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THE PROMISE OF SPRING

The hours of Spring are ticking toward a historic moment of retribution.

Until this Spring, the unhappy millions in Europe groaning under the Axis heel could only live in terror, wondering always—Where will the Nazi criminals strike next?

Last year the Nazi plunderers were waging war with starvation and terror in occupied countries. Their armies had rolled up the Russian steppes, and beat like a relentless tide at the unyielding Russian front.

America's position, too, was not entirely happy. In the six months which had elapsed since the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor, we learned not to underestimate the strength and cunning of our treacherous enemy.

Last Spring, the months of March and April were dark with menace. Sumatra fell March 13. The Burma Road lifeline to China was cut, and on April 9, Bataan fell.

One year has passed—a year of prodigious effort as this nation strained its sinews and produced the guns, planes, and tanks to meet and beat the mechanized might of the Japanazi war machine.

Under the calm and inspired leadership of our Commander-in-Chief, national unity has been firmly established. Weapons of war have been forged in the firelight of factories throbbing day and night with the will to win.

This Spring the plows on a million farms will cleave the warm turf, preparing the soil for the harvest ahead. So, too, Allied hearts are high with the promise of great events.

This year it is not Singapore or Bataan which fall. Instead, it is Hamburg and Bremen and Berlin which resound with the crushing weight of bombs. In one night, the RAF winging over Germany dropped more bombs on Berlin than the entire Luftwaffe was able to drop on London in the blitz month of September, 1940.

Just as the farmer makes ready for the harvest, the Allied armies are planting the seeds of future victory. In Africa, the American Fifth Army and the British 8th Army Group, aided by the Fighting French, are preparing to hurl Rommel into the Mediterranean. In the Pacific, we are downing three Jap planes for every American, and winning new naval victories. And along the Eastern front, the Russians are massing their strength for their first summer offensive against Hitler's staggering forces.

Easter brings with it the promise of rebirth. United in the cause of world liberation, our Allied armies are marching forth, resolute, valiant, and unafraid, to the showdown fight, knowing that victory will bless the Springs to come.

THE INQUIRING LINE

Q. A buddy of mine who is now overseas told me in a recent letter that he would like to take his I. Q. test over again (he only got 107 the first time) but Base Headquarters said there were no facilities for it. What's the score— isn't it possible to take an I. Q. test again overseas?

A. As far as we know there is no reference in Army Regulations stating that the test cannot be taken again overseas. Refer your pal to AR-625-5, paragraph 9, sub-paragraph b-2, and suggest to him that he might bring it to his C. O.'s attention.

Q. I'm having an argument with another guy. He says that men in limited service don't go overseas, and I say they do. Who's right?

A. You are. Limited servicemen are sometimes assigned to overseas duty. However, they will not be sent to a combat zone which is "uncongenial" with their limited physical ability. Overseas they will be assigned to clerical and administrative work probably behind the front lines.

Q. I have had a great deal of experience in breeding and training pigeons in civilian life and would like very much to become connected with this work in the Army. How do I go about getting a transfer?

A. Your best bet is to apply for a transfer to the Signal Corps. Make

a written application to your C. O. giving the reasons why you'd be of greater benefit to the Army in this branch of the service.

Q. What jobs are open for limited servicemen in the Army?

A. There are openings in almost every branch of the Army for enlisted men classified as limited service. The jobs are noncombatant, but they are, nevertheless, of vital importance to the Army. Limited servicemen are also given special preference at certain Officers' Candidate Schools such as the Adjutant General's School, Army Administrative School, Air Force Administrative, and Medical Administrative School.

Q. A guy tried to tell me the other night that Congress passed a bill limiting the amount of time a serviceman would spend overseas. It's a lot of hooey, isn't it?

A. Yep. At one time such a bill was proposed, but was never passed. It stated that men stationed in tropical zones overseas would be returned to the U. S. after 18 months of service. Tell your friend to forget it, soldier.

Goldbrick: "Ah, digging out a foxhole, eh?"

Dogie: (Annoyed) "No brother, just digging out the dirt and leaving the foxhole."

PROMOTIONS

In accordance with the "Victory News" policy of being firstest with the latest, here are promotions of enlisted men on the post.

To First Sergeant
Quartermaster Detachment Number 1: Techn. 4 gr. George R. McGuan.

To Technical Sergeant
Second Regiment: Sgt. Salvator A. Attanasio.

To Staff Sergeant
Chemical Warfare Service: Sgt. George E. Hagen.
Medical Detachment: Sgt. Edgar L. Medick, Techn. 4 gr. Harold K. Ryan; Sgt. Howard E. Small, DEML: Sgt. Albert Spacagna.
Headquarters Co.: Cpl. Myers Miller.

To Sergeant
Quartermaster Detachment Number 1: Techn. Angelo A. Bruno.
Chemical Warfare Service: Cpl. Angelo S. Tesoriero.
Medical Detachment: Techn. 4 gr. Paul A. Bidlingmaier; Techn. 4 gr. Cameo P. LaFalce; Cpl. Fred B. Cook; Cpl. George J. Hodes; Techn. 5 gr. Owen F. Moore; Techn. 5 gr. Franklin J. Phillips; Cpl. Joseph C. Haines; Pfc. Arnold F. Urdang; Pfc. Starnie E. Lyttle; Cpl. William L. Milstead.

Trainer Section. Cpl. Murray D. Druck; Cpl. Henry R. Graham; Cpl. James W. O'Brien; Cpl. George W. Rowland; Cpl. Richard S. Strout; Cpl. Owen W. Bond; Cpl. Daniel Elstein; Cpl. Wendell W. Starr; Cpl. Lew M. Anderson; Cpl. Berless C. Fisher; Cpl. Charles A. Blaisdell, DEML: Cpl. Charlie L. Reedy.
Billeting and Mess Branch: Cpl. Claude D. Saighman.

To Technician, Fourth Grade ..
Medical Detachment: Techn. 5 gr. Ben Yarmolowicz; Techn. 5 gr. Louis L. Piccolmini.

To Corporal
Medical Detachment: Pfc. John G. Yagiella; Pfc. Joseph M. Kovolic; Pfc. Ralph A. Knapp.
Training Section: Pvt. Charles J. Wolfinger; Pfc. Robert Z. Hadley.

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COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Just as we look upon a defense worker who absents himself from his work and thereby lends a helping hand to the Axis so it is that a soldier who goes AWOL is placed in the same category.

Every soldier everywhere is needed everyday. Perfect unison is necessary to bring about the speedy downfall of our enemies. They stop at nothing to accomplish their goal and all soldiers who "go over the hill" are only helping them accomplish that which we know to be ruthless.

Aside from the damage caused to our allies when a soldier goes AWOL we must remember that such acts will follow us after this war is over. A soldier who absents himself from his post during wartime is not likely to make a faithful employee after the war. Conscientious employers hold the service record of a soldier very high and in the event they discover that a prospective applicant is charged with AWOL in the army his chances of securing a position are lessened.

There are times when a soldier is perplexed to say the least but these are trying times and perfect control over mind and body not only makes a better soldier but will reap a harvest of contentment in later life.

The desert sands of Africa are certainly not conducive to high morale but our boys over there are giving their all twenty-four hours a day. The least we can do is stick to our jobs until a complete victory is ours.

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The squad of recruits had been out to the rifle range for their first try at marksmanship. They knelt at 250 yards and fired. Not a hit. They moved up to 200 yards. Not a hit. They tried at 100 yards. Not a hit. "Tenshun!" the sergeant drawled. "Fix bayonets! Charge! It's your only chance!"

CHAPEL SERVICES

SUNDAY, APRIL 25
Easter
Protestant Worship
Building T-785

Chaplain Henry G. Spraggins, 9:30 a. m.
Chaplain Orin D. Swank, 10:30 a. m.

Building T-985
Chaplain Boyd W. Tucker, 9:00 a. m.

Chaplain Tucker, Communion Service, 10:00 a. m.

Chaplain Spraggins, 11:00 a. m.
Chaplain Tucker, Sunday Evening Song, 6:30 p. m.

Chaplain Spraggins, Song and Prayer, 7:30 p. m.

Building T-1285
Replacement Chaplain C. W. Duling, 10:00 a. m.

Building T-1885
Rev. Mr. E. J. Noce, Episcopal Communion, 6:45 a. m.

Chaplain Arthur B. Bengston, 10:15 a. m.
Chaplain Bengston, Lutheran Communion, 11:15 a. m.

Chaplain Bengston, Evening service, 7:15 p. m.

Building T-2085
Chaplain Donald C. Morrison, 10:00 a. m.

Building T-2485
Chaplain Morrison, 11:00 a. m.
Chaplain Morrison, Evening Service, 7:00 p. m.

Building T-156
Chaplain Dayton D. Drake, 10:00 a. m.

Stockade No. 1
Chaplain Duling, 2:00 p. m.
Stockade No. 2
Chaplain Swank, 9:30 a. m.
Chaplain Duling, 2:00 p. m.

Catholic Worship
Theater No. 1
Chaplain James D. Campbell, Mass, 10:15 a. m.

Building T-2485
Chaplain Campbell, Mass, 8:15 a. m.

Building T-1885
Chaplain Campbell, Mass, 9:15 a. m.

Chaplain Campbell, Rosary and Benediction, 6:45 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28
Protestant Worship
Building T-785

Chaplain Tucker, Devotional Service, 7:30 p. m.

Building T-1885
Chaplain Bengston, Song Service, Bible Study, 7:00 p. m.

Building T-2485
Chaplain Morrison, Evening Service, 7:00 p. m.

Hebrew Worship
Building T-985
Rabbi Leo Turitz, 7:30 p. m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30
Hebrew Worship
Building T-985
Rabbi Turitz, 7:30 p. m.

Catholic Worship
Building T-1885
Chaplain Campbell, 7:00 p. m.

SATURDAY, MAY 1
Catholic Worship
Building T-1885
Chaplain Campbell, Confessions, 8:50 p. m.

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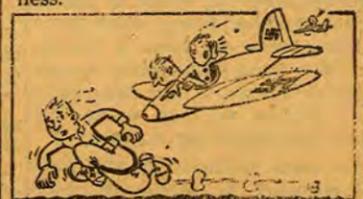
They claim the Army has a new life that fires so rapidly that it shoots eight times before you know it was loaded.

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Life Savers



Use extra care when you are tired. Fatigue leads to carelessness.



During daylight air attacks, never attempt to escape by running. If the pilot hasn't seen you before, he is sure to if you run.

Chaplain's Corner

Who are you? Are you the enlisted man or the officer whom the men in your barracks and mess hall know you to be? See your Chaplain. He knows better. He knows that the shell which you build around yourself hides something lovely and true.

When you visit him, you come out of your shell. Hypocrite? That's possible. Maybe you do try to impress him that you are better than you are. But the hypocrisy that really hurts is your effort to prove to your fellow officers and fellow soldiers, by your profanity and obscenity that you are really worse than you are.

You are much closer to the real you when you let your hair down, when you talk with your Chaplain. Why not be real and honest with yourself and let your true nature, your better and truer self express itself? You do believe in God. You may say to yourself, you don't. But wait until you find yourself in your own fox-hole. You won't raise any intellectual questions then. Why not be just as honest with yourself now? The worst cheat is not the man who cheats at solitaire. The worst cheat is the man who lies to himself, about the things which count most in his life.

Try worshipping God according to the traditions of your family and the dictates of your own conscience. Attend the chapel during Holy Week and Easter and start habits of private and public devotions. Or if you are a Jew let the Passover speak to the depths of your soul at this season and let the observance of the Sabbath make you a better soldier. Be honest with yourself and with God.

See your Chaplain. Forget your prejudices about Holy Joes. You will find him a very human person. He too has his prejudices and his convictions. But in the Army you will find religion at its best. You will find the Chaplain asking no questions about your religious faith or your lack of it, before trying to help you. The sympathy and understanding you will find in the Chaplain will help you to know what God is like. You will begin to understand better what we are fighting for,—a world in which men can be free to express all that is deepest within them, where men may develop their own best personalities without dictation or interference from tyrants and iconoclastic Fascists.

The War Department has found it necessary to subject you to regimentation in order to conquer the forces which would make regimentation the permanent order of society. But the War Department has freed the Chaplains from all regimentation. In your Chapels and the service of your Chaplains you will find the fullest freedom, the freedom which is American,—as American in 1943 as it was in 1776. Here is the War Department's pledge for the America of tomorrow, for the world of tomorrow, which they seek to win. Support this freedom. Attend chapel services. See your Chaplain.

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Passover Observed By Post Soldiers

In observance of Passover, marking the Hebrew Festival of Freedom, more than 200 soldiers from Shenango Depot were accommodated at dinners in nearby communities, and at a special religious service held Monday evening on the post.

A seder service was held in one of the mess halls with Rabbi Pincus Dachowitz, guest rabbi at the House of Israel Synagogue, Sharon, officiating. Arrangements were made by Harry Marshak, field director of the Jewish Welfare Board.

In addition, many Jewish soldiers were guests in homes of Sharon, Youngstown, Greenville, New Castle, and Meadville residents.

Last Sunday Dr. Myron Murstein, chairman of the Shenango Valley Army and Navy Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board, headed a group which distributed cigarettes and candy to patients at the Station Hospital.

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DO YOU KNOW THAT:
Two pounds of grease produces enough glycerine to make dynamite for five rounds of anti-aircraft fire.

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A MATTER OF TIME

By the end of the last war, politicians had discovered that the propaganda technique of fear and confusion was now almost an exact science. Italy tested it first. Mussolini showed that he could subdue and trample down a community of Italians in a few short months. His formula worked so well that Hitler, observing it, boasted that he would conquer the world and freeze civilization at his level for a thousand years.

Hitler's plot then is based upon a formula for dealing with people. Should any ingredient of that formula be removed, the plot will fail.

The formula itself is most simple. It consists of keeping men in a constant state of crisis. In a crisis people cannot organize their thoughts and thus take forceful action against the government. To produce this state of crisis the formula calls for holding out at once the hope of a benefit and the fear of a detriment.

It was perfectly easy for Hitler to hold out the hope of a benefit to the German people. He promised them wealth, dignity and the respect of the world. For fear of a detriment he ordered the storm troopers to beat up a few citizens in every community.

This was the technique used against the Germans. It was the technique Hitler expected to use against the conquered countries.

The formula did not work in Poland or Norway, however, and for good reason. One of its ingredients couldn't be produced in those countries. No matter how long it was blasted over the radio nor how many times it was printed and reprinted in the newspaper the Norwegians and Poles just refused to believe that any benefits would come to them from Germany. Thus half the magic formula was missing.

Hitler had counted upon a few enemies in every conquered country — a few "complicated people" who would not respond, but these, he thought, would be only a small number and could be exterminated "for the good of Germany". He had not counted upon the clear-sighted hostility of every man and child in the conquered countries, for when everybody is mad even a conquerer cannot be secure.

And it is precisely here that this facet of Hitler's plot has broken down.

Hitler said that he would "freeze civilization" for a thousand years. What this means is that Hitler intends to close the schools, libraries and cut off from the world all access to information except what the Government would dole out.

We here in America can hardly comprehend such devilishness. Ours has always been an expanding culture with people encouraged to learn more, improve their minds and develop into a better, freer race. Yet this was Hitler's plan. He would put a harness on man and hitch him to a plow. Our analogy is not propaganda; it is an honest picture of Naziism.

The first application of Naziism was in Germany. The party set out to create sixty million freaks, a marshalled and disciplined race — without wisdom, without morals, without honor, without pity, without conscience and without the simple dignity of free will. If any man ever doubts that Hitler intended to freeze civilization as he said, he needs only look at what he did to the German people.

Germany will not win the war, for the new technique of propaganda cannot be applied in conquered countries. Furthermore, even within Germany itself, the formula will cease to work. People cannot be kept in a state of crisis forever. Sooner or later a few rays of fact will shine through the confusion for even a rattled man gets an occasional glimpse of truth. When that day comes, the Nazi party will be holding the German people with threats alone, and a threatened man is a hostile man, he will fight back.

One day the cage of German discipline will blow apart like an exploded powder charge. The pieces will fly in every direction.

The Inquiring Line

Q. Is it permissible for me to buy Army insignia in civilian stores?

A. It's OK now but it won't be for long. The manufacture and sale of Army insignia by civilian firms will be prohibited within three months, the War Department has announced. After that you'll have to get them at your PX or at Quartermaster stores.

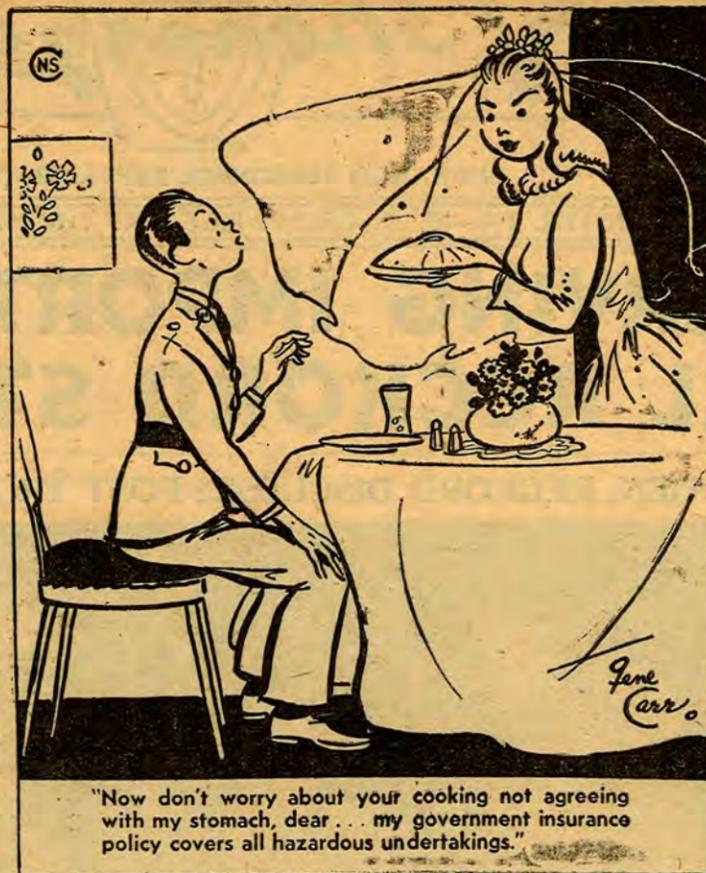
Q. Lately I've noticed Marines wearing alligator head insignia on their shoulders. For what does this insignia stand?

A. Those men you saw were members of the Marine Amphibious Corps of the Pacific Fleet. The alligator head represents the amphibious function of the Corps.

Q. Will there be cargo space on ships bound overseas for Christmas gifts from home?

A. Yes. Christmas gifts may be mailed to soldiers overseas from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 even without the presentation of a request from the soldier. The Christmas package must weigh no more than five pounds and must not exceed 15 inches in length and girth combined. The packages also must be labeled "Christmas Gift Parcel."

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Sign posted near a fuel storage tank: "Don't smoke near this tank. If your life isn't worth anything, gasoline is."



A letter from home! The sight of it brings familiar faces and scenes immediately into view. Its message adds strength and gives courage. Home and friends gives zest to the meaning of being a soldier. Whatever we mean by "America" finds its special significance in that spot we call "home." It so grips the heart and challenges the life that a man will do anything to provide for it and protect it. Day after day a man will work faithfully so that those whom he loves may have food and shelter and the many other things we count worthwhile for life. And when it comes to protection, a man will go through fire to defend those at home. The fact that all that we hold dear has been challenged, is enough to make us put forth every effort in this world struggle.

What would life be like if free enterprise were to be dominated by tyrannical militarism? What if education were subjugated to totalitarian ends rather than development for life's highest purposes? What gain could there be in having a free press curbed and throttled and made subservient to despotic ends? What, above all, could religion hold for life were it made to echo the desires of human conceit and selfishness? No one human being is big enough to determine the teachings or policies of religion. Free public worship is essential to human well-being. This has been and is being demonstrated in America. Variety in the forms of religion are not evidence of confusion or of doing violence to the true meaning of religion. On the other hand it demonstrates the larger truth that religion is applicable to all life and cannot be confined to any one set form.

Perhaps nowhere in American life is religion being given the test that it meets in the armed forces. The fact that Protestant, Catholic and Hebrew services are held in the same building at hours mutually agreed upon is evidence that there exists a very real fraternal understanding. This does not necessarily mean an agreement in doctrine or teachings. But it does give evidence of the larger truth that good will and friendliness can and does exist. Soldiers mingle freely and learn a great deal from each other. There is developing a wholesome understanding among them in the matter of religion. They are seeing for themselves what gives the greatest satisfaction and inner security. They do not need to look very far to see if a man's religion is real enough and strong enough to enable him to meet temptations and keep out of trouble. No comment is needed for the soldier to see that when a man makes a profession of religion and then goes out and engages in drunkenness, immorality or other forms of dissipation and gets into trouble, his religion is a mere form which amounts to very little. That kind

CHAPEL SERVICES

CATHOLIC SERVICES
Sunday Masses: 8 a. m., Chapel 2485; 9 a. m., Chapel 1885; 10 a. m., Theater No. 1; 11 a. m., Hospital Red Cross Bldg.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday
Mass, 5:30 p. m., Chapel 1885; Mass, 5:30 p. m., Chapel 985.

Friday
Mass, 6:15 a. m., Hospital Red Cross Bldg.; Novena, 5:30 p. m., Chapel 1885.

Saturday
Confessions: 3 p. m. to 9:30 p. m., Chapel 1885.

PROTESTANT SERVICES
Sunday
Episcopal Communion 6:30 a. m., Chapel 985.

Protestant Worship
9 a. m., Chapel 985.
Protestant Communion 10 a. m., Chapel 985.

10 a. m., Hospital Red Cross Bldg.
10:15, Chapel 1885.
Lutheran Communion 11:15 a. m., Chapel 1885.

Protestant Service
11 a. m., Chapel 985.

Protestant Worship
11 a. m., Chapel 2485.

Protestant Service
2 p. m., Episcopal Communion, Red Cross Hospital Building.
2 p. m., Stockade.
Song and Prayer, 7 p. m., Chapel 985.

Evening Song Service, 7 p. m., Chapel 1885.
Evening Service, 7:30 p. m., Chapel 2485.

Tuesday, 7 p. m., Episcopal Communion, Chapel 985.

Wednesday
Song and Bible Study, 7 p. m., Chapel 1885.
Evening Service, 7 p. m., Chapel 2485.

JEWISH SERVICES
Wednesday and Friday Nights
8 p. m., Chapel 985.

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Bring Your Mending to Service Club One

The women of the Sharon USO are present every Friday evening from 7:30 on to take care of the mending of the servicemen of the post. The women make this trip to the post for the expressed purpose of aiding the soldier, so don't hesitate to call on them to do your mending.

can never give a man courage to stand in the time of crisis.

Fortunately, for the soldier as well as for the citizen, religion fortifies against evil and gives strength and courage in the crisis. It offers to the soldier that which is so necessary for life and for the exigencies of war time.

Q. D. SWANK,
Post Chaplain.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

You may not realize it, soldier, but those anti-waste posters on the walls of your mess hall are not mere decorations. When they tell you that you're serving the Axis when you squander food, they're giving it to you straight from the shoulder.

Every time you load your tray with more than you can eat, men, you're not only playing into the enemy's hands you're taking food out of the mouths of your loved ones back home. Never thought about it that way, did you?

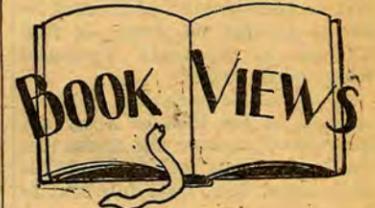
Perhaps you don't realize that, as Quartermaster General, Major General E. B. Gregory told the Special Senate Committee investigating the Conduct of the War, that the Army's food requirements are considered "in relation to the civilian food supply since they were carefully developed with due regard to our civilian needs and the food production capacity of the nation."

Think about it, soldier, and think how easily thoughtlessness on your part, or your buddy's can help knock this vital win-the-war program into a cocked hat. Like it or not, this war is being fought in the mess halls as well as on the battlefields. Get in your licks wherever you can.

It's not that th Army doesn't want you to eat heartily. You know full well that you've never known a hungry American soldier. Statistics show that th average soldier eats two pounds more a day than the average civilian. Ours is still far and away the best fed Army in the world.

Wasting food is like firing upon your own men. Think about it.

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Tens and hundreds of thousands of men who would have died in any previous war, will not die in this one!

This is the humanitarian message of one of the camp libraries' latest acquisitions, "Miracles of Military Medicine," by Albert Q. Maisel. Author Maisel reveals a reservoir of almost unsuspected strength for America's fighting forces. A scientific reservoir of new weapons—already proven in combat—calculated to snatch wounded Yanks from the hungry maw of death. Weapons, not of destruction, but of healing.

The book establishes that sulfa drugs, bottled and dried blood, new pain-killers, new anaesthetics, new forms of treatment and new surgical procedures are performing miracles for the Army of the United States. Toxoids that are wiping out tetanus. Inoculations that have crushed the menace of yellow fever. Synthetic specifics against malaria, which have enabled our fighting forces to fight—and fight gallantly—in the tropics.

Prepared with the advice, analysis and counsel of medical authorities both in civil practice and in the armed services, this book shows graphically how these new drugs, devices and techniques keep up the fight behind the lines, stimulate the fight up front. It shows how they maintain the fighting strength of our troops at a higher level than ever before, how they stimulate the will to fight in the face of mechanized destruction. Recommended not only for soldiers, but for folks back home as well.



IF YOU FIND a wire or cord stretched tight, do not cut it as that will detonate the mine.



FOLLOW UP ANY wire or cord you find, without touching it, to be sure it is not connected to a trap.

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REAPING THE WHIRLWIND

The fury which burst upon Sicily, of skyfighters swooping from the clouds and amphibious attackers swarming upon the beaches, is a sign and portent of devastating things to come. Justice long delayed is moving relentlessly as a meat-grinder to mash and pulverize the worm-eaten structure of the Fascist states.

The jackal states of Hungary, Bulgaria and Rumania joined this war in the hope of feasting on spoils from the Nazi table. They are the first to taste the wormwood and the gall. With their economic life subject to the Nazi yoke, their men dragooned to die on the Russian front, they have learned too late that warring for profit is a hollow mockery.

Meanwhile, the instigators and war criminals are being slowly encircled with a ring of steel. Our Commander-in-Chief has declared: "The militarists in Rome, Berlin and Tokyo started this war, but the massed, angered forces of common humanity will finish it."

Unconditional surrender are the only terms the Allied Nations will accept. Any compromise with Axis principles is the beginning of moral deterioration. Only by liberating the Axis peoples from their racketeering regimes can the subject peoples be restored to the dignity of human beings.

In his recent address to the nation, President Roosevelt lauded the many forces leagued together with a common purpose. The magnificent British Eighth and American Seventh Armies which spearheaded the landing in Sicily, led by such men as General Eisenhower, General Alexander, Admiral Cunningham and Air Marshal Tedder, have breached the outer ramparts of Hitler's Fortress.

The tyrant trembles, knowing that his crimes are coming home to roost. The vultures circling over Nazi battlefields in Tunisia and at Orel will soon blacken the sky over Berlin.

It is too soon to predict the actual day of triumph, but this we know—the overthrow of tyranny is inevitable. How late or how soon depends on the combined efforts of our war workers leagued with front line fighters.

Can we keep the supply lines moving, and every branch of industry, agriculture and the armed forces cooperating as a team? For the answer, we can cite the record of our victories to date as a promise of momentous things to come.

The Inquiring Line

Q. Is the American theater ribbon worn for service in Panama? Are officers permitted to wear ribbons earned while they were enlisted men?

A. Yes to both questions. The American Theater ribbon is worn for service in the Western Hemisphere outside the continental limits of the U. S. A. The wearer must have been assigned to a unit stationed in that area, however. He can't wear the ribbon if he just passed through on a visit. This ribbon is blue with narrow red, white and blue stripes. German colors are on one end and Japanese colors on the other. Officers are permitted to wear any ribbons they earned as enlisted men.

Q. May application be made for the Army Specialized Training Program at a replacement center?

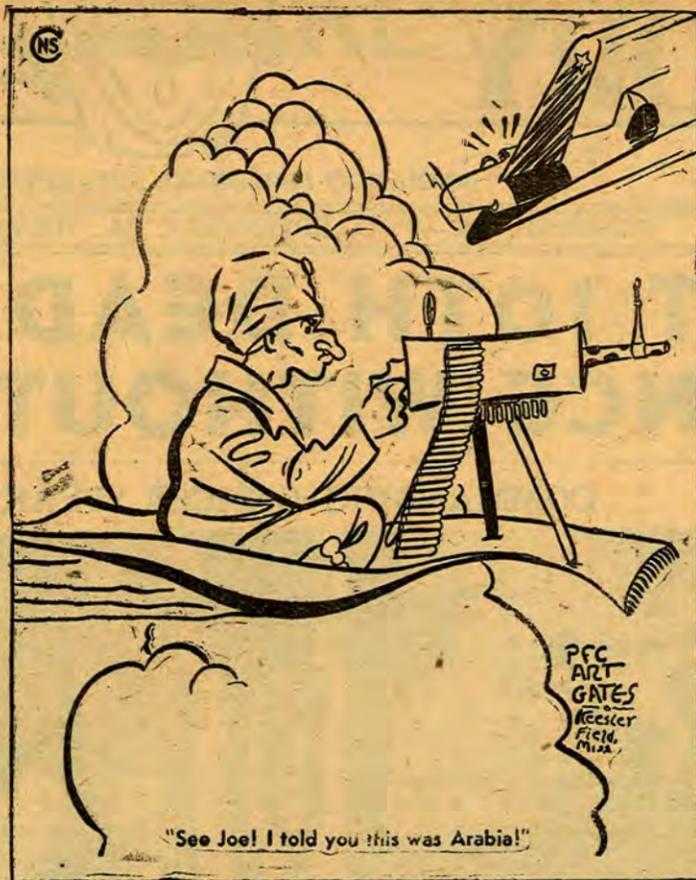
A. Yes. You may make your ASTP application through your CO at your replacement center. You won't be assigned to a school, however, until your basic training has been completed. You will go before an ASTP field selection board composed of officers of the post, similar to an OCS board. If you are qualified then you will be sent to a STAR unit and classified for participation in ASTP. You may get further information regarding ASTP through your Special Service officer, your chaplain or your CO, all of whom have been supplied with a complete set of questions and answers on ASTP by the War Department.

Too Friendly Doggie Discharged from WAGS

Mishawaka, Ind. (CNS)—Golden Boy, a 3-year-old English setter is a swell dog, all right, but he was too affectionate for the Army. After seven weeks' basic training at the dog training center at Ft. Robinson, Neb. Golden Boy was given his honorable discharge and sent home in a crate. He dashed through every room in the house, sniffing happily, then scrambled across the street to see if his pal, 5-year-old Charlie Brooks, was still hanging around. He was and they went fishing together.

'Allotment Pay' Bride Scrams After Marriage

Knoxville, Tenn. (CNS)—He met her in Nashville and the meeting was grand. It was so grand in fact that Pvt. Tom Phillips of Knoxville married the girl the next day. Then she disappeared, said Tom, and now he doesn't even remember her name. "I have an idea," Pvt. Phillips said, "that she married me to get my allotment pay."



CHAPEL SERVICES

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Sunday Masses: 8 a. m., Chapel 2485; and 8 a. m. at Chapel 1885; 9 a. m., Chapel 1885; 10 a. m., Theater No. 1; 11 a. m., Hospital Red Cross Bldg.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday

Mass, 5:30 p. m., Chapel 1885; Mass, 5:30 p. m., Chapel 2485.

Friday

Mass, 6:15 a. m., Hospital Red Cross Bldg.; Novena, 5:30 p. m., Chapel 1885.

Saturday

Confessions: 3 p. m. to 9:30 p. m., Chapel 1885.

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sunday

Episcopal Communion 7:00 a. m., Chapel 985.

Protestant Worship

11:00 a. m., Chapel 985.

Protestant Communion 10 a. m., Chapel 985.

10 a. m., Hospital Red Cross Bldg.

10:15, Chapel 1885.

Lutheran Communion 11:15 a. m., Chapel 1885.

11:00 a. m., Rec. Hall 1275.

Protestant worship.

11 a. m., Chapel 2485.

Protestant Service

2 p. m., Episcopal Communion, Red Cross Hospital Building.

2 p. m., Stockade.

Song and Prayer 7:30 p. m., Chapel 985.

Evening Song Service, 7 p. m., Chapel 1885.

Evening Service, 7:30 p. m., Chapel 2485.

Tuesday, 7 p. m., Episcopal Communion, Chapel 985.

Wednesday

Fellowship Service 7:30 p. m.

Song and Bible Study, 7 p. m., Chapel 1885.

Evening Service, 7 p. m., Chapel 2485.

JEWISH SERVICES

Wednesday and Friday Nights

8 p. m., Chapel 1885.

On Furlough

T-5 Harry Caplan, affiliated with Special Services and a frequent contributor to this newspaper, is enjoying a 10-day furlough at his home in Long Island, New York. He left Saturday.



New York (CNS)—A man who used to travel with the international set and royalty back in the days before the war got a letter the other day from a European crowned head now serving with the U. S. Army. On the back of the envelope was the sender's battalion, the name of the camp and the writer's own name—Pvt. Archduke Felix.

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Because of the nature of this Depot, we have many more visitors than the average camp. Therefore, we must be more careful and exercise caution regarding our actions.

In the average camp it is possible to express our feelings without being heard by passing civilians but such is not the case at Shenango. We must always be on our guard, especially late at night, when there are visitors in our presence who judge accordingly. Many of the visitors are mothers, sisters and sweethearts of the soldiers here and we must receive them in the same manner as we would like to have our mother received when she arrives on the Post.

It is only natural for soldiers to make a friendly remark to an attractive young lady who passes by, but the situation has reached the point where it has become obnoxious. It has grown so that it has become quite offensive. Whistling and uncalled for remarks cannot be tolerated.

Another point which should be stressed is the manner in which soldiers dress after retreat. We would not think of sitting on our porch at home improperly dressed with passers-by within view of us. The same applies here and I do not want to see soldiers seated on the porches outside barracks in improper attire. It may be a temptation these hot evenings to lounge around outside the barracks but we must consider the visitors and the embarrassment which we will cause them if the practice were allowed to continue.

I have tried to point out these faults in the proper light and hope that I will not hear additional complaints. In the event soldiers on the Post do not conduct themselves like gentlemen, action will have to be taken to bring about the desired results.

the Chaplains Branch has had to depend on Replacements detailed to it as assistants. The quality of this personnel has been very satisfactory. Methodist chaplains have not found their ministry less, but rather more effective because they have had to work with Catholic, Episcopalian and Christian Scientist assistants, nor the Lutheran for having had an assistant with no denominational affiliation at all. All the other Protestant chaplains have had their religious horizons lifted by having had in every instance to work with assistants belonging to religious groups other than their own.

On one occasion the writer had an experience which is more or less typical of the attitude of men in this man's Army. A boy of the Jewish faith came to him, a Protestant, said to him with deep emotion and evident sincerity, "Sixty-three of my buddies are being shipped this afternoon, leaving me alone of the men who came here together from my last camp. None of them are Jews but I want to offer up a prayer for them, and I can't find a suitable one in the Jewish Prayer Book." The chaplain got out his own Jewish Prayer Book, and found a prayer which they both agreed was suited to the occasion. Together they put on their caps and read this prayer. Can anyone say that God was not pleased to hear and answer this supplication.

In the world of tomorrow we men of the Army will find our own religious convictions strengthened by the support we have found for them in fellowship with men whose religion we had not appreciated before. Here is one of the real victories our Army is winning over Nazi-ism with its hatred of all ethical religion. Thank God for our American War Department and its provision for worship according to the dictates of the conscience of every man.



My guess is that the real reason Bad Boy Benny Mussolini scrambled out of Italy is that now he knows we ain't kiddin' when we say we'll bomb military targets in Rome or anywhere else. A chin the size of his would be awful easy to hit even without a bombsight.



ANYTHING LEFT LYING about on recently gained ground should be avoided. Remember—booby traps are the cause of many casualties!



WHEN FIRED UPON by snipers move immediately to the nearest cover or concealment. Don't drop or stand perfectly still—if you want to tell about it later!

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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF SICILY

Thirty-eight days after landing barges splashed through the surf to disgorge amphibious invaders, the volcanic island of Sicily erupted with gunfire and was shortly submerged by a tidal wave of American, British and Canadian armies.

Catania and Messina were the last anchors of resistance to be crushed by the three-pronged onslaught of the Allied armies. The slopes of historic Mt. Etna reverberated with man-made thunder, as irresistibly the Italo-German legions were pushed back to the Strait.

Brilliant Allied staff work out-generated the Germans who until now have enjoyed a much-publicized reputation for mastery in the art of war. It is significant that many of the American troops, who were briefly baptized in the Tunisian campaign, performed like veterans in Sicily, showing that the many months of training in the states was an effective conditioner for actual warfare.

The conquest of Sicily gives us full control of the Mediterranean transit routes, shortening by thousands of miles our communications with the Near East and Asiatic theaters.

The Sicilian success makes the Balkans just another exposed flank, upon which the Nazis must dissipate additional resources and armor in expectancy of blows from that direction.

Most importantly, the conquest of Sicily demonstrates that a well-planned sea and air-borne invasion can overwhelm and destroy strongly prepared and fortified positions.

In many respects, Sicily was a preview of The Invasion. The welcome accorded our troops by the war-weary populace portends even greater cooperation on the mainland, where underground activity cannot be silenced by Nazidom's threats of reprisal.

Sicily is ours. A new wedge has been driven into Hitler's crumbling fortress. A few more well-placed blows and the worm-eaten structure will totter, crashing in ruins upon the heads of its mad architects.

VOICES IN SONG

There's nothing like a rip-roaring ballad, of voices blending in triumphant song, to raise a man's spirits and send forth a vocal challenge to the blues.

Wherever Shenango soldiers gather, whether riding the buses to town or waiting in the inevitable queues, it's a grand idea to cut loose with some rousing songs. A song, vibrant with the spirit of get-up-and-go, gives voice to the mood of men, and is refreshing as the pulsing rhythm of men on the march.

Unfortunately, Army manuals do not make provision to vary "Count cadence, count" with songs for marching men. Yet in China, Russia, and the Allied nations, soldiers on the march are literally buoyed up and reinvigorated by the rhythmic chant of war songs.

Lately, we have noticed, Shenango soldiers, too, have caught the singing spirit. Oft-times the roads to Sharon, Greenville and Youngstown have reverberated with the chant of men in unison, sounding forth like a triumphant overture to victory. Besides the modernized version of Hinky Dinky Parlez Vous, you can hear them singing, "There's a Long, Long Trail," "Mighty Like a Rose," "Home on the Range," "I've Been Working on the Railroad," "Down by the Old Mill Stream," "Alexander's Ragtime Band," "For Me and My Gal," "Coming in on a Wing and a Prayer," even the "Marseillaise" and "God Bless America."

Music in the Army is not a regimented thing. It springs spontaneously from the moods of men and is a stimulant to be used, not apologetically, but fully and freely, with chin up and voice soaring to the far horizon—where seldom is heard a discouraging word, and the skies are not cloudy all day.



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."

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LADIES' UNDIES TO BE MADE OF SILK PARACHUTE CLOTH

—Headline.

Ode To a Paratrooper

Murder those Japs, Give the Nazis a boot, But gentle now with your parachute! Scratch your rifle, Dent up your canteen, But don't tear that silk where it will be seen!

O the Army is clever, It has found there are lots Of things we can get by means of ersatz!

So the 'chute on your back On the morrow may slip, And look far more dainty o'er some lady's hip!

Morning Report

Illustration of a soldier in a trench with a machine gun. Text: 'WITH NO THOUGHT OF PERSONAL SAFETY, PFC. GRZESIK CROSSED A FIELD OF MACHINE GUN FIRE TO RESCUE A WOUNDED COMRADE. BESIDE AN EMBANKMENT, HE ADMINISTERED FIRST AID...' Below is a portrait of Pfc Stanley Grzesik with the caption: 'UNDER MORTAR & ARTILLERY FIRE, HE PROTECTED HIS COMRADE BY COVERING HIM WITH HIS OWN BODY.'

Chaplain's Corner

Chaplain L. L. Hill

The greatest source of sound philosophy, truth, counsel, inspiration and spiritual help is to be found in the Book of Books, the Holy Bible. Too often it is neglected and laid aside for weeks at a time. Some interesting facts have been handed down to us and we are passing them on in this article.

The Bible has 3,556,480 letters, 810,697 words, 31,175 verses, 1189 chapters and 66 books. The Old Testament has 39 books, and the New Testament has 27 books. The longest chapter is Psalms 119, and the shortest is Psalms 17, which is also the middle chapter. The middle verse is Psalms 118:8. Isaiah 8:1 has the longest name. Esther 3:9 is the longest verse and John 11:35 is the shortest. The 19th of Second Kings and the 37th of Isaiah are alike. "Lord" occurs 1,855 times and "and" 46,627 times. The name of God is not mentioned in the book of Esther at all. The 7th chapter of Ezra and the 21st verse has all the alphabet except the letter "Z". The first five books of the Bible is called the Pentateuch. The Ten Commandments are called the Decalogue. The Sanhedrin was composed of 72 elders, six from each of the twelve tribes.

This grand old Book is written to show us the mind of God, the state of man, the plan of salvation, the reward of the righteous, and the destiny of the wicked. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its laws are perfect, its statutes are right, its history is true, and its decisions immutable. If we want to be wise, we must study it, if we want to be right, we must believe it, if we want to be holy, we must practice it. It gives light to direct us, good to sustain us and comfort to cheer us in our saddest hours. It is the traveler's waybill to direct him to his home in Heaven, the pilgrim's staff to lean upon as he makes his journey. It is the pilot's compass and the soldiers' sword with which he may successfully fight the battles of life.

It tells us of the lost Eden, lost through disobedience, and a restored paradise through Jesus Christ. It tells us how Heaven is opened for the good and how the gates of hell are disclosed to the bad. Its grand subject is Jesus Christ. He is the central figure in all its teachings. Its while design is God's glory and man's good, to follow its teachings can bring us only good, its end is God's glory and man's eternal happiness. It should fill the memory with cheer, rule the hearts of all men and guide their feet into the paths of righteousness and peace. We should be sure to read it every day. Read it slowly, so as to be sure to catch its meaning. Read it frequently so as not to forget it. Read

COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

While there has been a decided improvement in military courtesy and the general appearance of soldiers at the Depot during recent weeks, there is one important courtesy which is being neglected, I am referring to the laxity of many soldiers in rendering the proper salute to the National Flag at Retreat.

When Retreat is sounded, Military men should face the flag, come to attention and salute, holding the salute until the final note is heard. Military men riding in motor vehicles are not excused from rendering this honor. They must dismount from the vehicle and stand Retreat.

Soldiers who step outdoors, only to find that Retreat is being sounded, and then quickly dash back under cover, are guilty of dodging a solemn responsibility of honor to the Nation's colors. We should consider it a privilege to pay homage to the flag as it is lowered at the close of day. The peoples of the world look to the American flag as a symbol of hope and freedom. The American soldier has far deeper obligations of courtesy and respect to the Nation's colors.

We must bear in mind that this Depot has many more visitors than the average camp, and that the impressions we create remain with our visitors for a long time. We can turn these conditions into assets by being exemplary soldiers always. The opinions formed by visitors coming to Shenango from practically every state east of the Mississippi will not only have a direct bearing on the camp but the Army at large.

Again let us be reminded that a respectful soldier is a good soldier.

it prayerfully, so we may have God's help in understanding it. If we study it, it will guide us to a mine of wealth, which is "a great Christian character," a paradise of glory and a river of everlasting pleasure at God's right hand. This great book gives us for this life a standard to live by and will be at the judgment, so we may be sure to get justice there and will be remembered forever in the world to which we go. It invokes the highest responsibility, bestows the greatest rewards for labor and condemns all who trifle with its contents. When I think of all these things, I don't wonder that the poet sang:

"Holy Bible, book divine, Precious treasure, thou art mine, Mine to tell me whence I came, Mine to teach me what I am, Mine to chide me when I roam, Mine to show a Saviour's love."

Unable to afford an engagement ring, a WAC and a soldier stationed in Alaska swapped dog tags.

CHAPEL SERVICES

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Sunday Masses: 8 a. m., Chapel 2485; 9 a. m., Chapel 1885; 10 a. m., Theater No. 1.

Week Days

Mass, 5:30 p. m., Chapel 1885; Mass, 5:30 p. m., Chapel 2485. Novena, 5:30 p. m., Friday.

Saturday

Confessions: 6:30 to 9:30 p. m., 7 to 8, Holy Hour on Saturday, Chapel 1885.

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sunday

Protestant Worship

Protestant worship at 9:00 in 985. 11:00 a. m., Chapel 985.

Protestant Communion 10 a. m., Chapel 985.

10 a. m., Hospital Red Cross Bldg., also 10:00 at 1885 is Protestant service.

Lutheran Communion 11:00 a. m., Chapel 1885.

11:00 a. m., Rec. Hall 1275. Protestant worship also 985.

11 a. m., Chapel 2485.

Protestant Service

2 p. m., Stockade. Song and Prayer 7:30 p. m., Chapel 985.

Evening Song Service, 7 p. m., Chapel 1885.

Wednesday

Song and Bible Study, 7 p. m., Chapel 1885.

Evening service 7:30 p. m., Chapel 2485.

Song and prayer service, 7:30, Chaplain Spraggins. T-985.

JEWISH SERVICES

Tuesday and Friday at 7:30 p. m., in Chapel 1885.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES Sunday, 9:30 a. m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p. m.

—SPRD—

The Inquiring Line

By Camp Newspaper Service

Q. What is the retiring age for officers in the Army?

A. At present, the retiring age for major generals is 64, for brigadier generals it is 62 and for all other officers it's 60. Incidentally, the War Department soon will retire or relieve most of the 900 officers who are over these age-retirement limits.

Q. I lost a watch in a fire in my barracks. Can I get a new one from the Army?

A. You can try. While the Army does not run a personal property insurance business it does repay soldiers for property lost or damaged under certain circumstances. If you lost your watch while rescuing Army property from fire, you have a good chance of getting paid for it. Apply through the Claims Division of the Judge Advocate General's Office in Washington.

Q. My outfit ships out soon. How are my chances for a furlough?

A. They are good. It is the policy of the War Department to grant furloughs to enlisted men before they go overseas if they have had no furloughs during the preceding six months. Enlisted men, regardless of length of service, who have had no furlough since their call to active duty are also granted furloughs prior to overseas assignments within the limitations imposed by urgent military necessity.

Q. I'm stationed in Texas but I want to vote in the State elections in my home state of Kansas this fall. How do I go about it?

A. First you apply to your CO for a special post card requesting a war ballot. After filling this out and signing it you have to get it certified by an officer, then mail it to the Secretary of State in your home State. When you get your war ballot from him you fill it out and return it to your State.