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NEW YORK—To combat raids by out-of-towners and hoarding New Yorkers, liquor store operators throughout the city have virtually all retired their stocks of choice whisky below the counter for sale a bottle at a time to regular customers a survey made by the New York Herald Tribune showed recently. There is virtually no available Scotch in the city, and no domestic rum. Though there seems to be no set limit to purchases of imported rum, brandy, wine and Cuban gin, other available liquors are being voluntarily rationed by dealers at a bottle to a customer.

WASHINGTON—The house of representatives this week, by a narrow 146-129 margin, voted additional \$5,000,000 to be used by the overseas branch of the Office of War Information in redoubling their psychological warfare program.

PORTLAND, ORE.—The War Food administration is seeking 2,000,000 bushels of Washington and Oregon apples for the armed forces, and has ordered all distributors, growers and others holding upwards of 500 bushels grown or located in either of these two states to set aside 15 per cent of the state fancy, and higher grades for the military services.

CHICAGO—The Middle West dug itself out of the first serious blizzard of the winter this week. Four Iowans were reported dead as a result of a storm which piled snow as high as 18 inches in some places. Highways in northwest Iowa were clogged with snow and ice and many rural schools closed. Six deaths were attributed to the storm in Minnesota, where blizzards laid down as much as a foot of snow near Duluth. In Chicago many lakefront homes were damaged by a storm which swept over Lake Michigan.

SELFRIDGE FIELD, Mich.—Capt. William T. Colman, former commandant at this Army air base who was convicted by a court-martial of careless use of firearms after the shooting of a Negro private, is being retired. The War Department announced he is being retired under a law giving the Secretary of War wartime power to place on the "unlimited retirement list" any officer found unfit for duty. The court-martial reduced Colman from colonel to (Continued on Page 3.)

Two African Campaign Vets Assigned to 63d Division

Two sergeants who've been through most of the American engagements in North Africa joined units of the 63rd Inf. this week. They are Sgt. Ronald D. Alexander, 861st F. A. Bn., and Sgt. Dominick Salerno, Co. F., 255th Inf. Both are volunteers.

Sgt. Salerno has been in the Army since 1940 while Sgt. Alexander enlisted in 1941. Both trained in Scotland, both were shipped to Africa at approximately the same time, both were wounded there and both have been awarded the Purple Heart.

A native of Rochelle, Ill., Sgt. Alexander left his job as watchman at the local California Pack Plant, in 1941 to enlist in the Army. He was assigned to Btry., 26th Bn., 9th Div., Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. During the next two years he received extensive training.

Sent Overseas in '42
He left with his unit from New

REGULAR DUTY THANKSGIVING, FEED AT NIGHT

Start of Corps Tests Jan. 4 Curtails Holiday Periods

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 25, will be a regular duty day in the Blood and Fire (63d Div.) but there will be no night problems that night. Thanksgiving dinner will be served at the evening mess and turkey and all the fixin's will be part of an elaborate menu.

Christmas Day and New Year's Day, according to a Div. Hq. memorandum, will be holidays, and the seven hours of training normally scheduled on the dates on which these two days fall, will be rescheduled at some appropriate time between the present date and December 25. Schools scheduled on Christmas eve night, December 24, and New Year's eve night, December 31, 1943, will be rescheduled at the discretion of responsible commanders.

Must Not Lose Training
Information received from higher headquarters sets the start of the Corps Individual Training Tests for January 4, 1944. The serious demands of the Individual Training Period requires that no training hours be lost prior to the tests. This accounts for the curtailment of holiday periods.

The policy regarding the granting of furloughs during the Individual Training Period, stated in a memorandum dated October 15, 1943, will not be relaxed during the Christmas holiday season.

20 Per Cent Get Passes
During the period from Decem- (Continued on Page 8.)

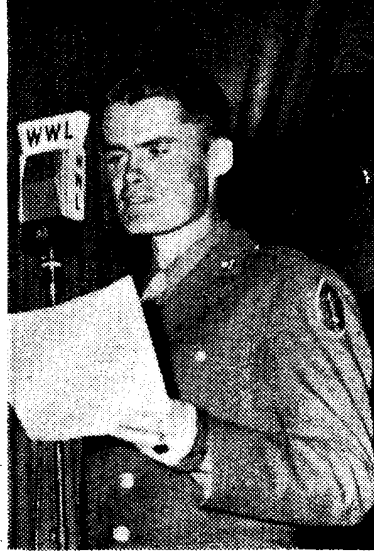
Wedding Bells Ring at 255th

Wedding bells rang three times in the last fortnight for men of Anti-Tank Co., 255th Inf.

Pvt. Gordon Armstrong of West Allis, Wis., and Miss Edith Clark, also of West Allis, were married in a post chapel November 6.

Pfc. George P. Schneider of Warren, Ohio, and Miss Anne Inell Harrell of Baton Rouge, La., were married November 7.

Pvt. Eli A. Cooper and Miss Evelyn D. Mabie, both of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., were married in the chapel November 13.



ON THE AIR as Division Radio Show was presented over WWL Sunday are Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs and Pvt. John Larkin, narrator of the show.

Messages Attest Success Of Broadcast Over WWL

Letters and telegrams received by Div. Special Service and the studio of WWL at New Orleans, testified to the success of the Blood and Fire Division's debut over a large hookup last Sunday afternoon. This Sunday the second program, "Why We Fight," glorifying the combat soldier, will be presented over the same station. The broadcast will go on the air at Theater No. 1 at 1800 and will terminate at 1825.

Last Sunday's broadcast dealt with the development of the Blood and Fire outfit and traced its history from the day of its activation, June 15 to the present. Music by the 63d Division Orchestra, vocal numbers by the Soldiers Chorus, and the voice of Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs were heard by an audience estimated at 800,000 throughout the South and parts of the Middle-West.

Message From Indiana
The first congratulatory message was received by Div. Special Service from a man in Terre Haute, Ind., others came from Columbus, Ohio, and many other sections of the country.

This Sunday's broadcast will feature the 63d orchestra under the direction of Pfc. Charles Jones, who formerly arranged for Jimmy Dorsey. Pvt. Jones does all the arranging for the radio shows. This Sunday the orchestra will present a special arrangement of "Pistol Packin' Mama."

Bomber Song
The "Bomber Command Song," written by Pvt. Paul Taubman of Div. Special Service, who was outstanding as an organist and musician in civilian life, will also be heard. Pvt. Jackie Parris, skat singer, will sing "It is Autumn."

A new comic character, "I. M. Fubar," will be introduced on the second program. He will be heard on all programs that will follow. Fubar is a bolo who, however, points a lesson through his mistakes. The subject of orienting the soldier as to why the U. S. is waging war against the Axis and Japan, will be prominently dealt with during the broadcast.

Div. Arty Dramatists To Present Two Plays

Work on two one-act plays taken from the recent Broadway success, "The Army Play-by-Play," has been started by a group of men from Div. Artillery who are interested in dramatics.

The plays, which will be presented in the near future were in a group of five prize winning presentation written by men in the armed service and presented by John Golden, New York producer.

Linguistic Fix

Pvts. Chester Antosiewicz and Adolph Bigos, two Polish-American boys in Cannon Co., 255th Inf., have a letter-writing system all their own. When Antosiewicz, who can't write Polish, wants to send a letter to his father, he calls on Bigos, who can write the language.

Bigos can't read Antosiewicz' handwriting, so Chester has to read back for corrections. Between the two and a Polish-English dictionary, Papa Antosiewicz gets a letter about every two weeks.

Pilgrimage Garden Club To Hold Officers' Dance

A formal officers' dance, sponsored by the Pilgrimage Garden Club, will be held at Stanton Hall, Natchez, on Saturday, November 20, it was announced this week. Acting as hostesses to single officers will be the Bars and Stars, an organization of young women formed for the purpose of providing entertainment for officers.

The Pilgrimage Garden club will also give two formal dances during the month of December, one on the 11th, and the other on Christmas night.

Connolly, 253d Buck Private Did His Own Pin Up Girls

When you whistled longingly at a picture of one or more beautiful girls on a calendar or magazine cover or in an advertisement, you might have been looking at a genuine Connolly.

For Pvt. Howard Connolly, Hqs. Co., 3d Bn., 253d Inf., won acclaim in civilian life for his drawings of eye-compelling women, and Connolly illustrations appeared in many publications, in advertisements and on signs and posters.

Born in New Bedford
Born in the famous old New England whaling port of New Bedford, Mass., Connolly felt the urge to paint at an early age and frequently spent his leisure sketching the picturesque old fishing boats and the harbor of New Bedford.

However, in spite of his love for painting, it was years before Connolly could devote himself to the work. When his parents died he left New Bedford to seek work

MAPS, CHARTS INFORM GI'S OF PROGRESS

Brig. Gen. Harris and Maj. Liding Head Orientation Program Designed to Make 63d World's Best Informed Soldiers'

Carrying out a program designed to make members of this Division the best informed soldiers in the world, special emphasis has been placed in recent weeks on the orientation programs of every company and battery in the Division. Supplementing the daily news reports prepared by Division Special Services are orientation layouts, which now appear in all dayrooms.

Some of these layouts are elaborate, with maps and overlays showing the daily progress of the Allied march to victory, others are simple collections of pertinent newspaper clippings and charts. But all combine to teach the Division's fighting men why we're fighting, and how our armed forces are progressing in wiping out the enemy.

The elaborate Division orientation program has been devised by Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, assistant division commander. He is being closely assisted by Maj. Robert K. Liding, Division Special Service Officer.

The objectives of the orientation program may be divided into five parts:

Why We Fight
First: Men must know why we fight. A thorough understanding of the causes and events that lead to the entry of the United States into the current struggle makes clear to the soldier why he is in uniform. These facts are brought home to the men through the very thorough series of motion pictures showing the causes that led to the war. Each one of the Axis countries are taken up separately and the attitude of their leaders are contrasted to those of our own. The lives of their citizens under such regimes are compared to the lives of folks in the United States.

Second, the soldier must know his enemies. When the soldier has a thorough knowledge of the true nature of the enemy and his ob- (Continued on Page 2.)

Connolly, 253d Buck Private Did His Own Pin Up Girls

in Westerly, R. I. He was a chauffeur for a Westerly hospital until he got a position as window trimmer in a department store. Subsequently he created lobby displays for theaters in Westerly and in Providence, R. I., and Boston.

Had Liberty Cover
His paintings in Boston theater lobbies won him promises of other work in the field of commercial painting and illustrating. He sold his first commercial painting, depicted on page 8, to Liberty magazine while in Boston. It was used on the cover of that weekly August 6, 1938.

In 1934 he married Cecil Rice, a nurse, whom he had met at the Westerly hospital, and in 1938 he made the momentous decision to move to New York city, where a commercial artist could find untold opportunities or a spirit-crushing failure.

At first it looked like failure. (Continued on Page 8.)

Orientation Program Keeps GI's Well Informed

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jectives, the soldier will be imbued with the desire to eliminate him.

Third: A knowledge of the various Allied nations and their aims, common in most part, to our own, is essential for the combat soldier. He must have confidence in the strength and the aims of our Allies. He must know that he is a member of the most powerful, the most democratic alliance in the world.

Be Proud of Outfit

Fourth, a soldier must know his own outfit and have pride in it. If he realizes the importance of his particular unit and its relationship to the Army as a whole, the soldier will understand the importance of his role in combat.

Fifth: In order to properly understand world affairs, to note the progress of the war and our arms in particular, a soldier must know the news and its significance. American soldiers are said to be the best informed in the world and it is to make this statement actually live that the present orientation program has been instituted.

The Div. orientation program has been developed thoroughly. There is a commissioned officer in every btry and regiment who arranges displays, disseminates the daily news and devises other means to acquaint the men of his section with the news.

Other Sources Contribute

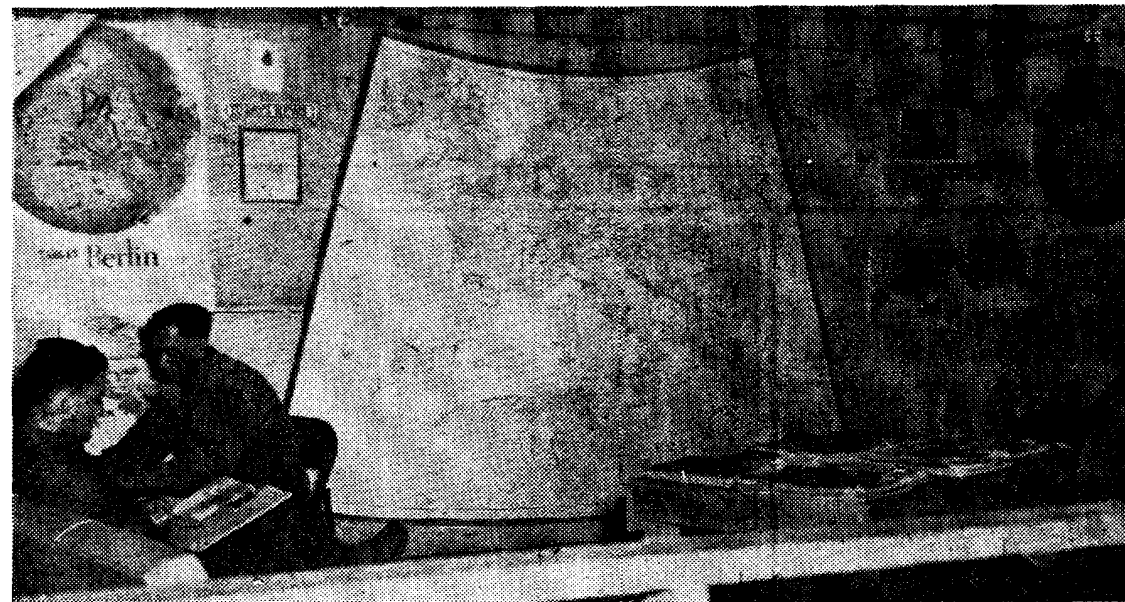
Tied in with company and btry orientation sections are those in the Service Clubs and the libraries. Books, pamphlets and other material are available at the libraries which have special orientation sections listing books for fighting men.

The weekly radio broadcast over Station WWL giving the outside public information on the Div. and its personnel is just as valuable to the enlisted men as it is to the general public. It is a means of telling them what their Div. is, how it is organized and something about its personnel from the commanding general down to the private.

That the men of the Div. are intensely interested in the program and in its aims is evidenced by the enthusiasm which they have shown in helping to prepare orientation displays in the various units. Each has attempted to outdo the other in elaborate maps and sections.

Medics Commended

As an example, the 363d Med. Bn., especially Hq. Co., has arranged an interesting display of maps, charts and news releases. A rogues gallery of Axis leaders is



included, and a guessing contest is held among the personnel in which members are asked to predict such things as the fall of Rome to the Allies and other events open for speculation.

Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, and Big. Gen. Harris, toured the medical bn. last week to view the various exhibits. The commanding general has made similar tours of other outfits and has been high in his praise of them.

Gen. Hibbs has stressed the importance of orientation courses many times and has stated that the goal of the Div. is to probe deeper than the surface of the daily news and bring to the men facts which are often beyond their ability to secure.

718th F. A. Has Display

Other exhibitions which have been worthy of particular note have been those in the service iftry of 718th F. A. This display received special commendation from Gen. Hibbs. The rear wall of the day room has been devoted to a display of maps of the battle fronts with those of the Italian and Russian fronts predominating. On each map battle lines have been drawn. A serial map shows the boundaries of Axis Europe and the extent of daily raids by allied aircraft.

The central portion of the exhibit is devoted to the daily war news summary under the heading "War of Today." Cards extend from this to portions of the map alluded to in the summary. A portion of the wall is devoted to photos of Nazi and Japanese atrocities and to the ruin and death which has followed the wake of Nazi armies. The display was arranged under the direction of Lt. Roy R. Charles assisted by A/Cpl. Theodore Kazanoff.

Another exhibition of note is that prepared for troops in the Btry. A, 718th F. A. Prepared by Lt. Fred G. Traut and S/Sgt. Charles Shockley, a wall display, maps, pictures and a discussion revolving around the orientation lecture serve to orient the men daily



VICTORY PARADE of Allies is shown to GIs in Division day room exhibits of maps, charts, newspaper clippings. Shown above are orientation aids of Hq. Co., 3d Bn., 255th Inf., and Cannon Co., 255th Inf.

253rd Intelligence Outfit Holds Party

The 253d Rec. Hall was the scene Wednesday night of a gay Thanksgiving party given by the Intelligence personnel of the 253d Infantry.

Under the direction and supervision of Sgt. Raymond Neri, Co. L, and Pvt. Howard Connelly, Hq. Co., 3d Bn., the Rec. Hall was transformed into an intimate club, tastefully decorated in traditional Thanksgiving manner. Colored streamers hid the high ceilings, tall dried corn stalks and painted pumpkins hid the wooden pillars, and interesting bits of art work and lettering helped camouflage the hall.

As members of the Intelligence personnel and their invited guests arrived, they were seated by waiters who were kept busy all evening serving drinks and refreshments. Small tables for four fringed the dance floor and gave the hall a friendly, uncrowded appearance.

Pvt. Ralph Cerasuolo's 253d Inf. orchestra supplied dance music, sweet and hot, to please the varied tastes of every dancer. Cpl. Bill Winer, of Special Services, a former Warner Bros. actor, was M. C. He introduced three specialty acts—Miss "Dottie" McHale, New York and Philadelphia night club singer; Bert Moore, Co. H, 253d Inf., popular Irish tenor from California, and Pvt. Toby Starling, 861st F. A. Sv. Btry., novelty tap dancer. Capt. R. L. Kusel and Lt. J. C. Legow presented a short skit in which they donned the uniforms of buck privates to sing songs of their own composition.

Many Division officers attended the party. Among the guests were: Col. Paul W. Mapes, Lt. Col. Marion W. Shewe, Maj. Henry P. Park, Maj. Geo. W. Davis, Maj. Walter J. Burk, Maj. Abe Kramer, Capt. Wilbur N. Davidson, Capt. Walter M. Lee, Capt. Richard G. Cox, Capt. Jasper H. Ayer, Capt. Ed. B. Scullion, Capt. Wm. T. Drake, Lt. Albert H. Andrews, Lt. Carl L. Wildell, Lt. John Blazek and Lt. Leland F. Rhode.

The WACs and the civilian guests left the party reluctantly in groups of twos and fours, for it was like "a home away from home."

The party was planned by Sgt. Robert C. Hunter of Hq. Co., 3d Bn. He was assisted by Sgts. Theodore E. Tegtmeyer and Robert E. Fitzgerald, Cpl. Raymond Watson, Pfc. William Webster and Pvt. Mitten Schaeffer, all of the 253d Inf. Intelligence group.

PVT. I. ZIOWE, Hq. Co., 3d Bn., 253d Inf.

Sgt. Skinner Wins Commendation

S/Sgt. Edgar A. Skinner of Hq. Btry., 718th F.A. Bn., was publicly commended for bravery by Battalion Commander Col. F. T. Unger at the Battalion parade Thursday, November 13.

The commendation stated that Sgt. Skinner, at great personal risk, took steps to safeguard the men who witnessed the battalion demonstration of chemical warfare and plane and tank defense two weeks ago.

During the exhibition chemicals and explosives used in the demonstration started fires. At this time, Sgt. Skinner removed the caps from unexploded charges in the endangered area. Had he failed to do so, men participating in the exhibition, as well as those witnessing it, would almost certainly have been injured.

Because of Sgt. Skinner's bravery, the fires were brought under control without incident, and few of the men in the area realized they had been in danger.

COL. WELLS IS PROMOTED

Lt. Col. Lucien F. Wells, former A. C. of S., G-3, of the 63d Division, has been promoted to full colonel and appointed chief of the Logistics Staff School, Command and General Staff School, at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. Col. Wells left the 63d to go overseas as an observer in Sicily and Italy.

254th Service Co. Greets New C. O.

Capt. Charles A. Esch, new commanding officer of the Service Co., 254th Inf., was welcomed to his new command at an Armistice Day party held in the company mess hall last Thursday, November 11. The program was directed by recently-promoted Cpl. Leslie Heath, who presented the new C. O. and other officers to members of the company.

Two hits were scored during the entertainment period when Pvt. Alex "Flash" Horowitz, presented his own composition, "Your Are Fit For a Bungalow," and Pvt. Alfred R. Woods provoked considerable humor by his jokes recounted in dialect. Others who entertained were WO Walter Durkin, personnel section, T/5 Antone Albermaz, and Pvt. Walter Sherpensky. Galanter the Great, a prestidigitator, presented through the courtesy of the 254th Special Service Office, livened things between beers supplied by Mess Sgt. David F. Wiese.

Guests who dropped in during the evening were Col. Stanley R. Putnam, Lt. Col. Randolph Gordon, Maj. Thomas K. Wilson and Maj. Benjamin Glatzer. Capt. Esch replaces Capt. James E. Ablert, who left to attend school at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Varied Programs Set for Div. Arty

Members of Div. Arty will have a chance to cheer the hero and hiss the villain to their hearts' content with the announcement that old-time motion pictures will be shown Saturday nights starting at 1900 o'clock. A variety show will be presented in addition to movies. Community singing will also be held.

On Sundays starting at 1500 there will be alternating programs. Dances, movies, plays and musical programs will be presented. During the week, between Monday and Saturday nights, special outside attractions under the auspices of Nat Rodgers will be shown.

Pvt. Cronin, Miss McHale Star on CT Blue Program

Featured by the singing of Pvt. John Cronin, CT Blue presented a variety show Thursday, November 4, at the 255th Rec. Hall. Musical numbers, a dramatic recitation, bedgerdemain, light patter and the singing of Miss Dollie McHale comprised the program.

Miss McHale was one of the hits of the show and her renditions of songs, sweet and hot, brought loud applause from the audience.

The Wolf by Sansone





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captain and meted out more severe penalties to others convicted of administrative irregularities at the field.

WATERVILLE, ME.—The OPA office here reports they've found the perfect answer to ration board's dream: she's a local resident who hasn't applied for any ration books and has no intention of doing so. She eats fresh vegetables, eggs, fish, chicken and cereal at home, and when she feels the need for variety she goes to a restaurant on Shank's mare.

DETROIT, Mich.—Mayor Edward J. Jeffries, Jr., will begin in January the first mayoral third term since the non-partisan government was established 25 years ago. In a record off-year election of nearly 500,000 votes, he defeated Frank FitzGerald, a circuit court commissioner. The heated campaign attracted nationwide interest because it was drawn on issues arising from last June's race riots in the city.

PLAQUEMINES PARISH, I.A.—It's office, which was recently seized by state guards, is back in the news again this week. Some one stole the parish patrol car.

George Flannigan Dies; Was Div. Red Cross Man

George C. Flannigan, III, Senior Assistant Field Director of the American Red Cross, attached to the 63rd Division, died suddenly November 15 while on leave.

Mr. Flannigan had been with the American Red Cross since September 1942. He had served in an official capacity at several Army reservations before being assigned to the 63rd Division.

He was a graduate of the Pennsylvania State College School of Journalism, in 1932. In addition to several other positions he held after graduation, he was a Commercial Correspondent for the Western Union Telegraph Company and also served in a supervisory capacity with the Department of Public Welfare of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Flannigan is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Flannigan, Jr., 539 Revere Road, Merion Station, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and a sister who is presently serving with the Army Nurses Corps in India.

Snack Bar Answers Needs Of Men of 861st F. A. Bn.

When men of Btry B., 861st F. A. Bn., want a coke, a bar of candy, cigarettes or other similar items, they have only to walk a few steps to their attractive bar located in the Btry dayroom.

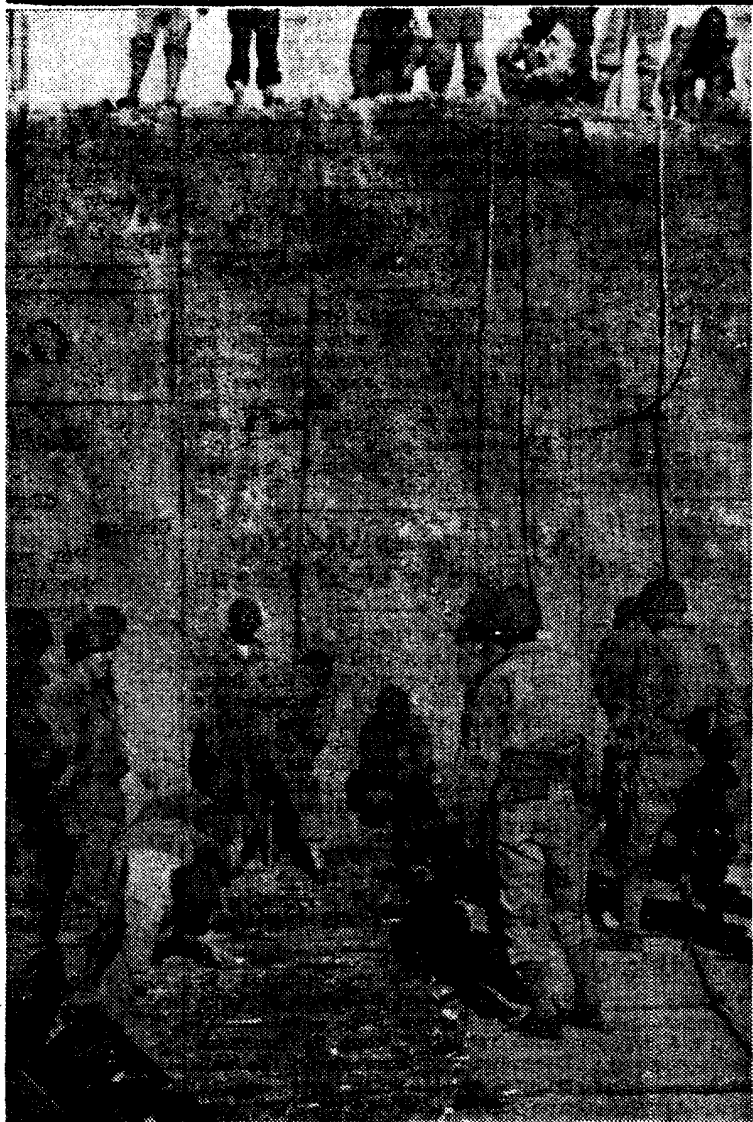
In addition to refreshments, various pieces of equipment used within an artillery firing battery have been arranged in an exhibit. The display includes an aiming circle, a battery commander's telescope, a field communication set, binoculars, a carbine and a .45-cal pistol.

Credit for the bar and the display goes to Capt. Frederick C. Winkler, Lt. Ervin W. McCullough, Jr., Pvlts. Edgar C. Dehn and Charles C. Provence, Jr., as well as to the boys who manage the bar each night.

Pvt. Kessler Marries Miss Marion Goldfield

Pvt. Paul Kessler of Co. F, 254th Infantry, whose home is at Philadelphia, Pa., and Miss Marion Goldfield of Baton Rouge, La., were married Saturday, November 6, at Baton Rouge.

On Friday night preceding the wedding, members of the Weapons Platoon of Co. F, entertained Pvt. Kessler at an informal bachelor party. Pvt. Abe Levy acted as toastmaster and talent from among the members of the platoon provided the entertainment. High spot of the night's activities was the singing of Staff Sgt. Leslie L. Isley, former member of the cast of the "Student Prince" and other productions.



Engineers Construct Rope, Wood Bridge

First bridge thrown up by trainees of Company B, 263rd Engineer Battalion, turned out to be a spectacular one.

Made entirely of rope and timber spars, without any nailing whatsoever, the bridge breached a deep gravel pit at the engineers' training area. The bridge was 240 feet long overall and 180 feet was suspended over a chasm 25 feet deep.

The bridge consisted of two H frame suspension ropes of one inch diameter rope, three-quarter inch rope for holding up the timber spar flooring and three eighth inch cotton rope running from the suspension ropes to the flooring. The bridge was fixed at each end to sturdy "deadman" and "hold-fast" anchorages.

Following the speedy construction of the bridge the engineer trainees tested their own handiwork by racing across the bridge in single file.

NEW MEDICAL OFFICERS

The staff of officers of the 254th Med. Bnt., has been increased by the arrival of Lts. Harry Horwitz and Jacob Bailen who have been transferred to them 63d from the Medical Field Service school at Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

HANK'S NO OWL

Pvt. Henry Evans is nothing if not considerate of his buddies in Co. A, 253d Inf.

Hank came into the barracks one night after lights out. Not wishing to disturb his companions, he stood in the dark and made a quick leap for the bunk. He missed and landed head-first on the floor.

He picked himself up slowly and tried another leap. Again he judged wrong and again he hit the floor.

"Hey, Hank," called a thoroughly-aroused soldier, "why don't you turn on the lights?"

Hank poised himself for another leap in the dark.

"What for?" he demanded.

"I'm no sissy!"

Soldiers Entertain Woodville Clubmen

Members of the Woodville Lions' Club were entertained by talent from the 63rd Division Tuesday night. Division Special Service sent a group of entertainers to the nearby town where they provided 21 minutes of entertainment for the club members.

Among those who performed were Jackie Parris, skat singer; Arnold Spector, singer of comic songs, whose singing of "Pistol Packin' Momma" featured the Division's second radio show two weeks ago, and Joe Pollock, an accomplished impersonator. Sgt. Jack Bracken was master of ceremonies.

Home Atmosphere In 255th Dayroom

Celebrating completion of its dayroom, the 255th Inf. Cannon Co., staged a party last Wednesday night which was attended by Capt. Robert M. Young, Company Commander, and other officers and a group of WACs. Following an inspection of the carefully arranged dayroom, the hosts and their guests enjoyed dancing and refreshments.

Under the supervision of Capt. Young, the dayroom has been turned into a comfortable and reasonable facsimile of home. Numerous leather upholstered chairs and a divan have replaced the wooden seats and half a dozen card tables lend a cozy, clublike atmosphere. Sections of the room devoted to reading and writing materials are cut off from the game room by a collapsible wall, and the entire building may be converted into one large area for classes or for the holding of social gatherings.

Dominating one end of the writing room from wall to wall, is a world map, flanked on either side by a space for news bulletins and pictures, the pride and joy of Lt. J. B. Beach, orientation officer.

The map was drawn by Pfc. Waldo Schumaker, assisted by Pfc. David Myers. Every country and all major cities, seas, lakes, rivers and mountain ranges are inscribed, and strings run from news stories on the bulletin board to the source of the report. Thus at a glance, a Cannoneer is able to see any progress made by Allied or Axis armed forces.

Religious Services

- Protestant Services**
Chapel No. 8, Episcopal communion service, 0815.
Chapels No. 6, 7, 8, 10, 0900.
Chapels No. 5, 6, 8, 10, 1000.
Chapel No. 7, 1100.
Chapels No. 8, 10, 1800.
Chapel No. 5, vesper service, 1815.
- Weekday Services**
Chapel No. 5, Thursday, 1939.
Chapel No. 7, Thursday, 1917.
Chapel No. 10, Thursday, 2000.
- Mormon Services**
Sunday
Chapel No. 8, 1400.
- Roman Catholic Mass**
Chapels Nos. 5, 7, 8, 10, 0800.
Theater No. 5, 0900.
Chapel No. 7, 1000.
Theater No. 1, 1030.
Chapel No. 16, 1100.
- Evening Mass**
Chapel No. 5, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 1820.
Chapel No. 5, Novena Miraculous Medal, Monday, 1830.
Chapel No. 7, Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, 1830.
Chapel No. 10, Monday to Saturday (except Thursday), 1830.
Confessions at chapels, 1900-2100, Saturday (except Chapels Nos. 6, 8).
- Jewish Services**
Chapel No. 7, Friday night, Conservative service, 2000.
Chapel No. 7, Friday night, Orthodox service, 2100.
Chapel No. 10, Friday night, Conservative service, 2030.
- Christian Science Reading**
Chapel No. 1, Sunday, 1100.
- Seventh Day Adventist**
Chapel No. 9, Friday, 1930.
Lutheran
Theater No. 5, Sunday, 1100.

CALL HIM SANTA
TORONTO (CNS)—An unidentified man entered a military hospital here and started passing out \$100 bills to the bed-ridden inmates. Before he left he gave away almost \$5,000.

Men of 63d Dance, Broadcast, Visit Homes at Natchez

Natchez was the scene of several activities sponsored by the Servicemen's Center and city authorities, in which members of the 63d Division participated recently. On Saturday, November 13, soldiers attended a formal dance sponsored by Co. D of the Military Maids. The 63d's Mickey Mouse Orchestra, with Don Pablo at the piano, played for the dancing. Wednesday night the mid-week dance was held at the City Auditorium.

On Sunday men who competed in the Division golf tournament at Duncan Park links were served luncheon by members of the staff of the Servicemen's Center. In the afternoon a large group of soldiers toured ante-bellum homes in the city. Later in the day a 25-minute broadcast from the Servicemen's Center, featured men of the 63d and the Mickey Mouse Dance band.

Interviewed on the broadcast were Don Pablo, who in civilian life was well-known as a pianist and composer of popular melodies, one of his compositions, "The Mercury Waltz," was played during the radio program. Pvt. Ulfert Wilke, staff artist of Blood and Fire, was also interviewed. Wilke is internationally known for his ability in the field of art.

A new song, composed by Pvt. George Marble, trumpeter for the band, entitled "Much More and Forever," had its debut on the air. Marble formerly played with Freddy Martin's orchestra. Cpl. Charlie Blue, formerly with Tommy Vann, sang, "I Heard You Cried Last Night."

Members of the Mickey Mouse Orchestra, which plays music similar to that of Wayne King, are: Sgts. Charles Stutz, formerly with B. A. Rolfe; Sgt. Sid Siedman, ex-NBC Staff member; Cpl. Charles Blue; Cpl. Clyde Baker, who played with Lou Breese; Pvt. George Marble; T./Sgt. Matty Valdes, Pvt. Johnny Bovel, who was with Joe Sanders's, and Don Pablo, who does the arranging for the band.

Danger of Mines Shown to Artymen

With Allied armies all over the world on the offensive, combat soldiers of the United States Army will be running into mines, not laying them. For that reason members of the 718th F. A. Bn. were given their first lesson in the dangers of such mines in a demonstration held Thursday, November 11, under the supervision of Maj. James H. Rowbotham.

While men of the battalion watched, a vehicle ran a 100-yard course, during which it was theoretically demolished time after time by hidden mines and booby traps. The driver of the truck met a gloriously tragic simulated death as he was blasted by a booby trap at the end of the course.

A running commentary by Maj. Rowbotham kept the battalion informed as they witnessed the demonstration. Officers of the battalion instructed the men on the types of mines demonstrated and how to deal with them.

19 Privates Promoted In Btry. C, 863d F. A.

Nineteen men of Btry. C, 863d F. A. Bn., have been promoted to Private First Class. They are: Jacob Klitzner, Earl Wripkey, George F. Benson, Carl Duss, Jerry Malec, Frank Gregory, Stanley J. Slowik, Allan W. Miller, George E. Gries, Herbert D. Morris, David Nagy, Lewis F. Hill, James O. Barnes, Joseph S. Dolock, Glenn P. Visser, Russell R. Spiker, Harry C. Sampson, Aalph E. Earley and James W. Cudaly.

Gen. Harris Reviews CT Blue at Retreat

With rifles slung and bayonets fixed, the entire C. T. Blue staged its first retreat review last week. Following the retreat ceremony, the team passed in review before Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, commanding officer of the 255th Inf. Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris attended the ceremony. The 63rd Division band and the 255th Drum and Bugle Corps played for the review.

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EDITORIAL

TEAMWORK

This week the movies ran an excellent musical extravaganza entitled "As Thousands Cheer." The music and skits were entertaining but most impressive was the theme of TEAMWORK that was portrayed so vividly.

It brought us back just five months to June 15—to that bright sunshiny day on the drill field at Camp Blanding, Florida. Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, standing on the stage of the open air theater, was addressing the Officer and Enlisted Cadre of his Blood and Fire (63d) Infantry Division.

"Let the Blood and Fire you wear on your shoulder keep you reminded always," he said, "that war is a bloody and vicious game—no sportsmanship—no quarter. This emblem was designed to keep you reminded that you either kill your enemy or he kills you. Physically and mentally you must be strong, and you must be viciously alert to be the one who kills—there is no second chance. This applies also to your comrades, their failure may kill you, as yours may kill them. See to it that they, too, are ready and able, and team up with them for the common good of all. WAR IS A TEAM AFFAIR."

"Certain skills are required of the soldier. These can be learned with relative speed. Efficiency in these skills, however, requires constant practice, until the body and mind have become so disciplined in their execution that correct performance becomes automatic. Then, and then only, is the soldier ready to use them in combat.

"Primary among these skills is the habit of obedience. It, also, must be developed by practice until it has become automatic. This is discipline. It is the essential which characterizes the TEAM, capable of acting as a unit. Without this habit of obedience, groups of men are but unruly mobs incapable of any directed action. Mark this well for it is a matter of life or death to you, for, when danger threatens, such mobs destroy themselves and others, through panic. I point out to you that this habit of obedience—this discipline—is developed by practice, and that this practice will be required of you."

Both General Hibbs and the movie theme stressed teamwork as the basis for a successful fighting combine.

It doesn't make any difference if you were a millionaire or a pauper, a business executive or a laborer—when you're out on that battlefield teamwork is the thing that pays off.

Though we haven't been together very long as a fighting division, a number of our men had an opportunity to meet at first hand George C. Flannigan, the Division's American Red Cross Director, who died this week. He was a familiar figure, usually seen running between his office and the telegraph desk, or to some doughboy's company . . . always working in behalf of the men he was serving here. Whether it was an emergency furlough, news of our families at home, or financial matters, he was available day and night. "Father" Flannigan, as he was affectionately dubbed by friends, knew the army and his boys. He'll be missed here by many.



Thanksgiving, 1943, at Camp Van Dorn.

News from Here and There

U. S. Flier Decorated By King of England

LONDON (CNS)—T/Sgt. George Ferrell of Belleville, N. J., became the first U. S. enlisted man to be decorated by the King of England when George VI pinned the Distinguished Flying Medal on his blouse the other day. Ferrell, who transferred recently from the Royal Canadian Air Force to the Army Air Forces, won the award as a sergeant air gunner during an RCAF raid on Dortmund, Germany.

Joe Curran, Maritime Union Head, Deferred

NEW YORK (CNS)—Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, a Congress of Industrial Organization affiliate, has been classified 2-A by his draft board acting under orders from Washington. The classification, resulting from a direct appeal by the union to Selective Service headquarters, defers the labor leader due to essential occupation. He will be 38 years old in six months.

Another John P. Jones Joins the U. S. Navy

ALBANY, N. Y. (CNS)—John Paul Jones has joined the Navy. Namesake of the "father" of the Navy, this John Paul Jones is 17 and lives in near-by Glens Falls. He said he did not know whether he was a descendant of the famed captain.

Girl 14, Takes 'Trip' With AWOL Jack Tar

NEW YORK (CNS)—Fourteen-year-old Margaret Moore is safe and sound at her Park avenue home after "joining the Navy" for a four-day "hitch" with an AWOL sailor which terminated when she gave him the slip in a Columbus, Ohio, hotel.

Margaret said the sailor picked her up in Central park here and persuaded her to take a bus to Columbus with him. Three days later she discovered that he had a gleam in his eye and she left him, lifting \$11 of his money and taking a bus for New York.

Medicine Saves Many From Death, Says Briton

CARLISLE BARRACKS, PA. (CNS)—The miracles of modern surgery and medicine already have saved thousands of soldiers' lives in this war, Maj. Gen. William Heneage Ogilvie, consulting surgeon of the British Middle Eastern Forces, told student officers here recently.

"The picture is entirely different now than it was in the last war," said Gen. Ogilvie. "Blood banks and plasma, modern surgery, better trained men and more sanitary conditions all add up to making the death rate lower. The men are outfitted better and their phys-

ical condition at the time of battle is greatly improved."

Yep, He Had Relative, He Is Gen. Eisenhower

LUKE FIELD, ARIZ. (CNS)—Luther Stover, 73, who was applying for civilian work here, was asked if he had any relatives in the armed forces. He said he had a nephew. Stover was asked his name and rank. "Dwight Eisenhower," he replied. "General."

Allied Planes Use New Flare to Light Targets

LONDON (CNS)—A superflare—a new "target indicator"—which may be seen by night or day from the stratosphere through almost total cloud, has been developed for Allied planes. "Pathfinder" planes drop the flares, colors of which are changed for each raid to prevent the Germans from faking them.

President Is Against December 7 as Holiday

WASHINGTON — Contrary to opinions of most members of Congress as expressed in a resolution which requested that he proclaim December 7 "Honor Day," "to pay tribute to all men and women who have served or who are now serving in the armed forces," President Roosevelt believes that the government should take no official notice of the date.

The President feels that December 7 should be observed as a day of silence in remembrance of a great infamy. It is believed that he would either veto the resolution or sign it and ignore it. It is not necessary in any way, but simply transmits a congressional request.

Soldiers Like to Play Ball But Not at 0600

FT. CUSTER, MICH. (CNS)—Miffed because some of his charges failed to turn out for pre-breakfast drill, Sgt. Bill Rowe posted this notice:

"All members of this organization will fall out for morning drill at 6 a. m. Co-operation is necessary. If you men will play ball with me I will play ball with you."

Pants Fall 'At Ease' When Officer Enters

CAMP GRUBER, OKLA. (CNS)—Pvt. Paul Hoebeck was trying on a new pair of pants which he had received from the Quartermaster in true "too large or too small" tradition. The pants were size 44 and Hoebeck is size 32. Just as he was hitching them up an officer entered the barracks and Hoebeck snapped to attention. The pants fell at ease around his ankles.

The Sky Pilot Says It

WHY NOT REALLY LIVE?

BY CHAPLAIN SAUL MILLER,
Division Artillery

We all appreciate the truth of the statement that: "There were no atheists in the foxholes of Bataan." We were thrilled by the triumphant though sober witness of Eddie Rickenbacker in their rubber rafts on the South Pacific. We were inspired by Jim Whittaker's article concerning that experience; especially when he said "I have told this story as often as I could, to airplane workers, steel workers, and ship builders. The story of the rafts and now during those blazing days out there, I found my God. I will tell it again and again so long as I live. It is the greatest adventure a man can have. It is the greatest story a man can tell.

Great as these witnesses are; compelling as their stories grip us; true as such experiences may be; we must stand convicted by them because the same faith, and enthusiasm and eagerness is not more common among us.

Why should intelligent, thinking men need such extreme experiences to find God? Why should not every good soldier find God just as thrilling at Camp Van Dorn, or Blanding, or Polk, or any one of the thousand camps? The fault lies with every one of us.

God is just as powerful and approachable, and thrilling. We should not miss that thrill here and now. That is what Jesus meant when he said "I came that ye might have life and have it to the full." Come on let's find it! AND REALLY LIVE!

G. I. Jingles

HOME ON THE RANGE

(Tune "Pistol Packin' Mama")

Chorus:

Put your slings on tight boys
Be sure you're zeroed in
Squeeze it off, position right
And the disc will come up white.

You gotta get up at four boys
Today we're on the range
We arrive at six, in a hellava fix
But to us its nothing strange.

Here's the case of Sad Sack Sam
He thought he knew the scores
He flinched, he jerked, nothing worked
And all he got was drawers.

Now the tale of Pvt. Joe
His talents he'd exert
He practiced long-corrected wrongs
To be sure he'd shoot expert.

Rapid fire is next in line
Get that first round in
Change the clip without a slip
To hit the butts is sin.

Chow is on the run men
We eat it when we can
We score our book—run for the cook
And then we're on again.

Expert is our highest aim
To bolo is a crime
Remember well, that you'll catch Hell
So heed and take your time.

Police up all your brass boys
Total up your score
Get on your packs, let's make tracks
For tomorrow we're here once more.

Gee the barracks look good again
Can't wait'll we hit that door
We clean our gun and then we're done
(slowly) But tomorrow we're up at six.

Original lyrics by LT. J. G. LEGOW,
and CAPT. R. L. KUSEL

WRITERS' LAMENT

O, blackest of Stygian countenances,
O, study in deepest despair,
There stands the company reporter scanning his
paper
For his story—which isn't there.
—(With apologies to The Kokomo Tailor)

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

Div. Hq. and Hq. Co.—Pvt. Walter B. Kerr, Jr., of G-2 Sec., former war correspondent and foreign writer for the New York Herald Tribune, became the company's first filler to win a promotion when he received his single stripe . . . The promotion of Lt. Charles H. Yeager, transportation officer in charge of the Div. Hq. motor pool, to first lieutenant was announced at Reveille Monday . . . Pvt. Harry Goodman, of G-3 Sec., says his new daughter, born Tuesday, will be named either Shirley Elaine or Susan Elaine, but Mrs. Goodman, in Philadelphia will make the final decision, of course. . . . Lt. Robert P. Beaven has been assigned to Hq. Co. from Camp Croft, S. C. . . . Two recent promotions are those of Pvt. Sam D. Rosen to corporal and Pfc. Maurice Rubenstein to T/5.

253 Inf.—Pvt. Albert McDevitt, of Anti-Tank Plat., Hq. Co., 3d Bn., is taking a kidding because when someone asked him last week whether he had seen a missing overcoat, he innocently asked: "What color is it?" . . . Pvt. Raymond Blossfield, Anti-Tank Plat., Hq. Co., 3d Bn., has been voted the biggest optimist in his barracks. He has been reading the "Help Wanted" columns in the newspapers lately . . . Pvts. Reilly, Walton and Ferlizzi, all of Regtl. Hq. Co., have been promoted to pfc. . . . Pvt. Walter McKenney, Hq. Co., 3d Bn., is passing out cigars for his new son, James Hawley . . . Pvt. Alfred E. Brown, Cd. D, and Miss Beatrice Phillips, of Chicago, were married in Natchez, with Brown's parents at the wedding . . . Co. H is proud of its 94 per cent qualification record on the machine gun range.

254th Inf.—Lt. Paul D. Seabrook has been promoted to first lieutenant and named commander of Hq. Co. 1st Lt. Nicholas C. Black was appointed communications officer for the company at the same time. Other recent promotions are: Pvts. John D. Williams and George W. Barnes to corporal; Pvts. John Imhoff and Daniel H. Mahar to T/5, and the following privates to pfc.: Richard E. Dunham, Jr., Richard R. Estep, Jack J. Knight, Gregory G. McCarthy, Frederick K. Miller, Arthur R. Morin, George T. Pfifer, William D. Powser, Angelo J. Ragina, Frank X. Vesper and Calvin R. Vogt . . . Pvt. Ray Abel, student cook of M Co., has a new daughter, Susan Jeanne Abel . . . In the first flight, carbine shooting for record, Pvt. Robert B. Mullins made a 179 out of a possible 200 to lead the Co. M . . . Boys of the 4th Plat., Co. L, presented Pvt. Frank Butler with a \$25 War Bond to be forwarded to his new-born son . . . Co. B set up the proud record of a 97.5 per cent qualification on the rifle range, and 95 per cent of Service Co. recruits shot expert with the .22-cal. rifle . . . A even dozen men of Hq. Co., are wearing new pfc. stripes. They are Joseph J. Scheppe, Jr., Claude McBride, Delmar R. Holland, Charles R. Chapman, Wilton A. Herring, Jr., Delmar K. Kern, Cecil V. Odeon, Gerald V. Burke, James K. Grayson, Daniel V. Johnson, William Strehel and William Hart.

255th Inf.—Pvt. Arthur J. Lopez, of G who says the "A" stands for anything," has two sons in the Army, Xavier, 21 years old, is an aviation cadet at Maxwell Field, Ala. Pete, 18, is in the Coast Artillery at Camp Roberts, Calif. The father is 37 years old . . . Pvt. John Tischer, Co. G, claims to know more about rabbits than any man in the Division. He bred them back home in Bicknell, Ind. . . . Capt. Robert Gelwick is new commander of Co. G, and 1st Lt. John D'Amico has been named Weapons Plat. leader.

718th F. A.—How to tell the sex of a turtle is the problem posed for men of Service Btry. They gave the name of Myrtle to a turtle found dozing on Pvt. Dreyling's comforter, but some of the doubting Thomases are hinting darkly that "Myrtle" should have been "Merton." . . . Out of the hospital after a two-week stay is Lt. West, of C Btry, but Pvt. Hoveland still is a patient after a month, fighting a hand infection . . . Lt. Ledogar, Btry. C, is on leave to be married . . . A and C Btrys. tied to lead Div. Arty. in the latest mess inspection. . . . Nine months' pay has just caught up with Sgt. Russell M. Fink, Btry. C., who now lies in his bunk with a dreamy look . . . A/Cpl. Long, may be the most formidable member of Btry. C. On the last bivouac he scared a copperhead out of his tent. . . . A/Cpl. Leimer, Service Btry., is proud of his brother who is fighting in New Guinea. So he marked a Pacific map in the battery's orientation center with a sign and arrow pointing to the combat zone where his family is represented.

861st F. A.—1sts. Willis H. Sandbrink and Richard P. Hanson, executive officers of B and A Btrys., respectively, have been promoted to first lieutenant . . . Btry. B has installed a coke machine and a cigaret-candy-gum bar in the dayroom to save its men long walks to the PX. . . . Promotions of the following men of Btry. B to pfc. have been announced: Ira Z. Brown, Anthony N. Cotturo, John Gainer, Robert S. Goodman, William H. Gramley, Robert J. Krist, John L. Magaskie, Walfred A. Pruner, Gerald A. Smyth, Charles A. Spadaro, Andrew M. Striche and Leon H. Zdyb.

863d F. A.—Section crews in Btry. A staged a dual celebration, with gifts, when Sgts. Robert L. Carter and Clyde M. Wall observed their birthdays November 5 and 6, respectively. . . . Pvt. Irvin Curley, called the "Montana cowboy" in Btry. A, had a touch of indigestion and mixed up what he thought was baking soda. He says it worked just as well, even when he found it was foot powder. . . . Pvt. Carl Bowman well asleep in a barber's chair and when he awoke he had a 65-cent tab in his fist and had been given the works. . . . One of Btry. C's men provided music with his electric guitar while the men did Sunday chores in the mess, then gave out with dinner music . . . The men of Barracks 1 presented Sgt. Walter W. Lischka, Hq. Btry., with a gift on his first anniversary November 6, and he reciprocated with a box of cigars.

63d QM Co.—Ten men received the Good Conduct Medal at recent retreat ceremony. They were 1st Sgt. Joseph Melise, T/Sgt. Wilbur McCurry, S/Sgt. Thomas Towey, Sgt. Gaetano Triano, Sgt. Scott Firebrock, Sgt. Pope Barton, T/4 Pat Mina, T/4 Hoong Wong, Sgt. Curtis Dulohery and S/Sgt. William Standage . . . Cpl. Thomas P. Ciccarella, of the 1st Truck Plat., was commended by Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, division commander, for outstanding work in caring for his 2½-ton cargo truck. Its condition commanded the attention of members of the 3d Army inspection team recently . . . Pfc. Mel Blake, of Albany, (Continued on Page 7.)



VETERANS of the North African campaign and now assigned to the Blood and Fire (63d Div.) are Sgt. Dominick Salerno (left), attached to Co. F., 255th Inf., and Sgt. Ronald Alexander, 761st F. A. Both were wounded in action and both volunteered for service in the Army.

Two African Campaign Vets Assigned to 63d Division

(Continued From Page 1.)

shared their supply of fried fish and potato chips with the American boys. Charming Scottish lassies and world-renowned Scotch whisky made our stay anything but dreary, the Sgt. remarked.

The next 18 days found Sgt. Alexander's unit at sea once more, helping form the world's largest armada assembled as a single striking force.

Enroute to its African destination the convoy was attacked many times by Junkers 87's and 88's. "The screaming dive bombers usually attacked us at the break of dawn. The skies were red with tracers, explosions and burning planes. Many times I saw the twisted wreckage of German planes plummet into the once-peaceful Mediterranean."

Resistance Bitter

"Suddenly we were subjected to a terrific barrage from enemy shore batteries and we realized that our destination had been reached. Under cover of a heavy smoke screen, one of our battle-ships soon silenced the enemy guns. Careful and detailed instructions were given each one of us. We all wondered whether or not we would have the metal and physical strength to carry out our assigned tasks. Our infantry met bitter and determined enemy resistance when we landed but despite its lack of actual battle experience, soon cleared the way and established a beachhead for other units to follow."

"While my unit was landing on the rough and sandy beach, we were subjected to continual bombing and strafing attacks. I was wounded the next day during one of these attacks. I received first aid, was placed in a jeep, and after 10 days of riding and hiding from the enemy, was admitted to a British hospital in Algiers."

Three Weeks in Hospital

Alexander was confined to the hospital for three weeks and then rejoined his old unit which had advanced and was protecting an airport near Algiers. Shortly thereafter they moved forward into Tunisia and did not see much action until reaching the Kasserine Pass. At this point the Medical Officers ordered Alexander to return to the hospital and he was flown to Oran, where he remained 20 days.

From Oran he was taken by

hospital train to Casablanca and transferred to the 2d Replacement Depot. Again boarding a transport he found himself with German prisoners which he helped guard. His ship came to the U. S. via Scotland and England.

"I am glad to be a part of Btry C, 861st F.A. Bn., and when my time comes to go across again, I hope I am still with the boys here," said the Sgt.

Sgt. Alexander made special mention of the courtesy and cooperation extended men in the Army in the European and African theaters by workers of the USO and Red Cross. "They were always ready and anxious to lend a helping hand and make our days a little 'brighter,'" he said.

The veteran is thrilled and proud of his old unit for they played an important part in stopping Marshal Erwin Rommel's 15th Panzer Div. In the near future when Alexander receives the Purple Heart, the entire personnel of the 861st F.A. will honor him at a retreat parade.

Was in 18th Inf.

Sgt. Salerno, a resident of Garfield, N. J., enlisted Nov. 21, 1940. He was attached to the 18th Inf., at Ft. Wadsworth, Staten Island, N. Y. and from there was sent to Ft. Devans, Mass. There he was made a Pfc and later corporal. He also qualified as sharpshooter with the M-1 rifle. From Devans he went to North Carolina for maneuvers and following these was sent to Camp Blanding, Fla., for six months. Again he went on maneuvers, this time in Georgia.

After a year-and-a-half of training he was sent to England and then to Scotland. He was shipped on Nov. 8, 1942, to Arzen, N. Africa. He first saw action at St. Cloud, N. Africa, and participated in the push up to Oran. It was following this engagement he was made a sergeant.

Wounded at Beja

Sgt. Salerno remained at Medjez-el-Bab for seven and one-half weeks and while on patrol was bombed, shelled and strafed from the air. At Sbeitla his division fought the Nazis' 10th Panzer Division and stopped them cold. He witnessed the capture of Hill No. 303, and fought in the bloody engagement at El Guettar. His outfit took over positions formerly occupied by the British at Beja. It was here Sgt. Salerno suffered

Feminine Orchestra Dancer, Harmonica Star, Feature Show

Art Perry's Western Sweethearts, an all-girl band full of peppy western tunes, Evelyn Kay, acrobatic dancer of ability, and 16-year-old Billy Papon, harmonica star and clever impersonator, featured Nat Rodgers presentation for the past week at Div. and Camp Rec. Halls.

The feminine musicians with personable Gay Baker providing the vocal melody, opened the show with a medley of cowboy songs. Later they returned to do the "Sheik" and "Maw," old-time favorites. Lillian Spires brought applause with her saxophone solo while Lucille Wallen played the violin.

Evelyn Kay, who hails from Des Moines and who has appeared at many of the leading theaters in the Middle West, gave a talented exhibition of acrobatic dancing and controlled contortions. Besides showing considerable ability in her field Miss Kay proved to be eye-catching to a marked degree and her performances were greeted by approval from her audiences.

Billy Papon not only proved that he can make the harmonica talk, but he also demonstrated that he is accomplished at pantomime. His pantomiming of Fats Waller's record, "You Made the Pants Too Long," and Rudy Vallee's, "The Sow Song," were provocative of considerable mirth among the spectators.

Art Perry, formerly of the staff of WHB, Kansas City, was master of ceremonies.

Starting Sunday night a new show, "Stepping High," a revue designed along musical comedy lines, will hit the camp. The show will consist of vaudeville acts, an aerial performance by the Aerial LaZalles, trapeze and horizontal bar artists, Evelyn Fuller, a singer, Jack Murrel, comedian, and the Five Rogerettes.

Tillie's First Love

Officers and men of the 718th F. A. rolled out of bed last Saturday and grabbed eagerly for the week copy of BLOOD AND FIRE.

Spread across five columns of the back page was a photograph of a beer-drinking squirrel. The caption identified her as "Tillie, the pet squirrel of the 255th Inf."

The 718th was alarmed and heartbroken.

"Tillie has been kidnapped!" "Tillie has run away!" ran the cries from barracks to barracks.

A quick check of the battalion area allayed their fears. Tillie was gamboling gaily about the 718th's mail room, where she bunks in a box, and the editors of BLOOD AND FIRE were apologizing for an error which had put Tillie in an infantry regiment, whereas, her heart still belongs to the 718th.

shrapnel wounds in the hands and feet and a ruptured eardrum.

After a stay at an evacuation hospital in Africa, the Sgt. was shipped to the U. S., July 25, 1943, and sent to Woodrow Wilson hospital, Stanton, Va. There he received the Purple Heart. Later he was assigned to the 63d Div.

BERNIE BLOOD

OH WELL . . .

By GILL FOX



Co. A, 255th Golfers Pace Field in Div. Tourney

Sgt. Muschiano Registers 79 To Win Top Honors at Natchez, Pvt. Turman, With 84, Is Second

Both Leaders Hail From Same Co. in 255th Inf.; Pvt. Leone 3d

Two men of Co. A, 255th Inf., Sgt. Peter Muschiano and Pvt. Guy C. Turman walked off with the honors in the Div. 18-hole Golf Tournament staged last Sunday over the links at Duncan Park, Natchez. Sgt. Muschiano, who hails from Providence, R. I., posted a total of 79, seven above par, in the medal play, to lead Turman who scored 84. Back in third position was Pvt. Edward R. Leone, 263d Eng. Bn., with 87.

A field of 23 contestants started play over the first nine holes in the morning round, but many dropped by the wayside and only 14 turned in completed cards at the close of the tournament late Sunday afternoon.

Par Longest Holes
Sgt. Muschiano who has been playing golf since he was a youngster, was out in 40 but cut his second round by one stroke to finish in 39. He negotiated the two longest holes, the 540-yard sixth on the outgoing nine, and the 550-yard 16th on the back nine, in par, taking 5's on both.

The victor was strong on the greens. He sank a 30-ft putt on the third hole for a par-4 and hit the cup on a 20-foot putt on the fourth hole of the second nine for a par-3. He belted a long 260-yd drive on the 18th and was on the green in two. He three-putted however, to top par by a stroke.

Second at Rhode Island
Muschiano finished second in the Rhode Island State Junior Amateur tournament in 1935, and second in the Patuxent Valley tourney in 1933. In addition to these tournaments he has played in numerous other contests and on many of New England's finest golf courses.

Pvt. Turman got off to a bad start on the outgoing nine Sunday morning and registered a 46 at the end of the four. Coming back strong in the afternoon, he shot par on six of the nine holes for a 33 total, only two strokes above par 36.

Course Difficult
Finishing three strokes behind Turman, Pvt. Leone shot a 42 on the outgoing nine and finished the last nine in 45.

Contestants found the Duncan Park links difficult to negotiate because of the many dog legs.

Prizes for the first three places were donated by Burns Clothing Store, Freddie's, and Tops Grill, all of Natchez. The staff of the Servicemen's Center under the direction of Miss Jennie McLin, Program Director, served lunch to the contestants.

The scores:

Par out	444	345	444	36
Par in	444	345	444	36
Muschiano out	541	415	554	79
Muschiano in	554	345	445	79
Pvt. Guy Turman, 255 Inf.	46	39	84	
Pvt. Edward Leone, 263d Eng. Bn.	42	45	87	
Pvt. Carl E. Lemaus, 263d Eng. Bn.	43	46	89	
Pvt. Theodore Demchak, 362d Med. Bn.	45	45	90	
S/Sgt. Wm. Johnson, 253d Inf.	47	46	93	
Pvt. Albert Bianchi, 255th Inf.	49	47	96	
Pvt. Chas. Brunicomes, 251th Inf.	49	47	97	
Pvt. Vincent Le Luca, 255th Inf.	49	49	98	
Pvt. Lewis Schendowich, 255th Inf.	50	49	99	
Pvt. John Alvin, Hq. Co. 63d Div.	49	50	99	
Pvt. C. M. Sandley, Hq. Co. 63d Div.	51	51	102	
S/Sgt. C. Farmer, 253d Inf.	60	43	103	
Pfc. Albert Hardy, 255th Inf.	57	59	115	

QMS WANT GAMES
Having won the Division bowling title at Camp Blanding, and gained the semi-finals in two baseball tournaments, the 63d Quartermasters have organized a basketball team and are open for bookings. Teams desiring games may contact either Pvt. Jerry Benner or Lt. Hammelman.

Although the team that wins the first game of the World Series is generally conceded the championship, there have been 13 exceptions in the 40-year history of the classic. This year tradition prevailed.

Pvt. Bernat Snares Table Tennis Title

Playing a slashing game which carried the attack to his opponent and set him on the defensive, Pvt. Steven Bernat of the 718th F. A. Bn., defeated Pvt. Abe Selman of Hq. Co., 254th Inf., 21-19, 21-17, 21-17, in a table tennis tournament staged Nov. 8 and 9 at Service Club No. 1. Pvt. Bernard B. Miller of the 718th conducted the competition which drew a number of players from the division.

In the doubles Pvts. Selman and Richard Libe of the 254th teamed to defeat Sgts. Vincent Detoma and Paul Burden.

Singles Exciting
The singles match proved very exciting and both Bernat and Selman played excellent table tennis. Play started slowly with the contestants feeling each other out. As each became accustomed to the other's game competition waxed more keen. Lightning strokes and smashes featured the play.

It was soon evident that Pvt. Bernat's slashing attack and daring was putting Pvt. Selman on the defensive. Selman fought gallantly however; and the race was neck and neck in the first game with Bernat putting the kill shot across to win by two points. The second and third games were also close and Bernat was extended to pull out victories in both.

Victors Receive Prizes
Pvt. Bernat, whose home is at South Bend, Ind., was presented with a fountain pen by Miss Gwendolyn Dean, hostess at Service Club No. 1. Victors in the doubles, Pvts. Selman and Libe, received a carton of cigarets each. Table tennis enthusiasts will be glad to learn that Div. Special Service is planning a tournament which will be open to all members of the 63d. This tournament will be conducted within the next two months.

861st F. A. Bn. Five Routs 253d by 32-10

Playing a strong defensive game throughout and piling up a substantial lead in the first half, the 861st F. A. Bn. five routed the quintet of Co. C, 253d Inf., 32-10, Saturday, Nov. 13, at Div. Arty. Rec. Hall.

The game was closely contested until midway in the second period when the Artillerymen pulled out to a comfortable 18-6 lead at half-time. The second half was dominated by the victors, who allowed the Infantrymen only four points.

Outstanding for the victors was Pvt. Ernest Radaker, with eight points, and Pvts. Alvin Koch and Robert Dyer with six apiece. Lane, Maskim and Starking led the losers.

The line-ups:
861st F. A. Bn.—Radaker, Koch, Dyer and Hamilton, forwards; Church, Kosatz and Tavaloro, guards; O'Malley and Flynn, centers.
Co. C, 253d—Phillips, Eller, Lane, Rosenthal, forwards; Ingold and McElroy, centers; Maskin, Starking, Weiler and Becker, guards.

New Athletic Equipment Installed for Artymen

Battling artillerymen who are eager to enter the squared circle for a round or two with the gloves have the facilities with which to work. Representatives of Div. Special Service installed four new, light striking bags, four tumbling mats and a complete ring in Div. Arty. Rec. Hall. The mat for the ring measures 20 feet square. Two heavy bags have also been added to the equipment.

In addition to the boxing and gymnastic equipment, rings, nets and backboards have been installed in the Rec. Hall so that two basketball courts will be available for practice sessions. Units desiring to use these areas for practice are requested to phone 2387.



LEADERS in the Division Golf Tournament held at Duncan Park, Natchez, last Sunday were Sgt. Peter Muschiano (left) and Pvt. Guy C. Turman, both of Co. A, 255th Inf. Sgt. Muschiano finished first by posting a 79, while Pvt. Turman was second with 84.

255th Cannoneers Beat Co. K, 30-13, To Approach Title

Led by Pvts. Chester Antosiewicz, Charlie Hudson and Adolph Bigos, the Cannoneers of the 255th Inf. routed the gridders of Co. K, 30-13, last Saturday to move a step farther in the tournament pionship of the Regiment. The semi-finals for the regimental title of the 254th Inf. will be determined today when the 1st Bn. meets the 2d Bn. and the Medics play the 3d Bn.

The 255th game resolved itself into an aerial duel in which there were many pass interceptions. It was Pvt. Antosiewicz's knack of spearing enemy passes—he snared eight—that enabled the Cannon Co. team to set up many of its touchdowns.

The Cannoneers scored in the early minutes of play when Hudson passed to McCord for a touchdown. Co. K retaliated a few minutes later to knot the score at 6-all and Vicki pitched to Claude Bryant who caught the pigskin in pay dirt.

Lead Co. K Team
Outstanding for Co. K were Sgt. Ed Kim and Pvts. Gerald Yeomans, Fred Michael and Lenior Shook.

In another 255th league game, Co. D defeated Co. C, 27-6, in a replay of a disputed game. The victory clinched the title for Co. D. in the 1st Bn. The victors scored in every quarter.

Co. K had previously defeated Hq. Co., 3d Bn., 27-0. The passing combination of Quarterback Michael and Right Halfback Vicki proved too potent for the Hq. team. Highlight of the game was a 30-yard run for a touchdown by Micky Olsavick, Co. K sub, in the closing minutes of play.

Range Work Handicap
The 254th has been handicapped in terminating its tournament because the personnel of the outfit has been on the range. In an abbreviated schedule, Cos' B and D maintained a clean record in the 1st Bn., while Co. M took top honors in the 3d Bn. The Medics won the honors among the Special Units.

Co. L scored an important 6-0 victory over Co. K to put the winners on the heels of Co. M, present leaders in the 3d Bn. A long pass from Pvt. Bill Cochran to Pvt. George Kuahl put the ball on the 5-yard line in the final period. On the next play, Cochran tossed to Pvt. Miye Bellaco for the touchdown.

Strangest College Grid Season Approaches End

The college football season of 1943, one of the weirdest as far as composition of teams is concerned, is nearing its end and the games on Thanksgiving Day and on the following Saturday will practically bow out the Fall sport for this war year.

Notre Dame, still at the top of the ladder but threatened on Saturday, November 20, by the huskies from the Iowa Pre-Flight school, will have to look to its laurels. Both teams are rated as tops and the victor should earn the plaudits of the nation and be regarded as

the greatest football team in the country.

The Irish have amassed a total of 312 points and have held their opponents to 37. Only one team—Georgia Tech—has scored as much as 13 points against the men from South Bend, Ind. Michigan with Bill Daly starring got 12, and Navy and Northwestern, six each. The other four, including Army, were unable to score.

According to The Associated Press poll, the Sea Hawks are rated second in the nation. They have trounced Illinois, Ohio State, Iowa, Missouri, Ft. Riley, Marquette and Camp Grant. This lineup of foes, however, lacks the prestige carried by those faced by Notre Dame. The teams meet Saturday, however, at South Bend, and let the cards fall where they may.

Last week's football dish witnessed Navy tramping all over poor old Columbia but Army had a tartar in Sampson Field's eleven. Yale beat Princeton in an ivy draped conflict, but Harvard fell before its neighbor, Tufts. The queerest game was that between Ohio State and Illinois. The game had apparently ended in a 26-26 tie. The teams were in the dressing rooms and the fans on their way out, when someone suddenly discovered that Illinois was offside on the last play. There was still two seconds left in the game. Out came the members of the rival teams pulling on uniforms. There was only time left for a play. Joe Stungis, Buckeye sub, stepped up and booted a 16-yard field goal to give his team a 29-26 victory.

TROJANS vs. HUSKIES

The intersectional rivalry with which the annual Rose Bowl football game at Pasadena, Calif., has been flavored in seasons past, will be absent on New Year's day, 1944. Instead of a team from the East or from the Midwest meeting the Pacific Coast champion, two West Coast teams, Southern California and the University of Washington, will meet in the Tournament of Roses game.

According to an announcement by the Tournament of Roses Association and the Pacific Coast Conference, it has been decided that, from all points of view, including the military, it will be more practicable under present war conditions to stage the Washington-Southern California game.

Battery A, 862d Wns
Battery A, 863rd FA Bn., defeated Company C, 255th Infantry, recently 37-24, in a hotly contested basketball game. It was the initial game for the cannoneers Staff Sgt. Willard E. Ballou and Pvt. Wilfred R. Thorn were at the forward positions; William K. Hogan at center, and Pvts. James H. Westmoreland and William R. Parsons at guards.

Pat Ryan, the fabulous New York cop, heaved the hammer 10 feet 6 1/2 inches in 1913 to snare the American record. He could throw his billy even farther than that.

254th Boxing Card Set for Wednesday

Boxers of the 254th Inf. will meet in the ring at C. T. White Rec. Hall next Wednesday night, Nov. 24, at 2000. A card of eight bouts has been arranged by Lt. Lawson Kately, Regimental Athletic officer and Cpl. George Barnes, who is coaching the leather pushers from the 254th Inf. and the 862d F. A.

Cpl. Barnes, a former Golden Gloves and intercollegiate boxing star, has developed quite a stable and the newly-installed boxing equipment has aided in the training of the men materially.

Men of the combat team have been working out every Tuesday and Thursday night in preparation for the Division tournament. Contestants in Wednesday's card will be chosen from among the following men:

Pvts. Andrew Pacawsky, Norman Hooker, Vincent Grillo, Frank Whitlock, Caesar Kotchkoski, Clyde Spires, Sam Stewart, Walter Lesko, Louis Wilhem, Adolph Foglia, Pat sly Romeo, Fred Gilcrest, George Danko, Harry Gottlieb, Bill Yelich, Thomas Reinhard, Stephen Serbin, Mack Hammond, John Schreiber, and Sgt. Michael Dolhum.

Red Grange of Illinois handled the ball only five times against Michigan in November, 1921, but scored five touchdowns, four on runs of 45 yards or more.

FOOTBALL

- EAST**
 - Navy 61, Columbia 0.
 - Dartmouth 20, Cornell 0.
 - Army 16, Sampson Navy Train. 7.
 - Yale 27, Princeton 6.
 - North Carolina 9, Penn 6.
 - Brown 31, U. S. Coast Guard 31.
 - Penn State 13, Temple 0.
 - Colgate 26, Kennesaw Poly 0.
 - Tufts 13, Harvard 0.
 - Rutgers 20, Ligh 0.
- MID-WEST**
 - Georgia 16, VMI 7.
 - Georgia Pre-Flt. 37, Clemson 6.
 - North Carolina St. 20, Davidson 0.
 - Duke 49, Virginia 0.
 - Georgia Tech 35, Tulane 0.
- OHIO STATE 29, Illinois 26.**
- Notre Dame 25, Northwestern 6.
- Michigan 37, Wisconsin 0.
- Minnesota 23, Iowa 14.
- Oklahoma 20, Missouri 13.
- Great Lakes 21, Indiana 7.
- SOUTHWEST**
 - Texas 46, Texas Christian 7.
 - Arkansas 14, SMU 12.
 - N. Texas Aggies 34, Texas Tech 14.
 - Texas A. and M. 20, Rice 0.
- FAR WEST**
 - California 13, UCLA 6.
 - March Field 35, Southern Calif. 6.

Cannoneers (30)	Co. K (13)
Bigos	LT Bryant
Atwood	LT Armus
Bazilka	LG Dunn
Young	Center Murray
Rinaldi	RG Kassewitz
Blackburn	RT Gold
McCord	RE Shook
Peysner	QB Peysner
Antosiewicz	LH Kim
MacMurray	RH Vicki
Hudson	FB Yeomans
Score by periods:	
Cannon Co.	6 8 12 12-30
Co. K	6 0 0 7-13
Substitutions—Cannon Co.: Correia, Cuaron, Gwinn, Semple, Elison, Wisuri.	
Co. K: Olsavick, Alfien, Tokacs, Elias.	
Referee—Lt. Paulina.	
Co. K (27)	
Bryant	LT Kunkel
Aurand	LT Catanio
Dunn	LG DePeola
Murray	Center Amato
Kassewitz	RG Thurman
Gold	RT Mallias
Shook	RE Fidelity
Michael	QB Schendowich
Kim	LH Short
Vicki	RH Hankins
Yeomans	FB Weinberger
Score by periods:	
Co. K	7 1 5 6-27
Hq. Co.	0 0 0 0-0
Touchdowns—Vicki, 2; Shook, Olsavick, Safety, Aurand. Point after touchdown, Michael.	
Substitutions—Co. K: Olsavick, Elias, Tokacs, Amus, Beninson.	
Co. D (27)	
Wysland	LT Yous
Cherr	LT Morris
Sabine	LG Lee
Russell	Center Williams
Monsanto	RG Spears
Bachman	RT Crisel
Creav	RE DeBelvoice
Ford	QB Kerr
Maulewicz	LH Chelakis
Shaffer	RH Shafer
Mitton	FB Travska
Score by periods:	
Co. D	6 7 7 7-37
Co. C	0 0 0 0-0



STEPPING HIGH are these Rodgerettes as they get dressed in Guest House No. 1 for an appearance before 63d Division officers and men. Left to right they are Ann Fleming, Beulah Skelton, Liz. Finch and "Sugie" Guinozzio. They'll be in camp again Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, appearing at Division rec. halls.

Oh for the Life of a Stagehand, or A Reporter Meets the Rodgerettes

Every other Sunday there is a group of pretty girls who troupe over to Guest House No. 1 where they pass a quiet three days. They're the Rodgerettes, one of the fastest stepping dance groups touring Army camps in this section of the country.

They'll be here this Sunday, Monday and Tuesday playing "Stepping High" at camp and division rec. halls.

Last time the girls played at Camp Van Dorn, a Blood and Fire reporter and photographer visited them in their Guest house barracks to see what the life of Army show girls was like.

Here's what we have to report: 1. The girls don't get up at first call, second call or even at sick call. They work so late at night with their three shows a night followed by rehearsals for their next appearance, that "Mama" Briggs,

who makes the circuit with them as manager, chaperone, etc. . . . lets them sleep through until about 10 o'clock every morning.

2. There's a different "count cadence" in the life of a chorus girl; exercises galore keep those legs shapely, and a heavy electric vibrating roller welded by the girls helps keep tummies and legs slim.

3. The womenfolk of the nation are having a terrific stocking shortage. The girls, who tour each week throughout Louisiana and Mississippi, swear there isn't a pair of nylon hose to be had, and darn little other sheer gelcoverings. Besides, leg paint is easier to supply, and it's still easier to go entirely without anything over shank's mare.

4. We'd all like to be lucky GI stagehand an duty when the Rodgerettes play Camp Van Dorn.

Gen. Hibbs Cites Men of 718th F. A.

Highlighted by the reading of a commendation from Div. Comm. Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, in which he praised members of the Bn. for the way in which they staged a demonstration on defense against tank and airplane attacks, the 718th F. A. Bn., staged a formal review last Saturday. Sixteen enlisted men of the Bn. received Good Conduct medals at the review.

Col. Ferdinand T. Unger, Bn. commander, presented the ribbons emblematic of the Good Conduct medal and read the commendation from the division commander.

Gen. Hibbs, in his remarks, commended Maj. Gen. James H. Lightfoot in particular and his training staff for the handling of the demonstration "in a superior manner." The general also stated that he had never witnessed a demonstration where material at hand was used to so full an advantage. In the citation he asked that the demonstration be repeated for other troops of the division.

Following are the names of men who received the Good Conduct medal:

S/Sgt. Vincent Greiner, T/4 Frank R. Johnstone, Cpl. Joseph G. Bajokowski and Pvt. William J. Federer, all of Hq. Btry.

Sgt. Harold T. Cole, and T/4 Arthur F. Wiggin of Btry. A, S/Sgt. Clarence L. Hamby and Sgt. Paul D. Burden, Btry. B, Cpl. John F. Scott and T/5 Arthur R. Mann, Btry. C.

1st/Sgt. Woodie B. Martin, S/Sgt. Herman Bannick, S/Sgt. Arthur C. McMullen, Sgt. Edward C. Baln, Sgt. Malcolm M. Munson and Cpl. Stanley Meresky, all of Service Btry.

More than 600 types of specialists are required by the U. S. Army, according to Brig. Gen. Walter L. Weible, director of military training. To give pre-induction training, more than 20,000 high schools throughout the country have volunteered their services.

More than 468,000 prisoners have been taken thus far by American and British forces acting together.

Wives of Servicemen Invited to Meeting

Wives of 63d Div. soldiers living in Gloster, Centreville or Woodville are invited to informal meetings which are held each week at Servicemen's centers in the respective communities. All wives are invited to attend the gathering and any classes in sewing, cooking, etc., will be started providing a sufficient number of persons are interested.

Miss Helen Stephenson, USO area director, is in charge of arrangements for the gatherings. The meeting at Centreville is held at 1400, Wednesdays at the USO clubhouse. The Gloster meetings are held on Mondays at 1230, at the Servicemen's Center, and the Woodville meetings are held Thursdays at 1400, at the American Legion hall.

Stork, Stripes Start Stellar Shoot Stampede

Last week was a big one for three privates of Service Co., 254th Infantry.

Promotion of Pvts. Milton F. Cordts, Paul C. Fries and Leslie B. Heath to T-5 was announced by Capt. Charles Esch.

Cordts and Heath, athletic and recreation directors, respectively, of C. T. White, both received good news from home. Cordts became the father of a girl Friday, and on Saturday Heath greeted his wife at the Centreville railroad station, after she had made the long trip from San Diego.

All three men celebrated the week by shooting expertly on the .22-cal. rifle range Saturday.

Bob Armstrong Brings Talents To Hq. Co., 253d

Pvt. Sinclair Armstrong, a radio man in Hq. Co., 253d Inf., is much better known to radio listeners of the division as Bob Armstrong.

For it was as "Bob" that he led a dance band which became a feature of night-owl NBC programs. He was musical director of radio station WBEN, Buffalo, and guest conductor of the Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra.

On Fitch Bandwagon After three years as soloist and first cellist with the Buffalo Philharmonic, Armstrong joined WBEN in 1936 as pianist and arranger. Two years later he became musical director, youngest on the NBC Network, and from that time his name began to gather national musical fame. His was named the "coming band" on the Fitch Bandwagon program in July, 1942.

Many famous radio personalities appeared as guests on his programs, among them the Andrews Sisters, Linda Ware, Vera Holly and Judy Canova.

He played on and made the musical arrangements for "Matinee

in Rhythm," "Breakfast Club" and "National Barn Dance."

Studied in Buffalo While attending Lafayette High school in Buffalo, Armstrong was offered a scholarship at the Curtis institute in Philadelphia. He turned down this offer, however, and continued his musical studies in Buffalo, adding piano and trombone to his knowledge of strings.

About this time he began to make his own musical arrangements and became a member of various bands which toured the country in vaudeville and one-night stands. His skill as an arranger led to his employment writing arrangements for Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller and D'Artega.

Armstrong was inducted into the Army in September, 1942, and sent to Ft. Dix, N. J. He was transferred to Cam Swift, Tex., where he became a private in the Signal corps. Last month he was transferred to Camp Van Dorn.

Army Air Force Wacs Want Hose for Xmas

TYNDALL FIELD, FLA. — WACS want hose for Christmas. The public relations office here disclosed that WACs stationed at the local Army Air Forces flexible gunnery school would rather have stockings than anything else this Christmas.

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

That division inspection team certainly caught my outfit flat-footed last week. Thank the Lord it wasn't for record. They said they picked out their victims at random, but I'd swear that they had a roster in their pockets of those in my outfit who had missed a lot of instruction, for they picked them out for testing in almost every case.

I found that it isn't the ones who've had the instruction who get you in trouble. It's the ones who've missed it and haven't made it up who raise the hell. And to make the captain's face redder, they inspected our platoon and squad record books and found them in a helluva shape. Believe me those daily platoon and squad leaders meetings are now really being held; those books are up-to-date and correct and instruction missed is being made up, come hell or high water. The "old man" means business.

There's another angle to it that amazes an old soldier like me who has had to cram instruction down peace-time soldiers' throats for 20 years. These men want to learn. After last week's sad affair a lot of them came to me and told me they had missed certain instruction and asked to get it. Can you beat that? Unless I miss my guess some of us old-timers are going to be fighting for our berths before very long. You non-coms and platoon leaders take a tip from Old Terry and keep those January Corps tests always in mind. And for hell's sweet sake, take advantage of the willingness of these men to learn.

The Old Man keeps my nose pretty well to the grindstone, but I still find time to get around a bit to the neighboring towns and cities. Everywhere I go, Centreville, Natchez, McComb or Baton Rouge, I hear folks talking about the fine behavior of the 63d Division men, and am I proud! It's up to every one of us to keep it that way, for it not only means a fine division spirit, but also makes things a lot pleasanter for us when we are on pass. I say that the guy who doesn't act like a gentleman and who tears down this good reputation is a dirty skunk and a fit subject for a kangaroo court. So my tip to you is to keep your eye peeled for 63d Division bad actors when on pass and straightened them out on the spot and turn 'em in.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

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N. Y., has been promoted to T/5. . . 1st Lt. S. E. Franz, company commander, has been made captain and 2d Lt. Virgil C. Hamelmann is wearing a new silver bar.

363d Med. Bn.—With thoughts for all the men who, in past months, had to stand at Parade Rest with one foot eight inches higher than the other, the Medics have watched a grading machine work over the ravines and creek beds of their parade ground until now it is the flattest on the post. . . The GI laundry's consternation at finding mess kit, shoes and other incongruous equipment in Pvt. John W. Hyde's laundry bag was matched by Hyde's horror when he found he had reached for the wrong bag.

Male Call

BASIC FIELD MANUAL (UNOFFICIAL) JUNGLE WARFARE (HOME FRONT VARIETY)

ACCLIMATION: IN JUNGLE WARFARE THE ENEMIES ARE MAN AND NATURE. WHEN YOU FIND YOURSELF ALONE, TAKE IT EASY — DON'T BECOME PANICKY...



SNAKES: THE DANGEROUS ONES ARE SOMETIMES HARD TO IDENTIFY AT FIRST (YOU CAN BE SURE WHEN THEY START TO COIL)

DEFENSE: TRY THIS



OR THIS

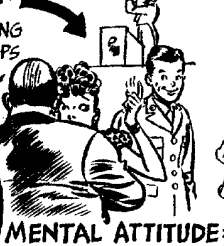


SIGNAL COMMUNICATION: SEMAPHORE AND WIGWAGGING MAY BRING FRIENDLY TROOPS

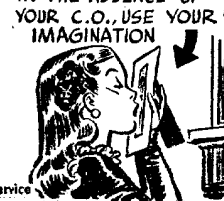


FRIENDLY NATIVES: BE CAREFUL — THEY MAY TURN YOU OVER TO THE ENEMY...

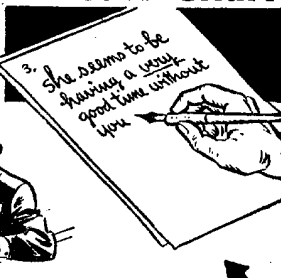
LIQUIDS: BE SURE OF WHAT YOU DRINK — YOU MIGHT GET BOILED



MENTAL ATTITUDE: IN THE ABSENCE OF YOUR C.O., USE YOUR IMAGINATION



Heart Chart



VENOMOUS CREATURES OF MANY VARIETIES MAY BE ENCOUNTERED... DO THE RIGHT THING AND YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT... THIS BRAWL WON'T LAST FOREVER!

CLIP THIS AND SEND IT TO THAT CERTAIN PARTY. CIVILIANS DON'T HAVE ALL YOUR ADVANTAGES...

40 Voice Chorus Of Div. Arty. Holds Concert

The 40-voice Division Artillery chorus held its first concert Thursday night at Div. Arty. Rec. Hall under the direction of Pvt. Joseph E. Evans, Btry. B., 861st F. A. Bn. The chorus rendered six numbers, interspersed with eight solo pieces.

Soloists were Pvt. Evans, a tenor; Pvt. J. Federer, Hy. 718th F. A. Bn., baritone, and Pvt. Frank A. Richert, Btry. C., 761st F. A. Bn. Also a quartette consisting of Pvs. Federer, James J. Schrader, William Woods and William Sheets, all of the 71st F. A. Bn.

The house was packed with officers and men, and was so successful that Lt. O'Connell, Div. Arty. Special Service Officer, said they'd make another appearance in the near future.

Sgt. Wingate and Bride At Van Dorn Heights

Sgt. and Mrs. Clifton B. Wingate are the latest newly-weds to make their home at Van Dorn Heights, post government housing project.

Sgt. Wingate, sergeant major of the 263d Engineer Combat battalion, brought his bride here from Columbia, S. C., following marriage of the couple November 6. Mrs. Wingate is the former Grace Eugenia Woolen of Columbia, S. C.

254th Inf. Has New Protestant Chaplain

The 63d Div. has a new Protestant chaplain in the person of First Lt. Ernest A. Phillips who has been assigned to the 254th Inf. Chaplain Phillips is a graduate of the Chaplains School at Harvard university. He is a native of New Brunswick, N. J., where he attended Rutgers university. He served as minister at Trinity Protestant Episcopal church, Ottawa, and at Trinity church at Pottsville, Pa.

Plan Regular Duty For Thanksgiving Day

(Continued From Page 1.) ber 11, 1943, to January 11, 1944, enlisted men not to exceed 20 percent of units of the Div., will be granted passes at a given time. Passes granted at Christmas will be effective on completion of duty December 24, and will terminate on December 26, 1943. Passes granted at New Year's will be effective on completion of duty December 31, and will terminate January 1, 1944.

Class 'A' passes will not be honored between December 11, 1943, and January 11, 1944. Soldiers will be furnished with a written pass definitely stating his destination, time of commencement, and time of termination of pass privilege. Not to exceed three per cent of the men granted passes will be permitted to go to points (New Orleans and Vicksburg for example) beyond the usual visiting radius. Normal visiting radius is bounded by Baton Rouge, McCombs and Natches.



HOT LICKS on the trumpet and vocals by pretty Marilyn Duke (center) featured recent visit to division of Will Osborne (left) on nation-wide broadcast.

Italian Army Stressed Hiking, Says Private Who Saw Badoglio

A former soldier of the Italian Army is now a hard working cannoner in the 254th's Cannon Co. He is Pvt. Giulio Manfredi, 30, of New York city.

Manfredi was born in Solario di Ferriere Piacenza in Northern Italy, and came to the United States as a baby. In 1933 his desire to learn to read and write the Italian language caused him to return to Italy with the result that he was conscripted a year later.

Training Is Different Basic training in the Italian Army differs considerably from

Italian soldiers had to make do with a good deal less clothes than Johnny Doughboy has to get along on.

Was Lance Corporal

At the end of five months service, due to the fact that he had to support his widowed mother and brother, Manfredi was released in the grade of lance corporal—a grade that corresponds roughly to our private first class.

One of his chief recollections is the time Marshal Badoglio, now the Italian premier, reviewed his unit, while Manfredi was stationed at Cherasco, a fortress near Mt. Viso, close to the French border.

Returning to the United States in 1935, Manfredi took up his residence in New York, and lived there until September, 1943, when he volunteered for service in the Army.

Shortly after arriving at Van Dorn, Manfredi applied for United States citizenship and on November 2 he received his naturalization papers at Jackson, Miss.

Manfredi says that his main reason for volunteering was to free his birthplace from the German yoke. His familiarity with the country, his knowledge of the roads and paths and terrain around those of the Italian military establishments now under German control, he feels, should make him invaluable to the American Armies assaulting them.



PVT. GIULIO MANFREDI

that in the American Army, Manfredi says. There is far more footwork, and far less brainwork. His first six weeks were spent almost entirely drilling and hiking. After that he was assigned to the huge 240 mm. howitzers—the same kind that were used later to shell Warsaw.

He went on the range once to fire his rifle, but never got any bayonet training. The food was reasonably good, he says—that is, most of the men liked it well enough, but he didn't care for it as he had become accustomed to American-style cooking.

Clothes, says Manfredi, was different matter. The Italian Army doesn't hand out wearing apparel with the same generosity that Uncle Sam lavishes on his boys.

Armistice Dance Held by Medics

The men of Co. B, 363d Med. Bn. held an Armistice Day party and dance at Special Troops Rec Hall last Thursday, November 11. Col. Stanley Putman, Maj. Paul V. Kiehl, 363d Med. Bn., commander, and officers of his staff, were guests of honor.

Members of the WAC Detachment and wives of soldiers provided partners for dancing to the music of the 63d Tepecat band. A grand march which terminated in a Victory "V," and a conga line, featured the dancing.

A series of skits written by Pvt. Louis Galyi of Co. B, also highlighted the night's activities. Pvt. Andrew Frasca gave an exhibition tap dance, and imitations of trumpet solos were presented by Pvs. Galyi and Joseph Panicucci. A "Drill Deformity Squad," composed of Pvs. Charles Lang, Alfred Allison, Wilfred Blair and John Young created considerable amusement as did a take-off on a class in elementary anatomy and gases, with Pvs. Clarence Rothwell, Joseph Falco, Alfred Allison and Louis Buckley participating. Staff Sgt. Peter Leguerio sang a solo, and Co. B's Hill Billies, Pvs. Hessel Bates and Charles Kidwell, gave out with "Pistol Packing Mama."

10 Given PFC Ratings In Battery A, 861st F. A.

Ten men of Btry A, 861st F. A., were promoted to privates first class recently. Among those receiving ratings were: Pvs. Robert B. Carney, Allison J. Feather, Alving H. Koch, Alton C. O'Malley, Harmon Prendergrass, Samuel Sorcek, Jr., Bernard W. Timms, Robert G. Wilkins, Jacob Balick and Benjamin L. Bladel.

KP Pays— And It Doesn't

Financial high jinks marked the week-end dealings of Pvs. Jesse Lewis, John W. Thompkins and William Crass of Cannon Co., 255th Inf.

Pvt. Lewis was detailed to KP one Sunday recently, but he was tired, so he paid Tompkins \$2 to take over the detail for him. Tompkins slaved over the pots and pans until noon. Then he grew weary and sought some one to take over for him. He found Crass, but had to pay the canny Crass \$3 to take over for the remainder of the day.

And Pvt. Lewis? He slept all day.

Cannon Co. 254th Inf. Holds Entertainment

There were songs and funny stories, and feats of strength went round, as Cannon Co., 254th Inf. held a stag party in the company's mess hall, Friday, November 19. Pvt. Walter McCague was master of ceremonies and introduced members of the organization, who provided entertainment.

With the aid of a public address system, Pvt. Anthony Trezzia sang several songs, accompanied by Pvt. Francis Macy on the banjo. Pvt. McCague teamed with Pvt. Leo Terandola to offer a duet. A strong man act was put on by Pvt. Milton Wolzinsky, who raised two 105 mm. howitzer shells while lying on his back. Group singing was held and refreshments consisting of beer, soft drinks and cold cuts were served and in addition two cakes decorated in red, white and blue icing, the gift of the Misses Eife and Hodges of Natchez were also enjoyed by the men.

Col. Stanley R. Putnam, commanding the 255th Inf., and Lt. William Howard, Cannon company commander, and other officers of the regiment were guests at the party.

Thanksgiving Party At Service Club 2

A Thanksgiving Day party at which there will be dancing, and games, will be staged at Service Club No. 2 Wednesday night. The 253d Inf. orchestra, which made its debut at a dance at Natchez two weeks ago, will play for the dancing.

Other events scheduled for the week of November 21 at the Service club are, a V-disc program on Monday at 2000. This program which is the second in a series of concerts featuring outstanding composers, Army music and other selections, will be in charge of Miss Elizabeth Williams, librarian.

At last week's program in the lounge, the "Infantry Song," the F. A. song, the Garibaldi War hymn, played by Toscanini, and selections from the Ft. Hamilton show, "Stars and Gripes," and from "Porgy and Bess." Following the completion of the series at Service Club No. 2, the V-discs will be moved to Service Club No. 3.

On Tuesday nights at the library the weekly discussion group will meet. The subject will be, "Argentina, Friend or Foe." Such subjects as the "Postwar Italy," and "China's Place in the Family of Nations," have been discussed at past meetings. The discussions are open to all soldiers of the division.

Masonic Club to Meet On Sunday Afternoon

The second meeting of the Camp Van Dorn Masonic club will be held Sunday afternoon at 1400 at Building T-8413 which is located between Five Points and the Billing Office. The meeting will be an important one and all members are urged to be present.

Pvt. John Witmer of 63d Div. Hq., is president of the club, and Sgt. Harold Lasker of Camp QM is secretary.

Connolly, 23d Buck Private Did His Own Pin Up Girls

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For two years he actually tramped the streets from one publication to another, from one agency to another, to artists' representatives. Finally the American Artist company took an interest in his work and asked to represent him.

Experience Paid Dividends

The years he had spent painting the faces of movie stars for theater lobbies had given him the knack of drawing beautiful women—a subject in which there never has been a lack of interest. He learned, too, that the addition of dogs or horses to a picture of a pretty girl enhanced its human and commercial interest. More and more his paintings began to reflect the lessons he had learned the hard way and more and more firms began to ask for illustrations by Connolly.

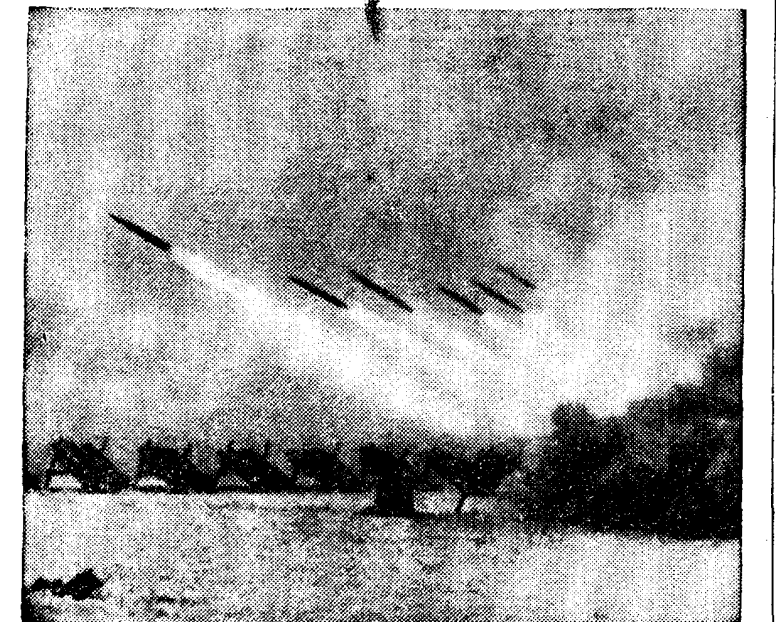
His paintings were used by Popular Publications for covers on several of their magazines. Prudential Insurance company, Hoffman Beverages, Beverwyck Beer and Brown and Bigelow are a few of the firms for whom Connolly painted and prepared illustrations. Before he entered the Army, much of Connolly's work was in furthering the war effort in the United States and Canada. The Star Weekly of Toronto used many of his illustrations to inspire patriotism and sell Canada's Victory bonds.

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How to Clean House in the Medical Profession By the author of "Doctors Don't Tell"

COVER GIRL as portrayed by Artist Howard Connolly, now with the 63d Division at Camp Van Dorn.



SECRET WEAPON of the Russians is "Katusha"—a multiple rocket gun effectively used against the Nazis. First photos of the gun appear currently in new Soviet film "The City That Stopped Hitler—Historic Stalingrad."