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## American Army . . . Symbol Of Freedom

A lot of stuff gets written these days about the difference reen free men fighting for their freedom, and the decpercie, mechanical struggle of the robots who make up our omy's war machine

Lt. Colonel Philip Cochron ("Flip Corkin" of "Terry on Pirates") said once that our boys, fighting in every front the globe, have a sort of "automatic wonderfulness" which stems from their American background of freedom.

They do their job, he says, better than their opponents because they believe in real things instead of puffed-up slogams. They remember their homes and the free, happy lives they led in them, and that memory gives them all the inspiration they need to push the victory to its ultimate con clusion

With receons like these for fighting, the American Army doesn't need heel-clicking discipline of the Nazi variety. It works best on a middle ground, halfway between arrogant Prussian formality and the loose organization of guerilla out fits. It's the only crmy in the world where, deep in the steaming hell of New Guinea, a corporal called his general over a field phone and said, "Sir, this is one of your men. We're out of cigarettes for five days now and I thought you didn't And where the general, answered that he knew it and was trying hard to get some for the men. When son body caked the corporal how he acraped up the nerve to make his call, he replied, "This is a free Army, isn't it?" That was the answer, right there.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

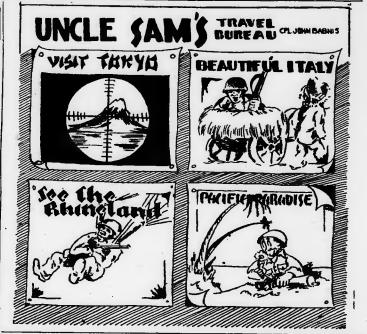
### Strictly A Private:

Me? I've been in the army twenty-five months. My rating? Well, that's a peculiar thing, what with two years of service, I'm still a buck private—but that's not my fault.

The best solider they have in our outfit, and not v a single stripe. Of course it's not my ability what's lacking, but I'm just one of dose guys who just won't take any of that stuff, from non-coms—or officers. I tell, 'em what I think. No handshaking so far as this soldier is concerned—they can have their chevrons, I'll keep a clear conscience

The boys tell me I'm punchy, sloppy, not GI-but the guys don't know. Of course. I don't salute every officer I et, and my footlocker ain't exactly neat, but being tidy, mannerly and following orders don't get a gay nowhere it's handshaking what paves the road for ratin's. Every rating what was ever got wasn't got without some of thatell. I have a name for it, but being a genteel character like I can—I'don't speak the word in public.

Anyone what's sensible and knows anything about the ermy will admit I got the right outlook on things-don't you agree? Me? I'm the best soldier in our outfit, but-



# Correct Procedure is Time Saver If Emergency Furlough is Needed

Proper procedure for emergency furloughs can save the samy agentsing hours of delay if followed correctly. Men shot are that their families are aware of this procedure, bec-peed with which he gets back home in an emergency situation a great extent on his family's action.

When an emergency arises, the family should (1) Notity the sol-dier, and at the very same time (3) contact the local chapter of the Red Cross. This saves valuable hours needed to varify the situation before the soldier can receive his furleagh papers. Upon being motified.

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## The Chaplain Speaks Excess Baggage

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And, remembering his home, his friends and family get that job done in a hurry—for once and for all time.

All-Out Effort Needed

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