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# The Deadeye DISPATCH

"THE FOXHOLE'S FINEST"

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## LUZON BEACHHEAD SECURE

### HALSEY'S PLANES SEEK OUT SUICIDE PILOTS.

\*\*\*Jan 10--In the three days preceding the landing on Luzon, our carrier planes alone destroyed 262 enemy planes and 73 surface ships. A vast air and naval force had hammered Lingayen Gulf before the ground troops went ashore. The American Seventh Fleet and an Australian naval squadron are under the command of Admiral Kinkaid, who figured prominently in the naval battle of the Philippines. While the Seventh Fleet gave direct support to the landings, Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet lent coordinated support, which could only mean that his carrier planes were on the prowl for everything from a Betty to a Zero. Lt Gen Kenney commands the Army Air Force assisting the operation.

### YANK FLIERS COMB FORMOSA, OKINAWA

\*\*\*Jan 10--Admiral Nimitz announced new raids over Formosa, Okinawa and neighboring islands on Tuesday. Carrier planes in these attacks destroyed or damaged thirty-one Japanese planes and encountered no aerial opposition. The Navy Fliers also sent fourteen enemy ships to the bottom and mused up seventeen others. These reports are still incomplete and further reports will undoubtedly reveal more Japanese tonnage on the ocean floor.

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### LUZON CONVOY WORLD'S LARGEST.

\*\*\*Jan 10--Luzon Island was invaded by the largest convoy in the world's history, it was revealed in General MacArthur's latest communique. Some 700 to 800 vessels, spearheaded by a large force of battleships, carriers, cruisers and destroyers took part in the mammoth amphibious operation. The huge armada was 70 miles long.

Doughfeet of General Krueger's Sixth Army hit the beaches of Lingayen Gulf, slightly more than 100 miles north of Manila and established four beach heads against light Japanese opposition. Taken by surprise, the Jap defenders were blasted out of their beach fortresses by continuously firing naval guns and aerial bombardment. So fierce was the inferno that the Japs were unable to inflict more than negligible losses on our troops.

During the first day, the Yanks secured their beach-heads, took all objectives and pushed beyond. Already, huge quantities of troops, ammunition and other supplies were pouring ashore on the fifteen mile beach-head. These were the same beaches where the Japanese landed in December 1941, as they invaded the Philippines shortly after the Pearl Harbor attack.

Within two hours after the first troops hit the beaches, General MacArthur was back on the island. The famous phrase "I shall return", was fulfilled in all its implications, for it was on Southern Luzon at Bataan, that MacArthur made his last

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stand against the Japs three years ago.

New reports cannot over-emphasize the heroic part played by the air arm in softening up the invasion. Our planes repeatedly intercepted the desperate attempts of Jap pilots to crash into the ships of our invasion convoy. 79 of the Jap airmen were shot down and the Nips also lost two destroyers, a midget submarine and many small harbor craft.

In spite of all the air power they could throw at our convoy (there were naval losses), thousands of American troops were securely established on Luzon. MacArthur declared that we are now in the enemy's rear and that the main Jap reinforcement and supply lines to the Philippines have been cut. The Japs will have to fight the most decisive battle of the Asiatic war with resources now on the island.

GERMAN-BELGIAN BULGE REDUCED

\*\*\*Jan 10--The present snow and bitter cold weather in the United States also reached across the Atlantic to chill doughboys on the western front. American and German armies clashed together enveloped in a continuing blizzard which hampered friend and foe, tanks and mechanized vehicles. But weather-wise Allied doughfeet on the north side of the Belgian bulge whittled off another mile of the German salient. Americans are within a mile of the important supply road hub of Laroche. Paris Radio reports that a large tank battle has broken out three miles northwest of Laroche. The Nazi bulge between Laroche and the southern tip has been pinched to nine miles across.

East of Laroche, Americans were pushing south through drifts four to five feet to cut the Germans last main escape route which runs from Douffalize northeast to St. Vith. The Allies are still four miles from this vital road, but if their advance continues unchecked, they will reach it northeast of Douffalize. To the north, the British Second Army hammering the western nose of the salient pushed the Germans back for the second day. They report light

opposition with the Nazis withdrawing nearly a mile south of the Hotton-Marche sector. The Germans have increased their pressure in the Alsace region and are shelling Strasbourg with heavy artillery from the east bank of the Rhine.

Omar Bradley, United States 12th Army Group Commander, said that the German loss in prisoners and casualties during their present drive has been so serious as to affect the course of the war on the western front. He pointed out, however, that the Germans are by no means on the verge of collapse. An American staff officer has stated that along the thirty mile flank of the Ardennes salient, the Nazis are definitely on the defensive.

Severe blizzards again kept Allied air armadas grounded except for three forces of RAF Mosquitos and Beaufighters which carried out sweeps of the Norwegian fjords. They destroyed five German vessels off Norway during these sweeps.

U.S. ARMY RAILROAD UNITS ACTIVE.

\*\*\*Jan 10--Correspondents in France have been applauding the outstanding efforts of the U.S. Army Railroad units working just behind the front lines. When the Nazis retreated through France, they left behind them a wrecked transportation system; at least 3,000 bridges were destroyed, steel rails were ripped up and twisted out of shape, telegraph lines tore down, and rolling stock left wrecked along the right-of-way. Yet, due to the fast work of Yank railroaders, the first train was in operation two days after the southern France landing.

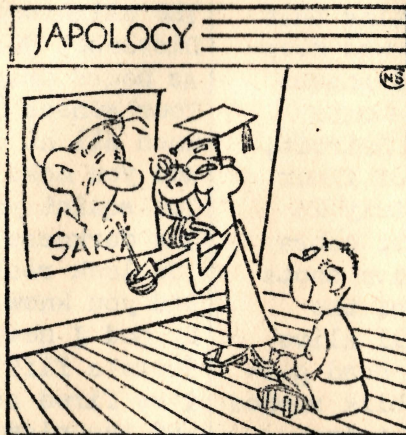
Many of these trainmen in khaki were recruited out of civilian jobs to fill the same position in a special Army railroad unit. The railroad units includes everything necessary to run a railroad, from engines to brakemen and telegraphers. These rail veterans succeeded in transporting thousands of tons of food, ammo, and supplies from the shores of southern France to the men fighting on the German border. Thousands of French rail workers are now helping Americans operate railroads throughout France.

## SPORTS

The undefeated University of Kentucky basketball team walloped Arkansas State 75-6, for their tenth straight win. The Wildcats used second stringers most of the way. Alex Groza, brilliant center on Kentucky's team, has a brother in the Deadeye Division. He is Lou Groza, of the 321st Medics, former football player for Ohio State.....Sammy Snead, who has been burning up the links ever since he was discharged from the Navy, won the 72 hole Los Angeles Open yesterday with a two under par 283. The long hitter from Hot Springs, Va. came from behind to overtake Byron Nelson, Johnny Revolta, Ray Mangrum and Sam Byrd. It was Snead's third victory in the five tournaments played so far in the winter season and put him way out in front as 1945 money winner. He won 2600 dollars in war bonds in this tournament.

.....Hard-hitting lightweight, Ike Williams, pummeled Willie Joyce all over the ring the other night in Philly for a 12 round decision. It was a bout between a slugger and a boxer and the slugger won. Williams floored Joyce twice in the second round. The victory won Williams a bout with Juan Zurita, National Boxing Association

Lightweight champ, tentatively set for April.....Glenn Davis, Army's fleet back, received the Walter Camp trophy as the outstanding college football player of the year. Leroy Zimmerman, Philadelphia Eagles back, was selected as the outstanding pro player of the year by the Touchdown Club.. ..In an exciting game in Madison Square Garden the other night, the New York Rangers and the last place Chicago Blackhawks played a scoreless tie. This was the first National League game in many years in which neither team scored a goal.....Wimbledon will have its first tennis tourney since the war began, some time in June.



THE Jap soldier knows more about you than you know about him. For years he has been studying the American soldier, in preparation for the day when he would meet the Yank in battle. Many Japs even speak English while very few Americans can speak Japanese.

## FILM HIGHLIGHTS OF 1944

In an annual film poll, movie critics all over the nation voted Bing Crosby as giving the best performance of the year in "Going My Way." Jennifer Jones, on the female side, snagged the best woman's performance award with her characterization of "Song of Bernadette." Other best male star performers were Spencer Tracy in "A Guy Named Joe"; Gary Cooper in the "Story of Dr. Wassel"; and Frederick March in "Adventures of Mark Twain". Runners-up for the feminine stars were Ingrid Bergman in "Gaslight"; Greer Garson in "Madame Curie"; and Bette Davis in "Mr. Sheffington".

Going from the actors to the movies themselves, the New York Times has again listed the motion pictures of merit produced in 1944. First upon their list is "Destination Tokyo", starring Cary Grant and John Garfield in a tale of Pacific submarine warfare. "Miracle of Morgan's Creek" came next for the Outstanding Achievement award.

Another war story on the list was "Purple Heart" which eulogizes the American fliers who bombed Tokyo.

Nationally acclaimed for its homey qualities

was the story of two lovable priests in a poor New York parish, "Going My Way", starring Bing Crosby. Also mentioned was the biographical sketch, "Wilson", which is about our Chief Executive of the last world war. "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo", an MGM production, came in for special mention.

Hollywood--Judy Garland and her director, Vincent Minnelli, plan to marry next fall. He is 32 and has not been previously married; Judy is 22, but was divorced last June from her husband, Dave Rose.

## SUPER-FORTS BREAK TOKYO LULL

\*\*\*Jan 11--Tokyo again felt the weight of Saipan based B-29's, last Tuesday. A substantial force of the Superfortresses blasted the Japanese capital for the first time in two weeks. The Nips said there were 60 of them, but it is likely that many more participated in the raid.

The giant bombers concentrated on the Tokyo industrial district and nearby targets on Honshu Island, including the Yokohama district. As usual, the Japanese press talked down the results of the raid. It claimed the damage was negligible and that the main attack had been preceded by three night flights of single B-29's which unloaded incendiaries on the Nagoya district. Accurate details of the damage incurred were forthcoming from the 21st Bomber Command at Saipan.

At approximately the same time as the Tokyo attack, another sizable force of B-29's struck at Formosa. These planes, which flew from China, knifed through heavy clouds and had to bomb by instrument so that results were unobserved. No fighter opposition or ack-ack was encountered and all of the super-forts returned safely to their bases.

## THAT ISN'T THE WAY TO GET TO HEAVEN!

Four United States Army enlisted men were convicted in Paris of looting supply trains and diverting cigars and other rations to the French black market. They drew prison terms ranging from 47 to 50 years in the first of a series of court-martial cases involving 122 EM and 2 Officers.

## NAZIS RENEW SUBMARINE ACTIVITY

\*\*\*Jan 11--Pres. Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill reported in a joint statement that German submarine warfare has flared into renewed activity during December. They said that this was another example that the European war is far from over. Allied losses of merchant ships have increased slightly, but the United Nations are continuing to supply our armies as before.

TOKYO SAYS: Yank Invasion Barges Are Destroyed; Americans Pour Ashore.

\*\*\*Jan 11-- On this significant day, when the Americans have returned to Luzon, it is only fair to hear what Tokyo has to say on the subject. Referring to our landing barges approaching the shore, Tokyo Radio reported: "It was a veritable funeral procession of enemy invasion troops. However, enemy barges that escaped destruction continued to push on toward the shore under severe ship and air bombardment."

Of course, the Japs didn't say who was making all that ship and air bombardment. Nor did they explain how this "funeral procession" kept right on walking and secured all their objectives the first day.

In summarizing the day's action, Radio Tokyo did make one significant statement which rings much more truly than their usual dribble. Said the Nipponese spokesman: "Thus, with the landing of the enemy invasion troops on the shores of Lingayen Bay, the curtain finally rose for the battle of decision that is to be fought on this highly strategic Luzon Island". Enough said.

## RUSSIANS HOLD HALF OF BUDAPEST

\*\*\*Jan 10--Moscow reports that Red Army troops have driven to within four miles of Kooarom, a communications center on the north bank of the Danube River 40 miles northwest of Budapest. Powerful Nazi counter-attacks aimed at relieving their Budapest garrison were repulsed by the Russians northwest of the city. Russian forces now control the major part of the smouldering rubble that once was Budapest.

## REPRESENTATIVE WANTS 4-Fs DRAFTED

Drafting of farm men and women as well as 4-Fs into an army of Farm Corps was proposed by Rep. Barcade of La. He offered the bill to create a new non-combatant branch made up of farm labor battalions. Rep Colmer of Miss, suggested a new "supply force" composed of 4-Fs and absentees. He wants such a force to be used at the President's discretion.

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## Unit Reporters

## NEWS FROM 382nd INF

It isn't as safe in Service Co, of 382nd Inf, as some may think. The other day about dusk Cpl Zedeblik of Chicago, Illinois, just finished cleaning his carbine. Setting it aside he reached for a bar of candy which was at the foot of his bed. His hand came in contact with what he thought was just a lizard. Withdrawing his hand he turned his flashlight on and there in the beam was a four foot cobra. The snake was making an attempt to escape, but was closed in by the mosquito net. T/4 Lamber of Huntington, West Virginia, picked up a carbine killing the cobra with one shot through the head. Knowing that cobras travel in pairs everyone was keeping his eyes peeled for the dead snakes mate. The following morning the mate showed up while S/Sgt Rayala of Detroit, Michigan was moving some sacks of flour in his tent, which is approximately 25 feet from the tent were the first cobra was killed. Sgt Rayala fired five shots putting holes in various parts of the snakes body. The snake was still alive and began to expand back of the head getting ready to strike. Cpl Zedeblik rushed over with his carbine. He shot twice. One shot hit the snake in the head. Result, dead cobra. We are now wondering if the second snake was really the mate of the first or if there are still two more around. Ad infinitum!

(By T/5 Kossak)

"FOXHOLE LAMENT"

It ain't the skeeters, singing,  
that makes me feel blue.  
In spite of all the red ants,  
I think that I'll pull through.  
But the thing that gets my nanny goat  
and causes all my woe,  
is sleeping in a foxhole half full of H<sub>2</sub>O.

I've slept on lumpy mattresses,  
I've slept on beds of Shucks,  
But none of them can quite compare  
with sleeping in the muck.

I crawl down in my foxhole and  
bail it out, but then,  
I know before the night is through,  
I'll bail it out again.  
(By-Pfc Wm D. Mullins-Co "A" 381)

GUARD DUTY

(By-George Green-96th Sig)

It's half past twelve, the guards on post,  
The nights as still as death,  
You're sitting there with anxious eyes,  
And forcing every breath.  
The shadows flutter through the trees,  
And everyones a fright,  
You imagine every form of life,  
In that darkest part of night,  
And warns you of attack,  
The slightest contact with the wire,  
Discloses just one fact.  
As hours drag on, your eyes grow tired,  
Your senses numb for sleep,  
When all at once, the trip wires hit,  
And you make a daship leap.  
You squint your eyes and look ahead,  
The darkness taunts your view,  
You look real close, yes there it is,  
And you know just what to do.  
My God I never dreamed of this,  
There's fifty Japs out there,  
I've fired at least a thousand rounds,  
And the place is pretty bare.  
Well anyway the Japs are dead,  
I've counted sixty three,  
As soon as sunlight hits the hills,  
Itts souvenirs for me.  
When sunlight does come o'er the hill,  
The first one out is you,  
To find your prize possession,  
Is but a carabao!

VISITOR: Doesn't this sloppy office de-  
tract from your writing?

REPORTER: Heck no, I write only trash  
anyway.

FINALLY!

I never saw a carabao.  
I never hope to see one.  
Because they look so much like Japs  
I don't know how there could be one..left.

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## VICIOUS RUMORS DON'T HELP

A few weeks ago considerable bitterness was felt by DEADEYES regarding a remark allegedly made by columnist Dorothy Thompson. She was quoted as saying that members of the 96th Division were so bloodthirsty that they should not be permitted to return to the States.

Lt. Dave Belman, Co C 383rd Inf, wrote of the reaction of the men upon hearing the rumor to a newspaper correspondent in the States who passed the word on to Miss Thompson. In the interests of destroying the rumor itself, as well as the idea that such reasoning is prevalent in the States, we reproduce a portion of Dorothy Thompson's statement in answer to this rumor.

"...Your friend is the victim of someone's (obviously Japanese!) vicious propaganda. The remarks I am quoted as having made about the 96th Division in the Philippine invasion were first attributed to me at the time of the Aleutian campaign. The story is precisely the same--that I had said our men (then in a certain other division) were so bloodthirsty they shouldn't be allowed to come home.

"I took the matter up then with the War Department who saw to it that a denial reached the Aleutian soldiers. But here, after months, it has turned up again.

"Please tell your friend that any American who dared to make a statement like the one attributed to me would be lynched! What newspaper would publish it or what network allow it to be broadcast? As for my even thinking it.... I have had a terrible loss in the heart of my family and I shall not know a moment's real happiness till the war is over and all our boys come home. What cruelty to spread among our men, in all their brave homesickness and physical misery the idea that an American is agitating people against them!"

Sincerely, Dorothy Thompson.

ELEANOR ASKS FOR NEW DISCHARGE BUTTON

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, long an advocate of better things for servicemen, has asked the War Department to design a new servicemen's discharge button. She said that honorably discharged veterans, just home from wounds barely healed, are being stopped by civilians wanting to know why they weren't in the Service. Mrs. Roosevelt believes that the small gold button which discharged vets now wear should be replaced with an insignia easily recognized.

NEW U.S. MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Sen. Elbert Thomas, a Democrat, was named Chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee. He succeeds former Senator Reynolds of North Carolina who did not seek re-election. Named to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee were Democrats Hatch, Hill, and Lucas, all supporters of Roosevelt in his dealings with other nations. Last week the GOP named Senators Bridges and Wiley to the Foreign Relations Committee.