

# GI Newsmen Returning Home

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BEIJING (AP)—Three soldiers who call themselves the "best informed GIs in Korea" are on the way home.

The three have read millions of words of news copy over telephones to news offices in Tokyo since June 15, 1951, when headquarters of the Far East Command Censorship Division took over the transmission of news dispatches from Korea.

They are Cpl. John J. Kupitz of Chicago, Cpl. Calvin L. Lingler of Hamilton, O., and Pfc. Clifford L. Fallon of Louisville, Ky. All are 23 years old.

For almost a year and a half the three have had a rhinestone seat at all the big stories in Korea— from the peace conferences to the war itself.

News stories about Korea are funneled through GIHQ censorship, then by telephone or teletype to various news agencies and special news representatives in Tokyo for relay to the U. S. and the rest of the world.

Important news is handled by telephone. The Eighth Army has trained a crew of soldiers to handle and read news copy over the radio telephone.

"One thing about this job," said Fallon, "I've certainly learned to read loud. I think it has helped my vocabulary."

"I guess we guys are about the best informed GIs in Korea," he said. "We get the news even before the newspaper editors."

When a hot story is breaking the three soldiers are swept into the frantic tempo of the newspaper business.

Fallon has been on the job 16 straight hours at a time. During the White Horse Mountain battle this fall he talked on the phone seven consecutive hours.

Once he spent 30 days at the press train in Munsan, relaying news stories of the peace talks hot off the typewriters of Allied reporters. He considers it one of his best experiences. When he gets back to Louisville will he try to get into the newspaper business? Nope, he'll go to work for a trucking line.

Kupitz said he was impressed mostly by the "full and complete coverage" by war correspondents. He said the story that interested him most was the capture of Brig. Gen. Francis T. Dodd, former Kele Island commander, by Communist prisoners last summer.

"That was a real hot one," he recalled. "I'm glad I had a hand

in getting the news out."

What Lingler remembers most fondly is the time he was the only enlisted man to attend Vice President Alben Barkley's news conference in Korea last year.

It was a high-brass gathering, attended by Gen. Matthew U. Ridgway, Gen. James A. Van Fleet, South Korean President Syngman Rhee and Eighth Army staff officers.

"I disguised myself as a reporter," Lingler said. "I let my beard grow for two days. I put some stumpy fatigues, left the buttons open on the pockets and wore low shoes, strictly against regulation. Then I put a cigarette in my mouth and walked into the conference with the correspondents. Nobody spotted me."

"I let that cigarette dangle from my upper lip during the whole session. When I came out I got my picture in the newsreels."

## Obelisk Honors Murdered Jews

BEISEN, Germany (AP)—An 80-foot stone obelisk—a tombstone for 30,000 Jews and others who were slaughtered in Nazi Germany's Beisen concentration camp—was dedicated here yesterday.

At the ceremonies, West Germany's President Theodor Heuss told his countrymen they alone must "bear the burden of Germany's shame," but added, "There are good and evil men among any people."

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**BURNS FATAL**

PORTLAND (AP)—Mrs. Verdie Crowe, 42, whose night clothing caught fire Saturday as she leaned over an electric stove to light a cigarette, died of burns Sunday.

# Man Changes Sex in Treatment Series

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP)—Lying in a hospital bed with her long yellow hair curling on a pillow, 26-year-old Christine Jorgensen widened her large, grey-blue eyes and lifted her hands in a surprised, frightened gesture today as she learned that the news of her change from a man to a woman was on front pages throughout the world.

"I feared it all the time," the pretty young girl said, but she smiled happily as she expressed gratitude to the Danish doctors who with operations and treatment changed the sex of the former George Jorgensen Jr., Army veteran and son of a Bronx carpenter.

"I'm happy to have become a woman and I think many more people who are unhappy as I was

before should follow my example," Christine told a woman reporter who stole into her room at Rigshospitalet, the Danish state hospital here.

The doctors, meanwhile, had put a wall of secrecy around their patient, whose change of sex has only a few precedents in medical history.

Miss Jorgensen said she expects to be discharged from the hospital soon and plans to return to the United States after she completes training here as a color photographer.

Dr. Christian Hamburger, Danish hormone expert who directed the countless injections his patient received along with surgical operations, refused to describe Miss Jorgensen's treatment in detail.

He confirmed, however, that her treatment and her change from man to woman would be completed soon and that she would leave the hospital then.

The boy-to-girl transformation was revealed in New York last night in a copyrighted article by the New York Daily News, which said Christine in a letter to her father said the process had taken two years.

After serving two years in the Army at Ft. Dix, N. J., Jorgensen

received an honorable discharge and enrolled in a New York medical institute to study the workings of sex glands and hormones, the News said.

During a trip to California, the youth met a doctor who told him of sex conversion work being done in Denmark and three years ago he went there, ostensibly to study color photography, and put himself in the hands of Dr. Hamburger, the News said.

The News said Jorgensen wrote home: "Nature made the mistake which I have had corrected and now I am your daughter." She enclosed pictures of herself in girls' clothes—a pretty, very feminine-looking blonde.

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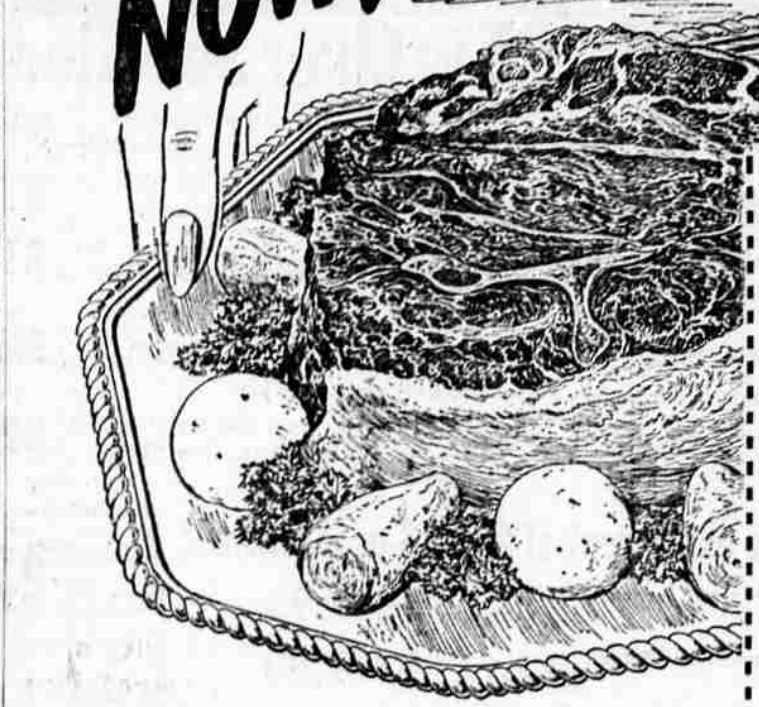
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