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# BLOOD AND FIRE

Today's a Holiday for 63d. See news columns for details

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63D INFANTRY DIVISION, CAMP BLANDING, FLORIDA

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## 63d Division Activated Today

### ACTIVATION DAY IS CELEBRATED WITH PROGRAM

Gen. Hibbs Declares Holiday After Colorful Ceremonies, Many Events Later Today

Fighting speeches, filled with all the dynamic punch that symbolizes its glorious name, marked the activation of the 63d "Blood and Fire" Infantry Division today.

In fifteen minutes the activation ceremonies were over. In that short span, the Invocation was given, Activation Order published, Colors presented, assemblage addressed by the Commanding General, National Anthem played and Benediction given.

"Your role is combat, nothing else," said Brig. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Commanding General. The General's fighting words were sustained by the Invocation and Benediction of the Chaplains who asked for "strength and guidance in the power of our arms."

While the Clergy spoke of the "lunatic and brutal forces" of the enemy—the Division Commander told the Officers and enlisted men that they were being trained to "kill that enemy."

"Let the Blood and Fire you wear on your shoulder keep you reminded always," the General said, "that war is a bloody and vicious game—no sportsmanship—no quarter. This emblem was designed to keep you reminded that you either kill your enemy or he kills you. Physically and mentally you must be strong, and you must be viciously alert to be the one who kills—there is no second chance."

Text of General Hibbs's message is printed on page four.

Excluding minimum administrative overhead, the entire personnel, families and guests, attended the ceremonies.

Invocation was by Chaplain Robert H. Clarke, publication of the Activation Order by Lt. Col. Earle G. Wheeler, Chief of Staff, Benediction by Chaplain William J. Guinan. Music was furnished by the Division Band.

A Holiday was declared following the ceremonies, opening the

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### DIVISION COMMANDER



### TWO-FISTED COMMANDER LEADER OF FIERY 63D

Gen. Hibbs, Twice Wounded in World War I Has Distinguished Army Staff Background, Was Aide to Gen. MacArthur—Hero of Bataan

### Support Your Paper It Will Support You

Today, with the activation of the 63d Division, the first edition of the division newspaper, "Blood and Fire," is being distributed. "Blood and Fire" is, and will continue to be, a soldier's newspaper, by and for the enlisted men of the division.

The aim of the paper is to present all the news of the division, serious or humorous, weighty or trivial. Within its pages each week there will be features on everything from sports to a chaplain's column, from U. S. O. doings to bus schedules.

For all this, "Blood and Fire" is going to charge its readers a subscription fee of one dollar a year, or two cents a copy.

Brigadier-General Louis E. Hibbs is a two-fisted gent with plenty of get-up-and-go. Mild mannered in appearance, but dynamic in character, the General is a man richly endowed with that certain intangible something called spirit—a spirit that has characterized his military career since its inception some 31 years ago.

Born in Washington, D. C. on October 3, 1893, General Hibbs is an out-and-out regular fellow—a fellow who'll take time out for an occasional "coke" and a fellow who smokes cigarette after cigarette, which incidentally he rolls himself. He'll talk sports at the drop of a hat and is a staunch supporter of the value of competitive sports in the making of a man.

The only member of his family Army-inclined—two generations of the Hibbs' being Navy men—the General entered Culver Military Academy in 1909, graduating in 1911. The following year found him a cadet at West Point and in 1916 he graduated to become a Lieutenant. A member of the baseball and basketball teams while at the Point, General Hibbs' performed on the court under such coaches as Lieutenant General Joseph W. Stillwell, now serving in China, and Lieutenant General Jacob L. Devers, now in command of the European Theatre of Operations.

### Fought With 1st Div.

With the entry of the United States into World War I, the General became a member of the Fifth Field Artillery of the First Division, serving with that unit from September, 1917 to September, 1918 when he became Chief of Staff of the Artillery of the 2nd Army Corps.

Always Johnny-on-the-spot as far as action is concerned, General Hibbs was twice wounded in battle, suffering a minor wound at Cantigny in June, 1918 and receiving a serious arm wound in the attack on the Hindenburg line in October 1918. The latter injury, caused by shell fragments was se-

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### Birth Follows Planning Initiated Months Ago by GHQ in Washington

### "Be Fit To Fight" Says Fredendall

Lt. Gen. Lloyd R. Fredendall, Commander of the Second Army to which this division belongs, sent the following message:

"Upon your activation the Second Army welcomes you. 'Fit to Fight' is the motto of the Second Army.

Former units of the Second Army now in action have provided you with an example and a challenge. To meet that challenge every member of the Sixty-third Division must become physically and mentally tough. He must develop his muscles and his stamina so that he will outmarch, outfight, and outlast his enemy. He must be a soldier. War demands this of you therefore I require of you I wish you good luck and perseverance in your efforts now. Later, when you embark on your mission of destroying your enemy wherever he may be, you will carry with you all that you have earned—your own pride and self confidence, both as individuals and as a unit, as well as the pride and the best wishes of the Second Army."

### Men From Civil Life, Far Flung Army Posts, Begin Battle Training

Today, June 15th, the Sixty-third Division was formally activated. Today its official life begins. But the story of the Sixty-third Division actually began many months ago when most of the men who compose the Division were walking the streets in civilian clothes, and many of its officers were still in various officer candidate schools or were enlisted men. The story of the Sixty-third Division is a story of unequalled advance planning that stands as a monument to American military intelligence.

The men who today lead the Sixty-third Division were selected from every branch of service in the Army, and from locations in every quarter of the nation and overseas. They come from the Seventy-sixth Division and the Eightieth Division and the Ninetieth Division and the 100th Division and numerous other Divisions. They come from Replacement Training Centers and Armored Force Units. They come from posts in New York and Alabama, from Georgia and Washington, from Texas and Tennessee.

### Selected Last Month

The leaders of the Sixty-third Division were selected by the War Department last February. In the early part of March these men, the Division Commander, Brigadier-General Louis E. Hibbs; the Assistant Division Commander, Colonel Frederick M. Harris; and the Division Artillery Commander, Colonel Edward J. McGaw, assembled in Washington for conferences with the War Department. They were met there by the Chief of Staff, Lt. Col. Earle G. Wheeler. It was then that the first groundwork for the new Division was laid.

At the same time other men were being selected. These were to be the key men of the Division—the General Staff and the various regimental commanders, the artillery men and the engineers, the medics and chaplains, signal and finance officers, special service officers and postal officers, officers to man the ordnance component and the Judge Advocate General's office, dentists and Provost Marshals—all these and more.

These key officers were selected in various ways. Some, as with the officers of the General Staff, Lt. Col. Eyer, Maj. John M. Hardaway, and Maj. John E. Brooks, Jr.; and the Regimental Commanders, Col. Paul W. Mapes of the 253d, Col. Paul T. Baker, 254th, and Col. Paul Tombaugh, 255th, were picked by the Commanding General of the Army Ground Force.

### 98th Is Parent Division

Others were designated by the chiefs of their departments. Thus, the ranking Engineer Officer Maj. Jack L. Coan was called back from South America by the Chief of Engineers to join the Division. Thus also, the ranking Finance officer was selected by the Chief of Finance; the ranking Ordnance officer by the Chief of Ordnance; the ranking Quartermaster Chemical Warfare, and Signal officers by the Chiefs of the respective agencies to

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Lt. Col. Wheeler

### Chief of Staff Taught at Point Was In China When Panay Sunk

Lt. Col. Earle G. Wheeler, the 63d Division's aggressive Chief of Staff, has had a varied career during his eleven years as a commissioned officer in the Regular Army.

A graduate of West Point, Class of 1932, Col. Wheeler has seen service in China, worked as aide to Major General Fred L. Walker, held the position of G-3 in the 99th Infantry Division and served as

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### ACTIVATION ORDER

HEADQUARTERS 63D INFANTRY DIVISION  
Office of the Commanding General  
Camp Blanding, Florida

June 15, 1943

GENERAL ORDERS )  
NUMBER 1 )

I. **ACTIVATION OF 63D INFANTRY DIVISION.** In compliance with Letter Orders No. A-251, (Activation of the 63d Infantry Division), File AG 322.04-7 (GHEBF), Headquarters Second Army, May 7, 1943, the 63d Infantry Division, less active units, is activated this date at Camp Blanding, Florida.

II. **ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND.** Under the provisions of AR 600-20, the undersigned hereby assumes command of the 63d Infantry Division.

*Louis E. Hibbs*  
LOUIS E. HIBBS,  
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,  
Commanding.

## Col. Thompson Keeping Busy At Quartermaster

Basing the success of his department on the cooperation it has received from the personnel of the 63d Division, Lt. Col. Elmer T. Thompson of the Quartermaster Corps admits his outfit has its share of headaches.

"We're always busy," said the Colonel, "but thanks to the splendid cooperation and cordial relationship we have encountered with the officers and men of the 63d, our worries have been far less than usual."

A graduate of West Point, Class of 1927, with a BS degree, Lt. Col. Thompson was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Field Artillery and sent to Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He remained there until 1936, with the exception of six months in 1933 when he was sent to one of the first C. C. camps to serve as mess officer.

Later serving three years with the 13th Field Artillery at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, the Colonel returned to the mainland to serve in the Quartermaster Corps at Fort Bliss, Texas. During his stay there he served as detachment commander and sales commissary officer.

In May of 1942 he was ordered to the QMRTC at Fort Warren, Wyoming where he served as commanding officer of the Officers' Replacement Pool. Prior to coming to the 63d Division, he attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where he took the new division course.

## 255th C. O. Fighting Man Graduated Point And Indiana U.

Long, lean and looking every inch a fighting leader, Col. Paul E. Tombaugh has those certain aspects about him that make you know his 255th Infantry Regiment will be a real fighting outfit.

Erect and square-jawed, Col. Tombaugh owns the bearing that goes with a long soldiering career—in his case a career that began in 1918 when he enrolled in the U. S. Military Academy.

Born in Miami County, Indiana, in 1897, the Colonel graduated from Gilead High School in 1916. During the Summer months of that year he attended North Manchester College where he studied the Normal Course, later teaching school in the Fall of that year and 1917.

After attending Indiana University in 1917-18, Col. Tombaugh entered the U. S. Military Academy in June, 1918. He graduated with a B. S. Degree in June, 1920. He was a student in the F. A. Basic School held at Fort Knox, Ky., from September, 1920 to June, 1921, and instructed from June, 1921 to July, 1922.

**High in State Law**  
July of '22 found him at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma and in June, 1923 he moved to Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, with the 13th Field Artillery, where he remained until his resignation from the Army in August of that year.

Once again it was school for Col. Tombaugh and he entered the Indiana University School of Law in September, 1923, graduating with a L. L. B. Degree in 1926. Admitted to the Indiana State Bar that same year, the Colonel became Department Manager of the Washington Bank and Trust Company of Indianapolis and President of the Business Building Corporation. He served as General Counsel for the Farmers Trust Company of Indiana from 1931 to 1933.

The years 1932-37 saw him engaged in the private practice of law in Indianapolis and in 1933 the Colonel took enough time off to take a special course at the Command and General Staff School.

Col. Tombaugh joined the War Plans Division of the War Department General Staff in July, 1937, remaining there until 1941 when he became G-3 of the 38th Division. In November, 1941 he took over as the 38th's Acting Chief of Staff, serving in that capacity until Janu-

## Chaplain Clarke, Affectable Cleric, Organized Legion

Major Robert H. Clarke, 63d Division Chaplain, is an affable man who prefers the simple ways of living. He asks of life only what he puts into it and his big ambition is to return to the ministry after the present war is over.

Born near Manchester, England, Chaplain Clarke came to this country in 1910, settling in Melrose, Wis. After serving as a chaplain in World War I, he became pastor of the First Congregational Church in Lake Mills, Wis., obtaining a leave in 1920 to study and visit abroad.

In 1926 he answered the call to become pastor of the Union Congregational Church in Peoria, Ill., remaining there for 16 years during which time he was Chaplain of the American Legion Post for 12 years and Post Commander. He also served as Commander of the Lake Mills Legion Post for two years and in 1919 organized the La Crosse, Wis. Post.

Chaplain Clarke has held numerous positions other than those pertaining to the military and while in Illinois was Chairman of the Congregational Association, Moderator and a member of the State Board of Trustees for the

## Hear Ye!

Blood and Fire didn't use all its "thunder" for this issue. There'll be plenty more in the next.

Hearing our list of features in the coming edition will be a story of romantic charm about a man who, a member of the only class remaining at West Point, a decade ago, rose to the heights to pass on the glorious traditions of the United States Military Academy.

He is none other than Colonel Frederick M. Harris.

Congregational Church, President of Goodwill Industries and a member of the Peoria Council for Social Agencies.

In July 1942, Chaplain Clarke reported to Camp Wallace, Texas and remained there until assigned to the 63d Division here in Camp Blanding.

While in England, the Chaplain attended Manchester University and Victoria College and holds D.D., M.A., B.D. and A.B. degrees. He is married and the father of two sons, Tom M., twenty-three, a sergeant in the Air Corps, and Walter L., twenty-eight. Mrs. Clarke now resides in Jacksonville and has long been active in Red Cross work.

Asked where he would like to settle once the curtain has fallen on World War II, the Chaplain replied, "In the East, and I'd just as soon it be Massachusetts."

## Col. Baker Out For Top Regiment in Division

### Commander of 254th Saw Action In Last War

Colonel Paul T. Baker, Regimental Commander of the 254th Infantry says his most immediate and stringent job is to form the best regiment in the Division—a regiment of which the American people will be proud.

His quiet and plain-spoken manner won the immediate confidence of his cadre. His experience as a Regular Army man who saw service during the last war and traveled extensively in present war zones, enables him to hold the admiration and respect of his men.

He entered the Army from Purdue University in 1917 as a 2d Lieutenant serving in combat and administrative forces for about a year and a half, and seeing action at Chateau Thierry, the Marne, Vesle River, St. Mihiel Sector and Argonne Forest. Later Colonel Baker served with the 4th Division in the Army of Occupation in Germany.

**Made Tour of Europe**  
During his Army career he attended Infantry, Chemical Warfare and Field and Staff Schools. But by no means is his present knowledge based on theory. In the early '30's he served for two years in the Philippines and 5 months in China.

Prior to the bubbling over of the European cauldron in 1938, Colonel Baker made a tour of Europe and Northern Africa. Shortly after the Occupation, he visited Austria, Italy, Sicily, Germany, Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Holland, Belgium, Algiers, Gibraltar, France, England and Scotland.

At that time the war clouds were



lowering and the Colonel noted the tremendous preparations being made by both Germany and Italy.

On January 1, 1942, he was promoted to the rank of Colonel and last Spring was given an appointment with the Services of Supply in the European Theater of Operations. There he served as Acting Chief of Staff, G-4, and G-4 with the 4th Corps.

On his return to America in March he stated that the morale of the British was tops and their food supply adequate, regardless of severe rationing. Through personal observation he knows that our troops abroad are in fine condition and of high morale.

At present Colonel Baker makes his home in Jacksonville with Mrs. Baker. Their son, John, is at Officers Candidate School in Fort Knox, Kentucky.

ary, 1942 and again from April, 1942 to May of that same year.



Returning as G-3 for the 38th

Division, the Colonel was promoted to his present grade in September, 1942 and was associated with the Chief Training Branch of the First Service Command from November 1, 1942 to March of this year.

Active in social and business affairs while attending Indiana University, Col. Tombaugh was President of Acacia Fraternity, a member of the Board of Aeons, governing body of the students, and student editor of the Indiana Law Journal. He also belonged to Phi Delta Phi and Scabbard and Blade and was a member of the Indiana Union Board.

Unable to leave military life completely, the Colonel joined the Indiana National Guard in 1924 and was a member of that organization until 1937.

This is the man who will be at the helm of the 255th—a man well versed in the military and a man who is determined to make his a rough, tough hell-for-fire organization.

## COLONEL MAPES, COMMANDER OF 253d FORMER OLYMPIC RIFLE TEAM CAPTAIN



Born to the "military" with the family-tree background of an Army officer father and Civil War officer grandfather—it is little wonder that Paul W. Mapes is now a full-fledged Colonel commanding the 253d Infantry.

In his career to date, Colonel Mapes lists action in many major engagements of World War I, service in many parts of the World, membership on the famed Infantry Rifle Team and even a full Colonelcy in the Air Corps.

To start at the beginning—the warrior-sportsman was born in Nebraska City, Nov. 5, 1893. As is the case with most Army "brats" (the term used for children whose parents are Army officers), the boy while still young, spent four years in the Philippines—in Manila and on the Islands of Jolo and Mindanao.

Those early days in the Islands developed in the boy an intense interest in fishing, hunting and rifle marksmanship. It was the last mentioned that was later to carry him to the Olympics as a member of the Infantry Rifle Team. It resulted also in a two-year tour of duty at Camp Perry, O., the home of the Infantry Rifle Team.

Ever since those days of long ago when young Paul Mapes became a red-hot rifle fan and expert shot, his ardour increased for the sport. Today with that sport turned into a serious business of "kill or be killed"—the Colonel is passing on his extensive knowledge of rifle marksmanship. He is personally teaching officers and enlisted men the finer points of the game. There'll be no "Maggies" if they all follow the Colonel's footsteps.

With the European roar of cannon echoing with increasing intensity in this country, Paul Mapes decided to ready himself for the scrap and entered service as a 2nd Lieutenant in 1916 from the First Provisional Officer's School, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

This was the start of action. First it was the Sixth Infantry at El Paso, Tex. When the United States entered the war it was a switch to the 2d Division. From then on until the Armistice, he served with the 2d Ammunition Train and the 9th Infantry in all of the Division's major engagements. The Army of Occupation kept him abroad for awhile. A short trip back to the States found

him returning to Europe as Captain of the Olympic Rifle Team.

In 1924 he left the 9th to become an instructor of a Texas National Guard Regiment. From 1928-30 he attended the two-year Command and General Staff Course at Leavenworth.

Subsequent assignments found the Colonel on duty with the 39d Infantry in the Canal Zone, as Assistant Professor of Military Science and Tactics at Oregon State College, with the 21st Infantry, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii and the 1st Infantry at Ft. Francis E. Warren and Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

The brilliant anti-climax before coming to the 63d was the Colonel's transfer to duty with the Air Staff of the War Department in Washington. He served there as Ground-Air Liaison Officer and with the Air-Borne section of the Directorate of Air Support. Oct. 2, 1942 he was promoted to Colonel in the Air Corps.

Air Corps Colonel Mapes is now the real McCoy—An Infantry Colonel and head man of the 253d.

## Major Ritter, Now Division G-4, Is Former Sailor

A sailor in the Army! But Major Frank T. Ritter, Division G-4 is completely converted to Army life.

Born in Philadelphia but now a resident of New Jersey, he was graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a BS in 1935. While at Annapolis he was a member of the track team and twice during his training took Midshipman's Cruises. In 1932 they visited the Azores and Nova Scotia and in the Summer of 1934—England, France and Italy.

On graduation from the Academy he was employed by the Kimble Glass Company of Vineland, New Jersey. In 1937 he joined the National Guard and that year was commissioned a 2d Lt. in the Field Artillery of the 44th Division.

He entered active service in September, 1940 at Fort Dix, New Jersey with his old National Guard outfit. Following maneuvers with the 44th Division in the A. P. Hill Military Reservation in Virginia and later in the Carolinas, the Division was sent to Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. During training in Camp Claiborne and later with the North West Sector of Western Defense Command, he acted as Assistant Division G-4.

Major Ritter is married and makes his home with his wife in Jacksonville. He is also a member of the Army and Navy Club in Washington. As G-4 it is his position to coordinate all matters of the Special Staff Officers that pertain to supply.

### Sports Slants

Joe Mandell, once a star left handed passer in the NYU backfield is an ensign in the Navy attending the PT boat training school at Melville, R. I.

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES Religious Services

Religious Services for Sunday, June 20, 1943.

**General Protestant Services**  
Chapel No. 18—Division Headquarters and Special Troops—1000.  
Chapel No. 4—363d Med. Bn.; 263d Engr. Bn.—1000.  
Chapel No. 5—Division Artillery—1000.  
Chapel No. 19—255th Infantry—1000.  
Chapel No. 20—254th Infantry—1000.  
Chapel No. 21—253d Infantry—0900.  
Chapel No. 21—255th Infantry—1000.

**Roman Catholic Services**  
Chapel No. 21—253d Infantry—0800.  
Chapel No. 4—363d Med Bn.; 263d Engr Bn.—0800.  
Chapel No. 19—255th Infantry—0800 and 0900.  
Chapel No. 18—Division Headquarters and Special Troops—0900.  
Chapel No. 6—Division Artillery—0900.  
Chapel No. 20—254th Infantry—0900.  
Chapel No. 21—253d Infantry—1100.  
Chapel No. 18—Division Headquarters—1100.

**Weekday Religious Services**  
Roman Catholic:  
Evening Mass: 1830—Monday, Tuesday, and Friday in Chapel No. 18. Confessions: 1900 and 2000—Saturday in all chapels.  
Jewish Services:  
Fridays—1845—Chapel No. 20, 254th Regt.

### Life Savers

When attacked by low-flying planes, every soldier should fire on them, unless orders have been given to the contrary. This will cause the planes to keep above the range of small arms fire.

When a flare is dropped during a night attack, stop where you are and remain motionless until it has burned out.

## Signal Officer, Man of Hobbies, Prefers Radio

Bees, motorcycles and photographs are just some of the interests associated with our Division Signal Officer; yet Captain Charles W. Gibbs, a versatile member of the Division Special Staff, delves deeply into all.

Capt. Gibbs plans to bind in scrapbook form a photograph of every commander under whom he serves. He already has many formal and informal shots including several of the former Second Army Commander, Lt. General Ben Lear.

Bees, one of his specialties in civilian life, he's dropped for the present as he has found no suitable nearby place for keeping them. Then, too, Mrs. Gibbs isn't quite amenable to the idea of his keeping them at their home in Gainesville. Motorcycling still continues, and he takes every opportunity to ride one.

### Interested in Radio

A check up revealed radio as the Captain's chief interest. After graduating from the Asheville, N. C. High School, he took a pre-college course in that field. Later he operated his own radio station (WJACW) in both North Carolina and Florida. He is still interested in various radio clubs, including the Amateur Radio Relay League in which he retains non-active membership.

Beside his hobbies Capt. Gibbs has seen considerable Army service since the start of the Emergency.

He was called to active duty in September, 1940 but had been a member of a National Guard Signal Corps unit since 1934. Since then he has taken several courses at the Signal Corp School in Fort Monmouth, N. J.; a course in new field artillery radio equipment at the Chicago Signal Depot; two months' training in motor vehicle operations and maintenance at the Ordnance Motor Base in Atlanta, and just prior to his arrival in Camp Blanding he attended the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Captain Gibbs served with the 30th Division at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, from September, 1940 to August, 1942 and from August until he was assigned to the 63d Division he was Assistant Corps Signal Officer with the 12th Corps at Columbia, S. C.

## Capt. Williamson, Chemical Officer, Is Fond of Sports

One of the interesting and varied personalities on the Division Staff is Captain Glenn Y. Williamson, Chemical Warfare Officer.

In civilian life, he was general manager of a nationally known cosmetic firm. Outdoor sports took up much of his time. There is nothing he likes more than elk hunting in the Northwest, trout fishing in the Rockies or high Sierras, salmon fishing in Canada or deep-sea fishing in the Pacific. Not stopping there, he is keen on golf, polo and swimming and true to the traditions of the west — he was born in Salt Lake City — is fond of horses. A family man, the Captain lives with his wife and three sons in Gainesville.

### Served in Infantry

Captain Williamson was in the first outfit the R. O. T. C. organized, and served with that unit in the infantry from 1918 to 1923. When the National Guard was re-organized in 1921 he joined and remained a member until 1932 specializing in the Quartermasters and Field Artillery. In both organizations he held all ratings from Private to Major, inclusive.

Due to the high priority for field artillery officers needed in chemical warfare to use the 4.2 chemical mortar, he was assigned to the Chemical Warfare unit when he returned to service last year. To further his knowledge he was sent to the Field Artillery School at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and later to Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland.

On completing school he was assigned to duty with the 83rd Chemical Battalion at Camp Gordon, Georgia where they were training men for over-seas duty at the time he was ordered to join us here.

### IT'S "APPALING"

Anyone in the 63d who borrows from Peter to pay Paul is sure going to have a lot of trouble locating the right Paul. For, by a curious coincidence the first names of all three commanders of the Infantry regiments are Paul. They are Col. Paul W. Mapes of the 253d, Col. Paul T. Baker of the 254th, and Col. Paul Tombaugh of the 255th.

## DIVISION "ARTY" CHIEF



## "ARTY" COMMANDER "BIG GUN" ATHLETE

### Chief of Staff

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battalion commander. In addition, he holds four years service in the District of Columbia National Guard.

Born in Washington, D. C., the Colonel attended grammar and high school in that city, receiving his diploma from Eastern High School in 1925. He entered West Point Prep in 1927, later enrolling in and graduating from the Point itself in 1932.

Immediately reporting for duty with the 29th Infantry at Ft. Benning, Ga., Col. Wheeler remained with that outfit for four years during which time he advanced to the grade of 1st Lieutenant. In 1936 he left the 29th to take the Regular School Course at Benning and in June, 1937 he landed in Tientsin, China as a member of the 15th Infantry.

### Remembers Panay

In China at the time of the sinking of the Panay, the Colonel says that incident caused everyone to grow a little nervous because of the small detachment stationed there. "Nothing came of it though," he added, "and in March, 1938 the 15th returned to the States, going to Ft. Lewis, Washington as part of the Third Division."

At Fort Lewis for two years, the Colonel went back to school in April, 1940—returning to West Point as an instructor of mathematics. Made a Captain on October 4, 1940, Col. Wheeler left the Point in June, 1941 to become aide to Major General Walker.

Later moving to Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, to take the Sixth Special Course, the Colonel graduated in February, 1942, the same date he was promoted to the rank of Major.

From Leavenworth, Col. Wheeler went to the 36th Infantry Division with which he served as a battalion commander, his service with that outfit taking him to Texas, Florida and Massachusetts. He left the 36th to become G-3 of the 99th Infantry Division in August, 1942 and while with that organization was made a Lieutenant-Colonel. He left the 99th to become Chief of Staff of the 63d in March of this year.

Married, the Colonel, his wife and their son, Gilmore S., make their home in Gainesville.

containing talent assembled from the division.

Remember, men, the special services are designed for you and they must have your support to survive. So, if you can sing a song, play a piano, dance a dance, draw a drawing, bat a baseball, heave a horseshoe, basket a basketball, "zith" a zither or even "git" a guitar, contact your unit Special Service Officer and let him know of your talent.

## New Englander Heads Ordnance

A confirmed New Englander is Major Frederick C. Johnson, Ordnance Officer of the 63d Division. Born and brought up in the historic city of Boston—and it is to this city he hopes to return at the war's close—the Major lived, learned and worked in New England until called to active duty in the Regular Army on December 31, 1940.

The Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland was Major Johnson's first station and it was from there he took the 16th Ordnance Medium Maintenance Company to Camp Stewart for three months of training and three months of maneuvers. The outfit returned from maneuvers on the day Pearl Harbor was bombed.

May, 1941 saw the Major transferred to the new Ordnance Battalion Headquarters at Fort Jackson, S. C. and then to Fort Meade, Maryland. He later attended Command and General Staff School, graduating in January 1943. Since then and up to the time of his reporting here, Major Johnson attended schools at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Ordnance School at Holabird Ordnance Motor Base, Maryland and the new Division School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

A graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he specialized in Mechanical Engineering, the Major has been an employee of the Ashcroft-Hancock Company of Boston and Fairbanks, Morse and Company of the same city where he was assistant department manager and sales engineer.

Awarded his commission as a 2d Lieutenant in the R. O. T. C. in 1934, Major Johnson is well schooled in the problems of Ordnance and now he'll do the teaching—to a staff that must keep the 63d rolling.

To complete the picture the Ordnance chief's wife and small daughter keep house for him in St. Augustine.

## Former Banker Now 63d Finance Officer

The 63d Division has a goose that lays golden eggs—the Division Finance Office.

Once each month Major Albert W. Widmer, Division Finance Officer, and his crew of two officers, one warrant officer and seventeen enlisted men will handle a payroll of approximately one million dollars, which is not only a "job" for them but is a big morale builder in the Division.

Although Major Widmer admits there is not much similarity between Army finance and banking, his eighteen years of experience with the Chase National Bank in New York and his work as a finance officer in the Army, indicate that his new position here will fit him like a glove.

Although born in Oneonta, New York, he spent most of his life in Paterson, New Jersey and was graduated from High School there. Later he was graduated from the American Institute of Banking in New York and since then, and until his entry into the Service on November 20, 1940, he worked for the Chase National Bank in New York. In 1936 he received a commission as 2d Lieutenant in the Finance Reserve.

Active duty saw the Major start service at Fort Hamilton, N. Y., move to Camp Breckinridge, Ky., and wind up with the 63d.

In "pre-war" days Major Widmer says that his main avocations were swimming and tennis. He spent most of his vacations on motor trips through New England and the South.

where he served as Assistant G-3, holding that position until ordered to report to the 63d Division.

Married and the father of a married daughter, the Colonel long has been a rabid sports enthusiast, playing all team sports during his younger days. He coached the 13th Field Artillery football team that took the Island championship in Honolulu in 1923 and at West Point was an instructor of "Red" Cagle, Army grid immortal. He is a member of both the N. C. A. A. Boxing Rules and American Olympic Boxing Committees.

## SPECIAL SERVICE HAS EVERYTHING FROM ATHLETICS TO ZANY SHOWS

### DIVISION J. A. FROM 76th

Living testimony of the old adage, "Youth Must Be Served," is Capt. Joseph R. Cumming, the 63d Division's young Judge Advocate.

Thirty-six years old and a graduate of the University of Georgia and Columbia University, the Captain was youthful in years, but old in experience when he entered the service in July of last year, having a decade of private law practice behind him when reporting for duty in the Judge Advocate General's Office in Washington, D. C.

Sent to the Judge Advocate General's School at Ann Arbor, Mich., in September, Capt. Cumming remained there until November when he received orders to report to the 76th Division where he became Assistant Judge Advocate in December. March of this year found him in school at Ft. Leavenworth and in early May he reported for duty with Camp Blanding's newly-activated 63d.

Married and the father of a two-year-old son, Baron, the Captain attended Cordele, Ga., High School, the University of Georgia and Columbia University, receiving his law degree at the last named institution in 1932. He passed the Georgia State Bar that same year and the New York Bar a year later.

Born in Ringgold, Ga., the Captain practiced law in New York for six years before returning to his home state to take up the practice in 1938. He was engaged in a successful law practice in Griffin, Ga., when he reported for active service in July, 1942.

Greetings! Nope, it's not Selective Service this time — this time it's Special Service.

Remember that name, men, because it's "G. I.'s" gift to the enlisted men. It's a special service to you, dealing with everything from Bach to Boogie Woogie; from Picasso to Ping Pong; from Variety Shows to Volley Balls; from Mendelsohn to Mumbley-Peg. As a matter of fact, its services are as extensive as the alphabet.

- F-irstname —
- A-thletic
- B-and
- C-ommunity Singing
- D-ances
- E-ducation
- F-ootball
- G-uest Houses
- H-it Kils (the month's popular songs free)
- I-nformation
- J-ive and Jitterbugging
- K-(hum?)—(aw, well, to hell with it!)
- L-ibrary
- M-usic
- N-ewspapers
- O-rientation
- P-ost Exchanges
- Q-uiz Shows (Nya-aah—didn't think we could match that did ya?)
- R-ecreation
- S-ervice Clubs
- T-ournaments
- U.-S. O.
- V-ariety Shows
- W-restling
- X-hibitions of art (scuse it please)
- Y-odeling
- Z-any entertainment from all branches of show business.

We can give you a preview of Special Service activities planned and awaiting you. There will be a division softball tournament with an appropriate trophy awaiting the winner. Each Regiment will have a hard ball team with the Regiments of the division competing for top honors. Each week there will be a "Variety Show"

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**EDITORIAL**

"Blood and Fire" was born today. It was a birth simultaneous with that of our Blood and Fire (63d) Infantry Division.

We take just pride in being the voice of a front line combat Division, destined and ordained to exact complete satisfaction and atonement from the enemies that made Divisions like ours necessary.

Born in this year, a year in which the United Nations at Casablanca pledged to make the World once and for all a fit place to live, the 63d Division is similarly pledged to carry out that promise.

Our duty as a war-time Army newspaper is a grave one. With humble solemnity we shoulder the responsibilities involved. We also pledged to do our part to aid and point the Division towards carrying out the tenets of its motto: "To make the enemy bleed and burn in expiation of their crimes against humanity."

No finer editorial could be presented here than the address this morning of Brig. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander.

**Text of Commanding General's Speech**

Today, the Sixty-third Infantry Division takes its place as an active combat unit of the United States Army.

Never before has there been an American unit of that name. This division starts, therefore, with no history.

This fact is favorable. We are concerned with this war, not past wars. Leadership looks forward. Ancestor worship kills no Axis foes. You will need no inspiration of a name that others made, nor the spur of feeling their reproach for failure. Your history lies before you. What's won, is yours alone.

As your Commander, I desire that these things you remember:

Your role is combat, nothing else. Do not expect your daily work to be scaled to the level of units which operate behind the battle front. They stand behind and support the fighting man, but are not of his breed. The tasks and standards set for them are as different from those set for you as theirs differ from the tasks and standards set by the nation for the civilian. Do not pattern yourselves upon them. You should walk in the pride of the combat soldier, full fit for the comradeship of the fighting men of a first-line combat division. Do not be led astray to the weaker course of coveting, or aping, the ways of a softer service.

Let the Blood and Fire you wear on your shoulder keep you reminded always that war is a bloody and vicious game — no sportsmanship — no quarter. This emblem was designed to keep you reminded that you either kill your enemy or he kills you. Physically and mentally you must be strong, and you must be viciously alert to be the one who kills — there is no second chance. This applies also to your comrades, their failure may kill you, as yours may kill them. See to it that they, too, are ready and able, and team up with them for the common good of all. War is a team affair.

Certain skills are required of the soldier. These can be learned with relative speed. Efficiency in these skills, however, requires constant practice, until the body and mind have become so disciplined in their execution that correct performance becomes automatic. Then, and then only, is the soldier ready to use them in combat.

Primary among these skills is the habit of obedience. It, also, must be developed by practice until it has become automatic. This is discipline. It is the essential which characterizes the team, capable of acting as a unit. Without this habit of obedience, groups of men are but unruly mobs, incapable of any directed action. Mark this well, for it is a



matter of life or death to you, for, when danger threatens, such mobs destroy themselves and others, through panic. I point out to you that this habit of obedience — this discipline — is developed by practice, and that this practice will be required of you.

Mere proficiency in his required duties is but a good start in the production of the combat soldier. He must develop, in addition, the strength, physical and mental, which makes him the fighting man. There is no easy road to acquiring this physical and mental stamina. It is the product only of his hard physical work, and of toll and strain under adverse conditions. This, you will remember: you are to be trained for combat by requiring of you tasks deliberately designed to produce conditions of hard physical work and mental strain. As your training progresses, these tasks will increase in severity. This work will be performed under combat conditions of weather, shelter, food and sleep — you will be required to perform your combat missions in the midst of the noises of the battlefield and the danger from real ammunition fired over and near you. You will be taught to take it the hard way — and you will learn to glory in it — so that you may develop the qualities that make a man, and emerge as a fit companion for the fighters of this nation — fit to bear the rigors of combat — to laugh off discomfort and ill-fortune — to have the physical ability and the will and skill to drive to victory.

When the going gets tough in the months which lie ahead of you, remember that your leaders are seeking to put the iron in your soul that will make of you — what you in your pride would seek for yourself — a combat soldier.

The address of the Commanding General clearly outlined the job ahead. There was no mincing of words, no promise of a quick victory. Packed into the brief speech and threaded through its text was the knowledge of a difficult task ahead and the iron determination to see that it is carried out to the letter.

As the training outlined by our Commander becomes more and more rigorous — remember one thing. The General didn't ask you to come here. It was the S.O.B. Boys — Hitler, Mussolini and Hirohito. Never forget that, and as your training gets tougher it won't be half tough enough for you. You'll want to be getting harder and more skilled. You'll be more and more anxious to get at the throat of the enemy — to get it over with — to get back to the way of life as you want to live it.

In November of 1942 the United Nations invaded Northwest Africa. Soon afterward President Roosevelt declared, "We have landed overwhelming and invincible armies." History has proved the President's confidence was justified. Out of that early start has come a great victory for Allied arms. The amazing conference followed at Casablanca in 1943. Our Division, born this same year, took its creed from the pledge of the United Nations at that historic battle meeting.

Concerted action of the United Nations was promised to make the enemy "bleed and burn in expiation of their crimes against humanity." The 63d Infantry Division was thereby given its creed — "to carry always before its eyes the symbol of that promise — to prepare for and plan its sure and joyous execution."

In common, down-to-earth language that means we will make complete satisfaction and atonement for the atrocities and brutalities the war-crazed dictators of Europe and Japan have foisted upon us and our allies.

Those power-crazed maniacs, not content to rule their own countries, wanted to rule the World — including our own part of it — the good old U. S. A. Mein Kampf foretold it and Japan's Yamamoto (now where he belongs — dead) said he'd dictate peace in the White House in Washington. History today proves Yamamoto erred and Hitler's Mein Kampf considerably off schedule.

This generation of Americans has seen history in the making, has seen page after page written, has seen a dark and forbidding side for the Allies rise through courage until today we are on the path to victory.

Not one of us may have sought this War — but we're going to finish it. We're going to shatter the enemy before us "in expiation of their crimes." When we do that — and only then — will we have a world fit to live in.

**Blood and Fire Says 'Thank. For The Help!'**

On behalf of the 63d, the Editor wishes to thank the officers and enlisted men who helped "Blood and Fire" get to press.

To the officers we extend our thanks for their generous contributions—contributions which enabled us to publish this, our initial issue — contributions which enabled us to give a souvenir Activation Day issue to each and every man in the Division free of charge.

Thanks also go to 2nd Lt. Everett H. Ortner, contributor of sev-

eral of our outstanding features; to Cpl. John F. Bowen, staff reporter; to 2nd Lt. Edward R. Ertl and S/Sgt. George F. McAndrew, artists, who created the sketch of the Division area featured on page eight of this issue; and last, but far from least, to Lt. David H. Duffy, 63d Division Public Relations Officer — "our boss"—and "Blood and Fire's" guiding hand.

**"G. I." DRIVERS LEARN TO PUSH**

Lebanon, Tenn. (CNS)—Because a truck convoy bunched vehicles too closely on a road near here, the commander made drivers get out and push their trucks back to the proper interval.

**The Sky Pilot Says it.**

By ROBERT H. CLARKE, Major  
Division Chaplain

It is always a pleasure to give a word of welcome and good cheer to the young men who have been called out of civilian life to enter the armed forces of our country. In coming to the 63d Infantry Division we believe that under the guidance of our Commanding General and his Staff it will be a service of which any man may be proud, because the divisional insignia sets before every man concerned the purpose and objective for which we are being organized and trained.

In the period of adjustment if a few things are clearly seen and understood, many mistakes and unnecessary worries may be avoided and the task before us considerably lightened.

The task before America today, as a nation, has been clearly expressed by President Roosevelt in his four freedoms: Freedom of Expression, Freedom of Worship, Freedom from Want, and Freedom from Fear. The last named, Fear, undermines and makes insecure all the other freedoms and all our privileges and rights as free-born American citizens.

What then is the purpose and specific task of the 63d Infantry Division?

To be trained in such a fashion that we may effectively do our part in abolishing a fear that has unsettled the whole world and revealed the existence of a ruthless tyranny that seeks to dominate the nations of the earth. The members of this Division are being called upon to help preserve a heritage, our American way of living, and to create a tradition, the historic record of an organization, which, when the story is written, will reveal how well it will have played its part and the flame of our insignia will become symbolic as a flame of light.

The training for such a task will be arduous and, perhaps at times, monotonous, but the discipline of such training will produce the kind of a man that makes a good soldier, with poise, alertness, confidence, dependability and a high courage.

In creating a high type of morale in the armed forces, the War Department has recognized the importance of religion. Every chaplain will tell you that the Army engenders respect for religion. In the Army we find that a man's faith becomes a more serious affair than it usually is in civilian life. Why? Perhaps, for the simple reason that we face life more realistically than ever before. One of the surprising things that a civilian learns when he becomes a soldier is the art of living with the minimum essentials of life, so far as material things are concerned. Whoever thought that you could learn to live out of an Army locker, or a barracks bag, or a pack on your back? And we have seen some whose sole earthly possessions appear to be in a shaving-kit under the arm.

In the Army we recognize a man's right to his own religion and the right to express his religion in his own way. To that end the chapels are open to men of all faiths and chaplains of all denominations stand ready to serve the men not only in religious matters but also to give counsel, advice, and encouragement when needed.

What will a man's faith do for him? Just as physical training and discipline produce definite results, so we have found by experience that religion is a valuable instrument for the building of morale. A man's faith gives him a grip upon the intangible values of life. Like the unseen blood-stream that flows through our bodies carrying sustenance to our physical being, so a man's faith gives hope, and light, and is a hidden source of strength with which to perform life's tasks. Courage is given to carry on in face of and in spite of difficulties. Loyalty to the highest and best that we know becomes our mark of distinction. As free-born Americans we willingly submit to this period of training knowing that victory over brutality and tyranny will be ours. The heritage we love will be preserved and we of the 63d will be conscious of a task well done.

All of your chaplains wish you God-speed and bespeak for all, Divine guidance and strength.

**G.I. JINGLES**

THE CORPORAL WALKS POST  
—Or What Happens When There Are No Privates Around—

By the Bard of Brooklyn

You may talk about the chow-line  
And your creamed-chipped-beef-on-toast,  
Of the horrors of the guard-house,  
When it's acting as your host.  
But the worst darned thing I ever did see  
Was a Corp'ral walking post.

Now there's some recoil when castor oil,  
By the medics to them is dosed.  
And some will shrink from a kitchen sink  
As though it were a ghost.  
But the worst darned thing I ever did see  
Was a Corp'ral walking post.

Oh, you plant one foot before you  
As the other leaves the ground,  
While you keep your optics sharpened  
Lest the Colonel be around;  
And you sweat and curse your top-kick  
For a dirty six-striped hound.

I've done K. P. in the Army,  
And I've eaten G. I. roast.  
And I've walked my feet to blisters—  
And of these things I will boast.  
But since I got a rating  
I just hate to walk a post.

# Wife And Son Main Hobbies Of Division G-1

"My only hobbies are my wife and small son," the Major admitted with a boyish grin, although later he granted that he also likes baseball and plays it whenever he gets the chance. In high school he played on the football team and in college participated in dramatics.

Major John Edward Brooks Jr., Division G-1, was born and lived much of his life in Winchendon, Massachusetts. He was graduated from Norwich University in 1932 with majors in history and education. While there he was a member of the Alpha Chapter of Theta Chi, a national fraternity.

Although he received a commission as 2d Lieutenant on graduation from Norwich, he entered business with his father and later was employed by the state highway department. In February 1935 he began a three year hitch with the CCC as a company officer and later was made a company commander. Leaving the CCC in 1937 he took a position with a financial concern.

Entering active duty with the United States Army on August 5, 1940, he was sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky with the First Armored Division where he served as executive officer with the Brigade Headquarters Company. Following that he was transferred and assigned as Headquarters Company Commander of the Fourth Armored Brigade when the 4th Armored Division was activated at Pine Camp, New York.

In October of 1941 Major Brooks joined the Brigade Staff at Pine Camp as assistant S-3, later going to the Sixth Special Class at the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

In March of 1942 he returned to Fort Knox where he was stationed until July. From there he was sent to join the Headquarters of the II Armored Corps which was then on maneuvers in the Carolinas. Following the maneuvers was desert training and a subsequent assignment to headquarters at San Jose, California, where the Corps took over the training of several new divisions. In March of this year Major Brooks was ordered to Fort Leavenworth to undergo training for Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, of this division.

## Activation Day

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way for a day of festivity and recreation.

Theatres will be opened for matinees, beaches made available, softball and volley-ball games played. Official transportation will be used to transport members to the Division beaches. A band concert will be given by the Division band at the beaches. Evening movies will be shown.

A reception and formal dance for officers and ladies of the 63d will be held at Bldg. No. 2817 from 2030 to 2400.

Enlisted men will have a dance at Service Club No. 1 from 2000 to 2300. Girls will be present from Camp Blanding, Gainesville and Jacksonville.

The Blood and Fire Division is activated now and we're in the process of having a good time. There's much work ahead.



Set Paul S. Sinden - Marine Field Unit

"But honey—G-I means Good Intentions!"

## Benediction At Activation

As the curtain falls upon this last scene of the activation of the 63d Infantry Division, we turn our thoughts to Thee, Almighty and Eternal Father, Creator, Sustainer, and Judge of the World, and we humbly implore Thy blessing upon our mission in this just war.

Those who will comprise this Division will represent the fairest flower of American manhood. Their ancestors came from distant shores to escape persecution and tyranny, and here they found a sanctuary of freedom. Here they learned that the state was made for man, not man for the state.

Thy Kingdom has fallen upon evil ways, Oh Lord. Evil and lunatic forces have arisen in the world to strangle and destroy all free peoples. They have rejected Thee, Oh Lord, the only source of law, order, and morals. They have defied themselves. With unspeakable brutality they seek to enslave all people, thus defying You and Your sacred laws.

Under Thy guidance, Oh Lord, the free peoples of the earth band themselves together to rid the earth of these despoilers of Thy Kingdom. The youth of America takes arms in righteous wrath against these Axis foes who seek to destroy us and our beloved country.

Sustain them, Oh Lord, and grant them a stout courage to carry out their mission. Guide and enlighten those in authority in making of right decisions and in the efficient execution of their tasks. We ask this for Thy greater honor and glory, Lord, and for the enduring character of our beloved nation . . . Amen.

## And Can He Squawk

Sheppard Field, Tex. (CNS)—Cpl. and Mrs. E. E. Duck, of this Post, have a baby son. His name is Donald Duck.

## Invocation At Activation

"Almighty God, in whose hands lie the destinies of men and nations, may we come to this hour and its purpose with hearts and minds alert to its significance. We thank Thee for a heritage that has been so greatly blessed, make us worthy of our blessings. We praise Thee for the stalwart sons and daughters who have answered the call to serve our country in her hour of need.

In the battle against injustice, brutality, and ruthless tyranny, make us strong; grant unto all our leaders an invincible zeal to accomplish the task before us and bring us to victory; may Thy sustaining spirit be with all our comrades on the far-flung battle-line, reverently remembering those who have paid the supreme sacrifice, and with them enable us to establish more firmly the cause of Justice, Freedom, and Democracy.

With inspired courage may this Division serve in undivided loyalty our God and our country. Amen."

## General's Aide Gets New Boss

Lt. Bartow Kelly, aide to Brig. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, joined the ranks of the Benedicts June 12, 1943 at 2030 when he was married to Miss Ann Waddell Turner at the First Presbyterian Church, Macon, Ga.

Mrs. Kelly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Radford Turner of Macon. Lt. Kelly is a graduate of Harvard, class of 1940. While at Harvard Lt. Kelly was active in fraternal organizations.

## CRIME

Denver, Col. (CNS)—An AWOL soldier was picked up and charged with staging seven successive hold-ups. He blamed his brief career in crime on his girl, who, he said, broke a date.

## Busy Men Are A. G.'s

There's no doubt but that the two busiest men in Camp during the next couple of weeks will be Major Ralph Lavorgna, Adjutant General of the 63d and Captain Carl R. Mahder, Classification Officer.

To them has fallen the responsibility of properly placing and classifying every man who enters the Division. Both men have done much similar work before and are fitted for the job.

Speaking for them both, Captain Mahder said, "It is our ambition to accomplish the assignment of placing the incoming filler replacements more satisfactorily than it has ever been done before."

Major Lavorgna, a native of Connecticut, enlisted in the Regular Army in 1923 as a buck private. Since then he has served almost continuously in administrative branches. In 1931 he was commissioned a 2d Lieutenant in the Reserve Corp and entered active service in that capacity in November of 1940.

After serving in Panama with the infantry and air corps he returned to the States in 1942 and was assigned to the Adjutant General's Office in Washington. He served with the 80th Division until October 1942 and was then transferred to the 100th Division. In both cases he acted as Assistant Adjutant General and helped each Division during activation periods.

## Attended Georgetown

Captain Mahder, born in Hamilton, Ohio, was graduated from Ohio State University with an AB in Public Administration and Economics. Later he received an LLB in Law at Georgetown University and studied at the National Institute of Public Affairs, a Rockefeller endowed institution.

An athlete of no mean proportions, the Captain was quarterback on the Ohio State football team, and did some boxing. His varied interests took him on a tour of Germany and Austria. On leaving the National Institute of Public Affairs he worked with the U. S. Department of Agriculture as an economic analyst.

A 2d Lieutenant in the ROTC at Ohio State he was called into service in March of 1942. After a short course at Ft. Benning, Ga., he was assigned to the 80th Infantry Division at Camp Forrest, Tenn., where he worked in Division Headquarters and as a unit personnel officer. He left Camp Forrest for a short time to attend the Adjutant General's School at Fort Washington, Md., and on his return was ordered to observe the activation of the 66th Division at Camp Blanding, Florida, prior to reporting with the 63d.

## Dogface Reports For KP; Learns of His Discharge

Camp White, Ore. (CNS)—Pvt. Anthony Philbin, DEML, had been hanging around camp for a week, awaiting final confirmation of his certified disability discharge.

One day he showed up at the mess hall for KP.

"What are you doing here?" said the mess sergeant.

"My name's on the KP list," said the amiable Philbin.

"Hell's bells, man," screamed the Sergeant. "You were discharged from the Army last Saturday."

Philbin left camp within the hour.

## Division Releases Swim Schedule

Anyone standing on the corner of Florida Ave. and Meridian St. certainly wouldn't have to be a super-sleuth to figure out that there must be pretty good swimming in this camp. He'd only have to see about three soldiers hot-footing it down the road, towels slung over their shoulders, to know what was up.

To prevent spoiling this pleasure by any unfortunate occurrences, Division Headquarters has published certain regulations for the guidance of the men of the Division.

Bathing hours will be as follows: Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays . . . 1400 - 2000

Weekdays . . . 1600 - 2000

Bath-house assignments:

Area	Building
A-1	2816
A-2	2814
A-3	2813
A-4	2811
A-7	2812
A-8	2815

Enlisted men off duty on week days may swim between the hours of 1400 and 1600, provided they use bath-house No. 2813.

Swimming is authorized only when qualified lifeguards are on duty.

## Lt. Stowe Weds

Friday, June 4th, marked the end of one campaign for 2nd Lt. James B. Stowe, executive officer of Battery B, 863d Field Artillery Battalion, when he married Miss Esther Gravenkemper.

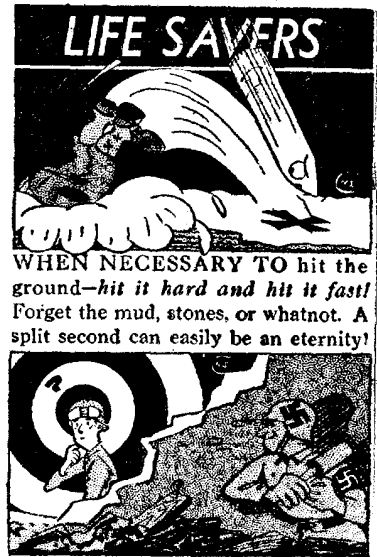
Mrs. Stowe is the daughter of Major and Mrs. C. W. Gravenkemper of Norwood, O. Before her marriage she was a student at Marietta College.

Lt. Stowe, a graduate of Ohio University, has been on active duty since June, 1942.

## SIGNATURE REQUIRED TO DATE WAACS

Air Base, Salt Lake City (CNS)—To visit a WAAC dayroom a dogface must have an invitation from a gal soldier, then must stand inspection by the area guard.

When a "G. I." takes a WAAC off the Base he must sign her out and when he brings her back he must sign her in again like athletic equipment.



DO NOT SHOVE your sun goggles up on your helmet when not in use. It's a handy place to keep them—but the reflection makes an ideal bulls-eye for the enemy.

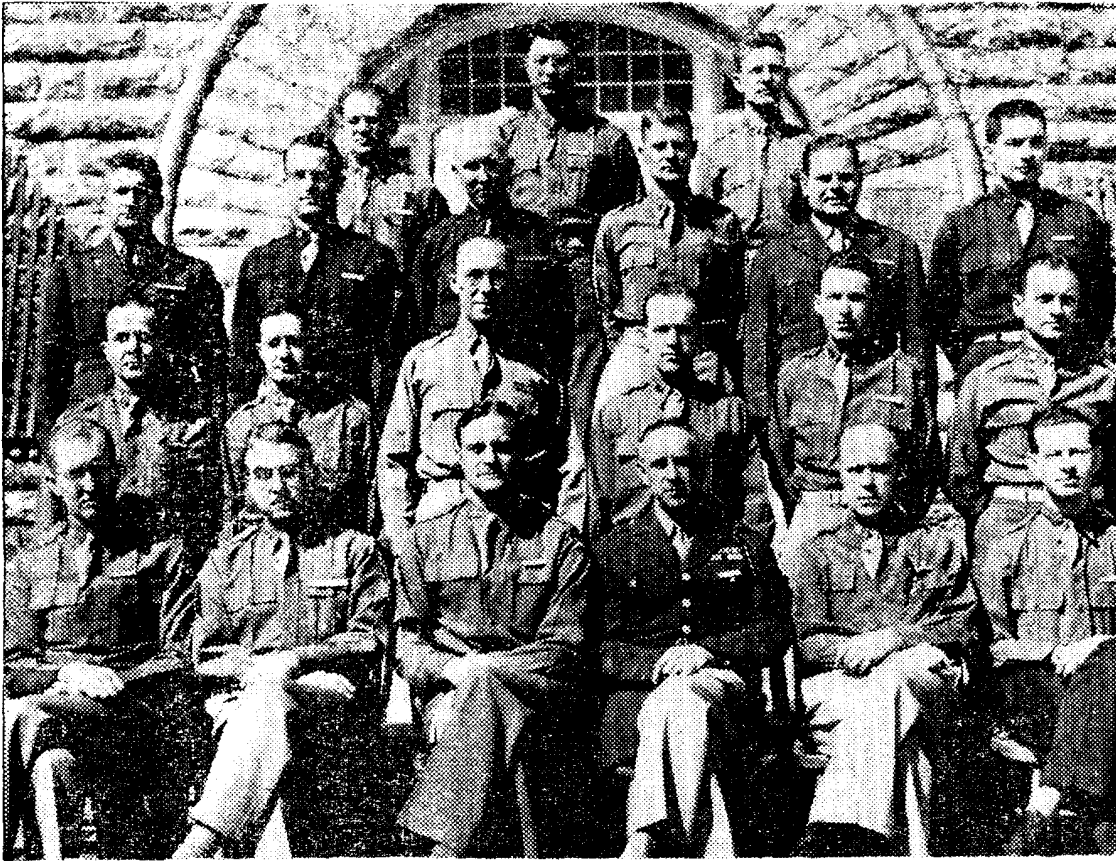
## Male Call



by Milton Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



## DIVISION STAFF AT LEAVENWORTH, MAR.-APRIL



Pictured above is Brigadier-General Hibbs, Division Commander, and staff at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Similar groups were at Fort Benning, Ga. with Col. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander, and at Fort Sill, Oklahoma with Col. Edward J. McGaw, Artillery Commander.

Left to right are, front row: Major John E. Brooks, G-1; Major John M. Hardaway, G-2; Lt. Col. Earle G. Wheeler, Chief of Staff; Brigadier-General Louis E. Hibbs, Commanding General; Lt. Col. Lucien F. Wells, Jr., G-3 (since replaced by Lt. Col. Gordon M. Eyer); Major Frank T. Ritter, G-4. Second row: Major Ralph Lavorgna, Adjutant General; Lt. Col. Elmer L. Thompson, head of Quartermaster Corps; Lt. Col. Harold O. Pinther, Inspector General; Capt. Joseph R. Cumming, Judge Advocate; Capt. Charles W. Gibbs, Signal Officer; Major Jack L. Coan, Division Engineer. Third row: Lt. Col. George C. Guiteras, Division Surgeon; Major Frederick C. Johnson, Ordnance Officer; Capt. Glenn Y. Williamson, Chemical Officer; 1st Lt. William M. Gwyn, Jr., Rcn. Tr. Comdr.; Capt. Paul H. Smith, Provost Marshal; Capt. John P. Reames, Hq. Co. Comdr. Back row: Capt. Abe Kramer, Assistant G-2; Major R. A. Nichols, Assistant G-3 and Major Leslie W. McMahon, Assistant G-4.

63D ACTIVATED TODAY AFTER MONTHS OF PLANNING  
TRAINEES MIXED WITH CADRES FROM MANY DIVISIONS

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which they belonged. The Parent Division, the Ninety-eighth, had meanwhile selected from among its own officers the bulk of the small unit commanders, such as company and battery commanders, and the staff officers for the regiments and battalions. From the Ninety-eighth, also, were to come the enlisted men who would form the nucleus around which the new Division would be built.

Having selected the key officers, the men who were going to command the various units of the Division and man the staffs of the unit commanders, the next job was to prepare these men for the responsible positions they had been called to. So back to school they went. All of them, from the Division Commander down to the lowliest second lieutenant, were assigned to various Army schools for advanced and basic courses.

Nothing Left to Chance  
The Division Commander, the Assistant Division Commander, the Chief of Artillery and the Chief of Staff attended first the Auto Ordnance School and the Ordnance School in the East. From there they traveled west to the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., where they were met by the officers of the General Staff.

Nothing was left to chance. While the Division Commander was yet in the East, plans were being laid at the Fort Leavenworth school to assist him in his huge task of organizing a division. An instructor was sent from the school to make a detailed study of Camp Blanding. Back to Fort Leavenworth with him he brought maps of the Camp, reports on the size and condition of the buildings and areas available to the Division, information about local towns and cities, about housing, liquor, prostitution, recreation, transportation, schools, hospitals, and all about the thousand and one things necessary for the commander of a large unit to know.

Thus, when General Hibbs and his assistants arrived at Fort Leavenworth, a huge mass of carefully compiled information was awaiting him. Assisting him in the digestion of this mass of material were the instructors of the Staff and Command School, men who had gained wide experience in such work in the organizing of countless other divisions before the Sixty-third. It was at Fort Leav-

enworth that the first detailed plans for the new division were set up.

Many Schools Attended  
In other Army schools similar aid was being given. At the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., the Regimental Commanders and their staffs were listening to the latest reports from the battle-fronts of the world. At the Field Artillery School in Fort Sill, Okla., the Field Artillery Battalion Commanders and their staffs were learning the newest artillery techniques—the techniques that put the Afrika Korps on the run at El Alamein and Gafsa. And the same thing was going on at the Medical Field Service School, at the Signal School, at the Engineers School, at the Adjutant General's School, and at the Chaplain's School.

On May 3rd the first contingent of the Sixty-third arrived at Camp Blanding. This group consisted of the Division Commander and his staff, nineteen officers in all—plus chauffeurs, seven of them. Other officers began to arrive soon after.

Units Given Numerals  
Unit numerals had been assigned to the various subdivisions of the Sixty-third by the War Department when the Division had first been planned. The Infantry units were to be known as the 253d, the 254th, and the 255th Infantry Regiments. To the Artillery had been assigned the unit numerals of the 861st, the 862d, the 863d, and the 718th Field Artillery Battalions. There were also the 363d Medical Battalion, the 263d Engineer Battalion, the 763d Ordnance Co., the 563d Signal Co., the 63d Quartermaster Co., the 63d Reconnaissance Troop and the 63d Military Police Company.

On May 8th the first large group of men arrived. They were the cooks and mess sergeants, and the officer cadre—all from the Ninety-eighth. The stream of arrivals widened as the Quartermaster and maintenance personnel arrived a week later. With them came the rest of the enlisted cadre.

On May 24th the officers who were to compose the bulk of the division officer personnel began to arrive. They came for three solid days from all over the country. As quickly as they came they were classified and assigned. With this last group of officers, 471 of them, the training personnel was completed.

Prepare To Receive Men  
Now active preparations for the

reception of the men who were to compose the mass of the Division were made. Hutments and walks were repaired. Rifles and machine guns, shelter halves and blankets, canteens and mess kits, shovels and wire cutters, compasses and range finders, and all of the thousands of items the soldier uses poured in on sleepless supply sergeants to be counted and sorted and stored away until the men to whom they would be issued should arrive. Trucks and jeeps newly off the assembly line were rolled into motor pools stacked high with as yet unsorted tools.

Almost magically, however, order started to emerge from the confusion. Typewriters began to chatter in the various administrative offices. Filing cases arrived to replace the corn flakes boxes that had formerly been used. "Coke" machines were plugged in. Electric fans arrived. Things began to look up.

Still Plenty of Work  
But there was still plenty of hard work to be done. Division and regimental schools were set up to further the training of the officers and non-commissioned officers who were to have the difficult job of making finished combat soldiers of men newly arrived from civilian life.

There were many difficulties to cope with. The almost entire absence of privates reduced hard-boiled sergeants to K. P.'s. Lieutenants, Captains, Majors and Colonels wielded scrubbing brushes and mops in an attempt to make living quarters more comfortable. At the same time, training plans were being drawn up as busy staff officers pored over the Army's Mobilization Training Program and made careful schedules for the instruction of a new division. Teams of officers and non-commissioned officers were organized to deal with the problems of housing and assigning the trainees. Carpenters and technicians were set to work constructing training aids. The hum of activity had become a roar.

Today the first group of trainees arrives. Today marks the end of one phase, the planning phase, and the beginning of another phase, the training phase.

Tomorrow begins the combat phase.

One of the finest cooks in the 254th Infantry Officers' Mess is from Headquarters Co., 1st Bn. His cooking is much easier to digest than his name—T/4 Zackostelky.

Div. G-2 Has Long  
Armored Experience

A son of sunny California—the age-long rival of Florida, Major John M. Hardaway, Division G-2, seems to bear Florida no ill-will. In fact he has already moved his wife and son to St. Augustine.

Born in San Francisco he lived much of his life in California, although while a boy he and his parents spent a year in Honolulu. He was graduated from high school in Sacramento and following that, worked in the advertising field. In 1934 he was commissioned a 2d Lt in the reserve corps and in 1935 and 1936 he served as a company officer with the CCC in Yosemite Park, California.

After leaving the CCC, and until he was called to active duty in 1941, he worked for the Public Relations Office of the State of California. This work entailed much traveling and gave him many opportunities to enjoy his hobby of color photography. Since then the Major has been forced to dispose of much of his equipment due to transportation difficulties and now he finds it easier to further his linguistic pursuits which he does in leisure moments. At present he is studying Portuguese.

On his call to active duty in 1940 he was ordered to the then 66th Infantry (Light Tanks) at Fort Benning, Georgia where he remained as a company commander until July 1941. Following that he joined the I Armored Corps at Fort Knox, Kentucky as Assistant Headquarters Commandant.

In December 1941 he was a transfer to the 5th Armored Division, also at Fort Knox, as Assistant G-2. Subsequently he moved with the Division to Camp Cooke, California and later to Camp Beale, as Acting G-2 and later Assistant G-2 of the 13th Armored Division.

Major Hardaway has attended the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas three times since he entered service. He was with the 7th New Division Class and the 11th Special Class, and while at Camp Beale, California, orders sent him to the 13th New Division Class, preparatory to joining our Division.

Message From  
Medical Chief

By Lt. Col. George G. Guiteras  
Division Surgeon

You are now a member of the Army of the United States. It is an honorable profession and the Army expects you to uphold that honor. One of the most important ways of doing this is by keeping yourself physically fit. The Army does everything possible to help you but you must do your part to preserve your health. It is your duty to do so.

Before you entered the Army, you probably consulted a doctor only when you were sick enough to take to your bed. In the Army you are expected to report to a medical officer the first sign of any illness, such as a cold, headache, diarrhea, sore eyes, feverishness or a rash on your body. The reason for this is that any of the above symptoms may be the starting point of a "communicable disease," that is, a disease that you can give others, and since you are living and eating with large groups of men, there is always the danger of infecting them.

Beware, however, of "gold-bricking," "riding the sick-book," for you will soon be found out.

Always observe the rules of personal hygiene. You will hear more about them during your training so it is sufficient now to say that the observance of these rules means, to a great extent, the difference between health and disease.

A word about venereal disease, but a most important word—avoid them—as you would deadly poison. Although among the commonest of contagious diseases, they are most easily avoided—simply by staying away from the prostitutes and the so-called "victory girls."

Gonorrhea and syphilis can be cured—with difficulty—they can be prevented with ease. Venereal diseases are serious diseases—because they affect your efficiency in the Army and your future health and happiness. Remember, too, that the efficiency of your outfit will be judged by the number of venereal cases in it—so keep 'em down.

New Engineer Chief  
Wants His Crew Best  
In Entire Division

His keen, grey eyes give away a mind filled with energy and ambition, indicating that when he, Major Jack L. Coan of Division Engineers, says that he wants the best "da—" outfit in the Division, he will have it.

A native of Alabama, he was graduated from Auburn in 1935 with a major in electrical engineering. While there he was a cadet colonel of the Engineer outfit in the R. O. T. C. and a member of several fraternities. He is also a member of the Scabbard and Blade.

Under the Thomason Officer's Act he was in the first class at Fort Belvoir, Virginia in 1937 and was among the five-percent in a class of 1000 students, receiving commissions.

Major Coan's first job with the Army was on river and harbor duty in the middle of the New Mexican dust bowl where the Government had a \$16,000,000 flood control project on the South Canadian River. There he received a chance to use his initiative and test his school-learned principles. Before starting the project they were forced to construct a town in which to live, acquire a water supply and build a power plant.

In September, 1940 Major Coan was sent with the 11th Engineering Regiment to the Canal Zone to construct fields and bases for the Air Corps. He later helped arrange for landing fields in South and Central American countries.

Major Coan returned to this country last Winter.

TWO-FISTED C. G.  
LEADING 63d

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vere enough to hospitalize the 63d's new commander for nine months. Ironically enough, the General suffered his first injury on a Friday and the second on the 13th, "so I now spend all Fridays—the 13th, in bed," he jokes.

Awarded the Purple Heart and Oak Leaf Cluster for wounds received in action, the General returned to the States on New Year's Eve 1918, "and believe me, seeing New York on New Year's Eve was a thrill I'll never forget," the General said.

He wears the French Fourragere in the colors of the Croix de Guerre as an individual decoration.

Recovered from his injuries, General Hibbs became adjutant and aide to General Douglas McArthur at West Point in 1919, serving with the hero of Bataan until 1922.

Much Staff Work  
Promoted to the rank of Major during the course of the first World War, the General held various staff and command positions from 1922 until January, 1942, while serving at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, Ft. Bragg, N. C., Hawaii, at War College and in the War Department in Washington, D. C. and at West Point.

January, 1942 found the General as Artillery Commander of the 36th Infantry Division and in March of this year he was placed in command of the 63d—a position to which he brings all the vigor of his years. "This is going to be a real fighting unit," says the General, "anything worth doing is worth doing well. So Hell's Bells! Let's get going!"

Married, General Hibbs resides with his wife at Keystone Heights and is the father of a son, Louis E., Jr., 18, who is scheduled to be inducted into the service sometime this month.

Typical of the zip and spark so much a part of the General is the new divisional insignia, created by the General himself. Both gruesome and colorful, it portrays a bloody dagger on a background of fire—a flaming oath that the heroic dead of Corrigidor and Wake; of Bataan and Manila will be fully avenged; a vibrant reminder that these men have not died in vain.

To sum up the General, he likes his soldiering tough, his language plain—and his most used phrase is "Hell's Bells! Let's get going!"

### Three Cadres Find Brothers Doing a Duet

Still together after riding a trio of cadres and hoping to remain that way until the war's end, the Walters brothers — John F. and Charles E. — twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Philip S. Walters of Waverly, Ohio, represent a sharp contrast to the Army's usual wheel of fortune.

Now members of the 253d Infantry, John is in Hq. Co., 1st Bn. and Charles or "Bucky" is an expert mortar man with Co. D.

The twist of fate that was to see them united through three years of soldiering began on September 1, 1940 when the two brothers enlisted in the Regular Army at Portsmouth, Ohio. A few days later they were sworn in at Ft. Thomas, Ky., and on September 6 were shipped to Fort Bragg, N. C.

At Bragg 18 months, John was a record clerk in Message Center and "Bucky" was an 81mm mortar section sergeant.

February, 1942 found the pair transferred on cadre to Camp Claiborne, La., where the 82nd Division, now an airborne outfit, was activated. While there John was promoted to the rank of buck sergeant and made Message Center Chief and "Bucky" was made a platoon sergeant in charge of a 50 cal. machine gun platoon.

The chance to ride a second cadre — this to Camp Breckinridge in Kentucky — came in August of last year, fate again placing the two brothers together. Members of the 98th Division while in the Blue Grass state, John served as 1st Battalion Sergeant Major and "Bucky" returned to the mortar section of Co. D.

Old dame fate was still in their corner when the time came to select the cadre that was to activate the 63d and as a result the two brothers are still together and happy about the whole thing.

Another brother, Robert L., is a member of a Coast Artillery outfit and was at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese pulled their famous "sneak" attack. Uninjured during the raid, he is now at Ft. Kamehameha in the territory of Hawaii.

A cousin, Charles, was with the Walters brothers at Ft. Bragg and Camp Claiborne, but failed to make the cadre to Kentucky and is now a member of the 101st Airborne Division's 401st Infantry.

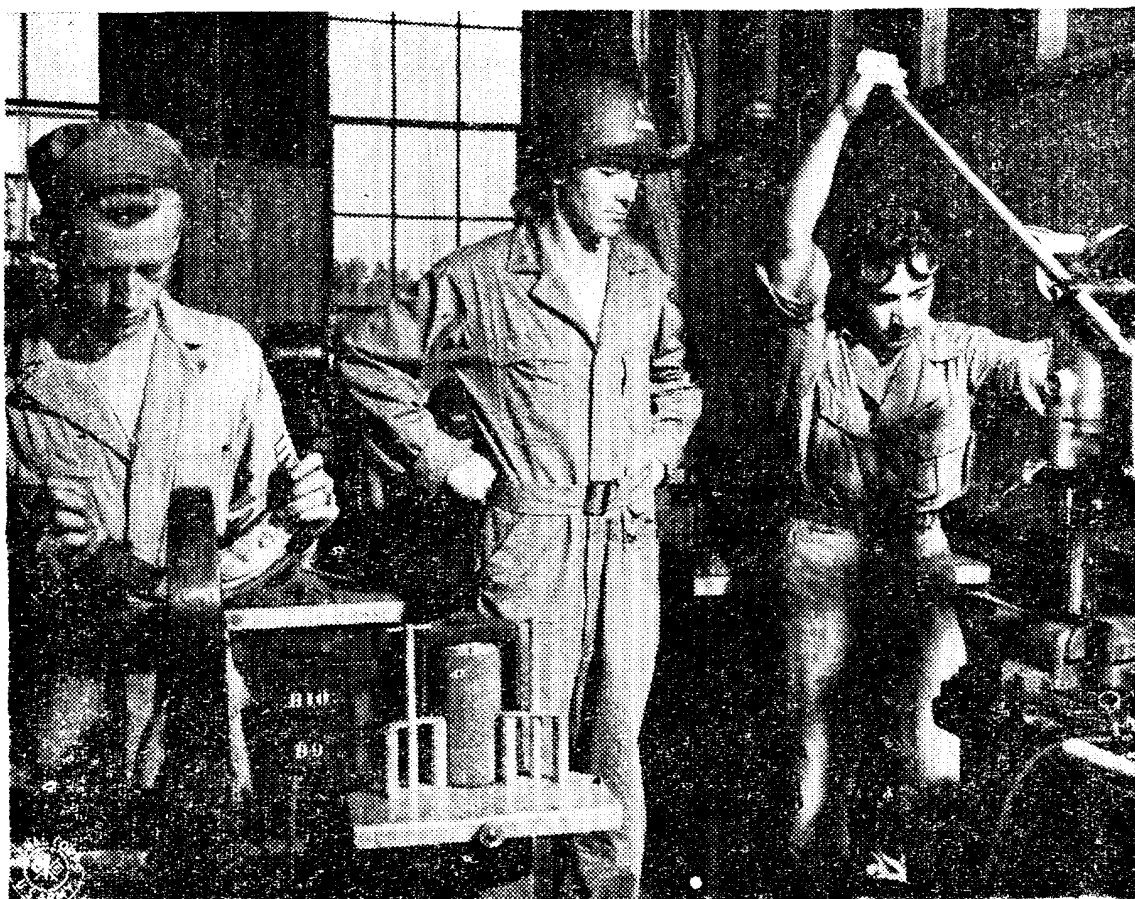
### Sports Slants

Pvt. J. Donald Budge, red-headed holder of more tennis titles than any other living man, recently completed his 41-day conditioning period at the Sheppard Field, Tex. Basic Training Center.

Buzz Borries, Navy's great back of a few years ago, downed a pair of Zeros in his first five minutes of flying in the South Pacific. He's now an instructor at Pensacola.

The Boston Red Sox, who have sent Ted Williams, Johnny Pesky, Lou Finney and Dom DiMaggio into service, claim to be the biggest contributors to the war effort in the big leagues; a claim that's disputed by the Detroit Tigers, who have lost 22 men to the armed forces. Among the Tigers to go were Hank Greenberg, Charlie Gehringer, Barney McCosky, Freddie Hutchinson, Pat Mullin and Birdie Tebbets.

### Whatta Shop! It Rolls Too



That excellent machine shop you see pictured above is one of the rolling shops of the 763d Ordnance that will keep the Division rolling in the field and in combat. At work are T/Sgt. Stanley D. Crouch, chief mechanic; Lt. Donald G. Middleton, officer in charge of auto maintenance and Pvt. Nicholas R. Rago.

### 763D Ordnance Keeps 'Em Rolling

#### Outfit Has Busy Time Since Beginning Blandling Operations

They can give you a complete motor replacement within a period of two hours and when tactical or combat conditions necessitate they can put their entire outfit on the road within a period of three; they can patch up a radiator or put new life in an old battery and can do the 101 other things so vital in keeping Uncle Sam's vehicles in A-1 running condition. These are Capt. Joseph G. McLean's 763d Ordnance Auto Maintenance boys—the boys of 3d Echelon who really "keep 'em rolling."

Under the direct supervision of Lt. D. G. Middleton, the 763d has been a busy outfit since beginning operations here in Blandling. Working both "graveyard" and "swing" shifts, the repair crew has been turning out job after job—returning everything from jeeps to 2½-ton trucks back to active service. From early morn' to late evening the shop represents a beehive of activity and each of the 57 men on duty has his own task.

"We start nothing we can't finish in three hours," says S/Sgt. Morris J. Rothstein of Ravenna, Ohio, shop foreman, who has been connected with automotive repair since transferring from the Quartermaster Corps ten months ago. "We operate just as effectively mobile," he added, "just loading our equipment onto trucks and swinging into action."

"Damn Good Bunch" "A damn good bunch of fellows," is the way Capt. McLean, a native of Albany, N. Y., describes the men who see to it that each and every vehicle sent to 3d Echelon for repair work returns in Class A shape. "They've been on the go almost continuously," the Captain said, "and really turn out the work. You bet they're the boys who 'keep 'em rolling.'"

Divided into various departments, 3d Echelon is composed of welders and blacksmiths; auto mechanics and carburetor technicians; body mechanics and radiator repair men. Each man is a specialist and in the majority of cases has had some previous experience in that particular line.

Operating in the field, the outfit carries up to 6,000 spare parts and in garrison or in the field it is ready to go at all times.

Mr. Jerry take notice! Lt. Big George Earnshaw, who helped right hand the Philadelphia Athletics to pennants in 1929, '30 and '31, has been switched from his job at the Jacksonville (Fla.) Naval Base to a plane carrier.

Sixth Service Command in Chicago where he served a year with the Military Police and Military Intelligence Sections. In 1942 he was transferred to the Inspector General's Department in Memphis, Tenn. and in July of that year was appointed a Lieutenant Colonel.

Completing his service in Memphis, Col. Pinther reported to the 63d Division May 3. And although those days of collecting non-com stripes are in the dim and distant past, he is still adding to his ever-growing collection of shoulder patches.

### Sports Slants

The first division hopes of the Philadelphia Phillies were dealt a staggering blow recently when Ellsworth (Babe) Dahlgren, first baseman extraordinary, who has been cavorting at short for the Phils most of this season, passed his Army physical. Smooth fielding Dahlgren is scheduled to enter the service sometime in July.

### CHEVRONS, INSIGNIA, AUTOGRAPHS RATE HIGH IN COLLECTION OF I. G.

Corporal's stripes and sergeant's chevrons; Division insignia and autographs of leading military personnel — mementos of World War I and the present conflict — comprise the simple, yet unusual

hobby of Lt. Col. Harold O. Pinther, Inspector General of the 63d Division.

His interest aroused by a "buddy's" collection of hotel menus and other novel souvenirs, Col. Pinther set out on his new hobby shortly after his enlistment in May, 1917, as he was working his way through the ranks. A member of the 121st Field Artillery, the Colonel's collection began with his first promotion — that of corporal — and subsequently grew until he had reached the rank of regimental sergeant major. Today a commissioned officer, the Colonel still treasures those ancient stripes — stripes that bring back fond memories of his own days as an enlisted man.

Born in Fon du Lac, Wis., Col. Pinther attended grammar and high school in that town and while in the latter was a member of the football eleven and track team. Two years before the outbreak of the first world war, he enrolled at the U. of Wisconsin. Soldiering over for that war, he returned to graduate at the conflict's close.

Nine Months Overseas The owner of the Service Medal for overseas duty, the Colonel spent nine months on foreign soil, four of which saw him in the front lines. He saw action in the battle of Aisne-Marne before returning to this country in September, 1918 to serve as an instructor at Ft. Jackson, S. C.

Col. Pinther enlisted in the Reserve Corps in 1924 and was recalled for active duty during the present emergency in May, 1941. He reentered service as a Major and was first assigned to the

### The Wolf

by Sansone



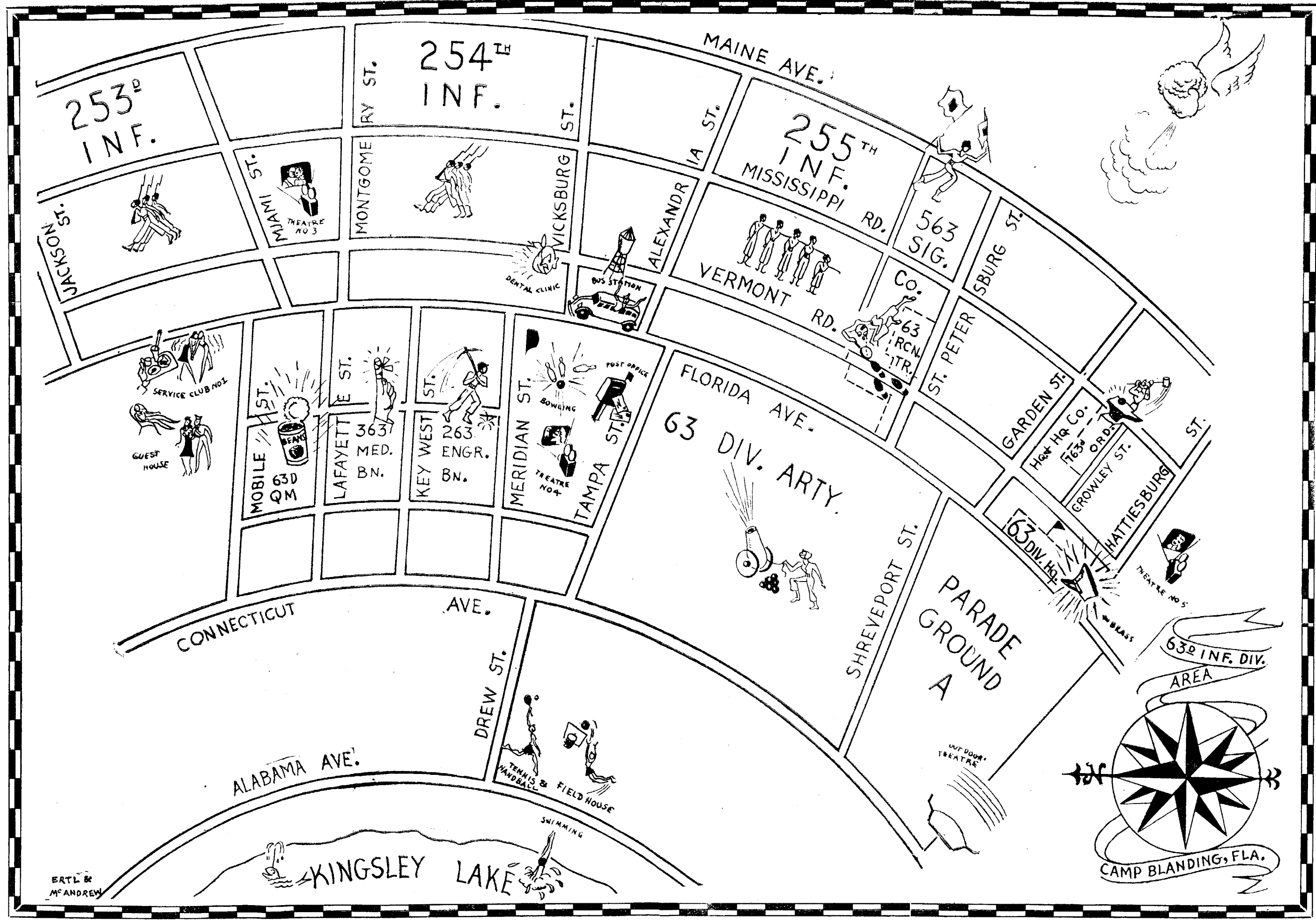
"Haven't I seen you—somewhere—before?"

### Male Call

by Milton Caniff, Creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



### Reviewing Party: Arms Stacked



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