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MONKEYS WANTED

Two pet monkeys are desired by DIS - PATCH Readers. Cigarettes are being offered and arrangements can be made for the exchange through the DISPATCH office. Write or call or come in before you bring your monkey. (Some say we have enough around here already.)

Information and Education Officers' Corner.

Recent poop on Information and Education services, and methods can be found in the following periodicals:

ARMY & NAVY JOURNAL--September 23, 1944. "Army Orientation Course" - (Non War Information Program.)

ARMY & NAVY JOURNAL--September 16, 1944. "Information and Education Officers."

READERS DIGEST, January 1945, page 61, "G.I. Joe Goes to School Under Fire"

MILITARY REVIEW--(C and GS School) December 1944, page 22, "Information & Education Division."

INFANTRY JOURNAL--October 1944, page 48, "Orientation is People."

One copy of each of these articles is available at the DISPATCH office for anyone who wishes to read them and whose subscriptions to the periodicals have not arrived.

O.C.S.???

The recent rush of enlisted Deadeyes to be interviewed as possible candidates for training as officers has very little basis, according to the Adjutant General Section. OCS applications will be accepted and processed but there has been no quota for such candidates given to the Division as yet, and no word has been received regarding such quotas.

Deadeyes are reminded that should the European War be brought to an end in the near future, there would be a great surplus of both officers and enlisted men, and additional officers would hardly be desired.

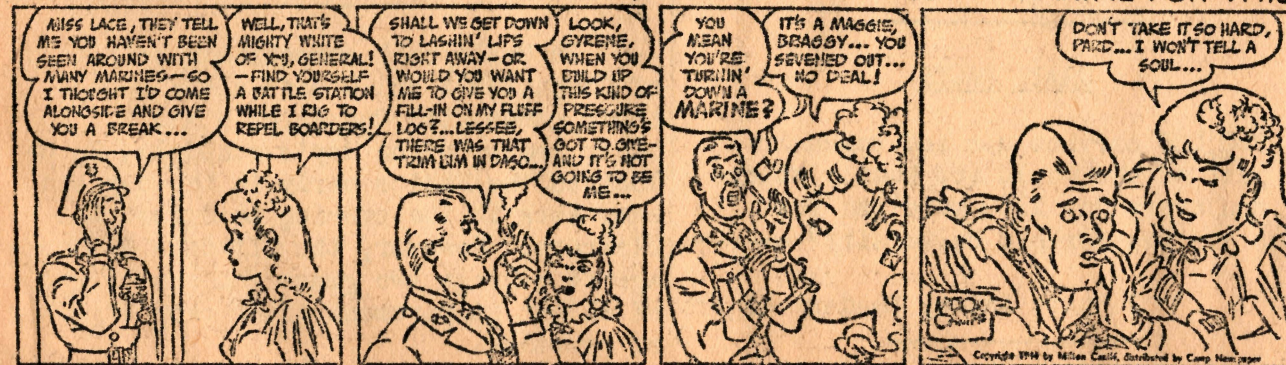
Raleigh, N.C.--R. Gregg Cherry of Gastonia, who, as an officer in the 30th (Old Hickory) Division, had a vital part in the smashing of the Hindenburg line in 1918, was inaugurated Governor of North Carolina.

Denver, Colo--Two solons in the Colorado House have just announced they will introduce a bill to transfer the State Prison to Denver because "most of the prisoners come from Denver and this will save mileage expense."

MALE CALL

by Milton Caniff

DADDY, WOULD THEY BUST A MARINE FOR THIS?



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Unit Reporters Column

THE COMBAT MEDIC

The goldbrick of the company,
An extra mouth to feed.
The Company Medic in garrison,
For him there is no need.

A large bottle of aspirin,
Iodine, band-aids galore.
Bandage, scissors, a medical pouch
Are his implements of war.

They call him chancre-mechanic,
He answers to pill-roller too.
They never call him soldier,
That compliment would never do.

He trudges along with the infantry,
On maneuvers, problems, marches.
Treating cuts and bruises,
Blisters, fallen arches.

He performs his thankless job,
Without complaints or kicks.
His pay is small, his rating's low,
It's Tec Seven or Tec Six.

Yet, in combat he's in there fighting,
With his boys up at the front.
And taking care of the wounded,
Wherever there is want.

No ribbons, no credit, no glory,
Upon him do we bequeath.
But why deny the Fighting Medic
The Badge with Combat Wreath?

by--Pfc. Meyer Samberg, M Co, 381st

USAFI FACTS

"860,000 service men and women in every part of the world are busily studying. And every day 1100 more ask for courses "in the Foxhole University" -----

January issue, Readers Digest

New name for cigarette hoarders:"cigarats"

The outstanding figure at the softball game last Wednesday night between I and K Companies was the clowning T/Sgt Powell of K Company, a simple combination of Al Schacht and Lou Costello. With his high screeching voice, Sgt Powell was especially effective in provoking laughs when harrassing the umpire, Lt Reddin of Company I. There were those who didn't care for this type of humor and expressed their feelings by shouting, "Sit down, Powell, take a break and give your brain a chance."

The question is: Who is the fellow who came to Tec 5 Adrian W. Eral and asked if he bought a money order here in pesos, would his father, back in the States be able to cash it in pesos?

With the arrival of Christmas packages and the encouragement of sports, another great American pastime is under way in the vicing of different members of the Third Platoon for the title of Camp Campagal Yo-Yo Champion. Among the outstanding contenders are Pfc's William Peregrin, Lavincie Thibodaux and William Higgins.

Money-minded Pvt John Meyer, sad upon having purchased a carabao in the swamps for a dollar and then losing it, learned that they are worth approximately a hundred pesos. He suffered another disillusionment when he tried to promote the local cigar vender into a wholesale business, only to find out someone had beaten him to it.

by Pfc. W.L. Sanders, Co K,
Headliner, 383rd Infantry

In Volleyball competition both teams of Companies A and D made clean sweeps in their games with Companies B and C. In other games on the day's schedule, Hq Co lost to the Medics early in the day and came back in the evening to defeat the Officers. However, the Officers did manage to salvage two games and show signs of slight improvement after over a week of practice.

Headliner, 383rd Inf.

SIEGFRIED LINE CRUMBLING

***Feb 6--Advancing southeast of Aachen, the United States First Army has knocked a big chunk out of the Siegfried Line. At one point First Army troops are all the way through the line and stand 29 miles from the Rhine River.

The infantry moved forward through snow, sleet and freezing rain. They overwhelmed the last system of German pill-boxes at a point eight miles east of Monschau. Much further from Berlin than the Soviets, they nevertheless posed a real threat to a final stranglehold on the Wehrmacht.

To the south, the American Third Army broke into the main system of the Siegfried Line more than five miles inside Germany and three and one-half miles from the fortress of Prum. Both the Third and the First Armies were maintaining strong pressure on the Germans along a 40 mile front.

In the Alsace sector, the French and American advance continues. Allied forces there are now within nine miles of a junction between Colmar and Mulhouse.

SENATE FIGHT LOOMS ON WAR MANPOWER

***Feb 6--A big fight looms over the War Manpower Bill in the U. S. Senate. The "work-or-else" bill has already passed the House and is now under consideration by a Senate committee.

In the Senate, Republican Taft of Ohio says he will offer a counter plan for voluntary manpower control. A similar measure to this was defeated in the House when an attempt was made to substitute it for the Manpower bill.

The bill would shift men between 18 and 45 into essential jobs under the threat of induction or a fine and a jail sentence. Enforcement would be by the Selective Service organization.

Some Democrats are saying that there has been a great hoarding of manpower and there is no need for manpower legislation. The bill will reach the Senate floor this week.

MANILA INTACT: (Cont'd from Page One)

appears to be intact. Ten fires were spotted burning in Japanese ammo dumps, piers, and warehouses. One correspondent said that Manila's pier seven is aflame, the largest dock-side in the entire Pacific Ocean. He added that most public buildings, including the Bayview and Manila hotels, seemed to be unharmed. Thousands of cheering Filipinos lined the routes of entry for MacArthur's forces.

General MacArthur, at last reports, was as yet unable to enter Manila. He arrived with the First Cavalry Division outside the city with a Jeep, but was halted by a dynamited bridge and forced to seek another route. He reported that while Manila was the big objective, the real spot was a large brewery which the doughfeet passed on their way to Manila. Filipinos were so happy that they broke into the brewery, which the Japanese had left a few hours before, and came streaming out with arms full of beer bottles to pass to the thirsty GI's.

AMERICAN PARATROOPERS LAND NEAR CAVITE

***Feb 6--American paratroopers made their first appearance in the Philippine campaign when they dropped behind Japanese lines in the Batangas Province and seized Taygaytay. This puts the Eleventh Airborne Division on the 2,000 foot heights which command all good roads leading north to Manila and Cavite Naval Base area.

Light bombers and fighters supported American ground operations in all sectors. Light naval units strafed enemy coastal installations north of Vigan. A lone enemy plane raided San Marcelino airfield in Zambales Province under cover of darkness.

President Roosevelt hailed the recapture of Manila in a message to President Osmena. He said, "Let Japanese and other enemies of peaceful nations take warning from these great events in your country. Their world of treachery aggression, and enslavement cannot survive in the struggle against our world of freedom and peace."

SPORTS

In the wake of the recent scandal in New York, basketball officials and other interested sportsmen throughout the nation renewed their efforts to stamp out widespread gambling on games. Headed by Wilbur Smith, President of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and Ned Irish, President of Madison Square Garden who brought basketball into the big arena, college basketball officials promised to do "All in their power to send the bookies and gamblers back into their holes." Smith, also Athletic Director at Tulane U., said the question of whether games should be played in any gymnasium or arena not located on the campus of one of the competing institutions should be considered at the Spring meeting of the NCAA.

Great Lakes' powerful basketball team after beating Northwestern U. 58-39, was upset by little Valparaiso, 69-61. In other mid-western games, Indiana State defeated Wabash, 48-31; Iowa Pre-Flight trounced Nebraska 62-42; Kansas eked out a 39-36 victory over Kansas State; Playing in the Southwestern Conference, Oklahoma A & M beat Oklahoma 45-31; SMU overran TCU 56-38. Over on the Pacific Coast, Washington State defeated Oregon State 46-31; but Oregon came back to whip the Washington Staters 45-42 in a wild game that went into two overtime periods.

The Chi Blackhawks, making a determined bid for a Stanley Cup Playoff berth, played their best hockey of the season the other night when they held the league-leading Montreal Canadians to a 1-1 tie. In a previous game last week the Hawks drubbed the Boston Bruins 5-3, coming from behind

twice with rallies in the second and third periods. Elmer Lach, center for Les Canadiens, took a one point lead in the red hot race with his teammate, Maurice Richard, for individual scoring honors in the National Hockey League. The weeks compilation showed Lach with 55 points and Richard with 54.

MP'S ROLL ON

Rapidly proving themselves to be the Division Volleyball Champions, the MP's take on a sextet from the 362nd FA tonite in the Redleg area.

Last night the MP's defeated Divarty in four consecutive games, 15-8, 15-8, 15-1. Previous victims of the Deadeye Cops were 96th Signal, 382nd Hqs, and the CP runners-up, G-2. The men who are at present steam-rolling all contenders are Joyce Sevier, Cecil Beale, Jack Kelly, Herbert Jaffe, Walter Hickey, and Mike Kuchera. Team captain is Wilbur Cantebat.

As a result of the all-out playing of the group, two men of the original line-up have been forced out of the game due to injuries. They are "Pop-eyes" Lepper and Robert Rose. Both men were hurt in the game against Signal.

Two of the leading leapers on the team are Cecil Beale and Mike Kuchera, who have consistently battered opposing teams with their well-placed spike shots.

Teams wishing to challenge the MP's can contact them through Division Special Service Office.

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NO MORE LIE FACTORY

Herr Goebbels is in a bad way. The place where he used to compose his lie-packed speeches is dust and ashes today. Reconnaissance photos show that due to Saturday's big air raid on Berlin, there isn't much left of his Propaganda Ministry. Eighteen concentrations of bombs fell into the immediate area of the ministry and thus wiped out the world's greatest lie factory. From it have emanated stories that the Nazis were supermen, that they were destined to rule the world. Now its crumbled remains are mute evidence that the superman idea came out of Goebbels head. And far from being destined to rule the world, the Germans were not able to decently govern themselves.

The blockbusters that demolished the Ministry probably didn't get Goebbels. He is far from the front lines, still broadcasting to exhausted German soldiers and starved civilians why they should go on fighting. Empty words to save his own neck while the handwriting is written plainly on the wall.

Goebbels knows that the misery and destruction now befalling Germany won't save him nor the country. But he goes on shouting about supermen and superhuman efforts to save the Reich. Supermen? If Goebbels had one ounce of the stuff that we call plain man, he'd tell his people that the game was up. He'd tell the weary troops, "There's no use beating your heads against a stone wall, boys. Go home and save what's left."

But it's safe to say that he will go on hollering and prodding the Germans on to complete destruction. This graphically and horribly shows what lies can do. Not only have they spread misery over all of Europe, but they've boloed back and deluded the German people into ruining their own country.

ONE CHOCOLATE MALT PLEASE!

(ANS)--Life on the steaming Pacific islands may soon be more bearable to American GI's, ---thanks to new portable refrigerators and ice cream freezers just announced by the War Department.

The new lightweight portable ice-cream making unit, which the War Department says is being shipped to all theaters in the Pacific, can produce 40 gallons of ice cream in eight hours. It uses an ice cream mix to which only water need be added.

Unit Reporters Column

THE ENGINEER SONNET By a "Buck" Private

Craving for the chance to show his stuff,
Onward always, ready for the rugged
and rough,
Making the most on the little he has,
Bitching and griping at every piece
of brass,
Always a fighter, he'll kill or be killed,
Taking his chances so that bridge will
be built.

Endless his hours, though his strength
may wane,
Never stopping his job until at rest
he's lain;
Glory and honor is his, though not in
medals shown,
Inside his heart, he creates his own.
No human on earth could trade places
with him,
Endearing in his faith that this war
we'll win.
Ever struggling forward to reach his goal,
Revered in God, may God bless his soul.

HAROLD GREEN,
Pvt Co "C", 321st
Engineer Bn.

"PRINCE OF PEACE CHAPEL"

The First Battalion has a right to be proud of its house of worship. Through the zealous efforts of our Chaplain Regan, Henry Peltier, men from the various companies and the natives a small, but beautiful Chapel was erected. The building itself is in the form of a large squad tent, encircled by a low wall of woven coconut leaves. These leaves were also employed to enclose a spacious sanctuary and adjoining sacristy. The altar is composed of lumber resing on coconut sticks. In the background a beautiful effect was achieved by the use of a red silk signal panel. Directly behind the small tabernacle is a

piece of parachute silk. The pews are but rough cut coconut logs, but to see the GI's pour in each day there are services, they might well be comparably comfortable pews of the magnificent edifices in the States. A portable organ serves the purpose of rendering a more spiritual touch to our worship. This "Cathedral of the Woods" has been very appropriately christened the "Prince of Peace Chapel."

NOT WHAT, BUT WHERE

American newspapers have printed many columns recently about the romances that have sprung up between American aviators and attractive native lasses in Australia. An irate young Minnesota maiden wrote to her steady in Melbourne to demand, "What have those Australian girls got that we haven't got?"

"Not a single thing," replied the boy friend, "but they've got it here."

383rd Inf Headliner

On Sunday evening, February 4th, 1945, a memorial service was held, honoring Pvt. James S. McFall of Dallas Texas.

Pvt. McFall a member of Hqs Btry, Divarty, died of wounds received on the second day of the Leyte Campaign. The ceremony was brief but impressive. For the opening number of the Service, Chap. Howard Patrick led the gathering in the singing of "America". The gathering then recited the 23rd Psalm and repeated the Lord's Prayer.

The 96th Division Choir led by Pfc. John Stewart sang the hymn, "My Jesus I Love Thee." In concluding the service, the Chaplain spoke of the sacrifice made by Pvt. McFall and others who had died on fields of battle to preserve our way of life and the duty and responsibility of the living to their dead comrades.

B-29's HIT JAP HOMELAND

***Feb 6--Superfortresses from Marianas bases destroyed or damaged 42 enemy planes in a light attack on the Kobe area of the Japanese homeland. The 20th Air Force reported good bombing results. No Superforts were lost to enemy action. Army Liberators paid another visit to Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands. They bombed Chichi Jima in the Bonins Friday. In an American attack against the Jap airbase at Okayama in the China Sea area, 20 enemy planes were destroyed.

The Chinese High Command disclosed that reinforced Japanese troops have advanced 32 miles from Suichiwan to positions 18 miles from Kanheien. The Chinese also announced the loss of Chiseng, 30 miles east of Kukong. Objective of the current Jap drive in South China is the American airbases in the corridor between China and

Indo-China.

First Allied supply convoy has moved over the newly opened Stillwell Road to Kunming. More than 100 vehicles made the 970 mile trip from Ledo, India. Artillery pieces as well as heavy trucks were included in the convoy.

FIRST RECORDED CONCERT

DEADEYE C.P.
Wednesday, 9 Feb 45, at 1900

Shostokovich - First Symphony

Debussy - Afternoon of a Faun

Visitors welcome - Gather at the DEADEYE DISPATCH PLAZA.

