

MOSCOW HINTS COMING WINTER OFFENSIVE

***Jan 5--Russians on the northwestern Hungarian front were engaging six Nazi armored divisions, several infantry divisions, and strong units of the Luftwaffe as the Nazis threw in reinforcements. Budapest is the scene of a great tank, infantry, and plane battle with the Germans desperately trying to relieve their Budapest garrison. Red Army troops now hold more than 1300 blocks of the burned-out city.

Moscow Radio predicted a new Soviet winter offensive which will dwarf previous ones in power and drive. This coming offensive is feared by the German General Staff for its possibilities, and is the foremost reason they began their counter-offensive in the west. The Nazi High Command knew that they must make a supreme effort to halt the Allies on the west so that they could prepare for the Russian offensive, on the east. While the struggle in Hungary is not yet decisive, there are yet large Russian forces inactive on the Polish front. As soon as the ground and rivers freeze, these powerful Red Army units will swing into action in an effort to break the German deadlock.

FIRST ARMY GAINS: (Contd. on Page One)

short period of daylight prevented Allied air reconnaissance from spotting Nazi preparations for their great offensive. Yesterday, for the first time in 12 days, cloudy skies kept Allied air power grounded.

CARRIERS STRIKE FORMOSA, OKINAWA

***Jan 5--For two days official silence has prevailed regarding the activities of an American carrier fleet in the waters of Formosa. Yesterday, this silence was lifted to reveal that for the second day our carrier planes have struck targets on Formosa and Okinawa Islands. Both of these islands present sizable targets and guard the southern flank of the Japanese homeland. Okinawa is thirty seven miles long and is the largest of the Ryukyu chain extending from the southern tip of Japan to Formosa.

B-29'S SOCK BANGKOK

***Jan 5--Globe trotting B-29's took off from India to hit Bangkok, capital of Thailand. All of the super-fortresses returned to India and announced the results of their raids as excellent. Clear weather contributed to the accurate bombing as well as the weak fighter opposition and meager flak.

Widely scattered Japs throughout the southwest Pacific were not forgotten for the newer targets. New Guinea, the Southern Philippines, the Dutch Celebes and Halmahera each received tons of Yank explosives. Halmahera alone was allotted 30 tons.

WINTER AT HOME

A cold wave coming from the northwest extended over the Midwest and eastern half of the nation with little relief in sight. The northern plain states, the Mississippi and Ohio River valleys, and Great Lakes regions were hardest hit. Temperatures at St. Paul, Minn. had a national low, 22 degrees below zero.



"THE FOXHOLE'S FINEST"

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AMERICAN FIRST ADVANCES!

OUR PLANES CATCH 60 JAP SHIPS

***Jan 5-- 60 ships of the Japanese merchant fleet have been sunk on the west coast of Luzon since January 1. The credit goes to American fliers, from whom the Japs have vainly tried to conceal their dwindling freighters and transports, in the harbors of Western Luzon.

Subic Bay and Lingayen Gulf, both on Luzon's west coast, were the scene of the heaviest attacks. On January 1, 25 enemy vessels had been sunk or damaged in these shelters. Then, during the period of January 2 - 3, American bombers and fighters returned to destroy or seriously damage 35 more Jap ships.

In this latest attack one transport of about 12,000 tons was among the ships hit. The breakdown listed 15 Jap transports and freighters as definitely destroyed and another 10 severely crippled. A seaplane carrier was among the remaining Jap ships either sunk or damaged.

Yank fliers did not neglect the airfields while their flying mates were walloping Jap shipping. On much bombed Clark field, near Manila, 20 more planes were blown to pieces on the ground by the Americans. No Nip interceptors contested the issue.

Only over Mindoro did the Jap send what air power he could muster. On the night of January 2nd, Jap planes raided Mindoro five times, concentrated on airfields and shipping. The price was three enemy raiders brought down by our flak.

ADVANCE 3½ MILES

***Jan 5--Amidst a raging snowstorm, tanks and infantrymen of Lt. General Hodges' First Army struck forward 3½ miles in their southward drive to shorten the German bulge in Belgium. Front line dispatches only 12 hours old report that the northern attack caught Field Marshal Von Rundstedt's forces by surprise. Despite a visibility reduced to one hundred yards by the blizzard, the American First hammered the German bulge to less than 14 miles width. General Hodges' objective was to effect a junction with Patton's Third Army which is moving up from the south. Together, they hope to cut off the German bulge entirely.

Old "Blood and Guts" Patton's boys have again taken the initiative from the Nazis east and west of Bastogne after beating off seven savage tank attacks. The Nazis threw in 100 tanks in their effort to keep Third Army troops from cutting their all-weather highway on the south. As the Third Army is only two miles from this German supply highway, only bad weather kept it from being made useless by their artillery fire. If the American First and Third Armies can effect a junction, there is the possibility of a large number of German troops being trapped. However, it is yet too early to speculate on this chance.

To the southwest, the American 7th Army under Lt. General Patch held the German drive there to a standstill in most sectors. An Allied air officer explained this week that had winter weather and a

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GUERRILLAS' PART IN THE LIBERATION OF LEYTE

(Transcription of a speech delivered by 1st Lt. Cesario Sudario on behalf of Capt B. V. Abarientos, during the Rizal Day Program.--By G. B. Nuevas.)

During the two dark years that passed following the fall of Corregidor, we have either heard or seen the birth of so many resisting groups showing in one way or another their bitter indignation to all the Japanese cruelties, atrocities, and abuses. As time went by, as the Japanese enforced their mission and doctrine of co-punishment and co-poverty, more of our brother Filipinos joined these guerrilla bands. They fused together until a large and well co-ordinated army organization was made. Ill-clad, ill-fed, and ill-equipped, this army of resistance walked silently in the hills.

From the time the American forces made their successful landings on our province, the liberating and patriots forces fought incessantly for more than two months. Now that the campaign in Leyte is practically over, the question arises - what part did the Guerrillas play in the Liberation of the Province?

While one can never read in any history that guerrillas has ever defeated an organized Army, yet the Japanese forces in the Philippines felt the threat and danger of the resisting elements in the hills, much more they were aware of the help this silent army was giving to the cause of the Allied Nations.

Following Gen. MacArthur's instructions from his Headquarters in Australia, the guerrillas made a fairly well intelligence network. Maximum intelligence work was always maintained. Allied Headquarters were given practically every information about everything that the Japanese did and were planning to do. After so much waiting - after so many lives have been sacrificed to carry on the mission of intelligence work, we tasted the fruit of this work when American carrier-based planes blasted enemy positions, fuel deposits and airstrips with great accuracy. The efforts of the intelligence work was fully consummated when the Allied forces landed on our shores. One of the reasons why they landed on Leyte Island was their comprehensive knowledge of this province and the surety of guerrilla help once they were in. The American retaking forces knew where to strike. They knew the weakest point of the Japanese defenses, and while the American forces struck at the front, the guerrillas struck the enemy at her back. They knew the enemy's emplacements, garrisons and other odd defenses which, alas, did never hold. It is clearly evident, therefore, that the guerrillas paved the way in part for a more cautious and safer landing of the allied Forces with a minimum loss on our part and a maximum destruction on the side of the Japanese defenders.

The Guerrillas helped to put a stop to the further regimentation of Filipino manpower by the Japanese. Everywhere in the Philippines, the Japanese were in need

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STIMSON REVIEWS THE WAR

***Jan 5--American Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimson made an extensive review of the European war in a press conference this week. He said, "The situation on the western front has developed to the stage where it is very difficult to make constructive comments on a sound basis. A general battle is in progress where both sides are deployed. The Germans still hold the power to launch new, but as yet lesser, action on other parts of the front.

Such an action is in progress at the present time on the Saar front. Whether or not this is merely a demonstration or a sizeable attack remains to be seen. But it is quite evident that the Germans propose to hold and defend on many fronts, if possible, in order to hold our movement and exploit any weakness in the line.

"I might say", Stimson concluded, "that the Germans are utilizing every device to cling to the offensive..... The weather continues to be a critical factor."

GREEK PREMIER APPEALS TO EAM'S

***Jan 5--General Nicholas Plastibas, the new premier of Greece, appealed to the left wing EAM and ELAS forces to lay down their arms. In his first public statement, he pledged that his government would not set up a dictatorship. He also stated that before a settlement could be made, the rioters must comply with the British Commander's terms and disarm. Meanwhile, the tragic civil war still continued in Athens.

"WORK OR FIGHT"

FDR at a news conference yesterday endorsed the general idea of a "work or fight" legislation, but declined to discuss details. He said these details should be left to Congress. He endorsed substantially recommendations put forth which included laws to require 4F's to take war employment, and give the WLB power to enforce its decisions in court.

ALLIES ADVANCE IN ITALY

***Jan 5--In Italy, where the long-fighting Allied soldiers seldom are more than mentioned in headlines, they continued their relentless push northward. Plucky Canadians of the British Eighth Army, supported by tanks, advanced farther along the mud of the eastern Po Valley. The Eighth Army has captured the small town of Conventello two miles east of Alftonsine, which is on the Ravenna Ferrara highway. Italy-based American bombers made assaults against the Brenner Pass in one of the few Allied air operations of the day.

Originally, the prime objective of the German commander in Italy was to hold the Allies from moving into southern Germany through the Brenner Pass. This he has done with patient skill. Meanwhile, the Russian drive into Czechoslovakia has almost nullified the German holding campaign in Italy. The Red Army appears to have flanked the Germans in Italy by cutting them off from Austria and Slovakia. Nazis in Italy must decide in the near future whether to withdraw into southern Germany, or risk being cut off by the Russians to the north of them. In either event, they may find themselves pressed between the clamp of the Allied force on the south and the Russian hordes to the north.

ROAD TO MANDALAY IS RUGGED

***Jan 5--British troops advancing down the Central Burma Railway captured positions north and east of Kanbalu. Kanbalu is a strongly defended rail town ninety miles above the key city of Mandalay. The Japs fighting a rear guard action, have no intention of making the British a present of this important supply base. British troops are 82 miles from the city.

In Northern Burma, a Chinese column is moving rapidly towards China proper to join another force in Yunnan province. Only 30 miles now separates the two units and when they are re-united the China-Burma front will be continuous.



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DEADEYE DISPATCH

EMINENT MEDICINE MAN DISCOVERS CURE FOR G.I.'S ----

BY-A MINOR MAJOR IN THE FIELD ARTILLERY.

Thousands of Allied Soldiers on Leyte, plus those few remaining Japanese who have bowels, will be delighted to learn that the well known medical quack, Dr G. I. Lackanooky, has finally perfected a cure for even the most severe cases of GI's (Gastro Enteritis), known hereabouts as the foxhole fidgets, but appropriately dubbed by our forefathers "the back door trots".

Dr Lackanooky has been described by fellow medicine men in Africa and the Philippines as being the perfect medical non-entity and his current experiments give every promise of living up to this high praise. He has been quoted as saying, "I can bring almost instant relief to four out of five cases".

Ever since landing on Blue Beaches #1 and 2 on A-Day (Dr Lackanooky says somebody gave him a bum steer on the actual date of the invasion.) he has been regaled by countless thousands of friends to do something for the suffering soldier citizenry. Everywhere the cry arose, "G.I., you've got to do something for G.I.'s who have the G.I.'S."

With this appeal ringing in his ears he set up his test tubes in the nearest foxhole, threw his brain from neutral into high gear, and was off in a cloud of----(no, that's another story). Day after day he racked his brain and each sunset made his compounds look better (most things look better in the dark). Finally he was enabled at one

fell swoop to put his finger directly on the perfect mixture. A passing soldier had carelessly tossed into the research foxhole a partially consumed hunk of American Processed Cheese (without bacon).

"Ah", exclaimed Dr Lackanooky, as his excitement rose to a fever and his brain slid back into neutral, "just what I've been looking for". After a few tests to determine the best method of applying the compound, he was ready to release his remedy to a waiting public - all the way from General MacArthur down to the lowest private in the 361st FA Bn.

"My remedy boils down to this", says the Doc. "I inject thrice weekly into each suffering soldier this cheese compound which, when mixed with the blood stream immediately forms a heterogenous and homogenous mess which is almost impossible of being pushed by the average body down through the miles (or is it feet) of intestines. In the more stubborn cases I am often forced to massage a liberal quantity of the compound directly into the lower portion of the lower colon known to the trade as the anus. For those of you not in the trade you can identify the part in question by the familiar expression "Blow it out"! The cylindrical end of an entrenching tool is quite helpful in this latter operation."

Eager testimonials have poured in from all parts of the island, but they have all been very well summed up by grin-

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of Filipino labor in construction designed to augment the enemy's military defenses; in the production of vital materials of war such as oil, abaca, cotton, and food; in the exploitation of our natural resources; and they needed men in their controlled Bureau of Constabulary. The existence of guerrillas in almost every province of the Philippines, with so many thousands of its men - mostly the cream of Philippines youth - all stocked up resisting valiantly the aggressor - contributed so much in making this phase of Japan's so-called Co-Prosperity Sphere a bunk.

When the Allied Forces were still busy in their fierce campaign in New Guinea, in the Solomons, and other islands in the Southwest Pacific, the Japanese were in great need of re-enforcements to their dwindling beleaguered forces in those island bases. The Japanese High Command looked into their soldiers in the Philippines as potential forces to increase their defense in the Pacific bases. In the Island of Leyte alone, no less than ten-thousand Japanese soldiers were tied up doing all sorts of mopping operations against the guerrillas to push through their campaign of pacification. Somehow, they failed in this mission just as they have failed too in the same mission in other parts of the Philippines. Is it not then something to be proud of that the guerrillas were holding thousands of Japanese soldiers in the Philippines, troops rendered immobilized to strengthen the enemy's Pacific Island-bases defenses.

The guerrilla forces were not so much concerned on open engagements against the enemy. With the avoidance of pitched battles, these patriot forces were able to account for quite a big toll of the enemy's dead and wounded. Just the thought and fear on the Japanese soldiers who were sent out to patrol the mountains, that anywhere on the way some guerrillas might snipe or ambush them, was always more than enough of a headache for them. Surely, thousands of Nippon's rising suns has been eternally set and are still being set - Rising Suns that will never rise again.

As long as guerrillas existed in the mountains, the Japs had no hope of ever building up defenses for their retreats. This was clearly made manifest when the American forces came to retake our province. Then the Japs lost their coastal installations and plain defenses, they did not have any fixed points of retreat to the hills whereby they could put up a strong stand. This actually reduced the cost of operations in terms of lives, materials and time in the Leyte campaign of liberation.

This is all that I can say for the present of what guerrillas have done in the liberation of our province. As the Army of Liberation marches on, we will come to know more of what guerrillas have done towards our country's redemption.

When that time comes that peace will be with us again, as the greatest Filipino here, Dr. Jose Rizal once wrote, "Let not the living forget to remember those who had fallen during the night".

PRICES GOING UP!

During recent political upheavals in South America, one side captured the other's general. An envoy was sent to negotiate an exchange of the general. "We will give you four colonels for him", said the officer. The offer was declined. "Eight majors?" "No." "Sixteen captains?" "Sorry." "What Then?" -----The least we can accept is two dozen of condensed milk.

96th Box Score of Good Japs.

Total for 1944.....	7341
Total for 1945 thus far.....	128
GRAND TOTAL.....	7469

Box Score will be published weekly as long as we continue disposing of the debris on Leyte.

THE POETS

"MUCK AND MIRE"

Out of Bamboo-Trees and Coconut Leaves,
I built a little home.
To keep out the rain and more of the same,
A shelter all my own.

But during the night mid flashes of light,
The rain came tumbling down.
While drops of damp began to plant,
Little pools of dew all around.

Then the wind came panting, loudly panting
Looking for a place to rest.
Flew in the door, and sat on the floor,
Now the roof is sailing west.

Then it banged at the walls, little stalls
That held packs of camels.
Now all my fags are tobacco rags,
And the walls lay in shambles.

My faithful buddy lies damp and muddy,
The bolt refuses to work.
So I blow my top and giggle a lot,
While my muscles quietly jerk.

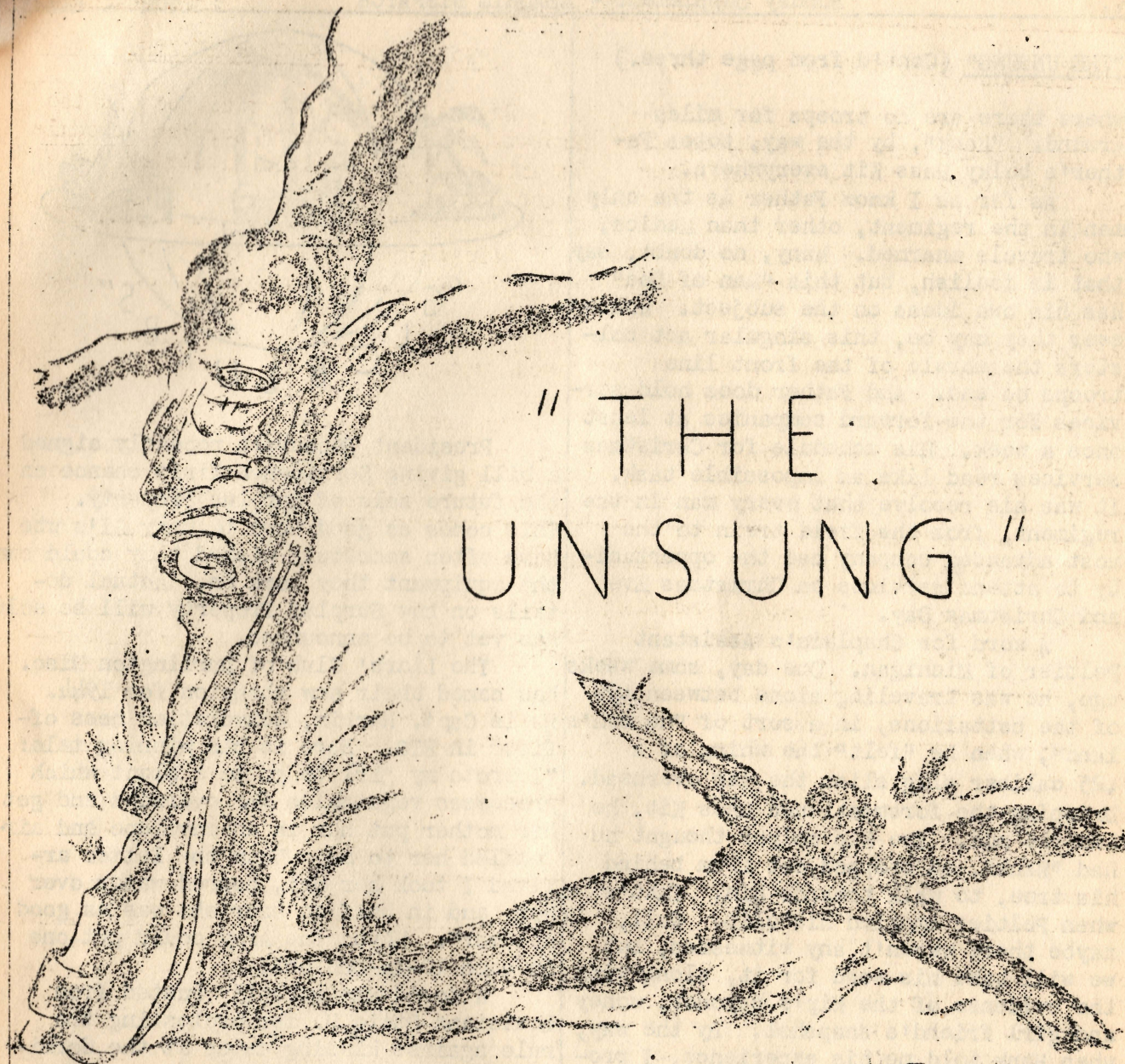
Out of padded walls and cushioned stalls,
They built me a little home.
Now I just wait, for my section eight,
Making mud pies all my own.

I try to explain, but all in vain,
They think I'm off my nut.
And tho they're wrong, I'll get along,
But I won't build another hut!

(By-"Stanislaw Kilemdeadernhell!")

IMAGINATION (Dedicated to Jack)

When your on guard, and you feel
all alone,
The silence is broken, you reach for
your phone,
The shadows move quickly, then you see
it's a tree,
You relax and sigh, and again feel free.
A shot rings out, from a post near by,
You grip your machine gun, for you're
too young to die,
A man stands before you, with a grin
on his face,
Your machine blasts, for a grave
is his place,
You sit intent and alert, the rest
of the night,
Your machine-gun your baby, has again
saved your life,
The dawn is slow coming, but sure
and near,
The minutes are days, the night a
long year,
The sun is now shinning, high in
the sky,
You go out to see, the Jap you made die,
You look around blindly, but can't
see a soul,
For the Jap you killed, was only
a pole,
You feel ashamed, and turn slowly about,
Maybe you were foolish, but you shot
when in doubt,
The fellows all razz you, but you don't
give a damn,
Because you're positive now, you've
become a man,
You're only eighteen, nineteen,
or twenty,
But fellow for your age, you've sure
done plenty,
When this is all over, and you return
home at last,
That night of guard, will be a thing of
the past,
Some day you'll have a baby, this time
a son,
And not a black noisy, old machine-gun.
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"THE UNSUNG"

J-FOREMAN-

It seems to be the fad to write about "Unsung Heroes". Everyone's been "sung now, with the exception of our Chaplains. Maybe it's because their job in this man's army isn't so glamorous. The don't knock out pill-boxes, nor capture a dozen Japs single handed, but their bravery is of a special type.

Their influence is felt in a quick way, however, its weight is felt by many. For a typical example, I'd like to introduce you to the 383rd's Chaplain Reagan, better known as Father Reagan. Though not specifically trained for the Infantry, I'll stake my Pesos against any man's, that he has covered as many miles

this operation as any man in this Mountaineer Regiment. All of these miles, mind you via nature's own transportation--by foot. I've never heard of him asking for a vehicle to get up to the battalion in the hills. He simply takes off, with his trusty aide, T/5 Hank Peltier. The two of them travel lonely trails

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IMAGINATION: (Contd. from Page Five)

The years will roll by, and you'll soon
grow old,
And I wonder how often this story
will be told,
You'll be proud to say, "I helped
my nation,"
But you'll never reveal it was your own
imagination.

(Contributed by-Pvt. B Workman)
96th DivArty

THE 3RD BN P & A

We wallowed thru the mud,
and we caught the jungle crud,
But believe that every dog will
have his day.
Where the weasels wouldn't go
We'd use water buffalo -
That's the rugged 3rd Bn P & A.

There is first lieutenant Swede
And his boys of every creed,
And none of them have fallen by
the way.
We built a lot of roads,
and we packed some heavy loads-
That's the rugged 3rd Bn P & A.

O'er the heavy water's tossing
There we built the cable crossing,
and of course you know we built
the Ballard Way.
When we brought out trucks across,
That's the only place we lost -
That's the rugged 3rd Bn P & A.

We have handled ammunition,
And we play with demolition
Like celebrating Independence
Day.
When there's "Fire in the hole"
You can hear the echoes roll
That's the rugged 3rd Bn P & A.

We are hot on education
And without exaggeration,
We send blueprints to Rube Goldberg
every day.
We repair 'em lock and spring
For our slogan's "Anything" -
That's the rugged 3rd Bn P & A.

Then there's Wooley with his
muscles,
And he's had some mighty tussels
With giant rocks that happened
in our way,
But that guy is plenty stout
And he always rolls them out--
That's the rugged 3rd Bn P & A.

But when this job is done
And we've set the rising sun,
We'll all go back to Frisco
for to stay.
Then we'll hunt us up a skunk,
And we'll all get roaring drunk -
That's the rugged 3rd Bn P & A.

Contributed by:
THE RUGGED 3RD BN P & A.

NEEDHAM J. SPIKES

Needham Spikes, is quite a lad
or should I say a man
For after all he is a dad
Believe it if you can.

Upon his head, there is no hair
And so he calls it heaven
Because there is no parting there,
Well maybe six or seven.

His little girl's his pride and joy
That I can understand
But ask him why she's not a boy
Could it be, he's not a man?

We like old Spikes, he's quite a wit
Of this I shouldn't write
His old baldhead may bigger get
And maybe I'm only half right.

Dedicated to a friend of mine, or rather
a recent one, as he will probably be
hunting my head after this.

Cpl. W. R. Anderson Jr.
Anti-Tank Co, 332nd Inf

POEM

"Loyte's mud ain't shallow"
So doughboys gotta wallow".

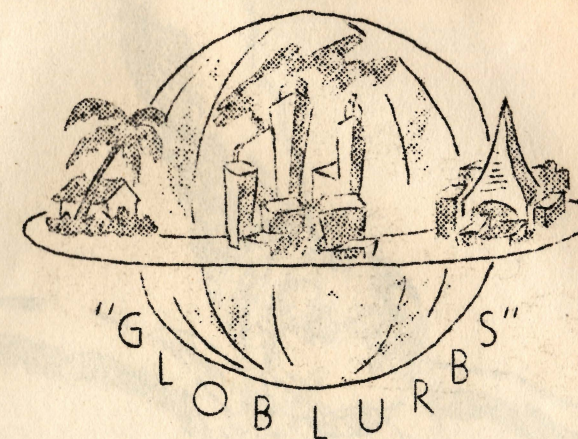
"THE UNSUNG" (Cont'd from page three.)

where there are no troops for miles
around. "Hank", by the way, totes Fa-
ther's bulky Mass Kit everywhere.

As far as I know Father is the only
man in the regiment, other than Medics,
who travels unarmed. Many, no doubt, say
that is foolish, but this "Man of God"
has his own ideas on the subject. What-
ever they may be, this singular act bol-
sters the morale of the front line
troops no end. And Father does hold ser-
vices for the forward companies at least
once a week. His schedule for Christmas
services read like an impossible task.
It was his resolve that every man in the
regiment, from the field train to the
most advanced company had the opportuni-
ty to attend services on Christmas Eve
and Christmas Day.

A word for Chaplain's Assistant
Peltier of Michigan. One day, some weeks
ago, he was traveling alone between two
of the battalions, in a sort of "no man's
land", when he "felt" the whing of a
.25 caliber slug slice the air overhead.
Dropping the forementioned Mass Kit, he
hit the mud. The Nip sniper thought he
had "Hank", so stepped out from behind
his tree, to walk towards him. That's
when Peltier emptied his clip. Well,
maybe there weren't any witnesses, but
we will take his word for it, along with
the evidence of the Nip's bayonet, money
and girl friend's snapshot. By the way,
when Hank told me his experience, I pro-
mised not to tell Father Reagan. Why,
I don't know. Maybe he didn't want to
worry Father, or he might be ordered to
never travel alone again. I hope "Hank"
forgives me, for "spilling the beans".

I can't tell you where Chaplain
Reagan was born, his age, or any other
personal history because I don't know,
nor dare I ask him, for he would ask
why, and that would be the finish of
this article. All I know of him I have
written. If any of you want to meet
Father, you can find him any Sunday on
the side of some mountain conducting
services for "A", "E" or "I" Company.
(T/5 John S. Jurik.)



President Roosevelt recently signed
a bill giving Servicemen first chance on
the future sale of Surplus Property.
This comes as good news to many GI's who
have often secretly wished they could own
the equipment they work on.. Actual de-
tails on how Surplus Property will be sold
has yet to be announced.

The Liars' Club of Burlington Wisc.
has named their new champion for 1944.
He is Capt. Harrin, dehydration mess of-
ficer in ETO. Here is his winning tale:
"I wrote my girl to go to a plant which
processes vegetables for overseas and get
her mother put her in an envelope and air-
mailed her to me. When the letter ar-
rived I took her out, poured water over
her, and in half an hour she was as good
as ever". Maybe the Army could put one
in each 10-In-One box.

A Co-ed was recently ousted from
Louisiana State U. for protesting the
rule against kissing dates at the dormi-
tory door. We thought that was one of
the things we were fighting for.

You hear a lot of doughfeet discuss-
ing their choice of post-war cars these
days. Manufacturer Ford believes he will
catch the public trend with a low-priced
car as was the Model A. Most other auto
manufacturers are for bigger and better
cars. Anybody want a jeep?

In Los Angeles, Calif. 226 amateurs
and pro's are now playing in the \$13,000
LA Open. Byron Nelson, Craig Wood, Jug
McSpaden and Sammy Snead are picked by
local golf dopesters as the men to beat.
Babe Didrickson Zaharias, womens' champ
is also entered in the tourney.



SPORTS

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Sunday Supplement - DEAD EYE DISPATCH

7.

COLLEGE FIVES CLASH 1945 SEASON OPENS

Basketball again came into the limelight all over the country, as the nation's leading teams started off the year in mid-season form. As this issue goes to press the University of Kentucky appears to be the best college basketball team in the country. However, three other college teams have risen during the past week to challenge the Southeastern Conference champions for top honors. These are St. Johns of Brooklyn, University of Iowa, potential Big Ten champs, and little Muhlenberg of Pennsylvania.

All four teams remained in the exclusive ranks of the unbeaten. Kentucky, which invades Madison Square Garden this week to play Long Island University, shaded Temple U. at Philadelphia 45-44, in a thrilling last minute finish. Coming from behind to overtake the Owls, Kentucky's brilliant center Alex Groza, sank a goal to give Kentucky the game. Groza, who leaves shortly for military service, has scored 27 points to date. St. Johns, eastern seaboard favorites, walloped Dartmouth 53-38 in New York. Muhlenberg topped Pennsylvania, 42-38.

In the Big Ten, Iowa's cagers showed their power by swamping Chicago 67-31. In an upset that may change the present setup of title favorites, Ohio State defeated the University of Michigan five, 54-41. The Buckeyes had no easy time of it in whipping the previously unbeaten Michigan team, running the game into an overtime period to do it. It was Michigan's first loss in eight games and Ohio

States fourth win in five starts.

The Southwest Conference Basketball race opens this week with the co-favorites Arkansas and Rice, meeting the teams that have appeared weakest. Arkansas will be host to Baylor in two games, the Bears have lost all six of their practice games. Texas A & M, which has won only one game in eight starts, will clash with Rice.

TOUCHING ALL BASES

Carroll Widdoes, Ohio State's candidate for coach of the year, was born in Manila, Philippine Islands, and his parents are still there as missionaries, presumably in a Jap concentration camp at Baguio.... With a lot of the coaches already screaming about the new basketball rule prohibiting goal-tending, Hank Iba, coach of Oklahoma A & M at whom center, seven-foot Bob Kurland, much of the ruling was aimed, says the ruling has helped Kurland to be a better basketball player. He doesn't have to jump so much, and now he can go the whole game instead of requiring rest.Sgt. Dutch Harrison, recent winner of the Miami golf open, credits the Army with giving him the nerves to play better golf than he had as a civilian. Harrison probably lost all tension waiting in line for everything including his pay..... Glenn Dobbs and a bunch of other service players are winding up service football careers. The AAF has a two-year eligibility rule for men fit for overseas service.... Jimmy Dykes pulled another fast one trading Jake Wade for southpaw Johnny Johnson of the Yankees.

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WEINSTEIN BESTS DILL!

Jan. 4--Last night, in the Division Surgeon's tent, with 30,000 Dead-Eyes upon them, two veteran fighters put on an exhibition that was strictly major league.



After nearly four hours of continuous mental struggle, which at times seemed to be a form of psychological war-

fare, Col Macey Dill was bested by Capt. Jack Weinstein in a championship checker match. The score was 5 to 2, but the battle was far closer than the score implies. Col. Dill got off to a shaky start, as he lost the first three decisions in succession. But "reinforcements" arrived in the form of a mysterious sock-covered canteen that caused those who drank from it to lick their lips and say "Haaah!"

The general opinion was that a new type of chlorine was being used, because even Leyte's water seldom has such an unusual effect upon its drinkers. Whatever the liquid was, it had a notable effect and soon after, the Colonel defeated

Capt. Weinstein, a Wisconsin state checker champion, for the first time.

From there on the canteen became a permanent fixture. Even though it hid half the board from many of the on-lookers, those who had placed their pesos on Col. Dill were perfectly satisfied to see it remain there. Weinstein's backers had more money to wager on their contestant but could not find either man, reptile or insect to cover it.

By now things were piling up. Small side wagers were placed as to whether the heap of swatted insects would overtake the chain-smoking Colonel's stack of cigarette butts. The odds were on the insects because though the butts fell more often, the flying pests surpassed in size

the bits of tobacco, which usually were so small that they field-stripped themselves.

Then the contest settled down to a battle of wits, and each move was planned with even more painstaking deliberation than before. The silence was broken only by the expert bug-banging of Chap. von Husen, and the continual jangling of the telephone as bettors throughout the Division asked for the score.

For three consecutive times no decision could be reached, and the contest was called a draw. Finally, by employing the same aggressiveness as on that famous bridge at Tabon-tabon, Col. Dill triumphed, and the score stood at 4 to 2. The phone was clanging like a fire alarm now, and the inquirers, not being able to witness the tediousness of each play, rapidly became more impatient.

But the climax was approaching, as the blacks maneuvered across the squares, it became evident that the background of first class competition of Capt. Weinstein would win out. But it was only when every known trick had been attempted and the "casualties" on both sides had reached a staggering total, that Colonel Dill ground his last cigarette into the dirt, and conceded the victory to one of Milwaukee's favorite sons, Capt. Jack Weinstein.

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