

7-Oct-45 Souvenir Edition Yokohama to San Francisco "First Home from the Pacific"
 Docked San Francisco 8-Oct-45. Returning with 5000 troops. Americal Division / 1st Cavalry Div.
 45th Infantry Div / 112th Cavalry Reg. and 44th Tank Battalion.



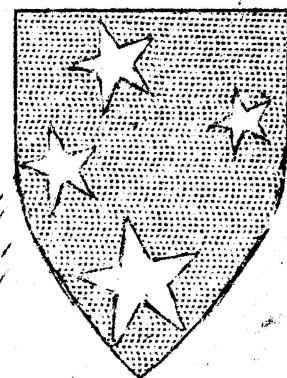
FIRST HOME FROM PACIFIC!



We are the first convoy to leave Japan for the states, and are way ahead of our two sister ships. "Frisco" is just around the corner! Naturally all of us are anxious to get back to our homes and loved ones and three reasons why we are going back so soon are on board the USS General John Pope:—the Americal, 1st Cavalry and 43rd Divisions, all veterans of strategic campaigns against the Japs. For every man's personal use we are printing a brief history on each of these units and hope that someday it will bring back memories of your voyage home. Here they are in alphabetical order:—

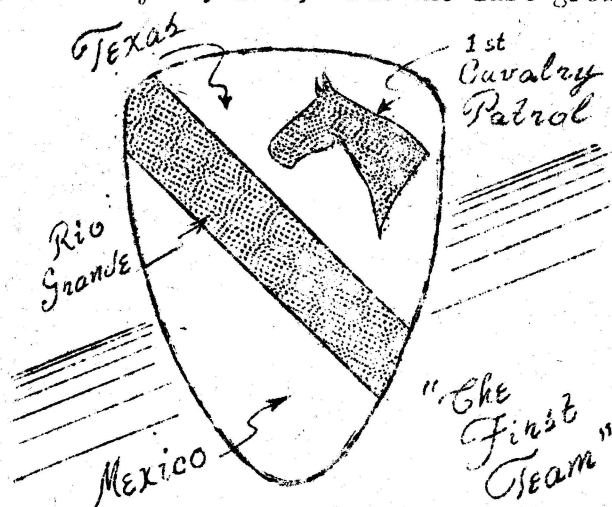
AMERICAL DIVISION—Formed in May, 1942, the Americal

Division had done much in hurrying the day that we arrive home. The 182nd, 132nd and 164th Regiments, formerly National Guard units from Massachusetts, Illinois and North Dakota, were sent overseas in the early part of 1942, and the first to leave the states were the 182nd and 132nd, who sailed in January, 1942. In March, the 164th moved to Australia to join their brother regiments and from the "Land Down Under" the three units travelled to New Caledonia where the regiments were formed into a Division. Since being situated on New Caledonia it was decided to combine the words America and New Caledonia and name the Americal. Guadalcanal was their first campaign where in October, 1942, the Americal earned the distinction of being the first Army Division to face the Japs while on the offensive. The Fiji Islands was the next stopover for the battle-hardened Americal men and there they received further training and had a well earned rest and recuperation period. In December, 1943, the Division sailed from the Fiji's to Bougainville where they remained until January, 1945, when they moved to Leyte in the Philippines. On March 26, 1945, almost three years from the date the Americal Division was formed, they made the important assault landing on Cebu Island in the Philippines, etching another mark on the pages of their historic battle record against the Japs. Upon completion of the Cebu operation the Americal moved on August 30, 1945, to Japan, and on September 8th they landed on Nippon's soil, setting up camp in the Tokyo-Yokohama area. The Jap-hungry Americal Division is not only the original Division to fight the Nips on the offensive but it also is the only Army Division without a numerical number and the lone Division that was originated overseas.



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1ST CAVALRY DIVISION-The 1st Cavalry Division, only Division of its kind to fight in World War II, left its stateside camp at Fort Bliss, Texas, on May 18, 1943. Moving to the west coast the first contingent of "troopers" sailed for overseas on May 28, 1943, with the last group following on July 3. Using Brisbane, Australia, as their initial "beachhead," the Division continued with extensive amphibious training in Australia and edged north to Oro Bay, New Guinea, in December and January, 1943.



From there they jumped off for the Admiralty Islands where elements of the 1st Cavalry Brigade, led by the Division's present commanding General, Major General William Chase, made the assault landing on February 29, 1944. The 1st Cavalry's 2d Brigade, spearheaded another landing on rugged Manus Island under the leadership of another former Division commander, Verne D. Mudge, and soon took possession thus closing the battle for the Admiralties. Then followed the D-Day landings on Leyte, Philippines, early in the morning of October 20, 1944. After overrunning their first objective, Tacloban, capitol of Leyte, the Cavalrymen moved west to the treacherous

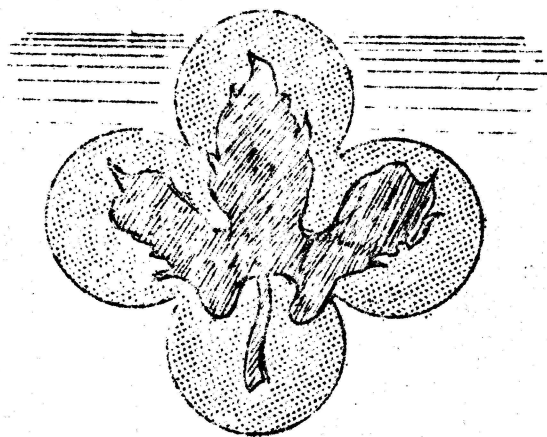
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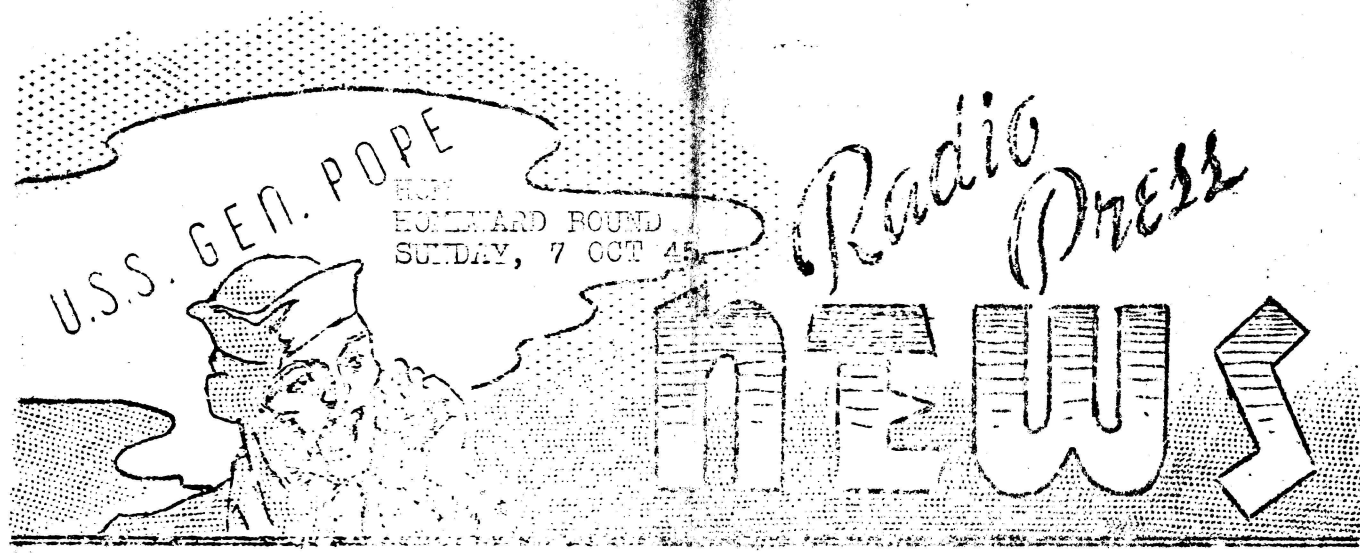
Ormoc Valley. Along with the 32nd Infantry and 77th Infantry Divisions, they soon trapped the enemy into a pocket of which the Japs could not escape. While members of the 7th, 5th and 12th Cavalry Regiments were mopping up in western Leyte, Brigadier General Hugh Hoffman's 2nd Cavalry Brigade, featuring the 8th Cavalry Regiment, was taking care of Samar, neighboring island of Leyte. The 8th captured the important barrio of Wright and also Samar's Capital, Catbalogan, in this phase of war. On January 27, 1945, the 1st Cavalry landed at Lingayen Gulf, Luzon, on the first stop of its historic drive on the "Pearl of the Orient" city, Manila, which culminated on February 3, 1945, when General Chase led the 5th Cavalry Regiment, 8th Cavalry Regiment and 2nd Cavalry Brigade Recon Platoon in to rescue over 3,000 internees from Santo Tomas University. From Manila the Division moved over to strike at the Japs "Yamashita Line" surrounding the important city of Antipolo. After successfully driving the Japs out of Antipolo the "1st was First" Division moved into the southern sector of Luzon and after two months of fighting occupied the barrio of Lucena for a rest camp. In the morning of September 2, 1945, elements of the 1st Cavalry poured onto the beaches of Nippon near Yokohama and within six days made their historic march into Japan's Capital city, Tokyo!

43rd INFANTRY DIV

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men from every state in the Union. Federalized February 24, 1941, the 43rd trained at Camp Blanding, Florida, and Camp Shelby, Mississippi before coming overseas in October, 1942. Only two of the Division's Infantry Regiments are on ship--the 169th and 172nd. The 103rd still is in Japan. The 172nd, after some time in the New Hebrides, made its first beachhead at Rendova while the rest of the Division, which had been training in New Zealand, hit at other points on New Georgia. Then ensued three months of tough fighting in some of the most dense jungle the GI's have seen before or since. Their next operation was to reinforce the 32nd Infantry in the Aitape sector of New Guinea, just after the Jap break-thru along the Drin-umuir River. The 43rd made another beachhead on the Lingayen Gulf shore of Luzon and protected the extreme left flank of the operation while other troops raced to Manila. The Division took Rosario and then was shifted to Central Luzon, where it captured Ipo Dam with such speed that the Japs were unable to destroy this source of Manila's water supply. The 43rd was among the first few Divisions to land in Japan and now is among the first to be sent home. Wearing four campaign stars, many of the GI's think their toughest fighting was in capturing small Arundel Island in the New Georgia group. It didn't get much publicity but it got a lot of blood and sweat.





STRIKERS NOW OVER MILLION MARK

WASHINGTON - New strikes in our country have brought a total of striking workers to more than one half million. In accordance with President Truman's order the Navy took over operation of strikebound properties of 26 oil companies but some doubt existed regarding willingness of striking workers to return until their demands for higher wages have been met. The bituminous coal strike moved to its 6th state, Indiana, and began to affect production in the steel industry. Secretary of Labor Louis B. Schweilenbach invited 9 operators and representatives of miners to meet with him on October 6th to discuss the present grave strike problems.

Walkout of dock workers and longshoremen continued in New York harbor, delaying the movement of a great many ships. In the port of Houston, Texas, the longshoremen began their strike on October 5, and brought shipping to a halt in an attempt to secure increased wages.

In Western United States a strike of major bus lines halted most inter-city bus travel on the 4th.

Strikes continued in automotive industry. Union officials said that the strike at the Kelsey Hayes Wheel Company in Detroit was continuing but that workers would be back to work by the beginning of next week.

Approximately 1/4 million independent union telephone operators and associated workers planned to quit their jobs for 4 hours on the 5th in order to attend a mass meeting called to determine whether unions should take strike votes. Long distance and other calls will be halted during this demonstration.

CRASH IN PACIFIC

SAN FRANCISCO - Officials at Metzer Field, California, announced on the 6th that a "B-29" bomber returning from Western Pacific had crashed in the Pacific Ocean about 300 miles off the coast. Details of crash were lacking. The bomber was believed to be carrying approximately 20 veteran air men scheduled for discharge or re-assignment.

The Coast Guard reported today that some of the crew had been rescued. No official announcement was ready as to the number saved, they said. Some Navy search planes had located "B-29" men and service ships were dispatched to rescue them. The Coast Guard added that no official announcement would be made until more details were obtained.

TIGERS EDGE CUBS

CHICAGO - At Wrigley Field Dizzy Trout, strong righthander of the Detroit Tigers, allowed the Cubs 5 hits yesterday to handcuff the Bruins 4 - 1 in the 4th game of the World Series. Both Clubs have now won two games apiece.

FLORIDA - So hard up is Key West, now a booming Naval Base, for high school teachers, that Principal Horace O'Bryant has offered qualified young women instructors the guarantee of a "Navy Lieutenant with or without wings", if they will take the job.



GLOBAL NEWS



IS HITLER STILL ALIVE?

LONDON - General Eisenhower stated on October 6th to Netherlands reporters in the Hague that, "I believed at one time that Hitler was really dead but there is reason now to believe that he is still alive."

TOKYO - UP said yesterday that "Well Informed Japanese" stated that the cabinet's resignation was forced by MacArthur's directive allowing Japanese freedom of speech which gave the people for the first time the right to criticize their Emperor. AP reported getting their information from Imperial Household sources which said that the Emperor was dispensing with the additional service of the famed elder statesmen and is choosing a new Premier but will be advised by only two men, Marquis Gocho Kido, Lord Keeper of the Privy, and Baron Keichiro Hiranuma, 80-year-old President of the Privy Council.

Meanwhile the Home Office Ministry instructed police chiefs who MacArthur had ordered removed by October 10th to return to their posts, "pending decisions of future steps". Instructions said an immediate change would have "Considerable bearing upon the domestic situation".

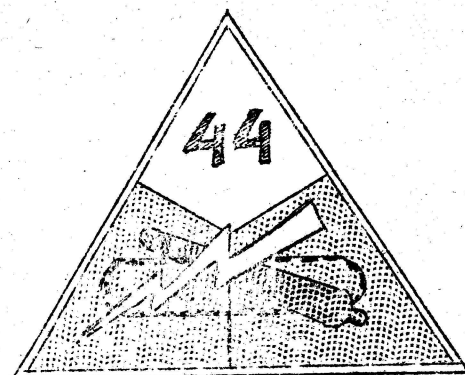
MANILA - Major General Fred Usl disclosed on October 6th that 490 allied liberated prisoners have been processed at Manila and that this total included 8,796 Americans. Usl said that 5,723 Americans and 8,407 other Nationals are already homeward bound. He also stated that incoming Liberties are now few and that with increased shipping facilities all US prisoners of war will soon be on their way home.



In addition to the three Army Divisions on the ship we have many other elements represented. Among those are 82nd Chemical Mortar Battalion, XI Corps Field Artillery, 760th Field Artillery, 517 Field Artillery, 744th MP Company, 238 Chemical Service, 637th Tank Destroyer, 131st Engineers, 872nd Aviation Engineers and the 161st Coast Artillery. Two other well known units are the 112th Cavalry Regiment and the 44th Tank Battalion.



112th
CAV.
REGT.



44th TANK BATTALION

112TH CAVALRY - The 112th Cavalry Regiment was originally organized as the 5th Texas Cavalry (Texas National Guard) and was designated as the 112th Cavalry in 1921. It later became a part of the 56th Cavalry Brigade, with units throughout Texas. Prior to induction into Federal Service, November 18, 1940, the 112th Cavalry trained during their summer encampments at Camp Stanley and Camp Wolters, Texas; also taking part in the 3rd Army Maneuvers at Fort Bullis in 1938 and the first Louisiana Maneuvers in 1940. Upon induction into Federal Service the 112th Cavalry was assembled at Fort Bliss, Texas, where it was stationed until moving to Fort Clark, Texas, on the Mexican Border, to relieve elements of the 1st Cavalry Division which was being assembled at Fort Bliss. Embarking from PO of E, San Francisco, California on July 20, 1942 the 112th Cavalry was the FIRST horse cavalry unit to be shipped overseas. It landed in New Caledonia, 11 August 1942 and immediately set to work training it's Australian mounts which had been purchased and shipped from Australia prior to the Regiment's arrival.

Serving as a mounted unit until June 1943 at which time it was "de-horsed" and shipped to Townsville, Australia, to stage for the first step of the Sixth Army's long and hard fought road to Tokyo and the defeat of Japan, landing on Woodlark Island, 1 July 1943. In November 1943 the 112th Cavalry was teamed up with the 148th FA Battalion, which originally landed at Darwin, Australia in early 1942 and attached units forming the task force which made the first landing on New Britain at Arawe on 15 December 1943. The Regimental Combat Team then continued on its route to Japan taking part in the Drinimour River Campaign, Aitape, New Guinea; the Philippine Island Campaign on Leyte and Luzon. The final goal was reached upon landing at Tateyama Naval Base, Japan, 3 September 1945.

"The THUNDERING HERD"

44th TANK BATTALION - The 44th Tank Battalion became a separate unit in March 1944 at Camp Hathaway, Vancouver Barracks. Its members had been together since the fall of 1942 when they were activated as the 2nd Battalion of the 44th Armored Regiment, 12th Armored Division. Training days were spent at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, Tennessee Maneuver Area and Camp Berkeley. At the staging at Finschafen, New Guinea, and with the slogan "Victory in 44 with the 44th", the Battalion was attached to the 6th Army as reserve for General Douglas MacArthur's New Guinea operations. Within a month B and C Companies' medium tanks were slugging it out with the Nips at Drinimour River and in Dutch New Guinea as supporting elements of the 43rd and 6th Divisions respectively. In September 1944, the Battalion was attached to the 1st Cavalry Division in the Admiralty Islands and staged for the Leyte Invasion. The hard-driving tankers accompanied by troopers of the First Cavalry were on the Tacloban airstrip and in the Capitol City ahead of schedule. When that job was done and because the terrain was unsuitable for tank warfare the tanks were parked and the crews set out on foot. The close of the Leyte Campaign brought a unit commendation from General Verne D. Mudge, Commanding General of the 1st Cavalry Division which stressed the ability of the tankers, not only as such, but also in the performance of their duties for which they had received no training. On Luzon the 44th "Spearheaded" the First Cavalry's "Flying Column" movement on Manila, and led Cavalrymen into Santo Thomas Internement Camp. With the new slogan "Home Alive in 45", the tankers pushed on. Again there were commendations from the 1st Cavalry Division, 11th Airborne Division, and the 158th Regimental Combat Team, with whom they fought so well. Elements of the 44th took part in a total of 11 amphibious landings, battles in New Guinea, "D" Day landings on Leyte and the liberation of Manila and Southern Luzon. Finally the tankers were chosen to be among the first to occupy Tokyo, again attached to the 1st Cavalry Division. "Happy was the Day" when elements of the 44th were selected to be among the first to leave Tokyo for the good old USA.

The LAST STEPS (Continued from Yesterday)

TOBACCO RATIONS - Tobacco is being rationed at Posts, Camps, and Stations, but special arrangements have been made for returnees at staging areas and troops will receive sufficient tobacco, including cigarettes, to carry them to the reception station where tobacco rations card will be issued.

MAIL - Every effort will be made to distribute mail at the staging area but it is impossible to guarantee that mail will catch up with the outfit. Returnees should be informed that mail must carry a return address on envelopes whether stamps or "Free" privilege is utilized. The address where he will spend his leave or furlough should be used but not his APO or staging area address.

CASHING OF CHECKS - Men must wait until they arrive at the staging area to ascertain whether or not they can cash checks.

MONEY ORDERS - The Post Office at the staging area will both issue and cash money orders.

SHOE RATIONS - Certificates are available at reception station. Certificates are not issued at staging area.

FOOD RATIONS - Certificates should be obtained at civilian ration board after returnees arrive home.

BAGGAGE * Hand baggage will be carried from the transport by owner. Unaccompanied baggage will be shipped to the address on the tag.

TO ALL PASSENGERS -

It has been a real pleasure for the Officers and Enlisted Men, both Army and Navy, members of the crew of the USS General John Pope, to have had the opportunity of carrying you as passengers on the homeward voyage from Yokohama to San Francisco.

You have been swell people to work with and our very best wishes go with you as you return to your homes.

WILLIAM M. A. BRANDT,
Lt. Col., T. C.,
Army Transportation Officer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ALL books will be turned in to the Ship's Library by 1300 today!!

LOST - In galley corridor-a new type field jacket with name and serial number printed inside. Finder please return to Joseph M. Engbarth in Compartment 72 or to Troop Headquarters.

MOVIE - "Johnny Apollo" starring Tyrone Powers Picture will be shown for troops of Compartment 54 and 1845.

NOTE - A special supper will be ~~held~~ ^{held} in the Troop's Mess Hall.

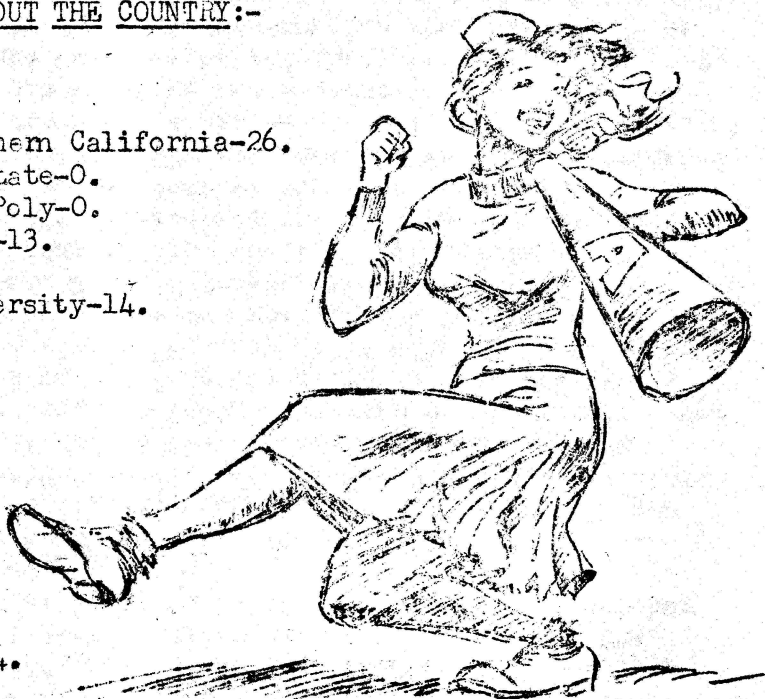
-MENU-

Roast Young Turkey
Creamed Mashed Potatoes
Sage Dressing
Buttered Peas and Carrots
Giblet Gravy
Sweet Pickles, Olives
Apple Pie and Cheese
Bread with fresh butter
Coffee

SPORTS DOPE

LATEST FOOTBALL SCORES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY:-

NAVY-21; Duke-0.
BROWN-51; Boston College-6.
ST. MARY'S PRE-FLIGHT-24; Southern California-26.
WASHINGTON STATE-27; Oregon State-0.
MISSISSIPPI STATE-20; Alabama Poly-0.
TENNESSEE-48; William and Mary-13.
PURDUE-13; Wisconsin-7.
CALIFORNIA-27; Washington University-14.
NOTRE DAME-40; Georgia Tech-7.
PITTSBURGH-38; Bucknell-0.
FLORIDA-7; Tulane-7.
OHIO STATE-42; Iowa-0.
MINNESOTA-61; Nebraska-7.
ARMY-54; Wake Forest-0.
PENNSYLVANIA-12; Dartmouth-0.
MICHIGAN-20; Northwestern-7.
INDIANA-6; Illinois-0.
TEXAS-33; Texas Tech-0.
ARKANSAS-31; Texas Christian-14.
TEXAS AGGIES-19; Oklahoma-14.
COLORADO-18; Utah-13.
OREGON-33; Idaho-7.



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