

Service Club Newsletter 1

NEWS NOTES

The Sunday evening program featuring vocalists Pfc. Bill Norman and Cpl. Nathaniel Monroe of the 4489th QM Base Depot Co. was warmly received by a very large and attentive audience. Also from 4489th was Pfc. Herman Cotton, trumpeter, who played "Solitude" and "I Surrender Dear."

Cpl. Austin McCoy, 1922 SCU Band, accompanied the performers and opened and closed the program with piano selections in the one and only McCoy style. He was all smiles because he expected to shed the uniform this week and was busy reminding all that this was his last program in Huachuca. We shall miss you, McCoy, Good luck.

Very interesting and helpful remarks by Pvt. Albert Crocker of the 3655th QM Trk Co. brought out many unusual facts on the "Cost Of Peace". He quoted staggering figures, but ended by urging every man to get friends, counting them very, very essential to a full and well rounded life.

Chap Felder, a very welcome visitor, gave a few remarks and invited all to attend religious services every Sunday.

Pfc. Bill Norman, the motivating power back of this program, was a most pleasant climax with his singing, and hit the musical spot as well as the emotional button, when he described many moods with "I Stay In The Mood For You."

The M. P. Det., 1922 SCU will present the Sunday Evening Program on Nov. 18.

VETERANS ALL: There was no doubt that all were conscious of the meaning of Armistice Day, which reminded us of that we were: Glad to have had part in the defense of the finest and best country on the face of the earth; Glad to be HOME again; Glad home is the same place of opportunity; Glad for success; Glad for the high rate of recoveries from battle wounds; Glad for sympathetic and understanding citizens; Glad that because a very few families in the United States escaped making sacrifices in the past emergency, there will be no forgetting

The newcomers were spotted by Cpl. J. Camille Drayton, program director.

OPERATION CIVVIE by

Bill Mauldin

Many people say that being a civilian is no good, that after being one for a few weeks, you'll wish to hell you were back in the Army. They're nuts!!

The discharge simply means that you are free to begin living your own life. It's good to be free like that but it has some drawbacks.

I've found that people generally try to give you little breaks here and there because you were in service -- but they don't fall all over themselves.

There are a couple of reasons:

One is that so many guys have come home with ribbons and war stories that they are no longer a novelty. The other reason is that once in a while they run into some punk who got his first pair of shoes in the Army and is anxious to see how many free beers his uniform will get. He pops off about what a raw deal he's getting and he asks every civilian between 16 and 60 "Why ain't you in uniform, Bud?"

Since being home I've found that almost the loudest are those who have suffered the least. After a citizen runs into a few of these characters he is going to be very cautious about the honest guys who have had their pants shot off, lost their girls while overseas, can't find jobs and are just trying to get along.

If you have to deal with some mug who got fat from the war and doesn't want to give you your due, get as tough as you like and throw the book at him. But until you're sure about him, don't approach him with a chip on your shoulder and a "I was in the Army, where in hell were you" attitude.

Maybe he isn't wearing a discharge button-- they look like hell and they break the second day you wear them-- chances are he dug holes all the way from Tunisia to Berlin, and even if he didn't, he's probably been approached that way before, and he's getting a little on the defensive.

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