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## AMERICANS LAND NEAR LUZON

### NEW YANK LANDINGS IN CAROLINES

\*\*\*Jan 7--Admiral Nimitz has announced that American amphibious infantry units have made a landing on Fais Island in the Western Carolines. The invading doughfeet met only slight resistance; eight Japanese were killed and six captured, while American casualties were three killed and six wounded. Fais is a small island lying midway between Guam and Peleliu. Americans also hold Ulithi and Ngesus in the same area.

### FORMOSA BLITZED BY U.S. CARRIER PLANES

\*\*\*Jan 8--Full details on the two-day U.S. carrier plane strike against Formosa and Okinawa Islands have now been released by Admiral Nimitz. Ranging over every part of the Islands, the American fliers destroyed 111 enemy planes besides damaging 220 others. Our losses were seventeen planes. During the same two day period, the carrier planes sank or damaged a total of 83 Japanese vessels. Included in 25 ships definitely sunk are one large, one medium and one small cargo ship, a patrol craft, ten small coastal cargoers, and eleven small craft. Of the 58 damaged were a destroyer, four destroyer escorts and two large cargo vessels. Literally everything that moved on Formosa ground, sea and air was blasted by the American raiders. Ground installations were hard  
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\*\*\*Jan 8--General MacArthur has announced that American infantrymen have landed unopposed on Marinduque, a small island twenty miles south of Luzon. This landing gives the Americans control of the sea area off the southwest coast of Luzon and establishes a direct contact with Luzon itself. Marinduque is only about ninety miles southeast of Manila. The landing was supported by United States air and naval units. No details have been released as yet on the size of participating units.

### AIR WAR OVER THE PACIFIC

\*\*\*Jan 8--Allied planes continued their wide sweeps of the Pacific area, hitting almost every important Japanese position. Over Southern Luzon, our bombers destroyed locomotives and 100 cars. Three rail bridges were blasted and two Japanese bombers downed. Three enemy planes raided Leyte dropping three bombs without damage. An enemy recon plane was shot down over shipping east of Negros, as Yank patrol planes destroyed ten Jap aircraft on the ground. American airmen hit Halmahera and dropped 95 tons of bombs on Moluccas. Heavy bombers poured 93 tons of explosives on enemy airdrome on Palawan south of Mindoro.

United States warships have again shelled Iwo island, 750 miles south of Tokyo. They hit coastal installations  
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## SPORTS

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### COLLEGE FIVES CLASH 1945 SEASON OPENS

Basketball again came into the limelight all over the country, as the nations leading teams started off the year in mid-season form. As this issue goes to press the University of Kentucky appears to be the best college basketball team in the country. However, three other college teams have risen during the past week to challenge the Southeastern Conference champions for top honors. These are St. Johns of Brooklyn, University of Iowa, potential Big Ten champs, and little Muhlenberg of Pennsylvania.

All four teams remained in the exclusive ranks of the unbeaten. Kentucky, which invades Madison Square Garden this week to play Long Island University, shaded Temple U. at Philadelphia 45-44, in a thrilling last minute finish. Coming from behind to overtake the Owls, Kentucky's brilliant center Alex Groza, sank a goal to give Kentucky the game. Groza, who leaves shortly for military service, has scored 27 points to date. St. Johns, eastern seaboard favorites, walloped Dartmouth 53-38 in New York. Muhlenberg topped Pennsylvania, 42-38.

In the Big Ten, Iowa's cagers showed their power by swamping Chicago 67-31. In an upset that may change the present setup of title favorites, Ohio State defeated the University of Michigan five, 54-41. The Buckeyes had no easy time of it in whipping the previously unbeaten Michigan team, running the game into an overtime period to do it. It was Michigan's first loss in eight games and Ohio

States fourth win in five starts.

The Southwest Conference Basketball race opens this week with the co-favorites Arkansas and Rice, meeting the teams that have appeared weakest. Arkansas will be host to Baylor in two games, the Bears have lost all six of their practice games. Texas A & M, which has won only one game in eight starts, will clash with Rice.

### TOUCHING ALL BASES

Carroll Widdoes, Ohio State's candidate for coach of the year, was born in Manila, Philippine Islands, and his parents are still there as missionaries, presumably in a Jap concentration camp at Baguio.... With a lot of the coaches already screaming about the new basketball rule prohibiting goal-tending, Hank Iba, coach of Oklahoma A & M at whom center, seven-foot Bob Kurland, much of the ruling was aimed, says the ruling has helped Kurland to be a better basketball player. He doesn't have to jump so much, and now he can go the whole game instead of requiring rest. ....Sgt. Dutch Harrison, recent winner of the Miami golf open, credits the Army with giving him the nerves to play better golf than he had as a civilian. Harrison probably lost all tension waiting in line for everything including his pay..... Glenn Dobbs and a bunch of other service players are winding up service football careers. The AAF has a two-year eligibility rule for men fit for overseas service... Jimmy Dykes pulled another fast one trading Jake Wade for southpaw Johnny Johnson of the Yankees.

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SIX ARMIES IN BASTOGNE PUSH

\*\*\*Jan 8--Six Allied armies are massed in that narrow strip of Belgian territory which has come to be known as the Ardennes Bulge. With miserable winter weather prevailing, these armies are battling Von Rundstedt's forces, who have no intention of giving up their hard won salient. The fighting there has not yet reached its peak and it may be Spring before the beginning of the most decisive battle of World War II.

Sunday, the Allies were able to gain a hard fought mile on the northern flank of the German Bulge in the area south of Stavelot. American troops captured Fraiture, which is a few miles northeast of La Roche and less than a half mile from an important German supply route.

On the south flank of the major Nazi penetration, Patton's Third Army won two more hard fought miles east of Bastogne. During the last two days, the Third has beat off at least 21 counterattacks.

A new secret Allied artillery weapon is being used for the first time by Yank forces to shatter these German counterattacks. In one corner of the bulge, the snow was strewn with German dead, where this weapon had cut them to pieces.

In northeastern France, the new German counter-drive which had penetrated France fifteen miles in the Biche area, was finally halted by the Seventh Army troops. Twelve miles from the vital Saverne Gap, still held by the Americans, they cut off the tip of the Nazi spearhead. The holding point was a village called Wingen. Above Strasbourg, other Seventh Army units slashed at the toehold the Germans have gained on the west bank of the Rhine.

And here is how the confused picture looks when brought into partial focus. The Germans have lost at least 100,000 men since they launched their offensive on December 16, while Allied losses have been nowhere near that heavy. At least 685 of the 900 enemy tanks used in the breakthrough have been knocked out and 20,000 prisoners have been taken. But the best that can be hoped for before early

Spring is a winter stalemate. Except for our important spearhead north of Aachen, German troops are holding the Americans away from homeland soil.

By keeping the Allies outside the Reich, the Nazis have injected a shot of morale into the arm of the civilian populace. It will be a hard winter for thousands of Americans, British and Canadian troops who must endure the stalemate during the cold months ahead. But the Allies still retain the Port of Antwerp and the coast of the lowland countries. Supplies will flow increasingly from England and should make possible the final Allied breakthrough in the Spring.

NAZIS BLACKMAIL OWN TROOPS

\*\*\*Jan 8--German prisoners from Budapest were quoted in a Moscow midnight communique as saying the Nazi High Command had threatened to shoot the entire family of any soldier who abandons a position or surrenders. It is no small wonder that DNB has called Budapest the greatest defensive battle ever waged against the Soviets, when such inspiration is provided the defending troops.

Russian troops turned the tide of great German offensive to relieve Budapest encircling and wiping out the Nazi spearheads which broke through Soviet lines several days ago. Yesterday alone, more than 3,000 Germans were killed as Russian infantry, artillery and tanks successfully threw back the Nazi mass onslaughts. The Russians have again begun their own offensive and are lashing the German flank with powerful blows.

Inside Budapest, the Russians won more than 23 city blocks for a total of 1,472. Soviet troops broke into the Budapest Hippodrome and the old city race track in the eastern half of the city. The Germans had been using the track as a landing field for transports bringing supplies to the beleaguered Nazis.

Now it appears as though no more supplies or relief will arrive for the trapped Nazi garrison. The Soviet High  
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WEINSTEIN BESTS DILL!

Jan. 4--Last night, in the Division Surgeon's tent, with 30,000 Dead-Eyes upon them, two veteran fighters put on an exhibition that was strictly major league.



After nearly four hours of continuous mental struggle, which at times seemed to be a form of psychological warfare, Col. Macey Dill was bested by Capt. Jack Weinstein in a championship checker match. The score was 5 to 2, but the battle was far closer than the score implies. Col. Dill got off to a shaky start, as he lost the first three decisions in succession. But "reinforcements" arrived in the form of a mysterious sock-covered canteen that caused those who drank from it to lick their lips and say "Haaah!"

The general opinion was that a new type of chlorine was being used, because even Leyte's water seldom has such an unusual effect upon its drinkers. Whatever the liquid was, it had a notable effect and soon after, the Colonel defeated Capt. Weinstein, a Wisconsin state checker champion, for the first time.

From there on the canteen became a permanent fixture. Even though it hid half the board from many of the on-lookers, those who had placed their pesos on Col. Dill were perfectly satisfied to see it remain there. Weinstein's backers had more money to wager on their contestant but could not find either man, reptile or insect to cover it.



By now things were piling up. Small side wagers were placed as to whether the heap of swatted insects would overtake the chain-smoking Colonel's stack of cigarette butts. The odds were on the insects because though the butts fell more often, the flying pests surpassed in size the bits of tobacco, which usually were so small that they field-stripped themselves.

Then the contest settled down to a battle of wits, and each move was planned with even more painstaking deliberation than before. The silence was broken only by the expert bug-banging of Chap. von Husen, and the continual jangling of the telephone as bettors throughout the Division asked for the score.

For three consecutive times no decision could be reached, and the contest was called a draw. Finally, by employing the same aggressiveness as on that famous bridge at Tabontabon, Col. Dill triumphed, and the score stood at 4 to 2. The phone was clanging like a fire alarm now, and the inquirers, not being able to witness the tediousness of each play, rapidly became more impatient.

But the climax was approaching, as the blacks maneuvered across the squares, it became evident that the background of first class competition of Capt. Weinstein would win out. But it was only when every known trick had been attempted and the "casualties" on both sides had reached a staggering total, that Colonel Dill ground his last cigarette into the dirt, and conceded the victory to one of Milwaukee's favorite sons, Capt. Jack Weinstein.

(J.J.A.)



MALIWALIW DEDICATES NEW SCHOOL

Saturday saw the dedication of a new school for the barrio of Maliwaliw. It was one of the first steps toward the rehabilitation of the Province of Leyte.

It was a great day of celebration. Many GI's dug deep into their duffle bags for that one clean pair of suntans; others remained satisfied with their fatigues. But, regardless of the dress, the Filipinos extended them a hearty welcome.

The Mabuhay band (Filipino Rhythm Boys to you) rendered the local conception of swing which even Dorsey would admire.

The local belles brought out of hiding their finest garments while others appeared in attractive dresses made from parachutes. The yes of the GI's really had a treat. Then, not only was there dancing and songs, but the dinner prepared in native style added to the gala occasion. The menu was as follows:

DINNER

Roasted Pig  
Pochoero  
Assado  
Etapado Manoc  
Pig's Liver

DESSERT

Cake  
Dulce Plant  
Yamast de Coco  
Suman

The food was very good but the natives had a hard time explaining to the GI's what each dish was.

Following the dinner was a floor show which hi-lited the afternoon's festivities. A Declamation entitled "Hitch in Hell"—(DEADEYE DISPATCH) was rendered by attractive Miss Eleuteria Daclizon. Also on the program was a specialty dance followed by a folk dance. "Besame Mucho" was the only solo rendered during the afternoon. Dancing continued for the remainder of the program. It was learned from G. B. Nuevas, a guerrilla, that this was only a small party compared to those which were given before the war.

NAZI BLACKMAIL: (Contd from Page Two)

Command indicated that the desperate German drive from the west, which began four days ago has been halted, and that the Nazis have failed to slash through a corridor to the city.

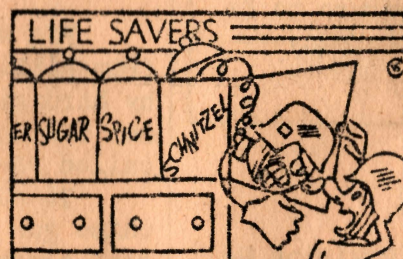
ELAS FADES FROM ATHENS AREA

\*\*\*Jan 8--Left wing Elás forces withdrew from the Athens area yesterday, taking with them a number of British and Greek civilians as hostages. Lieutenant General Scobey, British commander, then said he was ready to re-open negotiations with the ELAS. Meanwhile, the Elás forces are still fully armed even though they have disappeared during the period of negotiation.

KYUSHU RAIDED AGAIN!

\*\*\*Jan 8--A force of 70 United States Superforts on Saturday attacked the Omura aircraft factories on the Jap home island of Kyushu. The B-29's flew from bases in western China to make this their sixth blow against the Omura works. Flak and fighter opposition was reported as moderate. One Jap interceptor was shot down, five were probably destroyed, and many others damaged. One Superfortress was lost to enemy action. As the air-craft plant was bombed through the clouds by precision instruments, results were not observed. But on the basis of other B-29 instrument bombings, it is safe to assume that many bombs hit their target.

"I have a confession to make to you, I'm a married man."  
Gosh, you scared me. I thought you were going to say this car wasn't yours."



Patrols passing through settlements deserted by the enemy should thoroughly search all buildings and possible hiding places for snipers and ambush parties



Valleys are natural targets for enemy fire. Stay out of 'em whenever possible.

AIR WAR: (Cont'd from page one.)

and air strips, encountering only weak fire from shore batteries. Fires were started at the airport and a coastal vessel sunk. Taking up where our Navy left off, American planes pounded Iwo on Thursday and Friday for its 28th and 29th straight day of assault. These daring attacks by the United States Navy are rapidly reducing the Japanese home sea to a small lake.

The Allied Southeast Asia Command reveals that British carrier planes on Thursday attacked a Japanese oil refinery on enemy-held Sumatra. They scored direct hits on the powerhouse building and adjacent oil tanks. It appears that a British carrier force is now operating in the Southwest Pacific area supplementing American naval forces. This is only an initial indication of the extensive naval power Great Britain intends to concentrate in Pacific waters. Great Britain has often reiterated her pledge to help the Americans force Japan to a bitter defeat. We will, no doubt, hear of more such English naval strikes in the near future.

JAP AIRFORCE TARGET IN CHINA

\*\*\*Jan 8--Chunking reports that the American 14th Airforce has blasted 84 Japanese planes, probably destroyed eight, and damaged 20 others in missions over south Central China. Seven Allied planes are missing from these operations.

The Jap forces have retaken the key Burma Road town of Wanting. Wanting had previously been recaptured by the Chinese forces only last Wednesday. An American staff officer with the Chinese forces states that the Chinese intend to go on the offensive immediately to re-take the town. According to the Chinese High Command, the Japanese in south central China are regrouping their 19th and 20th Divisions, consisting of 30,000 troops. They believe the Japanese are getting set for an expected American landing on the China coast.

FORMOSA: (Cont'd from page one.)

hit, with eleven locomotives destroyed, trucks, tank cars, bridges and supply dumps bombed.

Coordinated with the Formosa blitz, the United States Navy fliers ranged 150 miles west of Formosa in search of enemy shipping off the China coast. This marks the first time in three years that the United States Navy has actually reached the China coast. Japanese convoys hugging the China coast in an effort to reach Japan will now be directly menaced by Navy patrol planes.

AKYAB TAKEN IN BRITISH AMPHIBIOUS LANDING

\*\*\*Jan 8--Last week the British made a surprise landing at the important Burma port of Akyab, occupying it without resistance. An estimated garrison of 1,000 Japanese withdrew just before the British landing. The operation was completed by land and naval forces. Indian naval units took part in this landing for the first time on the Asiatic coast. Occupation of Akyab is the preliminary step for an assault on Rangoon as Akyab boasts a good airfield, also prevents the Japanese from bombing India just 75 miles away.

THE WOLF

by Sansone



"So-Sigh-ity News"

The post-war plans of Lt Gordon P. Keith of G-3 were outlined recently when his engagement to Miss Barbara Jean Vincent was announced. Miss Vincent is the daughter of Lt Col and Mrs Willis E. Vincent. The Colonel is the Adjutant General of the XXI Corps, now in England.

Lt Keith is from Wilmette, Illinois, and attended the University of Illinois, whis his fiance was a student of the University of Oregon.

Exact date of the wedding has not as yet been announced.

LOST:--Black Billfold, containing between 80 and 100 Pesos, mostly in twenty Peso notes. Finder please return to Lt H. L. Paquette--96th Signal Company--10 Pesos-(\$5)-Reward.

CONGRATULATIONS

The promotion of one of Division Hq veteran soldiers, Lt Frederico Fernandez, to the rank of Captain, was recently announced. Captain Fernandez who comes from Tampa, Florida, has been in the Army since 1935, and has seen service in various camps throughout the U.S. in addition to Panama, where he also was in the Counter Intelligence Corps.

The Captain joined the 96th in December 1943, where he was sent from the CIC staging area in Baltimore, Maryland.

DON'T FORGET!

When you souvenir hunters trot off with a jap trinket or so, pause a moment--give thanks to "L" company, 383rd, the Artillery and "Hoss" Mitchell.

A souvenir Hunter's Paradise is what Larson Ridge is now. If you take a trip up there, you can get anything from a battle flag to a pair of Jap step-ins, machine guns, knee mortars, ammunition, ri-

files, glass cases, bayonets, sabers---all lie around in abundance ready to be taken.

But things weren't always thus. Less than a week ago, a step too far in that direction meant a big fat bullet coming back in your direction. A noisy, fast-moving machine gun was set up at the top of that ridge, ready to clip the ears off anyone approaching.

But, "L" Company had to approach---had to secure the ridge in order to make possible the safe passage to Lake Danao.

And so we approached, saw and conquered. When the days toll was counted, we had 16 good Japs to our credit and the ridge was cleared and secure.

(Pvt. Becker.)

"AMERICAN DISCIPLINE"

Pfc Nelson Mooney, Co "I", 381st Inf, from Little Rock, Arkansas, has learned by hard gim experience that there are many men besides himself in the Army who are called "Shorty".

It all happened one day when a machine gun started firing from a pillbox. Sgt Meadow's squad, of which Mooney is a member, had taken cover and was awaiting further orders.

The Jap gun had ceased firing for a brief time when a command was sounded from the rear, "Move up Shorty, we'll keep you covered." Without a moments hesitation little Mooney started out, but had taken no more than four or five steps when the whining of enemy bullets plus the shouts of the alert squad leader made Mooney reverse his tracks to cover. He was pale, nervous and puffing. He said later that bullets had come so close to him that he felt as though he had knocked at the Gates of Heaven, but they just didn't open.

Sgt Meadows explained to him that the command to move forward was given to Shorty Nicholson who was to our rear,---Mooney still puffing, gasped, "The next time you give me an order to move forward you'll have to give my mother's name and my home address."

(Pfc R. Ortiz.)

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WHICH IS TOUGHER ON THE GI -- THE PACIFIC CAMPAIGNS OR THE WESTERN FRONT?

Sgt. Mack Morriss, YANK staff correspondent, recently asked this question of Major General J. Lawton Collins, a veteran of both the New Georgia campaigns and the Western Front. The General's answer came quickly and with force:

"From the purely physical standpoint, the Pacific campaigns have been infinitely worse for the private soldier. There he has had to live in the heat and filth of the jungle, worrying about malaria and the fact that a scratch may develop into a tropical ulcer.

"In Europe, we've been fighting in civilized countries in which we can and do take advantage of the shelter of buildings. There we had heat, rain, mud, jungle and nothing else."

Replying to Morriss' question on the relative fighting worth of Japs and Germans, General Collins had this to say: "The Jap is a helluva sight tougher than the German, but he's not as smart."

PRESIDENT SEEKS MANPOWER DRAFT

In a message to the new Congress Saturday, President Roosevelt asked it to enact a national law under which every one could be required to do useful work or fight. He asked immediate action to guarantee that every person rejected for military service be utilized in the war effort in some way. The President explained that this block of manpower included four million 4F's and the drafting of nurses for the Armed Forces which now need 20,000 more. He also urged compulsory peacetime military training.

Roosevelt praised the strategy of the war and declared the Allied Generals on the Western Front had done a skillful job in blocking the new German offensive. And for his initiative in changing the Philippine invasion plans, the President gave Halsey credit. Saying it had been planned to approach the P.I. by stages but Halsey's forces made possible the early blow against Leyte.

DILL OPENS CLASSES

"They used to run away from school to join the army, and now when they're in the army all they want to do is go to school". The Old Sarge was quite puzzled by this turn of affairs, but he had seen so many changes since the war started, he thought a minor upheaval such as this could not long disturb his equanimity.

The cause of all this was the enthusiastic response made by men in the regimental CP of the 382nd Inf to a program of classes offered by the Reg I&EO. Men from Reg Hq Co, AT Co, Cannon Co, and the Med Det signed up for courses in various subjects. Instructors were found in the same units and each afternoon classes meet in the Hq Co mess hall. The interest created by the men taking these classes has created a demand for others which will be organized soon. This is another demonstration of the desire of most GI's to increase their educational qualifications for post-war jobs.