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NEW LANDINGS BELOW AKYABI

REDS DRIVE THRU POLAND

***Jan 15--Red Army troops aimed yesterday straight for the heart of Germany. In their eagerly awaited winter offensive, they smashed 25 miles through German lines in Southern Poland.

There is no doubt about the offensive being a major effort to deal Fortress Europa a quick knockout blow. Marshal Stalin, who issues orders of the day only when big things happen, did just that yesterday to announce the Russian attack on a 37 mile front west of the Vistula River. The Russians swept over more than 355 places in the last two days and although the weather grounded the Red Air Force, they treated the Nazis to one of their famous artillery shows.

Meanwhile, Moscow dispatches indicated the Germans have lost all chance of reaching their surrounded Budapest garrison. The counterattack from the northwest has been brought to a standstill. From Tass, Russian version of our OwI, emanates some significant details of fighting in Budapest during the last few weeks. The trapped Nazi garrison, slightly peeved at its hopeless predicament, has been taking it out on the local residents. Many Hungarian citizens, who have been taking refuge from the fighting in buildings, met their doom when the Germans began to methodically destroy the city. Thousands of persons were buried under wreckage when the Storm Troopers blew up (Contd. on Page Three)

SECOND AMPHIBIOUS LANDING ON BURMA!

***Jan 15-Allied troops have made a new amphibious landing on the coast of Burma 32 miles southeast of Akyab. Previously, Allied forces had landed unopposed at Akyab January 3rd and captured this port. Unlike the Akyab landing, the Allied force at their new landing point met strong opposition. With the support of naval and air bombardment, however, Allied troops established their bridge-head. Exact point of the new landing was given as Huntas Bay.

British forces advancing on Mandalay captured Budalin, 60 miles northwest of Mandalay, blasting the Japs from concealed bunkers yard by yard. Other British forces to the east are within 45 miles of the port of Mandalay.

MANDALAY GETS AIR BLITZ

***Jan 15--United States Air Forces and RAF planes joined up in one of the largest concentrated heavy bomber missions in the history of Eastern Air Force Command. They made a powerful attack against Jap troop concentrations ringing Mandalay in Burma. Fighters, bombers, and medium dive-bombers all took part in the raid. They were favored with perfect weather and consequently were able to pour hundreds of tons of bombs with deadly accuracy on Japanese camp area.

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YANKS 20 MILES IN LUZON

***Jan 15--American motor patrols have pushed southward some twenty miles from Iuzon beachheads and have reached the road junction of Bayambambang. General Mac-Arthur reports advances up to eight miles south. As there has been no ground opposition as yet, the Japs are either unable or unwilling to seriously challenge the American drive onto the Plains above Manila Yank forces in the center of the salient have taken Santa Barbara and Mapandan. Units on the east flank are maintaining pressure on enemy positions in the hills near Pozorrubio. The Americans now hold the highway junction of San Carlos, 12. miles from the beach-head.

Dispatches from Luzon say that it is blown up bridges and swamps that hold up the American advance, not Japanese opposition. Supplies must follow the men forward, and as men on Leyte know, it moves slower than the troops. In several instances, American commanders have had to halt the swift advance of their infantrymen so that supplies could catch up.

There have been reports from guerrilla soldiers to the effect that the Japs intend to put the torch to Manila. Back in 1941 when MacArthur was withdrawing before the Japanese invasion forces, he declared Manila an open city. Despite this, the Japs bombed Manila anyway. Now the situation is just reversed. MacArthur is advancing on Manila. Responsibility for the safety of this beautiful city rests with the Japanese. They can withdraw from Manila and declare it an open city, or they can senselessly use it as a point to make a stand.

Correspondents with the advancing U.S. troops on Luzon comment on the difference between Luzon and other islands of the Philippines. In contrast to Leyte, they say, Luzon has large villages and towns. These towns have wide, clean streets and are modern in every respect.

Modern Maiden's Prayer: Dear Lord, bring him back safe, sound and single.

MANDALAY: (Contd. from Page One)

Japanese forces in Burma have been falling back on Mandalay for a week before the advancing British forces. The Allied Air Command waited until there was a large concentration of enemy troops and then sent wave after wave of planes with instructions to get as many Japs as possible.

AMERICAN FLIERS SWEEP LUZON AIR

***Jan 15-Yank planes continued to sweep Luzon Island attacking Japanese communications, airfields, vehicles, and other targets. Over 50 enemy coastal vessels and barges were destroyed near Vigan. Four Jap planes were destroyed at one enemy airfield while American heavy bombers poured 70 tons on Luzon supply installations. In retaliation, Jap planes attacked shipping at and off Luzon, causing minor damage. Anti-aircraft and American interceptors downed 20 enemy planes.

Units of the Seventh Fleet combatted Rosario, 6 miles north of the American left flank. Allied planes continued heavy blows from the Philippines south to New Guinea and east to the Bismark Solomons area. Heaviest of these raids was a 58 ton bombing of Celebes airdromes. We lost one plane there. American troops continued to advance on Marinduque. On Leyte, 308 more Japanese troops were killed and 12 of the enemy were brought in standing.

PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY WILL JOIN EISENHOWER

Stephen Early will go to General
Eisenhower's headquarters in Paris in February for several weeks as an advisor on
public relations. His service was requested by Brig. Gen. Allen, Dir. of Allied
Public Relations. Several reasons are implied, but the exact one is not revealed.
Early could be troubleshooting to quell
the current British dissatisfaction with
Eisenhower. He could also be investigating
the extremely tight censorship that covered news of the German offensive into
Belgium.

FURLOUGHS FOR YANK VETERANS

Shouting and whistling, 1368 American veterans of the European war walked down the gangplank in New York city last Saturday. They had returned home for 30-day merit furloughs.

These GI's had been selected from western front Armies on the basis of length of service, number of decorations and Wounds. Some of them had as many as 12 decorations and all men who got furloughs from the Third Army had at least two purple Indo-China coast after sinking 25 ships.

After three years overseas service these GI's were getting 30 days at home. Local Deadeyes remarked that they hoped to receive permanent furloughs after a much shorter period than three years.

DISCHARGEES EAGER BEAVERS

According to Veterans' Administrator Hines, discharged GI's are acting strangely and Quinhon destroying 39 planes. While in the service, it was their custom not to stick their neck out for extra-curricular work. In some cases it was their custom not to work -- period.

But now, says perplexed General Hines, sober. the ex-GI's are passing up weekly unemployment payments and asking for jobs. He stated that almost half of the returning veterans went to work within four weeks of their discharge. Some 18,500 other have characteristically availed themselves of a "good deal" and are taking schooling or vocational training under the GI Bill of Rights.

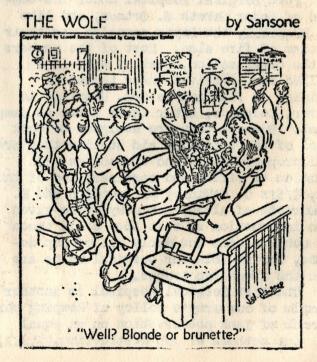
Niagara Falls, N.Y .- When the stork gave signs of knocking on the door, Mr. & Mrs. George Facry jumped into their auto and started from their home in Ransomville. for the Municipal Hospital. But the car , soon stalled in the heavy snow. A neighbor came up with a sled and Mr. Faery pulled his wife nearly a mile to the hospital whore she gave birth to a baby girl.

NIMITZ FLIERS RAID FORMOSA

***Jan 15--Admiral Nimitz announced that 110 more Japanese ships and small vessels were sunk or crippled, and 66 more planes destroyed or damaged in the recent attack on Formosa. The delay in this report was caused by radio silence of the fleet as it moved across the south China Sea towards its attack of Indo-China.

American carrier planes of the Third Fleet raided four Japanese convoys off the These sinkings included a light cruiser. several destroyers, and 12 loaded trans ports during the first days of the assault. Six loaded transports were sunk at Saigon and at least six more at Quinhon harbor, 250 miles northeast. The Jap convoys were apparently being massed for a counterattack at MacArthur's forces on Luzon. less than 1,000 miles east of Saigon. Admiral Halsey's fliors also swept inland over Indo-China air bases between Saigon

Doctor: "I can't diagnose your case. I think it must be drink." "All right doc, I'll come back when you're



ALL OUT OFFENSIVE BY FIRST ARMY!

16 January 1945.

***Jan 15--A general assault by the United States First Army is in full swing all along the 35 mile northern flank of the German bulge in Belgium. The First is making a bid to completely cut off Ven Rundstedts forces in Belgium from the Reich. The German Armies evaded disaster this week with a lightning withdrawal from the center of their salient.

The British Second Army and the American Third joined lines yesterday according to a late dispatch. They dropped off the westernmost seven miles of the Ardennes salient and the Germans were swiftly withdrawing to avoid encirclement. It is likely that due to the meeting of the two Allied armies, the Nazis will withdraw all the way to the German frontier. Already the Roer River line, which they had expected to defend through Vielsalm and Houffalize, was bending. While the American Third and British Second attacked the line in tiny Luxembourg, the American First made aggressive stabs at its northern flank in Belgium.

were pouring more and more tanks into the battle. A bitter fight was raging ten miles from Strasbourg, on the north and south of the city. Farther north, when the Germans threw twenty five tanks into a night attack on the French border city of Wissembourg, they were thrown back by the Yanks. Still determined, they renewed their attack on Monday morning.

In the Bitche sector, fresh German troops were thrown in at the spearhead. Here the American Seventh was still hold ing, even though snow, rain and fog covered the battle areas and not a single American plane was able to take to the air. Yanks even ground out a few minor gains Monday morning.

YANK FATROLS DISCOVER NAZI ATROCITIES

A Sunday pictorial in a London newspaper, gave damning testimony of unbelievable Nazi crimes against American soldiers ate her breakfast with gusto.

in Belgium. During the breakthrough in Belgium, the Germans captured a large American artillery observation post. They slaughtered a hundred American prisoners in cold blood and left their bodies lay in the snow. Then Hitler's boys grew ashamed of their crime and plastered the area with artillery fire to conceal it.

But several Yanks played possum and lived thru the massacre. They led an American infantry patrol back to the spot at night, where they discovered the frozen, bullet shattered bodies of their comrades. One of the patrol apparently took pictures the next morning to record the crime for posterity.

REDS DRIVE: Contd. from Rage One)

homes without even warning their tenants. German soldiers, ransacking private apartments to plunder valuables and food. killed many innocent people.

.But many Hungarians did not take it sitting down. A group of Hungarians tossec On the southwestern front, the Germans a bomb into the restaurant of Hotel Metropol, killing 20 German officers in the explosion. Patriots hid in basements and from there fired at Nazis passing in the streets. Realizing their own unpopularity the Nazis repeatedly tried to evacuate the population of the industrial districts. Sullen workers emphatically refused to leave their homes and when the Germans and Hungarian collaborationists tried to force them out, the workers gave out with tommy guns, pistols, and rifles.

It was the same story in Budapest as in every other occupied city. Part of the population (known as the Szalasists in Hungary) played ball with the invaders, but other citizens did all they could to make his stay an unpleasant one. The industrial districts of Budapest have long been an unsafe place for the Nazis.

The most jealous man in the world shot his sweetheart when she told him she