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YANKS FIGHTING NAZIS AT NAPLES

ALLIED LANDINGS BRING NAZI RUSH TO STEM TIDE

Lt. Gen. Clark Leads U. S. Forces In Invasion; Air Blows Rock France

BULLETIN

United States forces under Lieutenant General Mark Clark today are locked in a great battle with German forces for control of Naples, key Italian seaport.

Authoritative Russian sources proclaimed the Soviet Command eminently satisfied with the unconditional surrender of Italy and expressed the view that "the way was paved now for a quick death blow to Nazi Germany."

As Allied Armies swarmed ashore from a gigantic armada, said by American airmen to total 3,000 ships, Teuton hordes poured into Italy through Brenner Pass for what promised to be the decisive

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News From Your Own Home Town

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col. (CNS)—A resident was arrested for planting marijuana in his back yard. He claimed he fed it to his canaries to improve their singing.

DETROIT (CNS)—A man got five-year jail sentence here for stealing a ham from the window of a butcher shop even though it was made of sawdust and glue—for display purposes only.

ELIZABETH, N. J. (CNS)—Testimony of Nick Vitaris' mother-in-law aided him in winning a divorce from his wife, Cecilia, here. The mother-in-law is also Vitaris' stepmother, having married his father many years ago.

EL PASO, Tex. (CNS)—Francisco Vega of Juarez, Mex. was sentenced to 60 days in jail for attempting to smuggle bobby pins into the U. S.

GENESCO, Ill. (CNS)—Ira Wert, a filling station attendant, vulcanized a girdle for a customer.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (CNS)—Patsy, fox terrier mascot at a lo-

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DRESS REHEARSAL FOR INVASION?



American planes are shown bombing France when they carried out more than 1,000 sorties yesterday in the largest-scale attacks ever made by United States fliers on the Continent. The mass attacks were made in conjunction with "invasion practice" with the planes forming a umbrella for thousands of troops and hundreds of ships which plied the English Channel. The planes attacked separate targets on the mainland.

He Marched At Point Of Uhlan Lances Now He'd Settle Score With Nazis

There's a street in Ostend that Lt. Henry J. Wolfs, of Co. G, 254th Infantry would like to walk down again. . . and he'd like to walk down it bayonet in hand with a band of Nazis at his point.

That street holds memories for this Belgian-born American fighter. When he was six years old he and his grandfather were walking on the outskirts of that city, then undergoing World War bombing, when they were surprised by a dozen Uhlan horsemen clad in field gray uniforms with skull and crossbones emblazoned on their ornate helmets. At the point of their sharp lances, the Huns forced Henry and his aged grandfather to lead them into the city. For that, and many other acts, he'd like to return to

that scene and repay the modern German army.

Saw Zeppelin Raid

At the outbreak of the First World War, Wolfs was living in Antwerp, Belgium. His first recollection of the war was that of his father marching away to the front with the Belgian Army. On Oct. 8, 1914 young Wolfs huddled in meagre safety while a German zeppelin dropped a dozen bombs on the city. Though the zep was shot down over Ghent later in the day, it was the first air raid ever made on a city.

From the doorway of his home on the highway east of Antwerp, the young Belgian boy watched the small but brave Belgian Army march towards the front. He watched also the first contingent of British troops heading

MARCH 15, 1944 NEW DEADLINE SET FOR SOLDIERS TO REGISTER THEIR DECLARATIONS OF TAXES

Despite notices which a large number of officers and men of this division have received from local Income Tax Collectors, men now serving in the armed forces do not have to file declarations of earned income for this year by Sept. 15, Lt. Col. Widmer, Division Finance Officer told BLOOD and FIRE last night. The reason so many men have received the notices, the Colonel said, was because the local Bureaus of Internal Revenue have probably sent the notices to all their taxpayers, regardless of whether or not they are now in service.

EX-GRID COACH NOW HEADS REG.

When Col. Stanley R. Putnam gives the men of the 254th Infantry orders in the field he'll do it with the same personalized ease with which he once coached football players at Northwestern University.

Col. Putnam, new commanding officer of the 254th, is an Army man from the word "Go." He left Northwestern in 1917 at the end of his second year to enter the First Training Camp at Fort Sheridan, but before he left the school he had played a lot of football and had been named for All Conference team.

Grenade Instructor

Commissioned a provisional second lieutenant in Infantry in that year, he was assigned to the 57th Infantry Regiment in Texas. This regiment was later part of the 15th Division, which remained in Texas until it was dis-

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Under a Treasury order dated Aug. 21, any taxpayer who is a member of the military or naval forces of the United States on September 15 is granted an extension of time in filing a declaration of estimated tax for such period as may be necessary but not beyond March 15, 1944.

Taxpayers Option

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has made it clear that the length of time taken under this extension is at the option of the service taxpayer, and that he is not required to obtain the consent of his local collector before taking advantage of the extension.

Under the Current Tax Payment Act of 1943, taxpayers whose liabilities were not completely forgiven were required to file on Sept. 15 a statement showing the estimated tax for the calendar year 1943. That part of the tax which was not paid by March 15 or subsequently was to be paid in two equal installments, one at the time of filing the declaration, the other on Dec. 15.

May Amend Statement

Any person whose status changes through promotion or acquisition of additional dependents, or the like, may file an amended declaration on Dec. 15, and the payment due that date could be adjusted accordingly to meet the changed conditions.

Under this procedure, servicemen would enter the new year, 1944, free of all tax liability unless they had individually obtained deferment of their tax liabilities until after the war.

This procedure may still be used at the discretion of the service taxpayers, and is still obligatory for civilians whose quarterly payment in March and June did not fully liquidate their tax liabilities. However, servicemen who desire to do all their tax computing at one time will take advantage of the new order permitting them to wait until March 15, 1944.

WILBUR, Wash. (CNS) — Rancher Walter Wynhoff's overalls caught in his tractor blinder. He was spun around, stripped and thrown 50 feet. When he came to he discovered he was still wearing his shoes and glasses.

Crawls To Safety

When they saw the British troops withdrawing, Henry's mother and his grandparents decided they'd better leave the city too, and the present lieutenant received not only his baptism under fire, but also valuable knowledge and experience in patrolling and reconnaissance which today

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Deadline Set For Mailing Gifts Overseas

Soldiers who contemplate mailing gifts to relatives or buddies overseas, are reminded that the War Department has designated Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 as Christmas mail month.

After Oct. 15, parcels may not be mailed unless a written request from the soldier, for the article, is presented with each package.

Reasons for the early mailing, are the vast distances parcels must travel to reach men and women abroad, and the necessity of giving preference in shipping space to reinforcements, arms, munitions, medicine and food allotments. Perishables, intoxicants and inflammables are prohibited.

Theatre Schedule

WAR DEPARTMENT THEATERS NO. 1 & 2

(Starting time—No. 1—1845, No. 2—1810)

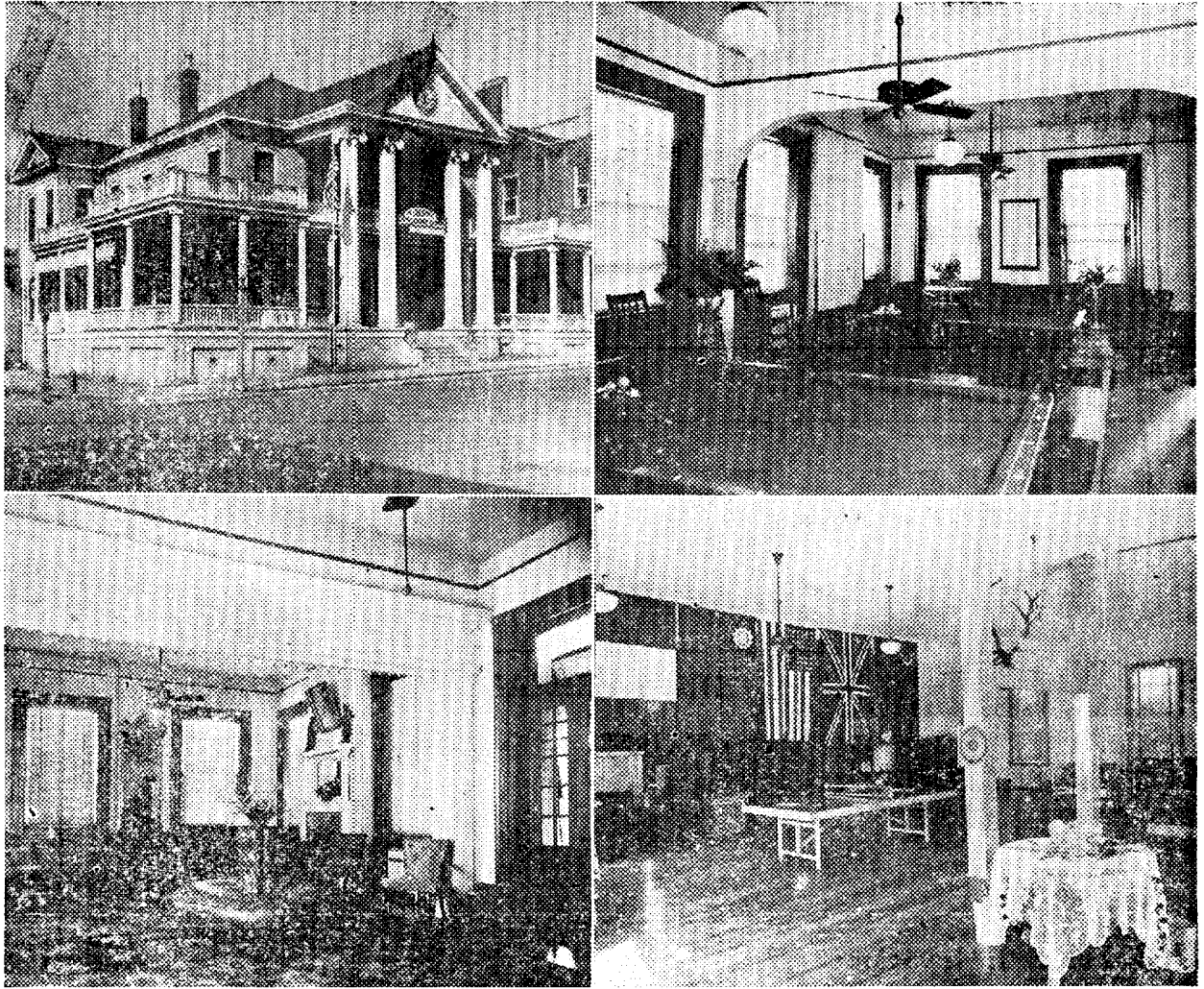
- SEPT:**
- 11 Swing Shift Mazie, with Ann Sothorn, James Craig.
 - 12-13 Best Foot Forward, with Lucille Ball, Virginia Weidler, Harry James and orchestra.
 - 14 Frontier Bad Men, with Diana Barrymore, Lon Chaney jr., Leon Errol.
 - 15-16 Destroyer, Edward G. Robinson, Glen Ford, Marguerite Chatman
 - 17 Someone to Remember, with Mabel Paige, John Craven.
 - 18 Adventures of a Rookie, with Wally Brown, Alan Carney, Margaret Landry.

WAR DEPARTMENT THEATER NO. 3

- (Starting time—1800)
- SEPT.:**
- 11 Alaska Highway, with Richard Arlen, Jean Parker.
 - Honeymoon Lodge, with Harriet Hilliard, David Bruce, Ozzie Nelson and his orchestra.
 - 12-13 The Sky's The Limit, with Fred Astaire, Joan Leslie, Robert Benchley.
 - 14 Victory Through Air Power, Disney Special Feature.
 - 15 Swing Shift Maisie, with Ann Sothorn, James Craig.
 - 16-17 Best Foot Forward, with Lucille Ball, Virginia Weidler.
 - 18 Frontier Bad Men, with Diana Barrymore, Lon Chaney, Jr., Andy Devine.

SERVICE MEN'S CENTER AT NATCHEZ OFFERS MANY ATTRACTIONS

Here are four scenes from the Natchez Servicemen's Center, at Pearl and Franklin Streets, Natchez. Above left is the exterior of the Elks Club Building in which the club is located. Upper right is modern air-cooled pool room popular among Division members. Lounge room is at lower left, furnished with comfortable chairs. In this room are to be found numerous magazines and newspapers. At the lower right is the upstairs game room where dances are also held. W. Y. Kester is director of the club, assisted by four ladies of Natchez. The center is financed by funds from the City of Natchez and the U. S. Government.



News From Your Own Home Town

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cal fire house, has learned to ring the fire bell enroute to blazes. She pulls the bell cord with her teeth. Only trouble is she doesn't know when to stop.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (CNS)—C. H. Trout, a prisoner at the city clink, gave the jailer \$117 when he was locked up to be put aside for him until after the disposal of his case. When he was released the dough was gone. The Police Department has launched an investigation.

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — Lila Roman has filed suit here against a man who, she says, bit off the end of her nose when she refused to go out with him.

MARYSVILLE, Cal. (CNS)—A thief stole an automobile here but abandoned it when he found

a baby sleeping in the back seat.

MT. PULASKI, Ill. (CNS)—This town has sold its fire truck to a couple of men who need a dump truck. It was purchased in 1917 and unused since 1925. Despite its long idleness the machine started right off with a turn of the crank, said Fire Chief O. W. Mayer, who hasn't had to answer an alarm for 18 years.

MINNEAPOLIS (CNS)—Toots, a collie, adopted and mothered two young goats, Pat and Mike.

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (CNS) —Dr. William Lyon Phelps, professor emeritus of English at Yale, died here Aug. 21. He had been ill for three months.

NEW YORK (CNS) —Bernarr Macfadden, the carrot-eating publisher, celebrated his 75th birthday by standing on his head for reporters. A plea for easier divorce laws so that people could remarry and produce more and bigger families was his birthday message to America.

OAKLAND, Cal. (CNS) —Some one tripped Miss Ruby Sutherland the other night—and then he stole her new shoes.

OALATHE, Kan. (CNS) —Red-headed Jeanne McDonald in jail on a car stealing charge broke the window in her cell, tore up the toilet and set fire to the clink seven times. A matron quieted her by taking her clothes away.

PHILADELPHIA (CNS) —The long arm of the law collared Charles Owens here for a crime he committed 18 years ago. Arrested in New York on a numbers writing count, Owens' fingerprints tallied with those of a man wanted on an old indictment charging him with stealing four dresses from a store in Philadelphia in 1925. Arraigned here on the old charge, Owens was convicted and placed on probation.

SALT LAKE CITY (CNS)—Sentenced on a Saturday to 30 days on an intoxication count, Mrs.

U. S. Civil Service Commissioner Promises Preference For Veterans

Stand Still, General

When a new Division regulation was put out on the proper method of wearing leggings, BLOOD AND FIRE's staff artist, Pvt. Ulfert Wilke was commissioned to draw an illustration of a soldier's calf wrapped in the correct manner.

Wilke started off using the leg of a T-5 as a model, but soon became discontented and got ering how high he is going to draw from. Later, interested members of BLOOD AND FIRE'S staff observed a 1st lieutenant posing for Wilke.

Members of the staff are wondering how high he is going to go in his next effort.

Stand still please, general.

U. S. Civil Service Commissioner Arthur S. Fleming in a speech to the 1943 District of Columbia convention of the American Legion, promised that Uncle Sam is doing and will do the following things about hiring veterans of this war:

1. Where the federal payrolls are reduced after the war, veterans will have preference in being retained.
2. Those who left civil service jobs for the armed services will come back to jobs of like seniority, status and pay.
3. Temporary wartime government jobs which become permanent will be open to veterans' competition. All civil service appointments since February, 1942, have been temporary, about 1,650,000 of them. Veterans will have a chance for those that may later become permanent.
4. Veterans will have preference rights in competition for new positions and replacement positions as they open up.

Stronger Regulations

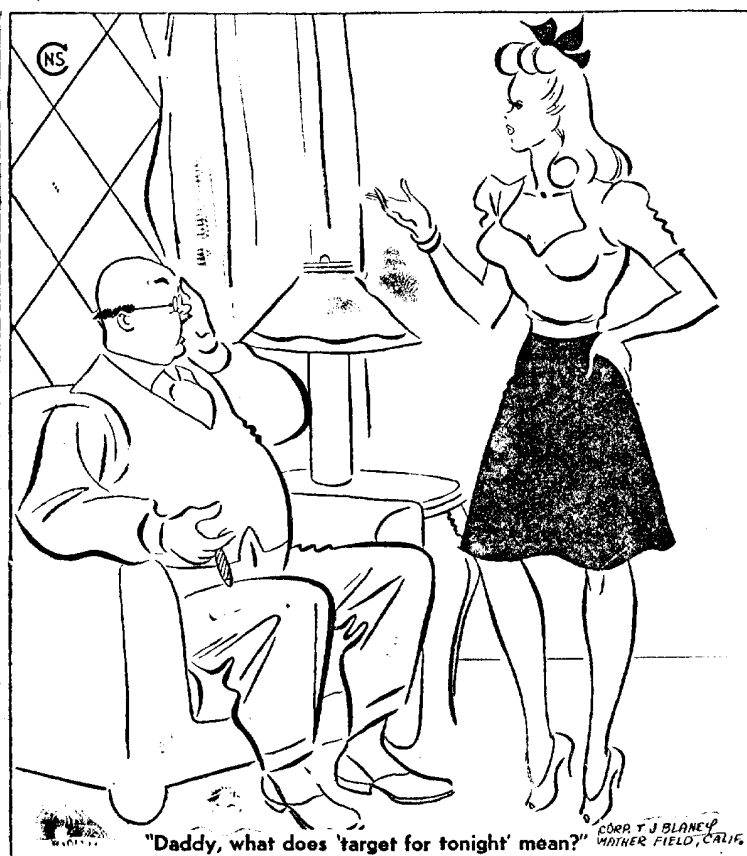
Commissioner Fleming did not deal with the degrees or percentages of veterans' preference. If changes in this area are to be made, Congress will be given the benefit of the experience of the Civil Service commission over past years. He did suggest one change, namely that appointive officers in all government departments be obliged to show cause for passing over any veteran on the eligible lists and that such action be subject to review by the commission.

Place Disabled Vets

Fleming also reviewed the progress of the commission's work in placing physically handicapped persons in federal jobs and declared that success in several thousand cases demonstrated that many opportunities would be found for men suffering permanent handicaps from wounds. He said that in many cases physical handicaps proved no handicap at all in the right sort of job for the individual concerned.

SOLDIERS SAVE SPUDS

FT. DIX, N. J. (CNS)—Fifteen soldiers from this Post were credited with saving the potato crop on nearby farms when they unloaded 425,000 bushels which had been piling up at the canneries for processing. The soldiers who volunteered for the job received 72-hour leaves and civilian pay plus their Army wages. Under Army Regulations, soldiers may accept employment if they have permission and if they do not compete with civilian labor.



"Daddy, what does 'target for tonight' mean?"

LEON T. J. BLANEY
MINNER FIELD, CALIF.

Post-War Spiritual Revival Is Predicted by Chaplain

The end of the war and return to their homes of millions of American men and women now in the armed forces will bring to the nation a new and fuller life in which everyone will respect the conscience of his fellow man and live together in a deeper, more sincere spirit of tolerance than has ever before existed here. That is the firm conviction of Capt. William J. Guinan, the Roman Catholic priest who is Assistant Division Chaplain.

"It would be folly to presume to think that the future of America would not be spiritually bright," Father Guinan told a BLOOD AND FIRE writer yesterday. "I am firmly convinced that there is already a spiritual rejuvenation among the men and women who have left their homes, and their beautiful parish chapels for the army or navy, with religious services conducted from the back of a command car or a platform atop a ship's guns.

Sees Healthier Manhood

"As a result of the calling of so many men to war America will have a much sturdier, much more virile, healthier manhood as the result of the training to which our men, many of whom were softened before the war, have been subjected in the armed forces.

"Judging by the response of the officers and men of the Army with whom I've been in close daily contact since 1937 when I became chaplain of the Hudson Valley Regiment, (156th F. A.) N.Y.N.G., I've nothing but the most optimistic views on postwar religion in America."

In Military School

Men of the Division who know him, are aware that Father Guinan is no ivory-towered cleric. Born at Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., in 1901, young Guinan first donned a uniform when he attended St. Francis Xavier Academy, a Jesuit Military elementary school in New York.

At the age of 13 he became a runner in New York's Wall Street, where he had ample opportunity to view at first hand the manipulations and machinations of America's modern money changers. Within six years he had risen to the position of secretary to Mr. Harold Stanley, vice-president of the Guaranty Trust Company.

Ordained in 1931

There followed 12 years of study for the priesthood, at St. Charles College, Catonsville, Md., and St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore. He was ordained by the late Patrick Cardinal Hayes at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, on May 30, 1931.

Father Guinan's lone civilian parish was that of St. Mary's Church, Newburgh, N. Y., which he served from 1931 until his induction into Federal Service at Fort Dix, N. J. in 1940.

As a chaplain of the 44th Division, one of the first divisions comprising activated units of the National Guard (New York and New Jersey regiments), Father Guinan served for a year and a half at Fort Dix, during which time he participated in maneuvers in Virginia and the Carolinas, and accompanied the troops to Fort Claiborne, La., and to Fort Lewis, Wash., where he remained with them until his assignment to the 63d Division this summer.

BIG Boy Bojeski

S/Sgt. George Bojeski of Hq. Co. 2d Bn., 254th Inf. is blushing accepting congratulations on the birth of a 14½ lb. son at Hinsdale, Ill., Monday.

"Boy oh boy, what a relief," he declares with a deep sigh.

"Sure, mother and the little one are fine, and I too, have pretty much recovered by now. Damn it, if they're all as much worry as the first one, I don't believe I'll have any more!"

"Quit the chatter, Bojeski," someone yelled.

"Talk is cheap. Don't you know the occasion calls for cigars and we're all dying for a smoke."

63D OFFICERS TO BE GUESTS AT NATCHEZ BAL

Officers of the 63d Division have been invited to a formal dance to be given in their honor tomorrow by the Pilgrimage Garden Club at Stanton Hall, Natchez. The dance will be held on the outdoor dance floor erected in the gardens of this historic antebellum house.

Girls who are members of the "Bars and Stars of Stanton Hall" will act as hostesses at the dance. Married officers are invited to bring their wives.

A fortnight ago a small group of 63d Officers were present at the first welcoming dance of this organization, and reported the affair a most pleasant success.

FREE MATERNITY CARE GIVEN TO WIVES OF SERVICEMEN

Complete maternity care for wives of enlisted men below the first three grades in any of the armed forces can now be provided without cost through State Health Departments under a plan recently approved by the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor.

States providing these services are: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, District of Columbia, Alaska, Hawaii.

In these States and territories wives of men in the fourth, fifth, sixth or seventh grades of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard are eligible for these benefits as long as similar services aren't available through medical or hospital facilities of the Army or Navy or through official State or local health agencies.

Forms for requesting care are made available by the State Health Departments through local health and welfare agencies, local Red Cross chapters, prenatal clinics, military posts and through local physicians.

Your wife and her doctor complete and sign the form and mail it to the State director of maternal and child health. The form includes a statement by the doc-



BOMBER — Industrial centers in Europe are feeling the fighting force of the command directed by Major General Ira Clarence Eaker, Commander of the American 8th Air Force in the British Isles.

Colonel's Wife Visits Camp

The postmaster of New Boston, Texas, is currently visiting her husband at Camp Van Dorn. He's Lt. Col. John M. Underwood, Special Troops Commander. His pretty wife is the lady postmaster of their home town.

tor that the services provided will be paid for by the State health department and not by your family.

If your heir arrives before your wife has time to fill out the application, medical and hospital care may be given anyway. However, the application should then be completed as soon as possible and forwarded to the State health agency.

The plan provides complete medical service during the prenatal period, childbirth and six months thereafter—including the care of complications, operations and postpartum examination.

It provides health supervision for babies and nursing care for the mother before, during and after childbirth and for the baby during the first year of life.

Hospital care is also provided at ward rates for all maternity patients and infants. But if your wife prefers to have her baby at home and save the ward rates, that's okay, too.

Marched At Point of Lance He'll Take It Out On Nazis

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still sticks with him.

Pressing close to the ground to escape the fire of the then new German 42 howitzer, Henry, his brother, mother and grandparents crawled through the night to the banks of the Scheldt River. They caught the last ferry, and with the exception of his mother who became separated from the group, entered Ostend Oct. 16, 1914.

Father A Prisoner

Early one morning while walking through the streets of Ostend he saw his father being herded through the streets in a group of soldiers under custody of the Belgian Guards, the existing military authority of that time. They could speak but a minute in passing, for Henry's father could not break ranks, and Henry was unable to run along beside the column. It was later that same morning that he was forced at the point of the Uhlans lances to lead the Germans into the city.

In December 1914 the Germans permitted the Belgians to return to what remained of their homes. It took Henry three days to cover the 65 miles to his home, and though he had heard nothing of the whereabouts of his mother the barbed wire enclosures at since their separation, he wrote her name on the shutters of houses along the highway, and someone who knew her whereabouts wrote under it the message that she was safe in Holland. This was a familiar means of locating lost relatives, and was widely practised in wartime and post-war Belgium.

Concentration Camps

The German army of occupation had promised the Belgium people that they would not molest Belgian youths, but those who refused to work in munitions works producing for Germany were shipped off to concentration camps. One of Henry's uncles refused to go to work for the Germans and was sent to one of these camps for seven months. Shortly after his release he died from the effects of the beatings he had received from the cruel

German guards.

The summer of 1918 was a hungry but happy one for the Belgian patriots. Along the highway came the German army in retreat. Shabby, dirty, their backs bent and vacant faces staring at the ground, the broken German troops staggered along the highway past Henry's house. The children laughed openly at them and sang aloud their National Anthem which the Germans had banned. So brave were the children that they broke open the German freight cars and stole the food destined for the retreating troops, and they learned quickly to clutch a few pounds of potatoes and a loaf of bread close to their breasts and wriggle under night.

Joins Merchant Marine

Henry's father returned home in June, 1919, gassed and wounded. He died shortly afterwards and his wife followed him in 1922. Henry had the choice of going to an orphanage or joining the Belgian Merchant Marine. He chose the latter and sailed on and off until 1935 when he married the former Miss Helen Rawlins, of Crozet, Va. They went to Europe for a year, returning to the United States in 1936. In 1937 Henry became an American citizen.

Remembering the horrible lessons the last war had taught him as a child, Wolfs joined the 265th C.A. N.G. and remained with them until 1941. He enlisted in the Army in May, 1942 at Camp Blanding, and received his basic training at Camp Wheeler, Ga. After three months on cadet at Camp Wheeler he was appointed to the Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga. where he graduated as a second lieutenant, April 13, 1943. This was his first assignment as an officer.

HOT LIPS BURNED

IRAN (CNS)—Temperatures of 130 degrees F here force Army puglers to cool mouthpieces in water before tooting.

Morning Report

WITH NO THOUGHT OF PERSONAL SAFETY, PFC. GRZESIK CROSSED A FIELD OF MACHINE GUN FIRE TO RESCUE A WOUNDED COMRADE. BESIDE AN EMBANKMENT, HE ADMINISTERED FIRST AID....

INFANTRY ETO

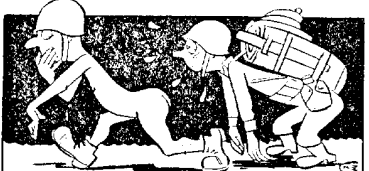
PFC STANLEY GRZESIK

UNDER MORTAR & ARTILLERY FIRE, HE PROTECTED HIS COMRADE BY COVERING HIM WITH HIS OWN BODY.

LIFE SAVERS



Don't invite enemy fire by poking your head out of concealment and breaking the natural outline. Exposed metal parts and careless movements will also give away your position.



Strip for action and carry only essentials when going on a scouting mission. Unnecessary equipment will weigh you down and reduce your speed.

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EDITORIAL

We're With You

To the men who have recently joined the ranks of the 63d Division, we of BLOOD AND FIRE extend a hearty welcome. Now you are soldiers in the making, soon, by virtue of your training, you will be ready to take your respective places shoulder to shoulder with your buddies in the field.

You may be assured that no effort will be spared by officers and non-commissioned officers to see that you receive the best training possible. It will be up to you as to how well you absorb this training; it will be up to you to fit well into the order of things here. This is not an old division, each and every one of you is charged with forming its history. Let's make that history a glorious one; let's be proud to wear the flaming insignia emblazoned on our sleeves.

It has been said that where there is unity there is strength. There are few groups in which unity of thought, of purpose, and ideals are so essential as in a combat division such as ours. Here, therefore, there is no place for the shirker or for the timid soul. Your work and your courage are paramount requisites. You, and we, who have preceded you to Camp Van Dorn, have a joint job to do. Let's get to it quickly so that speedily, by our might and our determination, we may share in bringing peace to all the world.

Her Proper Place

Let us not speak ill of our new Ally—Italy. She has kicked the aggressor Germans out of her political set-up and regained her proper place in society.

The Italian people, farmers, artists, musicians, through their entire history have been a peace-loving folk. There have been times when the Caesars and Mussolinis of the nation, in quest of World Empires, conscripted the people into fighting against their will.

The present Italian Armies, flaunted as "conquering Roman Legions" by Mussolini, comprised just such an Army. Forced into service by Il Duce and seduced into the Axis fold by Hitler, the great mass of the Italians showed their distaste of war by refusing to fight, by surrendering at every opportunity.

The Italians had been bulldozed by a band of black-shirted rabble led by the meaty-mouthed Mussolini. When the going got tough, Mussolini took a run-out powder and left the people holding the bag.

The burden was left to King Vittorio Emanuele and Fascist-hating Pietro Badoglio. Badoglio, who once told the King he could stop the march of the Blackshirts on Rome with one Regiment of Army men, proved the realism of his Fascist hatred and his love of Italy by surrendering unconditionally and saving his country from further Allied pounding.

The Italians are now in combat with their worst enemies—the Germans. Let us welcome them into the Allied forces and help them drive the Nais from Italian soil.

The Opening Kickoff



News From Here And There

Yanks' Para Bombs Deadly to Germans

LONDON—The United States Eighth Air Force is using parachute bombs in attacks on German air fields. They allow low-flying raiders time to escape and to land the explosives squarely with greater effect.

The parachute bomb is a steel cylinder with TNT core which breaks upon landing into about 1,500 pieces scattering them at velocities up to 4,000 feet a second. At 200 feet the fragments are said to be able to pierce the hull of a tank.

Soldiers Bed Down In Pokey—For Free

WINONA, Minn., (CNS) — The week-end soldier influx from nearby Camp McCoy, Wis., has made town hotel facilities so overcrowded that visitors are now permitted to sleep on the floor of the jail—for free.

Soldier's Blood Given To Save Chicago Girl

CHICAGO (CNS)—Pvt. Valentine Godkin is a walking blood bank. Godkin, who recovered from Staphylococcus septicemia, a rare blood disease in 1933, has been giving blood to other sufferers from the disease ever since. Stationed at San Antonio, Tex., he arrived here recently to give a transfusion to Marie Barker, 19, latest victim of the disease.

Indian 'Forgets' Name And Induction Date

DENVER, Col. (CNS)—Pvt. Melvin Forgets-Nothing, a Blackfoot Indian, hasn't a very good memory despite his name. When asked why he showed up late for his induction here, he explained that he forgot.

It Shouldn't Happen To A Dogface

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (CNS)—Cpl. Vance Jackson, who came home last summer on leave only to find that his folks were en route to Camp Carson, Col. to visit him, got another furlough recently. He arrived home again, found that his parents had sold their home and moved to Camp Carson for good.

WAR IS HELL DEPT.

NEWARK, N. J. (CNS)—A local brewery received a V-Mail letter recently from a U. S. lieutenant now reposing in a German prison camp. The letter said, "Send me 25 cans of beer each month and send the bill to my father."

Japs And Draft Board Attack Seaman Vet

NEW ORLEANS (CNS)—Charlie Burnett, a New Orleans marine engineer, was torpedoed by Germans and Japs and broke his leg when he fell into the hold of his ship. But more trouble was waiting for him when he returned home. He was arrested as a draft evader.

Burnett was cleared of the charge when an investigation uncovered the fact that his draft board had mislaid his record.

He Wrote 'Em Now Reads 'Em

CASABLANCA (CNS) — When Lt. Richard Pollard, former magazine writer now stationed here, was a civilian, he helped organize the Army photographic school and wrote lectures for it. Then he was inducted and assigned to the school and had to listen to his own lessons.

New 'Flying Circus' For Marine Corps Hero

SANTA BARBARA, Cal. (CNS) —Maj. Joe Foss, the Marine who won the Congressional Medal of Honor for shooting down Jap planes, is organizing a new "flying circus" here to replace his old outfit, which raised havoc with the Nips over Guadalcanal.

Longevity Payments Available to WACs

WASHINGTON — Inasmuch as they were not a regularly constituted part of the Army while they held membership in the WAACs, the WACs are not eligible for longevity pay, the Comptroller General has decided. WACs who have been members of other service organizations such as the Naval or Marine Corps reserve in World War I, however, may collect the pay now that they are in the Army of the United States.

The Sky Pilot Says it

By Robert H. Clark,
Division Chaplain

Someone has written, "No man is worth very much until he has become the captive of some great convictions."

A conviction is something that stirs one to the depths; something that is more important than life or death; something that becomes for the individual and the nation the very call of God.

Emerson wrote, "Hitch your wagon to a star" and this phrase is usually understood as meaning that one should be ambitious, but it may also be understood as a call to be connected with something that is blazing its way across the face of the universe.

Many a man has become great because he tied his life to a great cause. A great conviction is not only something that glows within oneself and gives light along the way of life, but it also gives a sense of direction to one's life.

We talk of the ideals of democracy but ideals are useless things until they have been embodied in living flesh. Have you noticed how many men in the armed forces are being decorated? Whatever mission they performed was done not because they sought a decoration, but because they were convinced about the rightness of their duty. There was a basic conviction which gave strength, power of endurance, ability to act, and then the uncommon thing took place and at once the tradition of the service was lifted to a higher level.

A Christian is one who has been captured by the ideals of Christ and goes steadily on his way guided by the power of convictions born of the redeeming love of God in Christ.

G. I. Jingles

MULE RACE SAGA
BY
THE JAMAICA JOCKEY

A 63d Soldier he would a riding go,
At tonight's great Natchez Mule rodayo.
He went into the orderly room,
And he spat into the big spittoon.

"Naow lissen here, oh sergeant yew,
Doan beat yo gums, noh spit yo chew,
Cause I'm agoin to town,
An I'm goin ter rid raown
On that big black mule in the rodayo."

"Big black mule, stubborn old critter,
Gonna ride yew cause I'm feelin fit ter,
Gonna break yer spirit on this fine day,
Then I'm gonna give yer a bucket o' hay"

"Lissen here soljer," said the topkick,
"Ridin that critter'll be a pert kick,
But if yer determined I'll give yer a pass,
An hope yer don't get bucked right on yer—neck."

"But bring back the prize ter the sixty-third,
To all the boys in this military herd,
An don't go aspending all your dough
At the peep shows and candy bars of the rodayo.

The Germans are reported to have set up a national Fascist Italian Government in the name of Benito Mussolini. Wonder what other Italians beside Il Duce will subscribe to that?

Germany must realize now that much of its structure of empire was a house of cards. Hitler's satellite allies, the Balkan states are expected to crumble any time now.

Twenty-five years ago American troops were engaged in a similar mission they are on today, that of helping to break the power of Germany. In 1918 they had a far easier task, they fought on the continent of Europe alone, today they must spread their strength on many fronts. The news is the same today as it was in 1918, however, GOOD.

Something to think about—Fully 5,000,000 more persons died during the world-wide influenza epidemic of 1918-19 than lost their lives in World War I.

This war will go down in history not only because it is the most colossal struggle in the annals of mankind but also because it has produced so many queer situations. First Russia and Germany were allied, now they are in a death grapple. Italy, the strongest of the Axis partners, has now turned its guns against the Germans, and the Turks, once believed friendly to the Axis are shouting for the Allies.

Col. Putnam, Ex-Football Coach, Is 254th Infantry's Commander

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solved following the Armistice. During his time in Texas, young Putnam was an instructor in grenades and commander of a provisional 37 mm. gun company.

He returned to civilian life as assistant football coach at Northwestern University for two years, following which he went to Culver Military Academy where he was assistant in charge of intermural athletics and the school's tactical officer.

Recalled To Army

In 1937 he went to work for the United States Social Security Board, assigned to the Jamestown, N. Y. office. He continued his Army activities in the Reserve Corps and National Guard, and remained with the Social Security Board until 1940 when he was called back to active duty as executive officer of the Schenectady District of New York.

During his period in civil life Col. Putnam had been raised to Captain in the Officers' Reserve Corps in 1919, and had served as adjutant of the 341st Infantry for several years, followed by service in various staff capacities with the 53d, 168th and 195th Brigades, N.Y.N.G. From 1936 through 1940 he served as executive officer of the 389th Infantry. He graduated from the reserve and National Guard Officers course at the Command and General Staff School in 1935.

Served In New York

Since his recall to active service, Col. Putnam has served chiefly in Up-state New York, passing a year as executive officer of the Schenectady Military District, and following Pearl Harbor he was on duty in the Northern New York Military District.

He was assigned to the IORP at Camp Wheeler in June, and from there was detailed to the Advance Course at Fort Benning, Ga., from which he came directly to the 63d Division at Camp Van Dorn.

He is married and has three children. His home is in Albany, N. Y.

Likes 63d Division

"I'm glad to be assigned to the Blood and Fire Division," Col. Putnam said last night. "I think the officers here are excellent and the spirit here high. I intend to inculcate upon my new men a high degree of pride in their division and regiment, and I intend to get them 'on the ball' from the start and keep them there."

"I intend to see that my men get every break possible in training. We'll watch their welfare and when the time comes for them to get into combat they'll



Colonel Stanley R. Putnam

What's Yours, Bud?

Two or three times a day a big truck backs up by the rear door of the 63d Division Recreation Hall—temporarily occupied by Special Staff workers—and a couple of stalwarts unload two or three dozen cartons marked "Extra Dry Lager". Suspecting that someone was perhaps moistening his whistle with a bit of the real McCoy, one of BLOOD AND FIRE's writers stole a glance inside a slightly damaged carton. "Salright, you teetotalers, 'tis only the way they package 'coke' down here."

Whatapredicament!

AIR BASE, SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (CNS)—Low point in Cpl. Carl Sokolitsky's career as a radio-operator-gunner in the Mediterranean area came one day when he stepped out of an open air shower into an entrenchment occupied by a bevy of Army nurses, who had been driven there by an air raid. Sokolitsky grabbed a towel and beat a strategic retreat. Recently he returned to this base as an instructor.

be physically fit, they'll know how to use their weapons and they'll be able to rely upon each other."

PENICILLIN SAVES GIRL

NEW YORK (CNS) — Pretty Patty Malone, 2, has a fighting chance for life today thanks to penicillin, a new medicine more powerful than sulfa drugs. Suffering from septicemia, a blood infection, the little patient was sinking rapidly until the Army released some of the precious drug which it controls. Physicians have said she probably will recover.

N. C. C. S. Now Caters To G. I.'s "Hot Dogs"

NEW YORK (CNS) — March-weary soldiers can find a happy retreat in a "free foot clinic" established by the National Catholic Community Service. It is treating GIs for such pedatory ailments as athlete's foot, bunions, corns, blisters, ingrown toe nails and barking dogs.

LOST

In Centreville, gold-filled bracelet emblazoned with Air Corps wings, and name and address of young lady imprinted on the inside of bracelet. Return to Adjutant General's office, or owner.

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

I'm just back from two mighty pleasant days in Baton Rouge and New Orleans. I had a swell time and from all signs all the other 63d Division men were doing the same thing. I'm certain I'm speaking for every man in the division when I say that we feel mighty proud that the Division Commander had enough confidence in us to let us go on pass in the face of receiving fillers.

I'll be honest in admitting that I was kind of jittery inside with the prospect of those Johns coming in and was getting all tightened up. Looking back, I realize that the little problems were becoming big ones in my mind. But now, thanks to that little vacation and that good feeling inside which comes with the knowledge that the boss trusts me, I'm all relaxed and ready to go.

How To Secure A Ride

I never did lay claim to being a rival of old man I. Q., but I'm going to tell you how I managed to get an early start South after I had that pass in my jeans, and let you be the judge as to whether or not I was smart. I got myself a haircut, shined my shoes and brass and put on my best suit of khaki. Then I went outside camp and stood with a lot of other soldiers who were looking for rides too. I'm not bragging because, if an old soldier like me doesn't know how to dress up he's a pretty sad sack anyway, but in comparison with those other fellows I looked like a million.

I knew damned well that someone would come along pretty soon who'd appreciate smart appearance and a snappy salute instead of a thumb, so I stuck out my chest, put my cap well over one eye in the approved 63d Division style and waited. It wasn't 10 minutes before up sailed a full colonel in a big car with his family aboard. He stopped his car and looked us over. I could see him saying to himself: "I've room for only one soldier and I want to pick a neat one."

Maybe the snappy salute I turned out when he rolled up helped, but anyway, pretty soon I was headed South sitting between two attractive young ladies having the time of my life.

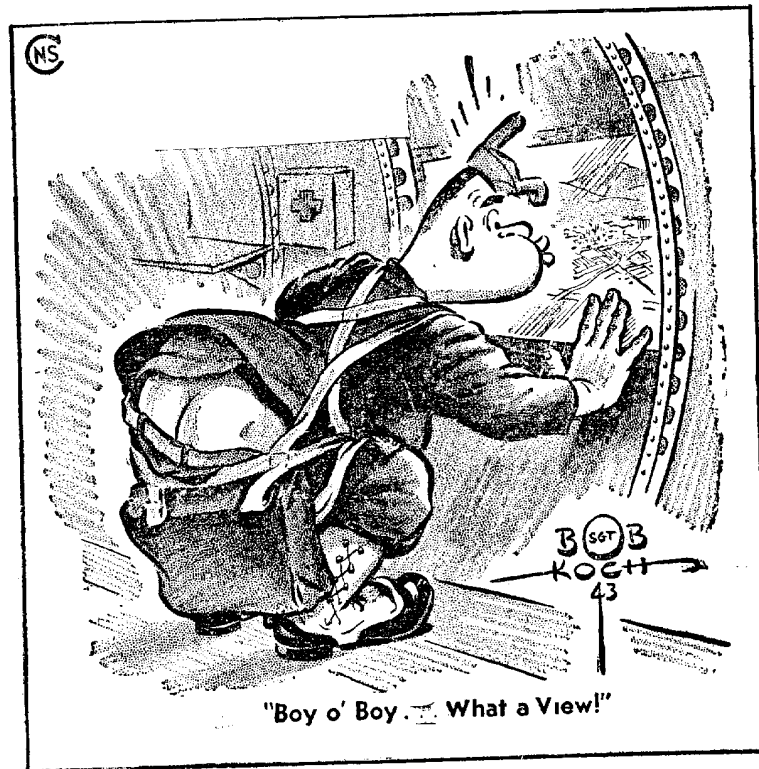
Be Credit To The Division

You know, it's so easy to be a credit to the Division and your outfit, both in appearance and action that one is dumb as hell not to be. Without much effort at all a soldier can look neat and be military instead of looking and acting sloppy.

I wish you folks could have seen four men from one outfit in the Division I ran across down in Baton Rouge. They would have been a credit to any division. They were on parade believe me, announcing by their fine appearance and actions that they were soldiers and members of the 63d Division and proud of it. They were setting a fine example, and I have a sneaking hunch some first sergeant had a lot to do with it. I can just hear him saying as he gave them the final once-over:

"Now, lissen you soldiers, you're still members of this outfit when you go to town, and don't forget it. Be a credit to it, and be back here on time."

Helps a youngster a lot.



"Boy o' Boy... What a View!"

SERGEANT'S CORNY TALE FROM STONY BOTTOM, W. VA.

A master in the art of living and a teller of tales extraordinary is S/Sgt. Layke S. Geiger of "K" Co. 254 Inf. This modern Jonathan Swift was born at the foot of the Alleghenies in the teeming metropolis of Stony Bottom, West Virginia.

His first childhood recollections were of his home. It was an ordinary home, furnished in typical backwoods style with one exception. This exception was a huge Grandfather's clock that had been brought over from Germany by his great-great grandfather in 1832. In fact, the clock was so old that the shadow of the pendulum had worn a hole in the back of its case.

Dad Got Things Done

Sgt. Geiger always respected his father's ability to get things done with what materials he had at hand. Behind the house they had

a little patch of land. Even in Stony Bottom there came a time at least once each year when the land needed cultivating. His father had the horse and the cultivator, but alas—no harness. This did not, however, daunt the granite character that was his father. He simply went out and shot enough deer to make a buckskin harness.

He had no sooner hitched up the team than it started to rain. His father being a man endowed with a lot of common sense immediately thanked the Lord for the rain and drove the team, (still hitched to the cultivator) back to the barn. When he arrived he turned around and saw the cultivator still sitting in the field and the harness stretched back to it. He then drove around the barn three times and seeing that the cultivator had no moved

but the harness had just stretched some more, left the matter to fate and went to sleep in the barn.

He didn't remember how long he slept but when he awoke the sun was shining and the cultivator was just completing its last trip around the barn.

Scared of 'Skeeters

Sgt. Geiger has an awful fear of mosquitoes drummed into him through an early experience in Stony Bottom. It seems his mother had been complaining that she found it rather hard to cook on the kitchen stove and that it would be a lot easier if someone hauled some wood so she could build a fire in it again. (The last fire had gone out six months before and the stove was getting a little cold.) Sgt. Geiger had just celebrated his twenty fifth birthday and his father de-

ecided it was time for him to help out a little around the "place," so he was given the task.

Being an industrious child, he started out one morning about four with the team. He found the air still damp and alive with mosquitoes. Possessing the same inherited logic of his father, he left the team and went back to the house to sleep until the sun came up and the mosquitoes abated. After taking a nap of ten hours or so he went back to the team. When he arrived he found the mosquitoes had eaten the horses and the harness and were pitching horse shoes to see who would get him.

He finally learned to combat mosquitoes during his sixth "hitch" in the Marines back in '29. At the time his outfit was bivouaced in the Everglades of Florida, where they found the

mosquitoes and the fire-flies had made a working agreement. The Fire-flies would buzz around a mosquito net while the mosquito hovered close by until he could see a hole that the fire-fly lighted up for him. Then in he would rush.

Marines Tricks

The Marines, not wishing to have a black spot on their battle record devised a plan to combat these tactics. They rigged up a dummy cot, stuffed it with grass, sprinkled sand on the floor and sprayed alcohol around the cot. The mosquitoes resumed the battle that night but it didn't last long. They became drunk from the alcohol and started a rock fight among themselves with the grains of sand. The bloody engagement lasted through the

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night and when the Marines ar-

Sports Slants

By Camp Newspaper Service

Capt. Ray Barbutti, former Syracuse University quarter miler and Olympic champion in 1928 has recovered from an attack of sand fly fever and returned to duty in North Africa.

Pvt. John Mellus, ex-Villanova and New York Football Giant end, is stationed at Camp Davis, N. C.

Newest 4Fs in baseball are Joe Schultz, St. Louis Browns catcher, and Rufe Gentry, ace pitcher for the Buffalo Bisons in the International League. No reason was given for their rejection.

S/Sgt. Tom Smith, former Louisiana College track star cracked his own Keesler Field (Miss.) javelin mark with a 206-foot, 9 1/2-inch heave at the third summer track and field meet held at the Base recently.

Bob McLeod, ex-Dartmouth grid grid, who downed four Japanese over Guadalcanal, is now a Navy instructor at Pensacola, Fla.

Jim Castiglia, Georgetown football star and later catcher for the Philadelphia Athletics, is Lt. James V. Castiglia now, and is stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Chalky Wright, once feather-weight champion, gets his pre-induction physical soon. Wright wanted to join the Maritime Service but his draft board's "greeting" beat him to the punch.

Wilmer Allison, who outstroked the great Fred Perry to win the national tennis championship in 1933, is a Lieutenant Colonel and his old doubles partner, Johnny Van Ryn, is a Lieutenant in the Navy.

16-Year-Old Back On Penn. Varsity

When the University of Pennsylvania's football team takes the gridiron for its opening game with Princeton, Sept. 25, it may boast one of the youngest college varsity players in 16-year-old John Small, who will hold the full back post. The Red and Blue will also play Yale, Oct. 2; Dartmouth, Oct. 9; Lakehurst, Oct. 16; Columbia, Oct. 23; Army, Oct. 30; Navy, Nov. 6; North Carolina, Nov. 13; Cornell, Oct. 25.

254th Captures Division Softball Title

254TH INFANTRY TEAM, DIVISION SOFTBALL CHAMPS



The 254th defeated the 863d F. A., ten, 8-3, last Saturday to clinch the title. (L to R) In front—1st. Vonnie E. McHugh. Second row—T-4 Theodore Dulchinso; S-Sgt. Layke S. Geiger, T-4 Daniel W. Henderson. Pfc. Hershel R. Lane; S-Sgt. Allan Hammett; T-5 Jacob Grovenger. Rear row—Sgt. Thomas Frazier; S-Sgt. John Chando; Sgt. Wilbur Graley; S-Sgt. Paul Caudill; 1st Sgt. Frank W. Jones; Sgt. James B. Keel and Pvt. George Barnes.

Defeats 863d Ten by 8-3, In Final Game

The Division softball tournament is over and the 254th Infantry, by virtue of its 8-3 triumph over the 863d F. A., last Saturday, is the champion. The competition was so popular with all who participated, however, that Special Service has decided to conduct a second series which will start soon.

Last Saturday's game was a fitting one with which to terminate play. The Doughboys were forced to come from behind in an extra inning to clinch the Coca-Cola trophy and the individual medals. Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs presented the trophy, while Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris distributed the medals.

Lane Slams Homer

A five-run rally climaxed by Lane's home run, gave the Infantrymen the title. The champs drew first blood in the opening frame, but a four-base clout by Cecil Patterson swung the advantage to the 863d, 3-2. A run in the fourth helped the victors to knot the count at 3-all. Hurlers Bob Hammett of the Infantry, and Vin Cocita of the Artillery, bore down and the game went into the eighth heat.

In the overtime the 254th's batters solved the slants of Cocita and hit after hit was pounded out with Lane's four-sack drive featuring the uprising. Hammett handcuffed the rival stickmen to finish the game.

Frazier Batting Star

During the proceedings Tom Frazier, who had been outstanding during the series, collected three safeties in as many times at bat and played flawlessly afield. Ballau led the losing cause with two-out-of-three.

The 254th made Saturday's game possible when it evened the count with the Artillery in the semi-finals by beating the Redlegs, 7-2, on Friday. A fine pitching performance by George Barnes, and snappy support in the field highlighted the contest. Frazier with three for three, and Barnes, Chando and Jones with two hits apiece led the attack.

Final Game 254th Inf. (8)

	Ab	r	h
Jones, sf	3	2	0
Frazier, ss	3	2	3
Brailey, 3b	4	1	1
Caudill, cf	4	1	1
Lane, 1b	4	1	1
McCugh, c	4	0	0
Chando, lf	3	0	1
Hammett, p	3	0	0
Henderson, 2b	3	0	0
Grovenger, rf	3	1	1
Total	34	8	8

863d F. A. (3)

	Ab	r	h
Ballau, ss	3	0	2
Massott, 2b	3	0	0
Head, sf	3	0	0
Smith, lf	2	1	0
Hightower, cf	3	0	0
Brennan, rf	2	1	0
Patterson, 1b	3	1	1
Hajducek, c	3	0	0
Dunlap, 3b	3	0	0
Cocita, p	2	0	1
Biddle, p	1	0	0
Total	28	3	4

Score by Innings

254th Inf.	2	0	1	0	0	0	5	—3
863d F. A.	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	—3

They may be far from the familiar settings which go with the Fall sport, but soldiers serving in the North African Theater are planning a football season, according to the War Department.

Mid-West Grid Season Opens

The 1943 collegiate football season, which many an ardent fan thought would never materialize, nevertheless will make its debut in the Mid-West tomorrow when Illinois plays Camp Grant's eleven. Sunday afternoon the Great Lakes team dedicates its new Constitution Field by facing Fort Riley's team from Kansas.

Michigan, Notre Dame, Marquette, Northwestern, Purdue and Minnesota, all of which will be bolstered by Navy men and Marines in training, are rated among the top flight prospects, while Ohio State, Western Conference champs of last year, Wisconsin, Iowa and Indiana do not have the benefit of servicemen and are therefore relegated to the second division.

Want Volleyball Games

The 861st F. A. Bn., volleyball varsity is seeking games with teams representing other units in the division, it was revealed today by M. Sgt. Peter Kunnen. Outstanding players from teams within the Battalion have been drafted for the varsity. Members of the first team are: Brooks, Nash, Cox, Grim and Higgins.

Former Grid Coach Prefers H. S. Kids to College Men

A lucrative berth as a college football coach might be tempting but to many an aspiring young athlete but Sgt. Edward B. Farmer of Division Special Service, will have none of it. He prefers to take a group of high school kids, teach them the fundamentals and watch them go. Right now his ambition is to coach a grid team that will play its opening game in Berlin.

That he has been extremely successful as a scholastic coach is testified to by his record at Johnson City, (Tenn.), High where, over a period of 12 years, his teams won 91 games, tied one, and lost six. Four of his teams, those of 1933, 1934, 1939 and 1940 were undefeated.

Easier to Handle

"High School kids are easier to handle than college players," says Farmer. "The high school boy is usually green as grass when you get him and I find a distinct pleasure in teaching boys the game and in watching them develop into capable players over a period of seasons. College boys are often difficult to handle, especially when they are fresh from high school or prep school and have been star players," he continued.

Coach Farmer doubtless knows from where he speaks on this subject, inasmuch as he spent a year as freshman coach at Emory and Henry College, his alma mater. He also had several offers from other colleges, all of which he has turned down.

Uses Rockne System

Nearly every football coach has a system which he adopts. Farmer is a devotee of the Notre Dame style of play as developed by the late Knute Rockne.

Always eager to keep up with new developments in coaching, Farmer, up to the time he was called into the armed service, attended schools conducted by outstanding grid mentors such as Hearly "Hunk" Anderson, former assistant to Rockne at Notre Dame, Frank Thomas and Harold Drew of Alabama, Jimmy Kitts of Rice, Frank Carideo of Oklahoma, Pop Warner of Temple, Tiny Thornhill at Stanford, Dick Harlow of Harvard, Lou Little of Columbia and Birnie Moore of S. U.

Star Basketball Player

While attending Central High

861ST TENS TRIUMPH IN SOFTBALL TILTS

The efforts of officers and men of the 861st F. A. Bn., were crowned with success on the softball field during the past week as teams met and conquered outfits representing other units of Division Artillery.

One of the closest contests was that with the 862d last Thursday which resulted in a 3-2 victory for the 861st team, Deitze, right fielder for the winners, registered two of his team's runs while Palumbo, shortstop, scored the other.

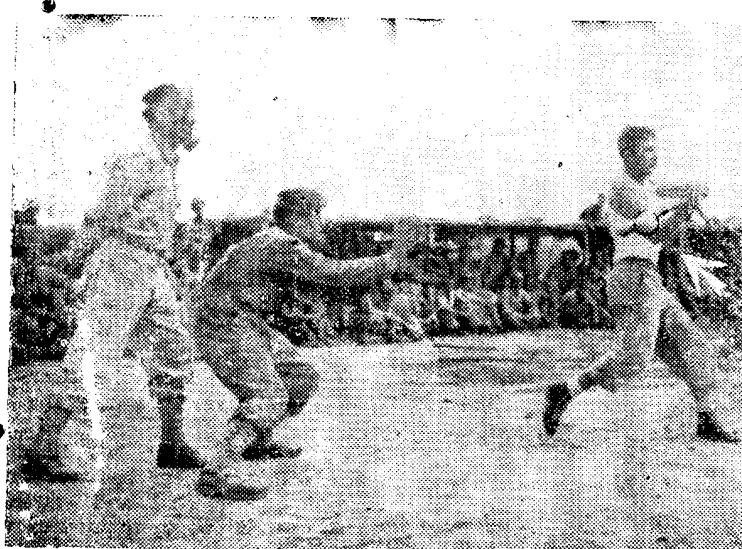
The first and second teams representing the officers turned in triumphs swamping outfits from the 863d and 862d Bns, respectively. The first team was victorious, 12-4, and the second team triumphed, 9-3. In another contest, the first team nosed out the 862d ten, 2-1, when Captain Addy, with the count three and two, slammed a home run in the final inning.

of Chattanooga, Tenn., Farmer was a member of the basketball team which won the state championship in 1924 and lost by only two points to Yankford, S. D., for the national title.

At Emory and Henry Farmer was outstanding in all sports but specialized in football. As half-back he captained the 1928 team and was named to the Little All America eleven in 1928. He holds a BA from his alma mater and received his MA at Columbia University.

Michigan, with a squad of 120 players, among whom are 27 lettermen from a dozen universities and eight holdovers from the 1942 Wolverine eleven, looms as one of the most formidable of all grid teams.

ZOWIE, ANOTHER HOMER, SEE IT!



Just look at the pill (arrow points to it) as Sgt. Tom Frazier of the 254th started it on a home run ride in Friday's game of the softball finals. The Infantry defeated the Artillery, 7-2.

ARMY COURSES HELP FURTHER G. I. EDUCATION

WASHINGTON — The United States Armed Forces Institute, designed to provide continuing educational opportunities for enlisted personnel to meet requirements of the army command, is in full operation both in continental United States and in the various theaters.

The Institute furnishes assistance to personnel who lack educational prerequisites for assignment to duty for which they are otherwise qualified to perform, and assists individuals in meeting requirements for promotion.

Those whose education has been interrupted by military service are given an opportunity to maintain relations with educational institutions and thus increase the probability of the completion of their education upon return to civil life.

Individual instruction through correspondence and self-teaching courses is also offered by the Institution itself and through approved educational agencies. Class instruction is also available from time-to-time through courses organized by unit and organization commanders and through extension courses. Study centers have also been established and are being operated under the control of theater commanders outside the continental United States.

Not-So-Dumb Dept.

German anti-aircraft gunners are reported to be sputtering in rage at the latest technique RAF bombers have developed.

As they come over their targets the British bombers drop thousands of little paper strips about an inch wide and a foot long backed with metallic tinfoil. German plane-spotting devices respond to the metal, setting up a bedlam of contradictory signals.

Only way the Germans have now of locating the Allied bombers

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Protestant Services

Chapel No. 6, 253rd Inf., 1000.
Chapel No. 7, 254th Inf., 1000.
Chapel No. 8, 255th Inf., 1000.
Chapel No. 10, Div. Artillery, 0930.

Roman Catholic Mass

Chapel No. 6, 253d Inf., 0900 & 1100.
Chapel No. 7, 254th Inf., 0900.
Chapel No. 8, 255th Inf., 0800 & 1100.
Chapel No. 10, Div. Artillery, 0800 & 1100.
Chapel No. 6, Div. & Special Troops, 1100.

Jewish Services

Friday Evening, Chapel No. 1, 1930.

Horse Raising, Steeplechasing 'Real Life' For Stadtmueller

Jersey Equestrian Found Rug Cutting A Dull Business

Not from the famed horse-raising, blue grass country of Kentucky or the equine heaven, Maryland, the 718th Field Artillery's horse breaker and steeplechaser, S/Sgt. Ludwig A. Stadtmueller, hails from New Jersey.

"I've been around horses for about as long as I can remember," he said. "Except for a brief period when I set out to make my fortune as a linoleum cutter. That was damned dull though! Wanting to get back with horses, I took a job with a riding academy but that was so tame that it was almost as bad as linoleum cutting."

Frankly, I'm afraid that horses are in my blood. My ambition is to have my own stables some day."

"Dad gave me my first horse when we were living on a farm in Jersey. After that you'd find me wherever there were horses—whether it be shows, state fairs or hunts."

Mare Was First 'Deal'

"My first business deal was the purchase of a saddle mare. She herself wasn't much good but I sold her filly, as a hunter, at a fancy price."

"After quitting the riding academy, I landed a job with George Neillands, the famous English jockey and trainer. Even now at 62 he is still riding 'em as hard as ever."

"Neillands was training the stables for Dillon, who bought the Dodge Corporation—in the transaction, writing the largest check ever issued in this country—and later sold out to Chrysler."

Bought Le Pasedou II

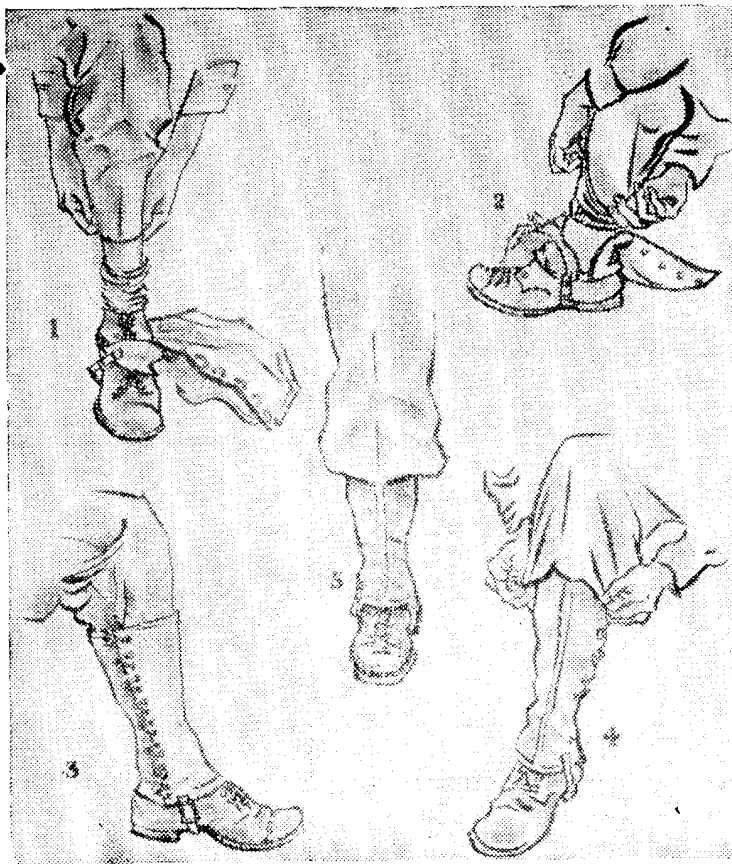
"Anyhow, we chipped in and bought a black gelding named Le Pasedou II. Originally, he'd been brought to this country from France by a count, and Louis Untermyer, the New York lawyer, had raced him for a couple of seasons."

"Le Pasedou then had been sold to another big trainer—or at least we thought he'd been sold. At first he was extremely nervous and after trying every trick imaginable we finally put a pony in with him. That worked, and then began a serious period of training."

"Then," Sgt. Stadtmueller continued, "Untermyer curtly informed us that we couldn't race the gelding as he'd never been paid for. When that problem was finally settled we raced him at Belle Air, Md., where he set a two mile track record that remained unbroken until last year."

Following Le Pasedou was a small string of horses—all of which, he claims, were spectacular by their badness. Luke Phan-

HERE'S HOW 63d WILL WEAR LEGGINS



The sketches depicted above show the proper way in which trousers worn by members of the division shall be folded when worn with leggings. No. 1, grasp the trousers at the seams and fold back smoothly about the leg well above the shoes, crease straight to the front. No. 2, hold folded ends back with one hand and work sock up around bottom of trousers with other. No. 3, both hands are now free to lace leggings, (note freedom of trousers above knee). No. 4, fold trousers down neatly over top of legging giving free action to knee. No. 5, a well-finished job.

tom appeared later. He was a magnificent horse, but his legs had been broken down by constant racing."

Horse Got Salt Water

"I was working on Nantucket that summer and took him along with me. I was sure that if I could give him a complete rest and let his legs heal in the salt water that he'd be worthwhile. At first, I had trouble getting him in the water but when I did, he reveled in it, swimming and trotting along the beach all summer. In the Fall I set out, feeling that he was as good as new."

"I was pretty low in chips when I entered him at Far Hills," he said, but darned confident, as he'd shown up nicely against Belmont winners, and come in first in three races at Delaware Park."

"I scraped together every cent I could beg or borrow and placed it on him. To the post—and when the whistle blew we were left there, a good twenty lengths behind. But Luke fell into the swing of things, he nosed ahead gaining inch by inch, faster and faster. If we'd had another minute, we'd have won. But that wasn't in the cards, and it left me pretty much in the hole!"

"The following Saturday, I entered him again. As luck would have it, I didn't have any bets placed. When I got to the windows, they were closed because the horses had already gone to the post—and I'll be darned if Luke didn't win by fifteen lengths."

Nothing Like Steeplechase

Sgt. Stadtmueller himself believes that there's nothing like steeplechasing. There are plenty of Cinderella stories in the game and you have to be plenty sporting," he admits. "The half-milers are apt to be crooked, and there's sure to be a lot of favoritism in horse shows, but for a clean sport, I'll take steeplechasing. There the results depend on the individual horse—whether it has the guts to take those hurdles or not."

"And lots of people believe that the business is an all-around racket. They aren't aware of the workout that each horse, and its trainer, gets."

"The horse receives at least three months of training for steeplechasing. First he's patiently trained to walk, then to jog and canter, followed by a period when he's taught to make

SOLDIERS RIDE NATCHEZ MULES IN NIGHT RACE

The robot horsemen of the 63d—those cavalrymen whose modern steeds prance and charge with a clatter of engines and steel tracks—will have a chance tonight to try their hands at real live animal riding. The occasion will be the first annual mule race at Natchez, which is being sponsored by the Natchez Lions Club as a benefit performance for the Servicemen's Club of Natchez.

Lt. Rush An Entry

Posters announcing the races had hardly been placed around Camp Van Dorn Wednesday when Lt. Ward C. Rush, a Texan whose steeds nowadays ride far from Division Headquarters Motor Pool, said he'd sure like to go at a fast mule.

"I've ridden mules before, and you can make speed with them," Lt. Rush said. "But I won't ride if they give me a jackass."

Down at the Recon troop, where most of the men have, until recently, been wearing long boots and striding in familiar western gait, news of the race brought forth considerable comment.

Rarin' To Go

One young officer, whose name wasn't caught in the flurry of excitement, averred he hadn't ridden in competition since the War started, but he said he'd be rarin' to go when the mules lined up at the post.

Entries in the four mule riding heats are not limited to officers and enlisted men, Joe Bullen, chairman of the Natchez Lions Club Committee, informed BLOOD and FIRE by phone yesterday that some of the best civilian mule riders in Mississippi have already filed their entries with the committee.

Hi-Flier Learns Tricks Of Piloting G. I. Jeeps

NEW GUINEA (CNS)—Lt. William Sanders of Greenfield, Mass. is a crack combat flier but he's never learned to drive a car. His fellow pilots taught him how to navigate a jeep. Now he's allowed to take a car out alone—on wide, straight roads.

bursts and spurts and finally to race. Then he's trained with other horses in order that he become accustomed to competition. And all through this period, for the trainer, it's a constant succession of sweating, washing, rub-downs and egg-like handling.

"But the thrill you get when you take your horse to the post is worth it."

"You're positive that you have another Sea Biscuit or Man-of-War, and whether he wins or not, you always feel that you've had a good run for your money!"

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of Terry and the Pirates



Slight Snaf in Cupid's Path



WARSHIPS AND PLANES COVER MASSIVE ALLIED LANDINGS; NAZIS ATTEMPT TROOP REINFORCEMENTS

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battle of Germany's "southern fortress."

Allies Swarm Ashore

Americans, British, Canadians and Free French went ashore in ever-increasing numbers from landing barges which darkened the sea under an umbrella of fighter planes and dive and attack bombers. The enemy was given no rest as planes and warships covered the landings and ground forces pushed inland all along the West coast against fierce resistance.

Meanwhile an added threat to the face-losing Nazis came from Iran which declared war upon Germany and paved the way for similar action among the small European countries.

Planes Pound Axis

The Nazis were hard hit everywhere as American and RAF planes pounded Germany and Occupied France incessantly. United States fliers blasted France with more than 1,000 sorties in their greatest attack to date of the War.

In the East, Russia continued relentless pursuit of the Germans below Stalino and forced their attacks along the entire front to drive the Germans from Russian soil.

During "invasion practice" Allied ships filled the English Channel.

In the greatest aerial armada of all time more than 3,000 planes attacked Northern

HE LEADS YANKS



Lt. Gen. Mark Clark

France.

Yugoslav Guerrillas are battling Germans for possession of a coastal strip that might be a possible invasion point.

Powerful Russian drives have split the German Sixth and Seventh Armies.

LONDON—Alfred Duff Cooper, former first lord of the admiralty, said in an address that Germans, knowing this war is lost, are now thinking of how to prepare for the next one.

STOP MIMEO NEWS

When news of the Italian surrender reached the offices of this newspaper, BLOOD and FIRE dashed into print with a special mimeographed war extra to announce the fact.

Minutes later came the report that the Italian fleet was to be turned over to the Allies; and that Italy was now on the Allied side.

"Gad!" cried the Editor, "Stop the mimeo!"

Sergeant's Corny Story From Stony Bottom

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rived next morning they killed what were left with flyswatters.

Strange Furlough

The strangest experience Sgt. Geiger ever had was last winter when he was home on furlough. (Those things that you read about so much in the A. R.'s.) Sgt. Geiger had a lady friend who lived up in the mountains. He had his father's old Model T that he would drive up in every day. Since it was the dead of winter and there was no anti-freeze in the radiator, Sgt. Geiger always took an empty pail with him so when he reached the top of the mountain he could drain out the water from the radiator, thus preventing it from freezing in the block. On his last trip up there, as he drained the radiator the water froze in the pail. This did not surprise him as it happened often, but what did puzzle him was the fact that the water had frozen so fast the ice was still warm.

And thus end a few notes torn from the diary of S/Sgt. Geiger, soldier, scientist and traveler of the world. —Contributed.

SHOT IN "SAWF UNNERBELLY" DID FOR ITALY, SAYS SNAFU

"Me advice on this here matter is unchanged. The sawf unnerbelly—thass the place; allus hit 'em in the sawf unnerbelly."

The Yardbird paused to squint at his pencil, studying the merits of the point he had just shaped on its end.

"Tactics," he told us profoundly, "has been the same fer hundreds a' years. Where did Caesar attack when he attacked Gunga Karn?"

Works Every Time

We shook our head in mystification.

"The sawf unnerbelly — thass where. Hit 'em in the sawf unnerbelly and they fole up. It woiks evvy time."

He poked a dirty finger at us. "D'ya know that Napoleon tole his officers when he tole 'em g'bye? Hit 'em in the sawf unnerbelly! he tole 'em in French."

We made some jottings in our notebook.

"Where," we inquired, "do you think the Allies will strike next?"

The Yardbird thoughtfully sucked some air in between his teeth.

"I yam glad," he told us, "that you come to me foist on this here business, so I kin set you straight." He scratched his head.

Eisenhower No Fool

"Now this Eisenhower ain't nobody's fool, see? He is a man what is up on his tactics an' suchlike, see?"

We agreed.

"Fer a man like Ike, they is only one cherce."

"Yes?" we urged.

"Hit 'em in the sawf unnerbelly!"

We started to work on a new angle.

"What is the total picture you get of it all?" we inquired.

Snafu closed his eyes in deep thought. Suddenly he opened them.

African Theme Song

"Didja hear of the song they're singing in Africa now? 'Rommel Doesn't Libya Anymore'."

"Yes, yes," we told him, "But what of the campaign?"

"Well," he said, "Eyetalia. . ."

Gad, we muttered in our beards, must we put up with this?

"Enough of this shilly-shallying," we told him sternly, "Will you or will you not talk?"

The Yardbird smiled benignly on us.

"Of corsica I'll talk," he said, "Hit 'em in the sawf unnerbelly!"



Major John P. Reames, 23-year-old youngest Major in the 63d Division, has recently been promoted to 1st Battalion Executive, 255th Inf. His former post as Commander of Division Hq. Co., is temporarily being filled by Capt. Frank Connolly.

The Inquiring Line

By Camp Newspaper Service

Q. In wartime is fraudulent entry into the Army considered grounds for dishonorable discharge?

A. No enlisted man will be discharged because of fraudulent entry unless at the time of his entry he concealed a previous desertion or an unauthorized absence from the armed services, concealed a previous separation from the armed forces with a form of discharge certificate other than honorable, or concealed a criminal record.

Q. I'm a WAC. My husband is out of work. Can I get a dependency allowance for him?

A. No. You may apply for family allowances for dependent children, your mother, father, brothers, sisters and other specified relatives. Only your husband is left out. He doesn't get a dime.

Q. What are the physical requirements for Aviation Cadet training?

A. Requirements for Aviation Cadets have been relaxed a bit. You can get in now if your vision is 20/30 correctable to 20/20. Hearing and dental requirements have also been lowered. You're eligible if you're between the ages of 18 and 26. If you want to know more, write to the Adjutant General in Washington for the booklet Air Cadet Training.

Q. I want to vote next month in my home State. How do I go about it?

A. The first thing you do is find out if your State is holding an election this year. Illinois, for instance, has no election scheduled for 1943. Congressional elections will be held in two Congressional Districts, the Second in California and the Second in Kansas. Many other States are holding local elections. If you are qualified to vote in these your first sergeant will give you a form post card with which you may apply to the Secretary of State in your home State for an absentee ballot.

Inquiring Reporter

"Do you intend joining a veteran organization after the War?"

T/Sgt. Frank Scarpinato, Mail and Records section of Div. Hq. "Well, the only way I can answer that is to see first who heads the veterans organizations after the war and to see what they stand for."

PFC. William Miller, 563d Signal Co.: "I imagine so. Guess everyone will. It's the duty of everyone to join some type of veterans organization after the war is over."

T/5 Willins, A. C. of S., G-1 staff "Yes, I believe I will. An organization of that type gives you a chance to come in contact with your old buddies and talk over your experiences when you were in the army together."

Pvt. Stanley Suwac, Hq. Co.: "I don't want to join the vets. I'm going to join the Merchant Marine and be a seaman instead."

T/Sgt. Edward Frazier, Div. Hq. Co.: "No. I was a school teacher in Washington before the war and I intend to return to that profession when the fighting is finished. There's no attraction for me in those societies."

T/5 Mike Matz, Hq. Co., 1st Bn. 254th Infantry "If I'm alive, yes. I think I'll join after the war. Then I can go to their conventions and talk over old times with the vets."

PFC John Martin, Med. Det., 253d Infantry: "I don't think so. Just have never thought about it. The war isn't over yet—you don't know what's going to happen."

WIFE'S HOBBY MAKES WORK FOR HUBBY; WRITES 80 PAGES

The postal clerk cursed silently; and Lt. George S. Allen of Company "C", 254th Inf., missing his lunch, sat on the edge of his bunk, deeply engrossed in a letter—or what perhaps might better be described a manuscript.

"Well, she did it," he exclaimed as he gathered the scattered reames of paper.

"I told my wife when she went home that she'd have to make up for lost time and write a letter 80 pages long. I'll be darned if she didn't take me up on it too!"

Mrs. Allen's letters usually average at least 30 pages but this was a whopper—80 pages, written in a normal hand on regulation stationery. Sent from Hawthorne, New York, by airmail, the letter cost 36c.

"Doesn't she run out of things to say," someone asked timidly. "Hell no, and what's more she writes every day," Lt. Allen admitted.

"I read each letter about a dozen times and every time it seems as if I have a new letter. I rather wish I had her letter-writing talent. Instead she has to put up with an occasional scribbled and almost illegible note from me!"

Officers To Dance At At New Orleans Club

The air-conditioned New Orleans Athletic Club, 222 N. Rampart St., New Orleans, will be the scene of a dance sponsored by Les Danseuses for officers of the U. S. Armed forces tonight, according to a notice received from Marie E. Bezou, president of the organization. The dance will be held from 2100 through 0100.

Medics Will Present "This Ain't The Army"

Under sponsorship of Capt. Harry E. Robbins, Detachment Commander, an extravaganza entitled "This Ain't The Army" will be produced by the Medical Detachment of Camp Van Dorn's Station Hospital at the Natchez Auditorium on Wednesday, Sept. 15. The show will feature the original song "Must Be Love," by Pvt. Paul Peters, and "Over Here, Over There, and Everywhere" by Andrew Horton.

The Wolf

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"Go ahead—don't be bashful!"

by Sansone