



READING & WRITING

By Edwin Seaver and Robin McKown

"THE battlefield was an incongruous thing. Always there was some ridiculous impingement of normalcy on a field of battle. There on that day it was the Arabs. They were herding their camels, just as usual. Some of them continued to plow their fields. Children walked along, driving their little sack-laden burros, as tanks and guns clanked past them. The sky was filled with planes and smoke burst from screaming shells."



ERNE PYLE

Now that the North African campaign is over, a number of excellent books are coming out to give us an all-over picture of this dramatic period in the war's history. One of the best is "Here Is Your War" by Ernie Pyle, from which the above is quoted. Ernie Pyle is an A-1 correspondent, and he writes with an eye for detail, a sense of humor, and an understanding heart.

Among the many dramatic stories is the one about the crippled Fortress that came in on two engines at sunset, after all the airfield had given up hope for her. "All of us stood tense," writes Ernie Pyle, "hardly remembering anyone else was there. With all our nerves we seemed to pull the plane toward us. I suspect a photograph would have shown us all leaning slightly to the left. Not one of us thought the plane would ever make the field, but on it came—so slowly that it was cruel to watch."

Ernie Pyle landed first in Oran, and there he was witness to the American soldiers' really amazing gift of fraternization. They got along even if they didn't know a word of French or Arabic. "A really comic sight was one of our boys standing on the street with an English-French dictionary in his hand, talking to a girl and looking up each word as he spoke it."

Among the most welcome visitors in North Africa, says Mr. Pyle, were the four stage and screen stars—Carole Landis, Mitzi Mayfair, Kay Francis and Martha Raye—who arrived under the auspices of the USO. He is full of praise for the bravery and fortitude of these girls. "They had heard bombs fall, and they knew about army stew. They averaged four hours' sleep a night. . . . To say they were appreciated is putting it mildly." Incidentally, Carole Landis has just completed the story of the tour she made with her three companions. Titled, "Four girls in a Jeep," it will appear first in the Saturday Evening Post, and later as a book.



Flyers' Words Recorded.

Pad and pencil are outmoded as a method of recording an aviator's observations, London reports. Instead Allied airmen on reconnaissance may make complete reports by dictation as they fly along over enemy terrain. The aviator's words are spoken into a microphone and recorded on a speed three-inches in diameter. The entire recording instrument, which can take six minutes of speech, weighs eight pounds.

Potatoes
Planting small whole Irish potatoes in Louisiana gave better stands and larger yields than where whole tubers were cut into pieces.

Poole's Medley

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have no idea. It was not my time to go. My rations, in saddlebags were ruined by the rain I traveled in Wednesday, my first day out. And I ate one biscuit between Wednesday morning 6 o'clock and Friday 2 o'clock.

The postoffices served by that route were Jackson Springs, Inverness, Argyle and Fayetteville. Two postoffices, on the route had been discontinued. They were New Gilead and Solomons Grove. The Rural Free Delivery mail routes have done away with these con routes like the one I

I left Inverness, (McLeods') at a little past 5 o'clock, and it was dark, and the smaller trees bent down across the road. I tore the lining of my hat, one side, out, and caught it in my teeth. I knew if a bush knocked it off I would never find it.

That was one night so dark I could not see my hand before me. I arrived at Argyle at 7 o'clock, six miles from Inverness. My horse was sensible, and carried me safely. About midway between Argyle and Inverness on the return trip, Friday, my horse fell through a pole bridge over a ditch that crossed the road, and broke his right hind leg.

King Herod, Nero, Hitler, and others too tedious to mention, are the same kind of men, brutal, cruel, heartless, and deserved death the first thing. However, they lived quite a few years each. They are living examples of how despicable sin may be.

I wish beyond my powers of expression that the Allies would postpone the invasion of the European continent for a few months, and give the airmen a chance of breaking German morale. It will be far less expensive, I believe to postpone that awful battle the Germans are sure to give them if they invade. However, I am not the commander-in-chief, and the generals in command are the greatest the world possesses.

WANT ADS

LOST—Ladies Gold, Banner wrist-watch. Black Face. Reward, Elsie McNeill. Itc

FOR RENT—Our Sandy Blue Farm in Quewhille township. 50 1-2 acres of crop land. Good house—fine water, and big good barn. Half cropper also considered. Mrs. Paul Dickson 2t c

WANTED TO BUY—Clean Stove Wood. Reaves Drug Store.

WANTED—All people suffering from kidney trouble or backache to try KIDDO—97c. Money back guarantee. Hoke Drug Co. 21-37pd

FOR SALE
Cokers Red Heart Seed Wheat, Fulgrain Oats—Abruzzi Rye—Best for This Section. Produced by Clarence Lytch

Women of Hoke County. There Is A Vital Job For Which You Are Urgently Needed. Join The W.A.C. Help Speed Him Back.

FOR SALE—Fire Starters. Delivered in town. Harmless compound for starting fires. Phone 5246. Rowland Covington. 26-tfc

Women of Hoke County. This Is Your Opportunity To Help Share The Responsibility of Your Brothers In Uniform. Join The W.A.C. Help Speed Him Back.

PERMANENT WAVE, 59c! Do your own Permanent with Charm-Kurl Kit. Complete equipment, including 40 curlers and shampoo. Easy to do, absolutely harmless. Praised by thousands including Fay McKenzie, glamorous movie star. Money refunded if not satisfied. Reaves Drug Store 191-26-35

Women of Hoke County. This Is A Perfect Basis To Apply Your Patriotism. Join The W.A.C. Help Speed Him Back.

WANTED TO BUY—old, used iron cords, kodaks. Reaves Drug Store.

LOST—Downtown on December 24th, a white gold bracelet with a single small diamond. Reward for return to Mrs. Donald Davis, phone 5561. It p

WANTED—Farmer for Hoke county farm. Four acres of tobacco and 20 acres of cotton. John F. McFadyen, Route 4, Fayetteville. It p

FOUND—Female Bird dog. With liver colored ears. Collar but no name. Owner may get same by paying for this advertisement and dog's keep. Miss Jennie McMillan. It p

WEIL'S HORMOFORT, 4 - 9 - 3, for plant beds, now in stock. The Johnson Company.

COKER'S Pedigreed Tobacco seed are here. Get your seed early. We have the new "100" variety. The Johnson Company.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS
By PAUL MALLON

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EARLY PEACE RUMORS AND ADMINISTRATION POLICY

The administration is reported greatly upset because business officials in the government here are feeding back to their home plant officials the rumors (mostly personal surmises) of an early peace.

A publicity effort to offset this information is under way in the government. Treasury Secretary Morgenthau has spoken out strongly against early peace reports, and later Secretary Hull called them "Axis propaganda." His designation of them as such was due to the fact that most of the printed rumors have come from neutral European capitals in touch with Germany.

This is all orthodox administration line grounded in the theory that the workers will let down in expectation of an early peace. The line long since has reached its limit of effectiveness, and the theory merely represents a mishandling of administration propaganda.

The government, on one hand, is telling the Axis nations they "will be crushed" and breathing fire of expected victory in its foreign propaganda, while, on the home front, trying to maintain an attitude that it will be a long, tough war. To present it both ways strains the popular vision until it becomes cross-eyed.

The truth is, some officials here still hold to the long-war theory (Germany in the spring, Japan in 18 months). But a majority of congress, I am sure, does not.

Those who believe in an early end are not inspired by Axis propaganda, but by expert judgment or advice as to Germany's lasting ability. Indeed, the Axis propaganda from Berlin is just the opposite of this and holds Germany will never collapse.

Why does not the administration use these facts to its own best advantage and adopt a propaganda line recently suggested in this spot:

"Every day this war is extended means the life of some boy, perhaps your boy, the waste of more money. Therefore, it is to your own selfish interest as a worker on the home front to throw every last ounce of energy into this final drive for victory in order that the casualty list be not extended one day more than necessary."

ADDITIONAL PROOF ON NEW DEAL SLIP

The Republican election victory in the normally Democratic heart of Kentucky, the fourth congressional district, forecasts the final breakup of the Happy Chandler machine. He lives in an adjoining county, and the Democratic candidate was his selectee. Whatever excuses, therefore, could be offered for the loss of the state in the earlier gubernatorial election on the ground the Chandler factions did not go along sufficiently, were not true in the fourth district.

The election also was a conclusive response to some readers of this column who misinterpreted my analysis of the gubernatorial election as partisan Republican propaganda.

This election result certainly verifies the conclusion then expressed that the Democrats had failed to win under the best possible auspices in a state normally Democratic, and that the failure was due to the discouragement of the people with the New Deal and its regulations and domestic results, a condition which cast into grave doubts Mr. Roosevelt's re-election in 1944.

The margin of Republican victory this time in the district was around 12,000 votes, compared with Democratic victories by a margin of 15,000 in 1940, 10,000 in 1938, and 17,000 in 1936—representing a turnover of 27,000 votes in 90,000 cast.

OBSTACLES NOTED TO FOREIGN POLICY

WASHINGTON.—Mr. Hull is encountering obstacles in his effort to attain American unity for permanent postwar foreign policy—and, strangely enough, not primarily from the Republicans.

A large segment of New Deal politicians do not want unity, although, naturally, they will not say so. As they see it, the postwar policies which will be developed from the Moscow and Cairo arrangements are likely to furnish the most popular front that the administration can present to the public in the next elections—at least, it will be better than allowing the people to look too much at the home front.

In short, they think their best chance of election is to let the Republicans take a partisan stand against them.

But there is evidence that other internationalist group leaders and writers are leaning away from their old "One World" or Anglo-Russo-American exclusive alliance theories as cure-alls in themselves and working toward a centrist realistic peace proposal based on self interest in whatever form.

A straw in this wind is the seeming change in the leading commentators' tones. One who took a strong alliance position is now advocating what he recently called a peace based on "an enlightened conception of enduring national interest."

THAT ALL MAY RIDE



The program of 30,000,000 passenger car tires for 1944 set by William Jeffers before he left office as rubber administrator is straining the manufacturing facilities of the rubber industry. With many new war industries in Akron, Ohio, the manpower shortage is the most critical problem. To ease this shortage girls have been taught the difficult art of tire building and rapidly are acquiring skill in a job previously held only by men.

LEGAL NOTICES

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of the estate of J. M. McMillan, deceased, late of Hoke County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at her residence on or before the 29th day of December, 1943.

ber, 1944, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 29th day of December, 1943.
Mrs. Delena Gibson McMillan, Administratrix.
Estate of J. M. McMillan, Deceased.

RED SPRINGS THEATRE

WEEK BEGINNING DECEMBER 30th

Thurs.-Fri. Dec. 30-31	Betty Grable in "Sweet Rosie O'Grady"
Saturday 1:00 til 10:30	Don "Red" Barry in CANYON CITY
Extra Special Sat. Nite 10:30	Harold Peary—Billie Burke in Gildersleeve On Broadway
Mon. - Tues. Matinee 3:30	HUMAN COMEDY Mickey Rooney—Frank Morgan
Wednesday Mat. 3:30	Jimmy Lydon as Henry Aldrich IN A HAUNTED HOUSE
Thurs.-Fri. January 6-7	DIXIE Bing Crosby—Dorothy Lamour

POULTRY SALE

Our Truck Will Be Near Depot in Raeford 4:00-5:00
Red Springs 3:00-4:00
Pembroke 1:30-3:00

Every Wednesday

We Will be Paying Cash Prices

We Will Buy All the Poultry You Have to Sell

COLORED HENS	23c lb
LEGHORN HENS	20c lb
ROOSTERS	16c lb
TURKEYS	
GEESE	16c lb
DUCKS	16c lb

If the Market Advances We Will Meet it

Tell Your Neighbors About the Poultry Truck

CARTER POULTRY COMPANY
CARTHAGE, NORTH CAROLINA

THE RAEFORD THEATRE

Thursday Friday Open 5:50	China Girl Gene Tierney George Montgomery
Saturday	Double Feature Program William Boyd in LEATHER BURNERS FIND THE BLACKMAILER with Jerome Cowan
SUNDAY ONLY Shows At 3-5-9 P. M.	What's Buzzin' Cousin? Ann Miller—Freddie Martin's Orchestra
MONDAY and Tuesday Shows Starts at 5:30	GUADALCANAL -DIARY Preston Foster—Lloyd Nolan
Wednesday ONLY Shows Starts at 5:30	MISSION TO MOSCOW Walter Huston—Ann Harding—George Tobias
Thurs.-Fri. January 6-7	EDGE OF DARKNESS Errol Flynn—Ann Sheridan—Walter Huston