

## OPA SOFTENS HEART FOR SERVICE MEN ON LEAVE

From now on members of the armed forces home on furlough will be able to obtain rationing coupons good for a gallon of gasoline for each day of the leave, up to 30 gallons. Under the old ruling five gallons, and no more, were made available for those home on furlough regardless of the length of the stay. Those on short week-end passes are not entitled to any gas according to the New OPA rule.

In an area as widespread as Scotch Plains, where a car offers about the only means of transportation, the new ration makes it possible for men home from overseas service, or those who have been training in this country and are about to go over, to get round and see their friends. Surely they are deserving of this consideration.

The regional OPA director announced recently that servicemen and women on leave who want gasoline must apply to local rationing boards not alone with their leave papers, but also with ownership license or the tire inspection record of the car for which they want fuel. Heretofore only leave papers have been required.

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## PARK BOMBERS BEAT SCOTCH PLAINS COPS

To satisfy an insistent demand by servicemen for sports news, we ventured on our initial sports-reporter mission the other evening - a soft-ball game between Chief Harry Erholms Police team and the Park Bombers - a contingent of ball tossers from Jerseyland.

We've been at many a game where some enraged fan has yelled "KILL THE UMPIRE" - but this was the first game where we've seen it tried. In an attempt to nail a cop at second, the Bombers' catcher heaved a rifle-bullet toss through the pitcher's box. The pitcher ducked - but the umpire - tall Harold Van Fleet, the new dog warden, - forgot to duck and the ball caught him squarely on the bridge of the nose and forehead. He dropped like a log and had to be revived. Another ump took his place.

The first few innings were exciting and well played with neither side scoring. Then somewhere along about the third or fourth innings, the Bombers switched to bunting and that started trouble. The cops' catcher picked up the bunted ball and snapped a lightning toss to Chief Harry at first base. The ball arrived before the runner but, lo and behold!, the Chief muffed it and the Bomber now safe on first eventually was worked around for the first run.

When the inning was over, Chief Harry came up to your "sports reporter" and Ralph Kene, and referring to the muffed ball, said "wodda ya know about that guy dishing me a curve at first?"

The final score was 5 to 1 in favor of the PARK BOMBERS and let us tell you those guys can play ball.

Besides Chief Erholm, the only cops we recognized were Johnny Andrusky and Frank Barone, with Sgt. Jimmy Osnato puffing valiantly on the side-lines as the cop's cheering section. We don't know the names of any of the Bomber Players and we don't know how many hits or errors were made, or any of the other fine points of information which a good sports reporter would learn. So let us be the first to say that as a sport's reporter, we're lousey.

Chief Harry and his constables took the Mountainside cops into camp on the previous Sunday to the tune of 5 to 2.

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In a twilight game at the LeGrande Street Oval, Fanwood, on August 9th, the CRESTWOOD ACRES soft-ball team was defeated by the FANWOOD MEN'S CLUB by a score of 9 to 6. According to Manager Jake Wertz, The Crestwood boys promise to turn the tables in a return match.

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## WHEN YOU COME BACK

We know you will come back  
We have never doubted that, ever.  
Back to the same town,  
To the same job you liked so much,  
To the same people you have always loved.

Where you can work and plan and build;  
Where you can do the things you have always dreamed of;  
Where there is no limit to any man Or any woman's or any child's opportunity.

You will find nothing changed.

The younger folks are still free  
To sleep and laugh and play.  
Still free to look to the sky  
Clear-eyed and unafraid.

The old as well as the young  
Still pray in the hope that YOU will come back soon.  
We are so proud that you are making sure

That hate and greed and tyranny  
Will never rise to threaten us again

We are proud to make our sacrifice  
Knowing that they will help  
To bring you back to us sooner.  
We know that these are the big and little things

That make our life worth living;  
That make us realize how thankful  
We must all be to live  
In such a beautiful country.

This is the America we cherish,  
This is the America we love.  
Don't let anyone tamper with a way of living

That works out so well.  
All this is worth fighting for.  
Never fear because this is the way  
We want it too.

Everything will be just as you left it,

Just as you want it  
When YOU COME BACK.

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