

From Bataan To Solomons

They Call It Pacific

By Clark Lee

Continued from Page One... It seemed almost overnight that there was a severe shortage of gasoline; a complete absence of canned fruits and vegetables; and only a few cigarettes a week per soldier...

Remembering Bataan, I think of Joaquin Miranda of the U. S. Engineers. I remember meeting him in the lobby of the Manila Hotel the night before Pearl Harbor...

Guadalcanal Veteran Tells Of Big Fight

Sgt. A. G. Smart, Here for Hospitalization, Says "Enemies" of Disease Worse Than Japs

By J. A. DALY

Charlotte News Staff Writer

Fighting the Japs on Guadalcanal would be an enjoyable pastime for the American soldiers if they did not have "almost a dozen other enemies to fight," said First Sergeant A. G. Smart...

The "other enemies" included "beet, hunger, thirst, mosquitoes, malaria, and the jungle," said Smart. He delivered scores of messages from distracted officers to Corregidor to their families in Manila...

Overseas in March, Sergeant Smart's unit went overseas early in March, last year, and he saw service not only on Guadalcanal but also at posts in New Caledonia, New Zealand and the New Hebrides Islands...

When our troops backed into Bataan there came a time when they had to stop retreating and had to hold their positions. The young Americans had to go to every Filipino hill in their outfits and pat them down...

There was no doubt the Scouts were tough soldiers. There was the Scout private you saw on the operating table in Base Hospital No. 2 in the woods near Little Baguio...

Then there was General MacArthur, as he strode through the woods of Bataan or paced tirelessly about on Corregidor, MacArthur never allowed himself the luxury of letting down...

under a canvas shelter in the 40-foot mess at the entrance to Malinta tunnel. She knitted and read and chatted with the officers and men.

I remember one day on Corregidor when I was caught far from shelter when the siren screamed. Bombs were already shaking the island as I ran down the long road to Malinta tunnel...

By CHARLES MCURTREY

Daring U. S. Submarine Makes Kill Near Tokyo

"Our first torpedo hit the big transport amidships. She broke in two and sank in five minutes. We heard two torpedoes hit the other ship but I didn't see her sink, so she's damaged or damaged beyond repair...

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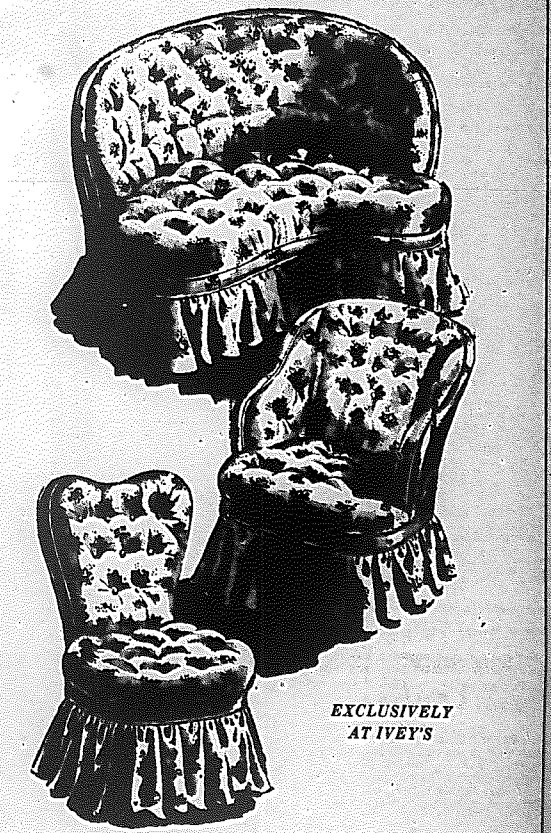
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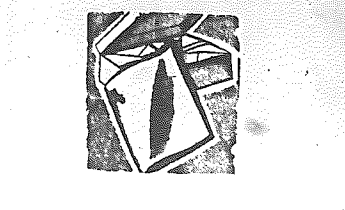
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