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In African Hospital, GI Tells Wife at Adair to:

Bless the Red Cross!

The following letter from Africa tells a dual story—and is an editorial which tells it stronger than any editorializing we could hope to do. It is (1) a powerful tribute to the work of the Red Cross, and (2) as the closing paragraph suggests, a cogent message to all hands to dip into the old inkwell and send those V-mail letters overseas.

The letter was received by Lois Huntoon, Sales Commissary, and written by her husband, Pvt. Don K. Huntoon, who is hospitalized in Africa:

"When anyone tells you that the Red Cross is a punk outfit, you just tell them for me that they don't know what they are talking about. The Red Cross does everything possible to make it more pleasant for the boys, and all of us over here think it is a very very fine organization.

"This afternoon they served us coffee and cookies and free cigarettes and candy. That is not done just once in a while but several times a week. Before we left the States, each soldier was given (free) a pull-over-sweater, wool cap and face piece that is hand knitted, mittens and a bag with several necessary and also pleasing articles in it.

"You can well understand why I think it is a pretty grand organization. Anything that a person hears against it, I'll always consider just so much propaganda from now on out. Anything you can do to help the Red Cross, please don't hesitate to do it, honey.

Keep Grand Letters Coming

"I seem to be getting along OK but I'm terribly weak. It will probably be some little while yet before I'm back to normal. Don't worry about me, though, as I'm getting the best of care.

"Keep your grand letters coming, dear, and remember to miss me once in a while. Love always."

Gripping? Let Germans and Japs Do It

Is gripping an underlying principle of Army freedom? Too many officers have been heard to remark: "Listen to that man gripe! He's a good soldier."

These theorists work on the premise that if a man gripes, he is blowing off steam. They keep weather eyes open for the silent men, who, these philosophers believe, store up hate and greed. These soldiers, they maintain, will someday "blow their tops"—then there will be real trouble.

But top-ranking officers still hold fast to the belief that a chronic griper is no good. It's a well known fact that the other soldiers don't "buddy" with a man who is always bellyaching.

Psychologists tell us that if a person repeats a thing often enough, there will come a time when he begins to believe it. Then the situation really becomes serious.

However, even if your mind isn't susceptible to such an upset, it will do no good to be gripping continually. Old friends will begin to shun you, and there's always the prospect of getting in the first sergeant's hair so much that he does throw a few extra details your way.

Let the Germans and the Japs do the gripping. They're the ones who have got something to gripe about.—W. S.

ANSWER BOX

Q. For what kind of a wound is the Purple Heart awarded? And are civilians entitled to wear it?

A. The Purple Heart, established by Gen. George Washington during the American Revolution and revived by WD Gen. Orders No. 3, 22, Feb. 1932, is awarded to members of the armed forces who are wounded in action against an enemy of the U. S., or as a direct result of an act of an enemy, provided that the wound necessitates treatment by a medical officer. The Purple Heart itself is awarded for the first wound and an Oak Leaf Cluster for each succeeding wound. Also eligible for award of the Purple Heart are civilians wounded while serving with the Army in action against the enemy.

Q. I have just completed basic training in the Infantry. Is it still possible for me to obtain a transfer to the Army Air Forces?

A. No. At the present time no more applications for air-crew or ground-crew training are being accepted for the AAF. The Army hasn't said when or if they will be reopened.

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



Which Side of Foolish Woman Shows, Chief?

Prairie, S. D. (CNS) — Chief Leonard Foolish Woman, a lonesome Indian, wants his foolish woman back. He claims his wife deserted him for the glamour of the stage. She's now featured in a side show in Chicago, he says.

NO RETREAD JOB

Dixon, Calif. (CNS) — A local newspaper ran this exciting ad: "Owner of a truck would like to correspond with a widow who owns two tires. Object: matrimony. P.S. Send picture of tires."

Buy War Bonds.

The World This Week

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Nazis isolated on the Cherbourg peninsula. Hundreds of Allied planes swarmed all over the area, hurling rockets, bombs and bullets at Nazi concentrations to prevent the enemy from rallying their forces for a counterblow. Allied big guns loosed a hurricane bombardment against the Nazi defenses, Allied warships opened a bombardment from the sea. Nazi Marshal Von Rundstedt ordered the Nazis to hold out to the last at the port of Cherbourg while the Allied command served the doomed garrison with an ultimatum to surrender or die. Elsewhere, American troops gained in a drive toward the German road center of St. Lo; the British pushed on beyond newly won Tilly.

GREATEST FORCE OF BOMBERS ever sent on a single mission hit Germany and Nazi installations on the French coast when 2250 American bombers carried out assaults. More than 2000 American heavy bombers and fighters subjected Berlin to one of the heaviest raids of the war—and the first big bomber attack on the German capital since D-Day . . . Germany launched her vaunted secret weapon this week when streams of Nazi pilotless bombers struck at southern England for six straight days. High explosives and incendiary bombs fell at scores of points causing casualties and damage while Allied fighters and anti-aircraft gunners combined to explode them in mid-air.

SHOWDOWN BATTLE IN THE PACIFIC loomed when strong units of the Japanese fleet moved into position in the huge no man's land area between the Marianas and the Philippines. Admiral Nimitz said the powerful American 5th fleet was eager to fight the Jap navy in a battle which could be decisive. American forces of the 5th fleet destroyed 600 enemy planes in the last few days in the Marianas as a prelude to action which may already have begun. On Saipan in the Marianas, American troops are pushing back the remnants of two Japanese divisions. The Americans now hold half of the strategic island, including two airfields where fighters and bombers will soon be based. Scattered Jap forces on Biak are retreating and the conquest of the island is virtually completed . . .

THE RED ARMY COMPLETED a swift 11-day drive up the Karelian isthmus, seized Koivisto, western anchor of the old Mannerheim line and captured the Finnish gateway city of Viipuri. Soviets advanced six miles beyond Finland's second city to blast open the road leading 135 miles westward to Helsinki. Appeals were broadcast to the people of the capital to evacuate the city and Baron Mannerheim took the lead in forming a new Finnish government to discuss peace . . .

ALLIED TROOPS IN ITALY continued their spectacular advance, plunging through more towns in their northward march with the Germans retreating all across the 150-mile battlefield under savage attack by Allied planes and armies. Last important strongpoints below Pisa were eliminated with the capture of Grosseto and Perugia—84 miles above Rome. Farther west, American and British spearheads advanced within 60 miles of Florence. French colonial troops completed the conquest of Elba island, taking 1800 prisoners in the rapid advance on the enemy garrison . . .

CHINESE TROOPS IN NORTHERN BURMA captured the key stronghold of Kamaing, paving the way for the opening of an overland supply route from India to China. Changsha, capital of Hunan province, fell to the Japanese after five years of successful Chinese resistance. Fall of the city was regarded as a moral and political setback since it was the key objective in the Jap's drive to cut China in two.

XCHANGE CERPTS

"Iss potatoes two kinds, male and female?"
"Of course not. Why?"
"It's very funny—the Keptin told me I should peel two sex of potatoes."

Two young dames were watching a transport preparing to leave.
"Where they goin'?"
"They're goin' to China."
"What they gonna do there?"
"Listen, Millie, ain't you ever been out with a GI?"

Which recalls the secretary who went out to practice with the softball team after the boss told her he'd buy her a mink coat if she'd play ball with him.

A man was telling the editor (not of the Sentry) his uncle had taken the paper for 55 years.
"Fine," said the editor, "I hope he continues to do so."
"Oh, yes, he will. He has always been a model of propriety. Never touched liquor or tobacco. Never been mixed up with women. Indulges in no vices, no excesses, and tomorrow he will celebrate his 80th birthday."

"How?" asked the editor.
When the clergyman read the words "love, honor and obey" in the ceremony, the colored groom interrupted:
"Read that agin, suh. Read it once mo' so's de lady kin ketch de full solemnity ob de meanin'. Ise been married befoh."

A Maiden's Prayer

Dear Lord, bring him back safe, sound and single.

Women without principle draw considerable interest.—The Field News.

DRAMA — "Stop, don't shoot! I'll marry your daughter. Oh, is THAT your daughter? Shoot!"

The Reason

I never kiss, I never neck.
I never say hell, I never say heck.
I'm always good, I'm always nice.
I play no poker, I shake no dice.
I never drink, I never flirt.
I never gossip, or spread the dirt.
I have no line, or funny tricks.
But, what the hell—I'm only six.

"Milking the cow, Miss?"
"Whaddya think I'm doing, feeling her pulse?"

Wife: "The couple next door seem to be very devoted. He kisses her every time they meet. Why don't you do that?"

Husband: "I don't know her that well yet."

"Are you a one-arm driver?"
"Naw, I take a cab and use both."

LIFE SAVERS



DUD shells are too dangerous to be "collectors' items" and should never be handled or moved. By-pass 'em so they can be destroyed by experts.



HAVE a diversified knowledge of fire arms so in case yours is lost or broken you can use whatever type of weapon is available.