



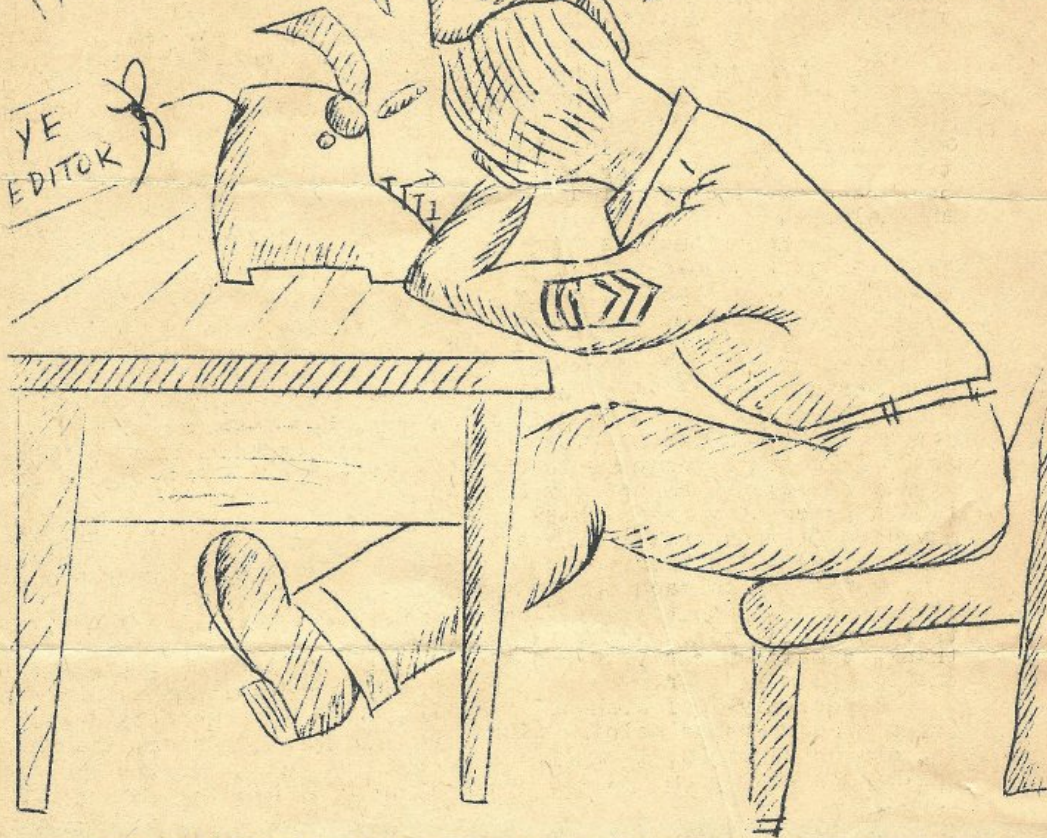
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"PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW"

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EDITOR



Today the time for parting has once more come upon us. Today the time has come to once more say goodbye. There are a few of us who are saying goodbye to our childhood homes; to the lands and languages which have ever been dear to our eyes and lips. Others of us are bidding a fond adieu to the camaraderie and "esprit de corps" we found while serving our country in the occupation forces. Still others are saying goodbye to friends, and parents, and loved ones, who, through necessity, have been left behind.

Yes, the time has come for fond farewells. Behind us lie the yesterdays and forgotten dreams of life. But the sorrow is truly sweet for in memory those days will live again. To those of us who will find new homes and new ways of life, may we bring from the depths of our memory the goodness and the joys, the beauties and the dreams that we have known. May we share them with others in our new homes, for these things live eternal; to these, man need never say goodbye.

To those of us who are military personnel the days we've known are but chapters in our book of life. A book that for many of us has just begun, while to others they may well be the final pages to our text. So ours is not goodbye but merely the placing of our book upon the shelf. Before our book go many others, and after it many more will find their place. Upon their pages, the world may always find our story, then rest awhile to read anew. So this is not goodbye but merely the passing of our day.

To those who have left their friends and loved ones, to them comes the greatest joy; for time has become their friend, the cord that links them to their past and perpetually draws them onward to a dim if distant day when reunion becomes reality.

Exit then the tear, and enter in the smile for "Parting is Such sweet sorrow."

GREGORY A. GUILFORD II
Editor.

THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

"Breathes there a man with a
soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said:
This is my own my native land."
Sir Walter Scott

This trip will soon be over
and to most of us that means the
parting of the way and in most
cases never to meet again. We
trust that our trips together
have been profitable, pleasant
and helpful.

It is hoped that as you come
again to your homeland that you
will find there those things you
most desire to find. It is also
hoped that your returning will
be source of strength for the
great principles of life which
we all cherish. To those coming
for the first time to America we
would like to say welcome to our
family and wish that you may soon
find a place of service where you
may share its responsibilities as
well as enjoy its blessings.

May I say to each of you that
it has been pleasant knowing and
traveling with you. May I say
thanks a million for your contri-
bution for a fine trip.

Especially do I wish to
thank those persons helping with
the church services, library,
children's play room and the news-
paper.

Here's wishing each and
every one a happy home coming.

LEONARD W. STOREY
CAPT. CAC
Transport Chaplain

On behalf of the ship's
officers and crew, I wish to
thank you all for your helpful-
ness in making this voyage
pleasant. Outside of rather
scarce sunshine and a bumper
crop of fog, this has been at
least a windless one. May
happiness and good health follow
you.

J. BURNEBAUM
Master

A MESSAGE FROM THE TRANSPORT
COMMANDER

I should like to extend to
all our passengers my cordial
appreciation of the unfailing
cooperation rendered me and my
staff in successfully overcoming,
in a spirit of mutual understand-

ing, all the little problems in-
herent in any ocean crossing,
such as ours.

It has indeed been my plea-
sure to serve you and it is now
my sincere hope that all of you
will meet with enduring success
in your varied courses through-
out life.

ROBERT I. SMITH
MAJ. TC
Transport Commander

This voyage may well be
dedicated to the unification of
the armed forces. The spirit of
cooperation between the separate f
forces has been commendable.

We extend each of you a word
of thanks for a job well done.

FRED A. HUBBARD
MAJ CAV
C.O. of Troops & Staff.

As Commander of the Air
Force personnel on board I wish
to extend my sincerest gratitude
to the ship's master, the ship's of
officers and crew...to the trans-
port Commander and his staff and
to all other personnel aboard who
have made this voyage the success
it has been.

We have our strifes, but they
were all minor in nature, and were
ironed out without incident.
The friendly cooperative spirit
displayed between the USAF and
the USGF was most gratifying.

Now, as we go ashore, let
us carry with us pleasant remem-
brances of our homeward journey
aboard the USAT Willard A. Hol-
brock.

JOSPEH T. WAUGH
MAJ USAF
Commanding AF Perso

And last but not least a
heartfelt thanks from all aboard
to the entire crew of the Hol-
brock. Good Luck -- Fair Winds --
and smooth sailing. May your
final port be the harbor of success
filled with the realizations of
your fondest dreams.

Your Passengers.

WELL DONE. AMERICA

How many of us, while in Germany, actually took the time or the effort to think about the job the United States is doing there? How many in the United States know exactly what our Government has accomplished in Germany? Far too few!

And yet our work is continually being criticized, heckled, and panned by millions of uninformed or misinformed people -- Americans or otherwise. And why?

It's very simple; Americans as a whole adopt a disinterested attitude in their Government's foreign relations. We just don't care. Yet, if something goes wrong - everyone is quick to criticize.

The United States occupied Germany in 1945 - just 4 short years ago - We occupied a country that was war torn and ravished. We occupied an alien land of starving, ill clothed and desperate people. We occupied a devastated country of bombed and pillaged cities, ruined factories and desolated farms. We occupied a country financially unstable and morally unfit.

And yet in four years, the American Zone of Germany has recovered. The people are fed, clothed, and working. The shops are full, the streets are clean and lighted. Rebuilding is going on everywhere.

Do you realize that the German people in the US Zone of Germany at present enjoy one of the highest standards of living in Europe? Ironically enough they are actually better off than victorious England or Allied France.

The American Economic Policy in Germany has been sensible and decisive. We have rebuilt the country on the ruins of the old - in four short years -

Politically and morally, we have not progressed too far, but complete reeducation and democratization will take time, probably two generations. Even the 13 colonies bickered and disagreed, letting all kinds of things real or imaginary keep them separated; and they had a common ideal.

There are those who maintain that all Germans are still Nazis, and
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that they are merely biding their time until the Occupational Forces leave, to begin Naziism anew. Perhaps, they are right, but remember it took Hitler 13 years to instill Naziism in the German People, is it not logical to assume, it will take us a long time to dispel it?

Think about it -- and you'll realize we are not the race of colossal simpletons that we paint ourselves. Think about it -- and tell people -- we are doing a job in Germany and a good one too.

Well done, America -- well done!!!

J.D.S.

THE FIRST CHANCE I GET

We're almost there! What is the first thing you're going to do when you hit New York? Do you have something special you missed more than anything else while in Europe? Here are the answers we received when we asked some of our fellow passengers these questions:

Raymond Geraud: "I'm gonna' buy me a box of bubble gum and chew and chew and chew!"

Mrs. Margie Hawkins: "I'm going to have a thick fillet steak."

Capt Scriverner: "Get into civilian clothes."

Mrs. W'm. Crabb: "I want to buy a pack of cigarettes without having to buy a whole carton."

Janet Day: "I want to get a lobster salad."

Sgt Melheim: "I'm going to take a 20 day furlough to Virginia."

Mrs. Ash: "I'm going to a good beauty parlor."

Mrs McLoughlin: "I'm going straight to my New York apartment as fast as I can!"

Mary Lou McIntosh and Ande Anderson: "We're going to have a chocolate peppermint soda at Schraftts!"

Mr. Larkin: "I'm going to catch a fast train for Florida."

M/Sgt Guilford: "I'm going to get a banana split."

Buz Troy: "I want to get a hot dog at Coney Island."

Sgt Hagans: "I'll get in a pair of dungarees and head south."

We all have a dream we have dwelled on for months. Some of them may seem pretty childish to anyone who has not been away from the States but we who have been gone miss the American niceties that we had take for granted.
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THE FIRST CHANGE I GET (cont'd)

Now, that we are almost home, we all have our dreams and plans and our "making up for lost time!" May your fondest dreams become realizations.

YVONNE KING

MASTERS NOON REPORT

COURSE: 262 MADE GOOD
DISTANCE: 400 MILES
LATITUDE: 40DEGREES 38 NORTH
LONGITUDE: 68 DEGREES 57 WEST
LENTH OF DAY:25 HRS
DISTANCE FROM BHVN: 3389 MILES
DISTANCE TO: NY 218 MILES
AVERAGE KNOTS PER HOUR: 16 KTS
AIR: 74 DEG T.S.T. 8D22HO5M
BAROMETER: 30.05 STEADY
WATER: 72 DEG
WEATHER: OVERCAST TO FOG
WIND: WLY -2
SEA: SLIGHT

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SEA SPRAY

Now that the trip is almost over and we reflect back on our voyage its not possible to forget those people whose services made it possible, and enjoyable. Every one has unanimously praised the quick attentive service given by all the waiters. With special mention given Ralph Rivera, Thomas Brown, Leo Henson, Charles Bennett,

Richard Adams, Francisco Diaz, Otto Kral, Joseph Pleasant, and especially Eddie Jones. Also mention must be made of chief Butcher Jon Redl who was responsible for the cut of our steak. Also sympathies to Machado, and Collado who are being slowly but surely driven to mental distraction, by such monotonous, but necessary jobs as cutting the tops of the celery, Peeling and slicing hundred of tomatoes at a time and thanks to those also who kept the onions rolling fast also (the dishes) so that the services move on regularly. And complements are in order from all to from chief Cook Cabacungan--.

Motherly and kind stewardess, Martha Prueser, was aware and attentive to all our needs, as were Lucille Frank and Florence Beringer.

We also cannot forget those who soothed us in our dark hour of need -- (and some who thought it their last hour.) Thanks to blond and good natured Lt. Walska, Lt. Shattuck, and Capt Paulus and Doctor McGrath. And to the other G.I.'s who helped out in the dispensary even to Frank Christian who polished the brass.

DORIS CLARK

PASSENGER BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

2nd sitting -- 0600 hrs
3rd sitting -- 0645 hrs
1st sitting -- 0730 hrs
4th sitting -- 0815 hrs

TROOP BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

K.P.'s -- 0410 hrs
Main body -- 0430 hrs

NOTES:

(1) Special drawings in todays paper were done by Elizabeth Gaines.

(2) Miss Lee Hedblom -- thanks nimble fingers, there couldn't have been a paper without you. To you goes our final bouquet.

"GREG and MIKE"

NEWS OF THE DAY

NEW YORK: Weather cloudy warm and humid. Showers. High 80, Low 74.

LONDON: United States Chiefs of Staff reported that they made progress in talks with Britains top land, sea and air commanders on a common Atlantic Treaty defense against aggression. The top secret conference at Number 10 Downing St lasted for 3 1/2 hrs. A spokesman said it was held in a very cordial atmosphere. Admiral Louis Denfield US Navy Chief of Staff, told newsmen on behalf of the American Delegation that we made progress. He refused to give any details. The Conference centered mainly on a creation of an Atlantic Pact defense organization. But the British despite American reluctance to discuss the issue, probably took the opportunity to outline their needs in armament.

WASHINGTON: Representative F Edward Hebert, La. Demo., said a clothing industry executive has named James V Hunt as the man who offered, for a \$25,000 fee, to try to get the Army to reverse an order on procurement of Officers uniforms. Hebert said that Stanley Cummings, executive secretary of the National Association of Uniform Manufacturers told him the whole story 3 wks ago. Hunt, a former Army Lt Col now is a management counselor. His activities as an alleged influence peddler prompted an investigation of Washington 5 percenters by the Senate Investigating Committee. Hebert is chairman of a House Armed Services Subcommittee looking into some phases of the influence peddling racket.

NEW YORK: Mayor W'm Odwyer said their many mutual friends should try to help the breach between Francis Cardinal Spellmand and Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt in their controversy over public aid to Church Schools. Odwyer said nothing would give me greater happiness than to act as the peace-maker.

RICHMOND, VA.: John Battle, Sen. Harry Byrds choice for governor of Virginia and all other candidates running under the Byrd banner were swept into office in Tuesdays Primary elections. Almost complete returns would indicate. Actually, Byrds candidates won only nomination by the Democratic Party, but in Virginia this is equivalent to election.

HOLLYWOOD: An exploding chair that exploded too soon left comedian Milton Berle with a slightly burned leg. A small blank cartridge was inserted in the breakaway chair to split it when Berle sat down on the set of his Warner Brothers picture.

ROME: Actress Ingrid Bergman and Italian motion picture Director Roberto Rossellini were enroute to Rome from the Island of Stromboli and it was reported the Hollywood star would announce Sunday her plans to divorce her husband and marry Rossellini.

NICE, FRANCE: 4 masked highwaymen with tommy guns held up the Aga Khan, one of the richest men in the world, and seized his wife's jewelry valued up to 6 hundred thousand dollars in a roadside ambush near his Riviera Villa. They shot out the tires of his car as it passed them, grabbed the jewel case at gunpoint and took 2 hundred thousand francs or about 6 thousand 5 hundred dollars in cash from the Aga Khan and his wife the Begum.

LONDON: The dollar crisis shook the British movie industry and some 2 thousand employees, ranging from stars to propmen, were asked to take salary cuts of from 2 to 3 hundred dollars a week.

ALBANY, NY: The State Department mobilized all its resources to meet the continued upsurge of Polio which has afflicted 635 persons and caused 46 deaths in New York State so far this year.

NEW YORK: The mild epidemic of Polio in New York produced 58 additional cases, a New high for a 24 hr period, the Health Department reported.

WASHINGTON: Employment increased to the highest level of the year in July, but the number of jobless reached 4 million 90 thousand. The largest in 7 1/2 yrs.

PRAGUE: The Communist Newspaper Rude Pravo attacked a Roman Catholic Archbishop who, it charged, had excommunicated a priest for approving the Government sponsored Catholic action organization. The newspaper said that Archbishop Josef Matocha of Olomouc Moravia, had excommunicated the Reveren Jindrich Volny of Jaromerice, near Jevicko.

BETTER NOT SAY IT

First let me say that I'm not a moralist, nor a philosopher, nor yet a person of great intellect. I'm just a plain, ordinary, everyday, G.I. like a million other fellows in uniform today. Yes, I'm full of gripes about the army chow, and the regulations, and the occupation, but I'm not going to say it. Not because I'm afraid to, but because I sort of figure America's got a few bigger problems to handle first.

I'm pretty sure I can tell all the folks at home a few things about Germany they haven't read in the papers, but I don't think I'll say it. I sort of got an idea things are going to start changing for too long, and my big mouth wouldn't speed it up. I guess I could make a pretty good sized splash back home talking about the German people, and Hitler, and the blackmarket and all but I don't think I'll say it. You see I remember a few times I sold cigarettes, and sort of forgot to act like I do at home. So maybe if I don't talk about them, well maybe they won't talk about me either.

Course I could tell my girl and sis a lot about the girls and fellows, but I can't see that they'll understand, or that it will make them any better people so I sort of figure I'd better not say it.

Yes, I'm pretty sure they're going to ask me a lot of questions when I get home. I'm hoping they are all about places, and things that were nice, and will make them happy just to know I've been there and seen them. But if they're about the things that were bad, and the gripes I've got, well--I sort of figure I better not say it!

MIKE THE III

There comes a time in the affairs of man,
Which taken at the flood leads on to failure;
Omitted, all the voyages of their lives
Are bound in shallows and in miseries.
On such a full sea are now afloat,
And we must take the current where it serves
Or lose our ventures.

JULIUS CAESAR--Shakespeare

FACTS ABOUT THE SHIP

The "Willard A Holbrook" was built in 1921 at Sparrow Point, Maryland, and operated on Around the World Cruises by the "Dollar Lines" as the "Buckeye State".

She was later operated as the "President Taft" on similar voyages by the "President Lines."

The US Army acquired the vessel in 1939 and reconverted her into a troop ship for which she was originally intended in the 1921 program.

The ship was christened the "Willard A. Holbrook" after the general of that name who distinguished himself with the First Army in World War I.

As a troop ship in the capacity of 3500, she carried the first soldiers to Australia in December 1941 and continued in this service until 1945 at which time she was scheduled to be rebuilt as a hospital ship.

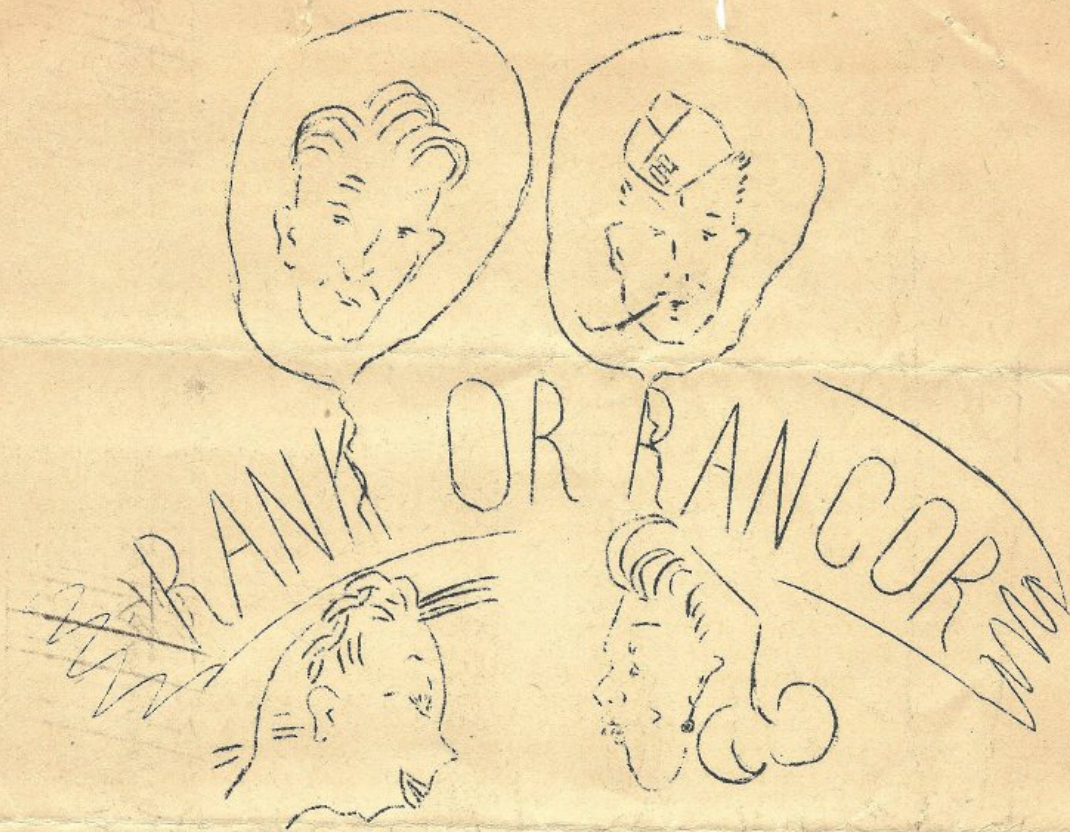
The close of World War I brought about the reassignment of the ship to the mission of carrying US dependents to Europe and war brides to the US from England, France and Italy.

The vessel was retired in December 1947 to be recommissioned after a complete rehabilitation and assignment to her present missions of carrying displaced persons, 19 December 1948.

The Holbrook is equipped with a radar unit having an average range of 18 miles. She measures from bow to stern 535 feet and is 75 feet wide. Not including her superstructure, she is 61 feet deep of which 32 feet are below the surface of the sea. Her gross tonnage is 14,811 tons and average speed approximately 16 knots.

The "Talent Show" featuring Miss Yvonne King in a tango and be-bop dance was a great success. The orchestra comprised Sgt. Thomas Ranalli, Cpl. Carl Long, Al Dennis, Frank Spears, Pfc. Robert Anderson and Rct. Frank Christian. The show presented Melvin Robbins, Thomas Sims, Robert Heffsmith, Curtis Joyner and Willie Neal as singers.

The show was fronted by Rct. John J. Avera who also directed the presentation.



MY HUSBAND IS THE BEST OF ALL
SAID MRS. A TO MRS. Z,
AND ALL THE TIME SHE TALKS LIKE THAT
SHE WISHES HE WOULD BE!

HE IS A CAPTAIN, DID YOU KNOW?
SAID MRS. A TO MRS. Z,
OH, REALLY? IS THE ANSWER QUICK
I'VE HEARD HE IS A P.F.C.

MY HUSBAND BUYS ME WHAT I WANT
SAID MRS. Z TO MRS. A,
HE BOUGHT THIS DRESS WHEN WE WERE DOWN
IN PARIS FOR A DAY.

BUT MRS. A SAID SO POLITE
IT IS A PRETTY SHADE,
I'VE HAD ONE JUST LIKE THIS YOU KNOW
I GAVE IT TO MY MAID.

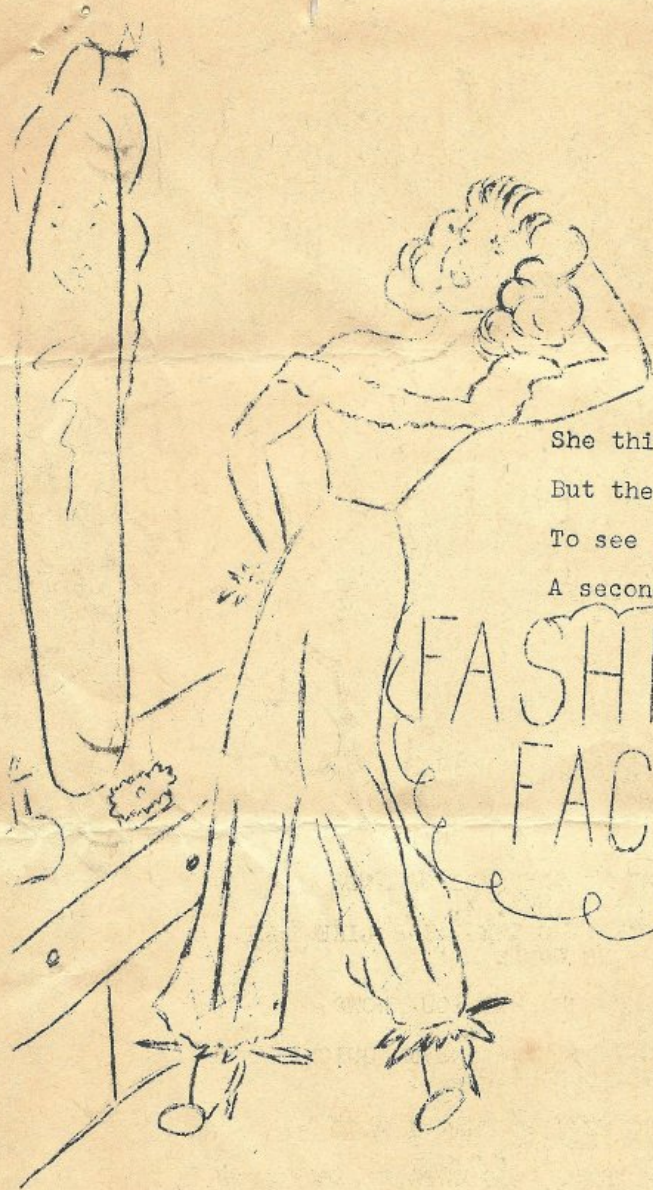
SO LONG !

AUF WIEDERSEHEN !

AU REVOIR!

VALETE !

HASTA LA VISTA !



She thinks she is the cutest doll,
But then, she's not quite able
To see that she is not at all
A second Betty Grable.

FASHIONABLE FACTS



So fuss, and primp, and tidy up
Just do the best you can.
It doesn't take a south sea queen
To please a fighting man!

FASHION NOTE

A WOMAN'S DRESS SHOULD BE LIKE AN AFTER
DINNER SPEECH. LONG ENOUGH TO COVER THE
SUBJECT ** YET SHORT ENOUGH TO BE INTERESTING!



YOU HAVE TO SMILE AS MOTHERS DO
WHEN BABY'S YELLING SO
THEY TURN A HAPPY FACE ON YOU
"HE'S SINGING NOW, YOU KNOW!"
ON THE PIANO THEY WILL POUND
NOT ONE ALONE, BUT THREE
BUT MOTHERS SMILE AT THIS SWEET SOUND
TALENTED, ISN'T HE?
THEN YOU OBSERVE WITH SOULFUL GROAN
HE PLAYS BALL WITH YOUR HAT
YOUR SOUL SCREAMS, TORTURED, AND YOU MOAN
WON'T SOMEONE STOP THAT BRAT?

Good luck and best wishes to all of our young
war brides who will see America for the first time tomorrow.
May all your troubles in your new home be "little ones".

It's the little things in life that tell! At least that's what
my girl said when she pulled her kid brother out from under the
davenport.

B O N N E C H A N C E !

G L U C K A U F !

B U O N A F O R T U N A