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Report

# CRACK GOLDEN NUGGET

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THEY CALLED IT THE "GOLDEN NUGGET." IT WAS A COLORFUL AND APPROPRIATE NAME. FOR MANY WEEKS UN FORCES BLASTED IT WITH THOUSANDS OF ROUNDS OF ARTILLERY AND MORTAR SHELLS. MANY COMBAT PATROLS TRIED IN VAIN TO DESTROY IT, BUT IT COULD NOT BE REACHED . . . IT WAS THE "GOLDEN NUGGET."

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\* USO SHOW CHANGES LOCATION!  
\* "SHOW SHOP REVELS" WILL BE  
\* PRESENTED IN THE 1ST BU  
\* AREA INSTEAD OF THE RSO  
\* AREA AS REPORTED YESTERDAY.  
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## EUROPEAN AID

PRESIDENT TRUMAN IS SAID TO BE READY TO FOLLOW UP THE ATLANTIC PACT DECISIONS AT LISBON BY CALLING ON CONGRESS TO APPROPRIATE \$7,900,000,000 TO CONTINUE FOREIGN MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

THE MONEY WOULD BE USED TO FINANCE WEAPONS, RAW MATERIALS AND MACHINERY NEEDED BY MORE THAN 40 NATIONS ALLIED WITH THE US IN THE DRIVE TO THWART THE SPREAD OF COMMUNISM.

A FRENCH COMMUNIQUE SAYS THE US WILL RELEASE ABOUT 500 MILLION DOLLARS TO THE FRENCH TO BUY ARMS AND EQUIPMENT. MOST OF IT WILL GO TO THE FRENCH FORCES IN INDO-CHINA.

WINSTON CHURCHILL TOLD THE BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY THAT BRITAIN HAS THE ATOM BOMB. HE SAID IT WAS PRODUCED WHILE THE LABOR GOVERNMENT WAS IN POWER AND THAT A PLANT FOR REGULAR PRODUCTION HAD BEEN SET UP.

THESE HAS BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE SITUATION AT PANMUNJOM. THE TALKS REMAINED DEAD-LOCKED YESTERDAY ON THE SAME MAJOR ISSUES WHICH HAVE BEEN HOLDING UP PROGRESS FOR WEEKS.

TAKE THE OPPORTUNITIES  
THAT USAFI OFFERS  
YOU!!

A WELL-CONSTRUCTED BUNKER ON AN ARTILLERY BATTERED SLOPE IN THE MUNDUNG-NI VALLEY AREA, THE "GOLDEN NUGGET" WAS WELL KNOWN TO THE "BUFFALOES." A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY WAS ALWAYS VISIBLE BUT KNOWLEDGE OF ITS CONTENTS UNKNOWN.

ON THE 12TH DAY OF FEBRUARY THE FIRST PLATOON OF "EASY" COMPANY BEGAN INTENSE TRAINING WITH THE HUGE BUNKER AS THEIR COMING OBJECTIVE. FOR FIVE DAYS THE "BUFFALOES" FLOODED UP AND DOWN THE REVERSE SLOPE OF THEIR HILL WITH A FULL COMBAT LOAD.

H-HOUR CAME THE 17TH. AT 2200 HOURS, THE PLATOON WITH THREE FLAME THROWERS ATTACHED, MOVED INTO THE BLACK, MOONLESS NIGHT, UNDER THE COMMAND OF SERGEANT THOMAS H. BERRY. SLOWLY THEY MOVED THROUGH THE WOODED VALLEY, REACHING THE BASE OF THE ENEMY-HELD HILL AT 2400 HOURS.

AFTER SETTING UP A PERIMETER DEFENSE, PFC WILLIAM GALINSKI LED HIS THIRD SQUAD IN THE ASSAULT OF A KNOB LYING BETWEEN THE "BUFFALOES" AND THE "GOLDEN NUGGET." THE SQUAD MOVED WITHIN SEVERAL YARDS OF THEIR OBJECTIVE WHERE THEY MET A STORM OF CONCUSSION GRENADES AND SMALL ARMS FIRE.

FOR 15 MINUTES THE BATTLE RAGED AND GALINSKI WAS FORCED TO PULL HIS SQUAD BACK TO REORGANIZE.

AT 0100 HOURS, PFC LAWTON JOE DAY AND PFC JAMES E. HOPKINS LED THEIR RESPECTIVE FIRST AND SECOND SQUADS IN ANOTHER ASSAULT. AFTER A HOUR LONG STRUGGLE, THE FIRST STRONG POINT OF THEIR MISSION WAS SECURED AND THE PLATOON'S MACHINE-GUNS PLACED IN STRATEGIC LOCATIONS TO INSURE ITS DEFENSE.

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THE BUFFALO BUGLE IS PREPARED DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY BY AND FOR THE MILITARY PERSONNEL OF THE 17TH INFANTRY "BUFFALO" REGT., APO 7 BY THE REGIMENTAL TIME SECTION. EDITORIAL VIEWS AND OPINIONS ARE NOT NECESSARILY THOSE OF THE DEPT OF THE ARMY. CIVILIAN NEWSPAPERS ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO REPRINT AFS MATERIAL.

# Sports the Scene

DON NEWCOMBE, BROOKLYN'S JUMBO RIGHT HANDED ENTERED THE ARMY YESTERDAY, THREE WEEKS TO THE DAY AFTER SIGNING A \$25,000 DODGER CONTRACT.

THE SIX-FOOT-FOUR 220 POUND NEGRO PITCHER ARRIVED AT THE INDUCTION STATION ON A BUS FROM HIS DRAFT BOARD IN ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY WITH OTHER DRAFTEES.

"IT'S JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS," NEWCOMBE TOLD REPORTERS, "UNCLE SAM COMES FIRST. I'M NO BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE. IT'S UP TO HIM IF I DO ANY PITCHING THIS SPRING."

NEWCOMBE, WHO WON 20 GAMES FOR THE DODGERS LAST YEAR, HAS BEEN WORKING OUT WITH THE CLUB IN FLORIDA FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS AFTER SIGNING HIS 1952 CONTRACT FOR A REPORTED \$25,000.

THREE FORMER UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY BASKETBALL PLAYERS, DAL BARNSTABLE, RALPH BEARD AND ALEX GROZA, PLEADED GUILTY YESTERDAY TO CONSPIRING WITH GAMBLERS.

THEY ADMITTED SHAVING POINT IN A NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT GAME IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK, WITH LOYOLA OF CHICAGO. LOYOLA WON THE MARCH 14, 1949 GAME 67-55.

BASKETBALL SCORES:

HOLY CROSS	75	ST JOHN'S	70
METRE DANE	75	NYU	74
IN OVERTIME			
RITCERS	63	JCH'S HOPKINS	61
SETON HALL	83	LOUISVILLE	31
KANSAS	65	MISSOURI	54
IOWA	64	MICH STATE	52
INDIANA	95	OHIO STATE	80
WISCONSIN	69	MICHIGAN	53
NEBRASKA	75	IOWA STATE	53
OKLA A & M	54	BRADLEY	34

POWERFULL ALLIED NAVAL UNIT ARE PUTTING ON THE GREATEST SHOW OF POWER SINCE WORLD WAR II IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. UNITS OF AMERICAN, BRITISH, FRENCH AND ITALIAN FLEETS ARE PLOWING THROUGH THE SEA IN THE FIRST PHASE OF THE ATLANTIC EAST SOUTHERN EUROPEAN MANUEVERS.

THE FLEET, COMMANDED BY UN ADMIRAL ROBERT CARNEY INCLUDES A FAST US CARRIER FORCE SPEEDING TO JOIN A COMBINED BRITISH-FRENCH ITALIAN TASK FORCE PROTECTING A 40 VESSEL CONVOY. AMERICAN AND FRANCE PLANES ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTACK THE CONVOY DURING THE MANUEVERS.

## BUFFALOES

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### "GOLDEN NUGGET"

WHEN THE ADVANCE ELEMENTS NEARED THEIR OBJECTIVE, THE FLAME THROWERS WERE CALLED FORWARD. LIKE A MEDIEVAL DRAGON THE FIRST LASHED FORTH ITS FLAMING INFERNO OF DEATH. THEN THE SECOND AND THIRD OPENED UP THEIR FLAMES LAPPING AT THE DOORWAYS OF THE SURROUNDING BUNKERS.

"THE ENEMY WAS COMPLETELY SURPRISED BY THE FLAME THROWERS," SAID SGT BERRY. "YOU COULD SEE THEIR HEADS POPPING UP IN AMAZEMENT WITH THE FIRST JETS OF FLAME."

SUDDENLY THE SLOW TOM-TOM RHYTHM OF AN ENEMY MACHINEGUN PUMPED ROUND AFTER ROUND INTO THE GROUND ON THE PLATOON'S LEFT FLANK. THE RHYTHM INCREASED ACCOMPANIED BY RIFLE AND BURP GUN FIRE OF AN ENEMY SQUAD ATTEMPTING TO CUT THE "BUFFALO" PATROLS' ESCAPE ROUTE.

THE FLAME THROWERS CONTINUED SPITTING THEIR DEADLY FLAME INTO THE "GOLDEN NUGGET" AND OTHER BUNKERS UNTIL THEIR FUEL SUPPLY WAS EXHAUSTED. SERGEANT BERRY THEN GAVE THE ORDER TO WITHDRAW.

THE "BUFFALOES" MOVED QUICKLY DOWN THE SLOPE, RACING TO BEAT THE ENEMY SQUAD THAT WAS CLOSING IN. ARTILLERY, MORTAR, TANK AND SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM FRIENDLY FORCES HELD THE COMMUNISTS AT A STANDSTILL.

UNDER COVER OF SMOKE LAID BY "HOWE" COMPANY'S 81 MM MORTARS, THE "BUFFALOES" REACHED FRIENDLY LINES AT 0530 HOURS, LEAVING AN ESTIMATED 15 DEAD AND AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF ENEMY WOUNDED SPRAWLED ON THE DUSTY HILLSIDE.

THE "BUFFALOES" WON THE HONOR OF BEING THE FIRST TO REACH AND TEMPORARILY KNOCK-OUT THE FABULOUS "GOLDEN NUGGET."

WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN,  
 CALL ON THE "BUFFALOES"