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63D MEN PARADE TO OPEN DRIVE FOR WAR FUNDS

Artillery and reconnaissance units of the 63d Division and the Division Band participated Monday in a parade and military and chemical demonstration to open officially Natchez's 1943 Community War Chest drive.

A parade of military and civilian units marched from Broadway and Main streets in the late afternoon to the City Auditorium.

Outside the auditorium Artillery and Recon units displayed equipment, and light arms were displayed in the building.

Following a concert by the Division Band, community singing was held under the direction of the Natchez Music Club. The chemical demonstration concluded the evening program.

In a three-minute talk, R. Percy Stewart, chairman of the drive, emphasized that the campaign is intended to aid both the "home front" and the "military front." Because of the vital importance of the campaign, Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs agreed to send men and equipment to help start the drive. The men were served refreshments during the evening, with the Natchez Military Maids as hostesses.

IG LEAVES 63D TO JOIN 2D ARMY

A change in Division staff personnel was effected this week with the transfer of Lt. Col. Harold O. Pinther, Inspector General, to 2d Army Headquarters, Memphis, Tenn.

Col. Pinther was commended both in letter and in person by Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs for his work here in the 63d.

The Colonel is to be replaced by Maj. Peter D. Duff, formerly of III Corps Headquarters, Ft. McPherson, Ga.

DISCUSSION GROUP

The formation of a discussion group to meet every Tuesday at 2000 in the library of Service Club No. 2, was announced recently.

The topic for the next meeting will be "United States Foreign Policy." Everyone is invited to attend.

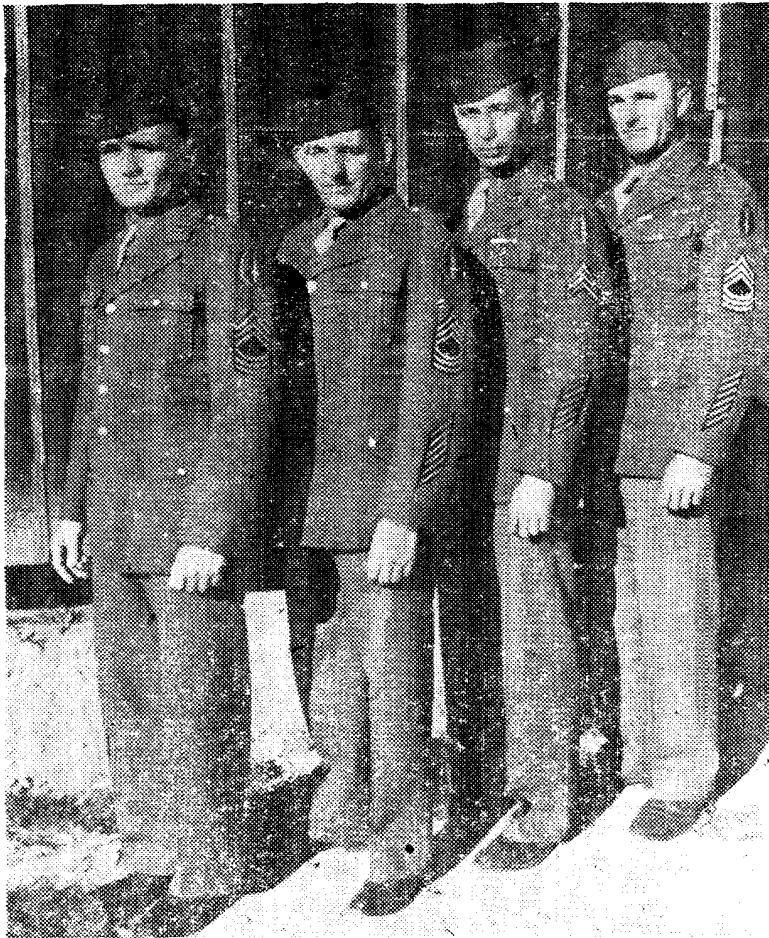
718th Stages Bivouac Show Use Trucks To Light Scene

Highlight of the first march and overnight bivouac of the 718th F.A. Bn., a 16-hour problem completed Friday, Oct. 15, was a battalion show held in the bivouac area under the direction of Lt. West, of Btry. C.

In a natural amphitheater, with lights from trucks serving as spotlights and the bed of another truck as a stage, men of the Battalion entertained their comrades in a two-hour show.

Headlined on the bill were Pvt. Caldwell, of Btry. C, who played the accordion, and a quintet from the five batteries. Pvt. Nick Rose, also of Btry. C, played the harmonica, and Pvt. Schrader, of Btry. C, sang a tenor solo. Pvt. Federer, of Hq. Btry., was master of ceremonies. Other entertainers were Pvts. Scully, English, and Woods, all of Hq. Btry.; Pvts. Forticello and Trubello, of Btry. B; Pvts.

HASHMARKS STAND FOR SERVICE



Not all the hashmarks to which these four men are entitled are shown in this picture, but the Army service of the four, all in Hq. Btry., 63d Div. Arty., totals 81 years. M/Sgt. Nicol Lein (left) has put in 27 years in the Army, and 18 years' service is credited to each of the others, who are, left to right, M/Sgt. Arnie F. Dennis, Sgt. William C. Kerkesner and M/Sgt. Harold Miller.

ENGINEERS BLOW UP JAP RULER IN CHEMICAL DEMONSTRATION

The 263d Combat Engineers demonstrated what they will do to Hirohito if they ever get an opportunity and learned a lot about chemical warfare at a recent chemical incendiary demonstration staged by the Engineers under the direction of Lt. Col. Jack L. Coan.

Emperor Blown Up

Climaxing an hour-long demonstration of such chemical agents as signal smoke, incendiary bombs and grenades, demolitions, smoke screens and chemical land mines, the Engineers blew a straw effigy of the Jap emperor off the face of the earth after Major

Glenn Y. Williamson, Division Chemical Officer, stopped him with a 45.

The Engineers showed the effectiveness of demolitions in several other novel ways. A harmless looking clothes line full of WAC clothes turned out to be a stretch of prima cord, the fastest and safest detonator, with the result that the clothes disappeared into thin air as readily as Hirohito. A miniature 155 mm howitzer "Smoky," was put out of commission by a thermite bomb, and frangible grenades, popularly known as "Molotov cocktails," were used against a pill box.

Flame Thrower Shown

Lt. Richard B. Schellhaus, S-4 of the 263d, demonstrated the flame thrower as used against fortified positions.

Lt. Stanford Rayne, assistant S-3 who was in charge of preparations for the demonstration, and Lt. Luther S. Hart, reconnaissance officer, were in charge of the demonstration tables. Lt. Coan explained the operation and uses of the various chemical incendiaries.

Signal smoke was released to herald the beginning of the demonstration. The Engineer colors red and white, were displayed; blue was added to create the national colors, and then yellow smoke was added to the blue to make the chemical warfare colors. The demonstrators showed that the best way to combat the magnesium bomb M-1, similar to the bombs Germany uses in aerial attacks, is to let it burn out, keeping the fire localized. Sand and water failed to extinguish fires caused by the bombs.

Thermit Burns Through Armor
The thermit bomb, M-2, and the thermit grenade were displayed. Both incendiaries burned

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INCREASE GI'S FAMILY PAYMENTS THROUGH NEW BILL IN HOUSE; WIFE, 2 CHILDREN TO GET \$100

As this edition of BLOOD AND FIRE went to press good news for all married men of the 63d Division in the form of dependency allotment increases lay in Washington awaiting the signature of the President to make it law. The House of Representatives passed on Monday with a 389 to 0 vote the new measure which will increase allowances for children of servicemen to \$30 a month for the first child and \$20 a month for each additional child. The Senate had previously approved the same increases.

Seafaring Diggers Don't Fear Rivers

When the 263d Engineers undertake stream crossings, at least a dozen trainees will feel at home manning Engineer assault boats.

These men are at home on the water because they operated motorboats, tugs, launches, and sailing craft in civilian life, either as a livelihood or an avidly-followed hobby.

Pvt. Lloyd Stetson operated a gasoline motorboat and a Diesel tug in Norfolk harbor, Va., before he became an Army Engineer. Pvt. Michael Apepos was a full-fledged marine engineer in civilian life. He received his diploma in marine engineering from a school in Greece, historically a seafaring nation.

Pvts. Edwin Spurry and Frederick Bothwell handled motorboats in connection with fishing enterprises. Pvts. Stanislaw Wiloughby and Chester Zlma are two others who earned their living operating boats.

The 263d also includes a number of men who were interested in yatching and power boating as hobbies. Pvts. Frederick Payne, George Keifer, Henry Hendricks, Paul Smith and John Lochner are all experienced powerboat skippers, and Pvt. Sumner Somnerfield sailed a 30-foot sloop in civilian life.

40 Masons Attend First Club Meeting

The Masonic Social club of Camp Van Dorn was organized with 40 present, at a meeting held Monday night at Building T-8413. Pvt. John Witmer of Div. Hq. was named chairman, and Pvt. Harold W. Luker, 63d Quartermaster Co., was elected secretary. Lt. Charles Herminghaus, who had been co-ordinator of Masonic affairs with the 99th Division, presided.

Division Presents Initial Radio Broadcast Over WJBO

Emanating from Div. Arty Rec. hall where a large crowd of soldiers assembled to witness its presentation, "The Division," the 63d's initial radio program went out over the airways last night through the medium of WJBO of Baton Rouge, an affiliate of the National Broadcasting company.

Starting at 2000 the program continued for 30 minutes during which time GI actors, amateur and professional, worked to give the visible as well as the invisible audience an idea of how the 63d was born and how it developed over five months since its activation at Camp Blanding, Fla., last June.

The Glee club of Special Troops

Neither legislative chamber acted to alter the present \$50 monthly allowance which is given to servicemen's wives.

Under the present allotment scale, the first child receives a monthly allotment of \$12, and each additional child in the family receives a \$10 allowance.

Following Monday's vote, the House measure was sent to the Senate, where it was expected to be substituted for the previously passed amendment to the Bailey-Clark Draft Deferment Bill, now being rewritten by the House Military Affairs Subcommittee.

Originally the House committee had recommended family allowances of \$25 for the first child, \$20 for the second, and \$15 for each additional child.

Chairman Andrew J. May (D, Ky.) urged members of the body to "use discretion" in considering proposals to hike the allotments further, but the members threw their support behind Representative Charles R. Clason (R, Mass.) who offered an amendment to match the scale previously approved by the Senate. It was formally approved without dissent when brought up for vote.

Under the new plan, as under the existing one, \$22 per month is deducted from the soldier-father's monthly pay for the family allotment, and the rest of the money is contributed by the government.

PENICILLIN WORKS; PVT. OUT OF DANGER

Pvt. Rex E. Morrissey, 862d F. A. Bn., was reported out of danger this week as a result of the action of the Army's famed "wonder drug" penicillin.

The penicillin was flown to the Station Hospital here at Van Dorn as a result of an urgent call put in to Lawson General Hospital, Atlanta, Ga., by Lt. Col. Irving H. Willet, Hospital Commander.

Morrissey was admitted to the Station Hospital on October 3.

sang the official Division song "Blood and Fire," written by S/Sgt. Landis Rogers, and the voices of Prime Minister Winston Churchill and President Roosevelt were faithfully reproduced by members of the cast repeating the historic words uttered after the Casa Blanca conference.

Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, was a principal speaker and the Division's 14-piece orchestra furnished the background music.

The broadcast was preceded by a 15-minute warm-up program and when the show went off the air Division Special Service presented a variety show consisting of several acts and vocal selections.

BN. ANNOUNCES 13 ATTENDING ARMY SCHOOLS

T/4 Arthur Nagel, 263d Engineer Combat Bn., has been ordered to the Atlanta Ordnance Depot for an inspector foreman course, bringing to 13 the number of 263d Engineer enlisted men attending special schools, it was announced today.

Nine other men have just begun training in Signal Corps schools at Camp Van Dorn. T/4 Paul Harper, T/5 Robert Robinson and Pvts. Robert H. Van Arsdale and Leo D. Burrell are attending a message center course. Harper and Pvts. Alan Hamberg, Anthony Baratta, Frederick Brass, Jack Nord and Arnold Nichol are enrolled in the Radio C/W course.

In out-of-state schools are T/4 Joe Smith, T/5 William Lindsey and Pfc. Pfister. Smith is studying carburetion and electrical mechanics at the Atlanta Ordnance Depot; Lindsey is taking a course in radio-controlled targets at Ft. Sill, Okla., and Pfister is attending the Comb Welder course at Normoyle Ordnance Depot, San Antonio, Texas.

SO WHAT DEPT.

Lt. E. P. Dee is the Army's new sit-up champ. His record is 4,004 sit-ups in 3 hours, 15 minutes. Lt. Dee is athletic director for the 5th Battalion, Drew Field, Fla.

Telephone Company Gives Phone Tips

You can almost tell when the paymaster pays on by keeping your eye on the public telephones at Camp Van Dorn, according to the Telephone company. Payday usually brings a rush for the telephone to call Mom, the girl friend or the wife. And when the rush is heavy, there usually is delay in getting calls placed or completed, or both.

Soldiers can help a little by planning to call before payday, or waiting until after that happy day, Camp Telephone Manager C. A. Hayes says.

Other suggestions to help: Avoid the busy evening rush periods from 7 to 10 o'clock; and before you talk, plan what you want to say—it will help you be brief and make the lines available for the next call.

Div. Hq. NCO's Leave For Air Corps School

Accepting voluntary reductions in grades to corporals in order to transfer to the Flexible Aerial Gunnery School at Ft. Myers, Fla., T/4 Chester Lang, and T/Sgt. Sidney M. Rothman, both of Div. Hq., left yesterday on furloughs prior to reporting to their new assignments.

Cpl. Lang lives at 2477 Grand Ave., Bronx, N. Y., and Cpl. Rothman is a resident of Pittsburgh, Pa.

ANNIE ROONEY MEETS "THE BOYS"



Last week cinemactress Annie Rooney, who used to be a child singer before she grew up, visited the boys of the 63d Division. She is shown at a Service Club, giving her autograph to Pvt. Charles A. Kaiser, Co. A, 253d Inf.

YARDBIRD DISCOVERS NEW WAY TO SEARCH GROUND; POLICES UP

The Yardbird sat under a large pine tree. His size twelve feet were draped idly over his full-field pack. A cigarette dangled from his lips.

"This here training business," he told his neighbor, "is awright fer you boids. Fer an ole sojer like me, it is just chile play."

He thought a momen.. "Kid stuff," he said. "They is nothing to it."

The Sergeant came over. "Break's over," he announced. "Douse yer butts and assemble over by that there tree."

The Yardbird took a long drag on his cigarette and dropped it on the ground.

"Snafu," roared the Sergeant. "pick up that butt and break it up proper like you was taught!"

"Yessir," the Yardbird said, retrieving the butt and field-stripping it, "thass what I was gonna do."

The Sergeant struck an attitude. **Dumbest Sojer**

"Beside being a liar, yer also the dumbest sojer I ever seed in all me years in the sojice. And don't give me none of that there 'sir' business. Anyone would think I been to OCS the way you talk. Ain't I disgraced enough havin' you in me platoon?"

The Yardbird opened his mouth to say something but before he could get it out the Sergeant halted him with a gesture.

"At ease, Snafu, and assemble yer bones by that there tree," he ordered.

The Yardbird walked over to the tree and sat down among the other men. The lieutenant came over, and having instructed everyone to sit up and look alert, began to talk.

Searching Ground

"Men," he said, "We are now going to have a short discussion of the methods of searching ground before we go into the practical work. Who knows one of the methods of searching ground?"

The lieutenant looked around. "Snafu?" he inquired.

The Yardbird got to his feet. "Policing up?" he suggested.

"Are you trying to be funny, Snafu?" the lieutenant asked icily.

The Yardbird was helpless. "Nossir," he stammered.

The officer waved him down and spoke for a while on how to search ground.

Practical Work

"We will now," said the lieutenant, "go into the practical work."

He turned to the Yardbird. "Snafu," he said, "See if you can see anything suspicious on the terrain to your front."

The Yardbird studied the terrain. "Sir," he said, "They is two men over there near that log and one man by that there tree, and something near that bush."

The lieutenant was dumbfounded.

"Amazing!" he said.

During the break that followed the Sergeant came over to the

Leaves In The Fall

Gold leaves, in keeping with autumnal colors, appear upon the collars of Assistant Division Chaplain William J. Guinan, Assistant Adjutant General Vail A. Van Natta, and Division Provost Marshal Paul Smith. All three new majors have had long service records prior to joining the 63d Division staff.

Private Mistakes CO For Orderly

We've all tried to bum a match from a major some dark night, or inadvertently said "Look out, bud!" when an officer stood too near a backing truck.

But one private in the intelligence group of Hq. Co., 3d Bn., 253d Inf., is taking FM 21-50 (Military Courtesy) in big doses as a cure for nightmares.

During a 10-minute break one rainy morning recently, he headed for the latrine, whistling cheerfully. Suddenly a voice called out:

"Wipe your feet, man; wipe your feet."

Obeying like a good soldier, the private stopped whistling long enough to call back:

"What's the matter, bud? You latrine orderly today?"

The whistle died on his lips when he realized the voice had been that of a captain, CO of an anti-tank company, who was standing in the latrine doorway.

THEATER SCHEDULE

Theaters No. 1 and 2

October 23 — Young Ideas, with Mary Astor, Herbert Marshall.

October 24-25 — Princess O'Rourke, with Olivia de Havilland, Robert Cummings, Jack Carson.

October 26 — You're a Lucky Fellow Mr. Smith, with Allan Jones, Evelyn Ankers, Patsy O'Connor.

October 27-28 — The Man From Down Under, with Charles Laughton, Richard Carlson, Binnie Barnes.

October 29—Is Everbody Happy, with Ted Lewis and band, Nan Wynn.

Yardbird.

"Great work, Yardbird," he said. "How didja do it?"

"Not in' to it, ole pal," the Yardbird told him nonchalantly. "When you have been in this here Army as long as this here Yardbird, it comes nacheral. An' besigh," he added, "I was policin' up this here area when they placed them boids here. I tole ya they ain't nothin' like policin' up to soich an area."

ARTY OFFICERS VIEW VAN DORN FROM TREE TOPS

Almost every officer of the 861st F.A. Bn. has learned in the last few weeks what Camp Van Dorn looks like from the air.

Learning how it feels to swoop over the tree tops in a "grasshopper," they are studying liaison from an airplane. As each passenger takes his "sightseeing" ride, he is shown what foxholes look like from the air, possible observation posts, gun positions and the artillery ranges in general.

Actual experience in viewing ranges from the air gives the officers an opportunity to study the terrain in advance.

Value Recognized

The "grasshoppers," officially known as liaison planes, came into their own only during the last year. The value of a low-flying observation plane has been recognized and there now are two ships attached to each battalion. In battle they will fly behind our own lines and adjust fire on the enemy from this position.

Liaison pilots are regular artillery officers who have taken an advanced 12-week course in flying. They wear silver wings with the letter "L" in the center. Officers on these preliminary flights ride with Lt. Boyd, the pilot, under the direction of Maj. Maier

'Corn's A-Crackin' Starts 3-Day Run

"Corn's A-Crackin'," one of the first girlie shows to visit the 63d Division area, will start a three-day run Sunday afternoon at Combat Team White Rec. hall at 1500. The presentation is a Nat Rodgers travelling show featuring professional singers and dancers.

Two additional performances will be staged Sunday. The second will be at the Combat Team White Rec hall at 1800 and the third at Special Troops Rec. hall starting at 2000.

On Monday the 255th Rec. hall will be the scene of two performances, one at 1900 and the second at 2000. A concluding performance will be staged Tuesday at Division Arty Rec. hall at 1900.

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.

Chapel No. 10, Service, 1600.

Weekday Services

Chapel No. 5, Wednesday, 1830

Chapel No. 10, Thursday, 2000

Mormon Services

Chapel No. 8, 1400.

Roman Catholic Mass

Chapels No. 5, 6, 7, and 10, 0800

Chapel No. 7, 1000.

Theater No. 1, 0900 and 1030.

Chapels No. 6, 8 and 10, 1100.

Evening Mass

Chapel No. 5, Monday to Saturday (Except Thursday) 1830.

Chapel No. 6, Monday to Saturday, 1830.

Chapel No. 7, Monday to Saturday, 1830.

Chapel No. 10, Monday to Saturday (except Thursday, 1830.

Chapel No. 5, Novena Miraculous Medal, Monday, 1830.

Confessions, all chapels, 1900-2100, Saturday.

Jewish Services

Chapel No. 7, Friday night, Conservative Service, 2000.

Chapel No. 7, Friday night, Orthodox Service, 2100.

Chapel No. 10, Friday night, Conservative, 2030.

Christian Science Reading

Chapel No. 1, Sunday, 1100.

Seventh Day Adventist

Chapel No. 9, Friday, 1930.

Lutheran

Theater No. 5, 1000.

The Wolf by Sansone



"He has a wonderful touch, hasn't he?"

News From Your Own Home Town

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS)—When the hotel clerk told a stick-up artist that he had a key to the hotel till but none to the safe, the bandit sneered. "I can't be bothered with small stuff," he said and walked out.

ENGLAND (CNS)—There was a record attendance at a reading of the articles of war and a sex morality lecture here the other day. Reason: ice cream and cake were served.

SEATTLE (CNS)—Bantam hens on a farm near here hatched five turkey eggs last spring. It's been tough on the Bantams ever since for every time the turks, now pretty good sized, try to huddle under the Bantam's wings, they topple them over.

DETROIT (CNS)—Harry Barany, 27, who reported to an Army induction center with his two small daughters because he had no one with whom to leave them now has had three proposals of marriage and 44 offers from would-be foster mothers. He took a furlough and together with the Red Cross he was able to find a home for the kids.

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS)—Firemen rescued three charming store window dummies from a department store here after heat from an electric display set off the sprinkler system in a show window.

KANSAS CITY (CNS)—Mr. and Mrs. Victor Joseph Orzechowski and their five sons and daughters have asked court permission to change their name to Farrell. "It's easier to spell," Momma Orzechowski explained.

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (CNS)—Several years ago, Harry Keys, a poor but diligent railway clerk, inherited \$21,000. Today, five months after his death, his estate was valued at \$260,125.

PITTSBURGH, Cal. (CNS)—A car failed to make a curve, plunged over a cliff and landed in a tree top. Donald Blake of San Francisco, the driver, dazed but unhurt, stepped out. He fell 15 feet to the ground.

ST. LOUIS (CNS)—"Lippy" Leo Durocher, manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, was divorced by his wife, Grace. She charged "general indignities."

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS)—House

Painter Hugh McArthur laid his wallet on a chair while he changed his clothes. A dog came along sniffed the wallet, which contained \$300, and then scampered off with it.

SICILY (CNS)—When F/O Maurice L. Plummer of Indianapolis crash landed his plane in an open field here two men in German uniforms rushed up to him. Plummer thought he'd been captured but the Germans said no. They led him to a farmhouse where he found that he had landed in an Allied camp for Axis prisoners.

BROOKLYN (CNS)—Two "Irishmen" got into a legal battle over business names. Both were auto dealers, one operating in Manhattan, the other in Brooklyn. The Manhattan dealer did business under the name of The Smiling Irishman while the Brooklyn man did business under the name of The Laughing Irishman. Real name of The Smiling Irishman is Leland Holzer while the true monicker of The Laughing Irishman is Charles Juliano.

CANYON CITY, Col. (CNS)—Warden Roy Best of State prison, said that he had to turn down a Government contract due to lack of manpower. The prison population has dropped to 1,164 from a pre-war high of 1,595.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia. (CNS)—The urge for adventure came upon 3-year-old Bobby Northrup while he was taking a bath. He left his tub and toddled out to see the world—in his birthday suit. Police picked him up on a downtown business street. Later his mother arrived and pronounced sentence. "Bobby," she said. "You will have to take another bath."

COLUMBUS, O. (CNS)—When a bus stalled on a main street here the driver helped get passengers to work in time by thumbing rides for them from passing motorists.

GOLDFIELD, Nev. (CNS)—A driver stopped his bus and ordered everybody to get out quick—everybody, that is, except Mrs. Rosie Basket and another woman. Later he called all the passengers back and introduced them to an unexpected addition — Mrs. Basket's new baby girl.

HELENA, Mont. (CNS)—Franky Billy, an Indian, received a lacerated ear when his 12-inch hair braids caught in the wheel of a tractor he was driving.



TRAINEE'S MOTHER CARRIES NEWS OF SONS TO HOME FOLKS

When Mrs. Leo Miley stepped on a train at Detroit a little over a week ago bound for Camp Van Dorn, she was determined to see her only son, Pvt. Leo Miley, 19, of the Communications Platoon, 254th Inf., and find out just how he was being treated in the 63d Division.

Mrs. Miley came, she saw, and she has become convinced that the 63d is the finest division in the Army, that her son is receiving excellent care, and that the Division officers are the best ever.

Works in Ford Plant

This Detroit mother, who works in the Ford River Rouge plant turning out material to back the attack against the Axis, has returned to her home determined to help the boys of the 63d in every way possible.

Pvt. Miley's mother has several plans which she discussed with a BLOOD AND FIRE reporter shortly before her departure. She is carrying back with her some 25 messages to families of Detroit boys and she plans to phone each individual soldier's folks and tell them that she saw and talked with their son and that he is all right.

Saw Michigan Car

Mrs. Miley got the idea one night when she saw a car bearing Michigan license plates parked along 13th Ave. A group of boys came along and a couple of them spied the plates and patied the car. One said: "Good ole' Detroit." Mrs. Miley made it known that she too thought Detroit a pretty swell place in which to live and that started the ball rolling. "Boys came up to me at the Service club almost every night and asked that I carry a message home to their folks," she said.

This special messenger of good cheer is not planning to limit her activities to carrying a few messages home. She also plans to place ads in Detroit papers asking folks to mail unopened Christmas cards to the Service clubs in the Division for use by the boys.

Mrs. Miley feels that the soldiers will find it difficult to select cards for mailing and believes that if folks send cards to the Service clubs they will be made easily available to the men. This service is not to be limited to men from Detroit but to soldiers of the Division in general.

AT THE SERVICE CLUBS

Service Club No. 1

- FRIDAY—Quiz.
- SATURDAY—Dancing.
- SUNDAY—Hymn Sing.
- MONDAY—Community singing.
- TUESDAY—Games.
- WEDNESDAY—Bingo Night.
- THURSDAY—Variety Show.

Service Club No. 2

- SATURDAY—Bingo.
- SUNDAY—Sacred Music.
- MONDAY — Game Night — Checkers, bridge, pinochle, rummy, etc.
- TUESDAY—Quiz Program.
- WEDNESDAY — Community Sing.
- THURSDAY—Open Night.
- FRIDAY—Variety Show.

Guarding The Goulash

All soldiers have read, studied and memorized the 11 General Orders, but new to the 63d are the "Mess Hall General Orders," clipped from a home town paper and sent to Pvt. Joseph W. McGonigal, of Co. G, 254th Inf. They are:

1. To take charge of this mess and all spoils in view.
2. To watch my plate in a military manner, keeping always on the alert for dessert that comes within sight or smell.
3. To report any bread sliced too thin.
4. To repeat all calls for seconds.
5. To quit the table only when satisfied that there is nothing left.
6. To receive but not pass on to the next person any unusual delicacies or that last or largest piece of pie.
7. To talk to no one when I am busy eating.
8. To allow no one to steal anything in the line of chow.
9. To call the mess sergeant in any case not covered by instructions.
10. To salute all chicken, steak, pork chops, or ham and eggs.
11. To be especially watchful at the table, and during the time of eating, to challenge anyone who seems to be getting more than myself.

5 INSTEAD OF 5 SAYS ORDNANCE

In a statement this week, Ordnance officers of the 63d Division announced that previously published information to the effect that the 718th F. A. Bn., leaders last week in the auto-ordnance spot check test league, had lost an average of 5 points per vehicle was incorrect.

Instead, said Ordnance men, the 718th lost only .5 points per vehicle. This was the best inspection in the Division to date.

254TH SOLDIER GOT CITATION FOR NATIONAL WAR FUND SERVICE

New War Fund Goal Sets 61 Million For USO Use

Soldiers have a real stake in the National War Fund Drive, and one man of the 63d Division has a special interest dating from his pre-induction days.

He is Pvt. William B. Smith, Co. F, 254th Inf., who planned and wrote a considerable part of the promotional work on the \$125,000,000 national campaign before he entered the Army.

Smith, an advertising executive in civilian life, was a writer and co-ordinator for the NWF volunteer advertising and publicity committee and recently received

HIGH PRICES OF R.R. FOOD NICKS THE G.I.

By Camp Newspaper Service
Grice number one of soldiers traveling via railroad day coaches is the stiff price of food and drink.

The Restaurant Price Branch of the Office of Price Administration has received many complaints from servicemen, particularly in the South and West, about overcharges for beverages and sandwiches sold by train peddlers.

Sandwiches High

Soldiers object to paying 25c for a ham sandwich and another two bits for coffee or milk. Candy bars frequently cost 15 or 20c.

The OPA has published ceiling prices on all these food and drink items and railroads are required to adhere to them. If the train peddlers ignore the ceilings they are liable to arrest by an MP or a civilian policeman.

Ceiling Prices

The OPA ceiling on sandwiches sold in day coaches is 15c. A cup of coffee, a bottle of milk or a coke should cost a dime. Doughnuts and cookies should sell two for 10c and pies and cookies shouldn't cost more than a dime either. The ceiling on chocolate bars, fruits and potato chips is also a dime.

Servicemen are urged to report all instances of violations to MPs on the trains.

263d Trainee Likes To Paint

You know, of course, about these details in the motor pools where the detailer scrapes rust and paints over with the usual Lusterless O. D.

S/Sgt. Ellwood G. Cowell of Co. "A," 263d Eng. Bn. had supervised a whale of a lot of this work but found recently that his experience was only with men who had devised various means of avoiding it. It seems that some zealous worker not only scraped and painted over all the necessary spots on one of the Co. "A," trucks, but also, in an unguarded moment, completely painted the spare tire.

LOST

LOST: By Pvt. Newton Friedman, Hq. Btry., 881st F. A. Bn., a toilet kit, on September 27. Finder please return to Service Club No. 2 office.

Serviceman's Baby Born At Right Time

NEW YORK, (CNS) — Because Pamela Grace Fitzmaurice was born at exactly 8:12 a. m., she will get a \$190 war bond free from Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia. The mayor had promised to give the bond to any baby born at that hour whose father was a serviceman. Pamela's old man is Ensign James J. Fitzmaurice, stationed at Norfolk, Va.



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EDITORIAL

Full Time Job

Men who have just come in the Army find it difficult to get used to the idea that being a soldier is a 24-hour-a-day job. Accustomed to getting up from their desks at five o'clock and forgetting their work until nine the next morning, they tend to fall into the same error in the Army.

You never stop being a soldier until you get your discharge. Evenings, weekends, furloughs—it's all the same—you're still a soldier.

That point is a good one to remember when you get an evening or a week-end off to go to town. Your obligations and your duties still continue. You've got to wear your clothes in the approved manner, salute all officers, and conduct yourself in a manner becoming a man wearing the uniform of his country.

You've got yourself a full-time job, soldier. Until the duration and six months have passed let's remember that.

Know Whereof You Speak

Too many men of the 63d, and this is particularly true of newcomers to the division, already have put Mississippi in their black books. Almost daily you will hear a man say: "Boy if I ever get out of here I'm never coming to Mississippi again. This state is the sinkhole of creation."

The attitude is juvenile. It smacks of the "world traveler" who discourses learnedly on Russia after two weeks in a Moscow hotel room. It characterizes the man who, in all likelihood, has not been outside the camp gates since he came here.

Camp Van Dorn is a theater of operations type camp. Thus it is lacking in many of the refinements that grace older and more attractively landscaped camps. It, and even the area surrounding it, are not representative of Mississippi.

Mississippi is a state which, in many sections, combines great natural beauty with historical interest dating back to a time before there was a United States. In peacetime it was taking rapid strides as a tourist mecca.

Among the most beautiful sections of the country is the Mississippi Gulf Coast, with its white beaches, cool blue water, palms, and Spanish moss. Natchez, already well-known to many soldiers, is famous for its historical background. Other cities of the state are equally celebrated for other features: Vicksburg for its cosmopolitanism, and Jackson as the most modern city in Mississippi.

Know whereof you speak before you slight a whole state.

It's nothing but the best for men of the 63d Division. Official referee for many of the softball games played in the Division was Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris. That the General did a good job is borne out by the fact that in all cases of close decisions where photographs were taken, the decision called by General Harris was correct.



"What Is This Place Elba Like Anyway?"

News From Here And There

WACS Seek Vitamins As Christmas Gifts

NORTH AFRICA (CNS)—Want to know what to give a WAC for Christmas? According to a WAC officer stationed here, WACs would rather have vitamin pills and calcium tablets than anything else. The WACs like vitamin pills, she explained, "to offset the depressing climate" and the calcium to make up for the lack of milk here.

Dog Cited By Army For Bravery In Sicily

PLEASANTVILLE, N. Y. (CNS)—Chips, a German shepherd dog owned by little Nancy Wren, 6, has become the first canine in history ever recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross and Nancy is plenty proud.

Nancy hadn't heard a word from Chips since the day he marched off to war with the K9 Corps until recently when the War Department informed her father that Chips had been cited for cleaning out an enemy pill-box in Sicily.

Soldier Hitchhikes To Own Wedding

PORTLAND, Ore. (CNS)—Pvt. Bill Lewis hitchhiked 200 miles recently and arrived here two hours late for his own wedding. The wedding had been scheduled for 8 PM but Lewis missed the last bus from his camp and took to the road. He traveled by garbage truck, ambulance, an ancient Ford and a street sprinkler and reached the church at 10:15 PM.

G. I. Beefs Because Girls Lack Modesty

SALT LAKE CITY (CNS)—PFC Edward W. Lewis, who is home on furlough after a year in the South Pacific, likes American girls better than New Guinea damsels. Trouble with the latter, he complains, is that "they didn't have any modesty."

FDR Signs Baby Bill

WASHINGTON (CNS)—President Roosevelt has signed a resolution increasing by \$18,620,000 the amount of funds available for the Government emergency maternity aid program, which pro-

vides medical and hospital care for the wives and infants of enlisted men in the four lowest grades in all services.

New Deadline

CLEVELAND (CNS)—Dec. 1 is the new deadline for a playwriting contest for servicemen being conducted by the National Theater Conference. Complete information may be obtained by writing the central office of the Conference at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, O.

HUT, TUH, THREE!

CAMP GRANT, ILL.—A soldier at Camp Grant carried a pedometer—an instrument that measures the distance you walk—through 11 weeks of basic training. He found that he had walked a total of 776 miles.

SERVES BRITISH

LONDON (CNS)—Rejected by the U. S. Navy as too old, E. M. Ferris of Boston, 33, now is a lieutenant in the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve. Ferris signed up in Canada, was later commissioned and already has seen action in the North Atlantic.

CHAPLAIN KILLED

NEW GUINEA (CNS)—Capt. Keith B. Munro, an Army chaplain, was killed while conducting services here when a disabled Jap bomber crashed into his improvised chapel after being attacked.

Freed By Nazi Guns

ITALY (CNS)—Pvt. Audrey Stamey of Rome, Ga. had the experience of being nipped by his own artillery fire—and then freed by that of the enemy.

It happened when Stamey was trapped between his lines and the Germans near Altaville. A big American gun let go with a blast and Stamey dived into a slit trench already occupied by six Germans.

As soon as the firing stopped the Germans left the trench and took Stamey with them. Then the Nazi guns opened up. The Germans scattered and Stamey found himself alone again. He hid in a ditch and then worked his way back to his own lines.

The Sky Pilot Says it

By CHAPLAIN BEN L. STOHLER, 255th Inf.

Source of Strength—God

"They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength."

What Bible lover is not familiar with these words? And today in the midst of trying conditions and circumstances that require the maximum of faith, courage, and energy with most of us, we need to come back to these words and consider them most earnestly.

Renewal of strength is the promise. The cause of righteousness calls for continuous effort, whether it be in the building of individual character or the building of physique needed to combat the forces of evil which are on every side and always alert. They miss no opportunity to mar or destroy character or to tear down social structures. In combating these forces and protecting holy purposes, weariness does and will come.

What is one to do? According to the prophet, let him wait upon God. By so doing, strength will be renewed and one will be ready for a fresh encounter. The second promise is that, "they shall mount up on wings, as eagles." In figurative language the prophet is saying that if we wait upon God, we shall be lifted above the commonplace and sordid things of life, and up to a place of broad vision, of inspiration, of appreciation. Consequently, our outlook on life will be greatly helped. The prophet means that to the man who waits on God, will come the experience of living intensively in times of emergency and urgency without undue fatigue. "They shall run and not be weary."

Lastly, if we bring "Blood and Fire" to the heart of the enemy, there will be work and training that will call for the patient combatting, through the weeks and months ahead of difficulties, discouragements, and seeming defeats. And yet He assures us that the man who "waits upon God" shall be able to walk through it all and not faint by the wayside.

What then is waiting upon God? It is constant and continuous fellowship with Him. Through daily, consistent, continuous, and regular prayer, one may wait upon Him. Through intelligent, earnest, regular Bible study one may have fellowship with Him. Through the exercise of faith one may wait upon Him. Through earnest service, actively doing His will and obeying His commands one may have fellowship with Him.

Jesus put this truth in other words when He said, "Abide in me and I in you, as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me." Let us "wait upon the Lord" for every need of these days.

G. I. Jingles

A VETERAN SPEAKS

Let me tell you rookies something of the places I have been;
The things I've done and tried to do beat lots of better men.
When I came to this man's Army, now I sorta tried to lag,
But that is all behind me since I fought the fight of Bragg.
And the beatings I have taken, Men, would make some guys forlorn,
But the one that I'll remember is the Chaos of Claiborne;
And another one I fought just like a Captain on his bridge—
That one was much the worst, I think, the battle of Breckinridge.
Then the Army picked us up again to make another landing,
And we pitched our tents and oiled our guns for the fight of bloody Blanding.
Though the campaigns we have been through may have left us all forlorn,
Yet we'll all come out on top, Men, with the VICTORY of VAN DORN.

—Sgt. John P. Martin,
Btry. B, 863d F.A. Bn.

REWARD

Gone is the slaving o'er a hot gas-range
I'm now in a life that's new and strange;
No more baking cakes and cookies—
Now I'm one of those swing-shift rookies.
Where are those evenings I played Mah Jong?
Now I'm pushed and shoved in a subway throng
While hubby suffers through basic training
I get the pains from muscle straining
I'm not complaining—I'm proud, I am
To do all this for Uncle Sam;
But when I come home, all tired and sore,
I go to bed—with my mother-in-law.
—Mrs. Mack Schiering
Contributed by Pvt. Mack Schiering
Co. C, 254th Inf.

EMBARRASSING MOMENT

This is the story of T/5 Bing
Who encountered an awful embarrassing thing.
"Kill the bum!" from the stands at the Ump he would holler;
Bing didn't notice the star on his collar.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

253d Inf.—Acting Sgt. Ray Hasenstein lives and talks Army so much his friends in Co. A say that when he marries and becomes a father, he probably will name the first four children Hup, Tup, Thrip and Four.

254th Inf.—Lts. Zollicoffer and Eml, both of Co. L, have been promoted from gold to silver bars. . . . Acting Sgt. Juliano, also Co. L, visited a friend at the station hospital and tried on a ring he saw in the PX showcase. After a furious 10 minutes of contortions, he found he was unable to take the ring off, and he was forced to buy it. . . . A high compliment for their "soldierly appearance" was handed to Pvt. Amoroso and Pvt. Bernard Phillips by Capt. James E. Albert, C. O. of Service Co., at last Saturday's inspection. Both men, who are acting corporals, won the afternoon off, whereupon Pvt. Amoroso began to prepare for next week's once-over by cleaning his super-clean duds again. . . . An improvised high chair in the latrine supports the hulk of Service Co. GIs getting trimmed by Company Barber Pvt. Walter Sherpensky. Although not a singing barber, "Sherp" toots a hot sax, which is en route from home. . . . A few weeks ago, S/Egt. Homann, of Co. C, received an emergency furlough. His presence at his sick mother's bedside was the tonic to her speedy recovery. Then he wired his C. O. and was granted an additional five days, during which time he got married.

718th F. A.—Service Btry. witnessed a number of promotions in the last fortnight. The battery commander, 1st Lt. Fusco, was advanced to captain. Lt. Moore, battalion motor officer, was made a first lieutenant. Several promotions among non-commissioned officers also were announced, among them Cpl. Meitesky to sergeant; and T/5 White to T/4. Pvts. Hammer, Coleman and Kazanoff were named acting corporals. . . . Acting corporals for Btry. C were appointed last week at a ceremony at retreat. They were Pvts. Tarpenning, Rynkus, Fischer, Herrington, Schack, Long, White and Wooten. Capt. Robert D. Dondanville, battery commander, told other members of the Battery that there is untold opportunity for advancement in a new organization such as this.

863d F. A.—Corporal's stripes were handed out to Pfc. James F. McGill and Gerald D. Jean, of Btry. A, during the week, and acting corporal's brassards were being worn by Pvts. Harrison D. Blass, Samuel E. Adam, Frank O. Lenker, Jr., Joseph J. Minecci, Thomas F. Mullen, Robert H. Rowe, Wilbur J. Sotola, Charles J. Vicic, and James M. Whitt, by order of Capt. G. O. Fraser, commanding officer. . . . A guitar has arrived from Virginia for Pvt. Carl S. Bowman, which aids his melodious mountain music ("No letters in the m-a-i-l today.") . . . That soldier on guard mount who challenged a cow at Btry. A's bivouac last week need not be censured; it might have been two Japs in disguise. . . . Men of HQ Btry. contributed generously to send flowers to the family of Pvt. Charles L. Dawson, who, father, a railroad engineer, was killed in a train accident. . . . Cpl. Norman King, HQ Btry., was kept pretty busy last Friday; he changed uniforms five times. . . . Before entering the service, Sgt. Anthony Santa Barbara, HQ Btry., was a mechanic for a large New Jersey trucking concern for 12 years. . . . After waiting five hours in Baton Rouge to telephone his wife, Cpl. Eugene Spani, HQ Btry., was told there would be an additional five-hour delay. He had to report back to Camp, however, and could not wait for the call. . . . New men of Btry. C, under the direction of Capt. W. H. Crosson, Jr., had a taste of Blood and Fire spirit Saturday as they crawled through mud and water and barbed wire entanglements on an Infantry infiltration course. The explosion of nitro-starch and the noise of flash salutes added realism to the scene.

263d Engineer Bn.—Careless? Not necessarily. Maybe Private John Pankiewicz, Company A, was just saving tooth paste when he sent his teeth to the laundry last week. . . . At any rate the engineer trainee, encountering certain disadvantages at the mess table, confessed to having last seen his false teeth in the pocket of his fatigue clothes which were subsequently sent to the laundry. . . . According to the latest reports, the molars are still among the missing. . . . To top the whole unhappy thing off; they're GI plates and Pankiewicz is afraid he may have to sign a statement of charges. . . . Happy Birthday greetings are in order for two officers of the 263d, Captain G. S. Shephard, commanding officer of Company C, and Lt. Stanford Rayne, assistant S-3. . . . Captain Shephard was 23 last Saturday and Lt. Rayne was 22 Wednesday. . . . The latter, whose home is in Baton Rouge, was able to celebrate the event with members of his family.



Q. Am I permitted to wear wound or war service chevrons?
A. Not unless you earned them in World War I. Wound and war service chevrons are not authorized for service in the current war.

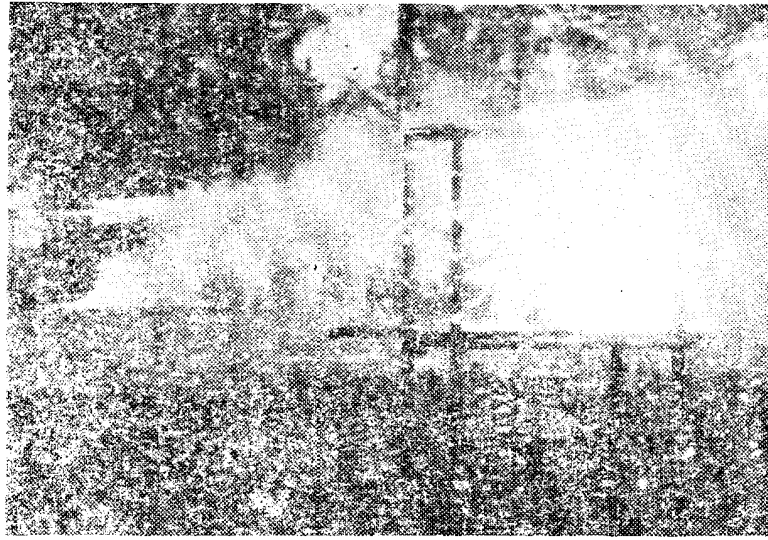
Q. Do students participating in the Army Specialized Training Program wear a special insignia?
A. Yes. ASTP students have been assigned an identifying shoulder patch insignia by the War Department. It depicts the sword of valor against a lamp of knowledge. The sword and lamp

are in dark blue on a yellow octagon-shaped patch.

Q. Are cases of fraudulent enlistment automatically discharged from the Army?
A. No. It's entirely up to the Government, which may void the enlistment or waive objections and permit it to stand. If it stands, the accepted service becomes legal.

Q. Is quinine a cure for malaria?
A. As yet there is no known cure for malaria. Quinine merely suppresses the symptoms.

TRIPLE THREAT DESTRUCTION



The 263d Engineers demonstrate the effectiveness of a Thermite bomb similar to those used by the Germans, as it cuts consecutively through a wooden platform, a galvanized bucket filled with water and a steel plate.

Inquiring Reporter

This week the Inquiring Reporter went through 253d Inf. company areas seeking the answer to the question "What is your favorite BLOOD AND FIRE feature?" Here are some of the many answers he received, and suggestions from some of the men on what they'd like to see more of in the future. The editors would like to hear from other readers who have views on the subject. Drop your letters in your topic's "Out Box" addressed to BLOOD AND FIRE, via Division Message Center.

Pvt. H. Hammond, Cannon, Co., 253d Inf.: "I like the leg art, and I'd sure like to see more of it appear in the paper. How about some pin-ups? I'd also like to see a follow-up on that lass who appeared in last week's Bernie Blood cartoon."

Pvt. R. C. Allen, Co. M, 253d Inf.: "My favorite feature is the 'News From Your Own Home Town,' though I've yet to find one from Seattle Wash., where I hail from. I think more of these items should be used, because it's a hard job to keep up with the things going on at home."

Pvt. A. Breazzone, Co. L, 253d Inf.: "Give me more factual stories of what's going on in the Division. I like the paper the way it is, and read all of it."

Pvt. N. Nelson, Co. M, 253d Inf.: "I'd like some stories about news from the West Coast, because there are a lot of us here from the land where men are men. Personally, I'm from Portland, O., and sure would like to see items from here."

Pvt. M. Olsen, Co. I, 253d Inf.: "I like News From Your Own Home Town—but let's have more about New York, New Jersey and Westchester in it—there are a lot of us from those areas down here. Also, how about a campaign to better transportation down here. When we get week-end passes we spend most of our time waiting in line for buses to get out of and back to camp."

Pvt. Joseph Heller, Co. M, 253d Inf.: "I like to send home my copy of Blood and Fire and especially like to have in it stories with pictures of celebrities who come to visit us. My folks like to see the pictures of the famous people who sing for us and entertain us; they also like to see the pictures of my buddies who do things worthy of recording in photos."

The fact that his local draft board had already put Pvt. R. B. Morrison of Co. "A," 263d Engr. Bn. through the works and into Camp Dix early in September seems to have been overlooked. Pvt. Morrison got a notice, relayed from his home in Newark, N. J., to appear for induction early in October.

He replied with his best wishes, deepest regrets, etc., and indicated that he was otherwise occupied.

Music, Wit, Magic, Feature "Khaki Kapers," 254th Show

Hot and classical music, wit, magic and vocalizations were highlights of "Khaki Kapers," an all-soldier show prepared by the 254th Inf. Special Service Office and presented Monday night to an audience of the 254th and the 862d F. A. in the Combat Team White Recreation hall.

Hot music was furnished before during, and after the show by the Negro band of the 364th Inf. The bandmen, directed by Capt. Finke, volunteered their services for the show.

Choral Selections
 The ancient GI version of "Old King Cole" and other military airs were rendered by the 254th Inf. Glee club. Instrumental music in a more serious vein was presented by the 254th Balladeers, a quintet directed by Pvt. Steve Martin and composed of Martin and Pvts. Carchio, Couball, Northrup and Macy.

Pvts. Tirondola and McCague, billed as the "Latrine Harmonists," appeared in duets, and Pvt. Tony Trezza was heard in tenor solos, accompanied by Pvt. Eddie Shanzoltz.

WAC's Singing Hit
 A special feature of the evening was the blues singing of Pfc. "Skippy" Santori, of the WAC detachment. She continued her routine long after the show as the audience kept her singing to the

rhythm of the 364th band.
 Pvt. Eugene Galanter mystified the audience with his routine of ropes and keys and Pvt. Joe Dolin and his gang staged a farcical Yale-Harvard football game.

Directs Production
 Pvt. Leslie Heath, who held forth in the entertainment worlds of Broadway and Hollywood before donning ODS, directed the production and was master of ceremonies. Assisting him in staging the performance were Pvts. Kurt Steinbart and Blair Grant. The entertainment program of C. T. White is under the supervision of Lt. Lawson, Kately, Special Service Officer.

Among the guests of honor at "Khaki Kapers" were Col. Stanley Putnam, regimental commander, and Lt. Col. Randolph Gordon, executive officer.

"Things like this show are fine for morale and esprit de corps," Col. Putnam said. "We have lots of serious things to do and entertainment like tonight's is good for relaxation."

CAN YOU BEAT IT?

This is the saga of a hunt after drums on the part of Lt. Ralph Bond, 255th Special Service Officer. It seems that the 255th organized a drum and bugle corps of some 20 pieces recently under the aegis of Col. Joseph H. Warren. Lt. Bond was authorized to secure drums for the outfit.

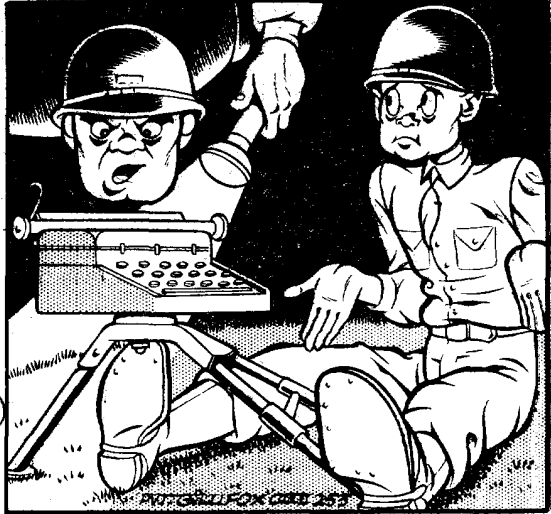
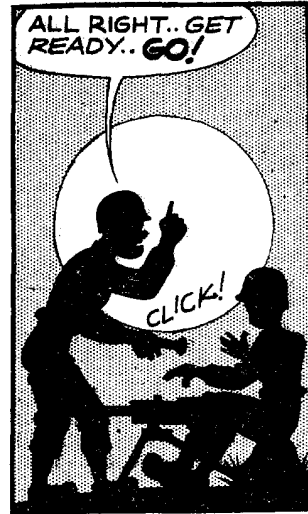
The quest for the drums led to McComb, Jackson, Baton Rouge and then to New Orleans. After setbacks were encountered in each of these quarters Camp Special Service came to the rescue and the Corps received its seven drums, a base and a set of cymbals. The corps under the direction of Pvt. Marlin L. Merrill toots proudly at all regimental formations.

Libraries On Post Receive New Books

Scores of new Victory Books and volumes of fiction and non-fiction donated by booksellers, libraries and private individuals throughout the country, have been acquired by Camp libraries. Each of the libraries at Service Clubs Nos. 1 and 2 have received some 300 of these books which are ready for circulation.

All of the books are new and cover various subjects. Camps and other Army posts throughout the country receive similar allotments from time-to-time throughout the year.

BERNIE BLOOD



Nomenclature on Request

By GILL FOX

Div. Hq. Tops 255th, 2-1, To Win Softball Title

FOOTBALL, GOLF NEXT FOR FANS

With the softball championship of the Division decided, Division Special Service is already planning its touch football tournament and a golf tournament, both of which will start in the near future. These activities will practically conclude the outdoor sports program which began shortly after the Division was activated at Camp Blanding in June.

The touch football tournament which will involve all units in the Division desiring to enter teams, will start sometime next week. No tackle football will be allowed and the rules of touch football which call for the tagging of a ball carrier instead of tackling him, will be adhered to.

Special Service has prepared a list of 11 rules which will govern play in the tournament. Running, kicking and passing will be permitted. Each team will be composed of 11 men.

The golf tournament will be staged at either McComb or Natchez. Both communities have nine-hole golf courses. The links competition will be open to all men in the Division and plans are now being formulated for its staging in the near future.

Football Schedule

EAST

- Cornell vs Colgate
- Navy vs Georgia Tech.
- Army vs Yale
- Penn vs Columbia
- West Va. vs Carnegie Tech
- Bucknell vs Temple

SOUTH

- Michigan vs Minnesota
- Northwestern vs Ohio State
- Kansas vs Nebraska
- Purdue vs Iowa
- Indiana vs Wisconsin
- Notre Dame vs Illinois

SOUTH

- Tulane vs SMU
- LSU vs Georgia
- Texas vs Rice
- Oklahoma A. & M. vs TCU

AEF Boxer In Army

Back again in the service is S/Sgt. Earl Cady who won the featherweight title of the American Expeditionary Force in France the same night a marine named Gene Tunney took the light-heavyweight title. Cady is stationed at Ft. Bragg, N. C.

SAFE AT THE PLATE WITH THE TYING RUN



This spectacular action occurred in the second softball game between Div. Hq. and Hq. Co., 255th Inf., which was won by the 255th, 6-5. Pitcher Johnny Alvis of the losers is shown sliding home with the run that tied the count 4-4 in sixth inning. Arrow points to ball held insecurely in the glove of Catcher Kirchdoeffer. He dropped the ball a minute later and Alvis was declared safe.

LSU-Georgia In Return Meet

The Louisiana State Tigers and the Georgia Bulldogs will clash for the second time this season on the gridiron tomorrow, but the game will be played at Athens, Ga. In their first meeting a few weeks ago at Baton Rouge, the Tigers defeated the Georgians, 24-27, in a thrill-packed contest.

The Tigers will be counting heavily upon Big Steve Van Buren to carry the mail in tomorrow's game. They hope to shake the 200-pound sprinter loose once more as they did in the opening encounter.

In four games Van Buren has gained more than 100 yards. He has carried the ball 87 times and

Boxing Champs Represent Division In Outside Battles

has picked up 567 yards for an average of 6.5 yards per try. Against Georgia he gained 208 yards on the ground. Van Buren is the second highest scorer in the nation having registered 64 points on nine touchdowns and 10 extra points.

Camp Grant Loses Star

Bob Orlando, star guard and placekick specialist at Colgate last year, won't play football at Camp Grant, Ill. Inducted into the Army and assigned to Camp Grant last month, Orlando said he had decided to give up football because his parents objected.

Division fistic champions in seven classes will be crowned within the next month and the leaders in each class will become members of the 63d boxing team which will meet opposition from other quarters in this section of the Southwest, it was announced by Division Special Service today.

With the knowledge that various combat teams in the Division are chock full of boys who have had experience in the ring, and with others who are extremely eager to learn the art of fisticuffs, Special Service, has arranged for a two week's instructional period for men in all units. Experienced men will conduct the classes and will help develop the talent.

Combat Champs Vie

Following the warmup-period matches will be staged between representatives of the combat teams, and championships in bantamweight, featherweight, lightweight, welterweight, middleweight, light heavyweight and heavyweight classes will be determined.

The men who win out in the above-mentioned classes will be among those to represent the Blood and Fire Division in competition against other boxing teams in this section.

Classes Already Started

Many of the units in the 63d have already started boxing classes for the men and the recent bouts staged as supporting contests to the feature exhibition between Tommy Gomez and Pvt. Sid King, proved that there are many good boys among the trainees in the Division.

Some fighters in the 63d have had professional experience but the majority of them starred in amateur circles. There are almost a score of former Golden Glovers from various sections of the country in addition to men who sparkled in Catholic Youth Organization tournaments throughout the Mid-West.

Signs With Army

Pvt. Al Lien, star southpaw pitcher of the San Francisco Seals, will hurl for McClellan Field, Calif. next year. Lien, who won 14 games for the Seals last summer, signed a "duration and six" contract with Uncle Sam recently.

CHAMPS SCORE TWO IN FOURTH BEHIND ALVIS

Punching two runs across the plate in the fourth inning on two hits and an error, the Div. Hq. 10 wrote finis to the race for the second softball championship of the 63d Division yesterday by defeating the Hq. Co., 255th Inf., 2-1, before a large crowd at the 255th's field. The triumph was the second scored by the new champions in a hectic two-out-of-three game series.

The concluding contest was marked by snappy play on the part of both teams and was highlighted by the almost air-tight pitching of Cpl. Johnny Alvis of Div. Hq., who yielded only three blows in the seven innings, and retired the opposing side four times without a man reaching first. Sgt. Al Galasso, hurling for the runner-ups, turned in a fine performance also, giving only five hits.

Band, Drum Corps Play

The deciding game was an occasion for much ceremony. The 63d Div. band and a brand new bugle and drum corps from the 255th furnished music between innings. Following the game Maj. Gen. Lou's E. Hibbs, Division Commander, presented the Pepsi-Cola Trophy, symbolic of the title, to Sgt. Jack Whitfield, captain of the championship team and the runner-up trophy to S/Sgt. DeGraf of the 255th. General Hibbs characterized the game as, "the best softball game I have ever seen."

After two scoreless innings the 255th took the lead when Don-donna, stellar shortstop, belted a single over second which got past Whitfield and the runner reached second. A wild pitch sent him to third and he scored on O'Connor's fly to left, making the count 1-0.

Win Game in Fourth

Alvis retired the losers in order in the first half of the fourth and then Miller, Div. Hq. first baseman, singled sharply to center and went to second on Kies' hoist to first. Monk was safe on Lanzetti's bobble and Miller reached third. Alvis cracked a single along the third base line and Miller crossed the plate with the tying run as Monk raced to third. McCabe's blow to center sent Monk scurrying home with what proved to be the winning run.

Alvis tightened up following the flurry and only one member of the 255th's team reached first in the ensuing three frames. Calusso also bore down and in two frames gave only one hit, a triple by Cpl. Al MacKay.

In the second game of the championship series, played the preceding Wednesday, competition was keen and the game went nine innings before the 255th registered two runs in the ninth to win, 6-5.

Score Tied in Sixth

The 255th took the lead by scoring twice in the first inning but Div. Hq. whittled it to 2-1, in the second. Two more crossed the plate for the victors in the third but again the Hq. team added a run to make it 4-2. In the sixth, on hits by Monk and Alvis, two walks and a fly, the Div. Hq. 10 tied the count, at 4-all. The score remained deadlocked until the first of the ninth when Calosanto drew a walk. Lanzetti was safe when Kies failed to nip him at first, and Calosso's single scored Calosanto. Lanzetti tallied from second as Galasso was put out at third on a heave from Sgt. Ericson in left.

Div. Hq. tried vainly to snatch the lead in the last of the ninth but a single run was all that it

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Sid Gordon in C. G.

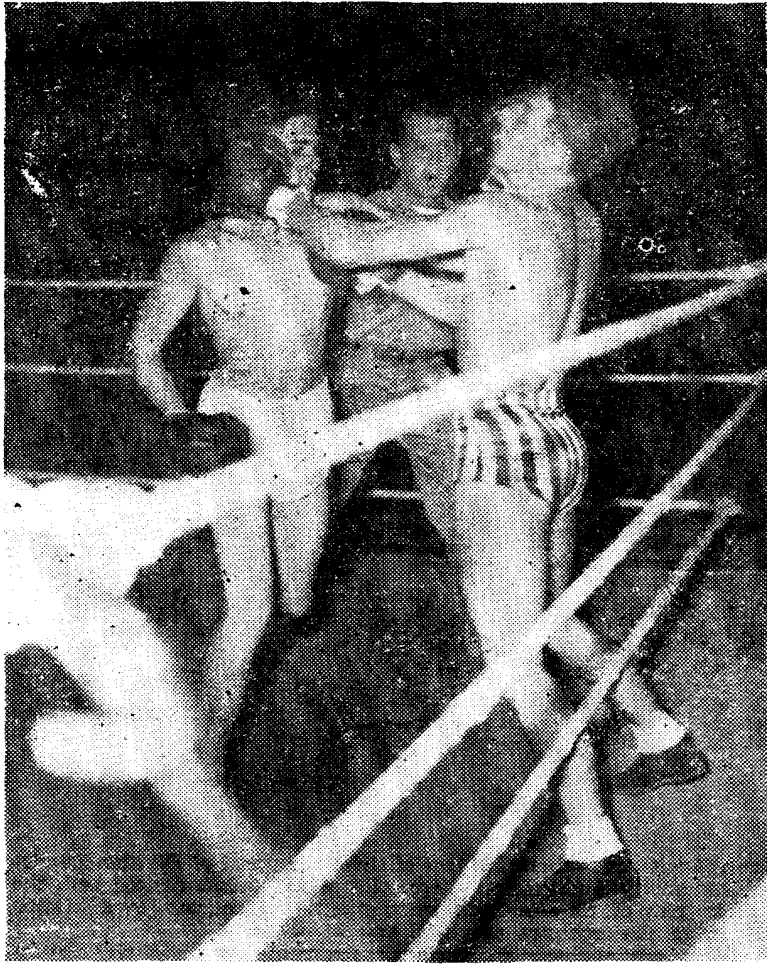
Sid Gordon of the New York Giants has been inducted into the Coast Guard.

WHEN THE HOPES OF DIV. HQ. ROOTERS SOARED



When Kermit Monk, Div. Hq. right fielder skidded home in the sixth inning on Cpl. Alvis' hit, the hopes of the rooters from Headquarters soared in anticipation of victory. The photo at the top of the page shows Alvis scoring a few minutes later in the same game to tie the count 4-4. The 255th rallied in the ninth frame of that second game between the teams for the softball title, and won out, 6-5, thus forcing a third game which was played yesterday.

DOUBLE OUCH REGISTERED BY RANGERS



Biff! Bang! go the gloves as Pvt. Harry Hall (white trunks), and Pvt. Gene Floyd (striped trunks), smashed into each other in last Thursday's outdoor bouts. Both are from the Ranger Platoon.

63d Division Sluggers Meet In Opening Boxing Bouts

Fearing for the most part men from the 63d's Ranger Platoon, the division opened its boxing program last week with a series of seven matches. Varied in its offerings, the program included in addition to the main fight between S/Sgt. Tommy Gomez, 183, of station complement, and Ranger Pvt. Sidney King, 180, a battle royal among four Rangers, a comedy fight between two doughboys of the 255th, and four other fights.

In the feature bout, with his professional style and experience, Gomez easily outpointed Ranger King.

In the other fights Sgt. Micky MacDonald, 145, outpointed his opponent, Sgt. William Sanders, 145; Pvt. Harry Hill, 145, outpointed Pvt. Eugene Floyd, 150; Pvt. Bud Johnson, 165, took the decision over Pvt. Bud Quindy, 165; and Pvt. Harvey Burris beat Pvt. Robert Backis.

Maguire Takes Battle Royal In the Battle Royal, Pvs. John

S/Sgt. Eliff, 254th, Weds Tennessee Girl

S/Sgt. Leonard Eliff, of Co. F, 254th Inf., has returned to duty from a honeymoon furlough. He married Miss Wilma Hilliard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hilliard, of Benis, Tenn., at Corinth, Miss., Oct. 3. Mrs. Eliff will make her home with her parents. Sgt. Eliff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Eliff, of Morris Chapel, Tenn.

CT Red Non-Coms Hold Fall Party

With members of the WAC detachment and civilian girls as guests, non-commissioned officers of Combat Team Red held their annual fall party last night at their clubrooms opposite Theater No. 1.

A floor show, under the direction of Cpt. Fred Wiener, presented Pvt. Manny Rosen, sleight-of-hand artist and harmonica player, Pvt. H. Moore, Irish tenor, and Pvt. Ralph Cerasuolo, violinist. Pvt. Howard Davenport at the piano and Pvt. Charles Rudibaugh and his trumpet combined, with Pvt. Cerasuolo to provide music for the dacing. All three are members of the recently organized 253rd Inf. orchestra.

Sgt. William Peters was in charge of arrangements for the affair and S/Sgt. George Muller, the steward, furnished the refreshments.

YOUNGER UNGER

There's a new addition to the Unger family now. He's James Thomas Unger, eight pounds, 10 ounces, who was born Sunday night in the McComb Infirmary. Lt. Col. Ferdinand T. Unger, C. O. of the 718th F.A. Bn. and proud parent, reports mother and son doing nicely.

LAUNDRY NOTE

Supply Sgt. Trimble, Hq. Co., 3d Bn., 253d Inf., was startled recently when a private threw in a laundry bag which landed with a clank on the floor. Upon investigation, Sgt. Trimble found the soldier had included with his laundry his shelter half, mosquito netting, tent poles, tent pins, and a pair of pliers.

DRIVERS COMPLETE BLACKOUT TESTS

Thirty drivers of Service Co., 253d Inf., recently completed their first full-scale test in total blackout.

Beginning at 1900, they drove for two and one-half hours over rough roads, carefully selected to accustom the men to varying types of conditions and terrain.

Instructors were said to be well pleased with the results.

Joins Army; Sees Brother

The brothers McGinley, Pvs. Vincent of Co. A, 263d Eng. Bn. and Walter of Hq. & Serv. Co., 861st F.A. Bn., report they've seen more of each other since being in the 63rd Div. than they ever did at home, although they lived only four miles apart.

They were both drafted from Newark, N. J., but from different Boards, Walter first and Vincent two days later. In and out of Fort Dix without seeing one another, they happened to meet on the same troop train that brought them to Camp Van Dorn.

When the training schedules permit, they are able to visit, and this seems quite frequent to the brothers who, during the past five years, saw each other only twice.

-Pvt. Halleck Harmon, Co. A, 2263d Engr. Bn.

ARTYMEN GET NIGHT TRAINING, HEAR "GIVE-AWAY" SOUNDS

Night demonstrations, a standard part of the training program, were staged for men of the 861st F.A. Bn. and Division Hq. Co. on two nights last week.

The 861st witnessed the demonstration during its recent overnight bivouac. The men listened to "give-away" sounds, such as the scraping of a steel helmet against barbed wire and the action of a bolt being opened.

The artillerymen were shown the difficulty of estimating distances at night when cigarettes were lighted on opposite sides of a clearing and the class misjudged the distance of the two lights by 75 yards.

The Headquarters organization's demonstration, conducted in the Station Hospital area, was based both on light and sound at night. Matches were lighted at distances of from 100 to 700 yards and the men were invited to gauge the distance and to see how clearly a small light shows in the darkness. "Give-away" sounds included a man coughing, a mess kit rattling in the distance, the opening of a rifle bolt, and the sound of GI cans being loaded on a truck. Firecrackers, simulating rifle fire, demonstrated how a sniper can locate a rifleman and estimate his distance by counting the elapsed time between the flash of powder and the sound of the explosion.

A demonstration squad with shielded flashlights formed the Big Dipper in a clearing to enable company officers to point out the constellation and how the North Star can be located from it.

Other features of the demonstration were the silent cutting of barbed wire, actions of a pa-

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was able to tally when Kies scored after the 255th's right fielder erred on Monk's blow.

The lineups:

Table with columns: Player Name, Position, Ab, R, H. Includes 255th Inf. and Div. Hq. lineups.

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Table with columns: Team, Score by Innings. Includes 255th Inf. and Div. Hq. scores.

Umpires: Brig. Gen. F. M. Harris, plate. Lt. B. Levkoff, bases.

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

This week I am going to give you new men a few tips on an old but very important subject: just plain ordinary everyday courtesy and discipline. I reckon it's just plain natural that some of you pick it up quicker than others. Fact is, too, that some had a head start when they arrived here. The first point I want to make is that if your discipline and and courtesy are the kind that you can put on and take off like a coat, or turn off and on like a spigot, then they ain't worth a damn. The real stuff is as much a part of you as your skin, particularly when the going's tough.

For my second tip I'll tell you about what happened to my car the other day, and was I burned up. I went to a hot baseball game and left my old jalop parked on the side of the road. I happened to look up during the game and I saw recruit Johns sitting on that car as thick as flies on a cake. I raised hell with 'em but that didn't straighten out the dents in the hood or in the fenders. When I call them "recruit Johns" I mean that they came here with precious little raising, and are still in that position. Anybody that has that little regard for someone else's property just ain't discipline—that's all—and I'll bet you all agree with me.

Punny how you can go around camp and find parts of it that are as neat as a pin and other parts that are littered with everything from beer bottles to ice cream cups. Same thing in bivouac in the field. Outfits that are disciplined keep their areas clean. You show me an area that is poorly policed and I'll show you a lousy outfit. Same thing with soldiers. The undisciplined guy throws his empty bottles, cigar butts, or what not, just any old place. The soldier who has been brought up right don't. He puts it in the boxes that are put there for it. So take a tip from me and don't litter up the place; the camp will look better and you won't be aying yourself open to being called a "recruit John."

Male Call

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

There's A War On, Don't Be A 'No Show'

Dear Miss Lace— Since you are the only glammer girl most of us guys ever see, we'd appreciate it if you'd show up in real pin-up outfits— You know—like the movie stills. Dogface Dan



Blood And Fire's Artist Catches Division Bandsmen Going On Air



Last week-end BLOOD AND FIRE'S staff artist, Pvt. Ulfort Wilke, went to Natchez with one of the 63d Division Orchestras—there are two of them composed of Division Bandsmen. Wilke watched the men, and their pretty girl singer Ann Sammon, as they entertained at the Natchez Community Auditorium, where soldiers and sailors danced with the Military Maids of Natchez. On Sunday Wilke went to the Natchez Servicemen's Club, where he watched the group play on an after noon radio program broadcast over station WMIS. Above is Wilke's impression of these rootin', tootin' sons of the 63d in action before the Mike. See anyone in the orchestra or crowd you know?

Btry. C, 862d, Men Compete In Work

A new program of physical training for men of Btry. C, 862d P.A. Bn., provides competition among the men and enables them to get the prescribed PT and enjoy it.

The Battery is divided into two groups, each having a captain and each bearing a name selected by the men. Group I has been named the "Cannoneers," and is led by Pvt. "Brooklyn" Riegel. Group 2 took its name from the Division insignia and calls itself the "Fire Tongues." It is led by Pvt. Bagzinski.

Competition in push-ups, hikes, rope climbing, obstacle courses and other items of the program is based on the number of men failing, and the other team is awarded the points. Such games as relay races, "piggyback" and tug-of-war give three points each to the winning team. Winners in football, softball, and volleyball rate five points.

A day-by-day score is kept and a weekly chart in the day room shows the team totals. At the end of basic training the losing team will give the winners a party.

The program was conceived by Lt. Gardner, the PT instructor, and is led by S/Sgt. Whalen. Each group is coached by NCOs whose actions are not computed in the scoring. Sgt. Dowd coaches the "Cannoneers" and Sgt. Payette the "Fire Tongues."

BATTERY BOASTS BEAUTIFUL BABES

A challenge to any other unit to produce as many genuine photographs of "home-grown" beauties has been issued by Btry. A, 718th F.A. Bn.

Adopting as its slogan, "Neath these roofs stand the most beautiful girls in the world," the Battery has graced its barracks with photographs of wives and sweethearts, adhering to a strict rule that no cheating is allowed and no photos of motion picture stars are acceptable.

RECON CAPERS

Native talent from the 63d Reconnaissance Troop will appear in "Recon Capers," a variety show scheduled for Wednesday evening, Nov. 3, at the Special Troops Recreation Hall. Members of the WAC Detachment will be guests of the Recon troop for the evening. A dance will follow the show.

Sgt. Gets War Bond As He Terminates Lengthy Career



When M/Sgt. Audie G. Johnson, 255th Regimental Supply Sergeant announced his retirement from the U. S. Army following 28 years of service, his friends gathered to present him with a \$100 war bond. M/Sgt. Travis Harrington, who has 25 years of service behind him, is shown presenting Sgt. Johnson with the gift as members of the 255th look on.

255TH SGT. ENDS 28-YEAR CAREER

A 28-year career in the United States Army drew to a close last Tuesday afternoon when Master Sergeant Audie G. Johnson, 255th Regimental Supply Sergeant, was presented with a \$100 war bond by friends honoring him on his retirement.

Nineteen company supply sergeants grouped around the retiring veteran as the presentation was made by Master Sergeant Travis Harrington, who himself has served 25 years. Following the ceremony, Johnson was congratulated by Col. Paul Tombaugh, Commanding Officer of the 255th Inf., and by each company supply sergeant.

Enlisted in 1914

Sgt. Johnson's initial enlistment is dated January, 29, 1914, the year the World War I began in Europe. During the war he served as a corporal with the Second Inf. His first enlistment terminated with the demobilization of the Army in 1919, but Johnson immediately re-enlisted to continue a career that was destined to carry him into another world conflict.

According to Sgt. Harrington, Johnson did "a little of everything" during his long tenure. In recent years, however, he has served as regimental supply sergeant in several outfits, including the 60th Inf., of the Ninth Div., the 327th Inf. of the 82d Div., the 391st Inf. of the 98th Div., and finally the 255th of the 63d.

In 1st Infantry

When Johnson re-enlisted in 1919, to start his second term of service, he was transferred to the First Inf., and served with that unit until 1922. In 1923 he was transferred to the Third Inf., remaining with that outfit until 1938.

It is not by choice that the Sgt. who is now 51, is retiring from the Army with his country in the thick of another big scrap. While with the 6th Inf., he suffered a foot injury which has forced him to enter LaGarde General Hospital at New Orleans for treatment and observation. It is believed he will receive his discharge at the hospital.

The Sgt., while reluctant to leave the service, intends to join his family at his original home, Rodgersville, Mo., where his two children, a boy and a girl are attending school. "I guess I'll try my hand at raising chickens," declared the veteran philosophically.

Found: One partial plate bearing two teeth. Owner may have same by calling at the Orderly Room of Co. I, 253d Inf.

Halloween Dance At Stanton Hall

A Halloween dance for officers will be staged under the auspices of the Pilgrimage Garden club at Stanton hall, one of the old antebellum homes at Natchez, Saturday night, October 30.

The huge ballroom on the first floor of the mansion will be decorated in appropriate autumnal colors. Admission price will be \$1.00 for stags, \$2.00 for couples.

Programs Arranged For Stay-At-Homes

Inaugurating a series of "Saturday Nighters" at the CT White Rec. hall, for 254th and 862d Bn. week-end stay-at-homes, Lt. Lawson M. Kately of 254th Special Service office, presented a program for the Combat Team White GI's Saturday.

Pvt. Leslie B. Heath, 254th Special Service, rounded up regimental talent for the initial performance which was attended by some 150 soldiers. Pvt. Heath, who had theatrical experience in Hollywood and New York, was M. C. Two GI movies, "Heroes," and "Curiosity Killed the Cat," were shown. Pvt. Eugene Annone, Co. I, cracked jokes and enacted a skit in which he played the parts of four persons. Duets were sung by Pvs. Walter McCague and Leo Terendola both of the Cannon Co.

Diggers Blow Up Jap Ruler In Chemical Demonstration

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through wood, water, metal and armor plate.

A chemical land mine filled with FS, a 1000 yard smoke screen using HC smoke pots, a frangible grenade mine field, and white phosphorous land mines were all electrically detonated.

Following the demonstrations Lt. Albert J. Birch of the Chemical Warfare section explained uses of the airplane spray tank, incendiary cluster, portable cylinder, and chemical bomb.

700 See Demonstration
Assistants at the demonstration were Sgts. Kermit Ranney and Carl Stastny, Company "B," Daniel Stadnyk and Kenneth Wekke, Company "C," and Pvs. George

Gas Piped 1,000 Miles In Alaska

FAIRBANKS, ALASKA (CNS)—A gasoline-distribution pipeline that stretches 1,000 miles from Skagway in Southeastern Alaska to Fairbanks, supplying American air bases in Canada and Alaska, is now in operation. The line was built by Army engineers last year.

Sadler and James Moser, Company "A."

A crowd of more than 700 witnessed the demonstration. Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander, and Lt. Col. Robert H. Clarke, Division Chaplain, were among the spectators.

Three Promotions IN 263d Engineers

It is now Captain F. B. Dahl and Sergeants Ernest Foraker and Albert Showalter at the 263d Engineer Combat Battalion as a result of promotions announced by Lt. Col. Jack L. Coan this week.

Captain Dahl was promoted from 1st Lt. by orders received last Sunday. The captain has been a member of the 263d since its inception. He is from Murlington, N. C., and was stationed at Fort Belvoir, Va., before he was assigned to the 63d Division.

Sergeants Foraker and Showalter, both of Company B, received copies of their promotion orders at retreat formation last Monday evening.