

The Battalion

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Impatient . . .

Like a horse champing at a bit, impatient to do or die, most Aggies are "champing at their bits" for some action by the War Department and the ERC.

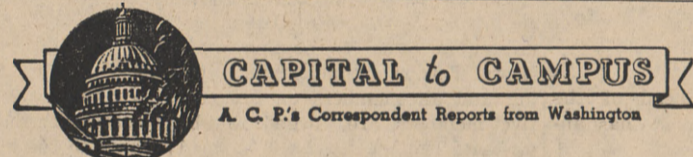
One Aggie father recently wrote his son, "I know how you feel, but don't let it get your goat. As I see it, they don't need you boys very badly or they would call you, so stay in there and get all you can out of your work . . ."

You have all had yourself in and out of the army three or four times in the last few weeks, and all of those calls fell through. Why not now forget about it and start balling-jack, racking up those old G.P.s.

"The final end of Government is not to exert restraint, but to do good."—Rufus Choate

Purdue university engineering students are producing war machine parts for Westinghouse Electric company as part of their shop practice. Their output equals that of a 75-man machine shop working full time.

"Wit makes its own welcome, and levels all distinctions."—Ralph Waldo Emerson



"Military officials have been appalled at the fact that many of their recruits—college and high school graduates—have little or no knowledge of mathematics or science unless they specialized in one of these fields. Our liberal education has been so liberal that the graduate got but a smattering of anything and retained virtually nothing.

"The post-war world confronts higher education with the greatest responsibility in its history. The conduct of the war is necessitating new patterns of government and new types of economic organization. It is making drafts upon our human resources and our technically trained men and women which are difficult to meet.

As the World Turns

The National Maritime Workers Union (A. F. of L.) is refusing to load or sail ships with goods for Spain because the goods might be used against us, and are being used against the Russians by the Spanish Anti-Communist Legion.

Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, is in the United States. The great question is WHAT IS HIS OBJECT? Is that object to lay plans for a post war world, or is it to work out political details in regard to a coming second front in Europe?

State-owned liquor stores are a possibility in Texas, as a bill to accomplish that purpose has been introduced in the state legislature. In addition the bill would force every consumer to get a twelve-dollar-a-year license to purchase liquor.

The United Mine Workers of John L. Lewis are threatening a strike if they do not get a two dollar per day wage increase, plus pay for part of the time they spend on the way to and from work.

Bare legs for girls are considered immodest in Mexico, but girl workers in Mexico City are considering a bare leg strike against the high cost of stockings.

Abdel Kaber Larbi, son of an Arabian shiek, is promising his friends a camel after the final United Nations victory.

"We Moroccans like the Americans very much," he said as he told of his part in the First World War when he fought with the French forces. "Casablanca is somewhat like Philadelphia, but on the whole more modern."

Si Kader's family live near the snow-capped Atlas mountains. And when he goes home they celebrate with lavish feasts of sheep roasted whole, and cous-cous and kebab.

Several years ago I attended a convention of drug salesmen. The chairman, who was president of one of the companies, called on the oldest salesman present to stand.

less the college curriculum comes to grips with problems of international relations and deals vigorously with racial and national understanding." Dr. E. O. Melby, president of Montana State University, emphasizes that America's educational institutions are helping to win the war and prepare for the problems of a post-war world.

Kollegiate Kaleidoscope

Military map making will be taught to qualified senior women at the University of Michigan in a special course being offered at the request of the army map service, it is announced by Prof. R. H. Sherlock, co-ordinator for the engineering, science and management war training program.

April 2 marks the day the infantry and cavalry ball are scheduled to occur, which leaves only 17 more days for making all those date arrangements and hecking your roommate's books.

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Nine hundred seamen at present are assigned to the naval training school for electricians at Purdue University.

Campus Camera

Advertisement for 'SPEAKING OF ENDOWMENTS...' featuring portraits of Walter P. Murphy and James B. Duke. Text includes: 'W.P. MURPHY'S GIFT OF \$20,000,000 TO NORTHWESTERN UNIV. RANKS AMONG THE LARGEST EVER GIVEN TO AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.' and 'HARVARD'S \$150,000,000 ENDOWMENT MAKES IT AMERICA'S RICHEST SCHOOL.'

BACKWASH "CANDY" MAGRANE

"Backwash: An agitation resulting from some action or occurrence" — Webster

Sweepings . . . We humans shouldn't question God's wisdom even if He did make mosquitoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, leprosy, and Hitler.

A southern physician related a number of funny experiences among colored folk at the time of the smallpox scare in which a general vaccination crusade had been undertaken.

"Well, Auntie," said the doctor, "I'll vaccinate you on one of your lower limbs, so it won't interfere with your work."

"No, siree," said Auntie, "Ah can't spare one o' my laigs neither."

Then the doctor said kindly: "Well, what spot could you spare, because you must be vaccinated?"

The old colored woman thought and thought, and finally said slowly, "Well, Lord knows, I don't ever get a chance to set down."

Here is a new addition to hash-counter slang. A soldier walked into a cafe and ordered a dish of yellow squash. The biscuit-shooter called out, "Step on a Jap" to the short-order cook.

"Who says there ain't no justice in this here land? I just got a divorce from my old man—I laughed and laughed at the judge's decision 'Cause he gave him the kids, and they wasn't even his'en!"

Rumor Clinic . . . No. 64,794: All ornamental brass will be discarded for the government scrap piles and replaced by cloth, in every unit of the armed services.

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Seeing the engineers doing all this practice in artificial respiration and the fireman's carry at drill reminds us of yearly fireman's short course held here, minus the hook and ladder department.

The Lowdown on . . .

Campus Distractions

Midweek distractions at the two theatrical houses of College Station this time offer a slapstick flicker and a not-so-hot comedy-melodrama. Saving the best for the last, let's look in on the Campus distraction showing today and tomorrow, A NIGHT TO REMEMBER, with Brian Aherne and Loretta Young, about an hour and a half of prolonged "entertainment" that in your reporter's opinion sort of fails to fill the bill.

It's a comedy-mystery show with entirely too much footage of nothing that's interesting. The story is somewhat confusing, although on the credit side of the ledger there are several humorous situations thank to the lead, Loretta and Brian. This is a yarn about an unsuccessful reader of mystery stories who moves to Greenwich Village with his wife, laboring under the impression that there he can pick up the material for one humdinger of a yarn. What really happens is that a real mystery develops right under his nose, getting him in a number of tight spots upon his insistence to butt in on the work of the police and solve the case.

The Lowdown: See it if you've nothing better to do! Now for the other half of the midweek distraction playbill, Gunyon Hall offers an A & C special, PARDON MY SARONG, a la the usual style of those two prime funsters. In addition to the two funsters, lovely-to-look-at Virginia Bruce is thrown in for extra good measure. This is beyond all shadow of a doubt one of the funniest of the Abbott and Costello pictures that's hit the campus yet. It's a means for the two long time clowns to pull out every trick that they know, both old and new—and believe me, they do just that.

The story starts in New York where our heroes have swiped a bus from the Big City and are on their way to the West coast transporting a playboy yachtman. After millions and millions of laughs, etc., the fat boy and his side kick wind up on a South Sea island with head hunters, beautiful native lassies and just loads of other things. The Lowdown—Side-splitting! Tomorrow night as Town Hall's next attraction, Jose Iturbi, world renowned pianist, will be featured on the Guion hall stage.

Dear Editor: The reception center here at Beauregard is not a training center. Men who come here are classified, given supplies, and are then transferred. While in the receiving companies, no one is privileged, and everyone is assigned to K.P. and other duties, regardless of whether he is a new selectee, an old sergeant who is being reclassified, or an officer candidate.

I was much surprised to learn that most of the L. S. U. cadets who passed through here recently on their way to O. C. S. brought unfavorable criticism upon themselves and their school by their unwillingness to take orders from "lowly" corporals and privates. They resented being given K. P. and other duties, and made it generally known that "It won't be long before I'm an officer, and, brother, I just hope I meet up with you again."

This petty attitude has rewarded them with the contempt and ill-feeling of the men here who came in contact with them. These men have unanimously agreed that the Texas Aggies who were recently here are both better sports and better soldiers.

As a former L. S. U. student, I know that this is not true. Since coming here I have boasted that the L. S. U. cadet can hold his own against any cadet in the entire country, but these few bad sports have certainly done nothing to uphold my claim.

Navy Gives Details Of Officer Training Program in Colleges

Details of the new Navy College Training program, designed to produce officers for the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, were announced by the Navy Department last week. Named V-12, the plan will get under way about July 1, and will give training ranging from 32 to 192 weeks for various classes of naval personnel.

In general, students selected under V-12 will spend one and one-third years in college, although some will receive longer training. As well as absorbing most of the college students now enlisted in the Navy and Marine Corps Reserves, V-12 is open to Army Enlisted Reservists who expressed preference for the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard when they signed up, and students holding probationary Navy Reserve commissions. High school graduates and seniors between 17 and 20 and enlisted personnel in the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard are also eligible.

Civilian candidates for this program must be United States citizens, be able to pass Navy physicals—with a minimum eyesight rating of 18/20—be single and agree not to marry until commissioned, and have officer qualifications. All V-12s will be assigned to colleges which have Navy contracts. They will be in uniform under military discipline and will receive a (See NAVY, page 4)

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4-1181 Box Office Opens 1 P. M.

TODAY - TOMORROW

BUD ABBOTT COSTELLO Pardon My Sarong

VIRGINIA BRUCE THE FOUR INK SPOTS

DISNEY "PLUTO" CARTOON and SHORT

Guion Hall

Phone 4-1168 TODAY - WEDNESDAY

A Night TO REMEMBER LORETTA YOUNG BRIAN AHERNE

Also MERRIE MELODY "SHEEPISH WOLF" LATEST NEWS

THURSDAY - FRIDAY "TISH" Susan Peters Richard Quine Morjorie Main