

Pyle Spends First Night on Okinawa In Marine Foxhole

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He is very quiet, but thoughtful of little things and they both sort of looked after me for several days. These two have become very close friends, and after the war they intend to go to UCLA together and finish their education.

The boys said we could all three sleep side by side in the same "bed." So I got out my contribution to the night's beauty rest. And it was a very much appreciated contribution, too. For I had carried a blanket as well as a poncho.

These marines had been sleeping every night on the ground with no cover, except their cold, rubberized ponchos, and they had almost frozen to death. Their packs were so heavy they hadn't been able to bring blankets ashore with them.

Our next door neighbors were about three feet away in a similar level spot on the hillside, and they had roofed it similarly with ponchos. These two men were Sgt. Neil Anderson of Coronado, Calif., and Sgt. George Valido of Tampa, Fla. (Incidentally there's another Neil Anderson in this same battalion.)

So we chummed up and the five of us cooked supper under a tree just in front of our "house." The boys made a fire out of sticks and we put canteen cups and K rations right on the fire.

Other little groups of marines had similar little fires going all over the hillside. As we were eating, another marine came past and gave Bird Dog a big piece of fresh roasted pig that just cooked, and Bird Dog gave me some. It sure was good after days of K rations.

Several of the boys found their K rations mouldy, and mine was too. It was the old-fashioned kind and we finally realized they were 1942 rations and had been stored, probably in Australia, all this time.

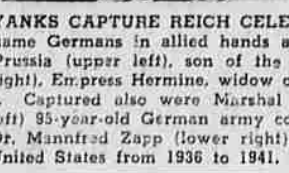
Suddenly downhill a few yards, we heard somebody yell and start cussing and then there was a lot of laughter. What had happened was that one marine had heated a K ration can and, because it was pressure packed, it exploded when he pried it open and there were hot egg yolks over him. Usually the boys open a can a little first, and release the pressure before heating, so the can won't explode.

After supper we burned our K ration boxes in the fire, brushed our teeth with water from our canteens, and then just sat on the ground around the fire, talking.

Other marines drifted along and after a while there were more than a dozen sitting around. We smoked cigars constantly, and talked of a hundred things.

As in all groups the first talk is of surprise at no opposition to our landing. Then the talk drifts to what do I think about things over here and how does it compare with Europe? And when do I think the war will end? Of course, I don't know any of the answers but we've been making conversation out of it for months.

The boys tell jokes, they cuss a lot and constantly drag out stories of their past blitzes and sometimes they speak gravely about war and what will happen to them when they finally get



YANKS CAPTURE REICH CELEBRITIES

On the roster of big-name Germans in allied hands are Prince August Wilhelm of Prussia (upper left), son of the Kaiser, and his mother (upper right), Empress Hermine, widow of Kaiser Wilhelm of World War I. Captured also were Marshal August von Mackensen (lower left) 85-year-old German army commander of World War I, and Dr. Manfred Zapp (lower right) chief Nazi propagandist in the United States from 1936 to 1941.



"But mama, I haven't got a thing to wear!"

(What about the millions in war-torn lands who are actually nearly naked? Bring your spare clothes, shoes and bedding to the nearest depot of the United National Clothing Collection for overseas war relief.)

We talked like that for about an hour, and then it grew dark and a shouted order came along the hillside to put out the fires and it was passed on and on, and the boys drifted away to their own foxholes or hillside dugouts, and Bird Dog and Gross and I went to bed, for there's nothing else to do after dark in blackout country.

PROTEST STRIKE CALLED

PARIS, April 19 (UP)—The administrative council of the general federation has called on all French workers to hold a one-day strike May 1 in protest to the government's alleged delay in carrying out social reforms and purging Vichyites.

Committee Plans Drive for State Building Funds

PORTLAND, April 19 (UP)—Ralph D. Moores, head of a campaign to pass the \$10,000,000 state building bill at the June 22 special election, announced today the statewide membership of the newly-formed united citizens committee will be given when the executive group meets in Portland next week.

Friends of higher educational institutions, labor and agricultural organization representatives, business and professional men, participated in the organization meeting, headed by E. C. Sammons, president of the U. S. National bank.

Passage of the bill is "absolutely necessary," Sammons said, "if Oregon is to discharge her obligation to returned veterans and other youth."

He said approval of this bill to raise \$4,000,000 for higher education buildings and \$6,000,000 for general state buildings will not cost property taxpayers one cent.

"The bill, for technical reasons, levies a special tax on property for two years, but we are assured by the legislature and state tax officials the entire levy will easily be offset by income tax receipts," he said.

Veterans Named to Be Stassen Aides

WASHINGTON, April 19 (UP)—Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen today selected two wounded fighting men to help him represent the United States armed forces throughout the San Francisco security conference.

Stassen, who is considered the armed forces' representative on the eight man U. S. delegation, announced that army Sgt. John Thomson of Minneapolis and Marine Lt. Cord Meyer Jr., of New York will be his aides at the United Nations parley.

Meyer lost an eye in the Pacific after surviving the bloody battles of Kwajalein, Eniwetok and Guam.

Thomson was wounded seriously last January in the battle for Aachen, Germany.

Grange Will Have Initiation, Dinner

The Blue Mountain grange will meet at 7:30 p. m. Saturday in grange hall for a potluck dinner which will be followed by initiation of a number of candidates into the third and fourth degrees.

The first white men to discover and record southern California's native palms were Floridans.



'HOUSE HUNTING'—Members of a jeep crew of the Third army's 26th Infantry division take cover behind their vehicle while searching out snipers hidden in a house in Germany.

Combat Casualties Of U. S. Approach 1,000,000 Mark

WASHINGTON, April 19 (UP)—Officially announced U. S. combat casualties, approaching 1,000,000, reached an overall total of 912,000 today. This was an increase of 12,810 in a week.

Meanwhile, German casualties on the western front are mounting by the hundreds of thousands.

Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson disclosed at his press conference today that British and U. S. armies have captured 2,100,000 Germans since Normandy D-day last June 6. Of this total, 900,000 were captured in April alone.

The U. S. combat casualty total included 813,870 army and 98,330 navy, marine corps, and coast guard losses since Dec. 7, 1941.

Stimson reported that U. S. army casualties in Europe during March "were limited" to 47,023. This included 6,214 killed, 35,443 wounded, and 5,366 missing.

Ground force losses in Europe since D-day, he said, now total 475,215, including 79,795 killed by the Germans, 334,919 wounded, and 58,501 missing.

The all-service figures for total U. S. casualties:

	Army	Navy	Total
Killed	162,505	37,920	200,425
Wounded	496,803	45,554	542,357
Missing	83,926	10,595	94,521
Ensigns	70,636	4,261	74,897
Totals	813,870	98,330	912,200

Of the army wounded, 261,596 have returned to duty.

Firemen Try, But Can't Save Roast

SPOKANE, Wash., April 19 (UP)—A fire department company of three engines and two trucks, one police car, 27 firemen and a first aid crew raced to the home of Mrs. Joe Laface today, rushed into the smoke-filled kitchen, but were too late to save a veal roast worth 30 points.

The sun travels through space at the speed of 11 miles a second.

Legion Leader Quits In Japanese Row

HOLLYWOOD, April 19 (UP)—The commander of the Hollywood world war II post of the American Legion resigned today in a dispute over admission to legion membership of Japanese-American war veterans.

Post Commander William F. Schneider quit only a few hours after Harley Oka, world war II veteran of Japanese ancestry and central figure in the dispute, had also resigned. Oka was the first Japanese-ancestry veteran ever to become a legionnaire.

Both Schneider and Oka blamed "intolerance" by world war I legionnaires for their decisions.

DAUGHTER IS BORN

Dr. and Mrs. L. F. (Jack) Eakin are the parents of a daughter born today in Spokane, Wash. The infant, who has been named Nancy Lou, is the great granddaughter of Mrs. E. E. Kiddle of La Grande.

The world's highest suspension bridge spans the Royal Gorge of the Arkansas river at a height of 1053 feet.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

The Cuppers Have a Dream Come True

Dee and Jane Cuppers used to say that as soon as the children had flown the roost, they were going off together on a second honeymoon... take a trip... or rent an apartment in the city.

So after little Sue got married, I stopped in to say goodbye. Dee was sitting in his favorite chair before the fire, sipping a mellow glass of beer, and Jane was busy with her knitting, just as always. They looked about as restless as the tabby cat on the hearth.

"Jane and I figured," Dee explained, "that you couldn't beat being at home alone together, with our own things—talking and reading—enjoying my glass of beer, and Jane her buttermilk—living and letting live. I guess you can't beat home!"

From where I sit, Dee's had a better dream come true—the dream of peace and tolerance and understanding that we all are fighting for, and praying for, today.

Joe Marsh

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In your garage, light just where you want it—light to see under the hood or into the trunk. Light that automatically goes on as you enter the garage.

Here's a clever lighting idea—a fluorescent lighted window cornice that will give you the effect of a sunlit window at night.

New germicidal lamps will help keep the air pure in the nursery. And there will be helpful ultraviolet sources for your bathroom and bedroom as well.

Another clever use of light. This young lady is practicing her music lesson with the soft, cool, abundant light of a concealed fluorescent lamp.

* Lighting research is "moving the sun" indoors, bringing us the benefits of outdoor daylight, for healthier, brighter living. Conserve on light today. Plan for a brighter home tomorrow.

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