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FIGHTER FOR PEACE

GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL INSISTED HE WAS NO DIPLOMAT, BUT HIS CAREER PROVED HE WAS WRONG—AND NOW HE IS SECRETARY OF STATE.

SOLDIERS WHO SERVED UNDER MARSHALL SAY HE'S HARD-WORKING, FAIR AND LOYAL. HIS OLD CLASSMATES AT VIRGINIA MILITARY INSTITUTE AGREE! GEORGE WAS A SHY, GAWKY BOY WHEN HE ENTERED V. M. I.

BROTHER RAT. ER—YES, THESE ARE MY QUARTERS. YES, SIR.

HE SOON LANDED ON THE "AWKWARD SQUAD."

MARSHALL, YOUR SHOES—NOT SHINED! CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING RIGHT?

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At least I can do this right.

Report at once to the superintendent.

I thought they were patent leather. Now I see they're not, but you used lacquer.

Pardon me, sir—I used polish and elbow grease.

Marshall's career—and life—was almost ended by haz ing.

These bayonets are sharp. Better hang on, brother rat!

I can't—I'm going to fall!

Seriously injured, he was rushed to the hospital.

Who was responsible?

It was an accident, sir.

His fellow students never forgot Marshall's sportsmanship. After his recovery he became a class leader.

That's George Marshall—top man in our class. He's all—southern tackle, too.

A boy like that will go far in the army.

The rest of his V.M.I. days were packed with study, military training, and athletics. In 1901 he was graduated with honors.
But twelve years later Marshall was still a lieutenant. While on maneuvers in the Philippine Islands...

Colonel Dart collapsed. He's in the hospital...

Send for Marshall.

Our chief of staff can't finish leading maneuvers. Marshall, can you draw up a field order?

Yes, sir, I believe I can.

So, with the "enemy" in sight, Marshall took over.

Well start the attack at once.

I wonder if Lieutenant what's his name knows what he's doing.

The umpire got his answer when...

The enemy's retreating. Manila would be saved with such a plan.

Later that day, as a luncheon was held for high staff officers...

Gentlemen, keep your eyes on Marshall. He is the greatest military genius of America since Stonewall Jackson.
MARSHALL'S ABILITY AGAIN CAME TO THE FORE DURING WORLD WAR I. WHEN HE WAS A TEMPORARY COLONEL WITH THE FIRST DIVISION IN FRANCE...

NEW ORDERS, SIR.

ORDERS SAY TO MOVE A MILLION MEN ACROSS FRANCE TO THE MEUSE-ARGONNE.

CAN'T BE DONE, GERMAN FLYERS WILL SPOT US.

BUT MARSHALL PLANNED AND BEGAN THE GIGANTIC MARCH.

OUR SPY MUST HAVE BEEN WRONG. THE ALLIES AREN'T MOVING MEN.

MEANWHILE...

I NEVER THOUGHT YOU COULD GET THIS FAR, SIR, WITHOUT JERRY FLYERS SPOTTING US.

AT THE END OF THE SUCCESSFUL MARCH...

COLONEL, THAT WAS ONE OF THE FINEST PIECES OF STAFF WORK IN THE ENTIRE WAR.

THANK YOU, GENERAL PERSHING.

AFTER THE ARMISTICE, MARSHALL RETURNED TO THE RANK OF CAPTAIN. EIGHTEEN YEARS OF Routine Duty Followed, with slow promotions, until he became a BRIGADIER GENERAL. Then, in 1939...

ROOSEVELT JUST PROMOTED MARSHALL TO CHIEF OF STAFF OVER THE HEADS OF THIRTY-FOUR OTHER GENERALS!
The new Chief of Staff sought younger officers for the National Defense Program. One day...

Hello, General, as a Reserve Colonel, I'm reporting for active duty.

Sorry Senator Truman, you're too old to carry the ball.

Marshall's use of football terms is well known to Army men.

While General Marshall was making history with his military genius during World War II, he learned the vital need for cooperation with other countries at Casablanca's historic conference...

Give planes to the British, tanks to the Russians, guns to the French, and we'll win the war.

Although Marshall hobnobbed with the world's top leaders, his G.I.'s were always in his thoughts. Once, returning from overseas...

Two empty seats. Find out if any hospitalized men nearby are well enough to make the trip.

When the plane took off...

He's a swell guy.
SOLDIERS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FELT THE SAME WAY ABOUT THEIR CHIEF OF STAFF.

WHO'S THE BRASS COMING HERE TO THE JUNGLE?

MARSHALL IS EXPECTED. HE'S SURE NO ARM-CHAIR GENERAL.

BACK IN WASHINGTON A FEW DAYS LATER...

I THOUGHT HE WAS IN EUROPE. OR WAS IT THE PACIFIC?

BOTH! HE JUST TOOK A SWING AROUND THE WORLD.

THE GENERAL'S TRIPS ALSO TOOK HIM TO CONFERENCES AMONG ALLIED LEADERS AT YALTA...

HE TALKS LIKE A TRAINED DIPLOMAT INSTEAD OF A SOLDIER.

AMONG MARSHALL'S ADMIRERS IS PREMIER STALIN, AT A BANQUET, DURING THE POTSDAM CONFERENCE...

I WONDER WHAT STALIN IS DOING WITH THAT MENU?

GENERAL MARSHALL, WILL YOU AUTOGRAFH MY MENU AS A SOUVENIR OF THIS HISTORIC OCCASION.

IT'S A GREAT HONOR, GENERALISSIMO.
President Truman voiced the nation's gratitude when, at the end of the war, he said:

To him, as much as to any individual, the United States owes its future.

The general went to his Virginia farm to rest. But in November, 1945...

George, the White House called. Phone the president immediately.

Get here as soon as you can. I'll come—but I'm not a diplomat.

The president thought Marshall was an excellent diplomat and sent him to China as special ambassador.

If anybody can bring China's warring factions together, it's Marshall.

His work in China was cut short a year later when...

Any statement, General, on your appointment as Secretary of State?

Not yet.

At his first formal press conference on February 7, 1947, Secretary of State George C. Marshall gave the keynote of his plans for peace.

...strenthen and perfect the United Nations... for international peace.

Brilliant victories marked the military career of George C. Marshall, but his most crucial battle lies ahead—spearheading the peace!
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

BY LOUIS WOLFE OF THE NEW YORK CITY SCHOOL SYSTEM

SPIES ARE TAUGHT TO BE QUICK THINKERS AND ALERT. WHAT WOULD YOU DO...

IF YOU WERE A SPY IN GERMANY AND...
SIR, YOU ARE WANTED AT OUR OFFICE.

BUT HE'S ONLY A LACE SALESMAN.

AT GESTAPO HEADQUARTERS...
DON'T BE ALARMED, MY GOOD MAN. WE WANT YOU TO ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS.

THIS FEATURE IS BASED ON EVENTS THAT HAVE HAPPENED, OR COULD HAPPEN.
FERRISS EARNED THE HIGHEST WINNING PERCENTAGE OF ANY MAJOR-LEAGUE PITCHER DURING THE 1946 SEASON. HE WON 25 GAMES, LOST ONLY 6 GAMES—AN AVERAGE OF .806.

IN 1945, HIS FIRST YEAR IN THE MAJORS, "BOO" FERRISS WON 21 GAMES. HE SET A LEAGUE RECORD BY PITCHING 23¾ SCORELESS INNINGS TO START HIS MAJOR LEAGUE CAREER.

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Anxious: Did your watch stop when it hit the floor?
Casual: Of course it did. What did you expect it to do, go on through?
Edward D. Holmes, Bridges Avenue School, Massena, N. Y.

Shopper: Could I exchange this dinner gong for something else?
Clerk: Is there something wrong with it, madam?
Shopper: No, it's a perfectly good gong, but I just can't use it.
At home, my husband and boys

Ted: That was some dream I had last night. When I woke up, I found I'd been chewing on my pillow.
Red: Do you feel all right today?
Ted: Yes, except that I feel a little down in the mouth.
Franklin Tretter, Public School 135, Brooklyn, N. Y.

An American soldier stationed in London was trying to give an Englishman some idea of the size of Texas.
"In Texas," he said, "you can board a train one morning, ride all day and night, and the next morning you're still in Texas."
"Really!" replied the Englishman. "And I thought our trains were slow."
Nancy McNell, Wood Ridge High School, Wood Ridge, N. J.

Girl: Why do you think there's a man in the moon?
Salty: Because I've been out to see.
Stewart Davis, Baker School, Austin, Texas

Lady Van Deusin (looking over the dogs in a pet shop):
This pup has a cunning face, but don't you think his legs are too short?
Storekeeper: Oh, no, madam. Each leg reaches exactly to the floor.

Thelma King, Howard High School, Georgetown, S. C.

Stuffed Shirt: My pop is richer than yours. Mine owns a newspaper.
Smartie: So what? It only costs three cents.
Richard Topel, Mark Twain School, Chicago, Ill.

Boy: Quick, doctor! I was playing a mouth organ and swallowed it.
Doctor: Keep calm, and be thankful that you weren't playing the piano.
Richard Huffman, James S. Deady School, Houston, Texas.

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Mother: I don't think the man downstairs likes to hear Billy play his drums.
Father: Why?
Mother: Well, this morning he gave Billy a knife and asked him if he knew what was inside the drum.

Margaret Shea, Gates Lane School, Worcester, Mass.

Visitor: What a glorious painting! I wish I could take those lovely colors home with me.
Painter: You will. You're sitting on my paint box.
                 Billie Carole Wise, Garden City School, Indianapolis, Ind.

Boss (from an inner room): Well, Pat, are you sweeping out the shop?
Pat: No! I'm sweeping out the dirt, and leaving the shop.
                 Bob Cooper, Milwaukee Country Day School, Milwaukee, Wis.

Teacher to Pupil: Why are you late this morning?
Pupil: The clock in our house was set for eight, and there are nine of us in the family.
                 Doris Ishiki, Kukuihaele School, Kukuihaele, Hawaii

Mother: Tom, don't give the baby money to play with. He might swallow it. And anyway, money has germs on it.
Tom: Not this money—germs couldn't live on my allowance!
                 Lucile Wunderlich, Knox Junior High School, Johnstown, N. Y.

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SOLUTION TO "WHAT WOULD YOU DO?"
Pretend to forget the umbrella and walk out of Gestapo headquarters without it. A few minutes later, return—apologize for bothering them, and ask for the umbrella. A French spy actually found himself in this situation and the Germans returned it to him without hesitation. They were sure the umbrella was not important, or he would not have forgotten it.
OCCIDIES IN SPORTS

SAM SNEAD, BRITISH OPEN GOLF CHAMPION, HAS A PET DRIVER TO WHICH HE ATTRIBUTES AT LEAST $800 IN PRIZE MONEY.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL, NOW A PASTIME IN SIXTY-SEVEN DIFFERENT COUNTRIES, WAS PLAYED ONLY IN THE UNITED STATES AS LATE AS 1926.

ONE IMPORTANT REASON WHY BOXERS WEAR HEAVIER GLOVES WHEN TRAINING SO THAT THEY WILL PUNCH FASTER WITH THE LIGHTER GLOVES USED IN ACTUAL FIGHTS.

ROGER BRESHANAN, GREAT CATCHER FOR THE NEW YORK GIANTS FROM 1902 TO 1908, WAS THE FIRST BACKSTOP EVER TO WEAR SHINGUARDS. BASEBALL CATCHERS FIND THEM INDISPENSABLE TODAY.
A swashbuckling, merciless buccaneer, Peter Legrand, wanted a ship—and got it!

On isolated Tortuga Island in the West Indies, the leader of a band of buccaneers startled his friend one day in 1665.

I want to see France again, doctor.

But how? We’ve only got a small boat, Legrand.

We’ll take the boat out to sea and capture a ship.

That’s dangerous—I don’t think the men will come.
But Legrand persuaded his buccaneers, and they shoved off.

We'll never find a ship out there.

After a luckless week, Legrand ordered the canoe beached.

The men are discouraged. They want to go back to Tortuga.

A ship must pass soon.

Just as the buccaneers insisted on turning back, Legrand spotted a Spanish galleon and...

There's our prize!

The men say they won't fight.

They'll have to fight or drown. We'll bore holes in the bottom of the boat as we near the galleon.

As the buccaneers' boat neared the prize...

We can't fight all the men aboard. She's too big for us.

I hope your plan works.
FIGHT OR DROWN!

THEY'RE ALL ASLEEP.

STRIKE THEM DOWN! WE MUST TAKE THE SHIP!

WHERE IS THE CAPTAIN?

BELOW DECKS!
IN THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN...
WE'VE CAPTURED YOUR SHIP
CAPTAIN, I'M TAKING
THE HELM.

TURN ABOUT!
AYE, SIR!

LEGRAND SAILD BACK TO TORTUGA AND...
WELL, LEGRAND,
WE'LL BE SAILING
BACK TO FRANCE
BEFORE LONG.

AS SOON AS
WE PUT ALL
THE SPANIARDS
ASHORE.

AFTER TAKING ON MORE OF HIS BUCCANEER FRIENDS, LEGRAND SET SAIL FOR HIS BOYHOOD HOME IN DIEPPE, FRANCE.

ON THE WAY, AS LEGRAND WAS PROWLING BELOW DECKS...
WHAT ARE YOU GOING
to do with these
SILVER BARS YOU
FOUND, LEGRAND?

DIVIDE IT WITH YOU AND
THE CREW THAT HELPED
FIGHT FOR THIS SHIP.

AT DIEPPE LEGRAND BOUGHT A COUNTRY HOME.
I WANT TO LIVE THE
QUIET LIFE OF A
FARMER, NOW.

AND SO, PETER LEGRAND, ONE OF THE Earliest PIRATES,
TURNED TO A LIFE OF PEACE AND QUIET.
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2. ME WILL NEVER LOAD-UM GUN WHEN MUZZLE IS POINTED AT ANYBODY.
3. ME WILL NEVER COCK-UM GUN OR PULL-UM TRIGGER JUST FOR FUN.
4. ME WILL NEVER SHOOT-UM AT OBJECT WHICH MAKE BULLET BOUNCE-UM OFF.
5. ME WILL NEVER HANDLE GUN WITHOUT FIRST TAKE-UM PEEK TO BE SURE GUN IS EMPTY.
6. ME WILL NEVER CARRY MY GUN WHILE IT IS COCKED OR OFF-SAFETY, YOU BETCHUM.
7. ME WILL NEVER SHOOT-UM AT BIRD, ILLEGAL GAME OR LIVE TREE, ME THINKUM.
8. ME WILL NEVER SHOOT-UM AT ANYTHING BEFORE MAKE-UM SURE ME NOT INJURE SOMETHING IF ME MISS-UM TARGET.
9. ME WILL ALWAYS BE PRAIRIE CRAFTFUL WHEN CLIMBING THROUGH FENCE BY POINT-UM GUN MUZZLE THROUGH FENCE FIRST.
10. ME WILL ALWAYS CLEAN AND OIL-UM MY GUN PRONTO AFTER USING IT.

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