

DEADEYE DISPATCH

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PLAY THE GAME!

You do it. I do it. We all do it. And it's not some of you think. We're prone to loose criticism of the person whom we claim is a member of a certain "click". Or "politics" some of us call it. The other fellow, it seems, is putting one over on us. Of course he's sacrificing ideals to do it, we console ourselves, and what's a man without ideals. Well we don't know.

But we do know that it is imperative to face facts. We must do as the Romans do if we're going to live in Rome. And there's an end.

It may not correspond to your own individual pattern of behavior, but what the hell. Other people prosper. I'm people. Day in and day out I've got to live with them though sometimes I'd like to fly.

But fly as we may the music is there and face it we must. A poker player will know what we mean. The cards are dealt, you know you have your opponent beat. But he lays in a bet to "raise you out of your seat". What are you going to do? You're going to raise him back and raise him out of his seat. That's all there's to it. There's no other way to play the game.

To bring the issue closer to home perhaps--the demands of your particular

require a greater allotment of time than the other fellow. It just happens that way. You'll have your turn tomorrow. We must try and see the "big picture". Call it: fate, chance, destiny, or what you will.

Suppose to reach a goal you must cater to a person whom you utterly despise. He too it would be better to take in your stride. After all he's just part of the landscape.

As much as we all hate war, we're faced with the exigency to kill. Otherwise be exterminated. And the latter is not the American way. So what other alternative is there? The other fellow's doing it. And that's what's going to get you and me.

As iron-willed as we choose to be, call it unscrupulous if you will, there are times when ideals must be sacrificed. Disillusioning, true. But life is like that. So--

PLAY THE GAME!

TODAY'S TAKE-A-LEAF LESSON

*** Dec 13--Only six phrases in Japanese are needed to bring a prisoner in. They are, in proper sequence, "Surrender!", "Lay down your arms!", "Raise your hands"

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BRITISH GAIN IN BURMA

***Dec 12--The British 36th Division has captured an important rail town on the Mandalay Corridor. A Reuters correspondent has pointed out that since the beginning of the present campaign in Burma, the right wing of the British forces has advanced 100 miles, while the left wing has taken the strategic city of Bhamo. There have been many cases of heat prostration in this campaign and the malarial rate has been high. The Burma jungles comprise the toughest fighting terrain of any theater of operations in the world today, declared the correspondent.

LATE WENDELL L. WILKIE HONORED

***Dec 12--A liberty ship christened the "Wendell L. Wilkie" was launched this week in a Florida shipyard in honor of the late presidential candidate.

No doubt such countries as Japan and Germany will find it hard to understand why we should honor a man who has been defeated in a presidential election. But in United States a man's political belief does not affect his neighbor's opinion of him. Wendell was a vigorous and liberal statesman, the kind we like to point out and say, "He's an American". We shall remember Wilkie not because he was once a presidential candidate, but for the man he was--an American!

BRITISH PUSH IN ITALY

***Dec 12--British forces have pushed forward on a ten mile front up the Adriatic coast near recently-liberated Ravenna. This front has been quiet for the past few weeks due to adverse weather conditions. Allied forces continued to hold gains along the Bologna highway against Nazi counter-attacks. A new Italian cabinet composed of representatives of the labor-democratic party, the christian-democratic party and the communist-democratic party has been approved by Allied commissioners.

BUDAPEST CIRCLE SHRINKS

***Dec 12--The Russian encirclement of Budapest is growing tighter; the noose is almost closed. Premier Stalin said that Soviet troops have driven to within seven miles of Budapest from the north. Other units are within five miles on the south and three miles on the east. Stalin also announced that from December 5th to 9th, 5,600 Germans were taken prisoner by the Second Ukrainian Army.

The French Provisional Government, represented by General Charles DeGaulle, has signed a mutual alliance with Russia to carry on the war against Germany. Moscow Radio broadcast a special communique which said, "The two governments intend to take all necessary measures to safeguard Europe from aggression after the Germans have been defeated."

From a neutral Swedish newspaper comes a report that the Nazis have declared martial law in the Hungarian territory still under their control, due to numerous revolts.

GREECE SITUATION EMBROILED

***Dec 12--The commissioner of Allied forces in Greece announced Sunday night that armed units of the EAM liberation front are extending operations in the Athens area. More British troops are arriving to restore order in that ancient center of culture. England's position on the Greek question was clarified when Lord Halifax, in Washington, said, "The British attitude toward Greece is simply a choice of whether the Greeks are to be allowed to voice their choice in a free, orderly election of the majority of voters, or whether there is to be a minority coup d'etat."

BUY

Only Sniping Till

11 Days Christmas

SEALS

HOUSE CREATES FIVE STAR FINAL

***Dec 12--GI's may soon see an Army jeep with five silver General's stars blazing from the front bumper. The five star passenger will be one of four new top ranking Generals of the Army created by a bill which passed the House this week. The new bill would provide four such ranks for the Army as well as four five star Admirals of the Fleet, but would preserve General Pershing's superior rank as General of the Army. The Bill, if finally approved, will make possible an annual base pay of \$13,000. The four star pay now is \$8,000 plus allowances.

BULGARIA

***Dec 12--Sofia Radio in Bulgaria announced that two of Bulgaria's ex-premiers have been added to the group being tried on charges of traitorous collaboration with the Nazis.

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(ANS)--A new "super fuel" that will increase the cruising range and "full throttle" performance of American airplanes is now being produced in limited amounts for combat purposes.

J. A. Krug, Chairman of the War Production Board, says that the present production of the new "super fuel" is now comparatively small, but he promises it will be stepped up as soon as the engines capable of using it efficiently come off the assembly lines.

Since a barrel of crude oil will produce only about half as much of the super fuel as it will of 100-octane gas, the use of the newer higher-powered fuel is expected to be limited for awhile to carrier-based aircraft and the super-bombers.

(ANS)--For the first time in history, a Navy combat vessel has been named in honor of a woman.

The U.S.S. Destroyer Higbee, named in honor of Mrs. Lenah S. Higbee, former superintendent of the Navy Nurse

TO TAKE A JAP--

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and come out", "March", and "Halt". We will publish the Japanese for those phrases for the next five days. Learn one phrase a day and say it over and over very fast so you can say it smoothly. Pronounce the Japanese just as it is phonetically written.

Today's Take-A-Jap-Lesson.

"LAY DOWN YOUR ARMS-----BOC-KEE-OH-OH-KEH"

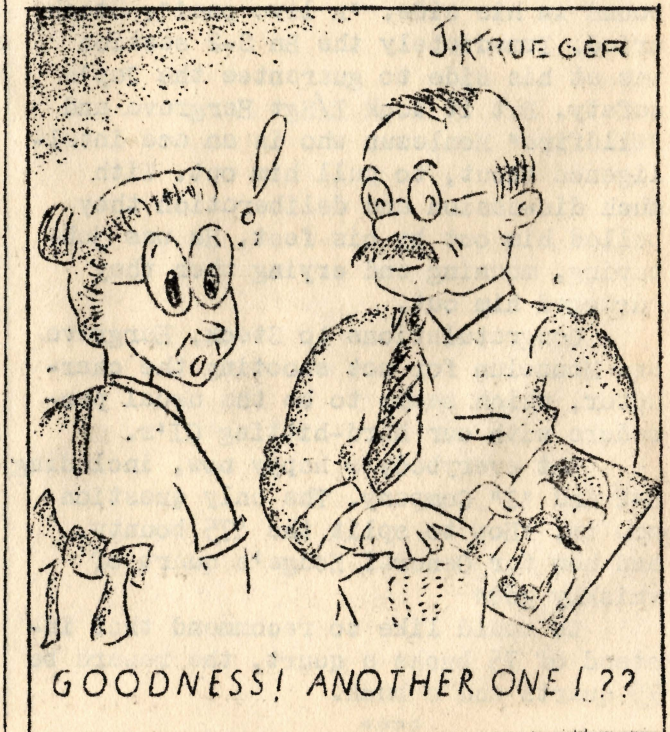
Yesterday's Lesson.
(DECEMBER 12th, 1944.)

"SURRENDER"-----KOH-SAHN*SEHO

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Corps and the only woman ever to receive the Navy Cross while still alive, has just been launched at Bath, Maine.

COMBINED CIRCULATION OF THE DEADEYE DISPATCH and BENNETTSVILLE S.C. PEE-DEE ADVOCATE.....2,800.



Unit Reporters Column

NEWS OF THE 381ST
T/5 R. E. Drechsler

We understand Sgt James J. Ruth, "G" Company, of New Orleans, is considered the champion souvenir hunter of his company. His collection so far consists of four nice pistols, and many other smaller prizes. By the way, Sarg, are you sending one of the pistols to Lena Horne? She's the only gal you have around.

1st Dope: I hear the Security Platoon is using toilet paper on the perimeter defense tonight.

2nd Dope: Yeah, how come?

1st Dope: If the enemy comes, they intend to wipe 'em out--Yah! Yah! Yah!

When the 381st took their first prisoner, S/Sgt Steck, "I" Company, along with his patrol, was cautiously working his way down a wooded ridge when he took a peek inside a hollow tree to find a slightly shopworn Jap with a shrapnel wound in his side. "A live one!", Steck cried. Immediately the Bn S-2 section was at his side to guarantee the Jap's safety. But it took T/Sgt Hargrave and "Wildfire" Monlezun who is an ace intelligence scout, to pull him out. With much discussion and deliberation they pulled him out by his feet. He was jabbering, moaning and crying when they dragged him out.

Congratulations to Steck, Hargrave and Monzelun for not shooting the character, which seems to be the usual procedure with our hard-hitting GI's.

But everybody's happy now, including S-2 and "I" Company. The only question now is, "How to split the \$75 bounty, and how far General Hodge's quart of whiskey go?"

We would like to recommend that instead of 75 bucks a quart, the reward be 75 quarts and a buck.

It's just a small group, six of them in all, and their job is to keep our Infantry death toll down to the minimum.

We're speaking of the Artillery Liaison men, and we think they're doing a swell job.

The group is commanded by 1st Lt. Charles C. Sheahan, of Brooklyn, N.Y., who is ably assisted by Sgt Johnny Nelson, Cpls Neil Nelson and Ernest Kauns, and Pvt Robert Auge and Earl Cummings.

Their job consists in coordinating the devastating artillery fire with the advance of the Infantry--a combination that has yet to meet an equal.

Says Lt Sheahan, "Being here among the men of the Infantry has imbedded an indelible note in my mind as to just why these men of blood and guts are called the Queen of Battle."

Thank you, Lt. Sheahan!

Regimental Headquarters Company dishes out pretty good food! But so does Service Company, 382nd, according to Service Company, 382nd, it says here.

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When the time comes for rest and relaxation, the 381st will be looking to a team of sleight-of-hand performers, namely, T/4 J.E. Taylor, Hq and Hq Co., and S/Sgt Harold Bitterbaum of New York.

According to Lt B. Dean Iddings, mortar section leader of Company "M", one of his men has developed the knack of being in the right place at the wrong time.

FFC Maurice Cox, hearing "Firing in the hold!", pulled on his helmet and jumped into his foxhole, only to be hit in the back by a piece of falling rock.

That was after a piece of shrapnel had hit him in the legs.
