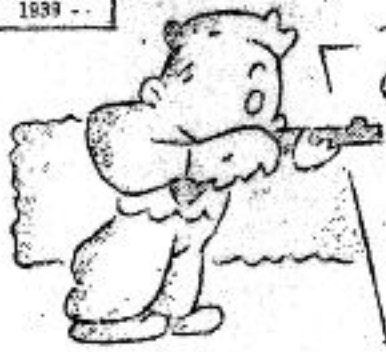


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NAVY FIGHTS AT ORMOC

***(AFRS)-Dec 5--General MacArthur announced that American naval vessels engaged three enemy warships, believed to be destroyers, as they entered Ormoc harbor. One Japanese destroyer was sunk. An American destroyer was sunk by what probably was a floating mine. Most of the crew of the sunken American destroyer was rescued. In this action, six enemy fighter planes were shot down. American naval units also sank a Japanese cargo ship and damaged another near Ormoc Bay off the west coast. Ormoc is the last port on Leyte controlled by the Japanese. The town is defended by shore

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4,000 PLANES BLAST REICH RAIL CENTERS.

***Dec 5--4,000 Allied planes opened an offensive yesterday to cut off the Saar and Ruhr industrial regions from the interior of Germany. Attacks were made on six separate railway centers near Cologne. If the large amounts of food and ammunition necessary to sustain the huge concentration of Nazis defending the city could be made unattainable, the task of the First and Ninth Armies would be easier.

All that the Allies can throw against the Nazis in men, tanks and planes is being committed to the Cologne drive. Latest dispatches indicate that the Ninth Army is driving the Nazis from Jurich on the Cologne Highway, where every yard gained has been costly in men and materials to both sides. During the bloody

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GREETINGS HOME FROM GEN. BRADLEY

"When I had the pleasure of addressing a word to you just before we left the States, I told you that I had not the slightest doubt as to how your men would acquit themselves in battle. How right I was!

"They have not a skilled, battle-wise enemy, and they have beaten him. They have not mud and rain which are beyond my power to describe, and they have conquered it. I cannot begin to express my admiration for them. To them, and to you who are giving them strength by your faith, I offer a soldier's salute.

"Inevitably, we have lost some of our comrades. Others have been hurt. To those of you whose men have made the ultimate sacrifice, nothing I can say can make up to you your sad loss. I know they would want you to carry on in the same way in which they gave their lives - bravely and proudly. I am sure you will.

"Our men - yours and mine - now are seasoned soldiers, poised and confident. Nothing can stop them, for they know they are on the road to Tokyo, and beyond Tokyo lies home."

J. L. Bradley
Major General, U.S.A.

NAVY FIGHT: (Cont'd from page one.)

batteries and nearby airfields.

In the air over Leyte, American fliers destroyed a jetty at Ormoc and set stores on fire. Other Allied airmen sunk a 1,000 ton enemy freighter north of Palonpon. Japanese air operations throughout the Leyte area are described as light.

Heavy tropical rains continue to hold Allied ground action on Leyte to a minimum. American infantrymen are clearing Japanese positions bypassed in the mountains east and south of Limon. In the heights west of Dagami, 96th doughboys continued to mop up a series of enemy strong points.

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PACIFIC AIR WAR.

***Dec 5--Throughout the Pacific area, American airmen have continued their Rural Free Delivery to outlying Japanese islands. This service is not only free, but fast and efficient. The right customer always gets the right package.

American bombers dropped 115 tons of explosives on two airdromes on Negros, and on another airfield at Cebu. Off northern Borneo, Allied patrol planes sunk two 1,000 ton enemy freighters as well as destroying five Japanese aircraft. American medium and light bombers struck Japanese airfields on Halmahera with 57 tons of explosives. Land-based American bombers on Saturday and Sunday heavily attacked air strips at Iwo Jima in the Kazans and Haha Jima in the Bonins. The Kazon Islands lie midway between the new Superfortress bases in the Mariannas and Tokyo. The Bonins are only 600 air miles from the Japanese capitol. Other American aviators destroyed an important ammunition dump on Babelthaupt in the Palaus. NOW air assaults were also directed against Pagan, Rota, Yap, Wake and New Guinea.

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Gypsy Rose dressed very thin
Gypsy Rose sat on a pin
Gypsy Rose.

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REICH RAIL: (Cont'd from page one.)

battle that has been fought on the muddy plain before the city, the Nazis have launched some of their fiercest counter-attacks since D-Day. Staking all on the defense of this wealthy region, they have drained other fronts and areas for men and supplies, and consumed both recklessly. More of both will be needed very soon and the Allies were bombing out of existence the very means of receiving them -- Germany's already battered railway system. At Oberhausen in the Ruhr, where British planes struck at vital rail objectives, no interceptors appeared to defend the target. Germany still had fighter planes, but dwindling gasoline supplies were precious.

The Third Army in Eastern France, beyond Strasbourg now, is crashing into the inner core of the Siegfried line defenses. Saarbrucken is only six miles ahead of General Patton's troops, who are advancing on the city along a twenty one mile front. Other elements of the Third Army, headed in the direction of Karlsruhe, are only nine miles from the German border. They too were aided by thousands of Allied heavy bombers and fighter planes which attacked Karlsruhe and Heilbrun. Together with the formations that attacked Cologne, more than 4,000 planes had pounded Germany in a single day. The Nazi air blitz of England in 1940 had been mild in comparison. Allied Air Chief, Ira Eaker, promised that such attacks would continue throughout the winter.

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Wish we had a fifth for bridge.
You don't need a fifth for
bridge, you dope.
Well then, make it a pint!

	B U Y	
Only		17
Sniping		Days
Till		Christmas
	S E A L S	

U.S. SUBS SINK 20 MORE JAP SHIPS

***Dec 5--United States submarines have again taken a heavy toll of Japan's already depleted shipping. In new actions, in the Pacific far-eastern waters, undersea craft have sent 20 Japanese vessels to the bottom, including one light cruiser, and a destroyer. The latest sinkings bring the total of Japanese vessels sunk since the start of the war to 878. Included also in the total of 20 recently sunk are 10 enemy medium cargo vessels, one medium tanker, four medium cargo transports and three small cargo vessels.

The Japanese government is beginning to realize the hard cold facts of reality. No longer can they gloss over their losses on land, sea, and air by blatant propaganda. Recent cabinet changes in Nippon's government have brought several new persons into the advisory body who are hard-headed industrialists. They are of conservative elder-statesman class. Unlike the radical militarists, they can see that Japan is losing the war because her industries are being destroyed and her imports curtailed.

This week the various Japanese government spokesmen have made pleas to the Japanese population to increase their war production. The Premier of Japan, in another of his speeches designed to awaken the Japanese public to a realization of the extent of American victories, said, "there are great numbers of Allied submarines patrolling the

seas and attacking our shipping between Japan and occupied areas. These attacks are becoming increasingly intense, and planes cannot be manufactured unless the materials to build them can be imported. Therefore, it cannot be an exaggeration to say that the key to Japan's fate rests upon transportation and supply."

Admiral Ernest King, Commanding General of the United States Fleet, said that American submarines and planes are cutting deeper and deeper into Japan's shipping. He also mentioned that our ships are moving unchallenged in Pacific waters.

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RED ARMY POISED FOR STRIKE AT AUSTRIA.

***Dec 5--At one point in Southwestern Hungary, the spearhead of the Red Army is only 64 miles from the Austrian border, while another advance column is 74 miles away. The Russians over-ran another 100 communities yesterday and killed 2,000 more Nazis and Hungarians. Large amounts of arms and supplies were abandoned by the fleeing Nazis and at the week's end, the Soviets had captured 3,000 more prisoners. Vienna was now only 122 miles away.

Together with Marshal Tito's partisans, other Red Army units struck relentlessly against Nazis who still remained in Yugoslavia. The enemy has been expelled from most of the country, which was over-ran by Nazi panzer divisions early in the war.

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The British Navy drinks rum and the Jap Navy attacks to port.

MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff

HOW VARGAN ONE GO WITH THESE THINGS?



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EDITORIALTHE MONEY SITUATION

Many members of this Division, both enlisted men and Officers, have suddenly discovered they have far more money than needed for current expenses. What to do with this excess of pesos has become a problem both to GI Joe and the "Brass."

Some timely hints are being offered by the Division Technical Savings Officer.

First: WAR BONDS. This is a sore subject, but a little explanation may clarify why it was necessary to change the Bond Issue System as of 1 September, 1944.

Previous to that time a Class "B" Allotment (War Bonds) could be started by signing a request for deduction of pay for such bonds. Through error, carelessness or other causes, these deductions were not entered on pay vouchers and pay rolls, nor were the deductions made by the Finance Office. In one month the War Bond issuing office had issued several million dollars in bonds for which no collections had been made. From now on the Disbursing Officer paying you certifies to the bond issuing office each month the name and amount of deduction of each individual.

The base-echelon will be with us soon, we hope, and that will be the time to sign up for Bonds if you haven't done so. Remember you have three months' pay, less partial payments made, due you as of 30 November, 1944. The bonds you buy

will be dated back to September 1, 1944, and you will not have lost anything from not having them deducted before.

Let's save the Filipinos a minor inflation, and the possible creation of black markets.

Second: CLASS "E" ALLOTMENT. All married men should take advantage of the Class "E" deductions, and single men, too, as the best way of sending money home. Sending it otherwise burdens your APO, who need all of their time for getting your mail to you promptly.

Third: SOLDIER DEPOSITS. Why more GI's don't take advantage of this method of saving has been a source of wonderment to this writer, who, as a former GI, took advantage of 4% interest on his dollars. Do you know this rate of 4% per annum is higher than that paid by banks for savings? Every soldier in the DEAD-EYE Division should have a Soldier's Deposit Book in his possession, and watch his savings grow. And don't forget about the interest you get. The Commanding General has expressed his desire to see everyone save some money, especially now that we are on Foreign Service which gives us that extra 20%.

Finally. Think of the feeling you'll have when we get back East of the Golden Gate, and you have a sock full of "Fiducials" for the thousand-and-one things you will wish to buy when the present clothing-styles change and you are in mufti again. What about the ring you want to buy for the girl-friend, the new automobile (no jeeps please), the new fur-coat the little woman has wanted,

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GREW NEW UNDER-SECRETARY

*** (AFRS) Dec 5--President Roosevelt yesterday nominated Joseph Grew, former Ambassador to Japan, as Under-Secretary of State. Grew, who will serve under newly appointed Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius Jr., was serving as American Ambassador in Tokyo at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack.

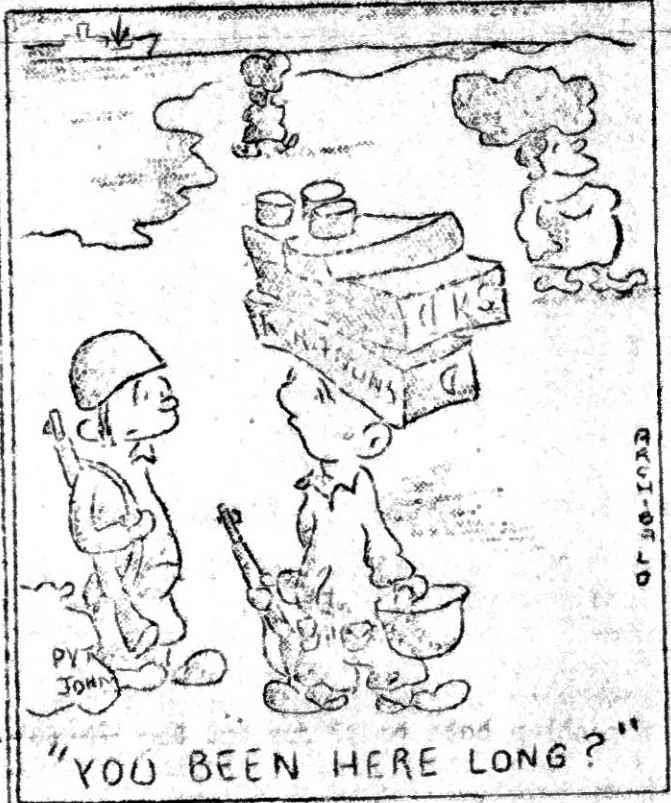
He has always been one of the most outspoken critics of Japan's foreign policy. Even before the outbreak of hostilities, Grew warned America of Japan's intentions in the Pacific, and of her generally hostile attitude toward the United States. His many years of diplomatic experience will be invaluable in dealing with the Japanese after the terms of unconditional surrender have been imposed.

Also nominated as Assistant Secretaries of State, were Nelson Rockefeller, Jr. and playwright Archibald MacLeish. Rockefeller has in recent years been active in furthering the good-neighbor policy with the nations of South America. Radio fans will remember Mr. MacLeish as one of the most brilliant poets and dramatists in America today. Many of his plays and dramatic readings have been presented over national radio networks. Before going into radio work, Mr. MacLeish served as Librarian of Congress.

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JAPANESE GAIN ON KWEICHOW

***(AFRS) Dec 5--The invading Japanese army continues to gain in it's drive to Kweichow Province in southeastern China. The latest enemy advance is in an area some 70 miles below Kweiyung, the capitol of Kweichow Province. This puts the Japanese within 7 miles of the Kwangsi-Kweichow railroad junction of Tushan. At Chungking, Generalissimo Chian-Kai-Shek said, "The present war situation is extremely difficult. We have called upon China to rally against the enemy." The leading newspaper in Chungking demanded editorially that President Chiang take over the active direction of Chinese troops on the Kweichow front. They also said that the Chinese government should



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be renovated from top to bottom, and that other officials than only members of the Kuomintang should have a voice in the government.

During the past two days, China-based American planes sank a Japanese gunboat and a large enemy freighter. The gunboat was sunk on the Yangtze River and the freighter in the South China Sea near Hong Kong. In northern Burma, Chinese forces captured an airstrip two miles outside of beleaguered Bhamo. This airstrip is already reported as being used by Allied planes. According to British dispatches there are now no Japanese troops remaining west of the Chindwin River in western Burma.

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UNITED STATES-- Carlos C. Romulo, Resident Commissioner of the Philippines, will address the American House of Representatives this week. His address, to be given on the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor, will cover progress on Leyte to date.

"SHOOT!"
 A Short-Short
 by
 Sal Riskin

From a distance came the ominous rumbling of the big guns--and overhead the continual whining of destructive, terrifying shells passing uncomfortably close.

Suddenly a green star cluster went up, throwing a grim eerie light over the barren clearing. Revealed in it's ghostly, brilliant glow, partly sheltered by a shell-ridden tree, was a group of nine still figures.

Eight of them formed a crude circle around the slight figure of the other. He was on his knees, head slightly bent, with one arm weirdly extended above his head. The white knuckles of his tightly clenched fist stood out grimly in the otherwise placid picture. The deathly stillness seemed to close in about him as he softly asked the help of the Gods.

His hand started to weave back and forth. Imperceptibly his lips were still twitching as in silent prayer. Though the night was cool, and the pale moon shining, the countless little beads of sweat stood out like pearls on his troubled brow. On the brows of the men assembled around him also.

"God", murmured one of the men, "how can he stand the suspense!"

The silence was suddenly shattered with a shrill "Shoot for chrissakes, shoot!" In return came the gruff voice of the Sergeant, "Shuddup and let him alone, willya!"

All eight pairs of eyes riveted themselves upon that one lone hand. Then it started on it's downward path. There was a noticeable catching of breaths as the eyes slowly followed it on it's fateful journey. Then, with a lunge, the arm shot down and forward, and there, right before their unbelieving eyes it lay--eight straight passes in a row!

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TWE POETS

LIGHT AND OTHERWISE
WE WRITE AND FLAGIARIZE

"THAT CERTAIN ONE"

In Hollywood, there's movie stars
From almost every land,
We call them pinups over here,
We think they're really grand.

There's Grable, Turner, Alice Faye,
There's Bergman and Lamour,
There's Hutton, Leslie, Martha Raye,
And many, many more.

They're photographed in bathing suits,
In gowns and negligees,
And then they're put in magazines
For us guys overseas.

We cut out those we like the best,
We make each one a pal,
We pin them up in our foxhole
To build up our morale.

That night we have them all alone,
But when at break of day,
We roll our pack, it's time to go,
We leave our pinups lay.

Why not, she's torn and crumpled up,
Her face is muddy too,
And there'll soon be more magazines
With pinups fresh and new.

But we all have a special one,
She's never been a star,
She's never been in magazines,
She's never traveled far.

She's never pinned up on the wall,
Whence wind can tear apart,
She's locked up in our pocketbook,
And pinned up in our heart.

At night we think we hear her talk,
We dream we hear her sing,
We'd long to be back home with her,
We'd give most anything.

She's waiting for us, sweet and true,
It isn't easy done,
When other girls, with boyfriends
Are having so much fun.

But she don't mind, she's glad to wait
Though she don't know, till when,
It can't be long, it may be soon,
We'll all be happy then.

And if the way should grow so dark,
We'd like to quit this war,
We'll think of her and fight like hell
'Cause she's worth fighting for!

Anonymous

POEM

There'll be an Army transport
Come to this hole someday
Take this gang of fighting men
To San Francisco Bay.

And when you're there in Frisco
And hear the people yell
You'll know you're back in heaven
For you've done your hitch in hell.

1st Sgt Walter Cendrowski
Company "C", 383rd Infantry
Pacific Grove, California.

DECISION

By O.H. Smith

We've come a wondrous journey
Along this road of love,
The sun has been ours by daytime
By night the stars above.
And now we stand at the crossroads
Where, dear, we needs must choose.
One road means to win you,
One road means to lose.
Decide! and I will not question,
It's not mine to defy,
Speak, if I must not follow,
Stay and I will not deny.

THE MONEY SITUATION (Cont'd)

that new furniture and the endless list of this and that's.

Now is the time to start building that nest egg for the future. In addition to being the best damn Division in the U.S. Army, let's also go home with the reputation of being the "Savigest". Let's get thar "fustest with the most-est".

MCK

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TOKYO GETTING AIR-RAID CONSCIOUS.

***Dec 5--Just after the latest B-29 raid on the Japanese capitol, Radio Tokyo announced that 39 more fire prevention roads are being built in Tokyo. Where the German capitol of Berlin has almost 50% of its area in park spaces, Tokyo has less than 20% open ground. Fires once started in the closely-packed Japanese cities will be hard to control.

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WHY DON'T THEY INVENT--

1. A one-piece mess kit.
2. A snowshoe for walking in the mud.
3. A raincoat that that would remain

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dry on the inside.

4. A rustproof rifle.
5. A typewriter that knows how to spell.
6. A dehydrated cow that you could add water to.
7. Airmail stamps that would stick only to an envelope.
8. A fountain-pen that doesn't run dry.
9. A comfortable portable foxhole.
10. For First Sergeants, a morning report that could be calculated in one motion on a slide-rule.
11. A puptent that doesn't leak.
12. An escalator for mountain-climbing.
13. Self-supplying automatic artillery.
14. Cigarette lighter that lights.
15. Something to end this war.

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"POEM"

There was a young lady from Natchez
Whose garments were covered with patches,
When someone asked why
She was quick to reply
"Men when I scratches, I scratches".

(Use form below for mailing; or send the copy in your next letter. Do not write on this paper if you send it without an envelope.)

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STAMP
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TO: _____

