

FORMOSA HIT BY CARRIER AIRCRAFT

***Jan 4--Carrier-based planes of the United States Pacific Fleet on Wednesday attacked the Japanese stronghold of Formosa and Ryukyu. This new strike marks the first American carrier raid of the new year in the far western Pacific. The last time Formosa was hit was just before the Philippine invasion. As yet no details are available because a radio silence cloaks the return movement of the powerful American carrier fleet. Press dispatches, however, indicate that the targets of the carrier planes were adjacent shipping and shore installations.

Because of its position, which is roughly 1/3 of the way between the Philippines and Tokyo, Formosa is one of Japan's most important remaining bases. The Japanese themselves refer to it as their "great aircraft carrier to the south." Whoever controls the island is able, to a large extent, to control the large ports on the China coast. The Japanese recognized this fact and have long worked to develop it as an island fortress. Formosa, like Iwo Jima which has been promoted to a round-the-clock bombing basis by American fliers, can expect many more such raids as Philippine air bases are developed.

The principal objective in the Ryukyu's was the island of Ikinawi. Admiral Nimitz has also announced that Iwo Jima came in for its 26th consecutive day of bombing. In recent weeks Iwo Jima has been hit more consistently by American bombers than any other island in the Pacific.

NAZI SPIES FOILED: (Contd. from Page One)

cious looking character, lightly clad, trudging through the snow at 11:30 at night. No native of Maine would be out that late at night, reasoned Hodgkins, and if he were, he'd be bundled in fur trappings. So he followed the man into the woods, marked his location and returned to inform his father and the police. This revelation led to the capture

25 MORE JAPANESE SHIPS SUNK

***Jan 4--In wide sweeps over the Philippines, American bombers sank or set afire 25 more of the enemy's dwindling vessels. The majority of these ships were sunk in the South China sea west of Luzon. Included in this total are a 7,000 ton transport, a 6,000 ton freighter, 21 small cargo vessels and two trawlers. American fliers patrolling the 900 mile corridor between China and the Philippines are making it increasingly difficult for enemy shipping to pass on their way south.

Over the Manila area on Luzon, American bombers again struck at Clark Field. They destroyed eleven of an intercepting force of twenty Japanese planes. In the Visayas, Allied airmen bombed and strafed Negros airdromes, starting fires in supply dumps; two American planes failed to return from this raid. 90 tons of explosives were dropped on airdromes in the Moluccas. Heavy air assaults were continued against Timor, the Lesser Sundas, Palau, Yap, the Wewak area of New Guinea and Rabaul on New Britain.

NEE. YANK LANDINGS ON MINDORO

***Jan 4--General MacArthur has announced that two new American landings have been made on Mindoro Island. Both landings were described as small, but unopposed. They were made on the eastern and western coasts of Mindoro at points above the American bridgehead at San Jose. In the air over Mindoro, eight raiding Japanese planes were shot down.

Off Leyte, American light naval units sank five enemy coastal vessels and a launch. Infantrymen on Leyte added 1,287 to the number of good Japs. This raises the total of enemy casualties in the Leyte campaign to 121,064. Fifteen of the enemy were also brought in walking.

of Colspar and Gimple in New York. It is doubtful, however, if the remaining cash and diamonds will do them much good, for they will undoubtedly face the death penalty or life imprisonment.



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CRISIS LOOMS NEAR BASTOGNEBOY SCOUT TIPS OFF FBI; NAZIS FOILED

***Jan 5--All the thrilling details of a Frank Merriwell story including footprints in the snow and a chase through the woods were involved in the recent capture of two Nazi spies. Here is the story of how a 17 year old Boy Scout - Master Hodgkins - led to the uncovering of a cunning plot to steal vital American military secrets.

One night last winter two Nazi spies were landed by submarines on the North Coast of Maine. One was William Colspar, a discharged American Navy man, and the other a radio expert named Gimple. Colspar and Gimple were rowed into shore by crew members of U-Boat 1230, who then returned to their craft. They carried \$60,000 in American money when they landed on Frenchman's Bay, Maine under the light of a full moon last November 29. Beside the cash, they carried 99 small diamonds to be sold or bartered when they ran out of cash. Only when they reached shore did they change from their Naval Uniforms into civilian clothes. This was to avoid being executed as spies if they were captured in American waters before reaching the Maine coast.

Colspar and Gimple went their separate ways to collect vital information and planned to join forces in New York later on. From there they would travel to Miami. But Master Hodgkins, the Boy Scout, was prepared. He saw a suspi-

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***Jan 5--North of Bastogne, the American First Army has begun a drive to join forces with General Patton's Third Army. One of the major battles of the war may be shaping up in the Bastogne Area, where the two crack American armies are massing their forces.

The First Army is launching its attack on the left flank of the Nazi penetration bulge. Fearful of being outflanked the Germans are pulling forces in from the west flank of their salient in order to consolidate the positions they have won.

General Patton's forces are roaring north to hook up with the First Army. They have already reached the point where they are able to throw down a severe artillery barrage on German troops and supplies moving into the Bastogne area.

On the southern end of the front, in Alsace, Von Rundstedt's forces are launching severe attacks against the Seventh Army. It is too early to determine whether these attacks will constitute a major offensive or merely a diversionary effort against the American drive to the north.

But southwest of Bitche the Americans lost some ground to German counter-attacks. The fighting was of a see-saw nature and near the bank of the Saar River an important town changed hands several times. It now appears that except for the bridgehead at Saarlautern, the Americans have no important foothold on German soil on the long stretch from Lionschau to the

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Swiss border.

20,000 Nazis were lost in the first sixteen days of the Nazi drive and 400 tanks destroyed by American ground forces. To reach and hold the narrow salient they now control, the Nazis had six armored divisions and five infantry divisions severely cut up. Unofficial estimates place total German casualties for the offensive at 60,000.

But in spite of these heavy losses, the Nazis still had enough manpower to stage a threatening drive in the Saar Basin.

REDS FREE BUDAPEST BLOCK BY BLOCK

***Jan 5--Each day the Russians clean out a few hundred blocks in Budapest, and every hundred blocks means the annihilation of scores of Nazis. Yesterday, the Reds overran another 160 city blocks and chased the remaining Strom Troopers into an even smaller area.

Forty-five miles northwest of Budapest, the Germans hit back for the first time in many weeks and captured several towns on the south shore of the Danube. These attacks could serve as no more than a delaying action, against a Red drive into Austria. Budapest itself was doomed.

NIPS WILL HAVE NO TURKEY

***Jan 5--Relations between the Turkish Government and that of Japan will be formally severed at midnight, January 6. The Turks admitted the move was prompted by American Ambassador Steinhardt and supported by Great Britain. No longer will Jap officials, under the protection of diplomatic immunity, be able to survey Allied shipping and movement in the Middle East. Turkey deprived the Nazis of this privilege last August, when diplomatic relations were severed with Germany.

A recruit was overheard saying in his sleep: "Don't kill Hitler at once. Make him finish basic training first."

WANTING IN CHINA TAKEN

***Jan 4--Chinese announced the recapture of the Burma Road town of Wanting on the China-Burma border. This action gives the Allies control of the entire China section of the old Burma Road. Wanting was taken by the Japanese during their Burma campaign in 1942. The dispatch said that the enemy suffered heavy casualties and that remnants of the Japanese force there are fleeing south pursued by American-trained Chinese troops. It has been a long time since the battle-hardened Chinese troops have tasted victory, and they are determined to press it to its fullest extent. Wanting is over six hundred miles from the northern terminus of the road at Kunming and one hundred sixteen miles north of Lassio.

British troops in central Burma have entered the rail town of Ye-U, which they have been attacking. Ye-U is only 70 miles from their objective of Mandalay. The American 14th Airforce attacked Japanese rail lines in northern China destroying ten locomotives.

NAGOYA SUPERFORTRESS RAID.

***Jan 4--A sizeable force of United States Superfortress bombers on Wednesday attacked Nagoya on the main Japanese Island of Honshu. They started large fires among the industrial buildings. Although exact targets were not specified, all previous Nagoya raids have included the extensive Mitsubishi aircraft factories there. Overall results of the Nagoya attack are described as good. Wednesday's operation marks the 4th major B-29 assault against Nagoya. Headquarters reports that the sleek silver skybirds encountered only moderate Japanese fighter defense. Anti-aircraft fire there was described as meager and inaccurate. One Japanese plane was destroyed, nine probables, and many damaged. One Superfortress was lost to enemy action.

Headquarters of the 21st Bomber Command, which administers the Superfortresses, has moved from Saipan to Guam in (Cont'd on page four.)

SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED

Four transfers involving officers within the Division CP area have been causing a number of Deadeyes to turn their heads suddenly and say, "Who's that?". To answer the question, and as a sort of an official introduction, we present---

The new Special Troops Chaplain, Capt. Fredrick L. von Husen, from the 321 Medics, who switched posts with Capt. Draper H. Bishop. Chaplain von Husen is a veteran Deadeye, having joined the Division in November, 1942, immediately after having gone through Chaplains' School. The captain was, and still is, a pastor in Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

Also from the 321 Medics is Capt. William L. Wissman, new addition to the Special Troops medics. Captain Wissman is a hoosier, being a native of Indianapolis.

The new assistant G-1 is Capt. Edward E. Kobernusz from the 382nd Infantry who takes over the job of Captain Irons, who joined the 321 Medics. A comparatively new member of the 96th, Captain Kobernusz joined us at Camp White in January, 1943, after being a staff officer at the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Georgia for nine months. The captain's home town is Washington, D.C.

Lieut. John A. Kinsler of the 382nd MP detachment, replaces Major Gordon E. Larson as Provost Marshal. Lieut. Kinsler is from the town of Ukiah, California.

BANG TAILS BOW OUT IN U.S.!

Legalized horse racing in the United States ended Wednesday due to War Mobilization Director Byrnes' effort to shift the manpower into war production. Bookies and clubhouse attendants said they probably would go into war work. Seeing in this edict an opportunity to snag some badly needed workers, Douglas Aircraft is advertising for jockeys, saying they can use small persons to work in tight places. Although most large stable owners will continue with their breeding program, most of the smaller owners will be forced to sell out. Bookies in all the large cities are already folding up. It looks like cigar stores will have to go back to selling cigars.

"THE ENGINEERS"

by--Pvt. Scott A. Taggart

We can build roads and bridges,
We can dig holes and ditches,
We can cross swamps and mountains,
We can dig wells and make fountains,
We can cut trees and blast rocks,
We can take all of the knocks,
We can wallow in mud knee deep,
But damned if we can get any sleep!

Sgt. Jackson looked with amazement at the bump on Cpl. Henry's head.

"How in heck did you get that?" he asked.

"My wife threw a vase at me."

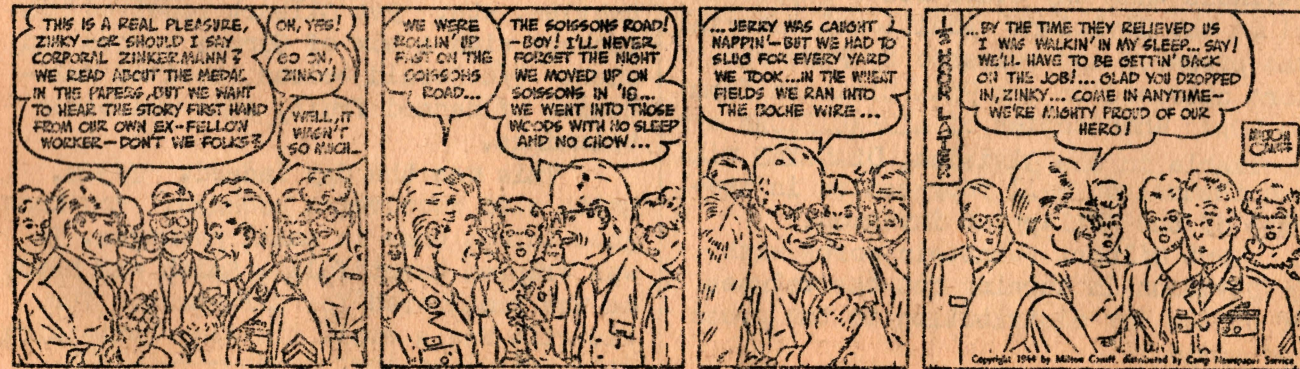
"Why on earth didn't you duck?"

"I did, but she allowed for it."

MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

COOKED BY A HASH MARK



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PUBLIC RELATIONS "ON THE BALL".

Publicizing the deeds of the 96th Division DEADEYES to all corners of the United States, and even to Europe, the Public Relations Office sent out a record total of news releases during the month of December.

Public Relations Office of the Division, under Lt. R. O. Davidson, prepared and processed approximately 300 news releases to a total of 2,081 newspaper and radio outlets. Broken down into plain facts, this means 300 different news stories concerning awards, stories of outstanding valor in action and human interest experiences were sent out to each man's home town newspaper, local radio station, nearest large town papers and radio stations.

The Public Relations Staff also goes out into the field and interviews doughboys up at the front, getting first-hand accounts of their experiences.

Approximately 100 news stories originated from these interviews with combat troops. Testifying to the good work of the PRO, a recent letter from the First Army in Europe was received by one of the DEADEYES complimenting the Public Relations Office on their publicity of the Division even in Europe.

Leading the list of states with the most news releases to communities is Illinois with 28. California is next with 18 releases, followed closely by Texas with 17. This would seem to indicate that men from Illinois were outstanding on the battlefield, although it must be remembered that more men from Illinois than any other state represented in the Division. Additional material was prepared and released by PROs who were attached to the 96th Division from Hq POA. When copies of MIDPACIFICAN are available in the Division, DEADEYES will see themselves well represented in stories of the Philippine invasion.

Pvt Gilbert Feinstein works with Lt Davidson in turning out the volumes of copies for distribution to the press and radio.

"MESSAGE CENTER TO THE RESCUE."

By-Sgt M. Dolgin.

Message center of the 1st Bn, 382nd Infantry are known as the fighting commandos, and well do they earn that name. To this day the radio section looks up to Message Center with grateful and admiring eyes. The reason being, one early morning, S/Sgt Chas. Dean, our radio chief, who is a little man, slightly over six feet, got out of his cozy fox-hole and went for a little walk to some bushes, about ten feet away from Message Center's position.

All of a sudden there came a blood curdling scream from that direction, DOLGIN - DOLGIN, there is a Jap here. Message Center of course, without an HOURS delay rushed blindly to the rescue, not knowing or caring how many Japs were in that bush.

When they got there, they found that an honorable Jap had almost caught our radio chief with his pants down. The Jap quickly joined his honorable ancestors and with S/Sgt Dean's grateful thanks ringing in their ears Message Center returned to their fox-holes.

PRICELESS GIFT.

(By-Lt H. N. Goldman)

The following is a true version of an incident which happened in one of our Medical Sections of the 382nd Inf Regt.

Christmas was indeed a day to be remembered. All our Christmas packages arrived. Pvt Dormitzer received several packages, some contained fruit cake, anchovies, etc. Pvt Gilbert received his package with a box of Corona cigars and such. T/4 Gerald Nelson received delicacies of canned fruit, cake and other trimmings.

This was the day indeed! T/3 M. Smith also received a package. You know, good things come in small packages. It was wrapped beautifully. Smith was happy, he was remembered for Christmas. Yes, his gift was a small tin can, containing "the priceless ingredient-----CHIPPED COCONUT".

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A TRIBUTE

(To the memory of Sgt Marvin E. Dawson, first member of the Second Battalion, 381st Inf., who was killed in action on November 8, 1944 at Maalngnon Ridge, Dagami, Leyte)

Out in the coldness of the falling twilight you came. You were brought on a litter conveyed by two American soldiers whose faces were spattered with mud. There was a soft rain. You did not care for the rain. Anyway, you had a white thick sheet spread over you to keep you warm inside. The two American soldiers that brought you here were tired and panting. They said they had come way up from the firing line on the Maalngnon Ridge.

You were led to the low tent by the brink of a murmuring stream. The doctor came hurriedly to see you, feeling the pulse of your right hand. Some of your comrades looked at you with sad faces. I saw you, you writhed in pain. You were white, very white like the sheet that covered you.

I was at your side. You saw me but you seemed to look blankly at me. You did not recognize me anymore. You never greeted me again with "how are you, boy."

Do you remember, Dear Sergeant, you and I got acquainted at Digahongan. I was going home to our town and you advised me not to proceed to the place because the town was not yet completely liberated from the Japs. Do you still remember that it was last November? I heeded you. I was glad you were there to help me. I should have been shot by Japanese snipers. You saved my life, Dear Sergeant.

You and I sat on a big root of an acacia tree under a cool shade of spreading branches. You told me you had a wife, a beautiful wife, left back home in Detroit, Michigan. You said she was a school teacher like myself. In one way or another, you liked me because I was a school teacher too. Was it not, Sergeant?

Now you are dead. You cannot live again and breathe the tropical air. God called you to His kingdom.

You will be here with us forever in our land, Sergeant. You have a white beautiful cross planted in your grave to identify you. You have an airfield named after you in Patok. You have a beautiful Philippine mahogany placque erected in your honor by your comrades. We have sung songs for you, and you have our prayers.

By--Felipe C. Medino, School Teacher,
Dagami, Leyte, Philippines, Dec 30, '44.

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the southern Mariannas. They have announced that the huge B-29 Bombers will soon operate from Guam and Tinian as well as Saipan. All of which means more sorrow for Tokyo. It won't be long

before the only flat surface in the Pacific that doesn't boast an American airfield will be a whale's back. And perhaps they could fly liaison planes off that.