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I got in on this anyhow - all of it.

63D INFANTRY CAPTURES KIANGAN AFTER 28-DAY DRIVE BY 6TH DIVISION

Climaxing a relentless drive 25 miles along Highway 4, doughboys of the 63d Infantry regiment leading the attack of the "Red Star" 6th division Thursday captured the town of Kiangan, long the headquarters of Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita's Jap Fourteenth Army on Luzon. A tenacious enemy, fighting along precipitous mountain trails from caves and emplacements protected by elaborate tank traps and minefields, failed to halt the advance of the "Red Star" division which averaged almost a mile a day during the 28-day drive.

More than 1,600 dead Japs and 400 wrecked vehicles have been counted along Highway 4 since the advance started. In addition, the Japs lost hundreds of tons of ammunition, gasoline and oil, medical supplies and other vital materials of war.

Kiangan is the capital of the fertile rice-producing Mountain province, famous for its rice terraces constructed on mountain sides up to 6,000 feet. The Japs had renamed the city "Sakura Machi" meaning "Cherry City" — a term rooted deep in Nipponese folklore for something to be treasured.

Filipino guerrillas have reported that General Yamashita is still on Luzon, according to a dispatch filed by United Press correspondent Ralph Testserth from northern Luzon. It was Yamashita who boasted with each new MacArthur invasion in the Philippines he (Yamashita) had MacArthur right where he wanted him. But while he was boasting about it to Tokio MacArthur's forces gave him the soundest drubbing in Japanese military history and liberated the Philippines in doublequick time.

The Filipinos claim Yamashita was seen two weeks ago in the Banaue-Danild area with a bodyguard of 200 men. Armed with spears the Filipinos were unable to break through the guard. Many Filipinos and Americans believe Yamashita is directing the last organized Japanese group on Luzon from the Bontoc sector in Mountain province. Others think he was taken to Japan by plane or submarine before the Americans and Filipinos crashed the enemy's northern Luzon fortress.

When the Yanks landed at Lingayen on last January 9 Yamashita set up headquarters in Baguio. When the Yanks and guerrillas drew closer to Baguio Yamashita could have been evacuated in the early days of the Luzon campaign but the Japanese high command left him on the island to work out his own salvation, just as they did Nipponese officers in Okinawa. (Passed by Base Censor for mailing.)

TOKIO RADIO SAYS HUGE CARRIER FORCE IS STILL IN HOME WATERS, NIMITZ SILENT

Radio silence has shrouded the next move of the mighty task force 58 of the Third Fleet but Tokio Radio Thursday screamed it was still in Japanese home waters. A Jap radio commentator declared "Without being able to resist this mounting air challenge we cannot annihilate the enemy in our homeland." Tokio Radio said 1,200 carrier planes participated in Tuesday's attack which lasted 12 hours. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz disclosed Tuesday night attacks against a number of Jap ships off Honshu by rocket-firing Marine aircraft. He also confirmed that 200 raiders had plastered airfields on the southern Jap island of Kyushu Tuesday. Nimitz says no further information has been heard on the 1,000-carrier-plane strike at 70 Jap airfields Tuesday in which 154 Jap planes were destroyed or damaged.

CHINESE CAPTURE ANOTHER FORMER U.S. BASE

The Japs suffered new reverses on the China mainland where the Chinese captured the fifth former U. S. airbase retaken in the last few weeks and advanced toward three others. The recaptured base is Sincheng in Kiangsi province. Another Chinese force is fighting within six miles of Kachien, another abandoned U.S. airbase, and toward Kwilin is still another Chinese column.

HOUSE GROUP O.K.'S GI BILL OF RIGHTS BUT K.O.'S BONUS PROVISIONS

The House Veterans committee Wednesday approved a liberalized GI Bill of Right but first stripped it of a bonus provision which would have given each veteran of more than 90 days service \$1,040. The bonus proposal sponsored by Rep. John E. Rankin (D-Miss.) would have applied to every veteran whether or not he had a job. In the approved bill the loan provisions are liberalized by eliminating the requirement for a loan application to be approved by the Veterans' administration. The new bill also would permit veterans to take a correspondence course as well as regular college training and would increase the subsistence allowance for the schooling of veterans.

NAVY AND MARINE FLYERS WRECK 17,000 JAP PLANES

Elimination of the Japanese air force as an effective weapon was predicted Wednesday by Artemus Gates in his final report as assistant secretary of the Navy for air. Now undersecretary of the Navy, Gates said, "The Navy must be ready for its next job - pin-point bombing of air targets on Japan, augmenting the strategic bombing of the Army; ready to deliver mobile airpower against targets unsuited for long range bombers; continue to destroy enemy shipping."

Gates said Navy and Marine planes have destroyed more than 17,000 Jap aircraft since Pearl Harbor with fleet losses of 2,700 planes, a ratio of more than six to one.

SENATE GROUP RIPS ARMY FOR "SLOW RELEASE" OF DOCTORS, ARMY STANDS ON RECORD

Although the Army has promised to reduce its doctors by 7,000 by May of next year, the Senate Military Subcommittee Wednesday criticized the demobilization of doctors as too slow. Sen. Edwin Johnson (D-Colo.) said, "This leisurely attitude of the Army toward the problem is something this committee ought not to accept." Brig. Gen. Berry, representing the War department, objected to the use of the word leisurely. General Berry said the Army death rate from sickness was six-tenths of one man per 1,000 men and declared, "This is the finest record any army in any war ever attained." Berry said that with fewer doctors Army deaths would have skyrocketed.

NEWS FROM THE SPORTS WORLD

The American league was declared champion Wednesday over the National loop when the final of seven intra-league tilts was played. A total of 170,000 fans watched the Americans win five of the seven games that netted the Red Cross War Relief fund \$225,000. Wednesday the Browns settled an old score with the Cardinals and walked off with a 3-0 triumph as nine Brownie pitchers let the world champions down with two hits. Tuesday night tussles saw the Phillies edge the Athletics 7-6 and the Dodgers fall before the Senators 4-3...Minors: IL: Roch 10, Buffalo 3; Syracuse 6, Newark 5; Montreal 4-8, Toronto 3-4; Balt 11-10, J City 2-7...AA: St. Paul 3, Milwaukee 2; Mpls 3, K City 2; Indpls 7, Toledo 2; Louisville 12, Col 3...SA: Nash 10, B'ham 4; Chatt 12, Atlanta 3; Memphis 5, N Orleans 1; Mobile 5-7, L Rock 1-2...EL: Bing 5-8, Elmira 4-3; W Barre 4-2, Albany 3-1; W'nsport 2-5, Utica 0-6; Scranton 4-0, Hartford 2-1...At Dayton, Ohio, such favorites as Bob Hamilton, defending champion, and Harold "Jug" McSpaden were eliminated in the first round of the 24th Annual PGA championships. Byron Nelson eliminated Gene Sarazen, thrice winner of the event, 4 and 3. Other topnotchers who advanced into the second round were Sammy Byrd, Denny Shute, champ in '37 and '38, Ky Laffoon, Mike Turnesa, Tony Penna and Johnny Revolta

NEWS BRIEFS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Australians near Balikpapan drove a wedge three miles inland from the big oil port and P-38's of the 15th Air force bombed Jap defenses. Fiercely fighting Jap sailors are defending the approaches to the Sambodja oilfields...The French government has cited three U. S. divisions of the Fifth Army for "feats of arms" in Italy - they were the 34th, 45th and 88th Infantry divisions...The last of the British-based 8th Air force bombers started home Thursday to the U. S. at the rate of one every 20 minutes. Some 2,100 four-engined bombers have been redeployed to the States with 41,000 flyers and crewmen aboard. Almost 500,000 soldiers have been redeployed to the U.S. from the ETO in 60 days...The old U.S. transport Dickerson was so seriously damaged off Okinawa by three Jap fighter-bombers it had to be sunk by American shellfire.

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