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Soldier Voting—Why the Confusion?

Endless Debate May Sow the Seeds of Disunity

The danger in the long-winded debates over a privilege that is the very cornerstone of our government lies in the doubts and suspicions that this procedure occasions.

Even if he is not quite sure what all the hollering is about, Johnny Doughboy may begin to feel that somebody is trying to put over something behind his back.

From the moment a man dons the uniform of his country he becomes reconciled to the temporary loss of some of the rights usually associated with democratic procedure. He would like to feel that the permanent loss of these rights is one of the things against which this war is being fought.

Thus, it becomes doubly pathetic to think that the issue of soldier voting has become a political football.

Undoubtedly there are many difficulties in the way of permitting soldiers to vote. No perfect plan could be devised. The men are too widely scattered. Many have been away a long time.

At home and in some areas arrangements could be made with little difficulty; in others it might be almost impossible. The practicability of any plan must be determined by its feasibility.

It might be doubtful whether men far removed from home scenes are sufficiently familiar with the tempo of things at home to vote intelligently. Added to this is the fact that those living under the emotional strain imposed by training and fighting might become unduly susceptible to demagogic utterances.

To many GIs the prolonged discussions seem like nothing more than a high state of confusion. The more important consideration is that those left at home to carry on the functions of government do so fully mindful of their obligations and responsibilities to those who hope ultimately to return and resume life as free citizens in a democracy.

Whatever the outcome of the vote issue, let us hope that all the furore the voting issue has occasioned is a manifestation of this concern on the part of our elected officials.

The interests of the military can best be served only if our representatives cast aside personal political ambitions and act in the interests of those in the service.—B. H.

The World This Week

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and British troops clung stubbornly to all positions. The second German all-out offensive turned into failure under impact of counterblows, but under cover of bad weather, the Nazis are expected to take advantage of the break and regroup their forces for a third drive against Allied positions. Ground fighting tapered off on the Anzio beachhead—for the most part confined to air and artillery. A British barrage upset enemy concentrations in Aprilia sector and around Cisterna, southern end of the beachhead. Fighting entered its second month with neither side showing signs of yielding.

GERMANS ADMITTED THE LOSS of Staraya, Russia, key-stone-Nazi defense in northern Russia. In the greatest single disaster sustained by the Germans since Stalingrad, Russian troops in the Ukraine liquidated 10 divisions of the 8th German Army, surrounding them near Korsun after a 19-day battle. Soviet troops were fighting fiercely to complete the capture of Dno, last major bastion barring the way toward Pskov, gateway to the Balkans. Moscow celebrated the capture of Krivoi Rog, Ukrainian mining center, on the 26th anniversary of the Red Army. The fall of the city swept the Germans from almost three-fourths of occupied Russia in their westward advance of the past year.

APPROACHING EVER CLOSER to Japan itself, American forces attacked the twin Mariana bases of Tinian and Saipan, just 1300 miles from Tokyo. Hundreds of carrier planes took part. Allied conquest of Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshalls was completed with the conquest of Parry—which is 750 miles from the Japanese base of Truk. American fliers continued to pound Rabaul, New Britain, for the 17th consecutive day. Bombers carried out attacks on Kavieng, New Ireland, sinking nine merchant vessels. Jap ship losses for the first three weeks of the month were said to be 92 combat and non-combat craft. Japan ousted its army and navy chiefs of staff after admitting the loss of 19 ships in the American attack on Truk.

It's A Great Life By T-5 Lynch

Notes From a Soldier's Sketch Book



(News Item: Oregon has had the most unusual winter in 50 years.)
"There's no use making plans for anything anymore!"

EXCHANGE CERPTS

Toast: Here's to you, my dear; And here's to the dear that's not here. If the dear that's not here were here, my dear, I would not be calling you "dear," my dear.

Sgt's. Wife (as he staggers in after 0300): "Well, you're home at last. Home is the best place after all—isn't it?"

Sgt.: "Best? It was the only place left open."

Wolves can't be as bad as they're pictured. In a beer joint in town the other night we heard one remark to another: "Let us prey."

Maisie was at a bar having a beer when a British friend walked up. "Aye say, Maisie, are you having one?" "No, it's just the cut of me coat."

Pfc: "Which would you rather be in, an explosion or a collision?" Sgt: "A collision."

Pfc: "Why?"

Sgt: "Well, in a collision, there you are, but in an explosion—where are you?"

I crept upstairs, my shoes in hand, just as the night took wing—and I saw my wife, four steps above—doing the same darn thing!

I shot it out with two MPs in a downtown alley Saturday night. I won 12 bucks.

Gob: "What keeps your shoulder straps up?" Gal: "Your extreme timidity."

"He said he was going to kiss me and I said I would not stand for it." "Then what did he do?" "He led me over to the divan."

"I'm through with that ventriloquist." "Why, honey?" "Last night he sat me on his knee and you should have heard the things he made me say."

"We will now have a few minutes of prayer," said the minister. "Deacon John, will you lead?" "Taint mah lead. Ah just dealt," was the sleepy retort.

Then there was the Scotch Commando who stayed behind after a raid to look for a Free-French woman.

Mac: Your dog likes to watch you cut hair, doesn't he? SCU Barber: It ain't that. Sometimes I snip off a piece of ear.

"Well, Doc, how's your patient?" "Coming along nicely. This morning he took a turn for the nurse."

"And there, my son, you have the story of your dad in the great World War!"

"Yes, Daddy—but why did they need all the other soldiers?"

ALUMNI

Where are they now?

Pfc. Harry Klein, for more than a year a driver with the Post Motor Pool and hero of a story on the fabulous foodstuff called knish, run in the Sentry some while ago, writes:

"I guess you will not remember me, the good old Knish Kid . . . I am in the Hawaiian Islands . . . on the nice journey over I was an MP on the boat . . . If you remember Bromwich, he tagged along with me until we were assigned and then went different places . . . I miss the States, especially the camp and want to get the Sentry . . . Hymie."

ANSWER BOX

J. Is it permissible for a serviceman to change the beneficiary in his monthly allotment and his insurance?

A. That depends on the circumstances. A serviceman cannot authorize discontinuance of the regular monthly allowance to his wife. In a Class E allotment of pay, however, he can change the beneficiary or discontinue the allotment any time he wants to. He is also at liberty to change the beneficiary of his insurance at any time.

Q. My brother, a marine, is overseas. I'd like to send him a picture of his new baby. Is it OK to do this?

A. Sure. Photographs may be sent by first-class mail if they weigh less than eight ounces. But, listen, if you are sending snap shots, make sure there is nothing in the background the censors wouldn't like. For instance, there should be no views in the background of military posts or war plants.

Q. I have a wife and three children. If I die from injury or disease received in line of duty, how much pension will they receive?

A. Under the present law, your wife will receive \$50 a month. She also receives \$15 each month for her first child and \$10 a month for each additional child. In your case, your family would get \$85 a month. The maximum payment for widow and children is \$100 a month.

dischords;

All the sounds of the earth are like dischords.

The Sergeant's so dizzy;

I'm always KP;

And that dawgonned civilian is laughing at me!

Oh what a horrible morning

Oh what a horrible day

I've got a horrible feeling

Nothing is going my way!

—Tec5 Bernie Smith

Serv. Co., 362nd Inf.

Englishman: "I say, what are those friends of yours doing?"

GI: "Jitterbugging."

Englishman: "They get married later, don't they?"

YANKWIZ

By BOB HAWK
Quizmaster

"THANKS TO THE YANKS"

Saturdays, CBS



1. How did Bluebeard find out that his wife had entered the forbidden room?

2. What relation to you is your mother's sister's husband's mother-in-law?

3. What fowl grows up and down at the same time?

4. If I have two kings and two jacks, and you have two kings and two jacks, and we exchanged three cards apiece—what is the largest number of jacks either of us could hold?

5. Does the average circus elephant drink nearer ten, twenty or fifty gallons of water a day?

6. Which one of these two difficult feats could a skilled acrobat perform:

(a) touch the right patella to the 12th thoracic vertebra.

(b) touch the first phalanx of the right hallux to the clavicle.

(Answers on page 12)

"OH WHAT A HORRIBLE MORNING"

(To be sung to tune of "Oh What a Beautiful Morning")

There's a dull leaden fog o'er the valley;

There's a dull leaden fog o'er the valley.

The mud is as high

As an elephant's eye,

And it looks like the darn stuff will never go dry.

Oh, what a horrible morning;

Oh, what a horrible day.

I've got a horrible feeling.

Nothing is going my way.

All the soldiers are standing like statues;

All the soldiers are standing like statues.

They don't bat an eye

As I go marching by;

They're frozen as stiff as a board, that is why!

Oh what a horrible morning, etc.

All the sounds of the earth are like