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Snow, snow, snow! Believe it or not, we've had 47 consecutive days of it since November 29th. And if you don't mind, we'll get to some other subject as quickly as possible - before we go NUTS.

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Jack Wicks, Fl/C, is aboard a submarine in the Pacific. He completed his electrician's course in December and is now based on the California coast. Young Jack is Douglas' only submarine man, and we all take much pride in his making this elite Service. . . And Carl Wicks too is operating out of California - as 2nd Mate on the Thomas C. Power, a big cargo ship in the Maritime Service. "The Admiral", as Jack calls him, sure looked the part when we last got a look at him.

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Without further delay, The Dope wishes to correct a mistake made in its last issue. Bud Bekken is NOT No.1 man in a Stud Regiment. It seems that Bud's outfit is a Stud. (student) Regiment - and that's why he likes it so much and is doing so well. The Dope apologizes for this terrible blunder.

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Here's a letter from Fuz Fosdick, with the Red Arrow division on Leyte, to Ky December 1st: "It's been tough going here but the smoke is beginning to clear away. . . Bud Miller was plenty lucky to get out of this show. He's got the war beat for a while anyway, and sure deserves it. . . Saw Ben Fisch a couple days ago. He had more hair on his face than he had on his head. Still the same old Ben, though - kind of wants to get back and take up a little space at Charlie Koning's or Dale Crow's. . . Better keep that ball field in shape, Ky. Think we can whip up a team of ex-service men that can beat anything you can round up. . . By the way, did you know that Severens has taken the fatal step? Married a blonde Aussie girl in August. He says we'll all like her, but it sure breaks up a good drinking team. . . Regards to all the old gang".

And from Benny to the same correspondent, from the same locality, and on pretty much the same subjects: "There is'nt much to write about this place unless you're interested in some nice juicy mud. . . Fuz Fosdick has left the outfit to sail for home. We were hoping that we could leave at the same time but it just would'nt work out. He wants me to tell you to stock up with a few "cases"; should be seeing you in February. Hope I can get out of here about that time - and get home for spring practice. You get a ball team organized and we'll get a bunch of us has-beens and show you the way around the bases. I've had a lot of practice in running here".



Father Nugent, we regret to report, is in St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids. Nothing particularly serious, we're told, and the latest word from him is "all reports favorable." We sincerely hope that his sojourn there will be brief & that he returns to Douglas completely recovered. P.S: Father just returned & looking swell.

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Vic Culver, Steve Hamlin & Charlie Ash have all sent in APO numbers lately - Vic's out of San Francisco and Charlie's & Steve's out of New York. And Don Kingsley has completed the training of his B-17 bomber crew and is awaiting embarkation orders. . . . Good luck, boys! The old home town is pulling for every one of you.

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Did you hear about the married couple who were sleeping peacefully when the wife suddenly called out in her sleep: "Good Lord, my husband!" The husband awakened in cold terror, grabbed his pants and jumped out the window.

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Ev Thomas is now a 1st Lieut. - and has been since November 23rd. Swell work, Ev - you've sure done your stuff! And De Thomas is still somewhere in Burma - our only representative in that God-forsaken sector. (How about a line sometime, De? Has'nt Burma got something we have'nt got?)

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From the Waterbury (Conn.) Republican, November 12: Cpl. Charles Wojack of Spring St. won the golf championship recently at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, defeating a major in the finals. Since then Cpl. Wojack has been transferred to New Guinea.

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Billy Goshorn's a Staff Sergeant! Nice work, Billy, we're proud of you. "Went to Scotland on my last furlough", he writes, "and had quite a time. The Scotch are really friendly. They also have some nice scenery up there - mostly redheads".

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Basketball: Three games to date with Saugatuck on the short end of all of them: Hopkins 43, Saug 23; St. John's 50, Saug 12; and Fruitport 21, Saug 20. This last game was a good one with Saugatuck losing in the overtime period. The team (Bud Whipple and Lyle Jones forwards, Bruce Breckenridge & Bob Hoffman guards, and Jack Breckenridge captain & center) is a green but hard-working outfit - and is going to deliver some real basketball before the season is over.

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Gal: "I don't believe you know what good behavior is?"  
Sailor: "All right, you tell me. What good is it?"



Jerry Bekken is back in New Guinea - after 9 weeks of shuffling ordnance between Finschaven and Leyte. "Glad to be back here", he writes, "even if it is 'nt civilized. Those yellow devils sure made it hot for us". And Ev Bekken has had an operation for appendicitis down in Florida. Ev went to the hospital one fine morning for what he thought was a bellyache - and 3 hours later was minus an appendix. Everything O.K. now, though.

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Father No. 1: "My son is awfully broadminded".

Father No. 2: "That's all mine thinks about too".

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Stork business: Orv Millar has a ten-pound boy! . . . Shows what a little Army training can do for you guys.

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"You say that the defendant stole the money from your stocking?"

"Yes, your Honor".

"Why didn't you resist?"

"How should I know he was after my money?"

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From Jake Jennings with the First Army in Belgium: "Dear Folks:- Thanks for the new lighter - it arrived just in time. The other one went haywire the next day. The new one sure does try hard to imitate a flame-thrower.-Boy, what a blaze the little so-and-so kicks up! . . . The value of the Mark we're paid off in is 10%. . Am enclosing some older Marks made around 1922, when they were worth about a barley-fork-full for a loaf of bread. . . . The candle is getting short so better call this a letter. . Am still O.K. and going strong". Incidentally, Harold Beery & Val Smith are also in the 1st Army; Max Campbell is in the 3rd; and Buren Osterberg is in the 7th. . . . AS USUAL for Douglas!

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This issue of The Dope has been mailed to all Douglas men in the Services by Mr. P. D. Konold. (And may we add that much else of whatever success this little paper has had is attributable to the same old gentleman).

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As we go to press, Ky Walz is nailing to the wall of his shop a 5-by-10-foot Nazi flag. It was sent by Jack Powers in Germany - he's in the 7th Army too - to his mother, Mrs. Cecil Powers of Saugatuck. Jack didn't say how he got the thing, & space doesn't permit a description - except to say that it's a huge red-white-and-black affair with a swastika in the center - and altogether, as Ky says, "the damndest thing you ever saw".

So long,

H. S. K.