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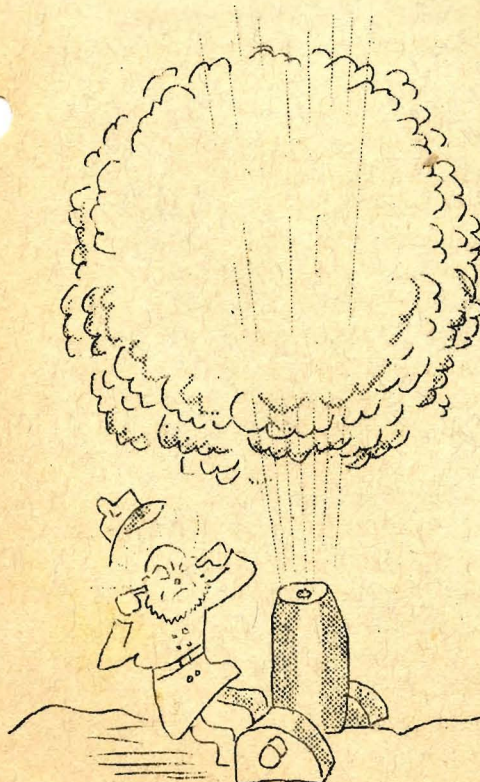
## TWENTY ONE GUN SALUTE!!

With Jack Bjoze leaving his post as Executive Secretary, the Army acquires another good soldier and the VALB is left with a big gap to fill. Jack was the Executive, Administrative, and Financial works of the organization for one year and a half. Carrying a load like that, there wasn't an assignment that he did not fill in exemplary style.

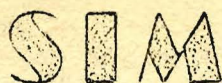
He ably led the campaign to remove the obstacles in the way of the fullest utilization of the veterans in the war effort. The increase in prestige publicity and the solution of the financial problems which constantly beset an organization such as ours, are the solid results of his work. To these must be added, the improvement in the VOLUNTEER FOR LIBERTY which is receiving high praise from the guys in all the battlefronts. As he moves on to his GI station, Jack rates a "fortissima salute" from all the Vets.

As a matter of fact, every one of the former VALB executive secretaries are now in the Armed Forces - Danny Groden, Jerry Cook, Irv. Goff, "Toots" Fajans, and Art Munday.

The work of the Vets office is being carried on by Anne Brier with Harold Smith functioning as Executive Secretary and Nils Berg and Len Levinson as the General Staff.







## "HEARTS and FLOWERS"

During the past month, John Robinson (Robby) and Saul Newman of Conn. received their bundle orders - babies! This is Saul's second! ...Al Bessie is banking on an "heir" in the very near future....Irving (Toots) Fajans has made his "final choice" and is getting married...Lt. Ben Minor is on furlough in N.Y. to see his new baby, Mike.

## ADDITIONS TO OUR HONOR ROLL

Robert Rogers, Dave Gordon, Jack Steinberg were inducted into the Army and Steve Troxel of Youngstown, Ohio and Warner (Red) Brown went into the Navy....Awaiting the donning of the Khaki are Freddie Keller, Jack Cooper, and Herman Hollander....Charlie Nussler was recently discharged. Understand he still receives a slew of "fan mail" from the guys he left behind!...Hy Rosner who was torpedoed some time ago, is now back in N.Y. City and would like to hear from the guys.

Another Vet, a Navigator, is "missing over Germany"..... George Watt, formerly missing, is definitely OK and back in the States.....

The "Round-up" Army Air Force newspaper of the China theater says "S/Sgt. Larry Lustgarten, aerial gunner recently assigned to the "Sky Dragons" is a newcomer to aerial combat, but he is far from inexperienced in warfare....."

Will conclude with the same word we are awaiting from Hitler.....FINIS!

If you see a little metamorphosis in the format of this publication, it's because we have a few ideas that come under the heading of "improvements and betterments". We thought that there is no better way to start the new year right than to throw in a few trial balloons and sit tight awaiting the protests-or maybe, bouquets! If need be, don't spare the whip! We are mentally attuned to most everything!

Evidently, the Vets are going places...Ralph Viggers sends the Vets Christmas Greetings from the "cradle of civilization" - Iran...Milt Wolff was transferred from North Africa and is now "enjoying the idyllic tropical settings of India" far removed from the throes of this universal conflict! (Confidentially, he is aching for a change of scenery!)...Lou Bortz is in the Air Transport Command in Newfoundland...Lt. Alfred Lytton is a Spanish Censor in Alaska...Eli Schultz was on patrol in Attu, and had his toe sniped off...Jerry Cook arrived in England...Lt. Larry Cane and Dave Altman are awaiting shipment overseas...

You can't deny this comes under "betterments and improvements"...Victor Tishop received a 1st. Lieutenant's commission in the Reserve Corp of the Public Health Service...Milt Konove is now a Warrant Officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force with a Lieutenant's commission pending for March 15th... Vaughn Love received another stripe making him a 1st Sergeant...

M/Sgt. Ed. Horan is credited with organizing the most successful scrap campaign in New Mexico. He is now in charge of scrap collection in 7 counties, and there is talk that he will tour the air bases in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Texas, and Oklahoma to help re-organize their scrap crews!...Bill Kardash Mac Pap Vet is a member of the Provincial Parliament of Alberta, Canada...Al Warren writes that the Vets in England are planning another reunion in February. However, they're hoping this one doesn't materialize as they prefer to be in the big push by then!...(ED. Note: We're holding out for a reunion in Madrid!)...Capt. Jule Hene is back in the states after participating in the Kiska operations..... Irving Frankel & Joe Young, 3rd mate just came in on the same boat. Joe says that in Cairo he met some Italians who were English prisoners who had fought against the Lincolns on the Ebro. They claim they get better food now, as prisoners, than as fighters for Franco.



# THE TEHERAN CONFERENCE

The Teheran Conference is the dividing point between the old and the new. It has brought about a completely new world situation.

Every one of us is obligated, as Americans, to understand it and all its implications. We have the further duty to work for its complete realization.

We must understand that the forces of Fascism both at home and abroad are working for its defeat. We accept this challenge and pledge to fight to see that the promise of Teheran is fulfilled.

Below is the Teheran Declaration in full and some representative comments. We will try to publish future issues which will be devoted completely to a discussion of Teheran and what it means.

We, the President of the United States of America, the Prime Minister of Great Britain and the Premier of the Soviet Union, have met in these four days past in this the capital of our ally, Teheran, and have shaped and confirmed our common policy.

We express our determination that our nations shall work together in the war and in the peace that will follow.

As to the war, our military staffs have joined in our roundtable discussions and we have concerted our plans for the destruction of the German forces. We have reached complete agreement as to the scope and timing of operations which will be undertaken from the east, west and south. The common understanding which we have here reached guarantees that victory will be ours.

And as to the peace, we are sure that our concord will make it an enduring peace. We recognize fully the supreme responsibility resting upon us and all the nations to make a peace which will command good will from the overwhelming masses of the peoples of the world and banish the scourge and terror of war for many generations.

With our diplomatic advisers we have surveyed the problems of the future. We shall seek the cooperation and active participation of all nations, large and small, whose peoples in heart and mind are dedicated, as are our own people, to the elimination of tyranny and slavery, oppression and intolerance. We will welcome them as they may choose to come into the world family of democratic nations.

No power on earth can prevent our destroying the German armies by land, their U-Boats by sea and their war plants from the air. Our attacks will be relentless and increasing.

Emerging from these friendly conferences we look with confidence to the day when all the peoples of the world may live free lives untouched by tyranny and according to their varying desires and their own consciences.

We came here with hope and determination. We leave here friends in fact, in spirit and in purpose.



From the text of President Roosevelt's Message to Congress on the State of the Union-  
January 11, 1944.

.....I do not think that any of us Americans can be content with mere survival. Sacrifices that we and our Allies are making impose upon us all the sacred obligation to see to it that out of this war we and our children will gain something better than mere survival.

We are untied in determination that this war shall not be followed by another interim which leads to new disaster - that we shall not repeat the tragic errors of ostrich isolationism --.....

.....The one supreme objective for the future, which we discussed for each nation individually, and for all the United Nations, can be summed up in one word: security.

And that means not only physical security which provides safety from attacks by aggressors. It means also economic security, social security, moral security - in a family of nations.....

.....China and Russia are truly united with Britain and America in recognition of this essential fact:

The best interests of each nation, large and small, demand that all freedom-loving nations shall join together in a just and durable system of peace. In the present world situation, evidenced by the actions of Germany, Italy and Japan, unquestioned military control over disturbers of the peace is as necessary among nations as it is among citizens in a community. And an equally basic essential to peace is a decent standard of living for all individual men and women and children in all nations. Freedom from fear is eternally linked with freedom from want.

There are people who burrow through our nation like unseeing moles, and attempt to spread the suspicion that if other nations are encouraged to raise their standards of living, our own American standard of living must of necessity be depressed.

The fact is the very contrary. It has been shown time and again that if the standard of living of any country goes up, so does its purchasing power - and that such a rise encourages a better standard of living in neighboring countries with whom it trades. That is just plain common sense - and it is the kind of plain common sense that provided the basis for our discussion at Moscow, Cairo and Tehran...

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The statement issued by the Greater New York CIO Council:

The New York CIO, representing more than 500,000 CIO members, hails the historic meeting at Teheran between President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and Marshall Stalin as the most momentous step forward in the war of liberation in which American labor is playing so important a part.

The Teheran declaration fulfils the highest hopes and desires of all labor, by strengthening the unity among the three great Allies; by establishing agreement on the timing and scope of vast military operations, by guaranteeing a peace in which the small nations, as well as the large, will participate, and by providing for the establishment of an international post-war organization.

The CIO in New York reaffirms its commitment for all-out support of our Commander-in-Chief, and we pledge to do everything within our power to increase production to an even greater level in order to speed the victory and achieve the peace, which has now been so authoritatively assured.



From the statement issued by District Four, the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America, CIO...

On this Sixth Day of February, 1944, we - representatives of 115,000 war production workers in 331 shops and 52 local unions of District Four, the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America, CIO - pledge full and complete support for the history making agreement arrived at between the United Nations at Teheran. We pledge support for the principles outlined at this Conference, realizing that it is only by such unity of action against the common enemy that victory can be hastened. Understanding that victory abroad to a great extent depends upon production at home.

We pledge continuance of our war production, without interruption, until even new production records are achieved....

.....Fully recognizing that the all-out battle for victory over the Axis is connected with the building of a decent post-war world,

We pledge that we will carry over the spirit of the Teheran agreement between the United Nations for harmonious relations between all peace-wanting, democracy-loving countries. We will fight unceasingly for the realization of the economic "Bill of Rights" as proposed by President Roosevelt. We will demand good jobs at good pay for the veteran, and fight against lay-offs and cut-backs and unemployment. We pledge to carry on the fight for severance pay when lay-offs are necessary because of reconversion. We demand seniority rights for our Servicemen when they return.....

From the main report of Earl Browder, General Secretary, at the Plenary session of the Communist Party National Committee.

.....Clearly, when Roosevelt, Stalin and Churchill registered such basic agreement in Teheran, they were registering not alone their own personal convictions, but spoke for a growing majority in their own countries, as well as the rest of the world.

Capitalism and socialism have begun to find the way to peaceful co-existence and collaboration in the same world.

Such general agreement necessarily must show itself practically, not alone in the conduct of the military struggle, but in beginning to shape the post-war world which will emerge from it. Such agreement begins to take its form in the examples of Italy and Yugoslavia. It preserves for the war period the basic principle of private property, the basis of capitalism, and thus relieves the fears of British and American ruling circles; it frees the forces of the democratic peoples' revolution, and sweeps away all forms of absolutism, thus relieving the anxiety of Soviet statesmen of a possible re-emergence of the old anti-Soviet forces. It preserves to each nation the ultimate right to determine for itself, within this framework, the form of government and social organization it desires, without any outside pressure.

This broad over-all joint policy in relation to Europe carries with it the duty jointly to exert all influence to minimize and if possible to eliminate the use of violent struggle for the settlement of inner problems, except in the defeat of the Axis forces and their Quislings. A broad all-inclusive anti-fascist democratic camp must be established in each country, within which all relations are determined and problems settled by free discussion, free political association and universal suffrage. Such a democratic camp of necessity must include the Communists, and this must be emphasized because in America, it is still disputed even by many who call themselves "advanced liberals".



.....Such is the main outline of the social and political content of the joint policy upon which is based the realistic promise of a post-war world in which Anglo-Soviet-American cooperation will be continuing and which will organize the family of free, peace-loving, democratic nations of the world.

This is a policy which corresponds to the national interest of all peoples, great and small. There is no workable alternative to this policy, only the alternative of international anarchy.

This is the supreme issue of the world today.

For or against the Declaration of the Teheran Conference is the issue that separates the sheep from the goats, that determines all political alignments from now on until the policies there enunciated have been fully realized in war and peace. It is the all-dominating issue in the United States in the 1944 Presidential elections.

Some statements from Congress:

Sen. James E. Murray, Montana, Dem...."The Teheran Conference marks one of the greatest forward steps taken by the world in its age-long quest for peace."

Rep. Vito Marcantonio, New York, American Labor...."The declaration of Teheran is the victory order of the day. The Teheran conference set the basis for a permanent and democratic peace."

Rep. William J. Fulbright...."the conference demonstrates that this time we have the leadership to organize a peaceful world."

Sen. Claude Pepper, Fla., Dem...."the Teheran conference brings the bright light not only for victory but also for world justice and world peace."

#### DEMONSTRATORS SHOT IN MADRID

Johannes Rida, an Estonian I.B. Veteran, has just come to New York after five and a half years of hell in Franco's prisons. He was whipped and starved all the time.

Rida, a young seaman of 26 was one of the leaders of a mass hunger strike of 4,000 prisoners at Miranda de Ebro in Burgos Province. The hunger strike which lasted 9 days, won the release of hundreds of men including himself when British and American Government representatives and Red Cross aides rushed to the scene.

In the next four months - from April to August 1, 1943 - Rida watch the tide of resentment against the Eastern Front war rising in Madrid, while he waited in the Spanish capital for permission to leave Spain.

Revolt had been rumbling among all sections of the population for some time. It broke out one afternoon in a demonstration of students during late July of last year. The students voices rang through the streets as they repeated the slogan, NOSOTROS NO QUEREMOS LUCHAR (We will not fight), while occasional "Vivas" burst from the crowds on the sidewalks.

Then other sounds broke. The civil guards had rolled up in open automobiles armed with Hotchkiss machine guns. The guards fired without warning. Deadly bursts mowed down the youths. This demonstration was crushed, but not the spirit of revolt against Franco.

The Germans dominate Franco Spain. "Germans are everywhere in Madrid," said the veteran. "There were always several Germans behind the desk when I went to the Police Headquarters to report twice a week. The Germans did the questioning of political prisoners and persons like myself."



# • FRANCO'S MANEUVERS

K. Valikanov - January 11th, 1944

Franco Spain, although she joined the tri-partite pact of the Axis powers, formally adopted a position of "non-belligerent" in the war. But actually she is an ally of Hitler Germany and as such renders Germany diverse and very substantial assistance.

To demonstrate his solidarity with Germany, Franco at Hitler's request sent Spanish Troops to the Soviet-German front. The Fascist "Blue Division" has been fighting on the side of the German army from the early days of Hitler's dastardly attack upon the Soviet Union. If one counts the reinforcements which have been sent from time to time from Spain to the USSR, it will be found that Franco dispatched to the Soviet-German front not one but several divisions. The Spanish press asserts that Franco's government has completely withdrawn the Blue Division from the USSR, but the fact is that the troops of the division are still at the front. In view of the acute shortage in its own reserves, the German has retained the Spanish units just as it retains the troops of Hungary, Slovakia, and other vassals.

The wide advertisement given to the fictitious withdrawal of the Blue Division from the Soviet-German front is intended to deceive the Spanish public. The fact is that even among reactionary circles which support the Franco regime there has been a growing fear lately that to persist in a policy of unconcealed assistance to Germany might handicap Fascist Spain's foreign policy maneuvers necessitated by the change in the international situation. Spanish "neutrality" is only the guise under which German imperialism is using that country for its own purpose.

But it is now becoming clear to the Spanish reactionaries that the prospects of receiving effective backing from Germany in the future are fading. Now at the beginning of 1944 the situation is favorable for the complete defeat of Germany's armed forces by the Red Army and the Allied Forces in the near future. The collapse of Fascist Italy caused deep dismay in the Franco camp, and the Spanish reactionaries began to seek ways and means of saving Fascism in Spain. The decisions of the Moscow and Teheran Conferences, which further strengthened the fighting unity of the three great democratic powers, were a blow to the plans of Hitler's underlings in Spain.

Franco is seeking backing in the army and has decided to merge the Fascist militia with it. This is at the same time a move to prevent the monarchists from using the army for their own ends. In order to create an atmosphere conducive to strengthening the Army and to the promotion of other measures designed to repaint the facade of Fascist dictatorship, Franco proclaimed partial amnesty for political prisoners. He expected that the amnesty would be interpreted abroad as a sign of the consolidation of the present regime, but as a matter of fact, the amnesty was an enforced measure.

There is already in Spain an anti-fascist national democratic front, which has the support of the broad masses in town and country. Its purpose is to emancipate Spain from Fascism, to make a complete rupture with Hitler Germany and to democratize the social system. It is against this front that Franco is mobilizing his forces, backed by influential reactionary groups in Spain. The jails are not emptying, even after the proclamation of "amnesty". They are being filled with supporters of the anti-Fascist national democratic front.

In addition to the fact that Franco is still keeping troops on the Soviet-German front, Spain is supplying the German deficit in strategical raw materials, and is facilitating the smuggling of similar materials on Spanish ships into Germany from South American countries. British naval vessels in the Atlantic are constantly holding up Spanish ships in the Atlantic carrying contraband for Germany. These are irrefutable facts. No diplomatic tricks can explain them away.



# SERVICIO DE CORREOS

## Brevities

....Went on my first raid already and dropped the first installment in payment for Spain. I marked the bombs and we gave them the whole load. In fact I even kissed one! We got one hole in the nose from flack, but no fighters to bother us.

I didn't go with my crew, but as an extra with another ship. They needed a cameraman so I became a cameraman. I wouldn't miss that first installment for anything...

S/sgt Sam Nahman

Ed Note: Nat Gross, after being overseas for over 2 years, is still itching for some action....

Somewhere in New Guinea  
....The best chances I had were 4 months ago, but again Lady Luck disappointed me. I managed to get friendly with some Navy Officers and sailors. On two occasions I managed to unofficially sneak out on night patrol with them on their PT boats. It was lots of fun and I was full of expectation. These boys really get into some tough spots and do a hell of a lot of damage. But here is where the bad luck comes in.

On both occasions they were dark, rainy nights, and we didn't contact an enemy barge or vessel at sea, nor did we see a light installation on Japan shore. EVERY NIGHT BUT THESE TWO, THE BOYS GOT THEIR HOOKS IN, SUNK MANY BARGES WITH MEN AND SUPPLIES SINKING IN THE BRINY! IT'S ALL BEEN QUITE FRUSTRATING!

Nat Gross

....My basic is not too hard. Some soldiers worry too much. I don't worry at all. To be frank, the only worry I have, is that those INJECTIONS will kill me!

Pvt. Clemente Toscano

Somewhere in Italy  
January 16, 1944

Dear Jack:

Received your letter today and certainly was glad to hear from you. The Volunteer was most welcome. It's the first copy I've seen since I left home and boy, I just devoured it. It fills in a great gap out here where we hardly ever hear about the rest of the fellows. Please see that I have every copy mailed to me in the future.

Reading the Volunteer and seeing how the Vets are pitching in this struggle, one feels prouder than ever to be a VALB. In spite of the uphill fight we have to put up against incomprehensive individuals who still refuse to understand the Spanish War, I have never hesitated at any time in all my Army life to constantly bring forth the lessons of the campaign. Everywhere that contact has been made with a Vet all who have had contact with him have come to respect him for his ability, inspiring examples of self-sacrifice, and leadership. We were proud of our role in Spain and we will have as much reason to be proud of the Vets in this war.

I haven't actually seen any Vets out here, with exception of those of us who left together-Irv, Ski and my brother Jim. I did see Fanny Golub, who is in the Nurses Corp, looking better than ever. I understand Shaker, Weissman and a few others are around. I have nevertheless met countless IB'ers all over, Poles, Czechs, French, Spanish, German, Italian and what-not. The majority of them in true anti-Fascist spirit are doing their best, each in his way to help the war effort.

I have finally been commissioned. I will wear the uniform of an American officer in the true American spirit, as an anti-Fascist fighter and as a veteran of the Lincoln Brigade.

Irv Goff and I received a citation recently "for meritorious service". The citation in part reads, we "have received official commendation and praise for outstanding performance of duty". The act involved saving the life of a drowning young girl in Africa "without hesitation, and without regard for own safety". We had previously been officially congratulated by the local French authorities for the act. We were presented these citations by command of General Eisenhower and they're quite impressive to look at.

Keep us posted on the Vets activities. Regards from Manuel (nicknamed Jim by everyone).

Fraternally,  
MIKE JIMINEZ



(Ed. note: Sounds like the BLAND-  
ING SCHOOL FOR BOYS!)

....I am now spending the winter in Florida. It's not exactly a vacation, but it's camp. The place is OK. Excellent food, plenty of recreational facilities, and a lake right in the camp.

Sounds good, but my training will start Monday, so maybe I won't be enjoying it so much!

Pvt. Norman Berkowitz

(Ed. Note: Short order!)

....The news on the war front is really swell and the rumors of a second front continues. Please give me a summary of latest war and diplomatic events and also if you have time, develop the ideas of tanks and planes as setting the pace of the war, defense measures against tanks and intensive use of booby traps and mines.....

Pvt. Louis Gnepp

....Gosh, I forgot the most important thing. We were addressed by the General of the camp, a colonel and battalion commanders. The Battalion introduced men with previous service. First mentioned was foreign service men. And the first one mentioned to stand and face a thousand men as Pvt. Dave Gordon-18 months with the Loyalist Republican Army of Spain!....

....Am still down here and working hard. Our tempo is greatly increased with daily long marches, double timing, physical exercise until it comes out of your ears, firing our weapons and of course, a little tactics. Manages to keep me very busy. Bearing up well. Better than I thought, too. Still have a good chance for the paratroopers.....

Pvt. Saul Wellman

*Notify us of any  
change in address*

Jan. 6, 1944

Dear Vets -

It gave me indeed pleasure to hear from you and to get the Volunteer. After all, it is the only connection that I have with any of the "boys". The article of Kalman Tomanicka is especially interesting to me, because we shared a room in Ripoll and were together in St. Cyprien as well. How I wish that I could fight in that theater of war. Although I had never doubted the outcome of this struggle, I fear for the social, political implications after the war. The hardest battle for us will be to win the peace, to overcome discrimination, injustice, poverty, insecurity. We have to build a positive and dynamic democracy in order to survive.

Since I wrote you last, I received another DSC, which makes two, plus three Purple Hearts. Frankly speaking, I am not so keen about the latter. Now, I have a little request and I would be extremely grateful if you could give me the required information. While in the 15th Brig., I became an intimate friend of Jim Ruskin, who was a Civil Engineer, living in London (Woolwich). Perhaps by contacting some friends in England, it would be possible to ascertain his address. I hope that your efforts will be successful.

Our future plans here, are by necessity, shrouded in secrecy, that does not mean that we are resting on our laurels, however. Like in the past, our slogan has been changed from "No Pasaron" to "Pasaremos". Hasta Victoria.....

HERMAN BOTTCHER

P.S. Do you ever hear from the San Francisco Post or any other unit for that matter, or have they all been snowed under in the present turmoil.

Dec. 30, 1943

Dear Jack:

You cannot imagine the pleasure I experienced upon receiving the VOLUNTEER and your letter. For the first time in almost a year, I was able to read something that catapulted me both backwards into wonderful recollections of the past, and forward into perspectives for the future. I keep marveling at how so many items of intense interest can be packed into so few pages. A "bolt out of the blue" was mild compared to the effect it had upon me. Keep on sending 'em!

One fact cannot be denied, and it is very gratifying, that the fighting traditions of the International Brigades are being kept on high wherever the battle front exists, whether it is in the Far East, Italy, Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, France, U.S.; on the ground, in the air and on the sea. The news about Bottcher and Thompson is terrific and I hope it's only the beginning. (Continued on page 11)

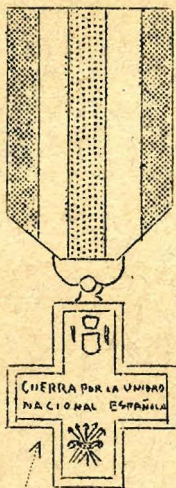


## Mementoes...

The other day, Phil Stern, Sgt. in the U.S. Army, (not a Vet) now home on convalescent leave, dropped into the office. We remembered him as one of the photographers on the now extinct FRIDAY magazine.

After searching through his pockets for a few moments, he came up with a souvenir which he believed would be of interest to us. He had gotten this, when he killed an Italian soldier at Cosimo Airport, Sicily, and had rummaged through his pack. This medal had been bestowed by Franco upon the now deceased "hero" for his service in Spain for "Musso".

The VALB office will be glad to make a large collection of such trinkets, obtained under similar circumstances. Here's luck to our collectors in the field!



(Guerra por la Unidad Nacional Espanola)

## THE MIND IN COMBAT

INFANTRY JOURNAL - February, 1944 (Condensed)

(Ed Note: Doc Simon worked with Dr. Mira on the book PSYCHIATRY IN WAR)

### PSYCHIATRY IN WAR AND FEAR IN BATTLE

The books both deal with the human mind in war, and both have as their main background experiences in the Spanish Republican Army in the civil war that preceded World War II. Professor Mira is a psychiatrist of international repute whose investigations were broadly known long before the war in Spain. In PSYCHIATRY IN WAR he makes many specific proposals on the military uses of his science, besides presenting his own analyses and curative methods for them. Dr. Dollard is an American psychologist who, with the assistance of Yale University and the Rockefeller Foundation, has completed, in FEAR IN BATTLE, a study of fear and courage under battle conditions as recollected by 300 members of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Thus the two books are in a considerable measure complementary.

There were, indeed, some conditions in the Spanish War contributory to fear that do not exist so intensely among our own forces. The continuous fear of the fifth column is an example. Lack of food and other supplies over long periods is another. Need for open discussion of fear is another important point brought out. Open discussion of fear, "might come best from a battle-tested man who could stress not only that he was afraid but how he dealt with his fear and went ahead in spite of it".

There was a wide difference of opinion among the 300 veterans as to the best treatment for the green man who breaks down from fear in his first battle, but the great majority recommend helpful and lenient rather than drastic treatment, just as they do for the veteran with a good record who finally cracks in battle. 70% say to shoot the chronic deserter.

There is also emphasis in Dr. Dollard's survey on the high value of knowledge of objectives:

"Fear is normal, inevitable, useful reaction to danger. It is a danger-signal produced in a man's body by his awareness of signs of danger in the world around him. The fundamental thing that controls a man's fear is an internal force which is stronger than his fear. Hatred for the enemy is such a force. Devotion to the Army and its leaders, pride in outfit, loyalty to friends, and above all, feeling strongly about the war aims are the most powerful anti-fear forces. A man who has these forces in him can act intelligently and decisively even when he is very much afraid. Such a man has courage. Courage is not fearlessness; (Continued on page 11)



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We practically had a Vets meeting similar to the one in England on a smaller scale, a few days ago. Vince Lossowski, Irv. Weissman, Ken Shaker and myself fought the Spanish War over again. Then Weissman and myself met Fanny Golub of the nurse's department and reminisced about Benicasim. After that, got together with the two Jiminez brothers and decided to round everybody in the Theatre for one gigantic gab-fest starting with Jarama and finishing with Hill 606 for a mighty word-babbling finale! Will let you know if successful.

Remember me to Smith, Nils and the gang!

Salud,  
IRV GOFF

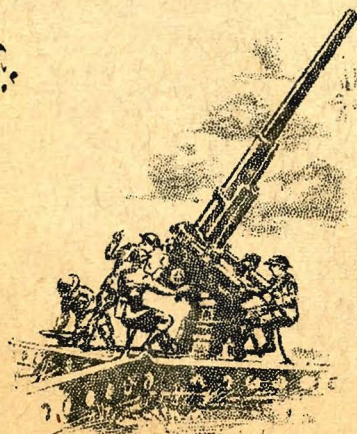
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it is being able to do the job even when afraid.

The object of Dr. Dollard's research was to provide information that would be helpful to our own Army, and he has most certainly done so.

(Ed. Note: An excellent review of "Fear in Battle" appeared in the New York Times Feb. 13, 1944)



## SPANISH WAR VETERAN KILLED IN ITALY ACTION

Canadian Tribune

Vancouver, B.C. - The name of a 22 year old veteran of the Spanish War, WO2, James Haughey of Vancouver, was last week on the list of those reported killed in action. Haughey, who enlisted shortly after the outbreak of war, was a wireless gunner in the RCAF.

He served two years with the British Battalion in Spain, was taken prisoner in the fighting around Gandesa, and on his return to Canada came to Vancouver.

Another Veteran of the Spanish War, Pte. Jack Mc Bride, who fought in Spain as a member of the MacKenzie Papineau Battalion, has been awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the Sicilian campaign.

Mc Bride won his award while serving as a stretcher bearer with the Seaforths. The citation states that he cared for wounded under fire at Piazza Armerina until he himself was wounded and evacuated.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN (Check off)

I think that the VOLUNTEER would be improved if

more military articles .....

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