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Marines Apologetic for Wounds; **Eager to Return to Own Outfits**

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(Marine Corps Combat Corresp.) OKINAWA (Delayer)-The walking wounded are apologetic. Some are even ashamed of their wounds.

"Just a scratch, Doc," the youthful Marine from Texas says, showing a forearm split open by a snipef's bullet. "Put a patch on, so I can go back to my outfit."

The weary physician examines the arm. The Marine watches stretcher-bearers carry a whitefaced, unconscious Leatherneck into the first-aid station. The doctor motions for a hospital corpsman to dress the Texan's arm. Then the physician bends over the man on the stretcher.

"Where's he hit?" the Texan asks, nodding his head toward the man on the stretcher.

The corpsman looks up. "Mortar shell fragments in the stomach." Starts for Entrance The Texan is silent as the corps-

man wraps bandages around the injured arm. As soon as the adhesive tape is on, the Marine jumps up, mumbles, "Thanks," and starts for the entrance.

"Where are you going?" the doctor asks.

"Back to my outfit," the Marine replies.

"You're going to remain here for a while. There's danger of infection in that arm." The doctor again leans over the man on the stretcher.

The corpsman points to a cot and tells the Marine to lie down. The Texan, staring at the man with the wounds in the stomach. starts to protest, but the corpsman says no arguing. Sheepishly, the Texan lies down on the cot. Ohio sticks his head into the firstaid station. He winks at a corpsman. "They got me, pal," he laughs as he limps on inside. "Maybe I'll get to go home."

Sees Man on Stretcher

The corpsman has the Ohioan roll up his trousers leg. The flesh is torn above the ankel. The laughing Marine starts to wisecrack but he sees the physician working on this week: the man on the stretcher.

"What hit him?" the Ohioan asks.

"A doctor will examine your leg in a moment."

"That poor guy is really shot up." A physician comes over and examines the Ohioan's wound. "All it needs is a bandage," the Marine says. "The corpsman can put Jones, Gasburg, Va.; Mrs. Minnie it on.'

"Go lie down on a cot," he orders.

"There's nothing wrong with me," the Ohioan argues. The doctor walks away to tend to another patient.

"Come on, Mac," the corpsman says, impatiently, "take the end cot." Before the Ohio Marine can open his mouth the corpsman says: "I know, I know. But there's danger of infection."

Cotton Report As Of July 1, 1945

The acreage of cotton in North Carolina in cultivation on July 1, estimated at 595,000 acres, is less than for any year since 1872. Farmers reduced their cotton crop 170,000 acres - or 22 percent - below that of last year and 305,000 acres-or 30 percent-below the ten-year (1934-43) average. The acreage of cotton grown in this State reached a peak in 1925 when farmers had in cultivation 1,802,000 acres-three times as much as grown this season.

The acreage of cotton has been reduced 50 per cent or more from a year ago in the heavy tobacco producing counties of eastern North Carolina. A material shift from cotton to peanuts occurred in all major peanut producing counties. Farmers in the lower Piedmont, where cotton is the main source of income, reported only a slight reduction in acreage from a year ago. Growers experienced considerable

difficulty in getting a stand of cotton this spring. As a result, the percentage of the acreage that had to be replanted was probably the highest on record. Many producers had to plant as many as three times. Stands at the present time range from "fair" to "average," with growth irregular for this season of the year.



The following are local patients at the Roanoke Rapids Hospital

Mrs. Johi Reid, Mrs. Harold Bloom, C. T. Johnson, and S. M. Thompson.

Out-of-town patients are: Mrs. W. L. Bryant, Conway; Mrs. Lawrence H. Clary, Valentine, Va.; Archie M. Bendall, Emporia, Va.; Rubin Chitty, Murfreesboro; Mrs. Elvira Davis, Seaboard; Charles W. Parks, Jackson; Mrs. Evelyn Wood-





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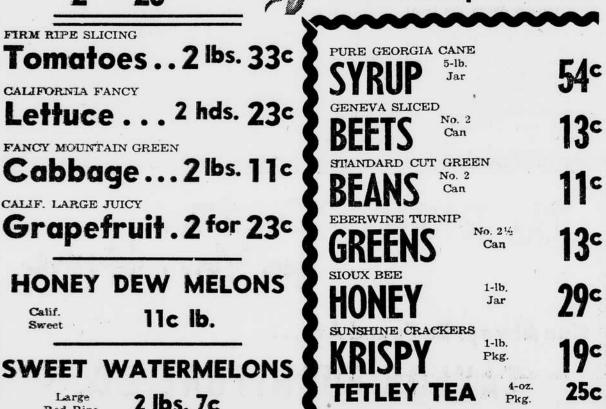
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