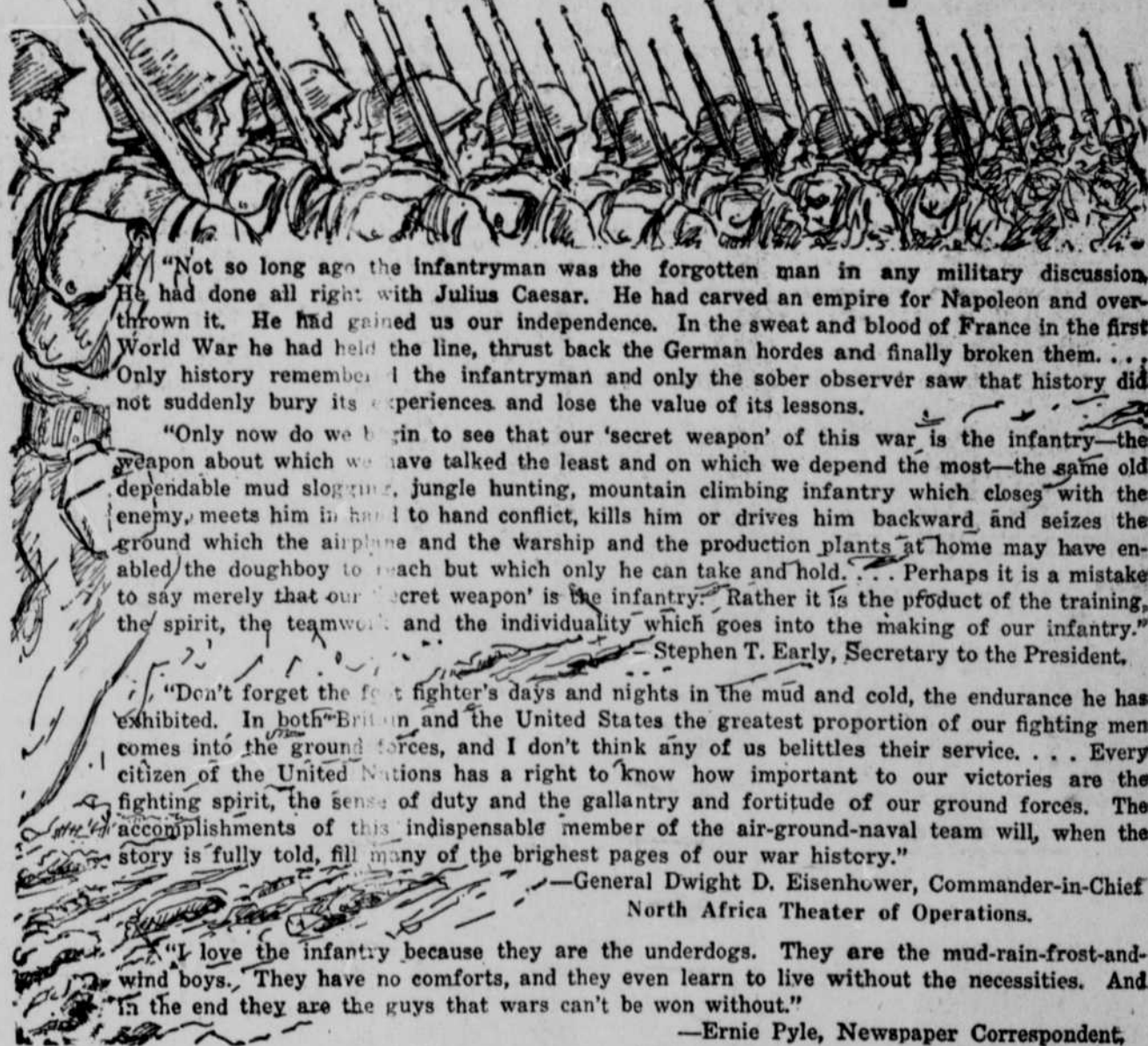


Our Secret Weapon



"Not so long ago the infantryman was the forgotten man in any military discussion. He had done all right with Julius Caesar. He had carved an empire for Napoleon and overthrown it. He had gained us our independence. In the sweat and blood of France in the first World War he had held the line, thrust back the German hordes and finally broken them. . . . Only history remembers the infantryman and only the sober observer saw that history did not suddenly bury its experiences and lose the value of its lessons."

"Only now do we begin to see that our 'secret weapon' of this war is the infantry—the weapon about which we have talked the least and on which we depend the most—the same old dependable mud-slogging, jungle hunting, mountain climbing infantry which closes with the enemy, meets him in hand to hand conflict, kills him or drives him backward and seizes the ground which in the hope and the warship and the production plants at home may have enabled the doughboy to reach but which only he can take and hold. . . . Perhaps it is a mistake to say merely that our 'secret weapon' is the infantry. Rather it is the product of the training, the spirit, the teamwork and the individuality which goes into the making of our infantry."

—Stephen T. Early, Secretary to the President.

"Don't forget the front fighter's days and nights in the mud and cold, the endurance he has exhibited. In both the British and the United States the greatest proportion of our fighting men comes into the ground forces, and I don't think any of us belittles their services. . . . Every citizen of the United Nations has a right to know how important to our victory are the fighting spirit, the sense of duty and the gallantry and fortitude of our ground forces. The accomplishments of this indispensable member of the air-ground-naval team will, when the story is fully told, fill many of the brightest pages of our war history."

—General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Commander-in-Chief North Africa Theater of Operations.

"I love the infantry because they are the underdogs. They are the mud-rain-frost-and-wind boys. They have no comforts, and they even learn to live without the necessities. And in the end they are the guys that wars can't be won without."

—Ernie Pyle, Newspaper Correspondent.

ball, which only goes to show to what extremities the harassed press boys have been driven by Notre Dame's excessive behavior.

What they actually mean is they don't like to use in any "great" more than twice in any given sentence.

We may gratuitously add that, when the mantle of greatness descends upon a football team, it is good horse-sense to look to its coach for the answer. . . . just as, in the event that a team is very fat-headed, the coach gets fired.

We are trying to be very dispassionate in stating an opinion at this point, which is that Frank Leahy has done the finest coaching job of the last five years or more with this Notre Dame football team of 1943.

Yes, but who is he? Where did he ever tend store? Is he the new Rockne?

All that anybody seems to know is that he was a good football player at Notre Dame, though not conspicuously so; that he was injured and didn't finish his career, and that he attained distinctive success as a coach at Boston College before going to South Bend.

It, therefore, appears particularly appropriate at this point . . . with national acclaim, if not understanding, beginning to come his way . . . to get this intimate, personal pedigree, forwarded by a volunteer historian from the man's home town:

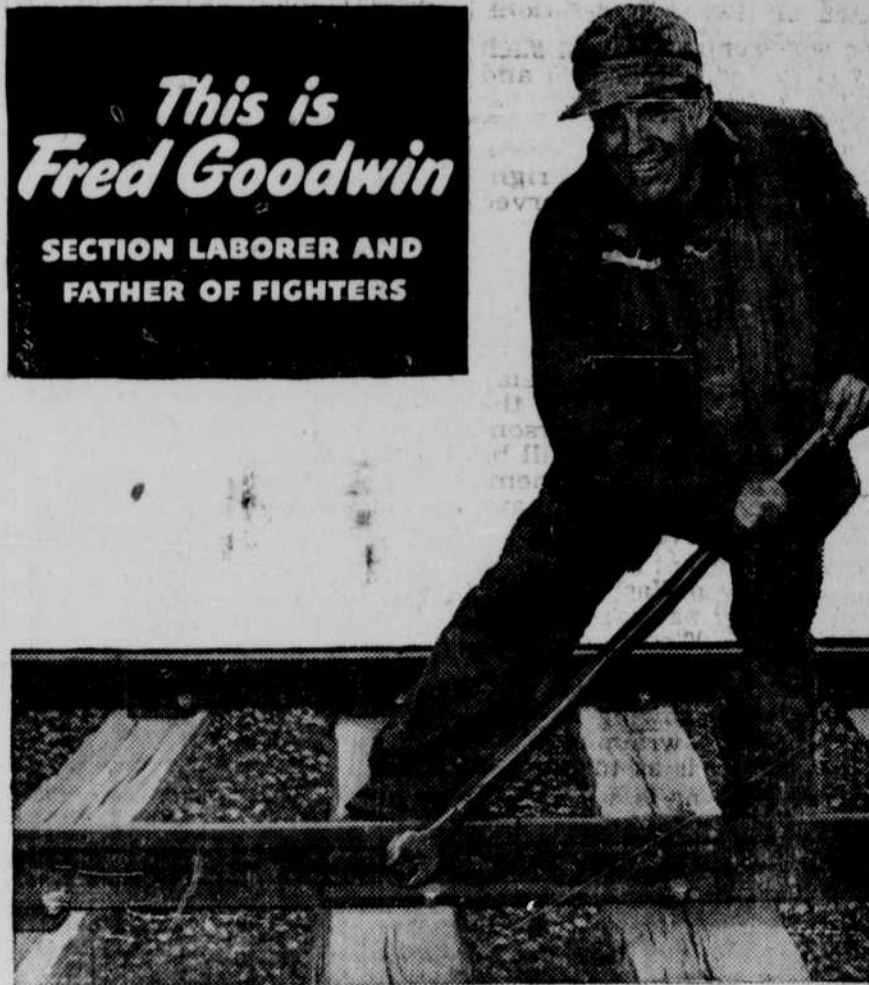
"Leahy was born at O'Neill, Neb., in August, 1907. O'Neill was founded by, and named after, Gen. John O'Neill, head of the Fenians in the United States. He thought the Fenians could take Canada and hold it as a ransom for the freedom of Ireland. Failing in this, he went west to establish an Irish Utopia . . . thus, O'Neill City.

"The Fenians were tough, and their descendants were tough, Dominick McCaffery, who fought John L. Sullivan, Charley Mitchell and Jim Corbett, was from O'Neill. So was Montana Jack Sullivan, who fought Ketchell, Flynn and McGorty.

"Leahy's father was one of the strongest and toughest men in the community. He managed 'Montana' Jack Sullivan and was also the only man ever to beat Farmer Burns at 'stick pulling,' an old-time sport in the West in which two men sat facing each other and attempted to pull one another off the ground. He beat Burns for a \$1,000 side bet in Omaha.

"Leahy's grandfather was Capt. Jack Kane, one-man police department of O'Neill, who feared nobody. Frank also had two uncles, Jimmy and Matt Kane, who

This is Fred Goodwin
SECTION LABORER AND FATHER OF FIGHTERS



Fred lives in Bronson, Iowa, and has been with the "North Western" for 20 years. Although his work probably will never make headline news, his job is vital. For he belongs to that vast army of workers who keep roadbeds in top condition.

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But when Fred's driving a rail spike or tightening a bolt wonder if he doesn't wish occasionally, for the sake of his fighting sons, that a uniformed Jap or Nazi were the objects of his attention.

He'd hardly be human if he didn't. For his son, Sergeant Walter, has seen action as a bomber gunner in Sicily; Sergeant Ray has had nine months in North Africa; while Bill's two hectic years in the Merchant Marine included service on the tanker *Iowa Arrow* when it was torpedoed! Then there's Lieutenant and now an instructor at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland.

Fighting fathers and fighting sons—"North Western" has many of them. Some are fighting on the Transportation Front, others on the Battle Front. But they're all playing a real part in this war!

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Mrs. Fred Wood for the past week, left Monday for Jefferson Barracks, Mo., where he will be stationed.

The Christmas program of the Methodist Sunday School will be held at the church at 8 o'clock Christmas eve.

Cpl. Dale Matuschull, who spent the past ten days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Matuschull, left Friday morning to return to his duties at Camp Roberts, Cal.

Mrs. La Vern Stevens and Miss Evelyn Cavanaugh, of Chambers, were guests Wednesday afternoon at the Ralph Stevens home.

Gordon Harris, who is employed in defense work at Seattle, Wash., left Saturday evening to return to his home after spending a week here visiting his mother, Mrs. Verma Harris and brother, Glenn Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Worn are the parents of a son, born to them at the O'Neill hospital Friday evening, December 10.

The William Riege farm sale was held last Wednesday after-

Skinner visited relatives and friends in Lincoln and Beatrice before returning home Friday morning. Mrs. Sue Corey, of Beatrice, accompanied them to Page and accompanied Mrs. Skinner to Ainsworth.

The Royal Neighbor Kensington entertained the Past Oracles at their annual Christmas party and gift exchange at the Lodge Hall Wednesday evening. Lovely refreshments were served.

First Presbyterian Church
Kenneth J. Scott, Pastor
Sunday, December 19
10:00 a. m., Sunday School. Mr. Sauer, Supt.
11:00 a. m., Morning Worship. Sermon: "The Christmas Call to Worship."
6:00 p. m., Junior Christian Endeavor. Mrs. Ralph Voecks, sponsor.
7:00 p. m., Senior Christian Endeavor. Leaders: Dick Remy and Durven Kipple.

Tuesday, December 21. Prayer meeting at the home of Roy M. Sauer, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Thursday, December 23. Dress rehearsal for the Christmas program at the church at 7:30 p. m.

Friday, December 24, 8:00 p. m. Christmas program given by the Sunday School for the whole church. A special offering will be taken for the foreign missionary cause of our church.

The Methodist Church
December 19, 1943.
10 A. M. church school, H. B. Burch, Superintendent.
God still sends messages to help and cheer and guide man. When God wants to speak to man he puts it into the heart and mind and soul of some new babe and sends it out into the world of men. Every Christian service you help give a babe, every child you help give to normal healthy manhood, reveals some message from God. It is these messages that make the world.

11:00 a. m., Morning worship. Christmas Anthem. Sermon: Messengers of Christ.

7:00 p. m., Methodist Youth Fellowship. Evening session, Brief discussion, led by Beulah Siders; discussion by Viva Alm.

8:00 p. m., Christmas program presented by the Church school. "Everywhere Christmas."
Tuesday, December 21, 4:15 p. m. Christmas session of Primary and Juniors. First through to Sixth grades. There will be a missionary study class, followed by a party and refreshments. Mrs. Louis Reimer, superintendent of children's work, and Mrs. Dawson Park, secretary of missionary education, assisted by Mrs. Enard Leach and Mrs. Ralph Leidy will be in charge.

Cactus Club
The November meeting of the Cactus Project Club was held at the home of Mrs. Arthur O'Neill on Thursday, December 2. Only six members answered roll call, but four visitors helped to make the meeting more interesting. At noon a covered dish luncheon served cafeteria style was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The lesson concerning "Morale in the Home" was especially interesting to everyone, because as parents, we play a vital part. The urgent need for parents to awaken to their responsibility is seen in the reports of increases in juvenile delinquency coming from all parts of the country.

Family morale is important to character and personality development at any time, but it is especially important in time of national emergency. It is important in the life of the children who remain at home. It is important to the boy as a preparation for induction in the service and it will help him while in the service.

Plans were discussed for an afternoon Christmas party for Wednesday, December 15. Next club will meet with Mrs. Alfred Drayton.

O'Neill Boy Leads Notre Dame To Victories
Since Frank Leahy, coach of the Notre Dame foot ball team, has become prominent on account of the position his team has taken as one of the greatest, if not the greatest, team in the United States for the year 1943, and many claim it the greatest team in the history of the game, his personality has become of interest to the public and many sports writers have written stories of his life, many of them giving Winner, S. D., as his birth place. Frank is a native of this city and this fact has been published many times, but there are some who will not, or do not care to, correct themselves. The following tribute to Frank Leahy, his brothers and uncles is from the pen of one of the nation's leading sports writers, Davis Walsh, and appeared in the Chicago Herald American on Sunday, November 14. It will be interesting reading to the many people in this city and county who knew the Leahy family when they were residents of this city.

This piece of imperishable literature is being glibly tossed off (within an elapsed time, not in excess of five hours), well before Notre Dame's very swiftest and stylish football team is placed on exhibition for its annual Fall showing in Chicago. In other words, it hasn't yet come out on Duche Stadium for the Northwestern game . . . a game it might conceivably lose, to ruin a season in which its deft and precise mastery of its art has been such as to call forth prolonged rhapsodies from a not-easily deluded press.

Some have even compared this Notre Dame team with the Chicago (Pro) team, to the latter's detriment and chagrin. The latter, just to properly point up the situation, are supposed to be the last and ultimate word in foot-