

# Combat Engineers Join Infantry for More Action

**SIXTH ARMY GROUP, FRANCE**—In North Africa and in Sicily the soldiers of a combat engineer battalion operated the benches for the infantry, but after the landings at Salerno, those soldiers decided that "beach life was too tame" for them, and began their career as infantrymen. Among this group is Pvt. George E. Lucas, of South Allegheny street, Bellefonte.

Although they had been carefully and fully trained as engineers, infantry training started almost immediately. Now they are on the line in the Sixth Army Group sector in France.

The soldiers in the battalion were given the best infantry training available. The famed Special Service Force taught them patrolling on the Anzio beachhead. Before that, they had been given many tips and much instruction on the tricks of the infantry by hard-bitten Rangers. The 179th Infantry Regiment took one crew of engineers and taught them how to fire mortars, so that those engineers claim to have the only mortar squads in any engineer organization in the world.

# Local Man's Regiment Took 3400-foot Italian Peaks

Sgt. Robert D. Confer, of Howard R. D. I. squad leader; Pvt. Francis M. Moriarty, rifleman; and Pfc. Steve M. Sefek, ammunition bearer, both of Hawk Run, are members of the 339th "Polar Bear" Regiment which recently snatched the vital peaks of the vaunted Gothic Line, taking Italian peaks as high as 3400 feet east of Highway 65 and Futa Pass.

The 339th Infantry Regiment is in the 85th "Custer" Division, part of Lieutenant General Lucian K. Truscott, Jr.'s Fifth Army.

The 339th landed in Italy last March 15 after a training period in North Africa, and was the first unit of the 85th Division in the line when it was committed to action the following day.

Under command of Colonel Brookner W. Brady, Los Angeles, Calif., the "Polar Bears" have repeatedly captured strong cores of enemy resistance, rocky mountain peaks above the cloud level and strong-points nestled behind and above the intense fire, minefields, barbed wire and earthworks.

When the Fifth Army offensive opened up last May 11, the 339th raced ahead on the Tyrrhenian Sea coast, shattering its objective in the Gustav Line. Having passed through Scarsi, Formia, Itri and Fondi in rapid succession, the 339th, supplied by mule and human pack trains, passed 12 miles undetected over rugged mountain terrain and surprised the strongly fortified hillside town of Sonnino. The Sonnino garrison was completely cut off and Highway 7 thus sealed off south of the Pontine Marshes.

The 339th passed through Rome June 5, crossed the Tiber River and took a brief rest. It went back into the line to hold a stretch along the Arno River near Florence.

In crossing the Gothic Line, the 339th broke through at some of the most firmly held points, moved on to capture the Frena and Mt. Colli crest dominating Pienza, and subsequently took Mt. LaFina, Mt. Bible and Castelvetro.

Colonel William T. Fitts, Jr., Warrenton, North Carolina, recently took command of the 339th.

The "Polar Bears" got their name in the World War, when they fought in waist-deep snow along the 400-mile front between Archangel and Leningrad in Russia. They battled on five months after the Armistice had ended the war in Europe.

Reactivated in the spring of 1942, the 339th for 18 months trained and participated in maneuvers in Mississippi, Louisiana and California. The regiment landed in North Africa in the fall of 1943.

## Allport Soldier Reported Missing

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Maurer, of Allport, have received word from the War Department that their son, Pfc. Glen C. Maurer, has been reported as missing in action since December 18, 1944, over Belgium.

Pvt. Maurer has one brother, Pvt. Franklin Maurer, somewhere in the European war area, and two sisters, Miss Grace Maurer, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Ruth Conway, of New Jersey, and a brother, Joe, at home.

## British General Dies in Luzon Operation

The British War Office announced that Lt. Gen. Sir Herbert Lumsden had been killed by a Japanese air attack Jan. 6, while aboard an American warship in the Pacific.

Lumsden, appointed by Prime Minister Churchill as his special representative to Gen. MacArthur's headquarters in November, 1943, presumably was killed during the invasion of Luzon Island in the Philippines when Japanese planes heavily attacked the American convoy.

Lumsden formerly was a corps commander in the British Eighth Army in Africa.

Arrives in New Guinea  
Robert L. Davis, S 1/c, has arrived in New Guinea, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thurman L. Davis, of West Lamb street, Bellefonte. Previously Seaman Davis had made three trips to Italy.



**Bob Davis**  
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• 1/2 teaspoon salt  
• 1/4 teaspoon pepper  
• 1/4 teaspoon curry powder  
• 2 1/2 cups liquid (half meat broth and half milk)

• 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce  
• 5 cups cooked, diced potatoes, carrots, celery and peas  
• 1/2 cup pork  
• 2 cups cooked, diced pork

1. Combine shortening, flour, and seasonings in saucepan to make a smooth paste. Add liquid gradually to flour mixture, stirring constantly; cook until thick and smooth. 2. Add Worcestershire sauce, vegetables and meat. Turn into two-quart casserole. Top with the following:

**BISCUIT TOPPING**

• 1 1/2 cups sifted PILLSBURY'S BEST Enriched Flour  
• 2 teaspoons baking powder  
• 1/2 teaspoon salt  
• 1/4 cup shortening  
• 1/2 cup grated cheese  
• 1/4 cup milk

1. Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. 2. Cut in shortening until mixture resembles coarse meal; add cheese. 3. Make a well in center of mixture. Pour milk all at once into well; mix only until all flour is dampened. 4. Knead lightly a few seconds on floured board. 5. Gently pat or roll over about 5/8-inch thick; cut with floured cutter and arrange in casserole. 6. Bake in hot oven (425° F.) until biscuits are done. 7. Garnish with pimientos and parsley. Serve hot.

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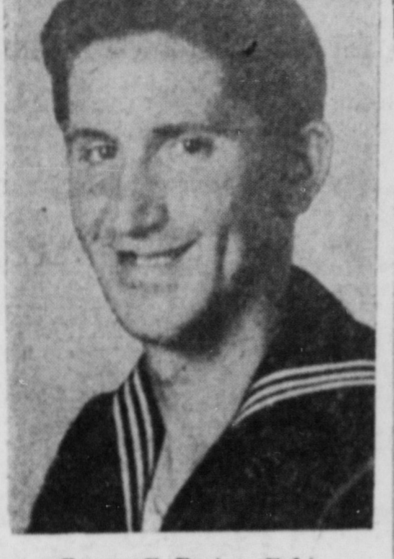
# Son of Former County Woman Killed in Action

Pvt. Phillip Doyle Moser, 28, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Moser, Sr., of Bloomsburg, was killed in action in Germany on December 14, according to information received by the family on December 27. The soldier's mother is the former Celia Steffen, of Aaronsburg.

Pvt. Moser attended the Scott Township High School and was employed at the S. & S. silk mill and drove a truck for the Mandale Quarry Company at Grover's prior to entering the armed forces. He was married and has a son, Dale, six years old.

Also surviving are his parents, three brothers and two sisters: Harry S. Moser, Jr., AMM 3/c, U. S. Navy, Jacksonville, Florida; Pvt. William, with the Signal Air Force in Iceland; Cpl. Lowell Moser, an army engineer in the Pacific; Mrs. Minnie Swanck of Danville, and Mrs. Dorothy Miller, of Williamsport.

## In South Pacific



George E. Barton, F 1/c Fireman first class Barton has been serving in the South Pacific for the past six months.

## Serving in Italy



Pvt. Kenneth C. Clouser Private Clouser, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Clouser of Milesburg, is now serving with the armed forces somewhere in Italy.

## Serving in Belgium

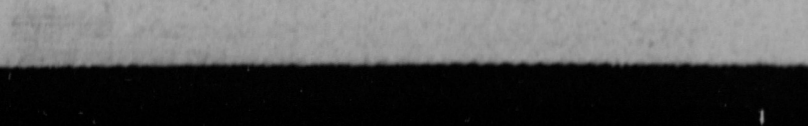


Pvt. James W. Hubler Pvt. Hubler took his basic training at Camp Lee, Va., after which he was sent to Camp Reynolds, Pa., for a month. This was followed by a month's training at Ft. Ord, Calif.

## Serving in Navy



Ensign Basil F. Mott, Jr., native of Bellefonte, son of Basil Mott of Bellefonte and Mrs. Alice M. Mott of New York City, enlisted in the Navy in October 1942, while he was attending City College, New York. He was called for training in February 1943, and in June 1944, at Corpus Christi, Texas, received his commission.



## Bellefonte Soldier Cited for Gallantry

Sgt. Earl W. Powell, of Bellefonte, was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action against the enemy in Normandy, France, it was revealed this week. Sgt. Powell, who is married to the former Mary Ludick of Bellefonte, went into France with the 29th Infantry Division on D-Day. The citation accompanying the award reads as follows:

"On July 11, 1944, enemy forces violently counterattacked Sgt. Powell's unit. During the course of the battle, all of his squad had become casualties and although he was seriously wounded, Sgt. Powell, alone, manned his crew-served weapon and continued to place fire on the attacking enemy."

"In addition, Sgt. Powell located enemy gun positions, enabling the supporting artillery to place accurate fire on these targets. Largely relieving the pressure on the infantry troops, the determination, valor, and devotion to duty displayed by Sgt. Powell reflect great credit upon himself and the military service."

The Bellefonte sergeant entered the service on May 13, 1941. He trained at Fort Meade, Md., at A. P. Hill, Va., and at Camp Blanding, Fla., before going overseas October 4, 1942. He was stationed with the 29th Division in England until the invasion of France on D-Day.

Following his injury in action he was in a hospital in England until returning December 12 to the States where he was admitted to the Haloran Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y. After a short time he was granted a 30-day furlough which he spent with his wife in Bellefonte. He left last week for Rome, Ga., where he is now a patient in Battery General Hospital for further treatment.

## Arrives in France

Pvt. Stewart H. Pletcher arrived in France the latter part of November, according to letters written to his wife. Pvt. Pletcher was called for service on April 5, 1944. He was sent to the induction center at New Cumberland, Pa., and from there to Fort McClellan, Ala., for 17 weeks of basic training. After spending 11 days with his wife and children, he reported to Fort Meade, Md. He spent five weeks there and left for Massachusetts, where he left for overseas. Before entering the service Pvt. Pletcher was employed at the Warner Co. plant in Bellefonte.

## Son Reveals Nature of Wound

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Felix of Mount Pleasant, have received a letter from their son, Sgt. Charles T. Felix, relative to the wound he received in the right shoulder from shrapnel. The letter was printed with his left hand and dated Dec. 23. He told his parents that he is in a hospital in a safe place but could not give no more information. So far no official War Department message has been received. He is a radio operator with the Seventh Armored Division.

## Promoted to Lieutenant

Edward N. Penton has been promoted from the rank of ensign to lieutenant (jg) in the United States Navy. He has been in the Navy ten years, and is located at Seattle, Washington. Lieutenant Penton is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Penton, of Phillipsburg.

## Arrives From Pacific Area

Ensign Russell Yorks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Yorks of Milesburg, who has been in the Pacific war theatre since last October, recently arrived in California. It is not known at this time if Ensign Yorks will come east for a visit at his parents' home.

## With Air Crew



Cpl. Donald L. Quick Corporal Quick, 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Quick of Monaca, Pa., is a member of a B-24 heavy bombardment crew in its final stage of training at the Army Air Field, Casper, Wyoming.

## Cpl. Curry Awarded Bronze Star Medal

Corporal Fred G. Curry, of the Medical Detachment, 179th Field Artillery Battalion, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service. Corporal Curry, whose home address is Medicine Park, Oklahoma, is cited for gallantry performed on September, 1944, when he helped to evacuate wounded men from a battery observation post, in the vicinity of Fresnes en Saulnois, France, which was under heavy enemy tank, artillery and mortar fire.

The citation states that "the enemy fire was so heavy that the aid men had to abandon their jeep and crawl up to where the wounded men were lying, in order to give them first aid and evacuate them. Due to the courage, devotion to duty and disregard for personal safety of Corporal Fred G. Curry, wounded men were given first aid and evacuated immediately."

Cpl. Curry is the husband of Helen G. Curry, who resides at the above address.

## Chester Hill Sergeant Is Reported Missing

A telegram was received by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lamb, of Chester Hill, Friday afternoon from the War Department, announcing that their son, Technical Sergeant William Edward Lamb, is reported missing in action since December 21, 1944, in Germany.

T-Sgt. Lamb was graduated from Phillipsburg High School in 1940, and had been working in Niagara Falls, N. Y., with the Alki Company before entering the service. A younger brother, Pfc. Walter Lamb, is serving in the European war area, having gone overseas the latter part of October, 1944. He enlisted during his senior year in Phillipsburg High School when he was seventeen years old.

Judging from the reports of accidents in the daily press the hunting season was successful, from the standpoint of the animals.

Nothing makes some people so busy as a little bit of work.

## Sandy Ridge Soldier Awarded Bronze Star

During a recent formal presentation of awards, Staff Sergeant Andrew Frontino, son of John Frontino, Sandy Ridge, received the Bronze Star Medal. The award was for "meritorious service in direct support of combat operations as transportation non-commissioned officer of a B-25 squadron from December 28, 1942, to June 19, 1944."

The presentation was made by the Group Commander, Colonel Richard O. Harrell, Jr., of South Boston, Virginia.

Having served in the Mediterranean theatre of operations for 23 months with the AAF's oldest medium bomber group, he is now serving in the European theatre of operations. Sergeant Frontino has been awarded the Good Conduct ribbon and is authorized to wear the European theater ribbon with three stars and the Distinguished Unit Badge.

His group is the only unit in the Air Force to supply personnel to both Tokyo, Rome and Germany, and has been cited by General DeGaulle, president of the Provisional French Republic.

## Howard R.D. Soldier Recovering in Hospital

Pfc. Clarence E. Hockenberry, 24, of Howard, R. D., is recovering at a hospital in England from shrapnel wounds to his right leg sustained while advancing with his unit in Belgium, it was learned in a recent news release from headquarters of the 314th station hospital in England.

The county man, who is participating in a rehabilitation program carefully planned to insure his complete recovery, said, "I was treated immediately by a first aid station and then taken back to an aid station for further treatment. From there he was taken to a field hospital by a hospital ship in England. His wife, Ruth, and their son, Clarence, Jr., live at Howard, R. D. 2."

## With Fighting Tank Battalion

A brilliant record established in North Africa and Italy is being lived up to by the men of a Tank Destroyer Battalion, fighting with the American Seventh Army in the southern Saar Basin of Germany. Sgt. Paul Poorman of Pleasant Gap is attached to this Battalion which came into Southern France on D-day and took part in the chase of the German 19th Army north through the Rhine Valley. When the Germans made a stand in the Vosges mountains, the battalion turned the heavy guns of its M-10 tank destroyers against the strong points and played a large part in the drive that smashed the Nazi line and drove them out of Alsace-Lorraine and behind the Siegfried line.

## Arrives Safely Overseas

Mrs. Alfred Schnars, of South Philadelphia, has received word from her husband that he has arrived safely somewhere in Italy. She also received word from her brother, Pvt. Raymond Hoover, that he has arrived safely in England. Both say that they are well.

## Now in California

Harold Coble, S 1/c, who recently completed a radio course at Bainbridge, Md., has been transferred to Shoemaker, Cal. Seaman Coble's wife and three children live on St. Paul street, Bellefonte. He was employed as a bus driver by the Johnson Bus Company before entering service.

A moralist is one who knows how other people should live.

## Poets' Corner

The following poem was written by Gaylord Cassidy, G M 1/c, of Bellefonte, who has been in the Navy more than 1 1/2 years, and who is now at sea. Guyher's Mate Cassidy in civilian life makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Barner, on Willowbank street.

**A SAILOR'S THOUGHTS.**

I'm just a lonely sailor,  
And I'm sailing off tonight,  
Sailing in a convoy  
Neath the moon so bright.

You know, it's kinda lonesome  
When you're away out here alone,  
It sets your thoughts a-dwelling  
On the folks away back home.

Why, I seem to see my mother's face  
It's right before my eyes!  
And I seem to hear her gentle voice,  
It's speaking from the skies.

I can see my little brother Bill,  
And father old and gray,  
I can see the old home just as plain,  
Like it was when I sailed away.

Now I see another face  
With eyes of cloudless blue,  
It's the neighbor's pretty daughter,  
My little sweetheart Lil!

Yes, a feller gets to dreamin'  
When you're away out here alone,  
Then the memories come a-crowding,  
And he thinks of those back home.

Seems like you're always planning  
To be going back some day,  
But you just keep on sailing,  
Pretty soon you're far away.

And then, somewhere out on the ocean  
There's the fate that meets us all,  
For somewhere there's always someone else  
Who's quicker on the draw.

And then at the very last,  
You think of sailing beneath the moon,  
You think of all the times you planned  
Of going home real soon.

And now your last fight's come and gone,  
And you're dying all alone  
You're far away from the old homestead,  
And those you loved back home.

Then you wish you had the sense,  
When you were sailing all alone,  
To quit the seas at an early day  
And start on back for home.

GAYLORD E. CASSIDY, GM 1/c,  
Bellefonte, Pa.

## Disappointed

Urjah Kitchen, of Beech Creek, World War I veteran, went to Williamsport last week to join the Seabees and was sent to Philadelphia where he was rejected on age. His grandfather, for whom he was named, fought in both the Mexican and Civil Wars, his son, Donald, is in the Marines and a nephew, Robert Kitchen, Jr., is in the Army.

## Pilot Receives Promotion

Lt. William J. Fleck, 25 of 136 Penn street, Bellefonte, whose wife, Mrs. Bettie F. Fleck, resides at the same address, was recently promoted from the rank of second lieutenant. Lt. Fleck is a pilot with a B-24 Liberator heavy bombardment group of the 15th Air Force in Italy. A graduate of Bellefonte High School, he entered the Army Air Forces on November 20, 1943, at Harrisburg, and received training at Stuttgart, Ark.

# Centre County Men Receive Baptism of Fire In France

Baptism of fire is an experience and in weather conditions that included rain and snow and ankle-deep mud, the 398th proceeded with-and Pfc. Charles McKinley of Milesburg, are two men of the 398th Infantry Regiment of the 109th (Century) Division, who have special places in the hearts of other units of the Century Division, was activated at Fort Jackson, S. C., in November, 1942, participated in maneuvers in Tennessee, and later moved to Fort Bragg, N. C. for training in coordination of infantry with tanks, artillery and air force.

It proved that it learned its lesson well, for in the drive on Baon L'Etape, a strategic town on the 7th Army front, the regiment skillfully out-manuevered the Nazis' prepared defenses and took the high ground which surrounds the town and commands a stretch of open terrain to the east—in the direction of the Rhine.

# Bellefonte Sea-Bee Cited for Extra Duty

For taking on the 24-hour-a-day task of manning a hospital ship in addition to his regular duties during the first three days of the Peleliu invasion, David J. Kachuk, chemist's mate, third class, (MM3/c), USNR, a Navy Seabee of Bellefonte, has been commended.

Seabee Kachuk's citation said that he "disregarded his personal needs of food and sleep" to be of help where help was needed. We was one of 17 men to volunteer for the extra work.

Seabee Kachuk is a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Kachuk, of 337 East Bishop street.

# WiseAmericans Now Fight COUGHS

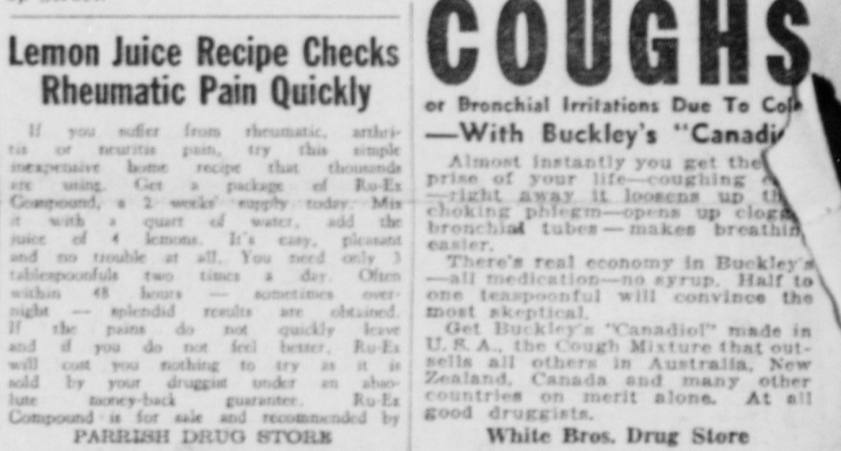
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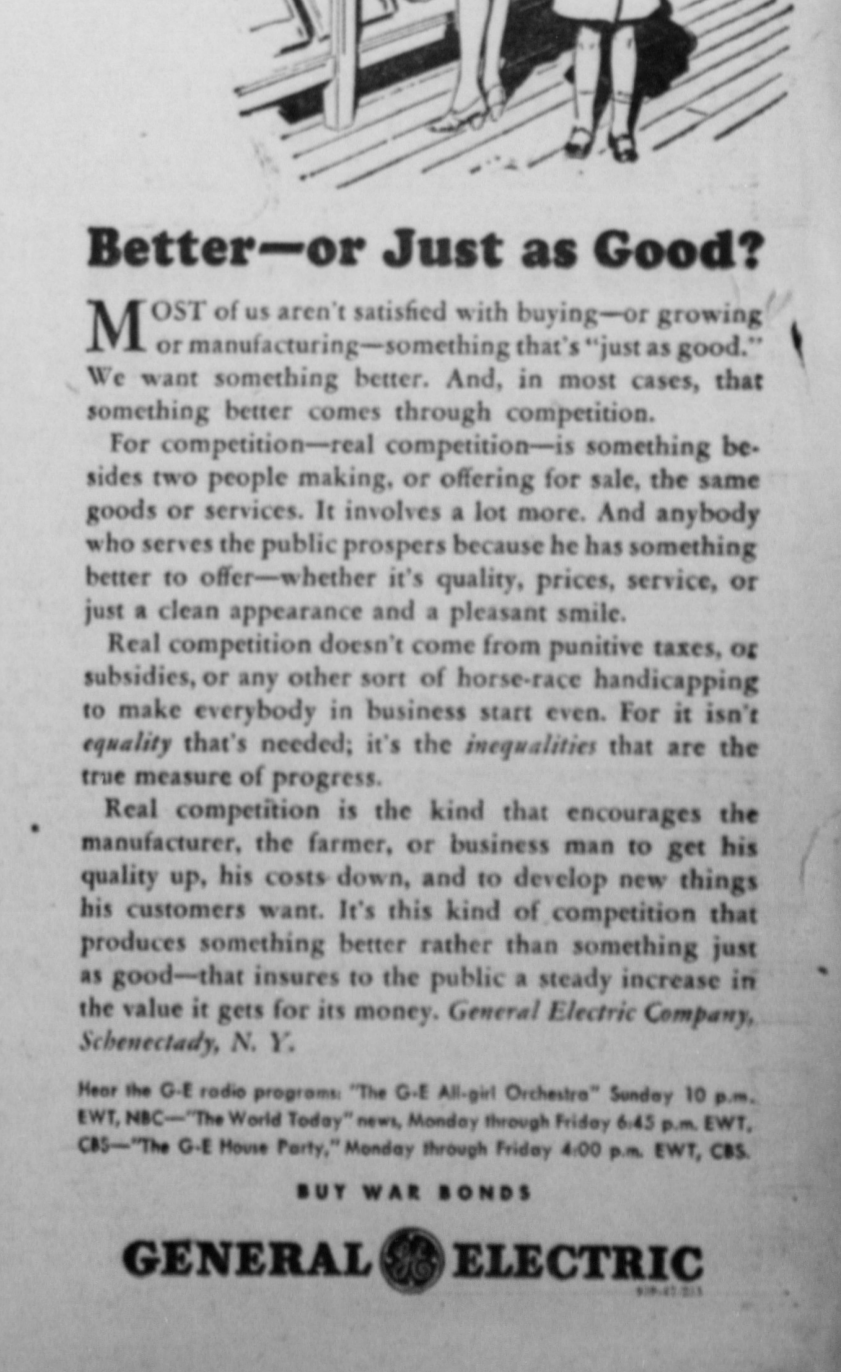
Real competition doesn't come from punitive taxes, or subsidies, or any other sort of horse-race handicapping to make everybody in business start even. For it isn't equality that's needed; it's the *inequalities* that are the true measure of progress.

Real competition is the kind that encourages the manufacturer, the farmer, or business man to get his quality up, his costs down, and to develop new things his customers want. It's this kind of competition that produces something better rather than something just as good—that insures to the public a steady increase in the value it gets for its money. General Electric Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

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