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ALLIES IN COMBINED OFFENSIVE!

YANKS WITHIN SITE OF BAGUIO

***Jan 19--Lt. General Walter Krueger's advancing Sixth Army troops broadened their grip on the Lingayen Gulf to 45 miles and advanced one mile on the west along the highway leading to Bataan. On the east they gained 16 miles and stood within 16 miles of the famed mountain resort of Baguio. Baguio is the reported site of the main Japanese Headquarters in the Philippines.

Meanwhile, other Sixth Army troops crossed the Agno River in force and thus passed the first natural barrier on the road to Manila. The crossing of the Agno, where the Japs had been expected to make a stand, was made in the Bayambang area at a point 22 miles inland from the Lingayen beachhead. Advancing five miles south from the captured rail and highway town of Bayambang, General Krueger's advanced scouts reached the southernmost bend of the Agno River in its meandering course across the great central plains of Luzon. It is now believed the Japs will yield this river line without fighting more than slight delaying actions.

Along the Lingayen coast, the Yanks pushed five miles west from Labrador to seize the port of Sual. United Press correspondent, H. D. Gigg, reported that Americans were met by a spatter of small arms fire from the foothills of the Zambales Mountains but that the Japs made no attempt to defend the town of Sual. During the first week of the Luzon campaign, the Yanks have gained control of approximately 500 square miles of territory.

BRITISH SECOND LAUNCHES ATTACK

***Jan 19--Allied lines all along the Western Front exploded into action yesterday highlighted by the British Second Army's attack north of Aachen. British tommies of General Dempsey's Second Army jumped off during an early morning fog just north of Sittard in southeast Holland. The attack was opened with a terrific artillery barrage before British troops smashed into the German-held triangle between the Maas River and Roer River. With early dispatches reporting moderate successes, the British troops are only 18 miles northwest of Aachen. Exactly one month after the Germans started their Ardennes breakthrough, the Allied armies have recaptured the initiative.

American First Army under General Hodge and the Third Army under "Blood and Guts" Patton joined forces to capture Houffalize, a vital road center. After capturing Houffalize, the First and Third then drove northeast towards St. Vith, which is the last major communications center left to the Germans in this area. The First Army is already closing in on St. Vith from the north and west.

Very few German prisoners were taken as Field Marshal Von Rundstedt conducted a methodical withdrawal with a minimum loss of prisoners and casualties. With typical German tenacity, Von Rundstedt is making the best of another bitter setback for the Wehrmacht.

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HALSEY POPS UP AT HONGKING THIS TIME

***Jan 19--Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet struck another mighty blow against the Japanese held China coast. In a sustained three day attack starting last Saturday on Hongkong and Canton, it sank or damaged at least 104,000 tons of Jap shipping. By his daring strike at Hongkong, Halsey has impudently flaunted American sea and air power in the face of dwindling Jap Navy. Hongkong, once a mighty British naval bastion on the China coast, has been one of the main rendezvous' for the Jap fleet in recent days. The importance of this port to the Japs has skyrocketed since their fleet units have been shooed away from the eastern waters of the Pacific.

Adm. Nimitz reported that the heavily hit Japanese offered little air opposition against the Third Fleet task force carrier planes. He said that no enemy planes were encountered over Hongkong and Canton and that American airmen destroyed 49 Jap planes and damaged 45 more in this latest China coast raid.

Nimitz' communique also revealed that Halsey's task force which hit the China coast last week had sunk a total of 41 ships, damaged 28 more and destroyed 140 planes. The Japs ships were grouped in four convoys and two of the convoys, made up of transports, were headed for Luzon with reinforcements. Every one of the transports in both convoys was transformed into a mass of blazing wreckage and sent to the bottom. Another tanker convoy was also destroyed. The net total of Jap shipping sunk or damaged in the last two raids on the China coast adds up to the impressive figure of 401,000 tons.

EAM PROMISED AMNESTY

According to promises given by Gen. Scobie, no persons participating in the Greek rebellion will be prosecuted; an exception to this promise, those found guilty of the common rules of war, or of criminal actions, will be tried. General Scobie hopes to effect an exchange of prisoners between the two opposing forces. EAM's are still withdrawing from Athens.

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A German prisoner captured in Belgium told Allied officers that Hitler told his Army commanders before his December 16th offensive that he expected them to reach the Meuse River in two days. He added that he expected them to reach the great Allied-held supply port of Antwerp in two weeks.

To the southern end of the Western Front, the American 7th Army held off German attacks in the Bitche area of southeastern France. Above Strasbourg, the American 7th scored some gains.

What was believed to be the first German SS Division commander captured on the Western Front was taken prisoner by the American Seventh Army. He is Gen. Hans Linger, commander of the Seventh SS Panzer Grenadier Division. As if to add insult to the fact that he was taken, his pride feels no better because his chauffeur and aides took the wrong road and drove right into an American Seventh Army outpost.

RED OFFENSIVE GAINS SPEED

***Jan 19--Marshal Stalin has issued two new orders-of-the-day describing the rapid gains made by Red Army troops in their new winter offensive. A second Russian drive has been set off in northern Poland and already has broken German lines north of Warsaw. The Nazi defenses were 12 miles in depth. In three days of fighting Red Army troops have established two bridge heads across the Vistula, breaching Nazi lines on a 75 mile front to a depth of 38 miles. The entire eastern front from the Baltic to the Balkans is aflame with Russian attacks.

The huge Russian drive on a 200 mile front from south of Warsaw to just above Krakow is within 38 miles of German Silesia and is gaining momentum. 1,300 more towns were liberated by the advancing Russian forces, which included the large industrial center of Radom, 55 miles south of Warsaw. Russian troops in one sector below Kielce, captured or destroyed 145 Nazi tanks, 9 armored cars, over 100 cannons



The on again off again American trip of long distance runner Gundar Haegg and hurdler Hurdler Haakon Lidman of Sweden for the indoor track season is on again according to latest word from Stockholm. Charles Jansoon, Secretary of the Swedish Sports Association, said the two track stars have agreed to fly to England and then sail to the United States. The two men were optimistic about arranging transportation from England in time to make an appearance in the National AAU meet at Madison Square Garden, February 24th. With many of our track stars in the service Haegg shouldn't have any trouble "walking" away with the long-distance trotters.

Iowa continues to be the team to beat in the Big Ten, the Hawkeyes notched up their eight victory, swamping Purdue, 61-34. Kentucky, chalked up its eleventh straight overwhelming western Michigan 66-35. De Paul of Chicago, a frequent contender for national champs, has come up with another good team surprising the experts. They have already earned an invitation to the Madison Square Garden Invitational. Kansas and Iowa State are in a first place tie in the Big Six.

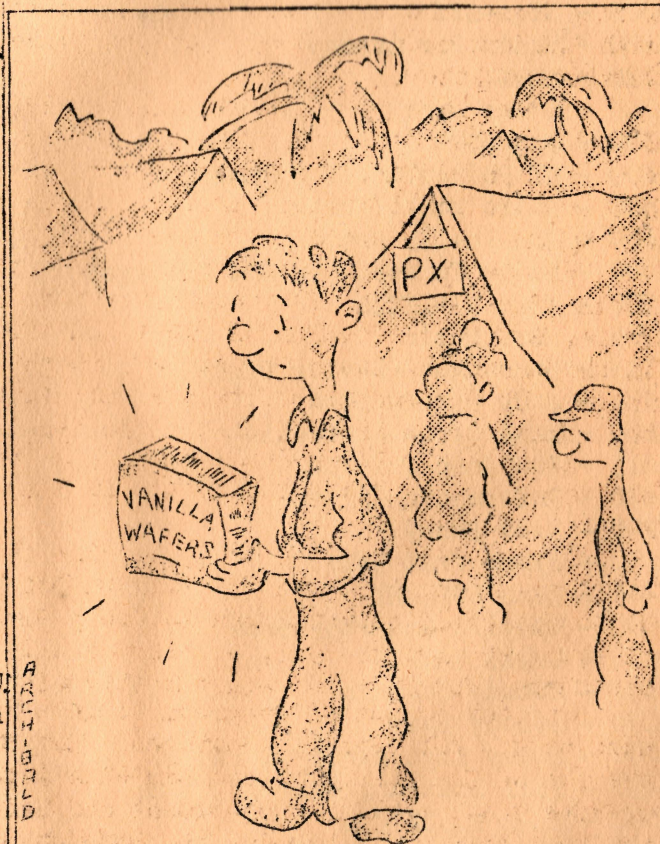
Bob Feller, who was the smoke ball king of the major leagues, was back in the United States with the conviction that baseball "is one of the American ideals we in the service are fighting for". Feller made port in Seattle this week after 18 months tour of duty with the Navy in both oceans. Feller said, "I can't for the life of me see how a handful of 4'11's and over-age men playing baseball can make much difference in our war effort!"

Meanwhile, the sports world was given a breather when the War Committee on Conventions took the position, for the present at least, that the directive against conventions does not include sporting events. Baseball will be exempt from the new governmental restrictions on night lighting. This was taken as an indication that the government wants the game to carry on despite manpower handicaps.

SURVEY REVEALS GI'S PLANS

ANS-- One enlisted man out of every eight plans to operate a business or farm of his own when the war is over, according to a survey made by the Information and Education Division, ASF. The inquiry was made among troops in the United States and in overseas theaters.

Some soldiers are saving toward that day, it appears. About a fifth of those covered in the survey who have definite plans for businesses or farms say they will have all the capital they need. An additional third say they will have at least half enough. For the most part, they are interested primarily in relatively small enterprises, with half of these having definite plans saying they will invest \$4,000 or less.



"Now if I just had 2 cups of scalded milk, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar, $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup flour, 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ eggs separated, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons lemon juice, 3 medium sized bananas, I could have banana pudding".

CHURCHILL REAFFIRMS ATLANTIC CHARTER

***Jan 19--In London, Prime Minister Churchill told the House of Commons that the objectives of the Atlantic Charter are still valid and that "war will be prolonged until an unconditional surrender has been obtained." This effective spikes those occasional rumors that England would like to lessen peace terms in order to shorten the war. Churchill plainly stated that he did not believe unconditional surrender terms are prolonging the war, but in the event it is, the war would go on anyway until unconditional surrender was achieved.

NEW WD AWARD FOR ASSAULT UNITS

ANS--A new service award for all Army personnel who take part in a combat parachute jump, combat glider landing, or initial assault landing on a hostile shore has just been announced by the War Department.

To qualify for the award, officers or enlisted men must make a parachute jump or glider landing in enemy-held territory or take part in the assault waves of an amphibious landing on enemy held shores. Commanders of such organizations will forward recommendations to the theater commanders as soon as practicable.

The award itself is a bronze Indian arrowhead one-quarter inch long. It will be worn in a vertical position with the point upwards on the theater service ribbon which indicates the area in which it was earned. Only one arrowhead will be worn on any theater ribbon.

The arrowhead will be awarded to all men who have taken part in any such operation since the start of the war. Theater commanders will review all operations since the start of the war. Theater commanders will review all operations since Dec. 7, 1941.

The DEADEYE DISPATCH has no detailed information as to what units in the 96th Division are eligible for the award. This information will be discussed fully as soon as it is received.

NORWEGIANS BEGIN FIRST ATTACK

***Jan 19--The Norwegian High Command has announced that Norwegian troops launched their first big attack against the Germans in Norway. They advanced 80 miles from their starting point in northern Norway and have seized the air base of Banak. Norwegian troops in the far north had joined forces with the Russians two months ago.

IN THE AIR OVER GERMANY

***Jan 19--In support of the Russian offensive in southern Austria and Czechoslovakia American planes took off from Britain and Italy to hit Vienna and other German-held communication points.

An additional 600 U. S. Liberators and Flying Forts accompanied by 650 fighters as escort swept through German's heaviest flak belt to pour 2,000 tons of bombs on an oil plant 100 miles south of Berlin. They also hit rail targets at Dresden and throughout western Germany. One Allied fighter group of Mustangs destroyed 25 Nazi planes on the ground at an airdrome south of Berlin. Fog kept tactical planes from aiding Allied ground troops on the Seventh Army front.

GEN. MARK CLARK NEW ITALY COMMANDER

***Jan 19--A late dispatch reveals that American General Mark Clark has been made the Supreme Allied Commander in Italy. While most of the day's action was limited to patrol clashes, the Germans stepped up their artillery fire against snowbound Allied troops in the mountains south of Bologna. It is reported that the Germans are using captured French and Italian prisoners in a strong effort to hold their positions guarding approaches to the Po Valley.

THEY LIKE IT HOT

In Paris, six girl dancers at the famous Folies Bergere collapsed while performing due to exposure to the cold. The cuties did their act in costumes capable of being folded in a paper envelope.

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RADIO PROGRAMS

WVTK, 1510 on the dial, is the station to which we owe our thanks for the pleasant hours of entertainment and news which have been coming to us daily. The station is run and was established, in the absence of the Armed Forces Radio Station which has been so long delayed in setting up here, by several ingenious and courageous GI's in the Far East Air Forces.

They bummed all the equipment, the time away from regular duty and the recordings. They are due the thanks of all the Deadeyes for their good work.

Following is the schedule for the Sunday programs for January 21st.

- 0700 - Chaplain's Hour
 - 0730 - Hymns from Home
 - 0745 - NEWS
 - 0800 - Sign-Off
 - 1200 - Music For Sunday
 - 1230 - NEWS
 - 1245 - Guess Who?
 - 1300 - Sign-Off
 - 1400 - NY Philharmonic Symphony
 - 1500 - Andre Kostalanetz
 - 1530 - The Family Hour
 - 1600 - Radio Theatre (In Old Chicago)
 - 1700 - NEWS HI-LITES
 - 1705 - Just Music
 - 1715 - Bandwagon (Xavier Cugat)
 - 1730 - Jack Carson Show
 - 1800 - NEWS (from Australia)
 - 1815 - The Concert Hall
 - 1830 - Information Please
 - 1900 - Jack Benny
 - 1930 - Hymns from Home
 - 1945 - NEWS SUMMARY
 - 2000 - Charlie McCarthy Show
 - 2030 - Waltz Time
 - 2100 - Comedy Caravan
 - 2130 - Melody Hour
 - 2200 - Sammy Kaye Sunday Serenade
 - 2230 - Phil Spitalny Hour of Charm
 - 2300 - NEWS HEADLINES
 - 2305 - Sign-Off
- (Program subject to change)

News spots each day are at: 0715, 1230, 1700, and 1945 over WVTK.

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PANELESS OPERATION

ANS--Diminutive Joe Laurie, Jr., tells the one about the woman who goes to a very swanky hospital to undergo a thorough examination. The first doctor comes in, and says, "Let me see your tongue." Another doctor enters and says, "Let me see your eyes." Still another comes in and says, "Let me feel your pulse." Before she is finished, fifty doctors examine her. Finally, she's a nervous wreck and doesn't know what will happen next. Just then, a little fellow comes in with overalls on, a bucket of water, a brush and some rags in his hand. She says, "My goodness. What are you going to do?" He answers, "I'm going to wash your transom."

Sgt. James E. Brook, Corning, Ark. and Pvt Edward Schnorr hailing from Illinois, both members of the MP detachment, were on patrol duty near a river recently, when a Jap sniper became curious and fired a round in their general direction.

The Jap's aim could be called only fair. Because Brooks was holding the cards. The sniper's pellet entered the rear of his helmet and made an exit out the front. But Brooks played the part of the girl in the carnival sideshow. He now parts his hair down the middle.

FRIENDS DEPT

Is there a Billy Schauz in the 96th? Eugene Will of the 5th Photo Tech. Sqd. is an old friend of his and wishes to contact him. He knows neither rank nor organization but if Schauz will call this office we can relay the information to Will for him

emanate from the tent-studio of WVTK, under the direction of the 96th Inf Div I & E Office.

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Herman Bottcher--American

A 32nd Division Headquarters communique reveals that Captain Hermann Bottcher was killed in action last New Years Eve.

The brief communique tells us of the highlights in his career; leaves us wondering about the intervals between and wishing we knew more about the man. Perhaps, with the few facts at hand, you can judge for yourself what kind of a man was Hermann Bottcher.

He was born 35 years ago in Germany, at the time when she was already preparing for the First World War. The communique does not tell us when or why, but simply states that he left the Fatherland to live in America. San Francisco became his home and it would be plausible to assume that Bottcher came to like the cosmopolitan atmosphere, the friendliness and free thinking of that great city.

His exact reason for leaving there is not explained in the communique. It merely says that in 1937, when Francisco Franco waged war against his own people in Spain, Bottcher went off to fight him with the Republican forces. He became a Major in the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and fought with the Loyalists until they were overwhelmed by the superior forces of the Fascists. Bottcher must have well realized the implications of Fascism when he finally returned to San Francisco.

Immediately after Pearl Harbor, he enlisted in the Army. He rose quickly in the ranks and on New Guinea's bloody Buna battlefields was promoted from Staff Sergeant to Captain.

By the time he came to Leyte with the 32nd Division, Bottcher had been wounded three times and held the DSC with an Oak Leaf Cluster. During the Leyte campaign he consistently operated behind enemy lines with his reconnaissance troops. Then, on New Years Eve of 1944, he was mortally wounded by mortar fire while his recon detachment fought a one-sided battle with 300 Japanese.

It took an act of Congress to give Hermann Bottcher his captaincy, for at that time he was not legally a citizen. But Bottcher was truly an American long before the act of Congress provided him with legal citizenship. At the time that most of us were still talking appeasement and thinking of next year's automobile, Bottcher saw that Franco was robbing the Spanish people of the freedom that all Americans hold so dearly. It was a deep love for that freedom that led him to fight in Spain.

That is Bottcher's story and every one of us will have his own idea of what the man was like. But on one point we will all agree --- the story should be titled, "Herman Bottcher -- American".