

The Jewish Veteran

On to Scranton!!

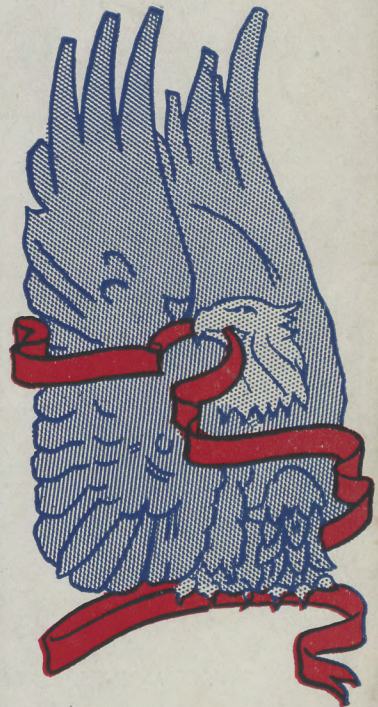


**47th NATIONAL
CONVENTION**



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*FOR
VICTORY!*



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THEY ALSO SERVE!



Drilling holds no terrors for these smiling WAACs, seven of the twelve Jewish women in the first officer graduating class at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, as they leave their barracks for some close order drill. L. to R. Ruth S. Ginns, Mrs. Beatrice B. Berg, Carolyne B. Casper, all of Philadelphia; Rose F. Ross, New York City; Ruth Spivak, Bee Rosenberg, both of Chicago, and Jean M. Korn of Phila.

12 JEWISH WAACs AMONG FIRST WOMEN OFFICERS

(Special to "The Jewish Veteran")

DES MOINES, SEPTEMBER 22.—

Pioneers in America's new Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, a dozen Jewish women are looking forward to their first tour of duties as officers. These twelve WAACs, members of the first officer graduation class, were commissioned at Fort Des Moines on Aug. 29.

More than three-score Jewish women are training as Auxiliaries (Privates) in the Corps.

The Jewish officers include four women from Philadelphia, three from New York City, two from Buffalo, two from Chicago and one from Seattle.

Miss Ruth Ginns, of 30 Carpenter Lane, Philadelphia was a personnel clerk in a large department store. Mrs. Beatrice B. Berg and Miss Carolyne B. Casper, both of 1530 Locust Street, Philadelphia, were workers in the Aircraft Warning Service in the

Quaker City while Miss Jean M. Korn was a former school teacher at the Devereaux School in Devon, Pa.

The New Yorkers include Miss Kathryn B. Goldfluss, of 151 East 81st St., an Aircraft Warning Service worker; Miss Rose F. Ross, of 234 East 24th St., a physical education teacher, and Miss Joan R. Strongin of Far Rockaway, Long Island, a recent Adelphia College Graduate.

Miss Rita A. Fink of 50 Inwood Place, Buffalo, was a dietician and Mrs. Isabel Bayley of 154 West Unica St., the same city, was an advertising copy writer.

The two Chicagoans are Miss Bee G. Rosenberg, of 20 East Delaware Place, a former teacher in Moser Business College, and Miss Ruth Spivak of 11247 South Parkway, a secretary to a city alderman.

The lone Jewish Third Officer from Seattle was Miss Elizabeth Morgenstern of 2212 34th St. South, a social worker.

WE CONGRATULATE THESE AMERICAN WOMEN PIONEERS . . . AND WE'RE MIGHTY PROUD OF THEM!

Message of the National Commander

Believing that this is the time for action and not talking, I am making my messages as brief as possible.

The Scranton convention will be an important milestone in J.W.V. history, and I'd like to see as many of you present as possible, consistent with government regulations affecting gasoline, rubber and the use of transportation facilities. National officers and the Convention Committee have bent every effort to make this a fruitful and interesting convention. There will not be much time for entertainment and none whatever for the usual convention "whoopie". But I doubt if any of us are in that mood. We have tough enemies, and our boys have suffered many losses. The first thought of every true American is to win the war as quickly as possible, and the job of J.W.V., and this convention especially, will be to determine how best we can help in that object. So let's prepare for Scranton in a serious mood, and let us resolve that our deliberations there will evolve a program of which we will all be proud. Let the Convention's actions be a fitting climax to a year of progress and constructive achievement.

The Plane Fund Drive is still on! Many posts have done splendidly. Others have done well. A few have done poorly. We made a solemn pledge that we would raise \$180,000.00 and contribute it to the Government with which to purchase planes. We have many skeptics and others scoffed at our ability to raise this amount. We have already raised more than \$110,000.00. The scoffers have disappeared. But the fact remains, that we MUST raise the balance of our pledge. The summer and the holidays are now past, and there should be no other excuses for delay. This project has been approved by the President of the U.S., Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau, The War Department and other governmental agencies. On another page of this issue, you will see the article which appeared in Collier's magazine of September 12th. Won't you please accelerate your drive, so we can end the campaign quickly?

If you have NOT completed your quota but have funds on hand, won't you please send them to National Hqrs. immediately, as we would like to accumulate enough to present another plane to the Government at our National Convention. I know you will be as proud to share in this gift as I am. I certainly am proud of the fine cooperation you have given me in this campaign, and express to you my heartfelt appreciation.

The application blanks and cards for "Service Members" have been printed and are being distributed. There is no more important way of increasing our effectiveness and perpetuating J.W.V. than through "Service Members". I would like each post to get started on its recruiting immediately, and if possible have a report for the convention, so through an exchange of experiences we may devise the best uniform plan for all posts.

I would also like to see a more uniform program of soldier and sailor welfare work for our posts. Some now send diaries, others send kits, others have the "Adopt a Yank" plan, others furnish recreation centers. Won't you prepare a report of your post's activities along these lines and your results, so that the proper committee will be better able to determine which may be the best plan for J.W.V.?

If your community has an honor roll listing the names of Jewish boys now in the armed services, won't you mail it to Headquarters, or bring it with you to the convention? We should like to release a consolidated statement showing the percentage of those of our faith in service, compared to the Jewish population of the respective communities and proving our patriotic service in this as in all previous wars.

Since this will be a two-day convention, everything will have to be "streamlined". Won't you cooperate by having your reports prepared and typewritten in advance? I refer to all National Officers, Department, County and Post Officers, and Convention Committees. And incidentally, we would like to receive the written suggestions and help from every comrade who believes they have something constructive or worthwhile to suggest. This is YOUR convention. Help us to make it so.

We have passed through a very despairing year. Nor does the immediate future look bright. We will encounter defeats, restrictions and rations. But it always is darkest before the dawn. We won the last war, but we didn't follow through. We're going to win this war, but we won't make the same mistake. To win, we've all got to fight—either in the armed services or on the home front. I am proud to report that I have yet to find a single comrade in J.W.V. who is slacking in this fight for freedom. And when we win, and let's pray it will be soon, what a glorious year this will be. In that spirit, I wish you one and all, my comrades, and your families, a very Happy New Year.

Yours for Victory,

BENJAMIN KAUFMAN.

6 of 10 Grossman Sons Already in Service

The headlines recently carried the story that Pittsburgh Sergeant Hyman Grossman was rooming with Corporal Clark Gable at the Army Air Forces Training School in Miami, Fla. An investigation by reporters as to who this Sgt. Grossman was, brought forth an even more interesting story. For Sgt. Grossman is only one of the six fighting Grossman's already in the Army.

In fact, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Grossman, the parents, were unable to find one service flag to hang in their window to designate their contribution to the armed forces, and were forced to display two service flags with three stars each.

Besides Sgt. Grossman, Carl, 22, is a Corporal in the Army Medical Corps at a South Carolina Air Base where he was voted "the most popular soldier in camp"; Corp. Leonard, 27, and Pvt. Saul, 32, are on overseas duty with the Army. Saul is married and has one child. Two brothers are in the Navy—Morris, 33, is a Chief Petty Officer, and E. O., 20, is at the Naval Officer's Training School. Another son Allan is doing war work with the Crucible Steel Co. and spends the rest of his time writing letters to his six brothers. Michael, is taking a defense course in welding. Both of these expect to be in active service soon. The two youngest sons will not reach military age for some years, while Lillian, the baby and only daughter, 11, is enrolled in the Red Cross First Aid Course. The elder Grossmans are mighty proud of their patriotic family.

4 Sons In Service Joins State Guard

Comrade Lewis F. Shapiro of Lowell, Mass., already had all of his four sons in the U. S. armed services. The boys are 17, 18, 19 and 20 years old. One is in the army and three in the navy. However, Lewis wanted a 100 percent record for his family, so he joined the Massachusetts State Guard. His enlistment drew the interest of Major General Thomas F. Foley, Commanding Officer of the 2nd Divn. of the Guard, who sent a personal representative to welcome Shapiro into the service. J.W.V. too is very proud of Comrade Shapiro!

NATL. COM. KAUFMAN AT WARNER STUDIO, HOLLYWOOD



In the photo are Paul Lucas, Natl. Com. Ben Kaufman, Mrs. Gertrude Kaufman, Jennie Weinstein, Natl. V.P., Past Dept. Commanders Apelman and Shore, P. Co. Com. Leff, Robt. Zeitlin, Sidney Schallman and Abraham Mark, father of the deceased hero, Lt. Henry Mark.