

CHINESE FLEE BEFORE JAP ADVANCE.

The one black spot on the map of global war is China.

Out of the Kwangsi and Hunan Provinces hundreds of

thousands of Chinese ~~civilians~~ fled before the advancing ~~armies~~

~~armies of Japan~~, as the enemy ~~unhindered~~ overran U.S.

air bases ~~menacing~~ Japan itself.

(7 CU) Among these ~~little~~ waifs was one little mite who had lost his parents and was found by American soldiers.

They were told of his plight by an old man who agreed that they should take the little chap to their headquarters and take care of him, adopting him as the regimental mascot.

The kindly Colonel fell in with the idea and little Tiger Joe, youngest G.I. in the U.S. Army, was put on the strength there and then. He may not have understood very much about it but soon sensed that, probably for the first time in his young life, he was in good hands. Following army routine he was introduced to soap and water, a novelty which he took in his stride.

Cleaned up and in uniform Tiger Joe was the pride of the regiment, and was signed on with all proper formality.

~~At the first inspection he was on the left of the line,~~
~~though he had still to learn~~ that a good soldier simply must not sneeze on parade.

Obviously the Japs have got to look out, ~~with Tiger Joe~~
~~on the warpath~~. The troops marched off full of confidence, knowing that the young warrior was coming up in the rear.

7 part of The army of to-day's is all right, so long as nobody gives the order - about turn.

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EVACUEES

It's not all bright and shining news in the Battle of Asia... Westward, out of Kwangsi and Hunan Provinces, towards Kweichow, surges a tide of Chinese humanity...fleeing for their lives as the Jap drive swallows up bases of the Fourteenth American Air Force.

Hundreds of thousands, civilians and soldiers, on the one westbound road...The Japs just a few miles behind.

Only minutes out for rest and a few grains of rice...The children have never known anything but war and flight.

In these Signal Corps and Air Force films, the exodus seems endless...Many infant refugees were born on the road... In five months, thousands have trekked six hundred weary miles and have not yet reached their journey's end.

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1. It Happened in China....G.I. WONG -- DRAFTEE!
2. Behind the mass flight of China's million refugees, a touching sidelight on war. A Signal Corps story of a little Chinese boy left behind. A lonely four-year-old meets his first Americans...G.I.'s from the Fourteenth Air Force. They see that he is hungry, tired and afraid. And through an interpreter they learn his story, orphaned, he has travelled for miles entirely on his own. Their hearts go out to him; and they nickname him Little Tiger Joe and make plans for his future. But their Commanding Officer has to pass on him first. The Colonel has a big heart, too, but there's nothing in Army Regulations for a situation like this. It's an embarrassing moment. Little Joe doesn't say a word (he doesn't know any). But then he didn't have to -- he's got such a cute little (uh) personality!
14. Now for the colonel's decision. Scrubbed and shining and decked out in a brand-new uniform, the little fellow reports -- and gets his first assignment. So Tiger Joe has a nice, soft job. Meet the new Assistant First Sergeant of Company 'B'. And he takes it as seriously as any Yank in new chevrons.
19. Mess call -- with everyone anxious to help. Then inspection, and young Joe passes muster....(Gesundheit!) with flying colors, even if he is three feet shorter than anyone else.
24. So it's "Left...Left...Hey, fellers, don't let me get left!" And what's the moral of our tale of little Joe and Yank kindness? Well, there goes the moral -- the fighting heart of Young China!