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To the Infantry

The Infantry is nobody's Sunday School picnic, as a hell of a lot of ex-ASTP boys, Air Force lads and members of the miscellaneous will tell you. The routine is even tougher than is seemed from the outside.

The Infantry is the least glamorized of the services. Compared to the Paratroopers, Marines and Airmen it's a drab wallflower in a garden of flaming roses. But—

I think the important thing for us to remember is that this war has to be won, it is going to be won, and the Infantry is going to have a big part in the winning of it!

In this war the Infantry of the United Nations has been strictly on the ball. The gaunt, malaria-stricken farmhands that held Bataan were mostly of the Infantry. It was the doughboys that halted the Jap drive on Port Moresby, pushed on through the jungle-spewed swamps, and smashed Buna.

Attu was hit by the Infantry of the 7th.

Clark's 5th Army Infantry forced and extended the Salerno and Anzio beachheads and drew the heaviest measure of Nazi retaliation.

Guadalcanal, the Marshalls, Hollandia, Munda, Makin, Bougainville and bloody etc. have felt the hard, successful drive of the Yankee doughboys.

What of Montgomery's Eighth Army's North African campaign had the Palestinian rifleman not returned Rommel's flank at Mareth?

The First German Parachute Division at Cassino was cut to pieces by the French Colonials, the Polish Battalions.

The greatest army in Asia, the Chinese Eighth Route Army, is mostly a group of swift, mobile, superbly disciplined light weapons detachments.

The most amazing hunk of soldiery on the European continent, Marshal Tito's National Army of Liberation, is mostly Infantry.

No one can deny the mastery of Soviet Artillery, but at Stalingrad, the turning point of the war, it was Rodimstev's Guardsman, Infantry to the core, that held the sacred ground of freedom and started the great Red offensive.

Yep, buddy, you hike and hike and hike in the Infantry; you sweat and plot and stagger along; you run, you drop, you crawl, you dig; you miss meals and you sleep in the rain—and only those who are doing the catching can really say how it is.

You're in the Infantry, and you'll be a damned good infantry! You'll be in there pitching, and when your D Day comes, you'll be prepared.

And us guys who see you day in and day out and know what you're up against think you're swell people—we'll break our hearts and bodies giving you all the support we can.

Carry on, Joe—Pvt. R. Friedman, Cannon Co., 275th Inf.

D Day Stands for Dad's Day, June 18

Father's Day was first espoused in 1910, but it was 14 years before the movement, launched by Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Wash., was accepted and Father's Day became a national holiday. And even then, its acceptance was facilitated chiefly because of the existing popularity of Mothers' Day.

Fathers have always been in pretty much of a heckled spot. They proverbially receive presents from the family on Fathers' Day and get the bill for them a month later. But that is part of the way of things, and history has never recorded that Dad minded very much.

Fathers' Day is Sunday, and this time of greater significance than ever. Dad and son are separated. Today Dads, many of them who served in World War I, are holding down jobs in shipyards, munitions factories, running key businesses, or are again in the Armed Forces along with their sons. Many of them will have to receive their messages in the spirit. But it will be a lot to know that the kid is thinking of the old man.

Ex-Third Lt., Now in 70th, Writes Pledge to His Native Philippines

ED. NOTE: Recently the Sentry printed a story on Cpl. Ramon Fajardo, 570th Signal Co., 70th Division, who held the unique rank of 3rd Lieutenant in the Philippine Army, and who enlisted in the U. S. Army after Pearl Harbor caught him in Hawaii. Cpl. Fajardo is a newspaperman by profession. In the following poem, addressed to his native Philippine Islands, he voices their feeling against the Jap invader:



THE RETURN OF A PRODIGAL SON . . .

I am one of your prodigal sons
Once lost and stranded in this planet,
Through the indifferent circumstances of Time,
Out of the appeasements for Peace
War came thundering over all continents.
Thus, I found my lost self again
Resurrected among the living!
So here I stand shoulder to shoulder
With millions of my own transplanted
Prodigal little brave brothers.
Soon, we shall come crawling
Like animated shadows before the break of dawn,
To deliver you from the bloody hands
Of the treacherous barbarians . . .

BE BRAVE and keep your eternal faith
Burning in your uncorruptible breasts;
Hold your spirit high and proclaim
Victory which shall soon shine like the sun
To add more glory to the Fall of Bataan.
For Democracy in its decision to fight
This war against the Nazis to the death,
Promises as its ultimate demand
A "total surrender and unconditional peace."
Let that be a memorandum for the Nipponese!
FILIPINAS, war widowed mother of our hearts,
Watch the sky for the signal shot
When General MacArthur returns with planes,
Guns, tanks and ships loaded to the deck
With your once prodigal son
That will drive the Japs once
And forever from our Native Land.

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The World This Week

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coastal stronghold of Isigny and Catentan, Nazi pivot at the base of the peninsula, drove within 17 miles of the French port of Cherbourg, and plunged to the outskirts of Montebourg, which late reports state has been taken. British and Canadian troops captured the town of Ste. Croix, seven miles from Bayeux . . .

CHURCHILL SET FOOT ON FRENCH SOIL for the first time since his appeal to a collapsing France in 1940. General Eisenhower led a party of top-ranking military and naval leaders on a tour of the Normandy battlefield. In London, King George chatted along with General Marshall and General Arnold . . .

CLEARING WEATHER GAVE PROMISE to the heaviest air activity over the beachhead since D-Day. One thousand American heavy bombers hit at targets in France and Nazi forward airfields while British bombers blasted fields throughout Belgium, Holland, France, German oil center of Gelsenkirchen—and Berlin for the third night in a row . . .

HOTLY PURSUING THE BATTERED GERMAN 14th ARMY, Allied armies surged up the west coast of Italy north of Rome. Tarquinia, Civita Castellana, Tuscania, Viterbo, and Valentano fell in the lightning drives which put the Allied troops more than 50 miles above the eternal city. Fresh divisions from the north with scattered remnants of the German 14th took positions in the hills bordering the Etruscan plains and gave the Allies the toughest resistance since the fall of the capital. In eastern Italy, the British 8th drove the battered 10th army in headlong retreat on a front extending from the east bank of the Tiber river to north of the Pescara river on the Adriatic coast. Pescara, Avezzano and Orsogna were left in the wake of the Nazi army fleeing northward . . .

RUSSIA'S WHOLE NORTHERN FRONT from the Arctic to the White sea and the Gulf of Finland was blazing with action as the Soviets opened their summer offensive in Finland's Karelian isthmus. More than 80 towns and villages fell in the Red army's hands as they drove hard on the important port of Viipuri. Finnish troops were fleeing and towns were abandoned before the onrushing Soviet armies, and predictions were made that Finland would soon be knocked out of the war . . .

IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC, U. S. carrier task force, centered around the Marianas, operating for three days within 1500 miles of Tokyo, sunk 13 ships, damaged 16 others and destroyed 141 planes . . .

IN EAST INDIA, the Japs continued to retreat before the British forces below Kohima. In Burma, General Stilwell's Chinese American forces captured one of Myitkyina's airfields. Fall of Changsha, main Chinese base in Honan province, seemed imminent as thousands of Jap troops attacked the last Chinese defenses. On the Salween river front in southwest China, Chinese troops advanced on Tengchung, last enemy stronghold on the old Burma road.

XCHANGE CERPTS

Basically, men are all gentlemen—off base.

The bartender was mopping up the dew on the mahogany when an officer rushed in and demanded something to cure hiccups. The bartender promptly slapped him in the face with a wet towel.

"What's the big idea?" screamed the officer.

"Well," said the bartender triumphantly, "You haven't any hiccups now, do you?"

"No, and I didn't have any before. It's my wife, outside in the car."

Success story: A soldier completing more than 30 years in the army retired with the tidy sum of \$31,000. He amassed this comfortable fortune through careful investment of his savings and the death of an uncle who left \$30,995.—The Rye Outpost.

Castle in Corvallis

Landlady: "How do you like your room, as a whole?"

GI: "As a hole it's fine. As a room not so good."

First Sergeant: "Good Lord, sir, why don't you peel that banana before you eat it?"

Second Lieutenant: "What for? I know what's inside."

Mr. Suburb kissed his wife a fond farewell as he was about to catch the morning bus. But, for the first time in five years, he missed it. Thinking to surprise his spouse he implanted a tender kiss on the back of her neck as she was washing dishes.

"Good morning," she said, "I'll have two quarts of milk and a pint of cream."

"Etchings are fetching but liquor is quicker."

"Do you think I will ever have full use of my hands again, Doc?"

"Certainly."

"Do you think I will be able to play the piano?"

"No question about it."

"Thanks, Doc. I never could before."

Mac: "Why are you taking a flashlight along? I don't take one when I go to see my girl."

Jim: "I'm not taking any chances on getting one like yours."

Mazie: "I was getting fond of Ed—until he got fresh and spoiled it."

Dazie: "Isn't it terrible how fast a man can undo everything?"—Armorer.

Line Sergeant: "The man who sneaked out of the barracks last night and met a girl in the woods will step forward . . . COMPANY HALT!"

LIFE SAVERS



SATURDAY night isn't the only Night of the Bath—When in quiet areas take advantage of all opportunities to protect your health by frequent bathing.



KEEP on the lookout for sources of water along the routes of advance to supplement your normal supply before water dumps are established or in case deliveries are unavoidably delayed.