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## Seven Community Soldiers Now In Africa

### FROM THE SOLDIERS

Fort Bragg, North Carolina  
Every Army outfit has received a write-up in the Victory Bulletin except the Air-Borne Engineers. We are the Marines and the Commandos combined, we are the fastest and most alert troops in the world and our hike is almost always double time. Here is something about us.

After landing, we invade with nothing more than small weapons and jeeps and have to capture the rest of the equipment for the accomplishment of our mission from the enemy. Our assignment is one of the most dangerous in the Army. Before our side invades behind enemy territory with gliders and planes, we come in and publicize our arrival so as to cause the enemy to scatter troops and weaken defense lines. Then the other divisions come into the fighting.

Besides our regular army training, we are being taught to build bridges and demolish them, drive trucks and jeeps, take weapons apart and fix them and handle every possible weapon.

I'm proud to be in the 82nd Air-Borne Division for it is the best division of its kind anywhere and I love adventure and excitement. Our division has great responsibilities but I can't go into details because of military secrecy. But here is something the Germans can know. America has the best air-borne troops in the world and they'll be finding out more about them soon.

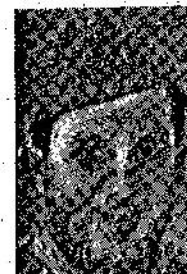
Private Joseph Saidish

Lowry Field, Colorado.

Tell me, just when did you last eat a banana? Well, I had one this morning with my breakfast of a quart of milk, corn flakes, eggs, whole wheat bread, plenty of butter and lots more. We eat the best food served in the whole gosh-darned country.

If the boys back home still have a choice about the branch of the armed service they want, I want to urge them to choose the Air Corps. They train you better, treat you better, and you have a choice between becoming an

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With the American forces in North Africa are (Left—Top to Bottom) Private Mishaan, Private Hob, Private Saidish and (Right—Top to Bottom) Sgt. Ashcar, Private Sasson and Sgt. Hetney. No pictures of Corp. Mazria were available in time for this edition.

### Ladies' Group Sponsoring Card Party On Saturday Night, January 9

A card party and dutch supper is being sponsored by the Ladies Sisterhood on Saturday night, January 9, at the Jewish Community House. Proceeds of the affair will go towards the purchase of a mobile clinic for our brave Russian ally.

The price of admission is one dollar.

A mobile clinic is a small hospital on wheels used for performing otherwise impossible operations and for caring for wounded soldiers. These units have helped save thousands of

At least seven boys from this community are now somewhere in North Africa, first letters to home indicate. An eighth was aboard an American aircraft carrier which protected the huge, history-making convoy to Africa.

The soldiers are: Sergeant Joseph Heiney, Private Jonah Mishaan, Private Ralph Saidish, Private Hyman Sasson, Corporal Abe Mazria, Private Isaac Hob and Sergeant EH Ashcar who was promoted from the rank of Corporal after his arrival.

Aviation Machinist's Mate Morris Jerome, nineteen years old and in the U. S. Navy for two years, was a member of the crew of one of the carriers.

"I cannot express to you how happy the people are to have us Americans here in North Africa," said Private Saidish, "and I'm having a grand time with all the natives who speak Arabic. They were very surprised to hear me speak their language."

Private Jonah Mishaan who "is doing a lot of interpreting" with his M.P. unit wrote, "Que family here has been killing us with kindness. They're Sam Benzaki and family. They're always inviting us for dinner and we're having a swell time. After being here for over a month, we finally received some New York papers and read all about our conquest of North Africa."

Tangible evidence of what the home-front can do to bolster a soldier's morale was found in Sergeant Ashcar's letter who wrote the Girls Junior League, "First mail from the States celebrated here like a national holiday—included your wonderful gift

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lives on United Nations battlefields around the world.

The Sisterhood urges every man and woman in the community to attend the card party and appeals to members of the community to avoid running parties or gatherings that night.

Remember—Saturday night, January 9,—8:30 p.m.—Admission is one dollar and refreshments will be served.

FORGET THE TRIP TO FLORIDA THIS  
YEAR—THE ARMY NEEDS THE  
RAILROADS

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## Two Men In Uniform And December 6 Rally

Two friends, one in the khaki of the United States Army and the other in the blue of the United States Navy, walked in to the rally which their community's home-front was sponsoring on December 6. Each had to catch a train that night to return to his respective quarters and as a result, they were unable to stay for the whole rally. But in the few minutes that they did stay, they saw something that more than two hundred of their comrades in arms from this community, many, thousands of miles from home, would have been proud to witness.

They saw a synagogue that was jammed with men, women and children. They saw many a misty eye when taps were blown in honor of the dead of Pearl Harbor and they saw many a face determined to do everything possible on the home-front to help avenge that year-old attack.

The two men in uniform left before half the program had been completed. They did not hear the pledges of ten thousand, five thousand, three thousand and one thousand dollars in war bonds and they did not see the green applications for bonds of twenty-five, fifty, one hundred and five hundred dollar denominations.

To the four organizations which helped to make the rally a success, the Magen David Congregation, the Ladies' Auxiliary, the Community Junior League and the Girls Junior League, we of the staff send our congratulations and our hopes that the four organizations will co-operate and work together more and more often in the future.

If all in our community would work and fight on the home-front as some of the members of these organizations work and fight, our community would be well on the way to becoming a model American home-front community.

## In The Mail-Box

### To The Editors:

Please convey my thanks to the Girls Junior League for their recent gift package and also my hope that they will carry on with their good deeds and their great work.

I have been fighting Fascism all my life. This time, with arms, I know that we shall exterminate the Hitlerite beasts wherever they may be. We here are very envious of the heroic fight of the Red Army and our only hope is to be able to emulate them. We will. And, hand in hand with the common people of all nations, we will win the war and win the peace.

Forward to Victory,

Sergt. Isaac Zafrani,  
Somewhere in the Pacific.

### To The Editors:

I read the five items on the truth

## We Must Win the War And Win the Peace

A meaningless and empty victory will have been won by the millions of humanity's men in arms if the winning of the war and the crushing of the military might of Fascism is not followed by a victory of the peace and the total destruction of Fascism, its causes and its vestiges. Admittedly, the job now is to concentrate on winning the war but we must nevertheless begin to prepare, by thought and by action, wherever possible, for the battle of the peace.

In a way, the battle for the people has already begun. On the one side are such American leaders as Roosevelt, Wallace and Winant who would insure freedom from economic want to all mankind, who would lay the foundation for a world that is free from the fear of Fascism and continuous warfare, a world where men of all colors and all continents would live their natural lives in peace and happiness, from the cradle to the grave, and a world whose magnificent natural resources and tremendous productive powers would be turned to the good of all, to keeping the peace and not to making tools of war.

On the other side is the group that includes such newspapers as the Daily News which has already begun to discredit all efforts to organize the world for peace, so-called statesmen like Herbert Hoover who would extend a breathing-spell to the broken remnants of Fascism when the fighting is over so that they can recover during what he calls a "conditional peace" period, our old isolationist elements who caused us to withdraw behind two

oceans while Fascism was growing and who can be counted on to urge us to bring our Army and Navy back home the same day that fighting ends so as to stop us from finishing the job and dealing the death-blow to Fascism, and certain business interests who would use our victory to turn this into an American business man's century rather than a Century of the Common Man everywhere, a century where we would attempt to dominate the world economically, alone, or, with one of our allies, and thus lay the basis for another world conflict.

Private Isaac Ashkenazi.

(Ed. Note—Private Ades' letter was enthusiastically received both by the folks here at home and by the soldiers in the camps. Ades is overseas in the Atlantic now and when he receives this issue, this is to let him know that it was really a wonderful letter.)

### To The Editors:

I know quite a few boys overseas and a few that are still in this country who have neither received a gift  
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The fighting war in which we are engaged at the moment is so "total" that we must continue to wage this war relentlessly and with everything we have but we must prepare and not be caught un-armed for the second and inevitable fight to win the peace. We can begin by recognizing the following as basic truths, some peculiar to our day and age and some as old as our American Constitution.

First, man everywhere is equal and is entitled to the benefits of life. Man includes the Chinese, the Negro, the Ethiopian, and, yes, the Germans and the Japanese, when their minds have been depoisoned.

Second, Fascism is the present enemy of mankind and Hitler, Mussolini and Tojo are but its products who were brought into power to hold down the economically discontent. Fascism, and eventually, War, hence breed wherever there is discontent.

Thirdly, there is enough on this earth to feed all two billion of us and to give every one of us a decent living and when freedom from economic want is made a reality, then, and only then, will we avoid sending another generation to war.

## Roll Of Honor

Pvt. JACK BALLAS, A.C.R.D., Kelly Field, Texas  
 Pvt. VICTOR BALLAS, Co. C, 1st Bn. S.C.R.T.C., Camp Kohler, Sacramento, California  
 Pvt. LEON H. CHALOM, Co. A., 783rd M.P. Bn., Eks. 1449, Fort Custer, Michigan  
 Pvt. EDDIE CHOUKEKE, Btry. B, 263rd C.A., Fort Moultrie, Georgia  
 Pvt. JOSEPH COHEN, Co. C, 812 T.D. Bn. Camp Bowie, Texas  
 Pvt. MEYER COHEN, Co. C, Plat. 4, 7th Med. Bn., Camp Pickett, Virginia  
 Sgt. NORMAN J. COHEN, Hq. Co., 34d Bn. 337th Inf., Camp Shelby, Miss.  
 Pvt. SAM COHEN, Trn'g Co. No. 1, South Post, Fort Myer, Virginia  
 Corp. MAURICE D. DOUEK, Co. C Mdets, Eks. 247, O'Reilly Gen'l. Hosp., Springfield, Mo.  
 Pvt. CHARLES S. DWECK, Hangar "L", Flight "O", Randolph Field, Texas  
 AL DWECK, S/2/c/ U. S. Maritime Service, Sheephead Bay, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 Pvt. MAX S. FRANCO, School Squadron 648, Eks. No. 2655, Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin  
 Pvt. MOSES HARARY, 926 T.S.S. (SP) Flight B. B. 237, Atlantic City, N. J.  
 Pvt. ABE MALEH, Co. E, Regt. Q.M.T.R.C., Fort Warren, Wyoming  
 Pvt. EZRA C. MAMIYE, 1132 T.T.S.-T.C. No. 9, Flight 116, Miami Beach, Fla.  
 Pvt. MORRIS M. MARCUS, 754 Eng. Ry. Bn., E.U.T.C., Co. A, Camp Claiborne, La.  
 Pvt. ABE MASSRE, 81st Batt., Med. Eng. Bn., Co. D, 2nd Plat., Camp Barkley, Texas  
 Pvt. JACK (MEHANA) LEVY, W.A. 152, Inf. A.P.O. No. 38, Camp Carrabelle, Florida  
 P.F.C. ISAAC M. MIZRAHI, Anti-Tank Co., 110th Inf., A. P. O. No. 28, Camp Livingston, La.  
 Pvt. JACK M. MIZRAHI, 2, Co. A, Tank Bn., Camp Rucker, Ala.  
 Pvt. RAFAEL M. MIZRAHI, 1134 T.S.S., (SP), Training Unit, Miami Beach, Florida  
 Pvt. SYDNEY NAJAR, Aloo Field, Victoria, Kansas  
 Pvt. ABE SAFDIA, Co. B, 2nd Plat., 14th Batt., Camp Wheeler, Georgia  
 Pvt. JACK Y. SENIOR, Co. A, 323rd Eng. Div., 98 Div., Camp Breckinridge, Ky.  
 Pvt. A. SEROUYA, Co. B, 24th Bn. B.I.R.T.C., 7th Regt. Fort McClellan, Virginia  
 Pvt. SAM SEROUYA, Btry. B., 454 C.A. Bn. (A.W.), Camp Stewart, Georgia  
 Pvt. SAM SHABOT, 448 B.Hq. Air Base Sqdn. Strather Army Air Field, Winfield, Kansas.  
 P.F.C. HAROLD SUTTON, Co. K, Candidate Class, Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia  
 Lieut. JOSEPH SUTTON, c/o Quartermaster Depot, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 Pvt. MOSES SITTON, 1131 T.S.S., E.T.C. 9, A.A.F.S.T.U., Miami Beach, Florida  
 Pvt. RALPH SUTTON, 934, Co. G, 13R, Camp Lee, Virginia

## The Home-Front Fights, Pledges \$60,000 In Bonds At Dec. 6 Rally

Over sixty thousand dollars more in war bonds was pledged by the people of our community at the victory rally held last December 6 to commemorate our first year of war. The rally was one of the most successful ever held in our community.

Speakers included Mr. Sam Catton, the chairman and the representative of the Community Junior League who stressed the importance of Jewish Army for Stateless Jews, Mrs. Pearl Grobet speaking for the Women's Division of the American Red Cross, Mr. Frank Serri of the C.D.V.O. who, in referring to the Darlan incident in Africa said that "we are not fighting to make this world safe for respectable Nazi-Fascists," Miss Stella Sardell, President of the Girls Junior League, and Mr. Morris Felder of the U. S. Treasury Department who, with Mr. Isaac Shalom, conducted the sale of bonds.

At the end of the rally, many donors signed cards for appointments to give their blood and many women were enrolled in knitting groups and Red Cross bandage work.

The four major organizations in the community, the Magen David Congregation, the Ladies Sisterhood, the Community Junior League and the Girls Junior League worked together on the rally.

### With the Railroad Engineers

Private Morris Marcus of El Paso, Texas, whose brother, Clem, is overseas in the Pacific, enlisted with the Railroad Engineers and is now stationed at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana.

### Sarge in Chemical Warfare

Sergeant Samuel S. Franco, stationed at Smart Airport, Macon, Georgia, is now in the Army's Chemical Warfare Service.

## Girls' New Leaders Conduct Survey Of Membership

The new officers of the Girls Junior League elected last month have now assumed their new duties and a new plan to better assign the members of the club to war work and other activities is under way.

Survey cards have been given to each member and eventually the plan calls for forming mutual interest groups such as drama groups and sports groups besides the usual war committees. The drama group, incidentally, has already begun work on a play which it hopes to produce in the near future.

The G.J.L. has also decided to acknowledge in some way hereafter all marriages, engagements, birthdays and blessed events of all members and ex-members. Members of the club in good standing, according to another decision of the girls, will soon be receiving club pins.

Miss Stella Sardell, the new president of the organization, is confident that, beginning with the new year, the G.J.L. will continue its fine work on behalf of the community and on behalf of the community's soldiers.

## Boys' Organization Elects Officers

Ten officers were elected by the members of the Community Junior League in the annual election held on Saturday, December 6. The new committee is for the year 1943.

The ten new executive committee members, four of them re-elected for the second consecutive year, are Abe Shamah, Sam Catton, Joe Beyda, Jack Ashkenazi, Raymond Abady, Bert Levy, Isaac Tawil, Meyer Saffel, Ralph Tawil and David Salem and Meyer Saff, who tied for tenth.

### It's The Brother Act Again

Sam and Joe Nahem, the baseball pitching brothers, are now in the U. S. Army, both having been inducted on November 23. Sam is temporarily a Military Policeman at Grand Central Palace and Joe is at Camp Upton awaiting shipment.

Big Sam, of the Philadelphia Phillies during the 1942 season and formerly with the Dodgers and the Cardinals, is happy at the change in uniform and, needless to say, will not spare the beanballs when and if he meets up with the Axis beasts.

## Service-Star Families

### Three Hard-Hitting Mizrahi Boys Are All In Army "Action" Units

By MEYER SAFDIÉH

The hard-hitting Mizrahi brothers, who have the flaming red hair which goes to make tough fighting men, can be sure to see plenty of action. Private Jack is a tank man. Private Ike is in an anti-tank division and Private Ralph is in a special technical training unit of the Army Air Corps.

Ike's Army job is an adventurous one. In conjunction with an anti-tank unit, he goes far in advance of attacking units in a radio scout car and reports the presence and the movements of the enemy mechanized forces. Now stationed at Camp Livingston, Louisiana, he is going through the finishing touches of training and after being in the Army for over nine months is expecting to be in combat soon.

Soldier Jack is the talented brother who writes popular songs, a dozen of which are in publishers' hands, the best one being a ditty called "Bright Stars." He was a soldier of production before putting on a uniform. He can paint, not on walls like Hitler, but on canvas, draws and drafts blueprints. Jack is at Camp Rucker, Alabama.

And now for Private Ralph Mizrahi,

secretly called The Forger, who forged his mother's name so that he could be accepted as a volunteer at the age of seventeen and a half. It seems that he couldn't wait for the "bureaucracy" of the draft, fearing that the war would be over too soon for him to share in part of the glory. He too was a defense worker, building ships in Connecticut. His sister, Helen, says of him, "He'd rather fight than eat but when he eats, as he wrote in one of his letters, he would like to have kibbeh and mil-shée—not too well done."

The jolly, smiling red-haired mother of the three fighting young Americans, who also has a grandson in the armed forces, described her sons' various traits in words to this effect: "Isaac is a sort of quiet boy. Jack did good work in school and is a handyman. Ralph, the little devil, left a path of many empty feminine hearts behind him when he left that defense plant."

Mrs. Murad Mizrahi added that a fourth son, Dave, is due to go soon. Like all mothers, her natural instincts make her feel sad at their going but "they'll do all right and we'll win," she says.

## Looking at The World . . . . .

The whole world, spell-bound, is watching the breath-taking developments of the great Russian winter offensive. The Red Army in its lightning sweep across the Don Plains is slowly driving back the Nazi hordes and taking a tremendous toll of Nazi men and machines.

The entire German army in the Caucasus is being threatened with a three-pronged drive by the Russians on Rostov, the Nazis' key supply base in Southern Russia. Other Russian offensives west of Moscow, north from Nalchik and west from Stalingrad are also continuing.

Many of Hitler's key points of resistance along the three thousand mile Russian front are still in Nazi hands but it must be remembered that the Red Army generals' primary aim is always to kill Nazis first and then to storm positions of importance.

In Africa, the vise is slowly closing on the Axis army. From the west, the British Eighth Army is moving up men and supplies for the smashing thrust to Tripoli while from the west, the Anglo-American-French army

moves into position to launch the final attack in Tunisia.

Australian and American jungle-fighters, fighting under General MacArthur, continued slowly to cut the remaining Jap units in eastern New Guinea to bits.

A limited offensive, whose aim is to help keep the Chinese in the war and to re-open some supply lines if possible was launched by General Wavell this month. So far, not much news has come from Burma.

1942 comes to a close with the United Nations pressing the offensive on all fronts and with the second land front in Europe on the way. And though victory is now coming into sight, it is still a long way off and the road to victory is still a hard one with many battles yet to be fought and many casualties yet to come.

### In Radio Operator School

Private Samuel Ashear Cohen is attending a radio operators and mechanics school at Scott Field, Illinois. When he graduates, he will be put in a bomber combat crew.

## Civilian Defense

*Civilian of The Month*—In the daytime, petite, dark-haired Fortuna Tawill works at a defense plant making mosquito bars (nets) for army tents. In her spare time, besides sleeping, she is an air raid warden, serves as a secretary at her zone headquarters five nights a week, is a minute-woman for the Treasury Department and corresponds with six boys in the armed services. She has tried to give blood to the Red Cross but she is too young. And there, sisters, is a record to be proud of.

*A battalion of Syrian girls is rushing down to the Empire State Building to join the National Women's Security Corps. Pep Dabah was the first girl in uniform and now Shirley Betesh, Marion Beyda, Ray Dlashy and Norma Dweck are some of the girls who have joined. The girls have military drills once a week.*

*Honor Roll of the Month*—Air Wardens—Mr. David Sutton, Mr. Raymond Boyda, Miss Harriet Cohen and Miss Sara Maleh.

*Attention, Everyone!*—On Tuesday and Wednesday, January 12 and 13, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., you can join hundreds of home-front fighters who are going to donate their blood to help save an American soldier's life at the Jewish Community House. Make an appointment beforehand and remember that you help the fight when you give a pint.

## MEET THE STAFF

Esther Sardell, the efficient and dependable Secretarial Manager of the Victory Bulletin, is different from the rest of the staff in one respect. She knows the value of silence. At meetings, she is to be seen thoughtfully curled up in the corner of an armchair, listening and venturing a suggestion only at long-drawn intervals.

She adores the rhumba, detests hot dogs and cooking is right up her alley with baking as her

specialty.

Esther devotes all her spare time to the war effort and is on every important G.I.L. committee. Her one ambition is to see America in a trailer, after the war, of course, and she's at present working as a salesgirl.



# Hi, Peepul

By MARGE LABATON

New Year's won't be the same this year. The lights are dimmed, the days in uniform are miles away and frankly I'm worried—about the boys (and what girl isn't?) and about the lack of gossip during the coming twelve months. . . . But let's try to fill this column anyway. . . . Handsome young lecturer at a recent Girls Junior League meeting caused the otherwise unruly girls to hold their most orderly meeting in their two-year history. At the meeting's end, after a mad scramble, Ray Dishy and Sarah Marcus succeeded in grabbing the only two pictures of him available. . . . What girl was accompanied by newly-commissioned Lieutenant Victor Shalom to the Stork Club?

Esther Attie showed a certain sweater to so many people this past month that word got around that it was an authentic Lana Turner sweater. Actually, it was something that she had knit for Emile Helfon. . . . It isn't spring, but love's in bloom for Ray Nesser and Simon Cohen. . . . Staff-member Adele Nahem, when asked where she got her new fur coat, quickly came back with, "I met a wolf and I skinned him." . . . ouch! . . . The army certainly has made a man (or a wolf?) out of Private Ben Rishty. Instead of dating one girl, he dates five at a time. . . . Shortage of Chinese handkerchiefs has caused one retail store magnate to use monogrammed Kleenex. . . . What next? . . . Private Morris Shamie of Camp Hood, Texas, writes to the G.I.L.—"Allah yee-salem dahyatkon. Allah yuhteekon il alyeh."

Meyers' is the new hang-out these nights. Mothers seeking their 16 year old daughters there should come prepared with a ten cent "cover" charge. . . . Gigi thought Maxie stood her up. Maxie thought Gigi stood him up. Inside information is that Gigi's bell didn't ring. It was busted. Gigi ought to have her bell fixed. . . . Iris Ades reported going out steady. But with who? . . . Boys who are attending Signal Corps schools have gone back to their school days. They cheat on tests, do homework on the subways (no more Bulcks) and bring linen handkerchiefs to their teachers before every important exam. . . . Private Harry J. Franco, after receiving his gift package said in a letter, "It was swell. Next time send some 'lah'm bajeen."

**SOLDIER TID-BITS**—(being a now-addition to the column) —Soldier visitors to the home-town during the past month included Lieutenants Raymond Sultan and Al Labaton, Ralph Tebele, Leon Shamie, Ben Rishty, Bob Gemal, Lou Franco, Abo Ades and Jack Giudi. . . . Private David Beyda of Fort Eustis, Virginia, misses Fifth Avenue linen shops so much that he dreamt he was working in one the other night. . . . Private Murray Levy of Camp Wheeler, Georgia, was heard on noon of Christmas Day on station WINS sending greetings to

his family. . . . The degree of M.M.B.S. (Masterful Morale-Boosters of Soldiers) was conferred on our girls club by Private Charles S. Dweck in a letter from Randolph Field, Texas, which was bristling with four and five-syllable words. . . . Good old "Doc" Ashear, now in Africa, built himself a little hut on the field where he is stationed there. He built his own shelves for his personal belongings and his lighting system is an old discarded kerosene lamp which once adorned a French carriage.

The first of a series of hen parties (all-girl parties to the uninformed) was given by Esther Sutton and proved to be a surprising success. . . . P.S.—Hot chocolate prepared by Max Sutton hit the spot. . . . Fred Lantado and Abe Antebi are now both minus their moustaches. . . . Sir Stork did all the work this month while Cupid took a vacation. As you'll probably notice, "Milestones" is all births and no marriages this month. . . . Happy New Year. . . . To everybody, everywhere. . . . To men in the service and the folks at home.

## Private Ancona Drew Prize War Posters

"This Is The Enemy" and "The People Are On The March," two of the prize-winning posters in the National War Poster Competition which are being prominently displayed in leading newspapers and magazines throughout the land, are the product in part of a "local boy," the rising young artist Victor Ancona. Since drawing the posters with his business partner, Ancona has joined the armed forces and is now at Fort Totten.

"The People Are On the March" shows strong fists, clenched and lifted high, tightly holding the instruments of steel by which the enemies of humanity will meet their destruction, the pitch-fork, the wrench and the rifle. The other poster depicts the grim spectacle of a murdered man hanging from a scaffold reflected in the monocle of a cruel and bloodless Nazi officer.

**FREE MEN BUY BONDS—HITLER'S SLAVES WEAR THEM**

## Milestones

**BORN**—To Mr. and Mrs. Morris Beyda, a baby boy—To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gindl, a baby boy—To Mr. and Mrs. Elle Ashear, a baby girl—To Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gemal, a baby boy—To Mr. and Mrs. David Sankary, a baby girl—To Mr. and Mrs. David Dayan, a baby girl—To Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Phillips, a baby girl—To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Georgian, a baby girl—To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Nahem, a baby boy—To Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Dayan, a baby boy—To Capt. and Mrs. Salamon Silvera, a baby boy.

## MAIL-BOX

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package nor a single issue of your Victory Bulletin. Why it is that the names of the same soldiers are always repeated in your paper and why doesn't someone from your committee make it their effort to find out the names of the boys who haven't received a gift or a paper?

A Constant Reader.

(Ed. Note—The above is only an excerpt from the beginning of a letter which continued along this same line for three pages charging us with discrimination against soldiers whose families were not "of the 400," among other things, and which ended with a "dare-you-to-print-this letter."

The charges are of course ridiculous and obviously written by a crank who refused to let himself—or, herself—known. If we had the space we would cite the dozens and dozens of instances where members of our staff visited families and wrote letters to check an address or even a change in address. We don't believe in separating people into "400's" and "non-400's." A human being is a human being and a man in uniform is a man in uniform, no matter how much income tax his family pays.

Ordinarily, we would completely disregard such a letter but we reprinted part of it for a reason. The person who wrote this letter is typical of a small percentage of people which still exists in our community which is ever ready to criticize but too lazy to work. If the writer knows of boys who aren't receiving the paper, the writer should have sent in the names and addresses instead of griping and complaining.)

## A Second Bay Parkway

"I'm pretty fortunate in having with me a few Syrian boys," writes Private Sam Serouya from Camp Stewart, Georgia. "They are Jack Braha, Joe H. Cohen, Joe Bijou, Louis Franco and Joe Rishty. I think there are more fellows here than there are on Bay Parkway."

## Ten Cent Raffle To Replenish Gift Fund Now Being Sold

Raffle-tickets at ten cents apiece are now being sold by members of the Girls Junior League in the club's efforts to re-fill its gift-package fund. Many of the soldiers who went into service during the last few weeks have not received packages because all previously available funds have been spent.

The Army Welfare Committee hopes not only to send gift-packages to all boys who have yet to receive one but also, if the money can be raised, to start sending a second package to every soldier.

Letters of thanks for the gift packages that were sent out during the months of November and December continued pouring in to the G.J.L. Private James Hunsney wrote from Panama, Aviation Cadet Abe Abadi from Santa Ana, California, Sergeant Raymond Tobias from the Army Air Base at Rapid City, South Dakota, Lieut. Edward Sasson from Camp Pickett, Virginia and Corporal Joe V. Dishy from Sedalia Field, Warrensburg, Missouri.

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package. Thanks especially for the chewing gum which I hadn't tasted since we left the U.S.A., the nuts you sent for which I had to stand on line for hours when I was on the ship, the fruit cake and all the other nice things."

Private Isaac Hob has gained plenty of weight, according to his letter, and he is "getting along fine" and "feeling fine." He is working in an officers' mess hall.

Apologizing for not having written for about a month because he was "kind of busy," Private "Hy" Sasson reported that wine in North Africa in some places costs less than the price of a New York evening paper and added in parentheses, "I think that's why I'm getting to like it."

"I am in excellent health and getting along very well," he continued, "and if the Russians continue their huge successes, who knows, I may be home for Bradley next year."

Sergeant Helney attached to a bombardment Squadron, in the U. S. Army Air Force, wrote to his parents, "When I get home, some day, I'll tell you all about it" and asked them to congratulate his sister, Paula, on her recent marriage.

"There's one thing sure," he added, "the people here like the arrival of us Americans."

Others who sent their thanks were Al Dweck of the U. S. Maritime Service, Private Clem Marcus, believed to be in Hawaii, Aviation Cadet Nathan Mann, San Antonio Pre-Flight School, Private Nathan Rudy of Chanute Field, Illinois, Private Jack W. Molchos, P.F.C. Joe Rishty, Camp Stewart, Georgia, P.F.C. Martin Eranl at Salinas, California, Private Jack Levy of Camp Blanding, Florida and Private Jack Levy, Camp Carrabelle, Florida.

And Second Class Seaman Martin Swede wrote, "I opened the package, saw and conga'd."

## Women Collect Clothes For Russian Relief

Thanks to the Ladies' Sisterhood and the Girls Junior League, a successful old clothes drive for the benefit of Russian War Relief was conducted on Sunday, December 13, and the result was that half a room in the Talmud Torah Annex was piled to the ceiling with the collected clothes.

Due to the present gasoline shortage, the women and girls were unable to visit every home in the community as planned and they now ask that every family whose home was not visited save its old clothes for the next drive which will be held just before Pass-over.

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## FROM THE SOLDIERS

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aerial gunner, radio operator, radio mechanic, cryptographer, aerial photographer, aircraft mechanic and even a chance to be a bombardier with a commission.

I am an aerial photographer and incidentally, I've got five eight by ten pictures of myself already.

When I go in to Denver, I never tell them that I'm from Brooklyn. They seem to be afraid of New Yorkers. What I do is tell them that I'm Arabian. You'd be surprised at how many of them never saw an Arabian in their life. And do they go for us "Arabians"!

Private Sid Antebi.

Chillicothe, Missouri.

If you get a chance to look at one of those huge maps of the U.S.A. which has every block in the whole country on it, look hard and you may find Chillicothe, Missouri. I'm going to an Army Air Force school here.

In his letter to this column last month, Sam Sutton told about singing in the ranks while he and his fellow soldiers marched on the boardwalk at Atlantic City. I laughed when I read that because it reminded me of the time a few weeks ago when we were asked to sing just to keep up the morale of the poor civilians who were watching us do hard work.

I was very happy to see my brother's picture in the Victory Bulletin. You can rest assured that with Joe Ash in New Guinea and his brother Abe Ash (that's me) in the Army Air Force, victory is on the way for the Allies. So long and give my regards to my public on the Parkway and to the gang that used to hang around the mailbox on 67th Street.

Private Abo Ashkenazi.

—NOTE—

All advertisements paid for and not yet used will definitely appear next month.

## Special Thanks For Two Contributions

We of the Victory Bulletin have received many fine letters of praise and many voluntary contributions of money. In the early days of the paper, these pats-on-the-back kept us going and caused us to work just a little harder every month to improve the next edition. After a while, however, we learned to take these complimentary letters in stride.

But in our mail this month were two unusual letters, each with a sizable check, which once again made us proud of the work we are doing.

One was from Mr. E. N. Khouri of 19 East 47th Street, technically not a member of our community, who sent in fifteen dollars "to be used for your worthy and interesting Bulletin and for gift packages to the boys in service."

And the other letter was from the "corner of Nuuanu and Paushi, Honolulu, T. H." from Maurice and Michael Jemal who included a thirty-dollar draft and said, "We are far away but we would like to do our part. Down here in Honolulu we occasionally see a soldier from Brooklyn. We know what a home-town paper does for a soldier's morale."