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20TH INFANTRY RELIEVED AFTER 100 DAYS AT FRONT; WILL M. P. MANILA

The 20th Infantry regiment of the 6th Infantry division was pulled out of the line Wednesday after 100 days of continuous combat against the Japanese--a record for the Southwest Pacific theater. The battle-weary veterans of the 20th were relieved from combat but immediately were reassigned as military policemen in war-torn Manila.

The current campaign is the fourth tour of duty in the Philippines for the 20th, a regular Army regiment organized in June, 1812. The 20th initially came to Manila in 1899 during the Philippine insurrection and campaigned against the insurrection army in northern Luzon for two years and then was shifted south into Laguna and Batangas province in 1902. The regiment returned to the States that year but came back to Manila the next year, garrisoning the city and environs for three years. After three years in the States and the Hawaiian islands, the 20th returned to Manila in 1909 for another three-year tour of duty.

The 20th was relieved after engaging in some of the bitterest fighting of the Luzon campaign. It first ran into stiff resistance in the Cabaruan hills in the central Luzon plains where the regiment with elements of the 1st Infantry regiment killed more than 1,800 Japs. Early in February the 20th encountered a strong pocket of Japs at Munoz and after six-days' fierce battling there, the regiment with elements of the 63rd Infantry regiment killed 1,247 Japs and knocked out 52 Jap tanks. The Munoz victory, which won a commendation from Gen. Walter Krueger, commander of the Sixth Army, eliminated the Japs' 2nd Armored division as an offensive threat on Luzon. Next the 20th moved south to the Shimbu line in the Sierra Madre mountains east of Manila where it has fought brilliantly for the last two months. The regiment has killed more than 4,000 Japs and sealed up hundreds more in caves destroyed in the powerful Shimbu line. It also has destroyed enormous stores of Japanese supplies and equipment.

The 20th is commanded by Col. Henry A. Mucci of Bridgeport, Conn. The 33-year-old West Pointer, who only recently was promoted to full colonel, commanded the famous Sixth Ranger battalion which is renowned as the liberator of the American and Allied prisoners of war from the Jap prison camp near Cabanatuan. Colonel Mucci was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest award for valor, for leading this operation.

ALLIES BATTLING FOR FOUR MORE GREAT NAZI CITIES

In western Europe Allied armies now are fighting for control of four more great German cities. The Ninth Army has entered Magdeburg, a vital center on the Elbe river 64 miles west of Berlin. In central Germany another U. S. Army has driven into the outskirts of Leipzig. Farther south American troops have completely encircled the industrial city of Chemnitz and still farther south the Allies are inside Nuremburg, former center of the Nazi party. In northern Germany British troops were last reported only two miles from the naval base of Bremen and 30 miles from Hamburg, second largest city in Germany and the greatest port in all Europe. In northern Holland the Canadians have widened their position along the North sea to ten miles and German opposition in that area has virtually ended.

A spokesman at Allied headquarters in Europe said that the German air force is almost nonexistent. He estimated that the Nazis now have only about 3,000 planes and the enemy's remaining air force is being steadily reduced. On Tuesday alone Allied flyers destroyed more than 400 Nazi planes and so far this month more than 4,000 German aircraft have been wrecked. Large planes on Tuesday also attacked railway yards in Dresden and along the Czechoslovakian border toward which American armored units are advancing. On Tuesday night British bombers made another attack on Berlin. In daylight Wednesday British heavies attacked railway yards east of Nuremburg.

On Monday the Allies captured more than 100,000 Germans, a record for one day. The First Army alone took 97,000 prisoners, also a new record. More than 2,000,000 Germans have been captured on the western front since the Allied landings in Normandy in June of 1944.

TODAY IS THE 101ST CONTINUOUS DAY OF COMBAT FOR 6TH DIVISION TROOPS

**PRESIDENT TRUMAN TO ARMED FORCES: NATION WILL NOT FALTER**

President Harry S. Truman Tuesday told the U. S. armed forces that the nation will not falter in the cause for which Franklin D. Roosevelt gave his life. He said, "All of us have lost a great leader, a far-sighted statesman and a real friend of democracy. You have lost an old friend of the services. Our hearts are heavy. However, the cause which claimed Roosevelt also claims us. He never faltered, nor will we".

President Truman held his first White House press conference, setting a new record with 348 reporters and 50 visitors present. Mr. Truman said that he would be happy to meet Prime Minister Churchill, Marshal Stalin and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek although he had not initiated a meeting. He said he has no plan to lift the ban on horse racing, midnight curfew and brownout at least until VE day. The president also nominated Lt. Gen. George S. Patton and Courtney H. Hodges to be four-star generals. Nominated to be lieutenant generals were nine major generals including Oscar W. Griswold, commanding the XIV Corps on Luzon.

**GEN. SIBERT'S X CORPS INVADES MINDANAO, 35-MILE BEACHHEAD SECURED**

Mindanao, last island in the Philippines not under U. S. control, was invaded Wednesday by the X Corps of the Eighth Army and a 35-mile beachhead was quickly secured. Maj. Gen. Franklin C. Sibert, former commander of the 6th division, commands the X Corps. Covered by heavy naval and air support, the 24th division spearheaded the drive, sweeping ashore at Malabang and Parang, 115 miles west of Davao. Local dislocation of the enemy's defenses had previously been inflicted by guerrillas, operating along the shores of Moro gulf. This force has already joined the X Corps. Enemy forces on Mindanao are estimated at three divisions, the 30th and 100th Infantry divisions and a mixed division of naval, marine and garrison forces with a probable total strength of 50,000.

Meanwhile on Luzon, the 33d division of the Sixth Army, jubilant over the rescue of 7,000 civilians from Baguio, crept closer to the Philippine summer capital, mopping up enemy cave positions on the city's outskirts. Tons of bombs rained on the dug-in Japs as the air forces gave heavy close-in aerial support.

**NAZIS SAY RUSSIANS ONLY 18 MILES FROM BERLIN**

The Berlin radio stated Wednesday that Russian armies are now stepping up a drive to smash the heart of Germany and have pushed to within 18 miles of Berlin. Moscow was mum on the distance separating the Soviet armies from the German capital but did say that Red armies were making good progress east of Berlin and were overcoming anti-tank and underground defenses in some of the bitterest fighting of the war.

**NEWS FROM THE SPORTS WORLD** Baseball: National - Cubs (Derringer) 3, Cards (Byerly) 2; Reds (Iisenbee) 7, Pirates (Sewell) 6; Dodgers (Davis) 8, Phillies (Raffensberger) 2; Giants (Voiselle) 11, Braves (Javary) 6; American - White Sox (T. Lee) 5, Indians (Reynolds) 2; Browns (Jakucki) 7, Detroit (Newhouser) 1; Yankees (Donald) 8, Red Sox (Cecil) 4 -- Russ Dorry homered twice for Yanks, once with bases full; Senators (Leonard) 14, Athletics (Newsom) 8. Ann Curtis, the first woman ever to win the Sullivan award; dominated the Women's National AAU swimming meet in Chicago. She copped the 100, 200, 300, 400, 880, 500 free style events as well as anchoring two winning medley relay teams.

**NEWS BRIEFS FROM AROUND THE WORLD** A large force of B-29's struck again Wednesday on the Jap home island of Kyushu. The new attack followed Tuesday's B-29 strike at six enemy airfields on the island and Monday's medium bomber attack. In Monday's B-29 attack on Tokio eight square miles were burned out and the total destruction there amounts now to almost 33 square miles... A Los Angeles jury decided that Charlie Chaplin is the father of Joan Barry's 18-month-old daughter Carol Ann. Neither Chaplin nor Miss Barry was in court... In the Ryukyus American forces have occupied two-thirds of Ie Shima off the west coast of Okinawa. On Okinawa there was no change in the southern sector but in the north U. S. forces attacked small pockets of Japanese resistance... A Congressional committee has approved a budget of almost \$24,000,000,000 for the Navy during the fiscal year of 1946... Adolph Hitler's personal astrologer was snagged in the Ruhr pocket... Planes from the Philippines have sunk 16 more Jap ships including a large freighter-transport while patrolling the Indonesia and China sea area... President Osmena's daughter was among those liberated near Baguio.