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63D MARSHALLS FIGHTING STRENGTH

News From Your Own Home Town

PALO ALTO, Cal. (CNS)—Shirley Temple became an aunt recently when a son was born to Cpl. and Mrs. Jack Temple here. Cpl. Temple is Shirley's brother.

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo. (CNS)—Arrested for drunkenness, Cecil Jones mistook the big lock on his cell door for a slot machine and clogged it with nickles. The jailer could not open the door so the judge stood outside his cell and fined him \$10.

SANTA MONICA, Cal. (CNS)—Arrested for driving with his headlights on in a violation of dimout regulations here, William Chain explained that he lost his false choppers and was using his headlights in an effort to find them. "A personal crisis," ruled the judge, suspending the fine.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (CNS)—Styles in women's clothes have become "progressively more offensive" since Pearl Harbor, according to the National Catholic Women's Union, which has asserted that "costumes for sport and play are shamelessly brief. Skirts have been raised above the limits dictated by modesty and common, ordinary decency. Fabrics are diabolically employed to create a "sensual allure."

WASHINGTON (CNS)—The U. S. Treasury now has five pistol totin' mammas on patrol here. The women guards were given .38 caliber revolvers when they qualified on the pistol range to handle them.

NAUGATUCK, Conn.—Police Chief John F. Gormely thought his troubles were lightened when the gasoline shortage cut the number of speeders from the highways but now he's having another headache. Old folks are complaining about youngsters driving fast horses on the highways.

YONKERS, N. Y.—A barge broke loose from a sand and gravel yard dock here and started drifting rapidly down the Hudson River. Police followed along shore in a squad car wondering what to do. Upon arrival at the city's Recreation Pier they found that the current had nosed the errant barge into the dock.

NEW YORK (CNS)—Stork Club commando Tommy Manville's seventh marriage was but one hour old when the gray-haired asbestos heir reserved a suite in Reno for his bride, 19-year-old Macie Marie (Sunny) Ainsworth. Manville and Sunny were married at a hotel here and the nuptials had hardly been sealed before Tommy walked out on his spouse. Sunny then announced that she, like Manville's six former fraus, was Reno bound.

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Brass Band; Truck Convoy Greet New Men



Above photos show new members of the 63d Division arriving at Camp Van Dorn on the first train to come in from the Reception Centers at Camp Upton and Camp George G. Meade.

Photos By Pvt. Gerrish, U. S. Army Signal Corps

63D WILL AID IN BOND DRIVE

Assisting in the Third Victory War Loan Drive will be troops of the 63d Division who will parade and put on demonstrations in Centreville and McComb tomorrow.

The Centreville program, arranged by Lt. Col. John R. Underwood, Special Troops Commander, will feature displays of all Infantry weapons, Artillery instruments, and Chemical Warfare protective and offensive equipment. Several of the Centreville stores will display 63d arms in store windows.

Free Jeep Rides

Representing the Reconnaissance Troop will be a scout car and two jeeps with their normal complements of weapons and radios. Buyers of War Bonds will be given free rides in the jeeps.

To tabulate Bond purchases, the Division Signal officer will set up a switch board with a connecting phone to each Bond selling booth. A goal board will be set up at a central point to show total sales.

Engineers Have Show

Other units participating in the drive are the Engineers, who will furnish an angle dozer and air compressor with accessories; the Ranger Platoon, who will pitch

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Service Club No. 2 Has New Head



MRS. AVARIL B. BRODERON

You won't have to worry if your nickle gets stuck in the Coke machine or if the juke box fails to perk, because they have a lady mechanic as director at Service Club No. 2. She is Mrs. Avaril B. Broderon, who regards "The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You" as being second only to "The Star Spangled Banner."

Mrs. Broderon assumed the directorship of the Club yesterday from Miss Annie Kate Lockard who has been at Camp Van Dorn since December. Miss Broderon's

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STELLAR TALENT IN CLUB SHOW

Singers, dancers, funny men and a dance band from the 63d, highlight the second variety show which will be presented by Division Special Service, at Service Club No. 1 tonight. Soldiers who not long ago as civilians were outstanding in the theatrical world, entertained a large audience last night at Service Club No. 2.

Among those who will appear on tonight's program are, Jackie Parris, late of Panama Hatie and who also played in Les Brown's orchestra. He will team with Pvt. Steve Ginsberg in a vocal duet. Pvt. Leland Burt, another entertainer, known as the "boy soprano," was with Abe Lyman's orchestra and was also in Jack Benny's radio show.

Popular with the audience at last night's show were Weiner and Pollack who impersonated outstanding public personages. Pvt. Donald McKay, a lyric tenor of ability, and Sgt. Bob Peters, another singer, will appear on tonight's show as will Pvt. Smith, an accomplished accordionist. Sgt. Jack Bracken will act as master of ceremonies.

OKLAHOMA CITY (CNS)—Mr. and Mrs. Safety First live up to their name. The State Highway Patrol has rated their driving records 100 percent safe.

NEW TROOPS HAIL FROM UPTON, DIX AND FORT MEADE

Michigan And California Also Represented Among Division's Trainees

Trainloads of trainees who will fill gaps in the units of the 63d Division and bring it to its fighting strength have been arriving during the last week at Camp Van Dorn. The exact number of new arrivals can not be revealed, as it is a military secret, but there have been a considerable number of new faces lining up at the PX and theatre.

The new men come chiefly from the three big Northeastern Reception Centers — Fort Dix, N. J., Camp Upton, Long Island, N. Y., and Camp George G. Meade, Maryland. However, there have been arrivals also from Monterey, California, and from Camp Custer, Michigan.

Sidewalks of New York

As each trainload of new men arrived CWO Randolph Cruger would swing the 63d Division band down to the depot and greet the boys with martial music. There were near tears in the eyes of many of the arrivals from New York when Mr. Cruger's boys welcomed them with "Sidewalks of New York."

Brig. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Commanding General of the Division, and members of the General Staff met the arrivals, as did picked men from each of the Division units who arrived in motor convoys and speedily transferred the new arrivals to temporary barracks.

Classification Busy

While the men were being issued bedding and assigned temporary barracks in the reception units, classification men under Capt. Carl R. Mahder, Division Classification Officer, went through the records of each of the new arrivals and reclassified those who had special talents which might be utilized.

Capt. Mahder's staff worked all through last week-end, and until the early hours of the morning during the last week on their classification duties, conscientiously looking at every arrival's service record and classification card.

New Suggestions Dept.

DENVER—Professor Wayne C. Hedges has just come out with the declaration that the Army's reveille call is outmoded.

"Psychologically," says the Professor, "the bugle is all wrong." He suggests instead something in waltz time on the violin.

SERVICE CLUB 2 HAS NEW HEAD

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assistant is Miss Oleta Rutherford, a native of Chalbeatte, Miss., and a graduate of Blue Mountain College, Miss. Miss Rutherford has been Miss Lockard's assistant since December.

Taught School

After graduating from Stephen F. Austin College, Tex., Mrs. Broderson taught Elementary school for eight years but when Uncle Sam called upon teachers to volunteer as instructors she was one of the first to sign up.

She became a comptometer operator at the Advanced Naval Base Depot at Gulfport, Miss., and then went to Keesler Field at Biloxi as instructor in mechanics.

Easy To Teach Men

It's no great trick at all to change one's occupation from grade school teacher to instructor of mechanics at an air force school, according to Mrs. Broderson. "All you do is absorb the instruction they give you in a special course and then you take over and tell the boys what you've learned," was the way she put it.

The new director wants the boys of the 63d and all others to know that they are welcome at Service Club No. 2 which is open from 1000 until 2200. She is planning activities which she believes will be of interest to all of the division personnel.

Mrs. Broderson likes the Doughboys and will welcome any help or suggestions they may have to offer regarding activities at the Club. She is also a little partial to the Navy. Who wouldn't be however, when one's husband wears the blue.

Miss Lockard Guest At Farwell Party

Miss Annie Kate Lockard, who retired this week as director of Service Club No. 2, was guest at an informal party given by members of the staff. During the festivities Mrs. Billie Johnson, assistant cafeteria hostess, presented Miss Lockard with a gift on behalf of her fellow workers.

Among those who spoke at the gathering were Mrs. Avaril Broderson, Miss Lockard's successor, Miss Elizabeth Williams, librarian, Miss Patricia Hood, cafeteria hostess, and John Danduk, manager at Service Club No. 1.

Soldiers Win Steak Dinners At Woodville

Men of the 63d Division proved their mettle Sunday afternoon in a quiz contest at the Woodville American Legion Hut. Sgt. Peter Visco, Div. Hq. Co., a native of Deer Pk., N. Y., won the prize of the day, two steak dinners at the Double-D-Cafe, Woodville, with 209 points. Cpl. Nat Lazarus, M. P. Platoon, from New York City, won the second prize of one steak dinner with 140 points.

In the race for the grand prize of the month, a phone call to any place in the United States, Pvt. Jos. Tomkiewicz, 254th Infantry, a soldier from Wilmington, Del., is leading with a score of 250 points. S. Sgt. Richard Kissel, 253d Infantry is a close second with 220 points.

USO quiz contests are conducted every Sunday at 1500 and 2100 at the American Legion Hut, Woodville, and the open house is maintained on Sundays at Woodville from 1400 to 1900, and at Gloster from 1200 until 2200 weekly. Saturday night dances are conducted at both USO's.

B. Maurice Byrne, is managing director of the new Central FWA Recreation building soon to be opened as a USO Club. Associated with Mr. Byrne is Samuel L. Schuster while Miss Helen M. Stephenson directs activities at Gloster.

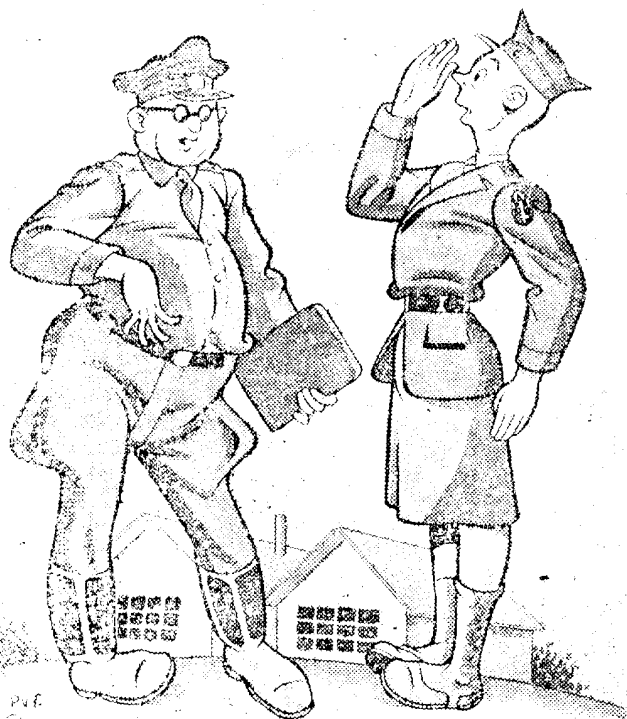
ARMY REPAYS GOOD TURN

ROCHESTER, Minn. (CNS)—One good turn deserves another. Liselotte Wold, 14, of Los Angeles once sacrificed her curls for the Army when she sold them to buy war bonds. So when Liselotte became critically ill the Army supplied a cargo plane to rush her from her home to Mayo Clinic here.

PRESTO! A CARTOONIST!

While BLOOD AND FIRE's editors were wanking their brains for a cartoon idea late Tuesday night a buck private appeared on the scene as if in answering to ye editor's prayers. He was Gill Fox, former New York comic book editor and cartoonist extraordinary. Fox had just arrived that afternoon from Camp Upton. He's attached to Co. 1, 253d Infantry. Here's hoping he'll bring in plenty more art work for our readers.

The Same Old Story



"Sir, I don't mind the buck and a half a month, but the laundry's made a slight mistake."

LOST

One brand new, shiny G. I. easily identified by pained "I want to go home" expression on face. Rosy cheeked, probably not in need of shave for another two years, clad in tan shirt with slacks and cap to match. (Cap probably resting somewhere in vicinity of rear portion of head and straight up and down.) Last seen sleeping on troop train in Camp Shelby, Miss., after troops were transferred to another train. If found please awaken gently and inform above mentioned Sad Sack he is still very much in demand by Uncle Sam.

Officers Hold Golf Tournament Friday . . .

Who is the champion club swinger among the officers of the 63d? That question should be answered to the satisfaction of most golf fans next Friday when the officers hold their first Blind Bogey tournament at the McComb Country Club links, starting at 1700.

Special prizes will be offered for the longest drive, longest putt, and a blind bogey tournament winner.

Sets of clubs will be available at the clubhouse for all prospective contestants who are unable to bring their own.

WACs Obey Orders Literally—Keep Secret

ENGLAND (CNS)—A couple of WAC officers took their orders so literally they almost missed the opportunity to carry them out.

Capt. Selma Hansen of Los Angeles and Lt. Dorothy Scott of Elsa, Tex. arrived here under secret orders to report directly to Maj. Gen. Ira Eaker at Eighth Air Force Headquarters. They spent several hours trying to find his headquarters and then went to Army HQ for aid. But they refused to show their orders to anyone there and therefore no one would take them to the general.

The incident ended on a happy note however, when Col. Ralph Palsifer, of the Adjutant General's office, finally persuaded the WACS to report to him.

THERE'S MANY A SLIP

At Division Headquarters Wednesday night a GI strolled in, dropped a nickel in the coke machine, pulled the plunger, opened the lid, and reached in for his coke.

Proving that the best laid plans of mice and men often go snafu, the thirsty GI found when he reached in that the bottle would only come out half-way.

When last seen at 11 o'clock at night the soldier was sitting patiently by the machine, waiting for someone to come along and buy a coke, so he could get his own bottle out.

SERVICE CLUB SCHEDULE

MONDAY—Game Night—Checkers, bridge, monopoly, chess, etc.

TUESDAY—Bingo Night—Prizes for winning players.

WEDNESDAY—Community singing.

THURSDAY—Variety Show, presented by Special Service, 63d Division.

FRIDAY—Weekly Quiz Contest

SATURDAY—Musical Show.

SUNDAY—Hymn Sing, conducted by Division chaplains.

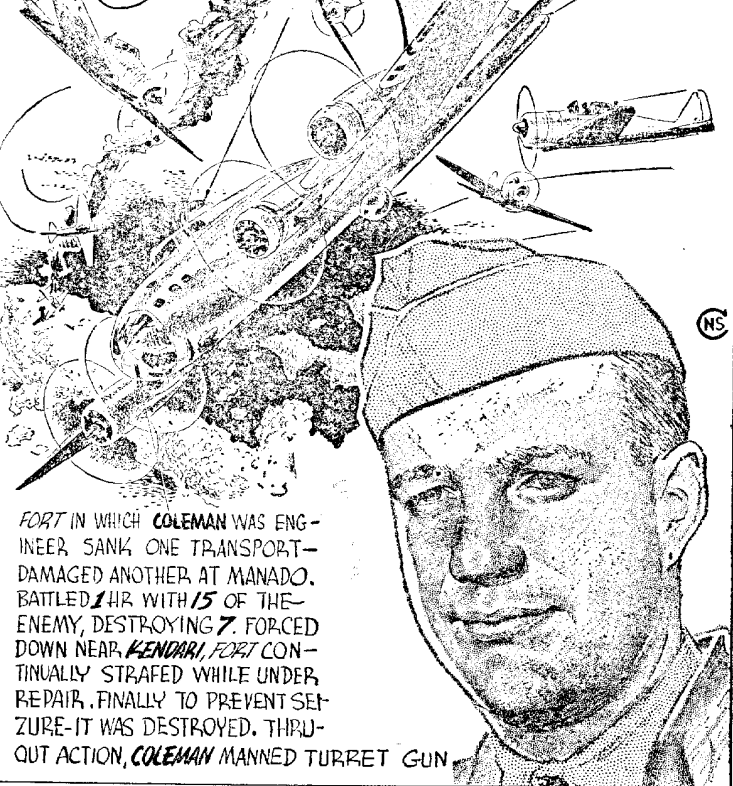
All special activities are scheduled to start at 8 P. M.

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS)—Mrs. W. C. Richter found a basket on her back porch. In it was a baby boy and a note reading: "William Patrick Franklin is a good little boy."

Morning Report

SILVER STAR TO . . .

1st Sgt. Jack W. Coleman



FORT IN WHICH COLEMAN WAS ENGINEER SANK ONE TRANSPORT-DAMAGED ANOTHER AT MANADO. BATTLED 1 HR WITH 15 OF THE ENEMY, DESTROYING 7. FORCED DOWN NEAR KENDARI, FORT CONTINUALLY STRAFED WHILE UNDER REPAIR, FINALLY TO PREVENT SEIZURE IT WAS DESTROYED. THROUGHOUT ACTION, COLEMAN MANNED TURRET GUN.

PRIVATE LETTERS

Dear Folks:

It looks like I'm really IN the Army now. I left the Reception Center on a troop train with a load of other fellows, all of us ignorant of our destination. Road maps and rumors appeared from nowhere. We knew we were headed South. Some said Pittsburgh, others said Panama, every guess was different, every guess was right. It might as well have been Shang-ri-la for all we knew.

We rode in day coaches and sleeping was out of the question until someone thought of taking the backs of the seats and sleeping on them. It worked all right until the engineer decided to test the air brakes.

Sis, you should have seen our fellows the third day. We began to get covered with soot from the engine, and the further South we got, the faster the rumors flew. "Panama", "Mexico", "Texas . . ." Every fellow had a different rumor, and they all seemed plausible.

Finally we arrived at a big army camp, and we thought we'd found our new home. It was Camp Shelby, Mississippi. But, we were told that we were just getting a breather spell, that this wasn't our destination. We piled into new trains and were on our way again.

We pulled into a little station. We really thought it was just another stop on the line until we heard a band playing the "Sidewalks of New York." I almost cried when I heard that—the band was welcoming all us New Yorkers with our own tune. The band really cheered me up. We knew it was playing for us and for the first time since I took the oath I felt as if I were wanted.

From then on things began to happen. We got off the train and in no time at all a Sergeant had taken charge of us, marched us to trucks and we were driven to our barracks. It was quite in contrast to the Reception Center where we had to walk every place we went, staggering under the weight of our barracks bags.

I also found there was an officer for every 50 men, and that they soon get to know everyone by name. We're in the 63d Infantry Division. I never saw it's insignia, before a big crimson blaze of fire with an upturned golden sword on it, with blood flowing from its point. It's a new outfit formed in Florida this June.

We were then issued our bedding and a rather comical thing happened to one of the men. We call him "Slim" for he is really a "tal drink of water." Just before he went into the Supply Room the Sgt told him he had better ask for an extra long blanket. He thought it very considerate of the Sgt. and so went in and asked for one. The Supply Sgt. looked at him a minute, then fumbled through the pile and handed him a couple. He was so elated he wrote home that night asking his mother why she had never been able to get him some. It wasn't until the next morning he found out they were all the same size.

This Camp Van Dorn isn't like the Reception Center at all, it's what is called a Theatre of Operations Camp, which means all luxuries have been stripped, so that we don't get used to frills and fancies that'll not be found when and if we're shipped overseas. There's no need to worry on that score, though, Mom, for I've got at least 12 weeks of basic training to go through before I'll be of any use as a combat soldier.

After cleaning up we had supper. (They call it "chow" in the army, regardless of when we eat it, breakfast, dinner or supper, it's all "chow".) Afterwards most of the men were so tired they went straight to bed, but I did have a chance to talk to the Sgt. a few minutes. They are all nice, the non-coms—they are enlisted men from the rank of Cpl. to Master Sgt. Down here they understand your problems and try to help you. Probably because they were privates once themselves.

Hear a whistle blowing or something, folks, so I'll run off to find out what it is. More next week, Love,

Joe.

NEW 'SGT. YORK' FROM NEW YORK CAPTURES 114

SICILY (CNS) — The "Sgt. York" of World War II is Sgt. Floyd Cravath, 22-year-old Bay-side, L. I. resident who captured 114 Italians in Sicily with a bullet jammed in the chamber of his rifle.

As Sgt. Cravath describes the incident, he came upon 110 Italian soldiers and four officers under a group of trees during the Sicilian mop-up. In his excitement he fed a bullet into the chamber of his rifle and then, to his surprise, all the soldiers leaped to their feet and raised their hands.

All Sgt. Cravath had to do was march the men back to camp. "It was the simplest thing in the world," he said.

News From Your Own Home Town

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BROOKLYN (CNS) — Patrolman John McCormick arrested ten men because he said their card game was too noisy. The men were freed when Patrolman McCormick admitted that the noise consisted almost entirely of slapping cards on a table.

BRUNSWICK, GA. (CNS)—When a passerby noticed a monkey sitting behind the wheel of a burning automobile, he opened the door and tried to get the little fellow out but the monk, who apparently had knocked the car's cigarette lighter from its socket and started the blaze, wouldn't budge. The passerby rayed him with a paint brush and put out the fire.

CAMDEN, N. J. (CNS) — Mary Mozzo, 42, was shot to death in a crowded bus terminal here and a few minutes later her companion, Louis Sirolli, 52, fired the pistol into his mouth. A note found in his pocket read: "For 20 years I have been mixed up with the wrong woman."

EVANSVILLE, IND. (CNS)—Mr. and Mrs. Al Koenig were sitting in the park when two boys with handkerchiefs bound across their faces sneaked up behind them and mumbled, "Put up your hands. This is a tickup." Mr. and Mrs. Koenig ignored them and after an embarrassing pause the two boys went away.

OMAHA (CNS)—Bozo, the pet dog of the F. A. Berigan family, got caught in a neighbor's hay mower. The mower cut off Bozo's tail. Mrs. Berigan started when her son, Al, ran into the house to tell her about Bozo, sprained her finger in a canning machine. Another son, Pat, 18, ran out of the house to aid Bozo, slipped and sprained his right wrist. A third son, Frank, 16, jumped over a fence, gashed a knee and got a black eye. And Champ, the Berigan's other pet dog, jumped over the barn door. He caught his right foot in the latch and broke a bone.

AZUSA, Cal. (CNS)—Roy Arnold was so certain that the baby his wife was expecting would be a boy that he bet \$25 at 20-to-1 on the outcome. It was a boy and he won \$25. He would have lost \$500 if it had been a girl.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS (CNS)—A girl walked into a local restaurant and asked for a job. The boss decided to try her out as a cashier.

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Wilke, Wistful Willing Staff Artist Faithfully Portrays Scenes Of Army Life



BLOOD AND FIRE'S ARTIST PAINTS A FIREBALL

Here's Ulfert Wilke and his conception of Betty Grable. She posed for the mural shortly before the 63d left Camp Blanding for Camp Van Dorn. The painting's still in Florida; we wish we knew where the original is.

Perched atop an old motor oil box in the Public Relations Office sits Pvt. Ulfert Wilke, BLOOD AND FIRE'S staff artist and former head of the Art Department of Kalamazoo University, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Around him cluster officers and men of Division Headquarters who, passing by to the coke machine, pause to watch him at work. They do not bother Wilke, who draws steadily, critically cocking his head to one side occasionally, putting an extra touch here, a dab there, humming a Viennese waltz or old German ballad.

Popular Individual

One of the most familiar figures in the Division, he is also one of the most popular. To the frequent "When are you going to make a picture of me, Wilke?" he waves his hand airily, "Go away," he says, "I do not know."

When he is feeling good, he will draw anyone, preferring men with long, lean faces, and blond women.

Always carrying his battered leather briefcase, he stalks around the ranges, among tents, motor pools, barracks, looking for suitable subjects for sketches. Week-ends he spends sketching the French Quarter of New Orleans or the ante-bellum homes of Natchez.

Traveled in Europe

Born in 1907 at Bad Tölz, Germany, Wilke was educated at Odenwälschule near Heidelberg and became a private art student of the famous Professor Jaekel. The next 10 years he spent traveling through Europe, studying and teaching art.

Recipient of a Carnegie Scholarship, he went to Harvard University for a period in 1940-41, going from there to become head of the Kalamazoo University Art Department and Director of the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts.

Wilke has received many honors for his skill with the palette,

DALLAS, TEX. (CNS)—A local resident was granted a divorce here after he testified that his wife let air out of the tires of his car every morning "so I would be late for work."

among them the first Albrecht Durer Prize for Germany in 1929, first prize at the Society of the Four Arts in Palm Beach, Fla., and prizes for paintings he exhibited in Chicago, Grand Rapids, and other cities.

Work Widely Exhibited

His paintings have been exhibited at the Berlin Akademie and the Berliner Sezession, at the Chicago Art Institute, and in art galleries in New York, Harvard University, and many other places.

At one time caricaturist and illustrator for several leading German newspapers, Wilke has also done a stint as a portrait painter in Paris. Since he got disgusted with the Nazis—whose policies win no sympathy from Wilke—he has turned all his attention to the United States.

Inducted into the Army Mar. 9, 1942 at Fort Custer, Mich., Wilke became a member of the Fort Custer Army Illustrators. Some of his early Army paintings were shown at the LIFE exhibit in Washington, D. C. He also painted murals for the Old Hickory Officers' Mess at Fort Jackson, S. C., and the Officers' Club at Camp Blanding. While at Blanding he also founded the Attic Art Club, bringing together a number of Army artists at the Camp.

In Three Divisions

Wilke, who had been a member

of the 30th Division while they were at Blanding, left that unit for the 66th when the 30th went out on maneuvers, and in turn later left the 66th for the 63d, after having contributed some of the original sketches for the 66th's panther insignia.

From the moment he joined the "Blood and Fire" Division in August, Wilke has been busy with pen and pencil, hardly having time to touch his paints, which are his favorite means of expressing himself.

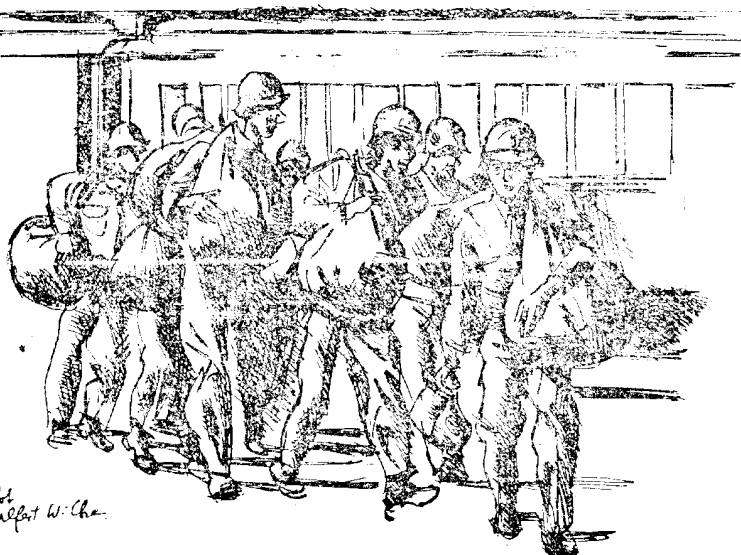
He loves to discuss art, too, and will talk about the old masters at the drop of a hat. He talks enthusiastically and fluently, punctuating his conversation with airy flourishes of his hands, and interposing a steady stream of "You zee? You zee?" in his conversation.

Nicknames Friends

He likes a joke, laughs and smiles readily. All his friends bear Wilke-given nicknames. Ed Brown, associate editor of BLOOD AND FIRE is "Fatso," and Tom Hoctor, BLOOD AND FIRE's editor is "Doctor 'Octor."

Wilke's present portrait gallery is the stage of the 63d's Rec Hall, where visiting GIs can stop and see portraits of 63d soldiers hanging next to sketches of the proper manner of wearing leggings and water colors of Centreville and New Orleans.

HERE COME THE 63D'S TRAINEES



Pvt. Ulfert Wilke

Inquiring Reporter

This week it started to rain out and your Inquiring Reporter decided to stay close to home plate when he asked his question of the week. Thus he interviewed some of the members of BLOOD AND FIRE's own staff. The Question: What desert would you most like your mess sergeant to dream up for you?

Lt. Everett Ortner, Public Relations Officer: "I'd sure welcome a triple layer strawberry shortcake with lots of mashed strawberries and loads of whipped cream. I wouldn't even mind putting on five pounds, if I could do it eating THAT dish."

Pvt. Tom Hoctor, Editor: "Nothing super-duper for me. I like a good lemon meringue pie—but I'm particular. The meringue has got to be good and stiff and the lemon filling tart. If I were back home my wife would be able to dish it up on a moment's notice, but it's only a fond dream right now."

Pvt. Ed Brown, associate editor: "Make mine a good old apple pie, made the old-fashioned way in round pie plates and cut no more than five to the pie. I'd like some good Wisconsin cheese on it too, but know that's asking too much."

Pvt. Max Klein, Div. Hq. driver: "I'll take Jello with whipped cream and bananas. That's the only way to get bananas in the Army."

Gas For Furloughs Restored In East

WASHINGTON—The special gasoline ration for military personnel on furlough was restored by the OPA. Last week in 12 Northeastern States and the District of Columbia.

Up to five gallons of gasoline may be secured by personnel on furlough on presentation of leave or furlough papers to a local War Price and Rationing Board. The provision has been in effect in all other states but was revoked in the East on June 1, by reason of the crisis in gasoline supply.

Collegiate Tunes To Awaken Division

CWO Randolph Cruger's bandsmen, who awaken the Division each morning with spirited music, will now change from purely military airs to collegiate tunes. Now we'll be awakened by "Roar, Lion, Roar," "The Ram," "The Rambling Wreck From Georgia Tech," and other lively college airs. The football season is here and the 63d's bandsmen are catching its spirit.

ARTILLERYMEN PROMOTED

September brought promotions to three men of "A" Battery of the 863d FA Bn. PFC Alfred W. Birmele was named Technician 5th Grade, while Pvts. Gerald D. Jean and Nicholas Pietroacovo are now privates first class.

PROTESTANT HOLDS HEBREW RITES

ENGLAND (CNS) — There are no Jewish chaplains at a certain base here but the Protestant chaplain—James O. Kincannon—sees to it that the Jewish men have a weekly service of their own. He conducts it himself.

NAVY BECOMES NAVY NURSE

CHICAGO (CNS) — Sgt. Pete Maddio, a veteran soldier who saw service in 1919, never liked the Army much so when he had a daughter in 1921 he named her Navy. The other day Ensign Navy Maddio became a nurse at the U. S. Naval Hospital at Great Lakes, Ill.

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EDITORIAL

Five L-O-N-G Years

There comes a time in most soldier's lives when they feel depressed. Everything's gone wrong. They want to go home and can't. Or perhaps, it's merely a date outside camp that the CO won't give authority to keep.

That's one of the tough things for the enlisted men; they can't go where they please when they please. But it's also one of the cardinal rules of army discipline. You go where you're told, when you're told to do so. Men who absent themselves without leave take a large risk and responsibility, particularly in time of war.

Even in training companies such as those which comprise this division and which now seem far from actual warfronts, there might arise emergencies when it would be essential for the entire strength of the division to be on hand at a given moment. If YOU were the fellow who was absent without leave at that time you wouldn't be a damn bit of good to your company, regiment, division or country.

Several men in this division thought they "knew it all" when we were at Camp Blanding; they walked off, as they had done previously at other posts, without authority. In three instances the sentence was adjudged the same: FIVE YEARS HARD LABOR at a Federal Penitentiary, pay forfeiture, followed by dishonorable discharge. It certainly wasn't worth it, was it?

Light Fingers

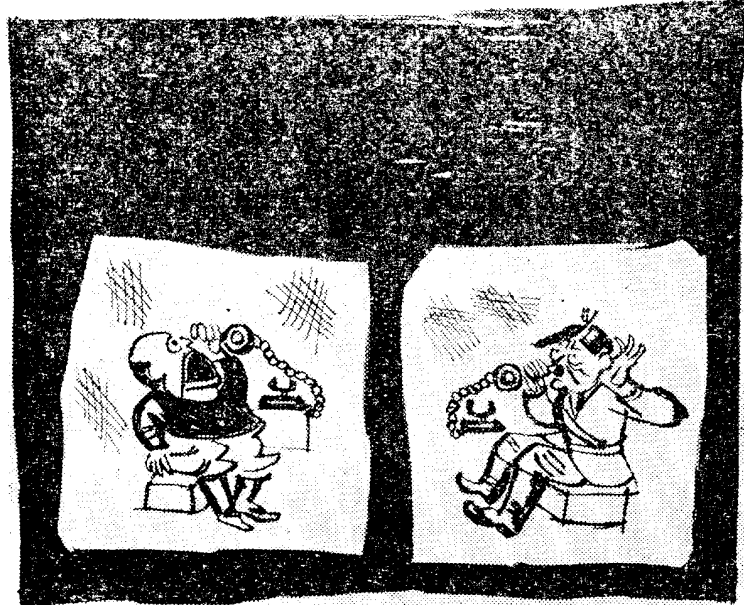
At certain times and in certain places there are individuals who seem to find it difficult to regard the property of others as sacred. That is, sacred enough to leave it alone unless they have permission to take it.

Let's get one thing straight right from the beginning in the 63d Division, there's no place here except the guardhouse for anyone with itchy fingers. We refer to those individuals who apparently have not sufficient get-up-and-go to walk to the PX for cigarettes, or other items, but who must filch them from a fellow soldier.

The person who wilfully takes another man's property without his permission, whether it be cigarettes or items of greater value, is just a plain crook.

Among soldiers, all of whom receive from the government the same issue of clothing and other items, and few of whom have a surplus of cash at any time, it seems particularly deplorable when one steals from another. We don't want it to happen here.

LOOK WHO'S ON THE GROUND NOW



"Hello Adolf, thank you for restoring my freedom again. It's quite peaceful and quiet where I am now." "Yes, same here, Benito."

News From Here And There

Veteran Navigator To Come Home At Last

INDIA (CNS)—Capt. Robert Miller, Nyack, N. Y. navigator, who holds the China-Burma-India record for combat flying time, soon will be heading home. Miller who made his last flight on a Friday the 13th, doesn't know what his new assignment will be and he doesn't care—"as long as I can get home for awhile."

Wounded Army Pigeon Walks Home to Lay Egg

CAMP HALE, Col. (CNS)—An Army carrier pigeon—badly wounded by a hawk—was found trying to walk home. Shortly after its rescue, the bird laid an egg.

Hamburger Stand Blossoms In South Seas

SOUTH PACIFIC (CNS)—Joe's place, a quiet little hamburger joint on a South Pacific Island, gives the American touch to this area. Joe is Joseph Maurice Hayden of Middleboro, Mass., a commissary steward in a Navy Seabee outfit (construction battalion), who persuaded his officers to buy a herd of cattle he spotted on the island. Joe then enlisted the aid of Seabees in building his hamburger stand, which he operates 24 hours daily. He now serves 600 pounds of fresh beef daily—all of it hamburger.

G. I. Goes 2,000 Miles To Lose His Girl

NEW YORK (CNS)—When Cpl. Vincent Armenia learned that his old girl friend was going to marry somebody else, he came a-running from Camp Beale, Cal. to stop the ceremony here. When he arrived he called the girl's father, threatened to wing a monkey wrench into the romance if the wedding took place. The girl's father had Armenia hailed into court where the judge gave the soldier a good talking to and let him go. Thoroughly chastened, Armenia marched out the door—into the arms of a detective who arrested him for being AWOL.

Breakfast in Bed Boon To G. I. Girls

NEW YORK (CNS)—Service-women staying at the Women's Military Service Club here draw lots every morning to see who will tote the trays of coffee, toast and orange juice and who will be lucky enough to have breakfast in bed.

Old Campaign Hats Handy On Rainy Days

NISKA, ALASKA (CNS)—The Army has saved many "campaign" hats from World War 1 for a rainy day. And that's just what they are used for here. Troops in water-soaked Alaskan and Aleutian posts wear them when it rains.

Japs Return Scrap To Yanks—In Bombs

CLINTON, IA. (CNS)—The Japs are giving us back all the scrap metal we sent to them before the war—as shrapnel—according to Lt. Col. W. J. Carrington, chief of the surgical service at Schick General hospital here. "In our surgery," said Col. Carrington, "we often find shrapnel in which we can identify pieces of American razor blades and pop bottle caps."

First Lady Visits So. Pacific Theatre

AUCKLAND, N. Z. (CNS)—Local residents were poyeyed with surprise the other day when Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt popped in to visit Army hospitals and stations here. Forty-five minutes late for a press interview because of a shampoo, the widely-traveled first lady explained that she had dropped in for a visit because "long ago you were kind enough to ask me to see the work the women of New Zealand are doing." She arrived in New Zealand only 12 days after she had helped President Roosevelt entertain Prime Minister Churchill and his daughter Mary at Hyde Park, N. Y. 10,000 miles away.

The Sky Pilot Says it

By Chaplain E. A. Hessler
63d Division Artillery

Has God A Place In This War?

Some years ago, after the close of the last war, a scoffing infidel presented a play in which he sought to bring out the dismal failure of Christianity. After several acts of blasphemy, he reached a climax in the last scene of the final act. The stage was dimly lighted and on it stood a bed with a dying patient. The patient's name was "Christianity". At his bedside sat a doctor. His name was "Civilization." On his chart he recorded the feeble pulse beat until finally it stopped. With his stethoscope he listened for the heartbeat. It had stopped. He took one more glance into the cold, glassy eyes of the patient, and then with one grand flourish, he signed the death certificate. Civilization had witnessed the death of Christianity.

There is only one thing that can give this world a healing salve in these perilous and critical times. It is God and Christianity that was supposed to have died a generation ago. People who never prayed in their lives before have learned to pray today. It has been said by men who know, there are no atheists in foxholes. Ask men who have been cast adrift, left to the mercy of the open sea for 21, 30, 60, and even 83 days, if God and Christianity are dead, and they will tell you in none too polite language what they think of scoffing infidels. Or, talk to that mother who having lived through the horror of the attack on Pearl Harbor brought her children back to the States and enrolled them in a Sunday school. Asked if she had been in the habit of going to church, she answered: "No, but I've been so close to eternity at Pearl Harbor that I want my children brought up in the ways of God."

Experience in warfare has proved that for every offensive weapon, eventually the enemy will discover and perfect a defense. But there is one weapon that no Axis power nor Hell itself will ever succeed in conquering when it comes to the final showdown. That is the weapon, not made of iron or steel and intricate mechanism, or zoomed out of high velocity rifles or cannon, but the weapon which was symbolized in a Chicago newspaper some months ago, when on its front page it showed George Washington kneeling in the snow during that bitter and trying winter at Valley Forge, and on the other side General MacArthur kneeling in devout prayer somewhere in Australia. When a man has faced the trying and bitter experiences and has come through miraculous escapes as these men have, it's no wonder that by their very example they bring home to us the lesson. We must win this war on our knees in deep humility before God.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation."

G. I. Jingles

WE ARE THE JEEPS
BY THE JERSEY JEEP

I am a "Jeep" of whom you've no doubt heard.
That species of new-made soldier, yes, I'm the bird.
My uniform fits me, just like an old glove,
And to all my non-coms I'm surely a dove.
You should hear them at night,
When they think I'm asleep
They plan and they plot
To make sorry my lot.
To sweep the latrine, make barracks look neat,
Police up the area, flush down the street,
It's alwas the same, it's "Call on the Jeep."

Now I get up 'fore dawn, when the dark's all around,
I stumble against lockers, I fall to the ground.
My leggings get on, but backwards some days,
My corporals, my sergeants, I always amaze.
When they call out the roll, I answer—a peep,
They laugh and excuse me, I'm only a jeep.

At mess call I line up with my buddies,
Tough guys from Yorkville, and Village fluddy duddies,

I hook up my cup and my mess kit so neat,
And get my food in it all ready to eat,
When plop goes the handle; the food spills all out,
And the guy right ahead gives a long, lusty shout.
He gets all my beans, my potatoes and meat
On the back of his pants, right there on the seat.
And I go without breakfast, and to myself keep,
For I'm not yet accepted, I'm only the jeep.

And then comes fatigue duty—a labor battalion I'd say,
That's where I star, they make it that way.
I shove GI cans, all over the lots,
I scrub dirty dishes, and kettles and pots,
Sometimes it's coal I shovel from trucks.
At others it's autos I haul out of the muck,
But always I hear it when there's work to be done,
"Call on the Jeep, that new son-of-a-gun."

Division Cannon School Closes As Guns Boom

NEW SLEEPERS SET FOR ARMY

The Army Transportation Corps has ordered a number of new specially designed triple-deck sleeper trains for troop carrying. It was announced this week in Washington. The new trains, of which some 300 will be built, will carry 30 men in each car as compared with 20 men in standard civilian sleeping cars.

Officials of the Pullman Company say that the new G. I. sleeping car opens up a new and cheaper era of Pullman transport which they believe will play an important part in postwar American travel. The lower tiered bunks fold to form sections at one side of the aisle during the daytime. The topmost bunk remains stationary and can be used for sleeping purposes while the two lower bunks are made up as seats. Each section is equipped with a weapons rack for the use of the troops and each car has washroom and drinking fountains.

FIGHTIN' FAMILY

Over at Hq. Btry., 63d Div. Arty there's a quiet and unassuming fellow who passes his days over hot stoves cooking up what men of that company are pleased to call the best chow in the whole shebang. He's T/4 Freeman Morey, and last week he got himself hitched.

That's when men of Div. Arty. found that their quiet cook really had something to talk about, though possibly he was too bashful to tell them he really came from one of the fightinest families you ever heard of.

They discovered that he has a brother, Pfc. Charley Morey, who's an MP in England; another 1st Lt. Walter Morey, with the 8th Air Force over Europe, and two sisters—1st Lt. Lena Morey and 2nd Lt. Ada Morey, both with the U. S. Army Nurses Corps "somewhere in Africa."

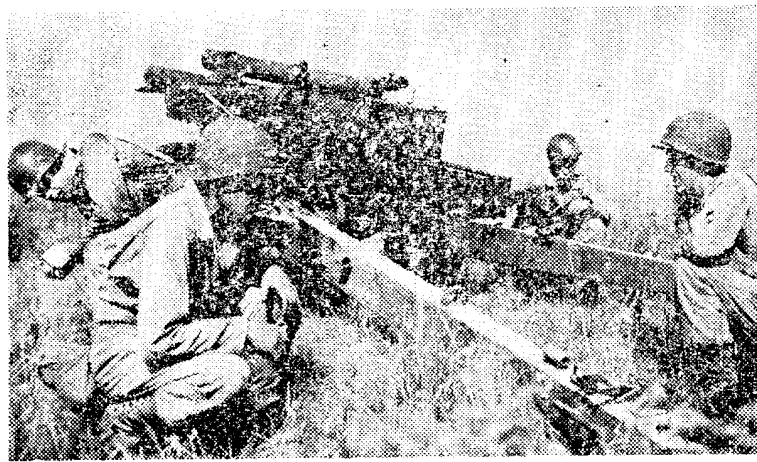
In addition, his bride, the former Caroline Fitch Denby, is a granddaughter of the late Charles Denby, former U. S. Minister to China.

Cotton camouflage nets treated with a new chemical finish are fire, water and weather resistant in all climates.

63d Division's Big Guns Sound Off



Here's one of the big artillery guns of the 63d Division as it sounded off for the first time this week at Camp Van Dorn. Photo above shows the gun crew loading the 105 mm. howitzer. (Left to right) Lt. Glenn O. Nowles, Lt. James Simpson, and Pfc. Clifford E. Gaston, 254th Inf. Cannon Co.; Sgt. Alvin Ferrell, 861st F. A. Bn., and Sgt. Lambert Struthers, Battery B, 863d F. A. Bn. At right, photo shows the gun crew at the instant of firing. (Left to right) Lt. Simpson, Sgt. Harrel, Lt. Nowles, and Pfc. Gaston. U. S. Army Signal Corps Photo.



WEEK'S INTENSE PRACTICE ENDS WITH PROBLEM

The big guns of the 63d Division's Artillery boomed out across the Mississippi valleys for the first time this week as officers and men of the Division Cannon School held service practice.

Under direction of Major J. H. Lightfoot, and a staff of specially selected artillery officers, non-coms and officers of the 63d Division Cannon Companies attended a week's school between September 7 and 14 which culminated Wednesday with the actual firing of the guns.

Non-Coms, Officers

The school was composed of the 63d Division infantry non-coms and officers who have been chosen to form the backbone of the cannon company, officers and non-coms of the 364th infantry, and some trained section chiefs from the artillery who will be transferred to the infantry to serve in similar capacities for the new M3 howitzers. For the benefit of the infantrymen, a demonstration team from the artillery gave exhibitions of the smooth teamwork of a gun section, how howitzers are put into position, how they may be used for direct laying against a tank attack, and other techniques and tactics. The instructors were supervised by Major Lightfoot and Lt. G. W. Putnam, 718 F. A. Bn., both of whom are former Ft. Sill Field Artillery School gunnery instructors.

On the fourth day of the school a demonstration of a forward displacement in echelon, complete from the Battalion Commander's order to the repulsing of a simulated tank attack was shown.

By means of a radio net and a P. A. system the class was able to hear the Battalion C. O. give the agent the order, the agent report to the platoon leader, the Battalion C. O. explain the tactical situation to the platoon leader and issue his orders, and to follow the commands down the line.

Flame Thrower Used

The location was so chosen as to permit all the principals to be seen in the execution of their respective duties. The platoon leader made his reconnaissance and selection of position, brought one howitzer forward into position, and began to deliver simulated fire. Features of the demonstration were the use of a flame thrower to reduce a pillbox, and an attack to "Diablo Grosso," a replica of an Italian Tank mounted on a jeep.

On Monday a four hour practical period in occupation of position gave the men a dress rehearsal for the service practice which followed on Tuesday morning. The students themselves assumed the duties of the officers and enlisted men required to carry out to successful completion an order to a cannon platoon issued by an infantry commander. A tactical situation was created, and the platoons performed their duties in detail as would have been done in maneuvers or combat.

Tactical Problem

Service practice on the final day gave the men the opportunity to fire on actual targets. The problem was tactical, four platoons going into position at various times, and each platoon having the opportunity to observe and conduct fire for another platoon firing.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Protestant Services
Chapel No. 5, Division Hqrs., 0900 & 1000.
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. 5, Div. Hqrs. & Special Troops, 1100.
Chapel No. 6, 253d Inf., 0800 & 1000.
Chapel No. 7, 254th Inf., 0900.
Chapel No. 8, 255th Inf., 0800 & 1100.
Chapel No. 10, Div. Artillery, 0800 & 1100.

Jewish Services
Friday Evening, Chapel No. 1, 1930.

The United States has had to reject more than 200,000 men for military service because of illiteracy.

ROAD TO TOP MORE DIFFICULT

From Washington during the last week came further indication of the growing difficulty for officers to obtain promotions. Announcement was made that the service - in - grade requirement which made it necessary for 2d lieutenants to serve three months before being eligible for promotion to 1st lieutenant has now been extended to six months.

To be eligible for promotion to grades of major, captain, or first lieutenant, under the new order officers must have clearly demonstrated their qualifications for promotion by actual occupation of a position and performance of duties appropriate to the next higher grade for a period of at least three months.

The minimum-service requirement may be waived, it was stated, in case of second lieutenants, first lieutenants and captains who have clearly demonstrated by outstanding performance in actual combat their fitness for promotion.

The new order is due to a levelling-off in the strength of the Army. It parallels the restriction on promotions to grades of lieutenant colonel and colonel ordered by the War Department in July.

True Love Dept.

If Pvt. Charles Jones of the 254th Inf. needs any assurance that his wife still loves him, he got it Wednesday when he received no less than 20 air mail letters from her. Each letter was numbered on the outside right through the whole lot.

Runner-up to Charlie Jones in popularity with the missus is Pvt. Meyer Oumansky also of the 254th, who got 12 letters in one day from his wife.

Enlisted men in the United States Marines were first issued neckties in 1925.

63D WILL AID IN BOND DRIVE

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tents and cook two meals in public view, besides putting on a demonstration; the Chaplains, who will display a field organ, and other field religious equipment; and the MP's who will protect the government property and assist in diverting private vehicles from the display area.

A similar display and program has been organized by Capt. Grover McClure of the Recon Troop for the citizens of McComb.

863d Holds Party For Softball Ten

Beer, entertainment and speeches by the officers helped members of the 863d F. A. Bn. assuage the sting of defeat suffered in the recent softball tournament, when they gathered at the Battery A's mess hall for a party last Wednesday.

An impromptu program was highlighted by three short skits by PFC Alfred W. Birmele, a singing contest between two quintets composed of Battery commanders and first sergeants, and a pantomime of the umpire and catcher presented by Sgt. Andrew S. Hajducek.

The entertainment was prefaced by talks by Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw, division artillery commander; Lt. Col. Albert S. Britt, battalion commander of the 863d; Lt. Donald F. Nims, coach of the team, and Sgt. Andrews S. Hajducek. Group singing led by Lt. James B. Stowe, concluded the night's activities.

KNOXVILLE, TENN. (CNS)— Surprised shoppers looked through the glass in a revolving door and saw a pretty girl removing her scanties from around her ankles. She then placed the whatchamaycalluts—which apparently had dropped because of weak elastic—in her pocket-book and walked away cool as a cucumber.

The Wolf by Sansone



Sports Plans

24 Teams Start Softball Series Monday

TOUCH FOOTBALL LOOP TOPS FALL SPORT PROGRAM

By way of ushering in its fall and winter sports program for Division personnel, Special Service through Lt. Bernard Levkoff, athletic director, has announced that it will conduct a touch football league which is scheduled to get under way immediately after the coming softball tournament has finished.

The tournament will be open to 11-man teams from all units in the 63d. Eleven rules will govern play and each team will be permitted to have 11 men on a team.

No Tackling

In contrast to the regulation gridiron sport, touch football permits forward passing and rushing with the ball, but no tackling is allowed and blocking must be done in an upright position without the use of hands. Every player on the offensive team is eligible to receive passes which must be made from behind the line of scrimmage.

The distance to be made for a first down is 15 instead of 10 yards, and the kickoff is decided by the toss of a coin. Inasmuch as the playing field will be only 60 yards long instead of the usual 100, and will be 40 yards wide, the ball is kicked off from the 15-yard line.

No Extra Point

In scoring, the usual six points are granted for a touchdown but there is no try for the point after score. A safety also counts two points but there is no field goal. In the event of a tie the ball is taken to mid-field and each team is permitted one series of downs. The team advancing the ball the greatest number of yards in four downs wins the game.

Stellar Talent Places Duke Among Leaders

If talent means anything, and it usually does in college football, the Duke Blue Devils should tear up the turf with their opponents this season, thanks to a preponderance of V-12 enlisted students in the ranks. With a squad of 80 men, many of them from other colleges, the Devils really have something.

Wake Forest, Mississippi State, Auburn, Georgia and Tennessee all have contributed heavily to Duke's man power. Three men from Wake Forest, Pat Preston star guard, Harry Clark, center and Johnny Perry, varsity back, should land starting berths tomorrow when the Devils tackle Camp Lejeune's team in the opening fray.

Among Duke's rivals this season will be North Carolina Pre-flight; Navy, University of North Carolina, Georgia Tech, North Carolina State and Virginia.

DOERR FIELDING ACE

Bobby Doerr of the Red Sox is credited with accepting 342 consecutive chances and playing 59 games in a row without a miscue, for a new major league fielding record for the current season. Oscar Mellilo with 271 chances set the former mark in 1934.

Captain



War is his profession but football is his recreation. He's big Casimir Myslinski, of Steubenville, Ohio, captain and center of Army team at U. S. Military Academy, West Point.

LSU Plays Georgia In Night Conflict

The Louisiana State University football team will play five of its eight scheduled games under lights this season and the opening conflict with the Rose Bowl champions of the University of Georgia, Sept. 25, at Baton Rouge, will be one of those games.

Coach Bernie Moore of the Tigers has been working his untried varsity in night scrimmages in the big LSU stadium in order to accustom the men to the bright lights.

Army-Navy Contest Returns To Public

WASHINGTON — The annual Army-Navy football game will be played this fall, according to Assistant Secretary of War, John J. McCloy. The site for the contest has not as yet been decided upon, according to the Assistant Secretary.

Last year the game was an exclusive affair staged before Navy personnel only at Annapolis. This year it is expected to be returned to the public. Philadelphia and other cities in the neighborhood of the two schools have already placed bids for the game. Philadelphia's bid calls for a ticket sale of war bonds.

NEW YORK (CNS) — Edith Reynolds, 22, sentenced to a jail term for soliciting, told the judge she "was through with this kind of life" and would marry her sweetheart tomorrow if allowed to go free. "Not today," said the judge, as he sentenced her to 30 days.

861st Rallies To Beat 253d

Overcoming a four-run lead held by the opposition in the sixth inning, the 861st F. A. Bn., softball team registered eight tallies in the seventh to defeat the 2nd Bn. of the 253d Inf., 17-15, in a free-scoring contest last week.

Gericke started in the box for the winners but was relieved by Deisize in the sixth when the Infantrymen rallied to score seven runs. Deisize yielded two tallies in the seventh.

The lineup:

861st F. A. (17)		Ab	r	h
Bailey, c	.....	4	1	0
Walden, 2b	.....	5	4	2
Palumbo, ss	.....	5	1	1
Zakrezwski, si	.....	3	2	1
Tavallio, 3b	.....	4	3	3
Louer, 1b	.....	3	1	1
Justo, rf	.....	4	0	1
DeJicomo, cf	.....	2	1	0
Schober, lf	.....	4	2	2
Gericke, p	.....	4	2	2
Deisize, p	.....	1	0	0
TOTAL		39	17	13

253d Inf. (15)		Ab	r	h
Rento, c	.....	5	2	1
Chester, 2b	.....	3	2	1
Zukowski, 1b	.....	3	2	1
Brooks, 1b	.....	1	0	0
Poggie, 3 b	.....	3	2	2
Breedy, rf, p	.....	4	0	0
Elks, rf	.....	0	0	0
Turnage, cf	.....	3	1	1
McIntyre, lf	3	1	0
Cunningham, ss	2	3	1
Corry, sf	4	1	1
Curry, p	4	1	2
TOTAL		35	15	10

Score By Innings	
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Hammelmann Is Star As Special Troops Win

With two out and the bases loaded in the final inning, Lt. Percy Hammelmann starred on the mound for the 63d Special Troops softball team, Tuesday, when he fanned the last two men enabling his team to blank officers of Division Staff, 1-0. The victory was the second in as many days scored by the Special Troops ten over their rivals. On Monday they shaded the Staff combine, 4-3.

In addition to Lt. Hammelmann, Lt. Arthur Dunfee was also outstanding for the winning team. Capt. Bartow Kelly, Lt. Buck Levkoff, and WO Harold Hutcheson led the losers.

Rice Seeks Passer To Bolster Attack

HOUSTON, Tex. — What the Rice Owls need more than anything else right now, according to Coach Jess Neely, is a good passer. The Texans are shaping up well in other respects with a sprinkling of collegians who are taking the V-12 program. The Owls are due to get a passer on Oct. 23, however, when Bucky Sheffield, ex-Texas A. & M. chucker becomes eligible for the team.

The Texans will have played Louisiana State, Oct. 2, Tulane on Oct. 9, and Southern Methodist, Oct. 16, before Sheffield is able to get his throwing arm working.

NEW STARTING TIMES

In order to give football fans, especially defense workers and soldiers a break, Tulane University at New Orleans, will start its football games later than usual this season. October home games will start at 3:30 o'clock, and November games at 3 o'clock.

In 1922 Ty Cobb made five hits in one game on four occasions.

SECOND TOURNEY TO HAVE THREE 8-TEAM LEAGUES

So much enthusiasm was generated by the recent softball tournament which started when the Division was still at Camp Blanding and which concluded here at Camp Van Dorn last week, that Special Service has decided to conduct a second series in which teams representing 24 units will start competition Monday afternoon. Pepsi-Cola has offered a trophy which will be presented to the winning team, and a prize will also go to the outfit placing second.

The second tourney will be divided into three circuits, Blue, Red and White, and Green leagues. Each loop will be comprised of eight teams and winning teams in each will play off in a championship round which should reach its climax sometime early next month.

Injection of new blood into this latest competition from among the trainees, who have been arriving daily in camp, is expected to heighten the action and provide keener competition for the veteran combinations which participated in the last series.

Among the outstanding contenders for laurels in the forthcoming event will be the 254th Infantry's ten which captured the title in the last tournament by defeating the 863d F. A. Bn., in a hectic final series.

Teams representing the following outfits will compete:

Blue League—253d Inf. 1st Bn., 861st F. A. Bn., 253d Inf., 2nd Bn., 862d F. A. Bn., 253d Inf., 3d Bn., 863d F. A. Bn., 253d Sp. Trps., 718th F. A. Bn.

Red and White League—254th Inf., 1st Bn., 255th Inf. 1st Bn., 254th Inf., 2d Bn., 255th Inf., 2d Bn., 254th Inf., 3d Bn., 255th Inf., 3d Bn., 254th Sp. Trps., 255th Sp. Trps.

Green League—763d Ord., 63d M. P., Hq. Co., 63d Band, 63d Q.M., 63d Ren. Trop., 563d Sig. Co., 263d Eng. Bn.

Centreville High '11' Opens Season Tonight

Football will be presented practically on Camp Van Dorn's doorstep tonight under the lights when Centreville High School's grid eleven opens its season with Gloster High at the Centreville Stadium at 8 o'clock. Soldiers will be admitted for 20 cents.

Coach Webb of Centreville will be sending a light, untried eleven against the opposition, which is expected to present a strong lineup.

McComb High School's eleven will open its season tonight when it plays Baton Rouge High at the McComb Athletic field at 8 o'clock. Soldiers will be admitted for 30 cents.

2,000 HITTERS

To eleven men now active in the major leagues goes the distinction of having made 2,000 or more hits. In the National League they are Paul Waner, Dick Bartell, Billy Herman, Joe Medwick, Arky Vaughan, Mel Ott and Chuck Klein. The American Leaguers are Al Simmons, Joe Cronin, Roger Cramer and Luke Appling.

As early as 1925 amphibious tanks were used on maneuvers by United States Marines.

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

Hi! Soldiers! I imagine Van Dorn looked pretty good to you after 50 hours more or less in a day coach, and unless I miss my guess it looked even better after that fine and human reception you received. And believe it or not you look mighty good to us too. For almost six months every officer and non-com of the Division has been preparing and praying for your arrival. Think of it—a platoon instead of K. P.—something to put our teeth into.

Times and methods have certainly changed since the first time I put up my hand and whispered "I do". After 25 years I'd cheerfully murder that buck sergeant who took me in tow and threw the book at me so far as insults were concerned, but it certainly put steel in my soul. Maybe this new method does the same thing. If so I'm all for it. You boys don't know how lucky you are though; music at the train, kindly treatment, good chow, postcards to send home, the job you're best suited for and last but not least you're members of the best outfit in the Army.

Two or three years ago when I was on foreign service we received word we were getting several hundred draftees. We were burned up but when they arrived they amazed everybody by their fine spirit and willingness. As a matter of fact they put a lot of us regulars to shame. You folks look like the same kind of guys to me. All of which adds up to a feeling in my bones that we are really on our way toward a fine Division. But don't get the idea that it will stay a bed of roses without a lot of hard work by you. Unless you do your part the hene,moon will be over before you can say "boo".

There's another angle too. I've never seen a soldier who didn't like chevrons on his arms and money in his pockets. Just as soon as you can convince that company commander of yours that you've got the makings you'll stand a fine chance of getting both and won't that be something to write home about.

Now, just a few tips about how to do it.

First: dress up, shave every day, preferably in the morning. Get your hair cut good and short and keep it that way. Find out the proper uniform and always be in it. Shine your shoes. Look smart. Keep your bunk and surroundings neat and clean.

Second: Be courteous. Salute every officer you see, and if in doubt, salute anyway, and when you salute smile and say, "Good morning sir," or something like that. That's an old 63d Division custom.

Third: Convince that squad and platoon leader that you're out to do what they want.

Fourth: When you get that rifle or whatever you're armed with, keep it clean and well oiled at all times. It's your stock in trade and your best friend.

Fifth: Don't gripe. If you've got the idea that "bitching" is the privilege of a good soldier you're all wet. I've found that the best soldiers are cheerful, and the harder the going the more cheerful they are. Take my advice and laugh off your troubles.

Sixth: Watch your step when you go on pass. The quickest way I know to get in Dutch with the "Old Man" is to get a "dose" or land in the jug. Just remember that you represent your outfit, look extra good and be as military as Hell, and it's surprising how quickly he'll hear about it.

Last: Never forget for a moment that it won't be long before you'll be swapping that comfortable barracks for a fox hole. Begin now to quote: "learn to live" and win.

Jap Tank Expert Dead

NEW YORK (CNS)—Dr. Michi-toshi Ichihara, Japanese Army tank expert, was killed recently while testing a German tank according to radio reports heard here.

Good Food Wins Honor For Sergeant

WASHINGTON (CNS) — S/Sgt. Edward Dzaba, a mess instructor, has won the Legion of Merit. "Sgt. Dzaba," the citation said, "has originated many unusual and appetizing recipes for the utilization of leftover scraps. This ingenuity has greatly reduced food losses from waste and spoilage. His messes have been outstanding as to economy, appearance and cookery."

63d Troops Attend Dance at Natchez

Men of the 63d Division went to Natchez last night to attend a dance at the Natchez Community Hall given in honor of the Division by the Military Maids of Natchez.

These girls are the same ones who came to Camp Van Dorn a short while back to attend the Special Troops Dance under direction of Lt. Col. John M. Underwood. This was the opening dance of the 63d Division's social season, and was attended by Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, Brig. Gen. Fredrick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander; Brig. Gen. Edward J. McCraw, Division Artillery Commander, and members of the General Staff.

Lt. Harris, Miss Gunn Wed At Chapel No. 2

In the first 63d Division wedding to take place in Camp Van Dorn's Chapel No. 2, Miss Edith Gunn and Lt. George E. Harris, of Hq. Co. 253d Inf. were married at a military wedding Sept. 10 by Chaplain Morris Kausler.

The bride wore a long white gown and carried an old fashioned bouquet. She was attended by her sister, Miss Carolyn Gunn, who was dressed in blue. Lt. Orville W. Peterson was best man, and he and the groom wore their service uniforms. The organ was played by Mrs. Virgil P. Foster Jr., wife of the company commander.

As the bridal couple left the church they passed through the crossed rifles of a military guard of honor. The 15 honor guards were: S/Sgt. B. H. Biggs, S/Sgt. J. P. Coyle, Jr., S/Sgt. M. D. Van-Demark, S/Sgt. Lawrence G. Leonard, S/Sgt. Frank A. Brooks, Sgt. H. L. Turnage, Sgt. E. Corrie, Sgt. C. E. Koeneke, Sgt. P. Zukowski, Cpl. R. E. Harris, T-5 G. A. R. Ciasca, Pvt. R. C. Houston, Pvt. R. S. Rymar, Pvt. G. W. Killian, Pvt. W. P. Greutzner and Pvt. J. Kline. Sgt. Turnage coached the honor guard.

A reception followed at the Hq. Co. Day room.

LOST

Plain yellow gold wedding ring, initials T. M. M.-C. W. G., on inside band. Finder kindly return to Maj. Chas. W. Gibbs, Division Signal Officer.

BALTIMORE (CNS)—Mrs. Helen Robar, 42, left work early one day, went home, had a baby and reported back to her job the next day. She was told that the firm prohibited women working for 60 days after childbirth. She said she would get a temporary job in a cannery because she couldn't "sit around that long."

Lt. Rush Boots Mule Home First In Natchez Classic

If the walls of the 63d officers' quarters resound with cries of "Hi-Yo, Silver!" don't start looking around for the Lone Ranger. It's just Lts. Ward C. Rush and Bernard Levkoff celebrating their recent victories at the mule race in Natchez.

Sponsored by the Natchez Lions Club, the mule race was part of a horse show run for the benefit of the local servicemen's club.

Lt. Rush, a hard-riding Texan from Div. Hq. Co., got most of his riding experience driving an oil truck for Standard Oil. Lt. Levkoff, Division Athletic Officer, got his experience riding herd in the wilds of New York City.

Before an overflowing crowd of 2,000 enthusiastic fans, the 63d men mounted their steeds. A moment later came the crack of the pistol. The race was on!

Lt. Rush's long-eared mount

SNAFU SAYS HE NEVER KIPPLED, SO WHERE DOES KIPLING STAND?

The Editor strolled over in Snafu's direction.

"What're you working on now, Yardbird?" he asked.

The Yardbird waved him aside impatiently.

"Don't barther me," he said, "I kin not have me train of thort inerrupted."

The Editor watched interestedly as the Yardbird smashed away furiously at the typewriter, pounding on the keys, viciously slamming the carriage back as it hit the end of each line.

"I yam writin' some high-tone poetry," he explained, between attacks on the typewriter.

"What on, Yardbird?" The Editor inquired.

"High-tone poetry don't have to be on nothin' " the Yardbird said. "Any ole fool knows that. You jus' string some woids together that soun' good. Thass all they is to it."

Verse and Verse

"Gad," said the Editor, "That's verse than I thought it would be."

"Now you take this here Bard of Brooklyn" . . . the Yardbird expounded.

"Not me," the Editor interrupted hurriedly. "I won't have anything to do with the guy. Only," he added, "to use his poetry."

The Yardbird quieted him with a wave of his hand.

"Now this here so-called Bard of Brooklyn ain't got nothin' on the ball. If I couldn't write better stuff than him, I'd give up."

"It stanza to reason," the Editor quipped.

The Yardbird got angry.

"Thass the trouble with you, ole boy. You can't take nothing serious. Poetry is not a thing to joke about."

"Y'know Yardbird," the Editor

63d Braintrusters

Aided by brainpower supplied by two men, Pvts. Albert J. Phillips and Carl F. Wood, both of whom are newcomers to the Division, a team composed of men from the 63d's 253th Infantry, outquizzed a similar group representing the 99th Division at Service Club No. 2 last week.

PFC John Wilber of the 253th, was high man in the contest and returned to his quarters richer by a carton of cigarettes. In addition each man on the winning team received a ticket for a free meal at the Service Club. Beside Pvs. Phillips, Wood and Wilber, Sgt. Harold J. Gilligan and Cpl. Steven Hornak served on the winning team.

said, "I'm getting sort of bard with you."

The Yardbird spluttered in rage. "Ain't you got no respect for nothin'?" he finally came out with.

Pleased To Meet

"Why sure I have, Yardbird," the Editor told him. "I got respect for a lot of things. Especially women. And if you got a girl friend, I'll be pleased to meet."

That one went over Snafu's head. He felt a little soothed.

"Frankly, me lad," he confessed, "This here poem is for me girl frien' "

He sighed deeply. "Let's see it, old pal," the Editor begged.

The Yardbird got coy.

"You ain't got the proper attitude to look at this here poem of thort. Frankly, me lad, you ain't the type what would apprise this sort of thing."

The Editor persisted.

"Please, Snafu, old pal," he pleaded, "For the sake of the good old days we spent together in The Gem Cafe in Natchez."

The Yardbird was touched. He handed the sheet of paper to the Editor.

The Editor read it appreciatively.

"This," he said, "reminds me of Kipling."

He turned to the Yardbird. "Do you like Kipling?" he asked.

The Yardbird thought a moment.

"I dunno," he said, "I ain't never kippled."

Pittsburgh Girl Is Real "Dirty Gertie"

NORTH AFRICA (CNS)— The curvacious Nazi propagandist known as Gertie from Berlin who has been beaming radio programs from Germany to North Africa is really Gertrude Hahn, a former resident of Pittsburgh, who moved to Germany in 1938 to do propaganda work.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of Terry and the Pirates

Go West, Young Man



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MUST SEIZE ITALY FIRST, GEN. DECLARES

That all of Italy must be seized before Americans take other "stepping stones" to Europe such as Sardinia, Corsica or Crete was the pronouncement of Gen. Eisenhower in a message received in Washington last week from an advanced Allied Command Post.

"Big League Ball"

The General said:

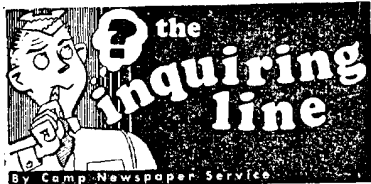
"We are playing in the big leagues. You can't hit a home run by bunting. You have to step up there and take your cut at the ball.

"I don't believe in fighting battles to chase someone out of somewhere. Our object is to trap and smash the enemy. The time has come to hit the Germans where it hurts."

Nazis Strong in Italy

The heavy resistance of the Germans in Italy comes from between 15 and 20 German divisions spread over the northern provinces. This is more than the entire strength of the German forces in Tunisia and Sicily. Though Gen. Eisenhower's forces will undoubtedly suffer losses in this campaign, it is probable that the German losses will be considerably steeper if the American invasion is successful, as there is no easy avenue of escape for the Germans as there was in Tunisia and Sicily.

American forces, by seizing Italian airfields, will also be within bombing range of all Germany, and this would force further dispersion of German anti-aircraft defenses which are now concentrated along the routes flown by the RAF and AAF in bombing forays from England.



Q. Are WACs admitted to training and service in the Army Medical Department?

A. Yes. WACs are being enrolled at the Army-Navy Hospital school at Hot Springs, Ark. in military hospital training courses. Graduates will be assigned to duty at general and station hospitals.

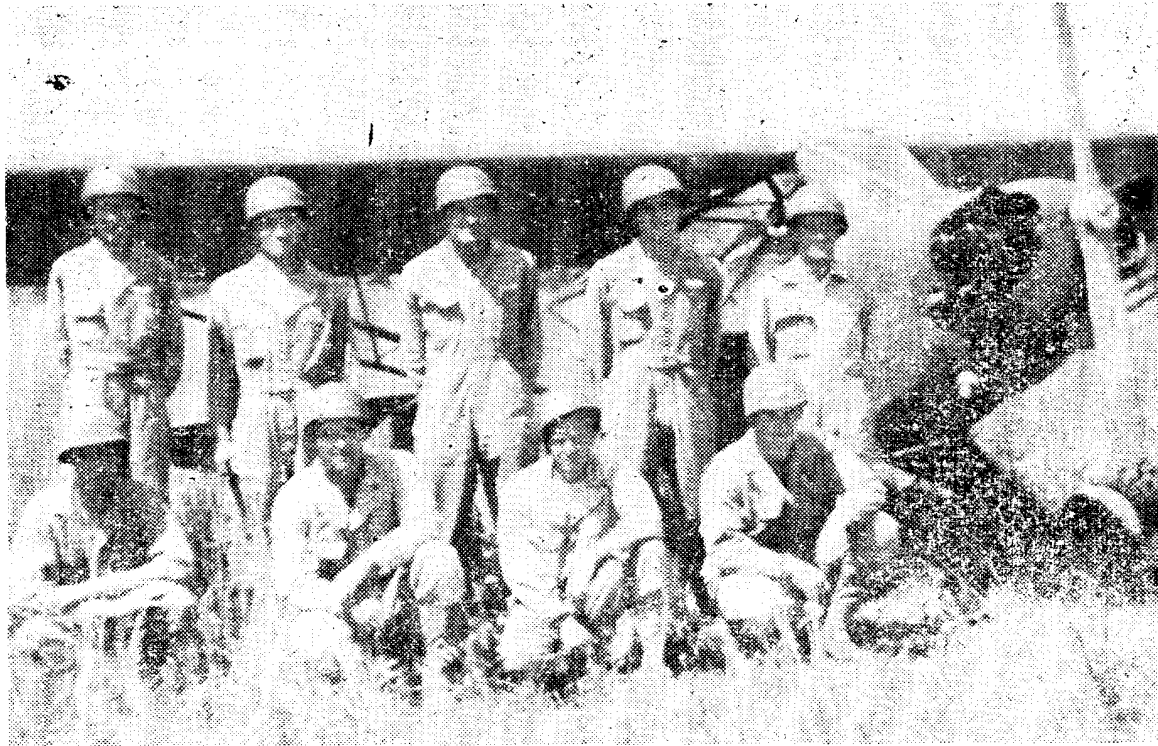
Q. What is the best way for soldiers abroad to send Christmas gifts to the folks back home?

A. The Army Exchange Service has made arrangements through its New York office with a number of firms for a mail order service through which men overseas may send gifts home. Illustrated catalogues have been mailed to every PX where military personnel is stationed outside the U. S. Gifts must be ordered from the PXs by Oct. 1 to guarantee delivery by Christmas and each gift must be paid for in cash when it is ordered. When you order your gift, make sure you give the correct address because a lot of orders have already been returned because of incorrect addresses.

Q. I am now an officer in the Army of the United States but after the war will become an enlisted man again. Will I be entitled to the same seniority benefits I enjoyed before I was commissioned?

A. Yes. Under the provisions of the act of July 14, 1939, an enlisted man who tenders himself for enlistment within six months after the honorable termination of active duty under his commission will be restored — without loss of seniority—to the permanent grade he held in the Regular Army before he was discharged to accept his commission.

63d's Five Flying Artys Provide Eyes For Cannoneers To Spot Foe In Combat



Standing before one of the Blood and Fire Division's Piper Cub planes are the Five Flying Artillery officers of the division and their mechanics. Front row (left to right) Pfc. Hamzeke, Cpl. Boleski, Pfc. Hemak, T. Sgt. Crawford. Standing, Lt. Boyd, Lt. Calhoun, Lt. Townsend, Lt. Farrell and Lt. Boyd.

If you see a Field Artillery officer walking down the company street with a pair of silver wings sparkling on his chest, don't swear off bloody booze and go at thinking you're having delusions—it's just one of the Blood and Fire Division's flying liaison officers.

There are five of these Flying Artys, Field Artillery officers who have gone through special flight schools and who will pilot our Piper Cub observation planes to direct artillery fire and obtain information about enemy positions, strength and movements.

Additional Planes Expected

Five of our planes are now parked out on a large field south of Division Headquarters Motor Pool, more will be added later. Throughout the day the pilots—all of whom are officers—and a small group of mechanics may be seen putting finishing touches on the plane assemblies and getting them ready for test flights.

Lt. Harry J. Kern, of Tiffin, O., who flies for Division Artillery Headquarters, said that the planes are regulation L4H Piper Cub planes, which differ only slightly from the training planes which thousands of American boys and girls have learned to fly under the nation-wide CAA and CAB flight programs of recent years.

Fly At Low Altitude

The little planes weigh between 750 and 800 pounds, and have an airspeed of 65 mph. They are powered by 4-cylinder Continental motors. "Our only armament is our .45 cal. pistols, and we wouldn't have much chance of using them against a Zero fighter," Lt. Kern said yesterday. "In action we would usually fly low over our own lines, giving ourselves sufficient elevation to adjust our artillery fire and at the same time to get a good look at enemy positions.

"If attacked by enemy planes

Chaplains Are Guests At Nearby Churches

Division Chaplain Robert H. Clarke and Chaplain Leonard W. Boynton were guests last Sunday in two Mississippi pulpits in nearby communities. Chaplain Clarke conducted services at the Presbyterian Church at McComb, where his sermon was also broadcast over the McComb radio station. Chaplain Boynton conducted services at the Crosby Baptist Church, Crosby, Miss.

we could fly as low as two feet off the ground, which would be too low for the enemy to try to hit us. We could also duck in and out among trees, as our planes are more maneuverable than any of the faster planes. That is our greatest safety feature."

Low For Parachutes

Kern said that the flying eyes of the 63d Division will wear parachutes only during test flights and when flying above 1,000 feet. "They wouldn't be much use if we caught fire under 1,000 feet," he said. "The fabric covering the plane would burn up within a minute."

Down at the 63d "airport" every day you can see Lieutenants Farrell, Townsend, Boyd, Calhoun, and Kern, as they get their planes

Chaplains Plan Special Mission Sept. 26 to 30

A Preaching Mission under the joint auspices of the Protestant Chaplains, the Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains and the Federal Council of Churches, will be held at Camp Van Dorn from Sept. 26 to 30 inclusive, it was announced today by Post Chaplain Garner D. Noland.

Such nationally known speakers as Chaplains Ora J. Cohee, of the 8th Service Command; Dr. Harry Knowles, Dallas, Tex.; Dr. I. M. Nargett, Louisville, Ky.; Dr. Hershel Hobbs, Alexandria, La.; Dr. Clovis Chappel, Jackson, Miss.; Dr. Albert Shirkey, Dallas, Tex.; and Dr. M. E. Dodd, Shreveport, La., will address white troops, while Dr. Nathaniel Jeltz, Meridian, Miss., and the Rev. Larry Richardson, chaplain at Tuskegee Institute, have been invited to speak before Negro soldiers.

Speakers will be assigned to places in the Camp where it is felt that the largest number of soldiers can be reached. The places and times for each meeting will be announced at a later date.

G. I. A 'MINUTE MAN'

ENGLAND (CNS)—Most ingenious GI at one Flying Fortress base here is Cpl. Archie L. Morris of St. Charles, Mo. Told to flatten 100 tin cans by dropping a 20-pound weight on each one, he completed the job in one minute by getting the operator of a steamroller to run over them.

into shape.

Hold Dual Ranks

All five pilots have been together since they reported to Denton, Texas, where they received their pre-flight training. Additional instruction was absorbed at Fort Sill, Okla. These flying artillerymen have the novel distinction of holding equal rank in both the Army Ground Forces and Army Air Force, and since they will fly more than eight hours a month they will be entitled to flight pay the same as Air Force pilots.

While in the air, each plane is connected with a ground liaison officer in its respective battery. Should hostile aircraft be sighted from the ground, the planes would be contacted by radio and the pilots would either dodge low among the trees or land quickly.

Out on the fields of Camp Van Dorn the war seems far off, and the five officers impatiently tinkering with their engines, mutter about the delay in getting pigmented dope with which they'll add new names and division insignia to their planes. As they make their daily test flights and circle low over Div. Arty. area, they look eagerly ahead to the day when covers will be drawn from the big guns and they will get to work directing their fire in actual combat.

Get Along Swimmily

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) — A couple of soldiers felt warm so they jumped into a city fountain and started splashing around. A couple of MPs came along. They felt warm, too, so they jumped into the fountain, splashed around a little themselves and then carted the original splashers away to the jug.

WO Sets New Mark In Climb To Grade

STINSON FIELD, Tex. (CNS)—Edward Carpenter of Camp Stewart, Ga., who became a warrant officer in seven months, can take a back seat to W/O Leo C. Billups of this Air Depot Training Station. Mr. Billups, a linotype operator and printer in civilian life, entered the Army Jan. 20, 1942 and was appointed warrant officer (jg) Aug. 15, 1942 hence beating Mr. Carpenter's record by five days. Mr. Billups advanced through the grades of corporal, sergeant and staff sergeant. He became a chief warrant officer April, 1943.

NEW CARTRIDGE LEAVES CARBINE BARREL CLEAN

Here's good news for those men in the 63d Division who carry carbines for side-arms.

Development of a new type non-corrosive carbine cartridge is announced by Thomas I. S. Boak, of the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. The cartridge, he says, leaves no damaging deposit in the barrel when it has been fired.

Old Type Produced Rust

Previous ammunition for this gun has left a deposit in the gun barrel after firing. This deposit has frequently produced rust and made frequent cleaning after use a necessity.

According to Mr. Boak, the new ammunition will leave a protective covering in the bore, instead of the primer deposit which caused the rusting. This will relieve the necessity of the constant cleaning.

Pistol Type Cartridge

The new cartridge is a caliber .30 pistol type, with the bullet having a muzzle velocity of 2,000 feet per second. It has an effective range of 300 yards, which is four times that of the caliber .45 automatic pistol cartridge. Smokeless powder is used in the cartridge, and the bullet is of the popular "copper-clad" type.

News From Your Own Home Town

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He stepped into the kitchen a minute and when he returned the girl was gone—and so was the cash.

PHOENIX, Ariz. (CNS)—Walter Tuchsien had an argument with a group of men on the street. "How easy it is to pick pockets" was the subject of their discussion. After the men went away, Tuchsien reached into his hip pocket. His wallet was gone.

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) — cop stopped a pedestrian here and asked him why he was walking backwards. "I like to read the expressions on the faces of the people following me," the man answered.

LARCHMONT, N. Y.—When the fire siren sounded here for a blaze recently, villagers did not see Chief Alexis B. Cueneen dash by in his red auto. The shiny vehicle was somewhere in Pennsylvania. The Chief was on his way to a fire chiefs convention in the buggy when he ran out of gas. Latest reports are that he is back home again and all has been forgiven.

UNION, N. J. — Sam Hobart fell out of a circus truck while it was rounding a curve and before he could scramble out of the way an elephant fell out of the truck on top of his leg. Hobart got a broken leg. The elephant got a couple of bruises.

ST. LOUIS (CNS)—Twelve-year-old Vina Marler is a happy little girl today. She won't have to go to school any more because she married 16-year-old Billy Nash. "Bill sure was a fast worker," said Vina's mother with whom the young couple shares a three-room cabin, "but Vina never did like school anyway."

SEATTLE (CNS) — Mrs. Anna Roosevelt Boettiger, daughter of President and Mrs. Roosevelt, has been named an honorary Sioux Indian and given the title "Contiskuia" which means "sweet-heart."