

Up Front With Fighting Leathernecks on Okinawa



Leathernecks, coordinating with army troops, are shown in action in the final stages of the fierce battles that raged in every section of Okinawa island. Island spotted with graves and fallen heroes attests to the high price paid.

Carrier and Its Heroic Crew That Never Quit



A ghastly but unforgettable memorial to the heroism of those who man the navy's ships and the skill of those who build them, was again shown when the carrier USS Franklin arrived in Brooklyn Navy yard under her own power. Hit by Jap dive bombers, afire and her own bombs exploding and one-third of her crew killed, from Jap waters to Brooklyn she returned unaided. Lower left, officers of carrier. Lower right, Chaplain Joseph O'Callahan, one of heroes during battle, and trip home. Right shows how she limped into port.

Youth Has Their Day at Zoos



Born in the early spring at Pittsburgh zoo, this giraffe (left) already has grown out of babyhood. His mother was shopping when this photo was taken. Lower right, Lady Llama at San Francisco with her son V-E, born on that great day. Upper right, there was much ado at the Bronx zoo when for the first time in over three years a baby zebra was born.

No Time for Celebrating



Fighting men of the army's 77th infantry division on Okinawa listen to the news a few yards behind the front lines. Their battle-hardened faces indicate the impatience with which they received the news realizing the war is not over for them and that a tough fight lies ahead as is now being proven in them.

Army Sending War Dogs Home

Owners Get Trained Pets All Ready to Resume The Prewar Life.

FORT ROBINSON.—When Rover comes prancing home from war and his service star is removed from the kennel, he will be in the best possible condition to lead a dog's life again, says the Chicago Tribune.

The army quartermaster corps is making certain that at Fort Robinson in western Nebraska. This is its only war dog reception and training center, where thousands of veterans of the K-9 corps are undergoing a "demilitarizing" process to readjust them to civilian existence. All of these are sentry dogs, trained for duty in this country. There have been no releases of dogs qualified for overseas combat duty.

Eight weeks are required to train a sentry dog, two weeks is the average length of time needed to detraining him. The actual period may vary, however, with the individual dog, the type of handler, and the exigencies of the duties to which he has been assigned. Many dogs have become virtual pets and little detraining is necessary.

Reverse War Program. The detraining process reverses the training program:

Handlers seek to convince the dog that every human is his friend. They talk to him gently, play with him, and give him friendly pats every time they pass his kennel. Every time he is taken out he is given a lesson in obedience.

Some dogs, like Butch, take time to control. A black and white mongrel of 40 pounds with the heart of a giant, Butch was hard to break of his aggressive attitude.

Long after huge, rough war dogs were judged safe to send home, Butch still defied his trainers. He refused to be crowded by any one, man or dog.

But the trainers stuck to their task. Unlike other dogs, Butch was taken to the training area twice a day. Gentle handling gradually broke Butch's shell. He lost his suspicion but never his dignity.

Some war dogs, like soldiers, never lose their attachment for the army. Duke, a Dalmatian, was reprocessed and returned to his owner, Maj. Ralph C. Kerchaval, commanding officer of the Robinson quartermaster depot.

Living only a half mile from the area where he was trained as a war dog, Duke made frequent visits to the dog barracks. Hardly a morning passed without his being on hand to trot ahead of the troops marching to the kennel area, where he always tried to bluff his way through the open gate.

Trained by Owners. The detraining was started as the need for sentry dogs lessened. Some were retrained for overseas duty, although the majority were too old for combat operations.

The estimated 20,000 war dogs have been received by the quartermaster corps for processing and more than 10,000 were trained for sentry, scout, and messenger duty. In January, 202 detrained dogs left Fort Robinson.

Fort Robinson has files filled with letters from appreciative owners after completion of the detraining program.

Mrs. Herbert C. Allen, Seattle, Wash., wrote that "at the time Herbie (her son) gave his dog to the armed forces, it was a genuine sacrifice. But now he is reaping the harvest of his unselfish act by receiving back a beautiful dog, more wonderful than he dreamed possible. Thank you for the fine job of training and caring for our dog."

Queenie, a German shepherd, owned by Mrs. C. A. Pryor, Montebello, Calif., was "exceedingly happy to be home and doesn't want me out of her sight," Mrs. Pryor wrote.

"It took just an instant for her to recognize each of us and she is so affectionate. She certainly shows wonderful care and splendid training."

'Human Bombs' Hurl Selves At Yanks on Ie Island

IE ISLAND.—Fanatical Japanese tactics which included one-man charges by "human bombs" are making fighting on little Ie more bitter by the hour.

Enemy soldiers with satchels of explosives strapped to them frequently have rushed headlong to our lines, blowing themselves to bits, and counter-attacks have been made by Japanese armed only with rocks and pieces of broken glass.

There even have been instances of Japanese throwing mortar shells with their hands.

It is cave-to-cave, pillbox-to-pillbox warfare for men of the 77th division as Japanese are rooted out.

Bullet Is Removed From Heart of Girl

PHILADELPHIA.—Ruth Summers, 16, was in an improved condition recently after a .32 caliber bullet was removed from a heart muscle in a two-hour operation. Physicians said she had better than an even chance for recovery. She was shot accidentally at the home of a friend while the two were examining a pistol.

Iceberg Season Is Tough for Patrol

Coast Guard Must Maintain An Alert Vigil.

WASHINGTON.—Greenland's mammoth icebergs are starting their seasonal drift toward Atlantic steamship lanes, where 33 years ago one of them caused the greatest disaster in the history of ocean travel.

Fifteen minutes before midnight on Sunday, April 14, 1912, the British liner Titanic, speeding from England to New York on its first voyage, collided with a large iceberg. Two and a half hours later the ship sank with the loss of 1,513 lives.

The disaster shocked a complacent prewar world into successful concerted action. Under international agreement, the United States coast guard in 1914 took over the job of guarding North Atlantic shipping against the iceberg peril. That service is famed for a record of not a single casualty in the patrol area since its inauguration.

The regular international patrol has been suspended because of the war. However, the coast guard is helping protect Allied ships this spring from "ice dreadnoughts" as well as from Nazi submarines. Coast guard combat cutters and planes patrol parts of the ice area and send out radio reports.

The electronics people say that postwar liners probably will be equipped with radar to help detect icebergs. Passenger planes flying the Atlantic also will broadcast weather conditions.

The iceberg season usually begins in mid-March and is over by the end of June, but in 1939—for the first time in the history of the patrol—ice was a menace in August. The icebergs are formed by large fragments breaking off Greenland's glaciers. Some are 500 feet long and tower 300 feet above the water.

Plane Production Will Be Cut Back 2,000 a Month

WASHINGTON.—A "one-front" airplane production schedule which may cut monthly output by as many as 2,000 planes by the end of this year has been drafted by the army air forces. About 7,000 craft now are being turned out each month.

The revised schedule, it was learned, has been submitted to WPB's production readjustment committee for approval. In effect, the new schedule writes off the European war so far as plane production is concerned. It involves only estimated army needs in the Pacific.

With the exception of the two giant bombers, the Boeing B-29 Superfortress and the Consolidated Vultee B-32, virtually all AAF combat planes are affected.

Special Diet Gifts Are Sent to Starving Dutch

LONDON.—The 4,500,000 Dutch sealed off in the "hunger" provinces west of the IJssel river are so nearly starved that special diet parcels must precede shipments of ordinary food as the liberation of Holland proceeds, it was reported.

Dutch quarters here believed that wholesale starvation will occur unless liberation is accomplished soon.

Reports here said the Germans were taking what food remains. Rations for the Dutch have been halved again, leaving theoretically 14 ounces of bread and 18 ounces of potatoes weekly per person.

'Fight After Death,' Jap Minister Tells Soldiers

WASHINGTON.—Gen. Korechika Anami, Japanese war minister, instructed Japanese soldiers to fight "even after death to defend the Imperial land with your souls."

The war minister ordered all troops to believe in the indestructibility of their "divine land," train themselves rigorously, defy death in their fighting and kill any enemy who lands on Japan.

Anami's instructions, broadcast by the Federal agency, were recorded by the federal communications commission.

Captured Nazis Are Huge Problem for Yank Armies

TWELFTH ARMY GROUP HEADQUARTERS.—With prisoners rolling in by the hundreds of thousands, the most pressing problem of Gen. Omar Bradley's armies is—what to do with them?

A high army official said prisoners now remain on the continent, no longer being transported to the United States and England. This destroyed the dream of many who confessed to a hope of seeing America "where we understand the prisoners have a good life."

New 'Chemical' Torpedo Is Ruled a War Secret

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Existence of a new, top-secret "chemical torpedo" in the navy's arsenal has been officially disclosed, but requests for further information on the weapon brought no information from the navy except that the subject is "secret."

Such information as was released in congressional hearings gave no indication of the significance of the name "chemical."

Kathleen Norris Says:

The Other Woman's Child

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.



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By KATHLEEN NORRIS

MY HUSBAND came back from air service in England three months ago," writes Margaret Jones from Canada. "He was four years in active duty and eleven months in a hospital. His injury was cranial, and is entirely cured. When he left, his son by a previous marriage, David, was two years old, and I was expecting my first baby.

"I was my husband's office nurse, at the time of his first wife's death, and we had discovered a deep affection for each other. This was, however, kept completely under control. I am telling you the exact truth when I say that, after the one first talk when we admitted our feelings, not one word or look passed between us that could be criticized. His wife was a delicate and nervous woman, and whether she actually took an overdose of sleeping tablets, or whether a normal dose was too much for a weak heart, never was ascertained. The coroner called it death from accidental causes. A few months later Austin and I were married, little David accepting his new mother very placidly.

"Then Austin went off to war and Deirdre was born—a lovely, sweet-tempered little girl and I lived very quietly during the first war years, I managing to do part-time work, and to clear the mortgage from our little home and Austin's mother living with us and managing house and children. She has now gone to live with a daughter.

Unmanageable David.

"There was the usual rejoicing when Austin returned, and he was fortunately able to assume his old work at an even higher salary, so that we could be quite comfortable if it were not for David, now nearly seven. He is a strange, unmanageable little boy, with something uncanny in his instinct for annoying and outwitting his teachers and myself. I seem to be eternally correcting him, or complaining of him, a position in which I hate to find myself. I've always liked children, and for our two I've always tried to plan intelligently, forgiving much, not hearing impudence, not forcing issues, substituting the pleasant positive for the disagreeable negative when I could.

"Austin criticizes my attitude toward David. Austin has come back in a nervous, irritable mood hard to endure, but it is mostly where David is concerned that the trouble arises. David will not eat his dinner, do his homework, go to bed, take his bath when I ask him to. I try good-natured coaxing, give him five more minutes, remind that he can float his submarine in the bath, cook what he likes. He will never cooperate, and Austin blames me, and sides with the child. To make it worse, my husband reverts to the past, thinks that perhaps Elsie did kill herself, perhaps she discovered the affection between us, perhaps he was the real cause of her death.

"All this has turned our home into a place of discomfort, petty quarrels, carping, nerves. I want to do my duty by all three, but when I

A STEPMOTHER'S WOES

The second wife's position—almost always delicate, is especially difficult when her war-weary husband comes home to stay. Every returned soldier goes through a period of irritability, fault-finding and restlessness before he settles back into the old ways again.

When there is a child by the first marriage in the situation, the unhappy stepmother has a hard time indeed. Whatever she does is wrong. She is too strict or too lenient, or she feeds the child improperly, or sends him to the wrong school, her neurotic husband complains.

The best way out of this problem, Miss Norris advises, is to let this father take entire charge of his son for a while. He will then find out what a hard job it is to rear a willful little boy. This responsibility will help the veteran to forget himself and to recover his sense of proportion.

see Austin spoiled and good little Deirdre ignored, when I hear nothing but criticism, it is really hard to bear. Austin takes the attitude that a wiser mother would not have these troubles, and perhaps he is right. I want to show him every consideration, but I confess I am a failure, and stumped, and don't know what to do."

This is one of the many postwar cases that demands the ultimate in self-control, patience—and humor. Yes, I mean humor, for Margaret is taking this much too hard. It is impossible to undo in a day or a week, or even a year, the mischief done by war conditions and home compromises.

Let Papa Deal With Son.

Austin will gradually be restored to normality if all causes of friction are removed from the domestic scene, and the easiest and quickest way to remove them is to surrender to his father full responsibility for David. Reduce yourself to an amiable onlooker. If David won't eat and won't go to school, don't even report it to Austin; let your husband see it for himself. Let the child sit up as late as he likes, always being amiable and kind, and wait for the first corrections to come from the man of the house. Let him play hockey until the teacher comes to complain. Ignore his affection of not having any appetite at meals, and reduce your relationship with him to amusing and affectionate companionship.

Several other cases of exactly this type have come to my notice in the past few years; the prevalence of divorce of course has created many of them. In every case which I have known, this aloof, friendly, unconcerned attitude taken by the stepmother happily solved the problem for all concerned. In most cases the right school was found for the difficult child.

"He's your son, Austin. I only want him to love me," is the unanswerable argument.

Europe Needs Our Old Clothes Millions of people in war-devastated areas are in urgent need not only of food but of clothing. Until factories can be set up in these nations, we in this one country that has not suffered devastation must give of our surplus. Infants' garments, particularly knit goods are urgently needed, as well as serviceable blankets and quilts. It is suggested that pieces of matching cloth and a spool of thread be included with garments whenever possible. Usable remnants are also wanted.



"He outwits his teachers and me..."