

Johnny Doughboy Will Forget All But Unholy Sounds of War

By KENNETH DIXON

WITH THE AEF IN ITALY, Nov. 4—(Delayed)—(AP)—Long after Johnny Doughboy has partially forgotten the bloody, bitter sights and filthy smells of war he'll wake up nights in a cold sweat when some stray backfire or siren snaps his subconscious sense back to a foxhole on the front.

He doesn't write much about war's nasty noises in his letters home. It would worry the folks and besides it's hard to find words to describe the terrifying sounds of battle; they are just what he expected only ten million times worse.

They have separate individual voices, these sounds—the "screaming meemie," the shell whistle, the dive bomber's savage whistle, the machine guns' ripping rattle—but they all speak the same dialect of death. It's a language easy to learn and impossible to forget.

One of the most paralyzing is the rising pitch and crescendo of screaming thunder as the divebomber peels out of formation and bores down right at you. Another in the same act is the shrill scream of the unleashed bomb itself. You may never have heard it before but, like the vicious buzz of the rattie snake, when it comes you know it the first time, night or day, and you throw yourself flat on the ground or floor waiting tensely, endlessly, for the blast.

Then it blows and you're still okay. You're ashamed—not of your fear but of your relief—for you know that, if it was close by, someone else probably got it. I have yet to meet the man who doesn't admit his guts get sick at the scream of a bomb when it's close.

The explosion itself is a jolting terrific impact that seems to suck up the ground and slap it in your face.

The shell whistle is another sound that needs no introduction. You hit the dirt the first time you hear it. After the whistle ends, there's a split second pause—unless it's timed to explode in the air—and the deathly silence then is one of the nastiest noises of all.

The shell pierces deeper than the lobbed mortar projectile and has a tighter blast than the latter's mushrooming "whump."

The "screaming meemie" is a German mortar with four to six barrels fired simultaneously by electricity. They multiply the high pitched scream of a single missile, tear the air apart as they go by and churn the dirt into black froth.

Machine guns rattle and chatter with a "brri-brri" like paper in an electric fan, and the German guns fire much faster than ours. Their tommy gun, though less accurate, spits so much swifter than ours that the soldiers have invented a graphic hygienic unprintable word to describe its rippling racket.

Those bullets whip by with a "psst-psst-psst," like a hundred little voices sharply whispering while the rifle slugs buzz like angry bees. The rifle's crack is one of the most innocuous sounds of all but it snaps the alert the quickest for it means the front is close by.

Mines have a spreading blast somewhat like mortars but more muffled. Your own artillery unlooses perhaps the loudest din of all because it's closest, right behind you, but it becomes a friendly protective thunder.

Through it all, the most gentle distant purr of an airplane motor will pull every one to the sky until its outline brands it as "Ours or Jerries."

There are countless other sounds of war which Johnny won't easily forget—the cry of a baby maimed by a mine, the dull clump of dirt on a soldier's lonely grave, the clang of a helmet hung on the wooden cross at its head, the "aaaahh" as a slug drives the breath from a buddy in one belching burp, the sob of a frightened boy in a fox hole.

That is the fighting man's martial music—the grim symphony of strife and all the clear high notes from afar, of glory and purpose and crusades and victory can't drown out its constant undertones of horror.

Oregon Dairy Subsidies Thought Coming This Week

CORVALLIS, Ore., Nov. 10—(AP)—Initial subsidy payments to Oregon dairy farmers for increased feed costs are expected to be made this week, N. C. Donaldson, state AAA executive assistant, said today.

Applications filed before November 30 will make possible immediate issuance of a sight draft on the commodity credit corporation, Donaldson said. Payment rates are 45 cents per hundred pounds on milk in western Oregon and 35 cents east of the mountains. Butterfat rates are five and four cents respectively, with comparable rates for butter and cream. Second payments will be made in January for December and November deliveries, he added.

Idaho Draft Call To Reach Peak

BOISE, Idaho, Nov. 10—(AP)—The Idaho draft call in December will be the highest of 1943, Lt. Col. Norman B. Adkison, state executive officer for selective service, announced today.

He explained that inductions during October lacked 10 per cent of filling the Idaho quota and that this number will be made up in December.

The November call will be filled with between 50 and 60 per cent family men, although the number in December may not run as high because deferment of large numbers of young farm workers will expire, he said.

Cranberry Production Declines 15 Per Cent

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10—(AP)—Cranberries will not be as plentiful as usual for the holiday season, the agriculture department reports, with 1943 production showing a 15 per cent decline from 1942.

Production is estimated at 691,400 barrels against 813,200 barrels last year. Only five states, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Washington and Oregon, produce large quantities.

Oregon Allocated \$114,000 by WFA

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10—(AP)—Approximately \$30,000,000 was allocated today by the war food administration for tenant purchase loans this year.

Oregon received \$114,627; Washington \$146,375.

JOIN TRIANGLE'S

SHARE the FEED

PROGRAM

WARTIME CONDITIONS have affected the nation's feed supply. Due to the tremendous nation-wide feeding program and to the irregularities of our transportation systems—poultry and dairy feeds are not always available in the exact amounts demanded by feeders.

You can help by cooperating with your Triangle Feed dealer. Remember that both your dealer and ourselves are making every effort to see that all of our customers get their fair share. Help by accepting smaller amounts when stocks are low.

TRIANGLE MILLING CO.

465 N. Tillamook St., Portland, Ore.

Service Men

Where They Are—What They Are Doing

INDEPENDENCE — Lt. Gerald Bulkeley arrived Friday night from Atlanta, Ga., to visit with his family, and left Wednesday on his return trip by air from Seattle.

Lt. and Mrs. John Martin left Saturday for Yuma, Ariz., where Lt. Martin will be stationed. They will visit in San Diego with Lt. Martin's parents.

Bud Newton has been transferred to gunnery school at Las Vegas for four weeks. He has been stationed in Texas. At the conclusion of this course he will join an air crew at Salt Lake City. Mrs. Newton returned home this week and visited here several days with Mrs. Minnie Newton.

Pvt. and Mrs. Robert Holland

left Monday for Yuma, Ariz., where Pvt. Holland will be stationed. They have been living at the home of Mrs. Olive Hedges.

WOODBURN — Tech. Cpl. Edward Mohr is spending a week's furlough with his wife at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Huber at 171 East Lincoln. Cpl. Mohr is a radio mechanic in the anti-aircraft division at Camp Huilen, Tex. Until the first of September he had been attending a radio school in Los Angeles in preparation for his present assignment.

DETROIT — Elmo Fryer who has been stationed at the naval air base at Pasco since entering

the service a year ago, was at home on a brief leave. He reported that he was to be transferred this week.

BUENA VISTA — Don Wells is back in Australia after spending ten months in the jungles of New Guinea, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Wells, have been advised.

Charles B. Perry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Perry, 166 West Washington street, has received a promotion from T/4 to T/3. He is stationed overseas.

Henry O. Kihl, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kihl, route 3, Salem, has recently been promoted to the rank of T/4 from T/5. He has been stationed overseas in the south Pacific area for more than 19 months. Prior to going overseas he was stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash. He attended Salem

schools. A public relations office announcement of the promotion said it was made because of his "excellent ability in the performance of his duties."

Sgt. Laurance E. Bisbee, who has been stationed in Alaska, has arrived in Salem to spend his furlough with his family. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bisbee, route 6.

Pvt. Wallace Boock, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Boock who reside on the North River road, has been visiting at the home of his parents. Pvt. Boock is in the ASTU civil engineers and is taking training at Loyola university, Los Angeles.

Pfc. Ernest J. Sing, son of Mrs. Dora Jung Sing, 944 North Commercial street, is awaiting orders to join a bomber crew as a skilled radio operator and mechanic. He

was graduated 11th in his class at the army air forces training command radio school at Sioux Falls, SD, with a scholastic rating of 86.2 and a code speed of 20 words per minute.

Lt. Cecil H. Quesseth is now in North Africa according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Quesseth of 1040 North Cottage street. He is pilot of a P-38 Lightning pursuit plane.

DAYTON — Maj. Forrest J. Wright of San Francisco spent the weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Wright. He was on a short furlough and most of his time was spent at Portland on business.

GERVAIS — Mrs. Donald Hood left by train last Wednesday night for San Diego to visit her husband, Pfc. Donald Hood, of the marines. Accompanying her were Mrs.

Loren Drummond and Mrs. Harold Dixon, whose husbands are stationed at Camp Elliott. Donald is in the motor transport drivers division of the marine corps.

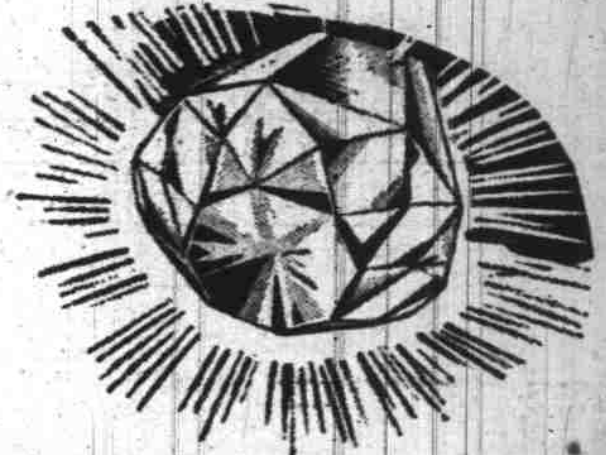
Pvt. Charles T. Sievers, son of Mrs. Sadie Sievers, 1450 McCoy avenue, has arrived in Greenleaf and is attached to an army hospital there. He is in the medical corps.

Questions Expensive To Game-Fish Board

RICHMOND, Va. —(AP)—Talbot E. Clarke, executive director of the Virginia game and inland fisheries commission, estimates that it costs \$52,000 a year to answer questions concerning Virginia's complicated game laws. Wardens spent about one-third of their time answering inquiries, he said in an appearance before the state budget commission.

Lifetime Diamond Guarantee

Exclusive at STEVENS & SON



Stevens & Son

MANUFACTURING JEWELERS

339 Court Street

Salem, Oregon

Phone 8118



Preferred Diamond Guarantee

Present this Book each time you use your Diamond Guarantee

Stevens & Son

Exclusive Diamond Guarantee

1—All diamond rings purchased at STEVENS & SON may be brought in each month to be cleaned and checked without charge.

★

2—We will size or repair your STEVENS diamond ring at any time without charge.

3—WE WILL REPLACE ANY STEVENS DIAMOND LOST FROM ITS SETTING WITHOUT CHARGE.

★

4—Your Stevens diamond is worth every cent you paid for it, providing it has been checked and cleaned monthly, and when you are ready to trade it on a larger diamond, it is worth its original value.

★

5—This is a lifetime guarantee and is not transferable.

The Above Guarantee Is Void Unless Your Diamond Is Brought in Each Month



DIAMONDS RESET

While You Wait

Settings Made to Order

Designs and Estimates Without Charge

All Jewelry Work
Diamond Setting
Engraving

Done in Our Own Shop

SAME PRICES,
CASH or CREDIT

STEVENS & SON

MANUFACTURING JEWELERS

339 Court Street

Phone 8118

Free Delivery

All Orders \$2.00 and Over

★ Entire city South of Chemeketa St. Monday-Wednesday-Friday.

★ Entire city North of Chemeketa St. Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday.

★ All orders received before 12 o'clock noon on these delivery days will be delivered same day.

West Salem Delivery — Mornings Only on Monday-Wednesday-Friday.

All orders must be received by 9:30 A.M. on these delivery days.

BUSICK MARKETS

Court St. — Salem — Marion St.

ANSWER THE CALL

FREE A MARINE TO FIGHT

Apply 510 Guardian Building