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### "OUR FIRST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF"

No man has left a greater heritage to Americans at war than our first Commander-in-Chief, General George Washington. It was he who gave to the Army of the American Revolution the courage to fight on against insurmountable obstacles. It was his powerful personality, his superb leadership, that turned a small band of green, poorly equipped men into an efficient Army.

We are all familiar with the hardships that Army had to endure at Valley Forge. They faced a bitter winter with threadbare clothes, with no shoes, with little food. But despite those hardships, they complained little about rationing or shortages. They did not adopt a "me first" attitude. They knew that war meant sacrifice; they knew the price of freedom. They were glad to pay that price. Theirs is the spirit that the vast majority of our people still have today-a spirit that once more will enable us to fight our way through to victory.

There are many striking parallels between the problems facing our people today and those of the original 13 States. The French Alliance during the Revolutionary War brought a wave of over-confidence to the colonies, just as our recent limited successes and those of our Allies have spread the sedative of over-optimism throughout the United States. It took all of General Washington's pleading to make the American people realize that the Alliance should spur them to greater effort, in order to win the war as quickly as possible. We, today, must not allow ourselves to become complacent. A few battles won do not mean we have achieved complete victory. As our men on the battlefronts strike harder and harder blows against the enemy, our men and women on the home front must exert greater efforts toward the winning of the war. We must be prepared to pay the price that our all-out offensives will exact—a toll of lives in battle, and sacrifices at home, greater than we have ever faced before. And we in the Army feel sure that the American people today will face the grim facts of war with the courage of their pioneering ancestors.

Just as in Washington's day, when a paramount problem was to keep the thirteen states unified, so today we must see to it that there is no disharmony among us, or among the United Nations. Enemy forces during the Revolutionary War tried their utmost to split the thirteen states; as today the Axis is attempting to inject the virus of disunity among the United Nations. But their efforts have failed because the freedom loving people are determined to stand together. As our Commander-in-Chief recently expressed it . . . . "the personal freedom of every American and his family depends, and in the future, will increasingly depend, upon the freedom Dear Ma: of his neighbors in other lands.'

As we commemorate the anniversary of the birth of one of our greatest Amerficans, let us recall the courage there's only one thing, Ma, I miss of those men he led to victory. Let us resolve to share the pot under the bed." together whatever hardships and sacrifices we may be called upon to endure. Let us determine to work together, to fight together, until the power of the United Nations shall have destroyed the Axis.

In that spirit we shall win the victory and the peace.

### MUTTERINGS OLD-TIMER

May, but I've always been afraid they expected to receive. to write it. Afraid that it would get | Aside from indistinct commands, me into trouble.

he knows, and he sounds off as master them,

Faw!' Military gibberish is out. phonetically, with the accent where self." It's being replaced by the simple common sense would put it. The 'One! Two! Three! Four!"

sense of melody and rhythm is mark the puzzling names, and ask job, bud. Don't louse it up." important and that a voice of mod- the owners how they wish them erate size can be heard well enough to be pronounced. That's more digif it is projected from the dia- nified than floundering through

an ox is no good if the words are the more touchy if their names are not clear. Crisp, sharp enuncia- peculiar. tion is what makes for precision in drill, It's good psychology. If a

words spoken clearly and with con- ments to have the animal rendered be stopped again. viction. Instead, I've heard curi- down for use against the axis.

Sommonomonomonomono. Governors Island, N. Y.—There's ous, muffled sounds that meant one thing that I've wanted to write, "Forward, march" to the men only rail that had been pressing against cated. ever since entering the service last because that was the command his foot for years."

careless and uncertain pronuncia-But now all I have to do is to tion of proper names seemed to be quote from an article in "Army a common failing at Camp Adair. Life," the periodical which is writ- and there really was no excuse for ten, edited and printed right in the it. Conceding that we men from building where I am writing this, the New York area carried out to It says that a Pvt. Eugene Hems- Oregon the most amazing variety ley, New Orleans Air Base, is giv- of family names ever seen or heard ing speech lessons to non-coms west of the Hudson river, I say who drill troops. That's his line, that the men who called the roll He has taught public-speaking and should have made some effort to post commanding officer.

Most of them are pronounced am?" "No more 'Hut! Tup! Thrup! correctly if they are pronounced Rook: "Nope, just got here mynatural proceedure would be to of this post." Then he goes on to say that a look over any new list of names, phragm instead of from the throat. them day after day, arousing re-

drill master calls out "Forward. An Alabama farmer, with a 654- They were allowed to pass, but march!" sharply and with easy pound dead hog on his hands, re- at every cross-roads they went confidence, men will start moving membered the fats salvage cam- through the same formula. paign and telephoned the state ra-But seldom have I heard those tioning officer, who made arrange- driver asked if they were likely to ups in your paper.

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



"... and if he asks for a cigar I'd suggest you get it. He's threatened to leave for OCS." There is a hollow or a trough For each wave rolling up the beach.

> 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 . . .

For all the blasts of Winter, dour,

Now half the world in agony Writhes 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.

POME There's a notable family Named Stein There's Gert and there's Ep And there's Ein.

Gert's verses are punk, Ep's statues are junk. And no one can understand

> From THE ALERT, California

NO POT TO MISS IN

"The Army's fine and I'm getting along swell. Plenty of clothes. good food, and good beds but

And Ma answered, "That's all right, Son, you've missed it many times at home."

-From THE ALERT. California.

### METALLURGY DEPT.

"How's your top-kick these "Much better since his opera-

"Operation? I didn't know he

THE MOUNTAINEER,

### NOTHER POME

TO OUR PAL Here's to our sergeant A wit and a thinker, Each one of us fellows Thinks he's an old

The rookie failed to salute the C.O.: "Don't you know who I

C.O.: "I am commanding officer

Rook: "That's a helluva good -From THE COMMUNIQUE,

A motor vehicle was stopped by Why, of course. Bellowing like sentment among men who are all a sentry on guard at a crossroads.

"Who goes there?" "One American major, a one-ton buck private."

After a time the buck private and Lane county for the nice write-

"I guess so," replied the major, the result of the splendid coopera-

- By Ida H. Waite "Well, major," said the private,

Then there's the one about the recruit who tried every job in the detachment and failed miserably, The C.O. bawled him out and then tried another approach.

over the fertilizer?"

"Here you are," he said, "35 years old and no ambition. What do you want to be?"

"Thirty-eight, sir," came the re-

### "A SOLDIER'S PRAYER"

As I would, Lord, if I were there. Adair committee.

When she is sleeping, watch her then,

That fear may not her dreams offend:

Be ever near her through the day, Let none but goodness, come her way.

Sweet, faithful girl that waits for

Beyond a wide and spacious sea-Be merciful, oh God, I pray Take care of her while I'm away. -Elizabeth Giseburt.

To every man who has some one at home, one who means every-"Oh, yes-They removed a brass thing to him, this poem is dedi-

### A PRAYER AT RETREAT Colorado. I pray my son will never see A day of toil in Infantry;

God keep him from the Engineers, And spare him Paratroopers fears. Keep him from the Quartermaster-Save him from the Tank Corps blaster!

Don't teach him Air Corps spins and loops, Or deafen him in Cannon Troops.

Wars should be won by Dads like So our sons can live in LIBERTY! -With apologies to Joyce Kilmer

Q.M.C., 332 Q.M. Depot Co. Restriction of the production of safety razors, razor blades and straight razors will save upwards of 800 tons of high-grade steel.

By Edward L. Keating, T/5

To the editor:

Under separate cover we are sending cuts which you graciously loaned us for publicity purposes during our drive for furniture and truck load of fertilizer, and one equipment for recreation rooms and hospital at Camp Adair.

I wish to thank you for this fine courtesy and also to thank you in behalf of Eugene Lodge of Elks

That the drive was a success i

# OMMANDER'S Camp Adair

Recent figures made public by the War Department reveal that the Quartermasters Depot has spent 750 million dollars in the past six months-as much as was spent in the entire year of 1941.

The result is that, from the Arctic to the scopies, the American soldier is carefully and properly greetings and best wishes to all equipped to make good President Hoosier boys now stationed at Roosevelt's promise to "strike the Camp Adair. We are not unmindful enemy hard ... strike him again that you are ready to make the

Depot that the soldier receives the be preserved. food he eats, the clothing and shoes he wears, the tents which home have a deep feeling of apshelter him, the mattresses and preciation for your patriotic loyalcots on which he sleeps, the toilet ty to your country. articles he uses, the stoves that heat his foods, and the tableware with which he eats it. His buttons plastics will soon replace the brass - come from the Quartermaster. The flag he carries, the hero medals he wins, even the part of the world, representing us trombone he toots in the bandall issue from the Quartermasters.

That is why you might call the Quartermaster Depot the Army's general store - a general store Adair. We are wishing for them that thinks and spends in terms of millions. That is why the American soldier of World War II is better and more comfortably and more sensibly clothed than any soldier since the beginning of time. is doing a big job. It is up to I have the honor to send greetings every enlisted man and officer to to the boys from Arkansas with follow through. In civilian life when the fighting forces of our nation.

pays for it himself, he is quite responsibilities to you is the safe naturally careful of it. As a civil- guarding, at home, of those princiian he is careful to keep his shoes ples of freedom for which you are in proper repair and his overcoat mobilized to fight. pressed. As a good soldier he Our admiration, our affection should be just as careful even and our prayers go with you tothough he has not paid out of his wards the ultimate triumph which own pocket for what he is wearing. you shall soon achieve.

Even disregarding the money an-"the next time we are stopped gle, thoughtless ill-usage of equipment works a hardship on every would you mind giving me priority one. The soldier today has many money.

It should not be necessary to care of his equipment. He should selves like men," in all circumtake enough pride in the uniform stances. We wish them speedy suc-

-From THE COMMUNIQUE, tion of all interested people, whe-

ther in Lane or Camp Adam We shall have another lot of furniture to be picked up on Sat-Dear God, watch over her for me urday, February 27-after which That She may safely guarded be: the Elks will turn over the detail Help her each lonely hour to bear to the regular Red Cross Camp

Sincerely, E. G. Boehnke, Chairman, Eugene Elks Camp Adair Com.

### Your Governor Greets You

Utah

It is a pleasure for me to send greetings to the Utah boys at Camp Adair. We at home are deepy grateful for the contribution our boys are making toward the security of all people. Please as sure them that they have our faith and prayers for their safety and comfort at all times.

Herbert B. Maw.

### Indiana

As Chief Executive of the State of Indiana, I wish to extend warm supreme sacrifice to the end that It is from the Quartermasters our form of free government may

We want you to know that we at

Henry F. Schricker.

South Dakota South Dakota is mighty proud of the 30,000 men in the service from this state. They are in every and doing the job for which they have been drawn into the service Please extend my greetings to every Scath Dakota man in Camp all the power and luck in the world. that this war may end at the earli

Harlan J. Bushfield.

Arkansas

On behalf of the two million men, This supply division of the Army women and children of Arkansas, a fellow buys a suit of clothes and | We know that one of our sacred

Homer M. Adkins.

### Florida

Please convey from me, the things that those on the outside greetings of the people of Florida, can not purchase for love nor for to our men who are with the armed services in Oregon

We know that all Floridans in keep lecturing a soldier on the far-away Oregon "acquit themhe wears to keep it and other GI cess and an early return, when equipment in the best possible con- their job is done, to their families and friends here at home.

Spessard L. Holland.

The Athens, W.Va., county vacant for a year, was scrapped and yielded 30 tons of steel.

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DEPOT: 111 Jackson St.

dies are now servin' our country, drivin' tanks, forces and war workers trucks and jeeps. More are joinin' up every day.

However, we're gonna keep on givin' the best we got to help win the war. And I sure admire the way It's tough for both us my passengers bear up and our passengers, espe- under the crowdin' that cially as plenty of my budwar conditions bring.

Bill, the bus driver



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