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# COLOGNE SECTOR HOT

## FRASER AND NIMITZ CONFER AT PEARL HARBOR

Admiral Fraser and Admiral Nimitz commanders of the British and American Pacific Fleets are meeting at Pearl Harbor. Dispatches say that the Allied commanders are probably making plans for extended sea and air offensive against the Japanese. Recapitulation of American carrier plane attack over Luzon shows fourteen more Japanese ships sunk than had previously been reported. This brings the total to forty-one enemy vessels sunk during this battle. American aircraft losses are only twenty-seven.

WASHINGTON: The United States War Department told Selective Service Officials to step up the number of persons being inducted monthly into the service. The new quota will call for 82,000 men per month to meet the demands of the Pacific and European offensive

Red Army heavy Artillery is shelling the city of Budapest from a distance of only 5½ miles.

96th Box Score of Good Japs	
Previous Total.....	7106
December 20.....	18
GRAND TOTAL.....	7124

Heavy fighting is raging on the western front where the Nazis launched their powerful counter-attack west of Cologne. Latest dispatches put the Nazis 20 miles inside Belgium. As the Germans poured in reinforcements from the area west of Aachen to Luxembourg, the Allies took all possible measures to stabilize the battle lines. Tanks and infantry of the American First Army launched a counter-attack against the Nazis, but no word has yet been released on its progress. General Eisenhowers has clamped a security blackout of news on the entire Cologne sector.

The lines of the American Ninth Army were pounded yesterday by German heavy railway-guns brought up by train. Despite this artillery shelling, the persistent Ninth made some gains near Geilenkirchen. The Allied airforce came out in great numbers over the Cologne area to help the First and Ninth halt the Nazi push. Allied bombers knocked out 96 German tanks, damaged 26, and destroyed 265 military transport vehicles. In sky duals, Allied fliers shot down 45 out of 300 Nazi bombers attacking our positions. Allied headquarters has announced that there was no extension of the Nazi thrust; which is concentrated for a 70 mile sector north and south of Luxembourg. Except for one small pocket General Patton's rugged Third Army has cleaned out the Saar Basin.

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US BOMBERS AGAIN OVER PHILIPPINES

In new air action over the Philippines. Allied fighter planes yesterday attacked Southern Luzon and the Visayas. American heavy and medium bombers assaulted Jap airdromes on Negros and Palawan with 226 tons of explosives. In low level attacks over the area, they destroyed 12 parked enemy planes. Four more Jap aircraft were also shot down over the Sulu Archipelago and 15 grounded enemy planes demolished at Dorneo airdromes.

Admiral Chester Nimitz announced yesterday the destruction of 14 additional Japanese vessels during the three day assault on Luzon, which was coordinated with the Mindoro landings. This raises to 41 the number of enemy ships sunk during action on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

American carrier based flyers report that Manila Bay is now a sea of iron scrap. The harbor is filled with burned out, rusty hulls of all types of Jap ships. Many other vessels, which had not been sent to the bottom, were still burning when American pilots made return trips to Manila Bay.

Admiral Nimitz revised the figures for enemy vessels damaged in the Luzon area during the three day period from 66 to 61. He also announced that 27 American planes were lost in these operations. The breakdown of Jap shipping sunk during the three days was one large transport, three tankers, 9 cargo ships, two landing vessels, 12 small vessels, one large tanker, one mine layer, 7 small craft and five other small vessels sent to the bottom.

JAPS CRY: "SOME OF OUR AIRPLANE FACTORIES ARE MISSING".

The 20th Air Force, in its campaign to cripple Japan's industries, is dealing its heaviest blows to her aircraft production factories. Yesterday, the B-29's struck simultaneously at


Shanghai, Nanking and Kyushu Island. The Super-forts flew thru heavy clouds over Kyushu to bomb the Nomuri Aircraft Factory. Results were unobserved due to poor visibility.

The Mitsubichi plant, probably Japan's greatest airplane producing factory, suffered serious damage in Monday's raid on Nagoya, the 20th Air Force communique announced. "Over all results of the Nagoya operation are described as excellent", said the communique.

Only several days ago a high Japanese spokesman announced that victory or defeat for Japan would be decided by air superiority. In past months, she has been racing desperately to equal U.S. aircraft production, has at no time neared the goal. Now, hundreds of American super-forts are striking mercilessly and often at her highly concentrated plane factories. Inevitably, her output of fighter planes and bombers will drop in future months, and already she has lost the production race.

The fleets of B-29's which visited Nanking and Shanghai achieved good to excellent results. They encountered weak Japanese air opposition and meagre ground fire. Five enemy interceptors were destroyed and 12 others damaged by the American bombers.

Press correspondents, in describing Monday's B-29 raid on Hankow said that the city received the heaviest bomb load ever dropped on the Asiatic mainland in one aerial mission. But this was only the beginning. With greater production of super-forts, Nippon's industrial empire may expect increased attacks.

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Only		2
Sniping		days
till		Christmas
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TALE OF TWO CITIES (cont'd from page four)

Hungarians. Up to recent times, the city has lead a moderately stable existence.

Budapest, located on the Danube River in central Hungary, is a natural and a traditional capital. A city of over a million population, Budapest houses the Royal Hungarian Palace and Archives. All rail and transportation lines in Hungary center here. A feature seldom mentioned of Budapest are its extensive mineral baths. People from all over Europe journey here to regain their health. When Budapest falls to the Red armies, Germany will have lost one of her most important defense points in southeastern Europe.

BENEFACTORS

Again we name some of our prize subscribers and thank Sgt "Jockey" Sloan of Lt Col E. R. Autrey's AG Section, the 382d Infantry Headquarters and the 1st Bn, 383d Infantry.

They all came through generously with the black liquid so we can still go to press. It was a pretty dramatic episode -- we had just decided we would have to miss an issue when Sgt Sloan came rolling in with his load from down beach way.

DEADEYE HAS A CASUALTY

Sgt Joe Bartoszek make-up artist and stencil-cutter, manager and blackout master deluxe of the Dispatch Office, is a casualty for a few days -- with an ill which we have been assured is not serious.

We hope for his early recovery as his absence leaves an almost unbearable quiet and orderliness in the office. And too, there are no stories to hear about Chicago's Dingbat.

"Come Back Joe!"

Teacher: How does it happen that your theme "Our Dog" is the same word for word as your brother's?

Willie: Samedog, teacher.

NEWS FROM THE 381st INFANTRY:

From the 3d Battalion up front:

K Company -- The fighting doughboys of Company K had a field day last week when they cornered and annihilated 54 Japanese in a ravine.

One Jap was reported eating a horse that had been dead for some time, while others were trying to satisfy their hunger on red bananas.

Hari Kari was committed by a Jap medical officer who, when realizing the hopeless situation shot himself with his 32 caliber pistol.

Pfc Archie Stapp (Old Eagle Eye) from South Greenfield Mo made a good showing by personally killing 15 Japs.

The Japanese tendency to surrender is increasing steadily -- without food, the Nips lose their urge to fight, and begin making plans to commit Hari Kari or surrender.

It is the opinion of all concerned that we are ready to call this side of the island secure. --- SO, How about loosening up with a few cans of that mythical beer, in reward for the 10-30 pounds of flesh each man has donated to the cause so far.

C. O. Bushnell, Company K

Pvt Floyd Johnson, Company E of Houston, Texas, was writing to his wife one early evening when all at once he felt something crawl over his bare feet. Looking down he spied a large cobra slithering away into the brush.

Johnson gave chase, but the snake escaped --- Now, Floyd says that he doesn't have to worry about snakes any more, because he has built a bamboo chair about three feet off the ground.

Are you troubled with improper thoughts?

No, I enjoy them.

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DOUGHFEET LOOK FOR JAPS ON MINDORO

Sixth Army doughfeet swarmed over Mindoro, still meeting no serious Jap ground opposition. Military analyst Major George Fielding Elliot yesterday described the Mindoro operation as the major advance so far in the Philippines campaign. The coastal lowlands provide excellent areas for air strips, said Major Elliott and our aircraft and naval forces can now deny the Manila Straits to Japanese shipping. And on the southwest shore of Manila, we are for the first time in possession of bases on the south China sea.

Jap shipping must pass thru the China Seas on its run to Singapore, Thailand and the vital east indies. But, with American air and sea power controlling these passages, Japan is being forced into using the more tedious land supply route thru China. And with the Chinese now back in Kwangsi province even this route was not secure.

YANKS USING VALENCIA AIRPORT

While the Battle of China was becoming troublesome for the Japs, the Leyte situation was desperate. Yesterday, they lost the vital town of Valencia as well as its airfield. The airfield was occupied intact and is already in use.

American forces now are pushing northward from Valencia along the Ormoc corridor. Six miles to the north other American columns over-ran the town of Leloy. Meanwhile, 32d Division units, pushing southward along the Ormoc Road were within striking distance of a juncture with the 77th Division.

Filipino patriot forces have infiltrated into the mountains west of the Yamashita Line and are mopping up some isolated enemy detachments attempting to escape toward the west coast. Time is running short for the Japs still left on Leyte.

CATALINA SQUADRONS AWARDED PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

Three United States Navy Catalina patrol squadrons have been awarded the Presidential Citation. These squadrons, on their lonely vigils over the vast Pacific, have rescued hundreds of survivors from sinking vessels or planes, and have also sunk thousands of tons of Japanese shipping. Flying in good weather and in bad, the Catalina patrols have done much to make the Pacific ocean as safe for American shipping as it is today.

Premier Bonami of the new Italian government has announced that an Italian Division equipped with both American and British arms will soon appear at the front



"WAL, I RECKON I'LL GET MY DISCHARGE IF THE BASE EVER GETS HERE."



## Unit Reporters Column

382D INFANTRY

### While We Were On The Little Burma Road

Capt. Barron accompanied by Lt. Col. Sterner and Capt. Rogers of 2d Bn. Hqs. and the second platoon, were on patrol the other day looking over the terrain of a mountain pass, looking for possible trails to continue "The Little Burma Road" through the pass. Pvt. Clayton Hall, the "Blue Ridge Tenor," from Roanoke, Va., was first scout, and T/Sgt. John Fox, platoon Sgt., was acting second scout.

Noticing fresh Jap tracks they became cautious. They advanced to the edge of a clearing a few yards distant and signalled the platoon to halt. Looking across the clearing they saw a Jap sitting on a log. Hall moved up to a point of better vantage and spotted three more, sitting under a shelter. Capt. Barron, sensing something wrong, came up. He passed the word back for a BAR man and for the platoon to move out on the flanks. When they opened fire, four more Japs appeared but were quickly wiped out. Fox, Hall, and Mitchell were sent in to the Jap position to get any available information. Fox, bonding over a seemingly "good Jap", noticed him move. The Jap took a swing at Fox, but the "Lanky Yank" was a little faster and shot him through the forehead. When they returned to the company bivouac area, there were eight more "good Japs" to the platoons credit. This brings the company total for the month of November to 102.

We take this opportunity to welcome to our company Lt CW Fisher, our new Executive Officer. Lt Fisher was formerly of Co "H", this Regt which gave us great support all through the "Battle of Leyte," and on our perimeter defenses. So we say "Mahuhay!" Lt Fisher, and also to the new replacements.

If and when we are issued "A" and "B" rations, Co Hq will be ready and waiting with a class "A" mess hall.

While on patrol, Capt. Barron came across a deserted native hut. It looked as if it had been occupied recently, so the Captain and his men inspected it. They found it contained some Jap tableware and pots, in excellent condition. Now, Co Hq eats from plates.

Co F is now known as the "Packtrain Company" of the battalion, (reverting back to the "Old Army"). Pfc Leroy Thompson, from Shawnee, Oklahoma, heads the Pack Train daily from the Anti-mine platoon to Co "F" where the supplies are broken down and then on to Co "G".  
Pvt T. E. Callahan  
Co F, 382d Infantry

### 383d Infantry

#### A Fox-Hole Drama

Last night as my four buddies and I were settling down in our one room fox-hole, trying to get a good night's sleep, we had an unexpected and unwelcome visitor.

A rat about the size of a water buffalo decided to join us. He was lonesome and wanted some company, so he thought he'd straddle my chest and chat a while -- I, of course, had other ideas. I swung at him, he ducked, he swung at me, I forgot to duck, he connected, I got mad, picked up my trench knife, swung and missed. The knife went into my buddy's Gladius Maximus (Rear end to you GI's). Naturally, he got mad, started swinging, then everybody started swinging except the rat who sat on a log watching us and cleaning his fingernails. Things got wilder, shots were fired, the whole perimeter was alerted. Everyone thought the whole Japanese Army was trying to break through.

Well, the rat was disgusted by this time because we weren't more sociable so he left. The last I saw of him he was going over Alto Peak with a barrel of Tuba under his arm.

S/Sgt F. E. Caldwell  
Co I, 383d Infantry

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## DEADEYE DISPATCH

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### BATTLE BACKGROUND

#### A TALE OF TWO CITIES

by Joe Hannasch

Two cities have been frequently mentioned in the news, and no doubt will be mentioned more often in the near future. Each of these two Old World cities is soon to fall into Allied hands, one to the American and British troops, and one to the Russian forces. Their names are Cologne and Budapest. Perhaps it would be interesting if we were to know more about them.

Cologne is one of Germany's principal cities, located in western Germany on the Rhine River just between the northern plains and southern mountains. The city straddles the Rhine, although the larger part is built on the western bank. Cologne is not only a major river port, but it is also a transportation and manufacturing center. Among its industrial products are machinery, chemicals, dyes, paper and fine lace. Its best known product is probably Eau de Cologne, a world famous scented toiletry first produced in the 18th century.

The early Roman armies, with their sure knowledge of a military site, selected Cologne as their chief city for that sector of Germany. This was sometime during the first century, A.D. In 1248 one of the finest cathedrals in all Europe was started in Cologne; the church tower, which was built on the site of a much

older structure, reached the then-astounding height of 515 feet. The Cologne cathedral still stands today, a masterpiece of early Christian architecture. A university, also was founded here in 1388.

Because of its geographical position on the Rhine river, the city of Cologne flourished up to the 16th century; it was then a rich, powerful, free imperial city. After the 16th century, it lost its leading trade position somewhat and settled down to the metropolis it is today. There are few cities in Germany that would offer a richer prize to the Allies.

The next city we are to consider is Budapest. The Russian armies are already fighting at its gates. For Budapest, an invading army is no new experience as the great city has been taken by storm or seige many times during its stormy history. The earliest army in Budapest was again those military pioneers, the Roman armies. The Romans established one of their legion here as it was a logically defensible site. In 376, Budapest was destroyed by the barbarians, and again overrun by the Huns and Magyars at the end of the ninth century. The next masters of the city were the Turks, who captured it in 1541, only to be ousted themselves in 1686. In 1848, Budapest was successfully stormed by the

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