

AMERICAN SUPERFORCES IN VERY GREAT STRENGTH ATTACKED TOKYO FOR THE SECOND TIME IN 48 HOURS EARLY MONDAY, TOKYO TIME. THE INDUSTRIAL SUBURB OF KAWASAKI ALSO WAS HIT. FIRE BOMBS WERE RAINED ON DIFFERENT TARGETS THAN THOSE HIT IN THE PREVIOUS RAID. GREYS SAID FIRES STILL WERE BURNING FROM EARLIER ATTACKS. HEAVY FLAK WAS ENCOUNTERED AND ENEMY NIGHT FIGHTERS WERE ACTIVE.

ON OKINAWA 3 JAPANESE COUNTER ATTACKS SATURDAY NIGHT WERE BROKEN UP BY MARINE AND ARMY ARTILLERY ON THE SOUTHERN SECTOR AND LINES THERE REMAINED ALMOST UNCHANGED. MARINES CONTINUED TO MOP-UP SMALL UNITS OF JAPS IN THE NORTH.

PLANES UNDER GENERAL MACARTHUR'S COMMAND ARE SUPPORTING AUSTRALIAN ATTACKS IN NEW GUINEA AND THE SOLOMONS. MELBOURNE RADIO SAYS THE AUSSIES HAVE CAPTURED WORA ON NORTHERN NEW GUINEA AND ARE PRESSING ON.

THE AUSTRALIANS ARE BLASTING JAPANESE WITH HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE ON NORTHERN BOUGAINVILLE.

MANILA - APRIL 14TH - (DELAYED) :

ASSOCIATED PRESSER FRED HAMPSON WRITES DESCRIBING THE STORMING OF FORT DRUM....

"38TH DIVISION YANKS STORMED BATTLE SHIP-LIKE FORT DRUM ON EL FRAILE ISLAND IN MANILA HARBOR YESTERDAY AND BURNED OUT THE JAPANESE GARRISON WHICH HAD BEEN MAINTAINING A RADIO SIGNAL STATION.

"USING A SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED RAMP WHICH RATTLED DOWN FROM SUPERSTRUCTURE OF THE LANDING SHIP, TROOPS GOT ABOARD THE CONCRETE DECK ASHORE WITH MINIMUM EXPOSURE TO SNIPER FIRE FROM PORT HOLES IN THE WALL.

"ONCE ABOARD THE DECK OF THE FORT WHICH MAINTAINED TWO FORMER BATTLESHIP TURRETS AS GUN POSITIONS, YANKS CHALLENGED THE ENEMY TO SURRENDER. ON REPEATED REFUSAL THEY POURED 5,000 GALLONS OF A GASOLINE MIXTURE DOWN VENTS AND SET A 600 POUND DEMOLITION CHARGE BEFORE WITHDRAWING.

"THE SUBSEQUENT BLAST SENT FIRE SHOOTING FROM EVERY PORT HOLE IN THAT 'STATIONARY BATTLESHIP' WHICH LIES ACROSS THE BAY FROM CORREGIDOR. COLONEL ROBERT H SOULE, ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER SAID THERE WAS NO CHANCE OF SURVIVAL OF ANY....JAPANESE.

THE ONLY CASUALTIES WERE 3 SOLDIERS WHO SUFFERED SUPERFICIAL WOUNDS FROM SNIPERS AS THE LANDING CRAFT DREW NEAR FORT DRUM.

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WEDNESDAY

"BLAK BALLBREAKER"

18TH APRIL '45

LATEST WAR NEWS COPIED YESTERDAY MORNING; -FROM PARIS.

SPEARHEADS OF THE AMERICAN SEVENTH ARMY ENTERED THE GERMAN CITY OF NUERMBERG IN BAVARIA TONIGHT SEVERAL HOURS AFTER THE THIRD ARMY ON ITS NORTHERN FLANK PUSHED THROUGH HOF TO THE CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER.

THROUGHOUT THE WEST FRONT NEW SUCCESSES WERE REPORTED.

THE GERMAN HELD DUTCH CITY OF GRONIGEN LARGEST IN THE NORTHERN NETHERLANDS SURRENDERED TO THE CANADIAN ARMY TODAY.

THE BRITISH ARMY DESPITE GREATER RESISTANCE IN NORTHERN GERMANY CARRIED ITS OFFENSIVE TO WITHIN TWO MILES OF THE BREMEN PORT WHERE OTHER UNITS ARE WITHIN FORTY MILES OF HAMBURG.

U S NINTH ARMY TROOPS BEAT OFF A HEAVY GERMAN COUNTER-ATTACK AGAINST THEIR ELBE RIVER BRIDGEHEAD NEAR BARBY FIFTEEN MILES SOUTH OF MAGDEBURG. THE UNITED PRESS SAYS THE GERMANS OVERRAN THE AMERICAN NORTHERN FLANK AT GUETHEREBLUECK 5 MILES NORTHEAST OF BARBY IN A FIERCE ONSLAUGHT BUT THEY WERE DRIVEN BACK AND THE POSITION FINALLY RESTORED. GERMANS LOST TWICE AS MANY TANKS AS AMERICANS AND ONLY 125 OF 354 ARMORED ATTACK TROOPS ESCAPED.

A GERMAN FRONTLINE DISPATCH REPORTED THAT AMERICANS HAVE REACHED HAVELBERG 45 MILES NORTHWEST OF BERLIN. ANOTHER GERMAN REPORT SAID AMERICANS WERE PREPARING TO CROSS THE ELBE ON A BROOK FRONT FROM STENDAL 32 MILES NORTH OF MAGDEBURG.

ARMORED DIVISIONS OF THE NINTH AND FIRST ARMIES MADE A NEW JUNCTION - IN THE HARZ MOUNTAINS 4 MILES NORTHWEST OF KOELTHEN.

150 MILES OF THE WEST BANK OF THE RIVER ELBE IS NOW UNDER CONTROL OF THE NINTH AND FIRST ARMIES.

THE CITY OF LEIPZIG IS UNDER BOMBARDMENT FROM THREE SIDES. FIRST ARMY UNITS OF THE FIRST ARMY FROM NORTH AND THE THIRD FROM THE SOUTH ARE CLOSING IN ON CHEMNITZ ON THE ROAD TO DRESDEN.

THE SOUTHERN WING OF THE THIRD ARMY CAPTURED HOF EIGHT MILES FROM THE CZECHOSLOVAK BORDER AND DROVE ALMOST TO THE BORDER.

AT POSITIONS HELD BY THE FIRST AND THIRD ARMIES, THE DISTANCE TO THE RUSSIAN LINES VARIED FROM 70 TO 75 MILES.

ELSEWHERE, BEHIND THE WESTERN FRONT REMNANTS OF THE RUHR POCKET WERE BEING ELIMINATED AFTER CAPTURE OF 176,000 PRISONERS AND GERMAN ARMY CORPS COMMANDER THERE. THE FRENCH ARMY, ARTILLERY AND AIR SUPPORT AND FRENCH NAVAL BOMBARDMENT WAS REDUCING GERMAN RESISTANCE IN THE BORDEAUX AREA.

THIS REPORT COMES FROM LONDON:-

OVER 3500 ALLIED WARPLANES ATTACKED GERMANY TODAY STRIKING FROM BERLIN TO REGENSBURG IN BAVARIA AND HITTING AT LEAST FIFTEEN MILES OF ROADS AND BRIDGES.

SOME 750 U S 8TH AIRFORCE HEAVY BOMBERS HIT REGENSBURG ATTACKING FREIGHT YARDS AND RAIL BRIDGES IN REGENSBURG ITSEEF, THE BRIDGE STRAUBING 25 MILES TO THE SOUTHEAST, FREIGHT YARDS AT LANDSAUT 35 MILES TO THE SOUTH AND PLATTLING 40 MILES TO THE SOUTHEAST.

OVER 850 U S NINTH AIRFORCE MEDIUM BOMBERS ATTACKED SIMILAR TARGETS IN CENTRAL GERMANY AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

MEANWHILE AIRFORCES OF THE AMERICAN AND RUSSIAN ARMIES MADE THEIR FIRST CONTACT TODAY ABOVE LEIPZIG-DRESDEN CORRIDOR.

U S NINTH AIRFORCE HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCED THAT FOUR LARGE RAILWAY GUNS WHICH HAD BEEN SHELLING AMERICAN ARMORED FORCES SOUTHEAST OF LEIPZIG WERE SILENCED TODAY BY TWELVE THUNDERBOLT DIVE BOMBERS.

THIS MORNING 450 FLYING FORTRESSES BOMBED BERLIN AND GERMAN INSTALLATIONS ON THE GIRONDE ESTUARY AND BORDEAUX FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE DAY.

BERLIN WAS BOMBED THREE TIMES LAST NIGHT BY R A F MOSQUITO BOMBERS. RETURNING PILOTS SAID FIRES WERE BURNING IN POTSDAM, SOUTHWESTERN SUBURB OF THE CAPITAL.

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THIS REPORT COMES FROM ITALY:-

IN ITALY A NEW SPRING OFFENSIVE BY THE U S FIFTH ARMY WAS STARTED BY A 2400 TON BOMB ATTACK BY THE U S 15TH AIRFORCE HEAVY AND MEDIUM BOMBERS.

THE OFFENSIVE DESCRIBED BY FIELD MARSHAL ALEXANDER AS "THE LAST BATTLE WHICH WILL END THE WAR" WAS LAUNCHED MONDAY WITH AMERICAN FIFTH ARMY TROOPS JOINING IN THE ASSAULT BEGUN A WEEK AGO BY FORCES OF THE BRITISH EIGHTH ARMY IN A MIGHTY EFFORT TO DRIVE THE GERMANS FROM NORTHERN ITALY.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO COMES THIS REPORT ON OKINAWA:-

AMERICAN FORCES ON THE SOUTHERN OKINAWA FRONT CONTINUED TO POUND JAPANESE DEFENSES WITH HEAVY ARTILLERY AND REPULSED THREE COUNTER-ATTACKS WITH HEAVY CASUALTIES TO THE ENEMY.

AT THE SAME TIME THIRD AMPHIBIOUS CORPS MARINES PUSHED TOWARDS THE NORTHERN TIP OF THE ISLAND LESS THAN TEN MILES AWAY AGAINST LIGHT RESISTANCE WHERE THE 4TH AND 29TH REGIMENTS OF THE 6TH MARINE DIVISIONS ATTACKED A LARGE POCKET OF JAPANESE OFFERING STIFF RESISTANCE IN THE HILLS ALONG THE SOUTHERN COAST OF MOTOBU PENINSULA.

VIRTUALLY NO CHANGE WAS REPORTED ALONG THE SOUTHERN FRONT WHERE JAPANESE ARE DEFENDING STRONGLY PREPARED POSITIONS ABOUT 4 MILES NORTH OF THE ISLAND'S CAPITAL CITY OF NAHA BUT JAPANESE ARTILLERY FIRE WAS REPORTED LIGHTER. AT THE SAME TIME THE JAPANESE MOVED UP QUANTITIES OF SUPPLIES UNDER HARASSING AMERICAN ARTILLERY.

IN ONE OF THE THREE SMALL SCALE COUNTER-ATTACKS LAUNCHED BY THE ENEMY ALONG THE SOUTHERN SECTOR, 96TH DIVISION TROOPS KILLED MORE THAN 100 JAPS ALONG KAKAZU RIDGE 2000 YARDS INLAND FROM THE WESTERN SHORE OF THE ISLAND. AMERICAN ARTILLERY SMASHED THE SECOND ONSLAUGHT AS IT PREPARED TO ATTACK AND AMERICAN WARPLANES BROKE UP THE THIRD ENEMY COUNTER ATTACK BY STRAFING TROOPS AS THEY MOVED UP FROM ZAWA AREA.

ASSOCIATED PRESSER VERN HAUGLAND SAID THE JAPANESE TRAPPED ON MOTOBU PENINSULA OPENED UP FOR THE FIRST TIME WITH SHELLS. THEY FIRED AT NAGO ON THE SOUTHERN BASE OF MOTOBU AND BISE AT THE NORTHWESTERN TIP.

AMERICAN FORCES SEIZED KEUFU ISLAND IN KERAM SOUTHWEST OF OKINAWA THEREBY TIGHTENING THE AMERICAN CONTROL OF WATERS ADJACENT TO THAT KEY ISLAND OF THE RYUKYUS.

NEWS REPORT FROM GUAM:-

400 SUPERFORTS RAINED INCENDIARIES EARLY TODAY ON TOKYO, STILL BURNING FROM LAST SATURDAY'S ATTACK WHICH BURNED OUT TEN AND THREE QUARTER SQUARE MILES. NEW ATTACK WAS TWO PRONGED AND THE OTHER TARGET WAS TOKYO'S SUBURB OF KAWASAKI.

RECONNAISSANCE PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWED 296,000,000 SQUARE FEET OF TOKYO'S ARSENAL WERE BURNED OUT SATURDAY BRINGING TO 27 AND A HALF SQUARE MILES THE AREA DEVASTATED IN INCENDIARY ATTACKS ON TOKYO MARCH TENTH AND SATURDAY.

TODAY'S STRIKE SET ABLAZE AREAS IN THE SOUTHWEST PART OF THE CITY. CREWS RETURNING TO THEIR BASES REPORTED THAT THE FIRE SET OFF BY INCENDIARY BOMBS MERGED INTO A CONFLAGRATION VISIBLE 100 MILES AT SEA.

ONE SUPERFORT CREW WAS 137 MILES ENROUTE HOME WHEN IT OBSERVED AN EXPLOSION THAT "ILLUMINATED THE WHOLE SKY OVER TOKYO"

THE WAR DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED FROM WASHINGTON THAT 11 SUPERFORTS WERE MISSING AFTER THE MISSION BUT ADDED "SOME OF THESE MAY BE REPORTED LATER"

THE COMMUNIQUE SAID MODERATE FIGHTER OPPOSITION WAS ENCOUNTERED AND THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE ANTI AIR CRAFT FIRE OVER TARGET AREAS. BRIG GEN JOHN H DAVIS COMMANDER OF TINIAN BASED B-29'S RIDING AS AN OBSERVER ON TODAY'S MISSION SAID SUPERFORTS "BUMPED INTO A TERRIFIC BARRAGE OF FLAK" OVER TOKYO. "THEY STAYED RIGHT ON ATTACKING THOUGH AND DROPPED THEIR BOMBS ON TARGET."

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LONDON -16TH- : ADOLPH HITLER, CALLING FOR A DEATH-STAND, ANNOUNCED MONDAY NIGHT THAT THE RED ARMY HAD OPENED IT'S FINAL ALL-OUT OFFENSIVE AGAINST BERLIN AS THE THUNDER OF 1000 RUSSIAN GUNS SHOOK THE NAZI CAPITAL AND RUSSIAN TROOPS WON HIGH GROUND ONLY 23 MILES AWAY.

BERLIN REPORTS INDICATED THAT 4 RUSSIAN ARMIES WITH PERHAPS TWO MILLION MEN WERE ON THE MOVE.

THE LONG EXPECTED OFFENSIVE BURST UPON THE GERMANS AT 3:51 A.M. MONDAY, THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND ANNOUNCED, AND DROVE FORWARD ALONG A BLAZING 120 MILE FRONT WITHIN 85 MILES OF A LINK-UP WITH AMERICAN ARMIES THAT MIGHT END THE WAR.

NEW YORK, N.Y. -16TH* : GENERAL EISENHOWER WAS QUOTED IN A 'WOR SHORT-WAVE BROADCAST MONDAY AS SAYING: "THERE WILL BE NO 'V-E' DAY UNTIL GERMANY IS COMPLETELY OCCUPIED INCLUDING ALL POCKETS OF RESISTANCE AND THE GERMAN ARMY IS COMPLETELY DESTROYED."

THE BROADCAST WAS BY HOWARD BARNES, NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE CORRESPONDENT, WHO ALSO REPRESENTS WOR.

OKINAWA -15TH- : ASSOCIATED PRESSER GRANT MACDONALD GAVE DETAILS ON ATTEMPTS OF JAPANESE SUICIDE PILOTS TO DESTROY THE AMERICAN INVASION FORCE OF 1400 SHIPS. MACDONALD EXCERPTS:

"IT IS A FRIGHTENING EXPERIENCE TO WATCH THESE AERIAL SCREWBALLS. SO FAR I'VE WITNESSED A DOZEN OF THESE ATTACKS, LAUNCHED APPARENTLY FROM THE JAPANESE HOMELAND, 325 MILES TO THE NORTH...

"OFF OKINAWA HUNDREDS OF SUICIDE PILOTS HAVE TRIED TO GET THROUGH AIR PATROLS AND THEN SHIP ACKACKACKACK. HAPPILY, FEW CRASH ON THEIR TARGETS.

"SOMETIMES THEY GANG UP AND COME IN FROM ALL SIDES. ONE PATROL VESSEL WAS ATTACKED BY 6 SIMULTANEOUSLY. THE SHIP SHOT DOWN 5 BUT THE 6TH FOUND ITS MARK.....

"ONE DAY 15 JAPANESE PLANES GANGED ON A NAVY PATROL VESSEL. GUNNERS OF THIS LITTLE SHIP PUT UP SUCH TERRIFIC FIRE ALL PLANES VEERED OFF AFTER TWO WERE SHOT DOWN...."

WASHINGTON, D.C. - -

PRESIDENT TRUMAN SPOKE FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY BEFORE A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS MONDAY. HE SPOKE FOR 19 MINUTES OF HIS GRAVE DUTIES AHEAD.

THUNDEROUS APPLAUSE GREETED THE SMILING PRESIDENT AS HE ARRIVED ATTACHED IN A BLACK SUIT RELIEVED BY A BLUE AND WHITE POCKET HANDKERCHIEF.

THIRTEEN MICROPHONES PICKED UP THE PRESIDENT'S SOFT, STEADY AND SLIGHTLY HIGH PITCHED TONES FOR INTERNATIONAL DISTRIBUTION. HE OCCASIONALLY TAPPED HIS RIGHT FOOT WHEN HE CAME TO AN EMPHATIC PHRASE.

THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT A MORE ADEQUATE TRIBUTE TO THE FALLEN LEADER WOULD BE REVERENT SILENCE BUT IN THIS HOUR SILENCE MIGHT GIVE COMFORT TO THE ENEMY. THUS HE FELT CALLED ON, HE SAID, TO "CHART THE NATION'S FORWARD COURSE BECAUSE OUR DEPARTED LEADER NEVER LOOKED BACKWARD."

AS TO THE CONFLICT ITSELF, MR TRUMAN SAID "SO THAT THERE CAN BE NO POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING, BOTH GERMANY AND JAPAN CAN BE CERTAIN BEYOND ANY SHADOW OF A DOUBT AMERICA WILL CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM UNTIL NO VESTIGE OF RESISTANCE REMAINS."

MUCH HARD FIGHTING LIES AHEAD, HE SAID, BUT TO SETTLE FOR ANOTHER TEMPORARY RESPITE WOULD SURELY JEOPARDIZE THE FUTURE SECURITY OF ALL THE WORLD. THE PEACE TO COME, HE ASSERTED, CANNOT BE SECURED "IF WE PERMIT OUR DANGEROUS OPPONENTS TO PLOT FUTURE WARS WITH IMPUNITY AT ANY MOUNTAIN RETREAT--HOWEVER DISTANT.

HE ECHOED A SENTIMENT DEAR TO MR ROOSEVELT IN HIS LONG POLITICAL CAREER WHEN HE SAID "LET ME ASSURE THE FORWARD-LOOKING PEOPLE OF AMERICA THAT THERE WILL BE NO RELAXATION IN OUR EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE LOT OF THE COMMON PEOPLE."

THE PRESIDENT CLOSED HIS SPEECH WITH A PRAYER THAT HE BE GIVEN AN UNDERSTANDING HEART TO DISCERN BETWEEN GOOD AND BAD "FOR WHO IS ABLE TO JUDGE THIS: ARE THEY SO GREAT A PEOPLE?" (ENTIRE TEXT AVAILABLE AT RADIO SHOW)

CONGRESSEMEN OF BOTH PARTIES AND VISITING DIPLOMATS PRAISED PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S SPEECH BEFORE THE JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS MONDAY AS AN EXCELLENT FINE AND COURAGEOUS ADDRESS.

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER BARKLEY OF KENTUCKY TOLD A REPORTER "IT WAS A VER, VERY EXCELLENT ADDRESS. IT SHOULD WIN THE PRESIDENT MANY MORE FRIENDS."

SAID SPEAKER RAYBURN: "I THINK THE PRESIDENT DELIVERED A MESSAGE THAT IS FULL OF HOPE: IT WAS A REASSURING MESSAGE."

REPRESENTATIVE MARTIN, HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER: "IT WAS A VERY PATRIOTIC TALK. WE REPUBLICANS WILL BE UNITED IN SUPPORT OF THE WAR AND WE WILL GIVE HIM BULL SUPPORT IN MAINTAINING THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE."

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OAKLAND, CALIF.: AN APPEAL FOR THE RELEASE OF 50 NEGRO SAILORS CONVICTED OF MUTINY AFTER THE PORT CHICAGO EXPLOSION AND WITH SENTENCES AGGREGATING 558 YEARS WAS SENT TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN SUNDAY BY OAKLAND'S NEGRO RESIDENTS. THE ACTION FOLLOWED A SERIES OF MASS MEETINGS HERE.

MORGANTOWN, W. VA.: THE CRASH OF A PENNSYLVANIA CENTRAL AIRLINE PLANE HERE RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF ITS TWENTY OCCUPANTS SUNDAY. THERE REMAINED ONLY A TAILPIECE AND SOME SCATTERED FRAGMENTS OF THE GUGE AIRLINER ON A 2,200 FOOT RIDGE IN COOPERS STATE PARK ABOUT 10 MILES EAST OF MORGANTOWN.

SEARCHERS FOUND THE BODIES--MOST OF THEM CHARRED AND MANGLED ALMOST BEYOND RECOGNITION--STREWN OVER A THOUSAND YARDS OF THICK UNDERBRUSH.

LOUISVILLE, KY.: THIS IS GRATITUDE. A CRISIS HIT A CAFE HERE WHEN TWO WAITERS ATTEMPTING TO SERVE 150 DINERS SUDDENLY WALKED OUT. TWO REGULAR PATRONS DONNED APRONS AND FINISHED THE JOB WITH THE REMARK "WE ALL GOTTA EAT."

THEY RECEIVED SIXTY FIVE CENTS IN TIPS.

NEW YORK, N.Y.: THE STOCK MARKET MONDAY VOTED APPROVAL OF THE NEW PRESIDENT BY PUTTING ON ONE OF THE BROADEST ADVANCES IN MORE THAN THREE YEARS. TRANSACTS TOTALLED TWO AND ONE-HALF MILLION SHARES. CONSPICUOUS IN THE SPRING WERE U S STEEL, CONSOLIDATED EDISON, GENERAL MOTORS, U S RUBBER AND STANDARD OIL OF N.J.

AT CHICAGO WHEAT WAS UP 5/8 TO 7/8 CENTS A BUSHEL.

WASHINGTON, D.C.: MISTY CHILLY WEATHER MONDAY CAUSED THE OPENING OF THE GAME OF THE MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL SEASON BETWEEN THE NY YANKEES AND THE WASHINGTON SENATORS TO BE CALLED OFF. THE GAME HAD BEEN DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND THE POSTPONEMENT WAS MADE WITH CONSIDERABLE RELUCTANCE.

SPEAKER SAM RAYBURN WAS SELECTED TO PITCH THE FIRST BALL, MARKING THE FIRST TIME IN BASEBALL HISTORY THAT THE HONOR HAS GONE TO A MEMBER OF CONGRESS. IT USUALLY IS RESERVED FOR THE PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT. THE DEDICATORIAL CEREMONIES TO MR ROOSEVELT WILL BE CARRIED OUT FRIDAY WHEN THE SENATORS FACE THE YANKEES HERE AFTER A THREE DAY SERIES IN PHILADELPHIA.

FOLLOWING ARE SOME RESULTS OF SUNDAY'S BASEBALL GAMES: ST LOUIS NAT 2, ST LOUIS AMER 1. BOSTON AMER 6 BOSTON NAT 5. NY AMER 7 BROOKLYN NAT 5. PHILA AMER 8, PHILA NAT 5.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.: INDEPENDENCE HALL'S TOWER BELL--NOT THE LIBERTY BELL--TOLLED SOFTLY SUNDAY: ONE NOTE FOR EACH OF THE 63 YEARS OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S WORK FILLED LIFE. APPROXIMATELY 800 PERSONS WITNESSED THE TOLLING BELL WHICH LAST RANG ON JANUARY 7, 1933 FOR THE DEATH OF EX-PRESIDENT CALVIN COOLIDGE.

PRES TRUMAN WILL BROADCAST TO THE ARMED FORCES AND THE PUBLIC AT TEN P.M. EWT TUESDAY NIGHT. IT WILL BE A BRIEF SPEECH.

(--THAT'S 1100 SHIP'S TIME WEDNESDAY)

R A D I O R O O M

THURSDAY

USAT "SEA BARB"

19TH APRIL '45

- MOROTAI MOAN -

- YOUR DAILY RATION OF INTERNATIONAL -

-SCUTTLEBUT-

PARIS -17TH- :

GENERAL EISENHOWER'S ARMIES WERE FIGHTING IN THE SUBURBS OF LEIPZIG, IN THE STREETS OF NUERMBERG AND MAGDEBURG TODAY, AND HAD CAPTURED PLAUE, SAXONY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER. AT SOME POINTS THEY WERE WITHIN FOUR AND ONE HALF MILES OF THE CZECH BORDER.

THE 69TH DIVISION OF THE 1ST ARMY WAS FIGHTING IN LEIPZIG SUBURBS TWO AND ONE HALF MILES FROM THE HEART OF THE CITY WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN FLANKED FROM THE WEST, EAST AND SOUTH. ASSOCIATED PRESS SAID RANSTADT, A SUBURB 5 MILES WEST HAS BEEN CLEARED AND BORSBORN, LESS THAN 4 MILES EAST OF LEIPZIG, HAS BEEN ENTERED. OTHER 1ST ARMY TROOPS BATTLED THROUGH THE STREETS OF HALLE AND DESAU, 15 AND A HALF MILES TO THE NORTHWEST.

U S 9TH ARMY TROOPS WERE FIGHTING IN MAGDEBURG WHICH IS THE LAST IMPORTANT GERMAN Foothold ON THE WEST BANK OF THE ELBE.

UNITED PRESSER ROBERT VERMILLION SAID AMERICANS WERE ADVANCING RAPIDLY THROUGH THE FLAMING CITY AFTER HAVING BROKEN THE BACK OF NAZI RESISTANCE IN A FIERCE STREET BATTLE--SO BY LATE AFTERNOON GERMAN DEFENSES HAD BEEN HERDED BACK ALONG THE RIVER'S EDGE.

A MILITARY BLACKOUT COVERED PROGRESS OF THE 9TH ARMY BRIDGEHEAD ACROSS THE ELBE NEAR BARBY EARLY TODAY, BUT FIELD DISPATCHES SAID THE 83RD INFANTRY AND 2ND ARMORED DIVISIONS WERE HOLDING GRIMLY TO THEIR SALIENT IN FACE OF SAVAGE GERMAN COUNTER BLOWS.

LONDON -17TH- :

MARSHAL STALIN IN AN ORDER OF THE DAY ANNOUNCED MARSHAL RODIONY MALINOVSKY'S 2ND UKRAINIAN ARMY HAS CAPTURED ZISTERSDORF AUSTRIAN OIL PRODUCING CENTRE 26 MILES NORTH EAST OF VIENNA.

OTHER RUSSIAN FORCES WERE PUSHING UP THE ROAD TOWARD BRUENN (BRNO) IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND WESTWARD ON SEPARATE FRONTS TOWARD LINZ AND GRAZ.

MOSCOW MAINTAINED OFFICIAL SILENCE ON THE BERLIN FRONT BUT UNCONFIRMED REPORTS TO THE SOVIET PRESS SAID THE RED ARMY WAS "MAKING STEADY PROGRESS IN THE DIRECTION OF BERLIN" AND HAD ALREADY COMPLETED A CHAIN OF "DRAGONS TEETH" ALONG THE ODER SIDE OF THE GERMAN CAPITAL.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. -UNDATED- :

HEREWITH SPECIAL RADIO COLUMN ENTITLED "INSIDE GERMANY":

THE JAPANESE DOMEI NEWS AGENCY REPORTED TODAY THAT PROPAGANDA MINISTER PAUL JOSEPH GOEBBELS HAS TACTFULLY RESIGNED GERMANY'S FATE INTO THE HANDS OF THE "SAVIOR HITLER."

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE JAPANESE NEWS AGENCY GOEBBELS ADMITTED THAT GERMANY WAS AT THE POINT OF EXHAUSTION; THAT THE VERY EXISTENCE OF THE NATION WAS THREATENED AND URGED THE GERMAN PEOPLE TO RESIST ALLIED OFFENSIVES BY THEIR OWN EFFORTS, AND NOT TO RELY ONLY ON THEIR ARMY. GOEBBELS WAS QUOTED AS FOLLOWS:

"PROSPECTS OF GERMAN RESISTANCE HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY RECENT LOSSES. THE PROBLEM NOW IS HOW TO SAVE THE THREATENED EXISTENCE OF THE PEOPLE. ALL GERMANS SHOULD PREPARE THEMSELVES TO STAKE THEIR LIVES TO THE END. THIS RESISTANCE MUST BE NATIONAL, NOT ONLY OF THE ARMED FORCES BUT RESISTANCE OF THE WHOLE PEOPLE."

EARLIER THIS WEEK BERLIN NEWS AGENCY DNB ANNOUNCED THAT HEINRICH HIMMLER, COMMANDER OF THE GERMAN HOME ARMY ISSUED A PROCLAMATION DECLARING "NO GERMAN CITY WILL BE DECLARED AN OPEN TOWN AND EVER GERMAN TOWN AND EVERY HOUSE MUST BE DEFENDED WITH ALL MEANS. EVERY GERMAN MAN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEFENSE OF EVERY FOOT OF GERMAN SOIL."

THE SWISS RADIO SAID THAT KARL KAUFMAN, NAZI DISTRICT LEADER AND REICHSTATTHALER OF GERMANY'S NORTH SEA PORT OF HAMBURG-- FLED SECRETLY TO NORWAY THIS WEEK. HE DEPARTED FROM HIS POST LEAVING THE POPULATION OF THE CITY BEHIND TO THEIR FATE, UNAWARE THEIR DISTRUSTFUL LEADER HAD LEFT. HE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE FLED EXACTLY 24 HOURS AFTER HIMMLER'S ORDERS TO LEAVE GERMANY'S NORTH SEA PORTS IN RUBBLE.

BAD BLANKENBURG GERMANY:

BENITO MUSSOLINI SPENT THE DAYS OF HIS DECLINE WAGGING HIS HARD HEAD AND MUTTERING OVER AND OVER, "I AM JUST AN EMPTY BOTTLE".

GENERAL FOSCHINI; FORMER MINISTER OF INFORMATION FOR THE ITALIAN ARMED FORCES, GAVE THIS PICTURE OF A DEFEATED DUCE SUNDAY AS HE ALSO TOLD OF CORRUPTION, GRAFT AND HIGH-JINKS AMONG HIS COLLEAGUES OF THE FASCIST HIERARCHY. AT THE TIME OF HIS SON-IN-LAW'S EXECUTION, EDDA BEGGED AND PLEADED FOR HER HUSBANDS LIFE THEN WENT INTO HYSTERIC. DUCE ONLY THREW UP HIS HANDS AND SAID, "I CAN DO NOTHING: I AM A PRISONER OF THE GERMANS".

GUAM 18TH:

AMERICAN INVADERS OF IJIMA HAD THE ESTIMATED ONE THOUSAND MAN JAPANESE GARRISON ENCIRCLED TODAY ON HEIGHTS AT THE SOUTHWEST COAST OF THE ISLAND WHICH LIES OFF THE WEST COAST OF OKINAWA.

ON OKINAWA ITSELF THERE WAS VIRTUALLY NO CHANGE IN POSITIONS ALONG THE SOUTHERN SECTOR WHERE ARTILLERY CARRIED THE BURDEN OF ACTIVITY WHILE ON THE NORTHERN SECTOR MARINES PUSHED STEADILY NORTHWARD AND AT THE SAME TIME WERE REDUCING RESISTANCE ON MOTOBU PENINSULA.

AMERICAN INFANTRY FORCED A LANDING ON ISLAND, THREE MILES WEST OF OKINAWA AGAINST LIGHT RESISTANCE YESTERDAY AND QUICKLY OCCUPIED THREE FOURTHS OF THE ISLAND WHICH IS FIVE MILES LONG AND TWO AND ONE HALF MILES WIDE.

THE JAPANESE FOUND NOTHING BUT BAD NEWS IN PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S FIRST ADDRESS TO CONGRESS. AMERICA'S NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE SAID THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM WILL BE CARRIED ON AGAINST JAPAN AND HER AXIS PARTNERS UNTIL THEY ARE BROUGHT TO UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER. AMERICAN FLIERS IN CHINA FLEW MORE THAN 60 MISSIONS AGAINST THE JAPANESE MOSTLY OVER THE FLAMING HONAN AND HUPEH FRONTS AND IN THE PAOCHING AREA IN HUNAN PROVINCE. THEY DESTROYED OR DAMAGED 30 LOCOMOTIVES BOMBED JAPANESE TROOPS AND CAVALRY CONCENTRATIONS AND EXPLODED AMMUNITION DUMPS AND RAILROAD CARS LOADED WITH GASOLINE. FIVE YANK PLANES FAILED TO RETURN TO ~~XX~~ THEIR BASES.

BULLETIN RECEIVED AT 0045 SHIPS TIME:

ERNIE PYLE, GREATEST FRONT LINE REPORTER OF THIS WAR, HAS BEEN KILLED IN ACTION IN THE PACIFIC. HE IS REPORTED KILLED BY A JAPANESE MACHINE GUN BULLET ON A LITTLE ISLAND OFF OKINAWA. NEWS OF HIS DEATH BECAME KNOWN TODAY WHEN PRESIDENT TRUMAN ISSUED A STATEMENT OF CONDOLENCE.

NEW YORK:

IRVING BERLIN CAME HOME MONDAY FROM A THREE MONTHS TOUR IN THE PACIFIC WAR AREAS WITH A NEW SONG, "A SERVICEMAN'S LAMENT" BEGINNING "TO BE HOME AGAIN, DON A BLUE SERGE SUIT, HAVE BREAKFAST IN BED AND DATE A GIRL WEARING A DRESS NOT A UNIFORM"

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10 Apr 45

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Major

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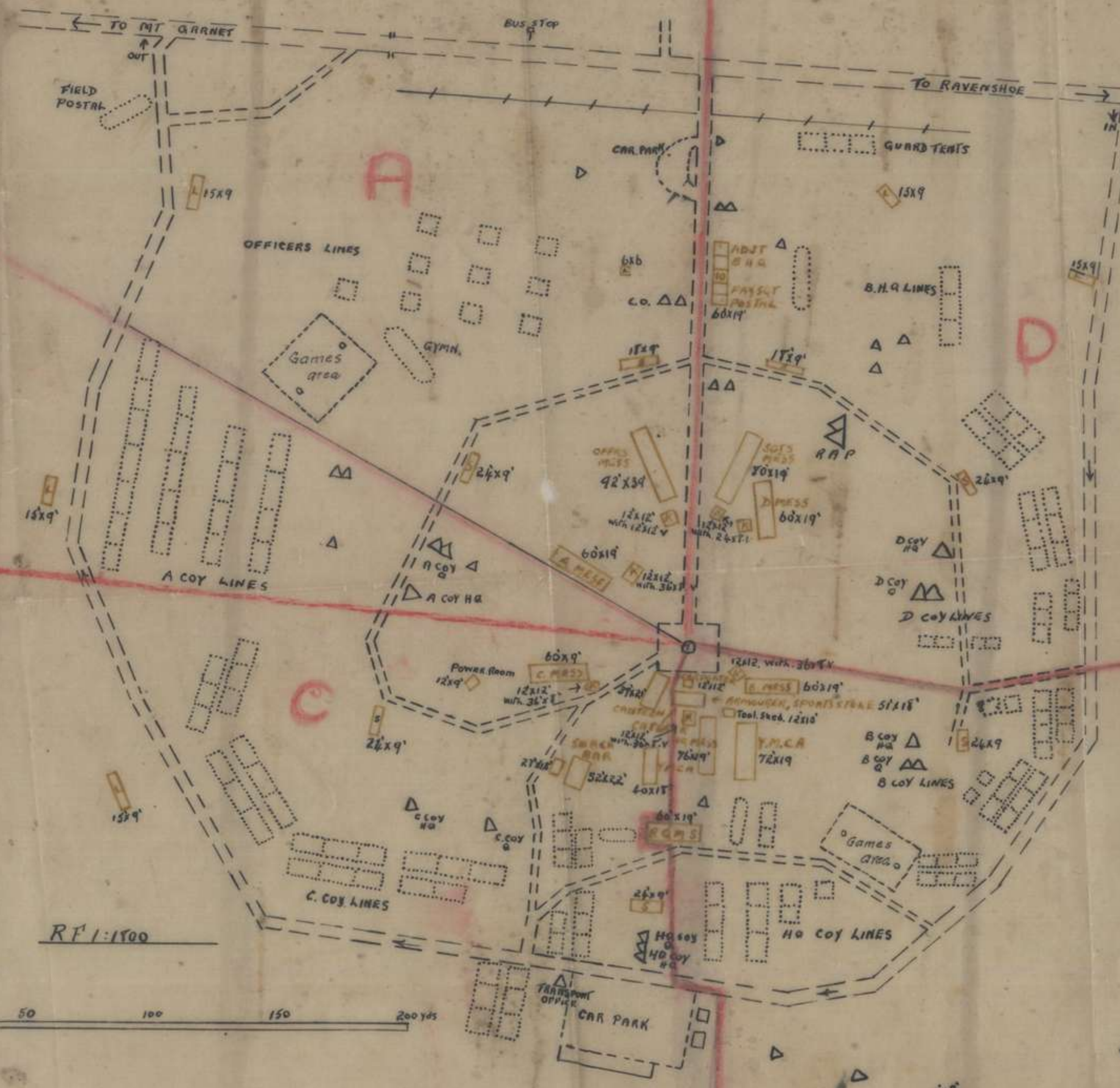
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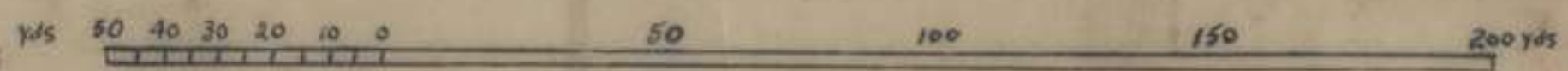
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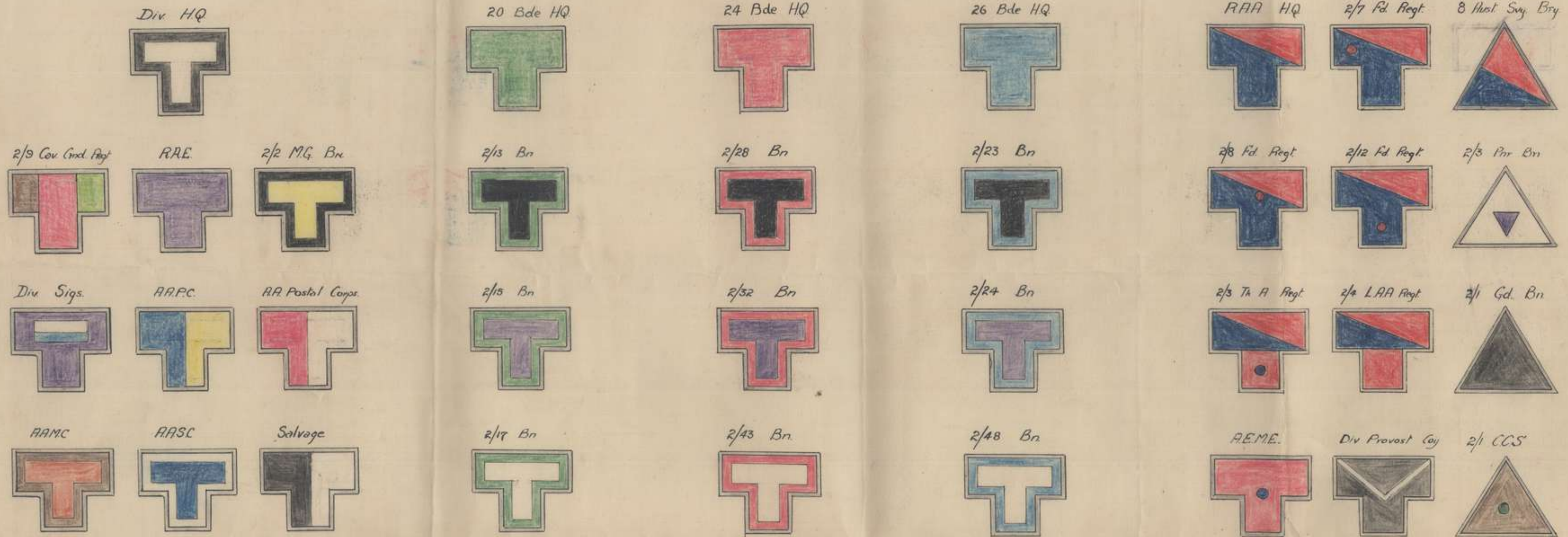
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