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The Lighter Side...

The Commissary Officer at one of the larger advanced bases, having noticed that there was a certain amount of waste in the messhalls, studied his files and existing directives for a solution to the problem. Since he did not have any food conservation posters, he finally decided to print signs which might influence the men to be more conservative with the food.

He took a sign on which was printed "FOOD WILL WIN THE WAR," tacked it above the serving line in the Receiving Ship, and proceeded contentedly about his business.

The following morning, on his routine inspection, he looked up at this same sign and found the following had been added: "HOW ARE YOU GOING TO GET THE ENEMY TO EAT HERE?"

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Before the war girls wanted sheer stockings to look like bare legs. Now that they have bare legs they use make-up to make them look like stockings.

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"And what did you do when he walked in and said he was her husband?"

"I started to tune the piano and, dang it, he happened to be a piano tuner."

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A sugar daddy is a form of crystallized sap.

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He: Since I met you I can't eat, I can't sleep, I can't drink.

She: Why not?

He: I'm broke.

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Just because a man chooses a woman for a mate doesn't necessarily make him the captain.

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Flight instructor: What's the last word in planes?

Cadet: Jump!

Mail In The Pacific

With Okinawa, far across the Pacific, invaded by American forces, fully equipped Navy Postal Units have landed on the new beachhead and the dispatching of mail back to the United States already is under way.

Even without direct word from the invasion area, headquarters of the Navy Mail Service knows postal units will operate in a minimum of time. It has happened before. The complicated logistics of mail have been fitted in as an automatic and integral part of any invasion plan—skeleton postal equipment, enough to start immediate operations, goes into a new beachhead with the first echelon. With the third echelon, complete mail units—including Quonset huts, personnel, trucks, lights, distribution cases and other supplies—move ashore and a full-scale postal job is under way.



Seventh Recent Invasion

Okinawa is the seventh major island invasion in the last six months—Leyte, Mindoro, Luzon, Palawan, Cebu and Iwo Jima. Every one of these operations has involved the movement of thousands of men, secret movements over hundreds of miles of water. And as these huge invasion operations increase in size and frequency, the problems of mail delivery become proportionately more complex.

More men are in the Pacific today. Records of the Fleet Post Office in San Francisco, through which all Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard mail for the Pacific funnels, show that first-class mail increased from 52,725,000 pieces in Sept., 1944 to 73,050,000 pieces in January, 1945.

The frequency and size of recent operations mean that ships stay at sea longer, rarely coming back to any harbor for rest, and subject to many unexpected changes in operational orders. This makes it more and more difficult for the Mail Service to arrange rendezvous and deliver mail to particular ships.

Foodstuffs Not Recommended

With air mail, V-mail and ordinary letter mail, the Postal Service can overcome most of these difficulties and deliver mail quickly to addressees so scattered that it is difficult to visualize the task. The same, however, cannot be promised for newspapers and parcel post packages.

Consequently, the Naval Mail Service suggests:

- 1. Since newspapers will be months old



Those civilians flying grasshopper planes near the nation's Capital these days may be Congressmen, for the lawmakers are taking to the air in force this spring.

Forty-eight from 25 states already have signed up for flying lessons and fair weather is expected to bring out more.

Members of the lawmakers exclusive flying fraternity, the Congressional Flying Club, are learning to fly for both business and pleasure. They want to learn first-hand of the opportunities and of some of the problems that the postwar air age will bring for all Americans.

Rep. Jennings Randolph of West Virginia, president of the club, explains: "It is not coincidental that increasing numbers of Congressmen are learning to fly at a time when Congressional decisions on more than a score of pending aviation bills may shape the whole pattern of postwar aviation. In order to legislate intelligently on aviation, we must come closer to the subject, either as actual pilots or as people who believe in flying and utilize it."

Expensive Prototypes

West Coast engineers estimate that it costs approximately \$4,316,000 to develop the prototype airplane of a super-bomber; \$3,300,000 for a twin-engine light bomber, and \$2,925,000 for a heavy long-range transport.

AAF Production Changes

Army Air Forces has announced a series of production changes caused by the shift in air war from Europe to Japan and changed strategy and tactical bombing requirements. Cutbacks will not take effect immediately but will be tapered off over a period of several months. Among the changes are increased production of B-29, B-32, A-26, P-80, C-82 and C-54, and replacement of P-38 and old model fighters with P-80 and newer versions of P-47 and P-51.

before they arrive in the Okinawa area, families should clip items of news interest and enclose them in letter mail, rather than send a whole newspaper.

2. If a man is "guessed" to be in an invasion area, his family and friends should wait for some time before sending any parcel post packages. And if he is known to be in the far Pacific, packages with food or perishables should not be sent at all.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



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