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OKINAWA BATTLE WON

Report Allied Fleet Off East Borneo

JAP RADIO SAYS WARSHIPS POINT FOR BALIKPAPAN

Estimate 3 Battleships, "Unknown" Carriers In Force

A new threat to Borneo is now in progress, according to the Jap radio which said, last night, that three Allied battleships and an unknown total of carriers are moving toward the big east coast port af Balikpapan under heavy air cover.

The Japs hinted that troop transports were with the force, but didn't come out and say so. Their comment was "many Allied soldiers are now poised to follow the naval attack".

An Attack

Yesterday morning, according to a BBC report, a "great force" of American, RAAF and RAF medium bombers hit Balikpapan to set fires to many of its oil storage tanks and to smash Jap coastal positions.

On the other side of Borneo, at Brunei Bay, Gen of the Army MacArthur, Allied Supreme Commander of air and ground operations, announced that troops of the Australian 9th Division are making rapid

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TWO 65th OFFICERS GET FRENCH MEDALS

Col William E. Carraway, CO, 261st Infantry, and Lt Colonel James Robertson, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2 were awarded the Croix de Guerre on Friday, it was learned today. The awards, dated June 5, were presented by 1st Lt Jean P. Rozan, French Laison Officer with the 65th Division.

Colonel Carraway's award carried the Edelweiss Star, while Colonel Robertson's was a Ver-

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On Spelling Adolfph

The HALBERT has received more comment than it wished on the fact that one day we spell Hitler's first name "Adolf," and the next "Adolph." No excuse.

Here is the story; in German it is "Adolph" in English its "Adolf," somedays we've been guilty of literary fraternization, other days we have been as American as our uniform. This business will cease, as of today. From now on "Adolf."

LOOK OVER LEHAR SCORE



Franz Lehar, great Austrian composer, is shown above with members of the 65th Div Band who visited him, Friday, to discuss their arrangement of his "Gold and Silver Waltz" which they will play, this afternoon, as a part of their regular Sunday concert in Linz' Main Square. Left to Right: T/Sgt Harold Dixon; CWO Marvin J. Bostrum, Mr. Lehar, Tec 4 Clarence Chrastil; Tec 5 S. W. Lord; and Pfc John Raz.

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Band Meets Franz Lehar: To Play His Music During Concert In Linz Square

by Sgt Bill Jordy

Two Army band leaders met in Bad Ischl yesterday.

One was the Director of the 65th Division Band; the other was a band leader in the Hungarian Army, between 1894 and 1898. The first was CWO Marvin J. Bostrum. The second is the greatest living composer of light opera, Franz Lehar, who is best known for his "Merry Widow Waltz", but whose popular "Gold and Silver Waltz" will be featured in the regular Sunday afternoon 65th Division band concert to be held today at 1430 on the Linz Hauptplatz.

Anyone in the tiny mountain town of Bad Ischl can direct you to the yellow stucco house on Franz Lehar Way. It sets beside the swiftly running headwaters of the Traun River, a stream which empties into the Danube 75 miles to the east, at Linz. And everyone knows Bad Ischl's most famous citizen, the short, dapper, beaming old man of 78 with eyes that twinkle even when the mouth is in repose.

He was ready for the 65th Division bandsmen, with post-card-sized photos of himself for each of the visitors. He circulated a paper to get all the names, and the interpreter showed him how to write „best wishes" in English. "Best wishes from Franz Lehar to ..." He wrote slowly, then peered over tortoise-shelled glasses at the list for each of his guest's names in turn. A photographer thought this would make a good picture. "Oh, no, no. Not with my glasses. I never have a picture this way. They are only for reading." He took them off, and carefully posed for the next shot.

With Your Heart

"I say play with your heart. That is my only advise," he told the bandsmen when they asked for recommendations on the "Gold and Silver Waltz." It was the same with American jazz. Some was good, some bad. "It is the melody that counts. And it depends on whether the composer has his heart in the music." He could not say which of our jazz composers had their hearts in the right place, he did not know our composers or the titles of our songs.

Lehar persisted in listening to both American jazz and American performances of his own music while the Nazis were in power. "You had to do it when no one was around, because anyone could turn you in," and he finished by drawing his

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Movie Schedule

Movies are back in the Division starting this afternoon at 1430 when the film "Doughgirls" shows at the Central Theater in Linz. There will be a second show at 1900.

Two other films are being sent to outlaying 65th units, but the schedule has not been released.

GAIN BASE ONLY 325 MILES SOUTH OF JAPAN MAINLAND

LUZON TROOPS PUSH 20 MILES

Advance Up Cagayan To Capture Two Towns

The Jap counter-attack in the Cagayan Vallay of Luzon boomeranged, yesterday, as American infantry and tank units pushed back the Jap charge and then advanced 20 miles into the broad valley, gateway to northern Luzon.

The greatest gain was made on the western edge of the river where advance units of the 37th Infantry Division pushed into the towns of Tabio and Ambuklao against heavy opposition.

The troops, yesterday, operated under what Gen MacArthur's

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LONDON POLE GROUP ARRIVES IN MOSCOW

Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczik, head of the London version of the Polish Government, arrived in Moscow, this morning, with a party of three advisors to attend the four-nation meetings during which some solution is hoped to be found for the present Polish dispute.

The difficulty centers around the fact that Poland, at present, has two governments: one the Polish Provisional Government, set-up from the old Lublin Committee and recognized by the Soviet Union; and the other the London Polish Government in Exile, which used to be recognized by the US and Britain but was recently called "one of Poland's two governments" by US Secretary of State Stettinius. Neither America nor Britain have, however, recognized the Lublin administration.

At the Yalta Conference the late President Roosevelt, Marshal Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill agreed to establish the Provisional Government from the Lublin Committee with other anti-fascist leaders being brought in to "broaden" the government. By "broaden", the US and Britain say they meant to include members of the London government. Russia didn't see it that way and, thus, the present meeting.

It is hoped that some solution can be reached before the coming Big Three meeting.

Gen Buckner, 10th Army Commander, Tells Of Victory

The two-and-a-half month battle for the major Ryukyu island of Okinawa has been won and the American Pacific forces are now firmly established only 325 miles south of the Jap mainland.

The announcement of the victory was made, last night, by Lt Gen Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., Commanding General of the US 10th Army, whose infantrymen with attached marines have just recorded a victory that Adm of the Fleet Nimitz classed with the great Marine victory at Iwo Jima and the Marine-Army triumph at Guadalcanal.

All enemy resistance on the island is not yet at an end, Gen Buckner stated, but "the battle is won and only moping up remains in a small region of the Yapudake escapement".

Japs Admit Defeat

The Jap radio, yesterday, also admitted the American Okinawa victory when a face-saving, double-talk war summary stated "we must now

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100,000 DP'S ARE PROCESSED BY 65th

The 100,000th DP passed through the 65th Division's area on his way home yesterday.

Under Major William E. Roby's direction, the Division's Displaced Persons' Office has moved 100,218 prisoners by plane, truck, train and ship as part of a vast plan of two-way traffic. Nationals of eastern European countries move across the Enns River towards

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Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Det 6 StL 4; Chi 5 Clv 3

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Det	27	17	.613	StL	22	23	.488
NY	27	19	.587	Wsh	21	23	.477
Bos	23	23	.500	Clv	20	24	.454
Chi	23	24	.489	Phl	17	27	.384

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Brk 3 NY 2; Cin 2 StL 1
Bos 8,4 Phl 3,5

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
NY	28	20	.583	Chi	23	20	.534
Pit	27	20	.574	Bos	24	22	.521
Brk	27	20	.574	Cin	22	24	.478
StL	26	22	.541	Phl	11	40	.215

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Battlefields Awards

SILVER STAR (Posthumous Award) to: Second Lieutenant Robert G. Dyke, 259th Infantry. SILVER STAR to: Staff Sergeant Paul G. Bücher, 259th Infantry; Captain Alvin E. Harris, 259th Infantry; Private First Class George R. Hoover, 261st Infantry; Private First Class Israel L. Simkin, 260th Infantry. BRONZE STAR MEDAL (Posthumous Award) to: First Lieutenant Raymond L. Hoobing, 261st Infantry. BRONZE STAR MEDAL to: Private First Class Homer L. Appleby, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion; Chief Warrant Officer Fred A. Bentley, 259th Infantry; Second Lieutenant Louis E. Bremer (then First Sergeant), 748th Tank Battalion; Corporal Feliciano Bueno, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion; Staff Sergeant George L. Bush, 259th Infantry; Sergeant Fred W. Cordle, 259th Infantry; Second Lieutenant William V. Cross, 261st Infantry; Second Lieutenant Santino G. Fiumera, 259th Infantry; First Lieutenant Cyril B, Fox, 259th Infantry; First Sergeant Robert P. Hasen, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion; First Lieutenant George M. Heinzmann, 259th Infantry; Technician Fourth Grade James J. Hill, Medical Department, 260th Infantry; Staff Sergeant Ernest H. Hofmann, 748th Tank Battalion; Technical Sergeant Lawrence A. Hooten, 259th Infantry; Staff Sergeant Earvin E. Ivy, 261st Infantry; Technican Fourth Grade William H. Jordy, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division; Private First Class Edwin Kaaland, 259th Infantry; First Lieutenant Frederick J. Keifer, Jr., 259th Infantry; Private First Class James M. Kuwahara, 260th Infantry; First Lieutenant William G. Lake, 65th Reconnaissance Troop; First Lieutenant James E. Leker, 259th Infantry; Technical Sergeant Victor W. Masters, 259th Infantry; Private First Class Shulman A. Medley, 260th Infantry; Sergeant Orville L. Mestad, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion; Sergeant Jasper D. Mitchell, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery; Technician Fourth Grade Arthur A. Noyes, Headquarters 65th Infantry Division; Sergeant Arnold G. Olsen, 261st Infantry; Private First Class Leroy D. O'Neal, 260th Infantry; Staff Sergeant Frank N. Ozrelic, 259th Infantry; Private First Class Walter R. Ratel, Jr., 261st Infantry; Technician Fifth Grade Everett M. Rupp, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery AW Battalion; Corporal Lawrence N. Sather, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion; Sergeant Theodore H. Schultz, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion; First Lieutenant Edmund F. Smith, 265 th Engineer (C) Battalion; Technician Fifth Grade James J. Tedder, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion; Corporal Roy E. Wagner, Jr., 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion; First Lieutenant Gale A. Washburn (then Second Lieutenant), 265th Engineer (C) Battalion; Corporal Colon A. Wieker, 546th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion; Sergeant Derward R. Youngblood, 259th Infantry; Captain Jerome I. Ziegler (then First Lieutenant), Field Artillery, 869th Field Artillery Battalion.

REPRIMAND ATLEE FOR BERLIN STORY

Clement Atlee, British Liberal Leader who Prime Minister Churchill has chosen to attend the coming Big Three meeting, received a mild tap on the wrist, yesterday, by the White House for revealing that the conference was going to be held in Berlin.

President Truman's press secretary Charles Goss confirmed the Atlee statement and said "now that the British have seen fit to make the announcement of the location of the conference I can only modify it to the extent that the meeting will be held in the vicinity of Berlin and not Berlin itself". He added "I cannot give any further details especially as to the date of the meeting".

Draft Trustee Rules

Delegates at the San Francisco Conference, yesterday, started work on the final draft of the trustee set-up of the world security charter in which all nations will work for the bettering of social conditions and the eventual self-government of all sovereignless or semi-sovereign states.

Already passed by council and waiting final assembly approval is the formation of an Internation Court of Justice.

Don't You Miss 'Em?

Missing a pair of false teeth?

You probably left them in the shower room at the Linz Park Bath. The bath attendants have also picked a clip of M-1 shells, and three rifle belts.

Call for them and they are yours.

CASUALTIES

United States combat casualties have reached 1,017,097, it was announced, yesterday by the Army News Service.

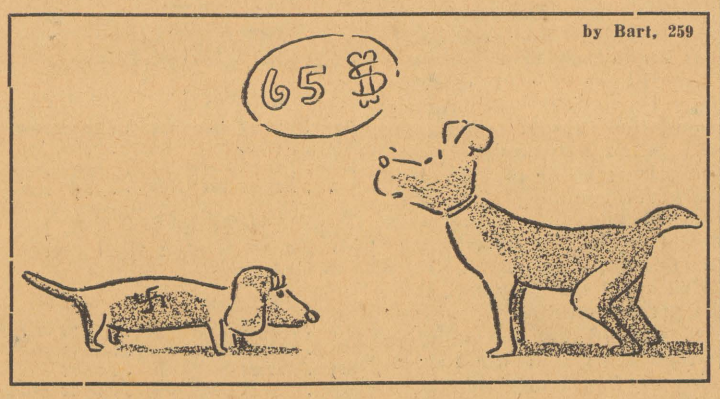
The War Department reported a total of 899,950 Army casualties since the war and the Navy's total has reached 117,145 including the Marines and Coast Guard.

A breakdown of the figures reveals that 252,138 have been killed, 616,013 have been wounded, 53,446 are missing, and 115,000 are prisoners.

GHOST SHIP

Last week a Tokyo radio broadcast said "the Admiralty can, today, confirm the sinking of the USS Saratoga, American aircraft carrier, off the coast of Okinawa".

Yesterday, the Saratoga, damaged but still very much afloat, put into a west coast dock for repairs.



NEW YORK TO GREET EISENHOWER TODAY

The greatest reception in the history of the city of New York is predicted for, this afternoon, following the arrival of Gen of the Army Dwight Eisenhower at the LaGuardia airfield.

The Supreme Commander of the ETO will be met at the airport by Mayor LaGuardia and by high-ranking Army personnel and then he will drive through the streets of the city to receive a welcome that New York their V-E Day celebration.

An indication that NY merchants seem to think it is going to be quite a reception is evidenced in the ANS report that the fronts of stores, all along the route the General will drive, are being boarded up.

Band Meets

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finger across his throat, and smiling. "And you must keep it very soft." One of the villagers claimed that Lehar had once been arrested by the Gestapo for this crime, but he would not speak of it. "No politics please."

Then, he went back to the time when he joined the Hungarian Army as a bandmaster at the age of 27. He had come from the Prague Conservatory to enter into his father's vocation. A bandsmaster in the Hungarian Army at this time was in the ideal position of being a civilian. A picture showed him with four medals pinned to his breast. "This is nothing," he averred. "I had seven of them to hang around my neck." Speaking of America's march king, he said, "Your Sousa, he is the best."

He attempted to remember his many operas. "Here, I get a book," and he brought over three biographies of himself. He aimlessly ruffled the pages. On one page there was his first operetta, "Vienna Women" in 1902. One of his operas opened the famous Vienna opera house. "Now that Austria is free, Vienna will once more become the musical capital of the world."

"Land Of Smiles" Best

Another Lehar operetta opened a theater in Tripoli, another in Calcutta. There was a program for "Land of Smiles." "It is my best," he said. And the program for the 5,000th performance from San Francisco of that international favorite, "The Merry Widow," so international in fact, that one early twentieth century charicature shows a haggard widow, worn out from traveling, lying in a trunk stickered with all the world capitals.

The "Merry Widow Waltz" which highlights the operetta became an instantaneous hit when first produced in 1905. Hats, dresses, furniture, lighting fixtures and other merchandise was tagged "Merry Widow." People whistled, hummed and sung the tune, and listened to it on Mr. Edison's new invention, until one cartoonist shows an irate citizen about to club Lehar as he approaches up a "dark alley."

Of the two "Merry Widow" movies which he knew about, Lehar preferred the Lubich version with Jeanette Mac Donald and Maurice Chevalier which he had seen in Paris, to the Mae Murray-John Gilbert "Widow." He had never heard of the Alfred Hitchcock mystery thriller where Joseph Cotton is convicted of murdering wealthy widows by his nervous reactions during the playing of the "Merry Widow Waltz." Lehar seemed to disapprove of this use of his masterpiece.

The photographers wanted another picture - - at the piano. He willingly obliged. But sitting at the keyboard, he could not resist the world favorite. He held up his hands apologetically, as though to say, "See, they are stiff." Then, in very strict rhythm, the strains of the "Merry Widow" filled the sitting room.

There was applause.

Then he struck a pose for the photographers.

Special Service Shows

Tonight's Special Service shows will include a visit of the Cortez vaudeville team to the 748th Tank Bn while the Straub Concert artists will play for the 365th Medical Bn.

At Neuhofen, the 261st traveling GI-show, "News and Reviews of June" will perform for the men of the Regiment's 2nd Bn.

STIMPSON ASKS FOR PEACE TIME DRAFT

Secretary of War Stimpson told a House committee, Friday, that unless the United States is willing to adopt a permanent program of universal military training it will be gambling with the future of the nation.

The War Secretary then asked the Congress to pass the bill which is one of the most argued measures now before the House. Both labor organizations, the AF of L and the CIO have lined up against the measure and the attitude of the American Legion, largest veteran's organization, has not yet been made clear.

100,000 DP'S

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Russia, Chechoslovakia and Yugoslavia; while the nationals of the western European countries travel in the opposite direction, to France, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg. A few Americans and British, mostly PWs, have been evacuated from Russian-held territory; they receive preferential consideration in westward evacuation.

All Pass through

Because the area occupied by the 65th Division abuts that of the Soviet Army, all DPs in the Third Army zone pass through the 175 camps under Major Roby's control at the rate of 1,000 to 9,000 every day. Here they recive a medical check, a bath, and the flit-gun treatment with delousing powder.

Most of the DPs, which are at present homeward-bound from the 65th Division area, are Russians. Other eastern nationals will await shipment until the Russians are returned, although a single group of Chechoslovakians were recently trucked to Pilsen.

EXPLANATION

The story in the June 12th HALBERT which quoted the **Oberösterreichische Nachrichten,** the 12th Army Group's German-language newspaper, as saying that the SS guards at the Kleinmünchen Concentration Camp near Linz had refused to work and that the camp was not clean, now appears to have been in error.

A medical inspector on June 13th, the day after the HALBERT quoted the story, reported that the camp was in excellent condition. Another report, also after the HALBERT's quote from the **Nachrichten,** indicated that there was no lack of cooperation on the part of the prisoners.

"RIGHT TO BE PROUD"

The delivery schedule for the rest of the booklets follows:

Monday, 18 June
1700 - - 260th Inf
1710 - - 261st Inf
1720 - - 765th Ord Co
1730 - - 748 Tk Bn

SAY CARRIERS RAID JAP'S TRUK ISLAND

A five-hour carrier plane raid on Truk Island was reported, yesterday, by the Jap radio, which said that the planes hitting the main island of the Caroline group were "presumably British".

This marks the third straight day that the Jap news agency has told of Allied attacks on Truk and it is the third day without any Allied confirmation of any activity [illegible] on Truk was over a year ago when the main naval base was hit by a US Navy task force.

Okinawa Battle

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reckon with American forces operating just to our south from a firmly established base".

To the ground troops, Army and Marine, alike, goes much of the credit for the win, but the giant naval force in the Okinawa waters was a vital means of success and the naval airmen, who on Friday, April 13 and the next day, shot down 417 attacking Jap planes and sank two enemy cruisers, three destroyers and the 45,000 ton Yamato, have earned a lasting place in the history of naval warfare.

Two 65th

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meil Star award.

In accepting his award in ceremonies attended by Major General Stanley E. Reinhart, Commanding General of the 65th Division, and members of the Regimental and battalion staffs, Col Carraway, said, "I want you to understand that I have received this medal only because I have commanded the 261st Infantry of whose members I am extremely proud".

Report Allied

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progress spreading out west and north of recently captured Brunei town.

On the island of Labuan, in Brunei Bay, the General reported that Australian troops had captured Timbalai airstrip and that there was "no longer any organized resistance".

Luzon Troops

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Luzon headquarters termed "the heaviest air cover of the campaign.

In the air war, yesterday, Manila-based planes again struck much-bombed Formosa and Jap shipping in the China Sea.

Swing Concert

The usual Sunday night swing concert presented by the 65th Division Band will introduce a new feature tonight, when Sgt. Campbell Fahlman will MC a musical quiz show.

As in the past, the show will get underway at 2000 in the Landes Theater.

Burma

Jap attacks by night and day east of Prome in Burma were beaten off by the British 14th Army, yesterday, with losses to the enemy, a SEAC communique reported.

Other 14th Army troops moving down the Toungoo road occupied two hill positions.

WITHDRAW TROOPS

US troops will begin to withdraw from areas of Germany allocated to the Russian occupation forces on June 21, acording to a statement by Acting Secretary of State Joseph Grew.