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ANNIE ROONEY ENTERTAINS THE MEN OF 63D

It seems only a couple of years ago that we listened to "Little Annie Rooney" singing over the radio networks on the Children's Hour. But last night men of the 63d Division met Annie Rooney—and she isn't a juvenile any more. Pert, pretty and with a fine Irish sense of humor, she's now a singing, dancing starlet with Universal pictures. She has been visiting Camp Van Dorn the last two days under the auspices of the USO and Special Services. Her visit directly follows the appearance here of the USO Camp Show, "All Is Well."

Autograph Hour

Annie arrived at camp at 1630 Wednesday, and was escorted to the Guest House which is her "home" while she's here. During the evening she toured the camp area and held an "autograph hour" at Service Club No. 1. She also made a personal appearance at Theatre No. 1.

Yesterday Annie visited the Ranger infiltration course, while enlisted men and officers there were going under machine gun fire. She ate with enlisted men of Co. F, 25th Infantry, and visited the Station Hospital, where she performed for sick soldiers. During the evening she sang at the Open Air Theater.

Sing Duet

Sgt. Robert Peters, former radio singer and now attached to Division Special Services staff, sang a duet with Annie as a feature of one of her appearances at the

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Rangers Show How To Take Town



MACHINE GUN FODDER



SUCCESS

63d Division Rangers demonstrate right and wrong way to take an enemy post. In above photo they show how they might become machine-gun fodder by bunching together and advancing erect. In the lower photo their mission would be more successful, for they are taking advantage of all existing natural cover, and not exposing themselves until out of range of the windows and door of the structure.

'MIRACLE DRUG' SAVES PRIVATE AT VAN DORN

Penicillin, famed new wonder drug of the Army, scored another amazing success following a report today that Pvt. Rex E. Morrisey of the 63d Division was winning out in a grim battle against death.

Morrisey, a resident of Potterville, Mich., was wracked with an agonizing fever of 106 degrees which Camp Van Dorn Station Hospital Specialists could not break with the powerful sulfa drugs. With time holding the balance of life or death Monday, Station Hospital Commander Lt. Col. Irving H. Willett, phoned a request to Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, for penicillin. Within two-and-a-half hours the precious drug was flown here.

Treatment Applied

Immediate treatment with Penicillin and continued doses through the night broke the fever and by Tuesday morning doctors found Morrisey's temperature had dropped to 100.4 degrees.

Station Hospital authorities would not state today that Morrisey is as yet "in the clear" but they declared unhesitatingly that he was "definitely much improved."

Morrisey was admitted to the hospital Oct. 3 from Btry. A, 862d FA. Bn. He had a Vincents infection of the throat at that time. A weakened condition rapidly developed into multiple ab-

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OD's TOMORROW

Time to shake out those moth balls and drag out the whisk brooms and blitz clothes, fellows. Today's the last day this year you can bask in the southern sunlight in your suntan uniforms. Division orders name the olive drab uniform as official from tomorrow and until further notice.

63d To Go On Air Thursday; Series To Start Over WJBO

The 63d "Blood and Fire" Division will make its formal debut on the radio next Thursday night, Oct. 21, at 2000 with a half hour dedicatory broadcast over Station WJBO of Baton Rouge, an affiliate of the National Broadcasting Co. The initial broadcast will emanate from Division Artillery Rec. Hall at 13th Ave., and 15th St., and will inaugurate a weekly feature every Thursday over WJBO.

An elaborate program in which enlisted men of the Division, many of whom have had radio and theatrical experience in civilian life, will participate, has been arranged. Maj. Gen. Louis

E. Hibbs, Division Commander, will speak and the official song of the Division, written by S/Sgt. Landis Rogers, will be sung by the recently organized glee club of Special Troops.

Audience Admitted

Members of the Division will be permitted to witness the broadcast which will be preceded by a 15-minute warm-up program. Following the broadcast a variety show will be presented. All members of the audience must be seated by 1945. Doors of the Rec. Hall will be closed from that time until the end of the radio

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200 Percenters

Headquarters Battery, 63rd Division Artillery is a two-hundred percent subscribed organization. They are 100 percent subscribed to War Bonds and 100 percent subscribed to BLOOD AND FIRE. With these two records established this is the first Unit in the 63rd to be reported 100 percent in both Bond and BLOOD AND FIRE. Your reporter examined the roster and saw the cash and verified the figures. So it wasn't "done with I.O.U.'s."

This is an enviable record and one that Headquarters Battery can well be proud of. It stands as an example of what can be accomplished with what General McGaw has called the "Can Do!" spirit of Division Artillery.

Exhibition Bout By Gomez Tops Outdoor Boxing Card

"Blockbuster Tommy" Gomez, hailed as one of the Nation's standout heavyweight boxers, gave a huge crowd of goggle-eyed sports fans a preview of the power that may send him to a title in post-war Fistianá last night, when he staged an exhibition bout with game but outclassed Pvt. Sidney King at the Outdoor Arena.

The bout between Gomez and King featured a card on which eager battlers from the Ronger platoon traded punches in four bouts. Each one was jammed with action from whistle to gong.

Displayed Power

Gomez gave ample indication that the term, "the most destruc-

tive heavyweight since Jack Dempsey," has not been misapplied. Although undoubtedly working under raps, there was no doubt that had he been playing for keeps, things might have been decidedly dull for his foe.

When Tommy tossed a left hook or one of his pile-driving overhand rights in the direction of King—a big boy himself—the blows had power behind them, which, if exploded with a full charge, would rock any opponent into slumber in short order.

Sledge-hammer Hands

Although Gomez is not a huge man, as one might imagine from

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DEBATE PLANS FOR PAY RAISE OF DEPENDENTS

Of vital interest to all family men in the army—and recent disclosures estimated these at 800,000—are two bills currently before Congress to increase the appropriations for family dependency benefits. The Senate last week passed a bill to raise these benefits, and the House of Representatives is now debating another bill which would give slightly lesser increases to wives and children of servicemen.

In the Senate last week an amendment was passed which called for a "sifting" of draft deferments, and also provided a monthly stipend of \$80 for a wife and one child, \$100 for wife and two children and \$20 additional for each other child. The present dependency benefits give \$62 for wife and one child and \$72 for wife and two children, with an added \$10 per additional child.

In the House of Representatives, where debate is being carried on at the time this issue of BLOOD and FIRE goes to press, the House Military Affairs Committee favors giving a wife and one child \$75 per month; wife and two children, \$95, and \$15 per additional child.

One thing that both bodies agree on is that the present \$50 per month is insufficient, and that this figure must be raised immediately. If adopted at once, payment under the new scale could possibly begin with the Dec. 1 check.

Engineer Officers Study Mine Fields

Two more officers of the 263d Engineer Combat Battalion will attend special courses of engineer instruction when Lts. T. G. McDonald and Phil C. Wood report to Camp Swift, Texas, Monday to attend a school on the de-activation of mine fields.

Major John R. McAlister, executive officer of the 263d, is now attending a course in Operation Against Permanent Land Fortifications at Fort Belvoir, Va. Major McAlister reported to the school Oct. 10 and will return to Camp Van Dorn Oct. 23.

Lt. Jarry W. Wyre, S-2, is attending a Short Course in Technique and Interpretation of Aerial Photos at Camp Ritchie, Md.

300 (COUNT 'EM) DOUG BOYS TAKE FREE BEDS



Last Saturday night Division Special Service, Baton Rouge USO, and Baton Rouge American Legion cooperated by offering men of the division free lodgings in Baton Rouge. Through cooperation of Major Lieding's department, 300 cots were taken to the Baton Rouge Legion Hall. All were filled. Lt. L. Kately, Special Service Officer of the 253d Inf., assisted the cardboard lovely shown in the center of this photo in watching over the sleeping soldiers.

Prayers Answered

KANSAS CITY (CNS)—Sgt. Pat Kissinger had been reported missing in action 19 months so on his birthday his family prayed for him. Next morning a card informed them that Pat, in good health, was a prisoner in Japan.

Co. M, 254th Lists 23 Acting Non-Coms

Appointments announced this week by 1st Lt. Elroy H. Lemaster, commanding Co. M, 254th Inf., including the naming of 23 men to Acting Sergeants and Acting Corporals. In addition, Pvt. Walter Hoar was elevated to Corp. and three Pvt. Herbert G. Rau, Vernon E. Urell and Hugo Malte, were named to attend Intelligence School.

Acting Sergeants are Cpl. Walter Hoar, Pfc. William Stonemetz, Pvt. Milton Kosmin, Pvt. Nicholas Nemeth, Pvt. Anthony Mottola, Pvt. Peter Noon, Pvt. Harry Hoskins, Jr., Pvt. Vernon E. Urell, and Pvt. John Connolly.

Acting Corporals are Pvt. Edward Mrva, Pvt. Norval Schultze, Pvt. Earl Peterson, Pvt. Eli Golon, Pvt. James Blakely, Pvt. John Petrone, Pvt. Richard Moyer, Pvt. Algernon Keith, Pvt. Herbert H. Walls, Pvt. Johnny South, Pvt. Francis Rogers, Pvt. Jewell J. Armstrong, Pvt. James Sorenson, and Pvt. John Wassell.

YARDBIRD, SGT. MAKE UP, FORM MUTUAL-ADMIRATION SOCIETY

The Yardbird stood at rigid attention. His head stood so stiffly on his skimp shoulders that it looked almost as though it would crack off with the tension. The platoon sergeant looked approvingly up and down the ranks. His glance passed Snafu going one way and again going back. Then, like a pendulum coming to rest, he came back again and finally stopped at the uncomfortable yardbird.

Tries an' Tries

The Sergeant sighed unhappily. "I try an' I try to make sojers of youse people, but it don't do no good. They is always some bod messin' up the appearance of the platoon."

The Sergeant's voice lost its plaintive note and became stern. "Snafu," he roared, "suck in yer gut!"

He turned again to the platoon. "Some people," he announced, "is allus doin' somethin' wrong."

Thass the Treacle

Without shifting the forward part of his gaze the Yardbird snarled to his neighbor. "He should tork. The joik kin not even speak his own langwidge. Thass the trouble with this here Army. They give any ole joik stripes."

The Sergeant darted an angry look in Snafu's direction.

"Snafu! he thundered, "Was you sayin' somethin'?"

The Yardbird trembled visibly. "Why, Sarge," he said, "I was only sayin' . . ."

"At ease!" the Sergeant roared, "The will be no talkin' in the ranks."

Snafu was unhappy. "Well, you 'ast me . . ." he started.

"At ease!" roared the Sergeant. "Joik . . ." Snafu mumbled under his breath. He thought a moment longer.

"Bully . . ." he muttered, "Allus pickin' on somebody."

The Sergeant started again in the Yardbird's direction.

"Is Them Your Lips . . . ?"

"Is them your lips movin' again, Snafu?" he inquired icily.

The Yardbird jumped. "I ain't said . . ."

"At ease!" the Sergeant roared. "If I have to give 'At ease' any more, they will be some people policin' out the cracks in the barracks flaws wid tootpicks ter-night."

The Sergeant was about to say more when the order came to dis-

WELCOME

The editors of BLOOD AND FIRE welcome a new newspaper on the Post—the CAMP VAN DORN VAN-GUARD. The VAN-GUARD, published by and for Station Complement troops, comes out this week as a four page printed paper.

Station Complement members will also receive copies of BLOOD AND FIRE, in which the VAN-GUARD will be inserted.

Full credit for all work on the VAN-GUARD should go to its Camp editors. BLOOD AND FIRE merely introduced them to its printers.

miss the platoon.

"Platoon, Atten-SHUN. Inspection HARMS, UNLOCK PIECES, DISMISSED!"

The platoon broke up, and the men idled in small groups toward the barracks.

True Talkin . . .

The Sergeant walked over to Snafu.

"Snafu," he began, "I yam true talkin' . . ."

The yardbird interrupted him.

"Sarge, ole boy," he said, "Have you ever thort about havin' yer self writ up fer BLOOD AND FIRE? How about me writin' you up, ole boy?"

"Yarrboid," the Sergeant told him, "Do not attempt to lead me away from me juty. I kin not be bribed by no piece in yer ole rag."

Real Zebra

"Why, Sarge," said the Yardbird, "I know you too well to even think of doin' anythin' like that. I yam jus' thinkin' that our readers would like to know how a real zebra operates. In me expoist opinion, ole boy, you are really the stuff."

The Sergeant smiled.

"So you think so, hah?" he asked.

"Yerse," the Yardbird assured him. "Now where was you born, ole pal?"

"Brooklyn," the Sergeant told him, "And by the way, Yarrboid, have I tole you that I think you are first rate coporal material?"

Make a habit of reading BLOOD AND FIRE regularly. Boost it to your buddies.

PRESIDENT GIVES STANDING RANK TO 14 GENERALS

President Franklin D. Roosevelt this week nominated for promotion to permanent general rank in the Regular Army 14 generals who have distinguished themselves in action during this war. Five of the promotions were to rank of Major General, the other nine to rank of Brigadier General.

The five officers nominated for permanent rank of Maj. Gen. are: Lt. Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright (brigadier general)—who commanded the United States Army Forces in the Philippines during the closing phases of that campaign. (He is now a prisoner of the Japanese.)

Lt. Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell (brigadier general)—commanding United States Army Forces in China, Burma, and India.

Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr. (colonel)—commanding the Seventh Army.

Lt. Gen. Brehon B. Somervell (colonel, Engineers)—commanding Army Service Forces, Washington, D. C.

Lt. Gen. Joseph T. McNarney (colonel, Air Corps)—Deputy Chief of Staff, Washington, D. C.

Those nominated for permanent rank as Brig. Gens. are:

Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney (lieutenant colonel, Air Corps)—commanding the Fifth Air Force, Southwest Pacific Area.

Lt. Gen. Carl Spaatz (colonel, Air Corps)—commanding the Northwest African Air Forces.

Lt. Gen. Omar N. Bradley (lieutenant colonel, Infantry)—commanding the II Army Corps.

Maj. Gen. Ira C. Eaker (lieutenant colonel, Air Corps)—commanding the Eighth Air Force, European Theater.

Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon (colonel, Air Corps)—commanding United States Army Forces, South Pacific Area.

Lt. Gen. Robert L. Eichelberger (colonel, Infantry)—commanding the I Army Corps, Southwest Pacific Area.

Maj. Gen. Thomas T. Handy (lieutenant colonel, Field Artillery)—Chief of Operations, Washington, D. C.

Maj. Gen. Walter B. Smith (lieutenant colonel, Infantry)—Chief of Staff, Allied Force Headquarters, North Africa.

Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark (lieutenant colonel, Infantry)—commanding the Fifth Army in Italy.

Topkick's Son a Mascot—But In Another Div.

The son of a 254th Inf. topkick has been chosen mascot of the 390th Inf., a unit in 98th Division now on maneuvers.

This odd distinction belongs to Rex Hon, two-year-old son of 1st Sgt. James a Hon of Co. M, 254th Inf., who before coming to Camp Van Dorn held a similar post with Co. M, 390th Inf., at Camp Breckinridge, Ky.

Rex, who has blonde hair, sports blue eyes and is a happy, scrappy young man, captured the title from a host of girl entries. Judges decided that Rex would be a more fitting mascot for a fighting outfit than a girl. He was a constant visitor to the men at Breckinridge when his father was topkick there, and gained the admiration of practically every man in the outfit. One of his standout performances was on Christmas Day when he helped to entertain the men at dinner.

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

The U. S. Army policy is to keep twins in the same organization unless there is a military advantage otherwise.

The Wolf

by Sansone



"I feel so much safer, sitting near a soldier!"

Combat Engineers Construct Road For Rangers

NEW MOTOR POOL ALSO BUILT BY ENGINEERS

Successfully "getting the Rangers out of the mud," a new road and an improved motor pool, at the 63d Division's Ranger Platoon bivouac area stand today as examples of typical engineer combat jobs.

The projects, undertaken by the 263d Engineer Combat Bn. with only a handful of brand new rookies and a minimum of equipment, were completed only five days after Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, ordered them built.

Road Relocated

When the job began late last month, 263d's Lt. Col. Jack L. Coan took one look at the primitive dirt road where the Rangers were bogging down in mud and decided to relocate the road entirely and start from scratch.

Taking over as foreman, Col. Coan formed a working party of two non-commissioned officers, S/Sgt. George Hall and Sgt. Jack Hardin, both of the 263d's "A" Company, and a squad of 17 new trainees of Company "A" who had never before worked on such jobs.

The engineers' equipment consisted of a bulldozer, operated by S/Sgts. Richard Herrmann, H & S Co., and James Anderson, Company "C," six trucks from the Quartermaster Co., two power saws and explosives.

Handled Explosives

At the very outset of the job the removal of numerous stumps gave the new trainees memorable experience as combat engineers. Handling dynamite and nitro-starch charges, they received their first taste of demolitions in actual use on a job.

At this point Maj. Roy D. Warren, camp engineer, made his contribution to the work by providing 75 yards of gravel, and the Rangers themselves assisted by turning out in large numbers to unload the gravel trucks by hand. Upon completion of the work 250 yards of serviceable road with a 14-foot roadway had been built and 100 square yards of hard standing surface provided for the motor pool.

Proper Drainage Provided

To insure proper drainage during the rainy seasons to come, the road was well-graded and crowned, and flanked by drainage ditches and timber revetments where needed.

The Engineers, making use of their power saw equipment, also built a wooden wash rack for the motor pool. Built like a simple timber bridge span, the rack measures 45 feet in length and 15 feet in width.

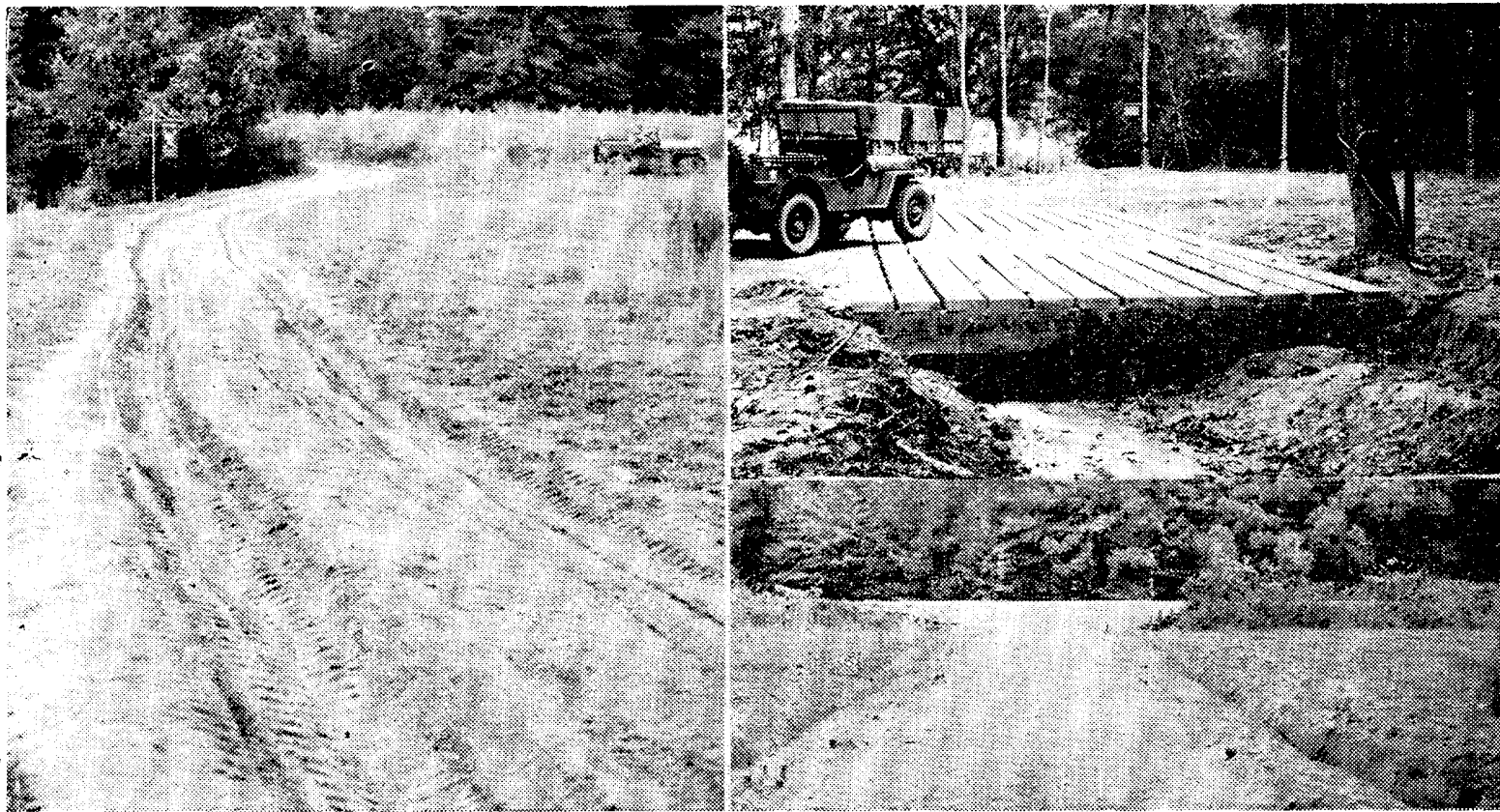
In commenting on the work, Col. Coan expressed appreciation for the help of Maj. Warren, Capt. Bartow Kelly, and Lts. Adolph Shaima and Malcolm Toney, who exchanged command of the Rangers during the time of construction.

"We are particularly proud of our new men who showed that they can tackle a new job and get it done," he said.

SOUND INVESTMENT

Here's another engineer who believes war bonds are a good investment—T/4 Basil Kinney, Company C, 263d Engineer Battalion.

When a friend sent Kinney a check for \$160 last week in payment of a debt, Kinney promptly turned the check over to Lt. G. S. Lafell, special service officer, saying that he would take payment in war bonds and stamps.



On the left is the old road leading to the Ranger maneuver area which was so muddy that the 263d Engineers were called in to build a new one. Lower right shows the new gravel-paved road, and top right, the new motor pool which they constructed at the same time.

News From Your Own Home Town

MINNEAPOLIS (CNS)—Everett Glynis, 79, was buried twice. When he died last June he was believed to have been penniless so the city gave him a free burial in a county grave. Later bank books were uncovered showing that Glynis left \$7,000. His body was exhumed and reburied in the nicest cemetery in town.

MONTICELLO, Ark. (CNS) — One month free room and board in the county jail was the prize offered by Sheriff L. W. Bell at a war bond auction here. Everett Calhoun, a farmer, bid \$500 for the privilege but he didn't indicate whether he would take advantage of the facilities.

NEW YORK (CNS) — Elaine Ward, a comely model, makes her boy friends buy a \$500 war bond every time they take her out on a date. In this way she raises \$7,000 worth of war bonds a week.

NEWARK (CNS)—Joe Carey, 42-year-old seaman, walked into police headquarters here and confessed that he kidnapped and stabbed an 8-year-old girl 11 years ago. The girl, now 19, at present is a student in a high school here police said. "I couldn't stand the thought that someone may have gone to prison for the crime," explained Carey.

OMAHA, Neb. (CNS) — While Nick Mercurio was away from home a slick apple, posing as Nick, persuaded a safe expert to open Nick's safe containing \$950 in cash and \$1,817 in jewelry.

RALEIGH, N. C. (CNS)—To alleviate the manpower shortage here, Gov. and Mrs. J. M. Broughton picked cotton recently at the State experimental station nearby.

DENVER, Colo. (CNS)—Robert E. Lee, a local landlord, told the Office of Price Administration he wanted to evict an "objectionable" tenant named Ulysses S. Grant.

CHICAGO (CNS)—Mrs. Nellie Vileta told the judge in a divorce court here that her husband George, stole her false teeth so she couldn't eat meat and that he proceeded to use all the meat.

SOLDIERS DANCE AT NATCHEZ

Soldiers of the Division found Natchez a most hospitable place during the past week. Two formal dances and a radio broadcast involved men of the 63d, Saturday, Sunday and last night.

Thursday's dance held at the Community Auditorium was attended by some 250 soldiers who were convoyed to Natchez by truck. A Division orchestra led by Pvt. Michael Byrne, supplied the music. Miss Jenny McLin of the Servicemen's Center handled the arrangements for the affair and directed the grand march. As the march ended soldiers and their partners formed a huge V for Victory on the dance floor.

On Saturday night Co. B of the Military Maids of Natchez were hosts to some 500 men of the Division at a formal dance held at the Auditorium. Sgt. Jack Bracken and the Special Service Orchestra played for the dancing and Miss Ann Sammons vocalized with "It's Always You." Jackie Parris, noted for his skat singing offered several hot numbers accompanying himself with his guitar. Miss Carrie Bufkin, captain, of Co. B, was chairman of arrangements.

Sunday afternoon the orchestra, Miss Sammons, Pvt. Parris and others, participated in a musical broadcast from the Servicemen's Center. The program was broadcast over WMIS.

Lt. Couillou and Bride Back from Honeymoon

Lt. Robert G. Couillou, Hq. Co., 254th Inf., and his bride, the former Miss Burnadette Hardman of South St. Paul, Minn., have returned after a short honeymoon. Lt. and Mrs. Couillou were married in Chapel No. 8, by Chaplain Lester J. Houghtaling, on Sept. 8.

First Lt. and Mrs. Paul D. Seabrook attended the bride and groom, and cadremen of the company formed an honor guard at the entrance to the chapel.

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Right Side Up

First thing Pvt. Ed Brown, Blood and Fire's Associate Editor, did when he got off the train at Penn Station on a recent emergency furlough, was to make a bee line for the nearest Army-Navy store. He was brought up to a halt by a display of divisional insignia on the store's window, and there—right smack in the middle of the display was the Blood and Fire insignia — but displayed upside down.

Brown pointed out the window dresser's indiscretion to the store manager, and upon passing the store again a few days later enroute to Van Dorn he noticed the insignia now exhibited correctly for all in New York town to see.

S/Sgt. Robert Farr Honored By 253d

C Company, 253d Inf., was deprived of one of its most popular NCO's when S/Sgt. Robert L. Farr, of Holyoke, Mass., was accredited as an Air Cadet last week. Farr's mates insisted on a speech when announcement of his selection by the Examining Board was made to them. A fitting memorial to Farr's connection with the infantry was the bestowal upon his chest of a sharpshooter's rating by Lt. Colonel Baier, Commander of the 1st Battalion.

Farr made the mark for record firing with Rifle Cal. 30 M-1 at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Staff Sergeant Lee Drew, of Logan, West Virginia, also won an expert's rating, and Staff Sergeant Edwin A. Woodward, of Jacksonville Beach, Fla., qualified as marksman. Two of the Company's Platoon Officers also received recognition as expert riflemen at the same ceremony. Lts. James L. Thome, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Peter S. Troglio, of Jeannette, Pa., each made a score of 182 to achieve places among the 23 at the top of the select group.

—Pvt. Paul Parris.

BATTERYMEN PLAN DANCE

Hq. Battery, 718th FA, will hold a dance in the Battery Day Room Tuesday night at 2000. Members of the WAC detachment will be guests.

Blood And Fire Welcomes Offerings

We are always glad to receive contributed material, but are sometimes unable to publish it for policy or other reasons.

If you want to draw or write for BLOOD AND FIRE, drop in at our office on the stage of the Division Artillery recreation hall, 13th Ave. and 15th St. We'll be glad to give you an assignment.

Contributions of art, poetry, and news stories have been received by the editors of BLOOD AND FIRE from a number of Division members.

5 Men Of Division Become Citizens

Although numerical strength of the 63rd Division hasn't changed, since Monday it has had five more citizens, when five members of the 63rd received their final naturalization papers and took the oath of allegiance to the United States.

The new Americans are Lt. Albert J. H. Birch, Chemical Warfare Service, Division Headquarters; Sgt. Louis M. McDonald, Reconnaissance Troup; T/5's Ricardo Canut, Medical Detachment, 254th Inf.; and Jack Karsch, Co. G, 253d Inf.; and Pvt. Herbert T. Baru, Hq. Batry., Division Artillery.

Planes Surprise Engineer Trainees

Men of the 263d Engineer Combat Battalion underwent a "live run" air raid yesterday when two planes attacked companies of the Battalion while they were undergoing dry run training in defense against air attack.

Following a course in aircraft identification and practice at proper dispersal and counter measures, the planes swooped down on the men without warning. "Bombardiers" Lt. Col. Jack L. Coan, Commanding Officer of the 263d, and Capt. A. W. Sanders, S-3, loosed bombs of powdered chalk and flour on the men, who dispersed, sought cover and "fired" at the aerial attackers.

Yesterday's victims were members of B and C companies. Today soldiers of the Battalion's Hq. and Serv. Co., will receive the realistic training.

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EDITORIAL

Tolerance

We in the 63d Division often bemoan the fact that we are located in a section of the country which is quite remote from large centers of population. We oftentimes find it hard to take because some of the nearby communities are not large enough, or because their facilities are inadequate for our particular type of amusement.

It might be well for us to be a little more tolerant of people and conditions in towns and cities near Camp Van Dorn. It is not our place to criticize citizens because their efforts do not match those in larger places. Everyone in USO's and Servicemen's Centers is trying his best to make us happy.

Let us harken back to our own home communities. If they are large they are putting out in accordance with their wealth; if they are small, as many nearby towns are, they are doing their best to please thousands of men, who in numbers far exceed the population of the area.

So when we are disposed to gripe about our sad lot, let's remember these folks are trying hard to please us; that there may be limits to the length of their purses, but they have shown there is no limit to their generosity and hospitality.

"Without A Song . . ."

"Without a song the day would never end." These are the words to a song heard many times. They bear the essence of truth and they apply here at Camp Van Dorn as they do in many other places.

Song helps lift the drooping spirits; to make the pack a little lighter and the long march seem shorter. The Army believes in singing. It is a cure for many ills.

Here in the 63d Division the Special Troops have organized a glee club; regiments have presented or are preparing to present, musical shows. The Division has many men whose civilian lives were identified with music and song. Surely these men have contributed greatly already to the well-being of their comrades. Without a song and men to sing, life in the Army would have fewer joys.

The Right Way--NOW

In the Division Post Office there is a package with a beautiful, large salami in it. In the package there is a note. It says "Pete, hope you like this—G. Metz."

Unfortunately Pete never got the package. Due to poor wrapping the name of the addressee had been obliterated. All that effort—and all those pounds—gone to waste.

Every day there arrive at the Post Office letters and packages which cannot reach the people they are sent to because they are improperly addressed or so wrapped that there is no way of telling for whom they are meant.

If you wish to get your mail and parcels through write to your friends and relatives and tell them exactly how to address packages to you. Caution them to wrap them securely in stout containers.

And remember this—mail difficulties when we get overseas will be multiplied tenfold. Get your friends and relatives in the habit of doing things the right way NOW.



News From Here And There

Army Upsets Cupids

CLIFFSIDE PARK, N. J. (CNS)—The Army has upset the plans of Eleanor Cuspor. She was to have been married the other day but on the eve of the wedding the bridegroom, Pvt. Charles J. Trinka, had his furlough cancelled and two of the ushers were drafted.

Marine In Uniform Foils Poor Civilian

KANSAS CITY (CNS)—Capt. Eugene Brossman thought he looked pretty slick as he walked through a hotel lobby wearing his marine dress uniform. And then a bystander spoiled it. "Pardon me," he asked, "which of our brave Allies are you?"

Whatta K. P.!

CAMP STONEHAM, CALIF. (CNS)—Making a medical inspection of a service club here, Brig. Gen. Wallace De Witt walked into the cafeteria kitchen. He almost bowled over a GI who was carrying 25 dishes. The jeep spotted that silver star on the general's shoulder and without a moment's hesitation he snapped to attention and dropped the dishes.

Intellectual Indian Stays In Army

POCATELLO, Ida. (CNS)—Every time the Army asked the Indian a question he replied "Ugh."

"What's the idea of sending us an ugh mug?" the Army demanded of the Indian's home town draft board. Informed that the Indian was educated well enough not to be ughing all the time, the Army went back to its questioning.

The Indian sighed. "Well," he said. "It was a good gag and I almost got away with it."

Unwed Gal Fined For Taking Benefit Pay

PHILADELPHIA (CNS)—Rita Patricia Visco, a phony Army wife, was found guilty here of illegally receiving an allotment

"Broadway Lennie" please contact Blood and Fire at Div. Arty. Rec. Hall.

from a soldier to whom she isn't married.

Miss Visco admitted that she posed as the wife of Russell Joseph Boeta of Baton Rouge, La. whom she is engaged to marry after the war. She received a suspended sentence of three months, fined \$250 and ordered to return \$400 she accepted in allotments.

New Type Gripe Box

CAMP EDWARDS, MASS. (CNS)—This camp has a new type of gripe box—and it works. Soldiers are told to place their grievances in a numbered envelope, which is dropped into the gripe box. The men can kick their top kick around all they want—in anonymous security. If officers feel that further consultation will help the situation they list the number on the envelope and a closed session is held if the griper chooses.

WISHFUL THINKING?

JERSEY CITY (CNS)—Pretty Catherine Donniani loves sergeants so much that she married one of them and had a baby by another. When Sgt. Leon Donniani (the one she married) got wind of this set-up, he filed suit for divorce and won it. But Staff Sgt. Russell Woessner (the one by whom she had the baby) is now overseas so Catherine is entirely sergeantless. "But," she philosophized, "we'll be married just as soon as Russell gets back and then everything will be all right."

Twice Wed Soldier Lands In Pokey

NEWARK, N. J. (CNS)—Pvt. Leo Ucciardo loved not only too well but also too often. That's why he's in the cooler today.

According to the War Department Office of Dependency Benefits here, Leo married a girl named Rose in 1935. They had a child. Last year he married again, without a benefit of divorce, and again had a child.

Everything went along okay until both wives applied for dependency benefits. Then Leo was plucked from KP, convicted by court martial, discharged from the Army and sentenced to two years' imprisonment at hard labor.

The Sky Pilot Says it

How Will It Affect You

Chaplain Charles S. Burton, 363d Med. Bn.

There is nothing that of itself determines the result that will be produced. For the result of any happening or action is determined by the person or thing to which the action occurs.

It is possible for two men to experience disaster and one of them be made stronger by that disaster while the other man is broken in character by the same occurrence. Two men may undergo the same discipline and one of them learn thereby the lessons of self discipline while the other man only learns subterfuge so that he can evade the discipline that should be his.

In any happening it is not the thing that happens that finally determines the result, but the person himself. It is not the external stimulus but the internal response, not what happens outside of you but what you have and are inside of you that determines your success or failure.

That is the reason that the effect of Army life on a man is entirely unpredictable. For it is not the Army but the man himself that determines the result of Army discipline.

So it is up to you to determine the ultimate meaning of your experience now. The discipline may be to you only petty restrictions that you will try to avoid, and thus you develop habits that make external discipline necessary. Or the discipline of Army life may indicate to you a voluntary denial of certain freedoms for the cause of freeing the world from the external discipline of a totalitarian government—and thereby you yourself will develop the self discipline that is the essential of a free people.

It is one of the paradoxes of life that only as a man has so developed the inner strength of his life by surrendering himself to great ideals is he entirely free. As a man is captive to the ideals of democracy—ideals that inhere in religious faith of man's essential worth—he voluntarily assumes the disciplines of ordered life, and therein becomes free.

G. I. Jingles

THE INFANTRY LAMENT

Sung to the tune of:

"I NEVER MENTION YOUR NAME"

I never carried a gun before,
I never did "Column Right";
I never tramped till my feet were sore,
And never slept in the damp woods all night;
I never did "To the Right Flank—Harch,"
I never mopped floors before;
I never wore socks so full of starch,
And never reamed an anti-tank's bore;
I never did burpees and pushups,
I never hiked with the rain in my teeth;
I never saw anti-tanks in such mixups
While the sweat pouring down, soaked the
clothes underneath;

I never folded a full field pack,
I never ate "mess-y" chow;
I never bent till I broke my back.
But Lord I'm really doing it now . . .
I've long had the idea but never the time
To make this suggestion, in phrases that rhyme.
But now that cool autumn approaches at last,
I've one certain method of ally winter's blast;
A friendly companion of opposite gender
Is conducive to phrases romantic and tender;
And so lovely maids if you'd look at the moon
Just rally around the AT Platoon . . .
—PVT. HERBERT ARBITBLIT.

"Editor, Blood and Fire: As you know a great many Division enlisted men have hunted and fished a great deal, and there is one point I would like to make. We have all been shown how to field-strip a cigarette, and while this is done primarily to reduce trash, few realize the fire hazard they are reducing—especially in the field. My point is this: I have noticed countless numbers of men after lighting a cigarette throw the match on the ground without first making sure it was entirely out.

"If while on bivouac, each man carelessly threw a match to the ground unnoticed there is no way of knowing the number of forest fires which might be started thus causing an enormous loss of valuable timberland and the reduction of game.

"This destruction is wholly uncalled for and while it might not be stopped entirely it certainly could be reduced. If each man would be more careful and see to it that each match is broken in two before he discards it, it would undoubtedly mean a saving in timberland and an insurance of good game hunting after the war.

"At this writing I would also like to know if you would afford space, very small, in your paper to outdoor life—that is—a few hints to the angler, hints on rod making, repairing, and other items that would be of interest to the fisherman.

"Yours very truly,
"Pvt. James Watson, Co. C, 253d Inf."

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

63d Reconnaissance Troops—Among the many things of which the Recons have reason to be proud is Sgt. David W. Wilson, of Columbia, S. C. What he doesn't know about motors isn't worth knowing. He is very quiet and has a ready smile or word of encouragement whenever one is needed. "Dave" holds the title of best-liked soldier in this unit. . . . Among the beefs heard here is that concerning housing for wives and children of enlisted men. To find a room is 10 times as hard as passing a command inspection, and some of the prices are pretty steep for poorly paid GIs.

253d Inf.—"The Best Company in the Best Battalion," they'll be calling Co. C some day soon, and among the reasons will be soldiers like Pvt. David Goldberg, of Brooklyn, N. Y. At the quiz contest held in conjunction with the opening of the Centreville USO, Goldberg won the 25-question test with a score of 140 points—twice as many as his nearest competitor. The prize was something for which many a GI would do a month's KP—a free phone call home. Goldberg, who is 20 and a graduate of St. John's University School of Law, spoke to his wife and daughter; the youngster will soon celebrate her first birthday. . . . Quiet, handsome Pvt. Kenneth Ragsdale was manager of the municipal bond section of the Chicago branch of Lehman Brothers before entering the Army. One of the men who made the eagle scream for him there was Herbert Lehman, former New York governor, now directing American war aid for liberated countries. . . . Pvt. Fred Nienstadt, whose dad is a New York Pontiac dealer, has been promised a new car the day he becomes a corporal. Gangway, fellers, looka whose bucking for what. . . . Pvt. Vito Colavito wants to know: "How many stars does 'General Orders' rate?" . . . Pvt. Warren Miller has a new Esquire girl bugler pinned up by his bed; that's an idea, why not a pretty WAC bugler for morning reveille? . . . Nomination for the most ambitious soldier goes to Pvt. Thomas O'Keefe. When he rises at 5:30 each morning, he immediately turns the dial of his radio, looking for a program offering setting-up exercises. O'Keefe, who sleeps in an upper bunk, is searching for a fireman's ladder so he can climb down faster. . . . All the boys in Co. A are rooting for a speedy recovery for Pvt. Earl Roy who accidentally broke his knee during a field game last week. Acting "pl. Phil Ciantro brightens the barracks with the classiest set of green . . .

254th Inf.—Stressing brains rather than brawn, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., is one of the few outfits at Camp Van Dorn that can boast of a Rhodes Scholar. He is Pvt. Douwe Stuurman, who went to Oxford in 1933. Master of seven languages, Pvt. Stuurman in civilian life was assistant professor of philosophy and literature at California State College, in Santa Barbara. Shy, modest, he is 33 years old and single. . . . It is now 1st Lt. Robert Douglas Falkenbury, Jr. The platoon leader of Communications, 254th Inf., received his silver bar last Saturday afternoon. . . . The rigors of basic training are old stuff to Cpl. Fred Vollweiler, 2nd Bn., who is taking it for the third time in two and one-half years. Cpl. Vollweiler has been in the Army 29 months and was transferred here from Camp Ritchie, Md. . . . Pvt. Guy Miller, of Co. B, had the expression of Superman Monday morning, because of Mrs. Miller's new address, which is Centreville. . . . Pvt. Smerecki, of the 3rd Platoon, is either a junior commando or a ju-jitsu artist. He does a wonderful job of tangling his body, legs and feet, even though he has made it very clear that his feet hurt at all times. . . . What makes the men 35 or older smile when leaving the drill field after a tough day? The answer is that they overhear conversations of men 21 or 22 telling each other how good they were in their younger days, when they were only 18 or 19. . . . Lt. J. Clement Coss exchanged his gold bar for silver this week. . . . Stripes were handed out to Sgt. Fill and Cpls. Diehl, Wilson, Dove, Basile, Diely, Mercurio, Altman and Clair. . . . The loud noise we hear twice a day is not a 155-mm. gun, but the voice of our new mail clerk, the aptly-named Pvt. Call. . . . Many of the boys have begun to receive musical instruments and have started practice; it won't be long before we have our own band, playing anything from Bach to the latest jitterbug music. . . . Since Sgt. Fill received his stripes, all his spare time is spent in practicing the Japanese Duck Walk in anticipation of his triumphal entry into Tokyo. . . . Do you notice Pfc. Thomas J. Casey walking around with a happy smile and a gleam in his eye? His mother, Mrs. John Casey, and his girl friend, Miss Dorothy Fisher, both of New York, spent the last weekend here.

301st FA. Congratulations are in order for T/Sgt. Michael Russel Long Island, N. Y., and Oliver Rainey of Franklin, Tenn., both of whom received their promotions recently. . . . Also for Buck Sgts. William E. Parker, Elmhurst, L. I., who was recently made, and to Pvts. William A. Aughtigan, Lawrence, Mass., Gordon Boring, Johnson City, Tenn., and Francis La Fleche, Syracuse, N. Y., who have been promoted to Cpls. Private Wallace White, Atlanta, Ga., now has a Pfc. before his name. . . . T/4 Gerard Perreault, Marlow, N. H., is attending the radio school at Baltimore, Md. . . . Pvt. Daniel Smith, Reading Pa., helped build blimps before joining the Army. . . . S/Sgt. Leo Randall, S. Glens Falls, N. Y., is said to be able to climb a 35-foot telephone pole in two minutes flat.

INTRODUCE DIVISION MARCH AT SHOW



Members of the cast of Reveille Revue, 253d Inf. show, introduced new division march, entitled "Blood and Fire." Left to right are: Pvts. William Short, Manny Rosen, and Julius Prol, Cpl. Joseph Pollack, T/5 Fredd Weiner, and Pvts. Leland Burt, Russell Fl august, and Arnold Spector.

POPULAR BUNCH PLAYS GUITAR; COOKS AS WELL

S-Sgt. George Bunch, Co. C, 254th Inf., has himself quite a bunch of admirers among the boys who don't yet rate Sunday passes and find time heavy on their hands.

Naturally, the Sarge's popularity is due in part to the fact that he is in charge of mess. But, it is his artistry on the guitar, accompanying a lusty baritone that first filled the air around Earlington, Ky., 22 years ago, that has won the GI's rating of "Solid" for "The Bunch."

Nostalgic Longing

He bangs those strings with the know of one who has learned his job well. And, the expression he wears as he sends those backyard tunes rolling down hill indicates he gets even more of a kick out of them than his grateful listeners.

Bunch really does enjoy himself. This guitar playing isn't the outgrowth of some parental directive of his childhood but of a personal desire and determination that date back six years to a time when the Sergeant lay on a hospital bed with an accidentally fired bullet in his head.

Learned to Play

Sick-call for the Kentuckian lasted one whole year. The others around him were also sick. So George figured they could stand a little more suffering while he learned to play the instrument his dad brought to him. Only the other

Inquiring Reporter

The Question—Are you in love?
Pvt. Virgil Beason, Hq. Co., 861st F.A.—Most assuredly. I've been in love with only one girl too, for two years. You see I'm married to that person.

Pvt. Ralph Serago, B Battery, 863d F.A.—No, I'm not in love at present. I have been three times in the past though. I wasn't ready to settle down, however, so I passed up the chances.

A/Cpl. Martin Soharski, Battery B, 861st F.A.—Yes, I am in love, with my wife. I've been married two and one-half years. I might say she is my first and only love too.

A/Cpl. Carl Duso, Battery C, 863d FA—Yes, I am in love at the present time. I met the girl four years ago and now she is my wife. We have a son eight months old too.

Pvt. Franklin C. Strader, Battery A, 863d F.A.—Yes, I am in love with my wife. I have had plenty of time to reflect on it too and I've never changed my mind in 13 years. We have a daughter 11 years old.

Pvt. Phillip Bodome, Battery B, 718th F.A.—No, I am not and I

haven't been in love to date. I do not consider myself a hopeless case nor my heart an unassailable citadel. Sometime, perhaps when the war is over, I may fall in love. I think I shall let events take their course in regard to affairs of the heart.

Pvt. James Flynn, Battery C., 861st F.A.—You bet I'm in love. I have been going steadily for a year and I hope to hold out until the fracas over yonder is ended and then, well, maybe I may persuade a certain young lady to take a walk down the aisle.

Pvt. Edward O'Brien, Hq. Battery, 862d F.A.—No, I am not in love at the present time. I have been in love, however. Three or four years ago it was but it's all over now. You never can tell, however, I may fall back in love at any minute. Those things are unpredictable and I won't even hazard a guess as to say when it will be or how soon.

718th FA Bn. Tops Spot Check League

By marking an average of five demerits for each vehicle during the inspection made Oct. 6, by the Ordnance Motors Inspection Team, the 718th FA Bn., moved into first place in the Auto Ordnance Spot Check League.

This average is the best made by any unit in the Division since the inception of motors inspection. First Lt. John S. Moore, Bn. Motor Officer, and the rest of the Battalion motor personnel are confident of staying in first place for the duration. Said Lt. Moore:

"Our goal is to set a record that no one can top, and that very few will tie."

BERNIE BLOOD

Gets Pass . . . Meets Lass

BY PVT. GILL FOX



PVT. GILL FOX - CO. I, 253 INF.

Division Hq., Wins First Game In Softball Finals

SPORTS SWIRL

Although far from the scenes, men of the Division displayed keen interest in the outcome of the recent World Series won by the Yanks and in the big football classics, notably the Notre Dame-Michigan fray in which the Irish upset the Wolverines, 35-12. The scoreboard at Combat Team Blue's Rec. Hall kept the boys well-informed as to the progress of the series games and gave them quarter-by-quarter scores of the grid classics.

In addition to the run-of-the-mill Yankee fans who are still chortling over the triumph scored by the Bronx Bombers, two men, Pvt. Norman Kies and James Flynn, are particularly happy.

Kies was understudy to Bill Dickey of the Yanks for several seasons, and Flynn, an outstanding catcher for Central Catholic High of Toledo, Ohio, later caught for the Toledo Mud Hens in the American Association. Before the draft caught him, he had a 17 day session with the Yanks, doing most of his work in the bull pen.

Our own Bashbeak Boulevard seems to be in the making. The battling Rangers are flinging the leather all over the place. Service Battery of 863 FA has such leather pushers as Pvt. Joe Frakes, former Golden Gloves heavyweight from Michigan, Dominick J. Sicura, another Gloves heavy from Philly, and Frank Coeman, lightweight runner-up in last year's National Catholic Youth tournament. Johnny O'Keefe, Co. C, 254th, ex-Manhattan welterweight, is conducting weekly classes for fistic neophytes.

Switching to the gridiron, the 363d boasts Lt. Norman Williamson, former Minnesota and Green Bay Packers luminary, and Pvt. Lester Finelli, erstwhile New York Yankees end.

Company D of the 254th has cast down the gauntlet to all and sundry in the Division who are interested in softball or horseshoe pitching. Bookings for games and matches may be made through Pvt. Frank LaMarca.

The Louisiana State Tigers will have a chance to lick their wounds suffered at the hands of the speedsters from Texas A & M last Saturday. Van Buren and Co. will be idle tomorrow because of the cancellation of the game with the Memphis Naval unit.

Maniaci Coaching

The Commandos, of the Naval Training Station at Bainbridge, Md., have a 9-game grid schedule lined up for this fall and a powerhouse team in back of the schedule.

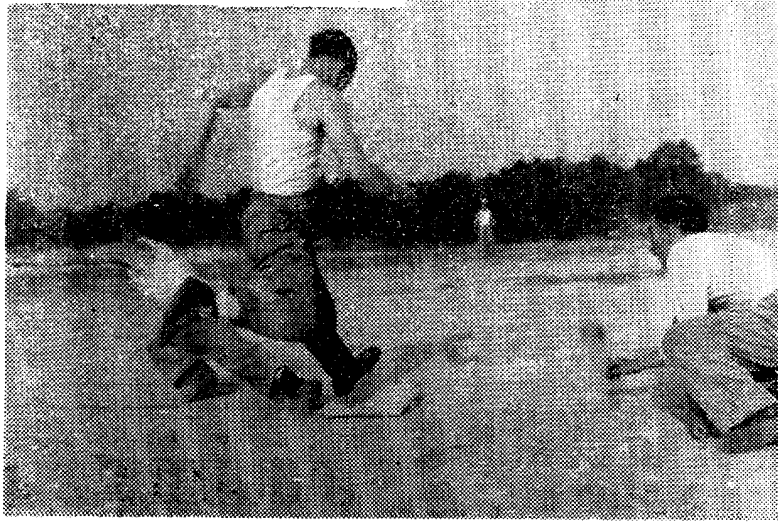
Coached by Ensign Maniaci, former Fordham and Chicago Bears fullback, the Commandos' talent includes Ensign Phil Ragozzo, great guard at Western Reserve, the Cleveland Rams and the Philadelphia Eagles; Howard Hickey who starred at end for the Arkansas Razorbacks and the Rams; Clure Mostier, Pittsburgh Steelers center; Bill DeCorrevont, triple threat back from Northwestern and Bill Dutton, speedy former Pittsburgh back.

All-Southern Caste

Of the 43 men out for football at Louisiana State University this fall, 29 hail from Louisiana. The others are from near-by Mississippi, Arkansas, Texas and one from Oklahoma.

ACTION AS FINAL BATTLE FOR SOFTBALL TITLE STARTS

Top right: Brigadier General Frederick M. Harris, Asst. Div. Commander, the umpire-in-chief, watches action at second. Catcher Norman Kies of Div. Hq. Ex-Yankee, stands by. Bottom photo: Cpl. Al MacKay, Div. Hq., safe at first in sixth as the 255th's first baseman, Pvt. Henry Degroff, misses a wild throw. Sgt. Frank Scarpinato of Div. Hq., coaches at first.



ALVIS YIELDS FIVE BLOWS AS 255TH BOWS, 7-3

Crowding all runs into the last three innings, behind the five-hit pitching of Cpl. Johnny Alvis, the Div. Hq. softball team downed the Hq. Co., 255th Inf., 7-3, Tuesday in the first of a two-out-of-three game series for the Pepsi-Cola Trophy. A crowd estimated at 1,600 fans saw the contest. The second game is scheduled for this afternoon and if the Div. Hq. team wins it will snare the title.

The contest was a pitchers' battle until the fifth inning, between Cpl. Alvis and Sgt. Alfred Galasso of the 255th. In that frame Pvt. Norman Kies, former N. Y. Yankees' catcher, who backstops for Div. Hq., rifled a long home run into deep left.

Three Runs Scored

Galasso, faltered momentarily and walked Monk but Alvis and Sgt. Frank Scarpinato went down swinging. Pvt. Jim Lecek walked and scored behind Monk as Sgt. Jack Whitefield laced a single into left field. Anthony bobbled Erickson's smash and another run crossed the plate to make the count 4-0, in favor of Div. Hq.

The four markers were augmented by two in the sixth and one in the seventh for Div. Hq. Facing a six-run deficit, the 255th scored once in the sixth. Pvt. John Anthony doubled and raced to third on Lecek's low throw to first in an effort to nab Calasanto. Anthony tallied on Kirschoerfer's hoist to center. The rally was halted, however, when Cpl. Alvis nipped O'Connor on a fielder's choice and fanned Kileridht, pinchhitting for Macchi. Two more runs were scored by the losers in the last of the seventh.

Alvis Fans Ten

Cpl. Alvis, besides giving only five hits, fanned 10 batters, six of them in the first three innings. Kies and Pvt. Jim McCabe, the latter with a triple, were the only ones to hit for extra bases for Hq. Co., while Pvt. John Anthony belted a double for the 255th.

Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Asst. Div. Commander did a good job of umpiring behind the plate, while Lt. Bernard Levkoff, of Div. Special Service handled the mediating at the bases.

Score by innings:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Div. Hq.	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	7	8
255th Inf.	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	5

R. H. E.

Div. Hq.	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	7	8	3
255th Inf.	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	5	3

Players In Service Profit By Series

Former members of the baseball squads of the New York Yankees and the St. Louis Cardinals who are now in the armed forces, will not be forgotten when the two teams divide one of the biggest World's Series melons in the 40-year history of the annual event.

Terry Moore, Enos Slaughter, Johnny Beazley and Frank Crespino of the Cards will receive quarter shares, while two others will get full shares. The Yanks set aside \$500 for six of the 1942 players now in the service and \$350 for the seventh.

Ed Barrow Better

NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y.—Business Manager Ed. Barrow of the New York Yankees, who won the World Series from the St. Louis Cardinals this week, is reported resting easier here today and is happy because his club won the title. Barrow is suffering a heart ailment and arthritis.

TOUCH FOOTBALL LOOP PLANNED

With the close of the softball tournament this week, organization meetings and schedules will be announced for the Division Touch Football competition during the coming week. The tournament will involve all units of the Division and will be conducted by the Special Service department.

A set of 11 rules has been specially drawn up by Lt. Bernard Levkoff, in charge of athletics for Special Service, and these regulations will govern play during the competition.

A touch football no tackling is permitted at any time. Passes may be thrown from any spot behind the line of scrimmage and every player is eligible to receive a pass. The ball may also be advanced by rushing.

Scoring is the same as in regulation football save for the fact that there is no point after touchdown.

LSU Tigers Idle Over Weekend

Soldiers of the Division will have no outstanding collegiate gridiron attraction at Baton Rouge tomorrow night. The Louisiana State University eleven has been forced to cancel its game with the Memphis Naval Training eleven because the sailors had difficulty in securing a field on which to play the game. They cannot travel to Baton Rouge.

Highlighting the nation's grid card will be the game between Notre Dame and Wisconsin. This contest takes precedence over others mainly because of the performance turned in by the Irish last Saturday when they routed Michigan's touted Wolverines, 35-12. Wisconsin, incidentally is coached by Harry Stuhldreher, one of Notre Dame's great Four Horsemen.

In another clash that should produce repercussions in the Midwest, Ohio State faces Purdue. In the South Duke tackles North Carolina after losing to Navy last week.

Harmon Touchdown Ace

Contrary to the opinion of most sports fans, the Galloping Ghost, Red Grange, despite his vaunted achievements on the gridiron was not the top-notch down getter in grid history. Tom Harmon, the Michigan ace of recent years scored more touchdowns than any other college back in history.

Exhibition Bout By Gomez Tops Outdoor Boxing Card

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the description of his destructive might, he has twin sledgehammers for hands and when they land, they have all of his 189 pounds behind them. Something has to give and usually it is the man who stands in front of them.

Gomez has the reputation of laying his opponents away among the sweet peas early in bouts and his long list of knockouts testify to that prowess. He has belted such touted fistic artists as Tony Gusto, Cpl. Buddy Knox of Dayton, and Claudio Villa of Havana, into insensibility in short order and his work last night indicated that it will take an exceedingly tough man to stop him in the future.

White, Grid Star, Now Gob Overseas

Lt. (jg) Byron Raymond (Whizzer) White, all-American back at the University of Colorado, Oxford University Rhodes scholar, Yale University law student and former professional football ace, now is stationed at a motor torpedo boat base in the New Georgia Islands.

Rizzuto Plays Ball

Phil Rizzuto, former Yankee shortstop, took another look at the horseshoe recently when he played in the shortfield for the Bushwick's semi-pro nine in Brooklyn in a game against the New London (Conn.) Diesels. Rizzuto was on leave from the Norfolk (Va.) Naval Station and had Navy permission to play one more game.

Battlers In Service

Sal Bartolo, featherweight title contender, is 1A now and Bobby Ruffin, the lightweight, has been called by his draft board. Cpl. Mello Bettina, southpaw lightweight, is refereeing bouts between MPs in New York.

Bob Lowe hit four consecutive home runs for the Boston Nationals in 1894.

Service Battery Five Wins, 36-15

Service Battery, 862d FA, defeated Battery A of the same unit, 36-15, Tuesday night at Div. Arty. Rec. Hall.

The play was close in the first half and the count at the whistle stood, 16-12, in favor of Service Battery. During the first bracket the victors were led by Left Forward Craig Cusick who netted seven of his eight points. He was limited to a single tally from the foul line in the last half.

Joe Pontone, center for the winning team, led the attack in the second half with six counters. Kilgore and Byrne shared top scoring honors for the losers with four markers apiece.

Larry Is Present

Lt. Col. Larry McPhail, former president of the Brooklyn Dodgers, took leave from his duties in Washington to attend the Series opener.

Play Last Game

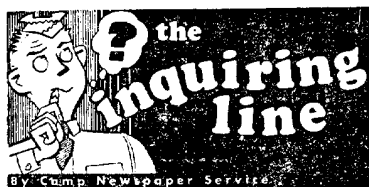
This was the last World Series for the duration and six for Harry Walker, Cardinal center fielder, Murray Dickson, Cardinal pitcher, and Bud Metheny, Yankee outfielder. Walker and Metheny face immediate induction and Dickson is a GI already. He played in the classic during his induction furlough.

Stan Coveleski Won Three Series Games

Stan. Coveleskie is the only major leaguer within the past 23 years who won three World Series victories. Pitching for the Cleveland Indians, he held Brooklyn to two runs in 27 innings. Three times he yielded five hits in the 1920 Series.

Chevigny Marine Coach

Lt. Jack Chevigny, ex-Notre Dame back and Texas coach, has been appointed head football mentor of the Marine Corps team at Camp Lejeune, N. C.



By Camp Newspaper Service

Q. How do the dependents of a soldier collect his back pay in the event of his death?

A. The accounts of deceased Army personnel are settled by the General Accounting Office, Claims Division, Washington D. C. All claims for pay due the deceased at the time of his death should be made by his nearest heir, his executor or the administrator of his estate.

Q. Do Army divers in salvage or repair operations receive additional pay?

A. Yes. Enlisted men assigned to diving get extra pay at a rate not less than \$5 a month and not exceeding \$30 a month provided that they are employed in operations in depths of more than 90 feet. If the operations are less than 90 feet in depth the men may receive the extra pay only if the officer in charge finds that the operation is particularly hazardous.

Q. Are per diem allowances provided in travel orders limited in time?

A. Yes. Allowances prescribed in travel orders are limited to a period not exceeding 30 days at any one station within the continental limits of the U. S.

Combat Engineers Guests At Party

Twenty men of the 263d Engineer Combat Battalion enjoyed an outdoor picnic sponsored by a group of USO hostesses at Gloster last Monday.

Following a weiner supper were dancing and games. S Sgt. Patrick Shanahan, non-commissioned officer in charge of men, sang and Private Leigh Miller demonstrated his gymnastic prowess as a result of losing a bout of "Truth and Consequences."

The guests were: Shanahan, Miller, S/Sgt. Mark Callahan, S/Sgt. Theodore Ostrander, T/4 Joseph Lucas, Sgt. William Dingler, Cpl. Frank Murphy, Cpl. Ethan Smith, and Pvts. Fred Cooper, Albert Zeller, Olin Wilson, Matthew Ryan, James Anderson, Thomas Styles, Doris Poole, George Dickey, George Dorry, Leo Burrell, Fred Cataffo and Arthur Borsella.

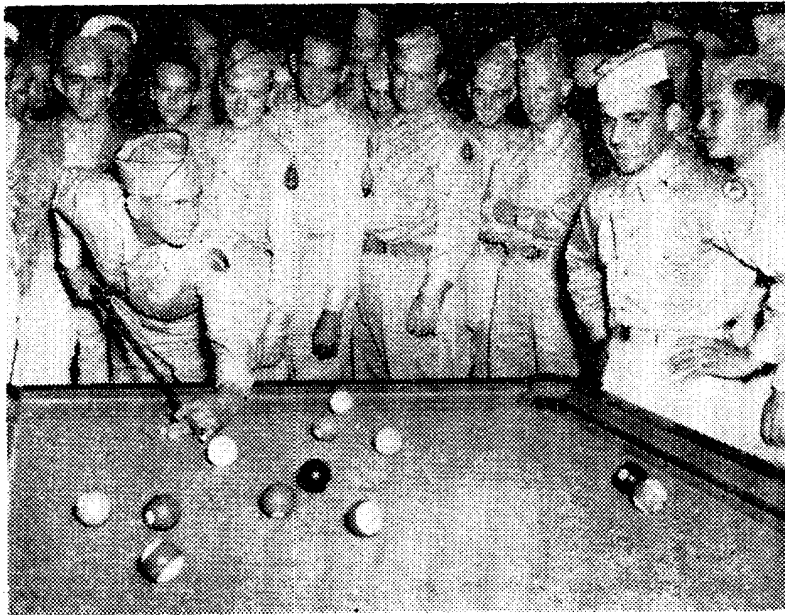
Annie Rooney

Continued from Page One theater. They took down the house with their joint rendition of "For Me and My Gal."

She will conclude her visit here sometime today when she leaves by motor.

Annie's visit was the second in recent months paid the Sixty-Third Division by a Hollywood star. Last month songstress Dinah Shore flew to camp to entertain the Division. Both appeared under the joint sponsorship of Army Special Services and USO Camp Shows.

BROTHER MEETS BROTHER



Vito Lovco, 510, of 718th FABN (shown with cue in hand), met his brother Frank (with hands on hips) Sunday at the Baton Rouge USO. It was the first time in five months they'd seen each other. Frank is stationed at Camp Herhan, New Orleans. They come from Syracuse, N. Y.

WACS JOIN GI'S IN BATTERY C, 861st, Hold First Party

Div. Arty. Rec. Hall on 13th Ave. at 15th St. was officially opened Thursday evening, Oct. 7th, with the presentation of a Truth and Consequences show to which the WACS were invited as guests. The Hall had previously been in use by the Division Classification Office.

The two-hour program was staged by Pvt. S. J. Bernard of Hq. Btry., Div. Arty., assisted by Pvt. Holub of the same organization who bugged for all the wrong answers, and acted as straight man.

Two blindfolded WACS feeding each other a slice of chocolate pie as a "consequence" brought roars of laughter. The soldier who tried to flip a nickel from his nose to the funnel tucked into his belt started the program rolling when he suddenly found a trickle of water running down his pants leg. Someone had poured a glassful into the funnel while he was concentrating on the nickel flip.

The tough sergeant singing "Rock-a-bye-baby" to a stray baby, which turned out to be the 263rd's little porker, Josephine, delighted the privates and corporals almost as much as the WAC who tried to shave a soldier while he tried to shave her. Both were blindfolded and neither took any chances of cutting the other—how were they to know the razors weren't loaded?—the soldier squatted as near to the floor as he could—and the WAC covered her face with the barber's apron and vigorously sliced at the air where his head should have been.

When one of the men had to try to date a WAC as his consequence there were plenty of volunteers to show him how to do it. He claimed he was bashful.

Men of C Battery, 861st FA, staged a party last Saturday night at the Battery Day Room. Members of the WAC detachment were guests at the affair.

Entertainment was provided by members of the organization. Pvt. Jack Israelow, was chairman of the committee on arrangements.

Lt. Hart And Bride Living At McComb

Lt. James A. Hart, Jr., of Bat. "Rock-a-bye-baby" to a stray baby bride, the former Miss Sara Lewis Cook, of Ft. Thomas, Ky., are residing at McComb, Miss.

The marriage of Lt. Hart and Miss Cook, culminated a romance that began when the bride and groom were next-door neighbors in Charlotte, N. C. The wedding took place at Miss Cook's home, Oct. 3.

Masons To Organize Club Monday Night

The first meeting of the Camp Van Dom Masonic Club will be held Monday night at Building T-6413, located between Five Points and the Billeting Office, at 2000.

Presentation of latest dues cards at the door will be sufficient credentials for admission. Officers will be elected and standing committees organized. All soldiers and officers who were members of the Masonic order in civilian life are invited to attend the opening gathering.

NEW STATIONERY

Stationery bearing the flaming emblem of the 63d Blood and Fire Division, is on sale at all Division Post Exchanges.

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coupons for himself. After she had obtained the divorce Mrs. Vileta demanded her teeth back in lieu of alimony.

CHILLICOTHE, O. (CNS) — Eleven years ago when Park Tucker, a miner lay trapped in a caved-in pit 150 feet underground, he vowed that should he survive he would devote the rest of his life to the ministry. He was rescued. Then he worked his way through college and a Baptist seminary. Last week he was ordained a Baptist minister.

CLEARFIELD, Utah (CNS) — A farmer built a fire under his bathtub to warm up the water. The flames spread and consumed bathtub, house and a nearby barn, chasing the farmer out into the night with a cake of soap in his hand.

HARRISBURG, Pa. (CNS) — A lady here wrote her husband in the Army that a shortage of candy was holding up a gift package she planned to send him. In a couple of days she received a big box of candy from her husband.

HOLLYWOOD (CNS) — Jean Harrison, the only woman movie producer here, has nice legs and novel ideas. The other day she invited studio photographers into her bedroom to shoot cheesecake.

LOS ANGELES (CNS) — "Were glad women leave lipstick on the rim of their glasses in bars," said City Health Officer George Uhl at a meeting of the bartenders' sanitation school here. "It forces bartenders to see that all glasses are properly cleaned."

MERIDIAN, Ida. (CNS) — Butter worth more than 408,000 ration points was splattered all over the countryside the other night when a passenger train smacked a refrigerator truck loaded with the yellow grease.

MIAMI, Fla. (CNS) — Fourteen hunting dogs picked a scrap with a wildcat in the Everglades last week. The wildcat snarled, brained all the dogs in a free-for-all fight and disappeared.

263d Engineers Sent New Books

More than 250 new books were added to the libraries of company day rooms in the 263d Engineer Combat Battalion this week.

The books, ranging from mystery stories and westerns to biographical works, were divided equally among the four companies of the Battalion.

Furnished by Divisional Special Service, the assortment included novels by such well-known authors as Thomas Wolfe, James Hilton and John Steinbeck.

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED ---THE 'OLD SARGE'

My calendar says Oct. 8. Hard to realize that five months ago I blew into Blanding and reported to my old Breckinridge Company Commander. I didn't expect that and it made me feel pretty good, but my morale really began to climb when the Division Commander came around that same afternoon and gave us a talk.

I was all set for a lot of pompous words and a high pressure pep talk but what do you suppose he talked about? You'd never guess, so I'll tell you. He told us how he wanted us to wear our caps! As near as I can remember this is what he said:

"I want you to wear your caps well over on one side of your head close to one ear and close to the eye. This makes you look cocky, and when you look cocky you feel cocky, and when you feel cocky you can soldier, eat and sleep better, get more fun out of life and be generally more efficient."

And did he have his at a rakish angle while he was talking! Up to that time I had always worn mine square on top of my head due to early influence of a tough old company commander. But after the General left I gave mine a good push over to one ear and yanked it down over my eye to where I could hardly see, and do you know, it did give me a cocky feeling, and I liked it.

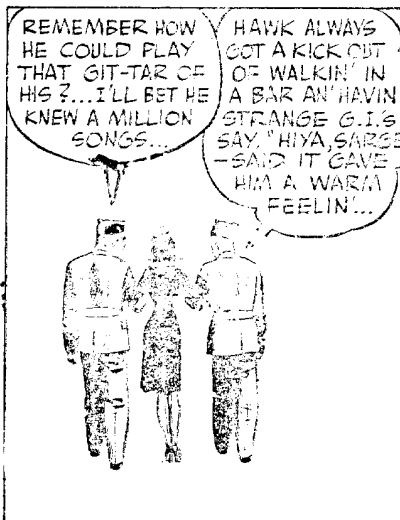
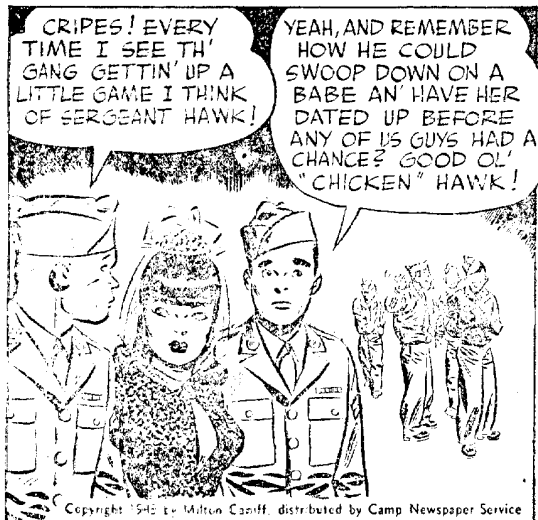
You youngsters who have just joined the Division take a tip from old Terry: Get that cap off the top and back of your head and at the angle I have just told you about and it will soon take that recruit look away, providing, of course, you've spruced up and have your chest stuck out at the same time. Try it boys!

And while I'm talking about sprucing up, I want to give you another tip. Don't get in the habit of going around with pens and pencils sticking out of your shirt pockets, and a handkerchief dangling out of your hip pocket. Just taint military. And while I'm at it I might as well add that the same applies to going around with your hands in your pockets. I learned this the hard way. I had a company commander once who made you sew your pockets up for a week if he caught you with your hands in them for any length of time.

Male Call

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

Drawn and Quoted



She Came 3,000 Miles To Spend Week-End Here With Hubby



Last week-end Pvt. John Frere, of Co. D, 253d Inf. went to Baton Rouge on his first weekend pass. What made his weekend different from that of numerous other GIs who made a similar trip, was that John's wife, Mary Jane, had come some 1,300 miles from Washington, D. C. to pass Saturday and Sunday with her husband. A BLOOD and FIRE editor and photographer tagged along to bring you this photo story of their weekend.

Pictures of (1) "Tottie" as John calls her, show that she's travelled even further than her fingers can span on the map to get from the Nation's capital to Camp Van Dorn. (2) Oh boy, Southern fried chicken for Tottie and a heaping big salad for John; latter also professed a fondness for fried oysters. (3) Mrs. Beverly McGee, who has a sweet little cottage outside Baton Rouge, rents a room to married couples at \$2 per night, through the Baton Rouge USO, and here she's shown welcoming the Freres. (4) Like all good sight-seers, the young couple race up the steps of Louisiana's sky-scraping State Building, and (5) they enjoy the scenery from its top. (6) On Sunday morning John and Tottie rose early to attend mass at historic St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church. In the afternoon (7) Tottie brings out her return-trip tickets, and she and John figure out what train she'll leave on. "All aboard," says the conductor (8) and it's sure a sad parting as Tottie starts out alone on the last leg of her 2,600 mile visit with her hubby. "I'll be back again soon as I can get another leave from the office," she told him before their final kiss.

TIN PAN ALLEY TUNESMITH WRITES NEW DIVISION MARCH

From Tin Pan Alley tunesmith to first-class machine gunner is just a single step to Pvt. William Short, Co. D., 253d Inf. He made the big leap soon after his induction into the Army Aug. 13, when he was assigned to the 63d Division.

However, being a machine gunner will only serve to inspire Short to greater heights, for he has already written a catchy march entitled "Blood and Fire" which had its premiere Oct. 7 at "Reveille Review" which was staged by hte 253d.

Prior to induction, Short had turned out a number of hit tunes including "On the Outside Looking In," "Have a Heart" and "You're Dangerous." The latter was introduced by Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians. Short also wrote the scores of a number of collegiate shows, most notable of which was Franklin and Marshall's College Aquacade, which he helped produce.

Here are the words to his Blood and Fire march:

The 63d is on the March
The pride of the Infantry—
The 63d is on the March
All out for victory!

So shout her praises to the sky
As her FLAG goes passing by
When you see a bloody bayonet

..... in flame
The 63d Division is our name
(SHOUT)...BLOOD and FIRE
The 63d Division is our name!

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program.

The broadcast will consist of a series of blackouts and montages, with background music furnished by the Division's 14-piece orchestra. The theme will be entitled "The Division" and will trace the history of the 63d from the day of its activation June 15, until the present.

To Repeat Speeches

Speeches made by Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Roosevelt will be repeated in a manner similar to that employed by "The March of Time."

The program arrangements are in charge of Sgt. Robert Peters of Division Special Service, who was associated with Station WLW of Cincinnati and was a vocalist for Ben Bernie. The script is being handled by Pvt. Al Lewin of Hq. Bty., 718th FA., former gagman and scriptman for Eddie Cantor, assisted by Corp. Joseph Paul Taubmann, of Hq. Co., 255th Inf., heads the musical staff.

The words to the new Division march follow:

"We are marching to battle
And 'ere we return
We'll draw blood with fire,
They'll all bleed and burn.

"For sin and agression
The Axis will pay.
We'll bring home the victory
To good old USA."

Variety Show

"Strictly GI" a 14-act revue staged by the 255th Infantry, and played before a capacity audience Tuesday at Combat Blue Red Hall, was the second large-scale production staged by this regiment.

The hit of the show—if applause was any yardstick—was a civilian performer, Dottie McHale. Her rendition of three popular songs certainly added to their popularity here.

Penicillin

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scesses of the lungs and the soldier became very seriously ill. His temperature fluctuated around 106 degrees.

Sulfa Drugs Ineffectual

Sulfa drugs proved of no avail in his case and for this reason Col. Willett took more urgent measures and put in the hurried call to Atlanta.

The Fourth Service Command, who received the request, had the drug flown directly to Camp Van Dorn. The emergency first-aid plane landed at the Field Artillery airport.

The rare wonder drug, owned by the Army, is centrally located in certain Army General Hospitals throughout the country—the nearest to Camp Van Dorn being that at Atlanta, Ga.

Doctors said last night that Morrissy was "now showing considerably more interest in his surroundings and felt much better."

GENERAL HARRIS PRAISES 254TH SGT. TRAINEES

In an official memorandum to the Company Commander, 1st Lt. Lilburn S. Fullen, the men of Company F, 254th Infantry, were cited for their proficiency in close order drill, following a surprise inspection by Brig. Gen. F. M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander, last Thursday afternoon.

General Harris particularly commended First Sgt. Olan Tucker's voice and command in instructing the men.

Marching Excellent

"The men performed the close order drill with precision. This was the best example of close order drill that I have seen in the 63d Division to date," said General Harris.

Col. Stanley R. Putnam, 254th Regiment Commander, and Lt. Col. John E. Evans, 2d Battalion Commander, likewise commended Sgt. Tucker and the men of F Company for their excellent showing.

Weapons Platoon Praised

The weapons platoon enjoyed the further satisfaction of being complimented for its heads-up meeting of a situation in military courtesy at the Saturday inspection. As Col. Putnam and Major Bryan, 2d Battalion Executive Officer, approached from the rear the platoon was ready for them and snapped to attention in a perfectly coordinated movement. Just a detail in the complexities of military courtesy, but Lt. Alfred P. Raeder's platoon was complimented by the inspecting officers for

WANTED

Wanted—A paint that can be applied to airplanes which will not increase their weight. Believe it or not, they are now going to scrape O.D. paint off all planes flown for the Army by commercial air lines in the U. S., the Air Transport Command revealed.

Removal of the paint will reduce the weight of each plane about 75 pounds and increase its speed five to eight miles per hour.

A good habit to cultivate is to read BLOOD AND FIRE regularly.

Shepards Feted By 263d Officers

A group of officers of the 263d Engineer Battalion honored Captain G. S. Shepard and his bride with a party at the No. 1 Officers' Club last Saturday night.

The newly-weds were presented with a sterling silver cream and sugar set at a dinner given by the officers. During the dancing which followed the band played "Here Comes the Bride" in honor of Mrs. Shepard and "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow" for the captain. Guests were Lt. Col. Jack L. Coan, Mrs. J. R. McAlister, Capt. and Mrs. A. W. Sanders, Capt. J. A. Hemstreet, Captain and Mrs. I. T. Avery, 1st Lt. and Mrs. E. B. Dahl, and 1st Lt. and Mrs. W. G. Bregartner.

Capt. and Mrs. Shepard were married in Pittsburgh September 29, following a romance since childhood. Mrs. Shepard is the former Edith A. Traeger of Pittsburgh.

being on top of it at the proper time.