

SALES NOTES

Not all soldiers are equal. For the most part they are unwelcome. But there were always those who *were* welcome, for instance to free a country and its people from the reign of megalomaniac criminals. As did the American soldiers who – in the mid-40s – had been sent to Germany where some of them had to stay for years.

There were strange connections between these young men and parts of the female population: men, far away from home - women hoping for a better future to come. Loneliness and the lack/loss of emotions on both sides, caused by the war. Friendship, love affairs. And disappointment.

In these days a special kind of songs became very popular; songs that were played in clubs, at dance-hops and by many radio stations; songs that made both, men and women, forget the workaday world. Songs like *Dankeschön, Bitteschön, Wiedersehen; Lili Marleen, Fraulein, Lonely River Rhine, Happy Journey* and many others have become evergreens since – on this CD they are presented for the first time as a whole, competently and carefully annotated by a man who was *there* some fifty years ago.

The sentiments of the GIs posted in Germany was echoed elsewhere in the world, and in songs such as *Geisha Girl* and *My Filipino Rose* (Asia), *English Sweetheart* and *My Wild Irish Rose* (Europe) or *Kingston Girl* (Jamaica).

TRACK LISTING

- 1. Hank Locklin: Foreign Love Affair
- 2. Eddie Wilson: Dankeschön, Bitteschön, Wiedersehen
- 3. Hank Snow: Lili Marlene
- 4. Bobby Helms: Fraulein
- 5. Lawton Williams: Rhinelaender Waltz
- 6. **Bobby Helms:** Lonely River Rhine
- 7. George Morgan: Little Dutch Girl
- 8. Jimmie Logsdon: My Sweet French Baby
- 9. Johnny Six (Orval Prophet): Mademoiselle (My Used To Be)
- 10. Jim Reeves: Anna Marie
- 11. Webb Pierce: English Sweetheart
- 12. Hank Locklin: My Wild Irish Rose
- 13. Slim Whitman: I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen

- 14. Hank Locklin: Geisha Girl
- 15. Marty Robbins: I-Eish-Tay-Mah-Su
- 16. Ernest Tubb: Filipino Baby
- 17. Hank Snow: My Filipino Rose
- 18. Marty Robbins: Melba From Melbourne
- 19. Slim Whitman: Mexicali Rose
- 20. Marty Robbins: Kingston Girl
- 21. Marty Robbins: Bahama Mama
- 22. Hank Snow: Calypso Sweetheart
- 23. Wynn Stewart & Jan Howard: Yankee Go Home
- 24. Montana Slim: My French Canadian Girl
- 25. Lawton Williams: Foreign Love
- 26. Hank Locklin: Happy Journey

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