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You Can Be Happier in the Army Than You Can in Civilian Life!

The above is a flat statement that will be pounced on by many a GI who considers it his first prerogative in life to gripe and his second to deny any flat statements.

It isn't a flat truth, either.

But, on the other hand, there is more of truth in it than many might realize. I remember an article by Channing Pollock, distinguished author and editorialist, who said that in his pursuit of happiness he had discovered on this parlous road of life that it is enough and plenty to expect to have happiness 20 percent of the time. This, he considered, was a very high estimate. This, he said, was about the most he had ever attained. If he could continue to have that much of it, he would be well content.

A soldier who served throughout World War I and saw plenty of action, has written a book which treats briefly on this subject. Strangely enough, he said the greatest hour of his entire life that he remembered, and not because it was an hour of fear but because of the acute perception which that hour gave him of the little things that are great in life, was in the midst of a battle in France.

It was on August 8, 1918, a day when the Allied offensive was at its most terrific pitch; the day, in fact, which General Ludendorff later described as the blackest day in the history of the war for the German army.

The name of the writer is John MacCormac. The name of the book is "This Time for Keeps." (you can get it at the PX, incidentally, and at the library). MacCormac, who should know, relates it is his contention that once a soldier has reconciled himself to the task his nation has set for him, he can be happier than a civilian. He says:

"The civilian in total war is fated to feel frustrated and futile, but the soldier serves directly. The soldier who accepts the war and concentrates his energies to the job of winning it becomes a fatalist. When he faces danger, he may know fear but the fear passes when the danger passes."

There can be no question, as has been many times proved, that great danger brings men together and they cling to a comradeship that is never forgotten.

In an Army Post such as this, tribulations and trials of training may be little to what they will become on the field of action. But they sow the beginnings of that working spirit of camaraderie.

The Army will be a chunk taken out of the lives of a vast number of men. But in the aggregate it cannot be considered entirely as lost. And men will find more of real happiness and good memory while part of the Army than they can now possibly realize.—B. R.

The Bible—and Our Generals

Before General Douglas MacArthur was graduated from West Point he had read the Bible through six times! Thus our thoroughgoing American hero has set a splendid example in his reading of the Word of God!

General Wavell of the British Army is a close student of the Bible. He studies the campaigns of Joshua in the Old Testament and uses much of the same strategy.

General Bernard Montgomery of the Eighth Army reads his Bible every morning and commends the same to his men. Little wonder that "The Desert Warrior's" men have such confidence in him.

General Dobie, who was in command of the "most bombed place on earth," Malta, taught a Bible Class each week to encourage his men. He very frankly says he could not have endured the ordeal without the spiritual strength derived therefrom.

Then lastly, to quote the great warrior of the Old Testament, who felt the need of a strength that only God's Word could give: "Thy Word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee. "Where-withall shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy Word."

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



All Fools Day—April 1, 1944.

ANSWER BOX

Q. Is it ever permissible for enlisted men in the Navy to wear Army uniforms?

A. Yes, Navy men may wear Army uniforms when serving with Army detachments. They are also permitted to wear Marine uniforms when serving with the Marine Corps.

Q. Is there anyone outside the Army who is permitted to wear Army officers' uniforms?

A. Yes, Officers of Allied Nations on duty in the U. S. are authorized to purchase and wear U. S. Army officers' uniforms. No U. S. Army insignia nor identification will be worn with the uniforms, of course, as the co-belligerent officers will wear their own insignia. Press correspondents also are permitted to wear officers' uniforms without insignia.

Q. What are the age requirements for Spars?

A. Enlisted personnel must be between the ages of 20 and 36, and must have had at least two years of high school or business school.

Q. I recently graduated from OCS. As an enlisted man I contributed each month to my mother's support. Am I permitted to continue this policy now?

A. Yes, you may continue to aid your mother financially through a Class E allotment of pay. If, before you became an officer, your mother was receiving dependency benefits, these payments will stop now, since officers are not eligible for them. No one will stop you, however, from voluntarily sending your own money to her through a Class E allotment.

O! GI

I'm sitting on my GI bed.
My GI hat upon head;
My GI pants, my GI shoes.
Everything free, nothing to lose.
They issue everything I need,
Paper to write on, books to read.
My GI belt, my GI ties;
GI coffee, GI pies—
I eat it off of GI plates—
So it's GI this and GI that.
GI haircut, GI hat,
GI razor, GI comb;
GI wish that I were home.—Yank

11,300,000 Men in U.S. Armed Forces by July 1

(ANS) By July 1 the U. S. armed forces will have 11,300,000 men, which the general staff believes will be enough to win the war. That's the word from Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of selective service.

Gen. Hershey says that on Feb. 1 there were 10,500,000 in the armed forces, and that 800,000 additional will have to be drafted before July 1. In addition, he says that 500,000 more will be needed to replace injured and discharged men.

Camouflage blinds the enemy! Disperse trucks; park close to structures; stay in shadows.

The World This Week Continued From Page 1

100 British planes participated. Armadas of Allied bombers hit the Nazi armament city of Essen, Hanover, and rail targets in Belgium, German airdromes in France and freight yards at Tours . . .

◆ After 12 days of bitter house-to-house fighting, the Allies failed to break the Nazi hold on Italy's Cassino. Fighting is now marked by heavy artillery fire from both sides in the fiercest battle of the Italian war. Allied air assaults did little to help the Allied forces break through to the Roman valleys beyond.

Though the Germans have recaptured more than one-fourth of the town and yesterday's reports indicated that the Allies have retreated down the hill leading into the city, the defeat was not considered final and there were indications that an other all-out offensive to smash the Germans would be made. The rest of the front was relatively quiet with the Germans laying artillery fire on roads and on the beachhead area . . .

◆ The Red Army is sweeping the Germans back through pre-war Poland and Rumania and has plowed through enemy resistance across almost three quarters of Bessarabia. Soviets now are battling on the approaches to the capital Cernauti—guardian to the Carpathian invasion route to Rumania.

The Russian investment of Czer-nowitz, Rumania's third largest

XCHANGE CERPTS

The only reason a great many Americans don't own elephants is that they have never been offered an elephant for a dollar down and the balance on easy weekly payments.

The mess sergeant brought in a plateful of extremely thin slices of bread, which rather dismayed the hungry men.

"Did you cut these, sarge?" asked one.

"Yes, I cut them."

"OK, I'll deal."

Stars and Stripes tells about a corporal in England who rushed into the mess hall, ate hurriedly and rushed out—leaving his dirty plate on the table. A weary private came along and began swearing in the best KP fashion—picked up the plate—found a ten-cent tip beneath it.

A very well-satisfied man arrived at the gates of Heaven and asked for admission.

"Where are you from?"

"Texas."

"Well, you can come in but you won't like it." —Rangefinder.

Kindergarten teacher: "Who made you?"

Little boy: "God did."

"That's right."

A week later when the supervisor was visiting, the teacher, seeking to impress him, again asked: "Who made you?"

There was no answer so the teacher repeated the question several times. At last a small boy in the rear answered: "The boy that God made is absent today."

Girls are like newspapers — they have forms; they always have the last word; back numbers are not in demand; they have great influence; you can't believe everything they say; they're thinner than they use to be; they get along by advertising; every man should have his own and not try to borrow his neighbors'.

city, was imminent as the Red army poured men and machines across the Dniester.

The Russians broke through in the defended Tarnopol area—other forces through the town of Kovel on the main road to Warsaw. Far to the southeast, the 3rd Ukrainian army crushed the German garrison of the Black sea port of Nikolaev and joined forces striking toward Odessa . . .

◆ In the southwest Pacific, Allied planes smashed another convoy attempting to reinforce Wewak, New Guinea, sinking two vessels and 23 barges. Two more islands fell to the American troops in the Admiralties, thus giving them control of the northern end of the Bismark archipelago. Aerial pounding of the Pacific Kurile islands was renewed with the pounding of Paramushiro—the sixth attack on that island this month . . .

◆ In Asia, British and Japanese troops are fighting the first great battle of the Indian campaign. The Japs started a drive across the Burmese border into India toward Imphal, capital of India's Manipur state, but the British were said to be closing a pincer on the enemy. British commandos landed by air are menacing vital Jap supply lines in northern Burma. Japanese troops have broken across Burma's Somra hills in eastern India while British units are attempting to hold the enemy's near frontier.