

General Eisenhower used all I and E forces at his command in preparing his veterans for the invasion of the Normandy coast. Each week special articles were run in Yank which had a weekly circulation of 550,000 in the ETO. War-week, an orientation supplement was published every week in the U. S. Army daily, Stars and Stripes. The American Forces network and Armed Forces Radio Service provided a series of programs covering pre-invasion material, pamphlets were distributed about the enemy. Tips about German tricks by veterans who had fought them in Italy and North Africa were passed onto invasion troops.

As a result of the campaign came this statement from Gen. George C. Marshall: "From every portion of the line where our men were fighting came reports of aggressive action, skill and high morale displayed by the American soldier. Those engaging in their first combat carried themselves like veterans of experienced divisions. This probably was the most reassuring prospect to ourselves and the most depressing to our enemy."

A chaplain of an infantry regiment serving in Italy and Sicily made this comment on passing information up to the men in combat: "The lack of information and the resultant frustration is one of the biggest handicaps of morale."

Another important mission of the I and E office is the U. S. Armed Forces Institute, better known to GI's over the world as the "Fox-hole University." USAFI (pronounced U-saf-ee) is the world's largest correspondence school. Soldiers who lack but a year or so of the school education have taken courses and received their diplomas while fighting in the front lines. Many others have gained college credits all for the nominal fee of \$2 for the first course. Others who wished to learn a new trade did so in their off-duty hours.

It has been shown that the greatest thing in maintaining morale is to keep the men informed. To this end, the Information and Education Division of the Army has come a long way in convincing the GI that what they are doing is of importance in winning the war.

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