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We hear a lot of talk about this "new" army that we're in. We also heard an officer, stationed here, a West Point graduate, say that this is not a "new" army - that there is no such thing as a "new" army. And he's right!

Gone are the days of daily bean rations for chow, the quaking and fearing private and the hard-boiled sergeant. Most of that stuff was "bushwah" with the intent of drawing laughs anyway. The private isn't the stupid fool nor the wise-guy as he is often caricatured by cartoonists. Neither is the sergeant a hard-nosed bulldog type of individual.

Over two-thirds of the Army consists of enlisted personnel who have gone beyond high school - fellows who in civilian life were responsible citizens and now in Army life are responsible and honorable soldiers. Just ordinary guys who have taken advantage of the opportunities they've had at their finger tip to get ahead. The sergeant to get the most out of his man, must be somewhat of a psychologist. He must learn to get the most through cooperation, for it is a certainty that he will not do so through force.

Americans have changed to a great degree since World War I, in 1917, only 20 per cent of the men had gone beyond a high school education. Today over 67 per cent have educations above high school.

While the Army is flexible enough to keep abreast of such changes, it has not changed fundamentally. It is still possible for a private to advance to the rank of general in this man's Army. If you have the goods and can produce - you will be recognized.

It's the same Army that some of us fought with in 1917 - that our fathers fought with during the Spanish American War and that our ancestors fought with in the War of 1812 and the Revolution. It is the Army which fought to establish freedom for its country and which is now fighting to maintain that freedom.

DOUBLE FEATURE
"George Washington Slept Here"
"Between Us Girls"



FLIGHT TO THE MOUNTAINS
By
Cpl. Alex Karanikas

From high above the Skagerrak
To Parnassus by the sea
We leave by night with shot and gun
A conquered land to free.
Here where the boars and panthers run

Through forests grim and black,
We join to fight till freedom's light
Brings life to you and me.

Mist we are with the druids gray,
Dim shadows by the stream,
Then echoes when the moonbeams fall
To guide us by their gleam.
Here by the orags and oak trees tall
Where the fierce the eagles play,
We forge the knife for future strife
To make the tyrants scream.

From Alpine cliff to Nordic fjord
To Grecian godly peak,
We pledge our lives in patriot wrath

That men again may speak.
Here now at foot of phantom's path
We watch with pain unheard
While smoke a spire from towns on fire
Lifts up to heavens bleak.

Though armies march and airplanes zoom

From desertlands to snow,
We have our own peculiar ways
To terrify the foe.

Swift as wind and soft as haze
We rush to strike and doom
His brutal plan to chain all man
That his black wealth may grow.

If she who loves me scans the mist
Or listens to the breeze,
She may see but the glint of eyes
Or hear the drop of leaves.
Yet we are there near mountain skies
With strength in heart and fist,
Guerrillas dark and free as lark
Among the hemlock trees.

From the country and from the city, men in the armed forces have been taught military courtesy. Yet, some of them seem to forget that courtesy is a little more than a snappy salute or a rigid stance of attention.

Courtesy should not be permitted to lag, as it sometimes does at various spots on this field. The movie lines for instance... Soldiers from buck privates to W/Sgts wait in line for 30 or 40 minutes to see a show. It's the only decent and fair way of gaining a seat. Still, the "wise guy" who buys his ticket when the line is already a block long tries to break through to be one of the first ten men in the theatre.

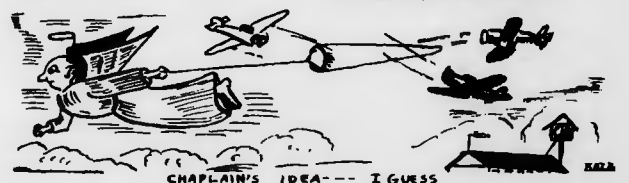
Naturally howls and shouts of disapproval ping out from the "line weary" soldiers. Some even begin to think it's not worth waiting in line since they wind-up near the end anyway. Lately this factor has been noticed and something should be done about it.

Mail addressed to prisoners of war held in Japan is getting through, according to an announcement made by the International Red Cross Representatives in Japan say that 150,000 letters have been delivered

How Do You Compare With Average GI?

In the camps and on the fighting front they're tall and short, fat and thin - but what does the average soldier look like?

Here's the dope straight from the GI clothing records: The average soldier (American) is five feet eight inches in height, builds up to 97 trim down to 144 pounds, wears 9 1/2 B shoes and a size seven hat. He has a waistline of 31 and a chest measurement of 33 1/2 inches.



CHAPLAIN'S IDEA --- I GUESS



Chaplain Howard Davis

With all the crowded activities that goes with army life it is too easy for us to neglect our intellectual and spiritual lives until we die inside. We grow physically flabby and get older without effort, but it requires effort on our part to make spiritual progress. It is like every other worthwhile thing in life: it costs something.

A few good healthy prejudices might, in a sense, be a mental asset. Especially would this be true if these prejudices were well rooted in the fertile soil of reason. This might prevent an untimely death due to sleeping sickness of the soul, or mental dry rot. Unfortunately most of us are accustomed to think of a prejudice as being down on anything one is not up on. There are still some healthy convictions and prejudices.

Another thing that will help us to keep "mentally awake and morally straight" is a good reading habit. It requires but little more time to read a good book than it does a poor one. Let's choose the good ones.

PROTESTANT
Chapel 2 Eighth at C and B Streets.

Sunday
0800 - Holy Communion - Chap. Green
0900 - General Services - Chap. Green
1030 - General Services - Chap. Green
1400 - General Services - Chap. Quirk
1930 - General Services - Chap. Quirk

Wednesday
0800 - Holy Communion - Chap. Green

Thursday
1930 - Holy Communion - Chap. Green

Chapel 2 B and Fifth Streets.

Sunday
0900 - General Service - Chap. Davis
1030 - General Service - Chap. Olson
1400 - General Service - Chap. Olson
1930 - General Service - Chap. Davis

Wednesday
1930 - Midweek Service - Chap. Davis

JEWISH
Chapel 4, Ninth and G. Streets.

Sunday
1030-Sabbath Services-Chap. Goldberg
Friday
1930-Sabbath Services-Chap. Goldberg
Saturday
0730-Sabbath Services-Chap. Goldberg
1030-Sabbath Services-Chap. Goldberg
1530-Sabbath Services-Chap. Goldberg
Daily Mon. through Fri. 1000 - 1930

CATHOLIC
Chapel 1, E and Fifth Streets.

Sunday
0730 - Masses - Father Gorham
0900 - Masses - Father Kennedy
1100 - Masses - Chaplain Tainter
1330 - Masses - Chaplain Tainter
Daily Services - 0730

COLORED PROTESTANT
Chapel 4, Ninth and G. Streets.

Sunday
0900 - General Services - Clergyman

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Red Cross Auditorium
Sunday
0730 - Protestant - Chaplain Olson
0900 - Jewish (Annex) Chap. Goldberg

LUTHERAN SERVICES
Chapel No. 1 - Catholic

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Chaplain Tainter

Chapel No. 3 - Protestant
Wed Rite Devotions-1930 Chap. Green