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## THE AXIS CHOW LINE

Of late there seems to be little complaint of our army chow lines. Of course there is always the chronic griper, but that is to be expected as a necessary evil. It is to this minority that we would like to call attention to a recent speech by one Herman Goering, plump and gaudy crown prince of Nazi tyranny.

In his annual harvest festival address, Goering vociferously announced that Germans would never go hungry as long as there was food to be had in conquered countries. Be the coming winter ever so bleak in those unhappy lands where the Swastika flies, the great German soldiery, the deliverers of Europe will rob the helpless of their all too scanty food that the Berlin Hausfrau shall lose no lard from their comfortable ribs. Let the starving child die in the arms of its starving mother—the Germans come first.

The monstrous practicality of Goering's promise ought to amaze us but Nazi cruelty long since robbed amazement of further capacity. The record of German treatment of conquered people has prepared us for anything. We were disillusioned quite early in the war. If snatching a crust from an enemy child will help fill a German belly, that crust will be snatched. If the starving of an enemy mother will insure that a German mother will sing the good German songs as blithely as ever, the alien outcast must starve. Why Goering thought it necessary to tell anyone this is beyond comprehension. It's a cinch the Germans already knew it because they have already benefited by its practice. The United Nations already knew it.

If the individual German escapes famine by the device of theft from the starving and helpless—the suggested plan of fat old Goering—what actual difference exists between this and the actual eating of the flesh of the wasted corpses of Poland and Greece.

So without fear, but with complete repugnance, we of the United Nations must regard the Germans as barbarians who have reverted to the darkest depths of savagery. They are the unnatural monsters who would rule the world.

Let's remember that, soldier, when we feel prone to complain about our chow line. So far we have not suffered—and the chances are ninety-nine to one that we never will. And even if such days should come, be proud in the thought that we as Americans could never stoop so low as the Germans are now doing in a vain effort to avoid it.

## MUTTERINGS OF AN OLD-TIMER

By H. B.

This week I'm sticking up for my home town, New York City. With all its faults I love it still and the time has come to put a few kind words on the record, even if a New Yorker has to do it himself.

So let me remind everybody that the West was developed by people from the East, including some from my home town, and let me add something about the men from the eastern seaboard who are out here now, giving a hand in the war.

Last June some 400 of us, mostly from New York and the metropolitan area, arrived at this camp, as the first sizable shipment to come from anywhere. Last week five trainloads of men came from New York to work in the yards of the Kaiser Shipbuilding Co. and more are on the way.

Now to avoid controversy I refrain from saying that except for the work of the men from the East, this camp would be an utter failure. I'll even concede that the rest of you might have blundered along somehow and made a success of Adair. But I do insist that the camp would be different.

What's that? Did I hear somebody say "And how?" Was that a Bronx cheer? All right, then, just to be broad-minded I'll grant that a few of us are not natural soldiers. I'll go farther and say that living in New York tends to foster non-military characteristics.

In the big city it's every man for himself. In a city of apartment houses and tenements no one looks after you and no one checks up on you. That encourages non-conformity. On the one hand, a man has to push and shove to get anywhere, even by subway, and he has to out-talk his fellow citizens, and on the other hand he can coddle himself as an individual.

In personal habits he is a free man. If he doesn't go to church or keep regular hours or dress in fashion the neighbors don't care a hoot. They may not even know his name.

Not Military Channels  
Such a way of life is the reverse of regimentation. In the Army, as you've often heard it said, the man in the ranks does what he is told to do and no more. Possibly a few from New York have been slow to grasp that. Take the question of procedure, in going after what you want. A common complaint against us from New York is that we run to headquarters with our requests and our kicks, instead of following the orthodox Army line.

That may be true and at home it might be a virtue, indicating ingenuity and persistence. Certainly it won't do in a military camp. Then there is the complaint that we talk too much. Westerners will agree that certain of the men from New York have out-talked them, worn them down. Repeatedly I've heard the charge that New Yorkers are noisy and I think there is much to support it. My fellow-citizens are offended when I tell them so, but that is because they are used to it, whereas I grew up in Ohio and did not become a resident of New York until I was 30 years old.

Another weakness, but shared by men from other parts of the country, is the unfortunate concern over getting ahead as an individual, instead of trying to fit into the Big Team, in a way to be as useful as possible in this war. That, of course, is to be expected of residents of a city where the drive to get ahead goes right along with the survival of the fittest.

The Case for New York  
Probably we have other failings, but now I want to point out our virtues, if any. It does seem to me that certain New York characteristics have value out here. Gradually men from New York are being placed in posts where special aptitudes and training can count and it becomes apparent that many will work hard and effectively at jobs which are congenial. As a result, their general morale has improved. They gain self-respect as soldiers, even drilling with a

social notes  
By Adele Adair  
Friday night was dance night again last week (and every week as a matter of fact) and in my usual social round-up, I dropped in at the Service Clubs where I found bustling activity, lots of fun-making and merriment, and good, danceable music.

At Service Club No. 2, Miss Elizabeth Rogers, director of the Service Club, pulled the strings that kept things in motion. The Field Artillery orchestra was again on hand to dish up the dance tunes, and the Junior Hostesses attending came from Corvallis and Salem. Assisting Miss Rogers was Miss Carrie Reedy, Cafeteria Hostess.

At Service Club No. 1, Mrs. Margaret Blodgett, director of Service Club, kept things moving, and making its debut was the new SCU 1911 Dance Band, which was organized

## It's A Great Life Notes From a Soldier's Sketch Book



Our hats off to the buck who maintains his dignity as he walks past the company formation on way to discharge his duties as latrine attache.

that was lacking before. As specialists they are now proving their worth.

If prejudice is bad, and if tolerance of the stranger and his differing ways is a virtue, then I consider New York ahead of the rest of the United States. Live and let live must be the rule in a community of millions and it is. If 400 Oregon men had been shipped to New York their differences would have been accepted more readily than ours have been here. New York City has room for every kind of person and I think that in wartime the Army will have to be more elastic.

Imprecipitously our presence and line of thought is influencing the viewpoint of this camp, I imagine. For example, the west coast people inevitably have their minds on Japan more than on Germany. It is the other way around with us and if our opinions make any change it will be wholesome.

Without becoming controversial, I call attention to the fact that it is Nazi Germany which has blighted the Europe from which our kind of civilization was carried across the sea, to grow into the American way of life. The residents of the metropolis, considerably of foreign birth or recent foreign ancestry, know well, as much of the nation does not, how essential it is that Europe be saved.

International Kinship  
American self-sufficiency is a curse during a conflict in which the United Nations must hold together and fight as one, and undoubtedly we are less cursed in New York, where Europe's heritage of arts and letters is valued and understood for the blessing it is. New York feels, as the rest of America does not, our kinship with that venerable benign Europe that Hitler and his followers will destroy if we do not hasten to the rescue.

Also, we are more fully aware, in New York, of our indebtedness to the foreign nations (but of course China is in the vanguard), which have resisted, in agony, for so long.

A great many of us, in and of New York, share the views of Miss Dorothy Thompson, that militant New York journalist, who recently wrote: "I like the idea that we remember, all together, those who have suffered as we have not—those who have fought with their terrible bath of fire and blood our relative immunity. The thought of them would sweeten a mess of lintels."

Are You Talented?  
Heard just as we were going to press that Mrs. Florence C. Merriam, recreational and social hostess over at Service Club 2, is interested in rounding up some talent for a quartet and male chorus. In fact, anyone who is interested in singing, or is an instrumental soloist, or has a yen to make the most of his dramatic or artistic talents, should drop in Club 2 and tell Mrs. Merriam what he has on the ball.

A WORD FROM TOM!  
Tom Smith is the Independence grocer deluxe, originator and prize donor in the Sentries' Great, Stupendous, Stupifying Fish Story Contest. Tom Pens a nice letter. We're purring like Beckett's cat.

To the Editor:  
Enclosed you will find the ten dollars which I offered as first prize for the most astounding fish story offered in the contest just ended.

## CAMP COMMANDER'S COLUMN SCU 1911

Your health is a matter of great concern at this time. No man can perform his duties efficiently unless he is well and in good spirits. During this time of emergency it is especially important that everyone be in first class shape physically and ready for any duty, no matter how strenuous.

At this time of year it is necessary to be more careful than usual about health. Summer is now giving way to winter, and minor ills, such as the common cold, are more than usually prevalent.

The health service of this camp is now functioning for everyone. Dispensaries have been set up with-in easy reach by all, staffed by competent men from the medical corps. Medical aid is plentiful. For those who need it, an excellent hospital, with all modern facilities, is available.

A few simple rules for health should be kept in mind at all times. First of all, make sure you get plenty of exercise, preferably out-of-doors. Calisthenics and drill are good health builders, as are all outdoor sports. Get plenty of fresh air, although drafts should be avoided. Eat enough, but not too much, of wholesome food.

If you contract a cold, avoid contact with others as much as possible so you will not spread the disease. Report for treatment at once, and do as the doctor says. A day or two in bed, or a day or so resting, may put you back in shape, while attempting to "fight it out on your feet" may delay cure and bring on possible complications.

Wear warm, comfortable clothing, and avoid leaving warm rooms for outside unless adequately clothed. The army issues plenty of clothing to its men, and officers will find the right things to wear on sale at post exchanges, sales commissaries and stores.

Health and recreation can be maintained by following a few simple rules. Self-admiration often indicates there is no accounting for tastes.

combined in this Oregon country. The rolling hills are great for hiking. Fish streams are within easy reach of the post. Some hunting is also available, in season. Nature lovers will find this area, with its wide variety of plant life, extremely interesting.

Good health is a matter of duty, and here is one time when duty also brings a reward of greater enjoyment and a keener, more zestful living for everyone.

## COVENANT

There is a valley to be crossed  
For every mountain top we reach,  
There is a hollow or a trough  
For each wave rolling up the beach.

For all the blasts of Winter, dour,  
Faith's finger points to rosy June,  
While frost and chill benumb the earth,  
Spring, waiting, grows beneath the gloom.

Forever, morning follows eve,  
And after midnight, glorious noon,  
For all the black clouds sweeping o'er,  
There will be rainbow radiance soon....

Now half the world in agony  
Writes as a kingly beast in pain,  
With mighty force sends crushing blows  
The other half hurls back again;

But after all the strife is o'er  
Death's harvest reaped and horrors passed,  
Our Morning Star will rise once more—  
Faith, Hope and Love join hands at last.

—By Ida H. Waite.

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