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Innocent Rumors May Do Us Harm Rumor-Mongers Cause Needless Worry, Confusion

"We got a new colonel from the South Pacific, you know what that means—"

"It must mean the Aleutians; why then did we get those men from Alaska—"

And so it goes on and on—this is going to happen and that is going to happen.

Most of it never does happen, but does that discourage the rumor-monger? Heck, no! He'll be back before long with another rumor.

It always seems to be "open season" for rumors. They vary in intensity with the events of the moment and then roll on, gathering momentum and substance, until it is impossible to trace their source.

It matters little that experience has shown that nearly always they are wrong and, more often than not, they have little basis in fact. Despite all this there are always ears willing to listen to any rumors and wagging tongues to pass them on.

Rumors are often nothing more than the products of fertile imaginations stimulated by wishful thinking and unfounded fears. A bit of logic applied intelligently might help to chuck most rumors into discard.

Try it the next time some questionable news comes your way. Analyze it in the light of reason. The chances are that with very little effort you will be able to fill it full of holes.

And—even more important—DON'T REPEAT IT! It is through constant repetition that the flimsiest of rumors can take on the appearance of fact.

There is still another danger. In the confused pattern that makes up a rumor may be hidden some accurate facts—small in themselves—but finding their way to unfriendly ears, these might be put together with other bits of information to form a complete picture.

Rumors might be inspired by enemy propaganda with the express purpose of creating disorganization and disunity. Guard against these. You might well be repeating something that the enemy wishes to have repeated.

Worse yet is the effect on individual morale. Rumors may be unduly encouraging or, on the other hand, may fill one with excessive worry. In either case the net result is the creation of an unhealthy state of mind.

Washington on Profanity: Troop Order Reveals His Opinion

February is singularly honored in having been the month in which two of the nation's greatest men were born; Lincoln on the 12th and Washington on the 22nd.

Both lived in times of trial, and both expressed wisdom so profound that they grow greater in stature with the passing of time. Often the problems they encountered are problems that we are meeting again.

One of the problems that plagued General Washington was the too lavish use of profanity.

Perhaps the men of Washington's army were not much different from those in our own. Perhaps, basically, armies do not change much despite refinements in the art of war.

Undoubtedly in armies and in wars there are situations that make for the use of forceful language, and even profanity might sometimes be justified. The character of our present enemies is such as to give rise to violent language.

There is no doubt that Washington considered profanity deplorable. There is a lesson for all of us in an order issued to his troops which we quote:

"The General is sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing, a vice hitherto little known in our American Army, is growing into fashion. He hopes that the officers will, by example as well as influence, endeavor to check it and that both they and the men will reflect that we can little hope of the blessing of Heaven on our army if we insult it by our impiety and folly. Added to this is a vice so mean and low without any temptation that every man of sense and character detests and despises it."

(signed) George Washington.

Poets' Corner

EQUATION FOR INVASION

By Tec5 Morris Weldon

Take GI skill of which there's plenty,

Then add IQs rather high.

Take feet with fallen arches many.

And men with astigmatic eye.

Give them infiltration courses,

Through it all watch them caper.

Make them all work like horses.

Though before their work was paper.

Take away their weekend passes,

Remove them from their swivel chairs,

Have them going to new classes,

HAVE THEM READY, for "c'est la guerre!"

Add these thoughts with concentration,

Subtract, divide, or throw'm away.

You'll find they lead to this equation:

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JUPITER PLUVIUS REIGNS AGAIN

I

GI Joe now uses the bus

While good weather permits him to ride;

But soon as the rain starts falling,

He will come and go with the tide.

II

A smile may be your umbrella

For the deluge that looms ahead,

But since you're not made of seal-skin,

Better wear your raincoat instead.

III

You're safe if you can tread water,

Can swim or just float on your back.

Let's help the others by adding

Water-wings to the full field pack.

—Cpl. Dan Kaplan

Camp Post Office

ANSWER BOX

Q. Is it true that under the new schedule of dependency allowances, all seven grades of enlisted men are now eligible for allowances instead of just the lower four?

A. In the new schedule EM in the top three grades are given their choice of allowances for dependents and their regular allowances for maintenance and quarters. They can't take both, but they may choose the family allowance in lieu of the regular quarters' allowance.

Q. My brother is overseas and wants mail. How many V-Mail letters am I permitted to send him a month?

A. Once again, there is no limit placed on the number of V-Mail letters you can send to service men. However, you can't send your brother any packages unless he sends you a written request for the contents and even then you can't send more than one package a week.

♦ GI haircut: a scrubbing brush that breathes.

YANK WIZ

By BOB HAWK
Quizmaster

"THANKS TO THE YANKS"
Saturdays, CBS



1. If you wear a hole in the heel of your cotton stocking, what happens to the cotton that was there?

2. Why is the sense of taste more acute in children than in adults?

3. "Cling stones" describes a kind of peach; what kind of food does "Cherry Stones" describe?

4. In a play, the part of the young boy is called the juvenile. What is the part of the young girl called?

5. When the king was in the counting house, where was the queen?

6. Has it ever been proved that in racing stride a horse has all four feet off the ground at one time?

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The World This Week

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their second offensive, leading with artillery and air bombardments but the Allies were standing up under the impact of the terrific enemy attack. The Nazis claim their troops have captured the town of Aprilia on the Allied beachhead below Rome.

American heavy bombers were hurled into the mounting battle on the Anzio beachhead in support of Allied ground troops while British warships joined in the battle to bombard enemy positions. The Allies regained the initiative and in other sectors they were holding their ground. On the Cassino front, American infantrymen closed on the ruins of the 1400-year old Benedictine Abbey atop Mt. Cassino which American bombers had hit after the Germans had turned the ancient monastery into a fortress. Artillery shelled the landmark in further attempts to drive out the enemy.

Berlin was left blazing from the biggest pounding in history when RAF concentrated a force of 1200 bombers on the reich capital, dropping 3000 tons of bombs. Americans smashed at Frankfurt. Other bombers struck in supporting attack at enemy targets in northern France and western Germany while the British carried out its 13th major operation in 16 days in attacks at mysterious German targets on the French invasion coast. Though the Russian air force struck at Finland again, a diplomatic defeat seemed in store for Germany as evidence grew that Finland may be ready to talk peace terms with Russia.

In Russia, Soviet troops smashed ever deeper within the heart of the Cherkassy area, whittling down the pocket below where remnants of 10 trapped German divisions face disaster. The Germans were offering almost fanatical resistance as the Russians crashed through the crumbling Axis lines near Korsun in the Ukraine. General Góvorov's Leningrad armies are now within 40 miles of Pskov, gateway to Latvia and southern Estonia. Elsewhere in the Ukraine, the Russians were attacking on the road to the mining center of Krivoi Rog.

Air smashes led the news in the Pacific. Allied airmen again blasted Japanese bases from the Bismark sea to the Caroline Islands. Americans continued the shelling of enemy atolls in the Marshalls as fliers plastered the islands with 100 tons of bombs. Allied ground troops tightened their hold on New Guinea and New Britain with the occupations of Rooke Island situated midway between.

Others outflanked the Japanese by seizing Green Island north of the Solomons which completed the conquest of those islands. In the past week, 569 tons of bombs were dropped on Rabaul—last major stronghold left the Japanese in the southwest Pacific. General MacArthur warned the Allies must defeat the Japanese army before victory is won for he says conquest of Jap outlying islands cannot achieve a decision.

XCHANGE EXCERPTS

First Mess Sgt.: "I have my KP's trained so they eat out of my hand."

Second Mess Sgt.: "Saves a lot of dishwashing, doesn't it?"

BARGAIN DEPT.

Pfc.: "They say that in China you can buy a wife for five dollars."

Pvt.: "Why that is frightful!"
Pfc.: "Oh, I don't know, a good wife may be worth it."

Judge: "What induced you to strike your wife?"

Defendant: "Well, she had her back to me; she was bent over; the frying pan was handy; and the back door was open. So I thought I'd take a chance."

Rookie Needs Consolation

A rookie saw three stars on a staff car and walked up to the stern-faced man sitting in back. Said the rookie, "I'd like to congratulate you on having three sons in the service."

Officer: "Where's your tooth brush?"

Private: "It's this scrub brush, right here, sir."

Officer: "You don't mean to tell me you get that thing in your mouth?"

Private: "No, sir, I take my teeth out."

Co-operation Needed

"Look here, soldier, this man beside you on this fatigue detail is doing twice the work you are!"

"I know, sarge. That's what I've been tellin' him for the last hour, but the damned fool won't slow down!"

"All men fond of music, two paces forward!" commanded the sergeant. When a half-dozen privates had stepped out with visions of getting free concert tickets, the non-com added: "Ok, you six mugs—we've got a piano to move!"

A man went into a hotel lobby with a woman and registered.

"I'll have the boy take up your bag for you," said the clerk.

"Never mind," said the man, gruffly; "she can walk."

Remember the good old days when silk stockings were within the reach of all?

Clothing makes a man, its true, but how do you think some of the gals got those fur coats they wear?

WAR BONDS in Action



These three soldiers have wiped out the Japs on one hill and are now starting on the next with their 60 mm mortar on New Georgia.

They are winning and holding their hills—are you buying and holding your Bonds? "Let's all Back the Attack."

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