

GI'S DO MOPPING BEFORE BREAKFAST

Mopup troops on Leyte are still annihilating large pockets of Japanese remnants on the western side of the island. General MacArthur's latest communique adds 1191 more good Japs to the list and brings the total enemy killed in the Leyte operation to just under 118,000.

Indian fighting methods are being employed by the American troops. Our units move rapidly by night and are hitting hard at dawn against groups of two and three hundred Japs marooned on the Peninsula north of Palompon and west of Carigara.

At dawn one morning, Filipino guerrillas led doughfeet of the 24th Division to a hilltop house where a large Jap force was hiding in the basement. The GI's lobbed in the mortars, then charged up the hill. The entire action was over before breakfast and 100 Japs had bit the dust.

NEW YEARS WAS SUNDAY

New Years Day, 1945, fell on Sunday in the United States. New York City saw its biggest New Years celebration since Pearl Harbor but other communities suffered because of the double holiday. Bars were not open in many states which prohibit liquor sales on Sunday. In Kansas City, bars may stay open until 1:30 Sunday morning so a few opened at midnight and remained so for 90 minutes. The bartenders all agreed, "Usually we are the fall guys but this year we celebrate." (They obviously did, behind closed doors).

But the keynote was reverence rather than wild celebration. Midnight services were held in hundreds of churches throughout the country. Cities played host to service personnel, as citizens remained acutely conscious that the men on the fighting fronts were having no respite from their jobs.

LEYTE-MINDORO BASED PLANES HAMMER LUZON

\*\*\*Jan 1--A communique reveals that many of those formidable medium bombers you see winging over the mountains are taking off from Leyte bases to pound Luzon. Still others, flying from Mindoro hit the same area. Yesterday our Liberator bombers sighted a 6,000 ton Jap freighter while on patrol, and sank same. Mediums also hit airdromes in Luzon and Negros, destroying five Jap planes and fuel dumps. Our light naval units sank four luggers off the north coast of Negros.

Twice more, Iwo Jima was hammered by our Liberators, and that made the 23rd consecutive day. The Japs threw up moderate flak.

Throughout the entire Pacific area from the Kuriles to Wake and the Palaus, Navy and Marine fliers pasted Jap installations. The Marine fliers were striking deadly blows at Jap shipping with their rocket firing Billy Mitchells.

The Army rifle is said to weigh 8.69 pounds. After it has been carried about three hours the decimal falls out.

THE WOLF by Sansone

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ALLIES AGAIN ON OFFENSIVEPOA CHIEF VISITS 96TH DIVISION.

\*\*\*Jan 1--Lieutenant General Robert C. Richardson, Commanding General, POA, visited the 96th Division this morning and conveyed his and General MacArthur's personal congratulations on the fine job the Division has accomplished in this operation. Arriving in Tacloban last Friday morning, he conferred with General MacArthur and General Krueger.

Since his arrival, General Richardson has visited the 77th Division and General Hodge, XXIV Corps Commander. General Hodge accompanied him on his trip to the 96th Division. Other members of the party were Brigadier General C. A. Powell, S.C., Brigadier General Herbert B. Loper and Major Thomas Kerr, ADC.

We were pleased to learn that both Generals Richardson and Hodge highly praised the DEADEYE DISPATCH.

JAPAN INVASION A MUST, SAYS NIMITZ

\*\*\*Jan 1--Adm. Nimitz declared yesterday that if the United Nations are to win a permanent peace, the home island of Japan will have to be occupied by U.S. forces.

In Nimitz' own words, "we should be prepared to invade Japan by assault". He believed they will fight until the very end.

This statement will give the arm chair strategist food for thought and the Jap leaders more sleepless nights.

\*\*\*Jan 1--The tide of war in Europe has again turned decisively in favor of the Allies. After slowing the Nazi counter-offensive to a halt, the American Third Army launched a full-scale attack as of noon Saturday west and northeast of Bastogne. The only details as yet released on the new Allied attack states that we have gained as much as a mile. During this week, the Nazis armies have been driven back eleven miles from the point of their farthest advance.

Attacks by three German Divisions were beaten off as the Third Army strengthened its corridor to Bastogne. These attacks cost the Nazis 57 tanks, including 25 which were knocked out by indomitable infantrymen. Northwest of Bastogne, the American First Army forced the recapture of Rochefort. Nazi pressure in Holland against the British Second Army was continuing. During a 12 day period, the Nazis lost more than 10,000 troops in one sector alone. The U. S. Third Army captured 5,300 prisoners in its relief drive towards Bastogne.

HALF OF BUDAPEST TAKEN

\*\*\*Jan 1--The Red Army assaulting Budapest has wrested three hundred blocks of the western half of the city from the German defenders. Moscow compared the German slaughter at Budapest to that at Stalingrad. Russian troops are particularly incensed to avenge the cowardly slaying of two Russian officers carrying  
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The Staff, Deadeye Dispatch  
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Greetings:

As we step through the portals of a New Year and reflect a bit on our activities of the past two months, and the part played by the Staff of the "Deadeye Dispatch" in bringing to this command the facts concerning the progress of our mission and news bits from home, I wish to commend you.

I have read the "Deadeye Dispatch" with much interest and one thing that impressed me greatly was the fact that, aside from news, it contained good American humor of the highest type. At no time have I noticed it smirched by immoral jests and jokes. I am of the opinion that the men of this Division, innately, are of the highest moral character. I have had this opinion confirmed when it was my sad but privileged duty, to be present at each interment of our fallen comrades in the San Jose #1 Temporary Cemetery during the first six weeks of the campaign. In this capacity I was present when the immediate personal effects of our fallen comrades were checked and it was a great source of happiness to know the high moral standards of our men. Practically nothing in these personal effects were found indicative of a sensuous mind or immorality.

I would like to say that these facts should be a rebuke to the moralists in the States who continually say that a great wave of immorality will sweep the nation after the return of our fine men. During my years of work as a Chaplain, in peace and now in war, I have never found a soldier that was really bad. I find that the American soldier knows how to enjoy the material blessings of life and is conscious of his moral being. I believe that we will have a stronger nation morally and spiritually, than in the past, for men in the army have been subjected to the vices and debauchery of immorality of those who would destroy us, but they did not yield. It is further believed, for I have faith in the young men of our nation, that when they are privileged to return to the home-land, they will know and treasure their moral and spiritual heritage and preserve it unblemished for future generations. They will be the militant power to secure justice for all to realize the brotherhood of man and obtain equality for all manner of men.

Sincerely,  
/s/John W. Fry  
/T/JOHN W. FRY  
Division Chaplain.

3 January 1945.

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BUDAPEST: (Cont'd from page one.)

an ultimatum under a flag of truce to the enemy garrison inside the city.

The last Germans in northwestern Hungary have been swept into Slovakia on a 250 mile front. This leaves about four-fifths of Hungary in Red Army hands. Meanwhile, other Russian forces took 20 more towns in their drive into Czechoslovakia.

Soviet sponsored Polish National Committee of Liberation at Lublin proclaimed itself the provisional government of liberated Poland. They said they have decided "to break forever with the Polish government now in exile" in London. This action was challenged by the Polish government in London, who stated, "We protest emphatically this attempt against the sovereign rights of the Polish nation".

RECORD AIR ASSAULT ON BERLIN

\*\*\*Jan 1--Sunday night the largest force of RAF bombers ever sent over the German capital struck at Berlin. RAF heavy bombers immediately followed with raids over Hamburg and Duisburg. Targets in Hamburg included synthetic oil refineries and U-boat yards, and in Duisburg, communications and rail yards. More than 4,000 Allied planes hammered at supply roads in Germany leading directly to the western front. The Luftwaffe put up a stiff opposition to Allied planes over the weekend. 94 Nazi planes were shot down in aerial combat; 35 Allied bombers and 12 fighters are missing. American planes based in Italy hit enemy targets in the Po valley.

BURMA

\*\*\*Jan 1--In Burma last weeks' fighting opened up large new gains for the Allies. British and Canadian troops in northern and western Burma continued to push southward against rearguard enemy action. The prize is Mandalay, key Jap supply base in Burma. Two Allied forces

HITLER--ALIVE OR DEAD?

\*\*\*Jan 1--Breaking a five months' silence, Adolph Hitler spoke over the radio in a New Year's message to the German people. Mincing no words, he made it clear that the Nazi party expected Germans to make every necessary sacrifice. "The Nazis," he coldly declared, "will destroy everyone in Germany who does not help with the war effort." According to veteran London Monitors, the little paperhanger's speech lacked its usual shouting. They thought it sounded like Hitler's voice, but it could have been a recording. This was the first time Hitler has spoken publicly since the July 20th bomb attempt on his life.

FIELD MARSHAL KESSELRING DIES.

\*\*\*Jan 1--Allied troops in Italy reoccupied Barga which was taken by the Nazis in their push down the Searchio valley near the west coast. In spite of adverse weather, 750 Allied planes supported ground action by attacking rail centers in the Po Valley and the Brenner Pass. Brussels radio states that the November 27th Order-of-the-Day from Hitler reported the death of Field Marshal Kesselring, commander of German troops in Italy. There was no confirmation of this dispatch.

have finally joined - one from the Chindwin sector and the other from the Bhamo-Mandalay railroad region. Advance elements of the British 14th Army are now only 85 miles from Mandalay.

In the early days of the campaign, fighting took place in the difficult and mountainous terrain of Northern Burma. Now the Allies are converging on the huge plain of central Burma and faster progress can be expected. An amphibious invasion of Rangoon has even been hinted by Lord Mountbatten during 1945.

SOLDIER: "Your dog likes to watch you cut hair, Doesnt he?"  
G.I. BARBER: "It ain't that. Sometimes I snip off a piece of ear."

WHAT THEY'RE READING AT HOME

ERNIE PYLE'S "BRAVE MEN" LEADS BEST SELLERS

NON-FICTION

Brave Men.....	Ernie Pyle
The Time for Decision.....	Sumner Welles
I Never Left Home.....	Bob Hope
Yankee from Olympus.....	Catherine D. Bowen
The World of Washington Irving.....	Van Wyck Brooks
Anna and the King of Siam.....	Margaret Landon
Lee's Lieutenants.....	Douglas S. Freeman
People on Our Side.....	Edgar Snow
Lost in the Horse Latitudes.....	H. Allen Smith
Try and Stop Me.....	Bennett Cerf

FICTION

The Green Years.....	A. J. Cronin
Green Dolphin Street.....	Elizabeth Goudge
Forever Amber.....	Kathleen Winsor
The Robe.....	Lloyd Douglas
Earth and High Heaven.....	Gwethalyn Graham
Immortal Wife.....	Irving Stone
The Razor's Edge.....	W. Somerset Maugham
Leave Her to Heaven.....	Ben Ames Williams
Strange Fruit.....	Lillian Smith
The Building of Jalna.....	Mazo de la Roche

NEWS SHORTS FROM HOME

Omaha-- American Petroleum Corp. of Tulsa, Okla., has leased 200,000 acres in Northwest Nebraska, adjacent to Wyoming, and South Dakota officials announced deep well oil tests will be started in the Spring.

Denver--T/Sgt J. Millon, 30, who lost a leg at Anzio was notified in the Lawson General Hospital at Atlanta, Ga., that a write-in vote will send him to the State legislature. He has lived in Harrisburg 25 years and was a rural mail carrier. His neighbors just wrote in his name.

Montrose, Colo.--Jobs have been waiting for all 124 county discharged veterans who came home. Only one refused employment because of disabilities. Judge Kramer, Veteran's advisory council, reports.

Denver-- The final tally of the soldier vote completed in mid-December showed that President Roosevelt carried the servicemen's vote by 583, but that didn't affect Dewey's 30,000 vote victory in the state total.

Lincoln, Nebr.--Those MPs are really on the ball. When a cigarette distributors truck neared the Post Exchange at the Lincoln Army Air Field, a military policeman in a radio-equipped jeep flashed the news to the MP Headquarters. The MPs got their smokes first.

North Adams, Mass.--An ad in a local paper by R. O. Wells, defeated candidate declared: "I wish to thank all who voted for me, and my wife wishes to thank all who didn't."

GLOBLURBS

We somehow got the cart before the horse and published the first in our new series of columns entitled GLOBLURBS before we published the announcement of it. The new feature will appear about three times a week and will be made up of pot pourri from the world over; everything from trivia to discussions of weighty subjects. The word is altogether an invention of the combined minds of the DEADEYE Staff after we had discarded the idea of using Clare Booth Luce's GLOBAL-ONEY, a coinage used in a particularly objectionable (at least to supporters of Mr. Roosevelt in the recent great campaign)speech. This column is designed to entertain as well as to furnish pabulum for bull sessions around a foxhole. The reason for discarding the Luce word is that we feel that the global aspects of this war are to be taken more seriously than the connotation which she gave the word implies. We do not mean by this that we intend to be stuffy about the thing -- to the contrary -- we think that life and particularly life during war is entirely too important a matter to be taken too seriously!

We present our second set of GLOBLURBS.

The bill to provide bonuses for veterans of this war has been up before Congress twice, each time it's been pigeonholed. With election days over we can expect more positive action.

Our I & E O is swamped with requests from education-seeking doughboys. A good forerunner of the number of G.I.'s who will take advantage of the educational benefits in the G.I. Bill of Rights. More application blanks for the courses have been secured and are on their way to you.

Those sharp cracks you hear around the 361st FA are not shots but the good old crack of a baseball bat. The artillerymen are taking advantage of combat lulls to play a fast brand of softball.



TRENDS OF THE TIMES

Social Workers were given a jolt recently. When the Des Moines, Iowa Old Age Assistance Bureau increased the allotment of one client, she sent a letter back requesting the Bureau reduce her \$60.00 allotment because she didn't know what to do with all that money.

That long-awaited PX will be opening tomorrow. There will be just about everything a G.I. would want to buy; from cigarette lighters, pipes, and stationery, to toilet articles, fountain pens, and wrist watches.

Much has been said about the ever present caribao. A few additional notes were collected from one of the local farmers who had loaned his beast to a 96th Division construction project. Caribaos are capable of living upwards of 20 years, but never do. When they have reached the decade mark, Filipinos slaughter them for steak. Because they are not grain fed, this "steak" is a poor imitation of a Kansas City T-Bone.

Even during its allotted 10 years of life, the carabao receives a minimum of comfort and attention, is forced to take its own baths in muddy rice fields. (The one we saw had mud baked on its face but the owner thought us absurd when we suggested he apply a wash rag.) But despite its lowly state, the caribao is uncomplaining and a hard worker. If he only knew his true worth, he would have demanded union hours and conditions long ago. A healthy caribao sells for 200 pesos.

CLUB 96 HAS GALA OPENING

Club 96, new fresh air dance spot on the Burauen-Dagami Highway, had its gala opening at midnight, New Years Eve. GI's of the 96th Division Headquarters were awakened shortly before midnight by the crooning saxophones and sweet brass section of the Dagami Dance Band, a solid-sending Filipino aggregation.

Counting on an informal jam session (sans femmes), the Deadeyes appeared clad in bedroom attire. They were more than surprised, however, to find a bevy of lovely Filipino girls who had been chaperoned to the Division CP by Lt. Valentine Balderon, Filipino guerilla leader. There was a flurry of excitement --- some GI's ran for their party clothes while others introduced themselves to the young ladies, and the dance was on.

The Dagami dance combo ground out solid arrangements of such tunes as In the Hood, the South American Way and the Beer Barrel Polka. And in following these tunes, the girls proved they could cut any kind of rug from jitterbug to fast conga.

Many 96th Division dignitaries were present. Among the dancers was Asst. Division Commander, Brigadier General Easley, who paid high tribute to the ability of his dancing partner.

Between dances, Lt. Balderon gave an informal address in which he expressed the heartfelt thanks of his countrymen to the Americans for making this Happy New Year possible. A brief floor show followed during which a native folks dance was performed by a boy-girl team.

At the conclusion of the affair, the charming guests expressed their happiness at being present, but it is doubtful if their enthusiasm exceeded that of the Deadeyes.

HOLLYWOOD'S NINE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMEN  
(ONE MAN'S OPINION)

(ANS)--A fellow who worked among beautiful women for so long that he considers himself an authority--Tony Gaudio, RKO cameraman with 31 years' studio experience, -- has ventured forth to pick the

GREEK-BRITISH STRUGGLE ENDS

\*\*\*Jan 1--London reports that the British commander in Athens has conditionally accepted the EAM's offer to disarm and withdraw from the Athens area. This action comes shortly after the resignation of the Greek premier and cabinet, and the appointment of a regency. Greek Premier George Papandreu and his cabinet resigned in Athens in preparation for a new government. The new peace government is headed by Archbishop Damaskinos who was appointed by King George.

CHIANG FROLISSES CHINA NEW GOVERNMENT

\*\*\*Jan 1--In his New Years Day Message to the Chinese people, Chiang Kai Chek promised them a constitutional government before the end of the war. Previously, he had pledged the new government within a year after the conclusion of hostilities.

Speaking of China's future, the Generalissimo stated: "We must prepare for the convening of a people's congress in 1945 to adopt and promulgate a constitution."

actresses whom he considers most beautiful. His final list contained nine names. This, Gaudio explained tactfully, makes it possible for any offended beauty to console herself with the belief that she certainly would have been included on a list of 10.

Hedy Lamarr was picked for perfection of features, Billie Dove for "symmetry of face and figure," and Marion Davies for her flawless, photogenic skin. Two bodies impressed Gaudio as the most devastating of all time--the late Jean Harlow's "most voluptuous" form and Ann Sheridan's as the perfect streamlined figure. Others picked by the cameraman are Norma Talmadge as the "perfect brunette," Merle Oberon as best of the exotic type, Corrine Griffith the "spiritual type," and the young star, Joan Leslie, as most vivacious.

"SER, YOU GOT CLODES?"

\*\*\*Jan 1--It's getting so that you have to think twice before you answer that question. No longer is it a matter of having clean clothes to wear--now its just clothes! Quite a large percentage of the Division goes around looking as if it came out second best in a crap game with the 1st Cavalry or somebody.

Too many Deadeyes are depending upon "that ship" to come in--the famous vessel that is going to contain unlimited quantities of everything from fatigues to Pepsi-Cola, with the remainder of the Christmas packages thrown in for good measure! So meanwhile they are tossing away clothes and equipment with carefree abandon.

But just where is this amphibious mastadon, and when will it come into the harbor amid the cheers of the half-nude 96th?

According to XXIV Corps, our rehabilitation supplies will not arrive for several weeks, and even then there will not be adequate clothing replacements for the troops at the current rate of use! At present there is insufficient clothing in the Corps supply dump to fill the normal requirements of one division. As was evidenced by the recent drought of mail, ships are precious, and they cannot be used for replacing wasted clothing.

The discarding serviceable fatigues, ponchos, shoes, and other material must stop if the future operations are not to be impeded by the lack of shipping.

Conserve, DEADEYES! for an earlier victory (JJA)

CONDUCTOR: "Hurry up, lady, we can't wait all day."

LADY: "Can't you wait till I get my clothes on?"

All the passengers turned to stare. A girl got on with a basket of laundry.

POST EXCHANGE OPENS JANUARY 4.

\*\*\*Jan 1--A full fledged PX will open January 4 in the 96th Division CP area. Such welcome items as 17 jewel wrist watches (selling for about 60 pesos each), fountain pens, tobacco pouches, mirrors, money belts, pipes, candy and cookies will be on display. But it will not be an open buying season.

In order to purchase most items in the hard-to-get category, you must secure both a certificate of necessity and a letter of necessity from your commanding officer. These certificates will be distributed on the basis of a wrist watch to every 200 men, one tobacco pouch for 100 men and 12 magazines for the same number. Even candy and cookies will be partially rationed.

The PX is anticipating a sharp rise in shoe kit sales. It will sell two per 100 men.

Sales hours will be from noon to 1600. The store will serve members of the Division Headquarters and Headquarters Company, the MP Company and the Band. It is merely a forerunner of a chain of PX's that will soon serve each regiment. Stock is now being issued for these exchanges and they will be closely patterned after the headquarters branch. Procedure will differ slightly at the various stores and pertinent information regarding this can be obtained from the Division Exchange Officer.

FOOTBALL BOWL GAMES FINAL SCORES

ROSE BOWL--	
U.S.C.....	25
Tennessee.....	0
SUGAR BOWL--	
Duke.....	29
Alabama.....	26
ORANGE BOWL--	
Tulsa.....	26
GEORGIA TECH.....	12
COTTON BOWL--	
Oklahoma Aggies.....	34
Texas Christians....	0

Details of games will be published as soon as available.