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Spiritual Conditioning

The Armed Service, through obstacle courses, dozens of sports—not to forget the constant “hup-two-three-four”—provides a program of physical conditioning that makes of the young, athletic American a sturdy, tough, and rugged fighting man.

The service at the same time recognizes the necessity of a spiritual conditioning. Man is essentially man because he is body and soul. A creature without soul is animal; a creature without body is spirit. Man is body and soul. Physical conditioning alone would overlook an essential factor in man's make-up. Spiritual conditioning must accompany other training. Hence the provision for the service of Chaplains, for opportunity to attend Divine Service, the encouragement to prayer and Bible reading.

Do men in the service go to church? The answer is “yes”; and I'm not thinking of required attendance. You will have a lot of good company wherever you go to church in the service.

Do men in the service pray? Ask Eddie Rickenbacker, men on rafts, men in the fox-holes—ask men in the service on land, on sea, in the air.

Do men in the service read their Testaments? They do. I know personally men who group together in threes, fours, or fives a few minutes before taps to read together from the Bible.

Attendance at Divine Service; personal, vital prayer; diligent, thoughtful Bible reading—these are factors in spiritual conditioning. We need them not only for the rugged test of character, not only for courage and fortitude in grave danger, not only for unflinching loyalty to duty, but also for daily growth in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and for fitting ourselves for the life which is beyond time and space.

book reviews . . .

VICTORY THROUGH AIR POWER, by Alexander de Seversky.

Seversky, the leading exponent of the exploitation of third dimensional warfare, reaches the conclusion in this controversial book that victory will rest on the side which first utilizes to the fullest advantage the fact that warfare has passed from the two dimensions, sea and land, into a third dimension—air.

In reaching this conclusion, he cites the historical development of air power from the invasion of Poland to the Battle of France, pointing out with persuasive eloquence the inadequacy of land and sea forces to cope with air power.

Seversky vehemently decries the reluctance of those in authority to refuse to recognize the fact that large armies are not necessary, that carriers are “dead pigeons” when faced with land based planes, and that far too much conservatism is habitual with aircraft designers. The book is thought provoking, and should be read by those who would understand the new theories of warfare which the development of the airplane has promulgated.

—By Ens. B. T. Welsh, USNR

On the Lighter Side . . .

Don't Let It Happen To You

It was dark and misty on the deck. A seaman slapped a blue-clad figure on the back, saying, “Got a match, Mac?”

The match was forthcoming, and with its light, the seaman was horrified to see the four bright stripes of a captain.

“I beg your pardon, Sir,” he said, “I thought you were a . . .”

“That's all right, son,” smiled the captain. “Just thank your lucky stars I wasn't an Ensign.”

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If Hitler wins, the issue with you will be living itself and not just the cost of living. Think it over. Buy Bonds.

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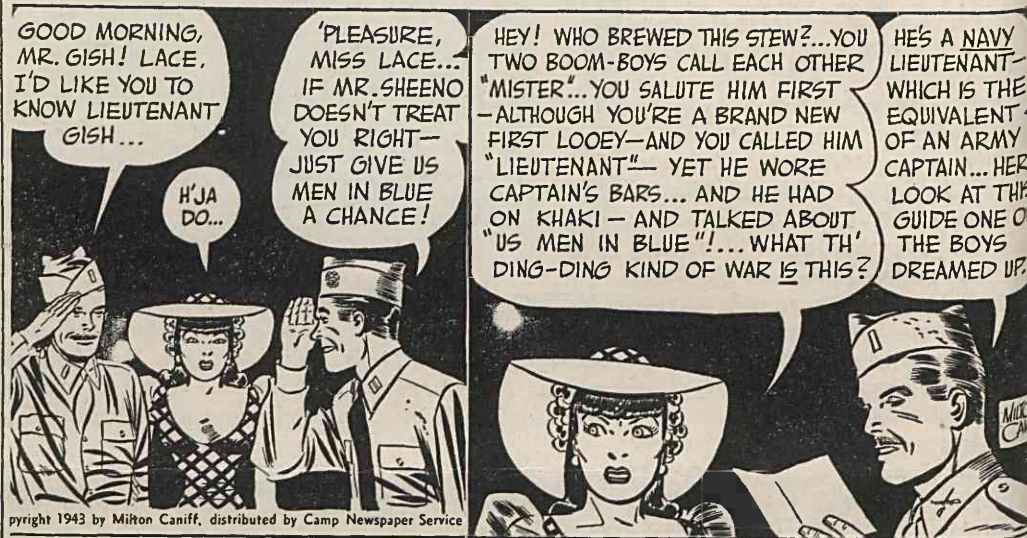
Deep Concern, Amen

The negro of the Infantry Regiment was in full flight with a hail of lead following him. Seeing his fear by the stream running down his brow, his partner runner tried to calm him, saying, “Don't worry about all them bullets—there is only one that has your name on it.”

His puffing retort was, “Ah ain't worried about the one with my name on it. It's them with ‘To Whom It May Concern’ on 'em that I'se worried over.”

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of “Terry and the Pirates”



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HIGHBALL RECIPE For SUMMER

EQUIVALENT RANKS

ARMY AND MARINES	NAVY AND COAST GUARD
GENERAL ☆☆☆☆	ADMIRAL
LT. GEN. ☆☆☆	VICE ADM.
MAJ. GEN. ☆☆☆	REAR ADM.
BRIG. GEN. ☆☆☆	COMMODORE
COLONEL ☆☆☆	CAPTAIN
LT. COL. ☆ (SILVER)	COMMANDER
MAJOR ☆ (GOLD)	LT. COMM.
CAPTAIN □	LIEUTENANT
1st LIEUT. □ (SILVER)	LIEUT. (JUNIOR GRADE)
2nd LIEUT. □ (GOLD)	ENSIGN

IN SUMMER, NAVY, MARINE AND COAST GUARD OFFICERS WEAR KHAKI—RANK IS INDICATED BY METAL INSIGNIA (JUST AS IN THE ARMY) BUT ON BOTH TABS OF SHIRT COLLAR... (NAVY AND COAST GUARD BLOUSES HAVE SHOULDER "BOARDS" →)

NAVY LIEUTENANT IN SUMMER KHAKI

MARINE LIEUTENANT IN KHAKI

ONE EXCEPTION (NAVY AVIATORS WEAR WINGS ONLY ON CAP)

MINIATURE NAVY CAP DEVICE

RANK ON BOTH TABS IF HE IS A LINE OFFICER (CORPS DEVICE ON LEFT IF HE IS A DOCTOR, CHAPLAIN OR OTHER SPECIALIST)

RANK ON BOTH TABS

RANK ON LEFT SHOULDER (NO LOOPS ON SHIRT)

RANK ON RIGHT SHOULDER (LOOPS ON SHIRT)

MARINE CORPS DEVICE ON CAP

IN THE NAVY, OFFICERS BELOW COMMANDER ARE CALLED "MISTER"... IN THE ARMY, FIRST AND SECOND LIEUTENANTS MAY BE CALLED "MISTER" BY THEIR SUPERIOR OFFICERS