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U.S. TROOPS LAND @ CORREGIDOR

SEA AND AIRBORNE TROOPS TAKE ISLAND FORTRESS BY SURPRISE

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HQ, LUZON-

Sea and airborne troops landed on Corregidor seizing it's decisive point. Preceded by powerful air and naval bombardment, paratroopers dropped on the island stronghold capturing enemy defenses and prisoners in the rear. Elements of the 24th Division, ferried across from newly captured Bataan effected a landing on south Corregidor. This move completely dislocated the enemy's plans of defense. Gen MacArthur says that "the capture of Bataan and Corregidor opens Manila Bay to American shipping and thus will be a great asset to the Allies."

△ In South Manila, American GIs continue mopping up the enemy trapped garrison in the Intramuros District.

△ The capture of Bataan was effected by a light amphibious landing on the SW coast of Luzon near Mariveles. The landings were supported by naval and air forces.

REDS CONTINUE ADVANCE

Soviet forces battered their way thru bitter Nazi resistance to liberate 60 more towns in the Breslau area. Berlin is reported in panic as Red forces are nearing the capital.

CHINA PREPARES

Chungking announced that China is preparing for the final counter-offensive against Japan as she keeps training half a million men yearly.

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TASK FORCES

SMASH TOKYO, IWO —
NIPPON CAPITAL SUFFERS GREATEST AERIAL ASSAULT

SAN FRANCISCO, USA-- 1,200 planes of powerful US task forces are pounding Tokyo and adjacent area. The relentless attack is still being carried out and no details are yet available.

▷ These task forces under Admiral Mitscher are carrying out a powerful air and sea bombardment of the Japs stronghold of Iwo, 250 miles south of Tokyo. Enemy shore batteries and installations were battered despite unfavorable weather conditions. Land-based bombers are also attacking Iwo in coordination with (with) the task force attack. The planes also struck Truk, Jap naval stronghold in the Carolines. "The Jap Fleet has refused to give battle and we are now in control of the seas", said a naval spokesman.

AIR ASSAULT OVER REICH

3,500 American planes, on the 17th, blasted industrial targets in Germany. The attack was followed by another force of 1,780 planes which dropped 3,000 tons of bombs on targets. The German cities of Gelhenkirchen, Hamm, and Salzergeren were badly hit. 200 RAF heavies also hit Wessel and Clebe in Germany.

On the ground, Canadian forces pushed the Germans 16 miles into the Ruhr.

American submarines have sunk 31 more Japanese ships. A total of 1,024 Japs ships have been sunk by American submarines since the start of the war.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

A public spirited citizen whose name could not be disclosed, for obvious reasons, found a few reams of mimeograph paper drifted to his fish trap and donated all of them to the Sulu Area Command. This has enabled us to publish this paper. Public spirited citizens who may have the same or similar luck are requested to donate what they have, or found, to the SAC. This would enable us to continue the publication of the paper. With better facilities and available materials, we will be able to enlarge the scope and increase the circulation of this paper.

To All Unit Commanders:

1. TEN PESO BILLS issued by the Mindanao Emergency Currency Board bearing the following serial numbers are to be confiscated and turned over to this HQ:

From BB106401 to BB106500

From BB106701 to BB106800

2. Investigate all persons having these notes as to how they came in possession of the same and submit report.

3. Publicity and action to this announcement are hereby enjoined.

China Prepares-----

The counter-offensive will coincide with any American landing on the coast of China. "The Japanese can only prolong the war by fighting futilely," says Chungking.

In Burma, Allied troops have completed the capture of Ramree Island off the west coast of Burma.

"World security can be attained thru the complete destruction of the German and Japanese military machine. The small countries that came to their control should enjoy freedom and independence."



SAC RULES THE WAVES

A miniature naval engagement took place on 3 February, when 2 of our kumpits going to Jolo, were intercepted between Lugus and Pandani by an enemy launch from Luuk Maulana. Closing to within a mile of the lagging kumpit, the launch opened up with its MG. The only arms in that kumpit was an Austin sub mg with 12 rounds of ammunition and a Carbine. "It was then, a battle between a launch armed with a MG and rifles vs a kumpit with a carbine and a sub-mg; a hopeless fight against our favor--but we intended to fight to our last breath," reported a Medical Man who was in the kumpit. A rain of bullets splashed all around from the gradually nearing launch. Everytime the chattering MG paused briefly, our men answered with their 2 arms until their sub-mg ammunition was exhausted and only the Carbine was left to answer. Another burst from the MG peppered the kumpit, wounding 2 of the men. Ammunition running low, our men paddled furiously and called for the other kumpit which was a bit too far to give any effective support. After a brief running fight, our men scrambled aboard the other kumpit and one of them manned the 81 mm trench mortar on board, sending 2 shells screeching over the launch. The launch paused, then withdrew-- then steamed toward the 2 kumpits again firing as it came. Another shell was sent screaming over the launch. Seeing that the SAC naval barnage was getting hotter, the launch beat an ignominious retreat to Luuk Maulana. "Such was the naval encounter between the launch of the Jap Imperial Navy and the 2 kumpits of the SAC Fleet," the report ended.



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SUBJECT: Drifted U.S. Supplies Found by Fishermen Along
Shores in Islands of Tawi-Tawi Group.

TO : G-2, U.S. Army, SWPA

1. On 9 February 45, native fishermen found one case and one metal tube containing some U.S. Navy emergency rations drifted at the reef back of Bilatan Island, south of Tawi-Tawi Island. The two containers contained 21 small cans of corned pork and 36 small tins of emergency ration biscuits. They were still in good condition and were distributed to the patriots who ^{have} not seen, much less tasted, American canned food since the outbreak of this war! A brass metal label attached to one of the containers is being submitted to GHQ, for identification purposes.

2. Two weeks ago, my patriots on Tandubas Island found drifted along the shores some electric bulbs; an empty hand grenade case; an empty pistol ball case, cal 45 M1911 am; tins of grease; emergency rations in tins, and life belts all identified as U.S. Navy supplies, presumably, from a PT Boat, but the piece of paper on which its serial number was noted down was misplaced by me.

3. On Sibutu Island, the patriots there recovered one U.S. TSMG, packed in a case still in good condition. Some canned goods and stationery were also found. Most probably they have been dropped by an Allied plane just to reduce its weight load.

4. At Languyan, northern coast of Tawi-Tawi, natives found 2 empty shells of 40 mm and 3 aluminum containers containing empty AA shells, all U.S. make, presumably from a U.S. destroyer; and some water canteens, presumably Australian equipment.

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TO: ALL OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN:

SPEECH DISCIPLINE

1. In the army, as in civil life, there is a definite norm of conduct to follow and to attain. In the former, especially in time of war like this, it is so rigid and restricted that our conversations, our speeches, our public utterances must be limited. None of the words we speak to the civilians should be of military value or of information to the enemy. The following, without the NEVERS, should not be the subjects of officer's or soldier's conversation in public places as road sides, market places, mosques, etc., permitting an audience with the civilians. An officer or a soldier who shot a number of Japs in his engagement can tell the whole world that he shot this or that number of Japs; he can brag to his audience, but it will be out of place for him to tell his civilian hearers anything that should be kept confidential and restricted such as these without the NEVERS:

- a. NEVER talk of the types and caliber of the arms in your unit.
- b. NEVER talk of the number of arms in your force.
- c. NEVER talk of the number of ammunition your force keeps. It is or will become the weakness of your force if the enemy will ever know that you run short or low of ammunition.
- d. NEVER talk of your food supply as running out, low, or short. Food shortage is so dangerous a weapon that helps the enemy win his war.
- e. NEVER talk of the number of soldiers in your force, or of the friendly unit.
- f. NEVER tell that many or larger number of your force do not know how to shoot, do not know how to fight, have no training, etc.
- g. NEVER talk of the weakness of your comrades in battle engagement, as: The men at the left wing are running away; the boys ordered to support or advance were afraid or coward; or so and so pretended to be suffering from stomach-ache or malaria when he was ordered to scout the enemy route of march, etc.
- h. NEVER talk ill or low of your officers or comrades, saying as: Lieut so and so or Sgt so and so ran away at the sound of the mortar, etc.
- i. NEVER talk of the indifferences of your officers or their quarrels if any.

i. NEVER talk of your officer's plan of attack if his plan happens to reach you. Never tell of your fancy of the day the enemy may be best attacked or approached, as saying: "If I were the one to attack, I will attack the Japs at noon from the East, etc. Do not think too far ahead of your officers.

k. NEVER talk of your fancy about the route or ways to get up or approach the enemy. Remember that your officers have plans for everything. If you conceive of a plan, tell it to your officers, and not to the civilians.

l. NEVER reveal the location of your outposts, outguards, etc.

m. NEVER say that the guards at that or this outpost are always sleeping, or not guarding.

n. NEVER talk of the location of your defense lines.

o. NEVER reveal the location of your headquarters.

If you are asked, "Where is your Headquarters?", say that it is in the field, then follow it up with a suspicion that the fellow asking may be a spy. If he is unknown or a stranger to you, arrest and turn him over to your officer for investigation. If your officer finds out that further investigation be made, he will turn him over to the S-2.

p. NEVER talk of the soldiers as always going out of camps, at large, or are scattered.

q. NEVER reveal the location of your food storage, sources of your supply, etc.

r. NEVER reveal the sleeping quarters of your officers, and the soldiers.

s. NEVER announce the arrival of a friendly reinforcement, friendly troops, or of officers at your camp or friendly camp.

t. NEVER reveal the movements of your troops or patrol, or a friendly patrol. Neither the composition of the patrol should be revealed, as: "The Combat Company of 100 men, armed with these guns and so on, half of which on horses, are going to Bilaan today."

2. The aforementioned NEVERS have been formulated and now published under "RESTRICTED" as the result of the study and observation of the undersigned who saw and heard enlisted men discuss them carelessly at the market places and road sides.

3. This speech discipline should be taught to the enlisted men at once.

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SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

CHECK SHEET

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File No.:

Subject:

From: G-2 PI Section

To: G-3 PI Section

Date: 23 Dec 44

A Forwarded herewith are two (2) letters received from Lt. Col. Suarez.

For the A. C. of S., G-2:

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2 Incls:

Incl 1 - Ltr subj: Req for AIB Funds, Stationery, etc.,
11 Dec 44.

Incl 2 - Ltr subj: Req for Authority Direct Radio
Contact with GHQ, 10 Dec 44.

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UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES
HEADQUARTERS, SULU AREA COMMAND
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11 December 44

SUBJECT: Request for AIB Funds, Stationery, Etc

TO : The Adjutant General
U. S. Army, SWPA.

1. It is hereby made as a matter of record and information that most of the intelligence information being reported to GHQ, SWPA either by radio or by mail are furnished by the Sulu Area Command, not by the AIB personnel under Capt FRANK YOUNG, Inf, (AUS), inspite of the fact that we have no funds for this purpose. The AIB personnel here have some twenty-eight thousand pesos (P28,000.00) for intelligence work but are not using it to advantage as we do most of the gathering of intelligence information of military value and significance. All the men working under them are inducted men of the Sulu Area Command. We furnish their food; we transport their supplies; guard their radio stations; watch enemy vessels passing by and watch aircraft movements. The AIB personnel do not do any propaganda work-- we do all of these for them gratis!

2. In view of the above circumstances may it not be possible to arrange that some of their intelligence funds be turned over to the Sulu Area Command for our intelligence work? We are also doing all the propaganda work for them. We type copies of radio war news and copies of the Proclamations of Gen MacARTHUR and Executive Orders of President SERGIO OSMEÑA for distribution to the people for their information and guidance. The only way in which the contents of these proclamations and executive orders could be explained and reach out as many people as possible with the least possible delay is, to have them printed and translated into the local dialects. The AIB personnel do not do these. We are doing these for them-- we have qualified personnel for this purpose. In this connection we request that we be furnished plenty of stationery, good typewriters, and a mimeograph machine with accessories.

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10 December 44

SUBJECT: Authority Direct Radio Contact With GHQ, Request for

TO : The Adjutant General
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2. As we are spreading out our forces in compliance with the Proclamations of Gen MacARTHUR and Executive Orders of President OSMEÑA, it may not always be possible to have my HQ near the AIB message center. To expedite the transmission of vital military intelligence information to GHQ, it is requested that the Sulu Area Command operate a separate radio station from the one now operated by the AIB. We have qualified personnel for this purpose.

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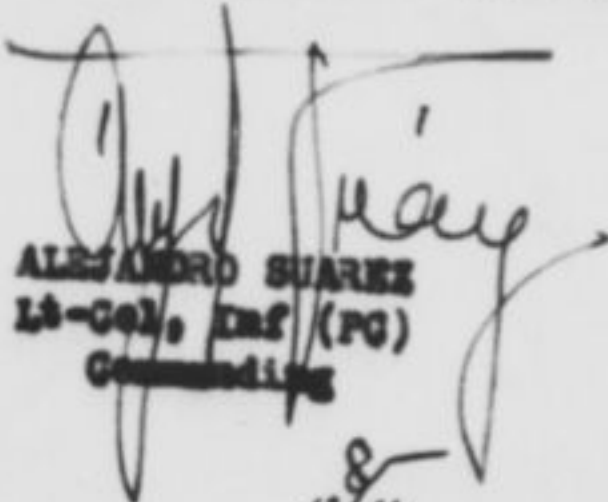
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