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GENERAL HENRY H. ARNOLD
Commanding General of the Army Air Forces

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THE GENERAL ON THE COVER

THE two and a half million G.I. Jokers in the United States Army Air Forces haven't got a better friend in the world than Henry Harley Arnold. He's a great admirer of the buck private, and that makes them both members of a Mutual Admiration Society because most of them love Hap as much as he loves them. On air-base inspection trips he tastes dishes prepared for enlisted men, and sometimes orders menu changes. He often picks them up in his 4-star limousine and is never too tired to listen to suggestions.

He's the boss of the world's biggest air force, winner of the Collier Trophy, and one of the very small group of men who comprised the U. S. Air Force in 1911. He's a bland, smiling man and is probably proudest of his rating as a Command Pilot—which is top pilot rating. He'll be fifty-eight on June 25th. He was married to Eleanor A. Pool on September 10, 1913. They have four children, three sons and a daughter. Two sons are Army officers, both in the Coast Artillery. Like Billy Mitchell, he fought for a big air force—his prime faith in his heavy bombers—but he did it without treading on brass toes. He is a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and lives in an old red brick house at Fort Myer, Virginia.

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