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### Junketing Trip Into Luzon Hills Not Much Fun

By LEE G. MILLER

WITH THE 25th DIVISION AT BALETE PASS, Luzon — (By Wireless) — Several of us decided to drive to the crest of Balete Pass, which the division had "secured" two days earlier. Uh huh.

We jeoped along highway 5, high above the little Digidig river. Clouds obscured the mountain crests and veils of mist clung to the gulleys. There was considerable traffic, and the roadways were cluttered here and there with groups of soldiers or Filipino guerrillas and laborers. Command posts and other bivouacs dotted the slopes and ridges, a surprising lot of them.

At times we would drive perhaps a hundred yards without seeing anybody, and I'd find myself watching for snipers, but around the next turn there would be a platoon of infantry or half a hundred Filipino carriers or a bulldozer.

We paused at a roadside aid station of the first battalion, 38th regiment, and passed the time of day with Capt. Demetrius Traggis of New London, Conn., in charge of the station, and Capt. Wallace Stark, of Oklahoma City, a chaplain who must have mislaid his razor.

Further on the mud got deep so we left the jeep and walked. Jim Hutcheson of the AP went ahead while I stopped to talk with a bunch of soldiers squatting at the foot of a steep hill, awaiting an order to move forward. A brigadier general came down the road and the soldiers were curious about him so I accosted him and he turned out to be Gen. James F. Collins of the first corps artillery.

I rejoined the squatting soldiers, and was putting down some of their names — T/Sgt. Joseph Elmo, New Haven, Conn., and Corp. Harold Ebert of Chetek, Wis. Well, anyway, it looks like Chetek in my notes. (Editor's note—correct name, Miller).

The trouble is, when I was halfway through writing the name of the town, a Jap shell landed on the hill above us, and Miller hit the dirt. I finished scrawling Chetek while flat on my belly among assorted soldiers and Igorot laborers, huddling close to a cliff.

Nobody got hurt, although several more shells came over.

A soldier handed me a shell fragment he had picked up a few feet away. I remember how the printer used to enjoy handing a greenhorn a slug fresh from a linotype and laugh when he would drop the hot metal. Maybe that's what this soldier had in mind with his fragment, for it was still hot. But I spoiled his fun by fingering it the way a printer does hot type and it's no trouble if you keep moving your fingers fast.

Of course it might have been hard to handle if the fragment had originally hit me instead of the highway.

The commanding officer of the 25th regiment came along during the shelling. He was Colonel Stanley H. "Swede" Larson, 29, whose wife lives in Talladega, Ala.

A soldier moved back a little. "Let me get away from the brass," he said with a bearded grin.

The colonel laughed and said the Japs didn't usually fire when he was around.

I can't say the same for myself, although the day before the Japs did wait until after I'd left the third battalion command post of the 101st regiment before throwing in artillery that wounded one man.

S/Sgt. Ernest Pettaway, of Kingston, N. C., came along, and Corp. Nestor Paquette of Dracut, Mass., and we had a lot of talk about the new point system for getting out of uniform.

Some of these boys sounded skeptical about points. Some hadn't even added up their score. They'd rather go home on "temporary duty" and fret about points later.

### "Soft Pitch" Beats Giants, Draws \$500 Fine for Voiselle

ST. LOUIS, June 2 (UP)—Mel Ott, manager of the New York Giants, imposed one of the stiffest fines in recent major league history today when he assessed his ace pitcher, Bill Voiselle, \$500 for serving up a soft pitch which led to a 4 to 3 defeat against the Cardinals last night.

Ott said the drastic action was necessary because Voiselle "disobeyed instructions" in pitching to Johnny Hopp, Cardinal outfielder, in the ninth inning. The Giants were ahead 3 to 1 at the time and Hopp tripled to score one run and start a rally which led to a 4 to 3 Cardinal victory.



**PETE'S PROUDEST ROOTERS**—Pete Gray, one-armed outfielder of St. Louis Browns, had added moral support when he made first appearance at Yankee stadium. Seated in stands were his folks, shown above with fleet-footed flycatcher. Pete was not a stranger to New York fans, having played with Bushwicks earlier in career.

## Yanks Beat Indians As Detroit Totters

NEW YORK, June 2 (UP)—The Giants' third straight loss, 4 to 3, at St. Louis, Voiselle had won eight in a row prior to his defeat.

Mort Cooper, making his second start for the Braves, was leading the Cubs, 6 to 1, in the fourth when rain washed the game off the books.

Coming home from a road trip on which they won only two games out of eight, they did an about face and picked up 10 victories in 12 starts, eight of them in a row.

Detroit was the only club to cause the Yankees trouble in their home diamond, picking up two victories in a series of three. But New York got back in stride against new opposition yesterday and defeated the Cleveland Indians, 9 to 2.

**Sox Win on 'Free' Runs**  
Two "free runs," forced in on walks with the bases loaded, gave the Boston Red Sox a 6 to 4 victory over Detroit. Emmett O'Neill, Red Sox pitcher, assured his victory with a three-run homer to pace the winners.

Sigmund Jakucki turned in his best effort of the season, blanking the Athletics at Philadelphia for a 4 to 0 Brown victory.

Rookie pitcher Walt Holborow walked in the winning run in the 11th at Washington to give the White Sox an 11 to 9 victory.

Frank McCormick's three-run homer broke up a 13 inning marathon with a 6 to 3 victory for the Reds over the Dodgers at Cincinnati.

Pittsburgh, helped by five errors of the Philadelphia defense, beat the Phillies, 6 to 5.

The Cards rallied in the ninth to hand Streaky Bill Voiselle of the Yankees his first defeat.

**Portland Beavers Shellac Rainiers For Two in Row**  
By United Press

Pacific Coast league hurlers turned in two shut outs last night as the Portland Beavers defeated Seattle 5 to 0 and the Sacramento Solons shellacked the San Diego Padres by the same score.

Southpaw Roy Helms stretched the Beavers' league leadership to a comfortable four and one-half game lead as he set down the second-place Rainiers down with five hits. It was Helms' 10th victory of the season. Gene Bobbit of the Solons held the Padres to four singles, while in Los Angeles 18-year-old hurler Ken Hicks turned in another four-hitter for a 9 to 2 win over Hollywood.

In the remaining league contest the San Francisco Seals won their fourth game in five starts with a 5 to 2 victory over Oakland.

Infield errors and a nifty San Diego pitcher, Bob Ferguson, gave the Solons their first run, another error and hits by Lillo Marcucci, McBreath and Ted Greenburgh netted them three more in the fifth stanza.

Gus Sahr, who got three hits in as many times at bat, and Neil Sheridan, whose double in the fourth scored the second run of the inning, led the attack against their former teammate, Sam Gibson, who was forced to retire in the seventh.

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## Galloping Ghost Says Pro-Football 'Shaky'—He Quits

CHICAGO, June 2 (UP)—Harold (Red) Grange, a veteran of football, today quit the game with the warning that "pro football is on shaky footing and anything can happen."

Grange, famed "galloping ghost" of the University of Illinois, officially announced that he had resigned as president of the postwar United States professional football league. His reasons, he said, were that (1) the game "does not know where it is going," and (2) "I want to devote more time to my insurance business."

Stepping out of football "for good, I think," Grange said: "Professional football can never be on a sound basis until it owns its own parks or until baseball club owners organize their own league and thereby use their own parks."

The national football league, he said, "is using baseball parks. All they really have are contracts and uniforms and if ever baseball decides to forbid football teams to play in its parks, the National League—or any league—is ruined."

NEW YORK, June 2 (UP)—Club owners of the National football league were expected to vote on whether to renew Elmer Layden's contract as commissioner today in a closed meeting at which other important matters may be decided.

Also high on the agenda was the controversy over territorial rights involving the New York Giants and the owners of the Brooklyn Tiger franchise, who want to move their club into the Yankee stadium.

## Ray Breaks Digit But Beats Lane

CHICAGO, June 2 (UP)—Elmer (Violent) Ray's climb to first place in the sports-go-round: A horseman whose dope is usually out of the right feed bag reports from Kentucky's hard-boots country that Col. E. R. Bradley is so set on winning his fifth derby with his well-named colt Burning Dream, that he is lining up the services of the greatest money jockey in the business, Eddie Arcazo, dark and dangerous Eddie who won the Blue Grass gallop twice before, in 1941 when he set the derby record of 2:01 2/5 for the mile and a quarter on Whirlaway, and in 1938 on Lawrin.

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**Cochrane Wins On KO in Warmup Bout**  
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., June 2 (UP)—Walterville champion Freddie (Red) Cochrane from Summit, N. J., scored a second round knockout over Pete Lello in a warmup bout last night. Making his first appearance in a professional ring since being discharged from the navy, Cochrane dropped Lello, a Chicago boxer, for a three count in the first round and sent him down for the full 10 at 1:12 of the second.

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WORCESTER, Mass. — Johnny Cool, 135, Worcester, outpointed Francis (Cocky) Davis, 136, Worcester, (10).

PROVIDENCE, R. I. — Bobby Zolio, 147½, East Providence, knocked out Tony Seave, 144, U. S. marines, (5).

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BALTIMORE — Yancey Henry, 202, Los Angeles, knocked out Johnny Whit, 213 Newark, (3).

HOLLYWOOD — Lou Bernal, 131, Los Angeles, outpointed Bert White, 132, Chicago (6).

SAN FRANCISCO — Dan Merritt, 202, Cleveland, O., KO'd Battling Monroe, 180, Los Angeles, (3).

MAURIELLO KAYOES DUDAS  
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By JACK CUDDY UP Staff Correspondent

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## New Veterans' Club Opens In Portland

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## Camp Adair To Be Redeployment Post

CAMP ADAIR, Ore., June 2 (UP)—Camp Adair officials are anticipating housing a number of troops, awaiting redeployment to the Pacific theater of war. Capt. Douglas McKay, camp public relations officer, said the complete program, and the number of men expected, have not been made public, although extensive construction and repairs have been made at the camp. An increase in the staff of the camp, both military and civilian, is planned to accommodate additional troops, McKay said.

Award of the distinguished flying cross to Flight Officer Lenn M. Pierson of La Grande is announced by headquarters of the India-China division of the air transport command in India in a communication received yesterday.

The award was made upon completion of 300 hours of operational flying, over the famous "Hump" of the Himalayas in transporting supplies to allied forces fighting the Japanese in China.

The citation accompanying the award commends the pilot for treacherous mountainous country, often under conditions that necessitate instrument flying "requiring courageous and superior performance of his duties... he accomplished his mission with distinction."

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Flesman have received word that their son-in-law, R. R. (Duke) Rohland, infantry instructor at Camp Houge, Texas, has been in the hospital two weeks as the result of a booby trap exploding in his right hand.

His hand became infected and an operation was necessary. Rohland, whose home now is in California, was district manager of the La Grande branch of the Van Pelt lumber company for a number of years. Mrs. Rohland is the former Blanch Flesman.

Tech. Sgt. Donald Gentry, 23, of La Grande, top turret gunner of "Worry Bird," a B-17 Flying Fortress of the 452nd bombardment group stationed in England, has been awarded an oak leaf cluster to the air medal for "meritorious achievement" while taking part in eighth air force bombing attacks on German industrial targets, and on Nazi military strong points, in support of advances by allied ground forces, prior to V-E day.

Sgt. Gentry is a member of the third air division, that received a unit citation for its historic England to Africa shuttle bombing of Messerschmitt aircraft factories at Regensburg, Germany. His wife, Mrs. Lorena Gentry, lives at Route 2, La Grande.

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