

CO Hears From Prisoner-Son Via Jap Radio

A recorded radio message from Maj. Robert Besson, who was captured on Bataan peninsula in the Philippines, has been received by Colonel Frank S. Besson, ERTC commander, the captive officer's father.

The broadcast was from the Zentsupi prisoner-of-war camp on Shikoku island, Japan, according to the message. Maj. Besson is an infantry officer.

The radio broadcast was addressed to Maj. Besson's wife, whose home is in Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

The captured officer said it had been nearly two years since he had received a letter from home. His message briefly expressed the hope his family was in good health and included a list of several officer friends at the same camp who wished him to send messages to their families by means of the broadcast.

The message, broadcast over Japanese short wave to this country, included an introduction in poorly-spoken English by the program announcer. An Albuquerque, New Mexico, woman, Mrs. L. F. Doods, originally received the message and sent recordings to members of Maj. Besson's family.

Abbot Face!

"For Gas Sakes Be Careful" warns the placard adorning the inner wall of Fort Bedlam Brooks, as the Chemical Warfare Service headquarters is affectionately labelled. But that's not as bad as the warning, "Brooks has GhASTly ways." Ouch!

Or the invitation "Have you been to our Gas't House? Make reservations now." Then they get quite earthy, "Your gas is as good as ours," and "Gas up on PX beer (Have a belching good time)".

And of course there is the 12 point program:

"If you become a Gas casualty do the following:

1. Write to your Congressman.
2. Remember Pearl Harbor.
3. Ask for reassignment.
4. See the Chaplain.
5. Blow it out your barracks bag.
6. See Maj. Eisendorfer.
7. Consult the Period Plan.
8. Buy a War Bond.
9. Kiss your mother-in-law.
10. Apply for A.S.T.P.
11. Go on Sick Call.
12. See Joe.
13. Aw Hell, forget it."

We presume any similarity between the name Brooks as mentioned herein and a Lt. Leonard S. Brooks, listed in the phone book as Chemical Warfare Officer, is purely coincidental.

Buy National War Bonds Now!

HOW TO VOTE IN 11 STATES HOLDING PRIMARY ELECTIONS IN MAY

NAME OF STATE	DATE OF ELECTION	FORM OF BALLOT	HOW TO APPLY FOR BALLOT	Earliest Date State Will Receive Application for Ballot	Latest Date for Receipt of Ballot	How This Election Will Be Conducted	SPECIAL STATE PROVISIONS
ALABAMA	Primary: 2 May Run-off: 30 May	State Absentee Ballot covering Federal, state and local offices.	a) In accordance with Alabama law, or b) By mailing the WD post card to Secretary of State, Montgomery, Ala. (Separate application must be made for each primary.)	Primary: 12 Apr. Run-off: 10 May	Primary: 12 Apr. Run-off: 10 May	Primary: 2 May Run-off: 30 May	Note that there are two primary elections and that separate applications must be made for each one.
CALIFORNIA	16 May	State Absentee Ballot covering Federal, state and local offices.	a) In accordance with California law, or b) By mailing WD post card to Secretary of State, Sacramento, Calif.	Any time	6 Apr.	Ballot must be marked by 16 May & get back to state by 1 June.	
FLORIDA	Primary: 2 May Run-off: 23 May	Official War Ballot covering Federal, state and local offices.	By mailing WD post card to Secretary of State, Tallahassee, Fla. (Only one application needed for both elections.)	Any time	Primary: 18 Mar. Run-off: 12 May	Primary: 2 May Run-off: 23 May	If a serviceman is not, or has not been, registered, his votes for Federal offices only will be counted in this election. Note that there are two primary elections but that one application will suffice for both.
INDIANA	2 May	State Absentee Ballot covering Federal, state and local offices.	a) In accordance with Indiana law, or b) By mailing to the Secretary of State, Indianapolis, Ind., the WD post card on which the serviceman has written that he wishes it treated as an application for a State Absentee Ballot.	2 Apr.	27 Apr.	2 May	Note that the serviceman must write on WD post card that he wishes it to be treated as an application for a State Absentee Ballot. This information is on basis of existing state law. The Indiana Legislature will hold a session that may change some of the provisions, but any change will probably make existing requirements less strict.
MARYLAND	13 May	Official War Ballot or State Absentee Ballot, both covering Federal offices only and no other offices will be voted on.	a) Official War Ballot: By mailing WD post card to Secretary of State, Annapolis, Md. b) State Absentee Ballot: In accordance with Maryland law.	Any time	7 Apr. (Earlier term.)	a) Official War Ballot by 1 May b) State Absentee Ballot marked by 1 May, received by 8 May	Note that Maryland provides servicemen with either of two kinds of ballots. Method of application and date by which ballot must be received differ for the two types. This information is on basis of existing state law. The Maryland Legislature will hold a session that may change some of the provisions, but any change will probably make existing requirements less strict.
NEW JERSEY	14 May	Official War Ballot covering Federal, state and county offices.	By mailing WD post card to the Secretary of State, Trenton, N. J.	Any time	21 Apr.	14 May	This information is on basis of existing state law. The New Jersey Legislature will hold a session that may change some of the provisions, but any change will probably make existing requirements less strict.
NORTH CAROLINA	27 May	State Absentee Ballot covering Federal, state and local offices.	a) In accordance with North Carolina law, or b) By mailing WD post card to Secretary of State, Raleigh, N. C.	1 Apr.	1 Apr.	27 May	Servicemen who are 21 or will attain the age of 21 years on or before 7 November 1944 are eligible to vote in this primary.
OHIO	9 May	State Absentee Ballot covering Federal, state and county offices.	a) In accordance with Ohio law, or b) By mailing WD post card to Secretary of State, Columbus, Ohio.	5 Apr.	9 Apr.	9 May	This information is on basis of existing state law. The Ohio Legislature will hold a session that may change some of the provisions, but any change will probably make existing requirements less strict.
OREGON	19 May	State Absentee Ballot covering Federal, state and local offices.	a) In accordance with Oregon law, or b) By mailing WD post card to Secretary of State, Salem, Oreg.	Any time	9 Apr.	12 May	
SOUTH DAKOTA	2 May	State Absentee Ballot covering Federal, state and local offices.	a) In accordance with South Dakota law, or b) By mailing WD post card to Secretary of State, Pierre, S. Dak.	10 Apr.	10 Apr.	Ballot must be marked not earlier than 17 Apr & get back by 2 May.	
WEST VIRGINIA	9 May	State Absentee Ballot covering Federal, state and local offices.	a) In accordance with West Virginia law, or b) By mailing to Secretary of State, Charleston, W. Va., WD post card on which serviceman has written that he wishes it treated as "request for State Absentee Ballot or Ballot Application."	Any time	19 Feb.	9 May	Note that servicemen should write on WD post card that he wishes it to be treated as "request for State Absentee Ballot or Ballot Application."

*Application should reach officials on, or as soon after it as possible, the date the state starts sending out ballots.

This chart contains all the information you will need if you are a resident of one of the 11 states listed above and desire to vote in your state's primary elections in May. The War Department post-card mentioned throughout is the regular WD AGO form 560, which your commanding officer should have. Except for residents of North Carolina servicemen from these states must be 21 years old at the time of the election in order to vote. If you're not sure whether you are entitled to vote or not, write your Secretary of State and ask him. Remember, too, that in a primary, you are merely voting a party ballot. Therefore, you have to indicate what party you belong to so that the officials may send you the correct ballot. And when you get your absentee ballot, be sure to fill it out and send it back immediately. Don't waste time.

GI Commercial Add Zip to Radio Shows

Not until they started advertising neon-lit stripes for sergeants and Ataburp to fight the after-effects of Ataburp were the men in Italy and North Africa satisfied with the Army radio network shows, according to Maj. Andre Baruch, who heads radio for the Army in that theatre.

In ordinary transcriptions by top artists made for the Army, the commercial plugs are left out. After several broadcasts the GI's started complaining, and it wasn't a gag. "We are used to American broadcasting, so please give us American commercials," the dogfaces wrote.

So the men in charge of the station created a character named Joe Quartermaster who sells all kinds of things with announcements like this:

"Are you a sergeant? Do you have trouble being recognized at night? Do your men ignore you in the dark? Sarge, see Joe Quartermaster and get your neon sergeant stripes! There's a push button attachment. The slightest pressure, and presto! your stripes light up like a Christmas tree!"

And another ran: "G.I. Why sleep in a sack with scratchy blankets when you, too, can have lovely percale sheets? See Joe Quartermaster today for your monogrammed percale sheets—

and in wisteria!"

Ataburp, spelled A-T-A-burp, was introduced because of GI reluctance to take atabrine. The commercial was introduced by a loud scream, which was followed by a drowning announcer who was quickly carried away. A satisfied customer of Ataburp then came on, making a pertinent testimonial. "Help!" he was heard to say.

Drastic Slashes Seen for ASTP

Shortage of manpower for combat units has resulted in a War Department decision to drastically curtail the Army Specialized Training Program. The Secretary of War announced that in conformity with this decision 110,000 men soon will be released from this training program.

Some 35,000 men studying ad-

vanced dentistry, medicine, and engineering will not be affected, however. Neither will the 5,000 pre-induction students or the ASTP Reserve of 17-year-olds.

The move was brought about by the fact that at the end of 1943 the Army was 200,000 men behind schedule despite all efforts of the Selective Service boards. All possible reservoirs of manpower have been exhausted.

It was pointed out that the general high calibre of ASTP men would prove valuable as an infusion into the ground forces, which is expected to receive 80,000 of the released men. Reassignment is expected to be completed not later than April.

CHURCH RITES

LOCATION OF CHAPELS
Post Chapel, Bldg. 208; 11th Gp. Chapel, Bldg. 1255; 12th Gp. Chapel, Bldg. 754; Hospital services, Red Cross Recreation Hall.

JEWISH SERVICES
Friday—7:45 p.m. Post Chapel (Bldg. 208).

CATHOLIC SERVICES
Sunday—7:30 a. m. Red Cross Recreation Hall, Mass. Open to others besides hospital personnel. Confessions before mass, 9:00 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. Post Chapel, Mass.

Monday—5:15 p. m. Post Chapel, Mass.
Tuesday—5:15 p. m. Post Chapel, Mass.
Wednesday—5:15 p. m. Post Chapel, Mass. 7 p. m. Lenten De-

Yank Sales Drive Underway Here

Subscriptions to Yank, the Army weekly magazine, may be entered through the company clerk of each Camp Abbot organization next pay day as part of a circulation drive now under way.

Yank, written and edited entirely by enlisted men for all men of the Army, costs \$2 for a year's subscription of 52 issues, or a buck for half a year's run of 26 copies. It will come to you by mail every week, and wherever you're sent it will follow you, provided you notify the magazine of your new address. There is a change of address coupon in every issue. Yank is also on sale at the Post Exchange for a nickel a copy.

Most companies will take subscriptions at pay tables.

Besides the famed full page pin-up girl picture in every issue, the Sad Sack cartoon, Yank has eyewitness battle stories by soldiers for soldiers, gals, cartoons, action photos, puzzles, games, maps, all the latest G. I. news.

votions, 12th Group Chapel.

Thursday—7:00 a. m. Post Chapel, Mass.

Friday—7:00 a. m. Post Chapel, Mass.

Saturday—6:30 to 9:00 p. m. Post Chapel, Confessions.

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sunday—10:00 a. m. Services in Red Cross Recreation Hall, 10:45 a. m. Post Chapel, Services, 7:30 p. m. Post Chapel, Services.

Wednesday—7 p. m. Post Chapel, Choir Rehearsal.

GENERAL SERVICES

Sunday—6:30 p. m. 11th Group Services for 53rd Bn.

DENOMINATIONAL GROUP SERVICES

Wednesday—7:00 p. m. 11th Group Chapel, L. D. S. Services.

Thursday—8 p. m. 12th Group Chapel, Christian Science Services.

Around the Clock With B-51

Sgt. Chiarolanza will no longer need to rationalize his fist-cuff problems. After weeks of intensive coaching he finally piloted the 3rd squad of the first platoon to first place in the company at the last Blam session.

The fourth platoon is still following the old tradition of keeping the situation well in hand, coming through with 3 consecutive obstacle victories and finishing up with the chinning bar contest for dessert.

With apologies to the instigator of the article regarding "Officers returning salutes with a smile" this humble person would like to impress you with the fact that this measure has been practiced rigidly in this company since the first increment, thus making this neither news or an expose.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

He'll Have To Go Through Chanel's

