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FIRST SEIZES GERMAN SUPPLY ROAD

\*\*\*Jan 9--Lieutenant General Hodges' First Army dealt the Germans in the Belgian bulge a body blow today by seizing control in three places of one of their only two east-west supply lines into Belgium. This left only one east-west highway open to supply the three German divisions fighting the British in the western sector. This last highway is also menaced by the American Third Army which is only two miles distant at several points. The British 2nd Army and the American First Army gained up to three miles in their drive on the northern flank of the Belgian bulge. General Patton's rugged Third Army gained one mile on a three mile front west of Bastogne.

The German offensive on the Seventh Army front is meeting some success. Their bridgehead across the Thine River eight miles north of Strasbourg is now six miles wide and three miles deep. Nazis inside the bridgehead hold the cities of Gamblheim and Offendorf, and are attacking Rohrwiller. Nineteen miles below Strasbourg the Germans brought 15 tanks across the Rhine and recaptured Neunkifch. Snow and clouds prevent the Allies from giving their ground troops any close support.

THEY ALL SERVE.

(ANS)--More than 700,000 Negroes were serving in the U.S. Army as of Sept. 30, the War Department has just announced. Their assignment to service includes 49,483 in the Infantry; 36,303 in the coast and field artillery; 867 cavalry; 133,180 Engineers; 73,786 Air Corps; and 408,160 in miscellaneous services.

More than half of the Negro soldiers are serving overseas.

The War Department also reveals there are 5,804 commissioned Negroes, including the following non-combat commissions: 101 dental corps; 247 nurses; 463 other medical corps; and 236 chaplains.

PET PEEVES.

To be called a Private when I'm a PFC.

RAF POUNDS MUNICH

\*\*\*Jan 9--Sunday night two separate forces of RAF heavy bombers bombed Munich twice within two hours. United States heavies flew through blizzards and 50 degree below zero temperatures to strike a wide area in western Germany. 1400 American heavy bombers escorted by 700 fighters poured 3,000 tons of explosives on five freight yards and two Rhine bridgeheads between Hamm and Karlsruhe. Because of fierce snowstorms, all bombing was done by instrument. Nine Allied bombers and one fighter are missing.

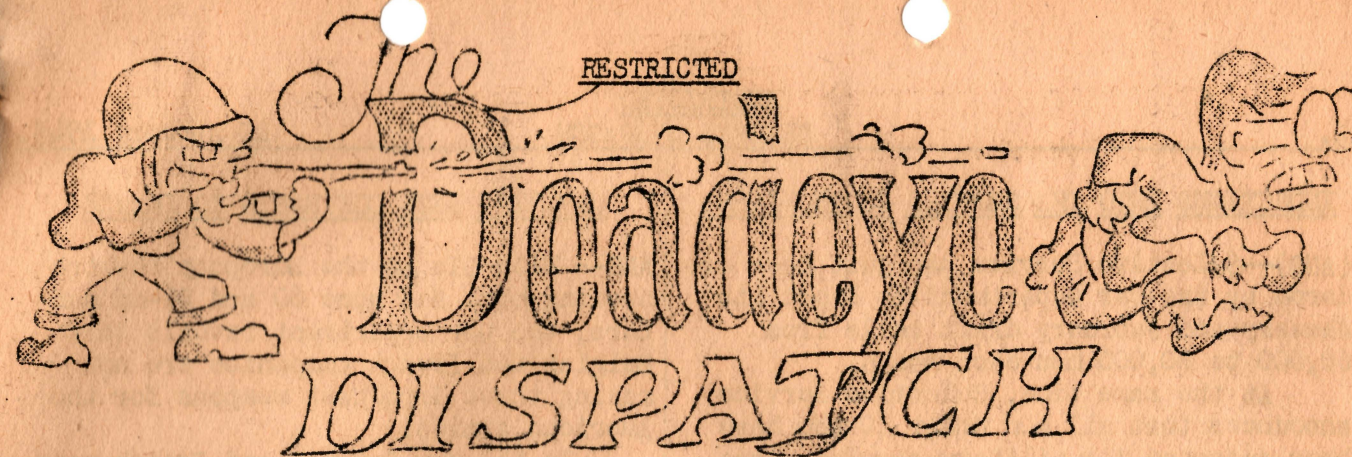
Major General Vandenberg commanding the 9th Airforce said his fighters and bombers knocked out 7,000 German trucks and 1,000 tanks in twelve days of battle. They shot down 500 German planes and destroyed 300 on the ground. He said that one of the objectives of the German drive was to capture Allied supplies of gasoline in forward areas. The official Allied announcement last week said that we lost half a million gallons of gasoline oil and lubricants, but that this constituted only 1% of our forward stocks.

THEY WERE SOLDIERS

\*\*\*Jan 9--Allied Armies on the western front have captured at least 691,989 prisoners since D-Day--the equivalent of 69 German divisions. About two-thirds of this total have been caged by the four American Armies. Latest announced totals show:

U.S. First Army.....	200,138
U.S. Third Army.....	117,400
U.S. Seventh Army.....	50,916
U.S. Ninth Army.....	55,670
French First Army.....	57,939
British Second Army.....	94,794
Canadian First Army.....	95,132
French Forces of Int.....	20,000

SOME MEN RUN A SHOESTRING INTO A FORTUNE WHILE SOME GIRLS DO THE SAME WITH A "G" STRING.



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HALSEY'S FLEET WORRIES JAPS!

JAP INNER ISLAND RING PASTED

\*\*\*Jan 9--While Admiral Halsey's Third fleet was causing the Japs at Luzon violent jitters, another Pacific Fleet hit the Japanese base of Suibachi on Paramushiro Island in the Kuriles. Still another shelled Haha Jima and Chichi Jima in the Bonins.

American B-24's pounded the bomb-happy Japs on Iwo Jima for the 30th consecutive day. Iwo has stuck its neck out by contesting the American Saipan-Tokyo run. For instigating harrassing raids against our B-29 Mariannas bases, the tiny island has drawn the largest bombing fleets in the Pacific Air War.

JAPS RALLY BEFORE MANDALAY

\*\*\*Jan 9--A severe battle raged yesterday seventy miles northwest of Mandalay. The British had been making excellent progress until they ran into strongly defended Jap positions near Ye-U. Previous reports placed one British spearhead only 55 miles from famed Mandalay. In Northern Burma, Chinese troops seized Manwing, 160 miles northeast of Mandalay.

Allied fliers ranged unchecked in Burma, hitting airdromes and rail and river supply lines. In China, American and Chinese fliers destroyed eighty Japanese planes. At Hankow airdrome alone they bagged 49 aircraft.

HALSEY MAKES BIG NOISE-- JAPS FISH FOR DOPE.

\*\*\*Jan 9--One day after its devastating two day sweeps of the Formosa-China Coast area, a hard hitting carrier task force of Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet struck suddenly at Luzon Island. Reports from Pearl Harbor, yet incomplete, told of 27 Jap planes destroyed and fourteen others damaged.

But Radio Tokyo had another story to tell and it did not entirely favor the Japs. One Tokyo broadcast said the whole of Lingayen Gulf is detonating with a terrific air and naval bombardment. The Americans are concentrating their bombardment on San Ferdinando, on the north-eastern coast of Lingayen Gulf, say the Japs. They go on to state that they are giving us the hottest reception ever recorded in the annals of the war.

Then the Japs give the reason for the "hot reception". In their words: "It is evidently clear that the enemy is attempting to make landings on Luzon Island, since the ultimate objective of enemy Philippines operations is to gain control over the Island. Meanwhile, our forces on Luzon are fully prepared to inflict crushing blows on the enemy, which is attempting to set foot on the island".

Nimitz and MacArthur are mum. The little fishermen on Luzon, snagging not one bite as to the purpose of Halsey's fleet, are left to do their own guessing.



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## DEMOCRACY IS NOT DEAD!

Democracy has once again proven itself. For years we have been accustomed to reading of the turbulent revolutions in the little "republics" of Latin America. No sooner was one dictatorship overthrown than another took its place. Freedom, as we know it, was a mockery in many of these tiny countries. And the word republic itself was a term without meaning. But slowly our policy of the "Good Neighbor" has been paying dividends. Soon after Pearl Harbor, all the Central and South American countries, with the exception of one, broke off relations with the Axis.

Some have declared war, one -- Brazil, has sent combat troops to the Italian front, but it was for one tiny nation's action this week to prove the soundness of our policy towards our Latin American neighbors. A spokesman for the Guatemalan government told Washington that his country was prepared to give the Allies a light division composed of Infantry, Cavalry, and Artillery. The Guatemalan representative said, "Due to the character of our government, in the past, we could make no such offer; and we didn't want to boast such an offer until we were sure we could do so. We can now make the offer."

He continued; "As a result of the first free election in our country during the past 50 years, we are now in a position to cooperate with the Allied Nations. Many of our boys are anxious to get into the United States Army. We look to the United States as an example of democracy that we wish to follow."

A gesture such as this from the Americas is truly heartwarming to the people of the United States. It stands as a testimonial to our way of life. It reminds us that our form of government is admired by others. This action reminds us of our responsibility to play our part in the affairs of the world, and to continue to set the example in democracy for others to follow.

## 1945 IS THE YEAR, SAYS FDR

"1945 can be the greatest year of achievement in the United Nations' history", declared Roosevelt in his message to Congress on the State of the Nation. The President referred to the war in the Pacific as the fastest moving offensive in the history of modern warfare. He had this to say on the last year's activities: "We have driven the Japs more than 5000 miles across the Central Pacific. A year ago, General MacArthur was still fighting in New Guinea, more than 1550 miles from his present position in the Philippines".

"The Jap forces in the Philippines have been cut in two. There is still hard fighting ahead -- costly fighting, but the liberation of the Philippines will mean Japan has been largely cut off from her conquests in the East Indies.

Also mentioned in his address was a conference with the Secretary of State on further communications between Prime Minister Churchill, Marshal Stalin and himself. It is believed the Big Three will get-together after the Presidential inauguration.

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### INDUCTIONS INTO THE SERVICE TO INCREASE.

(ANS)--Selective Service has just been ordered by the War Department to boost its January and February draft calls from 60,000 to 80,000 men each month.

At the same time, Selective Service announces that all men under 30 who have been rejected for military service since Feb. 1, 1944--except those with obvious physical defects--will be re-examined as soon as possible.

The War Department explains that this new increase in draft quotas is necessary because the Army's policy of combing surplus GIs out of organizations no longer needed has now produced all the men that can be released at this time. Under this policy, the Army Air Forces has already transferred 55,000 men to the Ground Forces, and the Army Service Forces has turned over 25,000.

Whether or not the 80,000 per month draft rate will continue after February will be determined later, the Army reveals.

### HOME FRONT PRODUCTION.

(ANS)--On the European front alone, American GIs are using up six million artillery shells and two million mortar shells a month, says Lt Gen Brehon Somervell, commanding general of the Army Service Forces.

"Right now," says Gen Somervell, "we are using up hundreds of heavy trucks a month in Europe alone. We are wearing out beyond repair, 5,000 truck tires a day. We are losing small arms at the rate of half million a year."

### "THIS IS THE ARMY"

(ANS)--The seven-millionth dollar bill raised through showings of the film, "This Is The Army," was recently presented to Gen. G. C. Marshall, Chief of Staff. All profits from the film are being given to the Army. The \$7,000,000, which has thus far been turned over to Army Emergency Relief, represents nearly 65,000,000 paid admissions to the movie.

### WAR DEPT LETS CONTRACTS TO FRANCE

ANS-- With GIs in the European theatre needing more and more 60 and 81-mm mortars, the War Department reveals that Belgian and French companies are now making these important weapons for the American armies.

In the new Belgian and French-made models, certain modifications have already been made in the base plate and other parts to prolong the life and improve the accuracy of the 81-mm mortar.

Ordnance officials say the production of this needed equipment in Belgian and French factories will save tons of shipping from the States, and the space and time thus saved will be used for shipping other war materiel and supplies.

Contracts totalling more than \$650,000 have already been let. In addition, French and Belgian plants are already turning out tires and batteries as well as parts for jeeps and machine guns.

### TO TOP THEM ALL.

(ANS)--New fighter planes employing jet propulsion and traveling with the speed of sound--more than 700 miles an hour--are being developed for the Navy, says Rear Admiral DeWitt C. Ramsey, Chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics. The highest operational speed of Navy fighters now in use is about 400 miles per hour. Speaking before the House Naval Affairs Committee, Adm. Ramsey revealed that during the last four years the top speeds of the Navy's fighter aircraft in operation with the fleet have increased more than 100 miles an hour. At the same time, the range of the planes has been doubled and their armament tripled in effectiveness.

According to the admiral, the Navy's Corsair and Hellcat fighter planes have become the mainstays of Navy and Marine Corps squadrons. The Helldiver has replaced the veteran Dauntless on Navy carriers because it delivers twice the bomb load, has a much greater range, and travels at higher speeds.



GLOBLURBS: (Cont'd from page six.)

course under this schedule. And why should they hurry, when they can live in style and attend college at the same time.

FOR ENVELOPE SNIPPERS.

Having trouble opening envelopes? Here's a new system. No Rip, No Snip! Just lick the flap on the back and wait. The envelope should open. If it doesn't, tear it up and cut the end off another one.

HOW ABOUT US?

ANS--A group of thirteen U. S. Army hostesses has arrived in Paris and Brussels, the War Department announces. They are the first ever sent to an active war area.

The Americans, along with an equal number of British Army hostesses, will operate recreation clubs for enlisted troops at the famous Grand Hotel in Paris and the Metropole Hotel in Brussels.

"DON'T FENCE ME IN" LEADS HIT PARADE

(ANS)-- Cole Porter's catchy western tune "Don't Fence Me In" moved from fourth place across the range to the peak of the popular list of song hits on the basis of sheet music, record sales, juke boxes and the choice of dance bands at Christmastime. Kate Smith, radio songstress, introduced the number which is one of the Porter scores in the moving picture "Hollywood Canteen".

The snappy "I'm Making Believe" shot up to second place with the novelty number "The Trolley Song" switching back to third. The sentimental "You Always Hurt The One You Love" was next, followed by "Dance With A Dolly." A newcomer, "Into Each Life Some Rain Must Fall" moved in strong. The revived "Together" dropped a notch to seventh place. Then came "I'll Walk Alone", "I Dream of You" and the old-timer, "Always".

MOVIE SCHEDULE--

(Subject to change without notice!)

UNIT	Jan 10	Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 13	Jan 14	CODE TO MOVIE NUMBERS.
Ser Co-381st Inf		8		9		1. Follow the Band.
2nd Bn-381st Inf					7&12	2. Step Lively.
3rd Bn-381st Inf				7&12		3. I dood it.
1st Bn-382nd Inf		3		1		4. It Happened Tomorrow.
Ser Co-382nd Inf					1	5. Ladies In Washington.
Hq 382nd Inf.	1		2			6. Mr. Lucky.
Sp Tr-383rd Inf		6		4		7. They got me covered.
1st Bn-383rd Inf		4		5		8. San Francisco.
3rd Bn-383rd Inf	6		4			9. Phantom Lady.
Hq 383rd Inf.	4		5			10. Buffalo Bill.
363rd FA Bn	5		6			11. Stage Door Canteen.
921st FA Bn		5		6		12. Get Going.
Co "A"-321st Eng		7		8		
H&S-321st Engr	3		1			
CS#1-321st Med	7		8			
CS#2-321st Med	2		3			
796th Ord		1		2		
96th Div Hq		2			3	

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CHIEF OF STAFF RECEIVES PROMOTION.

A New Years present which arrived late but brought glad tidings, was received yesterday by Lt. Colonel Charles H. White, Jr. 96th Division Chief of Staff. The delayed present was a War Department Special Order, dated December 31, which promoted him to the rank of full Colonel.

It was in 1934 that Colonel White graduated from West Point and received his first assignment as a second lieutenant of field artillery at Fort Hoyle, Maryland. Since that time, he has risen meteorically, serving with the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill Oklahoma and our present fighting partners, the 7th Div.

In the fall of 1942, Colonel White (then a Major) entered the division upon its activation. He was first assigned as S-3 of Division Artillery and later became the Division AC of S, G-3.

Colonel White flew to the European Theatre in December of 1943 to serve as an Army Ground Forces observer with the Fifth Army in Italy. Shortly after returning from his European tour of duty, he replaced Colonel H. H. Monroe as Chief of Staff, when the latter left to serve with an airborne division.

Son of Major General Charles H. White, Colonel White was exposed to Army life at birth. He was born at Plattsburg Barracks, New York. His state-side home is now located at Carmel, California.

GLENN MILLER MISSING IN ACTION

Maj. Glenn Miller is missing in action was announced yesterday by Allied Headquarters. The plane in which he was flying to Paris, is missing for over a week. Miller was serving as leader of the Army Air Forces Band.

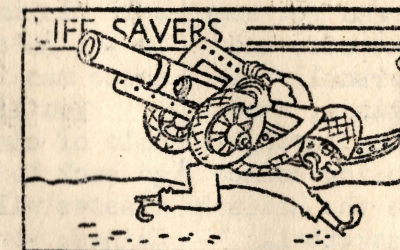
MONTGOMERY KEEPS RUNSTEDT'S PICTURE

Field Marshal Sir Bernard L. Montgomery today declared that Allied teamwork and especially the inherent courage and good fighting quality of American troops had halted the German drive into Belgium. At his first press conference in months, the colorful Scotchman, who commands two British and two American Armies, said repeatedly that "it is the fighting ability of the Americans and their tenacity in battle that makes them good soldiers." He said they really saved the situation by their stands at Saint Vith, Bastogne, and south of Monschau. He singled out two Yank armored divisions, the 82nd and the 101st, for their magnificent fighting.

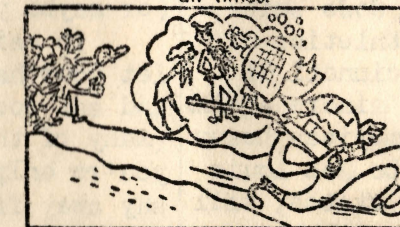
Speaking of General Eisenhower, Montgomery declared, "It grieves me when I see uncomplimentary articles about him in the British press. He bears a great burden and needs our fullest support. Let us all rally around the captain of the team."

The German battle, he continued, is far from over, but he pointed out that the Germans have been halted and sealed off. "We are now in the process of writing them off," he stated.

"What Von Rundstedt was trying to achieve," Montgomery went on to say, "I don't know. The only guide we have is his order of the day which told his soldiers they must go all out on this last big effort. On the map you can see that he will not win the war. He must have scraped together every reserve he could lay his hands on for his job." Of Von Rundstedt's abilities, Monty said, "I used to think Rommel was goo, but Rundstedt could knock him for six. I keep his picture alongside that of Rommel! He is the best general I've come up against."



Your weapon is your best friend. Never neglect it and keep it with you at all times.



Avoid unnecessary risks and dangers. Cooperate with the other men by using common sense and teamwork.



# Unit Reporters Column

## NEWS FROM THE 361st FA BN.

(PRO)--As a child Pvt. Samuel L. Scheiner, played in joint piano recitals with Lew Ayres of movie fame. On Christmas Day halfway around the world, the two met and paired up once again to give a concert for patients of the 36th Evacuation Hospital in Palo.

Noted for his Dr. Kildare characterizations, hospitals are familiar scenes for Lew Ayres. Now a tech sergeant and chaplains' assistant, he has a roving assignment to relieve spiritual as well as physical cares of the patients.

Pvt Scheiner, Minneapolis, Minnesota, has also had a colorful career. Before the war he doubled in brass as an attorney and professional musician. Continuing his two job career in the Army he serves both as a mail and supply clerk in his battery.

### "LEYTE EPISODE"

(By Vern Simmons, Co "F", 381st)

On this far Island in the dark of the night the Japs were fleeing with all their might.

When all of a sudden came the most horrible noise, twas a "Son of Nippon", caught by the boys.

With a shriek and a bound and a weak "Banzai"! This sad little Nip was prepared to die.

He stopped to listen thru an inward urge, but all that he heard was his funeral airge.

With a rat-a-tat-tat and a burst of lead, this sorry little rat was one of the dead.

Now this is a lesson for all those Japs, You'll be six feet under when we blow "Taps".

Thus ends my story so take it to heart, your chances were nil right from the start.

Another reason for the man-power shortage is that too many couples think a pair beats a full house.

## WE'RE IN LOVE

A versatile young man who believes music hath charms to soothe the savage breast has hipped up a parody of a popular song which he has directed at the Sons of the Rising Sun. (I know, I know, there are better ways of describing them, but remember the censor.)

Don't throw grenades at me  
Don't shell my hole too much,  
Don't yell for my soul too much,  
People will say we're in love.

Don't pull a Banzai charge,  
Strafe at me from above,  
Don't make bayonets so large  
People will say we're in love.

Don't infiltrate at night,  
I know what you're thinking of,  
Don't plant all that dynamite,  
People will say we're in love.

The author of the foregoing lyric is Pvt. Gerry Browne, Brooklyn, NY. Many of you have heard of this young man and no doubt have enjoyed the various forms of entertainment he has whipped up for us. A member of the original "Campus Kids", he's danced and sung for Cafe Society in such celebrated spots as NY's El Morroco, Boston's Coconut Grove, Miami's Latin Quarter, and a score of others. Being a smooth dancer, Gerry has been an instructor for Arthur Murray. The thing that amazes us most, however, is his success in the affairs of the heart. Gerry, a buck private, is engaged to the daughter of a Lt. Col. There's no doubt that we will hear more from this lad in the future.

FOR SALE:--Cow that gives a pail of milk and retreaded tire.

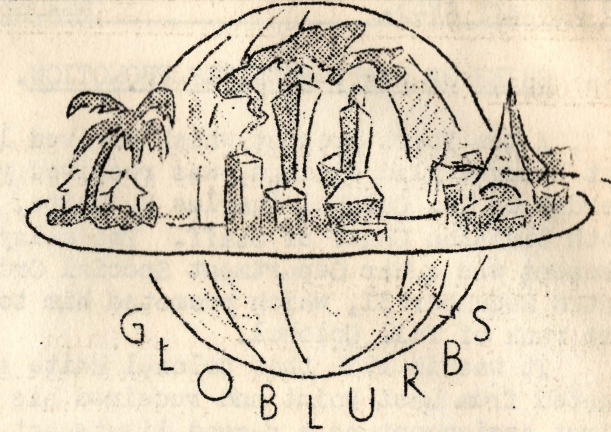
HE: "I can't see what keeps you girls from freezing."

SHE: "Your not supposed to."

# SPORTS

## TOUCHING ALL BASES

Chicago's Loyola University, once a power in college basketball, has returned to court action after a two-year layoff...Marius Russo is now athletic director for Signal Corps troops in Honolulu. The former Yankee southpaw has been in service for over two years.....Ivy Summers, the lanky center who was one of the mainstays on St. John's (Brooklyn) metropolitan championship basketball club last year, had trouble keeping on his un-breakable glasses even with a special elastic contraption. This year Ivy has no glasses to worry about. He went out and got some contact lenses that can't come off, and which are unbreakable.....Marshall College of Huntington, West Virginia, whose cage team made a ten-game sweep through the metropolitan sector, is being boomed for one of the invitations to the Madison Square Garden Invitational basketball tournament. Experts say that the present Marshall squad is the fastest seen on New York courts in years.....Old JoJo White, formerly of the Tigers and Athletics of the American League, and Cincinnati of the National, is back in the minors again. ....Arturo Godoy, South American heavy weight champ who lost twice to Joe Louis on his last venture into the states, will come back in late January for another fling at American boxing circles..... Otto Graham, one of the best all around athletes of recent years and former Northwestern U. star, has stowed the football togs away and is now leading the North-Carolina Pre-flight team in basketball... Australia, making plans to develop young tennis players to defend the Davis Cup they now hold, has asked the United States Lawn Tennis Association for a complete set of plans on the American Junior Davis Cup program for bringing the youngsters along..... Vanderbilt University, out of college football for two years, will be back in action next season. The Vandy faculty is making a schedule with most of the old southern opponents.



## IT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU.

Givilians (ex GI's) can attend college in the mornings and work in the afternoons--after the war. Just picture yourself playing the dual role of Joe College in the AM's and that of hard headed business man in the afternoon hours.

You'll be able to take a solid schedule of classes in the morning if you can go back to arising at 6AM. Although your classes will be abundant with lovely young things, you'll probably keep your mind on the lectures. After so long in the tropics, education will be your first desire (or maybe your second).

To maintain friendly relations, you'll let your hair down (if you have any left) and act sociable to the younger set. (many of them will be girls). Remember, you're only as old as you feel, so don't shy away from coeds in their teens -- except under eighteen. Young girls are easily offended, so you may have to date them for the sake of good will. (Good old will.)

But today's notes concern education, not playtime. At noon you'll rush to your job uptown which pays you even more than the government does while you attend school. (The government pays \$50 a month)

This can happen to you. Brig Gen Hines, Veteran's Administrator, has announced that under the provisions of the GI Bill of Rights ex-servicemen may attend school half days and still receive half the regular \$50 allowance. They may also take twice as long to complete their

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