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If You Think You Have a "Beef"

Here Is Artilleryman's Letter; from North Africa

This editorial is for the "beef-trust"—the flannel mouths whose greatest apparent excuse for joy in living is to belly-ache. They probably did it in civilian life. They'd do it anywhere.

Fortunately the per capita number at Adair is few. But their voices are loud and nagging and they give others a slight case of bad habit—a lousy habit, that does none of us good. Besides, and which is so much more to the point—

What have we got to beef about?

To answer that, let's simply quote below from a significant letter which recently appeared in the column "It Seems to Me," written by Charles A. Sprague, publisher of the Oregon Statesman and former Governor of Oregon.

Quote From North Africa

The column is in turn quoting a letter. This was written "by an artilleryman, sitting at the edge of his slit trench in North Africa on the last day of April, to his brother who was then in a training camp in the home land. The author, Charles L. Wood, jr., of Salem, whose father is employed in the state public utilities office, graduated at Oregon State in 1941, went immediately into service and is now a captain. His brother, Don, in the same branch of the service, recently was sent overseas.

"The gist of Capt. Wood's letter is that, regardless of how tough training camp life is, the hardest lessons lie ahead: 'How to do their job in the face of a rugged, heartless, armed, intelligent, experienced army.' He goes on to say:

"Some of the simplest things that we don't even pay any attention to any more are such things as not having been in any sort of a bed or had any mattress other than my roll for going on six months. That goes for every man in the outfit from the Colonel down to the last private and yard bird.

"Not having ANY fresh meat for the same period.

"About a third of the time not having any bed roll at all, just drop in your tracks and sleep a while, then get up and go on.

"You eat when you can and at least half the time it's "C" ration.

"Four baths in six months—30 or 40 sleepless hours at a stretch is common—a canteen of water a day—blackout marches—FOR PAY—in rain, sleet, snow, mud and muck up to the heels.

"Don't ask me how we did it, but we kept 'em rolling. Desert sand and heat. Cannoneers working 'till they dropped at their posts. Cooks and telephone operators stepping up and taking their places.

And Never A Beef!

"I've barely touched the whole picture—remember these are just some of the minor hardships, and yet—it's absolutely unbelievable—unbelievable—we haven't found it necessary to have sick call for four months. I have yet to hear a whole-hearted intentional beef from an officer or man in the outfit. Their whole philosophy of life seems to be: 'We do what we have to do. We're all in the same boat, so what the hell!'

"You never saw such a happy-go-lucky, laughing, joking, determined to-do-the-job-or-die (and I do mean die) bunch of men in your life.

"So if any "Joes" around your outfit start crying because the pork chops are only done on one side you might ask them polite-like, how many times they've been blown out from under their mess kits by a German 105 m.m. shell during the last week.

"Yup, sure strange how a few bombs landing in your soup will change your ideas of what's rough and what's just everyday life."

It's A Great Life

Notes From a Soldier's Sketch Book



"Damn if I won't toss the next guy in the can that I catch playing 'There's a Star Spangled Banner Waving Somewhere'."

YANKWIZ

By BOB HAWK
Quizmaster

"THANKS TO THE YANKS"
Fridays, C B S



1. You find honey bees in a hive and bumble bees in a nest. Where would you find sea bees?
2. Which one of these actors was born in the United States: Cary Grant, Melvyn Douglas, George Brent?
3. For what purpose would a person be apt to go into a "tonorial parlor?"
4. If someone gave you a poncho, would you ride it, wear it or eat it?
5. What's the difference between a hassock and a Cossack?
6. In the Walt Disney pictures, Dumbo is an elephant and Bambi is a deer. What is Pedro?

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Stranger Than It Seems Dept.

Denver (CNS)—A medal was given to an American artillery officer by an Italian general whom the Yank captured in Tunisia. The decoration was awarded Lt. John V. Marshall, according to word received by his mother here. Lt. Marshall wrote he not only received the medal together with a citation but was made a member of The Centaurs, a recently-created Italian military order.

We decorate our captors. That's how we fight. Cause recent war chapters Have shown us da light.
T/4 Peter B. Woolley

Military vehicles may not be used for the transportation of that wee bottle of private stock. They are for official use only.

ANSWER BOX

Q. Is it okay to paste pictures on V-Mail forms and send them abroad?

A. NO! It is not. We were mistaken last week when we said that photographs of children less than 1 year old—or those born after their fathers left the U.S.A.—could be pasted on V-Mail forms and mailed abroad. The photographs must be printed, not pasted on the forms. They must appear in the upper left corner and occupy no more than one-third of the correspondence space.

Q. What are the qualifications for the Army Transportation Corps Officer Candidate School?

A. Applicants for admission to the Transportation OCS must be between the ages of 18 and 45. They must have completed their basic training and they must have had transportation experience either in the Army or in civilian life. Candidates have entered the Transportation School at Harahan, New Orleans, from 126 different organizations in the Army, including overseas units, under a quota system. In addition ROTC graduates who have majored in transportation are admitted.

Q. Is an Army meal ticket negotiable in all civilian restaurants? And what can I buy with it besides food?

A. Army meal tickets are written requests for meals—and nothing else—to soldiers. They are good for the duration of a journey at a rate not to exceed \$1 a meal on railroad trains and 75c anywhere else. They're no good for the movies or gin and gingerale.

See two free shows by buying a theater coupon book—\$1.50 value for \$1.20.

... the WORLD This Week!

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against stiff enemy resistance. Over 50,000 of the enemy were killed, hundreds of towns and villages in addition to much enemy material were captured in the 14-day old offensive, the Russians claim.

IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, the allies continued their almost daily raids on the Japanese air base of Munda and nearby Japanese positions in the Solomons. They dropped 186 tons of bombs on that base alone Sunday in the heaviest raid so far. Latest advance on the strategic base brought American forces within 2100 yards of the air-drome. American bombers made a round trip of 2400 miles to attack Soerbaja on Java, other planes smashed at the Japanese in New Guinea. Here, sharp clashes occurred in the area south of Salamaua. Fighters shot down 23 enemy planes in a decisive air victory over New Guinea.

ZERO HOUR FOR American invasion of Japanese-held Kiska appeared imminent yesterday, when formations of army bombers joined a naval task force and subjected enemy installations there to a series of devastating attacks—two by air, one by American warships.

XCHANGE EXCERPTS

Advice: A bridal path isn't something to horse around on.

Mood Moderne

"Darling, swear that you love me?"
"Ah right, damit, I love you."

"I don't see why he dates her... she's a terrible dancer."
"She may not be able to dance, but she sure can intermission."

She Looks Like Margie

1st Soldier: "I gotta go now. Gotta meet a girl at the corner of 3rd and Main!"

2nd Soldier: "Who's the lucky girl?"

1st Soldier: "How do I know who'll be at the corner of 3rd and Main."

"Your girl's spoiled, isn't she?"
"No, it's just the perfume she uses."

The mess sergeant brought in a plateful of extremely thin slices of bread.

"Did you cut these," asked Sgt. Lamb.

"Yes, I cut them," said S/Sgt. Bubb sternly.

"O. K. then," went on Sgt. Lamb, "Just checking. I'll shuffle and deal."

Smack In Silence

She: "If you kiss me, I'll scream."
S/Sgt. Bubb: "But there is no one within hearing distance."

She: "Then what are you scared of?"

Pfc: "May I take you home? I like to take experienced girls home."

She: "But I'm not experienced."
Pfc: "You're not home yet."

First Sgt.: "Did the corporal tell you what to do?"

Rookie: "He told me to be sure and wake him whenever I see you coming."

Why is it girls who scream at the sight of a mouse will never hesitate at going out with a wolf?"

Definition: Barracks—a series of crap games with bunks in between.

"What is home without a mother?" the private asked of his shapely date.

"I am tonight, handsome," she sighed. — Camp Campbell, Kentucky.

Soldier: "For two cents I'd kiss you."

Blonde: "Do you have change for a nickel?"—Camp Campbell, Kentucky.



IF YOU occupy an observation post for several days be careful not to make trails that can be noticed from the air by the enemy.



WHEN APPROACHING a previously selected observation position always stop and observe it closely for at least 15 minutes to be sure it's not occupied by the enemy