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Dearest Folks,

There is some good music on the radio now, and it is peaceful just letting it "soak" in for a while. Mostly it is semi-classical with classical mixed in with it. This has been a good week here and I am not thankful for it. The only drawback has been that the mail is building up some where - we haven't received any air mail from the states for almost three weeks now. I imagine that the occupation is causing it to be delayed some how, and we shall probably be getting some in the next few days or so. On Monday the mother's package did come, and thanks a lot for it now. Every thing you enclosed has already or shall soon be put to a good use. Monday night some of us got together and used up some of the cheese by you sent.

Already we are noticing a bit up in the air strips that come in here. It used to be that the entire harbor was filled with ships of all kinds - mostly US Navy vessels. Most of them have left - taking their cargo on up to Japan. There has been a lot of talk here on the island concerning the lack of transportation home for those who have the points. The navy receiving ship of

is over flowing with folks (over 7500) who are waiting transportation. The same thing is true on Guam for there they have over 9000 waiting.

The news of the occupation continues to be good. I hope that it continues that way. I was on Wednesday night here on watch and got to fiddling around with the radio receivers. I was playing with the short wave band and decided to try and find some thing on broadcast band. The next thing I knew I heard some music so I left it on - in about 5 min I heard the announcer say "this is Denver, Station KOA. I let out a yell for I was really surprised. In a couple minutes it faded out, and I couldn't pick it up again. It did give me a thrill to hear it tho and I was really surprised.

Friday a letter came in from District head quarters saying that I had been advanced to VET 3/c as of the 1st of Sept. It is good to be advanced but hard to get excited over it for they have pulled some few deals since I have been out here. It does mean \$18 per moe a ~~lot~~ month and that helps.

But it will be good when the mail gets straightened around again and word from you comes thru. Many times I find myself thinking of you and wondering what you may be doing.

I received a letter from Gordon Hill some time ago. He is now in Hawaii - his ship is there for repairs. He spoke of seeing Max Graham and then



spending some time together. Tom Hill is in Alaska now as a weather man.

Last night it was raining and cool so before the show I popped a dial pan full of corn. I thought one would be enough - but it was gone in about 20 minutes. I guess next time we shall have to make some more.

During the week I read one of the latest novels - "The earth, the flesh, and Father Smith". Now I am reading "Rickshaw Boy". The book of the month club sends us out books occasionally and a few of them are pretty good.

I am enclosing a target, I hope you enjoy it. As I have been writing this I have been trying to keep my eyes open but I guess I had better give up for they are insistant on closing. Good night for now and may God be with you always.

Lots of love

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LET'S FORGET PEARL HARBOR AND ATOMIC BOMB SAYS JAP PREMIER

— Tokyo, 16 Sep (ANS)—Premier Prince Higashi-Kuni of Japan suggested yesterday that America forget Pearl Harbor. In a statement to the Associated Press, Higashi-Kuni declared:

"People of America, won't you forget Pearl Harbor? We Japanese will forget the picture of devastation wrought by the atomic bomb and will start anew as a peace-loving nation."

In Washington, Higashi-Kuni's plea brought a quick retort from acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson. Acheson said, "Nothing could show more clearly than this statement the failure of the Japanese to understand the nature of their own conduct or the mind of the American people."

"Pearl Harbor is not a symbol of hate for Japan but a symbol of Japanese perfidy. We are determined that there shall be no opportunity (Continued on Page 4)

WPBC ENLISTED MEN'S CLUB TO OPEN TUESDAY, 18 SEP

— The newly finished WPBC Enlisted Men's Club, completely furnished in stateside fashion, will hold it's formal opening Tuesday afternoon, September 18 at 1400, it was announced today by Miss Kay Larch, hostess. There will be a radio broadcast, USO show and ping pong contest, starting at 1930 on the opening day. The Club is located in the WPBC headquarters area, near the No 2 Post Office.

FORD LAYS OFF 50,000 EMPLOYEES BECAUSE OF "OUTLAW" STRIKES BY "IRRESPONSIBLE LABOR GROUPS"

— Detroit, 16 Sep (ANS) — The Ford Motor Company virtually quit all production yesterday and laid-off 50,000 workers because of what it called "crippling and unauthorized strikes" against suppliers.

Henry Ford II said, "In two and a half months we have produced less automobiles than we could in three (Continued on Page 4)

ARMY LOWERS DOCTOR, NURSE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

— Washington, 16 Sep (ANS) — The War Department said today it will release at least 30,000 doctors, 10,000 dentists and 40,000 nurses by next July. Under the new discharge system, medical officers can be released if they have 80 points or are 48 years old or older, or if they entered service prior to Pearl Harbor. For veterinary officers, the requirement is 80 points or 42 years of age. For Army service since January 1, 1941. For Medical Administrative or Sanitary Corps officers, requirements are 70 or more points, or 42 years, or service prior to Pearl Harbor. Discharge for medics will be liberalized further later. The Army also reduced nurse discharge scores from 65 to 35, and age requirement for discharge from 40 to 35. Nurses can also get out if they are married, or have dependents under 14 years old.

Marines with 70 or more points will not be sent overseas.

MACARTHUR DENIES "KID-GLOVE" POLICY IN JAPAN: OCCUPATION MAY LAST ONE YEAR

— Tokyo, 16 Sep (ANS)—General MacArthur promised yesterday there would be no "kid-glove" enforcement of the surrender terms. He said the terms of surrender are not soft and will not be applied in a kid-glove manner.

MacArthur had ordered complete suspension of all operations of Domei News Agency, Japan's official news agency and the only source of foreign news. MacArthur later lifted the suspension but Domei's news will be restricted to domestic news distributed inside Japan. It will not receive or send news overseas.

Domei had been printing highly questionable stories of American rape and looting. Lt General Eichelberger, commander of the Eighth Army, snorted at these stories and

said "the conduct of my men has been pretty darn good."

Eichelberger also predicted the occupation of Japan may be washed up in a year. Said the General:

"When an insular country loses its land, sea and air power and is without raw materials and has big countries sitting on its flanks, it can't be much of a threat. If the Japs continue acting as they are now, within one year this thing should be washed up."

The statement is a highly official version of the duration of the occupation since no official statement on the length of the occupation has come from the Allies.

Eichelberger disclosed orders for some railroad troops and engineer shore parties were cancelled

when shown that Japanese installations were in better shape than expected.

The Eighth Army now has 90 to 100 thousand troops in Japan and more en route. The Fourteenth Corps will establish headquarters at Sengai. The 27th Division will occupy Nagato in northern Honshu in a few days. The Ninth Corps will take over Hokkaido Island September 27.

Navy medical officers warned that American forces headed for the northern tip of Honshu are slated for a pest hole. The doctors found appalling condition of filth in Tanabu and Ominato, a northern port, and considered placing both out-of-bounds. The cities are full of typhus, smallpox, meningitis and tuberculosis.

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SENATOR THOMAS CENSURES JAPANESE FOR FAILURE TO TAKE OWN ACTION AGAINST THOSE COMMITTING ATROCITIES

Washington, 16 Sep (AP)—The following is the regular weekly commentary on the Far East prepared especially by U S Senator Elbert D Thomas:

Not one prominent Japanese has voiced his horror or even his shame as far as the world is aware, at the unforgivable atrocities committed against war prisoners by Japanese troops. Nothing has been done by Japan to punish soldiers who, by their uncivilized conduct, disgraced the country's reputation.

Both the Australian and American governments assert in formal statements that these atrocities could not have been committed except under the encouragement and supervision of superior officers of the highest grades.

Sadistic cruelties inflicted upon helpless men by Japanese troops in the field are unmatched in modern times by any other soldiers except the vicious, brutal Nazis. No other armies have so merited the world's contempt by their behavior.

Warfare in the past has been carried on by honorable men acting sternly but chivalrously toward one another but the Japanese Army clique, like the Nazi gang, behaved without principles and without a code of honor.

The United Nations are resolved to track down and to place on trial every Japanese who may be indicted by them for commission of war crimes. But the intention of the United Nations to do this does not absolve the Japanese from responsibility in the matter.

For the sake of Japan's good

name among the nation's of the world, it is incumbent upon the people of Japan to clear their reputation. The world should not soon forget the horrible details listed in the report issued this week by Sir William Webster in the name of the Australian government, nor those in Staté Secretary Byrnes' statement on the same matter.

Only barbarians burn wounded men alive, as Japanese soldiers burned helpless captives. Only savages bayonet women. Only the lowest brutes practice cannibalism on their foes, as did Japanese soldiers in New Guinea.

These were not lawful war measures. They were neither measures of defense nor acts of necessity. The prisoners were helpless and at the mercy of their captors. They had been disarmed and most of them had been trussed hand and foot before they were bayoneted and burned.

Certainly women were not warriors; all those mentioned in the Webster report were missionaries, which means that they had dedicated their lives to the promotion of culture and high idealism. Yet Japanese soldiers slashed them to death by bayonetting. No single voice has yet been heard from Japan in condemnation of these crimes.

This is almost unthinkable. Jap tradition calls for keen appreciation of national shortcoming and for zealous regard of national ideals. It is incredible that the Japanese who have their country's welfare at heart have not stood up against the forces of Evil. Since surrender when Japan professed a resolve to mend her ways, leading Japanese publicists have voiced objection to the superficiality of Japan's culture.

They have complained that past educational methods have been faulty. They have regretted that Japan failed in her duty. There is criticism also of some of Japanese leaders, such as Hideki Tojo, because they failed to carry out their purposes. The Japanese have also called attention to inefficiency of war preparations and to the inability to win the war. But not a word about atrocities.

Actual proof is certainly essential if Japan is to regain her honor as a nation and only specific action can reestablish the Japanese among the civilized peoples of the earth.

LOVELY COUSIN



When relatives come in such cute packages as Bette Davis, it's easy to see why Cpl Paul Gordon Favour of the 147th AACs Sq is partial to their pin-ups on his wall

Cpl Favour is vacationing on Saipan from his home in Bar Harbor, Me. which, incidentally, is also that part of the world that Bette calls home.





Sport
Shorts

—One of the prize cracks of the year was attributed to General Dwight Eisenhower, five-star boss who led Sam's western club to a very impressive win over Adolph's Swollen Salmon. The second thing "Ike" did on his return to the states was to take in a ball game. Amidst a thunderous ovation, the General sat down to watch the Giants square off against Boston at the Polo Grounds. At the end of the eighth inning, the Braves had piled up an 8-2 margin and General "Ike" got up to leave. "Let's go," he said to his aide, "the Giants are trying to prove to me that they are all 4F's."

Hot favorite to cop his first American League batting crown, 36-year-old Tony Cuccinello, veteran of fifteen big time campaigns, gives a few pointers on the art of "sticking." Says Tony, "Hit with the pitch. If it's outside, push it to right; if it's inside, pull it to left. But if you try to hit everything to the same spot, the pitchers will catch up to you as soon as you get your trunk unpacked." Coming from Tony it sounds good.

Following word that his 12-round bout with Sugar Ray Robinson has been postponed until Sep 26, middle weight challenger Jack Lamotta left for New York to tackle George Kochan in a ten-round warm-up match on the 18th. Madison Square Garden will be the site and rugged Jack's plodding aggressiveness and unlimited stamina figure to earn him a late-round knockout or an easy decision.

Bronko Nagurski, former heavyweight wrestling champion, and one of the greatest full-backs ever to buck a line, has undergone knee operations in preparing for his second comeback with the Chicago Bears. Bronk is 37 now but still carries the same mighty frame that powered him to gridiron fame as a collegiate Gopher and a professional Bear.

KICKIN' AROUND: Brown Manager Luke Sewell inked a brand new two-year contract....Ruffing's record is 6-2 since the big redhead took over mound duty for the Yanks. By the way, the McCarthymen are eight games behind Detroit; former Yank Borowy has won eight games for the Cubs. Must sting Mac's sacro-iliac and pain his posterior every time Hank rings the resiter for Jolly Cholly and his gum-shoe nine.



STAGE SHOWS

SUNDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER

SPORTS REVUE
Baker.....1900

ON THE BEAM - MUSICAL RAMBLERS
Clippertown.1900 - Tropicana...1930

MONDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER

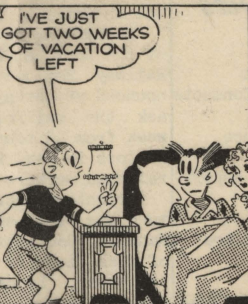
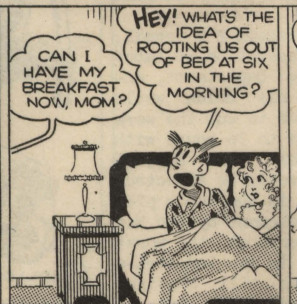
GRANDE CANYON BOYS
Denver.....1900

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Heaton.....1900 - Dandy.....1900

COMING

TUESDAY, 18 SEP: Miss Jini Boyd O'Connor, Ping Pong Champ, will make her first appearance at Grand Opening of WPBC Enlistedmen's Club, playing Sy Sussman and Cpl Dick Kosar.

USO SHOWS HERE NEXT WEEK: Main Street Follies, Heh Heh Review, and Golden West Girls.



**MASSIVE HURRICANE
EXPECTED TO HIT
FLORIDA COAST TODAY**

Tallahassee, Fla., 16 Sep (ANS)—A massive tropical hurricane 100 miles wide swelled close to Florida and is expected to hit today. The storm created "colossal" damage to Turks Island in the British West Indies.

Earlier, Turks Island reported the hurricane carried a 150-mile per hour wind, just 18 miles an hour less than the highest wind ever recorded.

In Florida, thousands of persons in exposed area trekked to safety as the hurricane's velocity equalled that of the disastrous 1946 one. Loose boards, homes were battered down and Army-Navy planes flown out of danger. Hurricanes warnings were spread from Fort Lauderdale to Key West.

**JAP POLICE ROUNDING UP
MEN ON MACARTHUR'S WANTED LIST**

Tokyo, 16 Sep (ANS) — The Japanese government has rounded up most of the men on MacArthur's wanted list. On Friday, MacArthur agreed to let the Japanese police make arrests, provided they do it quickly.

Lt Gen Koizumi, minister of welfare in the Tojo cabinet, committed hari kiri when he heard his name was on the list. The Japanese also reported that Gen Yoshimoto, who commanded Japan's northeast district, committed hari kiri by slitting his abdomen and firing a bullet through his head. Other reported suicides were: Education Minister Hashida of the Tojo cabinet, and Gen Yushiroko. Lt Gen Homma, former Philippine commander, arrived in Tokyo Friday, saying he would surrender.

WXLD presents

- 1600 - The Family Hour
- 1630 - Jerry Wayne
- 1715 - Wings Over Jordan
- 1730 - Russell Bennett Conducts
- 1800 - Harry James
- 1830 - Command Performance
- 1915 - Spike Jones
- 1945 - State Department Report
- 2005 - This is the Story
- 2030 - Showtime
- 2105 - Percy Faith Orchestra
- 2115 - Hour of Charm
- 2145 - Words with Music

NEWS - Every Hour from 1500 to 2100
BROADCASTING - From 0600 to 2200

**"I'LL BE HOME BY CHRISTMAS"
—WORDS AND MUSIC**

Paris, 16 Sep (ANS)—Gen Eisenhower appealed to the families of troops in Europe not to send Christmas packages if 'it seemed the soldier would be home by then. Eisenhower said only 700,000 American troops would be in Germany by Jan 1.

LET'S FORGET.....(From Page 1)
for such perfidy again."

Senator Cordon (R-Ore), said he doubted whether America would forget Pearl Harbor and he hoped the Japs would not forget the atomic bomb. (See page two for an analysis of Jap post-war thinking by Senator Thomas).

FORD.....(From Page 1)
hours of normal production and the major reason is that these continued outbreaks by irresponsible labor groups are impeding the regular progress of reconversion."

The Ford action cut the Ford roster from 109,000 employees to 59,000 and boosted the nation's idle to 213,000, highest in months.

One supplier strike which has hit Ford hard is the three-week-old outlaw strike at Kelsey-Hayes Wheel Company, a large producer of Ford parts. Three officers of the union ordering the strike were tried today by the international executive board of the CIO Automobile Workers Union with unannounced results.

While outlawing the particular strike, the United Automobile Workers (UAW) said earlier it would demand a 30 per cent wage boost throughout the auto industry and would back its demand with strikes, if necessary. In return, the union promised a crackdown on unauthorized strikes which have plagued the industry.

Meanwhile, President B M Jewell, of the American Federation of Labor Railway Employees Department, announced yesterday his union would ask the railroads to cut the work week from 48 hours to 36 hours with no loss in pay. More than 400,000 railroad workers would be affected.

Brightest spot in the labor picture was the statement by the War Manpower Commission that the worst of mass layoffs in war industries was over. Layoffs will continue heavily, the agency said, but at declining rates from now on.

**BIG 5 CALLS COUNCIL OF NATIONS
TO FRAME ITALIAN PEACE TREATY
AND DECIDE BOUNDARIES**

London, 6 Sep (ANS)—The Big 5 Council of Foreign Ministers, tonight invited 32 nations that had been at war with Italy to submit their views in writing on the drafting of an Italian peace treaty. The Big 5 also asked seven small countries to attend the council meeting to express their views on the settlement of the Yugoslav-Italian frontier. At issue was the control of Trieste with Russia reportedly backing Yugoslavia; Americans and Britain supporting Italy, but with the port under international control. The Associated Press said that Russia has entered claim for a share of Italy's pre-war colonies, probably the Dodecanese Islands off the Turkish coast which cover the southern approaches of Dardenelles.

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SCORES FRIDAY
National
Cincinnati 5, New York 7; Chicago 3, 6, Philadelphia 4, 0; Brooklyn 7 6, St Louis 3, 1.
American
St Louis 4, Boston 1; Philadelphia 5, Detroit 1; Washington 6, Cleveland 5.

NO TARGET MONDAY



**SLOW DOWN...DONT TAKE CHANCES
YOU MAY BE NEXT.....
YOU CAN'T WIN IN THIS RACE!**