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The other day a staff sergeant walked into the newspaper office to register a complaint with us which, while it had nothing to do with AIR-O-MECH, he thought would be wise for us to publish.

His lament had to do with the unusual amount of noise emitted by a minority of G.I.'s in the War Department theatres on the post, when pictures which don't strike their peculiar fancies are exhibited.

Pointing out that, while not every picture played here is a super colossal classic, most men who paid their 15 cents to see the film would like to hear it as well.

The criticism was well-put, we think. Constant movie-goers ourselves, we have noticed the unfortunate tendency on the part of some wisecracks to emit loud howls of derision whenever a film, which does not suit their particular tastes, is on the screen.

Not only that, we have also noticed an even more alarming situation arising whenever a pretty Hollywood "job" perades her gams across the flickering screen. The noises then emitted sound like a zoo full of a certain type of ferocious species of dog-animal.

Not that we have any exception to a certain amount of audible pleasure being expressed at such incomparable sights, but we do think certain proprieties should be observed in War Dept't theatres.

After all, we're not a bunch of soot-suited, irresponsible children; we're men, for the most part, doing a crucial job in defense of our beloved country.

Last week's AIR-O-MECH published the news of the sentencing of an enlisted man to two months in the guard house for telephoning to his parents in New York for information he was to leave Seymour Johnson Field at a certain time.

As a consequence an entire troop movement was held up and the soldier was arrested.

This is the first case of its kind at Seymour Johnson Field. Let it be the last.

Remember, if you learn any military information, keep it to yourself. Your life as well as those of your buddies may depend on your keeping your trap shut.

## The Chaplain Speaks

By Howard Davis  
1st Lt., Chaplain

It seems to require three activities to fill the life of Man; work, play, worship. The idle loafer, the man without a job, the man with nothing to do but hold his hands and count his days must be miserable indeed. As soldiers we have a job to do. It is a job that is going to tax both our physical strength and strength of character.

Furthermore; the man who never enjoys any recreation of anything different, but lives in the same humdrum fashion day after day misses much of the real pleasure of life.

It is just as true that the man who does not worship God with something of the regularity of eating, misses much of the real meaning of life. Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "I am a regular church goer. I should go for various reasons though I did not love it; but I am happy enough to find great pleasure in the midst of devout multitudes." He said there was in the corner of his heart a plant called reverence, which wanted to be watered about once a week

### RELIGIOUS SERVICES

**PROTESTANT**  
Chapel 3, Eighth at C and D streets  
Sunday  
0800 - Holy Communion - Chap. Green  
0900 - General Service - Chap. Green  
1030 - General Service - Chap. Green  
1400 - General Service - Chap. Quick  
1930 - General Service - Chap. Quick

Wednesday  
0800 - Holy Communion - Chap. Green  
Thursday  
1330 - Holy Communion - Chap. Green

**JEWISH**  
Chapel 2, B and Fifth streets  
Sunday  
0900 - General Service - Chap. Davis  
1100 - General Service - Chap. Davis  
1400 - General Service - Chap. Olson  
1930 - General Service - Chap. Davis  
Wednesday  
1930 - Midweek Service - Chap. Davis

**CATHOLIC**  
Chapel 4, Ninth and G streets  
Sunday  
1000 - Sabbath Services - Chap. Goldberg  
Friday  
1930 - Sabbath Services - Chap. Goldberg  
Saturday  
0930 - Sabbath Services - Chap. Goldberg  
1030 - Sabbath Services - Chap. Goldberg  
1330 - Sabbath Services - Chap. Goldberg  
Daily Mon. through Fri. 1000 - 1930.

**COLORED PROTESTANT**  
Chapel 4, Ninth and G streets  
0900 - General Service - Clergyman

**HOSPITAL SERVICES**  
Red Cross Auditorium  
Sunday  
0800 - Catholic - Chaplain Tainter  
0900 - Protestant - Chaplain Olson  
0900 - Jewish (Annex) - Chap. Goldberg

## 2,300,000 POUNDS OF FOOD!

Did you know you consumed over 2,300,000 pounds of food during the month of January? That is the amount of food you soldiers here at Seymour Johnson Field ate last month according to the figures released by the General Mess. The Mess has calculated that it would take a thousand one-ton trucks to cart your food for one month to the Field.



## The Inquiring Line--

Q. CAN YOU GIVE ME A DESCRIPTION OF THE NEW OVERSEAS RIBBON THAT SOLDIERS WILL WEAR WHO SEE SERVICE IN AFRICA?

A. It's a green ribbon, 1 3/8 inches long and 3/8 inches wide. In the center are red, white and blue vertical stripes. In addition to the U.S. colors, the green, white and red of Italy are at its left end and the black and white of Germany at its right end--the colors of the enemies against whom the holders are fighting. The ribbon also signified service in Europe or the Middle East.

Q. MY GIRL ASKED ME TO SEND HER ONE OF MY SHOULDER PATCHES; SHE PLANS TO WEAR IT ON A SWEATER. IS THAT OKAY?

A. We can't wear it, soldier. Army Regulations prohibit the wearing of Army insignia or their replicas by unauthorized persons. They are restricted to Army personnel only.



There seems to be a lot of talk making the rounds that Ol' Man Hitler is dead. If so, it's the nicest thing we've heard about him for a long time. More than 2,800,000 babies were born last year in the U.S. Of these, 143,000--five out of every hundred--were born to men in the services...One out of every five Army men is married...Thousands of service ribbons are being turned out daily by a New Rochelle factory for the Army of Occupation which will take over Germany (soon we hope)... If you feel like telling Adolf what you think of him, his phone number is 11-6191, and his home address, as listed in the British Who's Who, is Berchtesgaden...First Yank soldier to marry in North Africa is Sgt. Frank M. Cheney, of New York, who took a French girl, while his C. O. Lt. Col. Elliot Roosevelt was a wedding guest...The Army has added rice pudding to the list of dehydrated foods sent abroad...Army Quartermaster will soon equip G.I.'s with khaki undies, as white ones easily can be

seen by enemy planes if on a clothes line...Sgt. Joe Louis goes before the cameras in the movie production of "This is the Army," sensational Irving Berlin show...It was learned this week that Cpl. Barney Boss, who became a Marine hero at Guadalcanal is recovering from his fourth attack of malaria. Condition is reported as "pretty fair"...Kay Francis reports while on her trip entertaining troops in England, Ireland, Bermuda and North Africa, she was forced to wear G.I. long underwear, which she enjoyed for their warmth. Jeeps will be used to do the spring plowing in England to raise food for the Yanks there...Robert Taylor is now a Lt. (J.G.) in the Navy's Air Transport...Lt. Robert Montgomery's seeing action on a destroyer in the Guadalcanal area...Favorite movie star of Jap prisoners seem to be Deanna Durbin, whose picture has often been found among Jap possessions...U.S. Army needs rattlesnakes for venom with which to treat snake-bitten soldiers...Norton is publishing "How to prepare for Military fitness," by Lt. Col. Francois D'elise, who was head of the Ranger and Combat School at Fort Meade until he was sent overseas...Army morale Officers in England had tough problems when troops (mostly from B'klyn) began clamoring for pinocchio decks, which England never heard of before so much so that such decks had to be manufactured on the double..... Visitor: "Are you the Commanding Officer?" I'm Mrs. Smith. I have a grandson in your squadron. Commanding Officer: "Yes madam. He's on a three day pass just now attending your funeral."...V...V...V...V

## "HIGH FLIGHT"

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth,  
And danced the skies on laughter silvered wings,  
Sunward I've climbed and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sunlit clouds...and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of...wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence...flaring here,  
I've chased the shouting wind along and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air.  
Up, up the long delirious burning blue  
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace,  
Where never lark, or even eagle flew  
And, with silent lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space  
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

"High Flight" was written by John Gillespie Magee, Jr., a 19-year old American who volunteered with Royal Canadian Air Force. He was killed in action four days after Pearl Harbor on December 11, 1941.

