

NEWS FROM FT. JACKSON

By Private Bobby Sloan

Days of chivalry are not so far away. Reminiscence of certain elements of the Elsie Dinsmore situation in this incident from real life which happened last week here at Ft. Jackson. The cast of characters in our little vignette are a General, a private, a sergeant, a lieutenant, a captain, a major, a colonel, a general, and a brigadier general. The scene opens in the office of the commanding General of the Third Division. The telephone rings. The General himself answers it. The voice filled with flattery and compliments. The General's face is grim with indignity, but suddenly a smile comes to both eyes—a smile projected into his eyes although his demeanor remains stern.

My knowledge of playwrighting is negligible, to say nothing of acting. I am afraid I will have to play right there with you on the first scene of the rest of the story. I will be a bit of a Romeo. While in Columbia, he playfully took a ring from his girl's finger and refused to give it back,

everywhere you look now soldiers are grouped around with shirts off, enjoying this hot April sun.

Here is another funny incident which took place last week on the maneuver. One of the boys from my Company, which is the Service Company of Raleigh, was at Regimental Headquarters. He is one of the 'Driftees' as the draftees, or selective service men are called, and works in the supply warehouse, so he was not 'in the know' about the running of headquarters. While we are out on maneuvers, one of the jobs the clerks at Regimental have is to keep a journal, minute by minute, of whatever action takes place.

An umpire walked up, and mistaking Joe for one of the clerks, asked where the 'Journal' was. "I haven't seen the General, Sir, he hasn't been by!" was Joe's reply. Poor Joe—shall we call him Doakes?—has been taking a ribbing ever since. His name now is General Joe, pronounced 'Journal' Joe.

I know there are some things which you are particularly interested in, folks, but if you don't let me know about what they are, I will just have to fill up this column as best I can. If there are any things you would particularly be interested in, I wish you would write me. My address is Service Company, 120th Infantry, Fort Jackson, S. C.

Just what does a Selective Service man do with his \$21 a month pay?

An extensive survey was recently conducted here revealing that a majority of the 6,000 Selectees in training with the 30th Division here carefully budget their month-

Deanna Durbin Weds



Deanna Durbin, 19, singing star of the films, and Vaughn Paul, 25, a director, leave Wilshire Methodist Episcopal Church in Hollywood after their wedding. The wedding was one of filmdom's biggest, with approximately 900 movie stars and stage hands crowding the church and another 2,000 persons outside.

that refuse to be filled. This runs him about six dollars for the month and leaves him seven.

Out of his last \$7, a soldier must purchase toilet articles, stamps, magazines and newspapers. The job of stretching his pay over a month is a seemingly impossible one, but most of the men do it and a good many of them go so far as to send part of their pay home.

This fact is evidenced by the receipts for money orders issued at the Fort Jackson post office—which leads all other post offices in the state in the issuance of postal money orders. Many of these orders, of course, come from soldiers who receive more than the basic \$21 paid to soldiers their first three months in service.

As a man advances in the army his salary increases. After three months a private receives \$30 monthly and a first class private \$36. Uncle Sam's soldiers are the highest paid in the world and according to the survey at Fort Jackson, they have learned how to get the most out of their hard earned wages.

so that hot meals are always waiting whenever the troops are ready to eat. Thus, the Army has ended the era of hard tack and pork and beans.

Not only can these newest of field ranges turn out a routine meal of meat and three vegetables, but they have facilities for baking—so apple pies and hot biscuits are not only possible but probable.

The greatest advantage, officials point out, is that the kitchens when rolling will be fired by gasoline wing off no smoke and therefore not be visible from the sky. Therefore they may travel with the troops without giving away their positions.

In the last war, the old rolling kitchens used wood for fuel and smoked like steam engines, making it necessary to cook meals far behind the lines and bring the food up in trucks. Old timers recall that very rarely was a meal at a degree of rarefaction that could be called hot.

Not only do the ranges make it possible to cook meals right on the scene of action, but the boys will even be able to wash their mess kits with water that can be heated on the stoves while the soldiers are eating. The new ranges are being used in the field at the present time and have proved highly satisfactory.

If mothers of the soldiers in training here are concerned about the meals their boys will be eating in the field on maneuvers this summer, they need not be, for the Army did not neglect its field kitchens when it went modern.

After a hard day in the field, the soldiers of 1941 will have as hot and appetizing food awaiting them as they have when training on the Post.

For the various units of the 30th and 8th Division here have been issued a number of new aluminum, gasoline and wood burning field ranges which may be set on trucks that follow the troops in the field. The ranges may be used while being hauled to or from the "front"

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