

Letters From Our Boys in Service

Somewhere in Germany
April 24, 1945

Dear Mom and Dad:

There's hoping all is well with everyone there. I'm still okay and getting closer home all the time—even if the map does show us to be getting farther apart. My boots arrived, both at the same time (on acct of size and weight they were sent in two wooden boxes) they sure feel good on my feet. Don't know how long I will be allowed to wear them, if we ever go in to a garrison or formal camp everything has to be G.I. issue, no matter how uncomfortable. The hankies came in mighty handy. Have received several packages of goodies from my wife and sisters. We had some deer hunting a while back. Got a nice little buck myself and was it good! The deer here are small, more like antelope except they have forked horns. The trees were leafing out, flowers were blooming, plus some sunshine helped us to forget the war for a little time. The way things are going it looks like I will be headed home this summer, no doubt a lot of the old men of this division will stay in the states and I'm hoping I will be one of them.

It sounds like, we did get quite a bit of publicity since crossing the Rhine. An outfit like this is in danger of being cut off and many times we have been, for hours at a time, we by pass so much. I think the Jerries hate us more than any other division. I for one, am deeply grateful for all your prayers and many times my faith in God has kept me from cracking up under fire. We've had some more cold rainy days. Some nights we stay in houses but lots of nights we've been on the move or parked in wide open spaces. The Germans are usually unwilling hosts but we move in and take over. Some of them try to be innocent and disclaim any connection with or support of the Nazi regime, but every house is full of soldiers' pictures, souvenirs from looted countries, military equipment and Nazi literature. They pretend to know nothing of the atrocities committed in their midst. Now that we are in their towns and homes, 'deklrieg ist nichtgute. In one house I saw a lamp shade made of some fine grained leather which I couldn't recognize, but in our latest Stars and Stripes I see where two officers found such shades and souvenirs

Primer of Prosperity

THROUGHOUT HISTORY, NATIONS WITH PROSPEROUS AGRICULTURE HAVE BEEN NOTABLY PROGRESSIVE.



that had been made from the skins of murdered prisoners and slave laborers.

The Germans are a thifty people! We have a type-writer now and photographic material. We are in a house with a radio, electricity and running water.

Three good friends gone this month. Just learned of Art's (Muse) death, and Ernie Pyle, the best correspondent the army had. Also one of our nation's greatest leaders, F.D.R. No man can ever enjoy more

confidence and support than he had in all countries.

Yes, I have read several articles on India and a lot on Russia. I don't know if any one really understands Russia but for the present, they are our allies and have done a grand job. Whether they can prosper peacefully with democratic countries remains to be seen.

It is very hard for us right now not to apply the principle of an eye for eye, etc. here, after all the atrocities we've seen. That is one reason

that I think that non-combat troops will replace us when the time comes to occupy Germany. A person, who hasn't seen it, can't truly visualize the horror of it all. Bye for now with love to all. Edward Inman.

Your letter is very interesting. Edward, and gives us a clearer conception of things over there.

The following note from his mother was enclosed:

Dear Editors, there would be no soft peace if combat soldiers had their way. Mrs. Tracy.

Enclosed with her note was General Patton "Hell on Wheels" Army signal.

AS I SEE IT

By Archie Parker

Well—V.E. day has come and gone, and the rains have come—much to the benefit of man-kind. And I am sorta rained out, as the base-ball fans would say, and I am also late with my chatter this week, so I will make it short and sweet.

Yes, V.E. Day has come and gone just like all the thousands of VvDays since the dawn of Divine History. The first V-Day was in the Garden of Eden—the serpent was the Victor and Eve was the vanquished. As I see it—that is one for Riply, for it is hard for me to believe that ANY THING, ANY WHERE or AT ANY PLACE could get the best of any woman. But Eve got her revenge. She slipped the core of the apple to Adam, and that brought them both in line for a good bawling-out. When God took Eve to task she said the serpent beguiled her—when Adam was raked over the coals he said the woman was to blame for his own down-fall. Each passed the buck and blamed the other—Thus was that V-DAYS were off to a magnificent start that has lasted all down thru the ages—and will continue to come and go to the end of eternity. Right to this day charges and coun-

ter charges are flying thick and fast among the nations of the world. Right now (according to the newscast, Russia is courting and playing up to Germany. And so it goes—but don't worry too much—for to divide and conquer by war was the order of the day even in Heaven—Read the 7th verse of the 12th chapter of REVELATIONS.

Girl Scout News

A group of girl scout leaders and troop committee enjoyed a business meeting and a picnic at the Scott Dave country home on Rogue River Monday. Mrs. Everett Faber, Mrs. William Anhorn and Mrs. Merle Obenchain, scout committee, and Mrs. W. T. Parson and Mrs. A. Wheeler, brownie leaders were all from Central Point besides the others from Medford.

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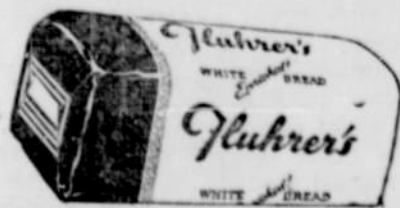
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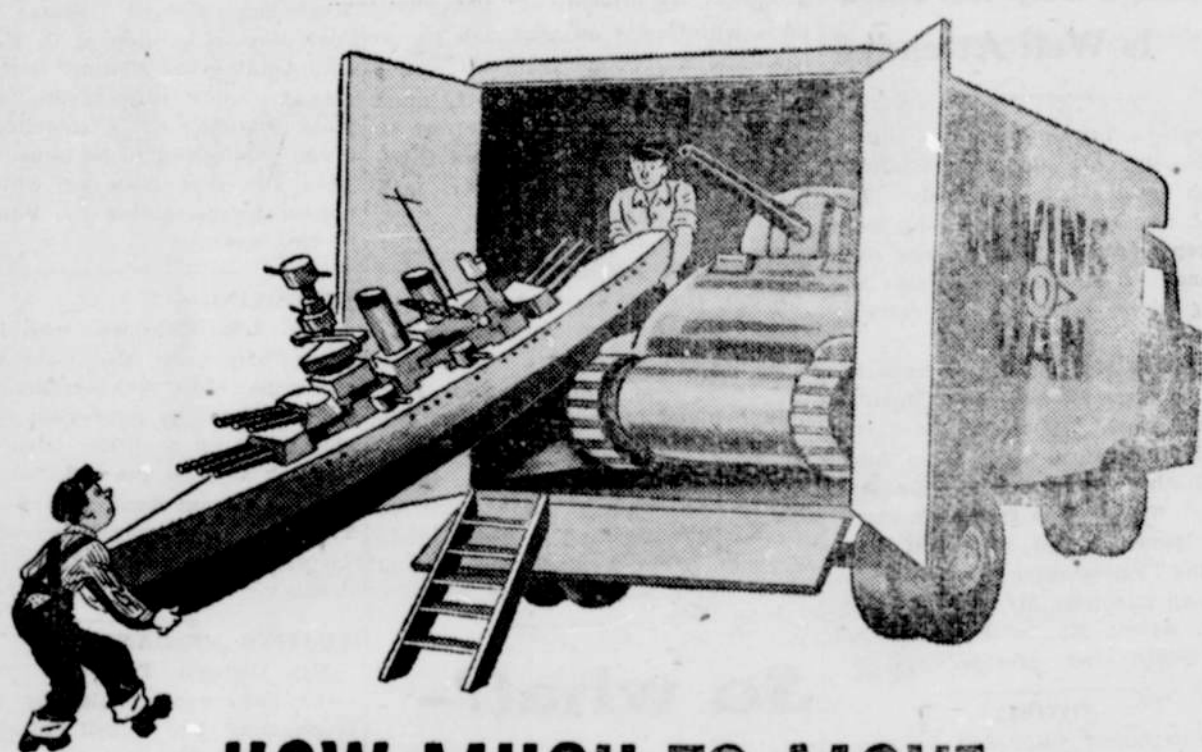
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Spring Time is---



--Sandwich Time!



HOW MUCH TO MOVE A WAR?

AS SOON as we can, we'll bring to bear on the Japs all the additional might we've been using against Germany.

What will it cost, this Moving Day of War?

Estimate it in these terms: The job of moving millions of men from one front to another. Thousands of ships to carry the supplies of battle. Swarms of new-type aircraft to blast the path into enemy territory.

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