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Rain and Mud, And More of Same on Luzon

By LEE G. MILLER

WITH THE 25th DIVISION AT BALETE PASS, Luzon—(By Wireless)—It was raining when we stopped at the hillside tent of Col. Victor L. Johnson, jr., commanding officer of the 161st infantry regiment.

Colonel Johnson was graduated from West Point six years ago. He is 27—and nobody around here knows of a younger full colonel in command of a line regiment anywhere. Johnson's parents live in Slingerland's, N. Y.

He is a big good-looking fellow and likes to get around. I found out about that the hard way. He was planning to visit a new command post of his first battalion and invited us to come along in his jeep. He started up a hilly road which had existed only a week. The rains were turning it to deep-rutted gully mud.

At one long steep rise the jeep rebelled, and we had to walk while the driver took the light-colored vehicle ahead. I was panting when we got to a level space and piled back in the jeep. Farther on the road became entirely impassable. We got out and walked cross country to a little observation post.

The colonel remarked casually as we walked that the Japs had a machine gun on the opposite ridge.

"I don't know why they're not firing at us," he said.

Neither did I, and the matter interested me more than it seemed to interest the colonel.

Men at the observation post pointed out a dead Jap on the hillside below that machine gun nest.

"Our 105s did a little sniping on him," somebody explained. (A 105 is about a four-inch cannon; that's some sniping.)

We trudged on up the road and turned off again, this time down some crude steps braced with lengths of wood but by now so slick with slippery mud from many bots that I negotiated it with feet sidewise à la Charlie Chaplin.

At the foot of the steps we reached the command post of Maj. Stanley R. McNatt of Meccalero, N. M., commanding officer of Johnson's first battalion. The post had been installed the night before in captured Jap caves, and very snugly too, except that we were within range of a Jap mortar on the ridge to the south. (The mortar was captured the next day and the crew killed.)

I'd been talking to officers when somebody remarked that Bob Scripps was waiting to see me. I turned around and here was a figure out of Bill Mauldin's cartoons—a lean, long, unshaven man of 27 in muddy fatigues.

Bob had been a corporal the last I had heard. Now he was a buck sergeant, and acting staff sergeant. He was the top noncom in the 161st regiment's "I and R" platoon—the intelligence and reconnaissance unit. These are picked men who have the important function of tracing Jap positions and movements, both by going on patrols and by manning forward OP's—observation posts, such as the one Bob had just trudging down from.

Bob came over as right after Pearl Harbor, and like everybody else he would rather be home. I asked if he was going into the newspaper business when he got out of the army.

"Well, I was trying to be a farmer before the war," he said.

Well, every man has a right to pick his own vocation. And sometimes, on days like this, I think a nice quiet farm, preferably dairy, might be a sight better than newspapering.

It was raining hard now, and Colonel Johnson was ready to go on back and I decided I'd gone as far forward as seemed justified anyway. And then something kind of funny happened. I'll save it for tomorrow.

Youngster Has Star Spot in Film Comedy

A comedy film in which music play an important part will open tomorrow at the Liberty theater, starring Jimmy Durante, Margaret O'Brien, Jose Iturbi, famous pianist, and June Allyson.

Titled "Music for Millions," the film tells the story of how a little girl goes to the city to live with her sister and becomes a leading actor in the lives of the sister and members of Iturbi's symphony orchestra, the leader and the business manager, played by Durante.

Drawing Cards



"Do the instructions come with it?"

Today's Sport Parade

By JACK CUDDY

UP Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, May 29 (UP)—Lt. Cmdr. Benny Leonard of the maritime service said, "I rode one post-war boxing boom for more than a million dollars, and I expect to do very well on the next one."

Leonard made this significant statement last night as we rode back from a Brooklyn bond-riding show that honored the 38th anniversary of his winning the lightweight championship of the world.

Leonard said, "I'll remain in service until after we lick the Japs. Then, when I get back into civvies, I'll gather a stable of fighters who can cash in on the greatest boxing boom the world has ever known—a boom which will make the one that followed the last world war look like small potatoes."

Bennah—slightly plump and slightly bald, but quite dapper in the maritime blue and gold—emphasized that the approaching furor over fistcluffs would be terrific because of (1) the war-stimulated interest in boxing and (2) television.

Leonard, generally regarded as one of the greatest all-around feather-tossers that ever lived, said he regretted solemnly that he wasn't a young punk now who could hammer his way up through the great boxing days ahead. He regretted it because he loved to fight and because he could foresee the rich rewards that would be claimed by successful mitt-slingers of the near future.

The smell of leather was sweet to his nostrils as we rode back from the very successful war-bond show at Brooklyn's Broadway arena, where 67-year-old Jack Johnson, former heavyweight champion, had given an exhibition of three one-minute rounds against John Belfair of the maritime service—one of Benny's boys. More than \$3,000,000 worth of bonds had been sold at the show.

The show was dated to mark the anniversary of Leonard's lightweight title triumph over the clever Englishman, Freddie Walsh, whom Benny knocked out in the ninth round on May 28, 1917, at the old Manhattan Casino—opposite the polo grounds.

"I had to knock him out to win the title," Benny explained, "for those were no-decision days and, regardless of newspaper opinion, title did not change hands without a kayo. Welsh was fast, clever and tricky, although only a fair puncher. I had met him twice before in non-title bouts, winning the newspaper decision in the first and losing it in the second, when I had trained too fine. For eight rounds of our title bout, I couldn't hit him solidly—he was such a master of defense. Then Welsh decided to carry the fight to me—to give me a thorough lacing. Early in the ninth round, as he opened up, he left an opening big enough for me to smash him on the left temple. I hit him hard and hurt him. Then I was on him. I belted him groggy into the ropes. He clung to the top strand. I hit him again. Referee Kie McPartland took Freddie's arm off the ropes and he slid to the canvas on his face, where he was counted out. I was champion."

Mrs. Pumphrey, the former Ethel James, is stationed in San Francisco.

Pfc. Forrest Dyal, marine corps, telephoned his mother, Mrs. F. L. Dyal, last night from a hospital in Brenterton, that he is recovering satisfactorily from wounds received in action May 18. He expects to be moved to a San Diego hospital this week.

Dyal was previously wounded three months ago.

Charles Reynolds of La Grande, a member of the advisory committee of the travel and information department of the state highway commission, will go to Portland June 6 for a meeting of the committee.

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Every Soldier to Be Sent Overseas

NEW YORK, May 29 (UP)—Maj. Gen. James A. Ulio, adjutant general of the army, said every physically fit soldier in the United States who has not been overseas will be assigned to foreign service before he is discharged.

Ulio said the army is trying to speed the return of soldiers to civilian life but considers the war against Japan more important than partial demobilization. The army, he said, will not ask any GI to lay down his life in order that another American soldier may return home a few days sooner.

Beaver Utility Man Goes Back to Seals

PORTLAND, Ore., May 29 (UP)—The Portland Beavers have sold utility infielder Charley Peterson back to the San Francisco Seals for an unannounced sum, general manager William Klepper announced today.

Peterson was picked up by the Beaver club last winter to strengthen the infield picture. Since then, Peterson has handled a variety of assignments for the Portland club. Last week the handy ball player even worked behind the plate.

The transfer of Peterson was a straight cash transaction.

Crosby, Hope Meet On Famed Speedway

INDIANAPOLIS, May 29 (UP)—For the first time since Memorial day, 1941, a crowd will swarm over the Indianapolis motor speedway tomorrow to watch a golf match.

The attraction will be Bing Crosby and Bob Hope. The proceeds of their 18-hole match will go to the rehabilitation fund of the professional golfers association.

Fight Results

By United Press

New Haven, Conn.—Joey Angelo, 132½, Philadelphia, knocked out George Knox, 130, Newark, N. J. (5).

Detroit—Helman Williams, 159, Detroit outpointed Sampson Powell 163, Detroit (10).

Miami, Fla.—Chico Morales, 126, Havana, Cuba, outpointed Kuko Ortiz, 120, Mexico City (6).

Providence, R. I.—Ralph Zannelli, 150, Providence, stopped Eddie Buddy Saunders, 157, New York (4).

Chicago—Bob Satterfield, 171, Chicago, drew with Bob Zorc, 186½, Detroit (6).

Holyoke, Mass.—Bert Lytell, 152, Fresno, Calif., outpointed Lige Drew, 150, Springfield, Mass.

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CLEANS UP—Outfielder Steve Filipowicz, former Fordham fullback, is Hack Wilson type batting cleanup and helping New York Giants to flying start.

Baseball Standings

By United Press

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
	W.	L.
New York	25	9
Pittsburgh	17	14
Chicago	17	14
Brooklyn	18	15
St. Louis	17	16
Boston	12	18
Cincinnati	12	18
Philadelphia	10	24

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
	W.	L.
New York	20	11
Detroit	17	11
Chicago	16	13
St. Louis	15	13
Cleveland	13	14
Boston	13	18
Washington	13	18
Philadelphia	11	20

PACIFIC COAST		
	W.	L.
Portland	34	21
Seattle	33	21
Oakland	31	26
San Diego	28	30
Sacramento	27	29
San Francisco	26	29
Los Angeles	26	31
Hollywood	19	37

The giant tuna, which we buy mostly in less than half-pound cans, sometimes weighs three-fourths of a ton.

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Pirates, Cubs Battle To Overtake Giants

NEW YORK, May 29 (UP)—There is a mathematical housing problem in the National league today that may get worse—the Pirates and Cubs are trying to live on the same percentage point and both want to move in on the elite first place Giants.

Currently tied for second place with 17 victories and 14 defeats apiece, Chicago and Pittsburgh have begun to play the brand of ball that was expected of them at the start of the season.

Pirates Kick Giants

It took the Pirates only one inning to make it victory number seven in the string yesterday as they finished Sunday's business by beating the Giants, 11 to 5. Play was suspended in the eighth because of the Sunday Pennsylvania curfew law and Xavier Rescigno held the Giants to one hit in the ninth after the Pirates made a run in the eighth yesterday. That gave them a sweep of the double bill, in which they took the first game, 16 to 4, for a total of 27 runs and 33 hits against the leaders. Yesterday's regular game was called off after four innings with Pittsburgh ahead, 2 to 0.

Dodgers Bow to Cubs

Paul Derringer beat the visiting Dodgers, 5 to 3, to enable the Cubs to keep pace with the Bucs. It was his sixth victory. He had only one bad inning, the third, when the Dodgers made three runs on three singles and Dixie Walker's double. The Reds won their third extra inning game in as many starts this year, topping Boston in the 12th, 2 to 1, on Eddie Miller's third hit, a single which cored Frank McCormick. Rookie Howard Fox, last of three Red pitchers, was the winner, beating Nate Andrews, who went all the way. Tommy Holmes got Boston's only run, a first inning homer.

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Oaks Gird For Try at Lead in Coast League Race

By United Press

The Oakland Acons may make a strong bid for the Pacific coast league starting tonight when they open a series with the six-place San Francisco Seals, while Portland and Seattle, the two top clubs, try to kill off each other.

Oakland, now four games off the pace in fourth place, has one of the strongest pitching staffs in the league. The offense department is led by two players who have turned down chances to play in the major leagues—Les Searsella and Jake Caulfield.

The eight-game series at Seals stadium will be highlighted by the appearance of Sad Sam Gibson against his former teammates. Gibson was released by San Francisco after years of brilliant hurling and feels he has enough stuff left to gain some measure of revenge against Lefty O'Doul's men.

Portland holds only a one-half game margin over the second-place Seattle club which has won 16 out of 18 games in recent weeks.

The improving Hollywood Stars entertain the Los Angeles Angels and the Sacramento Solons invade San Diego in the other eight-game series.

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