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## BROADWAY COMES TO FORT HANCOCK --

# Flora Robson in 'Damask Cheek' Due

### COLUMN LEFT

Christmas has come and gone. But the memory lingers on. Scenes one doesn't forget: American soldiers and sailors kneeling side by side with Canadian and British men in uniform at the Midnight Mass, Christmas Eve in St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church on Park Avenue. . . . And the 16 year old British sailor who broke down and cried on the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral. He had lost his dog when his ship was torpedoed off Halifax.

It wasn't a white Christmas. But never has the holiday had a deeper or more sacred significance. Food for thought: Christmas, 1942.

The ten best motion pictures of the year were announced in the New York Times. The top films for 1942 were: "In Which We Serve," "Journey for Margaret," "One of Our Aircraft Is Missing," "Casablanca," "Wake Island," "Mrs. Miniver," "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "Woman of the Year," "Sullivan's Travels," and "The Gold Rush."

It is interesting to note that six of the ten best films have been shown at Post Theaters during the year. Of the remaining four: "Yankee Doodle Dandy" will be seen here on January 3-4, "Journey for Margaret" on January 9. "In Which We Serve," the Noel Coward epic, and "Casablanca" are scheduled within the next few weeks.

We'd say quite definitely that the movie fans have been taken well into account on the Hook.

Turn back the clock to New Year's Eve a quarter of a century ago. Soldiers on leave thronged Times Square. Quiet. Serious merry-making. No radios. Silent pictures like William S. Hart in "Riders of the Purple Sage" and Mary Pickford in "Daddy Long Legs." President Wilson worked late into that night with Secretary of War Baker at the White House.

Lt. Grantland Rice, on duty with the Field Artillery, wrote a poem for New Year's 1918. It is just as apropos this New Year's, one-quarter of a century later:

Since no man knows where he will be,  
A year from now, as time drifts by:  
Since no man knows that he will see  
Another old year fade and die—  
We'll take each day just as it comes,  
Still shrouded in the mists of fate,  
And move along with calling drums,  
Without a thought of what may wait.

And a right rousing happy New Year to all of you from all of us.

### To the Officers and Men Of This Command

At this, our second New Year's Day of World War II, we find ourselves on the right road to happier new years in the future.

Many of you are far from home and those whom you love most, but you must take justifiable pride in the fact that by your services rendered, those homes and those individuals are being protected, and all that our forefathers fought for shall be theirs in the New Years that dawn in the future.

Although I have recently assumed command of Fort Hancock, I have, as most of you know, been on duty here for some time. It is, therefore, as an old friend that I send to all of you of this command my personal New Year's greetings, and the hope that 1943 will see the end of aggression and the utter abolition of powers that would annihilate our democratic ways of life.

J. C. HAW,  
Colonel, Coast Artillery,  
Commanding.

### New Year's Eve Party Held At Playhouse

A New Year's Eve party was held at the Playhouse last night for 250 soldiers and their guests who danced and dined 1943 in in royal style.

The hosts for the party were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Dworsky, Mr. and Mrs. I. Blonder and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schack, all of Deal, N. J.

### Checker King Plays Return Tournament

Millard Hopper, the undisputed checkers king of the world, is coming back to Fort Hancock by popular demand for a return session at the YMCA on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

Mr. Hopper delighted checkers fans several weeks ago at the Y by playing some thirty games at one and the same time. Those who didn't have the opportunity to participate at that time may now look forward to next Wednesday at 8 in the social hall of the YMCA.

And so may those who want to wreak vengeance with a return bout at the checker board.

### USO-Concert Due On Post Monday

A USO-Camp Shows concert will be presented at 8:30 p.m. Monday in Theater No. 2.

The artists appearing will be Felix Knight, popular tenor of the airways, Miss Rosa Bok, Metropolitan Opera soprano, and Carlo Morelli, baritone.

The program was arranged through the Special Service Office, and the admission is free.

### BROADWAY STAR COMING



Flora Robson, with Joan Tetzl, in a scene from "The Damask Cheek," current New York stage hit to be presented at Fort Hancock, Sunday, Jan. 10 with Broadway cast intact.

### Current New York Comedy Will Have Broadway Cast

Presented At Fort Meade, Due Here Sunday, Jan. 10

Fort Hancock is due for the dramatic treat of the year.

Miss Flora Robson and the entire Broadway company of the current New York success, "The Damask Cheek" will travel here to present the play at Theater No. 2 Sunday evening, January 10.

The play will be given here by the same distinguished cast as is now acting the comedy at the Playhouse Theater in New York, headed by the celebrated star of the New York and London stage, Flora Robson.

Hailed by the New York critics as one of the finest comedies of the year, "The Damask Cheek" has been playing to capacity audiences at the Playhouse since early October.

The play, written by John Van Druten and Lloyd Morris, tells the story of an English girl who comes to New York in the early years of this century to find a husband.

Besides Miss Robson the members of the cast include: Myron McCormick, Margaret Douglass, Celeste Holm, Zacheray Scott, Joan Tetzl, Ruth Vivian, Peter Fernandez and Mary Michael.

PFC John Hampshire, director of the Fort Hancock Theater Section, and his co-workers will execute the setting for the play, and the original costumes designed by Raymond Sovey will be used in the Post presentation.

Miss Robson is familiar to stage and screen audiences having appeared in the New York production of "Ladies in Retirement." On the screen she has appeared with Laurence Olivier in "Wuthering Heights," as Queen Elizabeth in "The Sea Hawk" with Errol Flynn, and with Paul Muni in "We Are Not Alone," to name but a few.

The presentation at Fort Hancock will mark the second time that the company will have acted for the men of the armed services.

Miss Robson and "The Damask Cheek" company recently presented the play for the military personnel at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, where they received an ovation.

### Calling All Singers For Male Ensemble

Singers are wanted for the male ensemble of "Carmen" to be given in New York on January 19.

You don't have to be a Lauritz Melchior to qualify, just a healthy love for singing will suffice. Apply daily until 10 p.m. to Cpl. John Harrold at the Service Club.

### New Year's Greetings

In reviewing your accomplishments of the closing year, I believe you have much reason to be proud. Certainly that is the way I feel about the matter. We have made mistakes aplenty, but let us go into the New Year with a determination to profit by them to the utmost.

As 1942 goes down into history, I desire to take this opportunity to voice my appreciation of your loyalty, that greatest of military virtues, and your willingness to do your utmost to further the cause to which we all are committed.

My Wish is: That the New Year be a Happy, Successful and Victorious one for each of you.

P. S. GAGE,  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,  
Commanding.

### Metropolitan Museum Offers Free Tours

The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York has issued an announcement that free tours will be conducted for service men every afternoon from 4 until 4:30.

Members of the Museum staff will give informal talks, and the tour will be followed by tea.

The Metropolitan Museum of Art is located on Fifth avenue at 82nd street, and can be reached by Fifth avenue bus or Lexington avenue subway (86th street station).

### Lt. Joseph Osmanski Is Java Club Guest

At 7:30 p.m. Monday the Java Club, which convenes weekly at the YMCA, will have as its guest speaker a former Holy Cross gridiron star known nationally to all followers of football.

Lt. Joseph Osmanski, picked for the "All Eastern" team while at Holy Cross, will center his talk around football. He is a brother of "All American" Bill Osmanski, now a member of the Bears pro team.

LET 'EM FALL WHERE THEY MAY - - -

# Salvos from Batteries by Foghorn Reporters

## BLITZERS

by Sgt. Clay Marsh

Before we pass the wassail bowl to wash out the old year and float in the new, let's make a few resolutions. Resolutions, you know, those things you promise yourself (and your female first sergeant) to keep faithfully for 365 days. Then you strut around balancing your halo and wearing a righteous, somewhat pained expression until January 5, at least, at which time they start crumbling like GI toast. Herewith, our list of contributions To Blitzers' New Year's resolutions, We'll keep them every day—there's no one braver,

We'll keep them every day—it's in the nights we'll wa(i)ver.

Sgt. Carroll: To stay on the Post at least one day a week. Sgt. Rodgers: Buy a comb—and use it. Pvt. Filker: No more smoking room speeches. Cpl. Bolton: Give Sgt. Rodgers his comb. Cpl. Vessella: To pull his rank on Pvt. Barr. Pvt. Bernstein: To make corporal. Pvt. Gangi: To make Peggy. PFC Nietupski: To stop eating both early and late chows. Cpl. Kravetz: No more blackjack.

PFC Racer: To get that hungry look off his face every time he gives out passes. Cpl. Zayetz: To bring me more mail. Sgt. Marton: To remove that "Mona Lisa" from the wall of Stew Headquarters—some of the boys forget to eat. Pvt. Merwyn: To bring Joanie back to the fizz counter.

Sgt. Burns: To treat passes as Gypsy Rose Lee treats clothes—throw them around. PFC Hampshire: To patch up his argument with the barber. Cpl. Leu: To get mad at the barber. Pvt. Ryan: To stop using rouge. PFC Racer: To stop disfiguring Esquire pictures with his big GI stamp.

My New Year's resolutions? Easy. Try again on the ones I broke last year.

## QM QUIPS

by Sez Yu

The New Year finds the following men sprouting Pfc. stripes: Donald J. Davis, John J. Payne, Albert E. Levy, Richard T. Callahan, Pasquale A. Pitocco, and Fred W. Drake. Congratulations!!!

The New Year also finds some of our QM men transferred and excerpts from a letter sent by Pvt. Dennsen speaks for itself:

"The recruits here are so new that when you ask for butts in the mess hall, they pass you a cigarette. . . . Tell Chris (Pfc. Chrysogeles), the great lover, he ought to be here. If he were he'd fall in love every day. . . . Especially with the pretty Greek girl, Mary Skarias, who works in the office. . . . What K. P.!!! All women serving us cafeteria style and the food is terrific!"

Chow! What better way of reminding us to tell of what dispatcher who has difficulty in telling time? For instance waking up Pfc. Loggia and telling him it was 7:30 a. m., when the time was actually 2:45 a. m., and sending him to the mess hall for breakfast.

Cpl. Hess, back from furlough, greeted our personnel man with: "Hello, Sgt. Cherowitzo." Cherowitzo, who is a corporal, replied, "Quit your kidding." Whereon Cpl. Hess advanced: "Didn't I always address you as 'Cpl.' before you became one? Who knows?"

Drill Cpl. Wiemer has gone to some unusual extremes to keep his one room apartment warm—what with stuffing his windows with old newspapers and rags, not to mention the regular warmth provided by the barracks heating system.

Belated congratulations to a grand old man—Staff Sgt. Fullem upon beginning his eleventh hitch. More than 30 years devoted to the Service.



## INSPECTION

"Armstrong has an Artistic Temperament, Sir"

## RAPID FIRE

by Cpl. Diamond

Realizing that very little has been heard from us in past issues of the Foghorn, we are taking this opportunity of making ourselves known once again.

Our first item of interest is to welcome 2nd Lt. Neil M. Stark and 2nd Lt. Alfred M. Freeman to our unit. Apologies for being tardy in welcoming them to their new home and hope we are forgiven for the error.

Congratulations are now in order for the recent promotions in the unit from sergeants down to PFCs. Good luck to all of you.

Love Angle: PFC Mesenburg is having his troubles. Through our Winchells we learn his Rita is worrying why he doesn't write to her any more. PFC Garone, who we understand, is officially engaged, sidestepped his one and only to be with that cutie from Brooklyn. June is really something to look at? PFC Kubas still wondering when he is going to get his furlough in order to be with his Yonkers lovely.

THANKS TO: Sgt. Sarver, PFCs Kent and Minter for their swell work on the new day room. . . . Our splendid pass system. Let's hope we keep it without changes. . . . Our swell basketball team. The standing is now two victories and one defeat. . . . The smooth working combination of "Deal to Hoffman" is something to watch. May the team have continued success.

In conclusion, your reporter wishes to extend to Captain Sharp and his family, the officers and their families, and all the members of our unit best wishes for a very happy and prosperous New Year.

## ARMY MUSIC SCHOOL TESTS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—An eligibility test for attendance at the Army Music School, Fort Myer, Va., is scheduled for Jan. 11 to 15, the War Department announced today.

## HOT SHOTS

by Cpl. Don Patterson

The dance held in the Service Club Dec. 16 was highly appreciated by all who attended. If the readers had been there they would have seen our own Sergeant (Swede) Johnson do an old folk dance accompanied on the harp by his cousin, Cpl. Nick Costanzo, who was at one time a stand-in for Harpo Marx.

Events of the Week: An emergency sick call was necessary for PFC Robinson. Diagnosis revealed he had failed to eat one of his meals. Cpl. Galli has an attack of laryngitis. . . . Cpl. Havrilak has nominated PFC Ware as "Chow-hound of the Week."

Policing the area can now be forgotten, for now we have Pvt. John Callabro, commonly known as "Scavenger John." What's the matter, John, don't they have grapes where you come from? . . . Who is "Jitterbug Joe?" PFC Marzinsky wants to know where his overshoes are. He doesn't want to lose them, for they are the first pair he has ever had.

Here's a letter to Santa which was inadvertently submitted to this department. We print it in hopes it will reach proper hands:

"Dear Santa:  
I'm not asking for much for myself this year, but a few of my friends should be remembered. Please bring a pair of legit cubes for "Pop" Bogusky, a bag of cement and a fencing outfit for Cpl. Oldak, a ruler for Cpl. Silver with an accurate scale to measure "Hinges," a plaid checkerboard for Cpl. Beachly, a big pocketbook with TWO compartments for S-Sgt. Wertheim, a frying pan (pre-burned) for Cpl. Havrilak, a thermometer for "Pappy" Richter, a crying towel for each and every observer, a fork with a three-foot handle for Pvt. Vath, and an automatic pass list for myself.  
Corp. Wise."

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

## DOT-N-DASH

By Pvt. Paul H. Jones

Christmas brought excellent food and gaily decorated Mess Halls. Sgt. Harrington came forth as usual with a wonderful dinner, which was enjoyed with gusto by the visitors and soldiers.

Particular attention is invited to the Mess Hall that is Cpl. Albert Mackevich's. He has done a truly beautiful work of art. He had thought of trying to describe it for those who had not seen it, but we give up. It has to be seen to be appreciated. By all means if you have not gone there, go and see the wonderful decorations.

Met on my way to the Service Club were the Isadore Honigs, Mrs. Honig prettier than ever, and Pvt. Honig's face shining like a Sgt's whistle with happiness.

The one gloomy note on Christmas Day was Pvt. Edwin Melancon, who was blue because the lady from New York has been cold to him lately. Wish she would not treat him that way.

Sgt. Koster's wife asks me to remind him to write to her. Seems "Chris" is lazy about letters. Pvt. John Collins had a grin on his face that spread from ear to ear. We met the reason, the petite Mrs. Collins.

This we should not really put here, but we promised; Cpl. John Pfannkuchen is a tyrant in his Mess hall, KP's are thinking of washing him along with the pots and pans. Tsk, Tsk, Cpl.

Best of all possible luck to all of you. Happy New Year!

## G-2 or Gee To?

CAMP BARKLEY, Texas—If you telephone most Army posts and ask for G-2, you will be connected with the Intelligence Officer.

Not so at this post. There the phone may be answered by Private Gee Too, a San Francisco Chinese with the Special Training Detachment.

## HEAT'S ON

by Anonymous

"Cadet-to-be" Meyerson has lost his beloved "moostachio," and is offering a reward for its return. Could be your man is the man in personnel department who is collecting stray hairs for a new toupee. It's a possibility. It is . . . Sgt. Bergen can be heard daily in the mail room trying to inveigle cokes from the "Moch" with the heads I win tails you lose formula.

The "Rock" never went to school and is a hard man to beat. Bergen still owes him five (5) cokes . . . Flash! Cpl. Warke shall henceforth be known as "Lover." We heard him tell of some little girl's fascination for him at the railroad station his last pass. It was love at first fright! Come Harold, tell the boys about it. By the way, it's time for your monthly ablution.

Sgt. Mac is keeping the score—do you still think it is a good idea to practice that bugle blowing in the morning? . . . Now that Brother Silberman is gone, Brother Caren will have to exercise at the gym. All your brothers (Schaffer and Caren) miss you, Brother Silberman, so, altho all is not forgiven, please come home.

That Terrible Turk is quite the lover! He averages 3 letters per day from one gal. He writes back two daily and claims he's playing hard to get. . . Schromenstein have been battling it out again. The last five letters won when perfic Bader tickled Miltie' and Sgt. Goldner (still bucking for it) did some unmentionables behind his back. Cpl. Stein pulled rank and ordered our hero to desist—and so (read second sentence again) . . .

Club Prone is having its weekly exhibition of the art of our country's photographers. The Sgts. will be in their room all their day to see that no harm is done to their walls. Amateur sleuth Crabbe, the lad with the nose for detectiving will have a little job on his hands now. Crabbe, my lad, who dun it? Be bad and get your name in the column . . . Be good and you'll become a non-com! Choose now, and be doomed forever!

## BEAVERS

by Libel, Inc.

At last the truth has outed itself: Cpl. Tony Mikis is the basketball team's manager.

PFC Ruttenberg has received food stuffs. His barracks thanks him . . . Don't look for your neighbor, men. He's either on furlough, pass, transferred or working nights. . . . What's happened to the forums? . . . The Beavers welcome with its detached service arm the new Assistant Det. C. O., Lt. Capron.

Pvt. Kaplan has a form-fitting overcoat, form-fitting for Pvt. Harry Sieber. . . . Please watch the bulletin board for your next day's duty. Nobody knows.

To do a right about face, I wish every man, woman and child of the Weavers unit a very happy 'n healthy New Year.

Barracks 3 looks as if the draft hit it. A good number to play is 127. . . . The personnel office is looking for men. We need you. All men interested in steady work, please report. All others write me.

Sgt. Friedman is now singing "Jeanny with the Light Red Hair." There are only 40 odd privates left. Fellows, stand your ground. Keep bucking; no one ever died from it.

Why don't we have a ping pong tournament? When do we have another beer party? Why don't I keep my big mouth shut?



THE NEW YEAR STARTS RIGHT AS ---

# Totten Topples to Cage Quintet, 56-31

## Fort Team Host To Rahway Five On Thursday

### Hook Squad Shows Power, Swedish Scores 18 Points

by SGT. CLAY MARSH

The Fort Hancock Basketball team, showing the best form of the season, trounced the Fort Totten squad, in the Gage Gym Tuesday night, 56 to 31.

Swedish ran wild scoring 18 points to be high scorer for the evening.

The Hookers proved once again that they are a tough team to beat on their home grounds, and displayed a form that should put them in the win column many times the remainder of this season.

We got a brief glimpse of a No. 18 tonight, and he looked pretty good. A few questions brought forth the information that No. 18 was Masone, not the manager, Sgt. Dominic Masone, but his brother who joined the squad last week. Also we learned our No. 18 formerly played with the House of David—and that ain't hay!

We are looking forward to seeing a stronger Hancock team with the addition of No. 18 to the squad.

The whole team rates a word of praise for their fine playing in topping a good Totten team, and we expect many repeat performances during the remainder of the season.

The Hookers, with the Totten triumph tucked away, are getting set to go against the Rahway YMCA in the Gage Gym Thursday, Jan. 7th.

The Rahway quintet took a close one from the Hookers last month. The Hancock five are out for revenge and will go against the Rahwayites with a stronger team than faced them last time.

The box score:

FORT HANCOCK		
Hemsley (4)	5	0 10
Masone (18)	2	0 4
Metzger (7)	1	0 2
Romanzek (14)	0	1 1
Rosen (9)	0	1 1
Swedish (17)	8	2 18
Feld (1)	3	0 6
Maclej (19)	4	0 8
Tuck (6)	1	0 2
Sedgo (21)	1	0 2
Bielecky (10)	1	0 2
FORT TOTTEN		
Barton (15)	1	0 2
Barrett (33)	2	0 4
O'Leary (00)	1	1 3
Bennert (77)	1	0 2
Patterson (11)	3	0 6
Walkers (55)	4	6 14

In the preliminary game the flashy USCG team played a fast brand of basketball and squeezed out a win over the Atlantic Highlands High School Varsity, 42 to 28. The game was close all the way, with the Atlantic Highlands squad never allowing the Coast Guardians to get a larger lead than four points at any time during the game.

The Atlantic Highlanders, with a shifty defense, proved to be a good match for the more seasoned Coast Guardians. It was only in the closing minutes of the game that the sea-faring squad was able to draw ahead and take this tough win.

## Both Your Houses

CAMP LIVINGSTON, Ala.—Sergeant Robert Sullivan, grandson of the colorful boxing champ of the Gay Nineties, John L. Sullivan, gives rifle instruction to Private John W. York, cousin of the equally colorful hero of World War I, Sergeant Alvin C. York.

## War Posters Exhibit

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The Museum of Modern Art, 11 W. 53rd St., New York City, is now showing an exhibit of National War Posters. The museum is open daily from 12 noon until 7 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 until 7 p.m.

## Pluggers Regain Dot-N-Dash Lead

After eleven rounds of firing on the bowling lanes, the Dot-N-Dash League has Lt. Donald J. Wickern's Pluggers leading Lt. Waverly Murray's Wolves one game.

Behind the capable rolling of Warrant Officer Louis J. Agresti, the Mix-ups defeated the Pen Pushers 2 games to 1. Although on the losing team, Cpl. Tom "Doc" Hadad rolled high game total of 237 and high series total of 626.

With the fine performance of Pvt. Les Wagner, the Pluggers took the measure of the Simplexers 3 games.

Sgt. Max E. Clarke led the Wolves over Dit-Da-Dit 2 games to 1.

Honors for the mystery prize were shared by Cpl. Fred W. Becker and Pvt. Henry A. Forre.

## Chess Champ Issues Challenge

Pvt. Gregory Osterman, who won the chess tournament held at the Service Club several weeks ago, has issued a challenge for Monday night, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m.

All those who are interested in playing a game of chess may sign up at the Service Club during the week with Miss Shirley Decker, who will offer a prize to anyone who captures the champ's chess crown.

## Army Institute Offers College Credit Courses

MADISON, Wis.—The Army Institute is now offering non-credit courses in 64 subjects for the nominal enrollment fee of \$2 for each course.

In cooperation with 78 colleges and universities, the Institute brings to Army men college credit courses for which the Government pays one half the total cost of tuition and texts, not to exceed \$20.



Monte Wooley who appears in "Life Begins At 8:40" Coming To Post Theatres, Fri., Jan. 8.



"But I tell you it's no longer necessary to keep notifying your draft board of your whereabouts."

## World War Hero Back In Army As Private

A slender little man with sandy hair has joined the Blitzers. No one seemed to realize that he was any different than the other men in the outfit. He looked to be in his early forties.

But the slender man with the sandy hair is 52 years old. And it wasn't until not so very long ago that he was raising chickens at his farm in Plainsboro, N. J.

The soldier is Pvt. Daniel H. Mahar.

"I couldn't be interested in raising chickens with a war going on," he said. "So I sold the farm."

If he has a mind to, he can pin the Distinguished Service Cross with one palm beside the Order of the Purple Heart on his blouse. And beside them, the British Military Medal and the Croix de Guerre.

The British Military Medal was received for "Meritorious Services to the Allied Cause." The French citation is signed by a Marshal of France. The Purple Heart was received for gas injury and shrapnel wounds.

"I received the Distinguished Service Cross for cleaning out a machine gun nest in the Battle of the Hindenburg Line," Pvt. Mahar disclosed quietly.

In World War I, Pvt. Mahar was Sgt. Mahar. But today he is limited service, and this worries him, because he feels that his place is where the action is most rapid.

"I've some unfinished business to attend to," he said very pointedly.

After the last war, Mahar borrowed the money to buy a farm. The sum was less than one thousand dollars. When World War II broke, the property was assessed for \$45,000. Yet, he sold it for \$14,000, used \$1,000 to pay his son's tuition at the Peekskill Military Academy, and enlisted. Mrs. Mahar got a job for herself in a powder plant.

"I was lucky," Pvt. Mahar explained. "I received the Distinguished Service Cross from General Pershing himself. The British Medal was awarded me by the then Prince of Wales aboard the battleship Renown."

Between wars, Mahar has been commander of the Hightstown, N. J., Post, American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars at Mt. Vernon, N. Y.

## BUCCANEERS

PFC Brevitz joined the ranks of ground poppas. It's a big little fella, too.

Major Miller was guest of Capt. Morman's Bucs at the Wednesday night party. Joe Cambria's wit was the highlight of the evening. Sgt. Bielecky proved to be a real hill-billy—squeeze box, corn cob pipe and corn music.

Sgt. Murray, the Flying Tiger, will soon join Cpl. Evans in the Air Corps.

The Bucs basketball team is undefeated. All four games won by forfeit.

Murray, Kreisman, Hrablook and Ferrara try to outdo each other with their Sweet Smellin' Stuff." Chemical warfare might be interested in their hair tonic formulas.

Santa Claus will have a job to fill the hundred GI socks hung over our new fireplace on Christmas eve.

Our dog, Fuze-Cutter, brings her canine friends to enjoy the warmth of the day room. One of them didn't respect our Christmas tree.

Benny of the Week is Bogart for reasons best known to himself. Opportunity and officers knock only once.

A Christmas package received by one Buc is shared by many. That's the true Christmas spirit.

Sgt. Guteirrez's buddy hung the "Don't Be A Benny" sign over his bunk. Pvt. Chrysler is a real bucking Buc. And some thought he was ready to be embalmed.

And—well, Merry Christmas.

## 'Evenings At Home' Presented Music Lovers

The studios of Music Education will hold Friday "Evenings at Home" every Friday at 8:30 in the studios of Music Education Building, 9 W. 82nd street, New York City.

Service men interested in musical entertainment are invited to attend and participate. Bring your musical instrument if you have one.

## Meet the Little Man of the East

### Infantry Journal Makes Appraisal Of Jap Soldier

The Infantry Journal of the United States Army makes a most enlightening appraisal of the Japanese soldier.

Meet this little man of the land of the setting sun:

"The typical Jap soldier is a runt, 5 feet 3 inches tall, weighing 116 pounds. He is paid \$1.26 a month, of which he is allowed to squander 9½ cents on himself.

"He can live on a handful of rice and a few scraps of dried fish a day, and accepts it as commonplace to march thirty miles, with full pack, in 24 hours. But he is one of the toughest fighting men in the world.

"The modern Jap soldier is the product of centuries of internecine warfare that made the island kingdom one vast blood-soaked battlefield. Imperial princes were butchered, the imperial capital repeatedly burned and pillaged, and the helpless mass of the unarmed people reduced to a level of misery and wretchedness in which human life was held at no value. In the unending warfare between the clans, no quarter was ever shown.

"When the Taira clan fought the Monamotos in the 12th century, all prisoners—men, women and children—were beheaded. In 1598, during Kato's invasion of the mainland of Asia, his troops decapitated 38,700 Chinese and Koreans, their ears and noses being cut off, pickled and sent back in tubs to Kyoto where a monument called the Ear Mound still stands.

"Up to 1870 it was the usual Japanese procedure to collect enemy heads after every battle. The official tally of casualties was always rendered on this basis."

## COMMANDOS

by Woody Thomas

Season's greetings and salutations to all of you guys from yours truly. Chaplain Nicosia was engaged to Miss Viola Picillo on Christmas Day and came back sporting a sparkler..... The boys had five days of heavenly peace—reason: Sgt. Polistino home on furlough.

I hear that Eddie Schneider wants to move from his place. Sgt. Sokol, stop bending his ears..... An expression used by A. J. Macanka recently: "If youse don't feed me I won't clothe youse.".... I understand the boys want to build PFC Camoia a chair in the 1st Sgt's office. I wonder why?

Loads of luck to Sgt. Walsh who leaves for OCS. There goes My Man Friday..... Everybody sings Mr. Five by Five every time the Greek passes. Is that an insinuation? Corp. Comparetta deserves a break after doing a good job handling our Christmas mail.

## KNOCKS AND BOOSTS

The Loudest	Sgt. Polistino
The Quietest	PFC Lynch
The Handsomest	?
The Swellest	Corp. Macanka
The Most Ambitious	PFC Bai
The Biggest Bluff	Pvt. Goldstein
The Cry Baby	Pvt. Femicola
The Wildest	PFC Greek
The Coldbreaker	Pvt. Gasovic
The Best Dressed	Corp. Nicosia
The Healthiest	Corp. Comparetta

Yours truly signing off with a gentle reminder to think twice before you speak once. Will be seeing you subsequently.

WAR DEPARTMENT BULLETIN SAYS ---

# Don't Be An Over-Optimist

## American, Allied Leaders Make Plea

'The Real Work Is Still to Come'—  
Stimson Announces

Over-optimism can be a dangerous thing.

A recent official bulletin of the War Department points out the dangers of a too complacent frame of mind on the part of many soldiers and civilians alike at the present.

"We've got 'em on the run."  
"The war will be over in 90 days."  
"We can take it easy now—it's as good as finished."

Our recent successes in North Africa have provided the incentive for a host of similar rash statements. But, let it be said here and now, unjustifiable optimism may lose the war.

What do our leaders say?

Secretary of War Stimson: "On the immediate initial success of the surprise landings there has been a tremendous upsurge of public opinion in this country and a tendency on the part of the people to say: 'Why, heavens, the whole thing is over! All is over but the shouting!' NOTHING COULD BE MORE UNTRUE THAN THAT. THE REAL WORK IS STILL TO COME."

General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff: "I am perturbed by the rapidity of the change from a speculative pessimism to UNDUE OPTIMISM REGARDING THE COURSE OF THE WAR. NOTHING COULD BE MORE DANGEROUS TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR ARMS THAN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NATIONAL ATTITUDE THAT THE VICTORY IS ABOUT WON."

Lt. General Lesley J. McNair, Commanding General of Army Ground Forces: "It is said that one half of you expect the war to end within two years. But your reason must tell you that IT WILL END ONLY WHEN YOU FINISH IT."

What do other Allied leaders say?

Poland — Wladyslaw Sikorski, Polish Prime Minister: "We should not underestimate our foe, because he is still well armed and absolutely ruthless in the conduct of the war."

Russia—An unidentified Russian general over the Russian radio: "There are still many difficulties on the path to our final victory, for the overcoming of which we must concentrate all our efforts, all our skill."

Great Britain — Field Marshal Sir John Dill: "We are going through a black period of the war. This is the time of testing."

But what does the average man say?

John Doe of Main street, U.S.A.: "There's nothing to worry about. We've never lost a war for over TWO HUNDRED YEARS."

Joe Nip, Tokyo: "We Japanese, through the guidance of the Divine Emperor, have been victorious for TWO THOUSAND YEARS."

The bulletin points out that to coast along now is to invite disaster later. Be confident in victory but not overconfident.

Overconfidence may cause us to underestimate the enemy, tends to slacken production. Military reverses seem like disasters. It is an Axis weapon.

Confidence is a trust, reliance, a continued unshakable faith in our leaders and in our fighting men.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### New Year's Day

Open house all day at the Service Club and the YMCA.

"American Empire," Richard Dix, Preston Foster, Leo Carillo; at Post Theater No. 1 (6:30 and 8:30 p.m.) and at Theater No. 2 (5:30 and 7:30 p.m.)

### Saturday

Sing Song in the lobby of the YMCA at 6:30 p.m.

Free movies at the YMCA at 6 and 8 p.m.

"Rhythm Parade," Gale Storm and Ted Fio Rito's orchestra in musical film; at Post Theaters.

### Sunday

Episcopal Communion service in Social Hall of the YMCA at 8:30 a.m.

Sing Song in the lobby of the YMCA at 6:30 p.m.

Music Appreciation Hour at the YMCA at 8 p.m. Recordings of the masters.

"Yankee Doodle Dandy," James Cagney as George M. Cohan in musical biography of the late star; at Post Theater No. 1 (6:30 and 8:30 p.m.) at Theater No. 2 (2:00, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.)

### Monday

Dancing classes conducted by Pvt. Lanni Russell in Service Club at 7:30 p.m.

Jaya Club at the YMCA at 7:30 p.m. Speaker: Lt. Joseph Osmani, former All-American athlete. Topic: Football and World of Sports.

Cpl. John Harrold conducts Italian and French classes in the Service Club. Beginners at 7 p.m. Advanced students at 8 p.m.

USO concert starring Felix Knight, Rosa Bok and Carlo Morelli at Theater No. 2 at 8:30 p.m.

"Yankee Doodle Dandy" at Post Theater No. 1.

### Tuesday

Sing Song with Mrs. Kelly at the keyboard in the YMCA lobby at 7 p.m.

Free movies courtesy of Chesterfield cigarettes at 8 p.m.

Double feature: "Streets of Underground" and "Lost Canyon" at Post Theaters.

### Wednesday

Sing Song in the YMCA lobby at 6:30 p.m.

Piano lessons with Mrs. Werbe as the teacher at the Y at 7 p.m.

Home Game Night at the Service Club.

"Arabian Nights," fantasy in technicolor with Jon Hall, Maria Montez and Sabu, at Post Theaters.

### Thursday

Home Game Night at the YMCA. The ladies from Rumson are hostesses and partners in bridge beginning at 8 p.m.

"Arabian Nights" at Post Theaters.

## Ruth Doerr Offers Musical Evening

### Fleer MC's Service Club Show, Russell Also On Program

A novel evening's entertainment was presented at the Service Club on Monday, when Miss Ruth Doerr, prominent in Philadelphia musical circles, presented her unique pianologues and conducted a community sing.

Miss Doerr wove popular songs together with the thread of a plot, and conducted the Sing-Song with the assistance of Pvt. Harry Fleer, who also appeared on the program as soloist as well as being master of ceremonies.

Miss Shirley Decker, Junior Hostess of the Service Club, joined Pvt. Lanni Russell in a Spanish tango. Pfc. John Millian, known as the Mad Russian, obliged with a Cossack Dance.

Also appearing on the program was Pvt. Joseph Myron and his concertina, and Erin-born Apprentice Seaman James Sheehan of the Coast Guard who sang an Irish ballad.

Pvt. Alex Finger accompanied the performers at the piano, and rendered an Irving Berlin solo.

Miss Decker revealed that the program was a forerunner of others to follow on subsequent Monday nights at the Service Club. Plans are now being formulated for the second of these musical evenings.

### LOST: PAIR OF GLASSES

A pair of bone frame glasses, with case, was lost in Theater No. 2 on Christmas night. The finder may return them to the Foghorn office.

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## SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Hundreds of thousands of American men in uniform are spending their first holiday season in camps and training stations, on ships at sea, and at far-flung posts in every part of the world.

In metropolitan centers the USO clubs have acted as social headquarters for men on leave.

This has interested no less a distinguished man of American letters than Mr. Booth Tarkington. His findings have interested us no end.

Mr. Tarkington speaks:

"I asked a soldier what the USO had meant in this new life of his," Mr. Tarkington relates. "He said: 'I was in the army before the USO got into operation, and at first we didn't believe in it. We'd heard that some important big shots had given the USO a lot of money and we'd turn on a sour grin, pretty positive that we'd never get the slightest good out of it.

'Then slowly for a while, but more and more as the thing got going, we began to see our mistake.

'But it's not just the material good — the recreation rooms, the books, the games, the cigarettes, the movies, the dinners in private homes and even the music and dancing — it's not these things that are the greatest help, that's been brought into a soldier's life. There are two other things that count even more.

'One is that we're made to feel that the country's interested in us, that the American people think about us and feel friendly to us, and most of all, what we get from the USO is something to look forward to. Yes, I'm sure that's the biggest thing of all that the USO does for us. It gives us something to look forward to.'

So spoke the soldier.

Mr. Tarkington summed up the situation with all the wisdom of words that has served him these many decades:

"It seems to me that this soldier said it. 'Something to look forward to' is what keeps us all going, isn't it?" the author asks. "Take it away and how many of us will have a strong heart for the battle of life? We can bear drudgery, tough routine and a great deal of anguish if we have 'something to look forward to.' We can't bear much without that.

"When this soldier said that because of the USO our men have 'something to look forward to' it meant that the day is coming when Hitler won't."

So concluded Booth Tarkington.

It has always been an American trait, this something to look forward to, characteristic of the people.

From the earliest days it has been true. The Colonial settlers of the seventeenth century had something to look forward to on these uninhabited shores. The right to worship God as they pleased. No taxation without representation.

The pioneers crossed the continent in covered wagons, built an iron horse to span it from coast-to-coast. They built a mighty empire. They had something to look forward to.

The same ideal brought the nation through the Civil War, and the World War of 1917-1918.

It has never been more true than it is today. As the New Year dawns the stakes are greater than ever before in the history of the nation.

On the home front and in the armed services the newborn year of 1943 should mean not only that we have something to look forward to, but the resolution that we are all doing something to achieve that end.

There is no better resolution for the new year.