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COURAGEOUS COLUMBIAN BN. MARKS SECOND YEAR IN KOREA

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On June 16, . 1951, the Columbian Battalion disembarked from the USNS Aiknem Victory at Pusan, Korea, In command was Lt. Col. Jamie Polancia: His command consisted of 43 officers and 1,015 men.

Columbia is the only country in South Americ. that is represented in the United Nations action in Korea. The battalion has become a valorous and efficient part of the Eighth Army of the United States in the carrying out of its assigned mission in Korea.

The bettalion went into a training program to familiarize the men with the customs of the American Army. This Lasted six weeks. In August, 1951, they received their baptism of fire. The action took place on Hill 561. They gave Spanish names to the hill mass; Don Polo, El Charmizo, and LaTeta, to mention but a few.

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The Columbian's first assignment was to work with the 24th Division, and here they proved themselves to be able and couragrous fighters. They were awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for the action on Hill 561.

When the 24th went to Japan, the battalion became a member of 31st Regiment. They proved themselves again during the attack on Hill 180. From there they manned positions on "Old Baldy." It was here that they received the brunt of one of the most furious attacks of the Kore, a conflict, and again were a credit to the country they represent.

In April of this year, the outfit became a part of the 17th Infantry "Buffalo" Regiment. During the 24 months of service performed by the Columbian Battalion, they have inflicted many casualties on the enemy, demonstrating their effectiveness as a combat unit.

GEN. TAYLOR WARNS EIGHTH ARMY

Lt. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor has warned his kighth Army in Korea that an armistice is a mear no-mans-land between war and peace.

He told them to be on the alert if a truce is signed, and be ready to start fighting again at a moments notice. The Commander stressed that a truce is just a suspension of hostilities—which may or may not lead to permanent peace.

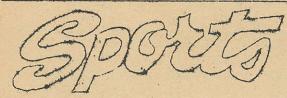
Staff officers working in secret at Panmunjom were making steady progress for puting the armistice document in final shape for a formal signing.

While here, the Battalion has had such distinguished vistitors as Gen. Clark, Gen. Van Fleet, and Gen. Taylor. From Columbia have come Lt. General Gustavo Rojirs Pinilla, Commander of the Columbian military forces; and Lt. Gen. Regulo Gaitan Patino, Inspector General of the Columbian military forces.

The commanders of the battalion, during the time it has been over here, have been Lt. Col. Jaime Polancia, who has been awarded the Silver Star for Valor, and Lt. Col. Alberto Ruiz Novua. He, too, has been awarded an American decoration; the Bronze Star with V device. The Columbian Battalion now awaits Lt. Col. Carlos Crtiz, who is to take command when Lt. Col. Huiz rotates.

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MAJOR LLAGUE BASEBALL

American League:

The New York Yankees made it straight wins and extended their American League lead to, a

walloping 102 games yesterday. The Yanks virtually erased the Cleveland Indians and every-one else from the race as they beat the Tribe in a doubleheader, 6-2, and 3-0, before 74,000 fans at Municipal Stadium, the largest crowd of the season;

The 18 straight wins are one short of the American League record of 19 set in 1906 by the White Sox and equaled by the 1947 Yankees. The Yankers thus completed a 14 game grand slam of the West.

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Billy Pierce checked Red Sox with two hits to pitch the Chicago White Sox to a 6-0 victory yesterday in the first.

game of their double day affair.
In the second game Sandy Consuegra out pitched Mel Parnell to lead the Chisox over the Bosox,1-0

Herry Byrd, bearing down with men on base, pitched the Philadelphia Athletics to a 4-1 win the St. Louis Browns Lin the first-game. The Browns copped the sect ond game, 3-1.

In a single-geme, the Washington Senators defeated the De,troit Tigers, 6-1, behind Frnek Shea.

National League:

Don Liddle and Bob Bual, a pair of rookie pitchers, turned Bob Bual, a stingy with their hits yesterday and the rampaging Nilwaukee Braves clubbed the Pittsburgh Brates in both ends of a doubleheader,7-3 and 8-Q, to remain atop the tional League.

First Game THAM R H E Mi lwaukee 7 9 1 Pittsburgh 5 I IP: Hall WP: Liddle Second Geme TEAM R E H Milwaukee 8 0 17 Pittsburgh 0 1 2 LP: Bowman WP: Bual HR: B- Gordon

Rookie Harvey Haddix bested veteran Sal Maglie in a pitching duel yesterday as the St. Louis Cardinals nipped the New York Gi-

ants, 1-0, in the first game. Wilmer Mizell hurled the St. Louis Cardinals to a 9-4 win

the second game.

The Brooklyn Dodgers beat the Chicago Cubs, 6-3, in the op-ener, but the second game ended in a six to six tie when Ralph Kiner hit a grand slam homer in the top of the sixth.

The game was called at end of the sixth because of darkness.

The Philadelphia Phillies beat the Cincinnati Redlegs, 4-1, after the Redlags had edged Robin Roberts, 2-1, in the opener.

USO SHOW

The Dick Contino USO Show will stage three performances at the "Buffalo" CP on June 17th and 18th. On the 17th there will. two showings, one at 1000 hours and the other at 1400 hours. the 18th there will be only one performance, 1000 hours.

The show at 1000 on June 17th is only for the following units: 1st Battalion and Mortar Company; the performance in the efternoon at 1400 is for the 2nd Battalion, Medical Com-pany, Headquarters Company and pany, Headquarters Company and Tank Company. The only showing on the 18th is for the 3rd Battalion 707th Ordnance and Service Com-pany. It has been requested that the individual units send men, to specified only the performances above.

The "Buffalo" baseball Will play the Polar Bears today at the Diverty field. sterting time is 1400 hours.

Security is everybody's business.