

BELGIUM: (Cont'd from page one.)

The Americans have already taken counter-measures, said a First Army spokesman. He declared that although the German drive was a major effort to save the Ruhr Valley, there was no cause for alarm. Berlin, however, made the most of the news and heralded Marshal Von Rundstedt's order of the day, "Germany's great hour has struck".

AMERICANS HOLD VALENCIA AIRFIELD.
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the 77th Division, the American 7th Division is mopping up the remaining pockets of the ill-fated Japanese 26th Division. With the port of Ormoc now closed to Yamashita, his hopes of getting further reinforcements get dimmer with each passing day.

According to General MacArthur, the greatest possible care is being taken to minimize American losses in the present campaign. Wherever possible, commanders are taking advantage of superior American fire power and avoiding frontal assaults. As a result, American casualties remain extremely light.

SECOND NAGOYA B-29 RAID

***Dec 19--The War Department released a few more details about the superfortress attacks on Sunday over Nagoya and Hankow. The principle target in Nagoya was again the Mitsubishi aircraft works. During last Wednesday's raid, the Mitsubishi plant suffered 40 direct hits with 29 of them on one building. Simultaneously, other superfortresses came from China bases to hit Hankow, an enemy held communications base in central China. This was the first raid by B-29's over Hankow. Lieutenant General Harmon commanding the new B-29 Pacific assault force said, "These operations are fine for a start, but they are just the beginning."


PACIFIC AIR WAR

***Dec 19--Over the Visayas, American Bombers dropped 122 tons of bombs on an airfield, destroying 3 parked planes. At Zamboanga on southwestern Mindanao, bombers hit buildings, two parked planes, sank a lugger and damaged three merchantmen. American fliers off Borneo sank a small freighter and damaged five other patrol planes, dropped 48 tons of explosives on Halanahera with a reported good effect. Medium and attack bombers harassed enemy shipping in the Wewak area, as well as dropping 62 tons of bombs on Rabaul. American air patrols hit enemy installations on Central New Ireland with 18 tons of explosives.

ALLIED BURMA LANDING A POSSIBILITY.

*** DEC 19-- Associated Press dispatches indicate that there is a possibility of a major two-pronged British amphibious landing on the west coast of Burma. The Associated Press bases its assumption on official announcements released this week telling of a series of Commando raids along a 300 miles stretch of Burma coast line. Allied military strategists have long believed that to effectively clear Burma and Thailand of Japanese occupation forces, a large-scale Allied amphibious landing would have to be made in the vicinity of Rangoon.

Motorist: How far is it to the next town?
Native: About 3 miles in a bee-line.
Motorist: Well, how far is it if the confounded bee has to walk and roll a flat tire along?

Only		3
Sniping		Days
Till		Christmas
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BELGIUM BATTLEGROUND AGAIN

NAZIS LAUNCH BLITZ

***Dec 19--The German Army has invaded Belgium and Luxembourg for the second time. The first invasion occurred during the 1940 Blitzkrieg, when the Nazis over-ran the low countries and fanned out into Northern France.

A late report placed the Nazis 20 miles inside Belgium. They threw thousands of tanks, planes and troops into a major offensive along a 60 mile front facing the American First Army. Priced by a robot bomb assault and artillery attack, they pressed into Belgium and Luxembourg at three points and forced the Yanks to give some ground.

The main attack started from a point 16 miles southeast of the Aachen-Trier front. The Germans advanced to Mondmide inside Belgium and dropped scores of paratroops behind the lines of the First and Ninth Armies. Many of the paratroopers were captured in groups as they dropped to the ground. Captured chutists revealed that they had been instructed to destroy Allied communications and effect a juncture with the advancing German ground troops.

At Duren, astride the Cologne highway, the Nazi attacks were unsuccessful. Duren is the scene of the American spearhead towards Cologne and this would indicate the enemy had failed to push back our farthest penetration toward the city.

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MINDORO RESISTANCE SLIGHT

***Dec 19--The American landing on the island of Mindoro appears to have caught the Japanese completely off balance as the Yanks continue their advance inland, meeting almost no ground opposition. In Aerial attacks on the American bridgehead over Mindoro, 23 enemy planes were shot down by fighters and anti-aircraft. During this action, we lost one plane. Another 25 more enemy planes were destroyed by our Navy, with 11 probably destroyed. The total of Jap planes destroyed in the past few days now stands at 242. Meanwhile, construction of Mindoro airfields by Yank engineers continues at a rapid pace aided by favorable weather. Unlike Leyte, the terrain on Mindoro is firm and dry.

AMERICANS HOLD VALENCIA AIRFIELD

***Dec 19--The American 77th Division is continuing its envelopment of Valencia, Japanese strong point in the Ormoc Valley. The Japanese airfield one half mile west of Valencia is now in American hands. Fighter bombers in support of our ground troops bombed and strafed enemy positions in the Valencia area. To the south of
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96th Box Score of Good Japs.	
Previous total.....	7062
December 19.....	44
GRAND TOTAL.....	7106

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G.I. RUMOR CLINIC.

RUMOR REPORTER: It has been rumored that President Roosevelt made a recent radio speech stating that all initial assault forces who hit the Philippines would be returned to the States in eight months.

Please give us the straight dope in your "G.I. Rumor Clinic."

MEDICINE MAN: The statement referred to above is what is known currently as a "crock" in army lingo or any other jargon. In other words we and the rumor aid men have traced this one and the one that General Bradley stated we would be back in the States by March—both searches led us around in circles. General "Smilin' Jim" only smiled and said that he had never intimated such a thing. We could not talk to Mr. Roosevelt but we know he would say the same thing because no such statement has come to us over the air. But it was a good joke!

YANK ARTILLERYMEN WITH CHINESE FORCES.

***Dec 19--The Chinese ground forces continue to push deeper into the Kwangsi Province in pursuit of the retreating Japanese. It was announced this week that American Artillery units and infantry units were fighting alongside the British and Chinese forces. They are known as a task force and are veterans of the China-Burma campaign.

The northward advancing 14th Army

DISPATCH HAS NEW STOCK HOLDER

We are now cutting this stencil on a decent, honest-to-goodness upright typewriter (instead of a tricky little portable); thanks to the special efforts of Lt. Col. Clarence O. Gilly, ex-actor, ex-lawyer, ex-Division QM, now DEADEYE G-4. We probably should not tell that he was able to get one because the supply has not yet built up enough to equip everybody—and others need a machine, too. But we take that chance. Col Gilly has befriended us and about fifteen thousand 96th G.I.'s for many months now anyhow—he has had at least 40,005,000 meals flow through his control one way or the other in the twenty-nine months of his service with the Division. We have now made him a stock-holder in THE DISPATCH!

in Burma have met the British troops moving southward down the Chindwin River. With this juncture, there is now an Allied front stretching entirely across Burma from north to south. In Burma, the Allied troops have taken more than 5,000 square miles of territory. Elsewhere in Burma, the British Indian troops pushed down the east bank of the Chindwin River towards Mandalay.

The 14th Airforce planes supported forward Allied positions in Burma by bombing communications and barracks.

CHURCHILL REVEALS POLAND'S FATE

***Dec 19--Prime Minister Winston Churchill told the British Parliament several days ago that his government had stamped its approval on a plan to readjust the boundaries of Poland at the conclusion of the European war. For the last 200 years Poland has undergone a series of major partitions, losing slices of her territory each time. The most substantial division of the Polish state occurred in the 18th Century when Catherine the Great, Empress of Russia, the Austrian Emperor and the Prussians parceled most of the country between themselves and left the Poles a small corridor around Warsaw.

The new plan will cede much of the Ukraine and White Russia to the Soviets to insure the security of Russia's frontiers. In return, Poland will receive most of East Prussia, Silesia and parts of Eastern Germany.

In Washington, D.C., the State Department had its own opinion on the proposed treaty. Said Mr. Stettinius: "Mr. Churchill's remarks about Poland attracted great interest in America. The United States Government previously made its position clear to the British, Soviet and Polish governments. The American people and government have continually hoped the Soviet Union and Poland would settle territorial problems between themselves. In order to facilitate such a settlement, the United States government some time ago offered its good offices to the Soviet and Polish governments. This offer remains open and were the two governments to accept, the United States would make every effort to help them reach a settlement."

Mr. Stettinius concluded by stating that far from being in this war to withdraw from the problems of the world, the United States would continue to work with the United Nations for the establishment of a permanent world peace organization.

PATTON'S GI'S LOVE AHEAD.

***Dec 19--In the Saar Basin, Blood-and-Guts Patton's Third Army smashed back at the Siegfried Line. Above Saarlautern a great many fortified positions were knocked out and 1100 prisoners taken. If the Yanks in the north could hold their own ground, the Nazis would soon have to reckon with Patton's swift army.

On Patton's south flank the Seventh Army drove ahead on German soil, but the Nazis fought back ferociously. Four of its divisions reached the Siegfried line north of the Alsatian border. The 103rd Infantry Division crossed the border four miles west of Wissenberg, and the 45th Division entered Germany in the same area. Near Lautersberg, the 79th Division broke onto German soil.

LUFTWAFFE MAKES SUPREME BID

***Dec 19--For weeks the Luftwaffe had been grounded, massing its planes with their limited fuel supply for just this occasion. Yesterday, the Nazis sent more than 450 planes into the air. It was the greatest show since the first days of the Normandy Beachhead. The effort was costly and 143 enemy aircraft went down in flames for a total of 33 Allied planes destroyed.

But the Luftwaffe's power in no way approached that of the RAF. Sunday night, the Royal Air Force sent one of the greatest raiding fleets it had ever employed to hammer at Nazi communications centers and supply points behind the Western Front. The British planes dropped 5750 tons of bombs collectively on Duisberg, Munich and Ulm.

From Italian bases, American bombers struck at railyards and synthetic oil plants in Germany, Silesia and Austria. The Nazis thought it wise to send up interceptors, lost 48 to 19 of our planes.

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TENNESSEE GRIDDERS ROLLING WEST

The University of Tennessee football team was speeding toward the West Coast yesterday. On New Years Day they will clash with the University of Southern California organization in the annual Rose Bowl Classic. This will be Tennessee's second Rose Bowl game. In 1940, the Trojans downed them 14 - 0. Besides their 1940 appearance in the Rose Bowl, the Trojans have represented the Far West in seven other games there and lost nary a one.

The Tennessee team accepted an eleventh hour bid from SC at the end of a season during which they had won over Mississippi, Temple and Kentucky.

U.S. SUBMARINES SCORE AGAIN.

***Dec 19--The United States Navy announces that American submarines have struck another blow against Japanese shipping, sinking 23 enemy vessels of which 12 were combat ships. Since the start of the war, American submarines have destroyed 907 Japanese vessels.

U.S. SEAMEN TO BE BASED ON LEYTE

***Dec 19--In Washington the War Shipping Board has announced that emergency pools of American seamen and officers would be kept on Leyte and other Pacific islands to replace personnel who have become inactive due to sickness or battle wounds.

SPORTS CHATTER

by T/Sgt. Jay Barnes

(ANS) -- You can't blame Don Cushing for saying it's a "crazy football season." Cushing was a star athlete at Cornell until he became a Navy V-12 trainee at Sampson Training Center. Then he played with Sampson against Cornell. Later the Navy transferred him to Dartmouth, and he played against Cornell a second

time.----- Cpl. Doug Condit of Idaho Falls is the property of the New York Yankees in peace time, but he got one of his big thrills in pitching a Flying Fortress team to a 6-1 victory over the G-45 Generals in England. The Generals had won 21 straight and their star pitcher, T/5 Robert Deenier of Kansas City, had a 15 game winning streak.-----Ma ybe Ed Crotty, assistant to Coach Rip Engle at Brown, is correct in believing football scoring inflation has arrived. In 16 days he saw 36 touchdowns scored in four games, but one was the 59 to 7 Army victory over Brown, and another was Notre Dame's 64 to 0 rout of Dartmouth.----- "Use your head" is one of the most oft-repeated bits of advice in sports, but Sandor Szabo, National Wrestling Association champion, and Karl Davis, the Atlanta Assassin, really proved it gets results. In a wrestling match they cracked skulls and passed out cold. The referee ruled "no decision".----- That \$20,000 or more S/Sgt. Joe Louis will pick up on an exhibition tour during his 21-day furlough may be heavy sugar for a \$96.00 a month soldier. Still, when he opens that tour at Washington, D. C., the champ will remember the \$95,000 record gate he drew there on May 23, 1941, against Buddy Baer. It was his last fight before entering the Army.----- The ticket office at Brown University has received a record long-distance reservation for the Colgate game on November 25. A 1941 graduate, now a Navy Lt. (j.g.) and a veteran of the invasion of Corsica, Normandy, and the South of France, requested five tickets, in expectation of being home. And he added, "Ask my dad to pay for them."----- Rumor is that Colonel Bob Neyland, ex-Tennessee coach now in China, is in line for the head coach job at Yale when peace comes.----- Back form China is Captain Hank Greenberg, the former Detroit Tigers star, who was baseball's highest paid player at \$55,000 a year when he entered the Army four years ago. After service at a B-29 superfortress base, Capt. Greenberg looks lean, fit and ready to play ball again when the guns are silent.

Unit Reporters Column

WITH THE 382nd INF.

In rebuttal to a comment noted in a recent issue of THE DEADEYE DISPATCH, the 382nd Infantry Medical Detachment feels that whatever footage they may receive in the forthcoming film portraying the 96th Division in action is unquestionably deserved principally of the outstanding work of Company Aid Men and Litter Bearers. Since the forthcoming film is a story of the G.I. in action, it would seem fitting that footage be given to the fellow in the front lines regardless of rank. The general feeling among the officers and enlisted men of this Regiment is that the Company Aid Men and Litter Bearers rate on the "First Team, All American" rather than the conventional, "Honorable Mention".

We of the 382d Medical Detachment can ask that nothing be added or detracted from the reputation made by these men. We feel proud that we belong to an organization whose name was made famous by Company Aid Men and Litter Bearers.

Most of the experiences of these men are above and beyond the call of duty.

First Battalion Aid Men and Litter Bearers proved their palce as team-mates by working under fire as many times as any line company. Pfc. Kenneth Long, T/5 R. Bean, T/5 S. Friedman, Pvt F. Zwick, T/5 W. Soiya and Pfc J. Greene went on eighty-five to ninety litter hauls under extreme conditions. Often operation at night on isolated jungle paths, they would always return with their casualties to the aid-station and then assist the technicians in treating the wounded.

Second Battalion Aid Men and Litter Bearers came through with First Team honors. The aid-station treated and evacuated as many as sixty casualties in one afternoon. During a withdrawal from fortified positions across a river, it was discovered that two men missing.

Without protection, the nearest aid man crossed the river in an effort to evacuate the two men, at which point he himself became a fatality. Litter Bearers in this Battalion were called on to relieve Company Aid Men on many different occasions due to high casualties among the Aid Men. Outstanding men of this section were Pfc F. Rola, Pvt J. Palmer, T/5 R. Edwards, T/5 J. Conkwright, Pfc G. Kirkpatrick, to name only a few.

Third Battalion received their rating by general all-around excellence on the field of action by individual heroic actions and outstanding achievements too numerous to mention. Pvt B. Arie, Pvt G. Rudnitsky, Pvt R. Dakesian, Pvt C. Frankel and Pfc D. Graul worked out of the aid-station on litter hauls over mountain trails practically impassable. During an assault on a Jap pill-box, litter bearers and company aid men paid the full price while successive attempts were made at evacuation before the opposition was wiped out.

Other men in the special units serving as medics reserve the right to associate with their comrades. Pvt. D. Myerchin, and Pfc L. Straus rode herd on an M-7 through a town lined with spider holes on either side of the road. Despite pointblank fire from the enemy, these men treated casualties with every consideration for their wounded and utter disregard for their own personal safety. Even after receiving a wound himself, Pvt Myerchin continued to administer medical treatment.

The Infantry officers and EM of the front line companies have shown their esteem in which they hold the Company Aid Men and Litter Bearers by recommending the following awards--2 DSC's--3 Silver Stars--29 Bronze Stars and one field commission. In addition 35 Purple Heart Awards have been earned. Unfortunately, seventeen of these awards are posthumous.

(By T/5 E. Butler, Jr.,)