

Morale of GIs Now Improving On Korean Front

By Harry Ferguson (United Press Foreign News Editor) No army is ever any better than the morale of the man in the front lines. The cheering news from Korea today is that the morale of the G.I. is on the up and up.

After eight weeks of tough fighting against discouraging odds he is beginning to see daylight. He has confidence in his commander, Lt. Gen. Walton Walker, and admires the lightning way the high command has moved troops from one crucial sector to another. The G.I.'s now refer to themselves as "the rapid transit" army.

The man have more confidence in their weapons. It is a cheering sight for them to see a super-bazooka team lob a rocket into a communist tank and watch it explode in flame and smoke. Six weeks ago their rockets were bouncing off.

Three Factors The big upsurge in morale came last week. Three things caused it: 1. The American victory in "the little battle of the bulge." The communists threw a good-sized bridge-head across the Nakdong river, 30 airline miles southwest of Taegu. Gen. Walker made one of his "rapid transit" shifts of troops and threw a joint army-marine counter-attack against the bridge-head.

U. S. Planes Effective 3. The United States air force on Wednesday sent 93 B-29s into ground-support action against communist troops across the Nakdong river. They put 1,000 tons of bombs into a rectangle of 24 square miles. The G.I.'s stood on the opposite bank and watched the precision bombing, and between blasts Private Duane Torkelson of Riverside, Cal., spoke what all of them were feeling: "God, those things look good. Maybe when we get started now, with that kind of close-support stuff, we won't have to fight anything but dead gooks."

OUT OUR WAY By J. R. Williams



Deferments Must be Sought Early, Warned By Board

Employers who wish to request deferments for key employees should make application with their local draft board without delay. J. D. Donovan, chairman of the tri-county selective service board, stressed today.

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Little Fraternization Seen Between Americans, Koreans

(Note: What is the American G.I.'s life like in Korea when he's not fighting? The same as it was in Normandy and Italy in World War II or in France and Belgium in 1917.

By Robert Bennyhoff (United Press Staff Correspondent) Tokyo, Aug. 21 (AP)—In a lot of ways this Korean war is just like all the others to the American G.I. but in many others it's a lot different.

The Americans in Korea still cuss the muggy heat and the steep hills as they did during world war II in the South Pacific and the Philippines.

Example Cited For example, during a month in Korea I had at least 10 foxholes dug for me by South Koreans at a cost of about 500 wan (about 30 cents) per hole.

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The biggest difference between this war and the others is the almost total lack of what used to be called politely "fraternization"—or romancing between G.I.'s and native women.

No Romancing In past wars this was almost immediate, whether the women were allies or enemies, and caused great commotion in many places.

They must be somewhere, but you seldom see them. Medics warn that the venereal disease rate is extremely high in Korea. But it's the girls' appearance rather than this warning that has stopped the G.I.'s.

RATS TAKE BEATING Waco (AP)—A 17-month campaign against rats has resulted in 13,000 kills, director E. N. Seawright of the typhus control crew reported. Seawright said as many as 750 are poisoned in some of the city's areas each month.

SWIMMERS RESCUED

Portland, Ore., Aug. 21 (AP)—Quick action by bystanders saved the lives of two youthful Portlanders yesterday in the Columbia river.

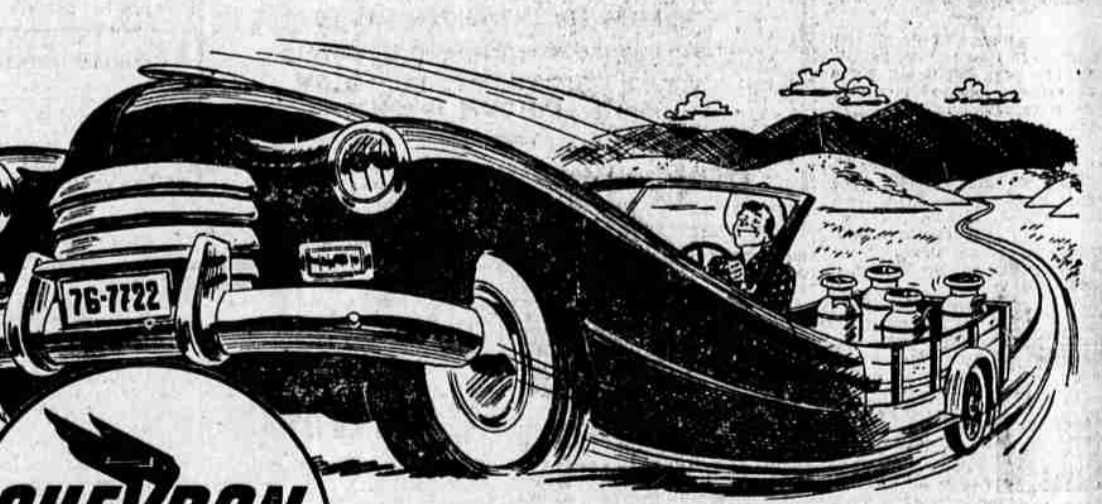
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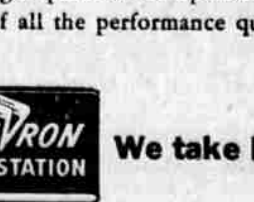
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