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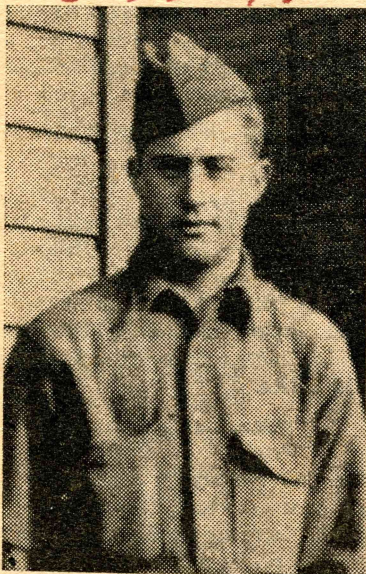
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Mr. and Mrs. Ira Nichols, of Jewett have received from their son, Pfc. Gerald Nichols a copy of the "Deadeye Dispatch", published as the official news organ of Maj. Gen. J. L. Bradley's 96th Division in the Pacific area.

The "Deadeye" contains a graphic story of the outfit Pfc. Nichols is serving with, known as the "Brickbats" and calling themselves Task Force 58A.

The story concerns a series of three landing raids on the Philippines.

"In the annals of Naval history, the article says, "there probably won't be any mention of Task Force 58-A, but there is a monument to its deeds in the form of a graveyard full of Japs. They were sent to their ancestors by sea-going doughboys of the 96th division. These infantrymen have conducted three amphibious raids on a Jap-held town in the Philippines in an assortment of uniforms and armed to the teeth, looking more like a bunch of pirates than soldiers afloat."

Printed in the list of heroic soldiers who participated in these raids was the name of Private First Class, Gerald Nichols, of Jewett, R. F. D.

Pfc. Nichols writes his parents that since the escapades of battle mentioned in "Deadeye" he has been promoted from Private First Class to the rank of sergeant.