

The Army Says Goodbye

By D. M. MacDONALD

"The front of heaven is full of fiery shapes, the goats run from the mountains, and the herds are strangely clamorous to the frightened fields." Why? Because the pre-meds are preparing to exchange beakers for bedpans.

Actually, though, nothing as exciting as this has happened yet. The weeks continue to roll by, as they have a way of doing, while we drain the last dregs of knowledge from our oracles. The sound of gnawing, heard throughout the crisp fall air, betrays the eager beaver preparing for finals, and if one listens closely, he can hear a noise something like "clickety-clack, clickety-clack" — Jim Clarke running off his stencils.

So in spite of our efforts in the physical chemistry lab to reverse time, the last day of classes, December 2, does approach. In some ways it may be a good thing, for at the present marriage rate there would shortly be an end to carefree bachelor days for the whole unit. Within the last month 4 per cent have announced honorable intentions (congratulations to Bob Gellert and Dorothy Lenhart), and 8 per cent have honorably followed up their intentions (best wishes to Charles Roth and the former Charlotte Fehley, and to David McGuire and the former Ruth Van Buskirk).

And In This Corner

Another big event of the month was the temporary rift in the usually united ranks occasioned by the election. It was a three-way split with four Republicans, one Texan, and the rest Democrats. The Republicans held out to the last, led by their dauntless champion, Freddie ("you're a thief and a dirty Democrat!") McGeoch, who did some fierce gnawing on the radio election night. The Texan is still holding out.

The thought of leaving is a somewhat sobering one. Despite the ever-present complaints (the

absence of which is considered pathological in the army) our memories on the whole will be pleasant ones.

They will be, for instance, of: the fake fire drills at 3 in the morning; beer at the Edge; the 6 ayem class of one-minute duration—no cuts allowed; Sgt. Millikan's "that's there"; Sgt. Mitchell's, "You're fr-r-r-ee as the bir-r-r-ds in the tr-r-r-ees"; the post-date bull sessions concerned chiefly with cursing the 12:15 bring-'em-home-and-lock-'em-up rule; Oregon snow and that mildewed feeling after three weeks of it; girls: ones with the wind and the rain in their hair from Oregon, suntanned ones from Hawaii, sunburned ones from the desert to the south; saying goodbye to the engineers in March, to the pre-dents in August; "military" and the inevitable report, "Sir, Private Spero is still in the chemistry lab"; the way the girls screamed when you good-evened them in a low, hoarse voice after dark.

Camera Highlights

But we will not have to depend entirely on memory. As a result of Charlie Roth's assiduous efforts with the camera, we have a detailed pictorial record of our stay, ranging from 15 various poses of Jim Ryel asleep in class to one of David Spero in the chemistry lab crushing test tubes with his bare hands.

In closing, we should like to extend a vote of appreciation to those members of the faculty with whom

by JOHN J. CRAIG

WHY JAPAN WAS STRONG: John Patric—Doubleday, Doran & Company, 1943. As our super-forts bomb Tokyo and our army and navy creep closer to the Japanese islands, many of us at home wonder how the "little" people of Japan will react to an actual invasion and devastation of their own home soil—probably some of the best indications of their reactions may be found in John Patric's book of last year.

In his first full length book, John Patric gives many interesting observations on the Japanese way of life, their sources of strength and weakness. Patric's book plumbs the depth of Japanese character to a finer degree than any other book that has been written to date. Contrary to the usual run of books about Japan, which are stories of admirals, generals, and national leaders, his book portays the "John Doe" of Japan, and tells us why he has been able to be so strong and stand up under a continual state of war since 1931.

John Patric, a former University of Oregon student, was special correspondent for the National Geographic Society for several years, and has had articles published in New Yorker, Readers Digest, and other national magazines.

Lives Japanese Life

As a background for his trip to Japan, Patric devoted much of his time to research about Japanese history, customs, and language. In order to finance his trip, Patric spent three months living in the United States as a Japanese lives in Japan.

According to Patric, Japan's strength is derived from the industry, frugality, and the uncomplaining characteristics of her peasants and laborers.

The faith that these little people have, their

blind patriotism, the stoic confidence they have in their leaders, and the manner in which they have been content with their one-sided education—all of these qualities are what Patric assesses as the components of the formidable power the Japs have been able to wield.

Describes Jap Thought

In his book, we are able to follow Patric to all parts of the Japanese islands, to Korea, Manchukuo, and all that part of China which has since been invaded by the Japanese. As the author travels he takes us into the homes of the Japanese and gives the reader an opportunity to find out what these people are like and how they feel about their government's policies.

Patric in telling about the results of American bombing raids on Japan, says, "When Japan's highly concentrated industrial plants are destroyed by American bombers, they cannot be rebuilt as Japanese houses can. Fifty bombs dropped on certain crowded warplant areas of Osaka, Kobe, Nagoya, Yokohama or Tokyo will cut Japan's war production by a percentage ten times higher than the same number of bombs dropped as accurately on Essen or Liverpool."

One of the reasons why Japan was confident of victory, said Patric, it that they thought America was fat, rich and lazy, and could not wage a war. The Japanese still have a high morale because they think they are fighting the America of yesterday—they cannot imagine the America of today, a country of production miracles, angry people, and a nation that is building a Juggernaut of sea and air power that will bring the worst disaster to Japan that she has encountered in all her twenty-six centuries of existence.

we have come in contact. To name a few: Dr. ("another interesting reaction is . . .") Secoy, who has had the patience to guide us through three terms of chemistry; Dr. ("It's a gift") Huestis, the only man in the world who can look at a 96-hour chick and laugh; Dr. ("I think it is obvious") Trowbridge, a witness for three terms to the murder of the English language; Dr. ("Are there any questions?") Van Rysselberghe, who has struggled valiantly to teach us physical chemistry despite our calculus deficiency; and Dr. Leeper & Sons, excellent psychologists all.

There are many others from former terms, almost invariably men who took a genuine interest in our progress. Because of them and because of the friendliness and hospitality of the whole campus, our stay has been one we shall long and pleasantly remember.

in Belgium, announces a war department release. Schendel had been awarded the expert infantryman's badge and the expert's medal for machine gun and carbine.

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