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MAIL CHRISTMAS PACKAGES

With more than two million soldiers in foreign lands, and thousands of sailors scattered over the oceans, the problem of handling Christmas packages becomes immense.

If those at home will follow instructions and mail their gifts to men in service the packages will be delivered by Christmas day. Obviously, if everybody waits until the last day to mail their parcels the postal services will be overwhelmed and delays will be inevitable.

The War Department has announced that regulations requiring a request from an overseas soldier will be waived between September 15 and October 15. It urges the public to provide our men overseas with a "flood of Christmas spirit from their homes" and it pledges that every gift mailed by October 15th will be delivered by Christmas morning.

Last year the Army Postal Service handled 5,000,000 packages and the load this year is expected to be 10,000,000. Since every parcel must be opened, inspected and rewrapped before leaving this country, it is necessary that the deadline be observed if gifts are to arrive promptly.

Since about 10 per cent of the packages sent out in 1942 were incorrectly addressed it is important for every sender to include the soldier's full name, rank, Army serial number, service organization and unit, A.F.O. number and the post of embarkation Postmaster. We pass the information along to all our readers in order that DUPLIN COUNTY'S service men will get their Christmas packages on time. Additional details can be secured from the local postoffice. Meanwhile, everybody should get busy at once and mail their packages as early as possible.

PAPER CIVILIZATION

The present civilization of the world can almost be called a paper civilization because of the important role played by this relatively cheap but extremely valuable product.

Not only do newspapers depend upon it, but many other business and commercial products are based upon pulp. This explains the present campaign to urge farmers and others to make an effort to supply pulpwood at the present time.

It is interesting to recall that the Chinese used paper before the beginning of the Christian era and that their basic method of manufacture is followed to this day. The name, of course, comes from the papyrus plant but its product has been almost entirely supplanted by paper, which was introduced to Europe by the Saracens in Spain.

In 1929 paper products had a value of nearly a billion dollars, with newspaper less than one-tenth of the total. This does not include imported supplies but refers to industry in the United States.

FREE SCHOOLS BUILDS DEMOCRACY

The reopening of the free public schools in Duplin County and elsewhere in the United States is an annual event, taken for granted by pupils and parents alike. It is natural that children should fall to appreciate the education opportunities that are presented to them but it is regrettable that parents fail to appreciate the tremendous significance of our public school system.

One does not have to go back very far, in the history of the world, to reach the time, just a little more than one hundred years ago, when the right to an education was restricted. Even today, in some countries, there is only the slightest effort to provide an

educational system, such as we have in the United States, under State and Federal control.

In the development of democracy, it was inevitable that parents of all classes should insist upon the right of their children to enjoy the opportunity of mental development to the highest degree possible. Moreover, the educational system that we support by public taxation, which is open to all citizens and good enough for all people, is an example of democracy. In addition, the schools prepare our boys and girls to become proper citizens of a democratic state.

In the United States, to an extent unequalled elsewhere in the world the public schools are patronized by all classes. The only exception is found in certain private, religious or parochial schools which educate about ten percent of our elementary grade children. In this instance, however, the motive for segregation is religious and without class distinction.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Grover C. Phillips (Lesson for Sunday, Sept. 13, 1943) Text: Numbers 20: 11-13; 27, 28.

We must agree that all men are prone to sin so long as they are in the flesh and, while it is true that many men do not commit deliberate, willful sin, it is also true that all men stumble, or make mistakes. Because of influence, it is far worse when men in places of leadership sin than when men who are not in such places. When good men sin, their followers are disillusioned, which always lowers resistance to sin on the part of men.

Moses was bitter when the children of Israel murmured at Kadesh. He had hoped that 37 years in the wilderness would have improved their spirit, but he was disappointed. He was angry and in the words of the Psalmist, "He spoke unadvisedly with his lips" (Psalm 106: 23). God commanded Moses to simply speak to the rock instead of striking it as he had formerly done, but after revealing his anger with the words: "Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of the rock? he smote the rock. For this disobedience Moses gave up his leadership and did not go into the promised land with his people. When good men sin they disillusion their followers and, also, rob themselves of the privilege of further great service.

However, when good men sin, they can follow Moses' example. He faced the fact of his sin, turned away from it, pleaded for mercy and, so far as was possible, remedied his mistake. Abiding by God's punishment, he prepared Joshua to assume leadership and withdrew gracefully. Moses' repentance is proved in the book of Numbers in which he does not cover up his sin, but relates it honestly, to his own shame and the glory of God.

Sin always brings its own punishment. None can escape that. It comes to the great, like Moses and David, as well as to those of small stature. Moses was denied entrance to Canaan because he, of all men, should never have fall-

ITALIAN SURRENDER A DECISIVE EVENT

Italy Becomes "SECOND FRONT" In Europe With Nazis Facing New Difficulties

By Hugo S. Sims

The unconditional surrender of Italy is one of the definite turning points of the war in Europe and may be the forerunner of an Axis collapse in the Balkans that will pave the way for the surrender of Germany.

The tendency to minimize the break-up of the Axis partnership hardly takes cognizance of the far-reaching implications that follow the successful Mediterranean campaign which began, many months ago, at El Alamein.

The surrender, it is true, does not mean the occupation of all Italy without battling the Nazis but it places the full burden of the war upon the Germans. The second front in Europe becomes a fact on the soil of Italy and the Nazis must meet an added peril which cannot be ignored.

Occupying Strategic Italy Some weeks will elapse before the full significance of the surrender can be gauged. Much depends upon the speed and extent of Allied occupation and the use of the newly won bases for further extension of the campaign.

From Italy aircraft can pound German centers, an invasion can be launched against the Balkans and, eventually, a campaign against southern France can ease the risk of a cross-channel attack.

The future course of Italy may be important. It has been evident for months that the heart of many Italian soldiers was not in the fight against the Anglo-Americans and it is not beyond the possibilities that an Italian army will eventually join in the attack upon Germany.

It is worth noting that the armistice terms were signed by representatives of Great Britain, the United States and Soviet Russia and that the Italians, in agreeing not to oppose the Anglo-American armies agreed to resist attacks from any other quarter, which may result in actual warfare with Germany.

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Russian Victories Continue The campaign in Russia continues to oust German invaders from the vast areas of Russia. The Red army presses forward, making full use of the few weeks that remain before the rainy season will impede communications in the south.

The efforts of Berlin to create the impression that the Nazi retirement is "according to plan" cannot conceal the steady withdrawal of German soldiers. This retirement has been affected in good order, with stubborn fighting, but the motive for the retreat is supplied entirely by the pressure of the Red Army, not the strategy of the Nazi high command.

It is impossible to thoroughly appraise the situation in Russia because of the many factors that are relatively unknown. The Moscow reports indicate that the Germans have suffered a terrible defeat, with the entire Nazi line blasted by advancing Russians, and that decisive disaster looms for the Hitlerites.

Red Army Has Some Help While Russians tend to believe that the victory has been won with out the aid of the democracies the truth is that considerable assistance has been received. The blasting aerial offensive undoubtedly weakened German air forces in Russia to husband their reserves.

This battlefield assistance has been supplemented by the great campaign in the Mediterranean, the mounting flow of supplies to Russia and increasing pressure upon Japan may have been the means of preventing an attack in Siberia.

Good Progress In The Pacific The war against Japan expands, with farflung activity ranging over a vast area which already strains the enemy's defenses. From the Indian ocean to New Guinea and northward to Japan and the Aleutians the orientals are being stabbed by aerial and naval thrusts that threaten the outer ring that guards the home-islands.

The Japanese have been strictly on the defensive for many months. The course of the war has been steadily going against them and unless they have already accepted a defensive strategy, the time for an offensive move is fast expiring.

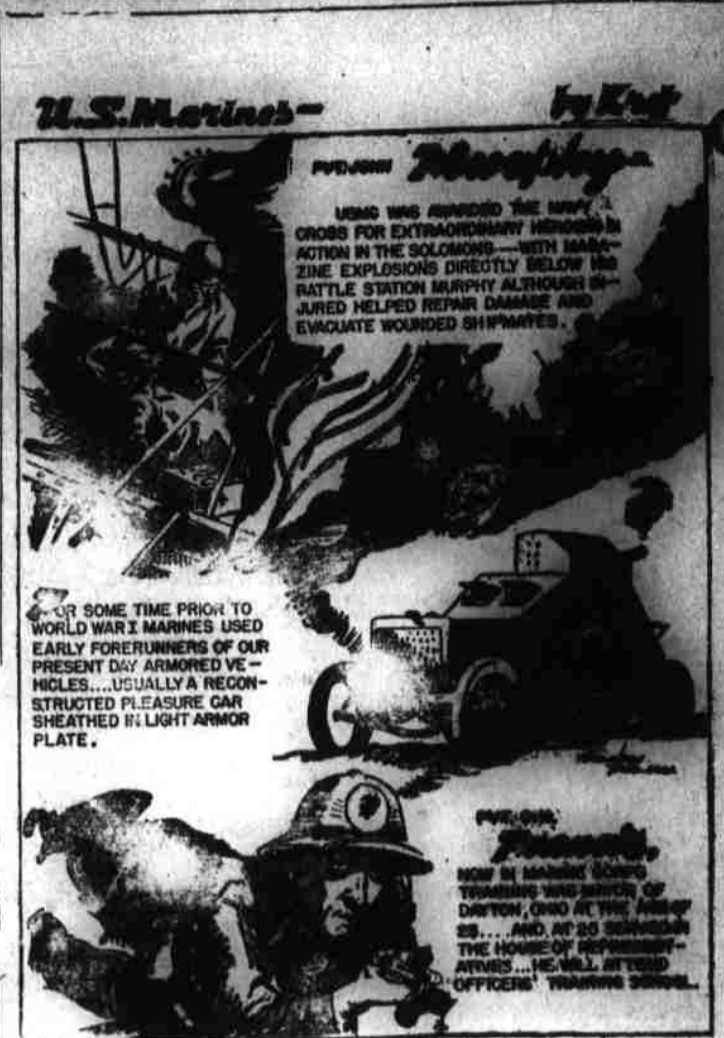
Island-Hopping Is Assured The slow campaign in New Guinea and the somewhat more successful advance in the Solomons

are necessary preliminaries to more ambitious advances, in which the island-to-island strategy will be replaced by an island-hopping attack that will compel the enemy to risk decisive battles or give up its extended conquests.

While the full force of the Anglo-American alliance cannot be exerted against the Japanese, until the war against Germany is concluded, there is no reason for us to be discouraged over the splendid progress that has been made by our fighting men. The Japanese air force, its fighting fleet and its cargo shipping have been hard-hit.

GUN COVERS PROTECT BIBLES Bibles which are placed on every life raft and boat on Army transport vessels are being protected by the same type of cover that protects pistols from the effects of salt spray and water.

Curiously enough, the covers used for pistols are exactly the right size for copies of the Bible, and have been adopted by the Chaplains Corps as a standard protective covering for them. The covers were developed by the Quartermaster Corps from a pliable, transparent, waterproof film known as vinyl. They are buoyant enough to float the Bibles if accidentally dropped overboard or washed out of the rafts in heavy seas.



U.S. Marines - by Kay

USED WAS AWARDED THE NAVY CROSS FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM IN ACTION IN THE SOLOMONS... WITH MARINE ZINE EXPLOSIONS DIRECTLY BELOW HIS BATTLE STATION MURPHY ALTHOUGH INJURED HELPED REPAIR DAMAGE AND EVACUATE WOUNDED SHIPMATES.

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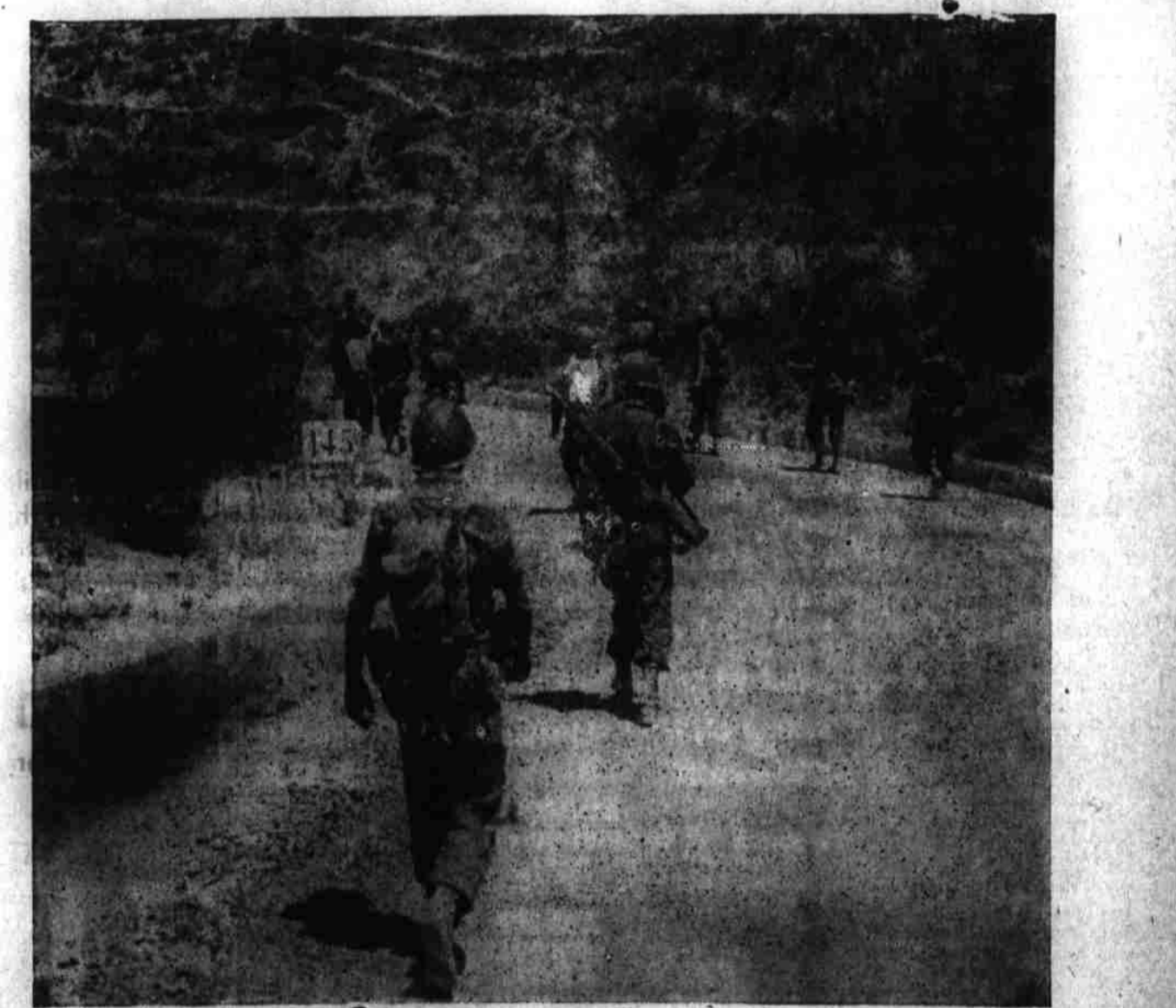
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