I- Samuel R. Caplowe Talked To Ernie Pyle for 1½ hours at Head Quaters of The 105th Reg. of The 77th Infantry. The day before he was Killed by Japanese gunfire on The Island of Iasheia. I also Talked To him The morning That he was Killed. He Told me That a ship in The harbor would Take him back To The States in 30 min 4/18/45

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It's the 108th day of the year; 257 days are left in 1999. On this day:

■ In 1775, **Paul Revere** began his famous ride from Charlestown to Lexington, Mass., warning American colonists that the British were coming.

■ In **1906**, a devastating earthquake struck San Francisco, followed by raging fires. About 700 people died.

✔ ■ In **1945**, famed war correspondent **Ernie Pyle**, 44, was killed by Japanese gunfire on a Pacific island off Okinawa.

■ In **1955**, physicist **Albert Einstein** died in Princeton, N.J.

Thought for today: "One of the paradoxes of war is that those in the rear want to get up into the fight, while those in the lines want to get out." — **Ernie Pyle** (1900-45)

Today's birthdays: Actress **Barbara Hale**, 77; actor **James Drury**, 68; actress **Hayley Mills**, 53; talk host **Conan O'Brien**, 36.