

HELICOPTER SAVES TWO

The hero of this story is an airplane. Not the kind of airplane that you see streaking through the clouds with .50's chattering at some Jap, but an awkward little "flying windmill", known as a helicopter. It is a hero because it is probably responsible for the saving of two lives.

Two men in 1st Battalion, 382nd Inf, suddenly became dangerously ill Saturday, and it was obvious to the battalion surgeon, Lt. Robert Best, that they had to be evacuated immediately. But the outfit was bivouaced high in the mountains, and the trip to the hospital by litter would require two long, torturous days. In that time and after that ordeal it was not possible to predict the consequences.

The Lubi air strip was nearby, but it was impossible to land an observation plane on it. The only solution was a craft that could land anywhere--- a helicopter.

A rush call was sent out to one of the Liberty ships in the harbor on which was stationed the 3rd Air Repair Unit. These units use helicopters to take spare parts to the planes on aircraft carriers. Immediately the ARU dispatched one of their planes to 1st Battalion area. In the cockpit were the pilots, Lts, Fineberg and Cody and a medical officer, Capt. Daniels.

When the helicopter reached the Lubi strip one of the patients was placed in the seat next to the pilot, and in less than an hour had been set down in the middle of the 44th General Hospital. The other casualty was similarly evacuated. And so, instead of a two-day trip through rain and tropical sun, the men were taken from their foxholes to hospital cots in the miraculous time of 45 minutes.

Under Secretary of State Joseph Grew said at a press conference that the U. S. has been lending its best efforts to obtain an agreement between Chiang Kai Chek and the Chinese communist forces in northern China. "Such an agreement, would be very gratifying to the United States.

YANKS ATTACK: (Cont'd. from Page Two)

Simultaneously with the First Army pre-dawn blitz, the Third Army rubbed out some of the last Nazi rearguards in Northern Luxembourg and swept abruptly four miles northeast into Belgium on the First's south flank.

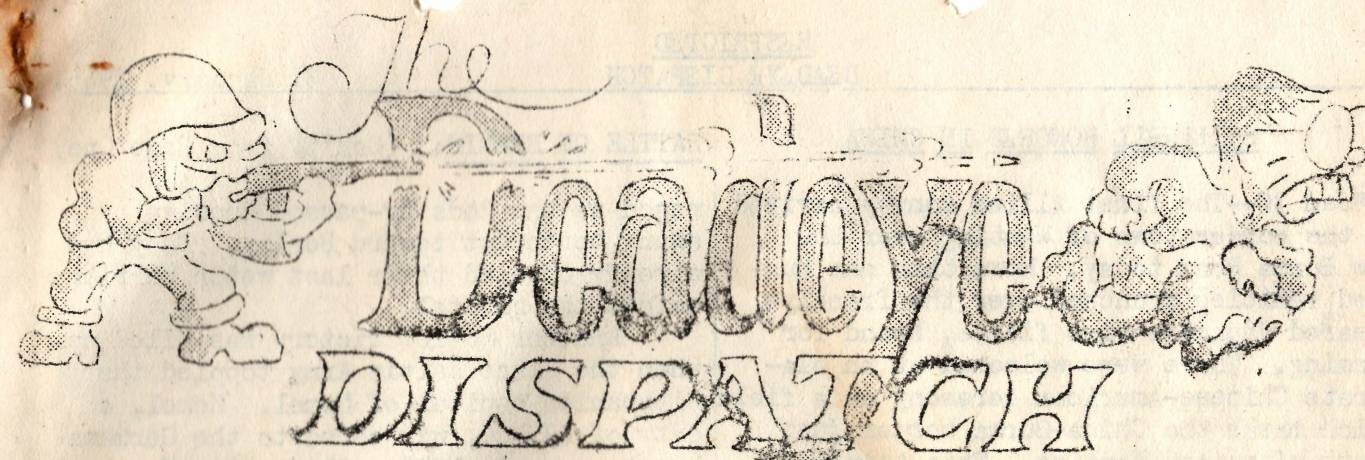
These two seasoned American armies now present a solid 40 mile front within easy artillery range of German's West Wall. Meanwhile, the British Second Army, at the northern end of the Allied front, cleaned out St. Odilienberg on the Roer River, two and a half miles southeast of the German bastion of Roermond. On the southern end of the front, the lull in the U. S. Seventh Army sector moved into its second day. The French First made some gains against the Colmar pocket, but on the whole an ominous quiet settled on the Western Front. One storm was providing a lull for another soon to follow.

NEW SOLONS FOR WORLD PEACE ORGANIZATION

Last Thursday, 16 new representatives in Congress sent a letter to President Roosevelt pledging support for a world peace organization. They stated, "We favor the formation at the earliest possible moment of a United Nations organization to establish and preserve peace of the world, along the lines tentatively drafted at Dumbarton Oaks. We believe the United States Government should use all available means to assure the Allies and other nations of the world that we intend to share in the direction and responsibility for.....this war and maintenance of the peace. We suggest that treaties among the major Allies be concluded as soon as possible to demilitarize Germany and Japan".

FIRST SOLDIER IN BERLIN OFFERED PRIZE!

A New York business man named Kay has offered a prize of one thousand dollars to the first Russian soldier to enter Berlin. Spokesman for the Russian General Consul said that the prize would be accepted as a token of appreciation.



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BATTLE OF BERLIN NEARING

ROSARIO CAPTURED; RESISTANCE STIFFENS

***Jan 30--On the northern end of the Luzon salient, American doughfeet captured Rosario in the San Manuel sector below Baguio. First Corps troops had to fight thru bitter resistance to capture the town. The Yanks practically decimated the Japanese Twenty-third Division and the Fifty-eight mixed Brigade. After capturing the town, they pressed on to a junction with another American column on the road to Baguio, Philippine summer capital. Farther south astride the highroad to Manila, American forces crushed weak opposition near captured Angeles and swept on southward to San Fernando. A late dispatch just received in the DEADEYE office reveals that our troops captured the town of San Fernando.

Strong Japanese hill positions above Clark Field are being steadily cleaned out. When the Americans took the Clark Field airstrips, they seized tremendous quantities of enemy Signal, Ordnance and M supplies. Two hundred brand new aircraft engines were found as well as many radio transmitters.

In the air war over Luzon, American fliers pounded coastal defenses at Corregidor and Cavite Naval Base with 200 tons of bombs. Direct hits were scored on gun positions. Bataan was raked by medium and attack bombers which also attacked Subic Bay. Another night attack on Formosa by land-based Philippine bombers resulted in the destruction of barracks and other installations.

***Jan 30--Marshal Zhukov's First White Russian Army is now 95 miles from Berlin. That is, they were 95 miles away when the latest press report was received: at this printing they may have lunged even closer to the German capital. Meanwhile, what may go down in history as the Battle of Berlin was shaping up over the snow-drifted Polish and German lands between surrounded Poznan and the area where the Oder River flows only 40 miles from Berlin.

Moscow dispatches say that streams of Soviet men and supplies are rolling forward steadily in support of Zhukov's powerful thrusts on the main and shortest road to Berlin. The Russians expect, however, a German stand mounted by all available manpower either at the Oder River or before the Oder. Reports from Red correspondents indicate that the Germans are feverishly forming defense lines east of the Oder, some 80 to 90 miles from Berlin.

Hitler's high command reported savage fighting for the city of Schnedouhl in Brandenburg Province, of which Berlin is the capital. The Fuehrer's PRO also admitted that terrific fighting was taking place at Poznan. Poznan is already surrounded by Soviet columns and by-passed in the Berlin drive.

In Southern Silesia, the Red Army was assaulting the Oder River line on a 130 mile front, which runs from Cosel north to Glogau. In this zone, the Oder flows 125 miles from Berlin. Fierce fighting (Cont'd. on Page Two).

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Philippine Campaign Ribbons

HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES ARMY, LEYTE--Conditions governing eligibility for the award of the Philippine Defense and Philippine Liberation service ribbons have now been worked out in detail by the Government of the Philippine Commonwealth. The ribbons will be issued "as soon as practicable." Major General Basilio J. Valdes, Chief of Staff of the Philippine Army and Secretary of National Defense of President Osmena's cabinet, who originally announced creation of the awards, also disclosed that bronze stars will be authorized under certain conditions.

You are entitled to a Philippine Liberation ribbon if:

(1) You participated in the initial landing operations on Leyte and adjoining islands from Oct. 17 to Oct. 20, 1944. (If you didn't make the actual landing but were on a ship in Philippine waters or were a crew member of a plane which flew over Philippine territory during such period you will be considered as having participated in the initial landing operations.)

(2) You participated in any engagement against the enemy during the campaign. (You will be considered as having been in combat if you were a member of and present with a unit actually under enemy fire or air attack or were a crew member or passenger in a plane which was under enemy aerial or ground fire.)

(3) You served in the Philippines or on a ship in Philippine waters for not less than 30 days during the period from Oct. 17, 1944 to a date to be determined later.

If you are eligible under any two of the above provisions, you are authorized to wear a bronze star on the ribbon. If you are eligible under all three of the provisions you will be authorized to wear two bronze stars on the ribbon. The star, in case you're interested in measurements, will be three-sixteenths inch in diameter and will be five-pointed.

You are entitled to a Philippine Defense Ribbon if:

(1) You participated in any engagement against the enemy on Philippine territory in Philippine waters or in the air over the Philippines or over Philippine waters during the period from Dec. 8, 1941 to June 15, 1942.

(2) You were assigned or stationed in Philippine territory or in Philippine waters for not less than 30 days during the same period.

If you are eligible under both one and two of the above, you will be authorized to wear one bronze star on the defense ribbon.

---YANK Philippine Bureau

31 January, 1945.

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STILLWELL HONORED IN CHINA

***Jan 30--The first Allied convoy arrived at the border town of Wanting over the new Burma Road today. More than one hundred vehicles crunched over the freshly-cleared Japanese mine fields, bound for Kunming. There were welcomed at an elaborate Chinese-American ceremony on a field which marks the China-Burma border just south of ruined Wanting. This town was captured by the Chinese on January 20th. It was not until yesterday, however, that the enemy was cleared out entirely in one section of the road.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, Major General Albert Wedemeyer, and U. S. Ambassador Patrick Hurley hailed the breaking of the land blockade to China at ceremonies in Chungking. Generalissimo Chiang suggested that the new Ledo-Burma Road be named "The Stillwell Road" in honor of the former commander of American forces in the CBI theater. His suggestion was immediately accepted by General Hurley. General Hurley thanked Chiang for the honor he had just conferred upon America by naming the land route to China in honor of General Stillwell.

NIMITZ MOVES HEADQUARTERS

***Jan 30--Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz has moved his headquarters several thousand miles west of Pearl Harbor to get closer to the Japanese war. He issued his first communique from his new headquarters Sunday, giving further details on the Third Fleet carrier raid on Formosa and Ryukyu Islands a week ago. Our fliers sank 60,000 tons of shipping, damaged 65,000 tons and destroyed or damaged 300 planes. The location of the new headquarters was revealed only as "Advance U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters, Forward Area."

In the United States a new model of the P-38 fighter plane is being produced which can carry a 50% greater bomb load than the present model. It was stated that this new fighter will carry more bomb loads than some of our early heavy bombers.

BATTLE OF BERLIN; (Con't. from Page One)

raged as the Reds by-passed Breslau and swung northwest toward Berlin. They had already crossed their last water barrier before the capital.

Another Soviet victory was piled up when the First Baltic Army toppled the Lithuanian capital of Memel. Memel, a city of 43,000, was ceded to the Germans by pressure in 1939. Along with Memel fell Katowice and Beuthen. Katowice is the queen city of the Dombrowa Coal Basin which has produced up to forty million tons of coal annually. It's liberation gives the Russians a firm grip on the southern area of Upper Silesia, which is second in importance only to the Ruhr for German's war effort.

Three quarters of East Prussia has now been overrun by the Second and Third White Russian Armies. Troops of the Third have already penetrated into the outskirts of Konigsberg, according to Berlin broadcasts. The breeding grounds of Prussianism have fallen to Russian arms.

YANKS ATTACK IN STORM

***Jan 30--Doughfeet of the American First Army assembled shortly after midnight in the bitter cold. They were clad in snow capes for camouflage and in newly issued arctic suits designed for Army forces in the far north. Driving through a blinding pre-dawn blizzard, they approached three German-held towns north of St. Vith. Then, at four A.M., in a blizzard which heaped snowdrifts seven feet high, the veteran 1st Infantry Division spearheaded the whole series of attacks which resulted in the liberation of Berscheid, Valender and Heppenbach before the Nazi garrisons knew what was happening.

There was no advance artillery preparation. General Hodges men were upon the Germans as they slept and startled prisoners said they didn't believe anyone would attack in such weather. The combination of winter camouflage and the surprise element worked liked a charm.

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NAZIS FEAR FOR BERLIN: (Con'd from Page Two)

would be a center of resistance. Several German news commentators spoke of the disorganization and incompetence in handling the floods of refugees pouring into central Germany from Eastern provinces. Berlin is particularly swollen with Germans fleeing Russian armies.

YUGOSLAVIA GETS REGENCY

***Jan 31--King Peter of Yugoslavia agreed to transfer his power to a Regency Council to be appointed by himself. Peter at the same time accepted resignation of Premier Ivan Subasic and his cabinet. He then reappointed all but one of the cabinet to put into effect an agreement with Marshal Tito for a coalition government. Prime Minister Churchill recently told Peter that he would have to accept a regency or else his acceptance would be assumed. The Tito-Subasic agreement calls for a coalition government under a regency until the liberation of Yugoslavia, when the people will choose the form of government they want.

WEATHER CLEAR: ALLIED PLANES OUT IN FORCE

***Jan 31--Refugee-crowded Berlin was bombed Monday after a devastating pounding Sunday night. In daylight Monday, more than 2,000 Allied bombers and fighters, most of them American, poured destruction on seven German railyards and tank factories. 1200 American heavies bombed railyards at Coblenz, Munster, Kassel, and a tank factory at Kassel. RAF followed up with the bombing of Krefeld.

American fighters were unchallenged by the Luftwaffe until they reached Bremen. Then the Americans shot down four Messerschmitts and splintered two on the ground. They hit locomotives throughout western Germany. Italy: Frigid weather continued to limit ground action in Italy. Allied bombers, supported by Brazilian air units, smashed at German communication lines.

SPAN OF MARRIED LIFE LONGER NOW

(ANS)--Barring divorce or a stretch in the clink, newlyweds of the future can look forward to a span of married life five years longer than newlyweds of 20 years ago. So say the insurance statisticians--who are seldom wrong, because it costs their companies big money when they err.

A bride and groom whose ages are 25 may expect to live together 37 years, whereas it would have been only 32 years back in 1925. The reason, so the experts say, is simply that life expectancy has risen rapidly in recent years. Still, the joint expectancy of any two persons is less than either of them singly. The average man's life expectancy at the age of 25 is 43.2 years, a woman's 46.7 years--but their joint expectancy "parlays" at 37 years.

In most marriages, the prospect is that the woman will outlive her husband. According to current mortality conditions, the wife will live longest in three out of five cases if they are the same age; in two out of three cases if she is five years younger; and in three out of four if she is 10 years younger.



When seeking a concealed position take full advantage of the cover offered by shadows as they are good substitutes for other concealment.



If you are concealed by shadows be sure to change your position as the shadows move during the day.

SPORTS

Larry MacPhail, who goes on inactive status from the Army on February 10th, will become President and General Manager of the New York Yankees. He is the new part owner of the Yanks, in a deal by which Capt. Dan Topping, Del Webb of Phoenix Arizona and he purchased nearly 97 per cent of the Yankee stock. He insisted he put up "a very substantial amount", of the estimated \$2,800,000 purchase price, and that Sonja Henie, wife of Topping was not one of the backers. Topping is also owner of the Brooklyn Tigers in the pro football league. MacPhail said Saturday that Ford Frick is his personal choice for the job of Baseball Commissioner. But MacPhail emphasized that Ed Barrow would represent the Yanks at the February meeting. He said that Barrow would be "free to do what ever he thinks is best". MacPhail said he would not take part in any official discussions of a successor to the late K. H. Landis because he had always been a National Leaguer at Cincinnati or Brooklyn and would prefer to leave the problem to Barrow who has been connected with the Yanks since 1920.

Another contender for the national basketball title was knocked out of the undefeated ranks when the University of Illinois nosed out Iowa 43-42. The Illini came from behind and shoved them into a tie for first place in the Big Ten with defending champion Ohio State. Illinois' victory opened the conference race into a wide open affair. The Big Ten co-leaders each have won four and lost one while Illinois is third with three wins and one defeat. Indiana has two wins and two losses and Wisconsin has split even in the only two games played to date.

Other basketball scores in collegiate games are: Rice over Arkansas 57-46; Oklahoma defeated Missouri 43-27. Oregon pulled still further ahead in the Pacific Coast race with two victories over the Washington Huskies on two successive nights, 59-36 and 54-51.

MP'S CHAMPS IN CP VOLLEYBALL

Steamrolling to a 15-0 triumph in the final game of the series, the MP's volleyball team captured the Division CP championship Monday night. It was the fifth encounter of a final playoff tournament of seven games. On Sunday evening the two teams had battled through the initial three games, of which the Division Cops took two.

But Tuesday evening the MP's lost little time and although G-2 hammered the ball back desperately, their disadvantage in size had a telling effect. Almost every MP return was a "spike", which kept the Intelligence men continually on the defensive.

The CP winners will now prepare to take on all comers to decide the Division Champion. A challenge had already been received from the 362nd FA and a date for this game will be announced soon.

THE WOLF by Sansone

Unit Reporters Column

"THE ROAD BACK -- TO WEST POINT"

It has become a custom for some men to go to West Point to become a soldier; but, when a man becomes a soldier to go to West Point, that's news.

When the bulk of ASTP was disbanded, in March 1943, two GI's found themselves transported to Camp White, Oregon, where they were assigned to the 381st Infantry. Soon after their arrival, they applied for appointment to West Point.

While waiting for the return of their examination papers, the 96th was ordered overseas. As their ship was hoisting anchor they were notified that their papers had arrived. During the voyage the written exam was given. Upon arrival in Hawaii the papers were forwarded for review, and again their papers were returned at the last moment, leaving no time for physical exam before setting sail once more. En route, the ship anchored at Manus Island where it was possible to have their physical exams.

As you all know, from there the course was set for the Philippines. These GI's went into battle with Company G, and experienced a rough battle.

After the heat of the battle these men were surprised when they heard they were to report to Regimental Headquarters in preparation for return to U. S. by plane, where they are to attend Cornell University for a prep course prior to their entry in the U. S. Military Academy in July.

The lucky GI's are none other than Pfc William Holbrook, of Minneapolis Minn. and Pvt Robert Holland of Tekamah, Neb.

T/4 Jim Taylor, Hq & Hq Co, 381.

The Signal Co added another to its string of volleyball victories by defeating the 382nd Inf two out of three games. The scores were 13-15, 15-3, 15-3. The game was highlighted by brilliant teamwork.

As all good champions, the Signal Co will take on any and all comers.

HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

A Division CP Horseshoe Tournament will begin today it was announced by Lt. John Berry of the Special Service Office. The tourney will include both singles and doubles classifications. The entries in the doubles matches will start pitching this evening and the winner will be decided by Monday, February 5th. On Wednesday, February 7th, the solo slingers will go into action and will complete the tournament by Saturday, February 17th.

Results of each match should be turned in to either Lieut. Berry or Sgt. Bob Smith in SSO immediately after completion. The competitors may determine the time and the court which they wish to play, but all games must be played on the scheduled day.

JJA.

THE LAMENT OF A WAC

I think that I shall never see
A job as sloppy as KP.
KP where greasy arms are pressed
With pots and pans against the chest.
KP where stands the chef all day
Barking orders at his prey.
KPs who may in evening wear
A spot of gravy in their hair.
KP where all the yardbirds hop
To nonchalantly wield a mop.
Poems are made by fools like me
And so's the list for darned KP.

-5203rd Bivou-Wac
5203rd WAC Det

On a dark and stormy night, the trainman was signalling to the engineer when he dropped his lantern to the ground. Another man, passing by, tossed it back to him on top of the car. In a few minutes the engineer came rushing up to the scene. "Let's see you do it again," he said. "Do what?" "Jump from the ground to the top of the box car."

-Humor.

JAPS NOT SMART, SAYS HALSEY

***Jan 31--In a recent press conference, Admiral Halsey aired his views on American successes and Jap blunders in the last few months of Pacific warfare. He told reporters, "The silly fools (the Japs) spent all their effort down on Leyte and then because of the Seventh and Third Fleets and the Air Forces they have not been able to bring in reinforcements".

Halsey stated that enemy control of the South China Sea has been broken and United States forces can operate in it "any time we want to". Referring to the Jap, Halsey continued, "To put it in boxing terms, we have got him back on his heels and we are going to keep on socking him wherever we find him".

Summarizing the last five months since he took over the Third Fleet, Halsey warned that although the Jap Navy is now licking its wounds, some sort of recovery is still possible. But according to Halsey they are not the kind of wounds the Jap can heal in a day. Airmen of the Third Fleet have destroyed a total of 4370 Jap planes in the last five months. This was a greater loss to the Japs than ever inflicted by the fleet of any country on an enemy.

During the period, a total of 80 Jap warships were sunk, including one battleship, four aircraft carriers, four heavy cruisers, three light cruisers, 21 destroyers, 18 destroyer escorts, four subs and 35 small combat ships. The Third Fleet also damaged 152 other warships, including eight battleships, eight heavy cruisers,

ARMY PRODUCES SUPER-TRANSPORT PLANE

(ANS)--The Army's giant new C-97 Strato-cruiser -- the cargo-transport counterpart of the B-29 Superfortress -- has just flashed across the country to set a new transcontinental speed record.

Recognized as an official record by the War Department, the giant Boeing transport rocketed 2,323 miles from Seattle to Washington, D. C., non-stop in six hours, three minutes, 50 seconds, the War Department reveals, for an average speed of 383 miles an hour.

Described as "something like the Empire State Building with wings," the mammoth new airliner is the first big bomber converted to transport use which fits into postwar plans and at the same time meets all the military needs for actual war use.

Exceeding all present-day transport planes in size, the C-97 is 12-feet longer than the B-29's 110-foot overall length. It has a B-29 fuselage without the armor, armament, bomb bays, and other military equipment, and with a second fuselage superimposed upon the first.

As a cargo carrier it can handle a payload of 25,000 pounds and has 10,000 feet of useable cargo space -- nearly as much as two railroad boxcars. As a troop transport it can carry more than 100 fully-equipped infantryman or two light tanks, along with passengers and other cargo. Its five-man crew includes a pilot, co-pilot, flight engineer, radio operator, and navigator.

MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff

KIPLING DIDN'T KNOW AMERICAN SOLDIERS

