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PATTON LAUDS 3RD ARMY MEN

Modestly Pays Tribute In Order Of Day To His Troops

In an order of the day to all men of the US 3rd Army, past and present, Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., Commanding General of the army world known as the fastest moving, fightingest army in the world, modestly transfered the credit he has received to the officers and men of his army. "I have received promotions and decorations far above and beyond my individual merit", Gen. Patton said, "You won them; I as your representative wear them."

The Order

The General's Order follows: During the 281 days of incessant and victorious combat, your penetrations have advanced farther in less time than any other army in history. You have fought your way across 24 major rivers and innumerable lesser streams. You have liberated or conquered more than 82,000 square miles of territory, including 1500 cities and towns, and some 12,000 inhabited places. Prior to the termination of active hostilities, you had captured in battle 956,000 enemy soldiers and killed or wounded at least 500,000 others. France, Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany,

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DOENITZ WILL AID ALLIED OCCUPATION

Churchill Says Allies Need Some Help From Krauts

Grand Adm. Doenitz, short-time successor to Hitler, is still taking a part in the administration of Germany, according to an admission made, yesterday by Prime Minister Churchill. Speaking to the House of Commons, Churchill said "it has been found necessary for us to use Germans to administer the terms of unconditional surrender as they are outlined by the Allies, thus Adm. Doneitz and other officers are in our temporary service."

The Prime Minister continued to state "I consider this an administration rather than a government". Mr. Churchill was forced to make the explanation to the Commons because of criticism in newspapers and in the Commons, itself, of the plan

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Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE
(All games rained out)

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Chi	10	5	.667	StL.	7	8	.467
NY	11	6	.647	Phl.	8	10	.444
Det.	10	6	.625	Bos.	7	11	.389
Wsh.	9	10	.474	Clv.	5	11	.313

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Phl 6, Cin 2
Bos 5, 4, StL 4, 1

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
NY	16	4	.800	StL.	9	10	.473
Brk.	12	6	.647	Cin.	8	10	.444
Chi.	9	9	.500	Pit.	7	10	.412
Bos.	9	10	.473	Phl.	5	16	.238

"Lest We Forget"

Story Of An Unsung Hero From Co C Of The 261st Inf

The staff sergeant was a new replacement. Though he was a squad leader, not many of the boys in "C" Company, 261st Infantry, knew his name.

There was nothing unusual about his fastening a hand-grenade to his left breast pocket. But it was one in a million that a bullet should have hit that grenade —— and detonated it.

There were five seconds before the explosion. Frantically, he attempted to loosen the grenade from his clothing. It wouldn't come off. Others were fighting nearby. The question flashed to him instantly: "shall I struggle longer with the grenade and risk killing them, or . . . ?"

By the time the others became aware of the grim race, he was face down in the dirt, smothering the grenade beneath his body.

The five seconds ran out.

RELEASE SCHEDULE FOR SHOWER BATHS

For the present, at least, the GI steel helmet will not have to double as an article of haberdashery and a wash basin as 65th Division GI's are now able to visit the shower rooms of the Linz Park Baths building where steaming hot water showers are operating on a 13-hour schedule.

Pfc Joseph Gianbione, Co E, 260th Inf, and Pfc Floyd J. Mitchell, of the same outfit, two of the four EM's assisting, Say it's "just like your bathroom back home". Another boast of the new proprietors was voiced by Pvt Harold M. Tweeddale of the 65th Qm Co, who stated that "there is hot water right up to closing time".

Schedule

A schedule has been worked out for Division personnel. 0700—1000, 259th Inf; 1000—1230, 260th Inf; 1230—1430, 261st Inf; 1430—1630, Div-Arty; 1630—1800, Attached units; 1800—2000 Hq, Hq Co & Sp. Trps.

500 SUPERFORT BOMBERS HIT NAGOYA TO DROP 3,500 TONS OF FIRE BOMBS

US 20th Air Force Calls Raid As Large As The Last Attack Which Rained Down Half Million Incendiaries

Goering Moves

As a result of Gen. of the Army Eisenhower's strong lecture concerning the pampering of high ranking Nazi officials and army officers, ex-Reichmarshal Herman Goering was, yesterday, moved from his castle-prison to a stockade by the US 7th Army and other Kraut bigshots throughout the ETO were also being moved.

47,000 JAP DEAD IN OKINAWA FIGHT

Infantry Near Link-Up With Marines In Naha

Hard fighting continued, yesterday, inside Naha with the infantry of Lt. Gen. Bruckner's US 10th Army reaching within a half mile of a junction with Marine units in the center of the Okinawa capital.

Firece Jap resistance reduced the Marines gains inside the city to yards, yesterday, but one Marine company was reported to have started a flanking movement aimed at cutting off the Japs from behind their southern Naha battle sector.

Japs Lose 47,000

A report from Adm. of the Fleet Nimitz' Guam headquarters, last night, reported that Jap casualties so far in the Okinawa battle total 47,000, most of them killed, while US losses are less than half that total.

New Terakan Landing

A new landing on the southern tip of Terakan Island, off the coast of Borneo was made, yesterday, by Netherlands troops, according to a BBC broadcast. No details are yet available.

JAPS REPORT NAVAL BATTLE IN MALACCA

Unconfirmed Report Lists Great Damage To British Ships

An unconfirmed Jap radio report monitored by CBS reports a huge naval clash now underway in the Strait of Malacca between British naval units and the Jap navy.

The Japs say that many British destroyers and cruisers are taking part in the engagement and the usual enemy extravagant claims were voiced. The latest paper victory for the Jap navy lists 13 British ships sunk and 10 others damaged. The Japs also stated that a British aircraft carrier was probably sunk.

Many Places

For the past three weeks British naval units have been reported at various places in the Pacific by the Jap radio and, last week, the Royal Navy reported a British task force raid on Formosa.

Meantime other British units were reported to be south west of Terakan, off Borneo, where the BBC says they are operating in support of the Netherlands and Australian troops mopping up the Japs on the island.

Off Burma

Another British report places still other units of the British Pacific Fleet west of Burma where they took part in the British liberation of Rangoon. At present, BBC stated, some of the units present at the Rangoon battle are patroling the Burma west coast to stop any Japs from trying to retreat from the British 14th Army's mopping up campaign by sea.

Royal navy units were also part of the huge American task force which, early this week, raided Kyushu and Shikoku.

Strike Jap Coast

Iwo Jima-Based Bombers Attack Enemy Shore Defenses

More than 500 superfortress bombers, yesterday, paid a return visit to Japan's 3rd city of Nagoya and dropped 3,500 tons of fire bombs on industrial targets.

The raid carried out by the US 20th Air Force was described "as equal to the record bombing attack of last Sunday during which 500,000 fire bombs were dropped". A total of 11 Jap planes were knocked down in the raid and ABSIE reports that no American losses have been recorded. At the same time the superforts were hitting the giant Jap industrial city, naval bombers from Iwo Jima were ranging over the eastern coast line of the enemy island bombing Jap coastal gun positions.

Hit Formosa

Philippine-based American medium bombers were, also, reported to have struck again at Formosa.

STOP NAZI U-BOAT JOURNEY TO JAPAN

Take 3 Luftwaffe Gen.'s: Two Japs Commit Hari-Kiri

A German U-boat trying to escape to Japan was captured, yesterday, in mid-Atlantic by the United States Navy. On board were 3 Luftwaffe generals, 2 Jap officers and many aviation plans.

When the sub was boarded by the Americans, the Japs committed Hari-Kiri and the Germans stuck to their military traditions, also, by telling everything they knew to the American officers. The generals are being taken to Washington for more questioning.

Two More

Two other German submarines, yesterday, surrendered in British ports.

261st Infantry Pfc Uses Atlas In Search For Missing Points

The point system is already taxing the ingenuity of personnel sections. Take the case of Pfc. Sidney Stuckey, Cannon Co., 271st Infantry. He walked into the Division I & E Office, yesterday, in search of an atlas, "It's the point system," he explained.

This was a new one on Cpl. Nicholas Melone.

It was this way. Pfc, Stuckey had spent 20 months in the Pacific fighting on a bunch of tiny islands clustered about New Guinea. Whether he gets credit for one battle star or three depends on a matter of latitude and longitude. The I & E atlas showed only the Pacific Ocean where the islands should have been.

Pfc. Stuckey has 87 points without the extra battle stars, but he figures that he'd be more certain of getting home to a course in business management if he had a wider margin. He headed for the Linz Public Library.

New Flying Boat

A new flying boat, twice the size of the American clipper ships, was put in service, yesterday, by the British airways. The boat which weighs 58 tons has a top speed of 267 miles per hour and a cruising speed of 185.

The BBC states that the plane could fly non-stop from London to Bombay.

US HITS VALENCIA STRIP ON MINDANAO

American artillery on Mindanao is now shelling the Jap airbase at Valencia in the center of the island, according to a communique, yesterday, by Gen. of the Army MacArthur.

The Valencia field is the last base on the island still held by the Japs and already has been rendered partially useless by heavy bombing attacks.

Bougainville

Meantime, on Bougainville in the Solomons, Australian troops have forced the Hungorai river and have established a strong bridgehead on the southern bank.

Movie Schedule

260th Inf, Div Hq, Sp Trps: "Tall In The Saddle" with John Wayne and Ella Raines. Central Theater, Linz. Shows at 1400 and 1900.

130th Evac Hospital: „Take It Or Leave It" with Betty Grable and Phil Harris.

265th Eng (C) Bn: "Christmas In Connecticut" with Barbara Stanwick and Dennis Morgan.

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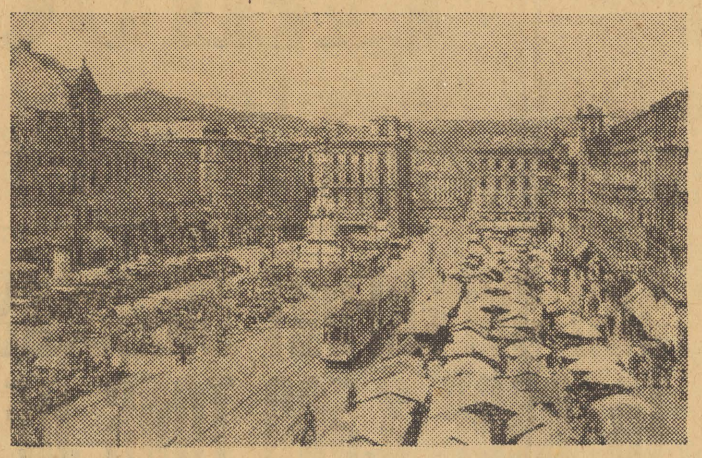
PROMOTE 48 EM FROM 261ST INF

First Sergeant Hairston Heads List From Regiment

A total of 48 261st Inf enlisted men have been promoted according to a release by the "Fox Hole News", unit publication.

The promotions follow: To 1st Sgt- T/Sgt Joseph Hairston, Co. L; To T/Sgt- S/gt Woodrow Beers, Co L; S/Sgt Laz Mann, Co L; Sgt John Rosenthal, Co K; S/Sgt Alvin Cullock, Co K; To S/Sgt- Sgt Henry Kicinski, Co L; Sgt Herman Barthold, Co L; Sgt Joe White, Co L; Sgt Frederick Peckrul, Co K; Sgt James Gorman, Co K; Sgt William Woolsey, Co K; Pfc John J. Green, Co K; Sgt Earl Gable, Co K; Sgt Frank Banach, Co K; Tec 5 Glenn Eastman, Co I; Sgt Cecil Osburn, Co I; Sgt Jack Eaglin, Co I; Sgt Bernard Sheris, Co I; To Sgt- Pfc Irving Smith Co L; Pfc William Templeton, Co L; Pfc Henry Lenker, Co L; Pfc James Bennett, Co L; Pfc J. D. Roberts, Co K; Pfc Lewis Kramer, Co K; Pfc John Lands, Co K; Pfc George Dodd, Co K; Pfc Theda Hollenbaugh, Co K; Pfc John Dime, Co I; Pfc Gordon Richardson, Co I; Tec 4 Johnny Bailey, Co E; Pfc Joseph Ciarvella, Co B; Pfc Wallace Sanders, Hq Co, lst Bn; Pfc John Przbborowsk, A-T Co; To Tec 4- Tec 5 Richard Campbell, Med Det; Tec 5 Jacob Rotman, Med Det; Pfc Robert C. Mielke, Sv Co; To Tec 5- Pfc Maz Fain, Co M; Pfc Thomas Tiernan, Med Det; Pfc Andrew Blossom, Med Det; Pfc Jonnie Friddle, Med Det; Pfc Luis Padilla, Med Det; Pfc Jessie Williamson, Med Det; Pfc Chester Zentmyer, Med Det; Pfc LeRoy Skillestad, Sv Co; Pvt Martin Gruen, Sv Co.

LINZ BEFORE THE WAR



The photo above shows Linz before the war. The tent-like structures cover the many public market stores similar to those of France. The photo was taken before the market place picked up its present name of Adolf Hitler Platz, which it is not expected to long retain. There has been a market place on this site since 1200 and the present square was started more than 300 years ago. Photo: Liberated

Raises Flag, Gets Name in Halbert And as a Result Meets Old Friend

Otello Mazzocchi knew only one American. The American's name was Robert Wiley and Mazzocchi met him in Italy before the war when Wiley was a writer for the "New Masses" and Otello was yet to become a Nazi slave laborer. Today, because Mazzocchi raised the American Flag above Linz' first hotel, the Weinzinger, he has again met his American friend.

The story is one of coincidence. On Tuesday morning the HALBERT featured a story that told of Otello raising the American Flag over the Weinzinger which had become the 65th Division CP. He had raised the flag as a symbol of his freedom from 3 years of slave labor ending May 5, the day the 65th entered Linz. Tuesday noon Lt Robert W. Wiley, of the Military Government Section of the 259th Inf, picked up the Division news letter in the 65th staff officers' mess. While eating dinner, the Lieutenant glanced at the news and suddenly spotted his own name in the middle of a story. He read further and saw where Mazzocchi had listed him as a "long lost American friend" and had hoped some day to go to America and see him again.

"Like Brothers"

The Lieutenant finished his desert, made for the kitchen and soon the halls of the Weinzinger echoed with the sounds of the excited Italian back-slapping and "vive-ing" as the two old acquaintances held a reunion. The last time they had met had been 8 years ago in Florence, Italy where the two had been fast friends, "like brothers", according to Mazzocchi.

ALLIED LEADERS IN SALUTE TO NORWAY

Gen. of the Army Eisenhower and Prime Minister Churchill both, yesterday, sent messages to the people of Norway on the event of Norway's first celebration of National Day (Norway's 4th of July) since German occupation.

Gen. Eisenhower told the poeple he was "proud to have played a part in the liberation of a nation which had fought so hard and so long to free itself". Mr. Churchill told the Norwegians that "during the difficult days of reconstruction that lie ahead, you may be sure of the support and understanding of all the British people".

Swimming Pool Will Be Opened Soon In Linz Park Baths For 65th GI's

"We're just waiting for the chlorine," Lt. Glen H. Montague, Co. E, 260th Inf., explained. "There will be swimming here in a couple of days now." He was referring to the monster swimming pool, which once cooled the Linz population, but will soon afford relief to 65 th Division doughs.

The big pool is already half filled, while the smaller pools are being scrubbed by those Austrians who worked at the Park Baths before the 65th entered Austria's second city. Scene of many international swimming and water polo meets, the large pool will provide a swimming space of approximately 30 by 55 feet. Pvt. Anthony A Dragatta, of the 65th Division QM and one of four EMs assignet to work at the Baths, already envisions acquadic sports in the pool. The depth varies from 14 inches for those who prefer a gradual wetting, to about ten feet those who like to take it all at once. For jackknife, sommersault and belly-whopper specialists, two diving boards will be available, one three feet above the surface of the water, the other about ten.

Along with the large pool, there are also three others. One of them, an outside pool, is almost as large as the 30×55 natatorium, while the other two measure about 11 by 30. Lt. Montague anticipates that everyone in the Division who wants a daily dip will be able to have one, when the pool opens, as up to 5,000 Austrians used to use the pool on hot days before the pool joined the American Army. The hours for swimming have already been set from 0700 to 2000 daily.

The Park Baths building also contains 3 floors of various types of baths including, therepeutic baths specially constructed to aid those with heart trouble, rheumatism and arthritis. There are also small hot and cold water pools and the ground floor is lined with showers already being used by Division soldiers.

Patton Lauds

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Austria, and Czechoslovakia bear witness to your exploits.

All men and women of the six corps and thirty-nine divisions that have at different times been members of this Army have done their duty. Each deserves credit. The enduring valor of the combat troops has been paralleled and made possible by the often unpublicized activities of the supply, administrative, and medical services of this Army and of the Communications Zone troops supporting it. Nor should we forget our comrades of the other armies and of the Air Force, particularly of the XIX Tactical Air Command, by whose side or under whose wings we have had the honor to fight.

In proudly contemplating our achievements, let us never forget our heroic dead whose graves mark the course of our victorious advances, nor our wounded whose sacrifices aided so much to our success.

I should be both ungrateful and wanting in candor if I failed to acknowledge the debt we owe to our Chiefs of Staff, Generals Gaffey and Gay, and to the officers and men of the General and Special Staff Sections of Army Headquarters. Without their loyalty, intelligence, and unremitting labors, success would have been impossible.

The termination of fighting in Europe does not remove the opportunities for other outstanding and equally difficult achievements in the days which are to come. In some ways the immediate future will demand of you more fortitude than has the past because, without the inspiration of combat, you must maintain — — by your dress, deportment, and efficiency — — not only the prestige of the Third Army but also the honor of the United States. I have complete confidence that you will not fail.

During the course of this war I have received promotions and decorations far above and beyond my individual merit. You won them; I as your representative wear them. The one honor which is mine and mine alone is that of having commanded such an incomparable group of Americans, the record of whose fortitude, audacity, and valor will endure as long as history lasts.

G. S. Patton, JR.,
General.

DOENITZ WILL

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which allows the short-time fuerher to remain in office. London newspapers have taken the view that both as head of the German Navy and as head of the Nazi state, Doenitz has qualified as a war criminal.

Ley captured

A late report, last night, from the US 7th Army tells of the capture of Robert Ley, former Nazi minister of labor. When captured Ley tried unsuccessfully to commit suicide.

Stassen Offers Compromise To Russia At Frisco Conference

Foreign Minister Eden Is Back In England: Saw Truman

A working compromise that will settle the most important difference of opinion at the San Francisco Conference, the definition of democracy and independence over which Russia has disagreed with the western powers, will be brought about, this week, according to a BBC report, last night, which credited Commander Stassen, US delegate with making the truce.

Stassen, former governor of Minnesota, has suggested a plan whereby the Russian idea of democracy, which is close to our idea of social security, and the British and American plan of free elections, be merged in Poland and other Russian-occupied countries to a form of trade union representation in the government. On the subject of independence, also a Polish problem, Commander Stassen has suggested that the Soviet Union recognize Poland's obligation to broaden the representation in its government, but keep an economic control "until such time that Poland is able to become a factor in world trade".

San Francisco delegate Anthony Eden, Foreign Minister of Great Britain, arrived back in England last night after flying from Washington where he had talked with President Truman on his way back from the United Nations meetings in California. Mr. Eden had nothing to say to reporters but he is exepected to address the House of Commons this afternoon.

FIRST 65TH TROOPS SENT TO REST CAMP

The first 65th Division personnel to receive 3-day passes in the ETO arrived at the 20th Corps Rest Camp at Thionville, this morning, where they will be subject to one rule only--be on time for meals. For the rest, the 10 officers and 200 EM's are on their own in Fraternizationland.

The GI's, who left Linz Wednesday morning, will begin their rest period with a hot shower and a complete change of uniform. Free haircuts and a barber shop shave are also on the schedule. Then for 72 hours they will have an opportunity to see movies, read, write letters, play games or go on pass from the camp and practice their French.

As the France-bound trucks left the 65th area, Wednesday, one weaponless soldier murmured happily "I'm beginning to believe the war is over".

JAPS CUT OFF BY TWO INDIAN UNITS

The 26th Indian Division and the 33rd Indian Corps in Burma have made a junction, this morning, north of Prome, to cut off a pocket of more than 50,000 Japs who were seeking to escape into Siam.

The new pocket means that there are now three groups of trapped Jap forces inside liberated Burma totaling almost 200,000 troops. Because of the heavy rains of the monsoon season and the thick jungle underbrush, British 14th Army spokesmen state that the job of mopping up these cut-off Japs will "be long and hard".

BRITAIN MAY HOLD GENERAL ELECTION

British political circles, this morning, are predicting a British general election between July and October, according to the BBC which stated that Prime Minister Churchill's domestic policies will thus go before the people for the first time in Five years. During the war with Germany, Churchill headed an all-party government and no elections were held except, in a few cases, to fill seats in the House of Commons.

The Special Service Shows

The Special Service circuit of traveling vaudeville shows will be seen, today, at the 259th Inf and DivArty. The doughboys will witness the Cortez unit of European showmen while the Brantner show will be the attraction in the artillery area.

Clubmobile

Two Red Cross Clubmobile units, that would be welcome even if they left their doughnuts behind, are touring the 65th Division area, this week.

Today's schedule will send them to the 748th TD Bn, the 65th Qm Co and the 65th Ord Co.

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