

# Sad Duck—

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boro. It was supposed to have been somebody's Sunday dinner but turned out to be the duck's mascot. The duck was brought to the squadron and Sgt. Mansi was given permission to keep him, providing the duck didn't "goose". After much voting and arguments, the duck was christened Budweiser D. Drake.

However, one warm night last week (there was more than one warm night) Pvt. Drake stood watching a softball game. He jumped, and wobbled about as his side came out on top. After the game he got so bronzed he decided that something should be done about it. (Obviously he never had to sit and listen to the articles of War) so he had walked, half flew to the top of the closest hill. After looking around once or twice he waddled down the bank and slid into the small stream at the bottom. It seemed like days that he traveled, but it was only a few hours. He didn't know where he was going or why, but his just wanted to get away from it all. He did.

Finally, he ended up at I-4 where he walked from one place to another. In the meanwhile, Sgt. Mansi was frantic over the disappearance of Pvt. Drake, he hoped he hadn't had too much to drink and "gone over the hill." Gosh, he thought, he'll never make corporal at that rate. Finally, Mansi decided he would call the M. P.'s, but upon second thought, since this was a little different he notified the M. D.'s (military dogs) instead.

The M.D.s proved just as efficient as the M.P.'s and in no time were looking for this "Drake" who dared to break the rules of our Army. I-4 became a scene of a well organized "snoot-hunt." Flying very close to the crowd, Pvt. Drake scanned the deep below. He didn't dare land since he was in no mood for an aerial "dog fight." The dogs sent up a series of (b) ark (b) ark that made low flying dangerous.

Sgt. Al Krux, who works in the I-4 program came to the rescue of the tiring duck. He intercepted the dogs, and captured Pvt. Drake. Budweiser was sort of reluctant to submit to capture at first, but after thinking over his experiences he decided that the safest place on earth was the army. So he took a direct order from Sgt. Krux and returned to the 82nd Squadron. By this time he was completely exhausted of himself, and could hardly stand the thought of facing Sgt. Mansi. But Mansi made it easy for him by reaching towards him and taking up in his arms up. Mansi took Drake's part all the way until he got the 19th clapped at him. Pat took it kind's hard though, "come back that Drake would have to take the full punishment."

"He's just a natural roamer, and further more you wouldn't expect much discipline from a duck, and a recruit at that," defended Sgt. Mansi at the hearing held for Pvt. Budweiser D. Drake. But Captain Lincoln read the charges and he wasn't going to have any member of his organization going AWOL. After the board met which consisted of first sergeant, Roger Barklow, Sgt. Major Chapman, and a few others who refused to give their names, Pvt. Drake was given seven days restriction at "Spartan Barracks."

Drake bent his head down in shame as Capt. Lincoln read the sentence. But he knew he was at least, he knew he was moving from one to side, and though he tried hard, he just couldn't control it. He was just his nature. Now Drake has been banished to a special quarters barracks. He is a life of dullness. He is allowed daily visitors but everyone agrees that the life is sapping his natural cheerfulness and vitality. The main thought of consolation is that his term is just about up. He'll know better next time, and the squadron mess assumed that he'll never "Duck-Off" again.

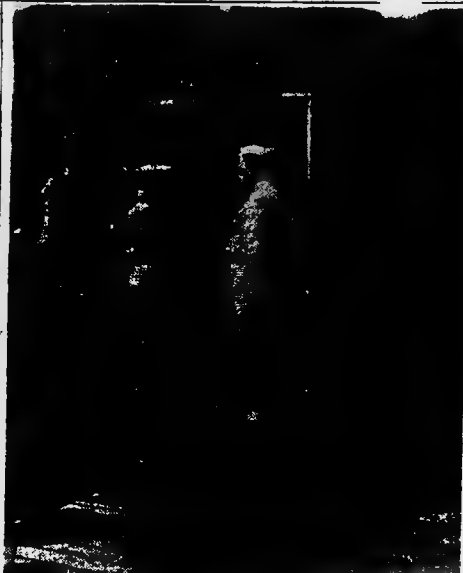
# Non-Coms

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so that funds can be obtained for fixtures and other equipment and speed the construction of the mess. Non-coms of the Medical Detachment can apply for membership and pay the initiation fee in their ordinary mess.

The male married, belonging to the family of twisted wheel, is characterized by the presence of a long neck.

The United States Navy League was organized in 1880 to awaken public interest in naval preparedness.



The 82nd School Squadron dedicates the opening of their new Day Room. Pfc. Peter Gilbert presented Lt. Col. Hurt with a pair of scissors which were used by the latter to snip the ribbon that made the opening official.



Soldier boys appreciate the fine insides of the Day Room and we quickly to take advantage of it as soon as it opened. As shown in the picture.

# Gripping About Your Pay?:

# OWI Says Private Earns Around \$1700

Did you know that you're making the equivalent of better than a \$700 per year if you're a private serving on Seymour Johnson Field? Yes, and if you're a PFC — an aircraft mechanics student — you're making more than that.

At least that's what the Office of War Information figured out this week. The estimate was made by Representative Patman of Texas, assisted by the War and Navy Departments and the Veterans Administration.

Here is an analysis of the estimate: Soldier's cash income at \$50 per month, \$600; food, figured at \$1.75 a day, \$514.50; barrack shelter \$10 monthly, \$120; and equipment and replacement, \$170; medical, dental and hospital care, \$100; saved on life insurance, \$68.40; saved on cigarettes, \$10.50; saved on laundry \$28.50; saved on postage and barber charges, \$28.50.

Tax Misses Cigar Soldiers on duty outside United States can buy cigarettes exempt from the federal tax of 7 cents per package.

Summing up various rights and privileges of service men, the OWI pointed out that acts of Congress pertaining to the welfare of service men, and their families, state laws and the American Red Cross provide:

"That a service man's civil liabilities, such as income tax, suits for debts and insurance premium payments are suspended until six months after the war. Free legal advice is available to him.

"His right to express preference at the ballot box on those who are to govern the country, his state, and to make his laws is preserved inviolate.

"He is eligible for unemployment compensation in 44 states and the Territory of Hawaii in the event he is unable to find employment on being discharged from the service.

"The former employer is retrained by law to retrain him to his job and seniority rights upon discharge from the service. He will receive civil service preference in seeking employment with the national government.

"His concern over the health and other assistance and services which may be required by a wife, his children, his parents or his sisters, brothers and grandchildren is alleviated through systems of insurance, allotments and allowances, residential quarter allowances and maternity instant care.

"He may receive free medical and hospital care after the war. If wounded or injured he may be eligible for veterans' pension comparable with his degree of disability and to vocational rehabilitation and placement in employment."

The compass plant which grows on Texas and Arizona prairies has two leaves, one of which points north, the other south.

# OCS Course Lengthened To 4 Months

If you're planning on going to Officer Candidate School you can now look forward to spending four months there instead of three.

That was revealed in information received at Seymour Johnson this week. The change becomes effective July 1 according to the OCS classes will be smaller than War Department.

hereafter. Reduction in the size of classes will vary with the individual schools. Many of the Army's best officers are said to be graduates of the candidate school system. The War Department explained, however, that the desirability of longer courses of instruction and additional training has always been present.

Better Instruction Extension of the courses which circumstances will permit will encourage down to better instruction. At the same time it will remove some of the pressure from students and make possible more thorough assimilation of the instruction.

More than 185,000 officers — ranging in grades from lieutenant colonel down to second lieutenant — are now serving with the armed forces after graduation from the schools. As of April 1, 1943, one Officer Candidate School graduate was worked up through the grades from second lieutenant to that of lieutenant colonel; it had attained the grade of major in 2187 and reached the grade of captain and 35,258 were first lieutenants.

# Song Competition Growing Tougher

With the singing program hitting a new high, competition among the squadrons to win the pennant is getting tougher all the time. Winners of the pennant for outstanding singing while on march this week were the 78th, 79th and the 80th TSS, it was announced by the Post Director of Music.

Seymour Johnson Field is getting musical minded. Students of the Aircraft Mechanic School make it their point to sing when marching and at their classes. Even when not walking in formation, small groups gather to sing in the closest harmony they know. There is no doubt in mind that the singing makes for a high morale.

Trainer Asks Retrial CINCINNATI, — Mar. Stephen, Detroit restaurateur convicted of treason, asked the Sixth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals again Friday to order retrial of his case.

Once sentenced to be hanged, and scheduled to go into court at Detroit for re-sentence, Stephen appealed from an order issued May 22 by Judge Arthur Tuttle, Denver, Colo. The Supreme Court of the United States early this week refused for a third time to review the case.

Stephen was convicted of aiding desertion and Peter Krug of the German Luftwaffe fled toward Mexico after his escape from a Canadian internment camp.

# Hot? Grab Yourself Salt Tablets, Urge Medics

And the Private said to the Sergeant: "Brother, it's hot!" And the Sergeant said to the Private:

"Go take yourself a salt tablet!" If he didn't say it, perhaps he should have, and no less an authority for the statement this week were officers of Seymour Johnson Field's Medical detachment.

Salt tablets are available in every mess hall on the field, and all a GI has to do to assure himself an adequate supply is reach for them.

# Bathroom Tale

WASHINGTON — Fifteen WAVES parade through a men's Turkish bath in a hotel base last week, but the military savvy of their group commander saved them from embarrassment.

When the fifteen crowded into an elevator something went wrong and it descended to the basement. And then it refused to budge.

The elevator operator suggested that there was an emergency door, but that it led through a men's Turkish bath. The group commander was equal to the occasion. "Postpone the line," came the order. "Hold hands tightly and shut your eyes. I'll lead you through."

# Absent Chaplain

WALNUT RIDGE FIELD, Ark. — When First Lt. Harry V. Smith, Chaplain at the Basic Flying School here learned of a crusade against cursing in the Photographic Department he hurried to their offices to get this dope on it.

"Oh, it works all right," one of the Photo sergeants told him. "You see, every time a man curses he has to put a penny in this common treasury. They're all in their honor. It costs some of the boys fifty cents and more the first few days. After that they learned to keep their lips buttoned. Now, it's very seldom they let their tongues slip."

The Chaplain put his arm on the sergeant's shoulder. "You men have a great idea. You're the kind of men who like to see set an example. Then he started to leave, turned in the doorway and asked: "Incidentally, what do you plan to do with the proceeds from your crusade?"

"Pitch a bar party in the Non-Com's club next week. Won't you come over?"

The Chaplain didn't attend.

# The Inquiring Line

Q. Is it still necessary for a soldier serving abroad to obtain the approval of his commanding officer before he can receive a package from home?

A. No. A recent ruling by the War Department states that Army Postal Service now will permit the mailing of packages to soldiers overseas provided a request has been made by a soldier and the envelope bearing the Army Postoffice cancellation mark is presented at the time of the mailing. Packages can't weigh more than five pounds or be longer than 36 inches in length and 36 inches in length and girth combined.

Q. One of my girl friends back home wrote me recently that she tried to join the WAACs, but wasn't able to because she only had one year of high school. I know a WAAC who never even went to school. How can she do that?

A. No, she's shooting it to you straight. Effective April 15, the War Department announced that candidates for the WAACs must have completed at least two years of education in an accredited high school, and must score at least 50 in the WAAC mental alertness test in order to be eligible. Previously there were no fixed minimum score in the mental alertness test was 50.

Q. How long do we have to be overseas before we get that 30 per cent increase in base pay?

A. It starts from the time you leave the U. S. Time spent in transit to an overseas post counts in the computation of overseas pay. Q. Recently I saw a soldier wearing an insign consisting of a gold eagle, tommy gun, and an anchor on a blue background. To what outfit does he belong?

A. You must be referring to the insignia of the Engineer Amphibian Command. The eagle and anchor represent the Air Force, Ground Force and Naval Forces respectively.

Bronze is an alloy of copper and tin.