

THE DEADEYE



# DISPATCH

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## HALLORAN PURGES 900 CAVES

### 110,000 RUHR NAZIS TRAPPED!

\*\*\*Apr 4--A gigantic trap containing an estimated 110,000 Germans has been sprung by Allied armies in the shattered Ruhr. Attempts of the possible 21 German divisions to break out of the trap were repulsed Monday by American troops. Allied Headquarters admitted that it would take some time to liquidate these enemy forces, but said this would not keep their armored units from plunging on toward Berlin. A dispatch from General Omar Bradley's headquarters reported 350,000 Germans captured during the juncture of the First and Third Armies.

Farther north, the security blackout has been lifted enough to reveal still another huge trap in the making, being formed by the British and Canadian Armies. The Canadian First Army has reached the Enschede Zutphen Canal in Holland. British forces jumped off from the Rhine and raced northward 25 miles into North Holland fashioning a large box for the western Holland German armies. Other British forces battered into Munster and threatened Osnabrueck.

Swift American Ninth Army tanks have driven more than 100 miles east of the Rhine and are nearing the Weser River in the vicinity of Mannelin. Simpson's boys are a mere 155 miles from Berlin. Patton's Third Army to the south has raced to the Werra River on a broad front. The

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\*\*\*Apr 4--In a surge of strength, pushing from the vicinity of Momabaru, Col. M. E. Halloran moved his troops at a fast pace yesterday accomplishing amazing gains over tough terrain in the western sector of the Deadeye zone, and clearing out 900 caves in the sector.

The caves were of the same general type encountered in other sectors of this island, from large cavernous ones to small angular trenches in the terraced hills. While many of the caves were not occupied they were all organized in a strong mutually supporting manner and frequently inhabited by stragglers, riflemen, civilians, and soldiers with automatic weapons and explosives. Each cave offered a threat to troops advancing and had to be approached and cleared at a great expense of time and energy. This has a general slowing effect on movements.

In one area which was booby-trapped Halloran accounted for 35 Japanese, destroyed eight cases of 75mm ammunition, 12 land mines, numerous rifles and other equipment. The roads at all bridges were mined in this sector.

#### 96TH BOX SCORE OF GOOD JAPS

Previous Total.....	7,341
Grand Total 3 April.....	491
Total for 3 April.....	148
Grand Total to Date.....	7,980

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#### RUHS SPRING TRAP: (Cont'd from P. Two)

Red Army vanguards are within eight miles of the Austrian industrial city of Wiener Neustadt.

In Czechoslovakia, Red armies slashed out to within 13 miles of Bratislava, capital of Slovakia. Moscow also announced that 26,000 enemy prisoners had been taken in 24 hours in southern Hungary.

#### ADOLPH WORLD PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER ONE

\*\*\*Apr 3--Adolph Hitler has earned the notorious distinction of "World Public Enemy Number One." This dubious title was conferred upon Adolph by the Allied War Crimes Commission. According to a London Dispatch, the Commission placed his name at the top of a list of German war criminals. Heads of states will have no immunity from prosecution for Axis atrocities said the Commission.

Five lists of criminals, including those from Germany and other countries have been drafted, and the hunt for these individuals is already under way. Names of indicted Nazis other than Hitler are being withheld to prevent tipping off the culprits, thus aiding their escape.

The breakdown of the five rosters includes two lists of German criminals, one of Japanese, one of Italian and a fifth composed of Albanian, Bulgarian, Hungarian, Italian and Romanian henchmen. A sub-commission was also set up in Chungking in 1944 to investigate the situation in the Far East and Pacific areas. At present, the sub-commission is examining material and information against the Japanese war criminals and will prepare lists to be forwarded to all participating United Nations.

All members of the Command are now permitted to write in their personal letters that they are "Somewhere in the Ryukyus". Do not mention Okinawa. You may write of your Personal experiences.

#### YANKS ON LUZON: (Cont'd from P. Three)

mountains northeast of Manila. The Japs also tried a counter-attack in the Balete Pass sector of Luzon, but were bloodily repulsed.

Yanks scored new gains on both Negros and Cebu Islands, while our fliers again blasted Legaspi port on southeast Luzon. Other Army fliers hit the Sulu Archipelago, Formosa and shipping in the China Sea.

#### MARINES FOLLOW 96TH ASHORE

Of the tales of misplacement, the best that has been reported to the DEADEYE is one of a lone company of Marines who barged into the 96th Division beaches on L-Day. An unidentified first lieutenant and two thirds of his company assaulted one of the beaches of this sector in late afternoon Sunday. The unit was believed to be Co K of the 7th Marine Regiment. Brought ashore by a coxswain who apparently was in quite a rush to return to the comfort of one of the larger transports and who dropped off part of the lieutenants troops and carried part of them with him on his return trip to sea. No reports as to the support given our troops by the Marine detachment have been announced.

The lieutenant corroborated previous reports that the III Phib Corps had advanced 4000 yards the first day and had dozers working on the airstrips in their sector.

#### KERAMA JAPS IN MASS SUICIDE

\*\*\*Apr 3--Landings by the 77th Inf Division on the Kerama Island group, just south of Okinawa, preceded the big Okinawa invasion by six days. In the Kerama Islands, some 200 Japanese civilian men, women and children committed mass suicide in the face of invasion. American troops also seized scores of explosive laden suicide boats intended for use against the invasion fleet.

NAZIS TRAPPED: (Cont'd from Page One)

Third Army is now running neck and neck with the American Ninth in the race for Berlin, as Patton is also just 155 miles from the German capital. Third Army units are now 90 miles from the Czechoslovakian frontier.

Germany has had her first two successive days and nights free from air attack this year. Allied heavies were grounded by bad weather. During March, Allied planes dropped almost 180,000 tons of bombs on wrecked Germany.

SOVIETS NEAR VIENNA

\*\*\*Apr 4--Berlin reported Monday that Soviet assault troops had smashed to within 20 miles of Vienna and had thrust more than 32 miles inside Austria. They stated that giant Soviet tanks were spearheading the assault. Moscow clamped a news blackout on the Vienna sector. Soviet troops were also reported to be fighting in the streets of Wiener Neustadt, the Messerschmitt plane assembly center.

Moscow announced that Red Army assault forces have advanced to within two and a half miles of Bratislava, the capital of Slovakia, for a gain of 14 miles in 24 hours.

FRANCO-ITALIAN BORDER FIGHTING

\*\*\*Apr 4--Allied warships raked Nazi positions along the French-Italian frontier, including the harbor of San Remo. The German High Command Communique said that fighting had broken out on the forgotten front in the French-Italian region and acknowledged Allied seizure of a small fort on a 7,000 foot mountain top.

IWO ISLAND GETS NEW COMMANDER

\*\*\*Apr 4--Major General James Chaney of Wichita Falls, Texas, has assumed duties as island commander of Iwo.

OKINAWA SEVERED BY SEVENTH

\*\*\*Apr 4--News dispatches received last night from the United States from Admiral Nimitz' headquarters credited "crack troops of the XXIV Corps" with severing Okinawa in a swift drive from the west coast of the island. American troops have reached the village of Tobara on the east coast, immediately north of the extensive fleet anchorage at Nakagusuku.

Marines of the Third Amphibious Corps met only scattered Jap resistance in the extreme north of the American line. They are pushing north and east to cut off Zampa Cape.

It was in the center of the island that the heaviest enemy resistance and most rugged terrain was encountered. This was taken as an indication that the Japs, as usual, were holed up in caves and commanding any high ground they could hold.

Although the exact location of the Jap forces was not revealed, American officers expressed the belief that the Nips expected landings on the southern tip of the island. The officers said that the enemy is concentrating his main defenses around the important town of Naha in the southern sector.

Admiral Nimitz announced that observation planes are already operating off the two captured airfields. The Cub planes were being assisted in their missions by 1500 Navy planes operating off about 30 carriers. Heavy guns of the fleet together with field artillery are also giving close support to ground operations.

CHINESE HANG TO NANYANG

\*\*\*Apr 4--The Chinese High Command reported that the strategic cities of Nanyang and Loehokow in Hupeh Provinces were still being held by Chinese forces. Japanese troops had fought into both cities over the week-end, but were driven out. Loehokow was, until recently, American forward air base.

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THE SAGA OF "I" CO'S FLAG

Back in the good old days at Camp White when barracks rumors persistently had the 96th garrisoning the West Coast, Co I of the 383rd Inf dedicated an American flag in their orderly room with a vow that the next time it flew would be upon Japanese soil. Of course at that time most of the men took it as a jest. Nevertheless, the flag was kept in a secure place and withstood the many moves the Deadeye's made including the entire Leyte campaign. As this operation came into focus, the men of I Co no longer jested about the vow. An opportunity for realizing their dedication was now available.

On the morning of I-Day, Capt Von Holle, Co of I Co, tucked the flag into his jacket. Within an hour after hitting the beach his company reached a rocky knoll overlooking the bay. Investigation of a cave underneath the knoll revealed an abandoned Japanese CP, which was well furnished with office equipment. On top of the knoll stood an "honorable" Nipponese flag and staff. With little ceremony and some hastiness down came the Nip and up went the American flag. Our colors are proudly unfurled now on a rocky knoll north of Chatan -- a tribute to the valor of the Minutemen and the foresight and determination of Capt. Von Holle's I Company troopers.

Share the DEAD EYE with your buddy

ARNOLD CUTS ISLAND IN HALF

\*\*\*3 Apr--Meeting practically no resistance, the troops of Major General Arnold's Hourglass division drove across the island and reached the east coast last night.

WHAT, NO BATH?

Those Deadeyes who slept in foxholes last night were disappointed at not having their bath drawn when they awakened this morning. Gone was the luxury of awakening with that relaxing, luke-warm rainwater creeping into their pores, refreshing them for the coming day. Deadeyes were heard remarking, "Is this dry desert what the Jap Better Business Bureau referred to in its advertisement, 'Come to Beautiful Okinawa'? Other 96th men missed the cheerful early morning laundry service. None were heard complaining however that their reception was less enthusiastic than the advertisement promised.

Sticking to its guns, the Jap Better Business Bureau promises continuing dry weather. Altho the lack of rainfall may evoke mixed emotions among the Deadeyes, it will certainly dampen the spirits of the local residents.

DDT POWDER DUSTS  
DOWN TYPHUS

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"You're as far up as you can get now," he said. "In fact you're too damn far now. You'd better go back to Isa and across country."

At Isa we asked Lt. Pebble Roberts of Fikeville, Ky. how to get to the 382nd. Lt. Roberts, who is commanding officer of an anti-tank company platoon, took out to the road and pointed up a ridge where we could see soldiers walking.

"You see those men up there? That must be one of the companies there. Those might be Japs though, lend me your glasses. They've been walking all over that ridge. To, those are GI's all right. They're putting a bridge in on the left and you can go up the road there to get to them."

Our advance on Okinawa had been so rapid that mechanized units frequently were held up while engineering outfits cleared the way in front of them. In several cases advance patrols had to be applied by air drop.

We passed a couple of tank units that had advanced over a heavily mined road. One tank with its tread blown off blocked the road.

A little farther on a tiny village from which our troops had been receiving machine gun fire was under attack. Civilians of the village had taken refuge in caves on the side of a ravine and our troops were trying to persuade them to come out.

The job had fallen to an anti-tank company of the 383rd Infantry. A few forlorn women and a couple of children had come out of the caves, sickened by smoke. One young girl volunteered to get others and had made several trips to bring children to safety.

An engineering company under the command of Lt. Eddie Gallegos of Albuquerque N. Mex. was tearing a road thru the terraced hillside to allow passage of our vehicles, and we stopped at the village to rest and talk to the boys of the anti-tank company.

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THIRD ARMORED DIVISION LOSSES-GERMANDER

\*\*\*Apr 4--The War Department announced today that Major General Maurice Rose has been killed in action in Germany. General Rose was commander of one of the First Army's hottest armored divisions, the Third Armored. He was a veteran of action in north Africa and Italy, as well as the drive in Germany. Only last week he personally led 11 members of his Staff in a hand-to-hand pistol fight with 30 Germans.

RECON PATROL BLASTS PILLBOX

On the second day after landing on Okinawa, a patrol of six men from Capt Robert O'Neil's Recon Troop encountered machine gun fire from Japs in a cave a short ways inland. Sgt Thomas Lewis of the patrol was not a man lacking in valor. He approached the cave followed closely by Lt. Kramer. As they both reached the mouth of the cave, a short burst of gunfire from within caught Sgt Lewis in the shoulder and knocked him down. Lt. Kramer grabbed Lewis and helped his stagger out of the cave, where Pvt Hopper of the Medics came forward and helped evacuate Lewis.

Meanwhile, the other three members of the patrol were covering the cave with their weapons. The Japs inside tossed out phosphorous and fragmentation grenades, as well as using their machine gun and small arms. One bullet creased Pfc Kennamer, though not seriously. M/Sgt Ellis of the patrol missed his first chance to kill a Jap when a Nipper reached out of the cave to toss a grenade; Ellis raised his rifle to fire, when his gun jammed. Finally, the boys brought up 24 pounds of dynamite and edged it near the mouth of the cave.

After setting off the dynamite, the patrol left, to return the next day led by Capt Robert O'Neil. Capt O'Neil entered the cave and found two dead Japs inside, that is, two whole ones. Another

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PLUNDERING PROHIBITED General Hodge praises Bradley and Troops

It was just announced that plundering of any villages or native houses or desecration of tombs on Okinawa will be punished by extreme actions by the military authorities.

The Deadeye family is cognizant of all international laws and military orders about this subject and the DISPATCH hesitates to be so pointed -- but we think it our duty to warn you not to forget the rules. Certainly bad results will come and there are enough unpleasant things in the way of Japanese soldiers to keep us busy without our bothering the paltry contents of local inhabitants' houses and belongings.

MORE O'SEA FURLONGS AFTER VE DAY

\*\*\*Apr 4--Jean Brunner, national commander of the Veteran of Foreign Wars, disclosed that the War Department has indicated final victory in Europe will pave the way for a greater number of soldiers now overseas to return home on furlough. He made public a letter from General Ulio, CG, in which Ulio said "it is believed that the number of comb at personnel returned from overseas should be definitely increased during the months ahead." Brunner cautioned families of men fighting in Europe not to expect wholesale return of troops back to the States when VE (Victory, Europe) day arrives.

General Hodge praises Bradley and Troops  
"CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU AND ALL THE DEADEYES ON THE FINE ADVANCE THROUGH EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TERRAIN. THE PERFORMANCE OF THE 96TH DIVISION IS INDICATIVE OF EXCELLENT SPIRIT AND LEADERSHIP ON THE PART OF ALL RANKS."

These were the words of Major General Hodge, our Corps Commander, received yesterday at the Deadeye C.P.

NEW COLD WAVE IN STATES HITS MIDWEST

\*\*\*Apr 4--A cold wave has swept down across the border from the Canadian Rockies Monday in a wake of floods, tornadoes, and tidal waves which left at least 800 homeless and caused great property damage. In the far west, Cheyenne, Wyoming had ten inches of snow, while Denver had six. A snowstorm was reported moving to southern Colorado and Kansas. Week-end rains which accompanied sporadic windstorms have increased flood levels along the Mississippi River tributaries where engineers have labored for weeks to save the levees.

14 MORE JAP ADMIRALS JOIN DAVY JONES

\*\*\*Apr 4--Japanese news agency Domei reported the death of 14 more Japanese Admirals. This brings the total of enemy officers of flag rank who have joined the navy of Davy Jones to 108 since May 1944.

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In that group were: Lt. George L. Moore, Pfc Hugh J. Barrett, Pvt Roy R. Schult, Sgt John C. Nasser, Sgt Bernard A. Kostiz, Pvt Robert Love, Pvt Robert Witt, Pfc Roy L. Griffin, T/Sgt William T. Spencer, and Pfc Gene Depron.

It was while I was talking to Depron, who used to live in Maplewood where I had lived for awhile with Cjarley Hewitt who has a big grocery store there, and who also went to Missouri University, my old alma mater, that the first mortar shall hit about 20 yards away. Sgt. Nasser grabbed his rifle and said, "That old stuff has got to stop." Everyone scattered and Joe and I took to a ditch that turned out to be the water line for the family pig pen. I was almost nose to nose with a little black pig, just the right size for a luau. The pig was the only unconcerned individual there.

The next mortar shall hit about ten feet away, and the third detonated in the tree above us. The tanks opened up nearby, we heard machine gun fire. That's when the press retreated.

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son of Heaven had put a grenade to his chest and took the hard way to glory. Fragments of human limbs scattered about the cave indicated that at least two other Japs had been blown up by the dynamite. Five dead Japs, but 96th Recon men say "it's all in a day's work."

SUPREME COURT REJECTS UTAH ADULTERY CASE

\*\*\*Apr 4--The U.S. Supreme Court refused to review the conviction of 15 Utah residents on charges of unlawful cohabitation. They were convicted by a Salt Lake District Court and sentenced to 5 years imprisonment. Prosecutions were based on the Utah State Law which makes it a felony for any man to live with two or more women.

RADIO MEN ON THE BEAM

Now that we've landed at Japan's doorstep, the DEADEYE DISPATCH has hung out its business as usual sign. Although the entire DEADEYE staff has been cursing its feeble mimeograph and burning the midnight Coleman lantern as a result, main credit for contact with the world goes to radiomen Emil Darges and Cal Clements of the 96th Signal Co.

Chased from one radio set to another by operators running tactical nets, they finally hooked up in a weasel and brought in San Francisco. San Francisco Radio comes in much stronger here than at Leyte, say Clements and Darges. Their only gripe now is the proximity and strong signal of Radio Tokyo. If the Deadeye's keep going at their present rate, Darges and Clements will soon have an even stronger signal from Radio Tokyo.

QUICK THINKING=GOOD JAP!

T/4 "Sammy" Yamamoto, 383rd Inf's interpreter spread out his "sack" on the slope of a hill overlooking the western harbor, set for a bit of "shut-eye" after a hard day's work interrogating over 200 civilians. He slept as well as one can amid the racket of small arms fire and the whistle of artillery shells overhead, until he was awakened by a different noise. Somewhere near his boudoir he spied a figure of a man groping his way around the thistle bushes. Sammy saw that the man was a Jap, so he called him over.

The intruder obeyed. When he came close, Sammy observed that he was a civilian home guard and armed. Unperturbed, Sammy ordered him to step back a short way. When the man had complied, our hero let him have a slug through the head, knocking him clear into the celestial realm of the Jap heaven to join the rest of his honorable ancestors.

Are you taking your Atabrine? =