

SNARLS FROM AN OLD-TIMER

By H. B.—DEML

By H. B., Private, U. S. Army

Are we aware of the war? A foolish question, one would think, in a military camp, but sometimes I wonder. Maybe you know the song that goes, "We're here because we're here because we're here because we're here." Well, occasionally a fellow runs across soldiers—I mean men in uniform—with that attitude.

Although this camp is here entirely because of the war, and although we are in it because of the war, all of us tend to forget, once in awhile, that we are much more than mere camp soldiers, bound to a routine which is seldom exciting and often is irksome.

Therefore as an old timer who remembers all too well the tediousness of the training camp which preceded the trip across the sea, in the other war, I propose to annoy you this week by talking about this war and what it means to me, a private in the army.

But first rid yourselves of any notions that I am a professional veteran, always making the most of the fact that I was at the front the other time. I have no use for the professional veteran. He's a nuisance, I think. As for me, between the other war and this one I never marched in a parade, never joined any veterans' organization, never told the people I worked with that I had been in the service.

Even now I mention it only because the experience gives me the right to say that life in a training camp wasn't heaven in the other war, either. In fact it got to be an awful bore, although my own case is worse this time because they've put me in a limited service outfit. That's tough for a fellow who enlisted only because he thought he could be more useful in the army than he could be on his civilian job. More useful in helping to win the war, I mean, because the war dominates the life of the world today.

But when I take the long view I know that my feelings in that

respect don't matter. We're still losing the war and the chances are that more and more of us will get into combat later. If we don't, well let's use our imaginations and keep reminding ourselves that no army can function without us, and that victory depends on our efforts fully as much as it does on the men at the front.

I remember, a bit ruefully in my present circumstances, a song that we cocky, combat soldiers of the other war used to sing.

It was a sarcastic thing about the service of supply and it went: "Mother take down your service flag.

Your son's in the S. O. S."

A mean, unfair song, because S.O.S. had the hazards of combat without the glory and was indispensable besides. And we're indispensable too, we limited service men, so let's use our imaginations and get some morale. We've got to have better morale than combat troops precisely because our job is duller and we can't look forward to anything except more of the same.

We can do it, though, and we can have that morale, if we remain steadily aware of the war and its significance. As I remember, we had no doubt about victory, the other time, and within the United States no such elaborate defense measures were taken as we have today. From the date of our entry into the conflict it was a war of offense—our offense. There was no demand for opening up a front. The front was there, and the task of getting our troops to it was not the problem that it is in 1942.

Perhaps we need speakers to tell us about the war and to keep reminding us of its terrible importance. Not phony orators, spellbinders exaggerating and gesticulating. Good, straight talk is what we need, and from men, whether civilian or military, who command our respect and mean what they say and know how to say what they mean.

M.P. Section Proud of Outfit Development

Laundry Puzzles; to Landscape Home Area

By Corporal Raoul Mound

Corporal Thomas A. Robinson of the military police has been transferred to the air corps, unassigned, awaiting an appointment as air cadet, and is attached to this organization for rations and duty until new orders arrive.

Private 1cl Victor Boxer has been transferred to the Coast Artillery school, Ft. Monroe, Va., and has left with a 10-day delay enroute. That 10-day delay enroute has the men in our outfit not only envious but downright jealous!

Here are some of the new ratings of our detachment: First Sergeant Earl J. Stairs and Staff Sergeants Holmes, Allison, Katzenmeyer and Lesco.

The new sergeants: Edwin F. Hosheit, Hugh McKinley, William Van Wyck, James L. Morgan and Ogden S. Bentley.

The new corporals: Elmer R. Bender, Arthur B. Roberts, Victor J. Reick, William Kanski, David H. Charles, Garrold E. Van Tongeren, John P. Schoenrock and Raoul Mound.

Ever since the quartermaster laundry at Vancouver found out that they could not handle the laundry for Camp Adair, the laundry situation has been horrible, gruesome, etc. So we signed a contract with the "New Service Laundry" in Eugene. Of course the day we were to get our laundry together to send to Eugene, we were notified that there was labor trouble at the plant and that a strike was taking place! So we shopped around for another private laundry, and now we are giving our laundry to the National Laundry of Portland.

How M/Sergeant Narramore finds time besides his many other duties to shop around for wax for our barracks floors, waxing machines, etc., I don't know, but you can bet that the men in our section wouldn't want him changed for anyone else!

The military police hope to be the best drilled and informed sec-

tion of the Service Command Unit 1911.

M/Sgt. Narramore is still waiting for someone to question him on anything that can be found in the Soldier's Handbook, FM 21-100!

Have you boys seen our drill field? Any better in the camp? Just wait until we finish landscaping our area! Then you'll see something.

Quartermaster Men Promoted This Week

The following men of the QM corps were notified of their promotion during the past week. Pfc's were in the majority. The 15 men receiving their first stripes were: P. E. Allison, D. J. Arbia, G. Babyak, J. E. Dwyer, N. J. Gra, G. A. Hazen, G. E. Hewson, G. A. Hirt, W. W. Howell, H. J. Kremer, F. X. Kosik, P. Kosmonek, W. Shnelwert, A. Somlo and D. F. Brandt. Pvts. 1cl, E. J. Carberry, M. Fenner and Pvts. J. F. Kennedy, A. L. Reeves and M. C. Spencer were promoted to Tech 5th grade.

Corporal's stripes went to Pvts. M. Gaines, A. Wisniewski, Pfc's C. M. Solomon and C. E. Watson. Techn 5th grade, G. Karath received rating of 4th. Techns 5th grade, S. L. Austin, C. E. Garrett, M. A. Orlowski and Cpl H. P. Heilbron were advanced to sergeants.

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