

AIR-O-MECH

A GOOD DEAL

Marines in the southwestern Pacific are sometimes, shamefully out-traded by the natives. One young onerprising marine, however, carved a few curlies on a \$1 pipe he had bought at a corner drugstore back home, went to see the chief, and after some dickering collected \$75.

A few days later the marine was somewhat surprised to see his commanding officer sporting the pipe. "What'll you take for it?" asked the young marine, cautiously. "I would not sell it for a fortune," replied the officer. "It's a tribal trophy several hundred years old and I had a whale of a time persuading one of the head men to sell it to me for \$125."

BUY STAMPS



Those two Latin words beneath a golden urn in which reposes three plumes are the literal motto of the ARMY AIR FORCES TECHNICAL TRAINING COMBAND. Many an Air Force enlisted man cannot translate Latin, but his heart translates the meaning—

"I SUSTAIN THE WINGS"

"I am the Air Force Technician who makes it possible for flyers to be heroes and heroes to be flyers. I drill and work and fight. I work that others may fly and fight. I fight that I may work to keep them flying. I am the mechanic, the radio man, the armorer, the weather observer, the gunner, the instrument man, I'm a technician but I fight like a commando.

"I am one of those three plumes signifying an unbeatable trio—the Plane, the Air Crew, the Ground Crew—each indispensable to the other two. Without me the plane would be a motionless machine, the pilot a helpless gladiator.

"When I trained, I chafed at the constant stream of repetition, of routine, but now I realize I was learning to act on instinct. I gripped at scrubbing and shining and cleaning, but now I realize neatness means a clean job of every task. An unbuttoned pocket seemed trivial, but now I know a forgotten button might be a forgotten cotter key and that forgotten key might mean a plane destroyed and a crew killed. Because of strict training I am good, and I know I'm good.

"The folks at home may never know how important I am; the public may never see my name in print. I am the plodding lineman of modern football. I make long runs possible for ALL AMERICANS. I am the blocker that never carries the ball.

"But the pilot there knows me. He knows when he climbs aboard, she sits ready. He knows those engines are perfect, the radio, his ears, the instruments, his eyes. That bombardier knows his hits are going to be perfect. And when they come back there is something in their handshake no newspaper could describe, no medal could equal. It is the grip of men whose lives depend on me."

"I SUSTAIN THE WINGS"
SUSTINEO ALAS!

From the Jefferson Barracks 'HUB'

Fvt. William J. Kestner

Military courtesy has for centuries been the privilege of fighting men all over the world. I use the word PRIVILEGE, because I consider it a privilege to render to my superior officers the courtesies that are due them. And I would say to you, look upon this as a sacred right—a right that was granted you when you donned the uniform of your country. Use that right and guard it, because it is just as such a part of you as the uniform that you wear.

The same is true of military discipline. Discipline means instant, and willing obedience to orders. Where discipline is good, the customs of military courtesy are usually observed, and men who are courteous, are usually well schooled in the principles of good discipline.

To a man we should be proud of our uniform, and the country that it represents. Washington and his men at Valley Forge had little to be proud of in the way of uniforms. They were ragged and torn, and they wore without shoes, but they were proud to be fighting for ideals and principles that they knew would live forever. And they will live forever, because you are the men behind these ideals in the present war.

(From an address by Gen. Dupcan to the men of his command)



The question is often raised, "Is man ever justified in being AWOL. The answer, obviously, is No! There may be times when it seems to a soldier that he needs to have leave, but the fact that he walks away from his duties and responsibilities as a soldier and as a man, without respect for Military law, is inexcusable. No Commanding Officer can ever be as proud of a man in his Unit who thus shirks his duties as he is of the man who is faithful under all circumstances to his responsibilities as a soldier.

The man who absences himself without leave can not present as good a service record to those who might have cause to see it as the man who is not marked up AWOL.

The same might be applied to the spiritual side of our lives.

That our Government recognizes the importance of spiritual training as well as physical training, is seen in its endeavor to furnish the place and opportunity for men to

POETS CORNER

DOWN TO THE SEA
By Sgt. Alex Karanikas

Return with me where the ancient shore

Hurls back the youthful waves
One thousand leagues or more,
Where all the crevasses are graves
Beneath the ocean floor.

Come dance while bells ring merrily
To greet the sun of dawn
Ten miles below the sea,
While submarines in depths forlorn
Look sharp for you and me.

Run in and out of the fossilied stem
Where gems and pearly bones
Gleam bright at every turn,
Where shadows slumber on their throats
And lanterns never burn.

Never so fierce were the cannibal eyes
Of monsters in the deep
As human enterprise,
Makes war on all the things that weep
With bombs and guns and lies.
Yet follow me down, where on the shore,
The lips of a world in pain

New blood has foamed and more,
Where free men's voices in refrain
Sound clear above the roar.

OUR HEART, AMERICA
By
PFC Bertrand L. Hill

Our heart it pounds within us
When we're called to freedom's
fight
Our strength it does work miracles,
We work with all our
might.

Our heart it swells with gladness
To the beating of the band,
The trumpet cry of freedom
To the corners of our land.

Our heart it primes our muscles,
It sharpens up our minds,
Makes certainty of victory,
It draws away the blinds.
Our heart it is our homeland,
Beligion, speech and creed,
For these we'd gladly give our lives
As our forefathers answered "YES!"

Our heart is in AMERICA,
To protect we raise the sword,
Our heart IT IS AMERICA
In the sanctity of the Lord.

worship. The tragedy is that too many men fail to avail themselves of that opportunity.

We are not only soldiers in the service of our Country, but soldiers in the army of God. Many men in uniform have had responsible places of service in that army. The great Commander has ordered His men that they shall assemble themselves in worship. To be continually absent from that place of worship is to be AWOL in the army of God.

Men who would not, under any circumstances, have AWOL written after their records in the Army, have a string of them written after their name on God's role.

The fact that a man has had a busy week and Sunday is his one day off does not give him any more right to be absent from worship services than to be absent from his post of duty in the Army. Many of the excuses used to justify absence from Church would be hotted at if used to justify absence from military formations. The difference comes in our failure to recognize the importance of God and His word in our lives as men and soldiers.

No man can be as proud of his spiritual record if it is continually being marked with AWOL from the house of God as he might otherwise be.

Remember friend, when God calls the rolls in his places of service next Sunday and He finds that you are not there, He will mark you down with those who are AWOL.

INVITATION

No matter what your race, religion or creed, if you wear Uncle Sam's uniform, you will find a church in Goldsboro that will welcome you this Sunday. Every minister has issued an invitation to soldiers of Seymour Johnson Field to attend. Recreation hours are also planned.

Religious Services

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Chapel No. 3	
Liturgical Holy Communion	0800
General Service	0900
General Service	1030
General Service	1400
General Service	1830

Midweek Services

Liturgical Holy Communion	Wed. 0800
Liturgical Holy Communion	Thur. 1830
(Chaplain Green and Quick)	

Chapel No. 2

General Service	0900
General Service	1030
General Service	1400
General Service	1830

Midweek Service

Wednesday	1930
(Chaplain Olson and Davis)	

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Chapel No. 1

Masses	0730
Masses	0900
Masses	1000
Masses	1100
Masses	1315
Masses	1900
Daily Mass	0730 and 1830
(Chaplain McGuire and Tainter)	

JEWISH SERVICES

Chapel No. 2

Sabbath Services Sat.	0930, 1030
Sabbath Services Sat.	1830
Sabbath Services Sun.	1030
Daily, Mon. - Fri.	1000, 1930
(Chaplain Goldberg)	

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Red Cross Auditorium	
Protestant	0900
Jewish (Annex)	0900
Catholic	1000