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#### WHAT SOLDIER?

Along with the querie, "how far is up" and "how long is a piece of string" comes the natural question: "How many wise guys does it take to spoil a good thing?" It's poor policy perhaps, to refer to the civilian population, the towns, traditions and good will of the community as a "thing," but for the sake of the illustration, let it pass. But let's not overlook the fact that some pressure is needed for the "spoilers."

The press, radio and service organization have succeeded in convincing John Public that the army today is composed of several million men with at least average intelligence, men, who as individuals, know through instinct or training the fundamentals of good conduct. For those agencies it was a good job well done, but they forget to warn J. P. that there's always a small percentage of odd fellows (not I.O.O.F.) with every outfit—wise guys with extra lip anxious to make a pass-in any direction and at any time. Wise guys with a "local-yokel" brush-off for anyone with an idea of a good time that differed from his.

There is no over-all indictment, yet, of the soldiers stationed in this area. We're no worse, and surely no better than those stationed in hundreds of other camps all over the world. Fortunately the good soldiers, those realizing their actions are the measuring stick by which the army's conduct is judged, far outnumber the others. Unfortunately, it's the unfavorable reports on what almost amounts to the "organized minority" that widens the barrier separating the soldier from the good graces and hospitality of the community. Right now we're enjoying that enviable state of affairs.

These friendly relations can be assured and continued through the courteous treatment to every person, civil or military, and by the willingness of the soldier to accept that responsibility as his own. Here at Camp Adair we have the advantage of being stationed in a country where hospitality is an established tradition, not a cloak put on each year for the benefit of the visiting firemen. Let's make the best of it.

#### POLICE YOURSELF

The Sentry is in receipt of a number of complaints from soldiers over treatment accorded them in one of Albany's cafes. (We are omitting the name in spite of considerable pressure.) In vestigation reveals that M.P.'s are called in to clear this cafe of soldiers at midnight while civilians are allowed to remain until one o'clock and even later.

Our advice to the soldiers is to stay away from the place regardless of the hour. It is most certainly not the privilege of soldiers to dictate the policy of any civilian enterprise. If owners and management of such places wish to discriminate, that, in our opinion, is their own shortsightedness.

Certainly there are enough places for the soldier to go nearby, places proud and willing to do their best to make the man in uniform welcome. So let's patronize those places, Soldier. Let's conduct ourselves as true soldiers and gentle-

men and forget the very small minority of civilians that consider the present emergency only a pretense for fulfilling selfish motives.

#### SHE'S THERE!

By Pvt. Thomas H. Goodyard (DEML Sect.)

The bugle's playing sweetly And I hearken to its call. It makes me think of you, sweetheart,

The fairest of them all. This jawbone war is over, Beneath a lover's moon I'm dreaming of you, dear one, And I'll see you very soon. We'll do the things we planned To do before I went away. I shall be there with you always, When comes the end of day . . . But now it's late and I can hear The bugle softly call. I'll see you in my dreams tonight, O dearest girl of all.

Editorial note: This is, we believe, Pvt. Goodyard's initial published work. What inspired it we don't profess to know, but we invite the rest of you to let us know when you feel like trying some poetry of your own. We'll print it if possible. We always sort of wished there was a bard or two on the staff anyway.

#### To the Editor:

During the past 10 days new officers have arrived at Camp Adair from the various schools of our country.

Fresh from the grind of a three months training course which sapped them continuously both mentally and physically and won them the title of "90-day wonders," these future platoon commanders, executives, motor officers, and company and battery commanders are ready to stand firm in their pledge to strive on to finish the work we are all now in.

We know we can rely on these officers to train our men, to maintain discipline, to uphold moral and to meet their every needs because they too were once enlisted men and can appreciate a soldier's thoughts and problems.

During the activation of this camp these men will constantly be called upon to perform duties of more experienced officers, and mistakes will be made, but let's take the advice of our camp commander, Colonel McCoy, and make friends with these newcomers in our ranks, because they have only one thought in mind and that is to fulfill the promise of our good president when he said, "We are going to win the war and we are going to win the peace that follows."

RICHARD J. NOLAN, 2nd Lieut. Field Artillery.

#### Four County Council Holds Business Meet

Meeting in Independence with Dr. W. J. Butler as host, the four county cantonment council transacted business Monday evening.

Most of the evening was given to discussion of whether or not the office of the coordinator would be continued but no decision was made.

#### Mile Detour Forced By East Road Oiling

Blacktop is being spread on the highway south from the east gate of camp and the road is closed until completion of the job.

To go to Albany, traffic is routed north for a mile, around the camp sewage disposal plant and then south to the main highway.

DAY ROOM — Collecting place for worn out magazines which used to lie around a dentist's office.

DISCHARGE — Like the moon, it's impossible to get.

### Chapel Wedding Held In Military Pattern

#### Flowers Bank Altar in Ceremony Here Sat.

At a full military wedding performed last Saturday afternoon, August 22, at 2 o'clock in the Field Artillery chapel, Miss Gloria Wallace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wallace, 1024 S. 8th street, Chickasha, Okla., became the bride of 2nd Lt. George F. Bishop of the 96th division and son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Bishop, 1682 Wyandotte avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. Chaplain Howard H. Patrick of the 96th officiated at the ceremony performed before an altar banked with yellow and white gladioli, and palms.

The bride, given in marriage by Major John P. Daley, commanding officer of Lt. Bishop's battalion, wore a white chiffon gown fashioned with a high neck and trimmed with lace, and a finger-tip length veil of tulle. She carried gardenias on a white Bible.

Miss Helen Woodruff, 1117 Missouri avenue, Chickasha, Okla., was maid of honor and wore a formal gown of turquoise blue with a corsage of yellow gladioli. Best man was 2nd Lt. Malcolm J. Lang, also of the 96th, and also from Lakewood, Ohio.

The ushers included Capt. B. E. Haessly, Lt. John J. Pfaff, Lt. Walter D. Trott, Lt. B. J. Rogstad, Lt. Ira Lambert and Lt. L. S. McLaughlin.

Wedding music consisted of the playing of Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata," and the Lohengrin and Mendelssohn wedding marches by Major Ralston who also accompanied Cpl. Lyle Heits who sang "Ah Sweet Mystery of Life" and "Because."

After the ceremony, the bridal party left the chapel beneath the traditional arch of sabres and proceeded to the Officers club where a reception was held. A three-tier wedding cake graced the banquet table and artillery punch, orange ice and canapes were served. Summer flowers were used for decoration.

Among the honored guests of the military who were extended

invitations were Major General James L. Bradley, Brigadier General Paul V. Kane and Colonel C. I. McClure, all of the 96th division. Mr. Frank White, brother of the bridegroom, and his family from Seattle, Wash., and the bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Bishop, members of Lt. Bishop's battalion and many other guests attended.

For a wedding trip, the couple motored to Agate Beach, where they spent four days. They plan to make their home at 425 Fifth street, Independence.

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