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# A Closer Look

By Ernest Kreiling

HOLLYWOOD — Man's lingering nostalgia for war has contributed a new staple to television programming. Many of the season's new programs have been cancelled, but the World War II series have found a secure place in the ABC schedule, the network which bet that the public was ready to re-live those gallant days.

TvQ, a rating service that determines the intrinsic appeal

a program has for viewers finds that all three war programs — *Combat*, *Gallant Men*, *McHale's Navy* — rank high in the percentage of people familiar with them who regard them as "one of my favorites."

THE BEST among these is *Combat*, a continuing story of an infantry platoon which landed in Normandy on D-Day and has done it without the typical Hollywood heroics or too much of the Ernie Pyle touch. Almost every week *Combat* will evoke some vivid but fearful memories in the minds and hearts of many a middle aged foot soldier.

It's been difficult for *Combat* to entirely avoid the cliched plot, but in a series that strives for reality of story and action the cliché isn't all bad. Cliches of emotion, action and speech are basic to the primitive battle for existence, a situation that doesn't allow for much subtlety as some may think if realism is to be served.

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SOME COMPLAINTS have been received about the soldiers letting their helmet straps hang loose, and others have complained because they didn't hang loose. One viewer even noted that Vic Morrow had failed to put the bolt of his Thompson sub-machine gun in firing position as he entered a fray.

No one complains about these letters. They show that men are not only watching, but paying close attention. Neither ABC nor the sponsors could ask for much more. ABC this year launched eleven new programs and *Combat* is leading them all in the ratings. Consequently the program has been given a go-ahead to plan its second season.

## Board Looks To New Sites For Schools

Torrance school officials today are investigating two proposed elementary school sites in the newly rezoned Marble Estate area.

At Monday night's Board of Education meeting, the administrative staff was asked to investigate two proposed sites in the area southwest of Crenshaw and Sepulveda boulevards.

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## Post Office To Drop Job Data Service

Federal employment information will not be available at the Torrance Post Office after Dec. 31, according to Clara A. Conner, city postmaster, and Asa T. Briley, U.S. Civil Service Commission director, San Francisco.

After the first of the year, the Long Beach Post Office will provide the nearest source of federal employment information.

## Celebration to Hail California as No. 1

California, which will be the nation's most populous state by the end of the year, will also be the noisiest on the final Friday of 1962.

December 28 has been earmarked for Operation Whistle Stop, with Californians urged to toot whistles, honk horns, ring bells and shoot off village cannons in celebration of their state becoming No. 1 in population. This crescendo of sound is scheduled to reach its climax at 4 p.m. on the big day, according to Frank M. King, president California Assn. of Chamber of Commerce Managers.

SEVERAL hundred local chambers are using Operation Whistle Stop as the starting signal for many community activities with a "California First" theme. Parades, store displays, school, church and club programs, "oldest settler" searches, sports and musical events, fiestas, essay and poster contests are all included in chamber plans.

December 28 through Jan. 1 have been proclaimed as "California First Days" by Gov. Edmund G. Brown, who has called for a statewide celebration to commemorate California's new position as the most populous state.

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