

### Income Tax Rears Its Ugly Head; Soldiers Can Get Postponment—Maybe

As the March 15 deadline approaches for filing income tax returns, the tempo of inquiries at official sources and barracks conversation is rising steadily on the subject of income and Victory taxes.

Some facts useful to bear in mind on these two taxes, as gathered by The Sentry from official and unofficial sources, are these:

1. Service in the Army does not excuse you from paying a tax on your 1942 income.
2. If you are single and earned more than \$750 or more in 1942, you must file a return, before this March 15.
3. If you are married and earned \$1,500 or more in 1942, you must file a return, before this March 15.
4. If paying your 1942 income tax at this time (or past due income taxes) would work a hardship on you, you can secure a postponement of payment until six months after your discharge from the Army, when it must be paid in full. No provision for installment payments can be permitted at that time. You can secure this

married or \$250 if you are single; money paid you in place of Army quarters; money allowances paid for subsistence or rations—includes food, rent, traveling; amounts paid as dependancy allowance by the government to your wife and other dependents; value of subsistence and quarters furnished female members of the Army Nurse Corps. Officers may deduct costs of equipment to the extent only that it is especially required by his profession and does not merely take the place of articles required in civilian life—for example he may deduct cost of a sword, corps devices, Sam Browne belts, epaulets and campaign bars.

**No Deduction on These**  
8. Some items you may not deduct in figuring your tax: longevity pay of 5 per cent for every three years' service; medal pay; salaries or special compensation paid by employers in private industry to their former employees now in the army; allowances and bonuses, including "old fogey" pay (paid upon reenlistment to honorably discharged officers and men); initial

#### WHAT YOU PAY

Following is a table of the ANNUAL VICTORY TAX payable on a soldier's basepay. The tax also applies to additional pay, such as foreign service pay, flight pay, and parachutist's pay. Add per cent of such pay to appropriate figure in right-hand column. This table is for computing VICTORY TAX only and is not to be confused with your regular Federal Income Tax payment. Deductions may be made for War Bond purchases.

Private	\$600	none
Private, first class	\$648	\$1.20
Corporals and Tech. 5th Grade	\$792	\$8.40
Sergeants and Tech. 4th Grade	\$936	\$15.60
Staff Sergeants and Tech. 3rd Grade	\$1,152	\$26.40
Technical Sergeants	\$1,368	\$37.20
Master or First Sergeants	\$1,656	\$61.60
Warrant Officers (J.G.)	\$1,800	\$58.30
Second Lieutenants—		
Less than 5 years' service	\$1,800	\$58.30
More than 5 years' service	\$2,000	\$68.30
First Lieutenants—		
Less than 10 years' service	\$2,000	\$68.30
More than 10 years' service	\$2,400	\$88.30
Captains—		
Less than 17 years' service	\$2,400	\$88.30
More than 17 years' service	\$3,000	\$118.80
Majors—		
Less than 23 years' service	\$3,000	\$118.80
More than 23 years' service	\$3,500	\$143.80
Lieutenant-Colonels—		
Less than 30 years' service	\$3,500	\$143.80
More than 30 years' service	\$4,000	\$168.80
Colonel	\$4,000	\$168.80
Brigadier General	\$6,000	\$268.80
Major General (and over)	\$8,000	\$368.80

postponement only: (a) if your service in the Army began after October 17, 1940; (b) if it would be a hardship for you to pay it now, and (c) if you apply for it. You can apply for it by attaching a letter to your tax return form stating it would be a hardship to pay it now. The treasury will then send you a form to be filled out.

**Special for E.M.**  
5. The tax law gives a special grant to members of the armed forces below the rank of a commissioned officer. A married man may exclude \$300 from his income in figuring his tax. A single man may exclude \$250 from his income.

6. You are entitled to married exemptions even though you are separated from your wife. In the same way you can be termed the head of a family, although you are not living in the same household as your dependants.

7. Some items you may deduct in figuring your income tax: your special exclusion of \$300 if you are

uniform allowances of officers (\$250); transportation charges paid by the government for the transportation of officers' families; cost of additional clothing or equipment purchased; any money you spend for uniforms, even though such uniforms can be worn only on certain occasions; amount of Soldiers' Home deductions; cost of food and meals, including field rations at 50 cents per ration; deductions for war bonds, insurance and family allotments; expense for laundry and dry cleaning; court martial fines; cost of items such as Army officers' gold lace, chin straps, yoke buttons and cap devices; loss of pay due to absence without leave or due to sickness not in line of duty; and upkeep of an auto, even if used for daily business trips.

**File at Home**  
9. Your return should be sent to the Collector of Internal Revenue in the district in which you lived as a civilian. Write to your city government for correct address of the collector.

Do not file your return with the collectors nearest Camp Adair.

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### Stepping High



Gay, red-haired Dale Evans is stepping high these days as the singing star of NBC's Edgar Bergen-Charlie McCarthy show. Here she sports a new frock of soft green metallic cloth topped by a pill-box of the same material and accentuated by red shoes and gloves.

### Well, If It Occured, Then It Happened

This story goes back to 1908 when Congress actually forgot to appropriate money to pay Army officers and enlisted men. After six months without pay, a certain sergeant major, out for a walk, sighted his colonel, a very straight-laced old man. Crossing the street and saluting, the sergeant said: "Colonel, sir, I hate to bother you during off-duty hours, but—look, sir, I'm broke; can you lend me some money?" The colonel drew himself up haughtily. "Sergeant, get the devil back where you came from. I'm working this side of the street—you work the other."

with Joe Fontanazza, Sid Rosen, Joe Sciacca, and Isador Levitt in soldier suits on our recent furloughs. Knowing that they won't have to face that picture again for quite awhile, might help them to get over that defeatist attitude that we're sure they acquired upon seeing us.

Interesting to say the least is an occurrence that happened to Sid Rosen (QM Property Warehouse's demon typist) while on furlough in New Jersey. A girl, that has been corresponding with him for the past four months (name, address, phone number and Dun & Bradstreet's rating furnished upon request) got her first look at him in the flesh. Result: One enrollment in the WAACs. Memo to F.D.R.: For a bigger Woman's Auxiliary Army, we suggest more furloughs for Rosen and his like. P.S.—We're just like him!

A news item that should have made all the social columns, but didn't, is the following announcement of Joe Sciacca and Miss Nancy Massarr's engagement. Both victims are from Patterson, in the state of New Jersey. At least, they were. Now, they're in the state of unconsciousness. In their half-dazed condition, Mr. Sciacca and his Mrs.-to-be, were seen celebrating the big event in the Cafe Rouge of the Hotel Pennsylvania, in New York. And acting like this, with only cokes in sight. (And inside) "It must be LOVE."

With another wedding story, this column is starting to read like a matrimonial broker's report. Pfc. Eli Roby, QM's most popular man (there's a reason—he's the mail clerk) while on furlough in New York, caught his beloved off guard and she said, "Yes." Here's wishing them both luck and hoping it won't interfere with his mail calls.

And still ANOTHER MATRIMONIAL MERGER:  
If any of the above, seems slightly incoherent, please excuse, and place blame for same, on the fact that one of ye editors, Frank Smith by name, read that famous last line that makes women brides and men swoon. You guessed it, he opened his big mouth one day, January 30th to be exact, and a feeble "I Do" snuck out. The big mystery of the whole affair is the fact that someone accepted him. From now, till the day she receives the allotment (courtesy Cpl. Wolfe, Hqs. Co. and Uncle Sam, U.S.A.) she'll wonder why she ever let herself be talked into it. Such great U.S.O. work deserves publicity. So, we give you the bride, Miss Peggy O'Leary, of New York City, only child of Mrs. O'Leary. The only break she got, outside of the ring, (she can get a few bucks on that in hock) is that, for awhile she'll be in New York, and, "Death Takes a Holiday" Smith will be in Oregon.

Vince Michels, cashier in the QM's Clothing Warehouse, goes to sleep counting, not sheep—but little cash slips. At least, that's what his bed partner, Percy Linders, was foolish enough to tell this "rue-some twosome."

Remarks heard after the QM's gas drill was over, "Why don't you take off your mask?" Oh, I'm sorry, you already did." Also: "If after we did have a gat attack, men started falling it would be tough to prove whether it was from the lingering gas or the shock of seeing those faces again." Nothing personal—"Sgt. Fenner."

We'd like to kill a rumor (fooled you didn't we—we'll bet you thought we were going to say Sgt.) right here! There's no truth to the report that those, should we say mustaches, on Sgt. Van's and Pvt. J. Faglionone's lips are artificial. To prove it, we have three hairs from each on display in our office. (Which is located wherever goldbricks gather. Service Clubs and PX's please note.)  
We hope that the civilian morale in New York and New Jersey wasn't damaged beyond repair by the appearance of ye editors, along

blonde. Mind you now, this is only the background music. Lt. Caldwell and Lt. Davis blended their voices in singing an old Irish song! Being afraid the other officers would outshine him, Lt. Fletcher stepped forth and with a guitar solo while Lt. Bonifas opened his mouth and reports have it that a song burst forth! Imagine that!  
Pvt. Bill Stankewitz who was on hand to cover the party adds that the most amusing part of the program took place when Sgt. Keough and Pvt. Pfeifer joined hands and entertained by doing a jig.

Blondes are the weakness of Co. "D." Pfc. Paul Solomon tells me, as nineteen of the were were "giggled" for yoo-hooing at one last week. The boys tell me that they knew not what came over them... she was so pretty! We wish we could have seen her... a blonde, eh?

One evening Sgt. Westbrook asked a soldier to stop at the P.X. and purchase six hot dogs and two orders of "shoestrings." The soldier willingly obliged and returned with six hot dogs and (get this!) two pairs of shoelaces. Yes, he's from Texas!

Struggling for twelve long years to reach his goal, S. Sgt. Felix DeFazio of "D" Co. finally received his cooking diploma. His cooking appealed so much to the boys that they call him "Mamma" DeFazio! Congratulations, Ma!

"D" Company's chest is quite expanded these days as they discovered that 78 per cent of their men were employed in defense work before entering the army and now the entire Company has subscribed to the purchase of War Bonds 100 per cent. That's swell!

In regards to Hq. & Hq. Co. we must not fail to mention and congratulate M/Sgt. Joseph Fejdzas who moved into the Officers' Barracks with the title of Warrant Officer. We're proud of you!

There were plenty of blistered and tired feet in Co. "B" after returning from a three-day bivouac. The boys limped into their barracks, pausing to glance at the company bulletin board and then the smiles began to blossom. Promotions! They were: From Cpl. to Sgt.: Wayne E. Bouteau, Minor Butler, Angelo Montez, and Theodore G. Kitzback. From Pfc. to Cpl.: Manuel Martinez, Homer McGrew, Lawrence W. Gee, Harold Matz, Carl S. Miquit, Clyde Lusk, Michael Balen, Delos H. Stockell, Donald P. Rima and Dale W. Morris. From Pvt. to Cpl.: Oscar Johnson, Gail L. Fisher, Tony M. Palmer, Douglas Gruenwald, Elmer Finch and Clyde E. Baughman. From Pfc. to T/5: Herman H. Kerweroski. The boys now believe the three-day bivouac was worth it. They're now impatiently waiting for the next one. Boys, it doesn't happen like that!

The Company News Reporters for the 381st are gradually growing, but as yet, every company is not represented. We do hope to see more names added to our list as Reporters. We're going to have "Guest Writers" from each company write the column for their individual company. Come on, fellows, let's get the ball a'rollin'!

**C NOTES**  
By  
Cpl. Frank W. Spaat

Btry. "C" 363rd Volley Ball Team Swamps Hq. 363rd Bn. Champs. 1st Sgt. Tome Davee's volley ballers who were sighted in the 9th Div. volley ball tourney have decided to show all the participants of that tournament just who the real champs are by shelling the 363rd FA Bn. champions in two straight games. The scores were 15 to 3 and 15 to 4. Starring for the team were Pvt. John Plesha, Cpl. Lawrence Pochocki and Sgt. "Pop" Warren.

With just a few days of sunshine and warmth, the old baseball game came to life and many members of Btry. "C" started "warming up" with baseballs and bats.  
The scribe of this column, who makes it his business to "snoop"

**A CORPORAL—WHAT DOES HE GET?**  
In British units of native troops (according to Collier's Magazine) along the Gold Coast of West Africa the soldiers are permitted to have wives with them in the barracks, privates being allowed one, sergeants two and sergeant majors four. When non-coms are transferred to another camp, transportation costs for the ladies are borne by the government.

### GOOD NEWSPAPER MAN GONE WRONG?

Corporal Wallace X. Rawles of the Military Police today was en route to Officers' Candidate Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., scheduled to arrive there Saturday. His last column is in today's SENTRY.  
Rawles arrived here from Fort MacArthur, Calif., Nov. 18 for his basic training. He was director of public relations for Forest Lawn Memorial Park at Los Angeles, Calif.

around, (a flat foot in civilian life) found many others doing the same on improvised diamonds—this means only one thing—ball games! Book them now and all teams are invited. Write to 1st Sgt. Thomas Davee of this Btry.

Pvt. Rueben A. Olson of this Btry, surprised everyone by dropping his membership in the benefit's club when he married the beautiful Caroline Hartman of Pennington, Minn., at Corvallis recently. The bonds of matrimony were tied by the Rev. Hartenberg.

Pvt. Vincent McCauslin of Chicago who is doing his "time" at this camp, became a papa for the first time. His darling at home presented him with McCauslin, Jr., who weighed 7 pounds, 5 oz. ring-side. Mama and baby are doing well—McCauslin, Sr., well? ??? He hopes that he may be able to see them both soon.

Mike and Ike, they look alike—but so do the Clemerts twins. Calvin is a private in this Btry, while Calvin is a member of the 96th Signal Corps. For some time our boys thought they were seeing the consequences as the stuff is

### When the Lights Go On Again

It came to the attention of the Sentry staff earlier this week that there's a worried lady over in Salem... so we are going to try to help her. She is Mrs. Clifford Brown.  
It seems she was good natured enough to offer a string of Christmas lights for use at Camp Adair, she knows not where. She did bring the lights to the Salem Chamber of Commerce, for distribution, and has not seen them since.  
On the lights was attached a message, which said "Please return" and gave her name. The Sentry staff obviously does not know where they are... but if anyone does, will he please return them to Service Club 2 and the personnel there will see that they are promptly returned.

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double but now they are "hep to the jive." The inclusion of the twins in our Army only means double trouble for our enemies. The Clemerts boys, who will be 22 years of age on March 15th, hail from Fairview, Oklahoma.

already has a beautiful bald spot on his noggin. My! My!... and so young, too!  
All of the members of this Btry, say... Goodbye—Good Luck—and a Happy Journey—to Capt. George C. Hofmann, Btry. Commander, and Lt. Richard A. Illoway, who are leaving for another camp. The only thing we can say is: "We hate like hell to lose two such swell really doing a good job. Steve guys."

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