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MORE COWBOYS On April 17th Selective Service approved an additional quota of 100 men to work as livestock attendants on boats carrying UNRRA shipments to Europe. Although the task of selecting this group of 100 cowboys is just getting underway, the total quota authorized by SSS now stands at 350. Several changes have been made in arrangements in regard to the new group of 100. Pooled costs will include transportation figured at coach fare and maintenance not to exceed \$2.50 per day. Each man will be responsible for reporting his transportation and food expenses at time of sailing. Men will be expected to get seaman's papers from the Coast Guard and must pass physical exam by the shipping commissioner before signing ship's articles prior to sailing. Men are expected to keep the New Windsor office informed of the address where they are on call at all times after application is submitted.

ENCORE As the program gets up steam and ships begin to shuttle, at least 20 CPS Reserve men are now on their second voyage. Seven of the men who sailed with the first ship under the CPS Reserve program, SS Gainesville Victory, from Baltimore back in February are at sea again now aboard the SS Morgantown Victory. The 13-man crew of the SS Harvard Victory, which cleared from Newport News for Poland, is now on its second trip, most of the men on board the SS Lindenwood Victory. Others will be making a repeat performance in the near future.

NOW AT SEA Livestock ships that have sailed in the early part of April include the SS Morgantown Victory, with 9 CPS Reserve men aboard; SS Charles W. Wooster with 17 Reservists; SS Edward W. Burton with 4 R-men; SS William S. Halstead and SS A. P. Upshur with one CPS man each; SS Norwalk Victory with 13 Reservists; SS Virginian with one man; SS W. W. Barrett with 4 men; SS Zona Gale with 5 men. One ship carries a veterinarian with the very appropriate name of Mr. W. B. Bullock.

CPS NEWS With CPS winding falteringly to a conclusion, the units at Lynchburg, Va., Augusta, Me., and Olustee, Fla. closed in April. Bedford and Mt. Weather are scheduled to close on May 15th. — Two interesting discharges have come through recently with two men being reclassified 2-C in "the interest of the national health, safety and welfare". One was a doctor and the other a research chemist. — A new issue of The Compass is due to make its appearance on May first with the theme, "Practical Programs for Peace", obtainable at 35¢ per from The Compass, C.P.S. #21, Cascade Locks, Oregon. — The following aids for demobilized men are available to ex-Brethren-CPS men: (1) Emergency discharge loans up to \$100 without interest for first 6 months after discharge, 4% after that; (2) Help in locating local resources or BSC loans up to \$2,000 at 3% interest; (3) Educational aid in the form of tuitions scholarships at Brethren colleges, cash scholarships at other institutions and loans. Local demobilization committees in many cities

throughout the country stand ready to assist ex-CPSers in locating jobs, housing, etc. — The local draft board files of IV-E's are in the process of being recorded on micro film. SSS declares that this will be done with all draft board files eventually.

FOOD PICTURE UNRRA's new Director-General, F. H. LaGuardia, after coining the neat phrase, "ticker tape ain't spaghetti", has done it again. Calling those who indulge in pie a la mode "belly Americans", LaGuardia went on to say that he is faced with the "most distressing and discouraging assignment I ever had. Unless I get 300,000 tons of wheat within the next few days, hundreds of thousands of people will starve to death." He then called on President Truman to set aside for UNRRA 25% of all the wheat delivered at the flour mills and indicated that the first encouraging sign came from Argentina where ships are now regularly loading with wheat for Europe and where the government has promised to help meet the world food crisis.

U. S. General McNarney and Clay in charge of the American occupation zone in Germany have indicated that unless present imports of food to their zone are increased, the average daily ration will have to be cut again from 1275 calories to 915 (which is half the calories needed for mere subsistence).

To help the general European food situation cowboys could carry with them to the people packages of seeds in addition to packages of food as suggested in a previous issue of the Bull Pen.

NOTES FROM COWBOYS Mail lately has brought us word from cowboys who have already completed their trips. We quote some of the choice phrases. A Gainesville Victory man says: "We had good weather crossing . . . Fortunately we had lots of free time to view the devastated Bremen and vicinity. Another chap and I sneaked in a trip to Hamburg." . . . From on board the SS Luckenbach: "We have horses aboard. 579 now. Six have died, one before we even left Hampton Roads. . . None of my 32 have died. I was really scared of them at first and walking down between a double row of waving heads who can bite each other across the aisle was a real task. Feeding or watering one while three others were breathing down my neck was almost too much for me. Now they're used to me and I'm used to them, getting to know each one better. . . None of mine are mean and I've settled down the ornery ones. They still — and always, I guess — kick and bite each other. But they keep their ears up when I'm close. The most nerve-wracking job is hoeing out their stalls from behind. A horse is often quite a different personality fore and aft, and although I know both ends pretty well, it's the rear that causes the most trouble . . . We are awakened about 6 to feed and hay — breakfast 7:30-8:30 — water them afterwards and start cleaning out — scrape out the stalls — hose all aisles down with 2" rubber hose on salt water fire hydrant — dinner 11:30-12:30 — hay — hoist hay and oats up from hold — breather — oats, hay and water — supper 5-6. It's a full hard day, but we're getting used to it and faster at it. . . . The hardest (job) is Hatch #1 lower where two men have had about 68 horses (to care for). . . On top deck 2 men have 48 horses. . . . They have named most of their mares after women's colleges, names fitting for various reasons."

WANTED 50 men to go to China as tractor drivers. Six-weeks training period will begin July 1st. Transportation, maintenance and \$30 a month will be provided over the 18-month period. Work for UNRRA. Write BSC for further details.