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The Deadeye DISPATCH

"THE FOXHOLE'S FINEST"

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77TH LANDS AT PALOMPOM

NAZI OFFENSIVE VIRTUALLY HALTED

***Dec 26--American forces have counter-attacked the lower flank of the German breakthrough and have made two to four mile gains in Luxembourg. Supreme Allied Headquarters said that the ground situation was developing favorably for the first time since the Germans launched their offensive ten days ago. Shortening the news blackout to twenty four hours, Headquarters revealed that from Thursday to noon Saturday the Germans had gained no more than a mile at any one point. The Yanks have attacked the Germans on a twenty mile front driving wedges into the Nazi lines north of the city of Luxembourg and Martelange. Heavy fighting is raging 16 miles north of Stavelot was in error and that the Americans still held it in seasaw fighting. The Nazi thrust had gained them 40 miles inside Belgium before they were halted by Allied counter-attacks.

Thousands of Allied war planes took to the air to support ground troops in their effort to halt the Nazis. The RAF attacked Trier and Cologne. 3,500 tons of bombs were dropped on Cologne in five days alone this month. In daylight Sunday one of the greatest Allied air armadas, estimated at 4,000 planes, smashed at eleven German air bases in the Frankfurt area as well as supply dumps immediately behind the offensive bulge. In sky duals, the Nazis lost 125 planes against an Allied loss of 68. During Sunday's great daylight assault, Allied

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NEW AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT

***Dec 26--A late dispatch Monday night revealed that elements of the 77th Division have effected an amphibious landing at the Japanese supply port of Palompon. Palompon was the only open port left to General Yamashita's forces on Leyte after their loss of Ormoc. The capture of this port, so vital to the enemy, will seal him in completely without the faintest hope of escape.

During the recent inland advances on Palompon, American troops have captured a tremendous amount of enemy material, including hundreds of vehicles, trucks, tanks, heavy and light artillery and thousands of tons of ammunition and construction equipment.

The number of Japanese dead was mounting daily. During the last 24 hours 2640 dead were counted, making a total of 19000 killed in the last 11 days. While the deceased Sons of Heaven in the Leyte Campaign were approaching the 100,000 mark, Radio Tokyo was blaring forth the lame excuse that Leyte was no longer of strategic military importance. It was a large price in manpower to pay for an island of such "small strategic importance".

On Mindoro, the Japs were still a minus quantity. The reason for lack of

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96th Box Score of Good Japs.	
Previous total.....	7283
December 24.....	7
December 25.....	3
GRAND TOTAL.....	7293

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ground opposition could be one of many, but still remained obscure. Only in the air did they strike back at all, and then the attempts were costly. In harassing attacks on December 21, seven birds of the Rising Sun were sent crashing to earth by American ground and air opposition. Undoubtedly, Tokyo Rose, would soon announce that Mindoro could be of no possible value to the Japs.

SUPERFORTS RIP IWO JIMA

***Dec 26-- American Superfortresses, flying from Saipan bases, have bombed Iwo Jima island for the second time. For the past three weeks one of the heaviest and most continuous assaults in the history of aerial warfare has been directed at this tiny atoll, 750 miles from the Japanese homeland. The B-29's caused heavy explosions among military installations and all of the giant planes returned safely to their Saipan bases.

The steady pounding has weakened the will of the Jap defenders. Only slight anti-aircraft fire was encountered by the superforts and no enemy interceptors rose to meet them.

On December 8th Army and Navy bombers had combined with fleet surface vessels to strike heavy coordinated blows against this base. If the concussion could not be heard in Tokyo, the military repercussion could certainly be felt by the Japanese warlords.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM POPE

***Dec. 26-- Pope Pius, in his annual Christmas message to Christians throughout the world, declared that the Church would support a world organization dedicated to the provisions of peace. The Pontiff further stated that future aggressions should be stopped by such an organization.

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planes made more than 7,000 sorties. The Allied objective of the air strikes was destruction of German supply centers and airfields supporting the Nazi counter-attack.

Elsewhere, other American troops to the north made some gains on the Roer River front just below Duren. In the Saar Basin there was little change. The Germans were shelling the American Third Army heavily with artillery near Saarlautern. On the southern tip of the 450 mile battle line, the French First Army made some gains northwest of Colmar.

EAM'S STILL FIGHT IN ATHENS!

***Dec 26-- Fifteen to twenty thousand left wing EAM forces stormed and captured the rightist guerrilla stronghold around Ioannia in northwest Greece. Stiff fighting is also reported north of the Athens port of Pireau where British troops landed under plane and naval gun support. National guard detachments took control of south Athens, although brisk fighting still raged in the city's northern suburbs.

The left wing EAM forces challenged the right of the British to "require law and order" in Greece and demand establishment of Greek government "of common confidence" as prerequisite to laying down their arms. In answer to the British commander Lieut. General Scobie's demand that the EAM lay down their arms, the EAM's counter-demanded that all volunteer resistance groups be disarmed simultaneously. Greece may be liberated from the Germans, but the country is a long way from peace.

"Hubby!!!"

"Mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm-wwmf?"

"Hubby, wake up."

"Wassamatter, wassamater?"

"I heard a mouse squeak."

"What do you want me to do, get up and oil it?"

SPORTS

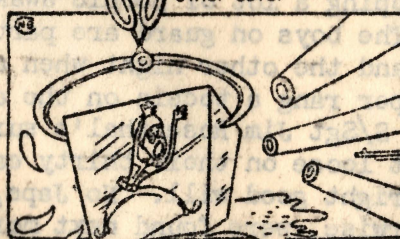
THE WEST COAST CASE

Pacific Coast baseball men are fed up with playing Santa Claus to the major leagues. They do not like losing their Buck Newsomes, Joe Di Maggios and Ted Williamses. They think postwar air travel may well lure some big-league club to pick up a Los Angeles franchise (The St. Louis Browns nibbled at it two years ago). Above all, they await the day when they can support a third big league of their own.

To put the West Coast case at the annual minor-league meeting, Clarence (Pants) Rowland, bellicose Pacific Coast League president, last week shuffled off to Buffalo. There he won support on two main issues: 1. henceforth the Pacific Coast and other AA leagues should get \$10,000 (a compromise figure) instead of \$7,500 when one of their players is drafted by a major-league club; 2. if & when the major leagues invade minor-league territory, the incumbent minor-league owners should get first crack at the major franchise. Not even energetic

LIFE SAVERS

It isn't healthy to keep firing too long from the same spot. Move over to another cover



If you're caught in the open by heavy fire don't freeze to the ground. Get out of the area as fast as possible.

Pants Rowland expected the resolutions to be approved at this week's major-league powwow; but he plainly intended that his P.C.L. would be heard from again.

GEOMETRIC GIANT

For as long as anyone can remember, Willie Hoppe (rhymes with sloppy) has been a synonym for billiards. When he was twelve, way back when Jim Jeffries ruled heavyweight boxing, Willie was the original boy wonder. The year after Ty Cobb broke into the majors, Willie Hoppe brought the world's 18.1 balkline championship home from Paris. Now 57, greying William Frederick Hoppe is not only the last of the sport giants, but goes right on being one. In only one respect has he slowed down; he no longer jogs around Manhattan's Central Park reservoir to keep in trim; he walks.

Defending his world's three-cushion championship in New York last week, Hoppe was jerking rather than punching through with his deft cue--and that was all but fatal in this most precise of billiard games. Once before he had battled a similar bugaboo that made him fidget around too long, taking aim. He conquered that by counting softly, "One, two three," shooting on three. This time, he relied on silent concentration.

After three wobbly games, Hoppe's cue began to find its proper voice. The fourth time up, he clicked off two runs of eight, set a tourney mark by bagging the required 50 points in only 20 innings. Once he had found himself, even the lingering aftereffects of amoebic dysentery, picked up on a Central American tour, could not keep him from making the most difficult of shots---such as a six-cushion carom with the object balls frozen on the rail.

Willie Hoppe has earned an average of \$15,000 for 38 years in prizes and exhibition fees.

BUDAPEST GARRISON PRACTICALLY TRAPPED

***Dec 26--Red Army troops swept twenty-five miles around Budapest on the western side yesterday cutting the enemy's main escape route 14 miles from the Hungarian capital. The move virtually trapped the besieged Nazi Hungarian garrison. There is only a small break of 18 miles remaining until Budapest is completely encircled by the Red Army. Meanwhile, as two powerful Russian Armies pushed both sides of the Danube bend to within 98 miles of Vienna, another Russian force cut 17 miles inside Czechoslovakia.

AIRCRAFT LABORATORY.

Dec 26--The Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp. has announced plans for a \$524,000 aeronautical laboratory to be built at Lindbergh field on Pacific Highway during the winter and spring months. With the exception of pressurizing, the new building will provide facilities for testing models of all types from the largest bombers to the smallest fighter. The building will have a wind tunnel and there will be a model-testing section. Construction work is expected to be finished by May.



REMEMBER that "greeting" you got from your draft board? When a Jap youth is called up for military service, the commander of the company to which he will be assigned writes a letter, which says, in part: "Greetings to the Father and Elder Brother. We have learned that your son and brother will shortly experience the greatest joy and satisfaction possible to one of our nation by joining soon our sacred company. We congratulate you."

MACARTHUR'S HEAVY BOMBERS POUND LUZON

***Dec 26-- The giant Liberator bombers of General MacArthur's Air Force are in now carrying out raids on Luzon air fields in great force. For the second day in succession, the B-24's made a heavy surprise raid on Grace Field at Manila. A score of enemy planes were again caught off guard and before they could get off the ground, twenty-five Jap aircraft were smashed to pieces in fierce bombing and strafing runs.

The previous day, the Liberators had made a smashing raid during daylight hours on Clark Field at Manila and demolished 100 airplanes caught on the ground. Out of the masses of aircraft concentrated on the field at this time, 9 got into the air and 3 were promptly returned to the surrounding landscape by the guns of our bombing crews and the escort planes. The planes destroyed in these raids were probably freshly arrived to replace the huge plane losses the Japs have suffered in the last fourteen days. Combined Navy and Army air attacks have cost the enemy over 700 planes in the past two weeks.

In yesterday's attacks, one lone Navy Hellcat caught two Japanese planes about to land on a Luzon airfield and promptly destroyed them both. The Hellcat caught two Japanese planes about to land on a Luzon airfield and promptly destroyed them both. The Hellcat then continued its run, causing heavy damage to the field and starting large fires. Runways on Calangatan Field were also pounded with huge bomb loads and direct hits left deep craters in the field.

BRITISH DRIVE IN ITALY

***Dec 26-- British forces in northern Italy have moved out of their fortified positions under a heavy artillery barrage to drive back the Germans six miles from a village on the Bologna Highway. As American troops made local gains near Monte Belmonte south of Bologna, Canadian forces widened their front to five miles on the east bank of the Senio River north of Faenza.

Unit Reporters Column

NEWS FROM THE 381st.

Several days ago the first sergeant of the 763rd Light Tank Unit, attached to the Regiment, ordered one of his men to "Go out and dig us a good latrine, and make it deep." The downcast G.I. slowly picked up a shovel and moved toward the rear of their area with the air of a beaten man. He had been on many a detail that week. Finally he located a good spot and started digging. Ten minutes passed and he was nearing the end of his toilsome duty. He could have quit right there, but he decided that he might just as well stay out there as to return, for he knew that other details were awaiting him. So on he dug.---- "Clank, clank" his shovel hit some metal object. Finally there it was, a metal box. Our buddy quickly opened the box and lo and behold, there it was, the biggest prize he'd ever get in his remaining life. Two shiny pearl handled revolvers, Japanese officer's gloves and other clothing. Ten minutes later everybody wanted to help our friend dig slit trenches and soon the place was one slit trench after another. Our down trodden G.I. was no longer blue, for his detail turned out to be a happy event.

In the grime and filth of war, one finds it necessary to take time off occasionally, and, in outlying areas where both blankets and Filipino women are scarce, the dogface is obliged to wash his own clothes. With this in mind, the first section of M Companie's mortar squad gathered its meager strength and proceeded with light step and dirty wash to a near-by stream. Finally they reached the cool refreshing water and soon after, all were in splashing around and having a great time. In the meantime, Pvt. Sherman Clemons, of Lankric, Ky., had roamed off a short distance and dug

a little hole. Glancing up he spied three Japs wading in the stream a few hundred yards ahead of him. He hurried back and spread the alarm. Excitement ran high as stark naked men grabbed for their soaking clothes. Soon all were ready to attack and in true Deadeye fashion the Japs were surrounded and one by one were picked off like rabbits. Net Result: Three good Japs and newly acquired attitude -- Let those armpits smell, we'll finish off those Japs first.

362nd FA BN

Greater love for his weapon hath no man than Cpl. Axton of C Btry 362nd FA Bn. When an air raid alarmsounded he ran down two other G.I.'s and did a 300 yard dash in the great fear that someone would beat him to his .50 caliber machine gun.

In the same melee, Capt. Lambert showed rare speed under the handicap of his home-made arm chair.----- The old question of whether a latrine makes a suitable fox-hole in an emergency is finally answered. All doubters are referred to S/Sgt Knowles of C Btry. His only comment, "It was plenty deep".

Divarty

The excitement of the past week has been keeping a lot of people awake around here. The boys on guard are particularly alert, and the other night when an unseen interloper rang a tocsin on the alarm system, S/Sgt Jim Rosenthal's survey section cut loose on their thirty calibre with a right good will. No Japs, good or otherwise, were found next morning, but one of the carabaos sojourning in the adjoining field now has a decided limp.

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brew	foam	stein
lager	beer	can

HE WHO HESITATES IS LOST--and we do mean beer! Your suds ration does not accumulate, if you fail to draw it on the appointed day, it was stated by Lt John J. Berry, Division PX Officer. The schedule for all DEADEYES is three cans every third day and this is how it must be drawn.

So when the brew is flowin, you'd better get goin, or you'll not only be a fearless DEADEYE but also a beerless one!

A NEW FAVORITE.

Chicago (ANS)--"Sweet Adeline" has been dropped as the theme song of the Barber Shop Quartet, and by other "better quartets" of the nation, according to Jimmy Doyle, director of the Chicago foursome which annually gives a concert at the Civic Opera House, just for "tone." Amateur quartets took the sweetness out of "Sweet Adeline" with their cracked voices and flat notes. As a result, the "real quartets," Doyle said, have adopted "I had a Dream, Dear" as their pincipal standby.

KNIFE SHORTAGE

(ANS)--About 12,000,000 pocket knives will be needed by members of the armed

"EXPLOSIVE KILLED THREE AND WOUNDED ANOTHER SIX"

Dec 24--At about 6 AM this day the people of Sn. Benito got a lamentable trouble in their area. An explosive of an unknown kind dropped from the air exploded on a group of men, killing instantly three civilians, namely, Nieves Tolones, Salome Solider and Simforose Endriano. Six others were wounded, and were immediately rushed to the PCAU-8 Med. Aid Station for treatment.

While the explosion of said explosive remains a mystery yet it is presumed that it might be a Jap hand-grenade thrown into the group of men by a Jap sniper. Many others from the place believed that it might have been an anti-aircraft bullet that did not explode in the air. Well, so much of whatever it might have been, I think this will make a good warning to civilians that going out very early morning from their houses or foxholes and not putting out lights during air-raid alarms is very dangerous.

(by Generoso B. Nuevas.)

forces during the first six months of 1945, according to estimates just made by the War Production Board.

The increased military requirement, the War Production Board warns, will drastically limit the civilian supply for the year 1945.