

**Larry Owens In Exercise Arctic**

FORT RICHARDSON, Alaska, (HITNC) — Army Pvt. Larry W. Owens, son of Mrs. M. M. Owens, 214 Bridge street, Kings Mountain, N. C., recently participated in Exercise Arctic Shore II, a tactical air-ground mobility exercise in Alaska.

Owens and other members of the 9th Infantry's Company E were airlifted to Point Barrow, Alaska's northernmost city, where they were deployed against "aggressor" units simulating an attack on Distant Early Warning (DEW) sites. The exercise was designed to provide tactical training for infantry units and also to provide command and staff training in joint air mobility operations.

Assigned to the company at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, Owens entered the Army in October 1960, completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and arrived in Alaska last July. The 19-year-old soldier attended Kings Mountain high school and was employed by the Ervin Construction Company in Charlotte before entering the Army.

A Waterloo, Iowa, holdup man successfully held up a market for \$60 but couldn't get away because his car wouldn't start.

**The Veterans Corner**

Here are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to questions from former servicemen and their families:

Q — Because of my late husband's military service, I received some \$3,600 in death gratuity payment. Is this money subject to federal income tax?

A — No.

Q — My husband is a war veteran and since his discharge from active duty, he has worked under social security. In planning our insurance program we would like to know what burial allowances would be payable.

A — It appears that a burial allowance in your case may be payable by either the VA, the Social Security Administration, or both. The VA pays up to \$250 to the funeral director, if he has not been paid, or to the person who pays the burial expenses. The Social Security lump sum payment equals three times the worker's benefit, but not more than \$255.

Q — My father, a World War II veteran died recently from causes not connected with his military service. In order for me to be eligible for a VA pension, since I am unmarried and not yet 18, what service requirements must my deceased father have fulfilled?

A — Your father must have had at least 90 days service, part of which was during wartime. During World War II the wartime service dates are December 7, 1941, to December 31, 1946. He must have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

Q — Has the GI loan guaranty re-use provision been extended for World War II veterans, and if so, how long?

A — Yes, Public Law 84 by the 87th Congress extended the restoration privilege until July 25, 1967, for World War II veterans, and until January 31, 1975 for Korea veterans. The VA must have been completely relieved of liability and no claim may have been made against it for the previous loan, if restoration is to be granted.

Q — My son, a World War II veteran, was killed recently in an accident. VA refused me death compensation allowance. I cannot understand this because I know other mothers who are drawing death dependency allowances. Why am I not entitled to the same benefits?

A — A dependent parent may collect death compensation from the VA only if the veteran's death resulted from a service-connected injury or illness.

Q — I understand that the VA's direct loan limit has been increased. What is the new maximum and the interest rate?

A — Limit for a direct loan from the VA is \$15,000. Interest rate remains 5 1/4 per cent.

Q — May a peacetime veteran enter a VA domiciliary, and if so, what are the conditions of eligibility?

A — Yes. He must be permanently disabled, have been discharged for a disability incurred in line of duty or be receiving compensation for a service-connected disability, have no visible means of support, and be incapacitated from earning a living.

Q — How many women veterans in the United States?

A — There are an estimated 400,000 women veterans in the United States; about 315,000 of them World War II veterans, 70,000 Korea veterans and the rest either World War I veterans or Army nurses during the Spanish-American War.

A sign on a Mount Vernon, Ill., motel read "Free TV." Recently, they had to report the theft of one of their 17-inch sets. Sometimes, it doesn't pay to advertise.

**Driving Tips Are Listed For Cold Days**

Cold weather driving's not far off and now's as good a time as any to discuss that silent and deadly killer — carbon monoxide.

The North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles says that every year many so-called "unexplainable" wintertime road accidents could very easily be the results of carbon monoxide. Its presence within the driving compartment can produce drowsiness before the driver or passengers know what's happening to them. Unconsciousness and death quickly follow unless prompt precautions are taken.

Carbon monoxide is formed when any solid, liquid or gaseous fuel is incompletely burned. It is produced most commonly by a running gasoline engine and is dangerous in a very low concentration.

This poison gas is nothing to be terrified about, but it's nothing to fool around with either. Ordinary precautions are certainly called for, especially before winter sets in for the real. A car thoroughly checked and inspected, with special emphasis on the muffler and exhaust system, is an excellent preliminary operation.

The driver who keeps his vehicle in good all around condition has little to worry about in average traffic. If exhaust gases are ejected from the exhaust pipe, as they should be, instead of seeping through the floor into the passenger space, you'll make out all right. Set your mind at ease by making sure your car has a sound, tight exhaust system as well as a smooth running, winter-tuned engine.

Of course, it's possible for a driver to flirt with death even with an average-to-good car. One way is to run the engine inside the garage with the doors closed. Another way to get into trouble with carbon monoxide is to

**Cpl. Hurdt Leaves For Overseas Duty**

CAMP PENDELTON, Calif., (HITNC) — Departed September 2, from Camp Pendleton, Calif., with the First Battalion, Seventh Marines, for a 12-month tour with the Third Marine Division on Okinawa, is Marine Lance Cpl. Joe A. Hurdt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurdt of Kings Mountain, N. C.

The battalion will depart San Diego, Calif., aboard the transport USS General W. A. Mann.

fail to appreciate the wallop even just a little bit can impart. In other words, a driver doesn't have to breathe enough to render him unconscious. All that's needed is to sniff a sufficient quantity of the deadly stuff to reduce alertness and slow down reaction. A traffic accident may do the rest.

It follows that if a large dose can kill you, then a smaller dose can assuredly have ill effects — especially if inhaled over a period of time. Carbon monoxide in the air you breathe saps away your alertness, your sense of well being, your good judgment.

If passengers complain of car sickness or headaches, or if you feel somehow below par every time you drive for any length of time, it's wise to suspect carbon monoxide.

Although CO, which is the chemical identification of carbon monoxide, is odorless, it is usually mixed with other exhaust gases which have a distinct odor. By detecting the presence of these other gases, you can usually assume the presence of deadly CO.

In such an event, do something — open a window or ventilator to assure yourself of a good supply of fresh, pure air. And don't park for long period of time with the engine running.

Even if you are sure there's no danger from carbon monoxide, it still isn't smart to coop yourself up in a nearly airtight compartment rour after hour. Let in some fresh air frequently, even when it's icy outside.

Fresh air will keep you awake, alert — and alive.

**No Winter Wheat Surplus This Year**

There is no surplus of soft red and soft white winter wheats grown by farmers in the Eastern half of the United States, the National Soft Wheat Committee says this week.

With domestic and foreign markets consuming present production, the committee is actively seeking contact with farmers in this part of the country, encouraging them to continue to grow soft wheats up to the limit of their acreage allotments.

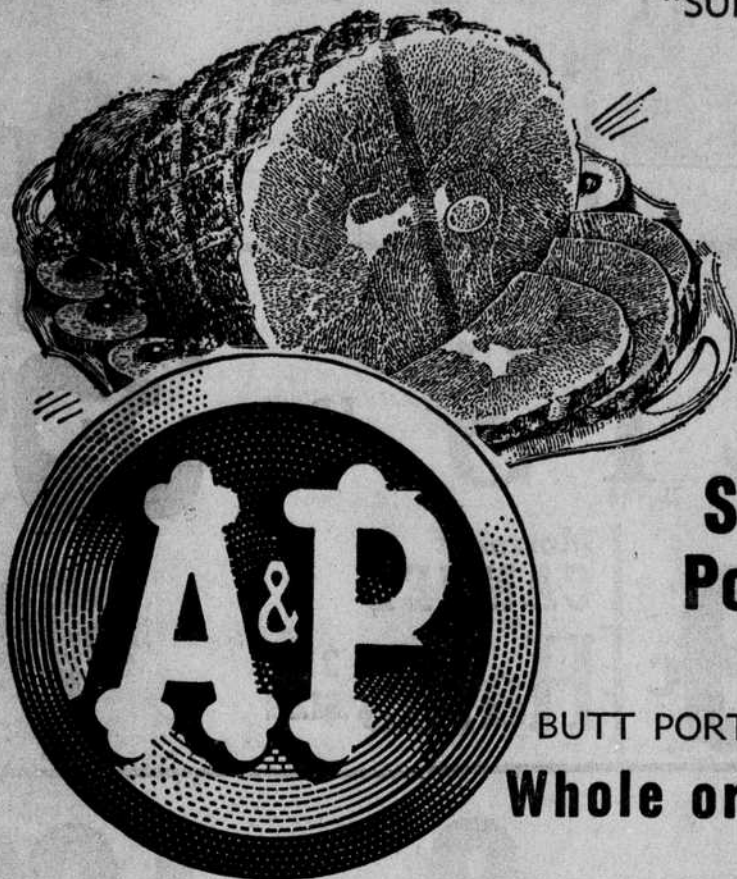
At the same time, it is being emphasized that by cutting back too much on acreage, Eastern wheat growers stand to lose their traditional markets and sacrifice a sizeable source of income. Also, farmers benefited from a wheat crop early in the year providing cash until later harvests come in.

Adding strength to current thinking on acreage is the committee's position that since soft wheat acreage has declined over the years and is now very close to in line with historically proven needs, any further reduction is bound to create serious problems.

Traditionally, wheat has been a profitable small grain crop in established wheat areas. More recently, soft wheats are being recommended by experiment stations and adopted by farmers as small nurse crops in the cropping system of approved soils management programs.

The soft wheat committee adds that the 1962 wheat program has been charted for one year only. Therefore there is no way of forecasting the nature of future programs — but it is certain that the farm's wheat history will be an important factor. For this reason the committee believes it is prudent for the soft wheat grower to maintain his farm's wheat history credit.

The British Medical Journal reported that rats prefer white bread, but that it isn't good for them.



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