

BATAAN DEFENSE IS AIDED BY NAVY

Smooth-Functioning Battalion of Sailors and Marines Guard Important Beachhead; Leather-necks Smash Snipers.

WITH THE U. S. A. F. E. ON THE BATAAN PENINSULA, Jan. 22 (U. P.).—The United States Navy is playing a large part in the defense of the Bataan peninsula, although that is primarily a job for the Army.

There is a smooth-functioning battalion, composed of sailors and marines, which is defending one of the most important beaches in this area.

This pickup outfit lugs rifles and anti-aircraft guns. It is also unique because the battalion is commanded by an air corps officer who longed to get his hands on a dive bomber and strike at Japanese planes.

Some Navy men have been assigned to the Army for important guard duty, while others are helping to man the Army's radio telephone equipment.

Marines Also Aiding
There is a persistent story making the rounds of Bataan province that several sharpshooters U. S. Marines who were given leave to visit the front lines, joined the infantry and are having the time of their lives carrying out an exciting and dangerous job of sniping back at Japanese snipers.

Enemy riflemen hiding in the trees have been concentrating their efforts on picking off American officers.

Marine anti-aircraft batteries likewise are playing a heroic part in making the Bataan skies unsafe for Japanese planes. They also have broken up several formations. General comments are along the lines: "Those Marines sure can shoot," as smoke puffs reveal the devil-cogs "laying in" charges from their batteries.

Meanwhile, American and Filipino guerrilla fighters—taking a leaf from the pages of Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo—are striking sharp blows at the Japanese rear and aiding the battle of Gen. Douglas MacArthur to hold his Bataan province line.

These guerrilla bands appeared to constitute a potential source of major Japanese difficulties in their effort to establish firm control.

Aguinaldo Tactics Used
Gen. Aguinaldo, in recent years a friend of the United States, was leader of the insurrectionists in the Philippine Islands after the United States took them from Spain in 1898. His followers fought guerrilla warfare for several years against American occupation forces.

So far Gen. MacArthur's reports have mentioned two actions by guerrilla or detached forces. One was an attack on a Japanese airport in northeast Luzon just south of Aparri in which 110 Japanese were killed. The other was an action in Mindanao in the back country north of Davao.

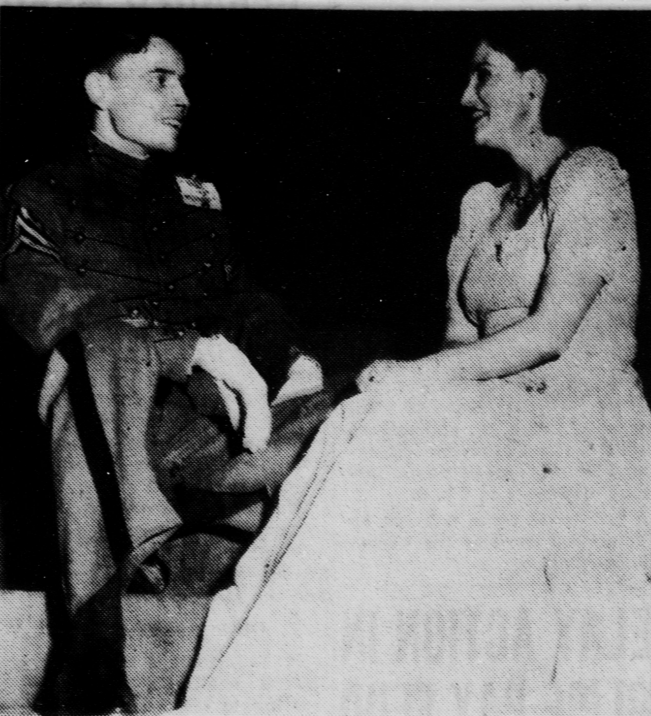
Guerrillas Well Armed
No official statement has been made but it was presumed that these actions were carried out by joint American-Filipino units—fragments of original defense forces which became detached in the heavy fighting of the early days of the invasion.

The guerrillas are believed to be operating under general instructions and plans laid down by Gen. MacArthur before the Japanese attack. They probably are well equipped with rifles, machine guns, grenades and other light weapons.

I. U. SOCIAL AFFAIRS SCHEDULED AS USUAL
Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Jan. 22.—Indiana University's Student Affairs Committee today announced that social affairs at I. U. will go on as planned for the second semester under the university's new war service program.

The only change in social regulations is that requiring women to be in at 10:30 p. m. instead of 12:30 a. m. on Friday nights before there are Saturday classes. Student committees are working to reduce the costs of dances and parties. In some cases the savings effected are to be donated to the Red Cross and other war causes.

Coffee Queen Visits U. S.



A flashing smile by Coffee Queen Mercedes Lucy Saenz Davila of Colombia holds the attention of Cadet John E. Craig of Indianapolis. Miss Davila and six other queens of the Pan-American Coffee Bureau captured a corps of cadets at West Point as honored guests of the academy—a highlight of their good-will tour of the United States.

Blast Path Through Jungle In Burma Invasion Attempt

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RANGOON, Burma, Jan. 22.—Japanese and Thailand forces, blasting a path westward through the frontier jungle, intensified a drive toward strategic Moulmein today in a renewed attempt to cut off the Tannasserim panhandle and gain a major base for a possible new thrust at the Burma Road.

Co-operation between Chinese and British forces in the defense of Burma was discussed at a conference somewhere in the Shan states, according to a Rangoon newspaper.

The conferees included Lieut. Gen. T. J. Hutton, commander-in-chief in Burma; Maj. Gen. Bruce Scott, divisional commander; Gen. Liu Kwan-Loong, commander of Chinese forces in Burma; Col. J. H. Wilkinson from India, in charge of the Indian supply program for Burma.

Heavy fighting was reported in the Kawkairek and Sukli areas about 12 miles west of the Thai border and 45 miles east of Moulmein as the Japanese sought to consolidate their foothold at coastal Tavoy, 175 miles to the south.

The new front centered in the Darna mountain zone directly east of Moulmein where official reports said Thai troops crossed the border and attacked a Gurkha outpost west of Pahi. The Japanese concentrated in the same area, attacked British positions at Sukli and Tiwakale.

The maneuver, if successful, would slice off from Burma the narrow finger of Tannasserim, where the Japanese have a foothold at coastal Tavoy in the south, and would place Japanese troops within 100 miles by water from Rangoon.

Americans Aid Fight
The distance by land around the gulf would be approximately twice as far, and would entail probably an all-out offensive into the heart of Burma.

British planes were reported battling in support of the army units in the Kawkairek area, and to have swarmed east of the battle line to bomb without loss the Thai-Japanese airfield at Rohaing.

Six Blenheim bombers with an escort of six Tomahawk fighters, piloted by Americans, "heavily bombed" Mehsod Tuesday, shooting down two Japanese fighter planes and probably destroying two others. One American pilot, at first reported missing from the operations, later arrived at Moulmein.

27 TO GRADUATE AT INDIANA LAW SCHOOL
The degree of bachelor of laws will be conferred on 27 mid-year graduates of the Indiana Law School of Indianapolis at ceremonies in Butler University's Jordan Hall next Wednesday.

Dr. Daniel S. Robinson, Butler president, will deliver the graduation address, and Hilton U. Brown, president of the law school board of trustees, will confer the degrees. James M. Ogden, law school president, will preside.

CAMP LEADERSHIP COURSE OFFERED
Camp counseling and leadership will be taught at Butler University starting Monday by Sidney R. Esten, evening division instructor and former lecturer and field worker with the Indiana Department of Conservation.

Mr. Esten, who estimates some 75,000 men and women counselors are needed for summer camps here and in Canada, will teach the three-hour credit course each Monday at 7 p. m.

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RUSS STRONGER, RED CHIEF SAYS

Will Defeat 'Lousy, Hungry' Germans, He Vows on Party's Birthday.

MOSCOW, Jan. 22 (U. P.).—A Communist Party report to the nation on the 18th anniversary of the death of Nikolai Lenin asserted today that Russia's war industry was intact and was growing stronger.

It warned that the Germans would try a new offensive and urged the entire nation to redouble its war effort but it promised the utter defeat of the Germans and the complete victory of the Russian cause.

A. S. Scherbakov, secretary of the Moscow Communist Party area, said in the report that between Dec. 6, when the Russians opened their counter-offensive, and Jan. 15, the Germans had lost 300,000 men in killed alone and that the Russians had destroyed more than 1100 German planes.

Lists Supplies Seized
The report said the Russians also had taken 4801 field guns, 3071 mine throwers, nearly 8000 machine guns, more than 90,000 rifles, 2766 tanks, more than 300 armored cars, 33,640 automobiles, 102 wireless stations, more than 2,000,000 artillery shells, more than 30,000,000 rifle cartridges, more than 200,000 mines, about 6000 motorcycles, and many other military supplies.

Taunting the Germans with their one-time hope for victory within six weeks, and describing the present retreat of the "lousy, hungry" German army, Scherbakov said:

"We will never forget the pain and suffering of our people and we will exact vengeance for every drop of blood..."

"We will certainly win and we will not cease the struggle until the army of the Fascist German invaders is utterly defeated."

Midway Workmen Describe Japs' Moonlight Shelling

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22 (U. P.).—Construction workers from Midway Island told today of a tense, daylong vigil Dec. 7, waiting for a Japanese attack on the island outpost. Enemy warships failed to appear until after dark, but bright moonlight revealed their approach.

The workmen, whose one-year contracts had expired, were brought to San Francisco with civilian evacuees and naval casualties from Johnson and Palmyra Islands and Hawaii.

Many expressed hope of returning to build more defense works on the mid-Pacific possessions after a mainland vacation.

"We heard about the Pearl Harbor attack on Sunday, Dec. 7, and waited all day for the Japs," Charles H. Kelly, 29, Nampa, Ida., said.

"After the sun went down there was a bright moon. We saw ships approaching. I think they were two Japanese destroyers."

"They shelled us for five or 10 minutes, then there was a lull of about 15 minutes. The second shelling lasted for 20 minutes. All the shelling seemed directed at military buildings."

Roman Dembowski, Milwaukee, Wis., said he was aboard a tugboat when the Japanese ships appeared. "We saw gun flashes from two enemy ships and in no more than five minutes the Midway batteries opened up," he said. Although we couldn't make out the Jap ships, it was something to watch.

"We saw a tracer shell from Midway hit a destroyer. There was a lot of smoke. The ship disappeared. I guess she was pretty badly hit."

Dembowski was accompanied by his brother, Bernard. Both had spent one year at Midway.

The evacuees included Dorothy Ramspeck, daughter of Rep. Robert Ramspeck (D. Ga.). She was at Honolulu, visiting Mrs. C. A. Barings, wife of a Marine Corps lieutenant captured at Wake Island.

"It was an awful thing to watch and live through," Miss Ramspeck said of the Pearl Harbor attack.

DRIVER DIES IN CRASH
GREENSBURG, Ind., Jan. 22 (U. P.).—Orville C. Parmenter, 46, Gary, was injured fatally yesterday when his automobile and another driven by William Holtkamp, 39, Newport, collided one mile north of Greensburg on Road 3. Mr. Holtkamp was injured critically.

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