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News From Your Own Home Town

ELLENSBURGH, Wash. (CNS)—A horse owner marched his steed into a beauty parlor here and ordered a complete beauty treatment for the oat eater. Two hours later the horse marched out again, complete with a peroxide bleach and platinum rinse for mane and tail.

JUNCTION CITY, Kan. (CNS)—This town claims it has the only barefooted woman bus driver in the USA. Her name is Marguerite See and she explains her idiosyncrasy as "a habit of my bicycle riding days." By driving barefoot, she declares, she can do a smoother job on the clutch.

LOS ANGELES (CNS)—Mrs. Evelyn Murphy had her husband arrested because he punched her in the eye. In court, however, she asked to have the complaint dismissed. "I guess I had it coming," she said. "You see, I bit him first."

MCGREGOR, Ia. (CNS)—During recent Missouri river floods Betty Eichendorf accidentally dropped a diamond in the river. When the water subsided she went back to the spot where she dropped it and with a mud shovel and wire hook she fished it out in 15 minutes.

SALT LAKE CITY (CNS)—Tillie Coletti was walking home across a bridge one night when the headlights of an oncoming car startled her into falling into the river. "The man driving the car got out and started looking for me," said Tillie, "but I felt so silly I waited under the bridge until he left."

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS)—Six tall and shapely showgirls took off their street clothes the other day and picketed Office of Price Administration headquarters in scanties, wearing this placard: "Short Stockings are Shocking." They wanted the OPA to recog-

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63D'S SOLDIERS DRAW PLAUDITS FROM CIVILIANS

Additional feathers were added to the cap of the 63d Division (which cap is beginning to look like an Indian Chief's war bonnet) today when commendations from civilian sources were received in the form of letters by Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, commander of the Division.

The McComb Chamber of Commerce, through its Secretary-Manager, Paul Diamond, expressed the thanks of the City of McComb for the cooperation given by men of the 63d in the recent War Bond drive, and the USO Club at Baton Rouge, through James W. Lyon, secretary, praised the Division's men for their excellent conduct.

The McComb letter reads as follows:

"Enclosed herewith you will find two front pages from our local paper telling the story of 'Army Day' which we put on here in McComb last Saturday through

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TOMMY GOMEZ IN CAMP BOUT

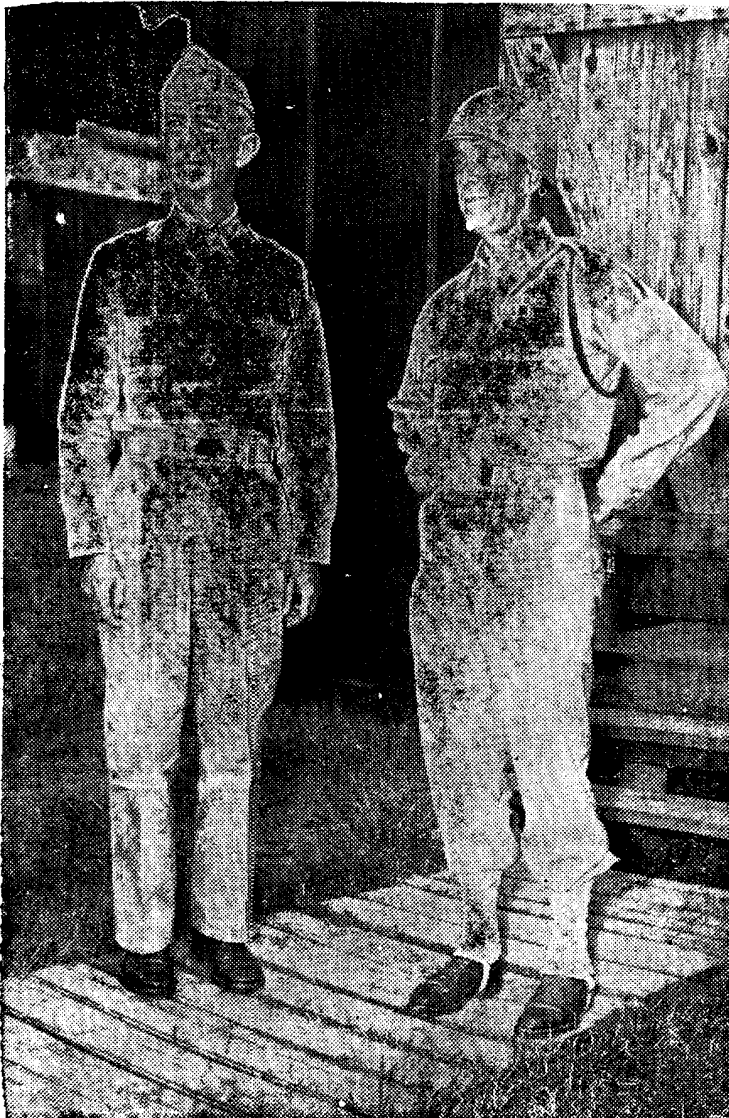
Winner of 47 professional bouts in 50, among which 39 knockouts are profusely sprinkled, 23-year-old "Blockbuster Tommy" Gomez of Tampa, Fla., will show his fistic wares at the outdoor Arena Thursday night at 8:30 in an exhibition bout with an opponent who has yet to be selected. The bout to either with a card of four additional fights will be presented under the joint auspices of Division and Camp Special Services.

Gomez, an aviation cadet awaiting transfer out of Camp, is attached to the MP sub-section at Camp Headquarters.

According to The Associated

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COMMANDERS SEE TRAINEES IN ACTION



Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, commanding the Third Army, is shown with Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, commander of the 63d Division, last week as the former conducted an informal inspection of the Division.

ANNIE ROONEY, SCREEN DANCER, HEADS SHOW COMING TO CAMP

Starring Annie Rooney, Hollywood dancer and singer, the USO show "All Is Well" will appear in Camp Van Dorn, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

The show will be presented on the Camp's outdoor stage at 1830 and 2030 Monday and Tuesday for

white troops, and on Wednesday for colored troops. In the event of inclement weather Theater No. 1 will be used for the white troops and Theater No. 3 for colored troops.

Started On Radio

Annie Rooney got her start as a singer on the Horn and Hardart Children's Hour in New York. Her success on that program won for her a movie contract in Hollywood.

Miss Rooney will spend the last two days of her visit touring the Camp. On Wednesday she will conduct an autograph period from 1900 to 2000 at Service Club No. 1 and at 2000 she will entertain at Theater No. 1.

On Thursday she will breakfast at the Officers Club and will then visit Division troops in the field. From 1330 to 1530 she will lunch at the F Co's Mess of the 255th Inf. She will entertain again at Theater No. 1 at 2030.

Comedy Acts

In addition to Annie Rooney, the show "All Is Well" will include singers, dancers and comed-

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LT. GEN. HODGES OBSERVES WORK OF 63D TRAINEES

Swooping down upon Camp Van Dorn aboard a Lockheed C-60 transport, Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, Commanding General of the Third Army, conducted an inspection of the 63d Division's men and equipment last Friday and Saturday.

Formalities were dispensed with and the General was greeted only by Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, commanding the 63d, accompanied by Lt. Col. George G. Guiteras, Division Surgeon. With Gen. Hodges were Col. T. D. Hurley, 3d Army Surgeon, and the General's aide, Capt. W. C. Sylvan.

After visiting Division Headquarters, Gen. Hodges accompanied by Gen. Hibbs, Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander, and Gen. Edward J. McGaw, Division Artillery Commander, witnessed a demonstration of squad tactics.

Rangers Demonstrate

On Saturday the General continued his tour of inspection. The Ranger Platoon demonstrated stream crossing and later a fast march from the Beaver Creek area to Camp. He was present when Combat Team Red was running the obstacle course, and saw a display of full field equipment without tents presented by the 254th Inf. Division Artillery displayed weapons as part of a training period for newly arrived fillers. The General toured regimental areas before leaving as units conducted organized athletic activities.

General Hodges is an Army veteran of 39 years service. Born in Georgia he was appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1904 but left he Point the following year and joined the Regular Army in 1906. He came up through the ranks with the old 17th Infantry and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Infantry in 1909.

Received D. S. C.

In July 1916 he became a first

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861st Artillerymen Stage First Show

The 861st Field Artillery Battalion's first show was staged last Wednesday in the Combat Team Red recreation hall.

Opening with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by the audience, the show continued with voice and instrument solos by various members of the battalion, and concluded with a rendition of field artillery song by the 861st Sextet.

As a result of the enthusiasm with which the first show was received, said members of the 861st, more shows of the same type may be anticipated soon.

Consider The Fate Of The Poor Civilian-Sleeps Late-For Him No Revelry At Reveille

During one of my leisure moments, of which I have many (O. K. Sarge a guy has to go to the latrine sometime) I sit and concentrate on the bitter fate of the poor civilian. I feel sorry for the poor unlucky fellows who cannot enjoy the good fortune that has befallen us. If I had my way they would all, including my draft board, be here with me to profit from the Good Way of Life. But alas! the Government has made rules restricting this privilege to a chosen few-millions.

Let us just compare the life of Cecil Civilian with that of a GI private. Mind you we're not crowing, just stating some obvious truths.

"What A Beautiful Morning"

At 5:30 a. m. we are awakened by the melodious voice of our sergeant singing a tune from the hit Broadway show, "Oklahoma." "Oh What a Beautiful Morning." Cecil Civilian, having nothing to do must remain in his warm feather bed for at least another couple of hours while we see the beauty of a Missis-

sippi sunrise as we whisk the rain out of our eyes. Cecil never knows the joy and pride of a wrinkleless bed and a mop in his hands. All he can do is smoke in bed and flip ashes on the floor and he has no butt can—the Army has them all.

Can Cecil Civilian experience any feeling like that of standing reveille in perfect formation and then digging his feet out of the mud?

Not Cecil. The poor fellow must

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TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

I think I'll do a little talking this week about First Sergeants. Being above grade myself and having seen many of them—both good and bad—I reckon I'm qualified to discuss them with a little authority. I used to hear an old Company Commander who spoke broken English. He would beat his chest and say:

"I'm de papa of dis outfit. The First Sergeant, she de momma. De Company, she de kids."

That expresses the idea mighty well, for just as you can't have a good family without a good momma, you can't have a good company without a good first sergeant.

I used to hear another company commander say to his first sergeant:

"Sergeant, I'm hanging this company right around your neck. I want you to feel that you're the biggest shot in it. When we do something good you're going to get the lion's share of the credit. When something goes away, you're going to get the blame."

This particular company commander took pains that his first sergeant didn't become a glorified clerk and spend more time behind his desk than with the company. And did that top-kick strut his stuff during an inspection! He'd put on all his ribbons—and he chest stuck out a mile, he took charge and ran that show.

I've seen more than one General follow him around as meek as a lamb. I have a feeling that Generals like 'em like that.

Was I burned up last week when the Division Commander inspected our outfit. Ours couldn't really have been called a first sergeant unit. Had lots of 'em—and his marksmanship medals, and with his barrel day. He was the forgotten man. The Company Commander didn't give him a chance. I have to admit it, our Company didn't look so good either—didn't click somehow.

There may be officers who can run an outfit without a first sergeant but I've yet to see one.

In a nut shell, a Company is no better, no worse, or just as good as its first sergeant. He's the sparkplug. And if he isn't firing, the outfit is sure headed for trouble. I know you young company commanders won't mind a little advice from an old timer. Hang that company around that top-kick's neck. If he can't take it you'd better stht looking for another one.

YARDBIRD SNAFU FLAYS EDITOR BUT GETS LACING IN THE END

The Yardbird shook his head sorrowfully.

"This here business has ceased to be a joke," he said.

He shook his finger at BLOOD AND FIRE's staff in warning.

"I deman' more respect from you boys. I have put up with all the disrespect I inten' to stan' for. I yam sick and tire of this here shoresheetin'. If I have to pull me rank as senior yarrboid, I will not hesertate."

No Infantile Tricks

"Why, Snafu," said Pvt. Tom Hocter, in a hurt manner, "What makes you think we would go around pulling infantile tricks like shortsheeting people? You have cut me to the quick, old man."

The Yardbird squared his shoulders angrily.

"Hocker, ole boy, they is three things wrong with yer attitude. First, I yam not er ole man. If I had of spawned yer I would have drowned yer foist before I let yer grow up to be a editor."

The Yardbird sighed wearily. "I'm willing to know my faults," Hocter said. "What else is wrong with my attitude?"

Senior Yarrboid

"The secon' thing wrong," the Yardbird told him, "is that I yam not gettin' the respect I yam entitled to by voichue of my rank as senior yarrboid. I will have you know, ole boy, that I espeak to be addressed as YARRBOID Snafu in the future. Les not have none of this here Snafu stuff."

Hocter was agreeable. "Okay, Yardbird," he said "Yardbird Snafu it is. Anything else?"

"The thoid thing," the Yardbird said, "is this here shoresheetin' business. I yam gettin' sick and tire of it. I kin not come into the ole barracks no more without bein' shore sheeted."

"I will issue orders for it to be stopped immediately," Hocter as-

sured him.

Thass Ole Spirit

The Yardbird was grateful. "Thanks, ole pal," he said. "Thass the ole spirit. Now yer cookin'."

Hocter stuck out his hand. "Are we friends again, Yardbird?" he asked.

"Thass right, ole pal," the Yardbird told him. "We are buddies again. All these here little misunnerstannings need is a little frenly discussion. Thass the only way to settle these here misunnerstannings."

"Right you are, Yardbird," Hocter agreed with him. "The Yardbird turned to the rest of the staff to offer his apologies."

"Les all be buddies," he said. "Les shake on it."

Knotty Problem

He got up to go over to them and just as quickly he found himself on the floor. Sadly he looked down at his legs to find that his legging laces had been tied together.

"Thass awright," he said. "Thass awright. Thass poifeckly okay, ole pals."

"I wolk me fingers to the bone tryin' to make sojers of you people and what do I get—me leggin laces tied together. Thass awright though. I kin take it. I yam a

New Quarters

BLOOD AND FIRE changes its quarters today from Division Headquarters to the recreation hall on 13th Ave. and 16th St.

MAKES TOPKICK

From buck private to top kick in three weeks is the record set by 1st-Sgt. John B. Bellora, of the MP Replacement Center at Fort Custer, Mich. Bellora was a sergeant in the Marines during the first World War.

'REVEILLE REVUE' 253D INF. SHOW PROVES BIG HIT

Highlighted by original dialogue and well-timed routines, the 253d Inf. presented its first variety show, "Reveille Revue" before a large audience last night at the Combat Team Red Rec. Hall.

Written and directed by Pfc. Joe Pollock and Corp. Fredd Wiener, the show opened with the entire cast simulating a group of soldiers being awakened at reveille. Pollack portrayed a harried sergeant, while Wiener proved to be his most consistent heckler.

Performing with versatility were Pvt. Leland Burt, who sang several songs written by Pvt. William Short; Pvt. Manny Rosen, a fine tap dancer and trick specialty artist; Pvt. Julius Prol, singer and guitarist, who entertained with songs of Latin-America; Pvt. Arnold Spector a baritone, who has appeared in several Broadway musicals; Pvt. Ralph Cerasuolo, an accomplished violinist, and Pvt. Russell Faugust, "one of the boys."

The show closed with the cast singing an original march song, "Blood and Fire," written by Pvt. Short. The recently organized 253d orchestra furnished the music. The production was supervised by Lt. P. H. McVerry, 253d Inf. Special Service Officer.

Lucky Letter Writer To Get Phone Call

The conclusion of National Letter writing week will be marked at the Centreville USO tomorrow night when a drawing will be held of all names of servicemen who mailed letters from the club during the week. The lucky soldier will receive a free phone call to any part of the United States.

Preceding the drawing the weekly dance will be held which will be attended by USO Military Maids of Centreville and wives of the servicemen.

Musicians Wanted For SS Dance Band

Were you a square hair cut—a long hair? Were you a hep gator with a downbeat—a solid sender. In other words, soldier, were you a professional musician in civilian life? If so then contact Sgt. Jack Bracken at 2139, Special Service, and talk things over.

Special Service is organizing a 14-piece dance band and all musicians are welcome to try out for the outfit. Instruments will be furnished free of charge.

GUADALCANAL (CNS)—Natives of Guadalcanal have built a chapel here in commemoration of the 1,600 war dead buried on this island.

marder to the Army. Someday they will put up a monument to one Yardbird Snafu—killed by a Goiman bullet because his leggin laces wuz tied together. Thass awright though. I forgive you."

Yen Zee We Didn't

Repentantly the men hung their heads.

"Why," said Wilke, "My gosh, you zee, we did not intend any harm, you zee."

The Yardbird sat on the floor. "Thass awright," he said. "I yam strawn. I kin take it."

"Let me help you up, Snafu," Hocter volunteered.

The Yardbird flung himself to his feet.

"They is a limit to evything," he said. "An this here yarrboid has reached it. I will take anything but I insist on bein' called YARRBOID Snafu."

63D TAKES THE AIR

The 63d Blood and Fire division, whose fame has been spread by dint of the printed word and the photographer's lens, will soon have another means of letting the public know that it is one of the most live-wire organizations in the Army.

Starting Thursday night, October 21, the division will begin weekly broadcasts over Station WJBO, Baton Rouge. Programs will be arranged and division special service, from one of the centrally-located Rec. halls and will last for one-half hour, 2000 to 2030.

LEADERS NEEDED SAYS COL MAPES

Stressing the fact that there is an impressive demand for good leaders, particularly for small units, Col. Paul W. Mapes, addressed officers and non-commissioned officers of the 253d Inf., Monday night, in the CT Red Rec. hall.

In his talk the Colonel pointed out that in modern warfare, when units are dispersed to such a great extent, in many instances, platoon and squad leaders will find it necessary to make decisions and give orders. That is the reason why commanders on fighting fronts are asking for capable leaders for small units.

Explaining what is meant by leadership, Col. Mapes said that it was an intangible thing and that one good leader might have an entirely different personality and means of exercising his leadership from that of another commander.

The Colonel contrasted theories of leadership as exemplified by German and Japanese soldiers, to that held by Americans. The German soldier obeys his leader because he fears the consequence if he disobeys. Japanese leadership is based upon a fanatic religious belief. The American theory embraces a spirit of co-operation between officers and men. Col. Mapes stressed the necessity of securing this co-operation if one is to be a successful leader.

SHORTEST WAY

There is one man in the 63d who is extremely happy that the Division is at Camp Blanding these days. He is T 4 John H. Pugh of G-3. After 20 months service in the Army, the Sgt. is now only 70 miles from his home at Baton Rouge.

The Sgt. was first assigned to the 82d Div. at Camp Breckenridge, Ky. From there he was shifted to the 98th Div., at Camp Claiborne, La., a little over 100 miles from home, but not quite close enough. His last assignment at Camp Blanding, Fla., took him over 600 miles further away. But he was really "in the stretch," as the horsemen say, because the move prefaced the trek to Van Dorn.

LIFE SAVERS



LEARN THE DIRECTION of the prevailing wind before starting on a scouting mission. It may help you later to determine your directions.



WHEN OBSERVING AT night, try and get where the object will be silhouetted against the sky and its outline will become clear.

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the splendid co-operation of troops and equipment from your Division.

"I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation and pleasure for the fine spirit of cooperation and public interest displayed by the 63d Division. Our People here appreciate it and we have heard many favorable comments on it since the 63d has been at Camp Van Dorn."

The communication from Baton Rouge says in part:

"About a month ago I received a letter from Mr. Julius L. Thorn, director of the USO at Stark, Florida, commending you and your staff for your cooperation with the USO.

"The conduct of your men who are wearing the Blood and Fire insignia has definitely upheld this opinion, as I have never been associated with a finer group of service men anywhere."

"There is a matter which I wish to call to your attention. Many of your boys come to us around midnight after the football games are over to make arrangements for their overnight sleeping accommodations. This handicaps us greatly as it compels us to awaken a large number of private families at this late hour. If the men would apply immediately upon reaching town it would enable us to serve them more efficiently."

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Protestant Services

Chapels No. 6, 7, 8, 10, 0900. Chapels No. 5, 6, 8, 10, 1000. Chapel No. 7, 1100. Chapel No. 5, Vesper Service, 1815.

Weekday Services

Chapel No. 5, Wednesday, 1830. Chapel No. 10, Wednesday, 1930.

Mormon Services

Chapel No. 8, 1900.

Roman Catholic Mass

Chapels No. 5, 6, 7, 0800. 255th Inf. Rec. Hall, Theater No. 1, 0900. Chapel No. 7, 1000. Theater No. 1, 1030. Chapels No. 6 & 8, 1100.

Evening Mass

Chapel No. 5, Monday to Friday (Except Wednesday) 1830. Chapel No. 6, Monday to Saturday, 1930. Chapel No. 7, Monday to Saturday, 1830. Chapel No. 5, Novena Miraculous Medal, Monday, 1830. Confessions, all chapels, 1900-2100, Saturday.

Jewish Services

Chapel No. 1, Friday night Conservative Service, 1930. Chapel No. 1, Friday night, Orthodox Service, 2030. Chapel No. 10, Friday night Christian Science Reading Chapel No. 1, Sunday, 1100. Orthodox.

Seventh Day Adventist

Chapel No. 9, 1930.

There Were WACs Way Back in 1813

While they weren't called WACs 120 years ago, records reveal that a Women's Auxiliary Corps existed here in 1813.

In those days their work included scrubbing cannon, oiling muskets, filling powder horns and preparing wadding for ammunition. They drew regular Army rations—15 cents per day.

Inquiring Reporter

Do you think men should be discharged from the service at the end of the war in order of their induction, or do you think those with dependents should be discharged first, BLOOD AND FIRE asked of single men in the Division.

Pvt. Thomas Swofford, unattached—I have been in this man's army for two-and-one-half years and I want to get out as quickly as is possible. Turn us loose the way we came in.

Pfc. Charles Morris, Hq. Co.—I think I'd like to be discharged as soon as possible but, on the other hand, I feel those with dependents should be given a chance to get out first.

T Sgt. Chester Lang, Div. Hq.—I think any man who is married, regardless of when he came into the service, should be among the first to be discharged in order that he may properly provide for his dependents.

Pfc. Richard Belmore, Div. Hq.—If a man has dependents he should be among the first to be discharged.

S Sgt. Victor Hastings, Div. Hq.—Married men with children should be discharged first so that they may take care of those dependents properly. Single men can wait, they do not have as many pressing obligations at home.

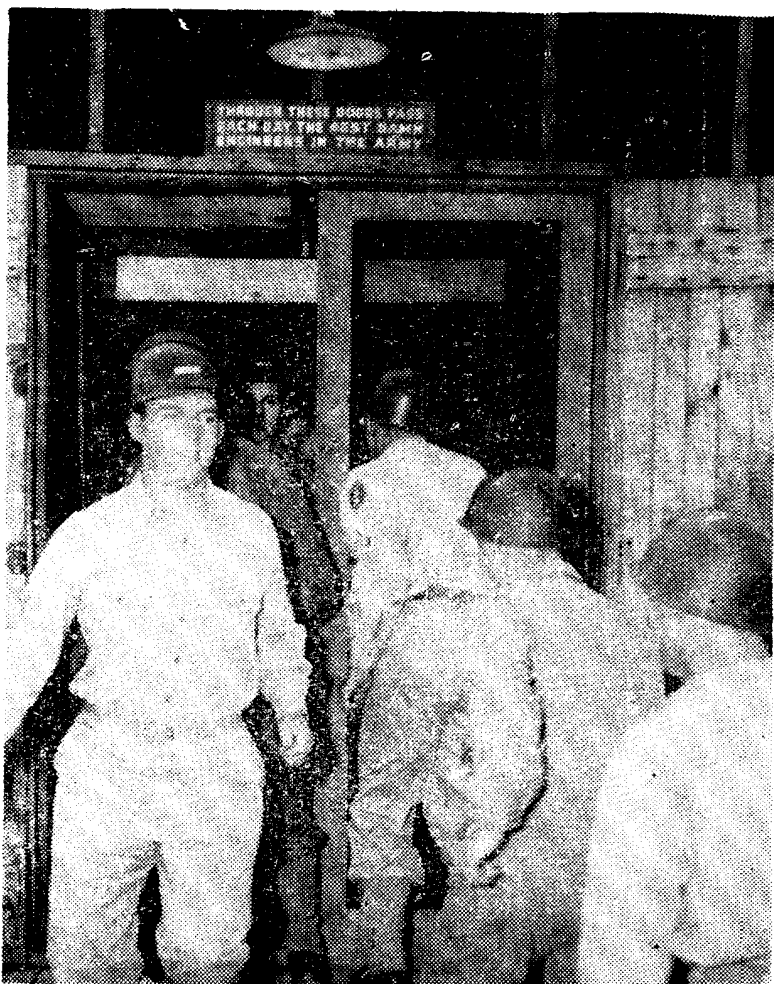
T5 Robert Vandercreek, Div. Hq.—I say everyone should go out in order. It's a cinch if a fellow, regardless of whether he is married or single, is getting along all right now, he can wait for a few additional months until his discharge comes through in the regular order.

New Product Doooms Pre-War Lister Bag

The familiar pre-war Lister bags, contents of which used to quench the thirst of our American doughboys in the field, are a war casualty and have gone modern. The scarcity of rubber, with which the bags were lined, forced members of the Research and Development Branches of the Q. M. Depot, and the Office of the Q. M. in Washington, to develop an entirely new bag of duck which, in a breeze, will keep water from 10 to 15 degrees cooler than the old one.

The new bag, now used by 63d Division units, is made of a spec-

NOT A RAMBLING WRECK AMONG 'EM



"Through These Portals Pass Each Day Some of the Best Damn Engineers in the Army." That's the sign which greets all who enter Headquarters of 263d Engineers.

FREE LODGING AND RECREATION AT ARMY AREA, NATCHEZ PARK

Our Apologies

To ardent admirers and fans of Miss Lace in the Milt Caniff comic strip "Mail Call," BLOOD AND FIRE offers its most humble apologies for not being able to offer it this week.

For some reason held up in the mails, the composition forms from which the metal printing plates are molded, never arrived.

The editors of BLOOD AND FIRE are doing their best to get this matter straightened out and hope to print two strips next week.

ially fine woven canvas treated with natural gums to simulate the characteristics of flax. The evaporation causes only a slight drop of four inches in the contents of a 36-gallon bag over a 24-hour period.

If there are any hot sports in the 63d Blood and Fire division just burning with energy who desire a round of golf, some tennis, badminton, a game of horseshoes or table tennis, the U. S. Army Recreational area and adjacent Duncan park, Natchez, can supply those desires.

Not only can this huge cantonment satisfy the recreational desires of most soldiers, but it can also provide lodging, free of charge, for over 550 servicemen. Over 90 concrete-floored hutments, equipped with coal stoves to keep out the chill, are available for the asking. Bedding is supplied by applying to the office at any time during the day or night.

Recreation Room

Horseshoe and badminton courts are available at the Army cantonment. In addition an attractive recreation room with easy chairs and ping-pong tables offer facilities for letter writing, resting or indoor sports.

Par for the golf course is 72, with the 540-yard, five stroke sixth hole the longest. Sidney Warren is

ABILITY TO SHOOT, SALUTE, HIKE, PRIME REQUISITES FOR VICTORY

Setting down the 63d Division's basic goal in training, Lt. Col. Morris O. Edwards, Division G-3 (Assistant Chief of Staff for Plans and Operations) this week quoted General Pershing's remark in the last war.

"Give me soldiers who can shoot, salute, and hike," said Pershing, "and I'll give you a victorious army."

The goal of the 63d Division has changed little in this war. The methods of achieving that goal have changed, however.

Result of Experience

Present day training programs are the direct result of actual combat experiences, of reports submitted by commanders in the field and by Army observers in every theater of operations.

To the recruit, caught in the maelstrom of a training program going along at full blast, much of what he sees is confusing, without reason. Prompt and sharp corrections of even the smallest mistakes seem petty. Experienced soldiers know that the contrary is true—that there is a clear, well-defined policy behind even the smallest move.

Planned in Washington

The general program of training originates with the Army Ground Forces, commanded by Lt. Gen. Leslie McNair, in Washington. It is there that the outlines of what subjects shall be taught, and how much time shall be devoted to each subject, are drawn. From Washington also emanate booklets and charts suggesting methods of teaching, reference books and manuals, and films and film strips to assist in getting the subjects across.

From the master schedules, schedules are prepared at division headquarters to be given to the regiments. The regiments, in turn, draw up plans based on division schedules and pass them down to the battalions, who do the same, transferring them down to the

the pro in charge of the course.

Duncan park, which adjoins the government reservation, contains a nine-hole course. Servicemen may use the course free of charge and are only required to pay a 50-cent fee for the use of golf clubs. There is a tennis court on the park property and areas for baseball, softball and touch football.

Detail Maintains Area

A permanent detail from the station complement at Camp Van Dorn, Sgt. Robert Kelly, Corp. Douglas Gardner and four privates under the post adjutant Capt. Thomas M. Barford, is assigned to the area.

companies.

Company Issues Orders

The company schedules are the things that tell Pvt. John Doe what time he will see a certain training film, or will do close order drill, and the uniform he will wear doing it.

To check on the efficiency with which training is proceeding and to coordinate the training, inspection teams are set up, whose job it is to go among the various units of the division and observe the troops.

To the trainee it seems like a pretty complicated affair. And there's no doubt that it is. Is it worth while? Ask the Germans who were in North Africa and Sicily, and the Japs who were in Guadalcanal. That is, if there are any still alive.

"RAINBOW REVEILLE"

Doughboys at Camp Gruber where the 63d (Rainbow Division) is forming, are now getting copies of Vol. II of "Rainbow Reveille," the Division's recently revived newspaper. Vol. I was started during the First World War and carried on throughout peacetime. With the activation of the Division recently, the newspaper began publishing Vol. II, which will continue for the duration.

SERVICE CLUBS ANNOUNCE PLANS

Service Club No. 1

- MONDAY—Community singing
- TUESDAY—Annie Rooney
- WEDNESDAY—Bingo Night
- THURSDAY—Quiz program
- FRIDAY—Variety Show
- SATURDAY—
- SUNDAY—Open House, Hymn Singing, 1930-2000.

Service Club No. 2

- SATURDAY—Bingo
 - SUNDAY—Sacred Music.
 - MONDAY—Game Night—Checkers, bridge, pinochle, rummy, etc.
 - TUESDAY—Quiz Program
 - WEDNESDAY—Annie Rooney
 - THURSDAY—Variety Show
 - FRIDAY—Open time
 - SATURDAY—Bingo
 - SUNDAY—Sacred music.
- All programs start at 2000.

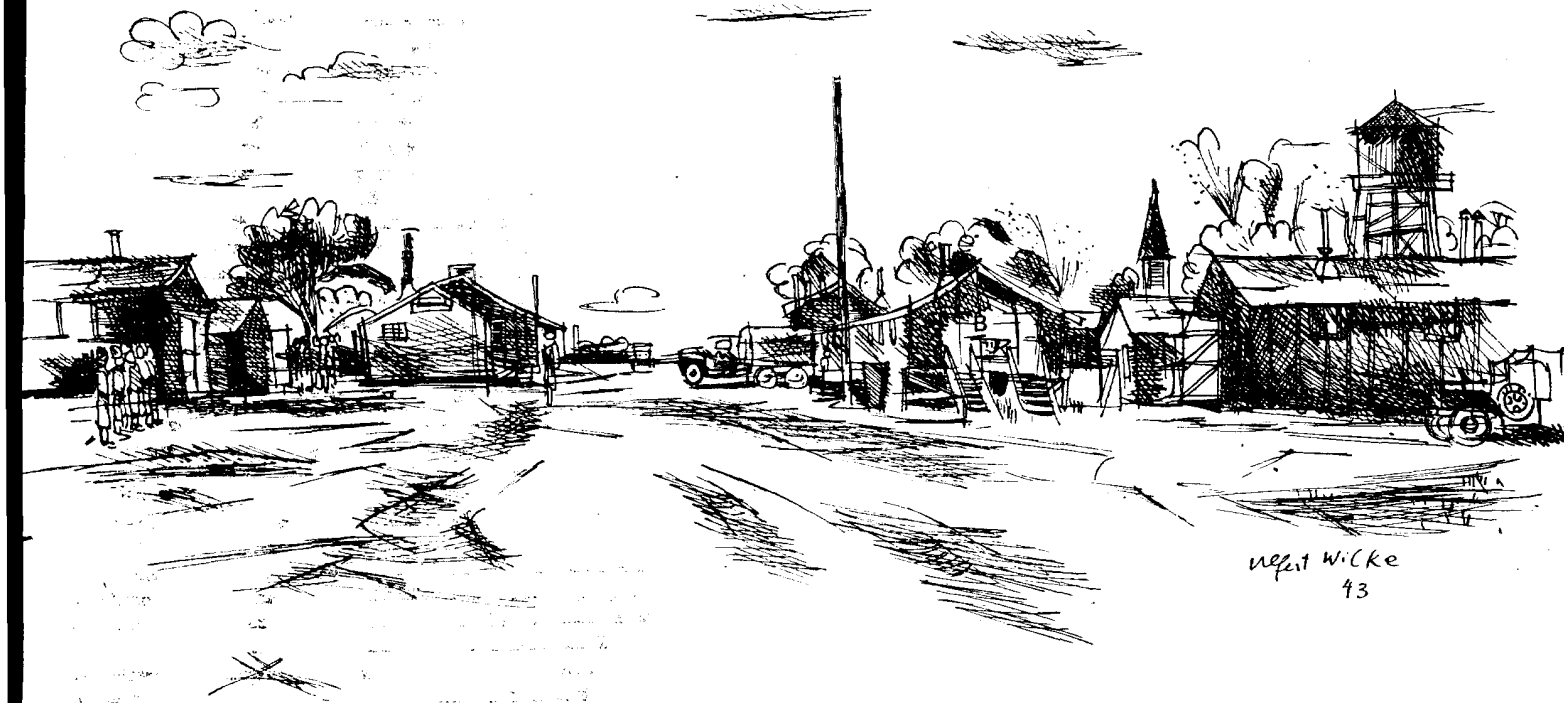
THEATER SCHEDULE

THEATERS NO 1 AND 2 Starting Time—No. 1—1845 No. 2—1810

- October 8, Hostages—Luise Rainer, Paul Lukas, William Bendix.
- October 9, Claudia—Dorothy McGuire, Robert Young.
- October 10-11, Corvette K-225—Randolph Scott, Andy Devine, Ella Raines, Barry Fitzgerald. (No. 2 Only Oct. 11)
- October 12, Dr. Gillespie's Criminal Case—Lionel Barrymore, Van Johnson, Keye Luke. (No. 1 Only Oct. 12, Camp Shows, Inc.)
- October 13-14, Sweet Rosie O'Grady—Betty Grable, Robert Young, Adolphe Menjou.
- October 15, The Dangerous Blondes—Edmund Lowe, Allyn Joslyn.
- Theaters No. 4 and 5
- October 8-9*, Sahara—Humphrey Bogart, Bruce Bennett.
- October 10, Hostage—Luise Rainer, Paul Lukas.
- October 11*, Claudia—Dorothy McGuire, Robert Young.
- October 12-13*, Corvette K-225—Randolph Scott, Andy Devine, Ella Raines, Barry Fitzgerald.
- October 14, Dr. Gillespie's Criminal Case—Lionel Barrymore, Van Johnson.

*—Indicates Theater No. 4 for 364th Inf.

How Peaceful Is This Company Street In Division Artillery Area



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EDITORIAL

It Means Your Life

Habits are peculiar things. They stick. You may think you can get rid of them, but it's harder than you think. It's not so important when it's a case of changing your manner of lacing your shoes, or adapting your eating mannerisms to a new way of living.

It's a different manner, though, when it concerns your life. The habits you make during your training period may mean the difference between life and death on the battlefield.

You go out in the training area and your instructor tells you to crawl. The ground is cold and hard. Or maybe it's muddy. It's uncomfortable pushing your belly against the ground. So you don't hug the ground too closely. You tell yourself that when those old bullets start whizzing around, you'll hug the ground all right, all right.

But you're wrong. Military experts found that the battlefield doesn't make as big a difference in the actions of troops as most of us would imagine. They found that soldiers were making the same errors on the field of battle as they were making back in the training and maneuver areas in this country.

A lot of soldiers died needlessly as a result.

Real bullets made a difference all right to those men.

The time to start doing things right is NOW. When you're out in the real fighting you may be too frightened to start thinking of what is the proper way to creep or run or hit the ground. That's when the automatic reflexes come in. That's the place where the effort you put into your training shows.

You may not get a medal for being able to creep and crawl correctly. But you'll come home.

You may think you're putting one over on your instructor when you do something in a sloppy manner. You're not. You're just playing with your own life.

It all comes out when the shells start bursting around you, and the live ammunition zips by your ear.

The chips are down then.

No Future In Army?

The visit of Lieutenant General Courtney H. Hodges, Commander of the Third Army, brought to the attention of 63d soldiers a rather interesting fact about the General's career as a soldier. From 1905 to 1909 General Hodges was an enlisted man. Rising through the ranks, going through the grades of private, corporal, and sergeant, he was commissioned in 1909.

Look around you, Soldier. Maybe the man standing next to you is a future army commander.

Maybe you are.

FROM PAPERHANGER TO WALLFLOWER



News From Here And There

Postman Is Pin-up In Soldier's Tent

DENVER, Col. (CNS)—Because her boy friend in the service had been complaining about full field packs, a Denver girl took a picture of her postman laden with mail and sent it to the soldier.

The GI then wrote this message to the postman on the outside of his next letter: "I have the picture of you pinned on the wall of my tent."

Skunk On Probation In Cop's Domicile

MILWAUKEE — A poet wrote that, "a rose by any other name smells just as sweet," but Mrs. Robert H. Johnson, wife of Patrolman Bob Johnson of the local force isn't so sure. The other day Patrolman Bob walked home with a real live skunk under his arm. He caught the animal in a doorway downtown. Mrs. Johnson says the length of the creature's visit is up to the skunk.

Policeman Gets Bear, But It's Wrong One

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.—When City Policeman Carl Jackson goes after bear he just shoots and asks questions afterwards. The other day he was summoned to the Little Rock Zoo to dispatch a bear, Old Tom, who had gone on a rampage and started killing off the younger stock.

Jackson perched himself atop a rock in the den and the curator stood by to attract the bear. A dark form burst from the den, Jackson blazed away and the bear dropped.

"Nice shot," yelled the curator. "But you've got the wrong bear."

Women's Dresses Cause of Crime

POLAND SPRING, Me. (CNS)—The alluring attire of modern women is responsible for a large amount of crime in the United States of America, Dr. Carlton Simon, criminologist, believes. "Women," he said recently, "fan the flame of crime by displaying limbs, using powder, perfume and every studied ingenuity to extol femininity."

Highest ranking soldier in the United States is John J. Pershing. His rank: General of the Armies, which is a grade higher than

They Even Ration Dates Nowadays

LANSING, MICH. (CNS)—Dates are being rationed for co-eds at Michigan State college. Each girl has received a ration book with 30 coupons each good for a night off the campus. The idea, said Patricia Stone, president of women students, is to give college life "a war angle."

Amos n' Andy Return to Air

NEW YORK (CNS)—Amos n' Andy, that veteran blackface pair who last spring vowed their retirement from radio, are returning to the airways again. They'll begin in a new series of weekly broadcasts over the NBC network October 3.

Gray Fatigues For Sailors

WASHINGTON — Gray fatigue uniforms for U. S. Navy enlisted men aboard ship are to take the place of the present white uniforms. It was announced last week. Blue dungarees will continue to be worn for work on ship or ashore, but the gray work uniforms, the Navy announced, are expected to ease the wear on dungarees and hence reduce replacements.

Astute Young 'Un

KANSAS City (CNS) — Little Ella Farris, 6, and her mother were watching her grandfather board a train. "Oh, mamma," said Ella suddenly, "look at that man put his hand in granddaddy's pocket." Mamma screamed, granddaddy grabbed the pickpocket, police ran up and carted him away to the puke. Ella went right on licking her lollypop.

Mangle Holds Woman Prisoner

MINNEAPOLIS (CNS) — Mrs. Fred Kidd caught her hand in a mangle in the cellar of her home and remained a prisoner of the machine for several hours. Her hoots for assistance finally brought the aid of Ed Ellenburg, a passerby, who freed her.

Men honorably discharged from the Army are now authorized to wear specially designed discharge buttons, the War Department announced last week.

The Sky Pilot Says it

By Chaplain Marvin E. Kausler
253d Inf. Regt.

The Power of Words

More plentiful than mosquitoes in the jungle or dandelions in the spring, are words that fall from men's lips, that stare from the written page, and that hound us from the radio.

Words are valuable assets of life. They mirror so much of what is in us. In moments of carelessness we fling them far and wide not heeding whom they reach or what message they convey. In blind anger we point them like daggers to cut and harm others. They can be used for nobler purposes. They become expressive of tenderest love, highest reward and mightiest challenge. What good men can do with words that are rightly timed and chosen.

Apparently Job of the Old Testament knew how to use words. For, although home, family, property and health were gone he clung so tenaciously to his high standard of morale living that even one who taunted him had to pay this tribute:

"Your words kept men on their feet."

We would not let go of God, because in his hour of extremity God was all he had left to sustain him.

In these days that is a thought worth pondering. What are your words doing to me? They can do much for either good or ill. Do your words inspire confidence so that men will follow you instead of shun you? Are they sure words of faith so that they will bring light and not darkness to others minds and hearts? Do your words bring healing and help when others need them?

In all our use of words let them be clear, clean, convincing, and always a help to others. Never let them be a matter of regret for ourselves. Grace Nowell Crowell has put it well:

"If through some darkened hour a word of mine could shine
To light the road
For any heart grown weary of its load—
I would be glad today,
Gladder than I could say."

G. I. Jingles

By
S/Sgt. William Pillsbury
Hq. Co. 63d Div.

Behold, vain and powerless lord,
You have a stripe that you want adopted;
You're worked and labored, sweated and strained—
But tell me, Sid, what have you gained?

When you entered the Army, frightened and shy,
You gazed in awe when one-strippers went by
With purpose and intent you determined to be
An exalted and dignified Pfc.

The sergeants you treated with reverence fine;
You bucked and you bucked and you toed the line;
Sirring the Corp'rals, saluting the topkick;
You hoped and you prayed that you'd be their pick.

Then, happy day, promotions were made—
And to your delight, it was as you prayed;
You'd earned a stripe in the cause that you'd served,
And you immediately sought the respect you deserved.

Little did you know, my lowly mite,
That you had the status of a neophyte.
You had a stripe, but what did it mean?
You had a stripe, but still cleaned the latrine.

Neither a yardbird or an NCO,
With nothing to show except a little more dough;
In the future you may attend and officers' cotillion,
But in the end you'll be a Poor Frantic Civilian.

My Mama Done Told Me

My parents told me, not to smoke—
I don't.
Or listen to a naughty joke—
I don't.
They made it clear I musn't wink
At handsome men, or even think
About intoxicating drink—
I don't.
To flirt or dance is very wrong—
I don't.
Some love wild parties, wine and song—
I don't.
I kiss no man, not even one,
I simply don't know how it's done—
You wouldn't think I had much fun—
I don't.

—Contributed

LT. GEN. HODGES OBSERVES WORK OF 63D TRAINEES

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lieutenant, and in May 1917, a month after the United States entered World War I, he was named captain. In Sept. 1918 he became a major of infantry and the following month his rank was raised to Lt. Col. During his World War service, Gen. Hodges received the Distinguished Service Cross and the Silver Star, both signal honors in the Army.

Following the war Gen. Hodges' rank reverted to that of captain but in July 1920 he became a major, and a Lt. Col. in 1934. He was elevated to a full colonelcy in 1938, Brig. Gen., in 1940, and assumed his present rank of Lt. Gen., in May 1941.

The General is a graduate of the Army War College, the Command and General Staff School and the Field Artillery School for Battery Commanders. He was Chief of Infantry under Lt. Gen. Leslie McNair.

TWO MILLION IN AIR FORCE

Testifying before the Senate Military Affairs Committee, Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, Deputy Chief of Staff, gave the 1943 allocation of the Army as follows:

- a. Air Forces and supporting arms and services. . . 2,800,000.
- b. Defense of the United States and continental possessions. . . 530,000.
- c. Defense of our lines of communication to South Pacific area. . . 350,000.
- d. Zone of Interior activities. . . 400,000.
- e. Men in school, replacement training centers, colleges, hospitals, etc. . . 650,000.
- f. Overhead in the United States. . . 400,000.
- g. Ground striking forces (divisions and supporting units. . . 3,118,000.

This allocation of men, Gen. McNarney said, contemplates a total of 8,248,000 men in the Army by the end of 1943. By the end of the year it is also expected that a saving in the number of men needed in the Caribbean and Alaskan areas will be effected so that the necessary garrisons will be reduced by 83,000 men.

The General said, in addition, that by the end of the year with the training program going into a decline, the replacement and school forces will need 80,000 men less than they have at present.

Annie Rooney In Camp Show

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ians. Among those who will appear will be Starke and Dorne, a comedy singing and dancing act in which the woman performer takes the falls. The act was the first to be televised. The team has just finished a swing with the Loew circuit in New York.

Well-known in theaters and night clubs in the Chicago area, Diane Moore will present a series of comedy acts, while Roberta Ramon, a former member of the famous Corps de Ballet of Radio City Music Hall, will perform as a toe dancer and will present individual dance routines.

In addition to these entertainers there will be June Kennedy, Sid Slate, Monty Bennett and Kathleen Harris.

ARTY COMMANDER



Gen. Edw. J. McGaw

ADOPT SLOGAN MCGAW ADVISES

Addressing the personnel of four battalions at the Open Air Theater last Saturday morning Gen. Edward J. McGaw, Division Artillery Commander, gave his men five paramount points to consider as Artillerymen.

"The mission of the Arty is to support the Infantry by understanding its methods and working in cooperation and association with it," said the General.

General McGaw admonished his listeners to master the fundamentals of their jobs; to obey the simple rules of conduct and bring credit to themselves and their Division by their spirit and bearing. He told them that their officers and non-commissioned officers were their friends who would care for them but not coddle them. In conclusion the General told the men that the spirit of the Artillery and its unofficial motto is, "Can Do!"

Following the indoor session a series of demonstrations were held to acquaint the men with the various phases of Artillery in action.

Nine New Officers To 263d Engineers

Nine new officers have been added to the personnel of the 263d Engineer Combat Battalion. Lieutenant Colonel Jack L. Coan announced today.

The officers reported here early this week from the Engineer Officers' Replacement Pool at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Names of the officers and their assignments are:

- Lt. Luther A. Hart, reconnaissance officer; Lt. Frank J. Kouba, assistant division engineer; Lt. T. G. McDonald, assistant S-2; Lt. Albert Hewis, motor officer; Lt. Louis Koblick, Jr., Lt. Frederick A. Kirby and Lt. Howard A. Fitzgerald, platoon commanders in the battalion's Hqs. and Service Company; Lt. Phill C. Wood, Jr., assistant S-3; and Lt. John H. Schroeder, assistant special service officer.

GI'S DRINK LESS

Chaplain Edgar E. Ackerman, who heard that "the drinking problem in the Army" was much discussed, set out to find the facts. After a survey of more than 600 officers and enlisted men, he concluded: Fifty-three percent of the men in the Army drink less now than they did as civilians. He made his disclosures in a recent issue of the Methodist Christian Advocate.

Chaplain Ackerman concluded also that since 76 per cent of the men drank to some extent during civilian life, "drinking is largely

Consider The Fate Of The Poor Civilian-Sleeps Late, For Him No Revelry At Reveille

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dash like hell along a paved sidewalk and plunge into a crowded subway. We never crowd, always keeping 40 inches apart and hep, hupping in perfect cadence. Poor Cecil does not even know what hep, hup means.

Cecil Eats in Silence

Cecil civilian must eat his breakfast with only his wife for company. We, the more fortunate, have nine other congenial chow hounds at the linen-covered table with us. Cecil eats in silence while we have a regular symphonic accompaniment of gurgling soup eaters, coffee sippers and dish rattlers. He never has had the pleasure of being short-stopped or of rapping a short stopper on the knuckles with a knife.

Cecil has to worry about ration stamps, "X" coupons, "D" coupons, and shoe and sugar coupons. We have no worries, the government takes care of everything for us. We don't pause before a closet and wonder what suit to wear. We know. When our suit wears out we just prance down to the supply sergeant and ask for the newest drape model. Without any questions and without any money it is issued to us. Cecil pays hard earned money for his zoot suit. We do nothing but sign two dozen forms, and argue like hell.

MP'S PLEASE NOTE

Myrtle is gone.

Kind words can lessen the ache caused by her going, but cannot replace her. Grief at her going may be assuaged, but cannot be forgotten.

Every morning when members of the G-2 Staff arrived at work Myrtle would greet them by crawling over to them and fondly opening her large brown eyes—liquescent Cpl. Christiansen used to call them.

Sometimes she would take a nip at the boys—but that was always just in fun.

Now Myrtle is gone.

If anyone sees a medium size turtle along the road somewhere with a label on her back "A. C. of S.-G-2" please return her.

Myrtle has gone over the hill.

Prizes Are Offered For Library Works

Have you ever had the urge to write the great American novel? Well, soldier, here's your chance to cash in on it.

The MacMillan Co's. Centenary Awards of \$2,500 will go to the writers of the best works of fiction and non-fiction produced among members of the armed forces of the United States. The rules stipulate entrants must be between the ages of 19 and 35 inclusive and all manuscripts must be written in English. All material must be in the hands of the publishers, 60 Fifth Ave., New York City, by Dec. 31, unless delayed through war conditions.

Smaller awards totaling \$5,000 will also be available, to writers of other manuscripts or published proposals. Contestants may also submit manuscripts on books which have been partially completed but they must furnish a complete synopsis of the work also.

a civilian problem." Of the men questioned by the Chaplain, 85 per cent were in favor of Army PX's selling beer.

No Stuffy Quarters

Cecil Civilian spends the day in a crowded office having nothing better to do than stare out of the window or flirt with a few pretty stenographers and maybe sneak a kiss. How uninteresting! We don't stay in stuffy quarters. We go for a nice 20 mile hike into the beautiful swampy countryside with our packs and rifles sitting jauntily on our backs and exploring highways and byways where angels fear to tread. Then full of energy and pep we fall over our packs and eat heartily of our B rations— a few ants and flies adding spice to this luscious luncheon. Poor Cecil has to rack his brain over what to eat and then tip the waiter after

he finishes. There is no tipping in the Army.

Lucky Us

After our vitamin packed lunch we resume our educational walk. Cecil returns to his aimless, non-productive flirting. How he must envy us!

At night after supper Cecil settles down in his easy chair to listen to his radio and read a newspaper. These plebeian pleasures are not for us. We have more important things to do. We harden and callous our hands doing enjoyable tasks like washing socks, shining shoes and cleaning guns. Cecil Civilian, not knowing what to do, kills a couple of hours in a movie. We never kill any time in the Army, we work it to death. Then, dead tired, we never have to toss like Cecil before we fall asleep on the nice soft bosom of Mother Earth.

Our Boss

Oh, and lest we forget, there is the question of money. Cecil Civilian works all week and then has to pay 20% of his salary in taxes. That money pays for the natty clothes, steaks, and roast beef we eat. In a sense, Cecil is our boss. (Hey boss, how about a raise?)

We have no deductions from our salary except perhaps, for such incidentals as insurance, bonds, laundry, lost equipment, broken equipment, extra equipment and about a dozen other miscellaneous items. But then again we have no use for money as the government takes care of all our needs and spending our large salaries might start inflation.

After reviewing all the advantages of our job, wouldn't you like to switch with us, Cecil? You do! No wonder the draft board classified you in 4-F.

Morris Gimpelson
Hq. Co. 1 Bn. 253 Infantry

63d Division Men Dance at McComb

Dancing to the music of one of the 63d's bands, soldiers of the division visited McComb, Miss., by convoy Wednesday night where they were the guests of the Soldiers' Center and the Military Maids of McComb.

Th dance was the second held at McComb at which men of the division were present in a large body.



Q. Are enlisted men in the Navy permitted to wear Army uniforms?
A. In some cases, yes. Enlisted personnel in the Navy who are serving with Army detachments are authorized to wear Army uniforms. Shore sailors with Army outfits will wear their own insigna on the Army clothing issued to them but otherwise they will dress just like soldiers.

Q. Is recognition given to Army units that distinguish themselves by outstanding performance in action?
A. Yes. The War Department has announced award of a citation to such units. To merit this recognition a unit must have distinguished itself among other organizations to the extent that would warrant the award of the Distinguished Service Cross to an individual according to an official memorandum.

CT Blue Newscast

News highlights for each day are broadcast to members of CT Blue through the medium of a loud speaker which can be heard throughout the regimental area. Pvt. Mordecai Bauman handles the mike for the newscasts.

Morning Report

SGT. FREDERICK TURNING BEAR

AWARDED THE SILVER STAR, FOR VOLUNTEERING TO CROSS HOSTILE ARTILLERY FIRE TO BLAST AN ENEMY MACHINE GUN NEST OUT OF ACTION ☆ ☆

INFANTRY E-T-O.

SPORTS SWIRL

Four Teams In Softball Finals Monday

The name of Norman Kies was mentioned in this pillar last week as having caught for the N. Y. Yankees. Norman turned up recently as a pitcher, a softball pitcher at that, for the division headquarters ten which beat the ordnance outfit 1-0. Norman will return to his first love, catching, however, for the remainder of the current tournament.

Speaking of star baseballers, two more have popped up among division troups. Pvt. Earl M. Peters, Co. M, 254th Inf., was a catcher also, he backstopped for Sacramento in the Pacific Coast league until the Army caught him. Last year he played with the Pocatello Cardinals of Pocatello, Idaho, in the Pioneer circuit. When the Cards won the title, Earl hung up a record of three consecutive triples in one game. Orchids to Earl.

Then there is Corp. Gerald E. Shaw of the Med. Detachment, 2nd Bn., 254th Inf., who played pro ball with the Springfield (Mo.) Cardinals in the Western association. Shaw is particularly interested in the doings of the St. Louis Cardinals in the current World Series, and in Stan Musial in particular. Jerry and Stan were teammates on the Springfield club, a while back.

The 254th Medics pop up with another sports celeb in the person of Pvt. Warren Orlick of the 3d Bn., who teamed with Al Watrous, Canadian Open champ of the 20's to beat Byron Nelson and Jim Demaret in a war benefit match at the Monroe, (Mich.) Golf and Country club last year. Orlick was the pro at the Monroe club at the time. He holds the course record of 65 for 18 holes. The Michigan pro-amateur mark of 60, is his also. Now he's the Medics mail clerk. He sure can deliver it too.

Although the late John J. McGraw, known to the baseball fraternity as "muggsy," never laid claim to being a sailor, his name has been given to a new Liberty ship, launched recently in Baltimore, Md. It was in Baltimore that Jawn first became famous as a third sacker with the Orioles back in 1903.

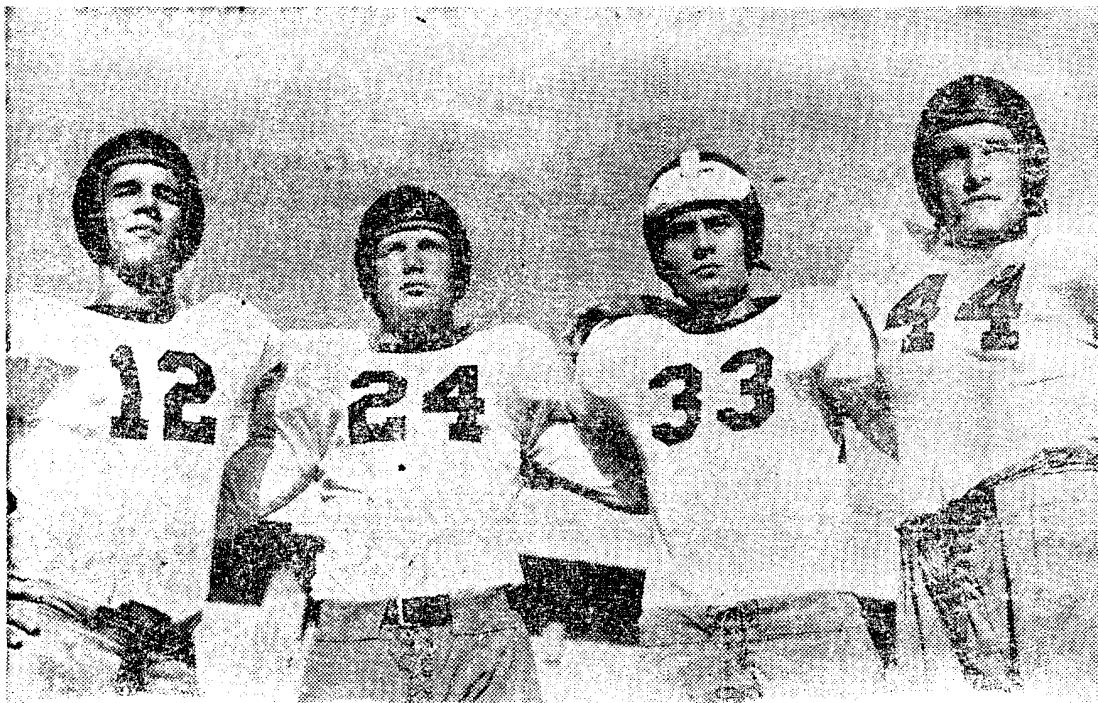
Battering Al Van Buren, Louisiana State U's backfield ace, said it with touchdowns Saturday when the Bengals romped to their 20-7 win over Rice. Al not only scored twice but he tore up the turf for a total of 113 yards also.

If anyone wants statistics on past World Series, see Sgt. Thomas L. Carriero of the 63d Reconnaissance Troop. Sgt. Carriero is a walking encyclopedia on series contestants, batteries, leading hitters, etc., since 1922. He is also expert at naming the best football players in the U. S. during the past 10 years.

Speaking of the Series, they usually run a neck-and-neck race with football for the patronage of the fans. This week-end the Series will be suspended and the grid sport will have the stage all to itself. It's a good thing too, with such titanic struggles as the Notre Dame-Michigan and Duke-Navy games on the platter.

Mize Has His Year
Johnny Mize had a terrific year with the Great Lakes Bluejackets. The old Giant and Cardinal first baseman batted .418 and punched more than 100 runs across the plate in 63 games. The Bluejackets incidentally, won 52 and lost only 11.

Aggie Speedsters Face LSU Power Tomorrow



The fast, versatile backfield of the Texas A & M football team which plays LSU's unbeaten eleven tomorrow night at Baton Rouge. (LR), James Hallmark, Stanley Turner, Bob Butchofsky and Marion Flanagan.

TEXAS AGGIES TO TEST LSU'S DEFENSE IN GAME TOMORROW

What promises to be a wide-open game with plenty of aerial pyrotechnics is on the fire for tomorrow night at Baton Rouge when LSU's unbeaten Bengals collide with the Texas Aggies at 8 o'clock.

Tickets for the game, both for soldiers and civilians, are available at Division Special Service office at the Rec. Hall, 13th Ave., and Fourth St. There will be no convoy from Camp to the scene of the contest.

The LSU-Texas series is one of the oldest in the Southwest. Teams representing the two institutions first met back in 1899 and their last encounter took

place in 1942.

The Tigers are riding the crest of a two-game victory wave having conquered Georgia, 35-27, and Rice Owls, 20-7. Steve Van Buren, stellar 200-pound backfield ace for the Purple and Gold, is running second in the nation's scoring race with 36 points.

The Aggies have a flashy and deceptive ground game and a sparkling aerial offensive. Their four powerful backs, Stanley Turner, 200 pound blocking back; Jimmy Hallmark, wingback; Butch Butchofsky, at fullback, and Don Flanagan, at tailback, are all speed merchants who may prove troublesome to the Baton Rouge Bengals.

Tommy Gomez, Kayo Artist, At Outdoor Arena Monday

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Press, Gomez is the most destructive white heavyweight since Jack Dempsey. This despite the fact that he has never fought an amateur bout and has only appeared in two fights outside the service since he entered the Army in 1939. He has taken three lickings but each of the victors have been beaten by Gomez on another occasion.

Wins By Knockout

Like his predecessor, Jack Dempsey, Gomez rarely cuts his opponents. He knocks them dead. "If they think Louis can hit, just wait 'til they get a load of Tommy's left hook, or that overhand right," says Gomez's manager, Joe Leto. "He knocked out Tony Musto in 49 seconds of the first round. Louis couldn't floor him once in nine rounds. . . And it took Joe eight rounds to stop Art Sykes. Tommy nailed him in two."

Besides Musto, Gomez has planted Cpl. Buddy Knox of Dayton, Ohio, and Claudio Villa of Havana. The three fights were held in Tampa.

Was Roller Star

Before starting his ring career Gomez toured the country as a professional roller skater, doing trick and speed skating. He was in the "Roller Derby," a national speed event.

The veteran fight manager

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Jack Kearns, once called Gomez "the best prospect I've seen in 25 years. The Kid's another Dempsey," said Kearns.

Gomez is ranked by the National Boxing Association among the 10 leading heavyweights in the country.

In addition to the Gomez exhibition, there will be four other battles featuring outstanding fistic stars in the Division. Lt. Ralph Shaima, former light-heavyweight champion of Panama, will referee the bouts while Lt. Page of Special Troops will act as announcer. The 63d Division band will play during intermissions.

Lt. (j.g.) Joe Hunt helped the Navy take top honors in the National Tennis tournament when he stopped Coast Guard Seaman Jack Kramer, 6-3, 6-8, 10-8, 6-0, to win the National Singles title. The Army was represented by Frankie Parker, who lost to Kramer in singles but teamed with him to win the doubles.

Twenty-nine per cent of major league players use the left hand either in batting, throwing or both. These statistics are the result of a canvass of 590 members of the 16 major league teams.

255TH, DIV. HQ. OUTFITS SWEEP THROUGH RIVALS

The 2d Bn. team of the 255th Inf., Div. Hq. Co., the 863d. P. A. Bn., and the MP's stand as finalists in the Division Softball tournament which is scheduled to end with the staging of playoff games which start Monday.

The 255th team won the Red and White League crown by defeating the 255th's Special Units 4-3, Tuesday. After breeching through all opposition in the upper bracket of the Green circuit, the Div. Hq. ten routed the Ordnance team, 5-1. The 863d Army-men downed the 718th to win the Blue pennant.

Routs Rival, 10-2

The 255th's 2d Bn., combine started its march towards the loop title by downing the 3d Bn. of the 254th Inf., 10-2 as Pitcher Alley Galasso fanned seven and contrituted further to the win by starting a fourth inning scoring spree. In the final game Galasso limited the Special Units team to one hit for six innings, as his mates won the game, 4-3.

The Headquarters Co. ten had little difficulty with its opponents. Aided by the superb hurling of Cpl. Johnny Alvis, the Green Leaguer's defeated the Bandmen, 15-1, and the Ordnance outfit, twice, 1-0, and again 5-1. Alvis gave the Ordnance combine one hit in the second game and has allowed only two unearned runs in 21 innings since the tournament started.

Ericson Belts Four

Highlighting the performances of individuals in the contests, Sgt. Harding Ericson, collected four for Ericson, collected four for four in four in th game with the band.

The 863d FA Bn. led the race in the lower half of the Blue League, by defeating the 253d Inf. Bn., 12-4, and then routing the 718th FA Bn., 20-4.

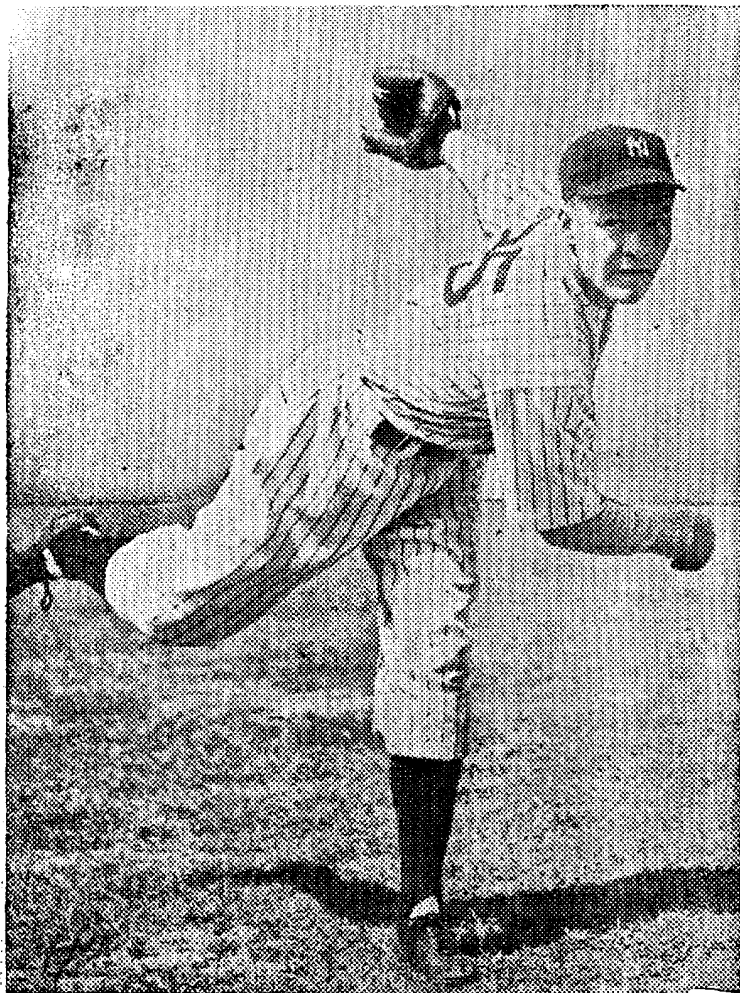
Board Brings CT Fans Series News

Up-to-the-minute news on the World Series and Saturday football games has been made available to sports fans of Combat Team Blue through a special scoreboard erected in front of the Blues' Rec. Hall.

The Series scoreboard, in addition to providing inning-by-inning scores, includes a running box score and the batting averages of all players. Series scores remain posted throughout each evening following the games to give men in the regimental area a chance to study the results.

In addition, a forecast of the day's score is posted in advance. The predictions are made by Lt. Mike Naddeo, Regimental Athletic Officer. The

BROUGHT VICTORY TO YANKS



Spurgeon "Spud" Chandler, who hurled the N. Y. Yankees to a 4-2 win in the World Series opener Tuesday. Yesterday the Yanks downed the Cards in the third game, 6-2 to take the lead in the race.

Four Soldiers Win Quiz Test

Four members of the 63d Blood and Fire division will be enjoying steak dinners this week as a result of diligent brain work at the Quiz contest held at the Centreville USO Sunday afternoon.

Pvt David Welel, Company A, 67th Signal Bn. came out on top in the contest but three dough-boys deadlocked for second, third and fourth places. Inasmuch as one steak could hardly be divided between three hungry soldiers, each of the men was given an order for a dinner at a Centreville restaurant. The lucky trio were, Pvt. Michael Tapp, 253d Cannon Co., Pvt. Frank Reilly, Co. M, 255th Inf., and Pfc. Hugh Short, Hd. Bn., 263th Inf.

718th F. A. Bn. Erect 30 Foot Rope Climb

Men of the 718th FA Bn., have a 30 foot rope climb of which they are mighty proud. Sgt. Malcolm Munson, supervised 50 men as they strained and tugged huge tree trunks into upright positions, and rigged a crossbar to which was fastened the rope.

Captain Patrick Fusco inaugurated proceedings by declaring a chart would be prepared bearing the names of men who hit the top. Pvt. Bill Warner, feeling sure of his skill, hit the rope and made the top without using his legs. Pvt. John Davis then matched the achievement of his buddy and the climb was officially dedicated.

DIVISION ARTILLERY TOPS IN MARCHING

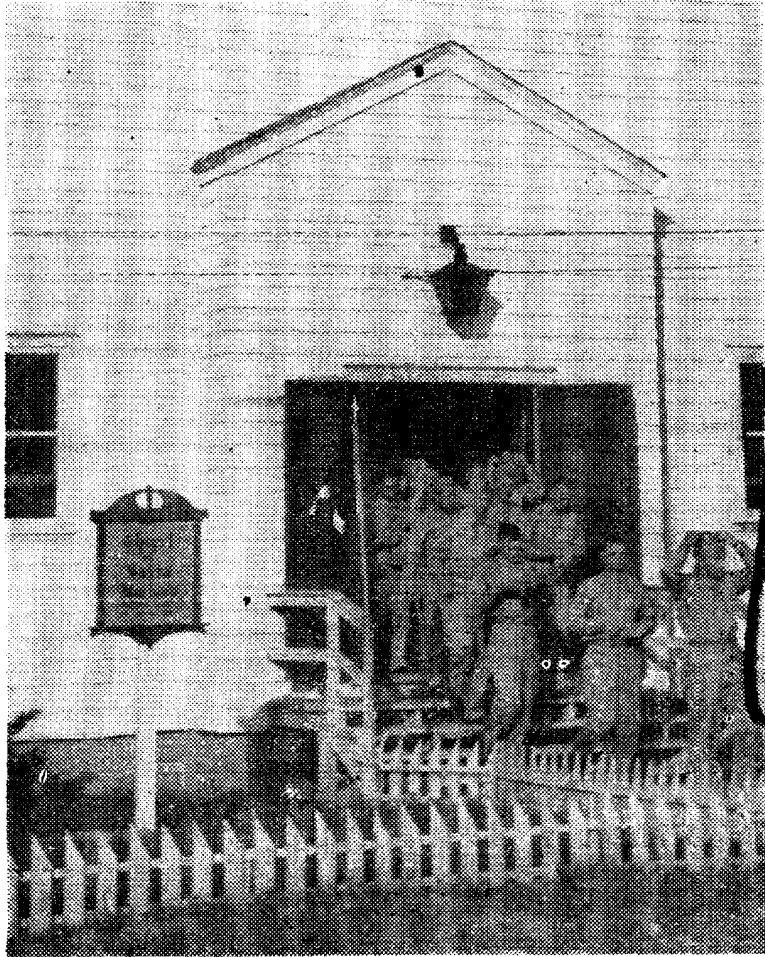
Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery, won first place for marching, straightness of lines and proper sizing of men, last week when along with men of the 718th FA Bn., it passed in review before Lt. Col. F. T. Unger, Commanding Officer of the 718th. Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Asst. Div. Commander, and Brig. Gen. Edward McGaw, Div. Artillery Commander, witnessed the review which was the first for trainees of the 718th.

Order of march was: Headquarters Battery, Div. Artillery, Headquarters Battery, 718th FA, A, B, and C Batteries, and Service Battery. A Battery acted as color battery.

96% WAAC Officers Enlist in WAC

WASHINGTON—The War Department announced that slightly more than 96 per cent of the officers of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps were sworn in as officers in the Women's Army Corps of the Army of the United States.

ARTILLERYMEN ADOPT A PATRON SAINT



There is little to distinguish most Division chapels, one from another, but Chapel No. 6 is distinctive. Outside its front door stands the sign depicted above, on it are the words, "Chapel of Santa Barbara, Patron Saint of Artillerymen." Saint Barbara was a pagan who became Christian in the 13th Century. Her fate fater beheaded her but he in turn was struck by lightning and destroyed. Ever since that time folks have prayed to Saint Barbara for protection in thunder storms. When artillery was invented devotee Christian soldiers named the saint as their patron to protect them from hostile fire.

ANNOUNCER, EXPERT ON ARMY, NOW GETS PRACTICAL WORKOUT

There is nothing new about the Army as far as one rookie who entered camp recently is concerned. It has been his meal ticket for a year and a half, and during that time he has told millions of people all about army life. Now he's finding out for himself as a member of Service Company in Colonel Paul Tombar's 255th Inf. Regt.

The soldier in question is Private John Simpson. Private Simpson has been heard narrating his weekly "Army Hour" radio show every Sunday afternoon over a coast to coast network. Private Simpson's voice faded from the airwaves only a few weeks ago. His last Army Hour broadcast originated from Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, New York.

Amusing Incident

Private Simpson has an amusing incident to relate about his last appearance on the program. During his tenure on the show, Simpson had worked with a Major attached to the Public Relations Division of the War Department.

"Right before my last broadcast," Simpson relates, "I told the Major this would be my final ap-

pearance. The Major told me he was sorry to see me go. Then he looked around the hospital auditorium for a minute and then directed his attention back to me."

"This is a good place to start your Army career, Simpson," he said, "but a hell of a place to end it."

Interviewed Wounded

In that last show, Simpson interviewed wounded soldiers who had seen action in the four major theaters of war where American troops are now fighting.

In addition to announcing the Army Hour, Simpson has also been heard on several other network shows, including "Joe and Mabel" and "Definitions," as well as a number of news broadcasts. He is now attached to Service Company, 255th Inf.

POLAND FREED

Warrant Officer Raymond Poland, motor officer, returned to his duties with the 233rd Engineer Combat Battalion this week following the removal of an ingrown toenail. Mr. Poland was at the station hospital for nine days.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

861st F. A. Bn.—First Sgt. Elso Bailey is receiving congratulations on having completed 15 years in the Army. The Sarge knows all the answers . . . the 861st has a couple of song birds in Pvt. Lee Fisher, former pedagogue, with a fine bass voice, and Pvt. Frank Robbins, who stopped taking voice from Rose Ireland, to don the khaki . . . stringed music is provided in the day room by Pvt. Wm. Bedner, Trenton, N. J. who strums a mean mandolin.

254th Inf., Co. C.—Somehow or another authorities failed to inspect the quarters of Co. C., and the boys are heartbroken. They had the place neat as a new pin and what did they get? Magnolia. Sgt. Gray has the week's gripe. He complains that he hasn't found any place where he cares to spend his money.

254th Inf., Co. B.—Accompanying the storm of a few weeks ago was a high wind caused not by the elements but by members of the cadre breathing sighs of relief as they abandoned K. F., guard and fatigue duty by virtue of the arrival of the fillers . . . From behind the desk of an elaborate office in Rockford, Ill., to Mississippi, is the short success story of Pvt. Russell Goldman. For years as a lawyer Pvt. Goldman had contact with the military at Camp Grant . . . Martini, Martini! Everyone wants Martini. And why not? Besides being the name of a famous beverage, it is the name of the jovial 3d. Bn. tailor Martini Mantahelli. In addition to being accomplished with the needle, Martini was head announcer at the largest Italian-speaking radio station in New York.

803d F. A. Bn.—Why were the boys of Barracks No. 4 awakened at 4:30 the other morning? It is bruited about that Sgt. Tanner may know the reason.

63d Reconnaissance Troop—The outlying cities and towns have been well reconnoitered by the troop. The boys who have been touring on the Bond Shows are receiving dividends in the form of coupons mail bearing Mississippi postmarks . . . Fillers were amazed to hear a voice in the night recently, one that called troops to attention and gave various commands in the voice of Donald Duck. It was Sgt. William H. Eberle of Corning, N. Y. Boys will be heard from him later.

254th Inf. Med. Det.—Corp. John Baka still reminisces about the time back in Pennsylvania when he was bootlegging coal and he was literally buried alive by a slide. He was rescued hours later . . . Pvt. John F. McClellan of the 2d. Bn., is a photographer of no mean ability. He specializes in pinups. He calls it, "just a hobby." . . . If you hear the hoarse shout of "Ha dat man" emanating from threats of Medics at 1st Bn. mail call the boys are merely going through their usual ritual of kidding Pvt. Joseph Hudak. Pvt. Andrew Slipiski of the 1st Bn., was a sailor in civilian life working on Diesel powered boats on the Tennessee, Allegheny, Mississippi and Monogahela rivers. A monkey wrench sailor, say we who are devotees of canvas.

254th Inf. Co. B.—The Co. might be termed the Rainbow Company because it has men who hail from 30 out of the 48 states in the Union . . . Pvt. Stanley Basiekowski, of Philadelphia, isn't worrying about his hair any more. From all appearances he no longer has any so close did the barber snip those erstwhile curly locks . . . songwriters and composers take note, Pvs. Jerry Doody, Co. B., and James Phillips are melody snorers. Jerry has the long drawn out bass snore, while Jimmy harmonizes well with his delightful alto.

Inf. Co. 63d Div.—The fine distinction of just who should get double-decked bunks was thrashed out until a late hour the other evening. Of course the privates had theirs dished out, but when it came to some of the Staff, Bucks T-4's and 5's, my goodness, it was worse than assigning places to diplomats at a Washington reception. Some of the boys were right haughty about it too.

FUSTEST WITH MOSTEST

Following the admission of Confederate General, Nathan Bedford Forrest, whose formula for victory was to get there, "fustest with the mostest," Headquarters Battery of the 63d Division Artillery, led all other units in the current war bond drive by subscribing \$1-237.50. The Battery is commanded by Captain Edward W. King.

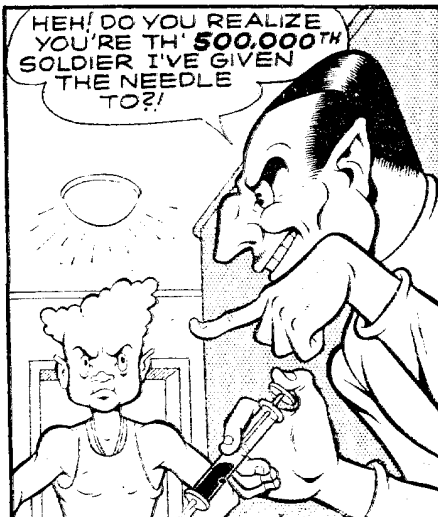
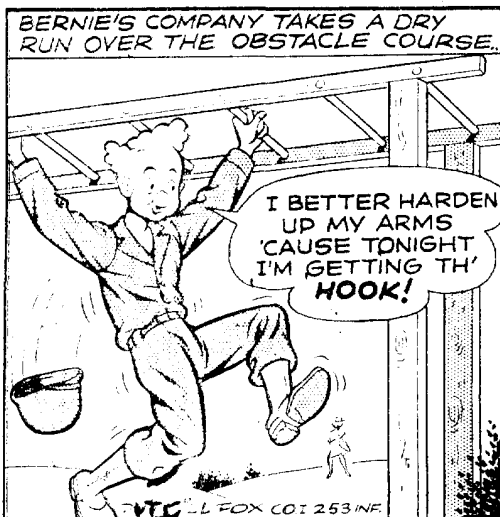
1st Lt. Atwood L. Rice, Jr., war bond officer, announced that this figure did not represent the amount raised for one month in the drive, but allotments that will go to the Treasury each month.

Radio Talent Sought By Natchez Center

The Servicemen's center at Natchez has been sponsoring Sunday afternoon broadcasts in which soldiers from Camp Van Dorn have participated. Miss Jenny McLin, club hostess, has announced that additional talent is needed for these shows. Members of the 63d who desire to arrange programs for Sunday afternoons are requested to contact Miss McLin at the club. Broadcasts are held from 1600 to 1615 Sunday afternoons from the Servicemen's center.

General officers are the only men who receive no extra pay (fogies) for length of service in the Army.

BERNIE BLOOD



BY PVT. GIL FOX

News From Your Own Home Town

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nize the plight of tall girls who cannot get long stockings.

TRENTON, N. J. (CNS)—Someone swiped a police radio car from the police garage here but he abandoned it on a side street a little while later when its radio blared forth with the broadcast of an alarm reporting its theft.

BLACKFOOT, IDAHO (CNS)—Stubby, a terrier, who has recovered 46 softballs slugged by members of the Blackfoot league into a canal near the athletic field, has received an award for his efforts. It is a softball, autographed by the president of the league.

BRONX, N. Y. (CNS)—One lion clawed another to death in the zoo here the other day in an argument over a hunk of horse meat. On the same day a baby llama was born.

CHICAGO (CNS)—A man confronted Miss Doris Duse on a side street. "Look," he said, holding a wriggling snake over her head. Miss Duse looked, screamed. The man slugged her cold. When she recovered her purse was missing.

CLEVELAND (CNS)—Mrs. Dorothy Bradley, a machinist, and George Grimm, an electrician used to share their cars in driving from homes to the war plant where they both worked. Finally they got to enjoy each other's company so much that Grimm left his wife flat and spent all his after office hours with Mrs. Bradley. But virtue triumphed when the boss of the war plant learned of Grimm's action. He fired both of them.

ELIZABETH, N. J. (CNS)—James Pruden, 49, was fatally injured when, while loosening a tire lug, the rim flew off and hit him in the forehead, fracturing his skull.

HARTFORD, CONN. (CNS)—A local lady had been saving her money for a divorce but the other day she decided to use it to buy a \$500 war bond instead. She decided, she said, that she hated Hitler more than she did her husband.

HOLLYWOOD (CNS)—Mrs. Arline Peak Fear, a pretty secretary who said Ralph Gordon Fear, her millionaire husband, claimed he first married her 2,300 years ago when he was a Roman warrior in a previous incarnation, has sued him for divorce. Their long marriage, she claims, didn't prevent him from hopping out of bed one morning when his nude niece walked in to display her suntan.

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS)—A 1,000-pound steer escaped from the stockyards here, wandered around in the business section and wound up—you guessed it—in a china shop. Damage was considerable.

KANSAS CITY (CNS)—Three men registered at a hotel here recently. They were George Freese of Wichita, Kan., T. R. Snow of Joplin, Mo., and Dr. W. L. Blizzard of Stillwater, Okla.

KNOXVILLE, TENN. (CNS)—R. O. Eller, pastor of Central Methodist church here, tried for two days to shoo a bird out of the church but when the feathery little fellow built a nest atop the organ Mr. Eller gave up. He called in a cop who shot the bird.

CHICAGO (CNS) — Burglars broke into a northside shop and stole \$280 worth of 2-way stretch girdles.

THE ARMY AS THE KP SEES IT



Butchers, Bakers, Small Peanuts To 254th, Which Lists Men Of Many Callings In Co. M

By Pvt. Herbert G. Rau
Co. M, 254th Inf.

The butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker is small-time stuff to Co. M, 254th Inf., which boasts a whaler, a professional baseball player, a weaver, a lumberjack and a food sampler—just to mention a few of the jobs held by members of the outfit in civilian life.

Pvt. Robert J. Blachly, is the whaler. He served three years as a head flenser, at Fields Landing, Calif. His job was to extract oil from the mammals. Pvt. Earl M. Peterson of Riverside, Calif., was a catcher for the Sacramento Solons of the Pacific Coast League during the current season.

Maine Lumberjack
From deep in the Maine woods there is Pvt. James P. Deptual, a lumberjack and Pvt. Lawrence B. Harper was a school teacher.

Judicial experience is brought to the Company by Pvt. Robert S. McFarland of Columbus, N. C., who was clerk of the Superior Court, Polk County, N. C., in 1938 and was reelected to the office four years later. The job carried with it that of Juvenile Court Judge, and Ex-Officio Judge of the Probate Court.

Beer Salesman
Among the even dozen salesmen in the company are Pvt. John F. Connolly, who was New York sales manager for Rhinegold beer; Pvt. Leo Schwartz, who sold competitive Edelbrau beer and who also man-

aged a delicatessen; and Pvt. William F. Adam, who was a combination food salesman and food sampler. Pvt. Adam is official food taster for the 2nd Platoon, both in the mess hall and the barracks. All three are from New York City.

Many other men in the company have had food experience and their unanimous approval of Army chow is a compliment to the Mess Sergeant.

Store Managers

Included among this group are Pvts. Barton A. Wilson, and John J. Swatsky, chain store managers; Pvt. James E. Buchanan, Sr., a baker; Pvts. William M. Lockwood,

Edward J. Phelan, and James L. Sorensen, meat cutters; Pvts. Milton Kosmin and Harry L. Hoskins, Jr., retail store managers; Pvt. Jack Isgur, restaurant manager; Pvt. Jack C. Campbell, who was both a restaurant manager and a saxophone player, and eight farmers, Pvts. Benjamin F. Curtis, Jr., Charles V. Brigner, Edward C. Doland, Wayne T. Chandler, John W. Walker, Jack D. Wood, James C. Phifer and Arthur W. Sidebottom.

The company also boasts two lawyers, Pvt. Eli Golan of Chicago, and Pvt. Hugo F. Malte. There are two miners, Pvt. Peter A. Ragukonis and Pvt. Frank Perbonsih. Pvt. Gerald E. Morse was a weaver and Pvt. William H. Crawford operated an embroidery machine.

Two Artists

Pvt. Algernon J. Keith was a commercial artist, and although the principal occupation of Pvt. Richard J. Frowenfeld was that of insurance salesman, he is also a water color artist of considerable ability.

Welders, iron workers and associated skills are represented by Pvts. Joseph S. Smith, Grady L. Simmons, Anthony N. Mottala, Herbert H. Walls, Raymond Kwiatkowski, Elmer Johnson and Peter T. Noon. Pvt. George L. Maars was an aircraft riveter, Pvt. Johnnie A. South was a spindle drill press operator, Pvt. Thomas C. Kells was a thread grinder, Pvt. Robert H. Carlson an asbestos worker, and Pvt. John B. Ponder was a button cutting operator.

Soldier Inventors Devise Gadgets

Employing typical American ingenuity, soldiers of the U. S. Army Service Command have emerged with several time-saving gadgets which have aided them materially in their work.

Take S/Sgt. Robert Hamme, former Pittsburgh mechanic, who figured a lot of time was being wasted in polishing the boost coils of bomber engines. He devised a 3-way tool, fitted it to a drill press, making a power-driven polisher.

A new way of filling oxygen tanks was devised by S/Sgt. Arnold Bruns. It formerly required two men for the operation but Bruns built an oxygen cart that would carry two cylinders of oxygen instead of one. Then he moved the gauge closer to the cart so that one man can work the whole thing.

A special punch which enables plane workers to mark the center of a rivet head that is to be drilled out for repairs, has been invented by S/Sgt. Felix Mikowski, of Milwaukee, and S/Sgt. Russel Schick of Cleveland, has invented a new adjustable wing and post sight for a certain type of aerial gun.

TS—No. GI

Everything from AWOL to ZI is contained in the War Department's new list of official authorized abbreviations. Most notable change in the new list is the omission of the overworked "GI." The only other important omission is the soldier's second most used abbreviation—TS.

ARMY NEAR PEAK OF EFFICIENCY, SAYS MARSHALL

Speaking before the Military Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives recently, Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff, said that the job of organizing and training the Army was almost complete.

"From now on," he said, "The job of Chief of Staff will be largely one of furnishing munitions and other supplies."

Addresses Legion

At the American Legion Convention in Omaha, Neb., the Chief of Staff further amplified his remarks with respect to the state of training of the Army to say that the United States "is now ready to throw its full military might against the enemy both in Europe and the Pacific."

"Save for assaults in the air," he said, "only a small portion of our combat strength has been engaged. Now we are at last ready to carry the war to the enemy, with a power and force that, we hope, will bring the conflict to an early conclusion."

Give Soldiers "Break"

Speaking of complaints from some sources that the Army had too much of some items, Gen. Marshall said, "My consideration for the American soldier, to me that he has every available means with which to make successful war, that he is not limited in ammunition, that he is not limited in equipment, that he has sufficient training and medical care; in other words, to see, that for the first time in history, he is given a fair break in this terrible business of making war!"

Engineers Receive Realistic Training

In accord with their policy of learning combat tasks under as realistic conditions as possible, men of the 263d Engineer Combat Battalion took their first lesson in scouting and patrolling Wednesday in the face of improvised hand grenades and giant firecrackers.

The hand grenades, made of one-third sticks of dynamite, and firecrackers were thrown among the trainees by officers and non-commissioned officers as the men moved forward.

"The men learned to keep low and take as much cover as possible," Lieutenant Colonel Jack L. Coan commented. "We plan to conduct all our training under conditions as close to those of actual combat as possible."

The United States now turns out 10 times as many fighting pilots per year as it did in the whole 20 years preceding 1941.

HOT DOG!

By Special Order Number 000, dated September 1, 1943, which was read to the 263d Combat Engineers at retreat last Friday "Dizzy" Coan was raised to the rank of Sergeant as Battalion Mascot. This order was delivered to the Battalion by Lt. Col. Jack L. Coan, Commanding Officer.

Indications are that "Dizzy" may have a tough job holding the rating since Co. A has suddenly appeared with six new entries. One of the better Camp Van Dorn breeding bitches whelped a round half dozen the other day, and they're now happily at home under the third platoon barracks. One pup is definitely assigned to First Sgt. J. A. Lucey, and the others will probably go according to seniority. As soon as "Form 20" can be lifted from Bn. Hq. it will be put through the machine to see how many dog trainers can be located.

LIFE SAVERS



LEARN TO DISTINGUISH between battle and chemical odors. Whenever there is any doubt, play safe and put on your gas mask.



DON'T ANSWER NATURE'S calls during a gas attack. Blister gases attack the tender sweaty portions of the body most easily.