

VETERANS' GUIDE BY MAJOR THOMAS M. NIAL

WASHINGTON, March 26—(Special)—If you have been as restless since you left the service as the tail of a bird sitting on a swaying clothes-line, maybe you better decide to get into the GI Bill of Rights plan for training or education.

If you've been Major Nial placid since getting back into civies, then you may already have decided that success is mostly attained through training, rather than that kind of vitamin pill you take.

Perhaps you fear you may discover, after you start, that the selected course is really too tough for you to take to the mat, or that there's an unforeseen demand for chemical engineers developing, while you're studying electronics—which field might seem to be growing overpopulated.

Or maybe you start to train as a telephone repair man, and a quarter through the course you find the country is beginning to yell for radio mechanics. In short, for one of several reasons, you may realize that when you won the toss you should have picked the other goal to defend. Then the wind would have been with you.

Well, don't get excited. The law says you may change a course of instruction "for reasons satisfactory to the Administrator." Of course, the Administrator is General Frank T. Hines in Washington. But it's his understanding that he delegates his authority to the regional offices of the Veterans' Administration and it would be my guess that the attitude of the V. A. would be liberal. I mean, if you had started a course and you really could produce a sound reason why you should change to another, you'd no doubt get an OK. If and when a veteran chooses a course, selects a school and becomes a part of the government's free educational or training program, his tuition will be paid. Also incidental expenses, such as the cost of paper, pencils, books and other supplies and equipment which the student veteran needs, will be furnished by the school. The school will be reimbursed by the Veterans' Administration.

In addition the V. A. will pay the school for necessary library, infirmary, health, laboratory and other similar fees. This means the school or training institution will receive from the V. A. the cost of tuition and virtually all other necessary expenses "as are generally required for the successful completion of the course by other students in the institution." This payment to the school doesn't include board, lodging, travel or other living expenses.

For all of these laboratory, infirmary, etc. expenses, including tuition, there's a top limit of \$500 for an ordinary school year. It's important for us to remember, therefore, that after a course has been chosen, we must select our school only after we find out what the cost of tuition and fees will total.

It's easy to see that, if you selected a school which customarily charges tuition of \$500, you'd certainly be hitting the nail squarely on the thumb, since there wouldn't be a dime left to pay for fees and supplies. The law definitely limits expenditures for a school year to a top of \$500 and, even though officials of the Veterans' Administration might like to make an exception in your perhaps worthy case, it can't be done. After all, the total cost to the country for this program, if we ex-service people really go all-out for it, is going to be out of this world. It could be more than that, if no top per-year limit had been fixed by law.

I've stressed that the top limit applies to an ordinary school year. That has been defined by the V. A. as from 30 to 33 weeks. This definition, while logical and more than fair, has caused small disturbances like a breeze blowing the surface of a placid lake the wrong way.

From AP-Newsfeatures

MILL CITY—Corporal Stanley Chance has written his mother-in-law, Mrs. Una White, that he is back in France after making the rounds from Germany, Belgium and Luxembourg.

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IN THE... Nation's Service

Sgt. Schmaltz, Marine, Dies On Iwo Jima

(See Story on Page 1) Sgt. Herbert J. Schmaltz, regarded as dead on Iwo Jima, was killed just two years and one day after his enlistment in the corps. He had been overseas for the last year with the Fourth Marine division on the Marshall Islands, Marianas and Iwo Jima.

He was employed by the Northwest Poultry and Dairy Products company in Salem before he enlisted. His parents visited him in California in November 1943.

Herbert Schmaltz was born on November 2, 1924, at Mt. Angel and came to the Clear Lake district 13 years ago. He attended grade school in Mt. Angel and later Salem high school from which he was graduated in 1942.

Survivors are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schmaltz; three brothers, Leonard, Norman and Denis, all of Salem; another brother, Jack D. Schmaltz, two sisters, Mrs. Lester Mudgett of Salem and Mrs. Paul Greiner of Portland.

Solemn requiem high mass will be celebrated at 8:15 a. m., Tuesday at St. Vincent dePaul church and the rosary will be recited at the church at 7:30 p. m., Wednesday.

Is First Lieutenant

MILL CITY—Mary Holthouse has been promoted to first lieutenant and assigned to headquarters, army air force service command, Mediterranean theatre of operations. Her work has involved visiting air force messes in various parts of Italy. She is now assisting in the operation of a school for bakers and cooks. Students are from the air force installations in this command.

Lt. Holthouse received her commission in April, 1943, and was previously stationed at the AAF Convalescent Center, Ft. George Wright, Spokane, and has been in Italy since November, 1944. She is the daughter of Pearl Holthouse.

Rogers Celebrate Golden Wedding

OAK POINT—The Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rogers, sr., was celebrated Sunday afternoon, March 25, with open house at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rogers, jr. Two hundred guests called between 3 and 8 o'clock. In the receiving line with the honor guests, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rogers, sr., were their three sons Hugh, Earl and Joe Rogers.

Bouquets of daffodils and forsythia and golden candles in crystal candelabras were used for decorations. The serving table and lace cloth was centered with a three tiered white and gold wedding cake, flanked on each side with gold candles in crystal candelabra.

Mrs. Otto Lance and Mrs. Earl Rogers poured and Mrs. John Doran was at the punch bowl. Earline and Jo Ann Rogers assisted in the serving. Ella Lou Lance had charge of the guest book. Mrs. Joe Rogers, jr., and Mrs. Hugh Rogers assisted about the rooms.

Willard Friesan of Salem and Harold Lance of Portland gave musical selections during the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers were married March 24, 1895 in their present home and have lived there the entire fifty years. They have three sons, one daughter, ten grandchildren and one great grandchild. All were present for the occasion except one grandson, William Lance, in the army air corps in Texas.

RATION CALENDAR

MEATS, FATS, ETC.: Book 4—Red stamps Q6 through Q5 good through March 31. Stamps T5 through T2 good through April 30; T3 and T4 good through June 30. PROCESSED FOODS: Book 4—Blue stamps X3 through X2 and A3 and B3 good through March 31. Stamps C3 through C2 good through April 30; C1 through C4 good through June 30. SUGAR: Book 4—Stamp 35 valid for five pounds through June 2. Next stamp scheduled to be validated May 1. SHOES: Book 3—Airplane stamps 1, 2 and 3 valid indefinitely. OPA says no plans to cancel any. GASOLINE: All coupons good everywhere for four gallons each through March 31. 18 coupons good everywhere for four gallons each through June 31. FUEL OIL: 1-3 (incl) coupons valid through August 31. Not more than 75 per cent of season's rations should have been used to date.

Hal McAbee Tells Story of Three Days and Two Nights On Iwo Jima Battle Front

TWO JIMA—(Delayed)—A field artillery forward observer, Marine Second Lt. Hal V. McAbee, returned to his battalion position with a tale of three days and two nights of deadly drama at a front-line post surrounded on three sides by Japs.

"It was the toughest 56 hours I've ever sweated out," said the lieutenant, who lives at 899 Locust st., Salem, Ore.

The 23-year-old artillery officer moved up to the forward observer post on the 13th day of this campaign with seven men, all of whom returned safely. McAbee was replacing an officer who had been killed.

Even before his party got to the front lines they came under heavy Jap sniper and mortar fire. "We brought our artillery to play on the Jap fire," McAbee said, "but all we could do was stop it temporarily. We couldn't knock it out."

Sniper fire poured down on McAbee's position day and night. One sniper alone accounted for three marine infantry dead and 14 wounded.

"No one has seen anything of war until they see what the infantry takes," added the lieutenant, who is a member of the 13th regiment, Fifth marine division.

"We were so close to Jap positions that we were afraid to sleep nights," he added, "because there was danger that the Japs would sneak into our foxholes with knives or grenades."

During his stay on the front lines, McAbee got approximately 1 1/2 hours sleep. Two men always were on watch.

Jap fire played havoc with McAbee's telephone wires, compelling him to relay fire missions through three radios.

"Every time I wanted to spot our fire I had to leap up and quickly drop down before Jap snipers got me," added the lieutenant, whose mother, Mrs. Marguerite O. Miller, lives in Salem.

The Willamette university graduate told of Japs coming from behind the marines, trying to return to their own lines.

"Some didn't have weapons," he said, and one Jap came walking boldly up a road with a box of crackers on his head, shouting 'chow.' He didn't last long."

Seabee Visits Sister

MILL CITY—Petty Officer Raymond Duffy, baker 3/C of the U. S. navy left Tuesday for Newport, Rhode Island, after spending a five-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Duffy. He is being transferred to the east coast.

MILL CITY—Linn Berry, motor machinist 1/C of the Seabees is visiting his relatives, Mrs. D. B. Hill and his half brother, Cecil Lake. He was in the battle of Tarawa and saw action in the Gilbert and Ellis islands. He will report for duty April 9. Forrest Berry, his father, is also a guest at the Hill home.

Radio Programs

Table with columns for station (KSLM, KOIN, KGW, KEX) and time slots (7:00-7:30, 7:30-8:00, etc.) listing various radio programs like News, Music, and local shows.

William C. Dyer, jr. Promoted to Captain

Lt. William C. Dyer, jr., has been promoted to captain according to word received by his wife Monday. Captain Dyer also wrote that he is now in England on a rest leave. He was with the 104th division when it crossed the Roer river and marched into Cologne. It was Captain Dyer's company that occupied the opera house in Cologne which was described in last week's issue of Time.

Captain Dyer, who has been overseas since September, 1944, was recently awarded the bronze star medal. He has been in the service for three years. His wife and year-old son reside at 270 North 13th street.

Only one of every three persons who obtains a divorce does so outside his or her own community.



Capt. Robert M. Hulst

Robert M. Hulst Now Captain in Army

Robert M. Hulst, who is now stationed in the south Pacific, received his promotion to grade of captain in February, he has notified his wife.

Mrs. Hulst, whose brother, Pte. Mar Weldin, was killed at Moro-

tal, has just received word that another brother, Pte. Richard Weldin, reported missing in action in Germany on December 11, is now a prisoner of war in Germany. He is held at Stalag III, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Weldin of Vale, Ore., have been informed.

Mrs. Hulst and her sister, Hal-lie Weldin, and the Hulst's daughter, Shirley, live on North Capitol street.

Each village in Bali, Dutch Indies' island, has its own "gamelan" orchestra and trains its own dancers.

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Shreve Promoted MARCH 26—Wayne M. Shreve, formerly of Route 3, Salem, Oregon, has been promoted to the grade of private first class at Drew Field, Tampa, Florida, where he is serving with the AAF. Shreve entered the service on March 31, 1944.

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