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TANKS RESCUE BASTOGNE

JAP WARSHIPS SHELL MINDORO

***Dec 29--Units of the Japanese Navy, in one of their rare appearances, attempted to assault the American beachhead on Mindoro Tuesday with no success. The enemy naval force consisted of one battleship, one heavy cruiser and six destroyers. After they had inaccurately shelled the coastline, American medium bombers, fighters and PT boats forced the enemy to withdraw. When the smoke of the battle had cleared, three of the Japanese destroyers were sent to the bottom of the sea, while both the battleship and the cruiser suffered direct hits. The enemy naval attack was apparently coordinated with an air assault as three Japanese planes are reported shot down in this action. Unable to land any sizeable force on Mindoro to combat the Americans' progress there, the Japanese are taking grave risks by sending their weakened navy into Philippine waters. The ratio of Allied sea power in the southwest Pacific to Japanese sea forces is now so preponderant that any appearance of the Nipponese navy is practically a suicide effort.

SNIPER FIRES AT CHURCHILL

***Dec 29--Prime Minister Winston Churchill stood outside the British Embassy in Athens yesterday, speaking with Anthony Eden and Ambassador Leyer. Suddenly a
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TANK FORCES SAVE DOUGHFEET COMRADES.

***Dec 29--American troops at Bastogne, surrounded completely for days by German forces, have at last been relieved by armored columns which reached the city last night. Previous press dispatches, highly praised these Americans for their heroic actions by gave little hope for their deliverance. They had stubbornly refused German surrender ultimatums with a flat "No" and continued the fight while being supplied by air. Only a few hours before their rescue they had repulsed two powerful German armored attacks and destroyed 27 tanks in the battle.

This sensational breakthrough has narrowed the Nazi bulge to 20 miles and thrown them on the defensive in the northern sector. It was in this northern sector that they had shifted the weight of their attack last Saturday in a desperate effort to reach Liege and cut the Antwerp supply line. For the moment the Wehrmacht has been outmaneuvered in its attempt to reach the Channel ports.

In the center of the sprawling front, the Germans were pounding hard for the Meuse River and had reached a point only four miles away. Near Celles and Ciney, the Americans succeeded in throwing back the point of the enemy salient and protecting the east side of the Meuse. Armored forces played a large part in the battle, during which 90 German tanks were
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demolished. Many other tanks and self-propelled vehicles in the area were abandoned due to lack of gas. 450 German prisoners were taken in the engagement and the rest were digging in where the Yanks had stopped them cold.

Thousands of Allied planes were pounding German communications and supply points for the fifth day. Twenty-five hundred Allied planes concentrated on eleven freight yards behind the Nazi lines. Six hundred heavy U.S. bombers, with a formidable escort of 400 fighter planes, were among these formations.

Our losses were small for the large number of planes involved. Five bombers and four fighters failed to return, but some of their pilots may have been saved when their planes were downed in friendly territory.

U.S. NAVAL AND AIR UNITS POUND IWO

***Dec 29--United States surface vessels and aircraft made another attack on Wednesday on Iwo Jima. This is the second coordinated Allied attack on IWO in four days and the 20th consecutive strike. The American naval forces, which included cruisers and destroyers shelled coastal installations. One enemy gunboat was blown up by our naval forces and landing docks set afire.

"ELITE" TROOPS TAKE TO HILLS

***Dec 29--The cocky SS Storm Troopers, who had sworn to defend Budapest to the death for Hitler, are now hiding in the wooded hills above the city. Another force of Nazis is trapped within Budapest and has no hope of escape, now that the Russians have completely encircled the capital.

Great tank battles are being fought in the cities streets and the Russians now control ten of the eighty square miles that comprise the Budapest area.

NAZIS PLANNED VICTORY IN SIX WEEKS

***Dec 29--An almost unbelievable optimistic German time table for their latest offensive has been revealed by captured Nazi soldiers and documents. The General Staff had intended to completely crush the Allied armies in six weeks and again over-run the continent. German troops were grossly misinformed about the progress of the campaign and cities reported to them as captured are still in Allied hands.

Liege, Namur, Antwerp and Brussels were the first objectives of the ambitious Nazi plan. At the same time, it was planned to capture the city of Luxembourg on the first day, then take Verdun in a surprise move and finally capture Paris in the same drive. Ultimately, the Germans had hoped to retake Aachen and all Allied occupied territory in the Reich.

A captured order of the day revealed that Nazi troops were told the Wehrmacht, completely re-supplied with new weapons, tanks and planes, would never again retreat and that the Allies would be completely destroyed. Another order of the day gave the command to break through to the English Channel by the end of the six week period. Radio messages were flashed to isolated Nazi garrisons hopelessly cornered in the French Channel ports, to hold out just a little while longer.

Last night the picture had cleared to this extent. At the farthest point, the winter drive has penetrated to four miles of the Meuse River. There the Americans have forced the Nazis to dig in, while on the north, our Armor has again swung over to the offensive.

CHINA.

***Dec 29--Dispatches from the Yunan Province report that the Chinese Communist 8th Army is fighting the Japanese in the Yellow River sector.

+ CHURCH DIRECTORY +

SUNDAY 31 December 1944		UNIT	NEW YEARS DAY 1 January 1945.	
CATHOLIC 0900	PROTESTANT 1000		CATHOLIC 0900	PROTESTANT 1000
	1500	DIVISION CP		
	1345	ORD AND QM		
1100	0900	321st ENGR BN	1100	
1400		362nd FA BN	1400	0800
	1030	361st FA BN		
		198th FA BN		
		921st FA BN		1800
	1745	Div. Arty.		
	1730	Reg Hq, 381st	1600	1730
1800	1000	1st Bn, 381st		1000
0900		2nd Bn, 381st		
1500		3rd Bn, 381st		
		Ser Co, 381st	0900	
	0930	Reg Hq, 382nd		
	1800	Ser Co, 382nd		
0900	1000	5th AF-Off Mess		
1630	1630	Reg Hq, 383rd		
1600	1000	2nd Bn, 383rd	1600	
	1300	3rd Bn, 382nd		
	1900---1600L.D.S.	1st Bn, 382nd		

TOKYO: (Cont'd from page four.)

the Superfortresses deadly new automatic gunfire control, Japanese interceptors are loath to tackle our bombers.

The Japanese diet happened to be in session during the latest B-29 bombing, but they found it convenient to convene and make a date with an air raid shelter. Their reported topic upon again meeting was reports on the bombing, and means to stop them.

GIVE YANKS TIME, ALL TOKYO WILL HAVE FIRE

(AP)--American Superfortress bombers are helping mend the match shortage in Tokyo the Japanese radio said today.

Unburned chemicals in the thin sheet-iron cylindrical incendiary bombs dropped by the B-29's are useful to make

matches, provided the bombs are extinguished soon enough, said the broadcast heard by the Federal Communications Commission.

An amateur inventor discovered the chemical mixture could be used as a substitute for ordinary matches, the broadcast said.

Nature dealt a blow at Japan the week of December 2nd, as Radio Tokyo admitted that an earthquake and tidal wave had struck Honshu, main island of the Jap homeland.

The landing at Ormoc was handled by Rear Admiral Arthur Dewey, veteran of the Normandy assault, who sailed a 100-ship armada 360 miles around the southern tip of Leyte virtually without interference.

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bullet whined by uncomfortably near to Churchill, then struck a young woman 300 yards away. The party retired to the embassy, while the sound of firing continued outside. British guns were shelling Elms forces and the thud shook the windows of the embassy.

Although the Elms had agreed to a conference, to settle the bitter civil war that has ravaged Greece, it was still fighting savagely this week to hold its ground until a new government is formed.

Churchill, had hopes that some sort of international trust could be established in Greece after the Athens area has been cleared. The purpose of such a trust would be to permit a democratic election with a secret ballot to determine whether the Greeks wanted a monarchy or republic. Stories that Britain is endeavoring to restore the King in Greece are untrue, said Churchill. She seeks only a government elected democratically by the people, not one controlled by an armed minority of the left or right.

SAN FRANCISCO

The Federal Bureau of investigation today arrested in Hollywood, Charles Lyons, Jr., 22, of Azusa, Calif. This chap is a navy deserter who was wine and dined by clubs, celebrities and military officers on the belief that he was a wounded marine hero who had been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor and kissed by Mrs. Roosevelt. The FBI agents said Lyons was taken into custody at the home of actor Dennis Morgan. Federal agents had read in a metropolitan newspaper that Morgan had taken Lyons home from the Hollywood Canteen as a house guest, under the name of Chuck O'Brien. Suspecting Lyons as a deserter, The Feds nabbed him. Lyons was AWOL from CP Shoemaker, Calif. since Oct 17th and was wanted for illegally wearing a marine uniform, and suspected of passing bad checks.

LEYTE

***Dec 29--General mopping up operations on Leyte continued, as 827 more enemy dead were counted. While organized enemy resistance on Leyte has ceased, there are still numerous disorganized Japanese that must be ferreted out and dealt with. This task requires time, and we no doubt will hear of mopping up operations for some weeks in the future. The American 77th Division is clearing up a small pocket of enemy resistance in the mountains north-east of Palompon. In an enemy air action, Japanese planes raided the Tacloban area, causing minor damage.

CLARK FIELD BOMBED AGAIN

***Dec 29--Heavy American bombers escorted by fighter planes again raided Clark Field at Manila, causing large fires in dispersal areas and gutting runways. Of the twenty Japanese interceptor planes that rose to defend the airstrip, 13 were sent down in flames by our sharp-shooting fighters. We lost one plane. An additional 39 planes not previously reported were destroyed or damaged during the American Christmas raid on this field, bringing the number of enemy planes destroyed on this field in three days to 124. This latest American raid on Clark field is the fifth in five days.

Throughout the Pacific, Allied airmen continued to whittle down Japanese shipping with deadly regularity--a transport here and a freighter there; but the cumulative result is that Japanese shipping, like the Dodo bird, will become extinct. At Davao, American fliers destroyed three small freighters, a coastal vessel, a barge, and a jetty. Medium and heavy Allied bombers hit enemy airbases and shipping at Zamboanga and Davao, Halmahera base, Bismarck Solomons, New Ireland, Bougainville and the lesser Sundas. Enemy planes raided our Morotai positions causing slight damage; one Japanese plane was shot down by our planes.

Unit Reporters Column

NEWS FROM THE 381st

"FORGOTTEN MAN"

Mail, is the word that will bring a tired GI to his feet, a Goldbrick out of hiding, and breathe life into the sick. The lack of it will cause untold anguish and suffering. It is a pitiful sight, indeed, to see a sad forlorn GI lying under the shade of a tree and remain there even after the sun has shifted its position, feeling that the world may just as well come to an end. This GI is not the exception. Rather he, like many of his comrades, is suffering from a lack of mail for periods ranging as long as two weeks. You forsaken individuals harken to one of your brethern. Amongst you is a man who can well understand your state of mind. Harken and be sympathetic. D. K. Martin, Company "A", second Platoon, who thinks he hails from Florida, but wishes he had mail to confirm it, has not received mail for 128 days-16 weeks.

By L. Hoffman, Co. "A"

NOTE: Sgt L. Friedman, Reg Mail Chief surely will find a few letters in his easiest Christmas rush in many a year. "Easy, Balony" says Leo.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT?

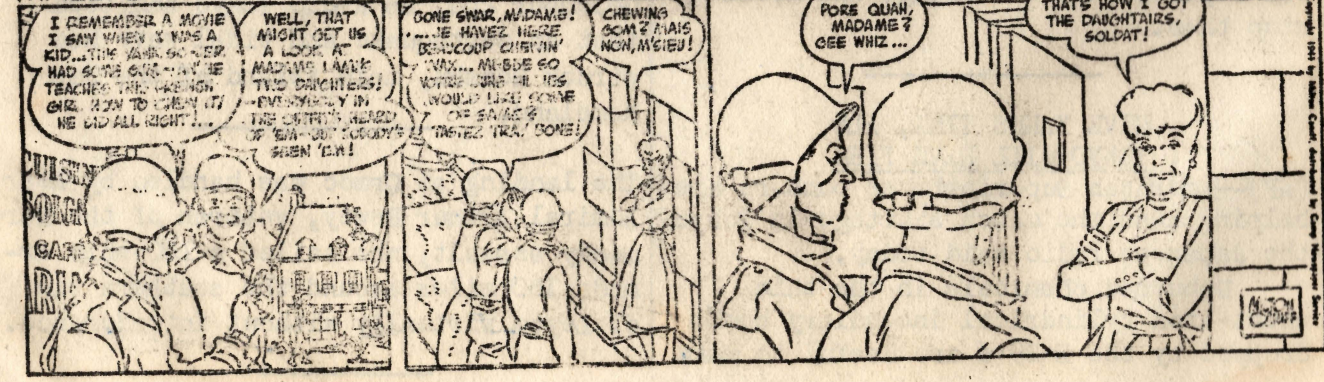
Lt Salvadore (smiling) DeNuzzo received his Christmas present (of Jap ori-

gin) on November 24th.

While leading his men in an attack against a Japanese fortified position, DeNuzzo was hit in the back by fragments from a Jap Mortar. His platoon already has suffered casualties including the platoon Sgt Wm "Wild Bill" Ingison, when they had encountered concealed machine gun fire. After being wounded, DeNuzzo was given first aid and evacuated. Returning to his old company shortly thereafter, he swore that he would repay those "Sons of Nippon" for the wounds they had inflicted upon him. On Christmas Day the Platoon Medics was dressing the Lt's wounds and saw what looked like a small fragment protruding from the wound. When the Battalion Surgeon was called in, it proved to be what they thought it was, a piece of shrapnel that, in the month and a day since it had entered the flesh, had worked its way, by the movement of the arm and shoulder, to the surface. Commenting on the peculiarity of the wound, with the shrapnel working itself out just a month and a day after the wound was received, DeNuzzo said, "You know why, don't you Doc?" The Surgeon being puzzled answered in the negative. "Well, Doc," he said, "that was a Jap Christmas present, and I never believe in opening my Christmas package before Christmas."

Curious fly, vinegar jug,
Slippery edge, pickled bug!

MALE CALL by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates" THE FLAVOR LASTED AND LASTED



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ARMY MAY DRAFT ATHLETES.

Office of War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes said yesterday that college and professional athletes, who now hold a 4F selective service status, will have their cases reviewed. Byrnes could not understand how athletes could participate in strenuous sports and still be unfit for military service.

Race tracks have also been shut down by Byrnes' order, but track officials interpreted the order as entitling them to hold races on January 3. All of the tracks will be shut down the next day. Meanwhile, the nation's leading jockeys, polled by Associated Press, said they would spend the war riding horses, but only for exercise. The jockeys felt unanimously they wouldn't be worth their keep in war plants.

Indications were that the Army would stretch its physical requirements to admit a few gridders and cagers, but the diminutive jockeys would still be civilians.

COLD WAVE SWEEPS MID-WESTERN U.S.

The short bitter cold wave over the Midwest early Tuesday eased off, moving east with temperatures still far below zero. Jacksonville, Illinois had twenty-four below. The Dakotas, Minnesota, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Iowa and parts of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio experienced sub-zero weather. Minnesota saw twenty-three below, Chicago seven below, Madison sixteen below, and Decorah, Iowa twenty-two below. In Douglas, Wyoming it was twenty-six below, but the mercury slide was easing up. More snow was piled on the already-deep drifts in Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York, to as far west as Wyoming. While it rained in Texas, Tennessee had temperatures of twenty above and Carolina was close to freezing.

PATROL CAPTURES JAP "IN FLORIDA"

SWP-(AP)--A security patrol of the 41st Infantry Division, combing a Pacific Island for Japanese remnants recently took a Nippon soldier who thought he was in Florida. During his interrogation, the Japanese was quite emphatic--he was in Florida because his commanding officer had told him so; he didn't like the place a bit and figured it was not worth much. His total ignorance of geography and what was going on in the outside world amazed his Yank questioners.

Why don't you peel that banana before you eat it?
What for? I know what's inside.

DETAILS OF SUPERFORTRESS TOKYO ATTACK

***Dec 29--The War Department of the United States has released additional details of the B-29 attack over Tokyo in daylight Wednesday. The great silver bombers came from Saipan bases to strike aircraft factories and other industrial targets. Returning crewmen reported anti-aircraft fire meager and all of the huge planes returned safely. Because of (Cont'd on page five.)