

The Army Prepares Its New Men For Better Jobs, Says Soldier

Sweet Valley Private Writes That Life In Camp Is Both Enjoyable And Constructive

When Arden C. Steele, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Steele of R. D. 1, Sweet Valley, enlisted in the Army Air Corps three months ago, he left an enterprising business of his own and prepared to devote himself, as have thousands of other young men, to the service of his country. Instead of finding that he had to sacrifice his trade to the tedious routine of army life, the young soldier discovered that the army encourages its men to continue in their chosen professions—and teaches useful trades to new army men who are unskilled. When a man is mustered out of the army, Private Steele believes, he is better prepared to make something of himself than he ever was before.

At least that seems to be the situation at the 40th Air Base, stationed at West Palm Beach, Florida. Private Steele was a sign painter, with studios in Kingston, before his enlistment. And now he's as busy at art work as he has ever been, making full use of his talents under the orders of Uncle Sam!

The other young men in camp who came into the army skilled in some line or another are working at their trades regularly, together with receiving basic military training, and the fellows who had been odd-job men before being called in to the service are being taught new vocations, and gaining plenty of experience.

As far as recreation goes, the boys with the 40th Air Base Group have the best that West Palm Beach has to offer. The only difference between them and vacationists is that the soldiers are enjoying their spare time at the expense of the army.

Following is a letter Private Steele sent recently to his parents. Much of it seems to be in verse, which may or may not be characteristic of our present army men:

"Dear Folks:
"I'm going to try now to explain some of the ways in which we train our minds and bodies, hands and feet, so we can tackle any feat. At first for six full weeks we drilled and then our former places were filled with new recruits at whom we'd smile as they'd file into the drill field to be put through the proper paces and to be taught 'right' and 'left-faces'.

"We've been assigned to regular work and heaven pity us if we shirk, because none of us like K. P. (kitchen police)—that's where we'd surely be scrubbing dishes from morn to eve, and that's no fun, you can easily see! Our regular duties, though, are not so hard. Some of us must stand on guard. Some of us are chosen to cut grass or maybe fill a rut. Some ride on the army trucks while others are asked to shovel 'muck'.

"The officers' helpers are the guys who are wise in clerical work. Carpenters, painters, welders, cooks—all have their own accustomed nooks, as well as men who have no trade that might help boost them up the grade. Such men are quickly sent to school where they can learn a set of rules to guide them in any occupation, in the Army or in civil life. They'll study the job they want to do—and get practical experience, too. After being in school for awhile they can come back with a smile of confidence in their new-found skill, combined with traditional American will!

"Since I already had a trade when I enlisted I've been made to feel at home by painting signs, doing art work and designs for insignia, decorations for the chapel, innovations which are welcomed by the boys and add much to my own joys.

"We must listen, each attentive, to a bugler blowing plaintive notes that mean we must obey another order of the day! Everything we say or do, a bugle first must tell us to do so: to get up, to eat, or work, or play, exercise, march (or even pray, I guess!). All must be done to that old bugle's call. Diners' at 12 and supper, 5; in order to keep alive we have a half hour extra time than formerly to get in line. It isn't nearly so confusing as it sounds; still, not so amusing!

"I'm writing this in 'One Twenty-seven' (that's my barracks number). It's hard, probably, for you to realize just how much fun this army life is. Especially here at West Palm Beach, where every amusement is within reach. We fellows sure appreciate this wonderful city; it's just great! I guess you know that I've been sailing, cycling, swimming, getting in a little dancing—doing every thing but romancing.

"I get letters every day—and they're worth more to me than my pay! I don't get time myself to send a letter every day, but then perhaps by now you're becoming pretty fed up with all this scribbling and scrawling! Imagine a soldier writing stuff like this instead of fighting!

"Love,
"Arden."

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Pictures of interest to people here in Dallas—reunions, family portraits, scenic shots—are always welcome additions to the pages of The Post. If you have one you feel is newsworthy, please bring it around.

Many Folks 'Wire Schmaltz To Wire'

Electrical Firm Has Served For 25 Years

A modern home makes house-keeping a pleasant as well as efficient task, and leaves lots more leisure time for other things.

And, of course, no home is more modern than its electrical equipment and fixtures . . . which is where E. F. Schmaltz, of 215 Wyoming avenue, Kingston, comes in. For the past 25 years Mr. Schmaltz has specialized in providing the best in fixtures and wiring, from the time when electric lights were a luxury to these days of ultra-modern time and labor-saving devices.

In some parts of the country electric lines are still a rarity, but even if you live out beyond the poles and cables, Mr. Schmaltz is still the man to see. He can provide you with a modern Kohler or Delco electric plant or water pump, and with this sort of equipment your home can be just as pleasant and efficient to run as one in the heart of the city.

So, for your new home or improvements to your present residence, you can find the latest in lighting fixtures and other appliances at the Schmaltz display rooms. Very popular these days, says Mr. Schmaltz, are the new Florentine kitchen and bathroom fixtures he sells. Either drop around to his shop, or call Kingston 7-6915 and, as his big display sign puts it, "Wire Schmaltz To Wire."

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Whipple Brothers have furnished materials for a large percentage of the building and modernization work in this section and throughout Wyoming Valley, for that matter. And there is nothing required for any building operation that is not carried in stock or readily available.

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Their line of merchandise includes such items as Frigidaire ranges and refrigerators, Easy Washers, Stromberg Carlson and Emerson radios for home outfitting . . . and for car owners, the best in tires and batteries.

Just as famous as their retail line, however, is their prompt and dependable service on washers, vacuum cleaners, refrigerators and all the other pieces of household apparatus which are apt to need repairs most any time. For this sort of work they have customers in all parts of the county, including many out here in Dallas.

Parts are carried in stock for nearly all leading makes of home appliances. A wide selection of wringer rolls, for instance, enables them to bring your washer up to date for just a fraction of the cost of a new one.

So if you want to modernize your kitchen or laundry, or something goes wrong with your cleaner or a stove or washing machine you can rely on Rebennack and Covert for the very best service in either respect. Their phone number is 7-4514 and all inquiries receive prompt attention.

Striking Homes Built By Yocum

Kingston Contractor In Business 30 Years

A home is more than just a place to live in. It has a personality, too—just like the folks who own it, and the man who built it.

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A. O. Yocum of Walnut street, Kingston—who, incidentally, is building a house at present for James Sullivan at Goss Manor—has been in the building business for the past 30 years and has been an independent contractor since 1926. He designs as well as builds, and hasn't turned out a piece of work yet to which he couldn't point with pride. All of his work, you see, has been sold on the merit of previous jobs, and many of Wyoming Valley's finest and most striking homes have been built by him.

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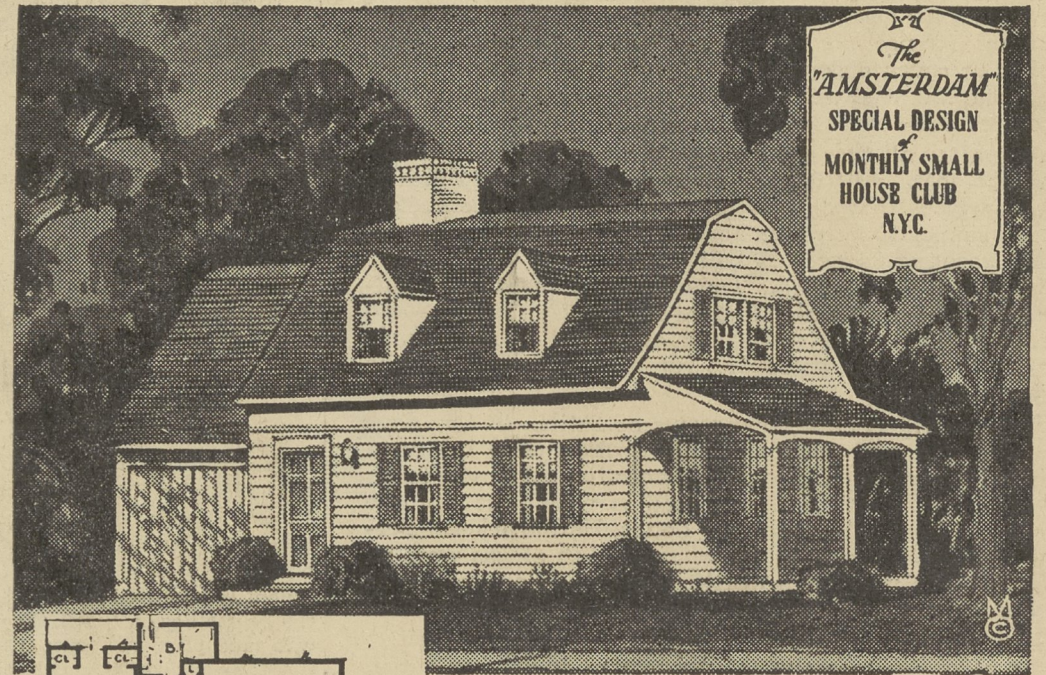
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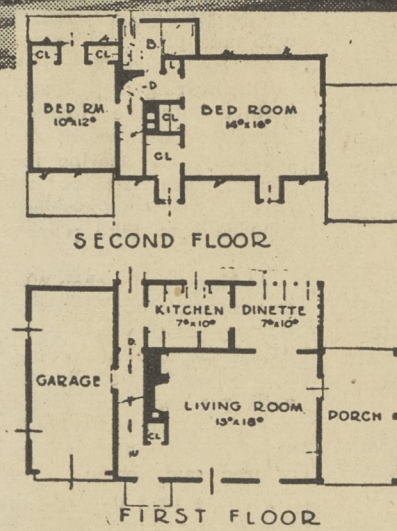
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