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## Sports Develop Our Fighting Might Element of Fair Play Discarded for the Duration

Sports, to the young, are a thorough obsession. But to the old in body, but young in heart, sports falls into their true perspective, a game, fun to play; a game, to enjoy the thrill of competition; a game, to give all until it is over, then to laugh, to shake hands with opponents, and forget it.

Many of our so-called critics of American sports fall into error when they think that fair play learned by American young men and women is fatal in a war such as we are in today, where everything goes. True, we at once concede that fair play in fighting the Jap and Nazi is a handicap, except when we remember that the true sportsman or athlete outraged is a thousand times fiercer fighting man than the thug or the footpad.

Jim Thorpe, the great Indian all-American football player, ran around end one day in an ordinary football game. His opponent, realizing his inability to stop the great Thorpe, tried to injure him. Only the Indian's great agility saved him. The next play, Jim went around the same position and warned the end, who still did not heed his warning. On a third play, an end run at the same spot, a smashing straight arm jammed the erring opponent's head into the ground. Time was taken out until they carried him off the field.

These critics should also remember that fair play is only one thing learned in our athletics.

Could the Jap or Nazi know the exultation that two Americans feel in team play? Tommy Harmon swings loose on one of his daring, swinging runs in a broken field while clearing the way is Forest Evashevski, who blocks with all of his 200 pounds, and as he brings down an opponent with a crushing block, he almost yells in glee, "Run, Tommy, run." Today Tommy Harmon is running with the ball as a flier, and his ground crew "blocks" for him in their invaluable work. And Tommy, too, runs interference for the bombers.

In sports, we can even forget fair play, yet there is skill: throwing ability from forward passing, throwing to second base, shooting for the basket, putting the shot, shows in our grenade throwing.

From sports, we get teamwork. No backfield in football, no double play combination in baseball, no relay team passing the baton, no basketball team setting up a basket, ever worked any smoother than the naval gunners on our fighting ships who knock hell out of the Japs every time they meet on anywhere near equal terms, or our great bombing crews on their missions over Germany.

From sports, we get great American tenacity that outlasts the Japs on Attu, on Guadalcanal, and that fights the Nazi in North Africa.

From sports, we get that "come back" spirit. The boxer knocked to the floor of the ring, just as the Americans were at Faid Pass, doesn't stay there, but gets up, and then there is a Tunis and a Bizerte. An American, knocked down, laughs and gets up, "They can't do that to me; here I come, Jerry." And Jerry backs down.

To sum it up, the American soldier, sailor and marine is a better fighting man for the lessons learned from athletics, with his initiative, skill and tenacity, than the Jap and the Nazi automatons. Maybe we can teach the meaning of fair play to others, even if we have to ram it down his throat with the butt of a rifle or a bayonet. We can do that, too!

## It's A Great Life . . . . . By T-5 Lynch Notes From a Soldier's Sketch Book



"The TRUTH, Beagle!"

## XCHANGE CERPTS

"He fascinated me, Helen. Simply fascinated me."  
"And then?"  
"Then he started uninteresting me and I slapped him."—Comunique, Luke Field.

HELPFUL HINT DEPT: And then there's the old Army Sarge who only goes out with a gal with glasses. He breathes on 'em, and she can't see what he's doing—Armourier, Camp Chaffee.

She was working her way through OCS selling Colliers, but all the boys wanted to take were Liberties.—Cooke Clarion.

In the parlor there were three, She, the table lamp and he. Two is company, there is no doubt. So the little light went out! —Prairie Schooner

A gold brick is a guy who would like to drown his troubles but—he can't get the CO to go in swimming.—Cooke Clarion.

Pvt.: But if a man is on his hands and knees in the middle of the road, that doesn't prove he's crazy, does it?

MP: No, it doesn't, but you were trying to roll up the white line. —Camp Callan Rangefinder

The British barmaid was a flirt, and when the corporal went out to buy a paper she pursed her lips invitingly and leaned over the bar toward the shy young private. Putting her face against his, she whispered: "Now's your chance, darling."

The private looked around the empty room. "So it is," he remarked, and promptly drank the corporal's beer.—Camp Callan Rangefinder

They laughed when I picked up the violin. They didn't know I was from the installment company. —Marianna Air Field Base

Pat Monahan, scout from the St. Louis Cardinals, tells about a young prospect who applied for a job on a minor league team whose ranks were being depleted by military calls.

"I'm a terrific hitter," said the applicant, "and besides, I'm 4-f and draftproof."

"What position do you play?" eagerly asked the manager, his eyes as big as silver dollars.

"I can pitch, catch, play the infield or outfield. I can manage or coach your team, take tickets, act as trainer or handle any other kind of job."

"You're nuts," growled the pilot. "Sure I'm nuts," retorted the applicant, "why do you think I'm 4-F?"—Fort Dix Post.

Mrs. Colepaugh was having difficulty in getting Junior, age 10, to eat his supper. Finally she urged him with: "Oh, come now, Junior, eat your supper. Eat it like a little soldier."

"Okay," said Junior. "Pass the !!\*xz'/(-&)' mess." —Scott Field Broadcaster

He: "Is your wife a good cook?"  
Groom: "I don't think so. Yesterday she tried to open an egg with a can opener."

"Are you the soldier who saved my little boy from drowning?"  
"Yes, ma'am."

"Well, where's his hat?"  
—Camp Beale Bealiner

"Did you say the soldier you went riding with has trouble with his eyes?"

"Yes—he keeps seeing parking spots before his eyes."  
—Camp Beale Bealiner

## YANKWIZ

By BOB HAWK  
Quizmaster  
"THANKS TO THE YANKS"  
Saturdays, C B S



## ANSWER BOX

Q. Is the American theater ribbon worn for service in Panama? Are officers permitted to wear ribbons earned while they were enlisted men?

A. Yes to both questions. The American Theater ribbon is worn for service in the Western Hemisphere outside the continental limits of the U.S.A. The wearer must have been assigned to a unit stationed in that area, however. He can't wear the ribbon if he just passed through on a visit. This ribbon is blue with narrow red, white and blue stripes. German colors are on one end and Japanese colors on the other. Officers are permitted to wear any ribbons they earned as enlisted men.

1. There are four time belts in the United States. How many are there in the world?
2. Which is the most catching—laughing, crying or yawning?
3. I am going to name three pairs of adjectives and you are to tell me which pair may mean the same thing: credible and incredible; corporate and incorporate; corrigible and incorrigible.
4. Was there a women's Marine organization in World War I?
5. Give within three pints the capacity of the average person's stomach.
6. There are five states in the United States which border on the Gulf of Mexico. Name four of them.

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## The World This Week

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King, and top naval and military advisers appeared likely to become a momentous one as plans to re-align strategy for the phases of the global war now in progress and those that lie ahead for total victory were indicated . . . . Badoglio stalled for time with the hope of better conditions for peace and appeared to be moving closer to Germany . . . . Stunned by the greatest aerial assault ranging over Europe, millions of panicky Germans were evacuating Berlin while Allied warnings to Italy that all-out air raids were near, brought a mass exodus from cities there. In the Mediterranean absolute Allied air superiority over the straits of Messina and southern Italy was in evidence. Allied planes blasted Naples for three successive nights.

Targets throughout Sicily were battered by bombers which concentrated on axis communication lines. Falling back on all sectors, axis forces were harried by huge formations of allied planes. Their positions along the coast were under fire from American and British warships. Allied forces continued to tear into axis lines across the tip of Sicily. Along the east coast Americans reached Cape Orlando—the British were the first to sight the Italian mainland. Canadians and British made gains around Mt. Etna. Catania was occupied Thursday by the British 8th Army after a 21-day battle. The Sicilian campaign was brought to its closing and hardest phase as the allies were compressing the Germans into the shrinking triangle toward the Messina bridgehead.

IN RUSSIA, eight Soviet armies closed the circle around the city of Orel after 24 days of fighting. The Russians pursued the fleeing Nazis who abandoned artillery, machine guns and vast supplies of ammunition to score a double victory by driving the Nazis out of Belgorod Thursday.

IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC American forces took the Munda airdrome on New Georgia island after a 30-day battle against the most stubborn resistance that the Americans have encountered. Infantrymen and marines cleaned up the last pockets of resistance around the airfield and pushed northward to Bairoko Harbor, the only point where the Japanese are holding out on the New Georgia Island. The Allies hold complete control in the air over the island.