

The Life of EISENHOWER
First Biography of America's Great General

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THROUGHOUT these years of military preparation young Eisenhower started, when he was a second lieutenant, to keep a set of notebooks, which he still continues. These private notebooks are rich mines of observation and comment.

Always vitally interested in military history, he was assigned to Washington and detailed to the American Battle Monuments Commission, under General Pershing, where he served from Jan. 18 to Aug. 15, 1927. He pursued his studies in the Army War College at Washington, and was graduated on June 19, 1929, leaving immediately for France, where until Sept. 15, 1929, he was again on duty with the Battle Monuments Commission in Paris.

During fifteen months we find Major Eisenhower journeying over the battlefields of World War I in France, jotting down notes and making maps for an official "Guide to American Battlefields in Europe." This was published by the Government; its thoroughness and keen observations were highly commended.

While Eisenhower was living in Paris, the Kellogg-Briand Anti-War Treaty was being created. He met the leading military figures and statesmen of the time. He attended sessions of the treaty conference, of the Chamber of Deputies and the French Senate, went to Geneva to observe the League of Nations in operation, and became an ardent student of international relations and world affairs.

EISENHOWER was receiving his first insight into both diplomacy and human nature. He was assigned to the War Department, in Washington, where as assistant

executive in the office of the Assistant Secretary of War, he gained his first knowledge of the necessity of preparedness to preserve peace and enforce it in case of emergency. Here he remained from Nov. 8, 1929, until Feb. 20, 1933—more than three years of intensive study and work. It was at this time that he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

He was in the War Department during the last days of the Hoover Administration. The great depression, which was sweeping the nation and the world, was developing into a crisis.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur was Chief of Staff of the United States Army, at Washington, during these critical days of 1930-35. He, too, was visioning perils ahead and working indefatigably to arouse the nation to the necessity of preparedness. Hitler was rising to power in Germany, which also was in the throes of economic depression; by pressure, intimidation and threats he was made Chancellor by the aged Von Hindenburg.

These were the conditions when we find Major Eisenhower serving General MacArthur as special assistant to the Chief of Staff from Feb. 20, 1933, to Sept. 24, 1935, through more than two and one-half years of crisis.

EISENHOWER had just been graduated from the Army Industrial College and was now one of the best equipped military men in Washington. MacArthur was exerting his energies to arouse both Congress and the American people to the immediate necessity of establishing a mechanized army. His vigorous appeals for appropriations for American defense occupied thousands of pages in the records of Congress. If they had been heeded, we would not have been caught unprotected in the Philippines and the Pacific.

Working unceasingly, Eisenhower was collecting the materials and evidence for General MacArthur's reports to Congress. After reading the documents placed before him, MacArthur appointed Eisenhower as his aide.

In the meantime, Japan was at war with China. Hitler, in Germany, began surreptitiously to build a powerful army. The Reichstag, now under his control, voted him absolute power. He began his reign of intrigue, persecutions, executions, as his storm troopers and Gestapo started on their nefarious campaigns.

Mussolini, in Italy, defiant of all the pledges to maintain peace, started on his invasion of Ethiopia to create a new Italian Empire, and after ruthless warfare, during which Emperor Haile Selassie and his family were forced to flee from Addis Ababa to England, Mussolini decreed Victor Emmanuel Emperor of Ethiopia. Hitler, in Germany, repudiated the Versailles Treaty and ordered conscription, openly defying the world.

These were the ominous rumblings as General MacArthur received an urgent appeal from the Philippines to come to their defense. President Manuel Quezon, observing the Japanese thrusts into China, realized that the warlords were plotting to invade his country as the key to their conquest of the Pacific. He could read the handwriting on the wall.

General MacArthur answered the call, retired from the General Staff at Washington, and sailed for the Philippines. And in September, 1935, Major Dwight D. Eisenhower was crossing the Pacific to become assistant military adviser to General MacArthur. Stationed at Manila, from Oct. 26, 1935, to Dec. 13, 1939, he was promoted to lieutenant-colonel (July 1, 1936). Here they began the heroic effort against time to build up the defenses of the islands. History has recorded these five years of tremendous labors to avert the approaching tragedy. MacArthur's achievements with his limited resources and manpower are notable military records.

NEXT: World War II.

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By **WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY**
America's Card Authority

Many bridge players of the country will be pleased to know that Col. Robert J. Gill of Baltimore, a past president of the American Contract Bridge League and member of MacArthur's staff during the last war, is in the midst of things over in England. His winning smile and personality should prove a winner over there, as they did here at the bridge table.

"Bob" used to love to get away

♠ J 9 6 2	♥ A 7 3
♦ K 10 8	♠ A J 7 6
♣ 10 9 4	♥ 2
♦ J 3 2	♠ Q 10 8 7
Dealer	
♠ 10 8 5	♥ A 7 3
♦ 5 2	♠ A J 7 6
♣ K Q J 6	♥ 2
♦ 5 3	♠ Q 10 8 7
♣ 5 4	♥ 6

Colonel Gill
♠ K Q 4
♥ Q 9 4 3
♦ A 8 7
♣ A K 9

Duplicate—None vul
South West North East
1 N.T. Pass 2 N.T. Pass
3 N.T. Pass Pass Double
Opening—♦ K. 18

Soil Conservation Film Will Be Shown

Landowners of Midland county who have not yet seen the soil conservation film which has been shown in most communities are invited to attend a showing of the film at 4:30 p.m., Saturday in the basement of the courthouse.

The film describes some proper soil conservation practices and shows how lands have been built up by conservation, and yields increased.

Northwest Midland Landlords Register

Landlords who own rental units in the section of the city north of Wall street and west of Main street started registering their units with the OPA rent control Friday morning. They will continue to register Saturday and Monday.

Rental units in the section of the city north of Wall street and east of Main will be registered Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

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OUR BOARDING HOUSE --with MAJOR HOOPLE OUT OUR WAY --By J. R. WILLIAMS

EGAD, BOYS! I DECIDED TO PLAY NO FAVORITES EACH OF YOU MAY ADVANCE ME \$50 FOR MY JOURNEY UPSTATE TO SELL THE DINOSAUR EGGS TO A MUSEUM-- HAR-RUMPH!

IS THIS TRIP NECESSARY? WHY NOT ONE STRIPES ON THE EGG AND GANE IT TILL EASTER?

PUT A TOURNIQUE ON YOUR IMAGINATION, CHUM! YOU'VE STAKED A CLAIM AT RAIN-- BOY'S END EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT FOR 50 YEARS, BUT ALL YOU EVER WAKE UP WITH IS TEA-BAGS UNDER YOUR EYES!

THIS ACT DID LAY AN EGG--

THIS ONE IS AN APPLICATION FROM AN ALL-ROUND MACHINIST-- HE'S AN OLD TIMER, ACCORDING TO THIS CARD

WELL, BRING TH' MAN IN-- I CAN READ TH' MAN QUICKER AND BETTER THAN A BLASTED CARD! AND I AIN'T DONE ENOUGH BAD OR GOOD IN THIS WORLD TO BE AFRAID O' BEIN' ASSASSINATED-- SEND TH' MAN IN!

STILL AN OLD MAIN STREET BOY-- STILL BELIEVES A MAN'S A MAN AN' NOT A TICKET AN' DOGS TAG! SOON YOUR WIFE WON'T LET YOU IN WITH-OUT 'EM!

WITH A PAPER SHORTAGE

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES --By EDGAR MARTIN

HEY, AUNTIE CORA--

FR GOSH SAKES--

OH, YEAH-- IT'S TH' DRANGEST THING--

THIS HYAR SMART ALECK HAOUND WARENT IN TH' HAOUSE FIVE MINUTES AFORRE HE FIGGERED HAOW TOPEN MORE ICE BOX

AN' HE PICKED 'ER CLEAN! NAOW, AH ASK YEW, AIN'T THET TH' CUTEST THING Y'EVER SEED?

WAVELI DECLINES REQUEST OF GANDHI FOR CONFERENCE

NEW DELHI--(P)--Field Marshal Lord Wavell, viceroy of India, announced Friday he had turned down Mohandis K. Gandhi's request for a conference to discuss the latter's offer to back full Nationalist support of the war effort if India is granted immediate independence.

ANYBODY HOME?

The Sultan of Solo, at Surakarta, Java, has a household of 15,000, including wives, sweethearts, dancing girls, relatives, priests, soldiers, servants and local officials.

Few animals are found on Kwajalein atoll; they consist only of dogs, pigs, rats and bats.

High School Juniors Are Registering

Midland High School juniors started registering Friday for the 1944-45 school term. Juniors whose names start with G through O will register Monday, and those whose names start with P through Z will register Tuesday.

Birth Certificates Should Be Obtained Now For New Students

Parents of children who will enter school next month for the first time were reminded Friday by Superintendent Frank Monroe that birth certificates for the children must be presented before they can start school.

Frank Williamson Buys 700 Herefords

Frank Williamson has purchased 700 Hereford calves from the Higginbotham Ranch in Gaines County. The calves will be delivered to Williamson November 1.

CINNAMON MONOPOLY

In the Netherlands of the 18th century death was the penalty for selling or giving away as little as a single stick of cinnamon, or for wilfully injuring a cinnamon plant. The government had complete control of the plant and took every precaution to protect the monopoly and high price.

HOLD EVERYTHING

Read Reporter-Telegram Want Ads

FATSO...

OUR K.P.S TAKE NO CHANCES WITH THAT PRECIOUS USED FAT FOR THE BUTCHER

"It's the only picture we have of father!"

Children who are not six years old by September 1 cannot enter school. Monroe also reminded parents that children who have not been vaccinated should be before school starts, and they should be vaccinated early enough to get over any ill effects before classes start.

Get acquainted with top whole grain nourishment and tip-top flavor. Get milk, fruit, and Wheaties, famous "Breakfast of Champions."

"Wheaties go so fast we just don't bother carrying them into the store."

Mighty popular cereal, Wheaties. Fact is they're America's favorite whole wheat flakes. And winning new friends every day.

buy MEAD'S fine BREAD

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS --By MERRILL BLOSSER

STILL WISH YOU OWNED IT?

I SURE DO, IT TORTURES ME JUST TO LOOK AT THIS BOAT!

THEN WHY DO YOU KEEP HANGING AROUND IT?

I KEEP HOPING I'LL FIND SOMETHING WRONG WITH IT!

WHY DIDN'T LARD COME WITH US, FRECKLES?

HE'S STILL PUNISHING YOU FOR SPOILING HIS DREAM OF RICHES!

WHAT WAS HE GOING TO DO TODAY?

HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE MOTOR BOAT HE ALMOST BOUGHT!

WASH TUBBS --By LESLIE TURNER

WE CAN DESTROY RADIO CONTROL OF THE JAP BOMB BY APPLYING INTERFERENCE ON ALL WAVE LENGTHS... LIKE AN ELECTRIC RAZOR UPSETS BROADCAST RECEPTION!

SWELL, COLONEL! HOW SOON CAN YOU HAVE SOME OF THESE INTERFERENCE UNITS?

BY CONVERTING CERTAIN INSTRUMENTS ON HAND WE'LL HAVE ENOUGH TO MEET THE MUSHIRO SITUATION IN 24 HOURS

HEY, EASY! HOWRE THEY COMING WITH OUR PROBLEM?

FINE, BOB! HOW'YU MAKING OUT WITH YOURS?

INCIDENTALLY, WE'RE LEAVING FOR NEW GUINEA TOMORROW-- TO TRY OUT THEIR SOLUTION!

SIDE GLANCES

"I'm going to start dinner now, Willie--bring in your helmets!"

THIS CURIOUS WORLD --By William Ferguson

VILHJALMUR STEFANSSON
TRAVELED SEVEN HUNDRED MILES ACROSS ARCTIC ICE FLOES, EATING NOTHING BUT SEALS AND POLAR BEARS...AND GAINED WEIGHT.

QUOTING ODDS

"IF AN ENGINE RUNS TOO HOT, IT WILL FREEZE," SAYS CORPORAL RAY G. OLSEN, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

HUMAN BEINGS NORMALLY LOSE ABOUT 30 HAIRS DAILY.

NEXT: Seagoing butterflies.

RED RYDER --By FRED HARMAN

I WHIPPED MOUSE ARNO IN EL RITO... NOW HE'S BETTIN' 1000 DOLLARS TO 500 THAT I CAN'T DO IT AGAIN!

WHAT'S HOLDIN' YOU?

NOTHIN' BUT TH' 500 BUCKS!

I'LL GRUB-STAKE YOU!

THANKS, DUGGESS!

STOP MUGGIN' ME, 'FORE I POP YOU IN TH' CLINCHES!

ALLEY OOP --By V. T. HAMLIN

THIS ODD STONE BLIMPED UP TO ME! WERE CLUTCHING WHEN FOUND-- DOESN'T IT STIR A MEMORY OF THE PAST?

PFAWH! TH' MERE SIGHT OF IT NAUSEATES ME! TAKE IT AWAY!

AHEM! IT'S TIME FOR YOUR BATH, MASTER

THE WATER, EXALTED ONE, IS AT JUST THE RIGHT DEGREE!

HMMPH! REMOVE YOUR PAW FROM MY BAWTH BEFORE IT BECOMES CONTAMINATED!

WELL, THE GREAT 'TIS HERE! LET'S GET ON THE JOB!

YEH! I'D LIKE TO BUST THIS JAR ON THE BIG PORES DOME! GET!

