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## CAMP ENTERTAINMENT

Camp Adair, and more specifically, Theatre 3, becomes the point of origination of big time radio presentations Monday evening, December 21.

First program, scheduled to hit the air at 9:30 p. m., will be preceded by a full 30 minute preview on the theatre stage providing a solid hour of entertainment for those attending the broadcast.

To initiate the series, radio station KOIN, basic CBS northwest outlet, will bring its entire orchestra with a complete show including singers, comedy teams, gag men, announcers, producers and engineers to Camp Adair. On the following Monday night and each Monday thereafter it's to be a strictly Army production, with the exception of weekly artists to augment the Army cast.

Preparing a radio show of this size, broadcast through the facilities of a station serving several hundred thousand listeners, plus the definite possibility that it will be released over a regional network, will employ the talents of a great many men. Writers, gag men, musicians, arrangers, singers and all persons who have had professional experience in theatre, radio or any branch of public entertainment are urged to make their services available. No doubt exists that there is ample talent, in great variety here at the post to build an outstanding show and every effort will be made to use that talent in a professional manner, giving due credit to everyone participating, both in the radio shows and the stage presentation which will be a regular part of the Monday night affair.

Plans have been completed for auditions which will be held weekly to select the cast for the following week's program. From that selection, script writers will build the show turning it over then to the production men for actual rehearsals.

This is an urgent talent call. If you have the stuff that makes for showmanship, on the stage or on the air, and you want to help make the Camp Adair radio program the best Army show on the air get in touch with your Special Service Officer immediately. If more convenient, call either 2981 or 2941. You will be given audition dates and all other necessary information. Don't put it off. Do it today!

Remember the date. The first broadcast, with an all-star cast of Columbia Broadcasting Company talent will be held next Monday evening, December 21, at 9 p. m. Tickets for admission to Theatre 3, scene of the big stage and radio show, can be secured from your Special Service Officer.

## MUTTERINGS OF AN OLD-TIMER

By H. B.

This week I give my usual space, and more, to a letter from Pvt. Abe Polisar, Hq. Co., 414th Inf. It reads as follows:

"To the Old Timer: I read your column of Dec. 3 with great interest because many of my civilian friends have discussed the same subject with me through their correspondence. I find that I disagree with both your views and those of the Rev. Dr. John Haynes Holmes, whose letter you quoted.

"The subject of 'hatred' for the enemy has been discussed by army personnel, psychologists, college professors, religious figures, newspaper editors and columnists. The conclusions drawn by these people are at such variance as Dr. Holmes on the one hand and Hemingway on the other. The former believes that to hate at all is to lose all reason and is wrong; the latter is in favor of indiscriminate hate and outright extermination.

"It is impossible to read of the brutalities, atrocities and so forth committed by the fascist axis and not to feel a surging hate against those responsible. The Italian fascists used gas against the defenseless Ethiopians 'way back before the outbreak of this World War No. II. The Japanese have used gas against the Chinese numberless times and the tales of their treachery are numerous and horrible.

"The German barbarians have outdone themselves time and time again with their mass hostage murders, bombings of hospitals and civilian areas, cold-blooded murder and rape of civilians in occupied territories. All these are not the acts of reasonable men but of perverts and unthinking brutes whose sense have been completely dulled and who have been turned into destructive automatons. Can we remain passive before them and say to ourselves, 'Be calm. Don't hate. To hate is bad and wrong,' as Dr. Holmes seems to advise?"

### How Our Allies Feel

"Try to tell that to the Chinese whose country has been overrun for four years by a ruthless invader. Try to tell it to the Russian peasant whose wife has been raped, whose child has been bayoneted to death, whose fields and factories have been turned into a shambles. Try to tell it to the British citizen whose home was bombed daily for weeks on end, whose son was killed fighting the German air force, and whose church was made a special target of the Luftwaffe. Or try to tell it to the American soldiers, sailors and marines who were stationed at Pearl Harbor or Bataan. All these people hate the Axis; they have all come into direct and violent contact with it. They have witnessed the atrocities committed by the fascists; they have experienced the brutal treatment so characteristic of the fascists; hatred is written in their brains, in the blood spilled by fascism.

"Those of us who have not yet come into contact with the Axis gun men hate fascism too. We hate it with all the aversion of citizens of the greatest democracy, with all the intensity of people brought up and educated to respect the rights of the individual and the group. We do not, however, hate blindly, unreasonably. We hate fascism not only because of the atrocities it has committed in the war but because we know that fascism is organized cruelty and barbarism during war and peace.

"We know that fascism can continue only on the basis of continued brutality. We must, however, make a distinction between fascists and people living under fascism. To brand the entire German, Italian and Japanese population as fascists would mean to surrender belief in the existence of underground movements in those countries. I, for one, am not prepared to give up that hope and I think news

## It's A Great Life

### Notes From a Soldier's Sketch Book



"You would keep beefing about the weather."

## Culled

### From Our Army Cousins

This camp's many etymologists will be interested in the latest information about that word "shave-tail." It appears in the Camp Roberts Dispatch and perhaps it will be safer to quote:

"Originally, it referred to an unbroken mule, according to the Dictionary of American English now in preparation at the University of Chicago. The dictionary says the term originated with the army and was applied to mules because their tails are smooth down to the tufted tip. It later was used with regard to the second looses because of their alleged stubbornness."

One of the most optimistic soldiers' papers in the country is the

from those countries will back me up. No people are fascist. This is amply proven by the treatment of the population in fascist countries, by the working conditions and forced labor, by the utter lack of freedom, by the starvation and impoverishment.

### Enemies Are Fascists

"No, the people of the occupied and fascist countries, far from being our enemies, can be considered as staunch allies of the United Nations in the fight against fascism. President Roosevelt and other United Nations leaders have made this clear numerous times. It is only those who have absorbed and accepted the ideas of fascism whom we must hate and destroy in battle. With this approach, proposals for mass extermination or sterilization of all Germans and Japs becomes dangerous to the cause of freedom and the United Nations and should cease.

"In your answer to Dr. Holmes you said that only the men in the armed forces have the right to hate and if they don't then certainly the civilian population shouldn't. You also imply that practically the entire population is trying to escape army service. Such an attitude, unless I have misunderstood, is, I believe, detrimental to the relations between civilians and enlisted men. The army in America today is not those in uniform alone. Certainly the worker, producing airplanes, is performing just as vital a task. The shipyard machinist who helps set new production records is just as important to victory as we in the armed forces.

"The United States Army of 1942 has often been called a people's army because of the close collaboration existing with the home front. It is up to us to guarantee that such cooperation and singleness of purpose continue. We are, after all, all working towards one goal—the immediate and complete defeat of fascism."

Pvt. Polisar says that he disagrees with Dr. Holmes and me. After carefully rereading my column that prompted his letter I fail to find any disagreement, except that he says I said some things which I certainly did not say. I did not criticize the civilian population. I merely said that some of the most bitter haters still shrink from fighting.

In next week's Sentry, appearing the day before Christmas, I'll have more to say about hatred, war and peace.

## FORT SHERIDAN TOWER,

which gives figures and draws conclusions, as follows:

"They say that when the typical soldier reports for duty, he is 5'8" tall, weighs 144 pounds, has a 33½" chest and a 31" waist line, wears a size 9½D shoe and a size 7 hat. But—Army life adds 6 to 10 lbs., makes his feet row a half size larger, his chest expand and his height increase. So, if your clothes don't fit you when you come in, don't worry—just wait. They will."

Glenn Goetz, 11, of New Kensington, Pa., has been made an "honorary private" of the 32d Medical Bn., Carlisle Barracks, Pa., says THE MEDICAL SOLDIER. The proper insignia was pinned on him at a ceremonial parade and retreat. This is the result of his letter last spring, stating that he played a drum and would like to be a drummer boy in the battalion, even if too young to be a full soldier.

Health hints by Capt. Hubert W. Marlow, Camp Food Nutrition Officer, appear in CAMP BARKLEY NEWS, as follows:

"American soldiers are the best fed in the world. Lots of vitamin C (citrus fruits and salads), helps heal wounds and broken bones. Most of the vitamins in vegetables are in the green leaves. Green celery is better than white; it is sweeter and contains more vitamins. Salt is good for you in hot weather."

From Denver it is reported that authorities and members of the Liberal Church of Denver have "amended" the Lord's Prayer, official prayer of the church, to include just before "Amen" the sentence, "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition." That's in 93RD BLUE HELMET, Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.

C. A. Mikkelsen, 41, Sparta, N. J., a father, and C. R. Mikkelsen, 21, of Phillipsburg, N. J., his son, landed in the same anti-aircraft battery at Camp Stewart, Ga., says that camp's SHOOT 'EM DOWN. Although they had been at Camp Dix at the same time and had been one car apart on a troop train, neither knew, until reaching Ft. Georgia, that the other was in service. Now they march together.

Men of the Navy Yard at Pearl Harbor have failed to return 201,552 bottles in three months, PEARL HARBOR BULLETIN complains editorially, remarking that it's \$4,631.04 worth of bottles, lost through sheer carelessness, and that local dealers threaten to withhold soft drinks from the Navy Yard. (But that was in the October issue.)

Each division has a Camp Adair "Adair." Jove V. Adair is a S/Sgt. and Curtis Adair is a Pvt.

### HAND SALUTE! ONE! TWO!

They're going to make it easy to spot a highball again, fellers. According to a new Washington communique officers are to go back to wearing insignia of grade on "each shoulder loop of the service coat, overcoat, raincoat, field jacket and work clothing.

This means that officers will wear grade insignia exactly as they did several months ago—with two exceptions. Insignia has not been restored to shoulders of O.D. and suntan shirts. Grade insignia will continue to be worn on right collar wing—despite restoration to shoulders. You can't miss 'em boys. Now then—smartly!

## CAMP COMMANDER'S COLUMN

### Camp Adair

Sometimes a commanding officer and first sergeant wish that there was a special rating which could be given to the chronic humorist in the outfit, by way of appreciation.

For morale value, humor is uniquely effective, and your real wit or humorist gradually wins the gratitude of officers and non-coms, because they find that he is worth a heap of discipline.

Of course army humor is like no other humor. Much of it comes out in the form of mockery and to an outsider it may seem almost mutinous in attitude toward military authority. But, curiously, this grim, sardonic brand of humor promotes good feeling. It provides comic relief, eases tension. Well-worded sarcasm relieves the system of grievances and the clever taunt provokes laughter, and laughter is good medicine for the soul.

Then your real humorist is bound to be intelligent—for the psychologists have found that humor is a sign of intelligence—and he is forever appraising a situation or sizing up the men around him and making pungent comment that reveals their characteristics. To him, everybody is peculiar, and he is right. Everybody is peculiar and especially in the army. You hear certain men spoken of as camp "characters," because their behavior and interests are highly individual, but with acquaintance it turns out that all soldiers have little ways that set them apart. Somehow these personal traits stand out all the more in a military camp, where all of us are in uniform and must conform to rules and follow the same routine.

Humor is badly needed in the army during wartime, to offset the tragedy of war, and to counter inevitable annoyances. The war army is always expanding and changing in personnel, so that it can't be a "going concern," as an established business is, or, for that matter, an army, in time of peace. It is not static, it is forever on the move and perfection in details is impossible. Camps are being built, men are being inducted, and there are troop movements, replacements, promotions and shifts of personnel, and changes in training schedules, varying with the circumstances of the conflict. Of course, there are delays and frustrations without end.

For high morale we need humor and fortunately the armies of the United States have developed a rich, characteristic humor that is unmatched anywhere. Some of it is fiction and some is fact and the two are mingled. The whole country knows jokes about the relationship of the imaginary first sergeant, a regular demon in his wrath, and the imaginary recruit, whose awkwardness and ignorance have become a legend.

But the best humor is in situations as they arise and in our comrades and ourselves. The best thing about the true humorist is that after awhile his comrades look for laughter when he is around. Laughter is infectious. Soldiers learn to laugh at other soldiers and by and by laugh at themselves and when that happens they are in sound health emotionally and receptive to training and instruction.

There is something funny about a platoon marching down a road in a fog, shouting in cadence, "One! Two! Three! Four!" and if they can see it, as well as passersby, all's well with the army.

### VAULTER MEADOWS TEACHES

Earl Meadows, '36 Olympic vault champion, once holder of world record tie at 14 feet 11 inches, is civilian physical training instructor at Luke Field, Ariz.



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### PAPERS FOR THE AGES

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"This collection, now containing over 300 titles," a letter reads, "will form a part of our permanent collections of books, periodicals and posters illustrating all phases of this World War. We have a fireproof building and excellent facilities for insuring the permanent preservation of these papers.

"Files of army camp papers published during the first World War have been very interesting and instructive. Those published during this war should be even more valuable in the years to come."

### SHES GOT A FURLOUGH

Anyone driving to Seattle during the Christmas holidays who will accept a passenger to share expenses can call Miss Louise Jameson, U.S. Civil Service Office, 2903.

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