

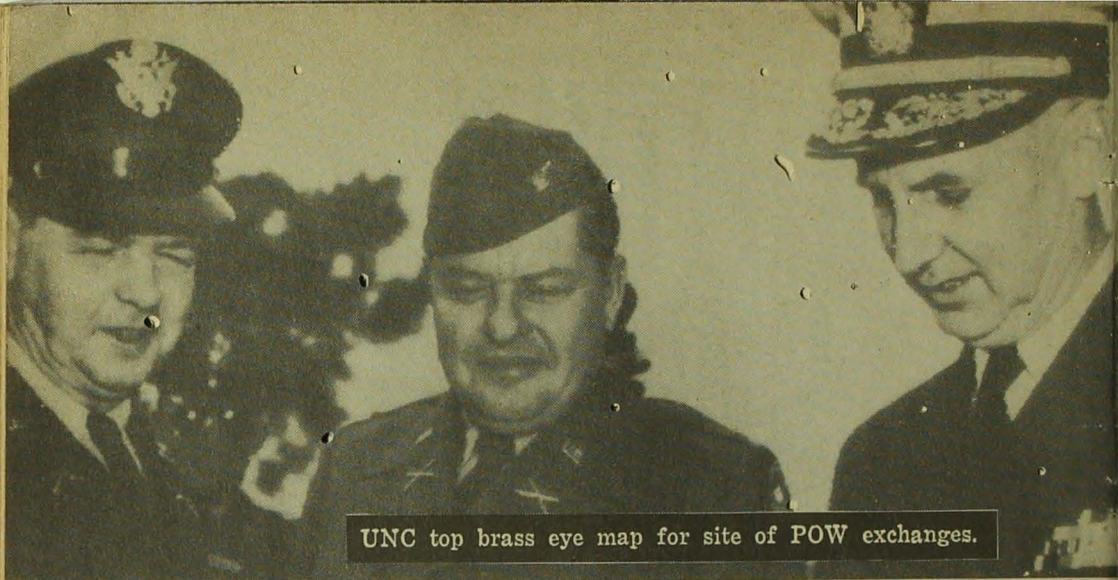
OPERATIONS "BIG SWITCH"

in Pictures

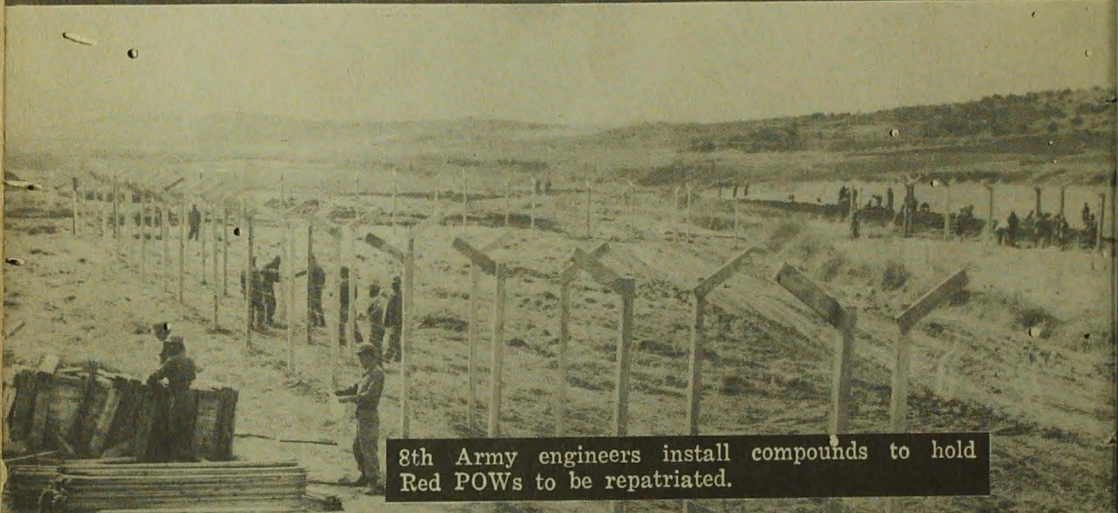


Free at last, Filipino repatriate eagerly alights from truck at Freedom Village.

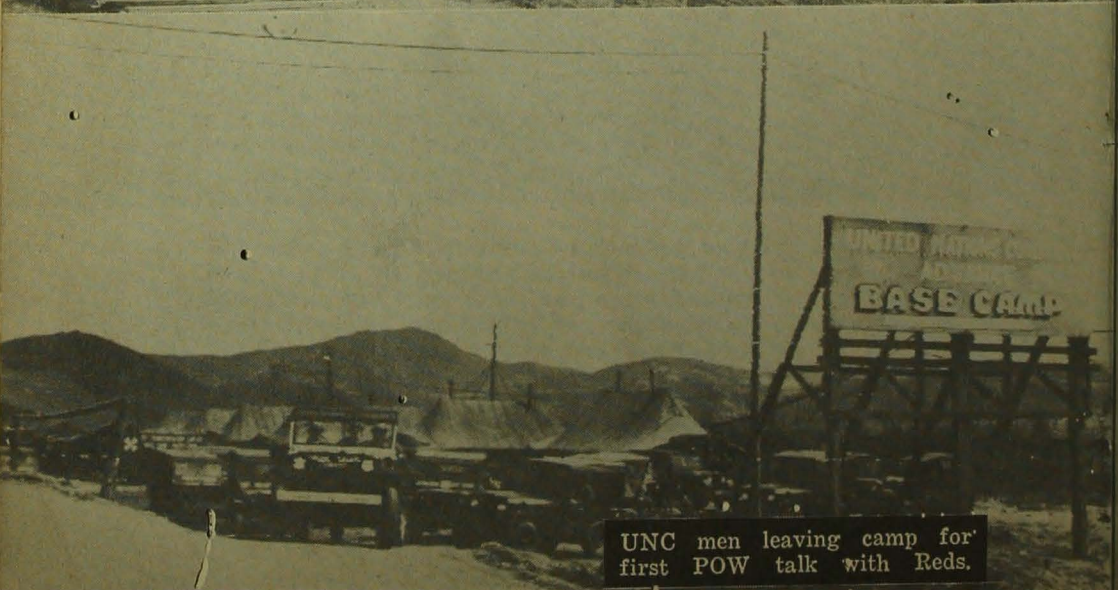
AFTER three years of protracted fighting in Korea's plains and "heartbreak ridges," the UN command and the Chinese and North Korean communists finally agreed on a truce last month and on an exchange of prisoners of war held by both sides. Labeled "Operations Big Switch" (the first exchange of prisoners last year was called "Operations Little Switch"), the POW exchange is the fruit of long months of dickering over the conference table with sane but hardly reasonable communists. The pictures on this and the following pages show some stages of the operations and reveal some details about how the Reds treat their prisoners. At press time, only 35 Filipino PEFTOK soldiers have been released by the Reds. (All pictures used are by courtesy of the Evening News.)



UNC top brass eye map for site of POW exchanges.



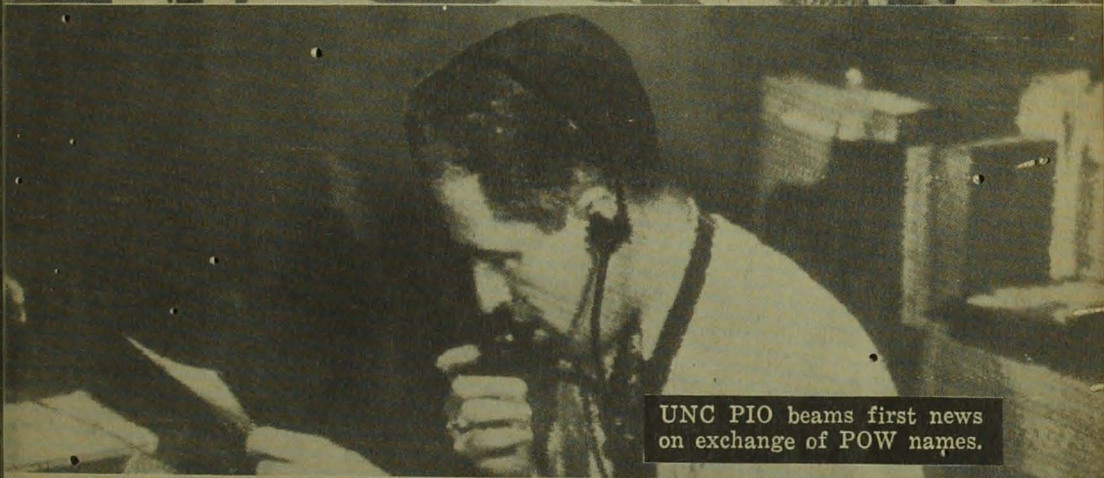
8th Army engineers install compounds to hold Red POWs to be repatriated.



UNC men leaving camp for first POW talk with Reds.



Red negotiators arrogantly walk to conference hut.



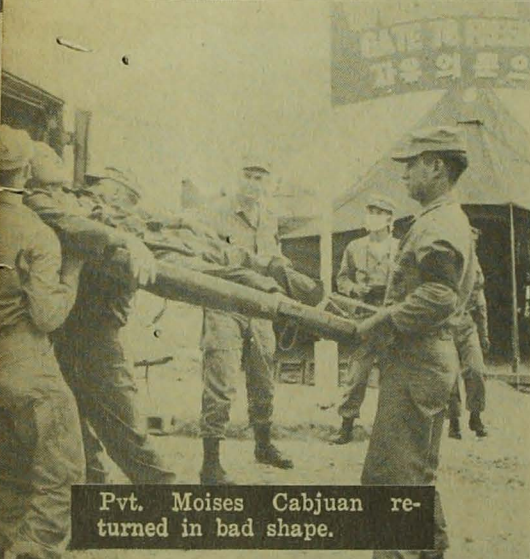
UNC PIO beams first news on exchange of POW names.



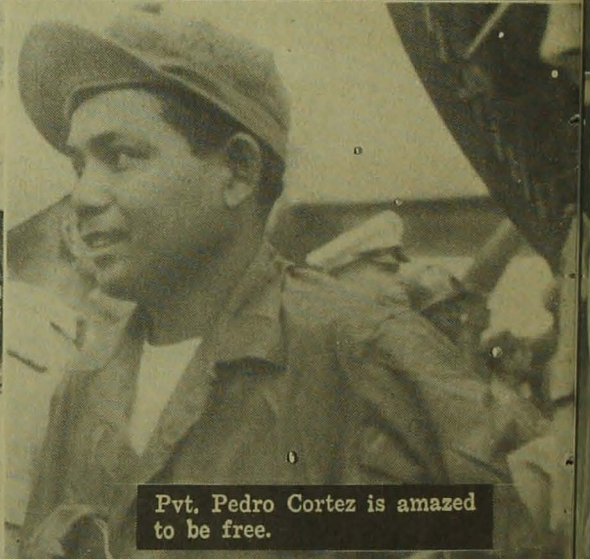
Sgt. Juanito Magno was first Filipino POW to be freed by the Reds. He was released a few months ago in Operation "Little Switch."



Medical care after three years of Red neglect.



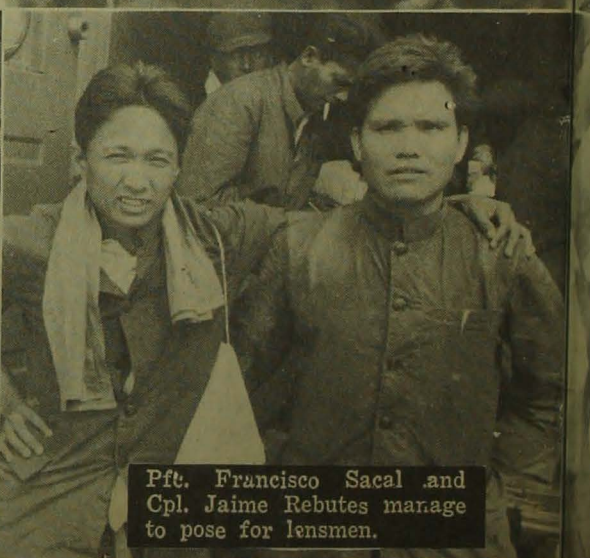
Pvt. Moises Cabjuan returned in bad shape.



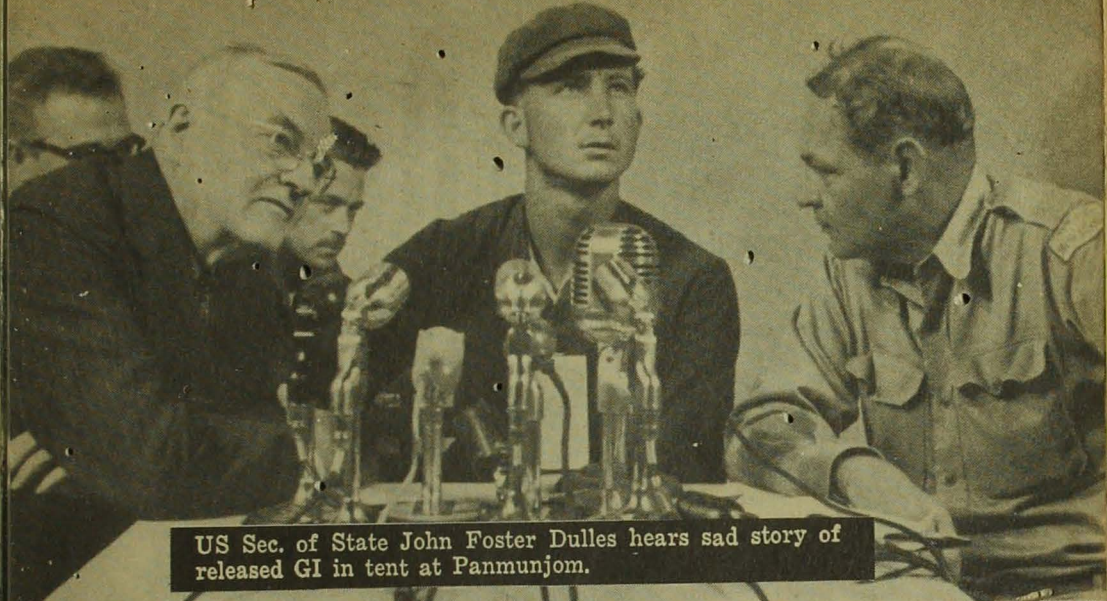
Pvt. Pedro Cortez is amazed to be free.



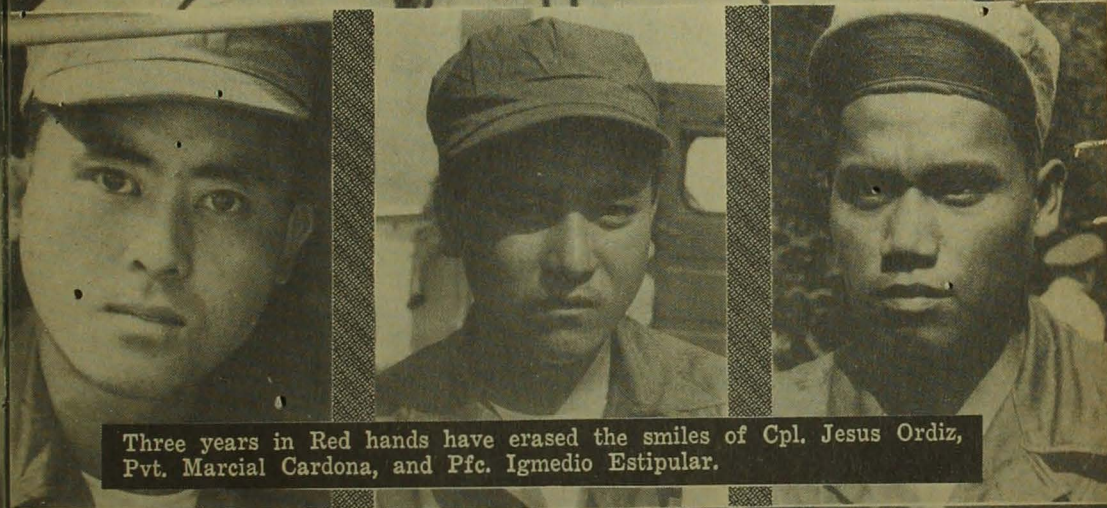
Pvt. Rodolfo Esposito is free to play guitar again.



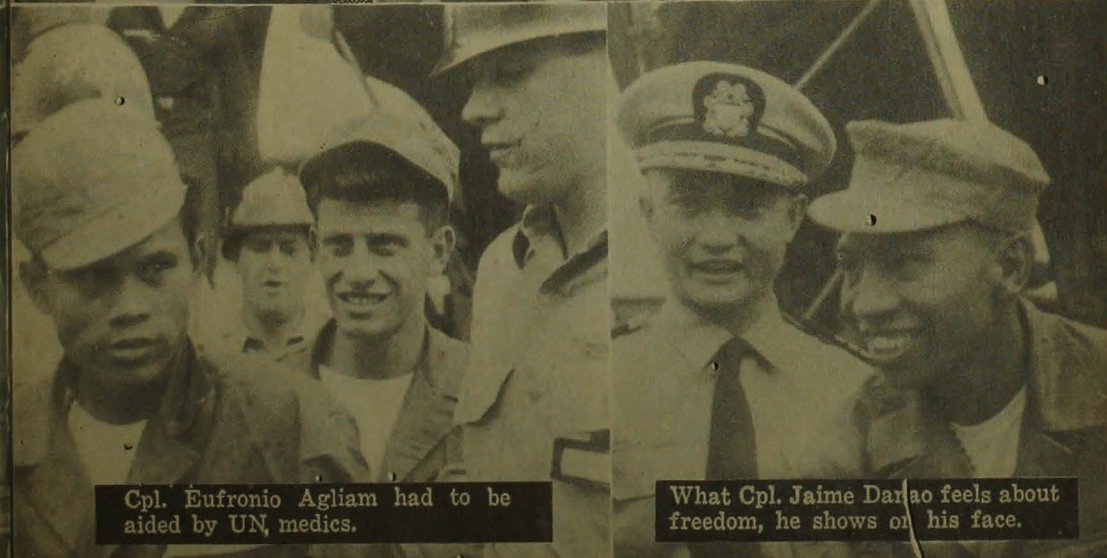
Pft. Francisco Sacal and Cpl. Jaime Rebuten manage to pose for lensmen.



US Sec. of State John Foster Dulles hears sad story of released GI in tent at Panmunjom.



Three years in Red hands have erased the smiles of Cpl. Jesus Ordiz, Pvt. Marcial Cardona, and Pfc. Igmedio Estipular.



Cpl. Eufronio Agliam had to be aided by UN medics.

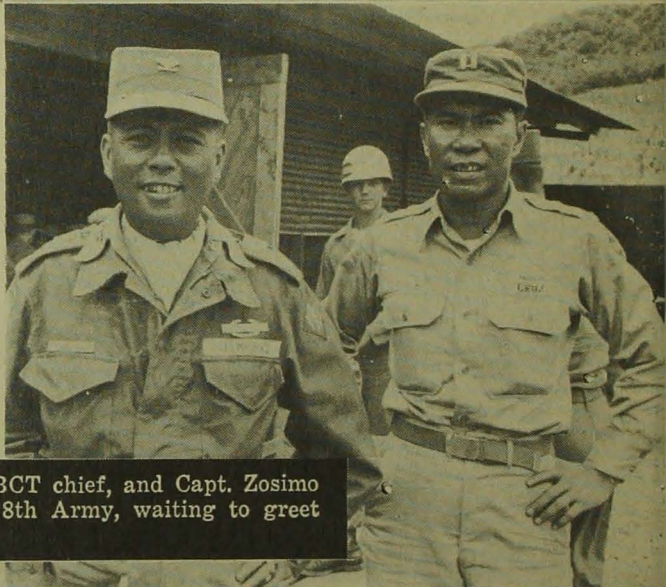
What Cpl. Jaime Darao feels about freedom, he shows on his face.

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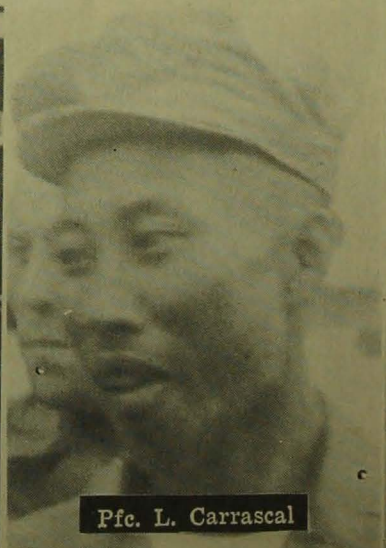
Pfc. J. Ordiz making the response.



Col. Nicanor Jimenez, 14th BCT chief, and Capt. Zosimo Cruz, liaison officer to US 8th Army, waiting to greet Filipino repatriates.



Cpl. L. Moran

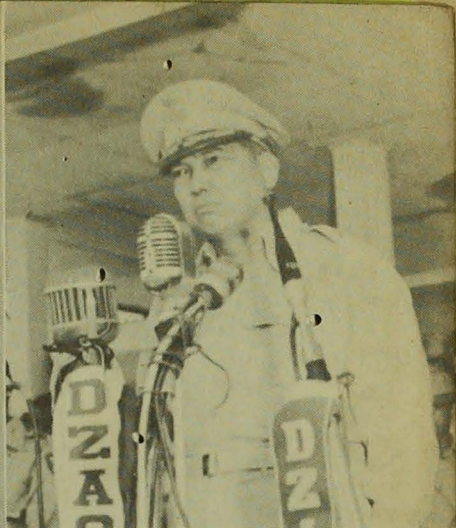


Pfc. L. Carrascal



Sgt. M. Rivera

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Brig Gen Jesus Vargas delivering welcome address.



Pvt. Rodolfo Esposito receiving one of first real handshakes after three bitter years in Red hands.



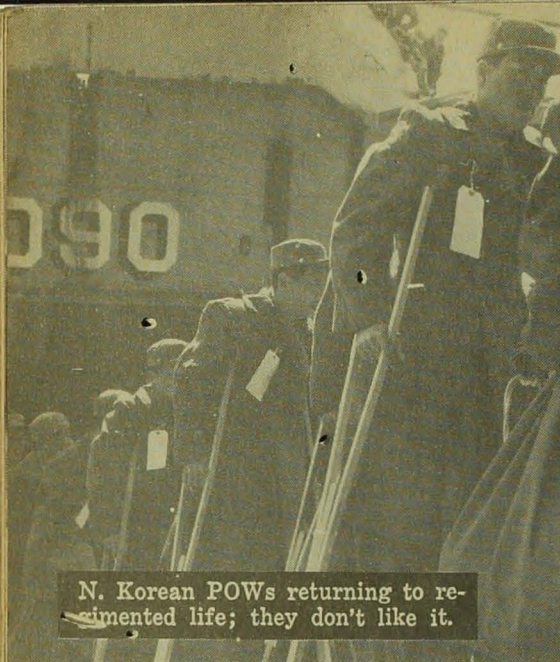
Cpl. L. Sibaya.



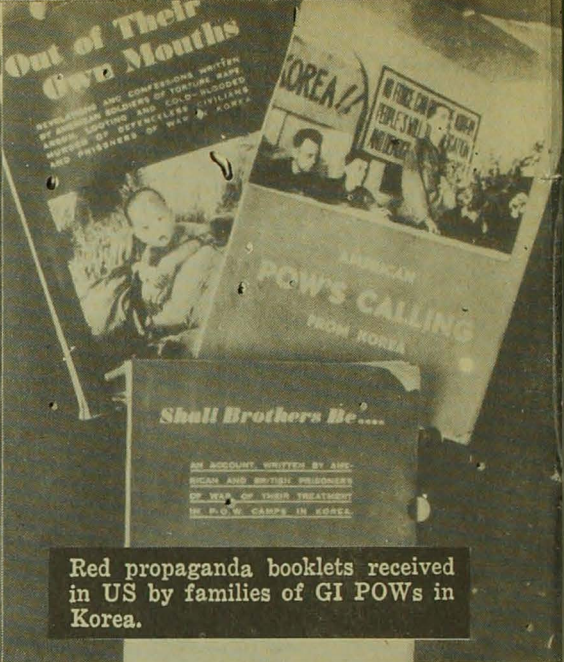
Pvt. M. Cardona



Pfc. N. Cuaresma



N. Korean POWs returning to regimented life; they don't like it.



Red propaganda booklets received in US by families of GI POWs in Korea.



Mrs. Consuelo Ludan-Salting scans newspapers for news about husband, Lt. Bienvenido Salting, one of only two Filipino officers captured by Reds