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Have you noted the way they've chosen?
Their humble, courageous life
Living off God's gift, the land.
As did we in our early strife.

We have come again with thundering guns
Throwing out a Satanic school
Re-establishing once again
Their faith in the Golden Rule.

Their centre of civilization
Is the home beloved by all.
Respect for the aged, love, care for the
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And succor when anyone falls.

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He took his Army physical examination on Lincoln's birthday. He was inducted into the Army on Washington's birthday. He sailed from the United States on his son's birthday. He landed in Hawaii on his sister's birthday. Crossing the International Date Line he skipped his mother's birthday. However, on A-Day of the invasion of the Philippines he celebrated his father's birthday. On his own birthday Jap paratroopers dropped near his area.

Cpl. Sweeney is in the operations section of the 321st Engr Bn.

STATES BESET BY CONTINUED WINTER

Warmer temperatures did not melt away the heavy snows that lay across the northern states from Minnesota to New England. The weatherman said that the snow blankets acted to keep temperatures from rising noticeably. Other forecasters said there was no immediate danger of floods, but New Englanders kept a wary eye on ice-blocked rivers.

A few hundred miles south of the snow belt, the folks were having unseasonably high temperatures. However, the weatherman said that it was only a midwinter heat wave and that a cold wave would follow it in another day or two.



GLOBE LURBS

Was reading in the DEADEYE a few days ago how the women in the States were mobbing 108 pound Frank Sinatra. Frankly, I didn't know the manpower situation was that bad. If men continue to be as scarce as they are now in the States, a GI coming home on furlough won't be safe alone on the streets. I can just imagine the following scene taking place in some city:

"Girls, do you see what I see?"

"Why, it's a man, and in good shape too, a soldier."

"Let's whistle at him, maybe we can get a date."

"No, Brenda, this calls for more drastic action. Are we three big healthy girls going to let that defenseless pair of pants get away from us?"

"Not on your life. I'll toss you for him."

"Head, I win. As soon as he comes past this doorway, we'll all three reach out and grab him."

Down the street saunters the young, innocent soldier. Bang, scuffle, sock! "Help MP's!, I'm too young to die! Mama!"

"OK girls, I got him. Let's carry him away before he wakes up."

They can't send me back to the States on furlough. No sir, not with those fighting females. I'm going to stay out here with the Japs where it's safe and a man has an even chance.

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Now that our arms are getting back to normal after undergoing the many and varied shots we're getting back to the hut-two routine of calisthenics. So far the sun hasn't claimed any heat fatigue victims but there's no telling when the medics iron constitution will give out.

Honors of the week go to Estle Crabtree whose wife recently presented him with a bouncing 10 lb. baby boy. That sounds to us like good size'd kid. By the time he's two he ought to stand up to his old man.

We're adding a new special order to the list. To be especially watchful for snakes. Several nights ago G.I. Girth was resting peacefully on his bunk, waiting for guard, when he noticed a long wriggling form swinging back and forth from the door flap in his tent. Being dark he was unable to make out just what it was. He moved up a little closer, using his flashlight, and beheld the form of a snake in fact a very big snake. The startled snake dropped from his hiding place and started to take off. Grabbing the first thing at hand, which happened to be a bed slat, G.I. rushed up and dealt the reptile the death blow. Further investigation revealed it to be a poisonous variety that measured over six feet. Can anybody beat that record?

Ask Nick Fiocca to show you the result of his hunting episode. The boys talked him into a snipe hunt and Nick was holding the bag. After waiting fruitlessly Nick staggered in. "Snipe musn't be running this season" was his only remark.

We welcome back Cpl. John Burns. He was wounded the first night and has spent the past months at New Guinea.

Co C, 321st Med Bn

LOST

A foot locker belonging to Lt. Gilbert K. Coffman, Jr., O-1014232 marked 1763-H. Lt. Coffman is in Co A, 763rd Tk Bn.

LIFE

A man comes into this world without his consent and leaves without his will. During his stay on earth his time is spent in one continuous round of contraries and understandings.

In his infancy, he is an angel. In his boyhood, he is a devil.

In his manhood, he is everything from a lizard up.

In his duties he is a damn fool.

If he raises a family he is a chump.

If he raises a check he is a thief, and then the law raises hell with him.

If he is a poor man, he is a poor manager and has no sense.

If he is a rich man, he is dishonest, but considered smart.

If he is in politics, he is a grafter and a crook. If he is out of politics, you can't place him and he is an undesirable citizen.

If he goes to church, he is a hypocrite and if he stays away from church he is a sinner.

If he donates to foreign missions, he does it for show. If he doesn't donate, he is stingy and a tight wad.

When he first comes into the world everyone wants to kiss him; before he goes out they all want to kick him.

If he dies young, there is a grand future before him; if he lives to a ripe old age, he is only in the way and is living to save funeral expenses.

He's damned if he does, and damned if he doesn't, so the only way is to do as he damn pleases and let the rest of the world go by. Why worry?

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Send in your contributions --- we'll usually print it whether it fits or not!