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REDS 130 MILES FROM BERLIN!!

***Jan 24--As the Russian hurricane swept closer to Berlin, the German radio appealed for help against "this bestial, overwhelming mass onslaught". German civilians were reported in mass flight from the onrushing Soviets. Thousands of Germans, with their belongings piled high on carts, horses and trains were streaming westward yesterday all the way from Silesia to the Polish Corridor.

Three Russian Armies drove to the Oder River in German Silesia on a thirty-seven mile front and were within twenty-two miles of closing off East Prussia from Germany. These sensational developments in the Russian winter offensive were announced by Marshal Stalin in a series of orders of the day.

Marshal Ivan Konev's Army in the south has reached the banks of the Oder River, last natural water barrier guarding Germany on the East. His troops captured Namslau and Bernstadt and were within 19 miles of Breslau at one point. This would place the Russian vanguards roughly 130 miles from Berlin. If the Nazis are capable of offering any resistance before the Russians reach Berlin, they will certainly make a stand at the Oder River, in the vicinity of Breslau.

In East Prussia, two Russian Armies slugged within twenty-two miles of the Baltic coast at the western end of that province. They were less than twenty-four miles from Konigsberg, the capital and

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Mac ARTHURS FORCES NEAR CLARK FIELD

***Jan 24--On Luzon Island, the American ground forces pressed forward in all sectors. Two divisions rolled on to within eleven miles of famous Clark Field, one of the major air-base prizes in the Philippines. Latest reports said that the American 37th and 40th Divisions had captured the towns of Santa Monica and Capas. Capas is but eleven miles north of Clark Field, which adjoins Fort Stotsenburg. The invading American armies have now covered well over half the distance to Manila.

On the left flank, Sixth Army troops captured Anao and Cuyapo. On the right flank, doughboys reached Dasol Bay, cutting off the entire Balinao Peninsula. Several Japanese attempts to infiltrate into our positions were repulsed. MacArthur identified the two American Corps on Luzon as being the First and Fourteen Corps.



GEN DOUGLAS MacARTHUR

BERLIN: (Cont'd from page one.)

threatened to completely cut off the thirty German divisions in this area. The wings of the two Russian Armies in East Prussia are now only 65 miles apart.

In the middle of the Polish corridor, the Soviets captured Bydgoszcz and were fighting in the streets of Posen. Posen is the last big bastion on the Warsaw highroad before Berlin.

CHINESE EAST AND WEST ARMIES MEET.

***Jan 23--Yesterday two Chinese armies, one from the east, and another from the west drove forward for a meeting, officially completing the reopening of the Burma Road. The new Ledo Road and the Old Burma road connecting India and China is now completely open to Allied motor convoys. A few days ago Chinese troops capturing Wanting, which was the last Japanese-held section of the road. The Allied truck convoy loaded with ammo and supplies can start forward from Myitkyina for their 1,000 mile trip to Kunming China now that the 20 mile stretch of road past Wanting has been cleared.

In central Burma, the Southeast Asia Command announced that Allied forces moving on Mandalay are 25 miles west of the city. To the north, other Allied divisions have reached a point about 40 miles above Mandalay. Allied headquarters kept silent on the progress of action on Ramree Island on the west coast of Burma. British troops landed there yesterday, establishing a new threat to Jap forces in southern Burma.

CARRIER PLANES HIT RYUKYUS

***Jan 23--Carrier planes of the American Third Fleet swept over Okinawa in the Ryukyu Island group Sunday. Admiral Chester Nimitz said that the attack was made in strong force, but gave no further details. This was the fourth attack this month on Okinawa which is 350 miles south of Japanese homeland.

SUPERFORTRESSES BOMB NAGOYA

***Jan 23--American Superfortresses again bombed industrial areas at Nagoya on the Japanese home island of Honshu yesterday. The superfortresses attacked in four waves, two of which kept the city under assault from 2:45 to 3:47 PM Japanese time. All formations dropped their bombs from lower altitudes than in any previous attack on Nagoya. Results were not observed. In contrast to other attacks over the Japanese homeland, swarms of enemy interceptors met the American raiders over the Honshu coast and stayed with them through the bombing run. The interceptor planes stayed with the giant bombers until they were 50 to 200 miles out at sea.

Of the American bombers, the first formation met the hottest reception. Crews who had returned to their Marianas bases reported that a large number of enemy interceptors were shot down. Observers in one of the Superforts said they saw fifteen enemy planes destroyed. One of the Superfortresses was lost to enemy action. Although the exact targets at Nagoya were not announced, all previous raids had concentrated on the Mitsubishi aircraft factories there.

THIRD FLEET PLANES BOMB FORMOSA

***Jan 23--Admiral Nimitz has announced that carrier planes of the Third Fleet carried out two heavy attacks against Jap installations on Formosa. The primary targets included naval installations and airdromes. Early reports show that 43 enemy planes were shot down, 97 destroyed on the ground, and an additional 100 damaged. Considerable damage on enemy shipping was inflicted, but complete details were as yet lacking.

During this operation one large American warship was damaged, which is the first damage suffered by the Third Fleet in almost two months. American losses were given as light. Intense anti-aircraft fire was encountered.

STAGE SHOW AND BASE ECHELON
IN DEAD HEAT.

***A stage show featuring several comedy acts, an 18 piece jazz band, a 28 voice chorus, and many other acts will begin to tour the Division this week. The troupe which will make twelve appearances for DEADEYES, is a theatrical unit from the 39th Special Service Company.

Although each DEADEYE group will not be personally visited by the show, the schedule has been arranged so that every outfit will have a performance no more than a hop, skip and a jeep away.

The schedule is as follows:

January 26 ----- QM - Ord
Afternoon ----- Tanauan.

Evening ----- 96th Div CP.

January 27 ----- 1st Bn, 382nd Inf.
Afternoon -----

Evening ----- Reg Hq, 382nd Inf.

January 28 ----- 3rd Bn, 382nd Inf
Afternoon -----

Evening ----- 763rd Tank Bn.
Dagami.

January 29 ----- Clearing Station #2.
Afternoon ----- East of Dagami.

Evening ----- 381st W. of Dagami.

January 30 ----- 2nd Bn, 383rd Inf
Afternoon ----- Tacloban.

Evening ----- QM Truck Co & Engrs.

January 31 ----- Clearing Station,
Afternoon ----- 383rd Area.

Evening ----- Reg CP, 383rd Inf.

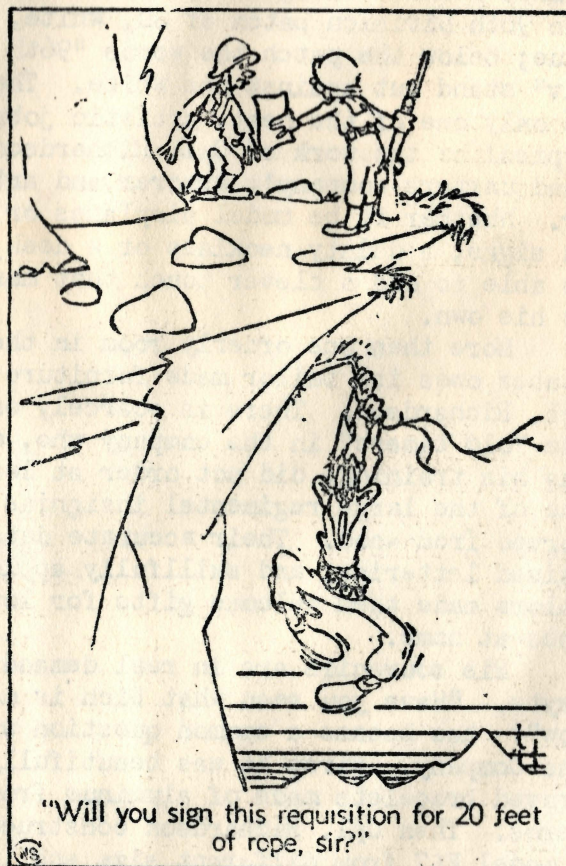
It's nothing much to think of
But every now and then
I wonder where Mahatma Gandhi
Carries his fountain pen.

CONCERT IN DIVISION CP

A joint concert, featuring the nationally famous pianist, Lt Michael Oden and the 96th Division Chorus will be held in the Division CP area on Saturday evening at 7 o'clock. Lt Oden former student at the Louisiana State University of Music and the Paris Conservatoire, recently completed a series of war-bond concerts on the west coast with such artists as Jose Iturbi and Marjorie Lawrence.

Transportation for limited numbers of personnel to the CP area can be had by making arrangements with unit Special Service officers.

Mary had a little limb
In fact she sported two
And every time she took a swim
The soldiers cried
"Wooooo-woooooo!"

YANKS TAKE ST. VITH

***Jan 23--St. Vith, last big Nazi bastion in the Belgian Bulge, fell to the 7th Armored Division and its attached paratroops. These First Army Yanks poured into St Vith just a month and two days after they were pushed out by the Germans winter offensive.

American warplanes continued their terrific aerial assault on the Nazis retreating from the Ardennes salient. The mass destruction began early Monday morning when a pilot of an artillery observation plane reported 1700 German vehicles lined up bumper to bumper around Eisenbach. Later similar numbers were observed around Prun, inside Germany. Allied tactical bombers and fighters then caught these 3,000 enemy tanks, trucks and other vehicles and smashed nearly all of them in one of the greatest air blows of the war. Enough German vehicles were knocked out to equip a full Panzer division. Pilots said the havoc was greater than at Falaise where the Germans had been so badly battered they could not make a stand on the Seine.

At the southern end of the Western Front the French First Army launched what was described as a new and powerful offensive on the Alsace plain. The blow was directed against the Colmar pocket and was to have achieved total surprise. Meanwhile the U.S. Seventh Army lost more ground to the Nazis at the northern end of this Alsace bulge. The Yanks here were digging in new positions just north and west of Hagenau. Far to the north, the British Second Army pushed closer to Heinsberg, the most important road center in the German held portion of the Roer-Maas triangle. Some British troops were just two miles away from the town.

Allied air forces gave close support to the ground troops on the Western front. The Ruhr railroad town of Neuss was flattened and the wreckage of more than a thousand railroad cars cluttered its railyard area. The railyards had been blasted with 600 tons of bombs dropped by 200 American fortresses. In the last 36 hours, nearly 5,000 German freight cars, motor trucks and tanks been disabled on the Western front.

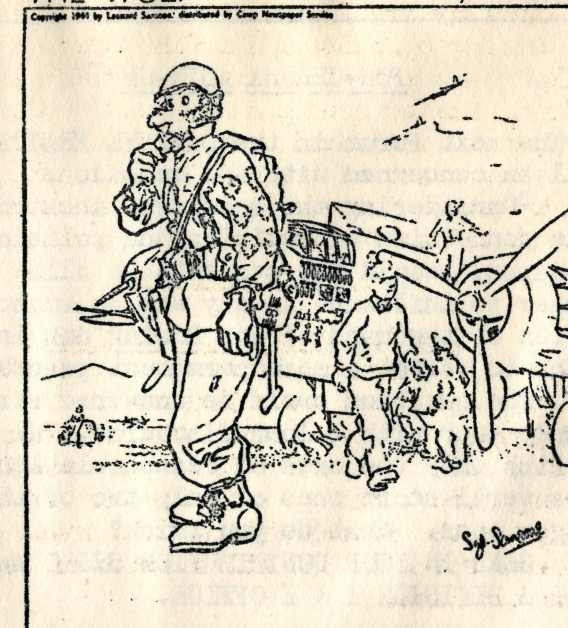
WANT TO BUY A GOLD BRICK? - - -

A Negro farm hand near Uelaula, Alabama plowed up ten gold bricks whose value was assessed at \$7,500. Each ingot was stamped with the date 1709. The Negro farm hand found the treasure when his plow turned up an ancient buried vault. Now the question arises, who owns the gold bricks? Alabama state treasure law says "finders keepers."

MAKE MINE WITH ONIONS, PLEASE.

U. S. Quartermaster Depot at Chicago announced that hamburgers will be on the bill of fare to front line soldiers. This well-known American dish will be packed two to a can, with salt and peper added to support the broiled flavor. QM says the hamburgers can be eaten cold, but will taste better if heated.

Mary had a nifty dress
'Twas short and sweet and airy
It didn't show the dirt at all
But gosh, how it showed Mary.

THE WOLF by Sansone

Unit Reporters Column

If its a good thing to have a handy man around the house, then certainly a handy man in an Infantry company is doubly welcome. Unlike some of the neighboring construction units, second battalion headquarters company, 382nd Infantry does not have separate carpenter, paint, plumbing, and repair shops. Instead it has its one man shop, the battalion handy man T/5 Victor Richardson of Brownsville, Texas, who is more than proficient in all these skills.

At present, our new battalion sign, a fine example of Cpl. Richardson's handy work, is on display in front of our C. P. We admit that we were suffering from somewhat of an inferiority complex when we compared our cloth tactical sign with the cleanly painted boards of nearby units, but now we feel that we are right up with the leaders. High on the sign, the words, "2nd Bn 382nd Inf" are silhouetted in blue against a white background; in the center is the 96th Division patch of OD, white, and blue; below the patch the words "96th Inf Div" stand out against the white. The sign is only one of the neat, artistic jobs so typical of the work of Cpl. Richardson, headquarters company's armorer and artificer. Whether it be model airplanes or painted signs, a dainty necklace or a desk, he is able to add a clever touch that marks it as his own.

More than one orderly room in the states owes its tailor made furniture to Cpl. Richardson. There is scarcely one of the "old timers" in the company who, during his training, did not order at least one of the large regimental insignias he carved from wood. Their accurate detail, raised lettering, and skillfully applied colors made them welcome gifts for loved ones at home.

His souvenirs are in real demand on Leyte. "Have you seen what Rich is making now?" has become a common question within the Company. First it was beautifully engraved bracelets made of aluminum from Jap Zeros. Then Cpl. Richardson constructed a model P47 from different size shells. A .50 calibre shell was the body; a carbine

slug became the nose. From the brass of a 105 he fashioned the plane's wings, its fins and propellor, it's a real trick. Try it sometime if you want to test your skill.

Recently Cpl. Richardson has been making novelties from shells brought to him by the natives. Favorites are the clever turtles which he assembles using a large shell for the body and smaller shells for the legs, feet, and tail; and costume jewelry, both necklaces and bracelets of matched shells.

If you could walk into Cpl. Richardson's tent today, you would probably find him busy with some article that the company would be there admiring the articles or asking about something he would like to have made for somebody very special.

"Rich" is a real swing fan, an avid admirer of the Ink Spots; really one of those fellows who keeps the Juke Boxes playing at the local hangout. During his free time he's more than a match for the company's better poker players.

When he returns to his home in Texas to his wife and baby daughter, Vickie Faye, its' our guess that he'll have the handiest, most clever house in Brownsville with a souvenir for every table and--if we know Rich--a juke box in the living room.

Pfc Chester Konzett
2nd Bn Hq Co, 382 Inf

MEDICS LAMENT.

Bandages, scissors, hypo and chest,
Tourniquets, scalpels, pencil and desk;
Fractures, burns, incisions, bones,
Eyes, ears, curps, gallstones;
Mud and flics, splints and bars,
Fleas, germs and ointment jars;
Litters, tent poles, sores and cuts,
Mosquitoes, scratches that drive one nuts;
Keep the men from getting blue,
That's! the pill-rollers from 362.

By-Sgt Noel Martin.
362nd F. A. Bn.

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U.S. FLEET STILL GROWS

(ANS)—United States, fighting the most extended war in history, now has 1,167 fighting ships carrying the war to the enemy, and, according to a Navy announcement, it's still growing. In a review of recent ship production, the Navy reveals that 39,971 new vessels -- 420 of them fighting ships -- joined the fleet in 1944, boosting the Navy's total to 61,045 ships of all types. Most of 1944 emphasis was on landing craft and attack vessels, 37,724 of the little ships being built. The new construction also included 640 patrol boats and mine craft, 630 auxiliaries, and 557 harbor craft.

A compilation of U.S. warship construction shows that since 1941 the following ships have been added to the Navy: 10 battleships; 25 carriers; 102 escort carriers; two battle cruisers; six heavy cruisers; 27 light cruisers; 209 destroyers; 503 destroyer escorts; and 178 submarines. In addition to these 1,062 new ships, some 105 fighting craft of pre-war age are with the fleet, still turning their big guns on the enemy throughout the world after more than three years of warfare.

Some 30,070 planes of all types were produced for the Navy's air arm last year, keeping the Air Force at a stabilized total of about 37,000.

On the critical list for 1945, the Navy places carriers, cruisers, rockets, ammunition and 40-mm. guns; maintenance and repair parts for the fleets, aircraft and numerous miscellaneous supplies.

FOR-UM and AGIN-UM

***The next Forum in the DEADEYE FEATURES will be concerned with the question:

"Considering the seemingly inextricable connection of religion and politics in Japan, should the peace table allow the former to influence in any way an emasculation of the hand of the Rising Sun in order to affect a more permanent peace?"

The question could be answered very simply -- or with a long discourse. We can publish only the ones of reasonable length -- several short ones or only two of the longer ones. What do you think?

SEND IN YOUR CONTRIBUTION RIGHT AWAY
TO THE DIVISION I & E OFFICE.

JAP-AMERICAN PRISONER EXCHANGE

***The United States State Department revealed that the Japanese government has notified them through diplomatic channels in Spain that it will try to carry out a third exchange of interned citizens some time this year. The Japanese government said they are particularly interested in repatriating Japanese nationals held in the Tule Lake, California internment camp, where the most troublesome Japanese are kept.

A cop says: "You can't tell how far a couple has gone in a car merely by looking at the speedometer."