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This Means Guts--U. S. A. Guts

Veteran of Massacre Bay Gets Letter from Friend

(Editor's Foreword: The following was submitted as a story, not an editorial. But the letter therein IS AN EDITORIAL—more than editorial. It is a powerful testimonial to American bravery—to guts!)

Men who have lived in the ferocity of battle often lose contact with their injured buddies when those men are segregated and returned to some hospital in the States for treatment. But Uncle Sam's mail sometimes turns Good Samaritan and reunites foxhole friends through correspondence that travels further than Gulliver's imagination.

Such is the case with Sgt. William Carrott, Co. L, 274th Inf. Carrott, a veteran of the bloody Massacre Bay battle on Attu, was reunited in spirit with a friend through a letter which travelled thousands of miles.

Injured on the third day of the struggle with the Japs, Carrott was removed with shrapnel wounds in the hip. Brought back to the U. S. he spent nearly three months at a large Army general hospital where he was decorated with a Purple Heart medal. Asked what he thought was the greatest contributing factor to the American victory on Attu, Carrott replied: "Guts!"—and cited this treasured letter as evidence:

October 17, 1943

Dear Friend,

Burkett just received a letter from his folks and they said you had seen them and gave them your address. I have often wondered what became of you and how you were getting along.

I am OK except being a little beat up and weak in the head. I managed to go through all 21 days of the battle but it sure told on me. The boys' were sure game and after the first day they wouldn't stop for anything.

As you know, Sgt. Thomas took over the platoon after you left and did very well up to the last day of the battle. One good thing . . . he didn't suffer any. I never felt so damn much like crying in all my life as when he got it, for all that took him to that hill that morning was guts and he had plenty!

We haven't any of the old officers in our Company but have some good new ones to replace them so I am ready to get some more of those slanty-eyed b . . . ! I am in the first platoon now as Platoon Guide and after almost three years in the Company wind up being a stranger.—A True Friend,

Sgt. Reid Clayton.

The World This Week

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road to Rome and regained ground lost—and won new positions in the Venafro sector. Allied warships re-entered the Gaeta Gulf to bombard enemy rear positions, while Allied planes attacked enemy defenses and Adriatic shipping . . .

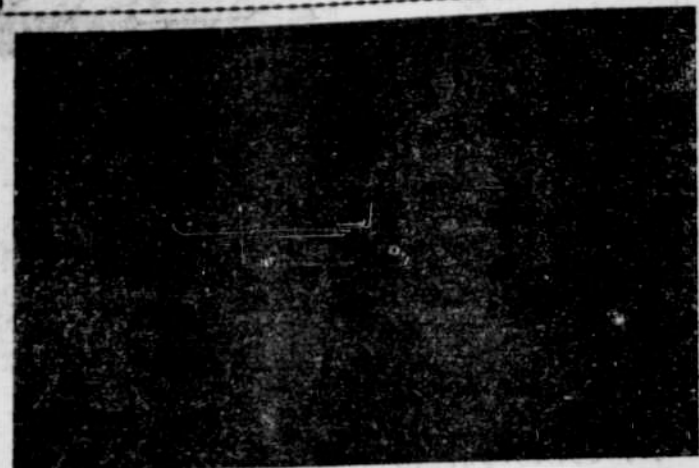
THE HEROIC ALLIED GARRISON on the Dodecanese island of Leros capitulated when British and Italian troops ended their four-day defense in the face of overwhelming German air and land strength, thus reducing the Allied foothold in the Aegean to the little Samos Island . . .

IN RUSSIA, new and reformed German infantry regiments forced the Red Army to abandon territory in the region of the northern Ukraine communications center of Zhitomir, imperiling the Russian westward drive toward the Polish border. Over the week-end, however, the Russians succeeded in capturing Zhitomir, itself, in an all-night fight. Soviets were closing on three great Nazi strongholds—the fall of Korosten and Gomel is expected momentarily. Russian forces were bombarding the city of Gomel and battling in the streets of Rechitsa, the western defense bastion of Gomel. In the battle of the isolated Crimea, Soviet forces were fighting north and south of the town of Kerch . . .

IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, the war with Japan moved with ever speedier tempo. In an important Allied victory in the battle for Rabaul, Allied air forces destroyed 88 Japanese planes, one cruiser, two destroyers and damaged 12 other warships. In a double weekend stab, Japanese positions in the Marshall and Gilbert Islands group were hit with American land-based planes. American Marines and ground

It's A Great Life By T-5 Lynch

Notes From a Soldier's Sketch Book



"Private Beagle, your Good Conduct Medal is scratching me."

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

Egad! 'Yank' Uses Cartoon by Lynch

Staff artist T-5 Lynch, whose cartoon feature has long graced the Sentry's page 2, to say nothing about his being the guiding genius behind the murals now taking form, slowing but surely, on the walls of Service Club 1, has crashed the Army bigtime (artistically speaking, that is). "Yank" saw fit to reprint one of his cartoons, on page 17 of its Nov. 26 issue.

The cartoon appeared in the Sept. 17 Sentry. It depicts four GIs playing cards in what seems to be a hospital recreation room. The game is interrupted by a nurse who remarks innocently: "Now, let's see, which one of you boys was it that I gave the marked cards to?"

CORRECTION

Concerning the recently enacted legislation providing for increased dependency allowances, last week's Sentry stated that men of the first three grades who take advantage of the new law must waive both subsistence and quarters payments now authorized for the three highest enlisted grades.

It has been pointed out that this statement is in error. First three graders subscribing to the new allowances need only waive their quarters payments.

Subsistence payments, where authorized, will continue in force.

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER

With measured tread I walk my post
Whilst fleeting thoughts race thru my mind
Precious memories of bygone days
That must return: Dear Fate,
Be kind!
—Cpl. Dan Kaplan
Camp Post Office

New Anti-Tank Target

(ANS) — The ever-faithful and all-powerful jeep is now doing still another jeep.

At Camp Shelby, Mississippi, they've protected the jeep with quarter-inch armor plate and use it, driverless, to pull moving targets around at 25 mph, while GI's bang away at the target with every kind of anti-tank weapon up to three-inchers.

The jeep has a bunch of Rube Goldberg contraptions on it which allow it to be stopped and started by levers from the outside.

force troops, winning the first round of the battle for Bougainville, retained a firm grip on the island's west coast and were fanning out from their bridgehead there. General MacArthur said the new raids end the chances for the Japs at present to interfere with naval operations in the Solomons . . .

IN THE MOUNTING AIR OFFENSIVE, British bombers cut the French Riviera rail route with concentrated assaults on Cannes, and hammered Berlin, Hanover and the Ruhr in Germany. The surprise American bombing raid on Sofia, Bulgarian capital, was considered as a possible opening move in an American-British-Russian drive to deal knockout blows in southern Europe. On the Mediterranean air front, Yugoslav and American bombers blasted an enemy air base in Greece near Athens, while American Fortresses joined the campaign to hurl a salvo of bombs on the Eleusis airfield in that area.

XCHANGE CERPTS

The great universal time saver is love at first sight.

Capt.: "I'd like to talk to someone with a little authority here."

Pvt.: "I'm your man, sir. I've got as little authority as anyone."

A GI haircut isn't so bad after it grows on you.

Horse sense is something that keeps horses from betting on people.

A kiss that speaks volumes is seldom a first edition.

Pvt. Snafu asked his CO if he could have a furlough "to help my wife move."

"I'm sorry, Pvt. Snafu," replied the CO, "but I've just received a letter from your wife saying that she didn't need you at home to help. She said that you would be more bother than help. So you can't have the furlough."

Throwing as good a highball as he could, Pvt. Snafu edged toward the door: "Sir," said Pvt. Snafu, "there are two fellers in this here company that are downright liars. I am one of them. You see, sir, I ain't even married!"



The Editor:

Have heard so much regarding the Western Defense ribbon and would appreciate advising if there is such a ribbon, who are those that are allowed to wear it, and what is the color—W. G. Taylor.

There has been no medal authorized for men serving within the territory under the jurisdiction of the Western Defense Command.

For service entirely within the limits of the continental United States the only ribbons that can be worn, provided that one meets the qualifications, are for the Good Conduct and the American Defense Medals.

As you know, we have been out on maneuvers for the past two months.

While we were out in the desert we heard about a lot of fellows getting Good Conduct Medals. We didn't get any though.

There's a bunch of us fellows here, and we think we're pretty good. How do we go about getting one?

Do you have to apply for it? If so, where can we get application blanks? And what are the requirements?

Barnie Rappaport, Jr., Pfc. Co. E, 361st Inf. Regt., 91st Div.

Good Conduct Medals are awarded in accordance with regulations prescribed in AR 600-68.

Ordinarily the recommendation for its issuance will originate with the company commander and will be submitted to the commanding officer. No special form is prescribed.

The medal may be awarded to each enlisted man who, on or after Aug. 27, 1940, had or shall have completed 3 years of active Federal military service or after Dec. 7, 1941 has or shall have completed 1 year of continuous service of continuous active Federal military service while the United States is at war.

It is a reward to those enlisted men who have demonstrated "fidelity through faithful and exact performance of duty, efficiency through capacity to produce desired results, and whose behavior has been such as to deserve emulation."