

# SANDY HOOK FOGHORN

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## Nine Loses Heartbreaking Series Opener 8-7

### COLUMN LEFT

What with all this post-war planning going on, it is only fitting and proper at this time that we humbly submit a program of our own, which for lack of a better title we shall call "Six Months in the Guardhouse If They Take This in the Wrong Spirit." You may call it something else, but do it under your breath, please.

Generally speaking, all personnel of the Army will be divided into three parts, privates, noncoms, and officers. And we're not kidding; that's the order in which they'll be ranked under the new plan.

All privates will be issued the following habiliment:

- (1) Twenty-five pairs of shoes, including wingtips, moccasins, two tones, suedes and all types with fancy perforations.
- (2) Fifteen sport coats, drape. These will include houndstooth, checks, plaids, stripes, camel hair plains, none of which garments will be valued under \$45.
- (3) A wide assortment of haberdashery, including snap brims by Stetson, soft shirts by Arrow, and imported cravats hand-woven by the native girls of that Paradise Isle, Sandy Hook.

Officers will be issued the following habiliment:

- (1) No shoes.
- (2) One set of salvaged fatigues for church.
- (3) One Pfc stripe to keep warm in winter.
- (4) One set each of "mamma's drawers" for casual wear.

Sergeants will be issued the following habiliment:

- (1) One casket, pine box style. (If casket is a little short, cut the & % \$ \* & ! ? & ' s legs off.)
- (2) One grave. (And make him dig it before you shoot him.)

As to quarters, rations, etc., we suggest the following:

For the privates:  
One town house, one country house, each, completely equipped with hot and cold running bathtubs. For pocket change, \$150 per week. Besides 20 other rooms, each house will contain one obsolete latrine from Fort Hancock. One top sergeant assigned to each house will act as latrine orderly, and will clean latrine with artist's water color brush and one eye dropper. Taking care not to hurt his arm, private will firmly stroke back of sergeant with a long whip in order to insure good work. Sergeants will be called by the quaint old Army name of Snafu.

Every private will be issued 16 girls who in 16 sweaters look like Carole Landis. They also will do odd jobs around the house.

Quarters, etc., for officers will be:

- (1) One wall, locker—roomy.

### Java Club Opens; Ilka Chase Slated

The YMCA Java Club, idle throughout the summer, will open its third year on Sandy Hook next Monday night when Michael MacDougal, famous card detective, will lecture and demonstrate various tricks used by professional gamblers in all types of card games. The program will begin at 7:30 p. m.

MacDougal, publicized in Look and Life magazines, seen in the movies, and heard on various radio programs, is said to be able to make a fortune as a professional gambler if he so chose. However, he has chosen to make his living by exposing crooks who make suckers out of the American public.

He will show his audience how to set up a grand slam at a bridge game, the scientific way of beating a crap game and a roulette wheel, how always to win at prize fights, horse races and football games and how to work the "hay-maker's shuffle" that gives the sucker four aces to the gambler's straight flush.

Java Club series for the autumn lists a number of widely known personages. Included among those tentatively scheduled to come here are Ilka Chase, actress, radio star, and lecturer; James B. Pond, noted lecturer and traveler; George Sokolsky, New York Sun newspaper columnist; Jeané Hofmann, New York Journal-American woman sports-writer; and Charles Reopell, former press attache of the Paris embassy.

### EM's Death Being Probed

Major Walter Heesch, named as investigating officer, this week began probing the death of Pvt. John Wansick, 32, member of a Coast Artillery unit on this Post, who was found fatally wounded in the latrine of his barrack last Thursday night. Taken to the Post hospital, Wansick died one hour later.

Although the investigating officer's official report has not been completed as yet, it is believed Wansick may have shot himself in the head with a Garand rifle.

Wansick, of Yonkers, N. Y., was inducted at Camp Upton, March 10, 1942, and had been stationed here for approximately one year.

### Alan Jones Sings Here Saturday

Alan Jones, singing star of screen and radio; his wife, Irene Hervey, former film actress; and Doris Day, motion picture and radio actress, will make a special appearance here at 9 p. m. Saturday in the Service Club.

The trio of stars will do a one-hour show which will highlight a regular Service Club dance planned for Saturday night.

### High Ranking Major Generals Visit Sandy Hook



Photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps

Fort Hancock was spic and span from top to bottom last week when Major General John L. Homer, Commanding General of New York-Philadelphia Sector and Major General George Grunert, Deputy Commander of EDC and First Army, made an inspection here. With them is Brigadier General Philip S. Gage, Commanding General, Harbor Defenses of New York.

### 'Oklahoma' Slicks Hair for Hedy But Hedy, Alas, Wears Pants

The next time "Hedy Lamarr" eats chow at Lt. Kenneth J. Brown's Bullet Buster mess hall, one GI who will not get excited in the least will be Pvt. William "Oklahoma" Coleman.

Last week "Oklahoma" overheard a telephone conversation between officers of his unit, one piece of such conversation being: "Hedy Lamarr is coming to lunch today."

Thrilled by the news, "Oklahoma" rushed to the barracks to inform his mates, then proceeded to slick himself up for the occasion.

Came chow time, a car drove up and "Hedy Lamarr" stepped out—in pants however. And while "Oklahoma" sat dejected, Warrant Officer Perry "Hedy" Lamar ate chow with the men of the outfit.

### Service Club for Fort Established in Highlands

A Red Shield Servicemen's Club, designed to service the men of Fort Hancock, has been established in Highlands by the Salvation Army, it was announced this week. The club is believed to be the only one of its kind in the area.

The club is set up to service at least 300 boys per night. It has a snack bar, recreational facilities and a lounge. The building and much of the equipment was donated by the Lions Club and other philanthropic organizations.

### Rally in 9th Falls Short; Beasley, Bielecky Star

A mighty, uphill four run rally after two men were out in the ninth frame was just one run shy of counteracting a disastrous first inning Monday as the Fort Hancock baseball



Photo by U. S. Army Signal Corps

team dropped a heart-breaking opener 8-7 to Camp Wood in the playoffs of the Fort Hancock-Fort Monmouth "little world series."

The second encounter in the two-out-of-three game series was played here late yesterday afternoon but was unable to be reported in this edition because of deadline restrictions.

Pvt. Buddy Haver, new pitching discovery picked to hurl the opener because of his sensational no-hit, no-run performance several weeks ago, suffered a complete turnabout in Monday's game and was knocked out of the box in the first inning after Camp Wood had blasted five runs through him.

Camp Wood batted all the way around against Haver, scoring the five-run salvo on a double, two singles, a steal and two walks. Reliable Pvt. Ernie Bidowski, relieving Haver, allowed one run in the sixth and two more in the eighth while Fort Hancock pushed across two in the fourth and one in the seventh.

Goir into the final frame, Fort Hancock trailed 8-3 and the opener looked iced especially after the first two men up popped out on weak infield flies. Bidowski then got the opening break and started off the rally when he got on base by virtue of a shortstop's error.

Clayton Van Cott, Camp Wood's gift from the Brooklyn Dodgers, then proceeded to blow up for the second time against Fort Hancock as the Hookers got to him. Mike Ferrigno worked him for a walk, Bidowski advancing to second. Buster Mills, shortstop, then banged out a smart single scoring Bidowski.

Whenever the time is ripe, you'll usually find Sgt. Rudy Bielecky and Sgt. Hal Beasley around, and this proved no exception. Bielecky, up next, poled out a double scoring Ferrigno and Mills and clearing the bases.

The great Van Cott went to the showers, but his relief saw his first pitched ball smacked for a clean single by Beasley with Bielecky scoring the fourth run of the inning. The long rally, just one run short of putting Hancock back in the ball game, was snapped when leftfielder Joe Spak popped up for the third out.

Aside from the tough first inning, the Hook nine played heads up ball. In the fourth, Bielecky and Beasley sparked the first scoring punch by driving out consecutive singles. Bielecky then scored on an infield hit by Spak, and Beasley scored when Sgt. Buddy Bleyman hit saf-.

Hancock pushed across its other run in the seventh when Cpl. Eddie Hoffman walked, Bidowski advanced him to third on his single, and Ferrigno singled, scoring Hoffman.

Score by innings:  
Fort Hancock — 000 200 104—6  
Camp Wood — 500 001 020—4  
(Box score on Page 3)

LOST  
"Rusty," six-weeks-old red puppy. Finder contact Lt. Edward C. Rogers at Ext. 195.

LET 'EM FALL WHERE THEY MAY ---

# Salvos from Batteries by Foghorn Reporters

## GUMS ROAR

By Sgt. Ray D. Knight

**SOFTBALL:** VERNON SITES and the F crew were burnt 1-0 by the Flaming Bombers in the series opener. Forfeit-bickering has held up further developments at this writing.

**CELEBRITY:** Replacing the telephone in its cradle, one of the officers turned to another and said, "HEDY LAMAR is coming to lunch."

**OKLAHOMA COLEMAN**, working nearby, started. "Hedy Lamarr!" he thought, adding an extra "r" in his excitement. "Wait till the boys hear that!" and, rushing over as soon as he was able, he announced to the assembled bunk fatiguers: "Hedy Lamarr! She's coming here for lunch today! Why, I didn't even know she was on the post!"

The boys, soon realizing what was up, began simulating frenzied excitement. Nobody explained. Oklahoma sped away Dagwood-like, to comb his hair.

A few minutes later a car drove up and out stepped W.O. Perry "Hedy" Lamar (with one "r" and absolutely no Hollywood experience) ready for lunch and a busy afternoon of field work.

**GUM BEATS:** TANGERINE GROTH'S birthday. He marched a detail to Bahr's, passed a helmet, tossed a party. . . JIM LAYTON and wife. Come Labor Day, they ran into the Brooklyn Bombshells. Garbagemouth and Co. were back for more boich beer and clam chowder, no doubt. . . JOHN BLOCK's untiring efforts on the ball team. They keep the sandbags far away. . . Hillbillies' new member: SCHLOBOHM ELBAUM. . .

The N. Y. beautician who thinks PUNKY (Wighead) SMITH should get a permanent. Who doesn't? BILL DRAA. For the records, write down his new name, Horsehead. . . DIVE BOMBER SCOTT. He was delivering REST McCOY's pies to the WACs at the worst possible time. . . MITZI GREEN. He's now Chairman of the Society for the Distribution of Dohrinnigs. . . PAYROLL MEYERS, back from deep in the heart of. . . GETAMOP (maybe he really has a gun) STEEDLEY and UG (Tyrone Power of Marathon) STEVENS. Ask them about the blowout they attended in the Village. . . MAC MACINTYRE and a cocoanut. Difference, they say, is you can get a drink out of the latter. . . BANANA ABBATE. His lip healed, he's been disgorged from the hospital. . . FIBBER McGEEHEE. He was in from Tilden last week. . . PEEVE PEAVY fattening a seagull. The boys say it's for Thanksgiving. . . MIRRORHEAD STROTHENKE sharing a shower with his Thanskg. dinner. . . Talented ARKY HARPER. He showed them how to convert a three-day pass into the 24-hr. kind—turned it in two days early. . . BRUISER ALLEN, body-building on the beach the other mdnt. He was wearing a pack. . . C.C.L.C.A. LAW WACING at No. 2. . . BLACKJACK LOCAN's Labor Day stitching; likewise ROGER DESCHENE'S, about 2 wks. back. KOZLOSKI ZIELENSKI will make it 3 of a kind the 18th. . . NORMAL SCHEIBEL slicing throats with his letters to Michigan. . . RED TRUHAN, well oiled the other A. M. . . WALTER KING, going under a wave with dark glasses. That's a new idea that will never catch on. . . MINKO CLANCE. He's been practicing up on the Jump at Coney. . . ROUGHHOUSE HARDING and TACTFUL DINGLEBERRY, fighting it out for the defense plant. . . MUTT CASTLEBERRY and JOHN KEITH. They're keep-

## BIG DEAL

By Ryan



## TROOPERS

by Pvt. Charles Wm. Stewart

Well! Well! Well! It looks as if our proud and efficient fire fighters will be feeding fires instead of extinguishing them this winter. So sorry, fellows, you did a fine job while it lasted.

It seems to me that "Clothesline Batts" should be able to acquire the right size of underwear by now. He is always telling his partner "I don't know how it got there but it got there" Byrd to keep his chin up. Why?

Fortunately for somebody, "The Master," otherwise known as "Heavy Duty" Bacon is now spending his extra time spreading the soil. I imagine next spring there will be beautiful cue balls growing from such trimly shaped sticks, the master's touch God forbid.

If business keeps increasing in our dayroom it is due to the efficient service of "Limp" Reynolds, charge d' affaire, and his two assistants, "Tadpole" Crozier and "Start it but never finish it" Benania. Their interest in their job keeps them busy way into the middle of the night.

"Flying Home" Jones did come back, and from the looks of him we'll have to change his title because "He should have stood in bed."

Believe me when I tell you excavations can bring people closer together. You can find proof of this any time you are in the mess hall. Watch Cpl. Harry Phillips and Pvt. Perry Davis.

Next issue I will report all ups and downs as I see them, so be careful.

Lt. Cdr. Mal Stevens, former NYU grid coach, is grooming a strong eleven at the Sampson (N.Y.) Naval Station. Big boy on his team is Frank Brabetin, 6-foot 5-inch, 225-pound guard who played with the Philadelphia Eagles last year.

ing their wives away from the wolves in the hills. . . PILLS RHINOCK. He's looking around for some new ones; any info. will be welcome. . . MARGIE HART. The name is now Vinegar Joe. . . Gum-of-the-Week: Have you got any marbles in this game?

## SUB NET

by Justasnooper

The past week marked the departure of two non-coms from the bachelor fold. The royal order of the benedicts is their plight presently and promises to be for a long, long time.

**IN RECAPITULATION:** Match race . . . Entries—SUSAT and C. SCOTT . . . Happiness Futurity to be run at Matrimony Terrace . . . 5 lbs. allowance for apprentice jockey . . . Both left Post together but C. SCOTT led ROBERT to the altar by a scant 24 hours . . . Respective times: SCOTT 9-4-43 . . . SUSAT 9-5-43 . . . Our heartiest congrats, men . . .

**LISTENING IN:** J. J. PARKER and WILSON finally making the grade . . . And they bunk side by side . . . C. S., RAY being refused spiritus fermenti . . . The barboy said Chicken was a minor . . . "Mush Mouth" JOHNSON and "Mountain" KNOOLMAYER professing to be airplane spotters . . . Sgt. BUTLER should remember that curiosity killed the cat . . . The contents of the little boxes was SUSAT's business, Sarge . . . We're informed the Army adopted the word "snowjob" for slang usage . . . Do you follow "Frosty"? . . . NELSON sleeping in his wall locker . . . Latrine Sgt. BOILING

## BLITZERS

By Sgt. Clay Marsh

Keeping abreast of these changing times, the management of the Hotel Blitzter has established a new policy in the assignment of suites to its guests.

No matter what some over-zealous persons may indicate to the contrary, the inmates of this hostel are here primarily for the rest cure, and it was discovered that the coming and going of the transient trade tended to disturb the sack slumber of the regulars.

Ever mindful of its guests' comfort, the management moved them to the Terrace rooms, entirely vacating the lower floor in the East and West Wings.

With the transient trade slack this time of the season, a problem is raised as to what to do with these street floor apartments. It had been thought that they could be flooded on weekends that the fireman is on pass, and ice skating could be enjoyed by all.

However, it is feared it would become necessary to post a guard day and night to restrain the guests from attacking the rink with ice picks to get ice for their rum and cokes. Nothing has been decided yet but it has been noticed that the guests are sleeping better under this new arrangement—and closer.

Blitzer Morning Report: (WD AGO Form No. 1).

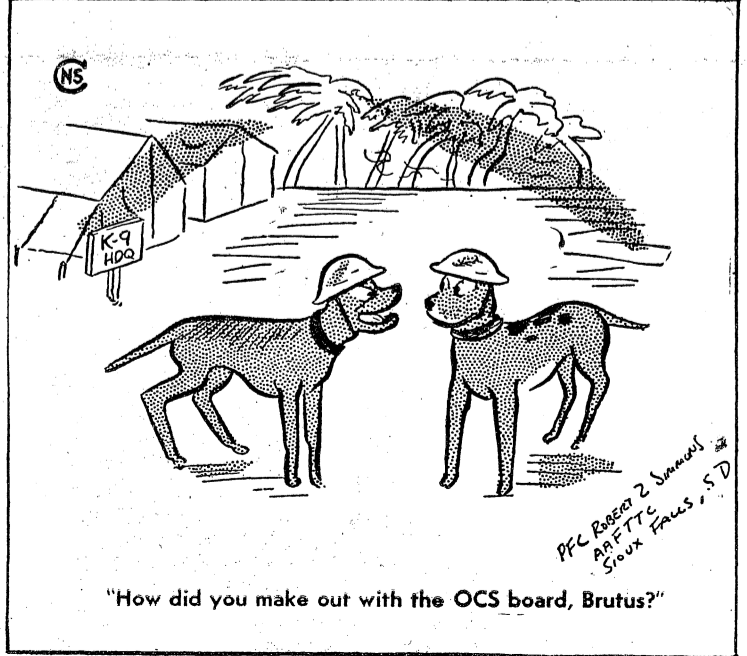
Sgt. Carroll fr fur to dy—exhausted; Cpl. Cittadino fr snooze to snooze; Pfc. Kays & Cupparo fr Pvt. to stripe; Sgt. Delaney fr pass to dy (female to mail); Sgt. DePietro fr fur to dy to gripe; Pfc. Ellis fr pass to blood bank; Pvt. Fuchs fr music to atchd for administration to mop; Pfc. Gangi fr dance belles to fire bells; Pvt. Hammond fr gripe to gripe (no ch in dy); Pfc. Hoffman fr stat of chgs to TS Slip; Cpl. Kravetz fr mess hall to overweight; Sgt. Marton fr Slummaster to Ringmaster; Sgt. Hannon fr Siberia to Blitzter Mess Hall; Cpl. McMonagle fr CQ to CQ; Cpl. Nietupski atchd for rat to Conner's; Sgt. Preston GPLOD one diamond; Cpl. Racer atchd unasgd to Chauncey Depew.

as the singing dice slinger . . . Hello, FEIRESTEEN . . . GILBERTO and the blond DOT . . . PERCY trying to make friends with MOORE . . . FRIEDGEN as "Buck Buck No. 1" . . . LORENSEN, the Nebraska Wildcat, considers the cable-tank a day room . . . O. CONLON returning from pass in perfect condition . . . "Unbelievable" is the word . . . It's time to nurse a nurse . . . S'long . . .

## FINE DOPE

by Cpl. James A. Matroyse

Congrats to Oberstaedt, Van Valkenburgh, Kirk and Brunner on their recent promotions. Instead of a discharge Brunner was given a Pfc. . . Cotton Club Conference . . . Kirk, after a few bottles of 4.2 (one better than 3.2) pipes out with the Legend of Sleepy Hollow. It has been revealed that he has been an old Indian fighter. Where are all the old Indians? . . . Lado pulling a fainting act in hopes of being revived by Mader . . . Boland can't figure out why he is getting so much mail from strange places. Must be a popular guy . . . After doing his Romeo act with scores of women, Fischer is now settling down. To help him out is a girl by the name of Hannah. I wouldn't call it love, Frank, when you make her work while on her visit. It was a nice job 'til the Sgt. came by, but—try again . . . It has been proven that all lipstick isn't kiss-proof. While dancing Benesta steals a kiss and finds his lips have added color. Restrict yourself to a more secluded corner and avoid embarrassment, or try Kleenex . . . Campion couldn't get up the other morning because of a murderous dream. A few hours later he was still trying to find out who killed who . . . That's all right, Jim, Holmes had his troubles . . . By the way, Jim, who was the girl who was helping you support the tree? Maybe it was the other way around . . . Quinn can blow the bugle without stuttering . . . Hynes trying to conquer the world (the world a la femme) . . . A new addition to Phillip's love affairs. Her name is Kathleen . . . Buerger is still in a daze. My! What women can do . . . Retracting a statement made a week ago. Men-shek has five strands of hair instead of three. Feel better now? . . . Another shirt and a pair of slacks will help Azzalina in his Doctor of Tailoring degree . . . What certain Sgt. taking upon his own to kiss his girl without the thought of others watching. It's all right to be in such a position, but be careful. Shine was doing a bit of spying and the CG station was doing all it could to take in the show. That wasn't bad, but to think when a guy is so much in love that he can't tell a woman's hand from a man's he must have it bad. Imagine holding hands with a male Cpl. Don't worry, Fischer, I won't squeal on you. By the way, did you see the movies the other night? . . . Pape and WAC P. Fenley are holding their own . . . Enough for romance . . . au revoir until next week.



## Newark Stage Door Canteen

Today—Three Keys, Al Donahue band, stage show, conga, rumba, samba lessons.

Friday—Sketches by Laura Winters. Dolores Gil and Marimba Troubadors. Alpine Village band. Square dances.

Saturday—Rudy Vee orchestra. Arthur Murray dancing acts.

Sunday—Club 44 show, Kirby Walker, boogie woogie pianist. Jones Brothers harmony. Park Rest show.

Monday—Doc and Evelyn piano and violin. Cab Calloway band. Wilbur Koerner orchestra.

Tuesday—Dick Smalley orchestra. Jack Lynch variety revue.

Wednesday—Empire burlesque show. Community singing. Johnny Young band.



# When Did Louis KO Paycheck? Settling Bets All in Day's Work For Librarian

## Miss Evans Records Inquiries

Exactly how much money has changed hands through soldier bets because of Post Librarian Miss Elizabeth Evans probably never will be known, but judging by the number of questions tossed her way it should amount to quite a sizable roll.

In addition to ordinary duties of a librarian, Miss Evans in two years here has become the question and answer woman of Fort Hancock, answering everything from "When does the next bus leave?" to "When was the reign of Roman emperor Justinian the 3rd?"

According to Miss Evans, probably a majority of the questions asked involve a soldier bet, and when questions are asked over the telephone, she oftentimes has to give the answer to both parties to the dispute.

Top soldier bet thus far was for more than \$100 on the question: "When did Johnny Paycheck fight Joe Louis?" Miss Evans found the answer in the World Almanac, but first asked Johnny Paycheck himself, who was on the Post at the time. Paycheck couldn't remember the date.

After the first few months of answering questions, Miss Evans decided to keep a record of the more choice ones, and now she possesses a good-sized book of questions asked. As a brief sample, here are a few of the questions listed in the book:

- "If two copies means duplicate, if three means triplicate, what is the word for nine copies?"
- "How many stars did the movie 'Mr. Big' receive?"
- "When was Lincoln born, and when did Caruso die?"
- "What is the fifth amendment to the Constitution?"
- "What does the word 'divalent' mean?"
- "How old is pitcher Bucky Walters?"
- "What are the hall marks in silverware?"
- "What day of the week is 'Life' published?"
- "On what date in 1937 was the Ohio River flood?"
- "What is the life cycle of a mosquito?"
- "Over what river did George Washington throw a silver dollar?"
- "What is the correct spelling of Rimsky-Korsakov?"
- "What are the six Iroquois Indian tribes?"
- "Explain the myth of the bottomless pitcher."
- "Is Tunis on the same site as ancient Carthage?"
- "How do you spell cauliflower?"
- "What is the name of the stairs on which you go up on your knees and pray on each step?"
- "What is the value of an 1813 dime?"
- "What are the origins of the various bugle calls?"
- "How do you play cricket?"

A few more years of answering such questions, and Miss Evans should be ready for a spot on "Information Please."

## NCO Club to Spend \$600 Enclosing Porch

A total of approximately \$600 will be expended in constructing an enclosure around the porch of the Noncommissioned Officers' Club, it was announced this week. Main purpose of the enclosure is to provide a facility for continuing the Saturday and Sunday night dances, which have proved popular this summer.

In total length, the porch exceeds 45 feet.



Usually it's an enlisted man that's given a break like this, but these four lovelies of Allen Jenkins' show, "Puddle Jumpers," insisted that the picture include Major Robert F. Spottswood, Special Service officer. The foursome, including Patricia Deering, Betty Heather, Ruth Godfrey and Mary Ellen Burgh, supplied Jenkins plenty of help in giving Fort Hancock one of its best USO shows of the summer Monday night.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### TONIGHT

YMCA Highlands VSO canteen at 5 p.m.  
 YMCA home game night at 8 p.m.  
 Service Club formal dance. Girls from Westfield, Newark.  
 "We've Never Been Licked" with Richard Quine, Ann Gwynne, Noah Beery Jr., at Theatre No. 2, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY

YMCA AWVS canteen at 5 p.m.  
 YMCA informal card games at 7:30 p.m.  
 Service Club regular weekly hop.  
 "We've Never Been Licked" at Theatre No. 2.

### SATURDAY

YMCA Rumson VSO canteen at 5 p.m.  
 YMCA free movies at 6 and 8 p.m.  
 Service Club open house. Alan Jones appearance.  
 "Someone to Remember" with Mabel Paige and John Craven. At Theatre No. 2.

### SUNDAY

YMCA Rumson VSO canteen at 1 p.m.  
 YMCA gospel sing at 6:30 p.m.

YMCA Music of the Masters at 8 p.m.  
 Service Club open house. games. "I Dood It," with Red Skelton, Eleanor Powell, Jimmy Dorsey orchestra. Solid. At Theatre No. 2.

### MONDAY

YMCA AWVS canteen at 5 p.m.  
 YMCA Java Club at 7:30 p.m.  
 Speaker, coffee, cakes.  
 Service Club dancing class, 7-9 p.m.  
 "I Dood It," at Theatre No. 2, 5:30 p.m. only.  
 USO variety show at 8 p.m. Theatre No. 2.

### TUESDAY

YMCA Rumson VSO sewing service at 5 p.m.  
 YMCA movies at 8 p.m.  
 Service Club game night.  
 "Frontier Bad Men" with Diana Barrymore, Lon Chaney and Andy Devine. At Theatre No. 2, 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

YMCA AWVS canteen at 5 p.m.  
 YMCA arts and crafts at 5 p.m.  
 Service Club entertainment by Red Cross hostesses.  
 "Phantom of the Opera," with Nelson Eddy, Suzanna Foster, Claude Rains. Technicolor. At Theatre No. 2.

## Column Left

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(2) One set of GI bed springs, hammock type—no slats.  
 Each officer shall be accorded the full privileges of a prisoner of war. If he doesn't keep his shoestrings pressed, gig him—don't give him that tasty stale bread for dessert. Take it easy on second lieutenants, though. They're liable to pull rank on you.

### Quarters, etc., for sergeants:

Bless their souls, we haven't a place for them. The garbage pit will be overcrowded with corporals, and they couldn't sleep in the furnace because we have to use it in the winter time. We could always put them in the dog house, but even a

dog has rights. Oh, well, they'll be working on the coal pile so hard anyway, they won't mind sleeping right there. If they do, we'll ship them back to Fort Hancock.

We nearly forgot one group—the WACs. They're doing their part in this war and must be taken care of. After the war, we'll round up all the stripes in the Army, pass them out, and let them make dresses out of them or something, and they'll be happy.

Hey, bud, what are you going to do with that white paint? And my initial ain't P. (It says here.)

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## GI ORCHID

The fall of Italy last week will go down in history as the first of the three climax events in ultimate Allied victory, but it also should be written down as culmination in success of an amazing American Army.

When Italy threw in the towel, it meant that combined American and British armies had accomplished the following: (1) Unconditional surrender, (2) breakdown of the Rome-Berlin axis, (3) destruction of fascism in the land of its origin, (4) severance from Germany of Italy's industrial production, (5) elimination of the Italian army as an enemy force, and (6) forcing of Germany to shift into France, into the Balkans, and even into Italy enough divisions to replace retiring Italian forces.

This, then, marked the major achievement in the war thus far. Even Russia, which has perpetually squawked about establishment of a second front, cannot grumble now.

But prior to the major achievement of Italian capitulation, it was the AEF of the American Army, which untested, untried and never under fire, began an offensive with the British that rolled over Rommel through Africa and thence through Sicily.

And while Russia was asking for a second front, it was a tremendous air assault of the American Army that crippled Germany's production of war material for the Russian front.

Significantly timed, a report of the American Army was issued by General Marshall, Chief of Staff, one day following Italian capitulation. The report dramatically narrated the story of the Army that grew by leaps and bounds from a broomstick beginning two years ago to a position second to none now.

Just two years ago, the American Army had a personnel of only 1,500,000 men. Now it has 8,000,000 men. Then it included a partially-equipped force of 28 infantry divisions, a newly created armored force of four divisions, two cavalry divisions, the harbor defenses, and an air force of 209 incomplete units.

Two years ago, the ammunition shortage was so acute that we could not spare the Netherlands East Indies enough to hold its Army together. It finally was necessary to strip our own troops of 7,000,000 rounds of ammunition. Now in one of our plants alone, that many rounds are turned out in a day.

Today, we have transported overseas more than 2,000,000 men, and today Britain alone bases more than 1,000 of our heavy bombers.

One of the chief features of our Army's amazing progress is the result achieved by air force, bombing operations of which have been almost a second front alone. Net result has been that Germany could not conduct any sustained offensive this summer in Russia or build up sufficient strength in the Central Mediterranean to oppose the Allied offensive.

Russia no longer laments so vehemently the lack of a second front, but she freely and generously associates herself with the glory end of the Italian campaign. "Italian surrender was due to defeats on the Soviet front in which all contingents of picked Italian troops were exterminated."

Perhaps Russia has forgotten that in her victories on the Soviet front, the American Army supplied 3,000 planes, 2,400 tanks, 80,000 trucks, 16,000 jeeps, 109,000 sub machine guns, 7,000 motorcycles, 130,000 field telephones, and 75,000 tons of explosives, plus foodstuffs and raw materials.

Yes, this man's Army deserves an orchid. And while you're passing them out, bud, take one yourself. You may be a Brooklynite at Fort Hancock, but you're an integral part of that 8,000,000 strong.