

COMMANDOS SEIZE BURMA ISLAND

***Jan 23--Amphibious commandos and Indian jungle fighters of the British Army have invaded and seized the island of Ramree. Ramree, 50 miles south of the Myebon Peninsula on the west coast of Burma, will permit the British to bomb all of South Burma at will. They will thus be within easy aerial range of the great port of Rangoon.

After a terrific naval and aerial bombardment the Japs still offered some opposition. They couldn't hand on to their beach-heads, however, and the British smashed speedily inland to gain control of the island.

In northeast Burma, the Chinese have only to liquidate the Japs in the village of Mongyu. There the Burma Road joins the Ledo Road and forms a continuous land supply route from India to China. Although a few scattered Japs still plague Mongyu, for all practical purposes the Burma-Ledo Road was ready for business with the capture of the road town of Wanting last Saturday. This was the last major obstacle to the land supply route over which heavy war supplies can be moved from India into Burma.

On the central Burma front, British troops pushed to within 26 miles of the big Jap base of Mandalay. If the British succeed in taking Mandalay and Rangoon, they will control the main supply and transportation centers of all Burma.

In China, the Japs fought furiously to seize the last link of the Canton-Hankow Railroad. The capture of its last segment in Southeastern China would give the Japs a land transportation route to substitute for the sea lanes which the Allies have cut between Japan and the Malay peninsula. The Japs are pushing their Chinese offensive with the desperation of a trapped animal as Allied forces squeeze the Empire's holdings tighter and tighter.

The sergeant was in the hospital for observation - he wanted to get another look at the nurse.

ALLIED PLANES FLY THROUGH COLD TO MAKE IT HOT FOR NAZIS

***Jan 23--Appearing in force yesterday, Allied air armadas rocked German cities and communications throughout Nazi-held Europe. 900 American Eighth Air Force heavy bombers screened by 500 Mustangs and Thunderbolts poured 3,000 tons of bombs on three German freight yards. In their coldest mission of the war, Allied heavies skimmed through 67 degree below temperatures to smash at Mannheim, second biggest rail hub in the Reich, and Aschaffenburg and Heilbronn. These cities feed supplies to the German troops in northeastern France. The Allied planes reported heavy flak, but no fighter opposition.

Meanwhile, Italian based bombers hit all German positions in Italy as well as Vienna in Austria. They closed the Brenner Pass line in four places. Lightnings attacked oil installations at Fiume at the head of the Adriatic. The widespread Allied air attacks on the previous day had cost us 25 bombers and 8 fighters.

ITALIAN FRONT.

***Jan 22--Reports from the Italian front tell of German patrols dressed in British winter uniforms trying to infiltrate through Fifth Army line. In one case, they were detected and shot up. The use of Allied uniforms to deceive us was recently seen when the Germans dressed troops spearheading their Belgian counterattack with American uniforms.

CHURCHILL WINS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE.

***Jan 22--Bolstered by the improved military and political situation, the Churchill coalition government today won a larger vote of confidence than Commons accorded it six weeks ago. Although a large number of voters abstained from voting, the tally was 340 to 7. Principal question at issue was the British policy in Greece. The vote culminated a two-day debate.

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PATTON'S THIRD DRIVES AHEADTARLAC TAKEN BY YANKS

***Jan 23--Monday night, the Yanks stood twenty-two miles north of strategic Clark Field on Luzon. They have captured Tarlac, the biggest city yet taken on Luzon, and with it two airfields, which now gives them a total of five on the Island.

Tarlac, a pre-war city of 50,000 people was a smouldering ruin when troops of General Krueger's Sixth Army marched into its streets. The Japs had apparently doused the city's homes, its three hotels, four large schools and the provincial capitol building with gasoline, then set them off with flaming torches. Complete devastation resulted and the question now arises: "What will the Japs do with Manila?" With American forces only 65 miles away, there is no telling how the Nips will vent their spleen, but it is hoped the Yanks will arrive soon enough to save the city's many beautiful buildings and homes.

On the stubbornly contested left flank of the bulge running south from Lingayen Gulf, American troops crossed the Agno River and captured Rosario on the road to the south. They then pushed into the hills eight miles to the village of San Leon. The Japs on the east flank are now breaking into small disorganized groups. These Jap troops have offered the main opposition on Luzon so far and their annihilation should free the main American forces for a speedy drive on Manila.

A Japanese attempt to fly aerial re-
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***Jan 22--On the western front, General Patton's powerful Third Army overran northern Luxembourg and crumpled the once strong south flank of the Belgian bulge in gains of almost five miles. Driving from the south and west, the Third Army pushed the Nazis out of northern Luxembourg and deepened their Sure River bridgehead to four miles.

Troops of the Third Army found little Nazi resistance as the Germans pulled back towards their Siegfried line. The Germans now retain only 150 square miles out of last month's 1,000 square-mile gain.

Simultaneously, First Army troops twenty-eight miles north of the Third Army closed to within three miles of St. Vith from the north and west. St. Vith is the last German-held town which they captured in their Belgian breakthrough. When it falls, the Nazis will find themselves right back where they started. Farther north, the British Second Army
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You supply a picture, taken on Loyte, and the Division Public Relations Office will do the rest. If there's only one paper in your hometown, one print is enough. If you'd like it sent to more than one paper, turn in either the negative or enough prints to go around.. If you want the negative back, say so, and the PRO will make every effort to return it to you.

Along with any picture you submit, send in this dope: Full name and rank, your job in the Division, and your wife's or parents' names and address. If you've won a medal or just been promoted, say so. If there are any interesting circumstances back of the picture, include them.

The bigger the print the better. And don't waste time on pictures in which you can't be recognized.

THE DEADEYE FEATURES will have a shot at publishing the photographs also, so get in the ones you want to see in print.

U.S. WAR PRODUCTION IN UPSWING

The War Production Board reported that production of all critical materials except Navy rockets was sharply increased. Airplane, including fighters and jet-propelled planes, and tank production was upped as much as 22 per cent. An increase in 60mm and 81mm mortars was also expected.

And then there's the wolf who knows all the ankles.

REPUBLICANS MAKE POST-ELECTION JAB

In Indianapolis, Herbert Brownell, Jr., Republican National Chairman, asserted Sunday that the New Deal's political victory in November has failed to guarantee Allied military successes or the United Nations to attain a lasting peace. He implied that in the short time since Roosevelt won the election he had failed to clinch a complete victory over Germany and Japan as well as set up the permanent peace organization of the United Nations and settle all of the world's boundary disputes.

Brownell said the arguments used by the New Deal to win a fourth term for President Roosevelt have largely been disproved by events since November 7th.

BATAAN VETS TO GET BENEFITS

Brigadier General Hines of the United States Veterans Affairs said today that the Veterans' Affairs Bureau is studying benefits which would apply to men caught in the fall of Bataan. He said that hundreds of American and Philippine Scouts are coming out of the mountains every day to rejoin the invading Yank forces. The financial accounts alone of these men should prove a big job for someone.

96TH BOX SCORE OF GOOD JAPS

Total as of Jan 14th.....	7521
Total for week of Jan 14-21 Incl...	128
Total to Jan 21 Incl.....	7649

TARLAC CAPTURED: (Contd. from Page One)

inforcements to Luzon was stopped cold by American carrier based planes. Admiral Nimitz announced that our ship-board fighters shot down 16 Jap planes attempting to fly from Formosa to Luzon. It looked as though the Formosa-Manila aerial shuttlebus was about to close down business.

NEW NAVY SEARCH PLANE OPERATING NOW

***Jan 22--The United States Navy Department has released details of its newest search plane called the "Privatoor". This new plane is able to range the ocean airways unescorted for 1500 miles. It is a complete redesign of the Army's Liberator. The "Privatoor" mounts twelve .50-calibre machine guns in six turrets and has a top speed of 250 miles per hour. Designed for long-range patrolling, the search plane can cruise for 20 hours in the air and travel more than 3,000 miles.

DETAILS OF HUNGARIAN ARMISTICE

***Jan 22--Moscow announced today the details of an armistice signed yesterday by them and the Provisional Government of Hungary. Terms of the armistice include reparations in the amount of 300 million dollars; of this amount, 200 million dollars will go to Russia, and 100 million will be divided among Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia. The reparations will be paid over a period of six years in such commodities as machinery, river craft, livestock and grain. Originally, Russia had intended to ask for 400 million, but the Allies persuaded her to reduce her demands.

All war-making facilities in Hungary as well as all Hungarian and German war supplies will be turned over to the Allies. German troops in Hungary are to be disarmed and German nationals interned. The armistice terms also provide that Hungary will furnish at least eight infantry divisions to help in the war against the Nazis. Hungarian borders will be cut back to where they were before Hitler started remaking the map of Europe. Hungary is the sixth satellite to fall to Allied arms.

PATTON'S DRIVE: (Contd. From Page One)

gained two miles more across the Holland corridor. The Canadian First Army continued pushing the Germans back in the vicinity of Arnheim.

To the south above Strasbourg, the American Seventh Army held stubbornly against strong German attacks. So far, the Nazis have been unable to exploit their five-mile wedge driven into our lines there Saturday. This is the only sector on the whole western front where the Allied armies are stalled. The French First Army in the Colmar area of eastern France continued their advance forward.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE TANNENBURG

***Jan 22-- Wiping out the memory of a disastrous Russian defeat, the Red Army captured Tannenberg in East Prussia, famous German military shrine. It was at Tannenberg that the southern Russian army was surrounded and overwhelmed by the Germans under Hindenburg in World War I. Now, with history exactly reversed, the Germans see Tannenberg as a spot where they were routed decisively by the Soviets. The loss of this city to the Russians deals German prestige and morale an enormous blow. This city has a sentimental value to the Germans and now that it is in Russian hands, the Nazis will feel sharply how they are losing the war.

Meanwhile, the Red Army invaded the Reich in strength all along the Silesian border. They have swept 19 miles thru Silesia on a 56 mile front rolling the crushed German forces before them like leaves before a storm. Units of the Russian forces were reported 200 miles from Berlin on the southeast and 195 miles due east. Five major towns and road junctions in Silesia toppled as the Red Army struck to within 42 miles of Breslau, Capital of lower Silesia.

In northern Poland, the eastern arm of the Soviet pincers snapped to within 53 miles of the Baltic at the rear of Konigsberg, east Prussian capital. Moscow said that the entire Nazi Poland defense line had collapsed.

CROSBY'S STAR GOES TO TOP OF EXHIBITORS' POLL

(ANS)—Hollywood's glamour gals may have that come-on look but it was the male stars, topped by happy family man Bing Crosby who had the best boxoffice appeal in 1944. Bing, whose picture "Going My Way" put him right out front in the annual poll conducted by Motion Picture Herald, trade publication, enjoys the distinction of being the first leading man to take the Number One position in the 13 years the vote has been taken.

Gary Cooper was runnerup to Crosby, comedian Bob Hope was third, and Betty Grable, first in 1943, slipped to fourth place, the only one of three actresses to "make" the Big Ten. Spencer Tracy was next, followed by Greer Garson and Humphrey Bogart. The comedy team of Bud Abbott and Lou Costello, leaders on the 1942 list, dropped to eighth place. Cary Grant was ninth with Bette Davis returning to the list after a lapse of two years, to be tenth.

AMMUNITION????

(ANS)—The War Food Administration is saying nuts to the Army—but in a very nourishing way. The WFA says they are taking over 120,000,000 pounds of peanuts from the 1944 crop to meet the needs of the armed forces.

At least 50 percent of the present stocks of the 1944 Spanish peanuts and 30 percent of the runner type will be taken over for military use.

ARMY LEADS.

(ANS)—Since 1940, the country's armed forces have increased to 11,900,000 by Nov 1, 1944, says James F. Byrnes, War Mobilization Director. Of that number, 8,100,000 were in the Army; the rest in the Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard.

A BUDGET IS A METHOD OF WORRYING BEFORE YOU SPEND, INSTEAD OF AFTERWARDS.

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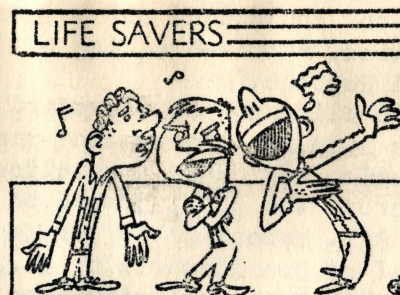
By overcoming G-3 in a bitterly fought series, the MP's volleyball team established itself as one of the two contestants in the final playoffs in the Division CP tournament. From the four remaining teams, G-2, G-3, Defense Platoon, Special Troops, will emerge their opponent. The games will be played as quickly as free time and weather permit.

The final winner will enter a tournament with signal and Divarty to establish a CP area Champion. Any unit throughout the Division that wishes to challenge this winner should notify Sgt Bob Smith (of Minneapolis, not St. Paul, Minnesota!) in the Special Service Office, who has been in charge of the CP games.

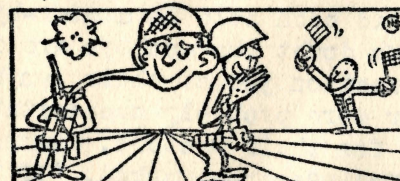
Sgt Smith has also announced that a horseshoe tournament will soon commence in the Division CP area. It will be run in much the same manner as the volleyball tournament and will have both singles and doubles classifications. No definite date has as yet been fixed.

HOW'S YOUR INSOMNIA?

WORSE AND WORSE, NOW I CAN'T EVEN SLEEP WHEN IT'S TIME TO GET UP. (Sgt EVERETT)



During a night attack be careful not to reveal your position by making unnecessary noises.



Avoid bunching up but keep in contact with the men around you so you won't become separated from your unit.

Unit Reporters Column

In keeping with the custom that every good team should have its mascots, the second battalion headquarters "team" of the 382nd Inf has recently added two new arrivals to its list of pets. There is still some discussion as to whether Junior the S-2 section's faithful parrot or the two newly acquired monkeys should be considered the company's favorite mascots, but there can be no doubt as to which is the more lively. The pets were purchased from members of the 38th Inf Division by T/4 Leland Frost of Stockton, Illinois and T/5 Daniel Sower of Belding, Michigan. Cpl. Sower easily found a name for his monkey. Having just lost his last chip in a poker game, he decided to call it "Chip". The other one became "Mickey" by common consent.

Chip and Mickey were worse than awkward recruits in adjusting themselves to Army life. They would scamper around the tent, disturbing neatly arranged equipment and upsetting everything that happened to be in their way. "Lights out" meant nothing to them. They invariably managed to wiggle free from the ropes tied to keep them outside during the night and to cause more confusion in the darkened tent. Then too, no one could find our War Department publication, "House-breaking of Monkeys in Tropical Regions."

Chip climaxed his disregard for formalities when, as the company was standing at attention during an inspection, he scampered across the area, jumped on the shoulders of Sgt. Marcel Oubre, our Message Center Chief of Donaldsonville, La., and chattered his views on the situation.

It was with a mixture of regret and relief that the company learned Chip and Mickey had been sold to a near-by Seebee unit. No doubt the monkeys are intent on a construction job of their own by this time, or more probably necessitating a new project for their masters. Summing up his views, Cpl. Sower remarked, "If I ever get another monkey, I'm going to do my best to take him back to the States with me."

Pvt. C. Conzett, Hq Co, 2nd Bn, 382nd Inf

"OH!...WHY DID THEY PRINT MY POEM" ...by
Vern Simmons (Longfellow), 381st Inf

It was just the other day,
That my poem was on display,
The Deadeye News had aired my bit,
And ever since, I've regretted it,
The poem that I submitted was only fair,
I've admitted,
In fact, it was just a feeble try,
So why all this hue and cry?
I hope you guys are kidding when,
You say my brain is skidding,
For as a young aspiring poet,
I'm afraid my prose doesn't show it.
If I promise to write no more,
And I say that I'm not sore,
So for better or for worse,
Please stop calling me "Blank verse".

"Squad Leader Comes To The Aid Of His Men"
From. Anti-Tank Co, 381st Inf.

It seems like the first squad of the second platoon had a little excitement yesterday when Pfc Earl Kost, of St. Louis Missouri, picked up his helmet liner and found that a snake had decided to make it his home.--It was a cobra.

Kost leaped from his bed to the side of his squad leader, S/Sgt Howard Delf, of Wyoming, Minnesota, and awoke him, Delf being a cool headed man, as a squad leader must be, placed his men in positions to the most advantage, and moved in. Upon arousing the snake from its hiding place the snake expanded its hood and dared Delf to move in. At this time Delf had his bolo knife ready for the attack. The snake started its strike, but not as fast as the fearless Sergeant. The vicious cobra was soon put to sleep by one mighty stroke from the razor sharp bolo. Delf then paraded around the Company area showing off his skill.

Doctor: You must avoid all forms of excitement. Pvt: Can I look at them on the str