

*back*American soldiers ~~are~~ on Philippine soil, ~~once~~*Tobio says it's so! The question*
~~more? That is the latest from Tokyo. But we'd better~~*is - is this story*~~not believe it if it isn't~~ any more accurate than the*spokesmen*story the Mikado's ~~boys~~ put out on Monday, the storyof that naval battle in which the Japanese ~~sank~~ *claimed to have sunk**ten*

of our capital ships, and put the American Fleet to

flight, and so forth.?

The only reason for putting any stock in today's

Tokio broadcast is that it sounds possible. ~~and~~ We have*looking forward to MacArthur's return to*
been ~~expecting MacArthur's invasion of~~ the Philippines,~~to begin almost any time~~

According to Tokio, an American task force

accompanied by transport, has sailed into the Leyte

Gulf in the Central Philippines. The Japanese High

Command, which is responsible for the story, adds that

our Fleet may ~~have~~ *have* already landed invasion troops onSuluan, ~~that is~~ a tiny island four hundred and twenty-five miles ~~to the~~ southeast of Luzon.

Radio Tokyo adds that Japanese troops operating in the same sector are counter-attacking with the cooperation of the Japanese army and navy.

Tokyo added that American bombers and fighters had raided every part of the Phillipines on Tuesday.

The invasion in the Gulf of Leyte is on a huge scale, ~~so~~ say the Japanese^s. They declare the land force^s are under General MacArthur with Admiral Spruance cooperating in command of all American naval forces in the Pacific, except Vice Admiral^{Marc} Mitscher's carrier task force.

If this is true ^{this} ~~it~~ is the occasion toward which MacArthur has been working ^{wirelessly} ~~very minutely~~ ^{reluctantly} since he left Corrigidor in ^{that} a submarine, ^{at} ~~on~~ the President's orders, and ^{then he} said: "I obey, but I shall return."

ADD PACIFIC

Somebody, ~~at~~ either ⁱⁿ Washington or ^{at} Pearl Harbor, has been making a fresh count of the Japanese losses in ships and planes. Consequently we hear tonight that since Admiral Halsey opened his offensive in the western Pacific just ten days ago, ~~sixty~~ he has either sunk or damaged three-hundred-and-thirty-nine ships and small craft, ^{and} destroyed nine^{hundred} and thirty-four-planes. ^{FF} Since August thirtieth the Japanese have lost five-hundred-and-twenty-six ships, three-hundred-and-forty-nine small craft, two-thousand, thirty-five planes either destroyed or damaged. ^{A staggering} ~~That is a heavy~~ loss, ~~in any man's air force or any man's navy and merchant marine.~~

Up to a late hour this afternoon neither Washington nor Pearl Harbor had vouchsafed any information about our reported invasion of the Philippines. The Tokyo story is neither confirmed nor denied.

BURMA

For the first time in ~~many~~ weeks we have some news worth talking about from the theatres of war commanded by ~~Admiral Lord Louis~~ Mountbatten. The Fifth Division of Indian fighters has captured Tiddin in the mountains, which the Japanese have been occupying as one of their important strongholds. The garrison finally collapsed under a heavy air attack, ~~that~~ brought the entire road, one hundred and sixty two miles long, from Imphal, under Allied control. The Allied troops are now pursuing the Japanese eastward.

Tokyo reports that a task force of Mountbatten's command has been attacking the Japanese garrison in the Nicobar ~~Muskis~~ Islands, midway between Ceylon and Singapore. If that is true it would indicate preparation for an attack to drive the Japanese out of the Malay peninsula.

RUSSIA

Tonight the soil of Germany is under invasion from both west and east. ~~For~~ the soldiers of the Red army ^{are definitely} ~~finally have their feet~~ in East Prussia. They ^{Eyet-Koo-nün,} have captured the frontier station of Eydtkuhnen, ^{Who} known to every traveler [^] visited Russia in Czarist days. It was there that you had to climb out of your railway carriage, even in the middle of the night, and have your passport and your baggage examined, and change trains, since the Russian trains travelled on extra broadgaged tracks; [^] the idea of some Czar being that it would hinder German invaders.

Yes, Eydtkuhnen is in Russian hands tonight, and one of the Baltic armies of the Soviets is moving on the great fortress ^{city} and harbor of Koenigsberg.

All this we learn from Berlin. The Soviet High Command has ^d not said a word about it _^ up to an early hour this evening. The Nazi radio reported that

a gigantic battle has been raging on the frontier between Lithuania and East Prussia for three days. The Nazis claim^{ing} to have destroyed two hundred and fifty-seven of the Soviet tanks. The Nazis report included these words: "The offensive against East Prussia's ~~Russian~~ eastern border is developing into a mass battle such as hardly ever has been seen in eastern campaigns, as regards the enormous numerical superiority of the enemy". As the Nazi military experts interpret it, the Soviet High Command is launching a pincers movement against East Prussia to cut it off from the rest of Germany, one army attacking from the South, another from the East. The ultimate goal is, of course, a break-through to Danzig.

It was the Third White Russian Army that cracked the German East Wall in Lithuania. Berlin declares that the Germans are fighting with supreme

effort every square yard of the way. ^{But adds that} ~~But~~ the Soviets ^{continue to} ~~are~~ throwing fresh tank and infantry divisions into the battle. ~~all the time. It is evident that the Germans are prepared to fight to the finish.~~

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For some days now we have had no news about the progress of the Soviet armies in Poland. But today Marshal Tito reported that the Russians and Hx Jugoslavs are ^{about to overwhelm} ~~pressing harder every day upon~~ the Nazi garrison at ~~of~~ Belgrade. There ^{is} ~~was~~ fighting in the streets of the Yugoslav capital.

HUNGARY - FOLLOW RUSSIA

In Hungary Russian troops have captured more than eleven thousand German and Hungarian soldiers in their march on Debrecen, the third city of Hungary. Meanwhile the whole country is in an uproar, Hungarian fighting Hungarian. The Nazi puppet government is trying in vain to get control, with the help of German troops and tiger tanks. Ten divisions of the First Hungarian Army remain loyal to the Regent, Admiral Nicholas Horthy. They are closing in on Budapest. There are even indications that the ~~Russian~~ ^{police} of Budapest are refusing to obey the orders of the Nazi Prime Minister.

ITALY

Three columns of Allied troops are now moving against ~~Cesena~~^{Cesena} Cesena, an important industrial city in the Valley of the Po River, at the foot of the Apennines, between Bologna and Rimini. ~~There it is~~^{Cesena,} one of the most ancient cities in Italy, ~~and~~ used to be a postoffice station of the Roman Empire on the ~~the~~^{the} Aemilian Way, and a fortress in the wars between

Theodoric and ~~Francis~~^{NARSES,} the famous Eunuch General of the Emperor Justinian. ~~xxxxxxx~~^{Advance units of the}

Canadian divisions have forced the passage of a small river and ^{have} established a bridgehead only a mile and a half away from ~~Cesena~~^{Cesena}. At the same time, negro troops of the Ninety-second American Division captured an important mountain position near Massa on the Ligurian ~~the~~ Coast.

The Germans continue to fight desperately in Italy. A captured non-commissioned officer said that

many of them would desert if they dared. But Gestapo officers behind the lines keep threatening the men that their families at home will be punished for anything they do contrary to Hitler's wishes.

The information came to light today that the town of Domodossola on the frontier between Italy and Switzerland was in the hands of an Italian patriot force for thirty-four days. Domodossola is near the southern entrance of the Simplon Railway Tunnel through the Alps, and for all that time the Nazis were unable to use the tunnel.

Hugh, what's the message tonight from Stan. of Calif.

WESTERN FRONT

On the Western Front, along that four-hundred-and-fifty-mile line the Allied armies were busy today getting ready for a new offensive. Supply troops mending harbors and roads, and delivering winter equipment in preparation for the coming cold weather, and building shelters. The whole country behind the front line fairly bristling with activity.

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In Holland the Nazi forces were retreating across the Maas, fighting a rear guard action with the British Second Army. Fighting desperately, using every building, ~~every~~ ^{every} haystack and windmill, to delay the advancing British.

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To the South the Sixth American Army group were fighting their way through the foothills of the Vosges.

Everywhere the Germans are resisting desperately. Remember the charge that German soldiers were all right as long as they were advancing, but that

- they couldn't fight a defensive war? Well, as we know now, the Germans are fighting magnificently in defense of their own soil.

He first attracted attention last May twenty-three at Imbale in Italy. He was a private then, one of a battle patrol of the Fifteenth Infantry. He and his mates were sent into action to break the ring the Germans had drawn around the headland. At once they German ships were spotted at the sea of the patrol entrenched in a ditch. Daily October grew impatient, climbed out of the ditch, walked thirty yards toward the snipers, and while they were firing furiously at him, he killed each one of them with his rifle. He got a fifth sniper and went for him. By that time machine guns and other artillery were

SCHAUER

Four years ago Henry Schauer was a twenty-two year old farm hand in Montana. He worked on his father's farm near Scoby, and between seasons filled in as garage mechanic. He enlisted in Nineteen Forty and soon became an expert marksman.

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concentrating on Schauer. With shells and tracers *all*
round him
~~flying by~~ he knelt ~~xxxx~~ calmly down and killed two
machine gunners at sixty yards. Two other enemy
soldiers ran up to man the gun and Schauer potted
them. He then turned his fire on a machine gun nest
five hundred yards away and killed all four ~~men~~ *of that*
~~the~~ crew.

~~On~~ The following day he crawled thirty yards
toward a machine gun *right among some of*
~~which was in that position amidst~~
those giant
~~a group of~~ Mark Six tanks. When he got within sixty
yards he stood upright with tank shells falling all
around him, ~~he~~ *and* killed the four men of the German
machine gun crew, ~~in~~ with one burst. *Bringing brought his*
~~that broke his~~
record up to seventeen Germans ~~killed~~ in seventeen
hours.

For that they made Henry Schauer a Corporal.

The Navy sustained a serious loss at San Diego which was not by enemy action. Thirteen
He's now Technical Sergeant with the United States
Seventh Army somewhere in France, and today ~~ixxxxx~~
his Commanding officer, Lieutenant General Alexander
Patch, gave him the Congressional Medal of Honor.

San Diego. It was a routine flight but just as serious
as though it had happened in a theater of war. All
thirteen Naval fliers perished.

PLANE CRASH

The Navy sustained a serious loss at San Diego today which was not by enemy action. Thirteen fliers in a four-engined plane were patrolling off the coast. In the thick fog they crashed into a peak on the Coronado Islands, fifteen miles from San Diego. It was a routine flight but just as serious as though it had happened in a theater of war. All thirteen naval fliers perished.

HURRICANE

Now about that storm:- this afternoon the wind, at eighty miles an hour, hit Jacksonville. All the shipyards called a holiday so workers could go home and board up their houses. The power was off for three hours before the full force of the storm struck Jacksonville. One radio tower was blown down, and the only radio station operating in Jacksonville is the one owned by the city, which has its own power plant.

Florida fruit growers have had a record crop of oranges and grapefruit this year, and now comes a ^{storm} ~~storm to spoil it. There was much damage at Tampa, and at Brunswick, Georgia.~~

~~The Weather Bureau has issued storm warnings as far as Cape Hatteras, and northeast storm warnings from Hatteras to Rhode Island.~~

~~A later dispatch reports the storm as having~~
blown ^{wg} down more than twenty million dollars worth
of orange and grapefruit ~~fr~~ trees, all heavily loaded.
It has laid flat countless homes, and many business
buildings; and wrecked power lines, telephone and
telegraph lines. But apparently no loss of life.

BEANS

The people of San Francisco have been threatened with a shortage of beans. What a catastrophe that would be if it was Boston! Even the Regional Director of the War Food Administration was alarmed. All stores in San Francisco were out of beans.

The situation was puzzling. Nobody could understand why -- until the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals discovered that all the beans in San Francisco had been bought up by small boys playing "Junior Commando." And they were using beans for ammunition -- raising welts on the necks of pedestrians, frightening horses, making miserable the lives of the dogs and cats of the city of the Golden Gate. Parents interyened. The police interyened. All to no avail. The Junior Commandos fought on! Finally a ~~man~~ cop discovered an ancient clause in the Municipal Code which makes bean-blowing an offense against law and order. And now there are beans for all in San Francisco.

GERMAN GIRLS

One bit of news today tells of a military order forbidding American soldiers in Germany to go out with German girls. G.I. Joe, we are informed, is a friendly soul, and hitherto in Europe he has been pushing on through liberated countries, where he has responded cordially to the friendship of the people -- including the feminine companionship. In occupied parts of Germany he's been inclined to be much the same, and to pal around with the German girls -- The Fraulein being sometimes a goodlooking blonde.

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Now, the troops have been forbidden to make dates with German girls. This is in accord with an order issued by General Eisenhower that there shall be no fraternization with the enemy civilian population -- the girls included. As for feminine companionship, Mademoiselle is okay -- but not Fraulein.

To this news item a war correspondent

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of the Times adds the following comment: "The American soldier," said he, usually ranks feminine companionship just below cigarettes and letters from home as a morale builder." Well, I don't want to differ with the stately Times, but I know some G.I.'s who rank feminine companionship ~~just~~ above cigarettes.

~~I hope you don't feel that~~

~~Way there~~

Hugh, I know, ranks feminine companionship far above cigarettes. How about it Hugh?

BELL

A gentleman in Cleveland was anxious to mend the historic old Liberty Bell at Philadelphia. He offered to weld it at his own expense so it might ring in full tune on Victory Day. But the city of Philadelphia does not want its bell mended. Mayor Bernard Samuel ^{says} ~~indicated that~~ somebody is always ^{that precious bell} trying to repair ~~it~~ but the people of William Penn's ~~old~~ city prefer it as ~~it~~ is. It would lose its significance to the American people, ^{the} said Philadelphia Mayor, and he added that in its present unaltered form it is sacred. The bell has not been rung since Eighteen Thirty-five, when the crack appeared.

PLANE

A two-year-old little girl at Groton, Connecticut, had an unusual experience. She was doing what all two-year-olds ought to be doing early in the morning -- sleeping. Suddenly a Navy plane flew through her bedroom, whisked the blanket off two-year-old Margaret Morton's bed, but didn't touch her. After passing through her bedroom it crashed into an empty schoolhouse. The pilot -- a cadet -- alone in the plane, was making a routine night training flight. And even he escaped with nothing more than a sprained back.