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'We Shall Not Sleep'

It was in 1868 that General John A. Logan, then commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, issued an order designating May 30 as the day for the decorating of soldiers' graves. Since that time, May 30 has become an occasion in virtually all states for the commemorating of American soldiers and in many localities of all dead.

Perhaps during this war there will be a tribute as beautiful as the lyric written by Lt. John David McCrae, "In Flanders Field." It was during the battle of Ypreys that the Canadian poet wrote the words which through the years have been a glowing song of memorium:

"In Flanders Field the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

"We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset's glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Field.

"Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you, from failing hands we throw
The torch—be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Field."

Later, in 1918, Lt. McCrae was killed in action.

This time, of course, there will be other graves in many other lands of soldiers who have died to preserve civilization from the greatest threat the world has known, or is likely to know. It is little enough that we can pay tribute, but this we can do.

GI Bullfest, Yes; But with Purpose

You might call it a GI bull fest with direction—and you might also say, where else in the world would a GI not only be allowed but invited to sound off, ask questions that disturb him and get answers that are straight from the shoulder as part of his training curricula?

That's exactly what is about to be offered in a streamlined orientation program to get underway Tuesday at Camp Adair. The whole deal is diametrically opposed in concept to that espoused by the Jap and German Armies.

There is no such thing as "pro" and "con" in either Japan or Germany. There is no such thing as

free speech. There is no such thing as individual thought. Men are given their "orientation" courses, but what they get is what they are "supposed" to hear, no more.

The orientation classes planned here will be broken down into small group discussions. Subjects will be taken up and more or less adhered to, for the primary purpose of accomplishing the most possible in the time available. The plan is to cover subjects thoroughly and to answer any and all questions completely.

That, gentlemen, is orientation in the true sense of the word.

Question Box; WAC Answers

Q. What kind of basic training do WACS get?

A. The subjects include Army customs and military courtesy, military operations, world events and map reading, company administration, property responsibility and mess management, physical training, close order drill, and safeguarding military information. WACS are never given any combat training.

Q. The first WACS have just arrived on our field, and the NCO Club is wondering about admitting them. How about it?

A. Sure, clubs at other posts do,

admitting women non-coms to membership on the same basis as the men.

Q. Are WACS serving overseas eligible for service ribbons of a theater of operations?

A. Yes. And at least one group already has been awarded the bronze stars worn on theater ribbons to denote active participation in a campaign. Lt. Gen. Mark Clark made the awards on the Fifth Army main front to 39 members of the 69th Hq. Platoon, following 8 months of service in Italy. The platoon worked at command posts and held other assignments with forward echelons.

It's A Great Life By T-5 Lynch

Notes From a Soldier's Sketch Book



ANSWER BOX

Q. Here is a problem which has been the subject of a lot of debate around here. I was a sergeant in the Regular Army. Now I'm a second lieutenant in the AUS. If I reenlist after the war, what will I be, officer or EM?

A. According to AR 605-10, Change 8, if you reenlist within six months after you get your discharge from the AUS, you will be restored without loss of rank to your permanent grade in the Regular Army. In your case, you will be a sergeant (your permanent grade) not a lieutenant (your temporary commission).

Q. My CO has restricted me to barracks and prohibited me from drinking beer for one week. What I want to know is, can he do this to me?

A. Article of War 104 says that commanding officers may withhold the privileges of their men for a period not exceeding one week. Drinking beer seems to be

a privilege. Therefore your CO can make you stop drinking it. Let's call it company punishment.

Q. Where should I wear my marksmanship medal?

A. The proper manner of wearing marksmanship medals is on the left breast below the service ribbons. See AR 600-40, section 53 (b).

Q. Does an American soldier, who is a prisoner of the enemy, continue to receive his Army pay?

A. Of course. His pay is credited to him and held by the government while he's a prisoner. He gets it all on his release. In the meantime, allowances to his dependents continue.

Q. Lately I have noticed officers wearing Good Conduct ribbons. I thought this decoration was for enlisted men only. How about it?

A. True, the Good Conduct Medal is not awarded to officers. But officers who won them while they were enlisted men may continue to wear them after they have been commissioned.

The World This Week

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tured Terracina on the coast; coming out of the Anzio beachhead American armored forces cut the Appian way scarcely 25 miles from Rome. The Canadians went into the Italian fighting as a separate unit for the first time.

ENGLAND—Prime Minister Churchill, speaking before Commons, admitted hope of Turkish aid against Germany is gone and that Britain has ceased all diplomatic effort. He said: "The allies will win the Balkans but it may take longer without Turkey's help."

ENGLAND—Following the 11th American raid on Berlin—a record daylight assault of 7000 sorties against fortress Europe—RAF night bombers reportedly followed up early Thursday . . . 77 German fighters were shot down in sky battles on the route to Berlin in the day, which marked the sixth straight in coordinated aerial assaults.

CHINA—Despite torrential rains, in the sixth straight day of battling for Myitkyina, Chinese infantrymen cleared Japanese from the airway and road junction; Japanese holders of the city were reportedly dug in behind log barricades, apparently for a battle to the death. In Honan province, counter-attacking Chinese troops have recaptured several cities.

SOUTH PACIFIC—In the slow steady New Guinea advance, U. S. Sixth Army troops have crossed the Tor river, battling toward the Jap-held airfields near Sarmi, Dutch New Guinea. 40 enemy interceptors were shot down. 84 tons of bombs dropped in another assault, Thursday, on Truk. By-passed Japs attacked, were repulsed, at an American outpost 30 miles below Aitape, British New Guinea.

HEADLINES (Thursday)—Hitler has reportedly ordered a new, stiffened, defense system for Austria . . . Iceland, which has belonged to Denmark, voted 98 percent in favor of breaking with the Danes and forming a republic . . . King George VI, in his fifth Empire address, said: "Today we are in good heart . . . we have at this moment to our hand the men, weapons, the resources and mastery of the situation which make the final issue certain."

XCHANGE CERPTS

Once a little boy asked his father for a nickel to buy an ice cream cone, but his father replied, "Shut up Junior. Drink your beer!"

A woman in a hat shop, after trying on a gigantic number of hats, said to the clerk, "I saw a dress on a woman today that appealed to me only I can't recall the color nor the pattern; but I want a hat to match."

"Do you walk in your sleep?"
"Usually, if I'm not riding."

I wrote a check the other day. It came back marked "no bank."

Willie: "Pa, does bigamy mean that a man has one wife too many?"

Pa: "Not necessarily, my son. A man can have one wife too many and still not be a bigamist."

Fairy Story!

Woman (in a crowded car, to her friend): "I wish that good-looking soldier would give me his seat."
Five Jeeps got up.

Blonde: "Sorry, soldier, I never go out with perfect strangers."

Cpl.: "S'all right, babe, I ain't perfect."

The girls who know all the answers have probably been out with all questionable men.

—Camp Lee Traveller.

GI HAIRCUT: a patch of hair with white sidewalls.

Pvt.: What's the best way to teach a girl to swim?

Sgt.: That's a cinch. First you put your left arm under her waist and you gently take her left hand—

Pvt.: But this girl is my sister.
Sgt.: Aw, push her off the dock.

"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?"
—Jefferson Barracks Hub.

Or Have the Baby

"What's your wife think of your winning the DFC?"

"She doesn't know about it. It's not my turn to write."

Little Sally, while walking dutifully to church one Sunday, saw a poor little robin with one of its wings broken lying in the grass that surrounded the parsonage. So she picked it up and took it home with her and fixed its wing. And when it became well and strong again, she took it outside and let it fly away into the big blue sky . . . and now, you mug! let's see you try to make something dirty out of that one!

LIFE SAVERS



WHEN on night patrol always move upwind if it's possible. In addition to other advantages it's good protection in case the enemy has watch dogs.



ALWAYS check the position of the moon before leaving on a night patrol and try to keep it behind you. It's as important to avoid skylines at night as it is in the daytime.