

8 Army Dogs Lead Patrols That Account for 200 Japs

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WAR DOG CENTER, San Carlos, Cal., April 20.—Eight dogs, trained at army remount centers and sent overseas nine months ago as an experiment, led patrols which accounted for 200 Japs, proving themselves the best of warriors, the army disclosed today.

"Not a dog, soldier or marine was lost in the action involving the first contingent of dogs in the patrol actions, and man-dog teams proved more than a match for Japanese jungle treachery."

The record of the dogs was brought to Col. F. W. Koester, in charge of the war dog center here, by six of the first American soldiers to use dogs in combat.

"The dogs proved extremely valuable in sniffing out Japs lurking in the deep jungles and as messengers."

The soldiers and dogs, sharing the same foxholes, eating the same rations and sharing precious

drinking water, usually worked in pairs in advance of other troops.

Sgt. Arthur N. Tyler of Livingston Manor, N. Y., half of the team of "Duke Can Do, and Tyler, Too," told how he and his dog Duke, a handsome German shepherd, led a reconnoitering patrol south of Cape Gloucester, New Britain.

"Duke alerted at three Japs ahead, eating in the middle of a trail," he said. "We surprised the Japs and took care of them. Another time, Duke and I were within 15 yards of Japs and they didn't know it."

"About Jan. 15 at Cape Gloucester, Duke and I were with a patrol getting information on Jap activity. We reached a river bank and saw tracks. Duke alerted and I spotted a large number of Japs."

"They were only 50 feet away from us in the jungle, and too large a group for us to tackle. Our patrol back-tracked and got away despite attempts to ambush us."

Sgt. Menzo Brown, Middletown, N. Y., told with pride of the time he and Sandy, another shepherd, were with a marine assault com-

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J. Ward

Sgt. JOHN D. WARD of Camp Monroe, Va., with his wife, is visiting here. Sgt. Ward is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ward, 1024 Bellefontaine st.

Pvt. WILLIAM FARIS, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Faris, 3303 E. 33rd st., is in basic training at Sheppard field, Tex.

pany pushing toward the vital Cape Gloucester air strip on Dec. 28.

"We were advancing on the beach when Japanese pill boxes began to fire, holding up the advance," he said. "Heavy rain put the radios out of order, so I dispatched Sandy alone to take a message giving the location of the pillboxes to our artillery."

Pupils Set Up Factory To Do Their Part for Victory

By NEA Service
YELLOW SPRINGS, O., April 20.—Seven typical teen-age American kids—some with pig-tails, most with freckles—have built themselves a war plant here which is busy turning out, at a nice profit, articles used in building aircraft for the armed forces.

They seem to be building a future for themselves, too, with war bonds—and no juvenile delinquency problem.

The youngsters, ranging from a bashful girl of 13 to her tow-haired brother, 17, are all officers of "Reinforcement Specialists," as the company is called.

A juke box plays swing music while the Specialists produce wire mesh supports for plaster molds which are used by another factory for making Allison aircraft engine parts.

The "factory" is two rooms in an elementary grade school for which they pay \$10 a month rent. There the kids built work benches and installed about \$100 worth of equipment which they bought on

the installment plan and paid for with the money from their first order. The Specialists worked without wages for the first month.

When orders first came in from the Antloch Foundry Co., the kids paid themselves a modest 35 cents an hour until they had a backlog of orders and a working capital, just like big companies.

Fully aware of the incentive plan, as practiced by their larger contemporaries, they raised their wage to 45 cents an hour, pay themselves a bonus of \$10 every other month, and have sailed away an amazing \$1100 in the company's name.

The Specialists in order of their age are: Donald Amon, 17, the old man of the group, who expects to enter the army shortly after his 18th birthday next January; Helen Squires, 16, attractive president of the company; Ann Reed, 15, secretary-treasurer; Charmie DeVine, 15, vice president in charge of supplies; Mary Brannum, 15, vice president in charge of the juke box; Philip Henderson and Ann Amon, both 13.

Overseas



Clyde England

Pvt. CLYDE E. ENGLAND is with the marine corps in the South Pacific. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred England, 529 W. Morris st.

Pvt. THOMAS E. RAMSEY, son of Mrs. Mary Beck, 703 S. Keystone ave., entered the service a year ago Friday. Overseas since October, he is in Italy and has recently been transferred to the medical battalion.

Heavy Smokers Seen More Susceptible to Lung Ailments

By Science Service
LONDON, April 20.—Heavy smokers are six times more likely to develop complications of the lungs following a abdominal operation than non-smokers, reports Dr. H. J. V. Morton, Hillingdon county hospital, Middlesex, in the Lancet, medical journal here.

In a study of 1257 cases of abdominal operation, Dr. Morton grouped patients into three categories: 1. Smokers (those who took more than 10 cigarettes or one-half ounce of tobacco daily); 2. Light smokers, and 3. Non-smokers.

"Smoking seems definitely to increase the risk of complication causing constitutional disturbance," Dr. Morton contends.

Many smokers, it may be assumed, suffer from chronic inflammation of both trachea and bronchi, he points out. Under normal circumstances, the condition may be without symptoms and often overlooked. After an abdominal operation, however, "restriction of efficient coughing brings about stagnation of bronchial secretion."

"The secretion accumulates and

becomes infected and purulent and true bronchitis may follow. Where there is little or no post-operative interference with vital capacity or coughing, this succession of events is probably avoided at the outset."

Post-operative pulmonary complications are more common in men than in women, and may be accounted for by man's greater dependence on diaphragmatic breathing, his normal respiration thus being more disturbed after an abdominal operation.

"A greater incidence of chronic infection of the respiratory tract in men associated with outdoor work in all weathers has been suggested," Dr. Morton says.

"It has also been suggested that women have a higher immunity because of the hardening they undergo as the result of modern dress."

"Habitual pipe smoking has far less significance than cigarette smoking," Dr. Morton observed.

"When abdominal operations are contemplated, it is advisable for smokers to stop or reduce their smoking as a precaution against pulmonary complications."

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