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DURING CONCENTRATED BATTERY FIRE, MAJOR TRAPNELL REMAINED BETWEEN THE HOSTILE FORCE AND HIS OWN TROOPS AND SET FIRE TO A TRUCK ON A BRIDGE! HE WROTE LATER FIRE UNTIL THE BRIDGE WAS IN FLAMES, THUS BLOCKING THE ENEMY'S ADVANCE.

TRAPNELL THEN RETIRED SLOWLY IN A SCOUT CAR, PICKING UP LONELY SOLDIERS AND RALLYING HIS MEN!

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"Vanished" Is Another Word Beginning With 'V' Lucky Soldier Finds

The soldier learns fast in Uncle Sam's army. Private Wayne Ripley, of Camp Blanding, Fla., found that out recently. He had scarcely learned his way about the camp before he received a luscious homemade cake, complete with creamy frosting topped with a V-for-Victory designed in red cherries.

Unselfish Private Ripley was happy to share his cake with a few of his buddies, so he invited half a dozen. The paper and string had hardly been laid aside, however, before 12 additional "guests" appeared.

In something like 30 seconds the new soldier had learned that V stands not only for "Victory," but also for "Vanished!"

Bedtime Story Shows Either Fox or Dodo

There is one soldier at Fort Wadsworth, N. Y., who has found it easiest to learn things the hard way. Last week his corporal gave this particular soldier a detailed lesson in the proper method of making beds.

Maybe he's just playing foxy, but he still doesn't seem to have caught the knack—and meantime his buddies patiently give him demonstrations every morning!

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office one day, minding her own business, when one of the reporters on the camp paper, sitting across the room, turned from his typewriter, glanced her way and shouted: "Joyce, give me a cigarette!" Mrs. Cassibry looked up, startled, explained apologetically she didn't smoke herself but realized she well could carry a pack of smokes about with her. The reporter was no less startled and just as apologetic.

Point was, he explained, he really was yelling at Private Richard Joyce, another reporter. He didn't know that Mrs. Cassibry's first name was "Joyce"!

Army Tailors Have Strong Competition

The men of his company at Camp Wolters, Tex., wondered why Corporal Ed Bohn actually had gone to special pains to get uniforms that were too big for him. They shook their heads as he headed for Fort Worth, one recent weekend in a loose-fitting summer uniform, only to return in what looked like a tailor-made outfit. For two or three weeks the same thing happened: Corporal Bohn would go to town fairly flapping in the wind. But each time he'd return looking like a khaki-version Beau Brummel.

Only a few days ago did they learn his secret—his girl friend in Fort Worth is a designer for a local dress shop, and is more than handy with the needle!

"Jenkins, have you everything now that you will need for your fishing trip?" asked Mrs. J., solicitously.

"Not by jugful," answered Mr. Jenkins.

Rifle Rack Takes Up Slack on Dark Night

Army life can become complicated at times, particularly around bedtime. Private First Class Bill Mayfield, of Fort Devens, Mass., for instance, undressed and jumped into bed one Saturday night—only to find that his cot had been completely taken apart, then reassembled and tied together with weak string.

His buddies wouldn't for the world have missed the expression on his pan as tired-out Mayfield plopped to the floor amid a confusion of bed-ends, mattress and spring!

Or take the recent experience of Private Bill Clapper, of Camp Pendleton, Va. As he walked into his barracks, he carefully recalled that all beds had been removed from the middle aisle of the sleeping hall. It was pitch dark, but he knew his way, and had no fear of bumping into anything so long as he stayed in the big, clear center aisle.

Merrily he sauntered down between the rows of beds. Suddenly a terrific crash. His buddies woke with a start, jumped out of bed and switched on the lights. Private Clapper had forgotten only one thing—there he lay, on the floor, flat on his back after somersaulting the rifle rack.

Football Tactics in Use on Dance Floor

It happened at a service club dance at Fort Monmouth, N. J. Private Bill Spargrove was having a little trouble navigating his lovely dancing partner about the floor. Everywhere they turned they were bumped.

Finally the girl, spotting a stoutish pair of dancers a few feet away, suggested, "Let's dance in back of that couple. They'll sort of clear the way for us." "Okay," Spargrove agreed. "But it's the first time I ever heard of a convey on a dance floor!"

Camp Hostess Carries 'Em But Don't Smoke

In recent weeks Mrs. J. R. Cassibry, camp hostess at Keesler Field, Miss., has been carrying a handy pack of cigarettes whenever she visits the public relations office at the camp. She learned a lesson not long ago.

Mrs. Cassibry was sitting in the

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