

THE DAY THE WAR ENDS— Every Girl Is Gonna Get Kissed; M. P.'s Disappear

There's been a lot of thought lavished on the post-war period by thought-lavishers in the highest positions, but no problem has received as much attention as the one of how the world is going to spend the first day of the post-war period, the day of surrender. There's been a lot of civilian speculation on this question but the army so far has been too busy to go into it.

It's going to start slowly. At first the men're going to climb up out of the fox-holes, brushing the mud off a little and just looking around, ready to duck back fast in case it's all a gag. Then it's going to sink in suddenly and the army'll start for Paris, London and Minsk, for Tripoli and Berlin, for Kansas City and Calcutta, for Yokohama and Seattle, for Archangel, Belfast, Cologne, Peking and Brooklyn.

Beer And Wine

The beer will run out in the first hour and a half and there will be frantic calls to Milwaukee and Munich, but the vats there will have been emptied in 20 minutes by the nearest armored divisions.

Every woman on all of the seven continents between the age of 10 and 90, not under an armed guard, will be kissed by an American before sunset.

By 6 o'clock in the evening there will be no more whiskey and the army will go seriously into its wine period. By 6:30 the first argument about who won the war will have begun and 2,500 Americans, Chinese, British, Australians, Russians, French, Greeks, Czechoslovaks, and Cubans will be under treatment for shock and contusions.

The MP's will have "mysteriously" disappeared from the streets and will be discovered three days later huddling in air raid shelters.

Fifteen Americans led by a T-5 will drive up to Berchtesgarden in an amphibious jeep, ropes in their hands, only to find 10,000,000 Germans had assembled there in an orderly manner and cut A. Hitler into 10,000,000 exactly equal parts.

Three thousand P-38 pilots will solemnly swear at 7 o'clock never to travel again by anything more rapid than the Erie railroad and never to go up more than three stories in any building.

At dusk a party of soldiers will be seen off the coast of

Africa on a raft made of oil barrels, sailing strongly toward Hoboken.

Eleven hundred and fifteen soldiers on the verge of marriage to native girls, will decide they can hold out for another couple of months, and will say, "Let's not do anything rash," in French, Arabic, Chinese and Hindustani.

Second lieutenants will suddenly become very polite to privates from their home towns whose fathers own good businesses there.

An unspecified number of top sergeants will tear off their stripes so that they can join in the singing at the bars without fear of death.

At the O. C. S. the classes that were to have been graduated will be confined to barracks for having cheered once in a manner not befitting officers and gentlemen, when they heard the news that the war was over.

Four full infantry divisions, with 15 per cent extra strength for casualties, will be conceived between the hours of 8 and midnight, with the west still to be heard from.

By 11 o'clock the next morning all the aspirin will be gone.

—Stars and Stripes (Africa)

CLERKS FOR GUEST HOUSE

The Post's guest house came one step nearer modern hotel brackets recently with the addition of two "night clerks" to its staff. Cpl. William E. Simonson and Pfc. Saul Maslan, both of Service Company, are in charge of the desk from 6 until 11 p. m. nightly. Mrs. Edith Delehanty is supervisor of the guest house and Mrs. Dora Mae Rider, assistant supervisor.

Make It A Habit to Let Another Soldier Read The ENGINEER.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR



Here's Miss Corliss Archer, the fancy subdeb described by CBS as "the girl next door." Janet Waldo, whom you are now giving the once over, has a title role in "Corliss Archer," a Columbia network program. Like the neighborhood?

Cut in Rations on Tap for Virtually All Army Units

A reduction in food allotments which will switch a number of units now on garrison rations to field rations and cut field rations of other units is on tap in keeping with the army's program to conserve food, the War Department has announced.

Mess hall patrons will notice little if any difference, however, the subsistence branch of the Quartermaster General's Office explained. The change is largely in bookkeeping or has been made possible through the elimination of waste.

The garrison ration plan provides for the allotment of a cash allowance for food for each man and makes possible the purchase of any kind of food desired. Under the field ration system, menus are prepared in the Office of the Quartermaster General, and food is issued to messes.

All army units except those at stations which have a personnel of 2,000 or less were placed on field rations some time ago. Now, with a few exceptions, even the smaller units will be

placed on field rations. The garrison system still will be used by patient messes in hospitals, cadet messes at the United States Military Academy at West Point, groups making train trips, survey parties in the field and isolated small detachments.

The larger the unit, the more it will be affected by the food decrease. This is made possible, says the Quartermaster General's Office, by the saving which results from feeding large groups at one time. Many large units allegedly have had surpluses heretofore. However, some outfits which have not been cautious in avoiding waste will find it necessary to attain the same level of conservation as more frugal units.

Deductions made in the number of rations issued will be based on the estimated strength of a unit as follows: 100 men or less, no change; 101 men to 250 men, five per cent deduction; 251 to 1,000 men, 10 per cent off, and more than 1,000 men, 12 per cent deduction.

True Work Picture Sought Before Soldier Assigned

By Sgt. P. L. Davis

Most trainees do not realize the importance of classification until they find themselves assigned to jobs in which they have no interest or experience. It is then they seek the advice and counsel of the Classification Officer, who is the composite of chaplain, big brother, and at the same time the officer whose responsibility it is to see that men are placed in jobs which they can best perform with the least amount of additional training and of the most benefit to the service.

Every enlisted man, upon arrival at Camp Abbot, is re-interviewed by the Classification Section. The soldier's qualification card is gone over very carefully, stressing in particular the occupational history of the trainee. It is the desire of the interviewer to get a true work picture of the soldier and record it. This record is the basis for every as-

signment that is made in the enlisted man's army career.

There are young men now coming into the service who have never worked or whose work history is so brief that no assignment can be made on this basis. It is therefore necessary to train these men at schools on the post. The schools, which are under supervision of the training division, cover many phases of the engineer soldier including: demolition, clerks, carpentry, cooks, bakers, truck drivers, and heavy equipment operators.

Four weeks prior to completion of basic or specialist training, the trainee is reported to the Adjutant General for shipment. Orders are received assigning the newly trained engineer soldiers to units in the field or to newly activated units according to their civilian experience or to jobs in which they have been trained.

Assigned to classification are

Privates Draw \$1700 a Year, OWI Figures

Higher income note:

The Office of War Information has estimated that the lowest paid army private receives the equivalent of \$1,700 a year. It gave the following breakdown:

Soldier's cash income at \$50 per month, \$600; food, figured at \$1.50 a day, \$574.50; barrack shelter, \$10 monthly, \$120; equipment and replacement, \$170; medical, dental and hospital care, \$100; saved on life insurance, \$63.40; saved on cigarettes, \$10.95; saved on laundry, \$32.50; saved on postage and barber bills, \$28.65.

Soldiers on duty outside the United States can buy cigarettes exempt from the federal tax of seven cents for a pack of 20, and in this outcountry the price charged for smokes in post exchanges usually is slightly lower than in civilian outlets. Postage, of course, is free.

Moreover, a service man's civil liabilities, such as income tax, suits for debt, and insurance premium payments, are suspended until six months after the war. Free legal advice also is available.

Library Schedule From 6 to 10 p. m.

Plans for operating the library in the Service Club and the 11th Group library were announced by Miss Caroline Paddock, Post librarian, this week.

The Service Club unit, which opened last night, will be open from 6 p. m. until 10 p. m. daily. A limited collection of books donated in the Victory Book campaign will be available for use outside the library, but until new books have been catalogued none will be checked out. New books may be read in the library, however.

During the day, soldiers off duty may patronize the 11th Group library, where librarians are cataloguing new books. An extended schedule for the Service Club library will go into effect as soon as books have been prepared for outside distribution. Books also may be obtained from recreation hall libraries.



Ft. Worth Field, Tex.—There's a sergeant down here who has been a three-striper for more than a year and has never applied for Officer Candidate School. The other day a pal asked him why.

The sergeant smiled. "Remember Sgt. York in the last war?" he asked.

His pal said he did. "Chum," said the sergeant, "Name me just one of the second lieutenants in that war."

Civilian Training to Be Part Of EM's Service Record

Civilian pre-induction training will become a part of the individual's military record, the War Department states, to be entered upon his personal qualification card which follows him throughout the service.

skilled personnel, familiar with the problems of classification and assignment. All the resources available to them are used in placing men in jobs which they are mentally and physically capable of performing. It is their duty to see that:

Every man be happy on his job for an efficient man must be a happy man if possible.



If the Yanks think they can shake our confidence in our Fuehrer they are thoroughly mistaken!