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Making Morale

By Hugh S. Johnson

THIS is another piece about Army morale, and it is better written than about by some as though you could wash it like a sound of sugar. Of course it is not such a thing, but it is inimitable, like a heart or religious devotion. Nobody knows what makes it. Probably the principle and the three confidence of soldiers, and the second in the justice of the cause and the third, and as indispensable, a similar confidence of officers in their men.

Without attempting anything like a complete survey, let me cite a few outstanding examples of morale at its apotheosis. "Pop" Carter is "Old Jack" and the identity for the little Corporal of the 42nd Central Postal Directory is the prime maxim was that, in war, the morale is to the physical element as three to one.

GETTING MORALE BY SCARING SOLDIERS AND FAMILIES
It is now said on high authority that the way to get morale into our Army is to scare the hell out of our soldiers and their families about the threat to America and the many things to relax the rigors of censorship and make a brigadier-general out of an untrained civilian, so that he can act as "moral" officer.

THE NATIONAL INTEREST IS SUFFICIENTLY IMPERILED
It is true that the national interest is no more imperiled now than it was a year ago. But it was sufficiently imperiled then for us to have a war to get us out of it. It is still in the peril. It may not be any more definite and it may not be any more certain, but it is still in the peril. It is still in the peril.

The New Air Problem

By Gordon



Shortage Of Men

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GLASSBORO, N. J., August 22.—The shortage of men in the Army is being used to the best advantage by the enemy. The shortage of men in the Army is being used to the best advantage by the enemy.

WOMEN BEING USED EVEN FOR HARD LABOR
Women are being used in the war effort in ways hitherto reserved for men. The extent to which this is taking place would be surprising if the full details were known. Women are being used even for some work where physical strength is the main requirement.

COAL SUPPLY IS SUFFERING FROM THE LACK OF MEN
Britain faces an acute coal shortage this winter. Stocks are declining now when they should be increasing. Seventy-five thousand miners have left the coal industry in the last 12 months, drawn partly into the Army, partly into munitions industries where the pay is higher.

FOUND: A DEFENDER OF "OUR BOB"
Editors, The News: Some of your readers don't believe anything you say about Our Bob. He may have a wrong opinion about some things, but my opinion is by reading your sarcastic editorials about Our Bob it is worse wrong than Bob. Now just honestly, you know Bob's not half as bad as you picture him. In the next election you will be polling for him, no doubt when all this fool criticism period is over.

LACK OF MANPOWER HANDICAPS SHIPBUILDING
Shipbuilding, though which there is nothing more urgent, is also handicapped by the lack of men. Today I took a cruise down the Clyde. I saw mighty shipyards on either side of the river, but less than 10 miles. These shipbuilding areas have been bombed heavily in spots.

THE WONDERS OF GAS "Restriction"
Claxton, Ga. Enterprise
Walter Herrington says he hopes they don't put any more restrictions on the sale of gasoline, as he can hardly keep up with the sales now. Another restriction would set things up so that he would have to be hauling day and night.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT
All other trust in vain: Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in Him, and He will bring it to pass.—Psalm 37:5.

THREE MEN ARE WORKING FOR ENGLAND
Don't think these men are not working for England. Their regular work day is from 8 to 5:30. They work on alternate Sundays. Two nights a week they stay on until 8 P. M. In three weeks they stay on three nights. Many of these men have been bombed out and have moved 20 or 30 miles back into the country, where their families are safer. The workman seldom owns an automobile, so they must make a long trip by bus twice a day. That means they leave home at 6 A. M. and on two or three nights a week don't return home until 11 P. M.

Visitin' Around
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(Tree Item)
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Well-Earned

No More Spitting Got This Soldier His Punishment

In a nation which reads as it runs it is going to be inevitable that the impudent to prevail generally that the impudent soldier who spit on the ground for years and nine months because he was badgered devil spit on the floor. Now, Stephen M. Young, Representative in Congress from Ohio, has already taken as much for granted, and as an independent officeholder that is possible in these times and under circumstances, has chosen to bowl the soldier's superior officers, including his regimental commander, for punishing such severe punishment.

As much is certain from the 1940-41 report of the State Board of Alcoholic Control, Durham and Wake Counties, neither so populous as Mecklenburg, averaged a quarter-million specks. The 26 wet counties altogether drew down \$1,977,535. The State got \$706,922.

Leningrad
Twilight Falls on Russia's Second Largest City
Leningrad and the rich Baltic port seems likely to fall before the combined German and Finnish armies now closing in from three directions. Even the Russian leaders, between brave statements about last-man defense, appear to be preparing their people for loss of the city. Three or four days—maybe a week—say the Germans.

Hostages
A German Conqueror Meets The French With Indignance
Because they "were opposed" to the opinion of France by Nazi troops, Parisians were summarily arrested days ago. While they were in various cells, some young hot-blooded and a Mad War-maché colonel in a black Paris subway and stabbed him.

Already the point is raised: What is to be done with Hitler when Nazism is crushed? We must keep the parole boards out of this one.

Lost Revenue
ABC System Produces Well For State's Wet Counties
It's a pity that between the ABC liquor system and the Prohibition liquor system so wide a distinction has been drawn. Under either, whiskey is plentiful and easily obtained. Indeed, there are those who say, with some ground, that the Prohibition method is more convenient. They deliver.

England's New Order
By Dorothy Thompson
LONDON.—(By Wireless)—Two sorts of manager employes have emerged in Britain as a result of the war. One is the ordinary factory manager appointed by the stockholders of a corporation accustomed to a competitive system who is now obliged to reconcile himself with a considerable amount of government control.

Catholics and Politics (Cont.)
Editors, The News: I am glad to see your reply to Mrs. Ray Jackson's order when she criticized Archbishop Beckson. I do not intend to condemn the whole Catholic Church for the wrongdoings of one man. I am not a Catholic, when you say that the church has been doing it on the radio and in the press. One of the best, to my mind, was "under some Caesar that was" under some Caesar that was.

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Letters to the Editor

'Mechanized Hitching Posts'

Editors, The News:
Poor Church Street. It is now suggested that no parking be permitted on its principal business blocks. The great effort to better traffic conditions is, tentatively, to stud the main business section of our city with unsightly and annoying parking meters and then to prohibit parking within comfortable walking distance of this area. Drop your nickel or suffer the consequences. The manufacturers of the coin devices will scoop up nickels to the tune of \$1,000 an evening. They will be happy—except the motorists who will not, be benefited one iota.

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