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# The Deadeye DISPATCH

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## NAZIS GAIN IN BELGIUM

### BRITISH AND EAMS TO ARBITRATE

\*\*\*Dec 28--In Athens Prime Minister Winston Churchill appealed for an end of Greek political strife at a meeting attended by representatives of warring Greek factions. The Prime Minister said that it is for the Greek population to decide whether they want a monarchy or a republic. He stated that British troops came to Greece with the approval of all Greeks including the now dissenting leftists. After the speech, Russian, French, and United States representatives left, and Greek factions entered into a conference. Even as the conference progresses, gunfire rattled through the ancient edifices of northern Athens. Both the British troops and the leftist forces, however, made an effort not to efface the Greek masterpieces which had withstood so many centuries of strife.

### LIBERATORS DEVASTATE CLARK FIELD

\*\*\*Dec 28--Clark Field, 50 miles northwest of Manila, was again visited by a large fleet of General MacArthur's heavy bombers on Christmas Day. The Japs made every effort to protect the vital base, but American fighter pilots proved their superiority and P-38 escort planes shot down 39 out of 50 enemy interceptors. The Liberator bombers succeeded in dropping 44 tons of  
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### BULGE IN ALLIED LINE GROWING

\*\*\*Dec 28--The German army, after a 48 hour lull, has consolidated its forces to move forward 11 miles in the Meuse River sector. Nazi forces are now four miles from the Meuse River south of Namur and fifty miles inside Belgium. Though the Germans have managed to move forward in the center of the breakthrough, the sides are still being held fast by Allied forces. By joining several of their spearheads into Belgium, the Germans have effected a 35 mile assault front across Belgium. The line of the Nazi counter-attack extends roughly from below Aachen on the north, to just above Luxembourg on the south. This line has been dangerously bent in the center, where American troops had to withdraw to keep from being trapped by closing German spearheads.

It was revealed by Allied Supreme Headquarters that German Field Marshal Von Rundstedt has thrown two full armies, the Fifth Panzer Army and the Seventh Army, as well as a possible third army into the breakthrough. At Bastogne, several thousand encircled Yanks are still holding out. An Allied relief column with ammunition and medical supplies is driving north to within four and one half miles of the city. The  
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<u>96th Box Score of Good Japs.</u>	
Previous total.....	7310
December 27.....	11
<b>GRAND TOTAL.....</b>	<b>7321</b>

NAZIS: (Cont'd from page 1)

Nazi offensive now emerges not as just a move to relieve pressure on the Aachen sector, but as a long-shot gamble to roll back the whole Belgium-Holland front. Supreme Allied Headquarters termed the attack as an all-out offensive. Gains now being made by the Nazis are accomplished only a terrific cost in men and equipment. During the current drive, 13,000 German prisoners were taken, and many thousands left dead. Since D-Day in Europe, the German army has lost 800,000 men as prisoners; this does not include casualties.

ALLIES WAGE FURIOUS AIR ASSAULT

Allied air power is now facing its great test and will decide whether planes can decisively influence the outcome of a furious land battle. Although weather was not as good Tuesday as before, swarms of Allied planes again smashed at German armor and troops along the entire battle area. By noon, the Ninth American air force had destroyed a dozen armored vehicles, 230 motor vehicles, and shot down twenty two German planes. 150 United States heavy bombers escorted by 300 fighters hit Coblenz without loss. Coblenz is a key German communications city built on the west bank of the Rhine and only 50 miles southeast of Cologne. There are 5 large bridges spanning the Rhine at Coblenz, over which pass men and materiel bound for the Aachen breakthrough. Just 20 miles north of Coblenz, Allied airforces also concentrated their might to hit Bonn, another supply concentration point.

From Italy, Allied heavy bombers crossed the Alps to hit German synthetic oil plants at Ohweicim in Poland and Blechhammer and Ordertail in Silesia. In the last four days of the Allied air assault, well over four hundred Nazi planes have been destroyed.

Junior is only three and he can spell his name backwards. . . .

Remarkable! What's his name? . . .

Otto!

PISTOL - PACKERS?

by - Pvt. John J. Archibald

Sort of an uncomfortable feeling, huh? I mean being pinned down by some infiltrating sniper only to find that you left your weapon back at your bivouac area. It has happened, you know.

It's often difficult to sell the idea of always carrying a weapon to a man who is seldom very close to the front, but one sniper can carry the "front", as far as you're concerned, to within a few yards of you. And his bullets fired in desperation are just as deadly as those fired at you when you hit the beach. You wouldn't have thought of coming in on A-Day without your arms, would you?

To aid the pistol-packin' Deadeyes campaign, General Hodge has put out a little "reminder". It goes something like this:

"In spite of repeated radio instructions and personal directives, personnel of this command are still observed travelling on roads without individual weapons."

Military police have been instructed to turn back to their bivouac areas all personnel found on the roads without their individual weapons."

That order is one reason why you should toss that rifle in your jeep before you drive off. But you should be able to think of a better one.

NO BREATHING SPELL FOR IWO JIMA!

\*\*\*Dec 28--For 18 days now American Air and Naval forces have poured tons of bombs and shells into tiny Iwo Jima Island, 750 miles south of Tokyo. As if in punishment for basing the raiders which harass Saipan airfields, the Japanese garrison there has received one of the heaviest bombardments per square mile in the history of modern warfare.

Following Sunday's combined air and naval strike, American bombers struck Monday at air strips and plane dispersal areas. Faint of heart and

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## GALS MUSCLE WAY TO STARDOM

HOLLYWOOD (ANS)--To become a feminine film star, as some 85 million fans know, one must bulge properly in certain sectors. The well-placed contour is as much a part of her stock-in-trade as a pretty face and the ability to speak her lines.

The girls know just where these ripples and bumps should appear, though; such spots as biceps and calves are definitely out of bounds. Hence many an aspiring glamour girl has avoided competitive sports because she's afraid of what muscular development might do to her looks -- and career.

But now, says Lee Mortimer in a recent article for the New York Sunday Mirror, it looks as if the Hollywood success of several girl athletes might alter this attitude toward sports for women. Most famous of the ladies whose picture jumped from the sports section to the theater pages, Mortimer points out, is Ester Williams, former national 100-yard freestyle swimming champion.

"In 1940, Billy Rose came out to California to select a swimmer for the west coast edition of his Aquacade," the writer recalled. "Ester, who was all set to enter the Olympics, joined the show instead when the Olympics were called off. The leg work in swimming did not ruin her for movies, because she is now a star. Esther's legs and figure held their own with bathing beauties of the hothouse variety."

Billy Rose knew what he was doing, of course. The star of his New York World's Fair Aquacade was Eleanor Holm, another superlative swimmer with all of the feminine attributes. She starred in the 1932 Olympics at Los Angeles, and seemed certain to repeat at Berlin in 1936 before being removed from the American team for infraction of training rules. Eleanor was mildly successful as Tarzan's jungle partner in one movie, but now contents herself with quieter life as Mrs. Billy Rose.

Franchon Davis, the red-headed bal-

lerina, was a life guard on the beach at Asbury Park, N.J. To help keep in condition, she worked strenuously on the parallel bars, and became one of New Jersey's gym athletes.

"Trapeze work is hardly conducive to soft feminine curves," Mortimer comments, "but it didn't hurt Franchon. An agent summering at the Jersey resort saw Franchon one day in a one-piece bathing suit. After that, the beach crowd's loss was the show business' gain. Resuming dancing lessons she had begun as a child she got placed with the San Francisco Ballet, went out on her own to star in night clubs across the country and finally gained a movie contract while appearing at the Glass Hat in New York.

Or take the case of Shelby Payne, Portland, Ore., debutante, who was an outstanding amateur horsewoman. Extensive riding is conceded to be healthful, but may cause bow-leggedness. Not in Shelby's case, though. Talent scouts caught her at a horse show, she signed a contract with Sam Goldwyn and filmgoers saw her for the first time alongside Danny Kaye in "Up in Arms."

Jinx Falkenburg should satisfy the Skeptics. Jinx is a big girl, all right, and got that way by playing big-time tennis. She's taken part in many west coast tournaments, including the prewar Southwest Pacific championships in Los Angeles. An unduly muscular wrist and forearm such as tennis sometimes develops might have spoiled the Falkenburg figure. They failed to appear.

Alice Marble, many times national net champion and a comely blonde in her own right, took a whirl at night club singing and reached the bargaining stage with studio agents. All agreed that her figure was no barrier.

For awhile, there was talk of a film try even for Mildred Burke, world's champion lady wrestler. Thus far, however, none of the grunt-and-groan gals has undertaken to play "Heavenly Body."

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LIBERATORS: (Cont'd from page 1)

explosives on Nabalacut Runway of Clark Field.

In Southern Luzon, other American planes hit Batangas Airdrome and one of our reconnaissance planes shot down an enemy transport off the west coast of the island.

American air sorties throughout the Southwest Pacific were accumulating a mighty score of enemy ships and installations. In new assaults on Borneo, patrol planes sank a 2,000 ton freighter, in the Moluccas medium and fighter bombers dropped 115 tons of explosives on three enemy held towns.

Admiral Halsey's Fast Carrier Attack Force now has a new striking partner far to the south. It is the British carrier force whose planes flew through bad weather to score direct bomb hits on Japanese installations on the island of Sumatra. The chief target for the RAF fliers was the port of Belawan on the east coast of Sumatra. Large fires were burning from ignited oil tanks and gasoline dumps. More aviation fuel, so precious to the Jap air force, was going up in flames.

Although the Americans were securely established on Leyte and Mindoro, Jap pilots made weak and ineffectual raids. Over Mindoro Sunday night, our ack ack gunners shot down one enemy plane while a PT boat claimed another on Christmas Day.

IWO JIMA: (Cont'd from Page Two)  
Weary after days of torturing bombardment, the Japs returned only meagre anti-aircraft fire.

Other planes in the Central Pacific hit Rota Island in the Mariannas and Babelthau in the Palaus.

But the Jap bombers again flew over Saipan that night - there were between 16 and 25 - and three of them were shot down by American fighters. A fourth was destroyed by anti-aircraft fire.

WANTED: A place to show her wares, by an antique lady with a Spanish chest and other odd things.

JAPS FEAR YANK SECRET RADIO WEAPON

\*\*\*Dec 28--From an intercepted radio dispatch of a Japanese war correspondent on Leyte to Domei News Agency in Tokyo, we get an insight into the battle as the enemy sees it. The correspondent apparently was at Ormoc during the American landing there. Said he, "The enemy is making much use of heavy trench mortars and radio arms. The trench mortars are of a caliber capable of creating craters measuring two to three meters." Then the verbose correspondent wrote something that will cause all American artillerymen to smile. He said, "Various radio arms are being employed by the enemy to train these guns on our positions. Small sounds such as crunching of boots or clinking of metal objects were picked up by enemy." It looks as if even the noise of a Jap's thoughts will cause our artillerymen to pepper his position.

Another American weapon that raised the Jap correspondents ire was our artillery liaison planes. "An enemy plane nicknamed 'Tombo' flies constantly above our heads. Manned by a crew of two or three, they leisurely cruised above us at a speed of only one hundred kilometers. Puffs of smoke let out from our side meant a hail of enemy trench mortar, for these observation planes flying above detecting smoke immediately relayed report to enemy artillery units. Whenever our radio operators send out communications, the enemy located our position and furious shelling began."

The deadly effectiveness of American longrange artillery is shown by the correspondent's next paragraph. "Another noteworthy feature of enemy tactics was the lavish employment of longrange guns on Ormoc spewing forth many shells. As a result, by mid-November Ormoc streets were reduced to rubble and part of wharf facilities destroyed." It is extremely doubtful if Tokyo readers will ever see this dispatch. But to the Japanese army leaders who do see it, there can be no doubt as to the beating the Japs have taken on Leyte.

## Unit Reporters Column

WITH THE 381st INF.CHRISTMAS DAY ON LEYTE

Christmas morning found no usual snow, instead we were presented with bright sunshine and tropical warmth. What apparently was going to be an uneventful Christmas turned out to be a rare occasion for the 381st Rear CP, something which we can all remember as representing the true old fashioned idea of Christmas.

While typing a letter home, there came through the open sides of the tent the strains of musical strings. Upon investigation we found a group of Filipinos, one with violin, another with something similar to a small bass viol, and two with banjo-like instruments. Their music basically has the rhythm of Castilian gypsy, moderate tempo but quite rhythmic. With them were some Filipinas, two of whom danced for us. Then, Little Joe, the mascot of the Medics, being an unabashed person, singled out Pvt Herrold, of Message Center, to dance with "the lady in red". Not being satisfied, Joe took it upon himself to double and triple his bid with Pvt Leszczynski, of the Medics, and the 381st Adjutant;--with this, the dance was enjoyed both by the participants and the spectators.

Then for variation, "the lady in red" sang us a Filipino song. And to continue the merriment, she then picked out her partners, picking up the pace, and really showing the boys how to dance.

Dave Housman, of S-1 Section, was then prompted to take the violin and render a solo, after which he went into "Roll out the Barrel" to the accompaniment of the rest of the ensemble, and the chorus of G.I. voices.

As an added attraction, Ramonda, one of the young women who visit us

each day (especially the motor pool), was prompted to sing--and for everyone's enjoyment and surprise, she sang "Maria Elena"--in American. To complement this, Morty Rappaport, of S-3, gave out with the climax of the occasion by singing "White Christmas".

Christmas, has brought to us, not only by our memories of home, but by these peaceful, sociable people, the true Spirit of Christmas. May the courtesies and feeling of these people of Leyte be honored and remembered by all those who were fortunate to witness and participate in this occasion.

Co "B", 381st Inf.

T/4 Forrest Jordan, Winfield, Kansas, cook of Company "B", "resigned" his position as first cook to go up to the front to act as a first scout in a rifle squad. Jordan had been first cook since the activation of the 96th Division, and since arrival on the Island had been helping supply the men at the front. He wanted to get into the fight, so on December 1st, Jordan joined a platoon and became a scout. On December 10th, he killed his first Jap and assisted in eliminating several more. Jordan has won the admiration of his buddies and now has acquired the title of "Killer Jordan". His work in the field makes me believe he has always been in the field instead of the kitchen.

by-Cpl Wm J. Platt.

CANNON CO, 383rd INF.

Each man in the organization received one filled stocking on Christmas morning. This Yuletide gift was a size 13 GI sock filled with cigarettes, candy, gum, matches, pipes, etc.

To add to this, little but tough Two Gun White, a 32 year old child from Texas, regained his slipping faith in Santa.

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OUR PROMISE

Like cowards they struck without warning,  
As only cowards can do;  
But an eye for an eye, we now promise,  
For we mean to see this thing through.

For each sorrow you bring us,  
For each drop of blood that is shed,  
You will find we'll return it with interest  
When you count your wounded and dead.

Bullets for bullet we promise,  
Shrapnels for shrapnel that fly,  
For each Yankee boy that is missing  
We promise that ten Japs will die.

For each ship you bomb you can gamble,  
If the Stars and Stripes on it wave;  
We will send two Jap ships for good measure,  
Down to a watery grave.

For misery and suffering we promise;  
That sorrow and tears we will give.  
Though you stabbed Uncle Sam without warning,  
You will regret it as long as you live.

Uncle Sam, he is quite slow to anger  
For always he tries to be right.  
But you can bet that he will start popping,  
For the Yanks now have started to fight.

You have boasted that you were so powerful  
You have strutted and tooted your horn,  
But the man who can whip Uncle Sammy  
As yet has never been born.  
T/5 Llowellyn Trent.

BUDAPEST ENCIRCLEMENT COMPLETE

\*\*\*Dec 28--The Hungarian capital has now been completely encircled by the Russians as the Red Army fought two miles into the city from the west. They have seized nine western suburbs of Budapest and penetrated the city at several points. The exact number of Nazis garrisoning Budapest is not known, but German resistance there was described as fierce. Twenty five miles to the west, Russian forces captured Csakvar, while other Red Army troops advanced in the north along the Czechoslovakian border. Another Russian prong is moving west in Slovakia towards Austria.

ALLIES GAIN IN BURMA

\*\*\*Dec 28--In Burma the Allies carved out new gains. They continued to advance along the main Schweigin Highway. For years, the painful Allied advances in Burma have received only cursory notice; now they are claiming more attention as the Chinese and British push ever closer to a junction with the Chunking forces in Central China.

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FIRST BATTALION, 382nd INFANTRY  
PRESENTS PURPLE HEART AWARDS  
(Lt R. M. Bush, Infantry.)

Under a rare, blue Leyte sky, studied with white billowy clouds, a very peaceful atmosphere prevailed as Major Charles W. Johnson's First Battalion, marched onto the Burauen Parade Field to the music of the 5th Air Force Headquarters Band, where, during a formal ceremony, members of his command wounded in action, were presented with the Purple Heart Medal, one of America's oldest, given to those who have shed their blood in the defense of their Country.

The peaceful atmosphere that prevailed was well deserved by these men, who have only recently returned from one of the longest periods of front line duty in the Pacific.

The ceremony was opened by Major Johnson, who stated he regretted that conditions did not permit a more formal ceremony at this time, and that the War Department would make the presentation of the Purple Heart Medal to the families of those who made the supreme sacrifice.

Following Major Johnson's remarks, Captain William R. McDonald, commanding Heavy Weapons Company, read the names of those who were killed in action. As the last name was read off, the Battalion stood rigidly at Present Arms as the low, sweet strains of Taps was sounded in tribute to these brave men.

Following this very impressive part of the ceremony, Major Johnson, assisted by Captain George W. Carter, Battalion Executive Officer, proceeded to the Company formations, where he presented the Purple Heart Medal to each member of the Battalion who was wounded in action.

The climax of the ceremony came when Maj. Johnson himself was presented the Purple Heart by Maj. C. E. Robinson, Commandant, Hq Sq, 5th AF, for wounds received shortly after assuming command of the First Battalion.

Following the presentation, the ceremony was concluded as the Battalion marched off to resume their tasks.

A MORNINGS WORK.  
(Pvt T. E. Callahan)

Hand to hand combat came to us again. The first platoon, plus the mortar squad, led by Lt. D. Brown were on patrol in the vicinity west of Buri. After moving about 500 yards from Buri, they spotted two Japs S/Sgt R. Rachal of the mortar squad accounted for one and a native guide got the other. Approximately 200 yards farther they found two more Nips under a shelter half, trying to keep dry, but were quickly annihilated by Pfc Bjorge, Rachal and the guide. 600 yards more and it was time for a breather. Stopping at the edge of a clearing, S/Sgt Schreffler noticed smoke coming out of a hut across the clearing. Lt Brown gave orders to surround the hut. About this time it stopped raining and one Jap stuck his head through a window and one came out the door. The platoon opened fire on the hut and when they closed-in there were three dead and one wounded. Pfc Allen, Company Aid Man, was called to give aid to the Jap. He was very peaceful while being treated, but he must have understood some of the remarks being passed and got mad and grabbed S/Sgt Jack West by the leg and bit him. West Didn't have his rifle at the time so he quickly subdued him with hand to hand tactics. The Jap got loose and ran, with Rachal hot in pursuit, using the butt of his rifle to drop him. Again they were going to bring him in alive, but he got hostile again, so Rachal added another good Jap to the score.

The Third Platoon got their share of Japs the 22nd. We were sent on a combat reconnaissance patrol of the village of Tambus, 4000 yards west of Burauen. Sensing activity in the village, Lt S. Terry, platoon leader, flanked the village on the left. We were taking a "ten" on the ridge above the village, and the second squad was sent to the front for security. Pfc John J. Houghton and this  
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OUR FORGOTTEN FIGHTERS  
By Pvt John J. Archibald

From wheels to heels overnight was the story of the 96th Rcn Tr. Throughout all their training they were strictly a fast rolling armored unit carrying as much fire-power as an entire battalion, but since A-Day they have been, except in a few instances, a troop of "cavalry doughfeet". But the Deadeye spirit of resourcefulness was deeply ingrained in them, and they soon had their patrols hiking through Leyte's mud and mountains almost as fast as in the "good old days" when they were mechanized instead of "muckanized".

They were the first unit to cross the mountains and arrive on the west coast ahead of the 7th Division. There they witnessed and reported the havoc and destruction wreaked upon Ormoc harbor by our air force when the port was still in Jap hands.

It was a Rcn patrol roaming into the hills past the Infantry's outposts that captured the first Jap Officer taken by the Division. That was in the early days of the operation, when prisoners were few and far between. The trip back with him was a weary one lasting several days, and with rations extremely limited, but the value of a captured officer was fully realized by Capt Bob O'Neill and his men and the effort was considered worthwhile.

Recently they have been giving more of their time to running a "Japanese OCS", in that they have been raising large numbers of Superior Privates to the rank of First Lieutenants, with their rifles and grease guns. Often their engagements are reported as infantry actions however, which only further obscures the fact that the 96th Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop was still very much at work.

Whenever someone thinks they saw Japs, Recon finds out.

Where angels fear to tread-----  
Recon has been!

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Sirs:

We have an argument which we would like you to settle. One of the fellows in our outfit, Pvt Thomas Bartkoski has discovered a new word in the English language. We would like to know whether he is a genius or as big a bull as we think he is; the word is subduction.

We would also like to know if Bing Crosby is recognized as a doctor of music, holding a full doctors degree recognized by all universities; not an honorary degree.

S/Sgt Werner Forsberg  
Pfc Max Rubin  
Pfc Dominick Nutile

SUBDUCTION:--Does not show in our Winston Dictionary, recently acquired from the I & E ship in the harbor while we were trying to get some USAFI forms for you guys.

SUBDUCTION:--Is the act of withdrawing and in mathematics of subtracting.

TO SUBDUE:--Is to do what we have done to the Japanese here.

BING CROSBY:--Has an honorary degree in music, as far as we know he has no other.

Any military questions?

A MORNINGS WORK: (Cont'd from page 7.)

writer heard some talking in the valley about 50 yards distant. The squad leader was called, and after confirming our suspicions, the platoon was brought up on line. We opened fire and Sgt A. Hall tossed a grenade. We moved in and found that three Japs had been sent to the "Land of the Rising Sun". Pfc Rodriguez, and the third squad moved to the right flank as security. Rodriguez picking off two more Japs. Houghton in the village got the sixth "good Jap".

After a mornings work we returned to our area to eat a hearty meal of C rations