With The AEF

G.I. Protectors Of The Japanese

By KENNETH L. DIXON WITH THE AEF IN ROME, June 16.-(Delayed)-"This whole diplomacy racket is highly unreasonable," said Pfc. Kenneth Kissinger of Toledo, Ohio, speaking clearly and distinctly to demonstrate the terrific diplomatic restraint under which he was operating.

"I joined the army to shoot a couple of Japanese or maybe three if my luck was good. And what happens, I ask you, what

happens: Everybod in the command car observed a moment of silence in deference to Kissinger's feelings. The motorcycle escorted, heavily guarded procession raced on through the Roman street, the black car ahead surrounded by military

"I've got to guard one yet, a Japanese—that is, two Japa-nese," cried Kistinger in mental agony. "There they are in that black car, not 20 feet away, and I'm supposed to see

that nothing happens to them."

The MP lapsed into a morbid brooding silence and Lt. Claude Bove of Schenectady, who had listened to the tirade with the bored expression of one who has heard this song before, explained one of the war's most ironic situations.

The two toothy gents in the black sedan were his excellencies Ken Harada, Japanese ambassador to the Holyy See, and his secretary, named Kanaya-ma. Until such time as they

Murderers Win State Paroles

RALEIGH, June 29 .- (A) -Six prisoners, three convicted of secend degree murder, were paroled today by Governor Broughton.

They were: Henry Lanier, convicted in Mecklenburg in 1937 of second degree murder and sentenced to 12 to 20 years; Rosa Bell Matthews, convicted in Lenoir in 1940 of second degree murder and sentenced to eight to 10 years; Posie Pack, convicted in Forsyth last March of store - breaking, larceny and receiving and sentenced to nine months; R. B. Gray, convicted in McDowell in 1941 of assault and battery with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and sentenced to six to nine years. Ridgeway Braxton, convicted in Forsyth in 1937 of second degree murder and sentenced to 23 to 30 years; and Clifton (Wiley) Beddingfield, convicted in Wake last Febraury of larceny and sentenced to two years.

could be moved to the sanctuary of the Vatican it was an Allied diplomatic responsibility to escort them to and from work, guard them in the meantime, and generally see to it that no ambitious GI sent them to join their most honorable ancestors, thus adding a couple of Nipponese notches to his M1

At this point the long black sedan stopped at the Vatican gate and Lt. Bove walked up to see how long the Japanese intended to stay inside. The twin sets of shining teeth smiled back at him as they answered his question.

They had been grinning all the way through town, very smugly secure and happy about the whole thing. It was easy to drift into Pfc. Kissinger's frame of mind.

The Japanese drove on through the gate and the oth-er waiting MP's took up the

"What a fix I'm in," said Staff Sgt. Leon M. Dunkin of

ture of his baby son. "Some day the kid is going to gay to me 'Daddy, what did you do in the war?' Then I'll have to say Well, son, I guarded a Japanese. That's what I did during the war— I guarded a Japanese so that nothing would happen to him."

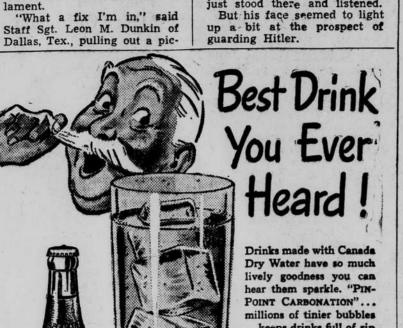
"The kid will probably throw me out of the house," he said. 'Oh, well," said Pfc. Elmer Richan of Detroit, "the way I look at it is that there's no telling what they'll tell you to do next in this army, so why

Pfc. Bill Sweaks of Rockdale, Tex., didn't say a word. He just stood there and listened.

He kicked moodily at the tire

of his motorcycle.

"Yeah, that's right," agreed Pfc. Heuston Reed, Joplin, "maybe we'll have to guard Hitler before this war is over. What the hell; if we weren't doing this we'd be pounding a beat."



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GUARD TO MEET MYRTLE BEACH, S. C., June 29—(P)—The annual encampment of Louis De Maro Hayman, Jr., of the South Carolina State Guard Whiteville, was appointed a first will be held at the Myrtle Beach The War department announced to- lieutenant in the medical corps. army air field July 16-22.

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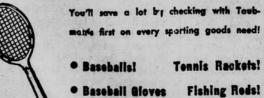
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