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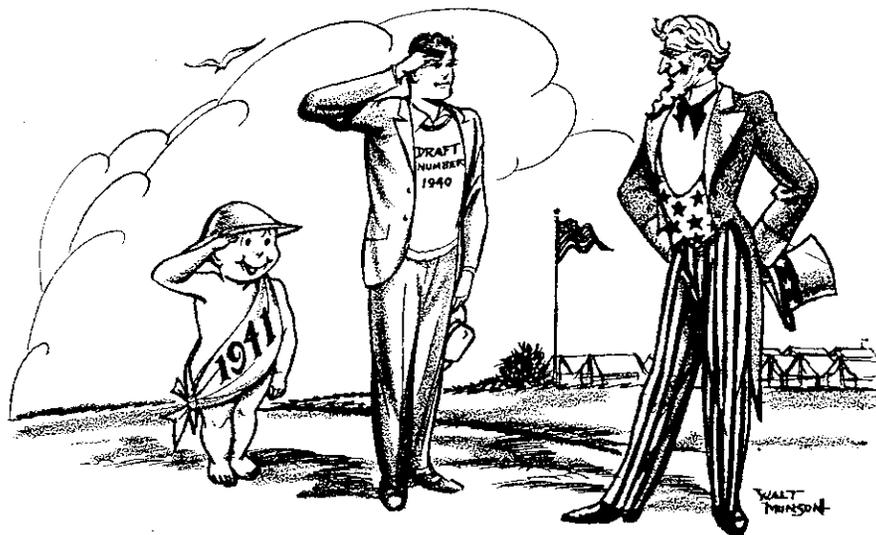


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Fraternal orders of the city of Connellsville gave a Farewell Party and Dance for the members of the Antitank Company and the Medical Detachment at the Armory, with a swell Floor Show during intermission. Corporal Lloyd Stephens of the Antitank Co. who is a member of the "Sons of the Legion" received a wristwatch as a present from the Legion. Lt. Scott also presented "Warrants" to the enlisted men of the company who had been promoted.

Sgt. Francis W. Haggerty and cooks John Girard, Frederick Luckey and William Wise are anxious to get to Indiantown Gap to attend the cooks and baker school.

Lt. Scott, Sgts. Kessler, Friend, Yakimick and Corp. Franks motored to Pittsburgh, Pa. to attend the Induction of the 176th F. A. and get a few pointers on what will take place on the induction of this unit into the Federal Service on Feb. 17.

Lt. Scott's civilian employer has allowed him to be off from work, with pay, two weeks prior to induction, and with the help of most of the N. C. O.s much work preparatory to the actual induction is being accomplished.

CAVALRY TESTS SUBSTITUTE FOR MOTORCYCLES

THE War Department recently announced that tests in the field are now being conducted under direction of the Chief of Cavalry to ascertain the practicability and efficiency, under service conditions, of the newly developed small automobile, known officially as the "Truck, ¼-Ton (4 x 4)."

This new type of vehicle is a small, low-silhouette, narrow-tread, 4-wheel-drive car without armor protection, which is designed to carry three men and their individual weapons. It can also be used as a weapon or ammunition carrier. It is not contemplated that the vehicle itself will be armed.

If this vehicle proves satisfactory under the exhaustive tests now in progress, its place in the Cavalry Team will be to furnish road and cross-country transportation for small rifle units

whose normal function would include reconnaissance, security, and dismounted combat. Frequently these rifle units will be employed with mechanized cavalry elements, such as scout car platoons, to extend the reconnaissance and to supplement the fire power of larger units.

There are a number of motorcycle elements within the cavalry structure: One motorcycle platoon in a horse cavalry regiment and one motorcycle troop in each of the nine corps reconnaissance regiments (horse-mechanized) and in each cavalry division reconnaissance squadron. The reconnaissance troop organically assigned to triangular divisions, of which there are nine within the four field armies, contain three motorcycle squads.

The motorcycle squad, the basic unit of all cavalry motorcycle organizations, consists of a corporal and five men armed with six pistols, four rifles and two sub-machine guns, caliber .45. Existing tables of organization provide that this combat group be mounted on two motorcycles, three men and their equipment to each vehicle. So far, the cavalry has no motorcycles, the motorcycle with side car is being used as substitute equipment.

Motorcycles with side cars are low in silhouette, they can be man-handled by their crew, they have ample road speed, but they are not designed for carrying three men, they are noisy, and for tactical use in cavalry operations they lack ruggedness and adequate cross-country ability. The newly developed quarter-ton truck seems to have the answer to some of these deficiencies: It is relatively quiet. Its light weight permits man-handling. It can be employed to carry either three men, or a cargo of weapons, or ammunition. Its low silhouette permits concealment.

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NEW GERMAN ARM

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It eventually became necessary to erect a special bureau of Industrial Mobilization in Paris. This bureau assists in negotiating contracts and provides qualified inspectors for checking the quality of articles delivered. Only such a central bureau can judge the ability of a French plant to fill German orders. The Paris bureau is manned by personnel drawn in equal numbers from Industrial Mobilization and from the German Ministry of Economics. Before issuing an order, the bureau must consult with *Wi Ru* and with the industrial mobilization staff officer advising the commander of German troops in occupied territory. All contracts exceeding 5000 marks in value must be reported by subordinate officers to the central bureau.

Several hundred contracts, some of them very large, have been awarded by the bureau to French firms. Purchase prices are generally set according to normal trade prices in Germany, although negotiation always takes place. Until arrangements regarding the form of remuneration are completed *Wi Ru* guarantees payment.

The present great task of Industrial Mobilization is to determine the capacity of factories and the extent of supplies of raw materials in occupied territory. The more perfect the statistics gathered, the better the performance of French industry in the future.

Industrial Mobilization, the new arm of the service, already has a proud record of success. It has favorably influenced the course of the war.

NO TOLL FOR MILITARY VEHICLES

Information has been received by the Adjutant General from the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission that vehicles of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps may now use the Turnpike without payment of toll when performing properly authorized military functions during this emergency. This is not understood to include private cars carrying military personnel.

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