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Eventually, Three Months, and Now

When the President announced in a special message to Congress on July 7 that American troops were in Iceland, he indicated clearly that "eventually" they were to take over completely the defense of that island.

They had arrived, he said, "in order to supplement, and eventually to replace, the British forces..." Iceland understood that, for in his interchange of messages with the President on the occasion of the occupation, Prime Minister Jonason of Iceland said, "... the President is therefore prepared to send here immediately United States troops to supplement and eventually to replace the British force here."

This was on July 7, and American forces were already there when the messages were exchanged. Eventually, American troops were to replace the British and take over completely the defense of Iceland.

To what extent has this been done, and when will it be accomplished? Of course it is clear that the U. S. government cannot issue bulletins on every ship clearing for Iceland, and give day-to-day accountings of the progress of taking over there. Military considerations forbid that. Nevertheless, nearly three months have now passed since the occupation, and it is fair to assume that much progress has been made by this time in replacing the British forces.

At present, both countries have forces on the island. With British troops and planes there, it is a legitimate object of bombing or other attack. With British troops replaced and released for service in other places where they are desperately needed, it is not a legitimate object of such attack.

Having assumed the responsibility for guarding Iceland as an outpost vital to American defense, the only thing to do is to guard it, put sufficient American forces there for the job, and see that they are supplied at whatever cost. But they should relieve the British forces as planned, so that any attack on Iceland would be an illegal, unjustifiable attack on American troops, not a justifiable attack on British troops in which the death of American troops, would be a mere by-product.

The American people will be relieved and reassured when it is possible to make announcement that, the "eventually" of July 7 has become today's "now."

Newspaper comics are the most popular reading matter with soldiers according to a government survey. You just can't beat a good laugh!

ANIMAL PUZZLE

HORIZONTAL

- 1 Pictured animal.
- 5 The sun.
- 8 Used to sharpen razors.
- 13 Pay attention.
- 14 French city.
- 16 Package of bulky goods.
- 17 Hostelery.
- 18 Breed of sheep (pl.).
- 20 Middle.
- 21 Room in a haven.
- 22 My lady (Italian).
- 23 Girl's name.
- 24 Number.
- 26 Vexes.
- 27 Swindle (slang).
- 28 Go in.
- 30 Seine.
- 31 To be sparing.
- 32 Like.
- 33 Single.
- 35 Salty.
- 37 Dessert.
- 38 Through.
- 40 Pulloined.
- 42 Soothsayer.


Answer to Previous Puzzle

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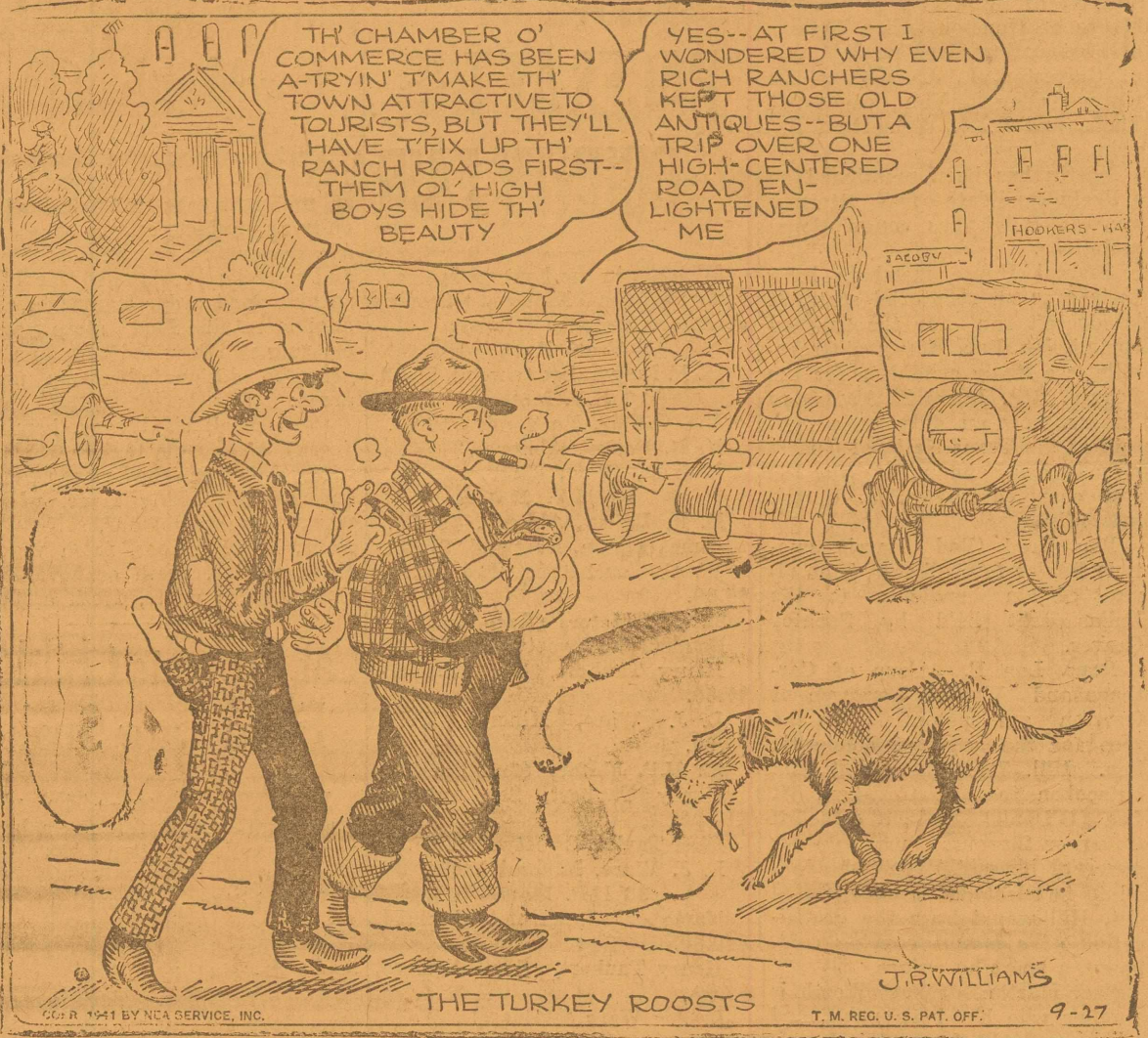
VERTICAL

- 1 A state.
- 2 Tough tissues.
- 3 Occupant.
- 4 Man's name (abbr.).
- 5 Small fish.
- 6 Bird.
- 7 Song birds.
- 9 Tuberculosis (abbr.).
- 10 Baking dish.
- 11 Green garnet.
- 12 Scholar of note.
- 14 Fruit.
- 15 Descendants.
- 18 Millimeter (abbr.).
- 19 South America (abbr.).
- 25 Contrivances for catching eels.
- 27 Saddle part.
- 28 Auricle.
- 29 Irritate.
- 31 Partly frozen rain.
- 34 Born.
- 36 Monkey.
- 39 Onager.
- 40 Possible to sell.
- 41 Wife of former Russian ruler.
- 43 Extreme.
- 44 Well-known, outsy.
- 46 Fare sumptuous.
- 48 Vend.
- 52 Southeast (abbr.).
- 54 English schoot (abbr.).
- 59 Morindin dye.
- 60 Measure.

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OUT OUR WAY BY WILLIAMS



A Runaway Truck Upsets Mayonnaise

PHILADELPHIA—A runaway milk truck which slipped its brakes while the driver was making a delivery did this in its erratic course: Sideswiped a mayonnaise truck. Hopper over a curb. Knocked off the steps of a meat store. Shook off a pedestrian who leaped on its running board. Ran over the pedestrian, breaking his right leg. Crashed into an automobile and stopped.

"FIGHTIN' LAUNDRYMEN" HANG OUT WASH RIGHT ON THE FRONT LINE

By RALPH MARTIN
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WITH THE THIRD ARMY IN LOUISIANA—The "Fightin' laundry men" from Camp Lee, Va., are making military history in the big army maneuvers in the Southwest.

For the first time in army annals armed laundry units are being trained to deliver the wash under threat of shell fire, machine gun bullets and warplane strafing.

The wraps have been taken off the experiment for the first time in these unprecedentedly large war games being staged in the Texas-Louisiana-Arkansas area.

From a camouflaged position on a hidden little creek in the mid-Louisiana Kisatchie national forest, two units of mobile Company "A," 60th Quartermaster Corps Laundry, have demonstrated that they can turn out towering piles of laundry bundles, 68 minutes to the batch, thoroughly washed and completely dry. The two units alone have averaged turning out 530 bundles of laundry, 24 pieces to the bundle, in each 24-hour day. Three shifts of 17 men each operate the unit—and the work has been carried on without a hitch even under complete blackout conditions.

THEY CAN FIGHT, TOO

The Fightin' Laundrymen are actually a combat unit. During wartime they will occupy a position well up to the front lines. Their designated position is near the front of the rear echelon—never more than 60 miles from No Man's Land. They are armed with rifles, side arms, and, likely enough, will be given machine guns as well.

The army laundrymen have been given 13 weeks of basic military training and are familiar with the use of their weapons. They have also been trained in their specialized craft in army laundrymen's schools at Camp Lee. Most of the men have attained specialist's ratings and draw almost three times as much pay as the ordinary buck private.

Sixteen laundry units will make up each QMC laundry company, and it is expected that each company will be able to care for the laundry of an entire division of between 15,000 to 18,000 men.

In connection with the rolling laundry units operating in Louisiana there is a sterilization unit. This unit, snickeringly called the "Delouser," is a part of the 301st Quartermaster Battalion.

"CLEAN-UP" UNITS ARE MOBILE

The laundry and sterilization unit work together. In the war games the procedure was like this:

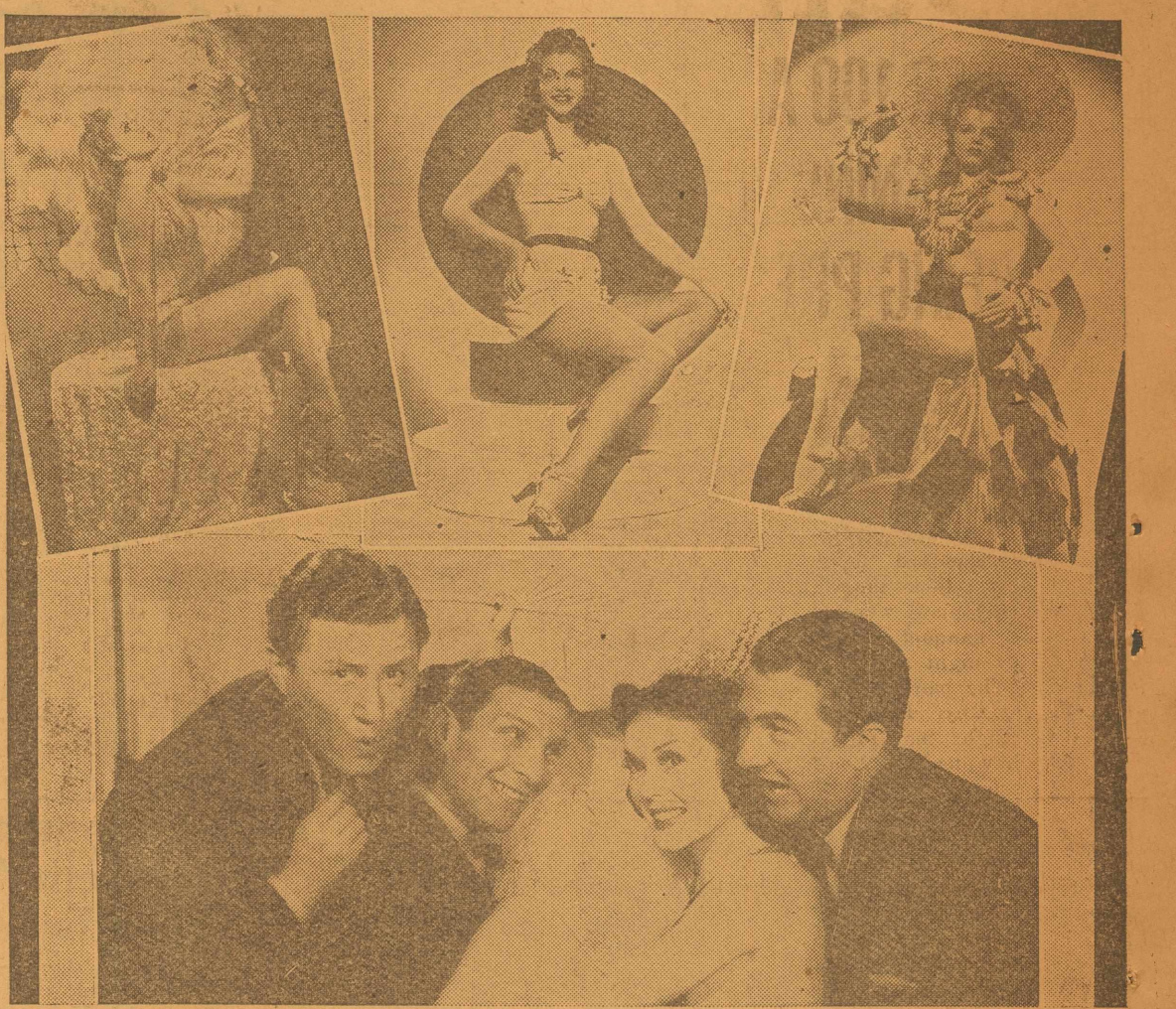
At the end of each smashing drive, the sun-roasted, dust-caked, weary troops would give way to another attack force and they would be shunted back to the rear echelon for renovation in the delousing unit and the "button chopper" laundry.

The soldiers are given hot showers with medicated soaps. Their clothes are placed in the "roaster" of the sterilizer. There they are subjected to pressure, 250 degrees of heat, and vacuum. As many as 150 bundles an hour can be sterilized. Then they go to the laundry.

Both of these interlocking units are mobile and capable of being taken into rough country. They are geared to take care of the sanitation and cleanliness of a division between them.

Both units are powered with gasoline engines. Between the two of them they must have approximately 3000 gallons of water a day. For this reason, it is necessary to locate them near a stream of water. Once in operation, however, this water requirement lowers because a large part of the water can be retrieved if necessary.

Beautiful Girls and Comedy in Vanities



Forty of the "most beautiful girls in the world" will be among the cast of Earl Carroll's Vanities, which will be the Auditorium attraction during the Fall of 1941. The show is playing at popular prices, is strong on comedy, but offers a variety of entertainment including several spectacular production numbers. Top sections above show three of Carroll's "most beautiful girls in the world," Ann Frederick, Jane Ellison and Rudi McIntosh. Below are the three dizzy Slate Brothers, with Dixie Nelson, another of the show's beauties.

Deer Seek Out And Eat Up Dynamite

rumbling of heavy construction machinery, in fact, attract the animals instead of frightening them. Bucks and does seem to know they will find the explosive on road-building jobs.

Ranger Clinton West of North Creek explains deer relish dynamite because of the salt peter it contains. He recalled a road worker who hid 15 sticks of dynamite in the woods to use for a Fourth of July celebration.

When the road worker went to his cache on the day before the holiday, he found deer had eaten all 15 sticks.

The department also reports the animals seek out the dust from blasted rocks as if it were a salt lick.

RED RYDER BY HARMAN

