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One Year of War

We have been at war one year. Let's pause for a moment and see how far we have come since that treacherous day when Pearl Harbor was bombed-just how treacherously and how devastatingly few of us realized until a few days ago.

Plunged from peace into war twelve months ago, we took to the defensive, seeking time to organize our forces for counter attack. On Bataan and Corregidor we had to take it. But to the glory of those men who fell, it was evident, even then, the offensive spirit was already there. In the words of General MacArthur when he first reached Australia: "We Will Return!"

Today our armed forces are making good those determined words. Slowly, but with deadly sureness our forces and those of the United Nations are beginning to drive the Japanese backward from bases they established in those first hectic days. And we will not stop there-our battle cry in the Pacific is "On to Nippon!"

In North Africa, an all-out attack is taking place that makes us proud to be Americans. Under skillful leadership, showing the results of thorough training they received in THE SIGNAL CORPS MESSAGE camps similar to Camp Adair, our brothers in arms are of Ft. Monmouth, N. J., warns in fighting with matchless skill and courage. We are wit- an editorial, reading in part: nessing the end of the defensive phase. We are now, hooray, on the offensive-an offensive that will continue until the world is free.

But let's not kid ourselves. This war is not over by a the bitter lessons we have learned long shot. Our offensives are going to mean much greater about our foe in recent years. sacrifice on the battle front and on the home front.

As the conflict grows fiercer across the seas, the more midable military power in the intensified for the offensive will be our training in Army camps here at home. We must do it without complaining. We must steel our physical and mental selves for the task before us. This is a tough war and we've got to be tough increasing quantities of war mato win it.

We in training must redouble our efforts to insure our forces overseas a continuing supply of reinforcements. The increasing strength of our armed forces backed by the ever turning wheels of American production and the never failing spirit of all Americans will help mark the coming year as a year of greater victories -- a year that will more than Chicago, now at Camp Grant, Ill. mark the end of the beginning.

somewhat romantic, at that.

ences between the sexes and at the Then, after he has gone, the girl fighting, and the women make the ever he may be. fighting worthwhile.

they don't care deeply for one anticular environment.

an idea. They are not openly caught far from old friends. in a great cause, as we men are. It is a new experience for me,

istic so strangely beautiful as a happiest part of life. woman's devotion to one man?

der-" the song goes, I say there's lent of the word "music" emsomething about a soldier's wife, braced all of the arts.

Here's to the sweet sisterhood of Her womanhood becomes glorified. Army wives! Ever since starting The "sweetheart" aspect of marwest from my home in New York riage, nowadays recognized as City, on May 14th, I have written central in this closest of relation-A love letter to one of them, every ships, is fostered by the uncertainday, and now I feel like writing a ties and perils of war. Because of cept in the case of my own wife, end, a man and woman cling to this letter would be brotherly, or one another with a new fervency. even fatherly, in attitude, but Shakespeare's line, "Parting is such sweet sorrow," is most poig-For war accentuates the differ- nant when a soldier marches away.

same time emphasizes their inter- he left behind him must cultivate dependence. More and more, in patience. She must be cheerful, or, peace, men and women are mingl- more difficult, must pretend to be France, during the other war, reing at work, following the same cheerful, and must keep the home cently gave a shooting exihibition occupations, but in war, with some fires burning so brightly that her exceptions, the men still do the soldier will feel their glow, wher- Arthur, says ALERT, at that post,

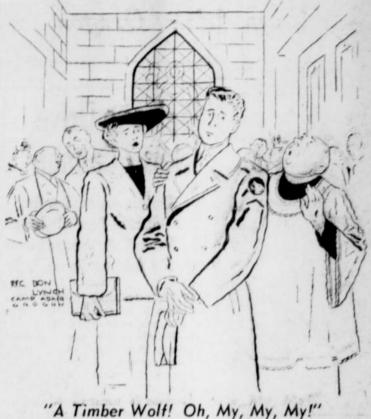
That's for the wife who must re-Yet the women have the harder main at home. The others, such as part. A man enlists, and is applaud- the wives who have even crossed ed for it, but what of the wife who the entire United States to be hunts a job to make it possible for near their husbands at Camp Adair, him to enlist? She does it quietly must make homes in strange comand the circumstances are not un- munities, among strangers, and derstood. On the contrary, certain must adjust themselves to the cirpersons, too petty to see that de cumstances. This is much harder votion to wife and devotion to coun- for a woman than for a man, who try are merged, really suppose by nature is more of a rover and that their parting is evidence that fees attached to the things of a par. that camp's REPORTER, that the General Gilbert R. Cook, I am only the toughening-up process which

other. And that sad almost shocking misunderstanding hurts the sweethearts have jobs. Everyone of them is the woman of one man's But now about the wives and desire and a sister to all of the sweethearts of this camp. Little rest of us, Let's show them all that by little I've been learning how chivalry which is the soldier's finmany there are, and how gallant est ornament. Let's give them a and true. "Good sports" is too trite comradeship that will make up for an expression, although it conveys the blessings they miss, in being

They are not in uniform, unified in being in a camp where there are so comradeship, formally dedicated to many girls and women, and especially so many soldiers' wives. I job too. A war conscious woman an excellent camp paper. No, they are simply gentle, wist- like it. I consider it fine for morale, is an essential asset to the successful individuals, and so devoted to We are continually reminded that ful conclusion of this assignment one man, in many cases, that they we must get on with this war, so that holds the fate of Democracy. TO THE EDITOR: will go anywhere, live anyhow, do that men and women again may Be resourceful. Use all the short Thanks so very much for dress anything, if only they may be near be reunited in that sweet privacy cuts for saving money. Above all, ing up and printing my poem, Dec. him. Is there any human character- which for so many of us is the remember that your big job is be- 3rd.

"There's something about a sol- In ancient Greece the equiva-

Vignettes of Army Life-Saturday Inspection



Culled From Our Army

Cousins

Over-optimism now is dangerous,

"To expect that Germany will now collapse, to anticipate a Hitler peace offering on any kind of acceptable basis, is to forget all

"Germany is today the most forworld. She occupies most of Europe and therefore has tremendous natural resources at her disposal. German factories have produced terials for more than eight years. She is a wily, unscrupulous enemy who will fight to the death. Don't anticipate victory until Germany is down and has received the full

Pvt, Wilfred Bernard Fortier, of gets more money from the govern-

American airman has that right. It enemy. seems that 10 years ago he won ; cash prize for flying the Pacific. Dear Mr. Editor:

M. E. Hicks, of the Remington tructor at General Headquarters in land, for officers and men of Mt. Mac-He shot .22 cal, shells through a steel washer, he cut off a bullet from a shell tossed into the air, and gave proof that both eyes should be kept open when aiming. He remarked that "the left eye should always be on the target while the right eye is concentrated To The Editor: on the gun sight."

"the best looking and best equipped you.

ing an inspiration to your husband The boys in Company B look who is a fighting factor in this con- forward to receiving the Camp fliet. True, you will have periods Adair Sentry each week. Keep up of anxiety. Suspense at times may the good work. be unbearable, but WE WILL WIN.

Freedom is the essence of the air we breathe. Army wives, yours is a sustaining task.

northwest of Chateau-Thierry, the scarcely knowing our good fortune. United States Marines last night and today drove the Germans back from two to four kilometers and took 200 prisoners.

The prisoners expressed amazement at the stone-wall resistance of the Americans to all counter attacks and the spirit and dash with which they made their attacks. French officers described the charge as magnificent. The attack was made in the open without a barrage to prepare the way. With a yell, the Marines started straight for the German lines.

As they advanced further, the Marines were confronted with a grenades they charged directly a barrack. upon the machine-guns, suffering rather severe casualties, but inflicting terrific losses on the Germans. The prisoners expressed amazement at the way the Ameri-

pean edition of the "New York health, Major Art Goebel has an inside dated June 7, 1918. Until recently that a broken sky is no assurance TO THE EDITOR: track when it comes to bombing he kept the overseas cap that he that rain won't be falling in a half Tokio, according to CAMP CROW- wore in 1918. He is still keeping hour. It is well to be in reach of were asked how long they thought DER MESSAGE, Mo. In addition this paper, which corresponds with a rain coat and residents of this the war would last. Their answers to a bombardier's certificate he has newspapers of today in that it part of Oregon say that one should were published in THE FORT DIX a document presented to him by the reports American advances against keep dry when possible and wear POST. Two privates thought the letter of affection to them all. Ex- dread that the relationship will Japanese government. It permits the same enemy and expresses full enough clothing to protect from war would be over by April or by

the parcels,

I think it speaks well for the tem. And drink plenty of water.

I have had it in mind to express

the aim. The men will be issued dled, accurate and quite compre- body can stand, and how independ-Sam Browne belts, black service hensive. One correction, just for ent of weather it becomes, after a shoes, black ties and service hats, the record - my front name is proper amount of military train to be worn on duty. Also they will Berkeley, not "Beverly." Thank you ing. receive extra clothing allowances. also for the print of the photo used with the story.

"Army Wife - Truly a Noble, I am now on the Sentry's regu-Woman," is the title of an editorial lar mailing list, and I enjoy getin THE UNION VEDETTE, of Ft. ting it very much. It is well set Douglas, Utah. In part it reads: up, has a breezy style, and, I "The war is definitely a woman's should think should be considered

Cpl. Charles Bowden.

OMMANDER'S Camp Adair

ful we say that he has a sunny disposition. Everybody knows what that means, but in this camp, during the last few weeks, we have seen that the expression is more than a figure of speech. It is literally right, Sunshine and high pirits go together.

As one cloudy day follows another we find ourselves struggling to be as bouyant and bright as we are under clear skies or in the mixed weather to which most of us like this. I have to live with my are accustomed. Suddenly, then, the sun breaks through the clouds and in glad surprise we look from a window and catch a hint of gold on a field that was dull and forlorn before, or if we are lucky enough to be outside the entire

Like so many other things in life, sunshine is most precious when it is rare. Last summer when this Willamette Valley had a few days of record heat, sentinels walking post around the warehouses hugged the shade, lingering in it, and walked faster on the sunny side so that they would be American Front, Thursday-In a in the sun as, little as possible. spectacular charge with rifles and Later, through a long succession of hand-grenades against one of the brilliant days, we were heedless of most powerful German divisions the sun, taking it for granted, To improve your condition you

Now it is different. The sun seldom shines, and it may be that we are in for a long period of dreary skies. If so, there is no use pretending that we like it. Certainly most of us don't. It will be an ordeal, especially for men from dry country where sun and far horizons make life what it is there.

It's no fun to get up before daybreak, at the blowing of a whistle, or at the call of a sergeant who nturally doesn't have a sunny disposition either, and to hear the steady drip of the rain, and look out on a world so full of darkness and water that a fellow feels he row of machine-guns. With hand- must be in Noah's Ark rather than off when the commander or nor

No, it won't be fun and nobody will enjoy it, but we're going through with it just the same, and if we are sensible we will walk in the sunlight when there is any and will build up resistance to wind and cold rain and to the mood of de-The foregoing paragraphs are pression that comes when the sky ment than does an officer, ARMY from a newspaper brought to camp is long overcast. In fact, because TIMES reports. He gets \$12 a by B. R. (Bernie) Nelson, here of the weather conditions and their and we stand and divided we fall." month for his first child, \$10 for from Portland as assistant to Cal effect on the terrain it behooves So, until victory, lets all be buddles each of his other 10 children, \$28 Horn, Camp Telephone manager, every man to use his best judgment for his wife, and the regular pay It is a yellowed copy of the Euro- and have a special care for his

Herald," published in Paris and By this time we have learned

Nowadays the Army mess is well- end in a year. But a corporal balanced and men in the service thought it would take two years. On October 10th I mailed four will be nourished and have what Now what does that prove? Why packages at the Camp Adair Mili- they need in this climate if they it proves that a corporal really Arms Co., who was firearm in- tary post office-destination Eng- take full advantage of the variety does have more sense than a priof foods offered. For example, vate.-A Corporal. On Saturday, November 28th, I don't pass up the fruit. Be mindful received by mail a letter from of your physical requirements and | Australia is spending half its England expressing gratitude for never over-indulge in anything national income for war. which puts a strain on your sys-

Camp Adair military post office Two kinds of men need to be seas. Just 49 days of travel for kind consists of the office workers, whose duties are confined with the return trip. so that they do not get enough exercise.

The other kind consists of recruits, or unseasoned men, who are my appreciation for the story in training for combat. Their com-The Provost Marshal at Camp the November 19 issue about my manding officers will do all they Rucker, Ala., announces through re-union after 24 years with Major can to protect their health during M. P. detachment there will be now coming to the point of writing in the end is the surest way to gain security from illness. It is in the country." At least that's The story was very nicely han- amazing how much the human

TO THE EDITOR:

Things are never as bad as they seem, especially when everything around us is out of our usual routine, and none of it is of our own choice. The best thing about a war is that the boys who have to live in the military atmosphere learn a whole lot in a hurry about the values of being able to do as you please. I believe that a lot of fellows make a hell for themselves by thinking of the hardship of having to do every minute what someo else wants them to do, and the worse handicap of not being able to select the company with whom you must associate.

. In Eddie Guest's poem, "I have to live with myself, and so, I want to be fit for myself to know." That touches the idea that I have been brewing around trying to steam off into expression. It is something self so I won't be grouchy, no matter what happens. I won't worry since that makes me the kind of a person that is hard for me to live with. I won't hate people around me because they probably hate me me as much as I hate them and visible world is transfigured by the they can't get away any more than I can, Therefore, I am going to be nice to the other guy so I don't have to live with a hateful guy (meaning myself).

There is another side to the same logic. Here it is: The fact that a fellow has to live with the men around him makes it possible for him to be hard-boiled, matter of fact and still look out for the other fellow. I suggest that you pick out the biggest bore in the company, or the most disagreeable person that you have to contact. eliminate the biggest problem first. Now you cannot kill the guy. You can't send him home. That's out What's next? Try to keep him from the matter with him as far as you are concerned. Find out what is like that. Listen to him until he bores himself. Maybe he will let crack-up. Then you can help him get the victrola needle of his brain cracked place where it has been going around and around. Such things will give you a real job to do and one that won't take time coms says "fall out." It will go along as you march. It will lull you off to sleep. Try it out, You are a one man world-you are the king. In this world which is you, you can keep out all unpleasantphere around you better by the above plan, try it out. Always re-

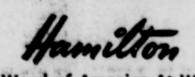
Reg. Hq. Co. 382nd Inf.

At Ft. Dix. N.J., five soldiers him to fly over Tokio. No other faith in the final victory over that chill and still not be too warm. | Easter, A third private guessed Diet is important, of course. August. A fourth expected it to

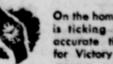


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