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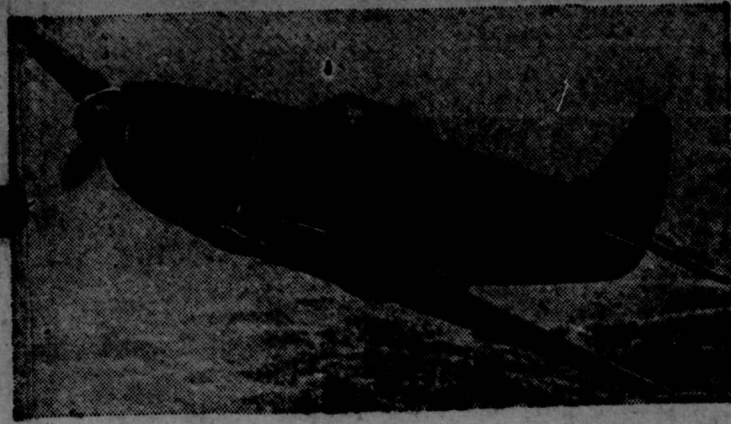
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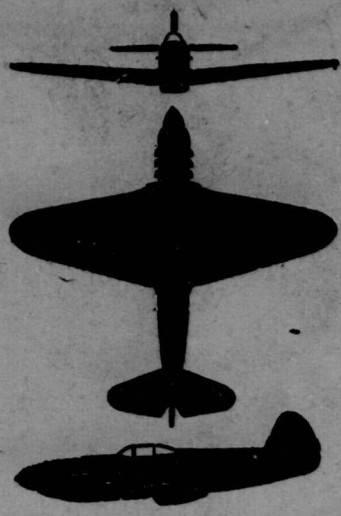


Yak-3

Russian Fighter

Designer: Yakovlev

Span: 30' 2" Length: 27' 9"
 One of a series of fighters designed by Yakovlev the first was called the I-26 or YAK-1, and subsequent models were the YAK-3 and 9. Over 10,000 of this series were produced during World War II and together with the LA-5 and LA-7 constituted the standard Russian fighters. The YAK-15, one of the smallest jet fighters in the world, was evolved from the series. The YAK-3 has a single conventional in-line engine which gives it a top speed of about 360 miles an hour at 16,000 feet. Range is 480 miles. The wing, fuselage and tail unit have a covering of plywood. Landing gear is conventional and retracts inward.



Official U. S. Air Force Photo

Soldiers' Deposit Only Sure Way To Beat Inflation

The American Soldier has at his disposal one of the best possible means in existence for personally beating inflation, this is the little known, and in recent years little publicized, Soldiers' Deposit. One of the best possible methods of saving for the enlisted man—it's not available to officers—the Soldiers' Deposit pays four percent simple interest. However, there is a way to make this compound interest every three years.

Established by an Act of Congress in 1872, the bill's purpose was . . . to establish a system of deposits to prevent desertion and to elevate the condition of the rank and file of the Army . . . President Grant signed the bill into law on May 15th. It has since been extended to cover the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps.

Legend has it that while the bill was under consideration, an Army officer wrote his Congressman that it was an insult to make it apply to officers, that they could take care of their own funds. Consequently, officers were left out of the bill, to the subsequent regret of the many.

Any enlisted man may open a Soldiers' Deposit account by making a cash deposit of \$5. This is the minimum amount that can be deposited at any time. All deposits must be made in cash with the disbursing officer. Allotments of pay may not be made.

Once the money is deposited, it cannot be withdrawn except under four circumstances, they are: Discharge or retirement; On transfer to inactive status; On the death of the depositor; Expiration of enlistment. However, in an emergency, when the health or welfare of the depositor may be jeopardized due to lack of funds it may be withdrawn. Cases of this type must be fully authenticated.

No interest is paid on Soldiers' Deposit until after the first six months. Deposits are forfeited if the depositor deserts, in the case of regulars, the money goes to the Soldiers' Home Fund, or with non regulars to the Army's miscellaneous receipts fund.

Provisions in the bill concerning the maximum amount that may be deposited leave the way

Gen. Peplow to 44th

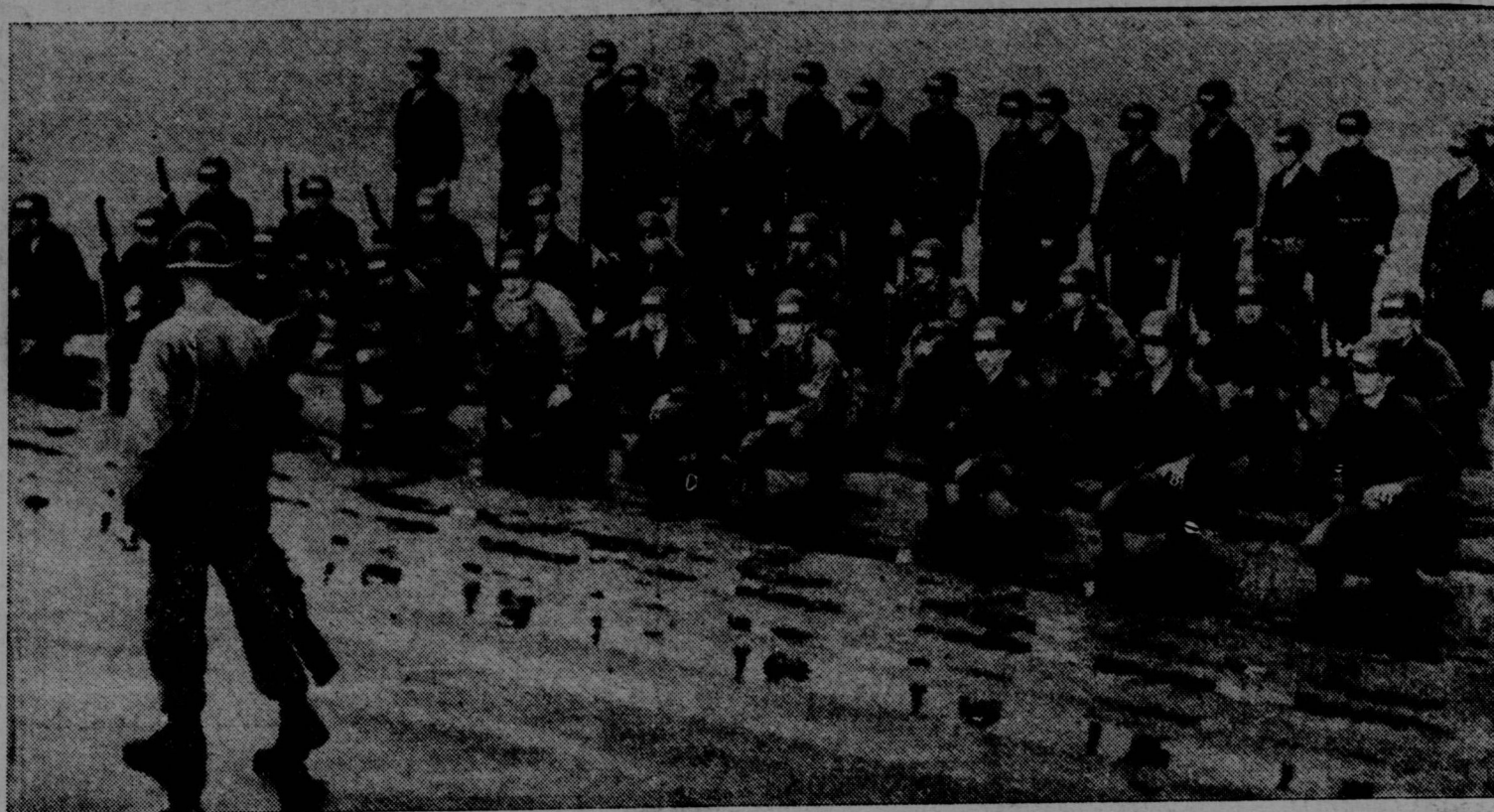
Brigadier General George Bateman Peplow, expected to report to Camp Roberts last month as an assistant division commander, has been reassigned and will report to the 44th Division. The 44th, an Illinois National Guard division, is slated to train at Camp Cooke.

open to compounding the interest every three years. Regulations state that the maximum amount that can be deposited is three months pay and allowances, including travel allowances, reenlistment bonus and accrued leave, or the total of previous deposits plus the interest paid.

Interest is paid only when the deposit is withdrawn. For example, suppose a soldier deposits \$100 when he enlists and a \$100 at the end of his first year and another at the end of his second year. When his three-year term is up, he gets \$4 interest for the first \$100, \$8 for the \$200 and \$12 for the \$300 or a total of \$24 interest at the end of his enlistment.

He may take his \$324 total out and then redeposit when he reenlists. He will then get interest on the interest or compound interest. He can do this every three years.

A great deal of criticism of the Soldiers' Deposit has been worked up by jealous outsiders, who maintain that the rate of interest is too high. When the law was passed, four percent was the standard bank rate. And so far Congress has not seen fit to take one of the few advantages left to the career soldier away. Even though current bank rates on savings are between one and two percent.



AND TRAINING WENT ON for some units during the Holiday Season despite inclement weather conditions. Shown getting a few pointers on dismounted drill are trainees from Company D, 94th MTB and (lower photo) 1st platoon of Company A, 94th MTB Combat Command A. (Shannon Photos.)

Training Continued Despite The Holidays

With normal training activities discontinued for the Holiday Season, scattered units throughout the post continued training programs for those men remaining under the direction of Battalion B-3's. Company instruction consisted primarily of close order and dismounted drill and physical training.

Several training companies were formed just prior to the holidays, and the newly inducted trainees were unable to take leave, so the period was well spent in preparing for the most important single step in their whole career . . . sixteen weeks of basic infantry instruction.

Limited commercial transportation facilities also prevented many from enjoying the holidays in their homes. But despite the fact that Christmas and New Year's day was spent in the barracks, those men remaining behind were treated to a full round of seasonal activities.

FEAST AND FESTIVAL

Many post units, such as the 507th Replacement Company, held unit parties that ranged from intimate "get togethers" to full-fledged "blow outs." Several hundred men were on hand for the 507th party.

Both post Service Clubs, as well as the USOs in San Miguel and Paso Robles scheduled a full round of holiday festivities for the men of Camp Roberts. The programs included banquets and dancing . . . shows and parties. Entertainment to suit all tastes.

A lovely young nightclub entertainer, Miss Lee Stewart donated her singing talents to the hospital on Christmas Day going from ward to ward with her "sentimental journey."

Variety shows including the NTG show and the popular, Masquers show were scheduled by Special Services to add spice to the Holiday Season.

And not to be forgotten were the special religious services that served as a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas!

Crib scenes, religious decoration, and outstanding oratory from Camp Roberts' pulpits, were highlights of the greatest celebration in the Christian world, the Feast Day of our Lord.

Add a delicious Christmas dinner of roast Maryland turkey (all you can eat) with all the trimmings served in a gaily decorated mess hall and you have a well rounded holiday season . . . almost.

Almost, because the thing that meant the most to those men who remained in Camp were the cards, and letters, and packages from home. And they arrived by the droves.

Post office facilities were taxed by the tremendous volume of mail that arrived for Camp Roberts personnel.

Yes, training went on for some, and for others it was vacation. But for all it proved a period of relaxation and resolution . . . for a successful and prosperous New Year.

Sec. Pace Rejects Army Pay Holdout For Combat Men

Washington—A plan to regulate the amount of cash to be paid to combat personnel has been rejected by Secretary of the Army Frank Pace, Jr.

The plan had been recommended by a three-man team from the Army Finance Office after returning from an investigation in Korea.

The Secretary said he thought the answer should be increased amounts set aside for family allotments, larger "soldier deposits" allotments on which there is four percent interest, and more bond buying.

Reserve Officers Offered Regular Army Commission

Washington (AFPS) — Regular appointments are now being granted to qualified Reserve officers in all six officer categories of the Army Medical Service, the Army has announced.

Commissions through the grade of captain also will be made by direct appointments from civilian life to the regular Army Medical and Dental Corps. Reserve officers in either corps may be commissioned in the regular Army without a prior qualifying tour or other period of service.

Applicants may obtain the necessary forms and information from unit personnel officers or by writing the Office of the Surgeon General, Department of the Army, Washington 25, D.C., Attn: Personnel Division.

Best Soldier Prize Is \$50,000 Farm

Washington—The Veterans of Foreign Wars have been designated to select "the most worthy veteran" of World War II or the Korean War to receive a \$50,000 farm complete with livestock, house and outbuildings, on land in the State of Washington.

Applicants have only to apply to a local VFW Post giving the reason why they feel they deserve the farm gift and can make a success of it. The VFW state department will pick one applicant and the national committee will select the winner from candidates named by the various states.

Army Seeking Cure For Rare Manchurian Fever

Intensive experiments are now being conducted at the 406th General Laboratory in Tokyo and at the Army Medical Service Graduate School in Washington, D. C., to isolate the organism causing hemorrhagic fever—a disease first recognized among UN troops in June of this year.

As of November 7, this disease had accounted for 25 deaths out of 196 known cases among the United Nations forces in Korea. Authorities state that though the fever has been definitely diagnosed since June, it may have occurred previously and been misdiagnosed as one of the other communicable diseases.

Hemorrhagic fever was originally officially recognized as a disease entity by the medical department of the Japanese Army in 1942, after first breaking out among their troops in 1939 in various regions of Manchuria. Although as yet no vaccine has been discovered for the disease, symptomatic treatment has reduced the mortality rate from about 30 per cent recorded among Japanese forces to approximately 13.3 per cent among UN troops.

The specific cause of the disease is not known, but it is believed to be transmitted by mites which infest rats, squirrels and field rodents. Horses are also believed to carry the mites. Preventive programs now in effect include field sanitation, individual protective measures such as insect repellents and loose clothing, and careful choice of camp sites. The latter is particularly emphasized, as it is believed the fever is especially prevalent in areas along river banks and in swampy marshlands where the grass grows high and is untended.

Headaches, diarrhea and a general feeling of discomfort are the

Blood Donor Gets Own Blood After Serious Accident

One of the best stories of the year was missed here, even though it had its origin in Camp Roberts. A tale of bread cast upon the water and returning threefold was brought to light in the metropolitan papers of Los Angeles when they revealed that a young trainee, badly burned in a kitchen accident, had received a blood infusion and, oddly enough, the life giving fluid was the same that this boy had donated a few weeks previously.

Pvt. Richard A. Norman, 23, was on K.P. when a cook lit a lamp that suddenly exploded. The startled cook flung the burning missile away from himself and it landed on Norman's legs, burning him severely. He was taken to the station hospital where the transfusion of his own blood occurred and then sent to Presidio's Letterman General Hospital for further treatment.

On checking the story, PARADE learned that Norman was admitted to the Roberts' hospital on Oct. 28 and sent to Letterman on Nov. 30. He received 500 cc's of blood, which is roughly one pint. The fact that it was his own blood is explained as a medic just happened to pick up that particular bottle and Norman seeing his name written on the label.

Skentes of such modern day miracles should be informed of the fact that no photographers or reporters were on hand and there was no hospital publicity release boasting of the incident. The fact that PARADE and PIO did not even learn of this occurrence until it appeared in the LA papers last week should verify the authenticity of the incident.

To Staff School

Lt. Col. Don Mason, former G1 and recently appointed Deputy Chief of Staff, has been ordered to General Staff Officers School at Kansas for an eight-week course. He will return to Camp Roberts following completion of the school.



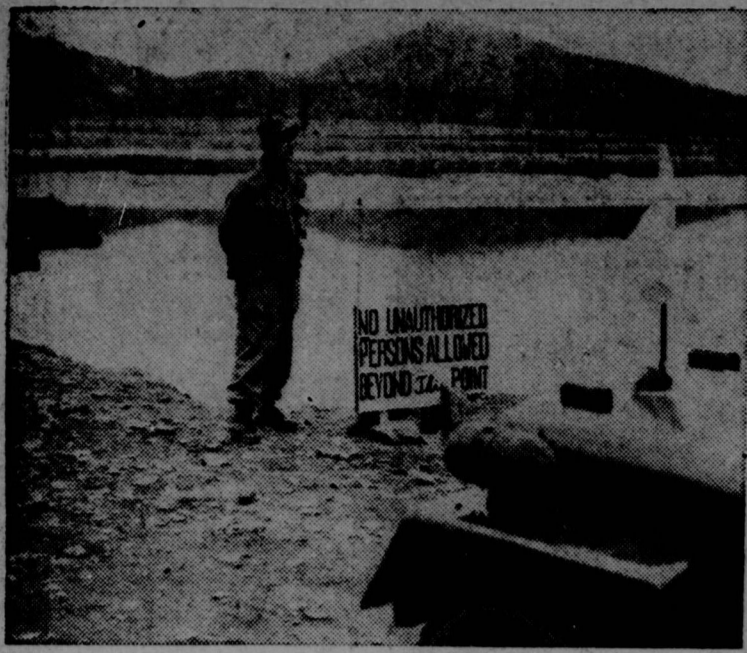
AN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD was presented last week to former Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, Lt. Col. James J. Albright Jr. by the 7th Armored Division Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Frank H. Partridge. On hand for the simple ceremonies were (l. to r.) Comptroller, Lt. Col. Frank L. Denise, newly appointed Dep-

uty Chief of Staff, Lt. Col. Don A. Mason, Col. Albright's successor, Lt. Col. Willoughby B. Tyler, Col. Albright, General Partridge, G-3, Lt. Col. T. Hover, and Chief of Staff, Col. Paul G. Hollister. Col. Albright recently received orders for FECOM. (Signal Photo.)



LOOKS LIKE THE only pots aren't in the kitchen. "Barge" here, sports a beauty of a bay window and the tight uniform really highlights it. Of course, if this "oldtimer" was sure about which uniform to wear, he might also figure out that Quartermaster could make his duds fit properly. He's versatile, alright. Ready for either kitchen or pass on a moment's notice, but really, fatigue pants and Ike jacket are neither fish nor fowl. In addition to serving the men their daily chow, "Barge" is also giving them a prime example of how NOT to wear the uniform. You men, with a hitch or two under your belts, have the responsibility of showing the way, the correct way, to the newer men. Don't shirk your job — and do it RIGHT!

Gen. Ridgway: Determined Leader



Tempers Flare in Mid-East



UN Hopes For Peace Rise On Korean Front

Peace in Korea, strengthened by an honorable armistice, has been the elusive goal diligently sought by United Nations negotiators for the last six months.

AFP's Top Ten For Past Year

President Truman and Guest



Middle Eastern Scene Marred By Oil Crisis

A double-barreled threat to world peace, pointing toward nationalism, exploded in two mid-East areas during 1951.

General MacArthur Ends Colorful Military Career

General of the Army Douglas MacArthur's first recollection as a child was that of a bugle call.

Nation Feels Bite Of Tax Hike—Higher Living Costs

The high cost of living—and taxes—spinning on the merry-go-round of inflation, continued their mad whirl in 1951.

Washington Fights Inflation



Washington Plays Host To Charming British Royalty

The Princess and the President extend their hands almost simultaneously.

A Warrior Comes Home



In 1941 President Roosevelt called back Gen. MacArthur with the rank of lieutenant general and placed him in command of the U. S. Army in the Philippines and the Far East.

A Treaty Signed



Japan Ushered Back Into World Family Of Nations

Nine years and 274 days after the "day of infamy" at Pearl Harbor, the Land of the Rising Sun resumed its place among world capitals.

Gamblers Get The Boot In Washington Crime Probe

The first session of the 82nd Congress had approximately 130 investigations during the 290-day tenure on Capitol Hill.

Crime Probers at Work



Happy Giants—Thomson, Jansen, Maglie



Giants Nip Dodgers For Pennant In Thrilling Race

Baseball's thrill-packed 1951 National League pennant race is history, but the memory lingers on.

Atomic Force Hits New High In Year's Advances

The two chief contenders for world supremacy in atomic research, the USA and the USSR, produced startling developments during 1951.

Laborites Lose To Tories In Close British Elections

A gloomy atmosphere prevailed at Labor headquarters in London on the morning of Oct. 26, 1951.

Churchill: "We Shall Come Through"



Troops-eye A-View



As the custom demanded, Mr. Churchill, now 77, went to Buckingham Palace and received the King's request to form a new government.

The Labor Party had ruled Great Britain for six years and three months by the slimmest of margins—during the last year by a half dozen votes.

Table with 2 columns: Party Name and Votes. Conservatives: 221, Labor: 235, Liberals: 6, Independents: 3.