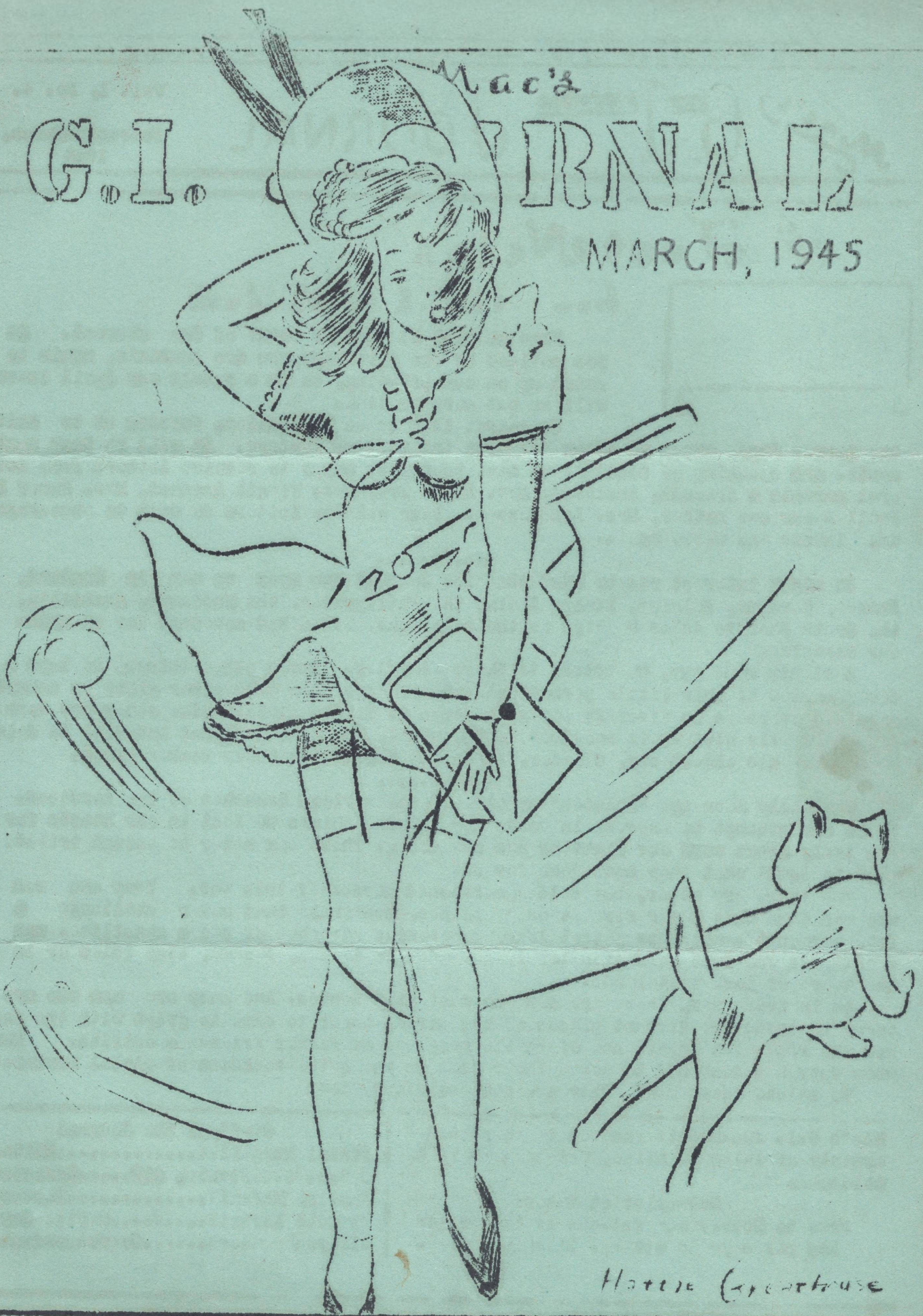


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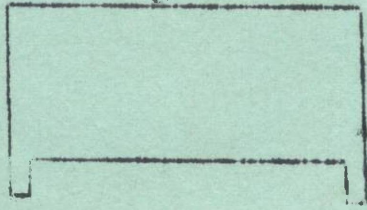
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Foot Notes

from the Editor's desk



Here at last is another issue of The Journal. As you noticed by the date-line, we are combining again to catch up on our printing, so as a result our April issue will be out more on time.

We regret this issue is smaller, forcing us to omit the Letter Page, which we think our most interesting feature. It will be back next month. And speaking of letters, we have been most happy to receive letters from several parents & friends, including Mrs. Alice Erb, Mrs. Virgil Leonard, Mrs. Homer McPhail & our own mother, Mrs. L.L. Lossen. Your welcome letters do much to encourage us. Thanks and write again.

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It might interest you to know that The Journal now goes to men in England, France, Germany, Belgium, Italy, India, the Philippines, the Marianas, Australia, the South Pacific isles & ships on the high seas. Not a bad coverage for an amateur magazine.

A mighty nice guy, we think, is George Bradley. Among other things, he buys a dozen copies of this little periodical and encloses them with other gifts to unknown soldiers overseas in aircraft parts he packs at Tinker Field. Like other war workers who really have their shoulder to the wheel, he has a personal interest in doing his best. His eldest son, Chester, is in the ETO with a heavy bomber group.

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We really mean the "Salutes" we give to the various branches of the services. It is our attempt to express in words some of the things we feel in our hearts for the truly great work our fighting men are doing. There can never be enough tribute paid to equal what they have done for us.

But there are other, but seldom mentioned heroes of this war. They are men who man guns that never fire at enemy planes, sentinels that never challenge a foe, airmen & seamen who patrol long, monotonous stretches of sea & coastline, men & officers who must garrison lonely outposts in Alaska, Panama, tiny isles or in the heart of vast wastelands.

As in every war, there are men who must stay behind. And many are men who are eager to tread the distant places of the world, eager to come to grips with the foe, men who read with impatience of battle progress of former friends & outfits. Men whom duty has destined to serve their time in the quiet backwash of global warfare.

We salute these men! They are real soldiers, too!

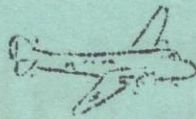
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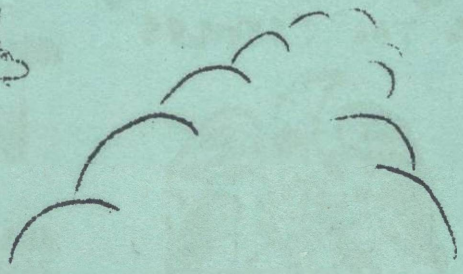
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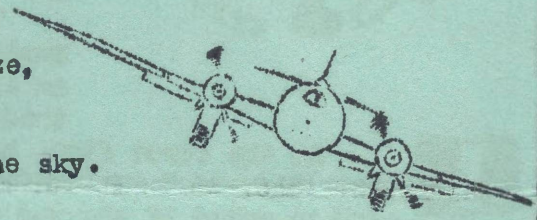
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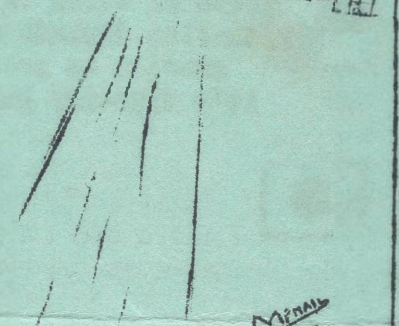


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In their Lockheed 38's
And thrill the pretty angels with their stunts.
Saint Peter will come arunning,
When he hears those bombers coming
And lay the welcome mat with heavy grunts.



But when I land up in heaven,
In my Douglass 47,
And taxi up and swing out that cargo door,
Oh, those chariots will come a-dashing
Out to get my rations,
And probably send me back to get some more!



(Composed by an anonymous pilot in Italy)

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THE NAVY

Late in the afternoon of September 23, 1779, a British convoy bound from the Baltic with supplies for English troops in the New World, was hard off Flamborough Head. It was protected by two warships, one of which was the big new "Serapis," a 44-gun man-o-war.

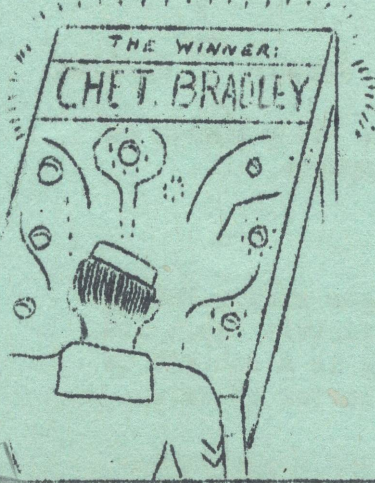
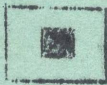
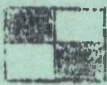
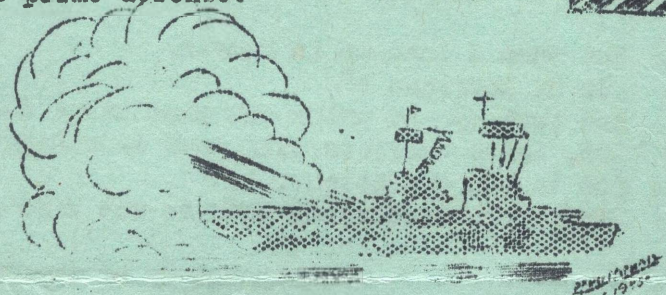
This heavily-gunned escort was engaged by a small American task force that proceeded to write an epic that has become a keystone of U.S. Naval tradition.

At the first fire, half of the guns of the American flagship, "Bonhomme Richard," exploded & she was riddled by enemy shot. The British captain asked if she was ready to surrender, but the Commander, John Paul Jones bellowed back "I have not yet begun to fight!" And fight he did, all night, until at dawn it was the enemy that surrendered!

Half way around the world & 165 years later, a tiny force of American ships added another heroic page to U.S. Naval history. Seven small destroyers protecting a force of "baby" flat tops at Leyte charged a Japanese force consisting of four battleships, 7 heavy cruisers & 9 destroyers, which had come within gun range. At a cost of three of their number, they diverted much of the enemy's firepower from the carriers—thus preventing disaster until other units of the American fleet could reach them.

In between these two engagements lie hundreds of battles & missions each of which is pointed to with pride by the Navy. More than all else America depends upon its navy for its prime defense.

America is proud of its Navy, and it's fighting personnel!



The Grab Bag!

this time is a pin-machine and the lucky guy whose name is flashed thereupon can have his choice of

any of the following items by sending old Daniel McPhail, who resides at 1415 1/2 N. Klien, Okla. City 6, Okla., a written request that he can show the P.M. Might be a good idea to list a second choice, just in case. Or if you would rather, Pauline, that good-lookin' gal that works with us, will be happy to make you a box of de-lish candy. What say?

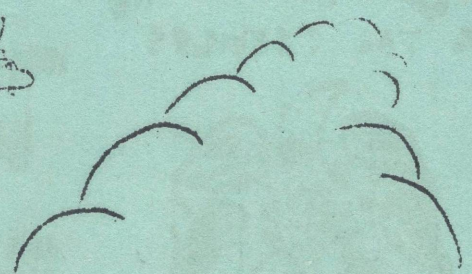
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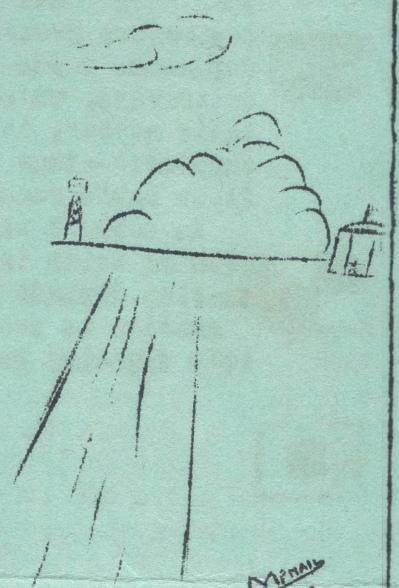


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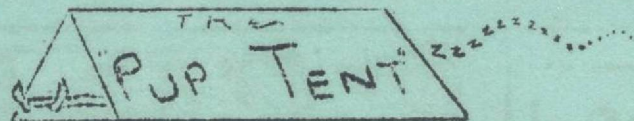
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The Post Exchange for Gossip & Gab

HERE & OVER THERE DEPT. Lt. Bill McPhail says good luck has again smiled on him as he is now flying some of the "brass" around. Bill has added to the list of distinguished people he has met (see Oct., 1944 Journal) by attending an audience of the Pope in Rome where he had the honor of being introduced to His Holiness...another shift has placed Sgt. G.C. Pickle back at Lowery Field, Colo.....Sgt. Ted Carnell of Combined Operations, who will have an interesting article in the next G.I. Journal, is one of the only five remaining members of a Commando company; the others being either dead or prisoners.....Robert A. Headrick, former Methodist pastor at Comanche, is now a Lt. Col.....Herbert Hodges has been reported wounded, but it is not thought to be serious.....Sgt. Chester Bradley, this month's "Grab Bag" winner, has gained 40 pounds since he went to England.....Pfc. Homer Hickman, now with the 9th Army in Germany, has been able to visit Marlin Tidwell & A.N. Harley.....Junior Conn is a gunners mate on the U.S.S. Maxwell.....S/Sgt. Joe Lee Jones is again in a hospital in New Guinea.....Cpl. John Andrews has been awarded the Air Medal.....Sgt. Jack Burleson was a member of the Ranger unit that made that daring rescue of American prisoners near Manila....If Hugh Stiles of Duncan isn't the tallest sailor, he's right up at the top---6 ft, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. His buds are Bill, 6', 2" & Dan, only 6 feet!....Jack Erb at last report was back at the embarkation port. "Has our mail" caught up with you yet? Good luck to you, pal....His bud, Lt. Jim Erb, has gone into bomber training in the South...while Sgt. Guy Dameron has been transferred from there to Pennsylvania. Bad time of the year to make a change, eh? Thank, Guy, for sending me a copy of your camp paper.....Pfc. Robert Aboro has had an appendix removed between fights in the Philippines.

We deeply regret to pass on the information that Louis Speer and Ralph Jackson of Comanche have been reported missing in action. Both are fine lads & we pray for their safe return.

HOME TOWN DEPT. Comanche has recently lost two of its pioneer residents. Bill McIlivain, veteran peace officer & E.M. Feather, of just west of town.....Charles Roberson is now managing a swimming pool in Tucson, Arizona, where he has gone for his health..... City elections were held Feb. 20th....the 2nd annual rabbit show will be in Duncan Mar. 20th with 500 entrants....16 cars of a freight derailed in a train crash north of Duncan...Richard Benowitz is on furlough home....Jim Ely & Lloyd Humphries joined the Merchant Marine....A.M. Beets bought the old Sirty Gro.

WEDDING BELLS DEPT. Mrs. Louise Klare O'Grady & Roy Saddler at Duncan. Miss Billy Jo Thurler & Luther Trammel at Long Beach, Calif.

WHAT'S COOKING "OVER HERE" DEPT. Movie notes: Alan Ladd may sing in pics soon....Dick Powell will drop musicals in favor of a series of detective roles.....Lou Costello & Bud Abbott are making "The Naughty Nineties"....a midnight curfew on all amusement places went into effect Feb. 26th....top tunes of this week (Mar. 3rd) are "Accentuate the Positive," "I Dream of You" & "A Little on the Lonely Side."....a C-97, the 100-passenger transport version of the B-29, has set an official record by flying from Seattle to Washington, D.C. in 6 hrs, 3min. LOOK Magazine has made its annual awards for film achievement: Girl: Rita Hayworth, Man: Bing Crosby, Director: Darryl Zanuck for "Wilson", Most Promising Newcomer: Shirley Temple, Child: Margaret O'Brien, 5 Best Pictures: "30 Seconds Over Tokyo," "Wilson," "Going My Way," "Cover Girl" & "Since You Went Away."

TAIL END DEPT. As usual we wind up with a "hello" to our new "subscribers": the rest of the Clark family in service: Rex, going on 3 yrs in England & Champ, a radioman in the Aleutians, Jack Speer in Algiers (remember our "old days?") & Pfc. Burke Johnson..Hi to Sgt. Jones & others in the 317th..we miss u in the Parts Pool.