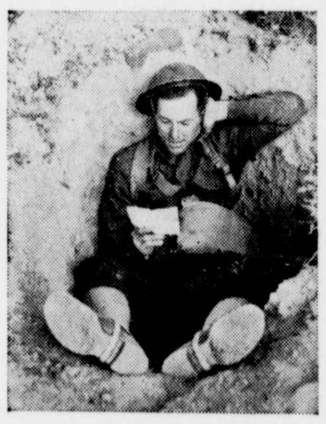
Desert Warriors of U. S.

This series of pictures shows some of the training routine of coast artillery anti-aircraft units somewhere in the Mojave desert of California, with sidelights on the daily lives of our boys as they prepare to meet all comers on better than even terms.

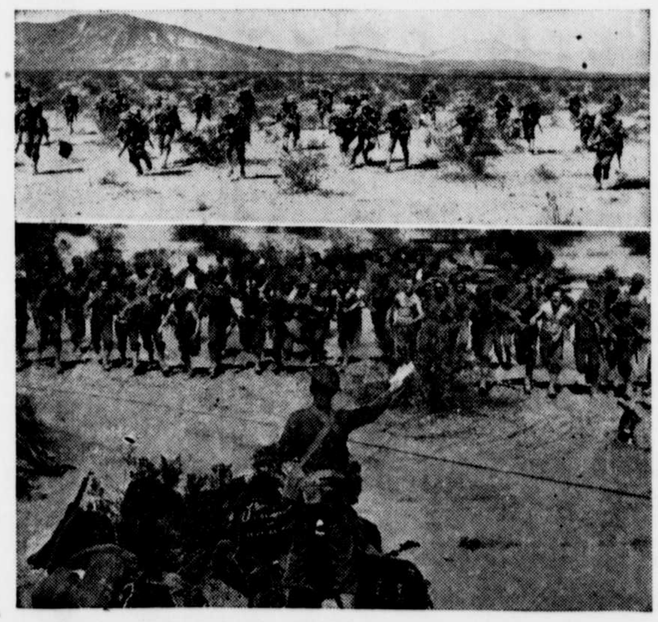
Leaving their base camp, this anti-aircraft regiment (top) pulls out across the desert to the anti-aircraft firing range. Lower photo shows the soldiers, after a rigorous day of drilling in the windswept 100-degree temperature of the desert, filing past the kitchen for the evening meal.

Here is Private Ralph Jacobsen, of Seattle, quenching his thirst from his canteen.

Private Lloyd Lammers of Fort Worth, Tex., uses his mess kit to dig a fox hole in the shale and sand.



Private Ben Haddock of San Diego, Calif., tucks himself neatly in his foxhole to read a letter from the girl friend. Right: PFC Roy Falls all of 5 feet tall, trys to convince Pvt. Maurice Whaley, 6 ft. 4, that all men are created equal.



Leaving the fox holes they had dug behind them, the soldiers charge (upper photo) to holes that were prepared and left by preceding troops. Below: A general rush as mail call is sounded in this lonely desert training camp.

Arriving on the range, the men unlimber the anti-aircraft guns and prepare to set them up for the day's maneuver

GRASSROOTS

by WRIGHT A. PATTERSON

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OUR ARMED FORCES AND DEMOCRACY

WHAT THE FUTURE of America will be, following the close of the titanic world conflict, is a grave question. Will we continue as a Republic, with a system of free competition, or will we follow the nations of Europe into some form of state socialism?

Many writers and students of political trends profess to see us heading toward dictatorship and a totalitarian government, with state socialism, regimentation, a creation of classes, and with the philosophy on which the nation was founded and on which it has grown thrown into discard.

The future of America—its ideals, its pihlosophy of government—lies largely in the hands of the men who are today in our armed forces, fighting the nation's battles.

Living in a section in which large numbers of our army, navy and marine corps forces are stationed, I have an opportunity of knowing and talking with hundreds of them. Those with whom I have talked represent, I am sure, a cross-section of the whole, and if so it is encouraging.

Those I have talked with represent what we refer to as all classes, but they recognize no classes. Sons of the employer and the employee are buddies and place or wealth are not considered. The employee's son may be wearing the chevrons or shoulder straps which designate him as "boss," and the employer's son recognizes the ability the chevrons or shoulder straps represent. Those who come from homes of wealth and those from homes of poverty, those from the farms and those from the cities, all sleep under the same canvas, eat at the same mess, perform the same duties. Between them there is no question of class or distinction. It is only merit and ability that count.

They are imbued with the idea that the ideals of the armed forces should be the ideals of the nation; that advancement should depend upon merit and ability; that while all start from the same point, the display of ability should designate the leaders. They would not pull the MacArthurs down to the level of the John Does, but would give the John Does the opportunity to climb to the place of a MacArthur if they have the ability and exercise it.

That is the army, the navy and the marine corps. That also is the America of today and yesterday. When the war is over, I believe the men of the armed forces will demand that it be the America of tomorrow.

Our soldiers, sailors and marines believe they are fighting for that kind of a civilization. They are fighting to maintain a nation whose philosophy of government has offered opportunity to those with ability and where the development of such ability has made progress for all. In practically all cases, you find them opposed to any form of state socialism, to regimentation, to a division into classes, and they will, I believe, carry their ideals with them when the war is over and they return to civilian pursuits. They represent the hope of our continuing as a republic.

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HOME TOWN TALENT MEETS A NEW NEED

I ATTENDED a dramatic production staged by a high school class recently. It was a good show and was appreciated by the home-town audience. It was an evidence of the home-town's ability to provide its own entertainment, as such towns did when we grandfathers were boys. The home-towns of America will not dry up and die of inertia because of a lack of tires. Instead of bright lights, the night clubs and the paid professional performers of the larger centers, we will turn to the simple, but satisfying entertainments of yesteryear, provided by our home-town schools, churches, lodges and clubs. That cannot be listed as a war sacrifice.

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WAR SHOULD SLOW US DOWN in some spots and increase our speed in others. It should mean less revolutions per minute of automobile wheels and more revolutions per minute of wheels in war equipment plants. It should take a few minutes longer to get from home to factory, and a few minutes less to do a job inside the factory door.

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'VOLUNTEER WHEAT' AND REGULATION

Two million acres of nature-provided wheat would feed a lot of our Chinese allies if we could get it to them.

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THE CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS—CCC—did a real service to American youth in the years when there was a lack of jobs available. It created employment for thousands and did much to maintain morale. Now the boys of the CCC camps are needed in the munitions plants or in the armed services of the nation. The $200,000,000 being spent to maintain the camps would help pay for the tanks, guns and planes these boys would be building or using, and that would be a better way of spending such a sum.

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Anyone can recognize opportunity after the other fellow has seized it.

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"Yes, I came face to face with a lion once," said the club liar, "and I was alone and unarmed."

"Heavens, what did you do?" asked a new member, who didn't know his man.

"What could I do? I tried staring straight into his eyes, but he just continued crawling towards me."

"How did you get away, then?"

"I just left him and passed on to the next cage."

ASK ME ANOTHER?

A quiz with answers offering information on various subjects

The Questions

1. Can you name five symbols of good luck?
2. What ingredient causes a dish of food to have a la lyonnaise added to its name?
3. Who was the penitent thief crucified with Christ?
4. What is a camelopard?
5. Which wood is the lighter in weight, cork, balsa wood or cherry wood?
6. What is the difference between sinuate and insinuate?
7. What baseball player was known as the "Iron Horse"?
8. Has Napoleon's portrait ever appeared on the postage stamp of any country?
9. Where was Washington's first inaugural address delivered?
10. What is the difference between a jurist and a juror?

The Answers

1. Horseshoe, wishbone, bluebird, four-leaf clover, and rabbit's foot.
2. Onions.
3. Dismas.
4. Giraffe.
5. Balsa wood.
6. Sinuate is to wind in and out. Insinuate is to indicate or suggest indirectly.
7. Lou Gehrig.
8. No. Napoleon is one of the outstanding figures in world history whose portrait has never appeared on any postage stamp of any country.
9. New York city.
10. A jurist is one skilled in the science of laws; a juror is one who serves on a jury.

Impressible Man

Every man, however obscure, however far removed from the general recognition, is one of a group of men impressible for good, and impressible for evil, and it is in the nature of things that he can not really improve himself without in some degree improving other men. — Charles Dickens.

Beyond Changing

Therefore, Agathom rightly says: "Of this alone even God is deprived, the power of making things that are past never to have been."—Aristotle.

Uncle Phil Says:

There's the Rub

You don't lose friends by lending them money. You lose them by expecting to get it back.

The amateur gardener calls it a day: from daybreak to backbreak.

Man can fly like a bird, but, alas, he cannot always alight like one.

That Covers War

Trouble is a lot of people trying to reap a rich harvest from something they didn't sow.

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