SECOND THOUGHTS

By javie aiche

If there was excitement over the London Daily Mail's exclusive report on the American Armada in the South Pacific you put it down to the wounded regard for censorship in the minds of most United States editors. They missed the boats, a whole flock of them. But, speaking in a purely local sense, it is too bad that the press of Wyoming Valley didn't miss the report on six thousand? jobs available at American Car &

Foundry plant in Berwick. No particular harm was done by the London scoop. Nor yet was there any serious effect from the blacking-out of information in America on the route to be taken by a road across Canada into Alaska, reported without stint by the publications across the border. Th false story about the jobs at Berwick was what raised hob.

For five days following the scarehead revelations that Wyoming and Lackawanna valleys were to be called upon to supply six thousand men for war-plant jobs it was next to impossible to drive past any cor-ner between West Pittston and Shickshinny without having jobseekers flagging you down and begging you for a lift to the home town of American Car & Foundry. So, with a couple of the would-be workers your correspondent went down

And what was officially stated was that there was not a scintilla of truth in the published story of work proffered for the six thousands. At the very outside, said one official, it is improbable that the Berwick plant will engage more than a couple hundred extra hands in the months prior to next winter. And more than three hundred Berwick applicants are awaiting opening of what jobs are to be filled.

The likely cause of the report was the scouting around for means of transportation for several hundred persons who retain homes in Lackawanna and Wyoming Valleys while traveling to and from Berwick, all of them being faced by dire difficulty when comes the time that their tires no longer are serviceable and no replacements are to be had. The hundreds who got jobs, in opposition to the requirement of American Car & Foundry that its workers reside in or near Berwick, were sponsored by various groups of politically influential persons.

Some groups of them have gotten together to purchase busses which are expected to be provisioned with necessary rubber. Others of them saw the feasibility of having Lackawanna Railroad reinstitute the train service it abandoned some time ago. From this meager basis there was expanded the report that Berwick was about to double employment records at the big foundry. However, if any of the newspapers publishing the report had taken trouble to get the facts from A. C. & F. officials there would have been wide saving of embarrassment to all con-

It was in the process of getting to the bottom of the Berwick report that your scribe came into knowledge of a Pearl Harbor victim whose story will not be told in press dispatches. He is Eddie Secora, a resident of Muhlenberg. Just as young Lockhard of Williamsport detected by radio interceptor the flight of



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THE LOW DOWN FROM HICKORY GROVE

Uncle Sambo is a great guy. As a warrior he has never been licked - and won't be licked-but expecting him to be as super at every other kind of job, is expecting too much. I don't crave to see the day when we depend upon him to do everything, and we just take a back seat—and lean.

The Old Boy don't have time to mess into business or farming, etc., He is more or less busy runnin' the Army and the Navy and the Marines, at which he is champion. But taking time out to run the banks, the railroads, or the barber shops, etc., is spreading him out too

If it ever comes to the time when we have a Govt. barber shop, I'm fearful that I'm going to be even less of a treat for the girls to look at, than I am now.

We are fighting socialism in Germany, hammer and tongs, but our back door here at home has a socialist's foot in it. You take TVA and St. Lawrence Waterway, and a dozen others, they are 100 per cent socialistic. Barber shops are maybe just around the corner.

Yours with the low down, JO SERRA.

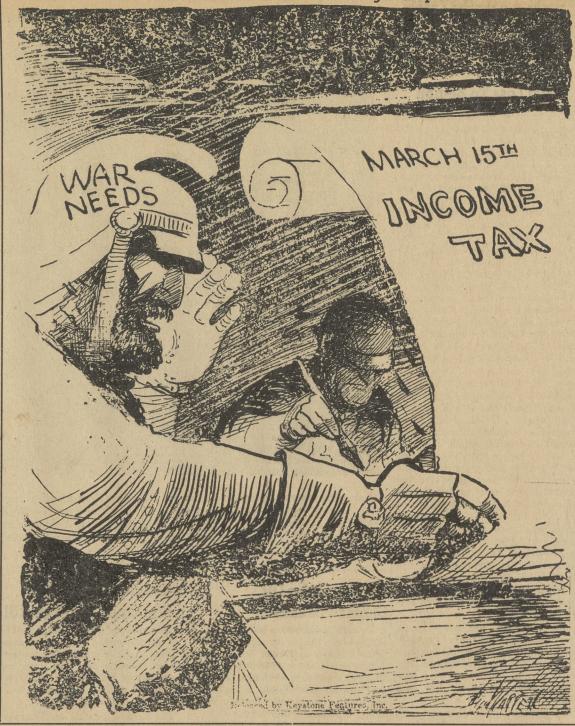
young Secora learn of the enemy in more intimate contact.

The Muhlenberg boy was patrolling the deck of a warship anchored of stones. He gathered several in Pearl Harbor when he saw the samples and explained them to me. view. He naturally mistook them for glass is made. He then showed me American craft. When he saw the samples of soft white wood and first bombs hurtling downward he traced the development of the took for granted that they were wood through petrification to rock practice missiles. But, when they or mica. Then she showed me a started to explode he knew differ- green stone from which they make ent. As fast as he could spread the inlaid floors. The floors are polished alarm young Eddie Secora ran about until they look like linoleum. This ship. Thanks to him, the entire per- is the serpentine rock for which the sonnel of his ship was gotten quarry was named

a victim of shell-shock. Few of war's made into paint and also used in the casualties are more pitiful than process of making soap and rubber. those whose nervous systems have of the first World War.

Young Eddie Secora came back to his Muhlenberg home to seek recovery in peace from the first impact of modern war. Every night he lives over again the attack on Pearl Harbor. By day he is a man apart from family and friends, silent, Editor The Post: morose, lost among the living and living among the lost.

And Don't Wear That Pen Out Writing Exemptions!



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over there and get it over with. We

all know while we're here in the

States we can do nothing. This war

must be won by going over after

them. We know that here in the

Army and the people should realize

treat us boys grand down here.

Guess it's because Camp Barkeley is

a new camp. At Fort Sill it was an

Must close now for it's time for

'lights out" and I'm a little tired.

in over a year now and I wait each

week for my copy. You will change

my address so that I get it on time,

won't you? Don't mind my writing

for it's pretty hard to write with

nothing but your legs for a table.

As Ever.

contingents from his Draft Board-

Lines On A Postcard

When a fellow is far away it sure

and events which take place back

Pvt. Alan Kistler,

Camp Barkeley, Texas.

old thing to see soldiers in town.

Them Flying."

Went into Abilene last night and

Dallas Post.

in advance.

Cave's Cash Store.

Learning In The Army

Editor The Post:

I have been very fortunate in being placed at the Easton Armory. My post is at the Lehigh Water Company, one of the largest reservoirs in this section and one of the most modern types of filtering plants in the country.

Beside having the water company to study, there is the old "Serpentine Quarry," 100 yards up the road on Route 611 to Scranton. I would not have known this if it had not been for a college professor who is studying rock formations and types attacking planes come into They were mica from which isin-

They are now grinding a grey stone And then young Secora collapsed, into dust for the government. It is

This is the only known quarry of been disrupted by the horrible im- its kind and to think that I have pact on the senses of the mighty only lived 60 miles away from it shells and bombs. One with whom and never seen it before. It seems we are familiar out in the Poconos I had to get in the army to find to those Japs we're right there and hasn't lived a normal moment since these interesting things by accident. the sooner the better. The way the Autumn of 1917. He is a victim I hope some will gain by my ex- things are going we all want to get

Pvt. Alexander McCulloch, U. S. Army, Easton, Pa.

We've Got A Job To Do

You've heard that song, "Deep it certainly is a nice town. They in the heart of Texas," well, that's just where I am now. I'm stationed at Camp Barkeley, Texas, ten miles south of Abilene. Got up at four Thursday morning,

had breakfast, packed what was left for packing and then we started Left Fort Sill at eight that morning in a truck convoy. We had fifty-six trucks and trailers in all and they spread out over two miles. Just about twenty miles past Wichita Falls, they had our field kitchen set up and we had a hot meal. Leaving there at one we arrived at our destination at seven o'clock that evening. The trip was 264 miles and we made it in eleven hours.

Camp Barkeley had things all ready for us, tents and bunks were up. They had a hot supper waiting and all we had to do was unpack our equipment. This was a big job for it had to be done right away. us had to pull out for another camp in the morning. Well we all The Dallas Post to join up. He did I could hardly believe that it was Imagine how much paper we could every man was ready for bed after unteered to go with one of the first out here in Washington. that day was over.

The next morning we got up at Editor). seven-thirty and started getting things in order. It really is amazing how smooth things run when Editor: every man works to get a job done fast. Of course, you must remember most of our boys are from good old Pennsylvania, and they are the best Post. there is. We sure rub it into these boys out here, too, and don't you is good to read about the activities

think we don't. When it comes to moving closer home.

I am attending the Air Corps Radio Technical School, expecting "More than a newspaper, a community institution" to graduate in the near future. Yes, I read every word of The THE DALLAS POST Post and cannot over emphasize my ESTABLISHED 1889

A non-partisan liberal Pvt. Glen L. Kessler, progressive newspaper pub-Scott Field, Ill. lished every Friday morning at its plant on Lehman Ave-

From Sunny Hawaii

Dear Editor:

Just a few lines to say, "hello" and let you know that we boys in Hawaii are all right and getting along fine. I would like to have you put this in The Post for all of those who think of us once in a while. Dear Friends:

Here are a few lines to say. 'hello" and ask how you all are. good was just, plain Cy. We want to let you know that we boys in Hawaii are all right and doing our very best, and we are very ing our very best, and we are very large some of the best known. But invite him for the week-end. He us 100%. With you back of us we the real beauties in the Art of Nickfeel a whole lot stronger and will be namery appear right in your home stronger, and will come out of this town.

with high flying colors. and send our love and good wishes. The Boys in Hawaii, sent by,

P. F. C. Gilbert F. Hughey, Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii.

From Down South

Dear Sirs: I am one of the soldiers away from home who looks forward each week to the day when the postman brings him his copy of The Dallas Post. I know that I am repeating what other boys have already told you about your paper, or maybe I should say, our paper, as that is what it really is, since it is a community paper and sort of belongs to

the whole community. It makes a fellow feel good to receive his home town paper and be able to read about his friends who he has been called ever since. Girls are not with him. It makes a fellow happy to realize that there are You fellows see that we get the people back there thinking of him supplies out there and we'll show and waiting for him to come back. you how we can use them. "Keep

my) Lumley. Then George "Dodie" The time away from home goes slow and I want you to know that It's really a grand thing having I am another one that looks for-The Dallas Post sent to the men and women in the service. I've been ward to my copy of The Post each incidence, we have Audrey "Moe" Morris and Michael "Moe" Sedler

Sgt Walter L. Darrow, Signal Corps, Fort Jackson, S. C.

Sent By Air Mail Dear Editor:

I was surprised and thankful to Here lies real convenience and receive your Dallas Post. I was a thrift. Think of all the shorts there regular reader before enlisting in are: Bob, Jim, Joe, Doty, Betty, A swell boy if there ever was the U. S. Air Corps, and I thought and Pat. Easy to say, short to write, The trucking company that moved one. And we've a personal right to that would be the last I would see they are a boon to hurried people be proud, for he was the first from it for a long time.

pitched in and had the job done not wait for his draft number to actually The Dallas Post when the save by using them in their short R. L. Brickel, C. A. Frantz, W. B. within two hours. Let me tell you turn up, but with his brothers vol- mailman handed it to me, especially

I sure enjoy reading about all my emergency friends and the people I know back

I want to express to you my ap- about it—just for fun. preciation and thanks for sending it Words could hardly express how to us boys in the service. It makes remember the goose that chew our over-joyed I was yesterday when I me feel that you are doing your shoe laces? Well, Mrs. Goose has received your February 27, Dallas part in the crisis that now exists. Thanking you again, I remain,

> Pvt. Elwood E. Martin, McChord Field, Washington. (Additional Safety Valve on Page 7) | called FOOTNOTES.

THE SENTIMENTAL SIDE By EDITH BLEZ

You might have heard before this that the American Army of 1942 is above all things an intelligent army. I never thought very much about the intelligence of this army being trained in camps all over the country, until I spent a little time in one of the local recreation centers for soldiers. As soon as I began working with the boys I was struck immediately

that you have a nickname. Saying not the college men, just the aver-

nicknames, like talking slang, is a age high school graduates from

be proud of and a mark of dis-

Bill, Monty, and Simp, respectively.

If you are slow and easy going,

you will be known as Flash or

take your pick from Shorty, Shrimp,

Peanuts and Squirt. Pull a boner

nickname that will forever remind

are as follows: It must fit the per-

son as much as possible. It must be

easy to say and remember. It must

be short. This last rule is probably

broken more than any of the

others, although the first is quite

often disregarded. To it the after-

thought "or as nearly unlike him

as possible" might be added. For

instance, the naming of Your Foot-

noter "Cyclone" when a milder, less

breezy guy is hard to find. Before

that Your Footnoter was known as

Walloping Warmouth. Take, too,

the nicknaming of our bosom pal

"Speed". Cyclone, by the bye, has

been varied with Cyanide, Cypress,

and Cyclops. The one that stuck for

One of the most famous of local

der, Claude street, Dallas, In Dallas

Township High School his name ap-

his football suit, in the numerous

pieces of equipment in the Audi-

torium, where he wiled away the

minutes during play practice by en-

graving his name in six inch letters. The story goes that he said if he

ever became famous he wanted his

In Dallas Township High School,

you can find Jeff "Irish" "Tumor"

Redington, Harry "Beano" Snyder,

who once wanted to be called "Bub-

bles", Carl "Butch" Garinger, and

Warren "Curly" Stanton. There are

Le Roy "Peter Rabbitt" Roberts,

sometimes known as "Pierre" or

"Pierrot", and Bill Phillips, who in

typing class missed the I and hit

the U, making his name Bull, which

are not exempt, either. There's Ruth

'Footy" Neyhard, Marilla "Zip Mae

Martin, Margaret "Muggs" Brace,

Helen "Plumey" (pronounced Plum-

Not included are a few coined ones

such as Residue, Filtrate, Bunsen

and Barney, which were used a few

Among the more common nick

names are the abbreviated ones.

and an asset to National Defense.

they will be written during the

If you have a good nickname up

Ah, joy! Oh, happy day! Do you

laid an egg! Two eggs! She was

seen inspecting the wood-pile. And

now there are two big white eggs.

When there are a bunch of little

goslings we hope that one will be

your sleeve, let Footnotes know

days and promptly forgotten.

name where people could see it.

pears on almost half the desks, on

• by their intelligence and their general knowledge. It isn't just their enthusiasm for the war which is so amazing, it is their eagerness, their brightness. It speaks well for our systems of education that the aver-

age boy in the army is mentally If you've a name that's long or It is amazing what books they ask hard to remember, if you've ever for the in the library and their condone anything extraordinary, if versation is certainly far from boryou have a prominent feature, ing. They all have sometimes talk about. Remember, these are physical or mental, it is two to one just average boys not the officers,

well known method of escape from American school boys. this whacky world. To have a I notice, too, the boys from the nickname is to be sure that you West and the Middle West have a have friends, to say the least, since particular enthusiasm all their own. it means that someone is noticing I have talked with boys from Washyou. But if you're nickname does Oklahoma and Wisconsin and I have you dirt, as the saying goes, be- been deeply impressed. They love to ware! Your enemies are watching talk and they don't think it is a you more closely. corn grow in Kansas. They go into Footnotes has long made a study of nicknames; we didn't learn anything constructively, but we did de- was in last year's crop! They know velop quite a collection. To begin what the temperature has been for with, we believe they are not some- the past five years and they love to thing to hide, excepted Jack the God forgot." They defy anyone to Ripper, Stinky, Sis, and the like. tell them that the West isn't the We believe they are something to best part of this country.

I talked with a boy from Knoxville, Tenn. He was bashful and I Nicknames come about in many don't think he had enjoyed some ways, as we pointed out in the first of the privileges the other boys took paragraph. When you have been for granted. He had never been far tagged with a name like Edence from home until he joined the yearyilo, (This is our favorite name; Army. He wanted to see Atlantic we hope to have a dog by this title City because he had heard so much when we learn to pronounce it) or about it. He had never seen the even mild ones like Gwilym, Mont- ocean. When I suggested that Atgomery, or Simpson, the chances lantic City wasn't far away, he said are that you will be called Butch, he guessed he wouldn't get there, because he didn't like to get very far away from camp. I suppose it was just a hangover from his life Speed. If you are small, you may at home. He was just a home boy, and camp was home, and he wasn't taking any chances on getting too and your friends will give you a far away.

There was a boy from Michigan who was having a fine time. Some-The ethics of giving a nickname one had left a typewriter in the library and before he had time to wonder whether he would be permitted to use it he had written ten letters. He had the time of his life. When I told him where he could buy stamps he said he never had to buy stamps, his mother kept him supplied. He had the brightest face, and when he had finished writing he looked over at me and said "Gee I wonder if I should have used this machine?" Another boy who looked as if he hadn't been out of high school many weeks had been in the Army five years. He appeared to be nothing but a baby but he was very much a man. He loved the army but he had one big worry. He was trying to find out if called her and she invited him for the week-end!

I like this army of 1942 and I sincerely hope that all of us are We close hoping you are all well names is that of Bill "Sneezy" Sny- going to give them all the backing they need.

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