

German Manual Indicates She Will Try Again

The best military minds are convinced that the German High Command knows by now it is fighting a losing fight. This fact was eloquently illustrated by a new instruction manual issued by the German government to the people. The manual says, in part:

"Every stout boy born in 1943 can become a brave soldier in 1963. Every new-born healthy boy is one strong soldier more in twenty years."

The booklet recognized that war casualties would cause a further birthrate drop "in the next years," but glossed over the fact by declaring that a healthy nation could make up its war losses. It said:

"The more Germans there are in the world, the more stable the new great Reich will stand and the more certain is peace in the world." To maintain the German nation's fighting power, it said, "every family must, on the average, have four children."

Radio Skit Work Of Abbot Noncom

A comedy skit written by Cpl. Harold F. Smith, formerly of the legitimate theater and now attached to the Special Services branch here, was featured Wednesday evening on the closing program of the weekly radio series sponsored by Camp Abbot over Station KBND.

Entitled, "Are Sergeants People?" the playlet set forth the uncertainty of a barrack full of GIs regarding what the uniform of the day would be. Actors in addition to Corporal Smith were 1st/Sgt. Harold L. Abbot, Sgt. Bert C. Cole, Cpl. John J. Tobias, and Pvt. Sidney Metz.

The 362nd Army Service Forces band, directed by Warrent Officer Charles S. Spalding, paid tribute to the Infantry in a rendition of "What Do We Do in the Infantry?" with Private Metz as vocalist.

Other features were a vocal solo, "Paper Doll," by Sergeant Abbott, and a swing arrangement of "Swanee River" by Cpl. Paul Elman, at the piano, and Pvt. Ralph Guthrie, with his electrical guitar.

In a farewell message to the people of Bend, Capt. V. G. Henderson, Public Relations Officer, expressed particular gratitude to the USO and those who have made its operation and recent enlargement possible.

Sergeant Cole was master of ceremonies.

The wise old owl says:
IT'S SMART TO SAVE
BUY WAR BONDS NOW



In his Sunday-go-to-meetin' uniform Col. F. S. Besson, Center Commander, takes part in the responsive reading at Sunday evening service in a bivouac area. This photograph reveals some of the medals and citations which the Colonel has earned during his long military career. The cord over his left shoulder represents the fourragere, citation from the French government to his unit for outstanding service in World War I. The two chevrons on his left sleeve indicate at least twelve months' service overseas in that conflict. The first medal under Colonel Besson's campaign ribbons is the distinguished rifleman award of the United States Army.

—Photo by Signal Corps Photo Lab.

B-56 'Grins and Groans' Rather Well, We'd Say

"Grins and Groans," mimeographed sheet "published irregularly—during 2 min. breaks," by Company B, 56th battalion, is enough to turn editors whose publications are sent through the mails green with envy. But being full of character and all that stuff, we are big enough to reprint a few items from the current issue that are reprintable.

The first platoon, for whom Pvt. Norman Pudlack acts as editor, touches on an aspect of barracks life we all understand, in the following ditty:

"We sweep the floors, and mop the floors
As neat as any pin;
And then we all go out of doors
To track the dirt back in!"

He also expresses a thought in which all Camp Abbot concurs, while extending sincere congratulations to said Corporal Coe:

"The newest papa in the platoon is Cpl. Lennie Coe, who passed out the cigars last Saturday. It is a girl and his first. Next time, let's have an Engineer, Corporal."

A nice healthy attitude is reflected in the comment of Pvt. "Jocko" Wichern, scribe for the second platoon:

"This army life gets in a man's blood. I don't know if they inject it into the blood stream in the shots you get at the infirmary or if it seeps in with this Oregon dampness."

J. P. Gould—just plain "J. P. Gould"—edits for the third platoon and states sadly: "The only tales the third platoon ever gets are details." The morale of "Parks and Swanson," other third platoon editors, appears to

be a little higher.

First Sgt. Edward R. Kuras delivers some parting advice:

"Another thought which may be added—As a good tip for between-meal snacks, that one and only American favorite, candy. Stock up on your supply for the trip that is ahead. I don't want to see any men nibbling on the cushions. Good luck to you all, and keep up the good work for B-56 at Ft. Lewis, Wash."

Getting up the 12th Group headquarters—through channels, you'll notice—we wish you could see Cpl. Forbes Satre's original pin-up girl. WHEW!

CHURCH RITES

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.
CATHOLIC SERVICES
Tonight—Confessions, Post Chapel, 7 to 9 p.m.

Sunday—Mass for prisoners of war, 7:30 a.m. Mass in Post Chapel, 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

PROTESTANT SERVICES
Sunday—Service at Guardhouse, 9:15 a.m.

Service at Station Hospital (over public address system), 10 a.m.
Services in Post Chapel at 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Plan to attend chapel at Fort Lewis, Sunday, June 25.

DENOMINATIONAL SERVICES
Wednesday—L.D.S. Service, 11th Group Chapel, 7 p.m.

Thursday—Christian Science, 12th Group Chapel, 8 p.m.
Recorded music Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evening and Sunday afternoon in Post Chapel.

New \$10 GI Bond Spells Finis for Installment Plan

Issuance of a new \$10 GI war bond which will eliminate installment allotments for purchase of the \$25 bond was announced this week by Lt. Thomas P. Kruzic, Camp Abbot war bond officer.

The new plan has two distinct advantages: (1) The soldier will receive his \$10 bond shortly after his \$7.50 allotment is deducted from his pay; (2) elimination of installment buying will reduce confusion in bookkeeping and enable the Treasury Department to handle purchases more rapidly.

GI bonds will be issued and delivered as soon as new bond stock is available, but bonds will be dated back to effective month of purchase. Installment allotments now in effect or already transmitted will be discontinued automatically with the issue of \$25 bonds payment for which is completed in June, July or August.

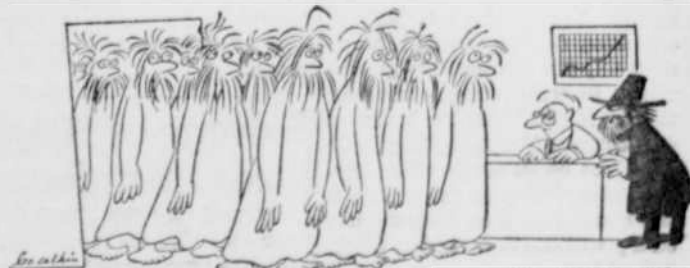
Meanwhile existing Class "B" allotment regulations will be strictly observed in the sale of new bonds, particularly in regard to discontinuance of installment plans only upon completion of purchases already being processed. The new allotment plan will not be inaugurated for any subscriber until payment for bonds now being purchased under the installment plan is completed.

Subscribers will be required to make new allotments for the \$10 bond once their installment allotments are terminated, Lieutenant Kruzic pointed out. Those purchasing \$25 bonds on the allotment plan at a rate of one per month will not be required to change their allotments, since the installment feature is not present.

Oldest Draftee Given Discharge From Service

Stephen Reardon, 46, whom the Army newspaper, "Stars and Stripes," once called "the oldest man ever drafted in the United States," has been given a medical discharge in England, his brother, Francis, said this week in Wilmington, Del.

Reardon, unmarried, was inducted in August, 1942. He had worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad 27 years. Three weeks after induction he was sent to England with an Army machine record unit.



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"Never mind where I got 'em—you need men, don't you?"

Male Call

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

Tool-Happy Terminology

