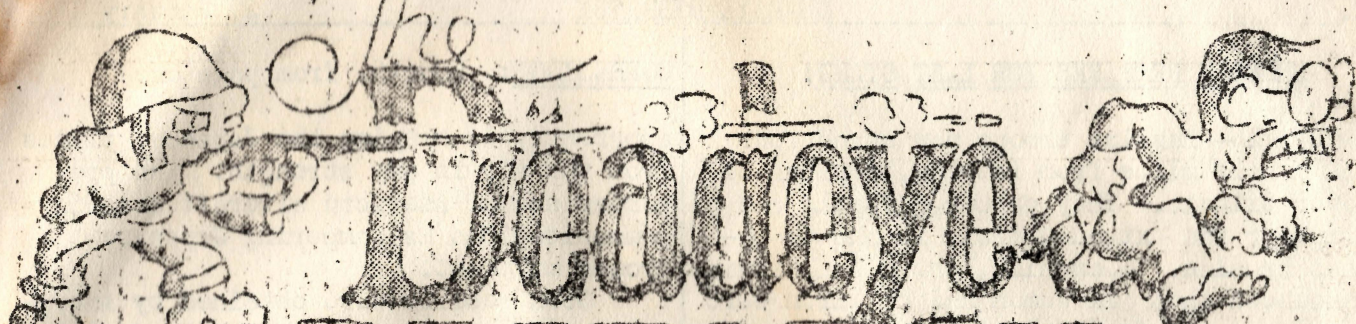


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## CLARK FIELD CAPTURED!

### FIRST CONCERT FOR DEADEYES

For fighting men who through the blood and muck of Leyte, have retained their appreciation of beautiful music, there will be a performance of professional quality this evening. A joint concert featuring Lt Michael Oden, nationally famous pianist, and the 96th Division Chorus will be held in the Division CP area at 7 o'clock.

Prior to coming overseas, Lt Oden conducted a series of war bond concerts on the west coast, with such stars as Marjorie Lawrence, Jose Iturbi, Dennis Morgan and Gordon Manley. While at the Special Service School at Washington and Lee University, he gave a formal piano recital with Eugene List, and in addition was the first to play in the revered "Lee Chapel" at that school.

In civilian life Lt Oden was Artist Teacher at the celebrated Catholic school, "Le College du Sacre Coeur", in Grand Coteau, Louisiana, and was musical director of the New Orleans Youth Movement. He acquired the degree of Bachelor of Music, and later studied at the Paris Conservatoire.

In selecting his numbers for the coming performance, Lt Oden's aim was to choose a group that would cause considerable comment by informed music lovers and surprise and interest from those G.I.'s who are, at best, only mildly curious about "long-haired stuff".

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### FORT STOTTSENBERG FALLS

\*\*\*Jan 26--According to a radio news flash just intercepted by the DEADEYE listening post, American troops on Luzon have taken Clark Field and nearby Fort Stottsenburg. Clark Field is a great airbase and is considered one of the largest prizes to be had in the Philippines. It is composed of 13 airstrips and was a major U.S. airbase three years ago before it was taken by the Japanese. American engineers, according to the report, were ready with their equipment, following behind the advancing doughfeet to begin work on Clark Field airstrips as soon as they were taken.

After taking Clark Field, American forces swept forward and have already captured the town of Angeles, five miles south.

### CORREGIDOR BOMBED

\*\*\*Jan 26--Corregidor Island, fortress gateway to Manila and scene of immortal American courage, was bombed when Yank airmen dropped 45 tons of explosives on it setting off large explosions and starting fires. Throughout Luzon, Allied fliers flew in close support of advancing ground troops. Baguio, the summer capital of the Philippines, was raided as were Subic and Dasol Bays on the west coast. An AP reporter said that lack of gasoline

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BRESLAU PREPARES FOR LAST STAND!

\*\*\*Jan 26--Russian troops now stand four and a half miles from Breslau, capital of Lower Silesia. They captured Oppeln and Iarpitar and extended their flanks to bypass Breslau. Meanwhile, the German radio announced that all women and children were being removed from the city and that every man in Breslau from 16 to 60 must fight in the Peoples' Army. Breslau was declared a fortress to be defended at all costs, even the mass slaughter of thousands of civilians who have been converted to soldiers at the last minute.

Although the Germans claimed the Soviets had sent tanks across the frozen Oder River before Breslau, and that those tanks had been wiped out, Moscow did not confirm this development. The latest Red communique stated that Marshal Ivan Konev's Army held a front of 50 miles on the east bank of the river. Marshal Stalin also announced the capture of Trachenberg, 24 miles northwest of Breslau and Rawicz, just over the border in Poland and 34 miles northwest of the city.

The Germans are rushing up reinforcements from the western front, even taking troops from opposite the British Second Army in Holland in a desperate attempt to stage a full scale stand on the Oder River. Hitler has given Home Front Commander Heinrich Himmler the job of stopping the rout on the Eastern Front. Himmler has gone to the battle front with others of Hitler's best Army commanders, it was revealed by a German Army newspaper. This is the first indication in several months that Hitler is exercising control over Himmler.

Marshal Rokossovky's First White Russian Army swept to within 25 miles of Posen, last Polish stronghold on the straightest road to Berlin. Posen was preparing for the same death stand as Breslau and the German radio announced that it was doubtful if any of its defenders would live to see a German victory.

While the southern Red armies lunged nearer to Berlin, the greatest trap of the war was snapping shut on 30 German divisions, trapped in East Prussia. Marshal  
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CORREGIDOR: (Cont't. from page one)

apparently is keeping the Japanese planes from the air in any strength. And preponderance of American aircraft strafing communications is hampering Japanese ground movement.

Good results were obtained by American Superfortresses which made a daylight attack yesterday on Iwo Jima, the enemy outer-defense island on the B-29 bomber run to Tokyo. The attack was made by an undisclosed number of the great bombers, all of which returned to their bases in the Mariannas Islands. It was the sixth superfort raid on Iwo this year. They blasted military installations without encountering any enemy interceptors which lately have been harassing our bombers on their visits over Tokyo.

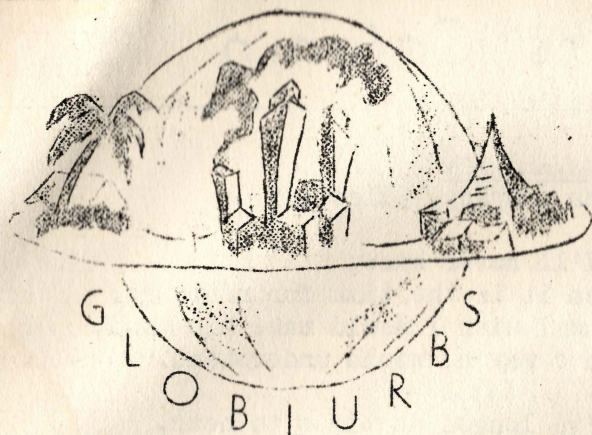
The third successive day of carrier plane attacks on Formosa and the Ryukyus on the Japanese air route to Luzon was reported by Radio Tokyo. There was no American confirmation.

NEW ALLIED LANDING ON BURMA COAST

\*\*\*Jan 26--In the battle for the Arakan coast in western Burma, British amphibious forces surprised the Japanese Wednesday and made their third new landing this month. A Reuters correspondent reported that British Commandos went ashore northeast of the Myebon Peninsula. They pushed inland, beating off strong Jap counter-attacks in the Kangaw area, which is northeast of the Myebon Peninsula. Earlier this month the Myebon Peninsula was invaded by British forces shortly after Allied occupation of Akyab. Last Sunday nearby Ramree Island was also invaded by British amphibious troops.

JAP SHIPPING FINDS CHINA COAST UNSAFE

Reports from occupied China say repeated American bombings have caused Japanese surface craft to evacuate parts of the China coast. American headquarters reveal that from December 21st to Jan-  
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A Chicago sociologist recently wrote encouraging marriage by proxy for GI's overseas. He claimed the brides would consequently become proficient in cooking and other domestic arts while their husbands would return not to a demure young thing who burnt the toast every morning, but an experienced cook who could turn out flapjacks faster than his former mess sergeant.

Globlurbs Inc. set out to investigate if anyone had taken the sociologist's advice seriously, and ran smack into a convert in the Division G-2 section. (Discretion prevents mentioning his name)

Romanticists at heart, we endeavored to convince him that being a proxywed is nothing like a newlywed.

"But I think my wife should be able to cook me a good meal when I return", said the practical-minded G-2 man.

To which we answered that she didn't a marriage license to practice cooking. But this G-2 fellow was a confirmed chowhound and he still insisted his girl would practice more assiduously with the lamb chops and apple pie if the knot were tied now. Then we became impatient and asked him if he were marrying a girl or a fry cook. At that he began to waver.

"Listen", we urged, "do you want your wife to be worn out from slaving over a hot kitchen stove before you even start on your honeymoon?" He hung his head. "Would you actually allow her to toil at the shipyards, driving rivets all day, and then come home at night to bake biscuits for your sake?"

By this time, he felt pretty low.

Someone who had overheard the whole conversation then delivered the coup de grace. "If you are married now by proxy", said the bystander, "you might have to celebrate your golden wedding anniversary instead of a honeymoon when you go home". We wanted to tell the poor guy the war wouldn't last that long but let the matter drop, as he had decided to forego his nuptials until V Day.

\$10.00 reward for waterproof clothing bag containing clothing and letters of Pvt. Nathaniel Patten, Sgt. G. Bettman, Battery A, 363rd F.A. Bn, APO 96. Lost on road between Jaro and Dagami on January 24th.

#### SMART BOYS

A compliment to the I & E Officer and men of "E" Company, 381st Inf, was received recently from the Acting Registrar of the Armed Forces, WAC Lt Marth D. Allen. The frequent applications for AFI Courses by men of Company "E" had been noted in the SWPA Branch and inclosed with the letter were an additional supply of fifty USAFI forms.



Jap soldiers in training rise at 0500 each morning and keep going all day. Their ideas of setting up exercises differ somewhat from ours. The Japs, stripped to the waist, line up in a long file and each man massages the muscles of the man in front. They believe this loosens their muscles.

#### STILWELL APPOINTED AGF COMMANDER

\*\*\*Jan 26--In Washington Secretary of War Stimson announced the assignment of General Joseph Stilwell as commander of the Army Ground Forces. He was named to succeed Lt Gen Ben Lear, recently appointed Deputy Commander in the European Theatre.



GEN JOSEPH W. STILWELL

Until recently General was commander of United States forces in the China-Burma-India Theatre and Chief of Staff of China's Armies under Chiang-Kai-Shek.

#### JAP SHIPPING UNSAFE: (Con't. from Page Two)

uary 21st, the 14th Airforce in cooperation with carrier planes sank 37,000 tons of Japanese shipping. They struck from Shanghai airdromes to the straits of Formosa, and from Hongkong along the south coast to Haina Island along the southern coast of Fredchindok. The 14th Airforce will be able to intensify its attacks as more supplies get through to China. Already Allied motor convoys from India are moving overland into China from Myitkyina to Lungling on the main Burma Road. The Road was re-opened with the recent capture by the Chinese of the border town of Wanting.

#### RUSSIA: (Cont'd from Page Two)

Zhukov's Second White Russian Army Group thrust to within sixteen miles of Elbing and 42 miles southeast of Danzig. This will deprive Germany of thousands of troops needed in the last days of fighting. The capture of the Baltic coast will rob her of a number of valuable ports, as Danzig.

#### ST. VITH WAS RUGGED

\*\*\*Jan 26--Battered St. Vith was entered by First Army Yanks. After a bitter dawn to dusk battle, the town was beaten into an almost unrecognizable mass by bombing and shelling. White clad infantrymen who swarmed in after white painted tanks, had to win every yard through rubble-filled streets and over houses wrecked by hard fighting. They had to trudge through foot deep snow to enter the town while shells came screaming from German batteries nearby. With St. Vith firmly in their hands, the Americans were cleaning up the last 200 square miles of the Belgian bulge.

The weather slowed the Third Army to a walk and the most significant advance was a mile gained by the 90th Infantry Division in the northern tip of tiny Luxembourg. This division repulsed the first enemy counter-attack of a week in the Houffalize area and then scored the mile gain.

The British Second Army captured the key communication town of Heinsberg. All of northwest Holland appeared isolated from Germany as the British pushed to a point only 3 miles from Roermond.



## Unit Reporters Column

### "THE FELLOW I'LL NEVER KNOW"

By Omer H. Smith, Anti-Tank Company, 381st Inf

Here is a toast I want to drink, to a fellow I'll never know;  
To a fellow who is going to take my place, when it is the time for me to go.  
I've wondered what kind of a chap he'll be, and I wish I could take his hand,  
Just to whisper, "I wish you well old man", in a way he would understand.

I'd like to give him the cheering word that I've longed at times to hear.  
I'd like to give him a warm handclasp, when never a friend is near.  
I've learned my knowledge by sheer hard work, and I wish I could pass it on,  
To the fellow who'll come to take, my place, some day when I am gone.

Will he see all the sad mistakes I've made, and note the battles lost?  
Will he ever guess the tears they've caused, or the heart aches which they've cost?  
Will he ever gaze through the failures and, fruitless toil, to the underlying plan,  
and catch the glimpse of the real intent, and the heart of the vanquished man?

And dare to hope he may pause some day, as he toils as I have wrought,  
And gain some strength for his weary task from the battles I have fought.  
But I've the task only to leave, with the cares for him to face,  
And never a cheering word I may speak, to the fellow who'll take my place.

Then here's to your health old man, I drink as a bridegroom to his bride.  
I leave an unfinished task for you, but God knows how hard I tried.  
I've dreamed my dreams, as all men do, but never a one came true.  
And my prayer tonight is that all the dreams, may be realized by you.

Since the battle is over, the men of the Third Battalion are thinking of the brighter side such as sports and recreation. We are starting intra-company volleyball so as to find the best team to represent this battalion. We will welcome all competition when this team is ready.

We were very fortunate in finding an old Jap warehouse in our new location. We are making renovations so as to make it look as much like a night club in a coconut grove. Being the "Queen of Battle" Battalion, we could choose no better name for our club than the Queen's Palace. The formal opening will take place Saturday evening 27 January.

T/5 Richard S. Good,  
3rd Bn, 382nd Inf

It now comes to light that Hq Btry, 361 FA has a "Zoom" girl. It seems that Pvt. "Battlin" Byrski and Moynihan, in an idle moment, thought of the idea and put it in writing to Hedy Lamarr. An affirmative reply was immediately received from the charming actress.

It has also been discovered that Sgt. John Gains has persuaded vivacious Ann Miller to be our "Cannon Girl". Shortage of women? Ha!

Hq Btry, 361st FA Bn.

Where are your parents? I have none.  
Where are your guardians?  
I have none.  
Where are your supporters?  
Sir, You are forgetting yourself!

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### JAPS FEAR YANKS!

The Jap is afraid of you, DEADEYE. Even at night, when every shadow seems to be crawling toward you, the Jap fears you more than you fear him.

It is true that often he considers his own life far less than you value your own, but the slightest thought of defeat throws him into panic. The wild disorganized charges that we have encountered are merely the Jap's method of getting it over in a hurry.

These are the thoughts expressed by Lt Gen S. B. Buckner, Jr., Commanding General of the Tenth Army, in a letter to the 96th Division. And General Buckner knows his enemy well.

The Jap is easily upset by operations against his flank and rear and dreads our organized fire power. Unlike American troops, the Jap cannot adapt himself to a rapidly changing situation. Thus, the mere fact that you do something, even though it may not be "SOP", your opponents natural inability to adjust himself quickly to your unexpected move can be of immense importance. And when you lie there in your fox-hole, deciding what you should do next, remember-----

The Jap fears you, DEADEYE.

First it was love. He fascinated me -- and I kissed him.  
Yeah, I know -- then he began to unfascinate you and you slapped him.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

We've been intending to write this letter to you for a long while about an outstanding observation which we have made, but have come to the conclusion it must be a fact, and really should be called to the attention of Bob Ripley to use in his "Believe It or Not Column."

We're speaking, of course, of the obvious high esprit of the 96th Division men. It is so astounding and obvious that to an outsider it just doesn't seem natural. We haven't heard a gripe or growl about the food - the climate, they seem to take as a matter of course and their duties are something that has to be done and they take the attitude of "What's the use to gripe, we have to do it."

It's amazing!

An Ardent Reader of the DISPATCH.

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# EXTRA... EXTRA... EXTRA...

## FINEGAN FORCES FOIL JAPS STORM ASHORE ON LEYTE!

(Exclusive to the DEADEYE DISPATCH by Bernie Byle)

WITH FINEGAN'S FIGHTING FRIENDS ON LEYTE, January 27th, 1945--I have seen landings in Africa, Sicily and Normandy but never have I seen an invasion carried out with such skill and daring. Today I can report that the island of Leyte is safely under the control of Major Finegan and his base echelon less than 12 hours after the initial landing.

Standing beside the rail of our transport I watched the tense faces of the assault troops of the base echelon as they speculated on the hazardous landing ahead of them.

The strategy was simple. Completely disregarding the conventional synchronized naval and air attack, the base echelon was not even preceded by an underwater demolition team. For the operation Major Finegan masterfully divided his forces into two groups, the forward base echelon and the base base echelon.

On every hand men of the chair-borne infantry were ciling their typewriters for instantaneous use. A few were unfamiliarly handling dangerous weapons. In the excitement one soldier from Texas, his mother Mrs. Elmer Glutz runs the Glutz Delicatessen store in Nacogdoches, had a bayonet shoved two inches up his posterior  
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### "VARIETIES OF 1945 TOURS 96TH

With the arrival of Major Finegan's group as a finale, a very successful presentation of "Varieties of 1945" was given on the Division CP stage Friday night. A musical comedy featuring former stars of stage and radio, the performance was the second of ten similar shows in the Division, the first of which appeared in the Ordnance Area in Tanauan Friday afternoon.

Master of ceremonies was Phil Lind, of the Lind Brothers singing trio, which received one of the greatest ovations of the evening for their renditions of "Camp Town Races" and "St. Louis Blues". The Linds are former radio and night club stars, and had their own program, "Sing and Swing Unlimited" on CBS in Chicago before entering the army. They and all of the performers, with the exception of the band, are members of the 3rd Platoon of the 39th Special Service Company. The music was provided by the 233rd Army Ground Forces Band, "The Travelaires", under direction of Mr. Workman.

Rapid rhythm was dispensed by the Swing Combo, consisting of seven of the bandmen, most of whom have played on nationally known orchestras, including those of Les Brown, Jan Savitt, and Jim  
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### LCST

If any one accidentally accumulated an extra 3/4 ton truck with wench\*, No. 2220076, Major P. J. Von Loben Sels of 361st FA Bn would appreciate it being returned to his organization. The vehicle was lost on Christmas Day, one and one-half miles east of Dagami.  
(\*copied from original letter. Presumed to be typographical error.)

### WALLACE NOT GOOD BUSINESSMAN; SAYS JONES

Outgoing Secretary of Commerce Jesse Jones flatly told Congress that his successor, Henry Wallace, is not qualified to take over handling of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and other federal loan agencies. Jones was advocating the George Bill, which would strip the Commerce Department of its lending powers and leave President Roosevelt's appointee, Mr. Wallace, only the normal administrative duties of the department.

In testifying before the Senate Commerce Committee, Jones told a packed crowd of 500 persons in the Senate Committee Room that Wallace has not enough experience for the job. He declared the RFC in post-war years should be handled by "a man of proven and sound business experience". There was certainly no false modesty in this statement. Of course Jesse Jones is not an over-modest man, and when the President challenged his political power, the George Bill miraculously appeared for the express purpose of relieving ex-Vice President Wallace of the RFC duties. Jones told the committee he is still acting as Secretary of Commerce and would continue to do so until his successor was confirmed by the Senate.

PHILADELPHIA, PA--The courts are getting tough with cigarette thieves. Jack De Bona, 60, was sentenced to serve 60 days to six months by Judge Frances F. Burch, after he pleaded guilty to taking 35 packs from the cigarette factory where he worked. It's hard enough to get one, said the judge.

### JAP "SWIMMING NAVY" ROUTED

Something new has been added! On the night of January 11th, up in Lingayen Gulf, the Japs sent in their new super-improved inexhaustible navy--in the form of swimmers pushing boxes of TNT. The net result was a sea full of "scuttled" Japs.

In an item in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch of January 12th, a full report on the Jap's "secret weapon" was given. Into the Gulf crowded with 2,500,000 tons of U. S. combat and assault shipping, paddled twelve little Nips with their explosives. The charges included hand-made torpedoes, tiny bombs, and even hand grenades. Some of the swimmers attempted to sink a destroyer by tying some grenades onto the fantail.

This radically new attempt of the Jap Navy to win a sea battle was described by Vice Admiral Daniel B. Barbey, 7th Amphibious Force Commander, as "more odd than effective".

"A swimming man just can't carry enough explosives to do much more than blow himself up."

In the morning the Japs were found floating in the Gulf. When sighted they attempted to hide under their boxes of explosives, but they merely provided targets for the countless navy gunners. A few were killed as they resisted capture by sailors in small boats.

As a result of the new Jap tactics, all native canoes have been prohibited from approaching our ships, and security watches have been instructed to be on the look-out for floating contact mines, one-man torpedoes, and midget submarines.

(ANS) NEW YORK, N.Y.--Gin rummy, backgammon, and similar pastimes have been banned in New York night clubs under a directive just issued by Mayor Fiorello La Guardia. But the night spot owners aren't complaining. "Glad to have an excuse to cut it out," says the owner of the Stork Club. "People came in, asked for a deck of cards, kept a table six or seven hours, and bought no liquor or food".

WE WERE ONLY KIDDING

Though our delinquent Deadeyes in the base echelon will undoubtedly be ribbed for many a day, we all realize that it is in a spirit of fun, and that they also serve. It was not the desire of many of the men in the base to be left behind, and though they missed the banzai raids and the water-filled foxholes, their 81 days aboard ship can hardly be called a picnic.

Just as the duties of every one in Division vary as to the danger and discomfort involved, so it was that it was their fortune to stay behind this time. It was absolutely necessary that a certain percentage of each unit remain in Hawaii to load and accompany our excess equipment, for obviously it could not all be carried in the assault ships.

So, though it is "open season" on Major Finegan's boys, let's keep in mind that the battle for Leyte began in the States, and that they are Deadeyes too. Even if the Wacs did beat them here.

FINEGAN ON LEYTE: (Cont'd from Page One)

Strangely there was no sign of any enemy action as the brave men heavily laden with mimeograph machines, adding machines and typewriters as well as packs containing pajamas, pillows, toilet water bath salts and other personal items so dear to the hearts of the base echelon, lowered themselves into the pitching and rolling LCVP's.

Finally we grounded on the sandy beach. The ramps were let down. Fearlessly the men dashed for the nearest foxholes. Finding none and not caring to soil their brand new shovels, they continued onward. First man to fall was Master Sergeant Leo R. Houlton of the Division AG Section. He stubbed his toe on a rock. I saw Cpl. Lyle Brabander, whose wife recently gave birth to a baby boy back in Lincoln, Nebraska, go to Houlton's rescue with utter disregard of the hail of enemy bullets which after all  
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"VARIETIES", (Cont'd. from Page One)

James. Interspersed among the numbers were a series of humorous acts and "interruptions" in the familiar "Hellzapoppin" style.

C.O. of the platoon is Lieut. George Sisler, Jr. son of one of baseball's immortals who has been installed in the diamond's Hall of Fame.



THE BASE IS ADVANCING ACROSS THE BEACH IN AN UPRIGHT POSITION OVER A PATH MADE BY AN OLD USO SHOW...

CONCERT: (Cont'd from page one.)

His selections for this evenings performance will include the Donyanhi "Rhapsodic", popularized by Albert Spalding, the great American violinist, and "Coteau", which he himself composed while an instructor in the school at the little Louisiana town of that name.

Transportation for limited numbers of men can be obtained by contacting the Special Service Officer of each unit.(JJA.)

WILD "WEST"

It isn't very often that a fellow gets to follow his civilian occupation in the Army. Much less a H-Yo Silver Cowboy.

But that's precisely what PFC Marion West of Weed, New Mexico, is doing. In fact it is our privilege to dub him, "Greater East Asia's Co-Prosperity Sphere's Only Mounted M P".

If you see an M P performing his duties "riding the range" on a captured Jap horse, attired in boots, chaps and spurs, call him West. Cause he went there as a young man shortly after he acquired the name.

West, a veteran of many a rodeo in the States, rounds up stray horses, mostly Sons of Heaven's steeds, and delivers them to front-line units who use them as pack animals. He calls the Division Prisoner of War enclosure his corral, for lack of tenants there.

Like an actor who retains the smell of greasepaint in his veins or an old fire-horse who rears at the smell of smoke, he has carried his boots, spurs, chaps, and saddle along with him since induction into the army.

Whatever presents itself as food for his Nollie, and not too much has been presenting itself. Sometimes he does his "Scavengering" at the various sculleries along the highway. And since he considers himself an attached Cavalry Unit, he does not understand why Division doesn't take Nollie into consideration when ordering rations.

Now we know it's been bothering you

CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Sunday, 28 January 1945

Division CP Chapel

Catholic Mass.....	0900
Protestant (General).....	1015
Lutheran Communion.....	1100
L. D. S. ....	1500

all along just where he carries that saddle with him. Well that's a horse on you. In his duffel bag, where did you think?

FLASHES FROM HOLLYWOOD & BOWWAY

(ANS)--Radio faces a hopeful decade. London-born and Ohio-reared Bob Hope has signed a new ten-year broadcasting contract with his toothpaste sponsor. Long a vaudevillian, and later starred in the Broadway musical, "Roberta," Bob got his air wave start in '38 on Rudy Vallee programs. He's still hopelessly tangled in a contract feud with the film studio that gave him the air because he wouldn't increase his picture-making schedule. Anyhow, he might quip he's better off in the air than setting in Hollywood.

For the record: Radio comedians Ken Murray, Jack Benny and "Henny" Youngman, who have cigarette-sponsors, smoke cigars. Where there are jokes, there's surefire.. Tennessee-born Dinah Shore originally was Frances Rose Shore. She featured the song "Dinah" and changed her name..... Buddy Rich, drummer with Tommy Dorsey's ork, ends a one-year contract in May to form his own band....Screen actress Dolores Moran says, "I have lots of outside interests, and I shall find others with which to occupy my time. I'll never be caught with nothing but a career on my mind." (Ed. note: We'd like to apply for one of the interests to occupy Miss Morans' time).



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PHILIPPINE NIGHT

S/sgt Vincent P. Dorgis

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MORE ON FINEGAN LANDING: (Cont'd from P. 3)

might have been. Commandeering some awaiting trucks, the base echelon drove forward rapidly up the Dagami - Burauen turnpike. Nowhere did the Japs dare offer any resistance. As they proceeded they were given wild ovations by WACS, Nurses and Red Cross girls. Beautiful Filipino girls tossed orchids at them. What a show. Having accomplished its mission of getting the Christmas packages safely to the 96th Division, Finegan's Fighting Fiends can't wait to get back aboard ship for another amphibious landing.

COMMENTS ON LANDING

\*\*\*Jan 27--News of the invasion of Leyte by Major Finegan and his base echelon commandos spread rapidly throughout the world. The daring and audacity of this intrepid group of soldiers who landed not on H Hour, not on A day but on A plus 95 thrilled the imagination of people from Addis Ababa to Zanzibar, an Associated Press round-up shows. We quote comments of the press and individuals throughout the world.

NEW YORK TIMES--Securing of a beachhead on Leyte by the 96th Division base echelon undoubtedly will cause much consternation in Tokyo. Major Finegan told his people in the Philippines, "I will be back." He has kept his promise.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE--Call them isolationists if you will. Major Finegan and his men did not choose to land during a crowded invasion. They took their own time, seized the proper moment and landed without a casualty. It was a bit of masterful planning.

HOLLYWOOD CITIZEN NEWS--Nowhere, not even in Hollywood, could an invasion be staged with such timing, such attention to detail. Landing like conquering heroes, the base echelon arrived just in time to steal the applause from a USO show.

LEYTE FILIPINO NEWS--The people of Leyte have waited patiently for this historic moment. Frankly the situation had us a little worried but now that the base

echelon is here we KNOW the island is secure. PRAVDA, MOSCOW--Stalingrad held out for 57 days. This brilliant and historic deed is now eclipsed by Major Finegan and his commandos. They stayed away for 85 days. NICHI NICHI, TOKYO--Reports reaching us that Major Finegan and his raiders have invaded the island of Leyte do not impress us. Our submarines disposed of their ship long ago. They are unquestionably the walking dead. Fred Allon, Hollywood--I knew a man named Major Finegan. He had whiskers on his chinagin, begin agin. Lt. Col. Cveta Culp Hobby, Commander of the WACS--I only wish I could say the base echelon is an official part of the WACS. Their deeds are in the finest traditions of the Womens Army Corps. Their typewriters and mimeograph machines will be a welcome addition to our WACS who landed on Leyte two months previous to the assault waves of the base echelon. Adolph Hitler, Wilhelmstrasse, Berlin--The base echelon gestinkon. The Japs will soon take care of their typewriters.

MP'S AND G-2 IN FINALS

Though few spectators would take even two to one odds on them, the G-2 team defeated the MP's in the last scheduled game of the CP volleyball tournament. It will now be necessary for the two teams to play a best four out of seven game series to determine the CP champion. During league play both teams won and lost one game.

Earlier in the day the G-2's had eked out a victory over the G-3 in a hard fought battle, which brought them to the finals.

Several challenges have already been received for which every team emerges the final victor, so that a Division champion can be decided. The Special Service Office will arrange for all intra-Division games. A call to Sgt. Bob Smith at the Special Service Office and all the details will be arranged as to time and place.

# DEADEYE *Features*

## VISIONS

Again we come to you as an insect,  
word-worm began to play upon  
your imagination and trans-  
port you to celestial  
heights.... no man  
gave us this title a  
song of Poe - etic  
flavor to ease our  
mind and say that  
local house lizards  
eat flies and spiders  
are.....no Para-  
mount gave us a  
photographic phen-  
omenon with which  
to augment our fox-  
hole affairs.....  
although our versa-  
tile talented brushman gives a good like  
uses for this use.....no State Department  
took unto itself a poet (MacLeish) to set  
the tongues of Congress wagging against  
such "long-haired creatures" forgetting  
ones like Horace (can they say he upset  
Caesar's government?) and Oliver Wendell  
Holmes; forgetting the like of Solon, who  
happened to be the father of Greek Demo-  
cracy....a POET in public office!.....  
The Saturday Review took the view: Did  
Congressmen think of the sane and lucid  
wording of the Congressional Record when  
they speak of the obscurity of certain of  
a poet's works?.....The highlight of the  
week came soulfully running in with the  
rainfall during last Wednesday's light  
shower in the form of words panned in  
violet ink:.....

Said glamorous Wanda Lepescu  
Who came to Rumania's rescue:  
It's a wonderful thing  
To be under a king,  
Is Democracy better,  
I ask you!

And we become the proud possessors of the right to publish....

### all this can be ours

How much do I miss you? your  
presence close to me is like the fragrance of night-jasmine,  
cooling to the burning ardor that ravages my heart;  
your eyes, wondrous in their glow, add courage to mine own,  
helping to thwart the foe which is loneliness;  
and your smile is graven in my memory, spurring and quickening  
the weary hours of long separation.

How much do I love you?  
I love you so much, deeper than the greatest sea and higher  
than the stars of evening;  
my devotion encompasses that which others dare not:

the scorn and pity of others are as nothing;  
and it is more than Heaven, more than life itself, this  
humble gift I offer....all that I possess, everything within me.  
When shall we meet?  
We have never been apart, darling, can never be apart. You  
came to me in my dreams; I saw you in beautiful fantasy;  
yours is something that transcends time and distance  
because both of us feel that it was meant to be;  
and someday, when present trials are past, there shall be  
no need for fantasy. Then shall we come into happiness  
beyond all understanding, to peace and contentment not  
known before, with dignity and honor beyond all question.  
all this can be ours.....

Michael Oden

