EDITORIAL

A soldier wouldn't be a soldier if he didn't grip every once in a while. That is part of what is known as morale: to grip to one's buddy, and yet to insist to everybody else that one's outfit is the best in the Army.

It is not unusual for soldiers to grip about the wages they make, the liberty of action they possess. But how many of those same soldiers would return to civilian life today, if they were given the opportunity? Judging from the amount of discharges refused, not many.

Indeed the American soldier has only one duty and one responsibility: to be a good soldier. He is afraid the insurmountable worries and headaches that are a part of civilian life in a wartime economy. The worker is in the mine, and the factory makes a healthy salary, but much of this is consumed in taxes. With the remainder, he cannot purchase the consumer goods as desired, because he can't find them; the soldiers have the priority on butter and the meat and the canned goods, the shoes and the chewing gum.

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Yes, the American soldier has as much reason to complain about his fellow Americans, fighting the battle of the homefront. He often works longer hours, usually eats better meals, and enjoys just as much leisure as the average civilian.

Think twice before going AWOL, for here are some of the consequences that are awaiting you:

1. Your relatives will be notified with a request for your return to military control.
2. All military personnel are authorized and directed to arrest you.
3. Any civilian or civil officer may arrest, detain and deliver you to military control, if authorized to do so by a commissioned officer of the Army, Navy, Marine or any other branch of the military services.
4. You will pay all expenses incurred in connection with your apprehension and arrest and return to military control, including any necessary expense of a guard escort.
5. You will pay cost of transportation at commercial rates for your return to military control. (AR 35-2420).
6. You will pay for any telegrams, radiograms or telephone messages received or sent as a result of your absence.
7. You will not receive your pay while AWOL or awaiting trial as a result of AWOL. (AR 35-1420).
8. Any voluntary allotment you have made will be discontinued. (AR 35-5420).

Remember....There is no maximum or minimum punishment for AWOL. If you are convicted of desertion during this time of war, you lose your right of citizenship. (Sec. 1, Bulletin 97, WD 1943, and Sec. II, Circular 9, WD 1949).

If you go AWOL while you are alerted to go overseas, you will go over anyway, for you will be transferred to an organization going over. (AR 615-100).

So soldier, THINK, before you take the fatal step.

From the "Eagler Eagle"
Co. of 51st Says War Is "A Dirty, Slimy Mess"

"For extraordinary achievement while participating in many aerial flights in North African Theater of Operations, Ralph R. Patterson, 033995568, Captain, Gatesville, Texas, is awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross."

"On a bombing mission to attack La Foscoserie Airdrome on 5 April 1943, Major Patterson as pilot, was leading the second box of six aircraft of the A-20 type. Just before leveling off for the bombing run, a terrific flak concentration knocked out the starboard engine and severed the left leg of the bombardier. In spite of this the bombs were dropped on the target, and just as the flak ceased, the ship was attacked by two ME 109's which succeeded in disabling the port engine. By this time, the rest of the formation had gone on and Major Patterson found himself at 2000 feet, about two miles from emergency landing field near Sbeita. With great skill and coolness, Major Patterson landed the aircraft safely without power and one flat tire. Prompt medical attention then afforded, saved the life of the bombardier. His high courage, great skill and unceasing devotion has reflected great credit on himself and the Armed Forces, of the United States."

This was the new Commanding Officer of the 51st Bombardment Squadrons (L) given tribute for his heroic work during 9 months of fighting with the 47th Bombardment Group in North Africa.

Tall, stolid, quiet, Major Patterson, reticent to speak of his exploits in North Africa, is never the less quick to describe the ironic contrasts between life at home and overseas.

"You can't blame any one here in the States for not understanding the terrible aspects of combat. It isn't until the first enemy bullets fly by you that you realize that this isn't a competitive game of glory and valor but a dirty, slimy mess. "One or two good shots," Major Patterson said, "are sure to put any soldier on the ball."

"Even out where you'd pay ten dollars for a cold glass of beer or give anything to see the States again, you don't get good and mad until you have gone through some hell and seen your friends mercilessly killed." Publishing more casually lists about the best way to strike home the brutality of the war, Major Patterson believes.

Lt. Col. Robert V. DeShazo, commander of the 47th, was Major Patterson's immediate superior in Africa in an organization which also included Major Walter Hanna and Major Douglas Spaw. ME 109's and FW 190's were the only enemy plane types that Major Patterson saw, but there were plenty of those. In the raid near Sbeita the American 24-bomber flight ran into 25 to 30 German fighter planes. Although sand never bothered the A-20's, ice and frost were continual hazards.

Major Patterson went on 32 missions in his 9 months with the 47th. Previously he had been assigned to anti-submarine patrol of the coast. He is 26 yrs. old, is married, has one and a half year old daughter.

Today Major Patterson works diligently in his office in the 51st Orderly Room, with evident purpose and pride in his organization.
MORRIS FIELD REPRESENTED AT SHOW CONFERENCE

Bigger and better shows for the soldiers! This was the theme of the all-soldier show conference held last week at Fort McPherson, Ga., under the direction of the Special Service Division of the Fourth Service Command. With approximately 350 soldiers representing almost every installation in the Southeast United States, the conference got under way with a warm welcome from the Executive General of the Fourth Service Command, the CO of Fort McPherson and the head Personnel Officer of the Fourth Service Command.

The conference was the result of a recent War Department circular which stated that it was the view of the combatant of the domestic entertainment program provided by USO-Camp Shows, Inc., and the increasing induction into the armed forces of male entertainers, it is becoming increasingly evident that for the purposes of entertaining it will be necessary for Commanders concerned to develop and rely upon soldier shows as a means of providing this form of entertainment. Supplementing this was a statement from Gen. Dwight Eisenhower: "You are entertaining soldiers. You are not fighting with machine guns — but your job is just as important. As long as you are doing your job well — and you are doing it extremely well — you will be rendering a service, and a great one, to your fellow soldiers and your country."

Representing Morris Field at the conference were Sgt. Wm. W. Franklin, and Cpl. John W. Waters of the Base Public Relations Office, who for the past year have been producing the Morris Field radio show.

Among the notable appearing at the conference were Brian Aherne, of the stage and screen, Arch Oboler, radio script writer, John Reed Ring, radio W. E., Miss Jean Dickinson, soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Co., and A. Wolfe Gilbert, veteran Hollywood songwriter. Master of Ceremonies of the Variety Show which was presented by the conference as a closing of the Conference was George Jessel, who had flown to Atlanta from Los Angeles for the occasion. Outstanding among the notables in uniform was Pvt. Joe Cook, Jr., son of the famous comedian.

At the close of the conference, appreciation for the work accomplished by the teaching staff and the soldier students was expressed by Maj. Gen. William Sykes, Commanding General of the Fourth Service Command.

The hospitable Eskimo custom of leading wires in "out of style" the government advises American forces stationed there is the newest guidebook.
YOU TELL’EM CORPORAL

During the past several weeks, one of the Base Complement Squadrons has been subjected to a number of show-down inspections. Here is the note Cpl. Edward E. Childs left on his bunk, one bright and sunny morning, for the indulgent consideration of the inspecting officer:

"WHAT AIN’T HERE I CAN’T FIND....to many people leaving clothes and barracks bags behind my bed. I can’t locate my own."

A kind fellow soldier picked the note up before inspection time.

OFFICERS WORK HARD FOR THEIR PAY CHECK

by Pfc. Arthur B. Stahlman

Finance Det.—Another phase of the work of the Finance Department that might be of interest to the men and officers of Morris Field is the Officers Pay Section. This is more or less dedicated to the officers that have wondered where their checks were on the first of the month.

The responsibility of preparing the vouchers for payment is left to the officers. They then, alone, must remember the exact amount of their deductions, secure the required supporting papers, and check the computation of their pay and allowances.

The book states that an officer can certify to most of his claims, but farther down in the paragraph is an explanation and list of papers required to support each claim. For example, a married officer is entitled to an increased allowance for rental and subsistence for the dependent. No special certification of his marriage, other than the date of the ceremony, is required. However, each time that he changes stations he must get a certificate from his former commanding officer that he was not furnished adequate quarters for his dependents. Without that little statement there is no rental allowance for the month.

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MORRIS FIELD members of the Base Photo Section heard the trials, destinations....With them go the best wishes of the MORRIS CORPS, to which they devoted much time and effort. From top to bottom, they include, left: Sgt. Bob Harby, Pfc. Maurice Raymond, Cpl. Frank Trentin; right: Pvt. Wallace Shepard, Cpl. John Wickliffe, Sgt. Raymond Knapp, and Pvt. Dave Davesport. Photo by T/Sgt. George W. Hall Jr.
The Chief of Staff has authorized by direction of the Secretary of War the elimination of arms and services branch distinctions within the Army Air Forces. This authorization marks a most important milestone for the Army Air Forces and was given in order that we can build a more completely integrated, more efficiently functioning, harder hitting team - a team wherein the members have but one loyalty, one purpose, one distinguishing insignia.

You are all members of this team whether you pilot the planes, repair the guns, build the airfields, man the radars, drive the trucks, handle the supplies, or care for the sick and wounded. Your teamwork in the past has been the basic reason for our outstanding successes against the enemy. Your efforts toward a greater teamwork in the future will hasten the enemy's defeat and unconditional surrender.

Those of you who are presently identified as "Arms and Services with the Army Air Forces" have my personal assurance that the job of converting all personnel to Air Forces and integrating the arms and services organizations into functionalized Army Air Forces organizations will be done most carefully and thoroughly over a period of time, that all of your special skills will be utilized to the utmost, and that the opportunities for service and advancement will be broadened and enhanced, limited only by your own abilities.

Because the effects of this change are so far-reaching and important to the Army Air Forces, the conversion must be orderly. Commanding Officers will receive in the near future from this headquarters specific instructions as steps to be taken in accomplishing this conversion.

/s/ B. H. ARNOLD
/r/ B. H. Arnold
General, U. S. Army
Commanding General, Army Air Forces

A RECENT MORRIS FIELD visitor was Commandant (Major) L. D'Amour, Commanding Officer of French Training Centers in the United States. Commandant d'Amour fought in the Polish campaign of September, 1939, and commanded a fighter group which was officially credited with 36 German planes during the Battle of France. He left France in 1941 to become a flying instructor in Canada, and assumed his present functions following Allied occupation of French North Africa. Photo by Sgt. Norman Merrill.

MINT MUSEUM OPENS ITS WINTER SEASON

The Mint Museum Art League is resuming its Tuesday night sketch class for the winter and
ADVICE!

Due to the increasing problem of theft and forgy of government allotment and allowance checks, the Treasury Department requests that all servicemen pass on to their dependents the following advice:

1. Never endorse a check until you are in the presence of the person who will cash it.
2. Be sure you have a deep, substantial mailbox. Have your name clearly printed on it. Keep it locked.
3. Whenever possible, arrange with the carrier to deliver the check personally.
4. Notify postal authorities immediately of any change of address.
5. Cash your check at the same place each month.
7. Do not fold, pin, or mutilate allotment or allowance checks. This is important.

You have merely to clip or copy this all-important advice and mail it to the folks back home. It may be the means of preventing future trouble or inconvenience. Do it now.

GUESTARTIST DRAWS CARTOONS FOR CODE

For the past few weeks, the MORRIS CODE's artist, Fc. Joe Fragnale, has been sharing the art spotlight with Fc. Rodney H. Jacobsen of the 46th Bomb. Group. As the above cartoons, Rod has caricatured the two artists at work.

A native of Detroit, Rod attended Miami University at Oxford, Ohio. At that time he had four distinct art jobs: one was the artist for his college paper, for his national fraternity paper, for the Cincinnati Enquirer, and for the Detroit Nite Life Paper.

Before joining the Army, Rod was doing war work with the Camouflage and War Service Section of General Motors. His job was to suggest camouflage layouts for the Army.

In 1942, Rod was awarded a Neumann Scholarship to study art in Europe, but the war put a crimp to those plans. After being inducted in the Army, he continued to use his art talent to good advantage. He did murals and cartoon work at Fort Custer, visual aid work for basic trainees at Jefferson Barracks, and drew cartoons for various camp newspapers. His regular job is work on the line for the 46th Bomb. Group.

Definition of a wedding — A funeral where you smell your own flowers.
To receive his flying pay, he must file a set of personnel orders at each new base he is assigned to. To collect increased allowances for a dependent parent, a single officer must file a statement of dependency with each pay voucher on which he makes claim. If he has a leave during the month he must file two copies of the orders authorizing it. Without these orders, there is no pay for the month.

An officer may enter any proper deduction without any special authorization other than his signature. But should he change his mind or find that he was in error he must continue the deduction until Washington authorizes a discontinuance and refund of the erroneous deductions. Responses for discontinuances are handled as rapidly as for an officer as they are for an enlisted man.

The average officer that has been in the service for a couple of years has a personal file that would compare, in volume, to a good sized dictionary. Whatever he goes, he must keep copies of the special orders pertaining to him and all the certificates that he has given, as he never knows when he will be asked to produce proof to substantiate a claim made a few years ago, and unless such proof is accepted, Washington will demand that a deduction be entered on the next pay voucher covering the erroneous payment.

**WAC REVEALS NEATEST**

These are the Five Neatest Soldiers chosen for this week:

- **Sgt. Earl Storey**
  - 30th A. E. Sg.
- **Cpl. Elmo Jackson**
  - 903rd QM
- **1st Sgt. Fred Maro**
  - 4th TAU
- **Sgt. J. R. Sullivan**
  - 4th Comm.
- **Pvt. Milton Hope**
  - 4th Comm.

**HERE IS JUST A SMALL PORTION** of the audience leaving Theater No. 2 last Friday evening, after enjoying the first "home" broadcast of Morris Field's own radio show, "What's Your Name Tova?". The program will be broadcast every Friday evening at 2200 over Station WST from Theater No. 2; all base personnel is invited. Photo by Sgt. Boo Nabry.
The Wolf
by Sansone

"Frankly, I don't see how you rate a good conduct medal? Specially after last weekend!"

MOUNTAIN BEAUTY SENDS PLEA FOR MEN BY MAIL

By Pvt. A. R. Stahman

It is apparent that the draft has eliminated male citizens of a certain West Virginia mountain town. This fact was graphically brought to our attention as a result of a recent Morris Field sponsored radio broadcast. A member of the Finance Detachment (no names, editorial regulation), volunteered to participate in the "What's Your Home Town?" show as a typical resident of Greensboro, N.C. Our boy's charm was ably augmented by the other women of West Virginia and the letter.

"Five feet two, twenty four years old, one hundred and twenty eight pounds and all the attributes that will make you want to know me better," was the gist of the poetic gem from our pal at Bokey High. She also mentioned our boy's marital status, advising our Army Adonis that, if he had a wife and kiddies on the home front, he should send her a post card with the details and she would cease the pursuit at once. But, if he were free and desirable of feminine attention, she should write her and she would continue the correspondence. Right honorable and practical, these mountain folk!

Hugh Jackson Winstead, formerly stationed here, was graduated last week as an Army Air Forces pilot and sworn in as a 2nd Lt. at the AAF Pilot School, Napier Field, Ala. Colorful outdoor ceremonies marked the commencement, and Col. James L. Daniel, Jr., CO, presented silver pilot wings to the graduating cadets. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Winstead of Louis- ville, Miss., Lt. Winstead was a sergeant at Morris Field when he entered his cadet training last January. He first enlisted in the armed forces May 24, 1937 and served with the Coast Artillery in Panama.
14 TEAMS STARTS PLAY IN BASE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 1943 Base Basketball Championship made its debut last week, with 14 teams seeking action. The 790th MP team established itself as an early season favorite following its 48-32 victory over the powerful 71th Arv. 1st Lt. Mike Furszack, a former high school star at Villanova, set the pace for his team with 15 points. In another particularly good game, fast and close throughout, the strong Guard team defeated the 50th Bomb. Sq. outfit 25-21.

Mr. Austin of Charlotte officiated all games and will continue to do so. He was assisted last week by Capt. Brown, Lt. Korski, Capt. Zagoski, and S/Sgt. Smith.

903rd (22)..................2nd Lts. and AM (64)
High Scorer Wissner, Carey (16 pts.)

High Scorer Losers, Dixon (8 pts.)
790th MP (48)........11th Ave. (32)
High Scorer Wissner, Furszack (16 pts.)
High Scorer Losers, Fortson (10 pts.)

847th Sq. (23)...........50th Bomb Sq. (21)
High Scorer Wissner, Cais (11 pts.)
High Scorer Losers, Etie (8 pts.)

4th W A C (35)..............51st Bomb Sq. (40)
High Scorer Wissner, Visitog (18 pts.)
High Scorer Losers, Robinson (13 pts.)

53rd Bomb Sq. (29)...........30th (25)
High Scorer Wissner, Warrick (12 pts.)
High Scorer Losers, Grant (10 pts.)

Medics (33)...............87th Bomb Sq. (25)
High Scorer Wissner, Everly (9 pts.)
High Scorer Losers, Sharp (7 pts.)

Rq. 1st TAD (32)..............44th RTU (18)
High Scorer Wissner, Horimoto (10 pts.)
High Scorer Losers, Frager (8 pts.)

BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Here are the results of last week's Ten-Pin bowl matches:

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Fort Carver, Mich. (API) - First Sgt. Bill Rowe, irked over failure of some of his charges to fall out for pre-breakfast drill, posted this notice:

"All members of this organization will fall out for morning drill at 6 A.M. There will be no exceptions. Cooperation is necessary; if you men will playball with me, I will play ball with you."

Within an hour appeared this addendum:

"We'd like to cooperate, Sergeant Rowe, but 6 A.M. in the morning is a hell of a time to play ball."

Library Presents Opera on Saturday Afternoons

Morris Field's music lovers will have an opportunity to listen to the weekly Saturday afternoon broadcasts from the stage of the Metropolitans Opera House in New York. The same library will be kept open on Saturday afternoon especially for this purpose.

This week's opera will be the Russian masterpiece, Boris Godunoff, which inaugurated the current season last week. The broadcast will start at 1:30.

Gastonla Entertain

Gastonla's new Soldiers' Center, located on W. Main St., is open to all uniformed personnel from 1800 to 2200 on Fridays, from 1400 to 2100 on Saturdays, and from 1400 to 2200 on Sundays. There will be dancing and games each week-end. Refreshments are served.

Guards Oppose Wacs in Quiz Bee Contest

The third 'Gi Question Box' quiz bee is to be held next Tuesday evening, Dec. 7, at 1920. The contest will pit the WAC team against the 847th Guard Sq. All personnel is invited to the WAC Dayroom, where the event will be held; pannes will not be required for admission for that one evening. Other squadrons may challenge the winning team by getting in touch with the Public Relations Office (Ext. 380) or the Morris Code office (Ext. 264).

Officers Offer Advice

Any enlisted man who needs advice on wills, power of attorney, or insurance may contact Capt. Lodell P. Brow (Ext. 239). Those seeking any further legal advice should get in touch with Maj. Philip D. O'Connor (Ext. 431).
Two E.F.'s were carrying a steaming kettle out of the mess kitchen recently when a lieutenant stopped them. Said he: "Get me a spoon." A spoon was produced, he tasted the contents and spat disgustedly, growling: "Do you call that soup?" "No, sir," replied one of the E.F.'s timidly, "we call that distill water."

Mrs. Jones: "Are you the Executive Officer? I have a grandson serving on this base."

Exec: "Yes, madam, he's away on leave; just now attending your funeral."

**ROUND THE TOWN**

Wed. Dec. 1—Orchestra Dance at Enlisted Men's Club.

Thurs. Dec. 2—Dance (juke box) at Y. W. C. A.

Fri. Dec. 3—"WHAT'S YOUR HOMETOWN?" radio show broadcast over Station WBT from Theater No. 2 at 2230. Studio audience invited. Come early.

Sat. Dec. 4—Dance at Armory Servicemen's Club with orchestra; dancing (juke box) at Y. W. C. A.

Sun. Dec. 5—Church services: Protestant 1100; Catholic Masses hourly from 0700 to

**Billfold Girl**

* * * of the week

FROM THE BUCETTE STATE tells this week's attractive Billfold Girl selection, the heart-throb of Pfc. Norma Sowers of the 30th Air Base Sq. She is Miss Betty Span of Arcanum, Ohio, where she is at present attending high school. Betty's principal hobbies are art and music.

1315. Informal singing, table tennis, and shuffleboard at EHC. Music albums, table tennis and pool at Armory Servicemen's Club. Special event at Masonic Hall at 1550. Bowling for servicemen and their dates at the Charlotte Bowling Center, 112 W. First St. 1550-1600. Recreation room open at First Presbyterian Church 1500 to 1700. Organ music at First Presbyterian Church. Free suppers for servicemen at First Methodist and Second Presbyterian Churches.

Tues. Dec. 7—"GI Question Box" quiz bee, WACs vs. Guard Sq., WAC Dayroom, 1930. Bridge and other card games at Armory Servicemen's Club.

Wed. Dec. 8—Orchestra dance at the Morris Field Recreation Hall with music by the Morris Field Orchestra. Dance with orchestra at Y. W. C. A.

**One Year Ago in THE MORRIS CODE**

Dec. 7, 1942—The good old days: 14 Morris Field men go to OCS.....Red Cross Office moves to Base Library.