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# WORLD AT PEACE TOTAL WAR ENDS HIROHITO MAY REMAIN AS EMPEROR

## COLONEL LUCKETT SAYS

When official announcement was made that Japan had accepted the Allied demands for peace, made at Potsdam, Col. James Luckett, Commanding Officer of the 318th Infantry Regiment gave the following quotation —

"IT APPEARS THAT THE JAPANESE HAVE JUST LEARNED THAT THE 318TH REGIMENT IS IN CATEGORY NUMBER TWO AND IS BEING READIED FOR SHIPMENT TO THE PACIFIC THEATER. UPON LEARNING THIS INFORMATION, THE JAPANESE DECIDED TO CALL IT QUITS. THIS DECISION WAS APPARENTLY BASED ON WHAT THE 318TH DID IN GERMANY."

Lt. Col. Gardner, Regimental Executive Officer.

"ONE HALF OF THE GAME IS OVER. THE OTHER HALF IS COMING UP, AND IT'S GOING TO BE EQUALLY DIFFICULT TO WIN."

Sgt. P. J. Stanchak, G Co., 318th: —

"Let's go home! I crave American whiskey, American women, and — AMERICA!"

Pvt. Charles Benson, publisher HAMPER NEWS, formerly 80th Div. M. P.: —

"This knocks HELL out of spending Christmas at home."

"Regardless, we are all glad to wait a little longer if necessary."

Lt. Dannie Simmons, Special Service Officer, 318th: —

"Damn good thing for everyone! Thousands of lives will be saved. Moral will go up (and Special Service won't have to work as hard). Men can look forward to being with their families instead of C. B. I."

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## McARTHUR TO BE SUPREME COMMANDER

### EMPEROR HIROHITO'S TALK

"After pondering deeply the general conditions of the world, we have decided to resort to extremely unusual measures," he began, and then elaborated by referring to Pearl Harbor. "In attacking the American possessions, we undertook to save Japan, rather than acquire any additional territory." Then he confessed, "The war has not necessarily helped Japan." From this face-saving beginning, he turned to the future of the people. "We must work with a resolution to restore Japan from the destruction the war has wrought."

As to the atomic bomb, he had no direct reference, he said, "It was decided to cooperate with the world powers in restoring peace and to save our islands from further destruction."

The whole tenor of Hirohito's talk was a face-saving movement to lessen the real meaning of the Allied victory. He referred to the war as "inevitable" rather than the result of aggressive action on the part of the ruling Jap War Lords.

## ORDERS JAPANESE GOVT. TO GIVE INFORMATION ON ALL TROOPS

Nearly half a century of cruel Japanese aggression has come to an end. At 1:00 A. M. this morning while most of the world slept, President Truman announced that the peace terms had been accepted by the Jap military. To newsmen who had been waiting for days on the hottest item since Pearl Harbor, he reported that orders had been given for the cessation of hostilities.

In the first radio speech by a Jap ruler, the Emperor broke the news to his subjects, who until this time were completely ignorant of the disaster that befell their nation, by imploring them to "work with a resolution to restore the destruction of their nation."

General McArthur has ordered the Japanese Government to send two representatives with complete information as to the location and size of all Japanese troops. McArthur has been named as the Supreme commander in the occupied countries. However, it was not disclosed whether the Emperor would remain as a figurehead.

The Japanese War Minister, Gen. Anami committed suicide for his failure to carry out the Emperor's wishes.

In the States, it was announced that all war workers would receive a two-day holiday.



## POTSDAM TERMS

Under the Potsdam Conference, Japan will face even more poorly than did her Axis comrade who went out before her. The Allied powers have planned to strip the Japanese of all but the most bare necessities which will qualify them to be called a nation.

Under the terms the Japanese must give up:

Manchuria, which comprises 563,000 square miles and 40 million people. In Manchuria are some of the richest lands to be had in Asia. Also Japan had a large portion of her steel industry here.

Korea, which has 23 million people and 85,000 square miles of rich farming land.

The Kwantung Peninsula and Port Arthur which Japan took from Russia in 1905.

Formosa, where Japan took from China in 1895. Here are valuable fishing grounds and industries.

In addition to all these important possessions, Japan also loses the rights to thousands of islands in the Pescadores group, the Ryukyu Islands. Also, she loses the mandate rights to all the former Japanese Mandated Islands which were the great question mark for years before the war.

The Japanese must withdraw all troops from any territories that they have invaded in the past 70 years.

The Japs will be permitted no war industries nor any armed forces or Merchant Marine. She will have to revert to a farming nation with some 500 people to each square mile.



### Little Hamper "6"

LABOR, DAVID L., PFC, 36510696 — Hq. Co., Born: (hatched) Date unknown. Home address: Two deer trails and a muskrat pond north of Detroit Michigan. His was the first name drawn out of the Selective Service hat in the Sixth Corp area. So this is not the first time he has had his picture in the paper, even though he doesn't look as though he had been photographed before. Dave is an old 80th man who still likes to jabber about 1942 in Tenn. and weekend passes to Chattanooga. A driver ever since entering the Army. Dave has driven Hamper 6 much of the time and has set an enviable record for getting new jeeps out of the Motor Dept. Must be his personality. Driving an I & R point jeep was also a part time job for Dave during maneuvers and combat days.

### "M" Company

This weeks news had to be gathered from here to Oberdorf and just about all the surrounding towns, due to the fact that all the men are out on Problems, road blocks, patrols and Personal Recon.

Some one of these days Gus Markowskys and Charles Reiley are going to be asked, "who was your friend you had your picture taken with?" and they are going to be silent. It must be that no one knows who belongs to the skeleton, Gus really had a time putting the hand back on after it fell off.

If some one wants a good "git" fiddle player, come around — we have a boy who is tops in this line — at least we think Bergeron is. I hope he doesn't get too many offers — he still has the machine gun to clean. I wonder what is so good about the road block in Oberdorf — every day the boys out there are sending in for clean shirts and pants. Must be something about that place I have missed.

Every one in the Company is quite enthused about the new Pvt. and Pfc. Club. It is a good idea. Lets all put our shoulder to the wheel and make this Club the best this side of the Atlantic.

Tuesday, August 14th, 1945 — (Munich Time)

9:00 A.M. — A broadcast was received through Reuters News from the Japanese News Agency stating that a message accepting Allied terms as drawn at Potsdam, would be delivered by Hirohito. Since early this morning, Japan has been in constant communication by radio with neutral Switzerland.

The Guam radio announced that they had received message from Tokio Radio that "Worse had come to worse" indicating that they had admitted defeat.

10:00 A.M. — The Office of War Informations stated unofficially that Japan had accepted Allied peace terms. It added that only an announcement from the White House in Washington would make it "Official". No mention of Hirohito's position was included in the statement.

Third United States Fleet reported heading towards Japanese ports shortly, although it was not known whether or not this move had any connection with the reported peace.

The Presidents Naval Aide was the first official to arrive at the White House this morning, which indicated that an important official announcement might be forthcoming.

It was announced in Washington that all available planes that could be used for transportation were being loaded with food and medical supplies and awaited only the signal to take off for Japanese prison camps to evacuate Allied prisoners.

12:00 Noon — American Broadcasting Co. reports that Japan has been contacting all her ships at sea.

An official Japanese message will probably reach Washington this afternoon.

It is announced that at 1600 Munich time an important message will be broadcast.

### "I" Company

By S/Sgt. (Scoop) Young  
We found the best way to get along with anyone from Company "I" is to be very quiet about problems, especially five day problems into the Alps. Supply Sergeant Bumgarner had a tough time ordering a new set of feet for the boys who went on the "Sight—seeing Tour".

Due to the problem the sports activities were at a standstill this week, but we expect to play several games of basketball and perhaps softball in the near future.

Company "I" lost a trio of swell guys the other day — Capt. Riley, Lt. Smyth, and Lt. Mc Carthy. Let's hope they're not needed in the Pacific now. It is rumored that we may lose Lt. Lightcap and Lt. Wildman too. 1st Sgt. Dooley can't figure out how he's going to be Co. Exec. Off., and Platoon Leader all at one time. He's certainly getting up in the ETO lately.

Tall, dark and handsome Sgt. Thomas seems to go for the Red & Blue N.C.O. Club. You can find him under any table every week end.

Can someone tell your reporter why "Pappy" Doyle never smiles anymore. It must be tough to get so old your teeth start falling out. How about that, "Snag"?

Congratulations to all you newly made N.C.O.'s. Keep up the good work.

The man responsible for all those drawings that haunt us everytime we turn around is none other than that budding young artist Cpl. Chaffin and it is said some of his drawings hang in some of the best out-houses in America and Europe.

P. F. C. Richard Boyd

Naturally I'm very happy it's over. I was one that expected the Pacific war to end soon after Germany collapsed, but I don't feel the way I did when it ended here. If I've got to take occupation, I'd rather have it in C.B.I. than here. I'm sick of it here and would like to see something of the Pacific.

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Joe Higgins, The

"We'll be home

for troops. Boy

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"We'll set C

T-5 James Brad

"We're going

### Cannon Company

By T-5  
Cannon Company is attached to the 314th FA but in heart, we are still with the 318th. J. Manning is now commanding in place of Capt. Crawford who has one of the few CO's in the regiment, and the boys are sorry to see him go.

We are playing off a league of batteries, competing on top. Cannon Company intend to stay there.

Sunday evening, the Pvt. and Pfc. Club held a dance. There were a living bunch; everyone really a thing for us and is going over in a big way.

There have been a lot of changes in the company lately, men going home and new ones coming from the 10th Armored of swell fellows. One fellow lost was 1st Sgt. T. For, a good man liked by all and leave from this company. We still have mess Sgt. English. God, don't take him away.

They had bed check last night; only two dogs out. Pic. Geitz covered up for them; said he saw them at the kitchen.

### "G" Company opens Clubroom

By P. I. Stanchak

This P. F. C. Club idea is such a success that some of the company. They opened with a bang. Clubs of their own. Latest to come out with this new idea is G Company. The opened with a bang Friday night at 8:30 P. M. in the clubrooms in the area with Pic's Flynn and Shaping as official greeters. Running true to the high standard set by all P. F. C. Clubs for friendliness and informality, the "backbone" of G Co. entertained several guests including Capt. Martinez, Company Commander, Lts. Hastings and Schmitt, and honorary member, 1st Sgt. Robert McLean.

Excellent music was furnished by V-Disco donated by various members. The "Music Makers" brought down the house with a well balanced show.

To cover expenses the boys chip in 200 Marks monthly. Members can invite Noncons as their guest, paying the small fee of five Marks per guest. Wednesday nites have been set aside as "Game Nite". The Committee is looking forward to great things such as weekly dishes of ice cream, at least two good shows, and a request feature which enables members to hear any V-Disco on file. Also featured is "the best cheese in Bavaria" and of course Halb and Halb and plenty of beer is always on hand.

### "L" Company

By Pfc. Bonnell  
ANOTHER CHURCHILL

(Editor's Note: Picture from the "Mercury News" accompanied the included article, but we were unable to reproduce it.)

The above picture appeared in the Pottstown, Pa. Mercury News with the heading "ANOTHER CHURCHILL" and went on to say that he arrived in the states among 700 other E.T.O. veterans being transferred from overseas hospitals.

To the men of L. Company Thomas E. Churchill needs very little introduction. He came with the company on December 30th 1944. During the months that followed he made quite a name for himself as a soldier with a lot of guts, and a desire to fight. The men who were at Kornhoheim, Germany on April 10, 1945, will always remember his gallantry in action, when two

platoons were pinned down in an open field by enemy fire. An enemy machine gunner who was responsible for a large amount of the casualties was well concealed in the outskirts of a small wooded area. Churchill taking his machine gun into the open, which was the only position he could get fire power on the enemy gun, fired burst after burst at the enemy position, until he was hit four times, and only then did he try to make his way back to the safety of a sloping hill, where Medics dressed his wounds, and he was ordered to go back to the aid station for evacuation. On his way back, with four machine gun wounds in his body, He picks up four prisoners, and takes them with him to the aid station. His courage and devotion is a good example of an American Soldier.

### "K" Company

by R. C. Phillips

We have a champion in our midst, Michael J. Hrachos as the name. Mike won third place in the division grenade throwing contest and his reward is a trip to Tulumville. To date fifty members from this company have joined the Pvt. & Pfc. Club. That is just a little more than fifty percent. How about the rest of you? ... Lt. William J. Mulline Jr. has come back to the company as commanding officer. He was out of officer before he went to battalion. Captain Dudley and Lt. Ellison have been transferred and are heading in the general direction of the CBI. ... Lt. Gehringer has been enjoying a pass to England. ... Cramer, Shook, and Marline entered the BAR marksmanship contest for our company. ... "Shorty" Mastandrea is in England on furlough. ... Anyone wanting games with the "K" company basketball team get in touch with T/Sgt. Rybolt. The team has rounded out in good shape and has a couple of good players in Tankersly and Helmer. ...

Hate the Army Week: For long dreary months in the States we poor privates peeled potatoes on KP until we thought KP stood for KEEP PEE-LING. Now that we're overseas the army has poured salt in our deep wounds. True, we've got Henric KP's nose to brighten a privates life, but alas! the Army brings in, of all things, Dehydrated Potatoes.

I see where a congressman raised a debate on whether or not the home-coming, rough and tough combat soldiers were going to be a MENACE TO SOCIETY. Hell yes! we're going to be a Menace.

Born 30 years too soon — Mr. Allas Knapp, president of the American Sun-Bathing Association predicted that swimming suits would ultimately "reach the vanishing point". He sez that the twopiece affair now worn by women will be followed by the removal of first the "brassiere". Keep predicting Mr. Knapp, we're drooling!

General Bradley said "The forward progress of our Army is the FOXHOLE of the Infantryman". Maybe that's the reason the infantry got left out on the point system, WE WERE TOO FAR OUT IN FRONT for them to reach us.

S/Sgt. Jonnie McNiff as manager of the Co. softball team is looking for replacements to fill the gaps left by the transfer of some of his key men. Lt. George Hastings is busy as a bee interviewing men for 1 and E training. Many courses are open in schools scattered throughout Europe. A good thing for some.

Prime "Bitch" seems to be of the cleaning establishment in town that is smeared with "off-limit" signs; yet Air Corp O.D.s are getting A.I. attention by the proprietor. How's about giving our boys a chance to save some of their O.D.s by the cleaning method instead of the GI soap and brush routine? What about it, Regiment?

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### Delay in Accepting Terms Costly

In providing the answer that all the world waited for, the Japanese took their time. In spite of the fact that they were being bombarded heavily by the Navy under Admiral Nimitz and sweeping under the threat of another attack by the fleet atomic bomb, the high Japanese military mind and spirit over the fate of their own nation. Their problem was not how to accept the reasonable peace terms, but how to save their own necks in the face of the Allied promise to rid all the Axis nations of the gangster elements. This was one situation in which there were no face-saving movements to be made; it was a matter of surrender or die. The Japanese leaders teach the story of death for the Emperor, but when they thought first of their own skins and then of the Emperor. While they hesitated and looked to their underground hide-outs, thousands of their own troops as well as those of the Allies were being slaughtered on the battlefield. It was typical of these men, who controlled the destiny of the island nation to use the religious beliefs of the ignorant masses of starving people to their own advantage. They taught the Emperor-worship and taught the code of war-making on the citizens who had enough to do making a livelihood on the mountainous island. These men are through-they are through just as surely as Hitler, Himmler and the rest of his mob are through. No longer will they force their overbearing authority on the cowering masses.



We extend a cordial welcome to Major Warren B. Haskell, new C.O. of the First Battalion. Well remembered as commander of "Task Force Haskell" back in Neustadt, the major comes to us from the 10th Armored Division to succeed Lt. Col. Gaking as "Red 6".

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If there is any one in the battalions who would like to know how things are in the states, look up any of the following and they might be able to tell them since they have just come over seas. Pfc. Ward Cole, Pfc. Harold Lewis, John Maruna, Leonard Geiser, Richard Nelson, Merion Musall, Jack Lautsbaugh, James Payne, John Clagett, Paul Halladin, William Tucker and James Morrison. To you new men we lend a helping hand in all your troubles and extend to you a hearty welcome to the 318th, 3rd Battalion, M Company.

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