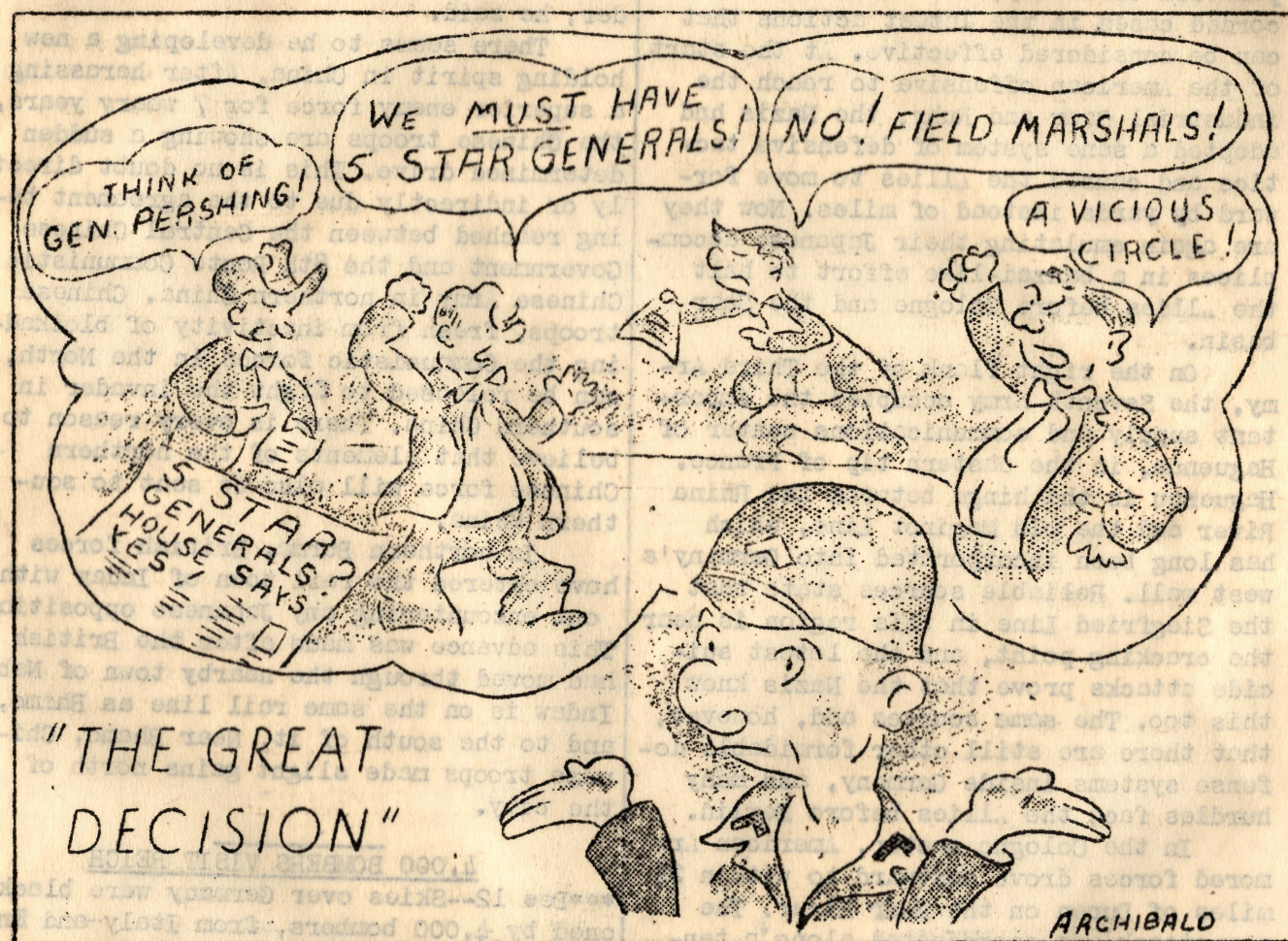


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"THE GREAT  
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## WHAT DO THEY LOOK LIKE--?

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| 1. An orange.                            | 10. A pair of two-tone shoes.     |
| 2. A city-street lit up at night.        | 11. A foundation garment you know |
| 3. A white woman. (Oh we know some what. | 12. A whiff of ecstatic perfume.  |
| of you birds have been lucky!)           | 13. A lily-white handkerchief.    |
| 4. Catsup.                               | 14. A big soft easychair.         |
| 5. A barracks.                           | 15. Maggie's drawers.             |
| 6. A copy of the Los Angeles Times.      | 16. Five aces.                    |
| 7. Bedsheets.                            | 17. A popcorn waggon.             |
| 8. Ice Cream.                            | 18. A quart.                      |
| 9. A white broadcloth shirt.             | ***                               |



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## BRITISH FLEET FOR PACIFIC

\*\*\*Dec 12--The Australian Minister of War has stated that Great Britain is assembling a mighty new Pacific fleet which will be based in Australia. This fleet, one of the largest ever mustered by the British Navy, will be under the command of Admiral Nimitz and General MacArthur when needed. The new fleet is entirely separate from the British fleet based in Indian Ocean waters. Prize ship of the powerful armada will be the new British super-warship "Howe", commissioned in 1942. It was reported that this fleet itself will have enough power to engage all of Japan's fleet at once. Great Britain's pledge to help the United States finish off Japan is taking solid shape.

## BIRDSEYE ACCOUNT OF ORMOC LANDING

\*\*\*Dec 12--Speaking over the world-wide Army Hour, an eyewitness of the Ormoc landing said, "45 minutes after H-hour, the entire division had been landed and supplies were already coming up onto the beach. To say our landing was a complete surprise to the Japs was putting it mildly. Instead of us, they were expecting their own convoy to land--The incoming Jap convoy was first spotted by our covering planes. While our P-40's directed the fire, the Navy laid down the salvos. As I said before, in 45 minutes we were in possession of Ormoc Bay." Another flier said that it was in this attack that Major Dick Bong got his 37th or 38th plane.

## ENTIRE ORMOC GARRISON DESTROYED.

\*\*\*Dec 12--United States troops have eliminated the southern segment of the Yamashita line extending south from Ormoc. General MacArthur said that when the port of Ormoc was captured Sunday night by the 77th Division, the entire Japanese garrison there was destroyed. Before the town fell, the fighting was described as of the most bitter sort. The elimination of the Ormoc segment of the Yamashita line was accomplished when the 77th Division effected a junction with the 7th Division. With the 77th Division being used as an anvil, the Japanese forces trapped between the two divisions are being pounded by the 7th Division. To the north of Ormoc, the 32nd Division is moving forward over almost impossible terrain to break up the remaining segments of the Yamashita line. Unofficial estimates from MacArthur's headquarters place the number of Japanese remaining on the island of Leyte at 40,000.

As far as the Japanese are concerned the battle of Leyte is the decisive battle of the Japanese Empire. The eight Japanese convoys and their cargo of 30,000 troops which were sunk trying to reach Leyte bears out the enemy's determination to stop the Americans at any cost. To quote a Tokyo broadcast, "The decisive battle at Leyte is not a battle which decides whether we lose one corner of the Philippines to the enemy or not. It is the battle on which the life of

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NAZIS IN DESPERATE SUICIDE ATTACKS

\*\*\*Dec 12--As the Third Army drove deeper into the Siegfried Line, the Germans again resorted to mass counter-attacks on American front-line positions. These latest attacks were of the suicide variety. It is reported that the Nazis are making desperate charges against American machine-gun fire, and with death a certainty, shouting, "Heil Hitler!" These bloody sacrifices, among the Nazis, indicate desperation certainly, but there are few recorded cases in the latest actions that can be considered effective. At the start of the American offensive to reach the industrial Saar and Ruhr, the Nazis had adopted a sane system of defensive tactics and caused the Allies to move forward by yards instead of miles. Now they are again emulating their Japanese accomplices in a banzai-like effort to halt the Allies before Cologne and the Saar basin.

On the right flank of the Third Army, the Seventh Army occupied the important supply and communications center of Haguenau, in the eastern tip of France. Haguenau is the hinge between the Rhine River and the old Maginot Line, which has long been incorporated into Germany's west wall. Reliable sources state that the Siegfried Line in this region is near the cracking point, and the latest suicide attacks prove that the Nazis know this too. The same sources add, however, that there are still other formidable defense systems inside Germany, and many hurdles face the Allies before Berlin.

In the Cologne sector, American Armored forces drove eastward to within 2 1/2 miles of Duren on the Roer River. The new attack was coordinated along a ten-mile front, and the Yanks chased the Nazis out of three villages. Considering the bitter struggle that has taken place on the mud flats near Cologne, a 2 1/2 mile gain is tantamount to a major gain in other sectors. Further consolidating its position on the Rhine River, The French First Army captured an important city ten miles north of Milhouse.

CHINESE COUNTER-OFFENSIVE

\*\*\*Dec 12--The Chinese High Command said that all Japanese troops had been driven South of the southern Chinese province of Kweichow. A reinforced Chinese counteroffensive has pushed the invaders back to the Kwansi border. This temporarily averts the enemy's threat to Kweiyang, capital of Kweichow Province. The Chinese Minister of War, however, cautions against over-optimism. There are strong enemy forces just across the border, he said.

There seems to be developing a new holding spirit in China. After harassing a superior enemy force for 7 weary years, the Chinese troops are showing a sudden determined drive. This is no doubt directly or indirectly due to the agreement being reached between the Central Chinese Government and the 8th Route Communist Chinese Army in northern China. Chinese troops, fresh from inactivity of blockading the Communist forces in the North, can be released to fight the invader in southern China. There is every reason to believe that elements of the northern Chinese force will also be sent to southern China.

In northern Burma, British forces have entered the rail town of Indaw without encountering any Japanese opposition. This advance was made after the British had moved through the nearby town of Naba Indaw is on the same rail line as Bhamo, and to the south of it. Near Bhamo, Chinese troops made slight gains north of the city.

4,000 BOMBERS VISIT REICH

\*\*\*Dec 12--Skies over Germany were blackened by 4,000 bombers, from Italy and England, converging on her railroads and oil refineries. The main target was Frankfurt, while in Vienna oil refineries, ordinance plants and freight yards were attacked. All a sequel to the Allied airfleets which pounded Germany during Monday.

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Greater East Asia depends. It decides whether or not we lose our sea routes to our southern regions." And a more realistic Jap on Leyte radioed to his home government, "We cannot withdraw even a single step for we have burned our bridges behind us." The Japanese bridge to Leyte is fast collapsing.

IN THE AIR OVER THE PHILIPPINES.

\*\*\*Dec 12--In new air action over the Philippines, Allied fliers attacked enemy shipping at Manila Bay. They also set fire to a small Japanese freighter off Mindoro and damaged five lugers at Bohol. The American airforce continued its close support of advancing infantrymen on the ground.

In the southwest Pacific, Allied heavy bombers over Borneo dropped 79 tons of explosives on fuel installations at Tarakan and Balikpapan. In the Moluccas, American medium and fighter bombers attacked airdromes with 72 tons of bombs. Other assaults were directed against New Guinea and the Bismark Archipelago. To the west, over the northern Palaus, American fliers bombed and strafed Babelthau Island. Pagan and enemy positions in the Marshalls were also hit.

YUGOSLAV PARTISANS LIQUIDATING NAZIS

\*\*\*Dec 12--Marshal Tito's headquarters announced that Yugoslav patriots had advanced to within five miles of an important railroad center in northeastern Yugoslavia. They killed or captured 500 Nazis in the encounter and seized large quantities of supplies.

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NAZIS HURLED BACK AT FAENZA

\*\*\*Dec 12--The British Eighth Army clung to its bridgehead over the Lamone River on the approaches to Faenza and threw back repeated German counter-attacks in that region. Meanwhile, it was announced that General Alexander will take over supreme command of all Allied forces in the Mediterranean Theater. He replaces Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, who has been appointed head of the British Military Delegation to Washington.

GREEKS FIGHT-BRITISH RUSH REINFORCEMENTS

\*\*\*Dec 12--The British Army and incumbent Greek Government are fighting a bitter struggle against armed troops of the EAM. The English translation of EAM is----- National Liberation Front. EAM's take their liberation seriously and have caused the British to rush reinforcements to Athens. The revolutionists are barricaded in the suburbs of the city and tanks with reinforced troops are being used to clear them out. Realizing that they stand no chance against the British Army, the EAM's are bidding for a settlement, but still hope to gain recognition.

BUDAPEST IN HOT SPOT

\*\*\*Dec 12--The Russians have put the squeeze on Budapest in earnest. They captured a town 9 miles from the Hungarian capital yesterday, while other units were reported 7 miles away on the north, five on the south, and three on the east. The Soviet Communique also announced that troops of the Second Ukrainian Army captured several populated points near a German stronghold 84 miles northwest of Budapest. This is apparently the force that has bypassed Budapest and is driving toward the Austrian border. Vienna is the next large stopover for the Red Army; the distance is now 110 miles.

There is no word from the Russian fronts outside Hungary, but this is significant in itself. There are several other large Russian forces awaiting the attack order. East Prussia and Poland are the most logical theatres for new drives toward Germany.



BRONZE-STAR WINNERS ANNOUNCED

A new award this year, below the "Soldier's Medal" in line of precedence but above the "Air-Medal", is the decoration called the "Bronze Star".

Awarded for "heroic or meritorious service or achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy", the decoration will be bestowed by the Commanding General of the 96th (DEADEYE) Division, Major General James L. Bradley, upon the following men:

96th Division Artillery--Sgt Charles W. Merrill, Paris, Texas; PFC William Shaughnessy, Huston, Texas; Captain John A. Kenog, Lytle, Texas.

383rd Infantry--Pvt Clarence H. Wood, Piquette, Ohio; Pfc Harold M. Tyler, Morristown, Tenn.; Pfc Charles E. Perry, Vanceburg, Ky; Pfc James P. Niccoll, Santa Rosa, Calif; S/Sgt Bernard H. Halaas, Carrington, N.D.; S/Sgt Norris Bennett, Longville, La; Pvt Charles R. Adkinson, Mansfield, La; Pfc Melverne L. Graham, Seattle, Wash; T/4 Charles J. Schoel, Belle, Mo; Pfc Ira L. Riley, Coalgate, Oklahoma; Pfc Nicholas Pizzoloto, Independence, La; Pfc Joseph F. Migliarese, Newark, N.J.; Pfc Louis J. Koslow, Detroit, Mich; Pfc Cecil M. Holekamp, Junction, Tex; Pfc Charles C. Bonino, New York, N.Y.; Pfc James P. Wolf, Paron, Ark; Pfc Gordon J. Kerwin, St Louis, Mo; Pfc Manuel V. Hinojosa, San Antonio, Tex; Pfc John E. Gossman, Ridgeway, Ia; Pfc Arthur E. Ford, Mt Vernon, Ill.

BROTHERS "RATZ" RE-UNITED

One of the more pleasant features of the Leyte campaign has been the reunion of many brothers and friends who have been separated for a couple of years by the exigencies of war.

Among the 96th GI's who have had this happy experience is T/4 Charles J. Ratz, mail clerk of the Division AG Office. Suddenly confronted by his brother T/4 Harold H. Ratz of an aircraft warning unit, he did what you call a Hollywood "doubletake" before he could recognize

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TODAY'S TAKE-A-JAP LESSON

\*\*\*Dec 14--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 and come out", "March", and "Halt". We will publish the Japanese for these 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

RAISE YOUR HANDS AND COME OUT  
-----TEH O AHGEHTEH DEHTEH KOI.

PREVIOUS LESSONS

SURRENDER-----KOH-SAHN-SEHO  
LAY DOWN YOUR ARMS-----BOO-KEE-OH-OH-KEH

him. It was over two years ago that they last saw each other.

Harold, who landed on Leyte, received a clipping from home relating the valiant deeds of the "Deadeyes" on the Island. 12 hours after he had caught up with his brother Charlie.

Another reunion on the Island took place when 96th Division Bandsman, PFC Richard L. Kesner, who formerly stroked the violin for Frankie Master's Band and who is well known to most 96th GI's as half of the popular accordion-violin duo of the 96th Band, met up with his brother-in-law, S/Sgt Roten I. Quinn, an armorer with an Air Corps Fighter Squadron.

Sgt Quinn has been in the Pacific for 32 months and last saw Kesner three years ago. It took him 7 or 8 days to find Kesner after his arrival on Leyte. To celebrate the occasion, Kesner broke open a coconut whereupon they had a snack.

T/4 Sidney L. Meyer of the DEADEYE DISPATCH News Staff, has been reminiscing with his former classmate, 1st Lt Bob Rosenstiel of an aircraft warning unit, of the good old days at the University of California at Los Angeles.

After all, a gold-digger is only a woman, after all.

**THE POETS**

LIGHT AND OTHERWISE  
We Write and Plagiarize

ODE TO SELECTIVE SERVICE

I remember 'twas only some ten months ago,  
That they classified me in 1-A,  
And a couple of wise guys came down for a laugh,  
When a Corporal marched me away.

I had hardly been gone from my home-town a week

When that son-of-a-gun in 3-A  
Took over my job at the vinegar works  
Only he got just double my pay.

And almost as soon as my troop train pulled out,  
That flat-footed guy in 1-B  
Started running around with a girl-friend at home,  
Who had promised to stay true to me.

But justice is justice, each dog has his day,

And those guys in 3-A and 1-B  
Were reclassified so that they now drill all day  
And cuss at their Sergeant--That's ME!

Anonymous

TODAY

Today we fight on distant soil  
And wage a war against the foe,  
Amid the sweat and daily toil  
In air, on sea and land we go.

The filth, the blood we see today  
Through hell on earth to every man,  
Are but the price we have to pay  
For peace and joy throughout our land.

Have they our buddies died in vain  
For some ideal that will never come,  
Will all their hope and pride of name  
Be lost, when all this war is done?

Oh no, my friend, on yonder shore  
You gave the gift that brave men give,  
Your deeds will live forevermore  
Because you died that we might live.

We'll win this war, thanks be to you,  
And God, who gave us power to fight,  
E'er long we'll see the sun shine through  
And skies of peace will shine out bright

PFC Thomas M. Haley  
Service Company  
382nd Inf.

"POEM"

I never saw a GI cow,  
I never hope to see one.  
But by the taste of GI milk  
I know there sure must be one.

I never saw the "GI" germ,  
I never hope to see one.  
But when you go ten times a day  
The shovel proves there be one.

PFC Charles Banciu  
Service Company  
383rd Infantry

JAP-WEATHER

The rain comes down, the puddles form,  
The ground is getting wet.  
I lose all hope of keeping warm  
And just try to forget.

Once more I'm getting soaked right through  
My clothes, down to my skin.  
I fear that soon the mud and goo  
Will reach my flesh within.

But then the thought comes to my mind--  
The Japs are sadder still,  
Which makes them easier to find  
And easier to kill.

PFC A. Gold, Hq Co, 2nd Bn, 382nd.

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DAVID FLOORS GOLIATH

(PRO)--Six of General James L. Bradley's deadeyes stood off, up in the hills, a whole platoon of Japs.

Headed by Captain M. Harbison, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, the patrol set out through Jap-held territory, difficult terrain it was too, in search of trails. PFC Clifford G. Maeder, Flint, Michigan, and PFC James Tschulos, Binghamton, N.Y., advancing as scouts, suddenly spotted 50 Japs only 15 yards away, in a clearing. They were sitting in a wide circle, busily consuming a meal of rice.

Said PFC Maeder, "One Jap looked up and stared straight at me. I fired at him instantly and he dropped to the ground."

Before the Japs had a chance to scatter, PFC Tschulos and Captain Harbison accounted for at least two more of them. It wasn't long before bullets from the muzzles of the Japs who were dispersed in the high kunai grass, began to whine around the log behind which the scouts had taken cover.

Vastly outnumbered, the patrol withdrew about 400 yards down a trail, and set up a defensive position. In ten min-

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utes the Japs were moving toward them. But a volley of fire with disastrous effect greeted them.

Facing the danger of being outflanked in unfamiliar territory, the six men managed to escape safely to their own lines.

In addition to Captain Harbison, Maeder, and Tschulos, other members of the patrol included Pvt Adolph Engen, Atwater, Minn., T/Sgt Vernon Duncan, Bloomington, Ill., and Sgt Elmer W. Overton of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Voter: I wouldn't vote for you if you were Saint Peter Himself.  
Candidate: If I were Saint Peter, you couldn't vote for me -- you wouldn't be in my district.

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"BIG MOMENT"



West Coast loaded with heavy combat equipment, living on ships for countless days packed like sardines, all a sacrifice of his valuable time for a country he loved.

Summing it up, he had travelled half way around the world for this very moment. After the ravages of a battle in the Philippines, his hand was still unshaking as his victim lay prone and helpless before him. There was no mercy forthcoming, no quarter to be offered. This was what might be called unconditional surrender.

It had to be a clean quick job, the danger of ambush was always imminent. He realized this while cocking his piece. He stooped beast-like over his trembling victim, lining his sights for an accurate shot. He was saying to himself, "This is it!"

Then Regimental Dental Surgeon, Captain Arthur F. Zacher, contributed his part to the war effort by pulling his first tooth under combat conditions.

INVITATION ACCEPTED

(PRO) --When T/Sgt Leon H. Nunn, Central Point, Oregon, a Platoon Sgt in Major General J.L. Bradley's 96th "Deadeye" Division, extended an invitation to a bunch of Japs to join their ancestors, they immediately accepted. Nunn's outfit was 30 yds from the Japs near Meecham Ridge on Leyte. Concealed in the high kunai grass, they could hear the Japs jabbering away. "Yankee Pig" they would shout, or "Rats", or shriek "Kill American, kill, kill!"

Nunn, who had enough of this, stood up and yelled, "Come and get it, you yellow bellies!" As if responding to a signal, the Japs charged directly into the machine guns of Nunn and his men. The entire Jap platoon was wiped out with an estimated 30 Japs being killed.

Remember the good old days when silk stockings were within the reach of all?

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