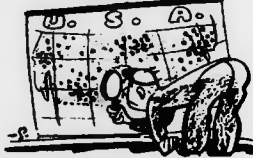


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The Chaplain Speaks

Ed.'s note: The newest column to be added to Air-C-Mech is this feature to be conducted weekly by the Post chaplains. This space will not be used for sermons, but just informal talks.

Chaplain Tainter has remarked that probably in no other phase of American fighting history has so much prominence been given to the religious leaders who rank from first lieutenant to Chief of Chaplains Brig. Gen. William R. Arnold. This is fairly strong evidence of the concern of the government that our soldiers return to their post war homes as moral and as good as citizens as they were before their life in the Army.

This column will be conducted next week by Chaplain Tainter.

There's a group of "old-timers" on the post who glory in expressing sentiments to the effect:

"When we were at (you name it) field, things were a lot better. How can you compare (you name it) field to this joint." Or words to that effect.

But these "old-timers" should remember that not everyone stationed at Seymour Johnson Field can boast of lengthy personal histories in the Army, of different places they've been stationed at.

For the majority of the men stationed here, Seymour Johnson Field is the first important base they've hit since leaving replacement centers.

For these men, Seymour Johnson Field is the Army. It is the place where they will learn the "ropes" about Army life, where they will receive their training to make them vengeful fighters for democracy.

Will it be with pride that they will answer? We hope so. And it's our job, the men who've seen the Army at other posts, to see that Seymour Johnson Field is the type of place which will be referred to by its graduates in a proud manner.

How is this to be done? Well there's no Army manuals or regulations giving us direction. What it amounts to is snapping out of ennui, the feeling that at 1700, the day's over—let's-go-back-to-the-barracks-and-go-to-sleep-feeling. It means getting into things with more vim, more vigor. It means participating in field activities not with the feeling they're compulsory but with the knowledge they're for our benefit.

It means trying to build up a spirit of camp-consciousness, of doing everything possible to bring credit to Seymour Johnson Field in Goldsboro and elsewhere. Now this is to be done as plainly up to you, the individual soldier.

Since this column has a mother-in-law's tendency to point out all of your faults (which is probably a good thing most of the time), it's about time we change pace and toss an orchid out.

We've been noticing the swell way our soldiers give up your seats on buses to the "fairer sex." We've read a great deal about service men leaving their manners at home, but after using the crowded buses that run from Goldsboro to the Field for several months, we've seen very few soldiers hanging on to their seats when there were women standing.

We think it's great that even in war-time small things like manners still count to the American soldier.

The Inquiring Line—

Q. Is it still possible for enlisted men to rise to the rank of general?

A. Absolutely soldier. It has always been so, and don't forget that many of our generals have risen from the ranks.

Q. How many different sizes of shoes does the Army issue?

A. Two-hundred and thirty-eight, soldier - ranging from size 4½ to 16!

Q. Here's a new one on me! I saw a soldier wearing an insignia consisting of a gold eagle, a Tommy gun and an anchor on a royal blue background. What outfit is it?

A. It's the insignia of the Army's newest combat force - the Engineer Amphibian Command. The eagle, gun and anchor represent the Air Forces, Ground Forces and Navy Forces respectively.

Q. What is the derivation of the word "chow"?

A. Said to have been introduced in the U.S. with the first arrival of the Chinese in California in 1849. It is thought to be an Americanized corruption of the Chinese word "chai".

Buy War Bonds

G.I. TID-BITS
BY
PFC. A.V. LASKY

Watch for a new tune, "Gee, I Got a G.I. haircut," which will be featured in a new B'way show....Not to be outdone, the Marines have decided to organize a woman's unit, to be known as the WAMS...Alan Ladd in the Army this week...About one-third of the Officers of the Army are O.C.S. grade. Up to the end of 1942, 13,156 are now first lieuts., 397 are capt., seven are majors and one is a lieut. col....Cpl. Billy Conn, like Sgt. Joe Louis, is now boxing instructor stationed at Camp Lee, Va....Fifty-five year old Jack Hatt is joining the Army as a capt., with the Quartermaster Corps...A certain yardbird we know, who's always complaining about the food was writing home to mother. "The food on this post is absolutely poison," he bawled. Then he added, "and such small portions too"...A furniture Man's convention, recently met in Chicago and decided that men returning from the Army will have grown accustomed to sleeping alone, and will want twin beds, so manufacturers were urged to act accordingly...The A-20 known as the Havoc, and manufactured by Douglas costs \$110,000 to build, according to a W.D. announcement... Congress is considering a bill to provide free transportation for soldiers on furlough. Secretary of War under the bill would issue a transportation certificate not more than once every six months to every enlisted man not more than once every six months which would provide for free furlough transportation...Bulk of Army's enlisted reservists in near future is slated for active

duty...Past week saw the graduation of a Hollywood delegation at Miami Beach O.C.S. including Bruce Cabot, Gilbert Roland, Robert Preston and Bill Holden who were commissioned...War Dep't approved idea of Capt. Salter, formerly an orch leader, and now with Special Services, to have current musical hits distributed to enlisted men every month.....Kara Stone, formerly "Henry Aldrich," of the radio, is now a Master Sgt.... Twins serving in the Army will be assigned, wherever practicable, to the same unit, according to a recent War Dep't announcement, cause twins generally have been found to be more efficient when serving together...Tell that G.I. in your bar racks that the popular ditty he composed has a chance to be published, by the Arrowhead press, 178 5th Ave New York City. Publishers are on the lookout for a catchy army song, especially if it's G.I....V...V...V...

The MARCH
RHYME
By Pvt. Samuel A. Weinberg

You've seen new posters every day,
To warn of moving lips.
That when you're shooting off your
mouth,
You sink a thousand ships.

Perhaps that dreamy-eyed new gal,
Is whirling 'round your brain.
Perhaps the things you told her,
Has now derailed a train.

Perhaps that sniffer, was real
good,
It really hit the spot.
You can't remember what you said,
But boy, you said a lot.

No matter what you chance to say,
Or if you're far or near,
To all the statements that you
make,
The Axis lends a year.

Just curb the freedom of your
speech,
To all you love, be fair.
Be careful of the things you say,
The RATS are everywhere.

It's best to think before you speak,
while we are in this strife.
The little things, that you may say
may cost your best friend's life.

When you are ready for a trip,
Curb your anxiety,
Don't call up home, to tell the
folks,
Where next you're going to be.

The ones you love, will sure be
glad,
To know where you'll be sent.
And while you're telling them the
facts, the Axis ear is bent.

So wise up soldier; cut the talk,
Don't let a sound squeak through.
The lives of soldiers, on the move,
Depends on Private "You".

If you want victory real soon,
And that I needn't doubt.
Just use your head a little more,
And much more less your mouth.



RELIGIOUS SERVICES

PROTESTANT

Chapel 3, Eight at C and D Streets
Sunday

0900 - Holy Communion - Chap. Green
0900 - General Service- Chap. Green
1030 - General Service- Chap. Green
1400 - General Service- Chap. Quick
1930 - General Service- Chap. Quick

Wednesday

0800 - Holy Communion - Chap. Green
Thursday
1330 - Holy Communion - Chap. Green

Chapel 2, B and Fifth Streets
Sunday

0900 - General Service - Chap. Davis
1100 - General Service - Chap. Davis
1400 - General Service - Chap. Olson
1930 - General Service - Chap. Davis

Wednesday

1930 - Midweek Service - Chap. Davis

JEWISH

Chapel 2, B and Fifth Streets

Sunday
1000-Sabbath Services-Chap. Goldberg;
Friday
1930-Sabbath Services-Chap. Goldberg
Saturday
0930-Sabbath Services-Chap. Goldberg
1030-Sabbath Services-Chap. Goldberg
1530-Sabbath Services-Chap. Goldberg
Daily Mon. through Fri. 1000 - 1930.

CATHOLIC

Chapel 1, E at Fifth Streets
Sunday

0730 - Masses - Chaplain Tainter
0900 - Masses - Chaplain Tainter
1100 - Masses - Chaplain Tainter
1330 - Masses - Chaplain Tainter
Daily Services - 0730.

COLORED PROTESTANT

Chapel 4, Ninth and G Streets

0900 - General Service - Clergyman

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Red Cross Auditorium

Sunday
0800 - Catholic - Chaplain Tainter
0900 - Protestant - Chaplain Olson
0900 - Jewish (Annex)-Chap. Goldberg