

2 February 1945.

RESTRICTED
DEAD EYE DISPATCH

3.

JAPS GAIN: (Cont'd From Page Two)

Command officials said the invaders stormed into Kukong, provisional capital of Kwangtung Province. Japanese forces also captured Chenshien, eighty miles south of Hengyang. According to the Chinese, Japanese troops now hold all but twenty miles of the 658 mile Canton-Hankow line. The twenty miles lie inside the Hunan Province.

American fliers in China established a new record when they destroyed 152 locomotives operated by the Japanese during the week ended January 25th. Yank airmen also bagged 19 Japanese fighter planes, 22 bombers, and seven other aircraft during the week.

FDR ON WAY TO STALIN-CHURCHILL MEET

***Feb 1--President Roosevelt was sixty-three years old yesterday, but observance of the date was far overshadowed by his forthcoming meeting with Churchill and Stalin. His whereabouts were not disclosed, and the only message his family will get is an expected radiogram. This message will consist of the President's customary thanks to the Nation for the millions of dollars contributed annually on the occasion of his birthday to institutions fighting the disease of infantile paralysis. Mrs. Roosevelt is expected to read this note of thanks over the radio.

STARS BACK HENRY WALLACE

***Feb 1--In New York, Humphrey Bogart, Bette Davis, Miriam Hopkins and John Garfield, among others, appealed over the Mutual Radio Network for the Senate's confirmation of Henry Wallace as Secretary of Commerce. The broadcast was sponsored by the Independent Citizens' Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

Tom: Can I take you home? I love to take experienced girls home!
Sue: But I'm not an experienced girl.
Tom: Well you ain't home yet.

BOMB ITALY: (Cont'd. from Page Two)

front, Yank fliers were still doing heavy duty in the Mediterranean area. Yesterday medium bombers of the tactical air force attacked bridges and rail communications on the Brenner Pass Route. A large number of fighters and fighter-bombers also concentrated against rail facilities in the Po Valley. Additional targets there were dumps, factories and power stations. Still other planes attacked barracks and fortified buildings in the North Italian battle area.

With industrial northern Italy still in German hands, it is possible that the Nazis may retreat there to make a last stand. They would have the security of the Italian Alps and enough war factories to still offer limited resistance. So fanatical has been Nazi resistance in the past that this move would not be out of character for Hitler and his henchmen as a measure of desperation. It has been highly significant that the Germans have as yet pulled no large number of troops out of northern Italy to bolster their crumbling eastern front.

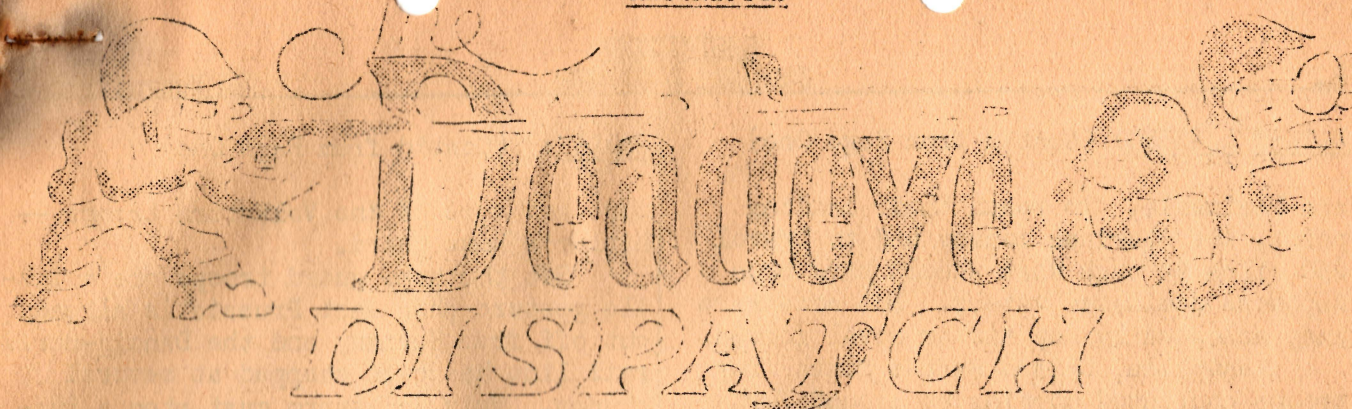


Before leaving on a patrol remove all unnecessary equipment. Anything that shines or rattles or can get caught on a wire or bush may prevent the success of your mission.



Successive patrols on the same mission should take different routes as the enemy often zeroes-in on the routes used before.

RESTRICTED



"THE FOXHOLE'S FINEST"

Fri. 2 February 1945. Published by 96th Div I&O-Tel Ext 75.

Vol 2 No 31.

BERLIN --- 63 MILES AWAY

NO OPPOSITION ON BATAAN LANDING

***Feb 1--A new United States Army has made its bow in the Pacific, the U. S. Eighth Army under Lieutenant General Robert Eichlberger. Forces of the Eighth Army made an amphibious landing north of the Bataan Peninsula without losing a single ship, plane, or man. In fact, hardly a shot was fired. General MacArthur's communique said that the 38th Infantry Division and element of the 24th Division landed on Zambales coast in sector from San Ferandisco to San Antonio. The enemy was taken completely by surprise, as American doughfeet exploited their beachhead to drive inland eleven miles. Yank infantrymen went through the town of Marcelino and its airfields to Castillejos which is eleven miles beyond the beachhead.

Filipinos on the shore of Subic Bay had the Stars and Stripes flying so clearly that the naval commander of the landing, Rear Admiral Struble, called off the customary softening-up bombardment before landing. He was assured that there were no Japanese ashore and had not been for a long time. Enough American troops went ashore to fight a major operation on Bataan.

MacArthur's communique said, "This operation is calculated to give us the great Subic Bay base to threaten the western flank of enemy forces on the central plain and seal off Bataan." This landing will also prevent Japanese in the Clark Field area from falling back onto the Bat- (Cont'd. on Page Two)

KEY CITY FALLS TO ZHUKOV'S FORCES

***Feb 1--In a giant stride across the frozen approaches to Berlin, the Reds stormed Landsberg, 63 miles from the Reich capital. Marshal Stalin, in announcing the capture of Landsberg, revealed the Red Army had established a battle line deep inside Brandenburg Province of which Berlin is the capital.

Marshal Zhukov swung his superheavy "breakthrough" tanks into the German line of fortifications, widening gaping holes, while his armored spearheads drove on through the breaches in the line to seize the road north before the Germans could regroup their shattered front line units.

On the second day of the Red Army's breakthru into Brandenburg and Pomerania, the battle is still raging at full fury. The Soviets have now merged their original breaches in Hitler's defense line into an almost solid front on German soil, paving the way for the final advance on Stettin, Frankfurt and Berlin.

Anything and everything is being thrown into the last lap of the race for Berlin. Zhukov's infantry troops are piling into captured German lorries as well as harnessing horses to farm carts laden down with ammunition and other supplies. The pace set by the Russian tanks is being challenged by motorized storm troops, which are racing to seize key points ahead of the main line of advance. Meanwhile, the deplorable lack of German reserves is shown by the appearance of (Cont'd. on Page Two)

2 February 1945.

Published as the official news organ of Major General J. L. Bradley's 96th Div, by the I&E Office, G-3 Section, Tuesday through Saturday. First published on 4 Nov 44. We receive Camp Newspaper Service material, and use the facilities of Army News Service. Republication of credited materials is prohibited without permission of the originating service.

STAFF: Office Mgr: Sgt Joseph P. Bartoszek; News Editors: T/4 Sid Meyer and T/4 Joe Hannasch; Writer and artist: Pvt John J. Archibald; Sportswriter: Pvt Leo G. Reeder; Reproduction: T/4 Leland Shankland (12th SS Co.); Distribution Mgr: T/5 William L. Eubank; Education Ed: T/4 James F. Koon; News Agents and Distribution Mgrs: Cpl R. Drechsler-381st Inf; Pvt Jack Gordon-382nd Inf; T/5 J. Murphy-383rd Inf; T/5 N. Hotton-Divarty. OFFICER IN CHARGE: Capt D. W. Millsaps, Jr.

MEMORIAM

At 1000 Sunday, 28 January 1945, beneath a dull grey sky, the 3rd Battalion of the 383rd Infantry stood in formation to pay tribute to their fallen comrades. As a mist fell, Chaplain Haltom opened the ceremony by leading the battalion in prayer. The prayer was followed by the singing of "America", led by Cpl Edward J. Lynch.

The men shifted their feet in the mud as the intensity of the mist increased to rain. Chaplain Haltom then read the 8th Psalm in memory and tribute to those who fell in battle. The men stood at ease, in silence, while Lt Col Edward W. Stare delivered his memorial speech in stirring tribute to the men who "hallowed this ground with their very life's blood", stating that, "though these men are now lost, they shall always be with us as shining examples of courage and self-sacrifice in our struggle toward the final and ultimate victory".

The names of those who gave their lives were read by Major Kenny W. Erickson with the battalion at present arms, while in the background Taps was sounded and echoed throughout the mountains above Campagal. The Chaplains benediction concluded the sombre yet inspiring ceremony.

DEMOCRACY IN ARGENTINA

Latin American countries used to be notorious for their curtailment of Democratic liberties. But that was long ago and these countries are now functioning to a larger extent by the will of the people, that is, all of them except Argentina. Argentina, it appears, is striving not towards democracy, but from it. Little by little, she has encroached upon those prime liberties of free people, free press and speech, much in the manner of a dictatorship form of government.

For example, in Buenos Aires, all cabinet members recently signed a decree outlawing all strikes in any government enterprise, and in private industry after the government declared such strikes illegal. There is, however, a more important clause in this decree. It also provides a stiff penalty for dissemination of false or other news likely to disturb order, or propaganda for any doctrine providing for violent change in the State's present constitution. Under this decree, the people and press are bound to silence should they want to complain about any of the policies of their government. It provides a means whereby the Argentine government can lift the privilege of free press or speech in any instances it sees fit.

2 February 1945

BATAAN LANDING: (Cont'd from Page One)

aan Peninsula. To reach their landing point, the American convoy had to travel 650 miles through what should have been Japanese dominated waters. Not once were they molested by Jap air or naval forces.

Meanwhile, United States Sixth Army troops continued mopping up around Fort Stotsenberg in the Clark Field Area. American troops on the left flank drove forward seven miles southwestward from San Quintin. At the forward point of the Sixth Army's salient, infantry patrols were well in advance and to the flanks of San Fernando. The main body of Yank troops continued their advance down the narrow corridor leading to Manila.

CARRIER PLANES HIT OKINAWA-RYUKYUS

***Feb 1--From Admiral McCain's carrier force flagship off Okinawa comes a radio dispatch telling of another carrier plane strike at the Ryukyu's. Completing a two week sweep along the 2,000 enemy supply line, McCain's fliers took off from pitching seas through a rain-drenched fog. Visibility was limited to a few hundred feet. For more than four days the sun and stars were blotted out by heavy weather. Navigation was completed by depth soundings of reef and shoals. When the sun finally came out, the armada was only seven miles off its true course.

Carrier-based planes damaged 119 ships strafed airfields, demolished hangars, destroyed 27 planes and damaged 41. United States naval forces in their daring assault reached closer to the Japanese homeland with each strike. The Ryukyu Island Group is a mere 163 miles south of the Japanese mainland. Admiral Nimitz also announced yesterday that Iwo Island in the Volcanos was hit Monday with 40 tons of bombs.

JAPS GAIN ON CHINA COAST

***Feb 1--The Japanese offensive designed to close the vital Canton-Hankow Railway rolled into new territory. Chinese High (Cont'd. on Page Three)

BERLIN: (Cont'd from Page One)

more and more of the Volksturm troops -- Hitler's home guard.

But the home guard troops are a futile gesture when East Prussia is already cut off from Germany and the Danzig-Berlin rail line has been chopped at several places. This Volksturm must stem a Russian Army which advanced 250 miles in three weeks and is still going strong.

YANKS STORM SIEGFRIED LINE

***Feb 1--A Special correspondent at Field Marshal Montgomery's headquarters revealed that United States Army forces have launched a new attack against the buffers of the Siegfried line north of Monschau.

The forces pushing the assault are the American First and Third Armies. They are hammering Germany's west wall on a 40 mile front and have actually penetrated German soil at three points. In gains of three to four miles they crossed the headwaters of the Roer River.

There was a noticeable stiffening of German opposition in some sectors of the First and Third Army drives although German artillery was noticeably lacking. Tanks supported the American infantrymen as they crossed the snow-covered lands of Germany proper.

A steady stream of German prisoners poured out of the pill boxes of the Siegfried Line. 500 Nazis were captured by the American 78th Division alone.

In Southern Alsace, American troops pushed east and south in their drive to outflank German held Colmar. The French in this same area captured Wittenheim, Northwest of Mulhouse. German opposition against the French was ferocious.

In the north, Canadian and British forces eliminated the last Germans holding out on the Maas Island bridgehead, north of Tilburg in Holland.

YANKS BOMB NORTHERN ITALY

***Feb 1--While sensational developments hugged the spotlight on the European (Cont'd. on Page Three)

NEWS FROM HOME

Sante Fe, N.M.--Governor J. J. Dempsey, in his inaugural address New Year's day, called upon the federal government, communities, business and industry to join the state in providing "worth while and dignified jobs" for returning soldiers, said he would ask the legislature to enact a law to give veterans the preference in public employment.

The Governor said his second administration would be occupied chiefly with postwar planning and would continue the building up of a fund for postwar projects. He advocated a statewide survey to ascertain opportunities for small business, especially for discharged servicemen.

A public reception at La Fonda followed the inauguration at the capitol, but the traditional inaugural ball was omitted.

Tulsa, Okla--For two hours Enlo Gilmore and Fred McMurtry paraded through Tulsa streets dressed in Nazi uniforms complete with swastika -- and were never challenged. "We even visited the military police barracks and took pictures," the youths related, "and nobody even looked twice." Gilmore, a 20-year-old discharged sailor who took part in the invasion of France, said that only three persons -- all civilians -- showed any interest. "Two of them were girls who whistled at us," he said, "and the other was a man who asked us where we were from. When we told him we were Norwegians, he wished us luck."

VALENTINE SPECIAL CALL

In the Valentine issue of the FEATURES we intend to publish one or more of the best of the Deadeye's Valentines photographs. Do you have a good photograph of your Valentine? Send it addressed to Editor, DEADEYE FEATURES, 96th Div I&EO with your name, organization and home address and her name and address right away.

We will try to return all photographs in the condition we receive them but accept no responsibility for them. The ones we actually print may be trimmed slightly but we shall try to return even those.

The time is short. If you are going to send us a print do it today. The selections must be made by Sunday.

Philadelphia Pa--The problem of getting her five-year-old son home in time for dinner has just been solved by Mrs. A. W. Cohen. She simply pins this note on his coat: "Please send me home at five o'clock." Works like a charm, too.

Los Angeles, Cal--Gag-loving movieland was at its gaggiest best with film stars and name bands showing up in the editorial department of a local paper, and with punch and hors d'oeuvres served by the home economics editor after the master-of ceremonies had cut the red ribbon across the flower-decked doorway. The celebration -- the dedication of a newer and betterMen's Room!

MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff



SON OF THE BEACH



Unit Reporters Column

THE DEADEYE DISPATCH
APO 96

DEAR EDITOR:

Here is an account of an incident you may want to publish even though it occurred a few weeks ago. Let me say for the section that the DEADEYE is really appreciated by those of us who have spent most of our time here, at the front.

PYTHON REFUSED AID BY MEDICS.

Our battalion had just moved into a new area which needed a great deal of machete work. The aid tent was already in place and S/Sgt Ruckman was giving it the once over prior to beginning medical treatments. He was surprised to no end to see that our first patient was a large python which had already inched a part of its huge body under the tent. S/Sgt Ruckman was really between the devil and the deep blue sea. His first impulses were to call in a squad of his non-combatants, but the thought of all those broken bottles, which would more than likely result, put an end to that plan. Just then one of our recent replacements Pvt Arthur Hilty came along and noticed Mr. Python (sex determined later) and with one blow of his machete he caused the reptile to tie himself into a death knot. Later it was put on exhibition danglin from an arched coconut trunk.

Lt Cook, our MAC, who has an eagle eye for good souvenirs, skinned the beautifully patterned snake and plans to send the dried covering to the States as soon as convenient.

T/5 Henry G. Kreider
3rd Bn Med, 381st Inf.

Fashion Note:

Black garters will be worn out of reverence to those who have passed beyond.

NEW RECREATION IN D COMPANY

Lack of recreational facilities has brought about some ingenious new sports, n notable among which is that fascinating ma game called "SPREAD THE GRAVEL." This exciting sport is played by two teams of equal size. Each man is equipped with a helmet liner. At the starting whistle, each participant runs to the gravel pile, fills his helmet with good gravel (only cheaters use rocks) and then proceeds to carry it to the nearest mud hole and dumps it. He then returns to the gravel pile, refills his helmet and again goes to a mud hole and dumps it. He then returns to ghe gravel...etc. Once you catch on it's easy and can provide hours of wholesome, refreshing entertainment. The team that carries the least gravel in the most time is acclaimed the winner. (Our game department may have some more suggestions next week, so be sure to tune in.)

--- HEADLINER
383rd Inf

AMMUNITION IS FOOD?

Christmas packages are often full of surprises, but Sgt. Elmer Wicks of Div Hq decided that his folks had carried the spirit just a little too far last night. After hacking through a maze of ropes and strings he opened the box and looked inside.

There sitting between a can of sardines and a box of hard candy lay an odd shaped cylinder marked "Hand Grenade, M-42. Al"! Being a battle-toughened fighter by now, he calmly reached in and withdrew the menacing object. But instead of the usual black cover there were the green and yellow hues of the Krispy-Krunch Peanut Co. Evidently someone is taking this "reconversion" idea a little too seriously.

JJA

Every woman likes to be taken with a grain of assault.