

AIR-O-MECH

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Buy a stamp and lick the other side! Members of Seymour Johnson Field have responded splendidly to the drive, sponsored by your camp newspaper to raise \$75,000 in war stamps and bonds in the name of this Post.

Enlisted men have shown great spirit in joining the campaign. To date, Headquarters and Headquarters lead all other squadrons in stamp purchases, which were voluntarily made. Since Headquarters is one of the smaller organizations on the Field, the members of that group and their Commanding Officer, Major John C. Hagan, Jr., are to be highly commended.

At the time AIR-O-MECH went to press (Tuesday night), the enlisted personnel led, by far, all other groups on the Field in their purchases of war stamps and bonds.

The Enlisted Men have set the pace. All Officers and civilians in the post, who for the most part are on salaries much larger than the EM, should follow.

AIR O-MECH remains convinced that every person on the Post will want to buy a stamp and thus contribute toward the goal of \$75,000 - the amount which is necessary to purchase a P-40 pursuit plane.

To bring about success, whether it be in the form of victory at the front or a recordbreaking attendance at a show, good cooperation is necessary throughout. Although sport activities in this field are beginning to look auspicious, still many ends dangle causing disruption and headaches.

The wise guy who sits at the ringside criticizing every fellow who comes out to swing leather in the recent boxing shows, doesn't have the guts to turn out and provide something to criticize for someone else. Yet, when a young kid full of stored energy breaks loose amid the roaring of the crowd, the wise guy sits back and squawks for murder, blood and what not.

What this field needs is less incoherent talk and more coherent action. Sports means a lot to soldiers. It brings back memories of high school days and serves a double purpose by keeping men healthy and in the fighting spirit. Attendance, too, means as much as the participants. Baseball, basketball and all other sports should be well supported, whether the first you witness is good or bad. All shows, all sports should be witnessed. Without spectators it's the same as having a gasoline out in the middle of the desert with no place to spend your

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC

BY
SGT. ALEX KARANIKAS

Young men to Carthage or to Persia marched
With sword and daggers glistening in rain
To topple kingdoms or to stem a tide
Burst out of nations where the tyrants ruled.

Now in a woodoo dream
On a hula-hula island,
Bomb fragment coral
In the far lagoon,

Our boys with songs of Kansas free
Sail into shadows where the Japs
Lift cannon like the fangs of death
To guard the spice and jewels won.

So swift the pant and anguish or retreat
Borne high on crest of treachery and shame;
Bataan and Wake and all the other isles
No more in slumber and in song at noon.

Oahu! how we wept
Till tears made lilies grow
Where cactus nearly died.
Still in the conquered night

Sad lovers steal along the batteries on shore
Alert for guns and pits, the poisoned fist,
Where kisses would be bitter had the heart
Not reason when the mind has failed.

Somewhere great waves well up to speak my pain,
Typhoon my hunger for the things I love;
Ward now among the archipelagoes
The life we harbored with our hope and fear.

Why are we here?
Why are we here
In jungle swamp,
In moody sea,

Where in our memory we fight and die,
Or live to climb another hill, or wait
Till twilight ends the blistering day
With chanting scorpions and tiger bugs?

Wild now our eyes in red volcanic glare,
Trembling hands, and hearts that roar;
Get ready, boys, the tide has risen high,
The foe is quaking for our cry is fierce.

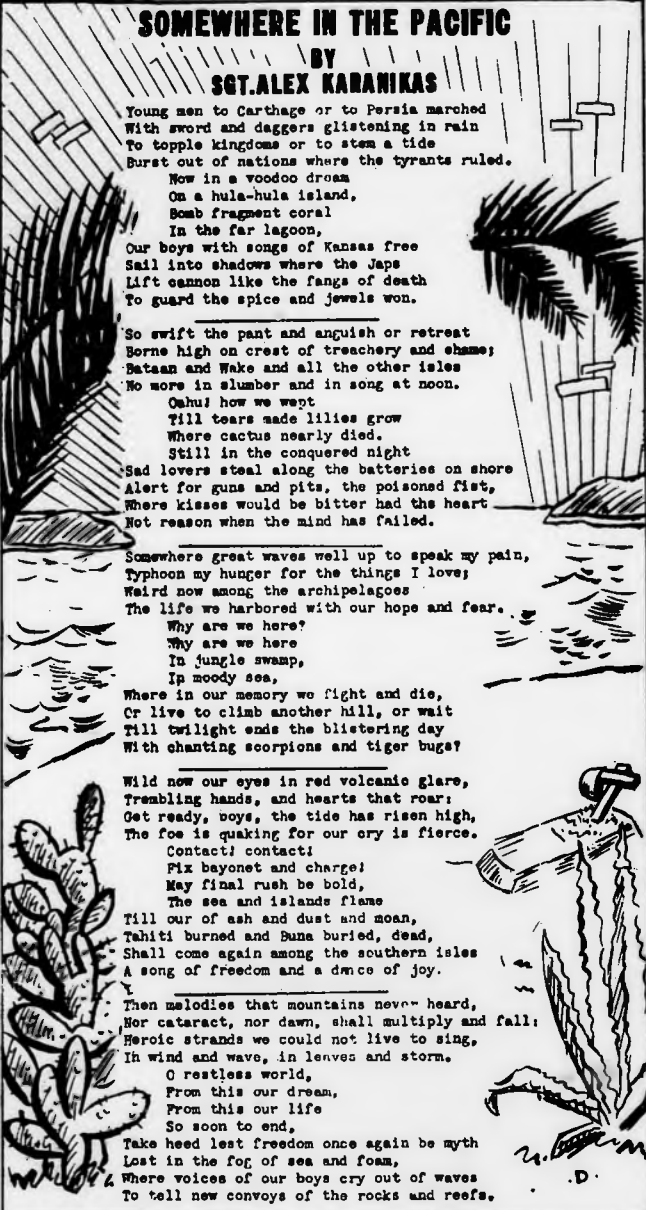
Contact! contact!
Fix bayonet and charge!
May final rush be bold,
The sea and islands flame

Till our of ash and dust and moan,
Tahiti burned and Buna buried, dead,
Shall come again among the southern isles
A song of freedom and a dance of joy.

Then melodies that mountains never heard,
Nor cataract, nor dawn, shall multiply and fall;
Heroic strands we could not live to sing,
In wind and wave, in leaves and storm.

O restless world,
From this our dream,
From this our life
So soon to end,

Take heed lest freedom once again be myth
Lost in the fog of sea and foam,
Where voices of our boys cry out of waves
To tell new convoys of the rocks and reefs.



excess wealth. A good show is not good unless the audience makes it good. Remember, you are both the show and the audience. Turn out to participate and turn out to witness.

STARS 'N STRIPES

The cover of the July Fourth issue of Newsweek Magazine will be a full-color picture of the United States flag. The magazine is sponsoring a contest open to any member of the Army, Navy, Marine or Air Corps, who cares to submit a cover entry.

The requirements of the Kodachromes submitted are as follows: The United States flag, flying from left to right, should be the central motif of the picture. However, it should be presented with a novel pictorial slant such as a color guard, flag flying; a typical soldier, sailor or marine might be saluting the flag, etc.

The picture should be square in composition to crop into Newsweek's cover size (7 1/2 x 7 7/16) 4 x 5 Kodachrome transparencies are preferred but 35mm Kodachromes will be

considered. These contributions must be received by May 8 and clearly marked with return address.

Mail entries to Newsweek, Broadway and 42nd Street, New York City, keeping in mind that all entries will be in keen competition with the work of regular commercial photographers, but if your cover entry is used, full credit will be given your outfit and the photographer.

U. S. Sergeant Tells Off Gen. Montgomery

Sgt. Warden F. Lovell, a U.S. Army "shuttering," was trying to catch up with some advanced 8th Army units. He stopped his jeep to ask directions of a group of soldiers. One of them asked him why he wanted to know. Sgt. Lovell made it plain he was in a hurry and had no time to answer their damned foolish questions.

"Who was that guy?" asked Lovell of a British soldier riding with him.

"He was Gen. Montgomery," replied the Tommy.

The Chaplain Speaks...

We believe in God. God is a word we have used since childhood. It is the first word we learned to speak at our mother's knees. And from that day on, we have heard it used and attached a definite meaning to it. What does this simple fact go to show? It goes to show that the idea of a Supreme Being is natural to the soul of man. What all men hold by nature to be true is a truth of nature. The Universal Voice of nature speaks no lie.

This natural belief of mankind may be obscured for a time by the clouds of pride and passion but always and everywhere reasserts itself with the reappearance of sane reason. Like a rainbow it reaches from cradle to grave and lightens up with the light of hope a life that otherwise would be dark and dismal indeed. Neither do we admit for one moment that what is proclaimed by the universal consent of mankind is the outcome of blind instinct. Man is a rational being. When all men unite in one declaration, that declaration is founded and grounded on reason. For this reason, "God, the Beginning and End of all things, can be known with certainty from created things by means of the natural light of reason. From what has been said we cannot say we do not know God. But knowing God we act as sensible men and acknowledge what we know and believe? Let your life show that you do. From the cradle to the grave in your life be man of God.

By Chaplain McGuire

Religious Services

PROTESTANT SERVICES	
Chapel No. 3	
Liturgical Holy Communion	0900
General Service	0900
General Service	1030
General Service	1600
General Service	1900

Midweek Services	
Liturgical Holy Communion	Wed. 0800
Liturgical Holy Communion	Thur. 1330
(Chaplain Green and Quick)	

Chapel No. 2	
General Service	0900
General Service	1030
General Service	1600
General Service	1930

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.	1530
Sabbath Services Sun.	1030
Daily, Mon. - Fri.	1000, 1930
(Chaplain Goldberg)	

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