



The Deadeye DISPATCH

EXTRA!! EXTRA!!

ALLIES START OFFENSIVE ON ALL FRONTS IN EUROPE

GERMAN BROADCASTS SAID THE LONG-WAITED RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE HAS BEGUN. BERLIN SAID THAT THE DRIVE HAD STARTED ALONG A BROAD FRONT IN SOUTHERN POLAND WEST OF THE VISTULA RIVER. AS IS USUALLY THE CASE IN THE FIRST DAYS OF A RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE, MOSCOW MADE NO COMMENT. AT THE PRESENT TIME, RUSSIAN FORCES IN POLAND STAND CLOSEST TO BERLIN AND FACE THE BEST TERRAIN FOR GETTING THERE. THE GERMANS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE RED ARMY HAS ALREADY MADE A PENETRATION OF THEIR LINES IN "EXTREMELY VIOLENT" FIGHTING.

THE BRITISH SECOND ARMY AND THE AMERICAN THIRD ARMY JOINED LINES TODAY. THEY LOPPED OFF ANOTHER SEVEN MILES OF THE ARDENNES SALIENT. GERMAN WITHDRAWAL IN THIS SECTOR CONTINUES.

IMPROVED WEATHER CONDITIONS HAS STIRRED THE ITALIAN FRONT INTO ACTION. SHARP PATROL ACTIONS WERE REPORTED.

ON THE AMERICAN SEVENTH'S FRONT, THE ENEMY RENEWED HIS ASSAULT TOWARDS STRASBOURG THROWING MORE AND MORE TANKS INTO THE BATTLE. SNOW, RAIN, AND FOG COVERED THE WESTERN FRONT SO THICKLY THAT NOT A SINGLE ALLIED AIR MISSION WAS ABLE TO TAKE OFF. FIRST ARMY TROOPS BETWEEN DECEMBER 16TH AND NOON YESTERDAY CAPTURED MORE THAN 18,000 NAZI PRISONERS. TOTAL CATCH MAY BE WELL OVER 30,000 GERMAN PRISONERS.

RESTRICTED
DEADEYE DISPATCH

"This is called infiltration," said the GI as he edged closer to her on the davenport. "This is called demolition," she said as the private hit the floor."

"I see the sergeant is gettin a double chin".
"Yeah, too much work for one, I guess."



Multiply your age by 2 and
add 5 to the result.
Multiply by 50.
Add the change in your pocket,
if less than a dollar.
Subtract the number of days _____

in a year—365.
Add 115 for good measure.
The two left-hand figures will
show your age.
The two right-hand figures will
show the change in your pocket.

BRITISH COMING BACK TO MANDALAY

***Jan 12--British troops in Burma could well sing "On the Road to Mandalay" for they are astride the main railway leading to the city and only 46 miles away. But the Tommies were probably too tired to sing when they entered the captured city of Shwebo. Other British forces were storming Budalin, 60 miles northwest of Mandalay.

JAPS IN PACIFIC GET LITTLE SLEEP

***Jan 12--American bombers pounded a half dozen Japanese bases in the Western and Northern Pacific Tuesday and Wednesday. Army Liberators hit Iwo Island in the Volcanos while B-24s from the Aleutians hammered Suribachi on Paramushiro in the Kurile chain. The regular milk runs were also made at Babelthaupt in the Palaus and the Marshalls. It's a hard life for the Nips on all these scattered islands. Day after day and week after week they catch our eggs. For months, there has been hardly one dayspress dispatches which did not tell of unloading tons of bombs on Jap bases all the way from Halmahera to the Marshalls.

CADRE DAYS AGAIN

***Jan 12--For most of us, the days of cadres are over, but there are still certain GI's being attached to new units. These units are echelons of the Chinese Army to which Yank training cadres are being attached in large numbers. Most of the GI's come from outfits that have already seen combat and will pass on the benefits of their experience to the Chinese troops in training. Major General Albert Wedemeyer, American commander in China, said the plan included the formation of air-ground support teams with representatives of the Fourteenth Air Force included.

Many a tight nut has been loosened by a small wench.

MORE STRINGENT LIGHTING RULES IN U.S.

***Jan 12--War Mobilization Director Byrnes took steps to prevent what he termed an impending coal shortage. He ordered widespread blackout of outdoor advertising lights and asked American people to hold their thermostats down to 68 degrees in homes and public buildings. Byrnes asked that all decorative lighting using electricity from coal supply be cut. The use of coal in the United States, according to Byrnes, must be cut by 24 million tons, although he hopes to avoid coal rationing.

In Washington, the U.S.S.R. Ambassador, Gromyko, was doing his desk work bundled up in an overcoat. Apparently the Soviet Embassy had used up all its present oil coupons and must wait until February 1st for new ones.

N.Y. GIRL WILL MARRY POW

***Jan 12--Nineteen year old Eva Caprari has announced her engagement to Corporal Delfino Rosatti. Rosatti is an Italian prisoner captured in Tunis and now interned at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. It may be a long engagement, however, because the War Department forbids marriage for war prisoners. But it's not a bad life at that.

LOST AND FOUND

When Pfc Gene Burns finally returned home after 28 months of overseas duty, he could not find his parents at his home in Burley, Idaho. He then discovered they had moved to Pocatello, Idaho, but inquiries there led him to Ogden, Utah. Still Burns couldn't locate his parents, so his only recourse was to return to his home at Burley.

Newsmen heard his tale and printed it in the local paper. Fortunately, Burns' parents were loyal readers of the hometown paper and were taking it by mail at Ogden. They saw his tale when they read the Burley paper and sent for him immediately.



"THE FOXHOLE'S FINEST"

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NINE LUZON TOWNS LIBERATED!CARRIER FORCE STRIKES ABOVE SINGAPORE.

***Jan 12--A brief communique from Admiral Nimitz' headquarters last night revealed that American carrier forces were attacking the Japanese off the French Indo-China coast. The terse communique said the attacks were centered between Saigon and Camranh Bay but did not indicate the targets.

Although the objectives of the carrier planes could be shore batteries and other coastal installations, it is highly probable that they were seeking out bigger bait. Units of the Japanese fleet are hiding off the Indo-China coast according to a United Press dispatch. The carrier attacks would serve the purpose of adding insult to injury after the Battle of the Philippine seas (October 24) and preventing them from making repairs.

Less than 700 miles to the south of the Saigon-Camranh Bay area lies the great naval base of Singapore, which was hit last Friday by our superfortresses. By this move, our naval forces are penetrating the last security haven of the Jap fleet. Although Halsey's fleet has been freely roaming the waters off the Japanese homeland and the North China coast, this is the first time that a Pacific fleet task force has gone into action so far south in the China Sea.

SOMETHING NEW-----WHAT?
WHEN-----SOON!

SIXTH ARMY 87 MILES FROM MANILA

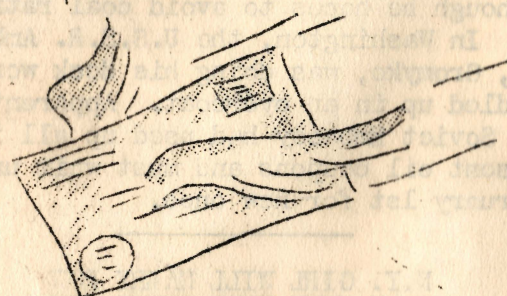
***Jan 13--On Luzon, the American Sixth Army spearhead is within 87 miles of Manila. Driving along a 25 mile front, the Yanks captured at least five more towns, making a total of nine taken so far. They now hold the terminal of the four main highways and a railroad leading to Manila. The maze of swamp country at the mouth of the Agno River has been avoided and our forces are across the river line where the Japs could have made a stand.

From the south gulf coast where the Yanks landed Tuesday, a network of highways fans out south and east into the central plains. Our troops are now in control of all these roads with the possible exception of the American left flank at San Fabian. That road curves through Pozorubia and it is there that the first heavy fighting is developing.

Planes of the Seventh Fleet provided close cover for the ground advance while land based Army bombers and fighters raked Jap targets all over the island. The intense American air activity over Luzon is one reason why the Japs have not marshalled their forces sooner for a stand. Military observers, however, are not underestimating the potentialities of the enemy and it is quite possible that Yamashita may cut loose with all he has at the opportune time. But all he has won't be quite enough and our Navy isn't going to let him add to his stockpile.

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HOW ABOUT THAT
LETTER HOME?



Letters from home have been often called "Five Minute Furloughs", but many GI's forget that although their folks don't have furloughs, a letter is every bit as precious to them. They too "sweat out" the mail man. When ships are few and our letters scarce, 15,000 voices go up in wailing protest, but when the letter carrier passes your Mom's door with no more to offer than a few words of comfort, there is no one to whom she can protest. The next time it's a choice of just loafing around or writing a short note home, remember that!

Letters from home have two main features--- morale building and informing. But many forget that some parts of their letters can often be of benefit to their buddies. Facts such as the name of the latest songs or dance styles, how the people in the States are solving the pin-boy shortage, or that a new airport is being built near the city, do not always come in over our regular news channels, but would nevertheless be of interest to the Division. Before you tell your unit reporter that there is "no news", consider that fact. What's interesting is not always new! (J.J.A.)

write now...right now...write now...right now..

NAZIS REINFORCE ITALY FROM NORWAY

***Jan 12--Snow and icy roads, mud and slush are restricting Allied operations in northern Italy. German troops from Norway are now believed to be fighting on the Italian front. This news came yesterday as Allied troops on the extreme eastern end of the Italian front captured a Nazi patrol which admitted they had recently been transferred from Norway. These Nazis are reinforcing their troops holding open the back-door escape route from Italy. German troops, if they withdraw from Italy, will try to move through the sector along the Reno River.

NAZIS INSIDE BUDAPEST "DESPERATE"

***Jan 12--The battle for Budapest is entering into its final phase. Outside the city German relief troops are making a last all-out effort to reach their besieged garrison. Needless to say, the Red Army has repulsed all Nazi efforts.

From inside the Nazi garrison comes a dramatic note which highlights the German hopelessness against holding out much longer. Moscow Radio announced that Red Army Signal Corps units have picked up a wireless radio message from the German commander of the Budapest garrison addressed to his superiors in Germany. Of his message we quote, "I am desperate and under constant threat of death and am doing all in my power to maintain contact with the Hungarian command. I have sent the Hungarian Premier an ultimatum demanding that he do something as it is impossible to hold out much longer."

BRITISH AND EAM'S BURY THE HATCHET

***Jan 12--From Athens comes word that Greek EAM's and the British government has signed a truce ending hostilities between each other. Previously, an agreement had been reached, but fighting flared up again to disrupt the truce.

WASHINGTON--Harry Truman of Missouri, will take office this month as new Vice Pres.

PATTON'S THIRD SMASHES AHEAD

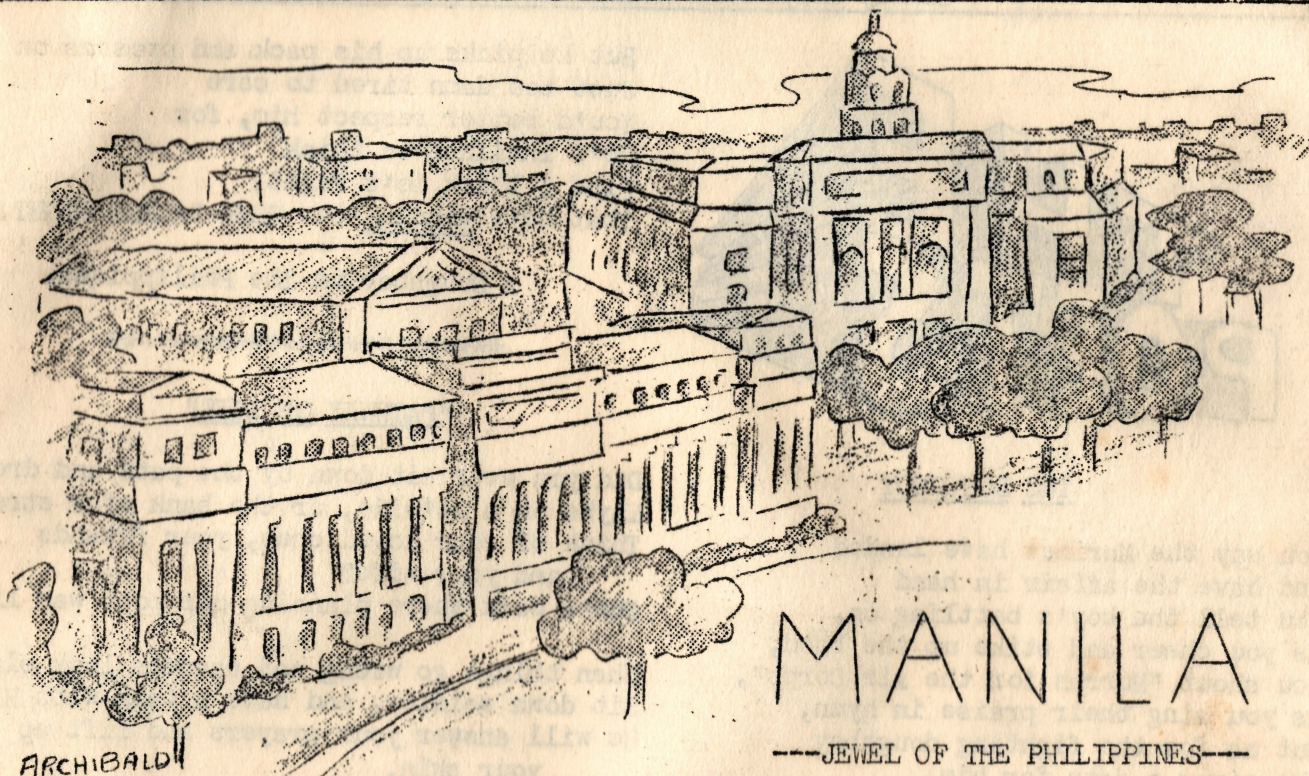
***Jan 12--On the western front's southern flank, General Patton's tough Third Army made a surprise stroke that sent thousands of Nazis back into the woods along the Luxembourg front. Yanks cut in half the powerful German box positions southeast of Bastogne and narrowed the neck of the box to 2 miles in width. Southeast of Bastogne, the Third Army cut a German supply road in a one mile advance. Throughout the whole salient in this sector, advances up to four miles were gained. General Patton's boys have taken a dozen villages as well as several thousand Nazi prisoners.

Big news on the Ardennes sector is the Allied capture of Laroche. Laroche was a German-held communications center on the northern flank. Surprisingly enough, the enemy withdrew from Laroche without much resistance. American armored cars entered the town Thursday morning and found the Nazi garrison gone. Right behind the tanks came the ever-necessary infantry to take and occupy the ground. Allied troops had been poised just outside the city for 48 hours the signal to enter.

British and American forces on the western tip of the 30 mile salient have forced the enemy to withdraw under continued Allied pressure. This Nazi withdrawal appears to be spreading, although the Germans are withdrawing in an orderly fashion. American forces east of Laroche advanced another 1,000 yards while British troops were finding more resistance from mine fields than from German troops.

On the Alsace sector, the American 7th Army is encountering stiffer German resistance. A German attack was reported south of Bitche, while other Nazi units are 10 miles south of Allied-held Strasbourg. In a recent withdrawal of the American Seventh, they gave up 14 miles along the west bank of the Rhine from Berg to Kauffenhain.

Meanwhile, in Paris, the French War Minister Andre Diethelm said that by the end of Spring, France would have an army of 1,200,000 men equipped with latest American materiel.

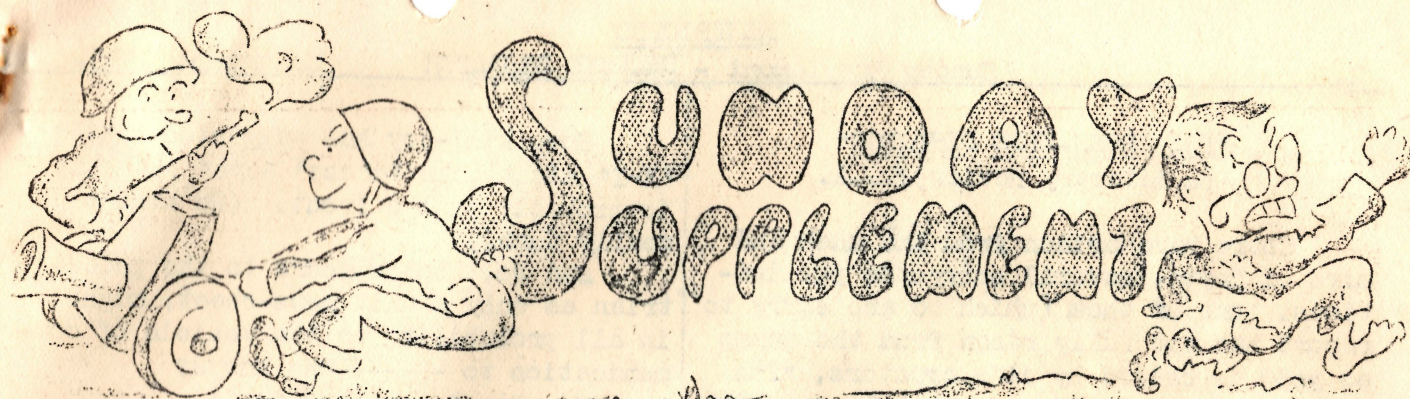


TO most Americans, Manila became well known only after Admiral Dewey sank the Spanish Fleet outside the city in May, 1898. But long before this battle and ever since, Manila has been the chief city of the Philippine Islands.

Like many another world capital, this modern city of 325 thousand population owes its growth to its geographical location. It faces Manila Bay on the west coast of Luzon, a large bay which is 35 miles in width and extends for thirty miles inland. Many navigable rivers flow into this bay, including the Pasig which flows through Manila. The entrance to Manila Bay is dominated by Corregidor Island, formerly a lighthouse location, and now famous as a site of heroic American courage.

The oldest part of Manila lies within its ancient walls on the south bank of the Pasig River. Here are located the government buildings, an observatory, a library, museums and a Cathedral. This section of Manila also contains the University of Manila, founded as Santo Tomas University in 1611. As universities go, this one is a grand-daddy; when Harvard, one of the earliest colleges in the United States was established, the University of Manila was already functioning for twenty-five years. Due to the influence of the Catholic Spanish missionaries, many schools and convents are scattered throughout the City.

Downtown Manila is as modern a spot as almost any city in the United States. As to size and population, it would compare somewhat to Rochester, New York. One can find American shops (before the Jap occupation of Manila on January 2, 1942), European, Japanese, and Chinese, complete with neon signs and all modern novelties. There is a good transportation system in Manila, as well as pure water and modern lighting. American progress in Philippine administration is largely responsible for these modern conveniences. A GI would doubtless find Manila a swell town in which to spend a three day pass, although USO's there are a bit scarce just now. (J.H.)



NEWS FROM HOLLYWOOD

(ANS)—The Hollywood Women's Press Club nominated swashbuckling Errol Flynn, dashing Fred MacMurray and mature Walter Pidgeon as the three least cooperative screen actors of the year—and Betty Grable, Lana Turner and Veronica Lake as the most uncooperative actresses. Sounds like a victory for private enterprise. The stars have done well in their world. And the Hollywood gentlemen of the press have aired no complaint. Maybe the ladies of the press need a lesson in individual initiative. Possibly they never heard of the old city editor who barked: "It's there — if you go after it!"

From blond actress Nina Foch, who is in the press club's "cooperative category", comes a slap at such as Charles Boyer, Flynn, Pidgeon, Van Johnson, and the "also rans." Nina complains that after a hard day's work in the Columbia Studio on the film, "A Song To Remember," she finds her evenings dull. "The Hollywood lover has no sex appeal because he gets his public and his private life confused," she argues "On the screen he knows he's going to get the girl. So in private life he expects to win with the same canned technique." And that's as provocative as going out with a wooden Indian." But worst of all," she adds, "is the perfume. A girl spends usually a big chunk on some perfume she thinks is going to be devastating. Then she goes out with somebody who's got just as much on, and usually the kind that out-smells hers." Well, Nina, if your friends won't tell you, that's BO (box-office) appeal.

For the record: Decca records claims Bing Crosby's recording of Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" has passed the two million mark in sales, to challenge the all-time record held by Gene Austin's recording of "My Blue Heaven" for Victor Recording Co...Swift speaking actor Lee Tracy is back in films in the familiar role of a newspaperman in "I'll tell the World,"—Actress Rita Hayworth underwent a Caesarean section to present husband Orson "Mars Man" Welles with a six-and-one half pound baby girl....Susan Hayward flunked in her first screen test. She was one of the many who tried for the part of Scarlett O'Hara in "Gone With The Wind." Too inexperienced, they said. Now she is starred in "And Now Tomorrow."

"Chicken Every Sunday," a comedy, is closing its Broadway run in favor of a country-wide tour. Barnstorming, no doubt. Lois Wilson, long a screen star, has the lead. The play opened last April.....Count Basie and band have begun a Lincoln Hotel booking. The count's swiny "One O'Clock Jump" is a favorite with Berlin-bound troops....Movie actor Pat O'Brien, actress Jinx Falkenburg and Ruth Carrell and party are back from a 47,000-mile tour in the Far Eastern War theater.....It happens in radio, too, Singer Jimmy Carroll found out. Jimmy was hauled out of the "STAR THEATER" CBS program chorus a year ago at the suggestion of soloist James Melton to substitute when Melton was stricken with laryngitis. Carroll is now baritone star of the Broadway hit, "Song of Norway".....

THE POETS

THE DOUGHBOY

You say the Marines have landed
And have the affair in hand
You tell the boy's battling on,
As you cheer and stike up the band,
You shout "Hurrah for the Air Corps",
As you sing their praise in hymn,
But as for the fighting doughboy
Who gives a damn for him.

To strafe and bomb from the Sea and Air
Will add a lot to the score,
But you can't hold a line with a B-29
And a battleship can't go ashore
So when planes run out of targets,
And the big guns cease to pound,
They send in the fighting doughboy
With orders to take the ground.

Crouched in a stinking burrow
He isn't a pretty sight
All covered with grime and maybe some blood
After a hectic night
But it is he who must go onward
on the roughest kind of a deal
To dig the enemy out of his hole
And knock him down with steel
His language is grim and luried
As he slogs through slimy loam
Or struggles on with an aching back,
And a pain in his heart for home.

The headlines scream that the Navy scored
And our planes have done it again
But the G.I. knows if it weren't for him
They'd be doing it all in vain
He's seen their blaze of glamour
and He's heard their trumpet blare

But he picks up his pack and presses on
Just too damn tired to care
You'd better respect him, for
He's inclined to think
(And I think he's right)
That he's winning our GOSH DAMNED FIGHT.

A Doughboy in The Philippines.

"PATHWAY OF LIFE"

Did you ever sit down by the path and dream,
Maybe on a Mt'side, or the bank of a stream?
Think of your loved ones, your friends
and your wife?
She's back there planning our post war life.

When things go wrong and chances look slim;
Sit down soldier, and have a talk with Him.
He will answer your prayers and lift up
your skin,
And make this a different world you're
Living in.

Will my life be changed when I come back?
Or will i carry on with the same
life's track.
When I sit down by my path and dream,
I can see myself in the sparkling stream.

I ask myself, "Have you done right
in the days gone by?"
My conscience answered, "No, why not try?"
You can't go on life shifting sand,
And be the happiest guy in this
wonderful land.

I look at myself in the murmuring pool,
And whisper to myself, "I've been a fool".
I am changing my life now, today,
So you see it helps to take time to pray.

I know we all look forward to going home,
Back across the Pacific and white sea foam,
Back to our homes and loved ones to stay.
So, kneel down by that path soldier,
and pray.

(Contributed by M. Garwood
Ser Co., 381st Inf.)

"THE CROSS-EYED DISPATCH"

-(A Literary Review) J.J.A.

There have arisen from the muck and mire of Leyte, several embryonic publications. One of them (which we are sorry to report has not fully risen from the swamp as yet) is called by it's creators, "The Cross-Eyed Dispatch". Completely overlooking the possible slur intended by its title because we of the Deadeye are extremely broadminded, we will proceed to give an entirely impartial and unbiased review of this product of the 921st FA.

On the front page we find an attractive reproduction of three bespectacled and bucktoothed characters astride a pole. Underneath them we find listed the names of the staff.

In a story on the G.I. Bill of Rights on page two we are pleased to see that the 921st, always eager to add to the culture of our nation, has added a new word to our language. They speak of the "onvial private". Whether this is the musically inclined lad from the famous "Envial Chorus" of not, is uncertain.

But something appearing on the last page arouses our suspicion, and we have sent the Dies Committee a rush telegram (collect), not to mention several base censors! At the top of the sheet--under the words "Cross-Eyed Dispatch" (ugh!), we find the letters "X-I" written twice! Perhaps it is only the intellectual doodling of some former ASP doing some wishful thinking, but somehow in these troubled times the thought of espionage just cannot be excluded from our minds. What or who is "X-I"? By reading the first letter of each line in the poem placed directly beneath this cryptic message, one will have the word "HNEIBPTAW"!!! Truly significant.

Now perhaps there is nothing to it and we are only wading to conclusions, but it is our opinion that a congressional investigation might uncover some remarkable facts. What further puts us on edge is the knowledge that CIC definitely knows that the 921st has been secretly receiving huge supplies of toilet paper.

Some kill-joy has suggested that "X-I" might mean "cross" "eye" but that is probably just a front. (We aren't really dumb.)

And so, what appears to the pedestrian as only a unit news-sheet, might in all probability be the vehicle of communication to -----who knows?
Mr. Dies! Are you dead!

TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT

A few weeks ago on a Take It or Leave It program, a contestant was sent to Holyoke, Massachusetts to dig up \$1,000 in buried treasure. However, the hunt took turn that the sponsors didn't foresee. Hearing over the radio where the treasure was buried, several quick-witted Holyoke citizens realized that buried treasure is public domain and hurried over to dig it up. Two of the citizens who were fastest with a shovel, found the \$1,000 and divided among themselves.

This week, Rudy Wickon, the chagrined contestant, finally got another \$1,000, but it was a task. As the radio gag continued, he at last got a clew and found half of a real thousand dollar bill in a safe. He was to find the other half on page thirteen of a book which would be mailed to him. Unknown to him, radio listeners had been asked to mail him books, to keep the gag going. Rudy and his family sweated out thousands of books. He found reams of confederate bills, German marks, and other worthless paper.

After looking through nearly 6,000 assorted books, he found the other half of the real thousand dollar bill. It was on page thirteen of a book entitled "Blood, Sweat, And Tears". All books will go to service men, and Rudy plans to buy a war bond for his two children.

Have you sent in to the DEAD EYE DISPATCH your opinion on Post War Compulsory Military Training? We have received some, but would like to have more ideas. The best will be printed in next Sunday's DEAD EYE DISPATCH.

AMPHIBIOUS CROSSINGS

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Natural barriers such as the English Channel and the Alps in Europe have always been the greatest obstacles to military expeditions. But they have been crossed, sometimes victoriously and sometimes in vain. Below are ten questions on historic crossings. Can you match them up with the names and dates in the right-hand column? A score of 8 or over is good, 5 to 7 fair; 4 or less and you must have crossed a history course--and lost. Answers inverted at bottom.

WHO

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|---|----------------------------------|
| 1. Crossed the Alps and won? | a. Julius Caesar, 49 B.C. |
| 2. Crossed the North Sea and lost? | b. Mohammed II, 1453 |
| 3. Crossed the Hellespont and won? | c. Santa Anna, 1836 |
| 4. Crossed the Hellespont and lost? | d. William I, 1066 |
| 5. Crossed the Rubicon and won? | e. Xerxes, 480 B.C. |
| 6. Crossed the English Channel and won? | f. Napoleon, 1797 |
| 7. Crossed the Bosphorus and won? | g. Duke of Monmouth, 1685 |
| 8. Crossed the Rio Grande and won? | h. George Washington, 1776 |
| 9. Crossed the Rio Grande and lost? | i. Zachary Taylor, 1846 |
| 10. Crossed the Delaware and won? | j. Alexander the Great, 334 B.C. |

S. J. Sabin

Answers: 1-f, 2-g, 3-j, 4-c, 5-a, 6-d, 7-b, 8-i, 9-e, 10-h

96th Box Score of Good Japs.

As of Jan 7th	7469
Total for week of Jan 7-14.....	52
GRAND TOTAL.....	7521

ANS--After making a survey of GIs overseas and in the States, the war Dept has discovered that 500,000 of the 6,750,000 enlisted men now in the Army definitely plan to return to full-time college or other studies as soon as the war is over.

In addition, 300,000 other GIs are considering taking up their education on a full-time basis, but are either undecided at the present time or have conflicting plans about a job.

Another 1,200,000 GIs say they are thinking of attending some part-time school or college.

The Japs are looking at the war thru "Tokyo Rose" colored glasses.

ANS--Army cigarette purchases in 1944 will total 3,400,000,000 packs, says Col. Fred C. Foy, director of the Army Purchase Division. That's enough to furnish an average of 1.3 packs a day to each GI overseas, and seven-tenths of a pack to each serviceman in the States. Next year, Foy says, the total purchase will be 3,850,000,000 packs -- an increase of 450,000,000 over 1944.

Chicago, Ill--Emil Badtke, and his son, Sgt. David H. serving overseas, teamed up together to seal the GI's engagement with Miss Connie Graff. After David had proposed to Miss Graff by mail and had received a "yes" by letter, he wrote to his father, asking him to buy a ring for his girl and slip it on her finger. As proxy for his son, Mr. Badtke placed the engagement ring on Miss Graff's finger at a party.

SPORTS CHATTER

The sports world is crackling with tension and anxiety these days. With the restrictions of wartime edicts and the threat of still more stringent restrictions the whole question of wartime sports is approaching a climax. There are indications that War Mobilization Director James Byrnes will soon be asked to make a definite overall decision on what to do with wartime sports. Many complex problems have been brought before the Presidential Committee and Office of Defense Transportation now studying the ban on conventions and trade shows attended by more than fifty persons. A source in the Office of Defense Transportation said "If it reaches a point where complications can't be readily straightened out, we'll go to the White House for a decision on sports events". Many inquiries have been received by ODF as to whether basketball tournaments, track meets and such come under the ban on conventions. Professional gamblers always a menace to collegiate sports, were given a setback the other night in a game between CCNY and Syracuse in Madison Square Garden. Nat Holman, coach of CCNY, said he did not allow one of his players to attempt a last minute free throw last night because he wanted to foil the bookmakers, City College was a six to eight favorite to defeat Syracuse U., in the language of the bookmakers; if a person bet on City College he gave eight points, if he wagered on Syracuse he received six points on an even money basis. Bill Levine, of City College, was fouled with only seconds to go and with City College leading 48-42. If Levine chalked up the added point the City College would have been seven points to the good and the bookmakers would have collected all bets. Instead, Holman ordered Levine to waive the free throw and his team took possession at midcourt, stalling until the gun, amid the cheers and boos of the crowd. Holman said, "Of course I knew what the odds were and

so did my kids. When it comes to the point that the betting fraternity runs basketball games, I want out." Another loss to baseball this week came when Clyde Shoun, the Cincinnati Reds lefthander, who pitched a no-hit game last May 15th against the Boston Braves, left for the Navy. Last season was his tenth in the majors and he won 13 and lost 10. Shoun is married and the father of two children. The West Point football team was selected by the Helms foundation as the 1944 National Champions. Late basketball scores--American University swamped a weak Washington College five, 76-38; another lop-sided score was Navy's 70-33 win over Maryland; Columbia nosed out Princeton, 44-43; Villanova beat Franklin & Marshall in another close one, 39-37; little Muhlenberg College who started out the season hot enough to be considered for national honors, were beaten by Temple U. at Philadelphia 58-47; In Pittsburgh, Pitt downed Carnegie Tech in a cross-city game 59-45; University of Connecticut trounced Maine 69-41, Trenton beat Baltimore 51-25; in a low-scoring game Tennessee managed to beat Alabama 23-14; N. Dakota State defeated N. Dakota 58-45; the New Mexico Aggies had an easy time beating Hardin-Simmons 55-38. The Montreal Canadians regained a tie for first place in the National Hockey League with the New York Rangers. The Canadians overcame their Toronto jinx, defeating the Maple Leafs 7 to 4 with a five goal second period rally clinching the victory. The National Collegiate Athletic Association formally opened its 39th Annual Convention in Columbus, Ohio, yesterday. They were confronted with recommendations for several changes in the football rules, put forward by the football coaches who have been meeting for two days.