

# Col. Pettee Made CO 274th Infantry Reg.

## Veteran of Two Wars Served With Former Adair Division

A veteran of six World War I campaigns is Col. Charles S. Pettee, new commanding officer of the 274th Infantry Regiment. He wears battle clasps for Aisne, Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne and the Defensive Sector actions.

He was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in October, 1918, which required nine months hospitalization.

Col. Pettee has an extensive military background. After taking his A.B. degree at the University of New Hampshire in 1916, he was commissioned in the Regular Army at the start of the first World War.

He served overseas with the 7th Inf. Regt., the 3rd Division and then in the 3rd's headquarters.

### Between Two Wars

Between the two World Wars, he was with the 36th, 63rd, 64th, 26th and 4th Infantry Regiments and then was Organized Reserve head for the state of Oregon with offices at the University of Oregon at Eugene.

When the 363rd of the 91st Division was activated, he became its executive officer until January of this year. In the fall of 1943 he was chief umpire for the IV Corps and held the same position for the III Corps this May and June.

His two sons are following their

### New 274th CO



Trailblazer Photo  
COL. C. S. PETTEE, new commanding officer of the 274th Infantry Regiment.

father's footsteps; Capt. Robert H. Pettee was promoted in action with the 9th Div. in Italy; Cadet Jack Pettee is a first classman at West Point preparatory to entering the Air Corps.

# AG Warns Absentees: Show Return Address

## Last Week's Story For Primaries Only

Warning that it is necessary for soldiers who are submitting applications for state absentee ballots to show their own return address is given in a circular from the Adjutant General's office.

The following radio-message is quoted in part, for information and strict compliance:

"Soldiers and attached civilians are submitting numerous applications for state absentee ballots and failing to show in the return address and body of the application the postmaster in care of whom mail for applicants APO is to be addressed."

Following queries, the Sentry also wishes to point out that the story last week giving GI instructions for absentee balloting had reference only to balloting in primary elections in states where it is permissible to vote by absentee ballot. The information had no reference to balloting in the November elections.

# Would Keep Former Presidents on Roll

Washington, D. C. (ALNS)—Former Presidents of the United States, under a bill introduced in Congress by Rep. Gordon Canfield, of New Jersey, would become members-at-large of the U. S. Senate, without vote. Their pay and allowances would be the same as for elected members. All but nine Presidents of the United States have survived their term of office.

# Cartoon Contest Closes August 31

Closing date of the American Legion clip sheet cartoon contest, announced last week in the Sentry, will be August 31.

Cartoons will be paid for at \$10 each, with a \$25 top prize additional. Ideas for cartoons (without drawings) will get \$2 each for the first 25 accepted.

Send entries to Cartoon Contest Editor, American Legion News Service, 777 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis, 6, Ind.

# Glasses, Oh My; Glasses, GI; Glasses Everywhere



Trailblazer Photo  
WHEN THE ARMY gets on a guy's trail, they really get on it, as Tec4 John Begley, 70th Div. Hq. Det., is beginning to think. Here Tec4 Begley is shown with one of the eight pairs which from time to time he has been fitted. Story accompanying tells all.



# Post Artist Fossum Shows Bond Them

Above is one of a series of GI posters by a GI artist, designed by Pfc. Syd Fossum, Btry. C 882nd FA, to give soldiers the low-down on what it means actually to buy bonds.

The color poster reproduced above, considered one of the best, depicts a theme that "buying bonds in 1944 means a pocketful of dough and big cigars in 1954." As Fossum said, "It hardly takes a crystal ball to know that anyway, but we have to have some vehicle to convey our message."

The artists, whose cartoons have often appeared in the Sentry and the Trailblazer magazine, and who is a member of the Art Workshop, hails from Minneapolis, Minn.

### Very Literal Dept.

Memphis, Tenn. (CNS)—During "Clean-up Week" someone swiped all the garbage cans from one suburban street.

# More Than Million Released from Army

Cumulative figures released by Washington show that losses to the Army of the United States through deaths and other causes since the beginning of the war total 1,200,000.

Losses from December 7, 1941, through April 30, 1944, are as follows:

	Officers	Enlisted	Total
Total deaths (battle and non-battle)	14,000	49,000	63,000
Honorable discharges	14,000	908,000	922,000
Prisoners and missing	12,000	50,000	62,000
Other separations	3,000	150,000	153,000
	43,000	1,157,000	1,200,000

"Other separations" include men who are placed in an inactive status, personnel given discharges other than honorable, retirements of Regular Army personnel. Not included are discharges of EM to accept commissions.

# Allied Casualties In France 40,549

The initial two weeks of the European invasion cost the Allies 40,549 casualties, as compared to estimated German losses of 70,000, according to General Eisenhower's Supreme Headquarters.

Americans totaled 14,162 of the casualties, mostly in the first two days when the 1st and 29th Divisions met a German division practicing invasion exercises along the landing coast. British and Canadians met with less opposition.

Cherbourg casualties are not included in the following figures for June 6-20:

United States—3082 killed; 13,121 wounded; 7959 missing; total, 24,162.

British—1842 killed; 8599 wounded; 3131 missing; total, 13,572.

Canadian — 363 killed; 1359 wounded; 1093 missing; total, 2815.

### MORE WACS WANTED

Washington (CNS)—is your sister a Wac yet? If not, she's needed, say Army officials here, as a medical technician in the Woman's Army Corps. According to Maj. Gen. Norman K. Kirk, Surgeon General of the Army, the Army needs 22,000 women immediately to serve in hospitals.

### Pal Flicka



Signal Corps Photo

CAPT. G. A. WAITE, director of personnel, isn't exactly sure how to catalogue Flicka, three-day old colt born to Mary (in background) at the Post stables last week. But Flicka, as the colt has been dubbed pending a less famous name, doesn't seem to be worried.

# Battle Promotions Plan Hailed by WD

Battlefield appointments of warrant officers and enlisted men to be commissioned officers has become one of the best means of securing competent combat leadership, the War Department has learned.

More than 200 of these appointments were made in the North African Theater and all of these men subsequently have conducted themselves with credit as officers. It is estimated that within the next year, approximately 6,000 more of these combat appointments will be made.

The WD has made it clear that battlefield appointments as second lieutenants are not bestowed as rewards. Decorations are established for that purpose. The appointments are reserved for those soldiers who are of officer caliber and who demonstrate on the field of battle "that they possess the outstanding qualities of leadership required of combat officers."

### WON'T REBUILD

New York (CNS)—The Navy has abandoned plans to rebuild the fire-gutted French luxury liner Normandie into a U.S. troopship. Shortage of manpower and critical materials have forced cancellation of the plans, the Navy announced.

# Caught in Military Merry-Go-Round Is Sgt. Begley Owner of Eight Pairs of GI Glasses and More

If Tec4 John Begley isn't the eagle-eyedest GI in the whole dog-gone U. S. Army, it sure as shootin' isn't the fault of the opticians of said Army.

To date they have issued Brother Begley eight (8) count 'em, sets of GI glasses and a pair for his gas-mask . . . and they're still coming.

When Sgt. B. was inducted at Fort Carson, he was presented with two pair of specs. When he went to Fort Monmouth, he was welcomed with another pair of pairs. At the Pittsburgh Replacement Depot he took in pairs 5 and 6. Camp Adair furnished numbers 7 and 8.

On top of that, he has three pairs of civilian glasses. And, worst of all, his name is now on a list to "report to the dispensary for glasses."

Just how it all happened nobody seems to know. At last reports, Bro. Begley was still arguing with his first sergeant about just skipping the current appointment.