

Lemonade Lady in A Strange New Land

By Raymond Clapper
SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA

THE 11 wind that forced our P-T boat to turn back on its way to the Cape Gloucester front in New Britain proved to be good fortune, because it compelled me to make the trip on an LST. That gave me a chance to live - three nights on this new-type craft, a unique product of amphibious war which has proved so indispensable that it is now a bottleneck in the speed of the war everywhere.

CLAPPER

We went down to the beach from which the invading Marines had sailed to New Britain. Some Australians were standing there on packing cases at their mess, because the tide had washed over to their camp.

Before reaching that part of beach we spent a couple of hours at the American sector. As our Jeep arrived we saw a line of Marines and Sea Bees with tin cups in front of a rough board stand. Somebody said, "Why, there's a woman in there."

Sure enough, it was a Red

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Jap Unit Wiped Out

NEW DELHI.—(AP)—An entire Japanese regiment has been hatched to pieces and eliminated by Chinese troops fighting on the Leda Road, and another is being driven in for a similar fate, Brig. Gen. Hayden Boatner, Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell's chief of staff, said today.

His statement threw new light on the scope of the operation by which the Chinese are clearing the way for the Leda Road, being built from extreme northwest India across North Burma to China along the trail of the old Burma Road.

Boatner came to New Delhi after ten months in the jungle area on the Leda Road, where he and other Americans are clearing the way and assisting the Chinese in their first action on the India side of the front.

Stilwell's troops already have penetrated nearly 100 miles into Burma, the Chinese are clearing the way for a three-pronged attack now under way.

The Chinese first met elements of the Japanese regiment at Yuh-pang village on the upper tributary of the Chindwin which runs along the western side of Burma. The Japanese ambushed the Chinese there and inflicted casualties, but the Chinese dug in and held.

The Japanese immediately sent in a force behind and surrounded them. Then for 20 days American pilots flew tactics, ammunition and other supplies to the trapped battalion, skimming the tops to deliver it exactly into the hands of their Allies.

Ultimately the Chinese fanned a new line still farther back to the outer ring of Japanese in turn were surrounded. Then they began a free-to-free elimination. First the outer ring was wiped out, then the Japanese bodies were counted there, but the Chinese encircled the second ring of the enemy, and there a Japanese major and three captains—the whole top row of the battalion—were killed.

The battle gradually spread eastward and southward toward Taiching Ga on another Chindwin tributary. A counterattack indicated the Japanese still were holding Taiching Ga, with the Chinese beginning to surround it.

At last the Japanese dug in and the Japanese dead had been counted in the Yuh-pang-Taiching Ga area.

Willkie Probably To Be Entered In Nebraska

OMAHA.—(AP)—Wendell Willkie "very probably will be entered" in the Nebraska Republican Presidential preference primary in April, Frederick Baker, Republican National Committee member from Washington state and Willkie organizer for the Midwest and Pacific Coast areas, said here today.

Dizzy "Floggle Street" Double Talk Finds Way Into Army Slang

U. S. BOMBER BASE IN ITALY, Jan. 30.—(AP)—In the 15th Air Force anybody who is bawling in speech or actions is said by the enlisted men to be living on "Floggle Street."

It is one of the homages named after by GIs sometimes, to keep from going crazy, and it has half a dozen variations.

For example, BOYLE

two soldiers at chaw call before the

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RUSSIAN TROOPS HIT BERLIN

Russians Reach Approaches Of Baltics Gateway

Strike Rapidly West From Leningrad Along Shores Of Gulf Of Finland

By HENRY C. CASSIDY
MOSCOW.—(AP)—Russian troops, pushing rapidly west from Leningrad today along the shores of the Gulf of Finland, reached the approaches of Kingisepp, gateway to the Baltics.

Gen. Leonid A. Govorov's Army passed Vaino, seventeen miles from the border of Estonia on the railway from Leningrad to Revel (Tallinn). The junction is east of Estonia, which controls entry to Estonia through a strip of ground between the Gulf and Lake Chudov.

Troops of Gen. Markian Popov's second pre-Baltic front maintained pressure from Novosokolniki, approaching within less than 60 miles of Lake Peipus, the Baltic's southern railroad. This force encountered alternate blizzards and thaws which made the advance difficult.

(The German communiqué said the Russians had launched a big-scale attack in the Dnieper bend southwest of Dnepropetrovsk and achieved one penetration. Heavy battles were reported southwest of Cherkassy and southeast of Belev. The Germans acknowledged that the Russians "continued further ground." In several sectors between Lake Ima and the Gulf of Finland, several infiltrations were reported sealed off between the Pripiet and Berezhna Rivers in southern White Russia.

(The Germans admitted the Russians were advancing southwest of Cherkassy along the southern railway. They declared the Nazis had scored an important victory south of Perekop in a six-day battle with the wiping out of more than ten Soviet infantry divisions and several tank corps.)

Would Strip Japan Of Power To War

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON.—(AP)—The American Government's determination to impose a just but ruthless peace on Japan has been strengthened and hardened by the enemy's ruthless treatment of prisoners, it was learned today, and some ranking authorities are advocating a three-point program to strip the Japanese of their economic ability ever to make war again.

The main points of this program are:

1. Deprive the Japanese of all heavy industries which can be readily converted to munitions production.

2. Permit them to operate no more than one small commercial air fleet and to possess no ships larger than 1,000 tons.

3. Allow them to engage fully in the farming necessary to support their population.

Beyond these purely economic measures lie, of course, the post-war measures regarding Japan on which the United States has already agreed with its Allies in the Pacific and Asia. These are to strip the Japanese of their whole empire, to compel them to pay through all centuries of aggression and to punish them for the millions of military officials responsible for the atrocities inflicted on American prisoners in the Philippines.

URGENT ISLAND CONTROL
In addition there is a belief in naval circles that the United States should have control of the Houth Islands in that area for naval base use as long as this country is committed to help maintain the peace in that part of the world. The Houth Islands lie in a chain running south from Japan to the Philippines.

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Samuel Jackson Sworn In As Indiana Senator

WASHINGTON.—(AP)—Samuel D. Jackson, Fort Wayne Democrat, was sworn in today as Senator from Indiana.

Jackson will serve under Governor Edward J. Jackson, Provisional appointment until a successor is elected in November and will succeed the late Senator Van Nuys, Democrat, former chairman of the Judiciary Committee, who died last week.

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