

They're All GI On Top, But A Woman Underneath

FORT LEE, Va. — *AP* — Their uniforms are strictly GI, but underneath the khaki those Wacs are strictly women.

An unofficial survey at the Women's Army Corps Training Center turned up plenty of fancy lingerie among the GI girls.

"The girls will tell you at the snap of a garter that this is perfectly natural."

"When you can't be feminine on top, you've got to be more so underneath," said Pvt. Anne Con-taldi of Bayonne, N. J. "We'd get tired of wearing uniforms if we

didn't have some freedom somewhere."

The corps originally issued tailored, non-feminine undies, frequently in shades of the all-too-familiar khaki. "Something like the floursack scanties farmers' daughters used to wear," observed one lissome buck sergeant.

CAN BUY THEIR OWN

But, as Lt. Marion Trow of Camp Douglas, Wis., put it, "There's nothing so permanent in the army as change." And top brass changed regulations to allow Wacs to buy their own next-to-the-skin wear.

A recruit arriving at Fort Lee-only WAC training center in the country-is issued everything from nylons to field boots, but no below-the-surface garments. On these she gets her choice, and clerks at the post exchange and stores in nearby Petersburg say they are hard put to keep enough black lace in stock.

It comes as a shock to see dabs of filmy pink hanging out to dry among khaki slacks and shirts, and misty blue negligees draped over barracks bunks, but the girl soldiers figure it's none of Uncle Sam's business what they wear where it doesn't show.

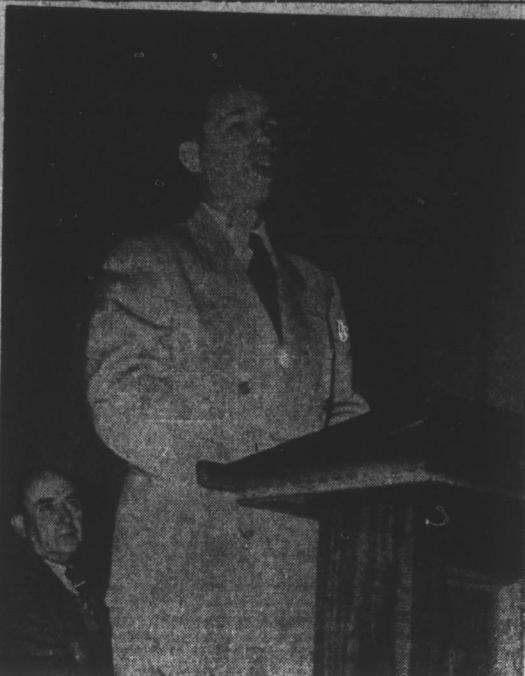
But on the whole, this woman's army is not so different from the male organization.

RUSH AND WAIT

Pvt. Dora Jane Clemens of Philadelphia, in her first week of recruit training, came out with the typical complaint: "We've waited in line for everything since we first got here. And they keep rushing us on to get in another line."

M-Sgt. Margaret Allen of North Wilkesboro, N. C., a veteran of eight years service, three of them overseas, bawled out her platoon of recruits with as typical a master sergeant manner as ever you've seen. The voice was an octave or so higher, but Wallace Beery himself couldn't have gotten the idea across better.

The essential technique of "GI-ing" a cigaret was proudly demonstrated by Pvt. Carolyn Fortner of Kannapolis, N. C. Her long, carefully manicured fingernails dispersed the tobacco, and she tucked the balled up paper down in her shoe, so there'd be no sign of a butt on the ground for the clean-up squad to worry about.



ERWIN BANQUET SPEAKER — The Rev. Warren Carr, pastor of the Watts Street Baptist Church in Durham, is shown as he addressed the members of the Erwin Mills 25 Year Club at their meeting in Erwin Friday night. The speaker stressed the need of better understanding in management-labor relations as the best safeguard against forces which are attempting to divide us. (Daily Record photo by Louis Dearborn).

Wounded GIs Like Gals, Music, But Prefer Home

WASHINGTON — *AP* — The wounded boys in Korea like songs and pretty girls, but their first thoughts are of the folks back home.

Dory Claire, a blonde bombshell from Brooklyn, told me about the two months she spent close to the front lines while on tour with a troupe of entertainers.

"For the first time," she said, "I realized we were in a stinking, miserable and killing war — but that it hasn't got our boys down. Their spirit is wonderful." Every GI Dory met in a hospital

Truman Largest Tax Collector In All History

WASHINGTON — *AP* — The chamber of Commerce of the United States said today that President Truman has collected more tax money from the American people than all other Presidents combined.

It added that the Truman administration has spent more than one-third of all the funds ever expended by the U. S. government.

The chamber's figures were based on a study by its government economy group.

In the tax field, it said that fed-

eral receipts from July 1, 1945 through Nov. 16 totaled slightly more than \$262,000,000,000, as compared with \$254,000,000,000 from 1890 to June 30, 1945.

As for expenditures it said, the Truman administration has spent \$282,000,000,000 of the \$770,000,000,000 total since the federal government was established.

Buck deer shed their antlers every year but they seldom are found in the woods because small rodents rapidly eat them for their high mineral content.

But the Korean wounded vets, she said, were "in no mood for anything but a good laugh. We tried to give it to them."

THEY JUST BLUSHED
"We thought we would show them a little cheese-cake by baring our legs," she recalled. "All they did was blush like hell and ask for a song — and clap like hell when we sang it."

The troupe was handicapped in the tent shows but gave their all anyway. There was no piano, only a guitar, and half the cast often was out of tune because nasty weather threw the guitar off-key.

One number the boys liked was that reckless mountain tune about the "Martins and the Coys."

"When we came to where it says 'The Martins and the Coys, they were reckless mountain boys and their shootin' and their feudin' sure played hob,' we'd shoot off a cap pistol," Dory recalled.

"It was a little feeble and hardly heard against the awful backdrop of the Red enemy fire."

The group spent a lot of time around Pusan, living no better than the troops.

TOOK BATH FROM HELMET
"Many's the afternoon I borrowed a tin helmet from a GI, filled it with water and ducked into the woods for a long-delayed bath," she said.

"I was lucky. Those poor kids in the hospitals and emergency tents didn't get a bath very often."

"But they didn't care much about being dirty. They were worrying more about the folks."

Dory was so worked up by her experiences that she begged off her job and spent almost a month in Brooklyn making the rounds of parents and sweethearts of boys she met overseas.

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