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Patch's sector, but the Germans continue to pour reinforcements into the line.

The Germans were not giving up without a fight. In several places they made determined counter-attacks with tanks and infantry, but all were thrown back. They crossed the main bridge near Duron, astride Hitlers six lane Cologne Highway, and were finally beaten back by the Americans.

All along the western front the enemy was defending Germany's strongest defense line with heavy artillery batteries which reached an intensity of 250 shells an hour on the Cologne front.

The bitterest Nazi onslaughts were staged at the two bridgeheads which the Yanks have established across the Saar River at Dillingen and Saarlautern. Here again, the Americans held the bridgeheads and threw the enemy back from the river.

On the Ninth Army front, German infantry attacked for the first time in two weeks and forced the Americans to give ground. Their success, however, was brief, General Simpson's men pushed them back, re-captured the original positions and took 1100 prisoners.

And far to the north, in Holland, the Nazis were showing signs of nervousness. Allied planes sighted large motor transports moving toward the front, which would suggest the German High Command is reinforcing positions there. With German manpower thinning too quickly in all sectors, the High Command was at last being forced to a decision. It could regard the American thrust toward the Saar as a major effort and keep large forces there, or gamble that it was a feint and throw the bulk of remaining manpower into the Cologne front. The decision lay with General Eisenhower and only he could say where our reserves would be committed when the time was ripe.

Lt General Omar Bradley declared yesterday that if the weather were good it would make a great difference. He said that the Yanks were pushing ahead as fast as possible and that the Germans could not stand up along the terrific

pressure from all sides. The General warned against over-optimism at this time, said we were suffering now from the over-optimism which prevailed throughout the country last fall. But all over the world Americans were hopeful that this spring would see the Nazis reeling back from the Siegfried line, that they would be unable to organize another defensive position before the Allied reached Berlin.

TOKYO: (Cont'd from page two.)

the city must be improved.

In a magazine, Japanese, is an article that outlines Japanese aims with brutal frankness. The Japanese author writes: "In defending the strong rule of the Imperial state and extending Greater East Asia, our aim is to destroy every influence and idea opposed to the lofty theory of Imperial rule. Japan is the foundation of all countries of the world. Accordingly, when the foundation is rightly fixed, the whole world will become Japan's province. It is the law of nature that Japan should become the world's master." It should be noted that ~~Japan~~ is strikingly like the German "super-race" theory proposed by the Nazi party. The Japanese, like the Germans, ~~most eventually learn~~ that super-men exist only in the comic books.

SUPERFORTRESSES ON ASSEMBLY LINE

Dec 18--The American War Production Board has announced that the big Superfortresses are now rolling off assembly lines at a rate that can be called a production miracle. Gen Arnold, Army's Chief of Airforces, said in Chicago that 5,000 B-29 engines were produced in 11 months at an unnamed Chicago engine plant.

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MINDORO ADVANCE FAST

YANKS MOVE INLAND.

***Dec 18--American ground forces have taken San Jose on the southeastern coast of Mindoro and have already secured an airfield five miles inland. At the end of the first day, infantrymen had advanced seven to nine miles on a broad front. The bridgehead being held by American forces is approximately nine miles long. Working practically on the heels of advancing infantrymen, ground forces and construction engineers worked feverishly to rush completion of the captured airfield. With Manila just 150 miles to the north, these airfields assume a major importance.

Forces of the United States Sixth Army went ashore on Mindoro Friday meeting virtually no opposition. The landing was preceded by a terrific naval and rocket bombardment while American air forces kept Japanese planes on surrounding fields grounded. The Japanese on Mindoro were so completely taken by surprise that they didn't even bother with a blackout until just before the landing began. During the course of Friday, 24 Japanese planes were shot down over the bridgehead. Units of the covering naval force sunk an enemy destroyer. It was disclosed today that the American task force was twice attacked during the voyage by enemy aircraft.

A good deal of credit for absence of nearby Japanese aerial reinforcements can be given to Admiral "Bull" Halsey's carrier plane strikes. On Wednesday (Cont'd on page two.)

NEW FIVE STAR GENERALS

***Dec 18--In Washington, President Roosevelt signed legislation creating the new rank of Fleet Admiral and General of the Armies. To be raised to this new position are three Admirals and four Generals. Names of the following are now being considered by Congress: General George C. Marshall, General Douglas MacArthur, General Eisenhower, and General Arnold; Admiral William Leahy, Admiral Ernest J. King, and Admiral Chester Nimitz.

LAST YANKS ENTER REICH.

***Dec 18--General Patch's Seventh Army yesterday became the last American Army to cross the border into Germany proper. Only the French First Army now remains outside Germany. The Seventh, nine miles west of Karlsruhe, is storming the first bunkers of main Siegfried Line. American doughboys are encountering sharp resistance from pill-box entrenched Nazis but are making steady progress on a 17 mile front.

On the French side of the frontier, the Germans abandoned Wissemburg and the border town of Lauterbourg to the onrushing Yanks. Thousands of prisoners are falling into American hands in General (Cont'd on page three.)

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Previous total.....	6966
December 16.....	29
December 17.....	20
GRAND TOTAL.....	7015

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:DEADEYE DISPATCH:

"Will you **KINDLY** put a notice in your paper that any controversies that may arise from an article written by Cpl Frank W. Spaak, Btry "C", 363rd F. A. Bn be addressed directly to Cpl Spaak himself.

Cpl Spaak's article does not by any means represent the claims of this organization. This article has been sent to your paper without my knowledge and has aroused within this Battalion just as much adverse criticism for its inaccuracy as it deserves.

/s/J.G. HLAVAC
Lt Col. - FA
Commanding
363rd F. A. Bn."

ED NOTE: The article referred to was a letter published some days ago in the "To The Editor" Section. The letter here should correct any wrong impressions gathered from the original letter.

SPORTS CHATTER

(ANS)--When Tami Mauriello walked out of the New York boxing commission office after being suspended "indefinitely" for not going through with a bout with Lee Ora, Tami asked puzzledly, "What's that indefinitely mean? Does it mean I can't fight anyplace else?" And they used to poke fun at Joe Louis.----Vince DiMaggio of the Pittsburgh Pirates got 82 hits this past baseball season and struck out 85 times.----Some people scream murder

if one of the service football teams in the U.S. travels very far to a game. But how about this: The first international soccer match in Europe since France was liberated took place in Paris not long ago with 30,000 spectators on hand. A British Service team beat Franco 5 - 0. The same team beat Belgium, 3-0, in Brussels the next day. Maybe they got from one place to another in that battle zone on a magic carpet?----Bill Dudley wears the same number at Randolph Field--35-- that he did at Virginia when he was All-American.----Capt. Roy Terry, former Syracuse soccer star who is chief chaplain for the 15th Airforce Fighter Command in Italy, is organizing several basketball teams for a red hot winter season. If he runs short of material, he might call on the C.O., General Dean Strother, who was a better than good basketballer at West Point not too many years ago.----A Los Angeles wrestler, accused of evading the draft, protested that he didn't like to hurt anyone. "Doesn't wrestling hurt your opponent?" asked the court. "Not the way I throw 'em", replied the wrestler. He wound up in the clink.----A half million dollar fire recently burned the Thistle-down race-track to the ground. It was the fifth major racetrack fire this year.----One of the most exciting football games of the season was the 28-27 West Virginia win over Penn State. Ira Rodgers, W. V. coach, and Bob Higgins of the Nittany Lions were both on Walter Camp's 1919 All-America.----Ohio State, top civilian team in the country, has intimated that Paul Brown gets his coaching job back on his discharge from the Navy.

MINDORO: (Cont'd from page one.)

and Thursday his airmen raided enemy airfields on Luzon, hitting 314 aircraft of which 229 were definitely destroyed. Navy bombers on Wednesday ranged over the entire length of Luzon employing machine guns, rockets, and demolition bombs. Due to Halsey's aerial blanket, all surrounding Japanese aircraft were virtually erased.

MAJOR BONG HITS NEW HIGH

***Dec 18--Over the Philippines, American airforces have destroyed 122 Japanese planes. Major Richard Bong, noted ace and aerial sharpshooter of the Pacific, scored his 39th kill Friday when he shot down an enemy plane over Negros Island. American fighter planes over Luzon started large fires and exploded fuel dumps. More than 200 tons of bombs were dropped on a Negros airfield. Off Borneo, Allied patrols sank a small enemy freighter. Four airfields were attacked in Mindanao by American fliers who started fires, left fuel dumps burning, and caused large pits in the runways.

LIBERATORS HIT IWO JIMA

***Dec 18--In another of their many raids on this strategic Japanese airbase, Liberator heavy bombers came from bases on Saipan to again strike Iwo Jima. On Tuesday the American heavy bombers hit airfields on Iwo, and again on Wednesday made another visit, all without loss. One Japanese fighter was shot down.

TOKYO INDUSTRY TO MOVE UNDERGROUND

***Dec 18--From Radio Tokyo comes more information about vast preparations of the Japanese government to protect its vital industries against Super-fortress attacks. On Thursday they said a number of essential installations will be moved to underground sites, with more to move in the future. As Japanese citizens began a mass evacuation of their capital, Domei stated that American attacks are becoming serious and that defenses of

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JAPANESE ORMOG CASUALTIES MOUNT

***Dec 18--On Leyte, the American 77th Division has secured high ground one mile north of Ormoc in preparation for a further advance. The American 7th Division is completing the destruction of isolated enemy units of the trapped 26th Division. With a fanaticism notable even here on Leyte, the doomed Japanese 26th Division is resorting to suicidal charges. The total enemy dead as given by General MacArthur for the single day of last Friday was 3,353. This brings the total number of Japanese troops dead in the Leyte campaign to about 86,000.

In the northern Ormoc Corridor, the American 32nd and First Cavalry Divisions made substantial gains over difficult terrain against heavy enemy resistance. Hand to hand fighting is reported taking place in this sector. A tank-load Japanese counter-attack was repulsed.

STORM TROOPERS HOLD BUDAPEST.

***Dec 18--Budapest, capital of Hungary, is all but surrounded by the Red Army. The SS Storm Troopers are holding on, engaging the Russians in fierce hand-to-hand fighting. With Russian guns commanding the roads to the city, thousands of refugees are streaming westward.

The Russians staged a strong attack against a Nazi held railroad center 30 miles from the capital, but the Germans held their positions. When the Russians have finally seized this fortified point, they will have Budapest completely encircled.

While the Nazis fought frantically for Budapest, other Russian columns surged northward toward Czechoslovakia. More than 30 populated places were captured in yesterday's fighting, one being 20 miles from the Czechoslovakian frontier. In this sector, last Friday, the Russians took 800 prisoners and shot down 58 enemy planes.

CHINESE STILL PURSUING JAPS

***Dec 18--The Chinese forces in south-eastern China are still going strong in pursuit of fleeing Japanese forces. Following the enemy's collapse in Kweichow Province, the Chinese troops have driven the enemy 40 miles south into Kwangsi Province.

Major General Wedemeyer, commander of American forces in China, was reported as saying there was a possibility of recapturing Liuchow if enough troops and supplies could be massed. Chungking states that Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek is seeking a solution of the problems between the Central Chinese government and the northern Communist forces. Major General Patrick Hurley, new ambassador to China, has visited the Chinese Communists in south China in an effort to bring closer cooperation between the two political groups.

LANCASTERS HIT FARBEN CHEMICAL WORKS

***Dec 18--The London Air ministry announced that British Lancaster heavy bombers attacked Ludwigshafen and Hanover. Two bombers were reported missing. The main target of the Ludwigshafen raid was the Farben Chemical Works, which stretches for three miles along the Rhine.

From the Mediterranean Command, Allied planes flew 2200 sorties against Germany's industrial areas. Heavy bombers attacked oil targets in Czechoslovakia and railroad yards at Innsbruck at the head of the Brenner Pass railroad line in Austria.

FAENZA NOW OUTFLANKED

***Dec 18--The British Eighth Army has launched an all out offensive to smash the German positions around Faenza on the road to Bologna. North of Faenza the Canadians are pushing forward in spite of strong enemy counterattacks. They have established a new bridgehead across a canal north-east of the city and practically completed its encirclement.

General Mark Clark, yesterday

relinquished his command of the Fifth American Army to assume command of the 15th Army Group. This Group is composed mainly of the Fifth American and British Eighth Army. Said Clark to his men: "We have gone through the bloodiest fighting in the history of warfare against the most difficult opposition, and have driven the fanatical enemy to the Po Valley".

He continued: "Our campaign has held up many of Germany's crack divisions, which otherwise would be used on the western and eastern fronts".

Clark had acknowledged that the Italian campaign had been relegated to a holding action, intimated that the northward drive would not reach into Germany.

GREEK LEFTISTS STILL HOLD OUT

***Dec 18--In Athens last night the text was published of the messages exchanged between the British Commander and the leader of the EAM forces. The first message sent by the EAM Committee stated the Greeks would withdraw from the Athens area if they were allowed to maintain their arms. General Scoby's reply stated that his terms stipulated not merely a withdrawal, but a withdrawal and the handing-in of all arms.

Soon after this, General Serafis, EAM leader, accused the British of trying to occupy and conquer Greece in the same manner as the Germans had tried. He demanded that the Greek guerrillas be allowed to keep their arms and that British troops desist from taking any action against them.

The situation was no better at the week's end. Most of Greece was a communist colony; the Athens government prevailed by the grace of Britain's Army

HOME FRONT BACKS US.

***Dec 18--The United States Treasury Department has stated that the 6th War loan drive has now passed the 17 billion dollar mark, which is 4 billion above the goal.

Unit Reporters Column

DIVISION ARTILLERY

T/5 M. Patton.

ARTILLERY MEN TURN POETIC

With their 155 mm Howitzers now cooled off and ready for more firing, two cannoners of Btry "C", 363rd FA Bn, decided to take advantage of the idle moments and write a line or two.

THE SAGA OF A CUSSING G.I.

By Pvt John R. Roberts

I was with the boys on A-Day
 Yes I hit the beach that time
 And ever since that fateful date
 Have been up to my neck in slime.

The rain, an uninvited guest
 May stay for days and days
 And the mud it makes, can gun you up
 In oh! so many ways.

I built myself a shelter,
 A gun tarp braced with wood
 But when the roan old typhoon came
 I found it was no good.

I tried to clean my rifle,
 A military MUST
 But gave it up as hopeless
 Because of all the rust.

Next day I dug a trail-pit
 for the Howitzer we use
 "Jersey" Nesbit put charge seven
 And we lost it in the ooze.

Oh yes, the sun does shine here,
 but that is very rare
 The monsoon is the thing, it seems
 And man, we've had our share.

It dwindles to a drizzle
 You think, "Its surely o'er"
 Just then a big black cloud pulls up
 And it starts to pour some more.

Yes Oregon had its' showers
 As the 96th can tell
 But the dew in the Philippines
 Could drench the depths of hell.

You've heard of Doug MacArthur
 A nobler man no'er stood

But we'll take his dowry Philippines
 Just for the common good.

Now mind you, I'm not bitching
 For be it from me to complain
 But I recommend a Purple Heart
 For the next guy who says RAIN

ON CATMON HILL

By Kenneth W. Tuttle.

On Catmon Hill the fight was hard,
 The terrain rough and battle scarred.
 Without some help we could plainly see,
 It could not be taken by the infantry.

The Japs were tough and would not yield,
 Until we brought up 361 field.
 From the CP we heard a yell:
 "Keep up the good work and give them hell!"

The guns roared on, both night and day;
 The sons of Nippon had to pay
 The price in this Catmon war,
 For their dirty deeds on Corregidor.

Able battery was in a whirl,
 She broke the record of the world.
 Baker and Charlie were in the grind,
 They were never far behind.

Amid this awful roar and static,
 The Jap decided it was automatic.
 Now the fight moves on, still Japs to kill
 But here'll never be another Catmon hill.

ED NOTE: We lack news of the DIVARTY for this column today so dig into our file of verse from them. It has been the policy of the DEADEYE to rotate space, page each day to the major units of the Division on a schedule. However, in the future items will be published without respect to "space-equality"--we will publish on a basis of news and interest value according to the amounts that are submitted. Our reporterial staff is YOU. Send in the items. If your unit requires material be submitted through your Information and Education Officer, he will assure that as much of it as is publishable will be sent on to the DEADEYE.