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Capt. Leonard Fraivillig Finds British Courteous and Brave; "G. I. Joe" Wants Lasting Peace

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"Robot bombs and the V-2 are not nearly as effective as the Germans might think. They are used in attempting to receive something other than an unconditional surrender," is the opinion of Captain Leonard M. Fraivillig, 1410 Lenox Avenue, who has just returned from a year's service overseas.

Captain Fraivillig who was Public Works and Utilities Officer for Civil Affairs, formerly known as Allied Military Government, most recently acted at Headquarters for the 7th Army, also at the city of Lyons, France and at the Civil Affairs Headquarters of the 6th Army Group.

He enlisted in the service in July, 1943, and completed the course at the Civil Affairs Training School at the University of Pittsburgh, leaving for overseas duty a year ago. This army group served as a liaison between civilians, public officials and the United States Army.

During his six months stay in England he was most impressed by the bravery and courtesy shown by the civilians. Although they are more strictly rationed than we they make no complaints. At his most recent visit to England he witnessed the abandonment and last parade of their home guard.

In Italy he saw the miraculous change in the city of Naples, from a spineless dirty city to a clean confident one when the government was handed back to the people and they had something to work for again.

Capt. Fraivillig found France more like America than in any country he had served and had an opportunity to critically observe the people, as he worked and lived with them. A native who became a close friend to him one day said, "France stands for freedom, if it were not here it would have to be invented."

He served several months in Africa and found it as advertised with hot blasts from the desert—the well known sirocco—and seldom a cool breeze. He lauded the work of the American Red Cross Clubs which were a haven after days of tramping over the hot, dirty desert. Workers there had towels and soap ready for them to take showers and occasionally they were treated to ice cream. The Red Cross was also the first to greet them when they arrived on foreign soil, giving them milk and doughnuts.

"A lasting peace is the hope and wish of every G. I. Joe," said Captain Fraivillig and he is of the opinion that there is an appalling lack of religion, diplomacy and courtesy in our own country today, and that these are the most important ingredients for a lasting peace.



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