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REDS DRIVE ON: (Contd. from Page One)

Army opened a full scale offensive in East Prussia and Rumania and a third drive is under way in Czechoslovakia.

London observers saw the coordinated sweep as the biggest thing that has yet happened on the Eastern Front. This would indicate the Russians have massed a greater army than Hitler had when he took personal command of the German forces to invade Russia in 1941. It is certainly what the Allied world, as well as Russia, has awaited for four war weary years. And it wouldn't be too optimistic to state that this will be the last winter offensive. The Russian press has itself declared that this steamroller will not stop until it has reached Berlin.

SHAKEUP IN JAPANESE CABINET HINTED

***Jan 18--Reports coming out of Tokyo during the last few weeks contain more and more hints of public dissatisfaction with Japanese military reverses. Last week the Japanese Cabinet called an important meeting to discuss the seriousness of the war. Domei, Japanese newspaper agency, was quoted as saying, "The new year has developed problems requiring bold military action and better political regime." Another report from Domei indicated that a move is on foot to force resignation of Premier Koiso. In typical Japanese fashion, when a mistake has been made, someone must shoulder the blame, or "lose face". It seems that Koiso is to be the next goat.

Saburo Kurusu, arch-traitorous special peace envoy to United States at the time of Pearl Harbor, said in a speech to the Japanese nation, "At no time before have we been more strongly convinced that the war of Greater East Asia is a war for the preservation of the Japanese nation". Tokyo also quoted the Jap military commentator as saying that MacArthur's invasion of Luzon was a golden opportunity for annihilation of the enemy, but complained "when the enemy has such a flexible strategy, opportunity for a defensive campaign is hard."

WORK OR FIGHT BILL STIRS FIGHT

***Jan 18--Lewis Hines, AFL legislative representative, opposed the proposed work or fight legislation when he testified before the House Military Affairs Committee. Hines said the Army and Navy are putting on the pressure for the national service law but asserted such a bill is unnecessary. He said that increased wages is the answer to our manpower problems. On the other hand, the drafting of workers would force them to work at low pay to maintain their civilian status, declared Hines, and the employer would then come out on top.

Hines then made the statement that there is no comparison between drafting a man for fighting and drafting him for war work. To which Chairman May of Kentucky caustically agreed, saying, "You are right. One man is told to go out and fight and die, while the other is commanded to work at high wages." Hines then objected to his statement going on the record but May ruled, "Well, it's going in anyway".

While the fight raged over drafting of workers, War Mobilizer Byrnes asked Selective Service officials to use a priority system in drafting men from 26 thru 29 so that there would be a minimum of disruption of essential activities.

ANS--A new "floating hotel" that will house 700 sailors is so complete that it even includes a barber shop, soda fountain, hospital, and a third-class post-office.

The new craft is known officially as an "A.P.L." barracks ship. All-steel in construction, it has large mess halls with complete hotel kitchen and commodious bunk rooms and fancy stool cots.

Seattle, Wash--Police have just arrested a cook who confessed to extra-curricular activities. Working at night, he stole a five-room house piece by piece and put it together again on another lot.



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REDS MAKE SUPREME EFFORT

LUZON DRIVE CONTINUES UNCHECKED!

***Jan 17--United States Sixth Army troops on Luzon continue to drive southward against light opposition. Units on the right flank captured Camiling, 28 miles from the Lingayen beachhead and roughly one quarter of the way to Manila. American doughboys on the east flank are attacking strong Japanese defenses on the Rosario-Pozorrubio line. In the center of the bulge, Yank troops took Catablan while patrols pushed on to Urdaneta. Correspondents said that the American forces that crossed the Agno River, which is the deepest penetration, are limited in their drive forward only by the ability of their supplies to catch up. General MacArthur summed up the situation by saying, "The advance goes ahead unchecked in all sectors".

The first indication that American forces on Luzon were using the captured Lingayen airfields came from Tokyo radio. The Japanese reported that 35 B-24's and 23 Lightnings raided Manila and then returned to Lingayen to land. Enemy air activity over Luzon has been extremely light during the past two days. As the American troops capture more airfields on Luzon, the usefulness of remaining Jap air strips will be severely limited.

Our planes continued to pound central Luzon communications, air fields, and troop supply areas. Four enemy planes attacking Allied shipping off Luzon were shot down; some damage was caused.

STALIN TALKS; NEWS IS GOOD

***Jan 17--The man who talks but seldom, whose actions the world eagerly anticipates has made one of his rare announcements. It ranks among the most momentous of his career. Joseph Stalin has indicated that the Red Army is making its supreme effort of the war. The world knew a week ago that the Russians had jumped off for a big push in Poland, but Stalin discreetly silent, watched the first phases of the drive toward southeastern Germany. It was on his shoulders that responsibility rested for the outcome of the most gigantic battle in Russian history. If he puffed feverishly on his legendary pipe this week, he can now loosen his grip, for the first news is good.

Stalin's special order of the day revealed the capture of Kielce, one of the greatest German bastions in Southern Poland. First big prize of the Polish push, Kielce is 63 miles northeast of Krakow and 92 miles southwest of Warsaw.

The Red Army, making sensational progress in its new drive, crashed 45 miles through Nazi lines to within 50 miles of southeastern Germany. During the first hours of the operation, the Russians found captured enemy positions piled high with German dead, smashed equipment, guns and war material.

Poland was only one zone of action along the 600 mile front which is ablaze from the Baltic to the Balkans. The Red
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NEW CHINA-BURMA ROAD OPENED

After more than two and a half years of a land-locked China, the first truck convoy carrying war supplies to China reached Myitkyina, Burma after a 260 mile trip from Ledo India. This was the first convoy of trucks ever to cross the Burma jungles from India. The new Burma Road was officially completed in this sector Sunday, and was termed "one of the toughest road jobs in history." From Myitkyina, Allied convoys will travel more hundreds of miles to reach Kunming, one of the large remaining Chinese air bases still in Allied hands.

Chinese troops under the command of Lieut. General Daniel Sultan are now battling the Japanese in the Wanting area along the China-Burma border. Only 25 miles of the overland road here still remains in enemy hands. The first string of vehicles to reach Myitkyina was made up of heavy, medium and light American trucks loaded with ammo, jeeps, and artillery pieces. For most of the trucks, it will be strictly a one-way trip as the Chinese are desperately in need of the vehicles. Officials said that the old Burma Road would not be opened now that a new overland route is functioning.

For China, the opening of this road is like the moment when the hero dashes up to pay the mortgage and prevent the villain from succeeding in his evil plans. The last few months have seen China's darkest hour. They were battling on their last reserves of strength. Now, in a moment of desperate need, heavy supplies once more are reaching Chinese armies. Perhaps these fresh supplies will give China the material and moral courage necessary to push back the invader.

RUSSIA VIEWS THE PACIFIC WAR

It is significant that several times during the past few months, Russia has been doing a bit of thinking out loud. First, after a strict silence of Japanese-American affairs, a Red Army spokesman branded Japan as an aggressor nation. Now again, another Soviet newspaper, Red Fleet, declared that the Japanese troops in the Philippines face the same fate as their brothers on New Guinea, New Britain, and New Ireland. The Japanese High Command, according to Red Fleet, expected that with the American transfer of their operations to the Philippines, American air and naval action would diminish because of supply problems. Continued Red Star, "This did not come true. American aircraft hold such a considerable predominance as to overcome any difficulties caused by over-extending their communications."

After recalling Admiral Nimitz's statement that America would seize more air bases nearer to Japan, the Soviet naval paper Red Fleet declared that American
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U.S. CARRIER PLANES BOMB CHINESE PORTS

***Jan 18--In a daring air action, carrier-based planes of the Third Fleet Sunday attacked three major ports on the China coast; they were Hong Kong, Swatow, and Amoy. There is now no Japanese-held port anywhere that is safe from American bombing. Admiral Nimitz said that no details were yet available on this first carrier plane attack of the China coast. Hong Kong, Swatow, and Amoy are large ocean ports lying along a 500 mile stretch of China's coast behind Formosa.

These new blows against the China coast followed a two-day carrier strike of Indo-China seas and shipping. Admiral Nimitz revealed that these attacks sank 41 Japanese ships and damaged 28 others. 112 enemy planes were destroyed and 50 damaged. Two entire convoys, apparently formed to aid Luzon Japs, were wiped out. One light cruiser and six destroyers were among those vessels sunk in the convoys. Other ships sunk included oilers and cargo vessels. Ground installations on Indo-China and oil refineries were heavily damaged.

Nimitz said, "We lost 16 planes which observers believe is a remarkably light cost for crippling naval bases from which Japan would be able to reinforce Luzon". 15 of the carriers total of enemy planes were shot down in the air, 20 sea planes destroyed, and the remainder wrecked on the ground.

PACIFIC AIR WAR

***Jan 18--Allied air action continued throughout the Pacific area with few enemy positions being missed on the milk run. Over Formosa a night recon plane bombed and strafed enemy air bases. American fliers struck at the east coast of Borneo scoring direct hits on enemy barracks and warehouses. Two barges were destroyed off the Moluccas while other planes hit at enemy installations in the Lesser Sundas. We also hit the Bismark Solomons area, New Guinea, New Ireland and Bougainville. American light naval units sank a Jap barge off the coast of Leyte.

BELGIAN BULGE DISAPPEARS

***Jan 18--What was once a formidable bulge in Belgium, is now an insignificant bump. First Army doughfeet drove into Houffalize, once heart of the bulge. Northeast of there, they overran at least eight towns to draw an assault arc within six miles of St. Vith. Responsible for the advance in this zone is the 1st Infantry Division, which has now pressed to within eight miles of Germany.

Tank battles raged on the approaches to St. Vith, as the Germans battled with fanatical fury to keep the base of their Ardennes salient from splitting wide open. If this happens, their only alternative is to return to the already battered Siegfried Line.

Meanwhile, some Third Army units crossed the border into Germany between Luxembourg and the Saar basin, capturing Butzdorf and Monig. Farther south, Seventh Army troops throw back a dozen German attacks in the Strasbourg area with the aid of American flame throwing tanks. They then went over to the offensive themselves and gained more ground than they controlled before the Nazis attacked.

FEW FURLOUGHS, SAYS MARSHALL

Top army man, General George C. Marshall, predicted that the number of soldiers returning from the battle fronts on thirty day furloughs will be markedly small in the next few months. This information was disclosed in a letter the General wrote to Congressman Brooks of Louisiana.

The letter also revealed that theater commanders now have authority to return any men they can spare for one month plus travel time.

MORE ABOUT B-29 NAGOYA RAID

A Saipan dispatch reports that the Superforts which hit Nagoya Sunday fought off their strongest enemy fighter opposition so far encountered. One formation of the big bombers shot down 13 Japanese interceptors with 19 more probables.

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successes in the Philippines are causing great alarm in Japanese military and naval circles. Then, Red Star concluded its article with, "Unless extraordinary measures are taken, the Japanese recognize the distinct possibility that they will lose in the Philippines. Whether or not the Japanese will be fully answered by future events." A fact to note is that this Russian article was written before the Luzon landing.

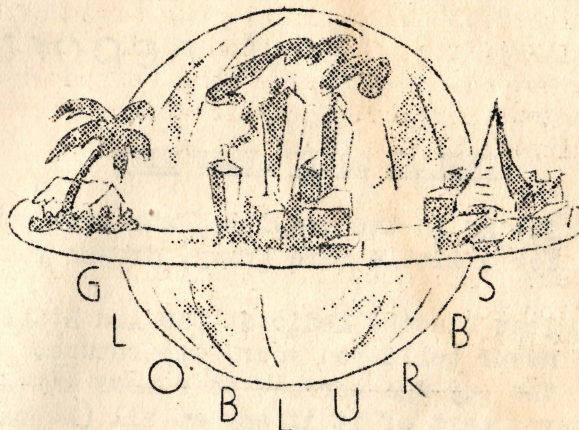
THE ANSWER TO A WAC'S PRAYER!

Six hundred and fifty calories per day will be subtracted from the wacs' waste-lines, according to QMC. After an exhaustive research and experimentation, QM has made an astounding discovery --- that wacs do not eat as much as male soldiers!

No fried potatoes for their GI breakfasts, one egg instead of two, and half the regular amount of pork sausage will be on the revised menu. But they won't go hungry. They'll still get 3100 calories a day, which is 600 more than a moderately active woman needs.

SANTA MONICA, CALIF--Actress Paulette Goddard is reported in an improved condition following an emergency operation for abdominal pregnancy. Doctors said she was given several blood transfusions, but that the critical period was past. She had expected a baby in June.

President Roosevelt revealed last night that Fala is now on a honeymoon, but didn't say who Mrs. Fala is or where they are. The revelation occurred when a group of war veterans were touring the White House and asked Mrs. Roosevelt to see the President's scottie. Eleanor replied: "I must make excuses for Fala. He's away just now and we hope he's having a wedding."



If Hitler's beer cellar in Munich is still intact, it will be as isolated as was Izzy Gomez' bar after the San Francisco earthquake. The latter establishment was the only structure which remained on its feet (it still is) in the famed Barbary coast section of San Francisco after earthquake and fire had levelled the city as far out as Fillmore Street.

But Fillmore Street has little to do with Hitler except that the fuhrer wouldn't be very popular in that district. (It is choked with delicatessens and negro night spots.) Anyway, this story is about an air raid on Munich. Six hundred United States heavy bombers with an equal number of fighter escorts plastered the city yesterday.

The Yank aerial armada concentrated on rail yards on the north side of town. "But why would that endanger Hitler's beer hall", many will ask. "We thought Americans didn't bomb civilian establishments?" The answer is that the cellar where the Fuehrer soaked up his suds wasn't exactly in the high class district of town. In fact, if Yank bombs hit the rail yards they would burst quite close to the Nazi den. It is said that Adolph had his headquarters near the freight yards because so many of his associates rode the rods and the cellar was a convenient place to hop off at before the trains reached the downtown station....in Munich.

LINE IN A LETTER FROM GIRL FRIEND TO GI--
"If you have to wait much longer for the package I sent you, those cookies will be tragically stale. They were wrapped well, but even at its best, three months is a strain on any cookie---even this one".



Unit Reporters Column

THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

1. The KP in the chowline, who when you ask for a little more gravy, drowns you in it.
2. That blasted Medic at the Aid Station who never tells you your temperature.
3. The guy who borrows your mess kit and returns part of it if any at all (We can't emphasize this point too much.)
4. The fellow using your mimeograph machine who leaves it messed up with an old oily stencil.
5. The dope who artlessly discharges his piece, much to the concern of everybody in the area.
6. Borrow money from you, on payday at that, and then when you ask them for a dollar, they can't hear you.
7. In poker, you think you're looking down the guy's throat, and then he raises you skyhigh out of your seat.
8. Tell you to do something you're just about to do.
9. Start to rain, just because you've decided to shave.
10. They tell you, hearkening back to when they were inducted into the army, how drunk they were when they took their AGCT test. (Hell they could have made Class I easily).
11. They borrow a match and then run off with the only ones you have.
12. The guy who always says after losing, "I'm through gambling".

Sgt. Dan Meyers
383rd Inf

Cannon Co, 382d Inf welcomes its new CO, Capt Howard W. Vange. Capt. Vange was formerly CO of Service Co and later Asst S-4. He has also been the regimental motor officer. His new command, as well as other units of the regiment testify to the excellent job he did during the operation providing the regiment with much-needed foodstuffs and ammo. Our best wishes to Capt J. D. Stiff, our departing CO.

The 381st Infantry announced a new set of promotions this week. Here are the happy recipients:

1st Lt. George M. Wilcox to Captain
 2nd Lt. Thomas H. Evans to 1st Lt.
 2nd Lt. Frederick H. Dilg to 1st Lt.
 2nd Lt. Robert E. Gaines to 1st Lt.
 2nd Lt. Ralph E. Brewer to 1st Lt.
 2nd Lt. William B. Shane to 1st Lt.
 2nd Lt. Albert Strand to 1st Lt.
 T/5 W. Dorrough to Staff Sergeant.
 T/4 B. Forbes to T/3.
 T/5 J. Latteri to T/4
 Pfc. J. Finley to Sergeant
 Pfc. A. Bartzat to Sergeant
 Pfc. C. Briant to Sergeant
 Pfc. J. McCarthy to T/5

Robert L. Douglas, "Big Doug" was a big man. Six feet-four, 240 pounds of solid bone and muscle, beetle-browed with a booming voice, usually booming all right. Since basic-training days he had "wrestled" all comers, sometimes two and three at a time. For his entertainment in the evening he would strut around in the barracks, defying anyone to "flop" him. He was good-natured, easy-going, with a big heart but tough, the typical infantryman.

Upon landing on Leyte, being a second-gunner in our 81mm mortar platoon, he immediately "took over" the toughest, ugliest and meanest bull in the herd of caribou we had "acquired". He tied his mortar tube on one side and a clover-leaf of ammunition on the other side, named him "combat", and the battle was on. For days they struggled, with "combat" sitting in the mud, breaking away at night, throwing his load, and "Big Doug" pulling, and pushing. Both of them were wounded on a mission which "Big Doug" had undertaken. Nothing human could beat either of them and we of the mortar platoon will always remember "Big Doug" with pride, admiration and awe.

T/Sgt. Wisley Hillstrom
Co H., 382nd Inf