

JAPS SMASH AT CORREGIDOR FORT

NAZI PLAN FOR NEAR EAST PUSH REPORTED

Now It Can Be Told:

Tiny "Pt" Boat Justifies MacArthur's Faith, Speeds Him Through Jap Cordon

Narrow Escape In Wild Ride

By C. YATES McDANIEL
U. S. ARMY HEADQUARTERS, Australia—(AP)—The full story of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's hazardous voyage from the Philippines was told today by the Supreme Commander's spokesman, who emphasized that MacArthur did not escape from Bataan but "came through to a greater task" in compliance with a Presidential order.

Col. LeGrand Diller told reporters that MacArthur's fighting race against time, darkness and Japanese airplanes and warships was vindication for the General's long fight for recognition of motor torpedo boats.

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Some advisors, Diller said, urged MacArthur to use a submarine to make his way to Australia but the General and United States Navy Lieutenant John D. Buttrick, commander of six "PT" boats which reached the Philippines shortly before MacArthur, advised their faith in the speedy craft.

Strong opposition was based on fear that the attempt was too desperate.

That was Diller's story:

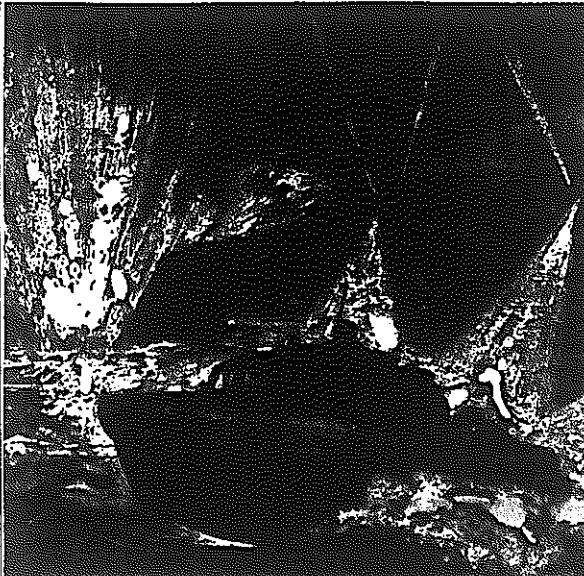
"We all slipped into the China Sea up past Corregidor on March 11 when, in the deepening darkness, the teams started back to the mainland, inwardly the midnight inward the entrance of Manila Bay.

Dukelker, who had won the distinguished Service Cross for his role in the Philippines, said the crew of 1,000-ton Japanese ship was at the wheel of the leading craft as the little crewmen started the horses in trim which some advance had warned was a "fantastic venture."

But the General said, "we go with the fall of the moon. We go during the tide of March."

He added, "strange after being in Bataan for three months to see automatic light houses operating along the shore (disasters) signal lights were seen, flashing the warning of the approach of what

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DASH IN THE NIGHT.—The Navy's small, fast motor torpedo boats played a major role in General MacArthur's trip from Bataan to Australia. The picture above is an artist's conception of the boats in action at night.

Nelson Asks Time On Labor Issue

Wants 30 Days in Which To Seek Voluntary Double Pay Suspension

WASHINGTON—(AP)—War Production Chief Donald Nelson asked Congress today to give him a 30-day time to obtain voluntary suspension of double pay for overtime through agreement with leaders of organized labor before enacting legislation on the matter.

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Mr. Diller, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Harry A. Wells of Charlotte, received word today from her husband, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, that he is safe in Australia.

Mr. Diller has been at the home of his parents on Beverly Drive since the United States last month from the Philippines Islands several months ago. Colonel Wells is Army recruiting officer for the Carolinas.

Victory Gardens

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Mighty Nice Work:

Free Lunches For Morale

CLEVELAND—(AP)—The "Associates" who man the machines in a war plant that paid them \$50,000 a month in Christmas bonuses, wonder today how many more will start paying for their lunches.

For several months employers have been offering free meals to aircraft workers, have eaten free lunches in the new plants' glistening cafeterias.

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