

JAPS SWEEP FROM AIR OVER LUZON

***Jan 11--American fighter planes and medium and heavy bombers continued to pound the entire Luzon Area. Heavy bombers dropped 70 tons of bombs on Nicholson field near Manila. Medium and attack-fighters ranged over the plain north of Manila destroying enemy aircraft and communications. Thirty-four Japanese planes were destroyed on the ground at Clark field and others at Lipa and Batangas. Three bridges near Calumpit, 25 miles northwest of Manila, were wrecked and innumerable troops and supply vehicles riddled to pieces. These bridges were vital to the Japanese if they tried to move troops north to meet our attack.

Carrier planes of the U.S. Seventh fleet covered the beachhead area in direct support of ground troops. They also hit enemy installations in towns nearby, wrecking ammunition dumps and supply warehouses, barracks and motor vehicles. American naval fliers destroyed six enemy planes. General MacArthur said that our constant pounding has reduced enemy air activity to a negligible scale.

Meanwhile, on Leyte 415 more Japs were killed and nine brought in standing. Our planes were active over the whole area of the Pacific. Recon planes damaged a freighter and shot down an enemy float-plane off Formosa. Other planes blasted Japanese installations and airfields from the Philippines to Borneo, New Guinea and the Solomons.

BUDAPEST IN FLAMES

***Jan 11--Once beautiful Budapest is fast becoming a flaming ruin according to latest dispatches. The Hungarian capital is now in the chaotic condition in which the Russians left Moscow during their war with Napoleon.

Three quarters of Budapest is now held by the Red Army and the defenders of the German garrison now have their backs to the wall. 15 miles northwest of the city, German columns attempted to knife thru to relieve the hemmed in garrison, but the

DRAFT BOARDS WILL GET MORE BUSINESS

***Jan 11--In Washington, D.C. Undersecretary of War, Patterson, told Congress that inductions for the Armed Forces during the next six months will be at double the present rate and total at least 800,000 men. The Army had recently announced a jump from sixty to eighty thousand men monthly, but the new rate will rise to 150,000. Men in the 26 to 29 year age group will be inducted while the jobs in the war industries will be left open to the older men.

Our war industries will need 700,000 men during this same six month period, said Patterson. He urged the enactment of national service legislation as the only way of meeting the manpower needs during the coming days of the war. Until such a law is passed, Patterson favors an immediate work or fight measure for all men from 18-45.

TYPHOON SINKS 3 U.S. DESTROYERS

***Jan 11--Three U.S. destroyers, the Hull, Spence, and Monaghan, have been reported as lost during a severe tropical typhoon in the western Pacific. The Navy Department also announced the loss of four LST's, a motor torpedo boat, a small sub chaser, and a small auxiliary as a result of enemy action. Lt. Comm. James Marks, the skipper of the Hull, four other officers and 49 men were saved. Twenty four men survived the Spence while six were rescued from the Monaghan. The Navy said the typhoon occurred while the vessels were taking part in recent combat operations and that a number of other vessels were damaged.

attacks were thrown back. Other Russian columns, which have by-passed Budapest are already 40 miles northwest of the capital.

The air war over the Western Front resumed when an armada of 1100 American heavy bombers and 300 fighters crossed the channel to bomb roads, bridges and railyards in western Germany yesterday.



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LUZON ADVANCE CONTINUESYANK TANKS PLOW THRU SNOW

***Jan 11--After thirty hours of violent fighting through a severe winter snow storm, an American armored division won out in a violent battle with a Nazi panzer division in Belgium. Shortly afterwards, First Army was able to sweep thru Samaree, three miles northeast of Laroche and drive on another mile. Doughfeet in this sector were fighting in snow up to their shoulders as they pushed forward to cut off what remained of the German bulge in Belgium. The Americans definitely held the offensive despite the severe winter weather and the attrition caused by Von Rundstedt's offensive.

On the west, the British drove eastward three and one-half miles to capture several towns between Rochefort and St. Hubert. General Patton's forces on the south of Bastogne gained up to a mile on both sides of the city. Only a nine mile bottleneck still remains of the German salient near the town of LaRoche. Other zones where the Nazis had made their push are now by-passed and in the mopping up stage.

German attacks on the Alsace front, in the Strasbourg area have definitely slackened. The Nazis still held Gamblem, nine miles northeast of Strasbourg and were reported attacking near Krafft, ten miles south of the city. These attempts to maintain the momentum of their offensive cost the Germans dearly. Our ground and airforces destroyed 58 of their tanks in the latest attack.

YANKS MOVE TEN MILES INTO LUZON

***Jan 11--American assault troops on Luzon have carved out a beachhead 15 miles long and an average of four miles deep. According to a late dispatch, one famous American Division has penetrated ten miles inland while others have advanced six miles to the southeast. No serious Japanese ground opposition has yet been encountered. All original Yank bridgeheads have been linked together. The town of Lingayen and its airstrip has already been seized by fast moving doughfeet, as well as three other towns less than twenty miles apart. Supplies and equipment are flowing through our beachhead as tank-led American race inland.

General MacArthur said that the Japanese were completely deceived by our choice of landing spot and now are feverishly bringing up troops from the south. The three towns taken besides Lingayen are Dagupan, San Fabian, and Mangaldan.

KREUGER LUZON GROUND FORCE COMMANDER.

***Jan 11--General Kreuger, who directed Leyte operation, has been revealed to be in command of American Land Forces during the Luzon invasion. A fighting General, he is 64 years old and looks ten years younger. Gen Krueger served at Lingayen as an American Army private during the Philippine insurrection of 1900. Confering with writers aboard his flagship,

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FORD'S PLANS

Ford Motor Company revealed that it plans to spend 150 million dollars for new plants and tools to build the postwar auto. In speaking of their plans for a low-priced car, Ford officials believed it might be priced 20 or 25% below the regular Ford base price. Sales Manager J. R. Davis corrected the impression that first production would be of "face-lifted" pre-war models, saying that the initial models will incorporate more changes than some of the industry's greatest year-to-year prewar revisions.

Graham-Paige, which suspended automobile making before WPB's wartime controls, has announced that it plans to resume production of cars following suspension of hostilities. They hope to be among the first in the auto industry to manufacture a completely new car. Their present plans call for a car lighter in weight than present cars, and selling at a lower cost. Such a car will probably be made through application of the principles used in manufacture of airplanes, aided by the many new light-weight metals developed during the war.

It is expected that there will be 40 million car owners after the war, which is 10 million more than the present figure. Some companies believe that the peak in automobile buying will not be reached until ten years after the war's end.

A few words mumbled in church and you're married; a few words mumbled in your sleep and you're divorced.

CUPID AT WORK!

According to the latest statistics, Cupid has gone all out in shooting his love darts in 1944. The City of San Francisco reports that in 1941 they parted 5,195 bachelors from their happy (or miserable) state. In 1944 however, 11,545 couples set their sails on the sea of marriage in the Golden Gate City.

The United States Census Bureau believes that with all the millions of bachelors now overseas, marriages are declining. They still look for a slight boom in marriages after the war. After World War I there was a great upswing in the yearly rate of marriages. There should be another boom after World War II, the Bureau says, but there are some differences. Since we've had more war-time marriages this time and have built up a surplus, we will have a small backlog of single people.

WOLFE WELCOMES NURSES.

Are you nervous in the service? Then don't read this article, for you'll become even more agitated. The Army has announced that the Surgeon General's Office will now share the coveted privilege of recruiting nurses with the Red Cross. Besides that, Congress is going to induct them. Not into Congress, that is, but into the Army. When interviewed on the subject, Private Wolfe remarked: "The more nurses the better. If the Nurse Corps T/O's are full, let them in the Army anyway. The surplus will be good for our morale". Most GI's will agree that the old adage applies—"The More the Merrier".

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KREUGER: (Contd. from Page One)

Kreuger emphasized his complete confidence in his men. This is the biggest job he has tackled in his career.

The General gave three reasons why Lingayen was selected as the Luzon invasion point. First, a direct approach of Manila would have meant traversing swamps, and rice paddy fields. Second, a landing off northern Luzon would mean a long trek over mountainous terrain. Third, Lingayen offered the best road to Manila, heading a 60 mile wide by a 100 mile long corridor traversed by highways and railroads through open country. For one of the first times in Pacific warfare, American divisions will have a chance to use armored mechanical weapons in a flat open country.

American landing at Lingayen cut off the likeliest route whereby the Japanese would be reinforced or evacuated. The enemy's chances of either reinforcement or evacuation are given as slender because a U.S. naval screen will be thrown around Luzon. It is believed that the Japanese will fight a desperate battle within the Lingayen Manila area, alternately withdrawing northeastward into hilly country. Given favorable weather, American troops now on Luzon may take Manila and complete liberation of the entire Philippines in the near future.

GREEKS WILL GET ELECTION

***Jan 11--In Greece, Premier Plastiras pledged a general election at the earliest possible moment. He also promised to take drastic action against any collaborationists who are known to have aided the Nazis in Greece. All this was in an effort to heal the breach between the warring faction in Greek political life.

Meanwhile, the leftist Elass forces talked new armistice terms with General Scobie, the British Commander. The Elass still retained its arms and fighting continued in the hills north of Thebes.

She: "Your heart is beating like a drum."
Sailor: "Yeah, that's the call to arms."

NIMITZ EXPLAINS LUZON SUCCESS

***Jan 11--Admiral Chester Nimitz has explained that a part of the Luzon success should go to American naval and marine fliers who blitzed Luzon for three successive days. They destroyed or damaged 362 enemy planes, and sank or damaged 73 ships. These carrier plane attacks on January 6th accounted for 18 enemy planes shot down, 93 destroyed on the ground, and 117 damaged.

On January 6th and 7th, Nimitz continued, our planes in the Luzon sector sank three cargo vessels, four small coastal ships, and five luggers. Many other vessels were damaged. On January 9, 14 small enemy ships were sunk and 17 others damaged; a tank was also left burning.

BRITISH 50 MILES ABOVE MANDALAY

***Jan 11--In central Burma, Allied troops stand less than 50 miles above Mandalay. British Indian troops of the 14th Army entered Schwebo and consolidated their positions there. Other forces pushed through Schwebo and captured a town 15 miles above it. Troops of the British 15th Corps are engaged in a blistering fight northeast of recently-captured port of Akyab.

Allied spokesman in China predict that two supply roads into China will soon be opened. These are the roads from Ledo on the old Burma Road, and another auxiliary road into China.

PARACHUTISTS DROP ON NORWAY

***Jan 11--In London, the exiled Norway government said that Norwegian parachutists have landed in their homeland and destroyed large sections of two of the country's main railroad lines. The surprise blow was timed to prevent the transfer of German troops from Norway to the Western Front.

Daddy, what is the curse of drink?
"Being stuck with the check."



Babe Ruth will be honored by Connecticut sports writers at their Gold Key Award banquet in New Haven on January 29th. The Connecticut writers voted the home run king the outstanding athlete of the past 25 years.....Plans are afoot to sound out Pro football owners on the possibility of building stadiums to house the loop elevens so they will be completely free from baseball park tieups. This would cut a large chunk of revenue out of the baseball income.....The Montreal Canadians are sharing the National League lead with the Detroit Redwings.....Bill Thoms, an outstanding hockey center for ten years, has announced that he is quitting as an active player with the Chi Blackhawks because of his recent illness from which he felt he had not entirely recovered. It was understood that he will become manager of the Hawks' Kansas City Club when the American Association resumes after the war..... The 1945 college swimming season opened with Yale's great team overwhelming Brown University 63-12, the Navy downed Franklin and Marshall 64-11, and in the midwest the University of Illinois defeated Illinois Tech 48-36.....Five members of the World Champion St. Louis Cardinals were chosen on the 1944 major league All-Stars baseball board of twenty sports experts. Detroit Tigers were given three positions and the Pirates, Dodgers, and Boston Red Sox, St. Louis Browns, one each. It was the first time since 1935 that no member of the N.Y. Yankees made the team. Here is the line-up: Outfield-Stan Musial of Cards, Dick Wakefield of Tigers, Dixie Walker of Dodgers; Infield-Ray Sanders, Cards; at first base, Dobby Doerr of the Red Sox at second, Martin Marion of the Cards, at short, Bob Elliott of the Pirates at third base; catcher was Walker Cooper, also a Cardinal; pitchers were Hal Newhouser of the Tigers, Mort Cooper of the Cards, and Paul "Dizzy" Trout of the Tigers. Luke Sewell of the Browns was chosen as manager.....Here are some late scores in collegiate basketball--Indiana U. trounced De Pauw getting revenge for an earlier defeat, to the tune of 58-38; another return game saw the University of Oregon beat the Washington State Cougars at Pullman 47-34, after losing the night before 46-36; Mississippi U. beat Mississippi College in a close game 32-30; Denver defeated Greeley State, 55-48; Gustavus Adolphus beat St. Olaf College 55-40. In the Big Ten, the U. of Iowa defeated Minnesota 41-34; Iowas' high-scoring attack went sour however, and they were under their usual high 73point a game average. Michigan's Wolverines edged out the Illini, 43-38. Wisconsin's Badgers bowed to a smooth Northwestern five 52-37, Wisconsin's high-scoring ace, Ray Peterson, was benched with a severe cold. In a game at Chicago, two long baskets in the last three minutes gave the Great Lakes Blue Jackets a 59-58 victory over Notre Dame's fighting Irish.....Turf fans learned that racing still is permitted in Puerto Rico even though the tracks have been closed in the States. The War Mobilization Office in Washington said the factors which brought about the shutdown in the States, such as war industries and transportation, did not apply in Puerto Rico. Two tracks operate in the San Juan area of the American territorial possession.....The Chicago Cubs reported that their pitcher, Leslie "Bill" Fleming, who won nine games for the cubs last season, has entered the Army.... Willie Pep, Worlds Featherweight Champion, has also been ordered to appear at his draft board for a Pre-Induction physical examination on January 16th. Pep has already served nine months in the Navy and received a medical discharge.....Charles Graham, owner of the San Francisco Seals went on record as "definitely opposed" to a three man commission to take the place of Judge Landis as czar of all baseball. Graham said, "It would be a definite step backward. It is O.K. for the present and I am glad to see that plenty of time is being taken before making a selection --but return to the old 3-man commission on a permanent basis, never!"

Unit Reporters Column

"HELLO, FRISCO, HELLO"

Recently, Company I, 381st Infantry made one of the most profitable routine patrols of recent date.

Following a platoon patrol which had drawn enemy fire earlier in the day, a Company patrol, headed by most able Capt. Sam E. Hughes, commander, was formed to determine the source and strength of enemy resistance in the vicinity. Trails were well reconnoitered past "Suicide Gorge" before sighting the enemy at which point two wounded Japs were found.

Since the Japs had taken the initiative by firing on the platoon patrol earlier in the day, Captain Hughes, deduced that there must be enemy installations of importance in that area, and his plan was to comb this area thoroughly.

The plan operated smoothly until the platoon on the left advanced 150 yards hitting the Japanese outer CP. At this point four or five of the enemy were killed before enemy fire opened from higher ground to the front.

While the weapons platoon laid mortar fire on the enemy position, the first platoon started a flanking movement to reach the Jap's rear and thereby cut his escape route from the ridge which he occupied. Following the mortar fire, the second platoon was to engage in a frontal attack.

After arriving in position in the rear, the first platoon spotted five trunks of radio equipment plus miscellaneous parts, and while the capture of this equipment was highly desirable, the procuring of it entailed danger from the enemy. The platoon leader, Lt. Calvin Stevens III, had a quick decision to make--whether to destroy what was obviously valuable equipment or to engage a carrying party with the rest of the platoon as protection. The Lieutenant decided in favor of the latter.

The haul netted a radio receiver and transmitter--larger than our own 193, a generator with motor and fuel oil, capable

of putting out 1300 volts, four prized Sumari swords, two pistols, seven flags, a complete medical set and a miscellany of watches, clothes, rations and personal effects.

While the radio was being carried in J. W. Gray remarked, "Now we can have intercourse with "Tokyo Rose"---verbally, I mean, of course," he added softly.

From XXIV Corps Headquarters where the captured equipment was sent to be checked, comes the opinion that the radio had been used in communicating with enemy forces in Cebu and other nearby islands.

The men of Company I had visions of a company light plant through the use of the generator and programs from San Francisco through the radio. They continue in hopes that these visions will come true.

Pfc. Robert Ortiz
Co I, 381st Inf

CHURCH SERVICES.

(Sunday, 14 January 1945.)	
CATHOLIC MASS.....	0900
(Mess Tent----Div CP Area.)	
LUTHERAN COMMUNION.....	0900
(Off Mess----Div CP Area.)	
Protestant Service.....	1015
(Mess Tent----Div CP Area.)	
Protestant Service.....	1400
(321st Engr CP.)	
Protestant Service.....	1500
(796th Ordnance----Tanauan.)	

HEREDITY: Something every father believes in until his children begin acting like fools.

"When I get to Tokyo, I'm going to kick the Mikado right in the pants".
"But the Mikado doesn't wear pants".
"----All the better."