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To--The Infantry . . .

This is to the Infantry. An infantryman asked:

"Why doesn't the Infantry get a break? The Infantry has as much glamour as any other branch. More, by the Lord Harry! But what do we hear? We hear of the Air Corps and the Marines and the Navy — we hear of the Artillery and Ordnance and — oh, nuts! Don't you see what I mean?"

Certainly. You mean that, out of a division of, say, 15,000 men, approximately three-fifths are in infantry regiments. And the rest are made of the other six units of Army. And you mean that the other six units get the bulk of the breaks. And you mean that something should be done about it—

We should remember Joe Doakes, the guy who packs the rifle and slogs along in the mud.

When there's an objective to take Joe Doakes of the Infantry moves in and holds it. The Air Corps has come and has gone. The artillery is a few miles back, blasting away.

And somehow in training it works the same. The outfit hikes out for a couple of days of maneuvers, or out for a night problem, or into a dawn attack. Who hikes out? Why, the Infantry! Everybody else does their job, too. No one said they didn't. But who comes out riding out under a dry tarp? The Artillery. And who comes riding out — why, the Engineers. And who comes riding out but the Medics, and the Recon and the Ordnance.

Joe Doakes of the Infantry slogs along in the mud.

But, of course, nobody is kidding Private Doakes too much. And, sure as hell, nobody is kidding his generals.

For instance, you take the tail gunner in a bomber. He has one place to sit and one thing to think of and one way to do it. And he does it well. But take Private Joe Doakes, who is the machine gunner in a heavy weapons platoon. He has to shoot that baby too; but on top of that he has to carry it and rattle it into its position, wherever that might be.

If you think he doesn't have a hustle, both ways from the middle, you are nuts.

Yes, infantryman, you are right. More of the honor and the glory and the thanks should go to Joe Doakes, who sleeps and marches and drills in the rain and the mud.

So much more. But have you ever noticed that he has never really asked for a hell of a lot?

Maybe we can do no better at this moment than to quote a recent issue of Time Magazine. It was a commentary on the invasion of Sicily, specifically on the famed First Division, commanded by Major General Terry de la Mesa Allen, who has just assumed command of the Timber Wolf Division. It mentioned that on this division, "an infantry division under a whole hierarchy of corps, army, group and theater commanders . . . there had fallen a special mark of war and history.

"To all soldiers there is food for thought," said Time, "and to many there is satisfaction, that the joint reputation was won by a division of infantrymen, the men who fight on foot and who, up to now, have finally had to win the battles and the wars."—B. R.

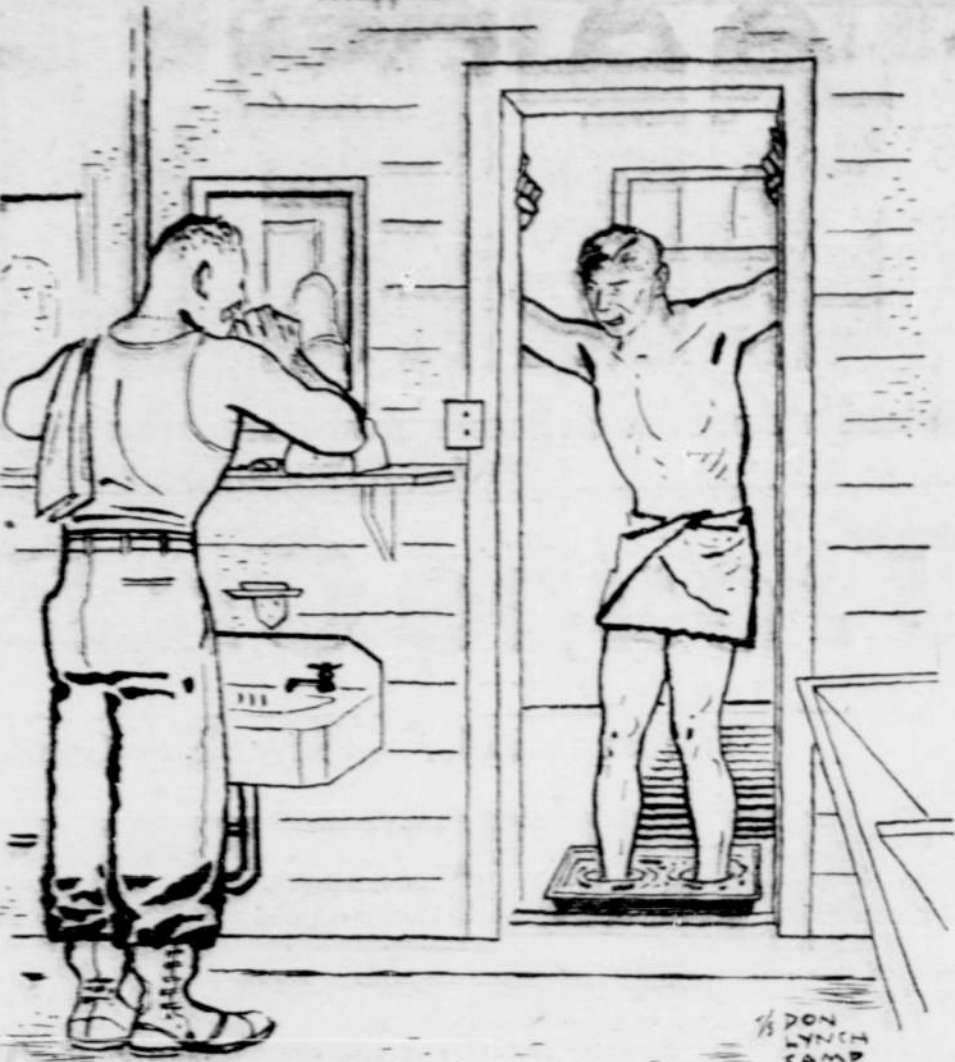
— KEEP ADAIR CLEAN —

If You Don't Know — Ask Any Old Soldier
How To Dispose of a Cigarette Butt

It's A Great Life By T-5 Lynch

Notes From a Soldier's Sketch Book

MILITARY PROBLEM



"I never can make up my mind—sometimes I think it's better not to and take a chance of getting it, yet sometimes I think it might be better to step in the pan and maybe catch it."

YANKWIZ

By
BOB HAWK
Quizmaster

"THANKS
TO THE YANKS"
Saturdays, C B S



1. In crossing the International Date Line going from east to west, do you gain a day or lose a day?
2. Does the ordinary bath sponge originate in the animal, vegetable or mineral kingdom?
3. If every normal adult had his full complement of teeth, give within two the number of teeth he would have.
4. Is it the consensus of most automobile experts that cars run better at night or in the day?
5. From whom did Joe Louis win his heavyweight title?
6. Which is older, the American League or the National League?

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Visiting hours at the Station Hospital are 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. All visitors must have passes.

ANSWER BOX

Q. If a soldier is taken ill on furlough, what does he do?

A. First he hotfoots it to the nearest Army hospital where he is treated. His furlough ceases automatically once he is hospitalized but he may resume it when he's discharged from the hospital. If there is no Army hospital in his home town area the soldier is urged to light out for the nearest civilian hospital where the bill will be paid by a special fund maintained by the Surgeon General.

Q. When is the next examination for appointment as an officer in the Medical Corps?

A. An examination of applicants for appointment as first lieutenants in the Medical Corps will be held from Jan. 24 to Jan. 27, 1944. Applications must be made to the Adjutant General not later than Jan. 7.

Remember military courtesy at all times, whether on the post or in town.

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The World This Week

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at the Volturno river. The enemy gave ground with stubborn resistance, applying the scorched earth policy as they fled in full retreat. Allied planes aided the troops while British warships put troops ashore north of the river line. An allied pincers move is already driving against the new German defense line below the Gargliano river. The 8th army continued to push along the northeast half of the allied line with the highway from Termoli to Vinchiaturno firmly in allied hands

On the eastern front, the Russians were inching ahead slowly at the gates of Kiev and Gomel. Savage street fighting was in progress at Melitopol in southern Russia where the battle was reaching a blazing climax. Farther south, Soviet assault troops threatened across the Dnieper river above and behind Dnepropetrovsk. The Russians were pouring through the gap in Hitler's southern Ukraine defense line at Zaparozhe and streaming down the Dnieper's east bank to isolate the axis garrisons in the Crimea. Fresh German troops and all available material were reported being rushed to the Dnieper river battlefront

In the Southwest Pacific, allied planes heaped new destruction on the Japanese base of Rabaul on New Britain island. Australian foot soldiers advanced through jungles of New Guinea within 20 miles of the Japanese base at Madang. Other Australian troops have broken the Japanese attempt to win back the base of Finschhafen below Madang

In the air, Fortresses reached deep into Germany to smash the ball-bearing plant at Schweinfurt in probably the fiercest single air battle ever fought. Bombers swarmed over Hanover in a raid which was believed to have reduced the city to the devastation that equals Hamburg's.

XCHANGE EXCERPTS

The gal: "Would you think it was telepathy if we were thinking of the same thing?"

The soldier: "No, just plain luck."—Beale Bealiner.

There was a little girl,
And she had a little curl,
She drank and she smoked and
was swearful,
And when she was good
She was very, very good—
And when she was bad she was
careful!

—Stewart Shoot 'Em Down

"I want to die with my boots on."
"Okay, get 'em on. Here comes
my husband."

—Livingston Communique

"Itches," reports Col. Stoop-
nagle, "is something that when a
recruit is standing at attention his
nose always."—Callan Range Find-
er.

EPITAPH

Here lies my sergeant
Here let him lie
Now he's found peace —
And so have I.



To the Editor:

Sunday morning I had breakfast in the coffee shop of a prominent hotel in Corvallis. I had two extra cups of coffee and they charged me 10 cents for each cup. I understand that coffee isn't rationed any longer and that charge seems to be exorbitant. You can check this if you want. I hope you can do something about it.

Signed:

Pvt. C. Arnold.

(Ed. Note: Brother we've already checked on it. We note that several eating places have dropped to the fair price of five cents per cup of coffee. On behalf of soldiers and if our list were comprehensive, the Sentry will endeavor to run a roster of those who do charge fair prices for this highly important addenda of life.)

To the Editor:

In discussing this with many soldiers on this Post I find that they all are unanimously in favor of the following request. Many enlisted men are in possession of cameras, and would like to take pictures of themselves dressed in helmets, leggings, etc., as a sort of remembrance of their Army life.

However, due to the camera restrictions on this Post this is impossible. Would it be possible to have our Commanding Officer consider a request to set aside a restricted area on the Post for this purpose? I'm sure it would be greatly appreciated by all of the enlisted men. — Pvt. Charles G. Tomkins, Hq Co, 2nd Bn., 275th Inf.

GI Health Overseas 'Embarrassingly Good'

According to Gen. P. R. Hawley, chief surgeon for the American Forces in the European theatre, the health of the American soldier in that area is "embarrassingly good," and the man who does get sick is recovering twice as fast as he did in the last war.

Thanks to sulfa drugs, the man with pneumonia is back on duty within 10 days and sulfa derivatives have completely supplanted the use of serums in meningitis cases.