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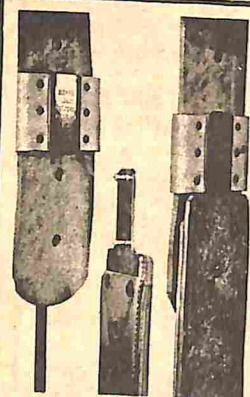
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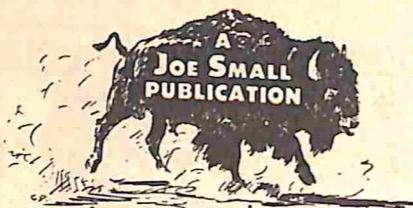


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## GIVE ONE TO A SOLDIER!

SELDOM is a message (especially by old Hossus Tailus!) important enough to run in all three magazines. We think this one is.

Recently we donated 1,000 copies of TRUE WEST to the boys fighting in South Vietnam. What a terrific reaction! Those boys are lonely over there—they are in strange lands and they want something from home that doesn't remind them of the horrors of warfare. Naturally, the "girlie" books are very popular but we have been surprised to find out just how popular Western Americana is! It sort of gives them a chance to forget their own troubles and read about the fascinating lives of our pioneers, I suppose.

Well, we are going to continue to donate sizable numbers of all three magazines—not only to the Vietnam theatre of war, but to the lonesome outposts in Korea, West Germany and a hundred other spots throughout the globe.

We have also put service personnel on our complimentary list. A letter came in recently that I want to share with you:

"Hi, Hosstail! Now this here is the actual-fact-Sunday-go-to-church truth: I have a close friend who is the Psychological Warfare advisor to the First Cavalry Division up in the Central Highlands of Vietnam in the bustling little community of An-Khe. This fella comes to Saigon maybe every three months or so, and always comes over to have a meal or three with me. He always asks me the same question, 'You got any of those TRUE WESTS around?' I usually do, as well as FRONTIER TIMES and OLD WEST. I have thanked you in the past and I am still thanking you for sending them to me. Trouble is, my good friend is depleting my library and building his own—with my copies! Well, that's all right. Can't think of a nicer guy who ought to have them. He's part horse, himself!"

"You can't imagine how these boys go for your magazines over here! They are so badly needed that I pass mine around until they nearly fall apart and then this good friend takes them up to the Central Highlands with him and I think they have to be glued over and over to hold them together as man after man reads every word! Finally, they just disintegrate. It would be interesting to know how many men read one copy!"

"If your readers only knew how much these magazines are appreciated (maybe I should say loved!) by the boys over here, they would send every copy they have! I am going to send gift subscriptions to my buddies—as far as every extra penny I have will go.

"Thanks again for keeping me on your list as a 'deadhead'—maybe I can make up for it by sending subscriptions to my friends. Sincerely, Wayne F. Hyde, U.S. Embassy/JUSPAO, APO San Francisco, California 96243."

Sort of does your heart good to know they appreciate it that much, doesn't it? Seems like sailors, marines, the Air Force—every branch of the service all over the world is low on reading material and, in some spots, almost desperate for it. If you don't send them our maga-

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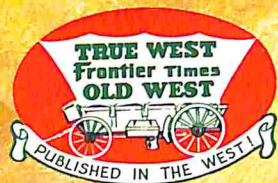
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