EXPERT CORPS EXPLOITS JAP WAR CONQUEST

(Editor's Note: Frank L. Martin writes of the Japanese "special service" unit on the basis of his experiences as a correspondent in the orient.)

By FRANK L. MARTIN

NEW YORK, March 9 (Wide World)—Only a few hours behind rolling Japanese assault forces moves another service under the emperor—the "special service" corps.

Not a branch of the army or navy, but a separate well-trained, highly specialized unit, this corps is assigned the job of quickly bringing order to a war-ravaged city, establishing a temporary administrative system, seeking out and seizing any booty and seeing that it systematically moves to hundreds of points in the fast growing Japanese empire where the demand for finished and raw materials is the greatest.

This wartime government service is composed of politicians, bankers, merchants, transportation experts, promotion men and language students who, before being drafted by their government, held high positions in well known business houses in Japan.

Like the army it has had more than 10 years of training in Mukden, Peiping, Tientsin, Hankow, Greater Shanghai, Canton and many smaller cities captured by Japan.

The corps' big test, before Japanese armies hammered their way into the Philippines, Malay states and the Netherlands East Indies, came a year ago in French Indo-China when Nippon troops moved by land, sea and air into Haiphong, Hanoi and Saigon.

It is certain that today the corps is at work in Manila, Singapore and Hongkong following the same pattern which proved so successful in the French colony.

Although the French and Japanese exchanged only a few shots during the Japanese military entry and the cities were undamaged, all the basic conquest problems were present, and Americans and Englishmen on the scene watched the corps take over with both speed and efficiency.

For example, while Japanese planes circled over Haiphong and lead destroyers zig-zagged into the bay, the last boat in the Japanese invasion fleet was laying a cable under direction of the communication division of the corps.

Five hours after troops were landed messages were racing over the cable from a temporary headquarters in Haiphong to Japanese-held Hainan island.

The French government in Hanoi was contacted almost immediately and it became apparent in only a few days that its power had been shorn.

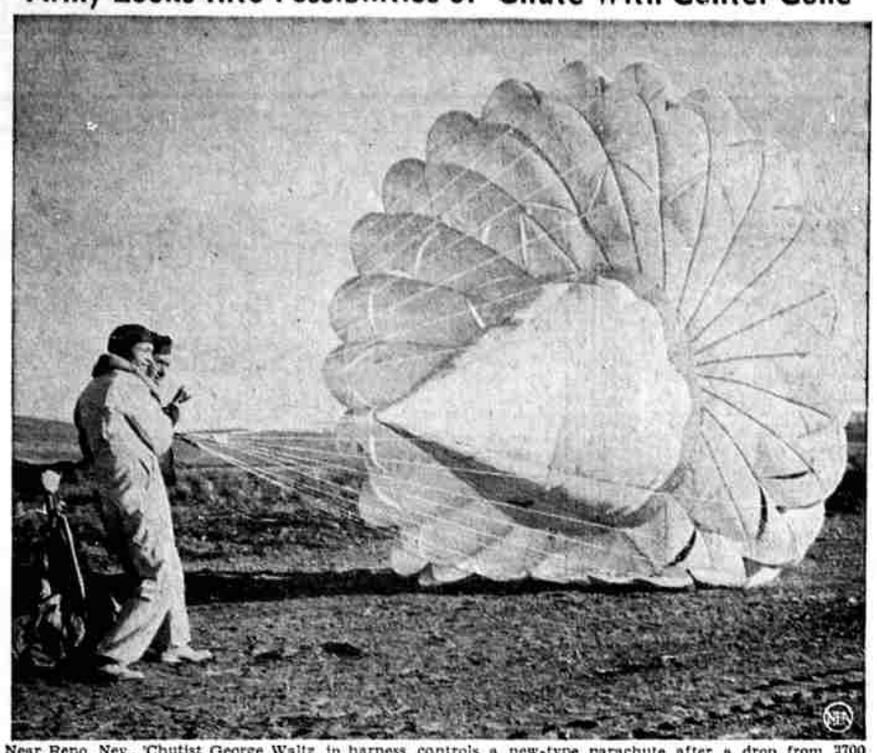
To save time and men, the Japanese attempt to persuade the present government to work for them. This was the case in Indo-China. American businessmen seeking a re-export permit for American goods to be shipped out of Indo-China were forced to deal directly with the Japanese after the French government admitted it had no voice in the matter.

When the Japanese entered Saigon in southern Indo-China, the special corps moved even more smoothly.

Undoubtedly Hongkong, Singapore and Manila are now undergoing the same treatment as cities in Indo-China.

Presumably hundreds of small coastal ships and large river boats taken by the Japanese in their conquests are moving in ant-like procession along the China coast today carrying American and British booty to Japanese ports.

Army Looks Into Possibilities of 'Chute With Center Cone



Near Reno, Nev., 'Chutist George Waltz, in harness, controls a new-type parachute after a drop from 2700 feet in a test made for an Army observer, right. The 'chute, invention of Dr Christian Wolf, utilizes a center cone to lessen the shock of opening and to slow down the speed of descent.

Soil Treatment Shown as Answer to Farmer's Need

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE
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URBANA, Ill., March 9 — Tears came to the eyes of an aging Illinois farmer as he looked at two fields of corn planted near here under direction of University of Illinois agricultural experts.

"Why," he asked, "couldn't I have known about this 20 years sooner? If I had, all my children could have gone to college."

Both corn fields were in a swampy region. One produced almost no corn, the other, with potash fertilizer, grew 80 bushels to the acre.

The good corn yield looked simple to the farmer. It was but the work that went into the demonstration began at the university 66 years ago — in the Morrow plots, 12 small experimental fields now totaling less than an acre altogether, right up the middle of the present campus.

Those plots, still raising corn and other crops, are America's oldest experimental fields. The swamp corn is one of their lessons, the result of transferring their findings to larger farm fields about the state.

The plots were named after George E. Morrow, who was professor of agriculture at Illinois in 1875. At present they carry on under direction of W. L. Burleson, head of the agronomy department, and F. C. Bauer, professor of soil fertility.

This old land shows that it is possible to maintain crop yields even higher than those obtained in the beginning.

It shows that crop rotation without fertilization is insufficient.

It emphasizes, says Prof. Bauer, that the great problem of American farmers is soil treatment.

This old land has helped to get rid of a prevailing idea by which farmers divided soil treatment into two groups, that which was unavoidable, and that which they could neglect.

An example is land in Hardin county, Ill., where, with treatment, 172 acres has produced as much as 700 acres with no treatment. That is, 25 acres is equal to 100 acres.

This example is at the extreme end of poor land production. At the other end is land so rich that little treatment is needed. In between is a bewildering range of variations, and for each one, if the farmer understands right, he can send his children to college.

The old Morrow plots have furnished many of the answers.

ICC Takes Over Truck Rationing

PORTLAND, March 9 (AP)—The government lifted a freezing order on trucks and trailers today and the interstate commerce commission took over rationing of the stocks.

The motor carrier division of the ICC said rationing instructions and application forms would be in the hands of Oregon dealers this week.

Ewauna Employes Form Credit Union On Federal Plan

Formation of an employes' federal credit union at the Ewauna Box company was announced Saturday by the firm.

The unit formed with the cooperation of Lance Barden, representative of the federal credit union, is the second among Klamath basin sawmills. A similar plan is in effect at the Weyerhaeuser Timber company.

At a meeting in the Altamont high school Saturday morning, Ewauna employes named a board of directors including Jake Olson, Ralph Denoist, Ralph Karer, Bert Tompkins, Henry Bagley, Phayo Pfefferle, and George E. Johnson.

Known as the Ewauna Employes' federal credit union, the organization permits the buying of shares by employes and loan of money at a nominal interest rate to all members.

HADN'T HEARD, MAYBE

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., (AP)—The slogan of the Jesse James bar (You won't be held up at the Jesse James) is intended solely for the customers.

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'DEATH OR VICTORY' OUTLOOK ON BATAAN

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

WASHINGTON, March 9 (AP) Military quarters here today were talking about the battle of Bataan as a "death or victory" struggle for General Douglas MacArthur and his valiant fighting men, the odds for death or possibly capture being heavily against those for ultimate victory.

Yet the fact that there was even a slight chance for triumphant survival of the Philippines force, as the fourth month of Pacific war opened, was regarded as little short of a military miracle in view of what has happened to the defenders of Hongkong, Singapore and the Dutch East Indies.

Actually, officers who have known MacArthur for years explained the "miracle" in terms of thorough preliminary planning for the defense of Bataan long before the war began. Of equal importance, they said, is the fact that MacArthur has outgeneraled and his troops have out-fought the Japanese in every engagement to date.

Eventually, perhaps MacArthur may have to withdraw his forces to Corregidor and the other forts guarding Manila bay. There they should be able to continue the fight for some time longer in the last ditch hope that reinforcements will be sent.

"There is no doubt," said one of MacArthur's friends, "that he is determined to see the Philippines fight through to the finish. If he has any choice he will never leave—until death or victory. Only an order which, as a soldier, he would have to obey would get him out."

The rugged Bataan peninsula had been chosen long before as the best section of Luzon island on which to make a stand against numerically superior forces. Full preparations for its defense were made before the war.

OBEDIENCE TEST

MINNEAPOLIS, (AP)—A new employe in the postoffice was being shown around.

"This," said the instructor, "is a button for the burglar alarm. You just push it."

He did.

Two squad cars came.

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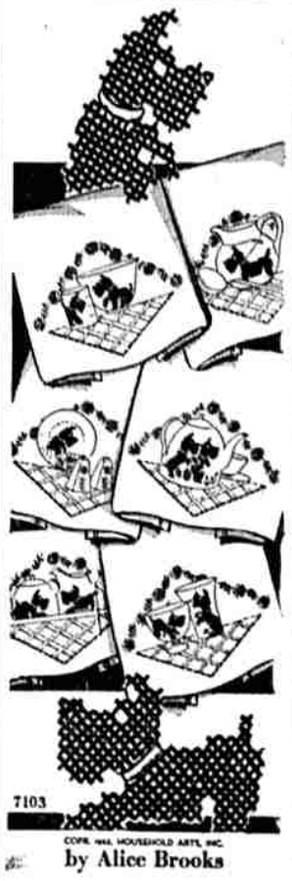

by Alice Brooks

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The content of tin in tin cans has been reduced. The war is even hard on the goats.

ALIEN EVACUATION DETAILS FORMING

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9 (AP)—Two hundred American-born Japanese leaders from 10 western states pledged anew their loyalty to the United States today as it became clear that broad details of a vast migration from coastal military zones are to be worked out here during the coming days.

The Japanese, meeting at a three-day emergency session of the Japanese-American Citizens' league, promised full obedience to any evacuation of the army.

Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, commanding general of the western defense command and fourth army, has power under a presidential order to require removal of anyone from areas of military importance.

With the Tolan congressional committee on alien evacuation coming here today from Los Angeles to confer with DeWitt and with the general's civilian alien control coordinator, Tom C. Clark, and the presence here of the Japanese group, it appeared likely that decisions would be announced here some time this week.

These developments occurred as FBI activities tapered off after the arrest of 105 persons in a roundup of suspected members of Japanese secret societies. The FBI announced that many short wave radios, rifles and cameras were seized.

We are thinking in terms of offensive warfare rather than defensive warfare.—Gov. Gruening of Alaska.

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