
Books

WAR is a vastly different thing, depending upon whether you look at it from the viewpoint of one individual soldier, or as a broad conflict of masses. In *News of the 45th*, the latest book from the University of Oklahoma Press (\$2.00), Author Don Robinson has made a satisfactory compromise by keeping an individual viewpoint but at the same time gaining unity for the book by tying his string of incidents to the skeletonized history of the 45th Division.

Oklahoma's keen interest in the 45th, the former National Guard unit which included thousands of Oklahoma men, caused the first printing of this book to be exhausted in an amazingly short time.

Bill Mauldin's very human cartoons of the tired but resigned "G.I. Joe" establish the mood of the book and add a great deal to the reader interest.

The ingenuity and resourcefulness displayed by Sgt. Don Robinson and his staff (Mauldin was his staff cartoonist) in continuing to publish the *45th Division News* close to the front lines in combat areas, often from bomb-shattered print shops, make a good story.

► A warning that democracy has showed itself able to organize for total war, but has failed to prove ability to organize for total peace is sounded in *Report on Demobilization*, by James R. Mock and Evangeline Thurber, published recently by the University Press (\$3.00).

The authors, both of whom have been on the staff of the National Archives in Washington, D. C., described the confusion that developed after World War I, and point to errors that should be avoided after the present war.

Comparisons are made between what was done in 1918-19, and the plans being made now for meeting postwar problems.

► *Writing Non-Fiction* is the title of a new book by W. S. Campbell (Stanley Vestal) of the University English faculty. This book, published by *The Writer*, Boston, Massachusetts (\$3.00), describes techniques for writing and selling non-fiction of every type.

Mr. Campbell has been quite successful with the creative writing courses which he established and teaches at the University of Oklahoma. Last year, 39 of his students sold 94 manuscripts to national magazines at rates ranging from $\frac{3}{4}$ of a cent to 22 cents a word.

In addition to writing several books on the technique of writing fiction and non-fiction, Mr. Campbell is widely known as a biographer of famous Indians and frontiersmen of the Southwest.

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