HIGH ANGLE

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War Extra Makes Hit With Readers

Publishing of an EXTRA made a big hit with the personnel of the battalion, judging from the comments heard by the staff of the High Angle.

Plans for the printing of an EXTRA were made last week-end. On both Monday and Tuesday, the staff borrowed T/4 Gerard Kaufman from Headquarters and planned to AFN Munich, our chief source of information, at the printing shop office. After supper, one member of the staff listened to T/4 Shizuru Fujiwara's radio in the Hotel Krone.

We learned on Tuesday that Wednesday was a German holiday, so made arrangements with the owner of the shop to have one linotyped and one printer on call for the night and the next day as news broadcasts heard that morning gave an indication that the end of the war would come soon. After supper, we learned that the first message received from Japan by the United States, via Switzerland, did not contain the answer awaited by the whole world, but that the Japanese Government's reply to the Big Four powers was on its way at 1600 hours.

WESTDALE HAS HUNCH

T/5 Virgil Westdale had a hunch and volunteered to listen to AFN Munich until it signed off. He said, "I think it will break before morning. It's got us!" At 0ne at 2130 hours said that the Japanese reply would be in the White House in two hours. A second flash was broadcast at 0045 hours, announcing that Secretary of State James F Byrnes had received the reply from a Swan official 45 minutes ago.

Finally, at 0100 hours, the long-awaited announcement came through — "The Japanese Government has notified that Japan accepts the surrender terms."

The two other regular staff members were immediately awakened. Each man took down as much as he could in long hand, every time a flash or a newscast was broadcast, then connected notes, confirmed the best portions and put them into stereo form.

GOOD DELAYS EDITION

At 0330 hours, the staff went on to the printing shop. A half-hour passed before the door of the shop was opened and the two workers arrived. The EXTRA, actually a 0300 hours edition, went to press at 0600, and half hour later 600 copies had been printed and were on the way to the batteries. The expressions on the faces of the officers and men, who had been asleep when the biggest news story of the war broke, must have been one of surprise, joy and bewilderment when they awoke to find the EXTRA with the headlines "WAR ENDS" in their rooms or in the bedside chow line.

When all the papers had been delivered, the regular staff members sighed in relief. We had printed the story of the war before any other paper in the area, which was enough satisfaction to make the all night work well worth the while. Then too, the Stars and Stripes failed to arrive on Wednesday, in the battalion, thus bringing to bond the importance of our campaign EXTRA on the end of the war.

Seek Steel Guitar Players

Steel guitar players and other talented Hawaiian instrumentalists are asked to turn in their names to the I&E Department as soon as possible, so that organization of a battalion orchestra can get underway.

SERVICE BATTERY MEN POSE WITH HIGH ANGLE EXTRA — The men holding the copies are Pfc Masaichi Nakasu, left, and T/Sgt George Nishimura. Standing back of Nakasu are Pfc Iwao Kashima and Pfc Ichiro Ishizaki, while Pvt Yoshio Tokuda is to the back of Nishimura.

MI Men Return To Battalion

The Hilyards men who left Wednesday afternoon with the intention of attending the Military Intelligence School at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, were back with the battalion again the same evening — almost before the hand shakes and tearful breaking goodbyes had cooled off.

The group went as far as Sandberg, their first stop enroute to the States, but when they arrived there they were told that their shipment had been cancelled.

Most of the men asked for a recheck when they first heard the news, which was hard to believe.

Afterwards, all kinds of comments were heard among the men — such as, "Now we are going to stay overseas for keeps," or "Looks like we will be with the battalion for the duration," or "Now we'll have to go to give one group the quota for the first week and the second group the quota for the second week." Or, "Looks like taking did quite for the third week."

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Two Men Go On Pass To United Kingdom

Cpl Kenichi Shimizu, Battery B, and Pfc Shigeo Watanabe, Service, left Wednesday night for seven-day furloughs in the United Kingdom which will start on August 20.

They are the first two men from the battalion to get furloughs to the United Kingdom.

PASS PASSES

From August 12 — Cpl Nobuo Akagi, Battery C, Pfc Michinori Kitagawa, Headquarters, Pvt Richard Kino, Battery B; and Pfc Minoru Hirozawa, Service.

NOVEMBER REST CENTER

August 12 to 14 — S/Sgt Tadiyoo Inada, T/5 Raymond Kakuda, Pfc Saburo Abarazu, Pfc Yoshimitsu Hirayama, Pfc Charles Matsumoto, Pvt Frank Tokuoch, Headquarters; T/5 James Mayeda, Pfc Kazu Hatsui, Pfc Eugene Mizukami,

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Switzerland Tours To Start Soon

Passes to Switzerland will be allotted to officers and men of this battalion when quotas for such are received by 13th FA Brigade, it was announced this week.

One officer and four men from troops under Brigade command will get to go to Switzerland every week. Since there are two FA Groups in the Brigade, provision has been made to give one group the quota for the first week and the second group the quota for the second week. Thus, the people taking did quite for the third week.

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Medal To Takayanagi

M/Sgt Seiji Takayanagi, received his Bronze Star Medal at a special presentation ceremony held in the office of Lt Col Hugo M Harrison, commanding officer, Saturday afternoon. Col Harrison pinned the medal on Sgt Takayanagi, who left the same day for school at Biarritz, France, after WO(J) Frederick Jimbo read the citation.

Kurimura Is Promoted

Pfc Terry Kurimura, Battery A, was promoted to corporal on Wednesday.

Appointment of Lt James Mirono as special service officer was also announced on Wednesday.

Nice Pass Men Had Wonderful Time

T/5 Harry Ishibashi, Headquarters, and Cpl Thomas Mayeda, Battery A, were in Nice, France, when the war came to an end, but were back with the battalion the same day after spending seven-day leaves in the famous Riviera resort.

This is the story they told:

"The trip was by plane from Munich to Nice, a three-hour ride. When we got to Nice we were given meal tickets, courtesy cards and instructions on how to get around in Nice. We could have given them some pointers.

T-BONE AT HOTEL NICE

"Our seven-day leave was spent at the Hotel Nice. Chow hours were 0700 to 1000 for breakfast, 1200 to 1500 for dinner, and 1800 to 2000 for supper. In addition to meat and fresh vegetables, we also had rare watermelons and muskmelons.

"There are thousands of GIs there, and they all dress like they were breaking up for redeployment. No hats, no ties, no sockshing, and wearing of T-shirts allowed. Curfew is at 0200 hours.

"Cokes are free, dances held three times a week, with music by an American band, ice cream cones open daily, and slaughters are presented (Spring Fever, nothing), at the Red Cross.

"The USO stars come to the Riviera Bowl often. Bob Hope was there at the time. Tuxedoes are made from cured large hobbs and the American Expressions office. Trips take you around Mount Carlo, Cannes and Antibes.

MUSEUMS HAS MEMORABILIA

"Our old hang outs are still there. The Queen's Bar has been redecorated and also reopened. Can Can is wild as ever, and drinks are even more expensive. The Oyster Bar still sells delicts to the girls working there, except other GIs are buying them.

"Clothing exchange is just 10 blocks from the Red Cross, but you can get everything you except shoes. Bikes can be rented with a 300 franc deposit, which is returned when the joy ride ends. Bicycle stalling is free. Post Exchanges in almost every hotel, and you GI market.

"It's summer in Nice and women wear less than ever. What we do are could almost be classed with the antoinettes. The weather there is wonderful and warm, and beautiful Mediterranean decorate the beaches in front of the Red Cross with brief interpretations of swimsuits. Some of the girls are known to swim and row verse in their own opinion, appearing wise. You look, but do not see. We thought we were watching an exhibition of the finer arts of Burlesque strip tease.

"When all letters and notes were delivered to the right people and addresses, we started home for Germany with dreams of the paradise city on the French Riviera."

Medals Presented To Tojo, Shimabukuro

Two men who were scheduled to leave for MI School were presented combat medal awards in a special ceremony held in the office of the commanding officer of the battalion on Wednesday.

Lt Col Hugo M Harrison presented the Bronze Star Medals to T/4 Tadashi Tojo, S/P, and Sgt Milos Shimabukuro, Battery A. Sgt Tojo was also presented with the Soldier's Medal.

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