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63D INFANTRY DOUGHBOYS SCALE MATABA, TWO ADJOINING PEAKS TO CRACK SHIMBU LINE

(Editor's Note: This dispatch, dated April 10, was delayed because of military censorship.) Battle-hardened veterans of the 6th Infantry division today captured Mt. Mataba and two adjoining peaks of the Sierra Madre mountains east of Manila to seize the highest terrain in the central sector of the powerful Shimbu line. Doughboys of the 63d Infantry regiment stormed up the steep slopes of Mataba in the wake of an hour-long artillery concentration laid down by more than 60 field pieces, ranging from 105mm to 240mm howitzers. Mataba had been a thorn in the 6th division's side for weeks because it gave the Japanese commanding ground from which to adjust artillery and mortar fire on our troops.

Col. Everett M. Yon, of Gainesville, Fla., commander of the 63d and a veteran of Bougainville fighting, described Mataba and adjoining hills as "the best fortified and strongest defensive positions I've seen here on Luzon or in Bougainville." Yon's doughboys and their supporting artillery and mortar fire accounted for 547 counted Jap dead. "That's only part of them for it would be impossible to make an accurate count of the Nips killed up there," he added.

The assault troops seizing Mataba were led by Capt. Milburn W. Beitel of San Antonio, Texas, who maneuvered his forces up the precipitous terrain with only one casualty - a man wounded by our own shrapnel. The doughboys destroyed and sealed up 18 caves in their advance and personally killed more than 125 of the total enemy dead. Groundwork for the success of the final assault was laid the preceding night when troops led by Maj. Arndt L. Mueller of Anoka, Minn., drove the Japs in hand-to-hand combat from ground which was used as a line of departure by the attacking force. Mueller commands the third battalion of the 63d.

6TH DIVISION SMASHES RECORD FOR CONTINUOUS COMBAT IN SOUTHWEST PACIFIC

The 6th Infantry division has set a record for continuous combat in the Southwest Pacific theater, Sixth Army headquarters announced Wednesday in a press release from GHQ of the Southwest Pacific area. The "Sight-seeing" 6th Wednesday completed its 93d straight day of fighting since landing at Lingayen gulf last January 9.

Lt. Col. Walter H. Harrison, public relations officer at Sixth Army, said the figure was a new all-time high in the Southwest Pacific, topping by 32 days the previous mark held by the 1st Cavalry division. The dismounted cavalymen fought 61 straight days on Leyte.

The 6th, currently engaged in the destruction of the powerful Japanese Shimbu line east of Manila, has killed more than 10,000 enemy troops since S-day and destroyed or captured enormous quantities of Jap supplies and equipment. The division, commanded by Brig. Gen. C. E. Hurdis, fought at Maffin Bay and Sansapor, Dutch New Guinea, before coming to Luzon.

AMERICANS INVADE JOLO ISLAND TO GAIN CONTROL OF SULU ARCHIPELAGO

Troops of the 11st Infantry division landed Monday on Jolo island in the Sulu archipelago and quickly captured the capital city of Jolo and its adjoining airfield, thrusting eight miles inland against weak resistance. Monday's landing followed a two-week saturation bombing by SWPA airmen. Jolo is the main island in the Sulus and lies southwest of Mindanao. American troops landed last week on Tawitawi, southernmost island in the chain and only 30 miles north of Borneo. Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced that with the Jolo landing we now completely control the archipelago.

General MacArthur also announced that all organized resistance had ended on southern Luzon and that liberation of that area was a matter of days. Latest gains in this sector were scored by the 11th Airborne division which drove 20 miles from Lucena to reach Antimonan on the east coast. In central Luzon troops continued pressure against the Japs east of Manila. In the central Philippines American troops have occupied Coron bay on Busuanga island north of Palawan. The Yanks rescued a colony of lepers and delivered them their first food supplies in three years.

TODAY IS THE 94TH CONTINUOUS DAY OF COMBAT FOR 6TH DIVISION TROOPS

ALLIES SMASH TO WITHIN 110 MILES OF BERLIN, HANOVER FALLS

Nine Allied armies along the western front Wednesday stepped up their drive against the reeling Nazis and scored substantial gains in all sectors. The U. S. Ninth Army captured Hanover and swept on 28 miles into the outskirts of Brunswick to near a superhighway 120 miles from Berlin. Forces south of Brunswick are only 110 miles from the Nazi capital. The First Army stormed into Nordhausen and also reached points only 110 miles from Berlin and 57 miles from Leipzig. British units which cut northeast of Hanover were meeting bitter resistance about five miles outside Bremen. Hanover, which was bypassed before it was captured, was one of Germany's greatest cities and had a pre-war population of almost 500,000.

Canadian troops have cut the Nazis' last escape route from the Netherlands and 100,000 Germans trapped there face annihilation. The Canadians drove north along the Ems river to within 20 miles of Emden and ten miles of the North sea. German resistance in the Ruhr is cracking and it is reported that the Nazis are flying transports in at night to evacuate key personnel and equipment. In the south the Third Army reached the outskirts of Erfurt and some units drove into a town only 50 miles from the Czech border. Still farther south the French battled to within nine miles of Stuttgart.

Airmen Wednesday struck their most powerful blows of the war at Germany as some 6,000 Allied planes ranged over the Reich. During the day 397 planes were destroyed on the ground and in combat while many more were damaged. Wednesday's total boosted to 573 the number of German planes destroyed in the last two days. We lost 45 planes.

LAND ON ISLAND OFF OKINAWA; BITTER RESISTANCE CONTINUES

Tenth Army troops landed Tuesday on Tsugen island off the east coast of Okinawa and killed the entire Jap garrison of 150 troops. Occupation of the island will complete control of Makagusuku bay, once an important Jap anchorage. American troops on Okinawa captured a spacious harbor on the east coast and took a network of submarine pens and other installations. Heavy fighting continues in the southern sector of Okinawa where Army troops are almost stopped in their drive on Naha, capital and most important city. One of the greatest artillery duels of the war is being waged in this area and the Japs are using 500-pound bombs as mines and attacking U. S. tanks with Molotov cocktails. Marines in the north continue to gain steadily. Counterattacks there and in the southern sector were beaten off.

An Army official declared that American casualties were running high despite efforts to keep them low by massing artillery against the Jap pillboxes. He stated that Jap casualties were running "higher" than ours. In the first eight days of the campaign 5,009 Japs were killed and 222 captured. About 43,000 Jap civilians are now under U. S. rule.

REDS CONTROL MOST OF VIENNA, MOVE ON PRAGUE AND MUNICH

Russian forces now control the major part of Vienna and have confined the Nazis to the northern part of the city where the Reds are slowly closing a noose around them. Soviet spearheads are already fanning out toward Prague, capital of Czechoslovakia, and Munich, Germany's great southern bastion. In the bitter 70-day battle of Koenigsberg Russian troops killed or captured 134,000 Nazis. This brought to 234,000 the total Nazi casualties in the East Prussian campaign. In addition large stores of equipment including 8,500 guns and 9,000 railroad cars were taken.

NEWS BRIEFS FROM AROUND THE WORLD Chungking announced that the Japs have entered Laohokow, site of a former U. S. air base, but that Chinese troops are still bitterly resisting within the city and have killed 400 Japs...Al Jolson has taken a new "Hammy". The 56-year-old jazz singer and his 22-year old actress-protoge Erle Calbraith were recently married...Prime Minister Churchill announced that casualties for the British Empire since the start of the war total 1,126,000 of which more than 300,000 were killed...Eighty-five thousand jobs were found by the War Manpower commission for veterans in February. Sixty-eight thousand were for veterans of this war with placements for veterans with disabilities totalling more than 12,000.

NEWS FROM THE SPORTS WORLD Seattle has solved the manpower problem in its pitching department at least for Byron Speece is 47, Syl Johnson 44, Hal Turpin 42 and Carl Fischer 40. But the dean of the old men in the PCL is Herman Piletto, 49-year-old Sacramento player-coach...Exhibitions: Toronto 11, A's 4; Red Sox 14, Giants 3; Dodgers 5, Montreal 0; Detroit 7, White Sox 2.