

The 65th Halbert

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YANKS SECURE HOLD ON HILL OUTSIDE NAHA

Sugar Loaf Hill Changes
Hands 11 Times
In Week.

New Airfield

Army Planes Use Ex-Jap
Strip For Kyushu
Attack

After being won and lost eleven times at great cost, Sugar Loaf Hill, key to the Okinawa capital city of Naha, is now secure in the hands of infantrymen of Lt. Gen. Buckner's US 10th Army, according to an ABSIE report, last night.

Final Assault

With a firm hold on the hill which overlooks the southern suburbs of the city, the infantry is now ready to launch its final assault to make a junction with marine units already holding the northern and eastern sectors of the major city of the Ryukyu Island group. General advances were reported, yesterday, all along the Okinawa battleline which extends from the southern tip of the island northeast to Naha. The Japs, (Cont. on Page 2)

STILL BIG JOB IN EUROPE - PATTERSON

Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson told his news conference Monday that many problems remain to be solved in the ETO and the Army's job there will not be finished for many months to come.

"Among our problems", he said, "are the consolidation of our occupation of Germany, the institution of policies of overall Allied control and the administration of a stern government of Germany that will provide a program of de-Nazification." He emphasized that the Army was determined to pursue a "tough" policy in its occupation zone.

Patterson, who recently returned from a tour of the ETO, said he believed every U.S. commander in Europe without exception wants to go to the Pacific, but that it was too early to say who will go.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE

StL 4, NY 1 (night)
Bos 2, Chi 0

Others postponed, rain

W L Pet.		W L Pet.	
Chi	12 7 .632	Wsh	10 12 .455
NY	13 8 .619	Phl	9 12 .429
Det	11 7 .611	Bos	9 12 .429
StL	10 9 .526	Clv	6 13 .316

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Brk 15, Chi 12 (night)
StL 11, Phl 8 (night)

Others postponed, rain

W L Pet.		W L Pet.	
NY	20 5 .800	Chi	10 13 .435
Brk	17 7 .708	Phl	10 13 .435
StL	12 12 .500	Cin	9 12 .429
Bos	10 12 .455	Phl	6 20 .231

Movie Schedule

260th Inf, Div Hq. Sp Trps; "Melody Lane" with Mary Beth Hughes at the Central Theater, Linz. Shows at 1400 and 1900.

261st Inf; "Eadie Was A Lady" with Anne Miller and Billy Wright.

259th Inf; "Casanova Brown" with Gary Cooper and Anita Louise.

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

DivArty; "Together Again" with Charles Boyer and Irene Dunne.

808th TD Bn; "Lost In A Harem" with Abbott and Costello.

CENSORS GONE BUT STILL CENSORSHIP

Do's And Dont's Of Letter
Writing Listed By
Higher Hq.

The new censorship regulations as they effect 65th Division personnel were clarified today by higher headquarters.

While unit censorship of all mail and telegrams will be immediately discontinued, spot checks through base censorship will proceed as before. This means that enlisted men will now seal their letters, while officers need no longer sign their names to personal mail. Blue envelopes will naturally be discontinued.

The present status of censorship will be effective until orders to the contrary are issued. (Cont. on Page 2)

FIRST ARMY TO GO TO PACIFIC

Men Will Receive 30 Day
Furloughs In States
Says WD

The first American army to leave Europe for the Pacific is now on furlough in the United States, according to a War Department release, yesterday, which stated that Gen. Hodges' US 1st Army will be sent to the Jap theater following 30-day furloughs for all officers and men.

The release pointed out that the 1st Army will not include every division which was with it at the time of the unconditional surrender of Germany, but will include "many combat tested divisions".

Bn In Hawaii

The War Department also announced that one amphibious battalion, which was in combat on V-E Day, is already in Hawaii training for its assignment in the Pacific theater.

IRAQ JOINS SYRIA IN FRANCE PROTEST

Says Landing of French
Troops Infringes
Sovereignty

Iraq, this morning, joined with Syria in protesting to the French of the landing of more French troops in Syria. A protest was also voiced, yesterday, by the Arab League which called the move by the French "an infringement on Syria's sovereignty". (Cont. on Page 2)

3rd's Fate?

The status of Gen. Patton's US 3rd Army and Lt. Gen. Simpson's US 9th Army were not clarified, yesterday in a SHAEF release which outlined the role of Lt. Gen. Gerow's US 15th Army as occupation forces for the Saar, the Rhine Valley and the western Ruhr.

The 15th's zone of 14,000 square miles was outlined in the Stars & Stripes but as yet no mention of any occupation zone has been made on the air. According to the S&S story the 15th's zone is nearly all the Rhine province on the north, the Westmark in the center and that part of Hesse lying west and south of the Rhine on the south.

JAPS SAY BRITISH IN SAKISHIMA RAID

2nd Unconfirmed Report
Tells of Force
Near Kyushu

The Jap news service, Domei, last night announced that a British task force is again attacking the Sakishima Islands, south of Okinawa. There has been no Allied confirmation.

Along with the Jap report by the news agency a Tokyo radio report, yesterday, reported an Allied naval task force "on the prowl" near Kyushu, southernmost Japanese home island.

Another unconfirmed broadcast from Domei, Jap news agency, said 160 bombers and 20 fighters from Allied bases in the Philippines had raided unidentified Jap targets, including an airfield.

"PRE-INVASION" FORMOSA RAIDS ENTER 5TH DAY

250 Medium Bombers Meet
Enemy Fighters: 17
Japs Downed

Gain On Mindanao

Ground Troops Advance
Up To Ten Miles In
Mountains

The great air attacks on Formosa by Philippine-based medium bombers, which the Tokyo radio has called the "prelude to invasion", continued, yesterday, when planes of a strength up to 250 pounded coastal defenses of the major Jap-held island.

The raids were the fifth in eight days and, yesterday, for the first time in a week, the flyers faced enemy fighters. Gen. of the Army MacArthur's communique, last night, reported that 17 Jap planes were shot down and that the Army lost 4 bombers.

Mindanao

On Mindanao in the Philippines, Gen. MacArthur reported that US troops have made advances up to 10 miles into the central hills where the last Jap (Cont. on Page 2)

ENGLISH ELECTION EXPECTED IN JULY

England, this week, is talking like the United States does every fourth November. With the end of the war in Europe both the Liberal and the Labor parties want to break away from the coalition government now headed by Winston Churchill, who is from the Conservative party, and hold general elections which will result in a new Parliament and thus a new cabinet and, perhaps, new Prime Minister.

Churchill, whose ability as a war leader is rivaled by his political astuteness, first asked the Labor and Liberal parties to consider keeping the present merged government until the end of the battle against Japan. When both Mr. Atley, the Labor leader, and Sir Archibald Sinclair, the Liberal leader, said (Cont. on Page 2)

Phooey on Birth Control

No matter how he figured it, Sgt. Woodrow A. Rae, 869th FA, could get only 77 points towards discharge. He had been in the Army since 1939, but had unfortunately had spent most of the time in the States.

Yesterday, he learned the results of a little post-war planning of his own. A cable brought the glad tidings of a daughter born on V-E Day. Now the Sergeant hardly knows which makes him happier, the new addition to the family, or the new total of 89 points.

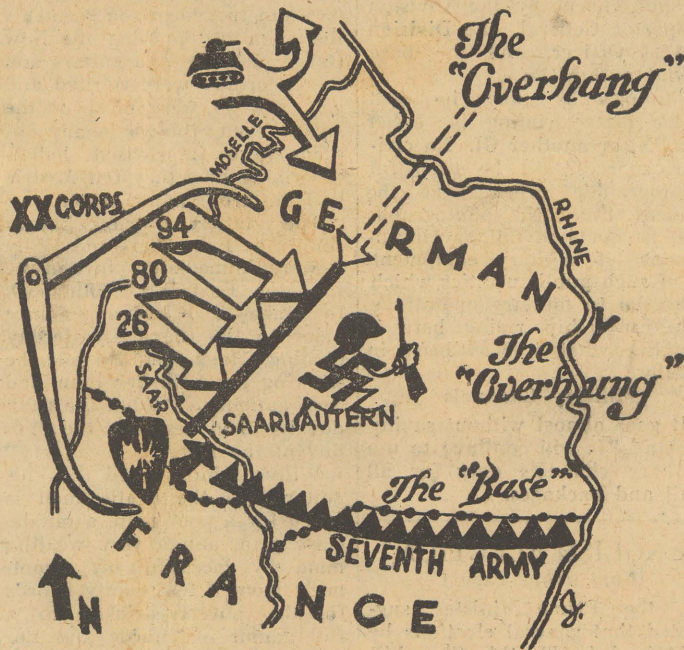
65th Was Pivot In XX Corps Saar Offensive Between Northern "Overhang", 7th Army "Base"

EDITORS NOTE: This is the second in a series of seven articles by Sgt. Jordy reviewing the 65th Division's march across Germany. When the series ends the Division I&E Section contemplates publishing a booklet of the complete history.

by Sgt. Bill Jordy

The 65th Infantry Division had assembled in the vicinity of Ennery by March 4. On this same day advanced parties of some of the Division's units reconnoitered corresponding unit sectors of the 26th Division in the Saarlautern bridgehead area. The initial mission of the 65th was that of relieving the 26th, and of continuing the aggressive defense of the Saarlautern area. Major General Stanley E. Rhinehart took command of the sector on March 7. The entire relief was completed by March 9. On this date the 65th Division, as a whole, was a "frontline" outfit, although some units had already been in combat for four days.

The Division went into the line at a time when the great "spring offensive" was



already well underway on the northern end of the Western Front. Four Allied armies had closed the enemy into a series of narrow pockets along the western bank of the Rhine. This

offensive steadily spread southward to reach the Third Army at a time when Gen. Patton's troops were already advancing slowly on a broad 50 mile front (Cont. on Page 2)

PROMOTIONS LISTED FOR 12 OFFICERS

Maj. Frederick Richards Becomes Lieutenant Colonel

The following promotions of 65th Division officers were announced, yesterday:

To Lt Col: Maj Frederick W. Richards, 261st Inf. To Major: Capt Joseph R. Bisaccio, 261st Inf; Capt Lewis M. Stewart, 261st Inf. To Capt: 1st Lt Walter M. Boul, 261st Inf; 1st Lt Frederick C. Carleton, 261st Inf; 1st Lt John H. Parke, 261st Inf; 1st Lt James Y. Smith, Jr., 720th FA Bn; 1st Lt John B. Watts, Jr., 261st Inf. To 1st Lt: 2nd Lt Raymer F. Maguire, DivArty; 2nd Lt Jack G. Neupert, 869th FA Bn; 2nd Lt Ralph E. Vogt, 261st Inf; 2nd Lt Gale A. Washburn, 265th Eng (C) Bn.

CENSORS GONE

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sued by the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, for censorship is now subject to local commanders. Therefore, if the 65th Division should move from Linz, and if for security reasons, it was deemed advisable to reinstitute unit censorship, the company and battery censor would immediately return to his old job. For this reason, unit censors are cautioned against the disposal of their unit stamps.

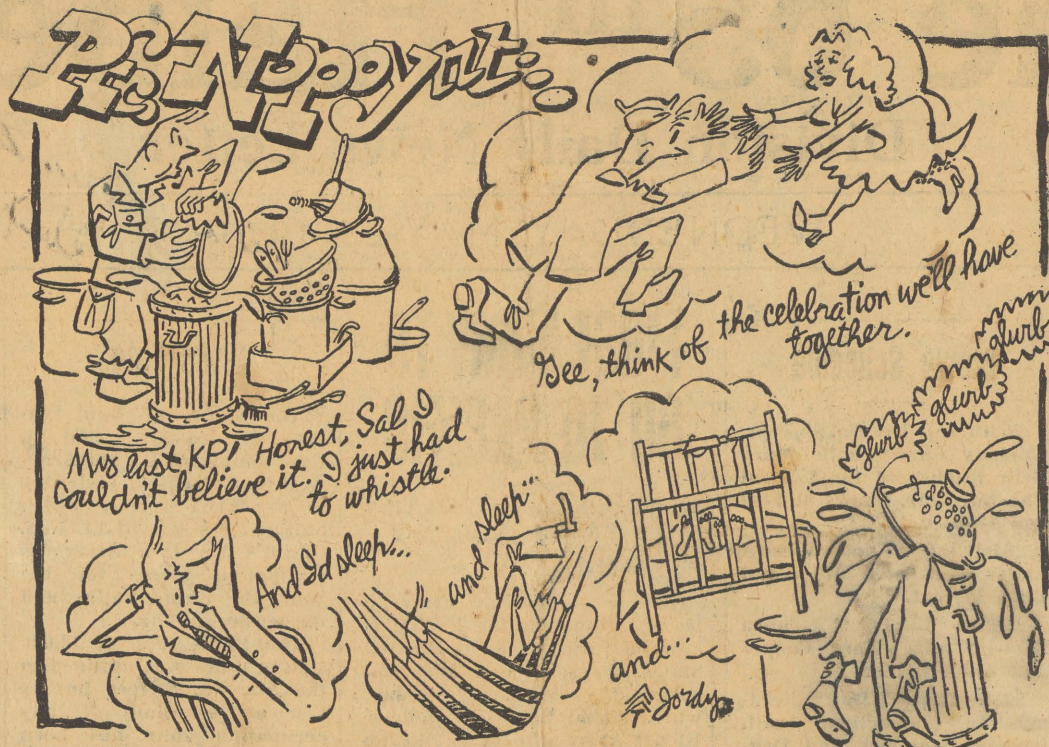
List of "Don'ts"

Despite the new freedom to tell where you are, there are twelve items which cannot be mentioned either directly or by inference in your letters home: (1) plans or forecasts of future operations; (2) the present use, condition, or probable extension of such public utilities as harbors, transport facilities, or signal communications, unless officially released; (3) details of operations against the enemy which might reveal tactical methods; (4) any information regarding casualties, including injuries or death by accident or natural causes, except that individual casualties may be mentioned after the official notification has been given to the next of kin, or after the elapse of a period of thirty days; (5) distinguishing signs used to identify Organizations its transportation or baggage; (6) classified military armament, equipment or supplies of any kind; (7) the strength, efficiency, training, morale or the detailed organization of US or Allied Forces or their units; (8) details of movements to and from the ETO, except movements made six months prior to the communication; (9) any information concerning enemy espionage, sabotage, or subversive activities, actual or rumored unless officially released; (10) atrocities against the enemy, actual or rumored, unless officially released; (11) any subversive material; and (12) criticisms or statements of a disparaging nature which would bring our Armed Forces or those of our Allies or the Military Government into disrepute.

Halbert is okay

Ruling number three does not mean that you cannot tell about your battle experiences, including dates, locations and unit designations; but tactical methods and classified equipment should not be discussed. Under ruling five, the only symbol which you should reveal would be the Halbert shoulder patch.

Contrary to previous announcements, all packages leaving from any unit in the 65th will be inspected by an officer prior to being presented for mailing. However, this inspection may be accomplished by



by jordy

12 OFFICERS, 1 EM PROMOTED IN 260TH

Twelve officers and one enlisted man in the 260th Inf have received promotions, this week, according to an announcement yesterday. The promotions follow:

To Captain: 1st Lt Thomas P. Bailey, Chaplain; 1st Lt Walter K. Maude, Chaplain; 1st Lt Ralph A. Turner. To 1st Lt: 2nd Lt Roy L. Allen, 2nd Lt Robert O. Butler, 2nd Lt Alan R. Eastwick, 2nd Lt Frank F. Hamburger, Jr., 2nd Lt Tommy V. McGannon, 2nd Lt Harry J. Simon, 2nd Lt William F. Vessio, 2nd Lt Edouard C. Pomme. To Staff Sergeant: Tec 4 James P. Marshall.

Beg Pardon

There is no excuse for the beating the HALBERT gave the 748th Tank Bn on page 2 of yesterday's paper. Here are the corrected facts. The HALBERT called the 748th a TD unit, its not, its a Tank Bn.

Of even more import is the fact that the date of the show "Dehydrated Corn" is this Saturday, May 26, and not the 17th as stated.

any company or battery officer, and need not necessarily be done by the officer designated as unit censor. Certificates giving the contents will be affixed to all wrappers, and the packages will be subjected to a spot check by the Division Inspector General, the Division Postal Officer, and the base postal authorities.

Photographs may be sent home after printing by either the PX, or another GI. No civilian sources will be used for photographic printing at the present time. No photographs will be made of military installations, of military equipment, or of such public utilities which are vital to military operations. The censorship ruling here is roughly what it was back in Shelby.

Military Channels

It goes almost without saying that all GIs will continue to use military channels only for all mail and packages.

ENGLISH ELECTION

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no, the Prime Minister suggested that general elections be held in July. To this Churchill proposal, the parties again said no.

Expect July

London newspapers, however, state that Churchill has the power to force a July election.

Ivan Eats

When First Sergeant Harold R. Roggow, Headquarters Company, 259th Infantry Regiment, befriended a liberated Russian the other day, he didn't know what he let himself in for. Ivan was hungry, so Roggow gave him a generous helping of chow from a food package he had received from home. Ever loyal to his comrades, Ivan then asked Roggow whether he could give him something to eat for a "few friends."

"Where are they?" Roggow asked, eyeing his dwindling food supply.

"There," said Ivan, pointing about fifty yards down the road. Roggow looked... and counted 164 Russians! (From 65th PRO)

Street Singers

No Bells For Hitler Is Hit With 260th Soldiers

Wandering around Linz in search of missing parts for the Central Theater's movie projector where the 260th sees its movies, Cpl Leon Lishner, Regimental SSO non-com, bumped into three Austrian street-singers who had been released from a concentration camp. They were members of a political party which opposed the Nazis, and now showed in their bony bodies and ragged prison garments the price of opposing the New Order. But the two guitars and the accordion were spirited and gay, and so were most of the songs, even though many of them were improvised ballads describing how they felt Austria had suffered under Hitler.

The tattered trio -- known simply as Fritz, Karl and Willy -- were immediately invited by Lt. Alan Eastwick, 260th SSO, to make a brief appearance prior to the movie yesterday evening. The applause made the showing much longer than had been anticipated. What the 260th doughs liked best was the "tolling of the bells."

Willy demonstrated on his guitar how the death knell is tolled for a poor man, a middle class man, and a very wealthy man, by increasing his strumming from a few scanty chords for the poverty-stricken to a full gamut of chords and undertones for the affluent. "Now I show you how the bells ring for death of Adolph Hitler," he said. And, taking his guitar by the fingerboard he silently swung the instrument to and fro.

SENATE GROUP WILL QUIZ ARMY MORALE

A seven-man investigating committee headed by Senator Russell, Dem. of Georgia, will soon leave for the ETO to investigate the morale of the GI's, according to a report by the Army News Service, yesterday.

Senator Russell said that the committee will seek to talk with as many soldiers as possible of all ranks in an effort to learn the facts as to their morale, how the point system is liked, and the soldiers' viewpoint on world peace problems.

65TH WAS PIVOT

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from Prum (on the north) to Saarburg (on the south). The key city of Trier fell two days prior to the commitment of the 65th Division. Seventy-two hours after the capture of Trier, armored units pushed across the Kyll River to advance, swiftly to the west bank of the Rhine north of Koblenz.

Patton Moves

From this time on, the headlines spoke of amazingly rapid progress by Gen. Patton's tank units, both northward drives parallel to the west bank of the Rhine, and southward, across the Moselle River, to swing behind Siegfried Line defenses. Three days prior to this armored drive across the Moselle, the XXth Corps, of which the 65th was a part, opened up a frontal attack on the Siegfried Line.

The front line of the XXth Corps was roughly a northeast-southwest diagonal during this assault. At the beginning of the attack, it generally ran along the west bank of the Saar River except where some crossings had been made in the upper segment of the diagonal and at Saarlautern. To visualize what happened, picture the XXth Corps' front line as an overhanging precipice. Then, the front line of the 94th Division (the northernmost of the four infantry divisions in the XXth Corps at that time) would represent the top of the overhang. The 65th Division, (at the bottom of the cliff) would be in the position which would be buried deepest should the overhang topple. The 80th and 26th Divisions were between the 65th and the 94th.

This is It

At 0300 on March 13, the 94th, the 80th, and the 26th Divisions took off in an offensive, the objective of which was the breaching of the Siegfried Line. The 65th Division, on the southern flank of the XXth Corps,

YUGOSLAV TROOPS STILL IN TRIESTE

New Conferences Under Way Among Four Nations

Yugoslavian troops were still in Trieste and Fiume, this morning, and BBC, last night, reported that new conferences are now in progress between the US, Britain, Russia and the Yugoslavs following Field Marshal Alexander's acknowledgement, yesterday, that he had "failed to come to a friendly agreement with Tito", Yugoslav leader who has refused to withdraw his troops in spite of a US-British order.

Marshal Tito is quoted as saying "the honor of our army and the honor of our country demands the presence of the Yugoslav Army in Trieste".

IRAQ JOINS

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The French government answered the Arab League, yesterday, by explaining that the French troops have been sent to Syria so that France will have an intermediate base for operations in the war against Japan and that there was nothing in France's decision to land troops in Syria that would cause any modification of the full independence of Syria.

YANKS SECURE

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holding the territory southeast of Naha, were pushed back toward the shore in three places along the front. The deepest US drive being a marine push four miles into the center of the enemy defense line.

For five hours, yesterday morning, the Japs sent up to 100 planes over the Okinawa harbors in an attempt to knock out American supply ships. The Navy reported shooting down 26 of the enemy aircraft. There was no mention of any US shipping losses.

New Field

Perhaps the best news from the Okinawa battle front was the report, by CBS that another former Jap airfield has gone into operation and American Army planes used it for the first time, yesterday, as the base for a coastal attack on Kyushu, southernmost Jap mainland isle, 300 miles to the north.

PRE-INVASION

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forces on the island are holding out. On Luzon, US troops were reported to be making progress through the Cabanatuan valley.

initiated limited objective attacks within the Saarlautern bridgehead to keep the enemy from reinforcing the units opposing the other divisions in the Corps. For five days the "overhang" above the 65th Division was pushed out further and further. Finally, at 0600 on March 18 the 65th Division joined in the Corps' offensive, in a smashing assault of the Siegfried Line.

Meanwhile to learn what had been happening in the Saarlautern sector between March 7, when the Commanding General of the 65th Division took over the sector, and March 18, when the Div. took its place beside millions of GIs in six Allied Armies in the drive across the Rhine, it is necessary to return to the date of March 7, and retrace events up to March 18 -- this time on a Division level.

(Continued tomorrow)