

Hoosier Vagabond

By Ernie Pyle

WITH FIFTH ARMY BEACHHEAD FORCES IN ITALY, April 3 (By Wireless).—This is a little series of vignettes about four frontline sergeants. They're just little scenes that came along in conversation as we lay on an Italian hillside chatting one day. The four men are platoon sergeants of the 45th division of the allied 5th army on the Anzio beachhead.

Sgt. Samuel Day of Covington, Ky., is a big guy. He weighed 297 pounds when he came into combat in January, and he still weighs 240 despite all the K-rations he's eaten.

Sgt. Day would be hard on his feet in any circumstances, but when you get into a trench-foot world, 240 pounds is a lot of aggravation for sore dogs.

We get to discussing trench-foot, and Sgt. Day told about an incident that happened to him. It seems his feet got in pretty bad shape during their last recent tour in the foxholes, so he went to the front-line medics for ointment or something.

The medics' solution for his troubles was simple. With a straight face, they told him, "Keep your feet dry and stay off them for two weeks."

Sgt. Day went back to his watery foxhole, still sore-footed but unable to keep from chuckling over the irony of this advice. Their prescription for trench-foot takes its place in history alongside W. C. Fields' sure cure for insomnia—get lots of sleep!

No Hero Stories

SGT. EUGENE BENDER of Stroudsburg, Pa., is the company first sergeant. He is short and curly-headed, and has a thin black mustache. When I first saw him, he was sitting on a C-ration box, getting a between-battles haircut from a soldier barber. "You don't write news stories, do you?" the sergeant asked.

I told him no, that I just sort of tried to write what it was like over here, and didn't even especially look for hero stories, since there were so many guys who were heroes without their being any stories to it. "That's good," the sergeant said. "Hero stories are all right, but they don't give people at home the whole picture. You read a story in America of something terrific a guy does over here, and his folks think that happens to him every day. Now take me. Once I was on patrol and was

behind the German lines for 36 hours. We lay all day covered up with weeds in a ditch so close to Germans we could have reached out and touched them. When we finally got back, they had given us up for lost. "Now if you just wrote that story and nothing else, people would think that's what I did all the time."

Front-Line Raft

SGT. VINCENT MAINENTE is from Astoria, Long Island, and of Italian extraction. He isn't voluble like most Italian-Americans, but friendly in a quiet and reserved way.

Sgt. Mainente used to be a steam-heat inspector for the Pennsylvania railroad, and he says, "I sure could use some of that steam heat in my foxhole these days."

We were just lying around on the ground talking, when one of the other boys said: "Vince, tell him about your raft."

"What do you mean, raft?" I asked. So Sgt. Mainente told me.

It seems the bottom of his foxhole was covered with water, like every body else's. So the sergeant saved up empty wooden C-ration boxes, and one night he nailed them together and made a raft to float on top of the water in his foxhole.

From all I could gather, it wasn't 100 per cent successful in keeping him dry, but at least there wasn't any harm in trying.

Sgt. Michael Adams is from Akron, O. He used to work for a trucking company. He has been with the regiment ever since it came overseas last spring.

Adams seems a little older than the others; his hair is beginning to slip back in front, and you can tell by his manner of speech that he thinks deeply about things.

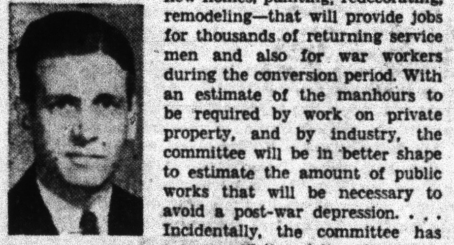
We got to talking about soldiers who crack up in battle or before; the ones who hang back or who think they're sick and report in to the medics as exhaustion cases.

I personally have great sympathy for battle neurosis cases, but some of the soldiers themselves don't have. For example, Sgt. Adams was telling how some of the replacements, after only a few hours under fire, will go to the company command and say: "Captain, I can't take it. I just can't take it."

That makes Sgt. Adams' blood boil. He said to me, "They can't take it? Well, what the hell do they think the rest of us stay here for, because we like it? And it's that spirit, I guess, that wins wars."

Inside Indianapolis By Lowell Nussbaum

THE CITY POST-WAR planning committee is getting ready to conduct a city-wide survey among private property owners to learn just what improvements they expect to make when the war's over. The committee feels there's a big backlog of such work—new homes, painting, redecorating, remodeling—that will provide jobs for thousands of returning service men and also for war workers during the conversion period. With an estimate of the manhours to be required by work on private property, and by industry, the committee will be in better shape to estimate the amount of public works that will be necessary to avoid a post-war depression. . . .



Incidentally, the committee has grown until it and its subcommittee now comprise 104 members. . . . Ray M. Souder, secretary of the Indiana Implement Dealers' association, will leave here in May to take a similar job with the Texas association. . . . Pvt. Carl Henschen of The Times' advertising department has been transferred from Ft. Harrison to Sheppard field, Tex. He's in the air corps. . . . Every once in a while an operator on one of the street railway vehicles decides to start calling out the streets in a loud voice. Whenever that happens on the Northwestern trolley, passengers usually get a laugh as he calls out one certain street. It's Allfree st. Invariably, some passenger quips: "Gosh, he ought to give my face back, if it's all free."

Don't Be That Way—

NOW THAT IT COSTS 3 cents to mail a letter right here in town, we offer the thought that 3 cents is a lot of money to waste on anonymous letters. There has been a recent epidemic of unsigned epistles. We don't mind reading them, but that's as far as it goes. We can't accept the information contained

Don't Be Fooled

By S. Burton Heath

AKRON, O., April 3.—Our gigantic new synthetic rubber industry this year will produce more general service synthetic—the kind of which automobile tires are made—than the greatest tonnage of natural rubber ever used up to 1941. In addition, we are importing substantial quantities of hevea rubber from South America and Africa, some guayule rubber from Mexico, and probably a little cryptogase rubber from Haiti.

Why, then, can't you and I go to a neighborhood service station and buy a set of tires to replace the ones that are getting dangerously thin? Why must we still hold down to the annoying "Victory speed," and take other precautions to assure that our tires shall give maximum wear?

I posed these questions to two men who ought to know, if anybody does. They were John L. Colyer, president, and Dr. Howard Fritz, director of research, for the B. F. Goodrich Company, who have had at least as much experience with synthetic as any tire manufacturers.

Part of the answer has to be off the record, because it involves information which it would be better to let Herr Hitler continue to wonder about. But I think I can report enough to answer the questions reasonably well.

May Lose Key Men

IN THE first place, as of today there isn't enough rubber to supply the nation's normal demand. The program is just getting into swing. The great bulk of the year's production will come later, when—some time between Labor day and Christmas—the whole of the 900,000-ton-a-year installation gets into full use. In the second place, we do not have enough machinery to utilize the rubber that will come out of the synthetic program. The rubber companies are spending \$75,000,000 of their own money to provide the needed utilization equipment, but it will be some time before their new plants are ready for full use. In the third place, there is a manpower shortage. The rubber companies already are digging the bottom

out of the barrel. They are threatened with the loss of thousands of key men through the new draft regulations.

In the fourth place—and here I have to remain vague—military use and the demands of our allies have grown enormously and still are increasing. These, naturally, have first priority. Behind them come tires for trucks, buses and essential civilian use, including passenger cars which are contributing directly to the war program.

The greatest pre-war usage is not even an approximate gauge of the amount of rubber we critically need now, before any of us non-essentials can be considered.

Bottleneck in Textiles

IN THE fifth place, there is a bad bottleneck in the cotton and rayon textiles which are as important, in building tires, as is rubber. There again plant, materials and manpower shortages contribute to the tire-makers' difficulties.

And, finally, if the lid were lifted, and we Sunday drivers were permitted to step out and buy tires when, as and if we chose, the demand would not be normal. It would be grossly excessive. There has been built up, during these years when we are restricted, such a large backlog of cars needing complete re-tiring that it will have to be supplied gradually.

When the rubber problem was "solved" by provision of "sufficient plants" for making synthetic tire the problem remained unsolved for months to come. Among the elements in this picture is the fact that synthetic rubber requires much more machinery and manpower for its fabrication into consumer items than natural rubber requires, which is one reason why it has been necessary to increase the fabrication plant so greatly, and which contributes to the manpower shortage.

So don't be fooled by the apparent solution of the rubber problem. Don't feel that somebody is deliberately holding out on you. Tires still constitute an unavoidable major bottleneck, and will continue to do so at least through 1944.

My Day

By Eleanor Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, Sunday, April 2.—Now let me tell you more about my visit to Brazil.

Not far from Recife, Vice Adm. Ingram has established a recreation center where our navy men, who go out to sea in the smaller craft which do the really hard patrol and convoy work, can spend two or three days between trips. The building was already there when our men arrived and has been adapted to their use. I think it was to have been a hospital and therefore there are some beautiful sunbaths from which you get a view of a lovely countryside all around.

The men have horse-shoe pitching and games and quite a number of nice looking horses which they can ride. A boy from Tennessee, in a few weeks, had built up a pretty nursery garden, and you will recognize that this was quite a feat when I tell you that all their way comes to them in barrels by cart loads.

In Recife, we drove along the docks, and the length of that drive gave me an idea of the amount of shipping activity there. When we came to one of our cruisers, Rear Adm. Read and I went aboard. It was a great chance for me to see this ship and her men, who have done such valiant work. They had painted on her side three swastikas, which means three German ships sunk. You will remember reading about this in the papers some time ago.

Later, we drove to the plaza to review some Brazilian army units. They went through a delightful drill. Then, with great fervor in Portuguese, the soldiers sang "God Bless America." This song is quite appropriate for any country in North or South America, so I was delighted to find it was translated—and evidently liked, because it was sung so lustily by these Brazilian troops.

We also visited the Brazilian naval apprentice school. This interested me greatly. They take boys of 16, give them both academic and practical training and, at 17, put them into the navy as third-class seamen. They are permitted to rise to the rank of lieutenant-commander.

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Ludlow Among Candidates Virtually Assured of Nomination.

Three Republican incumbent congressmen and five candidates for the Democratic nomination for congressman, including Rep. Louis Ludlow, of the 11th district, will be unopposed in the May 2 primaries. Candidates in the three remaining districts will have opposition. The candidates filed follow:

FIRST DISTRICT
Republican—Frederick Abrahm Wood of Gary, Otto G. Fife of Crown Point, Prof. Schultz of Gary and Samuel W. Cullison of Gary.

SECOND DISTRICT
Republican—Charles A. Haller of Bensenville.

DEMOCRAT—James C. Major of Monticello and Joseph Cox of Valparaiso.

THIRD DISTRICT
Republican—Robert A. Grant of South Bend and Herman W. Yates of Elkhart.

DEMOCRAT—Mansel Hagerty of South Bend, Marshall F. Kizer of Plymouth and Dr. Glenn Y. Warner of South Bend.

FOURTH DISTRICT
Republican—George W. Gillette of Ft. Wayne and State Senator Roger Phillips, Ft. Wayne.

DEMOCRAT—Howard B. Miner of Ft. Wayne and Robert W. Busch of Cassin.

FIFTH DISTRICT
Republican—Oscar B. Smith of Frankfort, Forest A. Harness of Kokomo and Willard L. Hamilton of Frankfort.

DEMOCRAT—James N. Puntley of Anderson, James V. Kent Jr. of Hillsboro, Edith Grinstead of Peru, Charles W. Eaton of Tippecanoe and John A. Kokomo and Bennett H. Rocky of Sharpville.

SIXTH DISTRICT
Republican—Noel J. Johnson of Terre Haute.

DEMOCRAT—Ollis G. Jamison of Terre Haute.

SEVENTH DISTRICT
Republican—Gerald F. Landis of Linton and C. C. Bruning of Indianapolis.

DEMOCRAT—Arthur H. Greenwood of Washington, Dr. Otto A. Nelson of Bloomington and John Adams of Vincennes.

EIGHTH DISTRICT
Republican—Charles M. LaPelle of Evansville and Chester V. Losh of New Albany.

DEMOCRAT—Ben F. Garland of Huntington, Charles J. Kichel of Evansville and William and John R. Busch of New Albany.

NINTH DISTRICT
Republican—Earl Wilson of Huron.

DEMOCRAT—George W. Elliott of Rising Sun.

TENTH DISTRICT
Republican—Raymond S. Springer of Connersville and Randall S. Harmon of Muncie.

DEMOCRAT—Sidney E. Baker of New Castle.

11TH DISTRICT
Republican—T. Ernest Mahon of Indianapolis, Ralph E. Updike of Indianapolis, Ralph E. Updike of Indianapolis, Edward D. Lewis of Indianapolis, Charles Alfred H. Lewis of Indianapolis, Judson L. Stark of Indianapolis and John R. Busch of Indianapolis.

DEMOCRAT—Louis Ludlow of Indianapolis.

George W. Burton Seeks State Post

BINGO! George W. Burton, 2634 S. East st., declared himself to be against all forms of gambling but bingo in announcing his candidacy for state representative on the Democratic ticket.

"I think the people in Marion county should be able to play bingo without being arrested," he said. "I am also for a five-cent streetcar and bus fare in the city and public ownership of the utilities." Mr. Burton, 25, is the father of three.

MISS MERLE SITTON NAMED TO FHA POST

Miss Merle L. Sitton, former Anderson resident, has been appointed as housing manager for the federal trailer project in Anderson, Orvil R. Olmsted, regional director of the federal public housing authority, said today.

Miss Sitton has been a member of the management staff for the federal public housing authority for housing project in Connersville for nearly two years. Prior to joining the FHA's staff, she was with the office of the Home Owner's Loan Corp., in Indianapolis for seven years.

VETERANS OFFERED FREE INSTRUCTION

NEW YORK, April 3 (U. P.).—Free tuition in the Columbia university school of engineering will be offered during the spring term to qualified men and women discharged from the armed forces, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of the university, announced today.

This plan, limited to applicants unable to carry the cost themselves, "is designed to bridge over an emergency period in education," Butler said.

HATFIELD IN RACE FOR LEGISLATURE

Announcement of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for state representative from Marion county has been made by Harry D. Hatfield, Indianapolis attorney.

Commander From Here Is Retiring

COL. CHARLES O. WARFEL of Indianapolis, commanding officer of troops and executive officer of the Spokane army air field in Washington, will retire to inactive status under a new statutory age requirements, it was announced today.

Col. Warfel, who is 60, has served at the Spokane base since December, 1942. His home is at 3533 Guilford ave.

A veteran of Indians' national guard and world war I, he served at Ft. Harrison and Ft. Knox, Ky., and specialized in army supply at the army war college.

He was district commander of the American Legion here and prominent in Masonic circles before he returned to active duty.

START 5TH BOND DRIVE JUNE 12

State Has Record Goal of \$300,000,000; Leaders Hold Parley Today.

Bond chairmen of 22 industrial counties met today at the Claypool hotel to lay the groundwork for the fifth war loan drive which has a goal of \$300,000,000.

Eugene C. Pulliam, in announcing the drive which will be from June 12 to July 8 said that the \$300,000,000 goal was the largest ever to be set for Indiana.

Meetings for agricultural counties will be held tomorrow at Lafayette and Ft. Wayne, Wednesday at the Columbia club and Thursday in Washington and Madison.

Securities to be sold under the direction of the state war finance committee are series E war bonds, series F and G savings bonds, series C savings notes, 2 1/2 per cent and 2 per cent bonds, 1 1/4 per cent notes and 1/2 per cent certificates. All bonds purchased after June 1 will be counted toward the quota.

Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau Jr., in announcing the \$16,000,000,000 national quota, said: "Goals were set high because the nation's treasury must borrow a great deal of money this year to keep the war going."

A major emphasis will be put on sales to individuals, and during the period from June 12 to 26 only sales to individuals will be reported by the state committee. Payroll savings from June 1 to July 31 will be credited.

THOMAS WILLIAMS DIES AT HOME HERE

Thomas J. Williams, 1646 Arrow ave., today complained of feeling ill.

His wife, Mrs. Helen D. Williams, hurried to the corner drugstore for medicine. When she returned, he was dead. He had been ill with asthma.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. James Wolf, and three sons, Thomas, Martin and James Williams.

Services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Wednesday at the Jordan funeral home, 1550 Brookside ave. Burial will be in Washington park. He was 59 and worked at the RCA.

SIEGEL ANNOUNCES FOR LEGISLATURE

Milton Siegel, Indianapolis attorney, has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for state representative from Marion county.

Although active in G. O. P. affairs, Mr. Siegel has never sought public office before. He lives at 5665 Winthrop ave.

LIFT PALESTINE CURFEW

JERUSALEM, April 3 (U. P.).—British authorities last night lifted the curfew which was ordered in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa March 24 after a series of disorders resulted in the deaths of nine British constables.

DETAIL FOR TODAY

Mail Call

MAIL CALL is the most important item of every soldier's day. If the folks back home could witness but one MAIL CALL, they probably would firmly resolve to write every single day. It is incredible to hear a soldier argue with the mail orderly when told there is nothing for him today. He won't take "no" for an answer. There MUST be something—will the orderly please look again. Mail orderlies are appointed for their unlimited resource of patience. And here's a plug for all servicemen: write the boys as often as you possibly can! It does them more good than anything you can imagine!

DEAN COURSES SET

Dean William H. Crawford of the Indiana university dentist school in Indianapolis today was invited by Michigan health authorities to conduct a series of refresher courses under a program to improve dental practice in the state.

They found 3135 persons guilty of jaywalking, while the last time there were 3237. This was a decrease of 3 per cent.

Noting an improvement in motorist habits, the Scouts counted 411 drivers turning right or left into pedestrian traffic, a decrease of 58 per cent from the former figure of 982.

The boys who made the survey were from Troops 19, 68, 45, 63, 72, 123, 133, 62, 3 and 48. Homer T. Vits, Scout executive, was in charge. Capt. Thomas Schlottman, head of the police traffic division, instructed the boys, with City Traffic Engineer James C. Hallitt assisting.

Pedestrian Violations of Traffic Rules Record Drop

With policemen perched on every corner to whistle down pedestrians who want to cross against the light, the number of violators has decreased 58.2 per cent in the last month.

However, jaywalkers are still getting away with their law-breaking. This is what 40 Boy Scouts found out Saturday when they surveyed the downtown area in connection with the "Safety Now" campaign to reduce pedestrian deaths and injuries. Their last survey was made Feb. 26.

The boys on duty at four main intersections chalked up 5368 persons crossing against the red light as compared with 12,447 a month ago—a 58.2 per cent decrease.

CITY COUNCIL FACES FIGHT ON PATRONAGE

Move to Shift Power of Appointments From Mayor Challenged.

A bitter administration-council contest loomed today over the city council's attempt to strip Mayor Tyndall of certain patronage powers and redelegate them to City Clerk Frank J. Noll Jr.

Corporation Counsel Sidney S. Miller, in an opinion on the measure, introduced last month, termed the maneuver "void and objectionable."

In the ordinance the city council attempts to vest in Clerk Noll the privilege of appointing four attorneys who would recify all city ordinances since 1925. This action came after the council disputed with Mayor Tyndall over prospective appointees to the codification jobs.

In his lengthy opinion Mr. Miller cited numerous statutes specifically delegating all city appointive powers to Mayor Tyndall and added:

States Objection

"This ordinance is clearly an effort on the part of the legislative body of the city to usurp the powers of the executive and by so doing the city clerk with certain powers which the council does not possess; it further attempts to enlarge the statutory powers of the clerk."

Referring to a state law covering powers of the city council, Mr. Miller continued, "There is no provision in this act empowering the council to make any appointment such as is indicated in this ordinance. You will note that the council can only require an executive or administrative function to be performed by the proper executive department."

The statutes do not include the city clerk's office as a department or the clerk as an executive of the city."

A hot debate on the controversial ordinance is expected at tonight's city council session.

ITCC Evacuates 160,000 Soldiers

MORE THAN 160,000 wounded and sick allied servicemen were evacuated by the troop carrier command throughout the world last year, Col. Ralph T. Stevenson, ITCC air surgeon at Stout field, said today.

Only 11 persons died in flight, he said. He reported that aircraft reduced to one hour a difficult problem in evacuation in Africa that had required 22 hours by train.

Troop ships contributed considerably to the tactical success of every major land offensive by helping keep overland roads clear for movements, he said.

RAYMOND F. MURRAY SEEKS SENATE POST

Raymond F. Murray, Indianapolis attorney, who was the Democratic nominee for prosecuting attorney here in 1926 and 1928, has filed for the Democratic nomination for state senator from Marion county.

Mr. Murray said he would stand squarely on the platform of his party and that if elected he would work for economy and efficiency in government.

A special agent of Secretary of War Newton D. Baker during the first world war, Mr. Murray has been engaged in the practice of law here since 1912. He enlisted as a private in the 82nd aviation squadron, being promoted to the rank of sergeant major.

BOMBERGER, LAWYER OF HAMMOND, TO TALK

Louden L. Bomberger, Hammond, chairman of the judicial selection and tenure committee of the Indiana State Bar association, will speak at the Indianapolis association dinner at 6:15 p. m. Wednesday at the Columbia club.

He will discuss a plan for taking the selection of judges out of politics.

DESTROYER CREW CITED

WASHINGTON, April 3 (U. P.).—The U. S. destroyer O'Bannon has been awarded the presidential unit citation for its outstanding performance in combat against the Japanese during the 12 months from Oct. 7, 1942 to Oct. 7, 1943, the navy announced today.

Charles Roush Seeks Election

IN ANNOUNCING his candidacy for the nomination of sheriff on the Republican ticket, Charles (Chick) Roush said he was asking the public to nominate a man "absolutely

control."

Mr. Roush, 53, lives at 1612 Brookside ave. He served in the Aero squadron in France during the last war and was wounded.

If nominated, he said he would give the public an efficient, vigorous and businesslike administration. He is now a defense worker at Allison's. He is a member of the American Legion and the 101 Bible class of the Baptist church.

PHELPS FILES AGAINST GILLE

4th District Congressman Challenged as Late Entries Arrive.

G. O. P. Congressman George W. Gille of Ft. Wayne drew opposition in his bid to win renomination from the fourth district. It was learned today, when the declaration of candidacy of State Senator Charles A. Phelps reached the statehouse.

Declarations of candidacy, mailed before the deadline Saturday night, were pouring into the secretary of state's office today.

Among Marion county residents filing Saturday were Superior Court Judge Judson L. Stark for the Republican nomination for congress in the 11th district, and Joseph O. Hoffman, 2017 N. Pennsylvania st., for the Democratic nomination of circuit judge here.

Other Late Filings

Late Republican filings for nomination for state representative were Harold W. Geisel, 3734 Ruckle st.; Harry D. Hasfield, 5033 E. New York st.; Milton Siegel, 5665 Winthrop ave.; O. Hayes Mendenhall, 1437 Park ave., and Frank R. Beckwith, 1935 Bellefontaine st.

Democrats filing for state senator were Raymond F. Murray, 2422 Guilford ave.; E. Louis Moore, 813 W. 29th st., and Robert E. Kirby, 4352 Broadway.

Democrats filing for state representative were Herbert C. Wadsworth, R. R. 14, Box 545; Lee A. Miles, 2428 Martindale ave.; Keith L. Johns, 39 W. 46th st.;