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"THE SOJOURNER"

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THEN AND NOW

Not so long ago I walked across the Washington Street bridge, turned to the left, and registered at the Water & Light Department. As I did so, I became aware of a strange sensation, as if I had done something like that a long time before. Yes, I had. Almost 24 years ago to a day I had marched across the same bridge, early in the morning, a raw wind blowing from the river, with a contingent of men destined for Camp Custer, Michigan. That time I turned to the right and boarded a train at the railroad station. Four months later we were in the Argonne.

As I stood in line last spring with other men waiting my turn to register, I found my thinking confused with memories of World War I and thoughts of World War II.

How proudly we came back from France and Germany in the spring of 1919. We had won the War, and saved the World for Democracy. But now--how disillusioned we all are! It is just as if we had lain down to rest between the hitches of a long march and dozed off and dreamed of peace, only to be rudely awakened by the command, "Fall in!" Yes, we are now face to face with the cruel fact that the War did not end November 11, 1918, but that Germany merely took a breathing spell to attack again.

That was 24 years ago, and times have changed. The world is now a vastly different world from what it was in 1918. The kind of warfare for which you men are training is very different from that of World War I. The war of position has given away to a war of movement. The airplane has outmoded the battleship. The tank has largely replaced the artillery. The parachute has come into the picture. This war is not continental, but global.

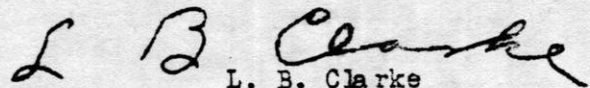
I understand that you are being given

a much more varied and thorough course of training than we were in World War I, and that each soldier is put more on his own individual initiative and resources in combat. We spent too much time saluting, and we went in for close order drill no end. Right front into line, on left into line, right by squads, right by file, etc., etc.! Just what use was to be made of all this we didn't know. The rifle, bayonet, and gas mask received due attention, but we didn't get the practice in strategy and maneuvers that you are getting.

You are a much smarter army than we were, I hear people say. And you should be. For bear in mind that high school education took tremendous strides since 1918. I was the only high school graduate in my company of 250 men. I'm sure that's all changed now. You men are undoubtedly capable of absorbing more training of the stiffest kind, because you have had better schooling than any other army in the history of warfare.

Fundamentally, however, the same qualities of intelligence, loyalty, resourcefulness, quickness, courage, determination, endurance which inspired the Greeks at Thermopylae and the Americans at Bunker Hill will win this war.

So--the best of luck to all our boys from Two Rivers. We are counting on you, and we know you will not fail us.


L. B. Clarke

"HONOR ROLL" PLAQUE ERECTED IN CENTRAL PARK

An "Honor Roll" plaque, listing the names of all the local boys in the various branches of the armed forces, has been erected at the front of the band stand in Central Park. The project is being sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. The board is 32 feet long and five feet high and is painted red, white and blue.

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BITS FROM THE BARRACKS

Cadet Norman Hodek is hardening down at Barksdale Field, La. while awaiting a school for flyers to open. He tells us since he's been in the Army he was taught how to fix machine guns, drive trucks, jeeps and even caterpillars. Lately he's been transferred into the personnel office which deals with service records, pay-rolls, etc.

Here's a chance for a reporter to give the feature editor a pat on the back, and I'm going to do it too. Pvt. Leonard Zelinski, USS Northampton, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif., tells us that even his buddies enjoy reading her page. How's that for a large circulation! Leonard, who expects to make the Marine service his life work, also writes that he likes to read who is getting married because in that way he'll know what to expect in the line of women when he hits the old home town.

The following excerpt is taken from a letter of Pvt. Delmar Otis, Camp Shelby, Miss. "It gets hotter than blazes down here and if our blood gets any thinner we are going to be transparent. As to the food, we have so many chow hounds in camp that at the mess table it looks like the Marinette bridge during smelt season. Everyone is trying to put their hooks in the same piece of meat and most of the time it's someone's hand." Bud also submits the following version of the poem about holding a little hand.

"I dreamt I held a little hand last night
So tender and so sweet,
But when it came and hit me in the face --
It was my tent-mate's feet."

Ernie Staab is in the Field Artillery at Fort Jackson, S.C., and likes it fine. He thinks a few thousand miles makes quite a difference. Quote from his letter:

"Johnny Doughboy found a rose in Ireland
And the Aussie girls are giving the tanks
a break,

But the gals in our neighboring town
Columbia

Insist that they are deaf and Dumbia."

"I am in Naval Communications and am in charge of one of the four watches into which our section is divided. My particular title is Watch Officer", writes Wm. Marquardt from Washington, D.C. He goes on to say that he finds it "extremely fascinating to imagine the various roles which the boys whom I knew so long ago are playing in military life". Bill would like to see a more cheerful name on our publication.

Welding, sheet metal work, plumbing and keeping the ship serviceable is Robert Weber's job. Bob's been in the Navy now two and a half years and has a rating of Shipfitter 2nd Class. He likes the Navy and thinks the Navy chow is tops and can't be beat. His address is U.S.S. Long Island, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

"The people are very friendly to us fellows--inviting us to their dances and such. They have beer and plenty of whiskey and the prices aren't too high. We haven't much to complain about, but I would much rather be in the States," Sgt. Roman Wisniewski informs us from "Somewhere in Australia".

S/Sgt. Frank L. Siminski expresses his thanks to our staff and wishes good luck to all the boys who are leaving for the Army. Frank is in radio operation at Camp Polk, La., and although there are lots of snakes and mosquitoes there, he says he likes it.

From Camp Roberts, Calif., Pvt. Kenneth Emond writes, "The climate here is greatly inferior to that of Two Rivers although the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce would not share this view." He also mentions that the other Two Rivers' fellows in his company were two Jaeger brothers, a Spaeth, a Stamul and Andrew Feuerstein.



-- "La - de - da - de - dum" --

JOHNNY DOUGHBOY

All of us love to sing, don't we? Even if we can't carry a tune. As one boy said, "He sings so awful, he could get an orthophonic out of tune." But don't let that worry you. Sing the new words to the familiar tunes -- they've been written just for you.

DON'T PARK OUT IN YOUR COUPE, DEAR
Don't park out in your coupe, dear,
Though it may save tires and gas,
May save tires and gas
May save tires and gas, No, No, No.
Don't park out in your coupe, dear,
Though it may save tires and gas
Till I come marching home.

You can knit and cook and sew
And serve the U.S.O.
Serve the U.S.O., Serve the U.S.O.
You can knit and cook and sew
And serve the U.S.O.
Till I come marching home.

You can buy some bonds and buy some stamps
And blackout all your lamps.
You can save old tin and scraps
To help us lick the Japs.

So keep the home fires burning, dear,
To boost up our morale,
Boost up our morale, boost up our morale,
Keep the home fires burning, dear,
To boost up our morale
Till I come marching home.

Johnny Doughboy froze his nose in Iceland
When he went out to seek a maiden fair.
He said, "Come, let's take a walk",
But she said she'd rather talk --
So they talked about the balmy Iceland air.
Johnny Doughboy froze his nose in Iceland
For she didn't want to cuddle up and coo.
He said, "You won't be my honey,
So I'm gonna save all my money,
And buy bonds for the Red, White & Blue."

I'VE BEEN WORKING IN THE ARMY

I've been working in the Army
All the livelong day.
I've been working in the Army
Just to keep the Japs away.
When you hear the bugle blowing
Rise up so early in the morn --
Or you'll hear your sergeant shouting ----
You'll wish you'd ne'er been born.

GASOLINE - (Tune: Tangerine)

Gasoline, how we miss you so,
With our ration cards a-walking we must go
Bicycles are the rage right now
Since gasoline and tires our Uncle won't allow.
We have seen ladies by the score
A-losing weight while pedalling by our door.
Oh, we'll all get out of this jam
If we help our good Uncle Sam --
We'll help by saving Gasoline.

JULY IN TWO RIVERS

July 1 - Police Chief Theo Hall resigns to become police chief at Wilmette, Ill.
 July 2 - Police warn citizens against shooting firecrackers.
 July 3 - Crab season opens at Shoto.
 July 4 - Big celebration at Walsh Field -- doubleheader softball game, singing, dancing and fireworks display.
 July 5 - Continuation of the Fourth; nothing happened.
 July 6 - County Defense Council tests air-raid alarm set-up. County-wide alarm put through within 4 minutes of receiving test call from Milwaukee.
 July 7 - Fire Dept. Lieut. Wm. Scherer rescues 11-year old girl from river.
 July 8 - 22nd St. bridge is given another coat of paint.
 July 9 - Two tires stolen from cars here.
 July 10 - Rivoli Theatre closed temporarily to install acoustical ceiling.
 July 11 - Youth wanted by FBI held here by Police Department.
 July 12 - Fond du Lac flotilla of coast guard auxiliary visits local station.
 July 13 - Final report on scrap rubber drive in Manitowoc County - 473,728 lbs.
 July 14 - Everett "Butch" LaFond elected new school board president.
 July 15 - Edw. F. Pazdera appointed new Chief of Police to succeed Theo Hall.
 July 16 - City Sanitary Engineer Arthur O. Tomek resigns to accept position with War Department in Washington, D. C.
 July 17 - We celebrate Heroes' Day with parade, band concert, several addresses, war stamp dance and heat wave.
 July 18 - Paul Neveau, the man who rounds up the news on the opposite page was married today to Ethel Hoefert. Weather - 98°.
 July 19 - Blankets and fur coats being advertised in spite of heat wave.
 July 20 - Tavernmen petition city council to permit the installation of slot machines, pin ball machines, etc. Will keep you posted on results.
 July 21 - Used living room and kitchen set for sale. Interested?
 July 22 - Weather normal again.
 July 23 - Bike parking areas will now be on side streets just off Washington St.
 July 24 - Louis Brown, machinist's mate, first class, one of the survivors of the U.S.S. Lexington, visits here.

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES

- ENGAGEMENTS -

Lorraine Lodel, Route #1, Kewaunee, and Edward Langer, Jr.

- MARRIAGES -

Myrtle Bornemann & Irwin Oehlke, 2nd Class Petty Officer of the Coast Guard, New Orleans, La., June 24
 Mary Jane LeClair & Donald Nejedlo, June 27

Alvina A. Lalko & Edwin W. Jagodzinsky, June 27

Leona Greenwood & Clarence Maus, June 27
 Leona Stefaniak & Lawrence Falk, June 27
 Gertrude Hebert & Franklin Bashaw, June 27
 Ethel Hoefert & Paul Neveau, July 18

- INDUCTIONS - June 27, 1942 -

Robert Suhr, Cecil Stroud, Clement Beitzel, Howard LeClair, Donald Bastian, Isadore LePine, Raymond Mandel, William Jacquette, George Beitzel, Roland Kohls, Joseph Wachowski, Lester Voelker, Gilbert Herlache, Kenneth H. LaFleur, Lester W. Stanul, Paul A. Schmidt, Robert Beitzel, Russell V. Peterson, John E. Paulow and Russell H. Hasheck.

- INDUCTIONS - July 29, 1942 -

Dorrell St. Pierre, Ira Klabunde, Everett Becker, Richard Matthies, Melvin Kappelman, Luke Taddy, Melvin Mandel, Gladwyn Mancel, Lester Strohm, Milton LaBudde, and Edward Weiss.

July 25 - New order prohibits use of harbor piers by anyone but pedestrians and fishermen, provided they have proper identification cards.

July 26 - Hamilton Band holds annual picnic at Shoto--said they missed you.

July 27 - City Council OK's purchase of \$200,000 corporate purpose notes to meet current and ordinary expenses.

July 28 - VFW holds first meeting in new clubhouse which was former coast guard station, now located at 22nd & Polk.

July 29 - City receives check of \$7,876.23, second portion of liquor tax.

July 30 - OFA representatives make survey here of methods used by retailers.

July 31 - First group of Philadelphia Eagles football team arrive here for training.