

**GLAD
YOU'RE
BACK,
SOLDIER!**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL
RECOVERED ALLIED MILITARY PERSONNEL**

(RESTRICTED)

Welcome Back, Soldier!



WE'RE mighty glad to have you back on the Allied team.

We appreciate what you've been through. We can't make it up to you in full, but we can give you the best the United States Army has in the way of food, clothes and a decent place to sleep.

Yes, and one other thing—a high priority to go home.

United States Personnel

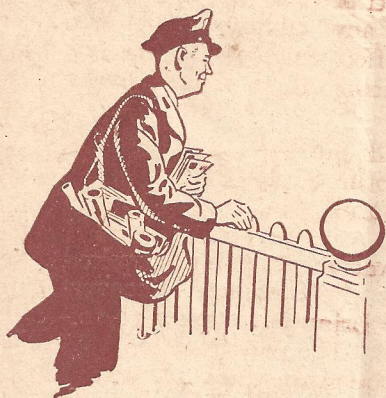
You probably didn't know it, but you've acquired a new name. "RAMP." That means Recovered Allied Military Personnel, and it applies to soldiers of all Allied Nations.

You're going to a forward camp from here. These camps are set up for the purpose of returning you to your rightful place in the Army.

The first thing you'll get at the Forward Camp is a hot bath and clean clothes. You'll be billeted in surroundings as comfortable as conditions will permit. And you can Rest. There won't be any inspections to stand. You can just take it easy until transportation is arranged to take you to a rear area.

**AND FROM THERE YOU'RE ON
THE WAY BACK TO THE U.S.A.**





At the Forward Camp, medics are all set to look you over and start tining you up. You'll be given an issue of PX supplies.

The American Red Cross will be around to offer any necessary assistance. News of your release will be quickly relayed to your folks at home through regular channels or through the press.

There is a good chance that news of your release may reach the folks back home before they are notified through regular channels. To avoid any mixup, it is important that you give your full name and serial number to any newspaperman who might request it.

Before you hit the Forward Camp you will be given a card which will identify you as a RAMP. Hold on to this — it's important.

Your pay has been accumulating all the while you were out of the hands of the U. S. Army. You can stop worrying about the status of allotments to your dependents, for checks have been going to them

regularly, just as if you had been signing the payroll monthly. Furthermore, any allotment for War Bonds has continued in effect unless you previously had gone on record as desiring otherwise in the event your status changed.

Until such time as full information is obtained regarding your pay account from the Office of Special Settlement Accounts, you will be given partial payments to take care of your immediate financial needs. You'll receive a partial payment immediately on arrival at the Forward Camp, and action will be initiated to bring your records up to date. The accumulated pay will be given you at the earliest opportunity. That means you'll get all the money that's coming to you.



Any pay you received from the enemy, either in observance of the Geneva Convention or for work performed, will NOT be deducted from the military pay which has accumulated in your absence.

You may submit a claim for personal property lost, damaged, destroyed, captured or abandoned in the service under

circumstances falling within the scope of AR 25-100, 3 July 1943. The preparation and filing of a claim may be accomplished at your first permanent station, where a Unit Claims Officer will be available to assist you.

There is a possibility you may skip the Forward Camp entirely if there are suitable air evacuation facilities at the point where you are recovered.

From the Forward Camp, you will travel either by air, rail or motor to a rear camp. There is a good chance that most of you who are not medical evacuees will go to the Le Havre area. From the rear camp you will be sent to the U.S.A. on the next highest priority over all other casualties other than the sick and wounded. This means you will



take precedence over rotational personnel and all other casualties returning to the States.

And by the way, do all you can to get yourself into good physical condition. You want to look good when you return, and you don't want anyone's pity, do you? Moreover, that body of yours will be with you as long as you live. Build it up and keep it that way.

When you reach the States you will be given ~~21~~ complete days at home. After that you will report to a Redistribution Center where you can take it easy and "recover" from your furlough. The Army, in the meantime, will be studying your records. At the Center, you will get a physical and dental check-up and the usual GI services such as aid—if needed—from personal affairs and legal assistance officers. After a classification study and interview you will be reassigned where your experience and training will do the most good. Factors entering into this reassignment will include your mental and physical condition and your potential usefulness to the service.

Your stay at the Center will vary from one to two weeks. The Centers are either of the hotel or camp



type, and you can do just about what you please. The Army wants you to have all the rest and relaxation possible before you return to duty. For that reason the Centers offer the best of sports and entertainment facilities.

Details of what your activities in the States will be are contained in War Department Pamphlet 21-21, "Welcome Back, Soldier," which will soon be available to you.



Rumors

You've been in close contact with the enemy—right in his own backyard. And you've had some plain and fancy lies thrown at you. They probably piled in so thick and fast that it got to where it was hard to tell what was truth and what wasn't.

One of the most wide-spread tales the Hun planted in PW camps was that RAMPS would be court-martialed upon their return to U.S. control. That, soldier, is the kind of lie Germany was built on. It has absolutely no foundation. On the contrary, the U.S. War and Navy Departments recently announced that special consideration for promotions, which would probably have been earned by you in normal service, would be given to returning RAMPS.



Facts

DURING your recuperation from "Stalagitis," you're going to have the opportunity to catch up on the news, to learn what the true Allied policies are, to learn everything you want to know about the United Nations and the all-out effort they're making for victory, by means of factual newspaper accounts, radio and discussion groups. Now that you're out, you can look at the facts and see what they add up to. You'll be mighty proud of our vast military successes.

Security

You can call it by a lot of names, but it still means:
KEEP YOUR MOUTH BUTTONED UP.

You saw and heard a lot of things while you were in enemy hands. You probably know a lot about secret activities in which you either engaged or heard about. You'll be asked to pledge yourself to secrecy on these things. It will sometimes be pretty hard to keep from spouting off about what you did or what you saw. But your silence is the best safeguard that the buddies you left behind will come back in one piece.

Remember that while Germany may be slap-happy, the Jap is still going strong. The Jap would like to know the tricks you learned while in German hands. WHY? To use them against our boys they now hold.

That's about all. There is one other thing, though. General Eisenhower wants you to be reassured that you will receive every reasonable consideration—and any necessary special treatment needed in your own particular case—from the War Department.

WELCOME BACK TO THE TEAM.

British Commonwealth Personnel



BRITISH Commonwealth RAMPS will, in general, be evacuated to the United Kingdom by the fastest possible means. In some cases this will be direct. In others, there will be a stopover. The method of travel will depend on the availability of transportation. British RAMPS will turn in such U.S. uniforms as may have been issued at Forward Camps and receive new British uniforms. Subsequent rehabilitation, rest and reassignment procedure will be directed by the British Army. British RAMPS will remain under U.S. control until they are turned over to their own people.

British Commonwealth personnel will receive partial payments to meet their immediate financial needs.

Other Allied Personnel

ALLIED RAMPS, other than those belonging to the British Commonwealth of Nations or to the United States, will remain under U.S. control until such time as arrangements can be made to return them to the control of their own governments. They will be fed, clothed and given the best medical attention possible.



Published by the Information Branch of the Information-
Education Division, ETOUSA, 25 April 1945