



A Package of Good News

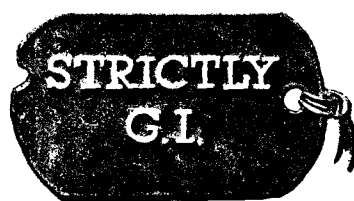
WE have good news this week for soldiers overseas. The corporal who covers Washington for us reports that the War Department is on the verge of changing that Army Postal Service regulation which requires an enlisted man in a foreign station to get his commanding officer's permission before he can receive a parcel-post package from home.

The full details of the change—brought about by complaints from overseas units and by YANK's editorial campaign to revise the postal rules—are not available for publication as we go to press because they are not yet official. But the corporal in Washington has been assured that the War Department will take action soon to eliminate the necessity of the CO's okay to get socks or fruit cake or tobacco from your mother or uncle. The new regulation will probably make a simple request from the soldier himself sufficient authorization to mail a package overseas.

The War Department deserves a warm nod of appreciation for moving so promptly to change a regulation at the request of its enlisted men. It isn't an easy change to make. Shipping space is precious these days and this step toward simplifying the mailing of packages increases the Army's already overpowering transportation problems.

Remember that you can give the transportation men a break and help to make room for packages by cutting down the space required for the shipment of letters. The best way to reduce the bulk of that ordinary letter mail is to advise your family and friends back home to use V-Mail. A regular mail bag with 3,000 ordinary letters weighs 65 pounds. Those 3,000 letters on two strips of V-Mail film would weigh a little more than 24 ounces.

That's reason enough for V-Mail. Take those 24 ounces, subtract them from 65 pounds and you get plenty of space for parcel-post packages from home.



Radio Your Money Home

○ VERSEAS GIs have a quick new way of sending home spare cash. The Army's Finance Department has made it possible for them to do it by Army radio. Soldiers can send \$10 or more to any point in the U. S. at no cost. Only exceptions are EM stationed

in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Panama. The money can be deducted from your pay, or you can hand it to your personnel officer in cash. He in turn transmits it to the base finance officer who sends the money by radio to finance officers at Army points on the East or West Coasts of the U. S. Then they mail out a Treasury check to the person to whom the dough is consigned. Quick, simple and foolproof.

Guadalcanal Blaze

This is the Guadalcanal Blaze, the new divisional battle insignia worn by men and officers of the First Marine Division, the outfit that smashed the Japs at Guadalcanal last August. The blaze was designed by Col. Merrill B. Twining, USMC, who led the First Marine Regiment at Guadalcanal. The "1" indicates the First Division, and the stars represent the Southern Cross, the constellation under which the battle was fought. Naval Medical Corps men, who were attached to the First Marine Division at Guadalcanal, are also entitled to wear the blaze.

The division was recently awarded a Presidential Unit Citation for its offensive in the Solomons last fall.



The Bazooka Gun

Recently made known to the public was Ordnance's latest giant killer, known as the Bazooka. A rocket gun, easily carried and fired by two men, it is primarily for use at short range, has great penetrating power, and is especially effective against the steel armor of tanks and against concrete pill boxes. It already has performed miracles in North Africa. On one occasion a lone soldier effected the surrender of a troublesome fort with one shot from his Bazooka. Another time a German tank commander surrendered under Bazooka fire, mistaking it for 155-mm guns.



Army Pigeon Yank

Meet Yank, ASN 873, U. S. Army Signal Corps pigeon which flew from the vicinity of Gafsa, Tunisia, to Tebessa in Algiers with the first news of the recapture of Gafsa by American troops. The picture of Yank was received in the U. S. via radio telephoto from the Army Signal Corps station in Algiers.

Iceland Delivery Service

Dry cleaning is sent to local plants every 10 days or two weeks in Iceland. Caught short, soldiers have been known to send work to cleaners in Scotland by air, getting it back sooner than the regular job would have been returned. First, however, you have to have flying weather.

V-MAIL PREVENTS THIS



Items That Require No Editorial Comment

Nazi White Slavers

Hundreds of Norwegian girls are escaping into Sweden, says the London Sunday Dispatch, to avoid being forced into German Army brothels. Girls between 13 and 20, according to the *Dispatch*, are being systematically "recruited" throughout Norway and shipped to camps in northern Norway and in Germany; in addition, many girls of teen age have been found raped in Oslo parks.

No Cokes; 'Sumarsi'

The Jap radio in occupied Batavia of the Dutch East Indies announces the reopening of the Coca-Cola plant there, but warns that inhabitants must ask for Sumarsi if they want a coke. "American trade names," the broadcast explains, "brought in the germs of disease from American society. Instead of Coca-Cola we will produce a drink called Sumarsi, which will

remind us of jasmine." It will also remind them of Coca-Cola.

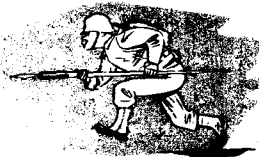
"We Pay Cash"

The Italians are now using the cash bonus system to stimulate the fighting spirit of their soldiers in Rommel's army. A captured Italian document lists a complete assortment of prizes 11 Duce will hand out for military achievements. Items on the prize list range from 2,000 lire for a captured plane or jeep, to a lira a pound for a captured pick or spade. An especially attractive offer is 1,000 lire plus 20 days leave for an Allied tank. Note: the lira has no exchange value in Allied prison camps.

Jazz Is Too Hot

Because French kids have been going jitterbug to express their sympathy for the Allied cause, the Vichy government has decreed that jive sessions American style "will no longer be tolerated."

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PVT. JOE RUDNICKI, ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNNER.



U. S. MEDICAL CORPS SOLDIERS HAVE JUMPED FROM AMBULANCE TO TREAT BOMB VICTIMS.

THIS WAY FOR YOUR PRISONER

YANKS Who Chose Rommel

These Troops
Chose to Fight
in the Desert
Against the
Wehrmacht.