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6th Infantry Division\*\*\*\*\*In The Philippines  
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## MARINES CRUSH JAP POCKET ON OKOKU; ENEMY DEAD TOTAL 71,000

On Okinawa 6th division Marines crushed the organized Jap resistance in the pocket on Okoku peninsula on Wednesday and by nightfall were mopping up enemy strong points in that area. In nine days of fighting on the peninsula 3,500 Japanese troops were killed to bring Jap losses in the 74-day campaign to 71,000 dead. The only remaining organized resistance is now on the southern tip of the island where American forces have reduced the enemy-held area to approximately 13 square miles. American forces have won additional high ground and strengthened their positions on top of the enemy-held plateau, meeting fierce resistance on all sectors. On the east flank, the 7th division won control of almost the entire rim of the plateau and is now in a position to develop a pincer arm along the southeast side of the enemy-held escarpment.

Another American division is battling on high ground at the western end of the enemy defense line. When it completes capture of the strategic ridge it will be in a position to develop the other pincer arm around the southwest side of the escarpment. In the central sector the 96th division assaulted the steepest and highest slope and drove into two additional key heights. These troops are now within a half mile of a junction with American troops on the western end of the line.

## AUSSIES SECURE ANOTHER AIRSTRIP ON BORNEO; ARE TWO MILES FROM BRUNEI

Australian troops in northern Borneo have secured Brunei airstrip two miles from Brunei town after an eight mile southward gain against little Japanese resistance. Simultaneously other Australian units east of Brunei have carried out an amphibious operation to secure high ground and also are but two miles from Brunei, capital of the province. Press reports declare that the Japanese have set fire to the city and have touched off the rich oil field area less than 38 miles away from the advancing Aussies.

While the dispatches report that so far Jap resistance has been weak, the commander of the Australian forces declared that real fighting is yet to come and predicts a tedious campaign. Already on Labuan island in Brunei bay the Aussies are meeting strong resistance in the swampy areas in the center of the island.

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"The infantrymen of the Sixth Army have displayed the highest degree of gallantry, skill, tenacity and fortitude in fighting a resourceful and determined enemy, and have beaten him wherever they have come to grips with him. Their deeds have added a glorious page to the history of our Infantry; our Army and our Country." --Walter Krueger, General, U. S. Army, Commanding.

"Today is Infantry day. We find ourselves fortunate enough to be members of an Infantry Division. In the last analysis, it is the Infantry, and only the Infantry, that can win the final and decisive victory over the enemy. By the same token, it is the Infantry that bears the heavy brunt of battle. Our Infantry soldiers during the present conflict have made history; their deeds will forever shine in the eyes of the world. Let us, therefore, pay humble tribute to the Doughboys whose courage, initiative and determination will make our country triumph over Japan."

--Maj. Gen. C. E. Hurdis, Commander, 6th Infantry Division

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## STILWELL THINKS WAR AGAINST JAPS MIGHT LAST TWO MORE YEARS

Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, chief of Army Ground forces, said Thursday that the war against Japan "could easily last two more years." He told war correspondents that even after Tokio falls "we still may have to fight a long war against the Japs in Manchuria." He added, "I believe that the defeat of Japan will require ground action in addition to anything done by heavy bombers." He said that the United States would need a force of at least 500,000 men to invade Japan proper.

Regarding the campaign for Okinawa, Stilwell said it has been "a helluva tough fight--you can see that by looking at the ground. It reminds me of the terrain in France in both World wars, but I don't believe the Germans showed the tenacity in defending it that the Japanese have. The Japanese probably believe this cave-tomb-hole business is the best method of defense. But they can only gain time. They can't win. As soon as a force adopts such a policy it is doomed and can exact a price in time and casualties--that's all."

He expressed the opinion that with proper basic training, replacements could master cave, tomb, and other purely Japanese styles of fighting in a short time. Re-deployment plans which will shift soldiers from Europe to the Pacific do not call for extensive training in the United States.

NEWS FROM THE SPORTS WORLD      Baseball: NL: The hapless Phillies get a new league mark for consecutive losses at 16 when they lost to the Braves 8-3 in the first game of a doubleheader. Mort Cooper hung up his 6th straight triumph and 4th for the Braves without a loss; In the 2d game, the Phils won 5-4 in 15 innings, thus snapping their losing streak and breaking a 9-game Boston winning string; Dodgers (Gregg 8-4) 3, Giants (Feldman 5-4) 2 - Brooks move into tie for 2d with Pirates, half-game from New Yorkers; Reds (Bowman 3-0) 2, Cardinals (Donnelly 1-5) 1...AL: White Sox (Haynes 4-5) 5, Indians (Gronok 7-2) 3 - Chicago cinch it in 4th with 4 hits and aid of one error; Tigers (Orrell 2-2) 6, Browns (Potter 4-6) 4 - Homers by Rudy York and Joe Hoover aid Detroit...Midnight June 22 marks the deadline for trading in the majors. The Yanks are seeking Jeff Heath, hard-hitting Indian outfielder while Connie Mack hopes to make a good trade for firstbaseman Dick Siebert and the Cubs with four catchers would like a good pitcher...Jersey City is the current leader (26-14) in the International loop with Montreal (29-17) 2d and Baltimore (25-19) 3d...Minors: IL: J City 2-10, Rock 1-3; Buffalo 10-5, Balt 1-17; Newark 10-3, Memphis 9-6; Toronto 7, Syracuse 4...AA: Toledo 8, St Paul 3; L'ville 4, Mil'kee 2; Ipls 6, Col 4; Indpls 8, K City 4...PCL: Oakland 3, Frisco 2; Holly 5, LA 4; S Diego 5, Sacs 4...SA: Birm 7-5, L Rock 5-4; Mobile 4, Atlanta 2; Memphis 13, Nash 7; N Orleans 8, Chatt 5...EL: Albany 6-5, Wmsport 1-6; Scranton 4, Bing 2; W Barre 3, Utica 0; Elmira 6, Hartford 3.

NEWS BRIEFS FROM AROUND THE WORLD      On northern Luzon Yank infantrymen overcame determined resistance seven miles northeast of Bagabog and again struck out along the Cagayan valley road. Our bombers and fighters dropped 313 tons of bombs in support of ground forces. (Editor's note: The map of northern Luzon on page 4 was prepared as of June 12 and shows only units identified in GHQ communiques of that date)...American soldiers all over world may soon have their eggs right out of the shell and sunnyside up if they want them that way, instead of getting the usually powdered or canned variety. A packing case has been perfected which will safely carry fresh eggs thousands of miles overseas, even under the roughest of wartime handling...U. S. intelligence experts in Europe say that had the war continued another six months the Germans would have been producing on a vast scale rocket bombs capable of pinpoint accuracy up to 3,000 miles. They base their opinion on a month-long survey of a huge rocket assembly plant on which the Germans were working before the war ended. One U. S. officer said the Germans felt that in two years they could have developed rockets capable of traveling 15,000 miles...Cmdr. Franklin D. Roosevelt, son of the late president, is on his way back to Washington at the War college after four years of active duty. His destroyer-escort, after 28 days of action off Okinawa during which the ship never stopped, bagged at least four Jap planes and rescued six American fliers. Roosevelt has participated in three landings -- Luzon, Iwo Jima and Okinawa...President Truman Thursday expressed hope for an early formation of a free and democratic Poland. The President also announced that a meeting of himself and the leaders of Great Britain and the Soviet Union has now been set...Head of two provisional governments in Europe, Italy and Norway, have resigned to make way for new and more representative governments.

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