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ON THE BALL was Assistant Division Commander Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris when Blood and Fire photographer caught this shot of the General at carbine range last week. The General shot his usual qualification—EXPERT. Look at the ease with which he holds his piece in flawless form.

REPTILES HOLD NO TERRORS FOR ONETIME FOREST RANGER

Dodging snakes, bugs and other Mississippi fauna during the long, cold nights on bivouac holds no terrors for Pvt. John E. Myers, Co. H, 253rd Inf., who has spent many nights prowling through the 259 square miles of forests at Crater Lake National Park, Oregon while serving as a forest ranger.

The 6 ft. 2 in. former football coach and mathematics teacher has fought a score of forest fires and has lived for days on a solid diet of regular Army C and K rations which are also used by the Govt. Ranger Service.

Forest Fires Tricky

According to Myers: "Forest fires are tricky and hard to fight. A sudden gust of wind can surround the fire-fighters with a wall of flame before they realize their perilous position. Unlike water, a forest fire runs uphill because of the natural updraft." (Continued on Page 8.)

Soldiers Score Hit In Musical Revue

Folks in Natchez are still talking about the show, "Hy Ya Chum," which Division Special Service, assisted by the Military Maids, presented at the City auditorium last Friday night, November 26. Sprinkled with humor and with a generous share of music, songs and dancing, the revue played before a crowded house.

Featured on the program was the Division Artillery Glee club which greeted the audience with the show theme song, "Hy Ya Chum," the 63d Division Orchestra, which played among other numbers a special arrangement by Pfc. Charles Jones of "Scarecrow"; the impersonations of Corp. Joseph Pollock and the versatile singing and comedy relief offered by Pvt. Arnold Spector.

Miss Marylyn Pasternak of Ferriday, La., brought applause with her singing of "People Will Say We're in Love," and Jean Spencer of Natchez presented an acrobatic dance. Antebellum days were recalled in picturesque fashion when Sgt. Jack Bracken sang "Tis Autumn," accompanied by the Misses Louise Wheeler, Mary Sanguinetti, Nancy York and Ruth Thelma Powell, garbed in the billowy dresses of the late 50's.

Feats of magic were performed by Pvt. Gilbert Vitale, and Sgt. Bracken and the Misses Martha Meath and Kathleen Wadsworth teamed in a rhythmic dance. The revue closed with the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by the Glee club.

OUR SECRET WEAPON

"Not so long ago the infantryman was the forgotten man in any military discussion. He had done all right with Julius Caesar. He had carved an empire for Napoleon and overthrown it. He had gained us our independence. In the sweat and blood of France in the first World War he had held the line, thrust back the German hordes and finally broken them . . . Only history remembered the infantryman and only the sober observer saw that history did not suddenly bury its experiences and lose the value of its lessons.

"Only now do we begin to see that our 'secret weapon' of this war is the infantry—the weapon about which we have talked the least and on which we depend the most—the same old dependable, mud slogging, jungle hunting, mountain climbing infantry which closes with the enemy, meets him in hand-to-hand combat, kills him or drives him backward and seizes the ground which the airplane and the warship and the production plants at home may have enabled the doughboy to reach but which only he can take and hold . . . Perhaps it is a mistake to say merely that our 'secret weapon' is the infantry. Rather it is the product of the training, the spirit, the teamwork and the individuality which goes into the making of our infantry."

—Stephen T. Early, Secretary to the President.

"Don't forget the foot fighter's days and nights in the mud and cold, the endurance he has exhibited. In both Britain and the United States the greatest proportion of our fighting men comes into the ground forces, and I don't think any of us belittles their service . . . Every citizen of the United Nations has a right to know how important to our victories are the fighting spirit, the sense of duty and the gallantry and fortitude of our ground forces. The accomplishments of this indispensable member of our air-ground-naval team will, when the story is fully told, fill many of the brightest pages of our war history."

—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Commander-in-Chief, Mediterranean Theater of Operations

"I love the Infantry because they are the underdogs. They are the mud-rain-frost-and-wind boys. They have no comforts, and they even learn to live without the necessities. And in the end they are the guys that wars can't be won without."

—Ernie Pyle, newspaper correspondent.

More Shows for Soldiers Is Forecast by Conference

Promise of adequate entertainment for men of the Blood and Fire Division, whether in garrison or the field, was held out this week as nine men, four of them from Division Special Service, returned from the first Enlisted Men's Soldier Show Conference, held by the 4th Service Command.

More than 300 notable figures from Broadway, Hollywood and Tin Pan Alley, many of them now in the service, were instructors at the week-long conference at Ft. McPherson, Atlanta, Ga.

Combat Soldiers Need Shows
The conference theme was that a combat organization like the 63d Div. needs entertainment even more than ordinary soldier teams. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower repeatedly had urged more entertainment and recreation for men in theaters of war.

Brian Aherne, stage and screen star, urged the delegates to make their organizations more "Special Service Conscious." Lt. Clinton Stevenson, former New York designer and make-up artist, now assigned to the Special Services School at Lexington, Va., showed the conference how to improvise stage lighting in the field from tin

cans, how to use burned cork and paste for makeup and how to design costumes in the field from such readily available materials as cardboard, paint and wire.

Celebrities Present

Among the other speakers and instructors were Arch Obler, writer of "Lights Out" and other outstanding radio shows; Jean Dickenson, operatic and radio soprano; George Jessel, who was master of ceremonies at a conference variety show and told the men how an MC works; Pvt. Joe Cook, Jr., son of the famous comedian; Pfc. Harold Rohme, one of the authors of the Labor Stage show, "Pins and Needles," and now working on "Stars and Gripe," a soldier show which is to be taken overseas; Cpl. Henry Brandon, player of Nazi roles in many motion pictures, and Lt. Robert Bumpas, known on the screen as Robert Wayne, cowboy star.

Don't Tap on Me Might Be Motto Of 253d's Cook

The next time someone taps the shoulder of T/4 Alphy Cyr, first cook of Co. H, 253rd Inf., he'd better be prepared to take cover. Cyr is allergic to backtapping.

Sgt. Cyr contracted this strange phobia on bivouac last week, when, after selecting a cozy spot near the portable stove, he was aroused from sleep by a gentle but persistent tapping on his shoulder.

"What do you want?" he called sleepily.

The midnight visitor made no reply but continued his friendly advances.

Fully aroused, Sgt. Cyr rolled over to berate his tormenter and found himself staring into the eyes of a huge black snake!

Of the two, it's probable that the snake was more frightened, for he slithered off into the underbrush before Cyr could note his rank or serial number.

Broadcast Marks Japanese Attack

Next week's second anniversary of the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor will be marked Sunday evening on the Fourth 63d Division radio show.

The broadcast will contrast today's attitude with the complacent one the American public displayed in the war years before America's entry.

Program at Theater 1

The program will be broadcast from 1300 to 1825 by Radio Station WWL, New Orleans. It will originate in Theater No. 1. The theater doors will close at 1745.

Two characters, known as Hugh and Joe, will be used to depict the change in American sentiment after the Pearl Harbor attack. They will show how Americans thought chiefly of fun, scoffed at the European situation and called it the "Phoney War" in 1939. The 1940 attitude that the Germans "can't cross the Channel anyway" will be shown in another sequence.

Injured by Scrap

In 1911 Hugh and Joe are drafted for their year of training. Dismantling their old car to sell it

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263d Returns From Workout At Camp Shelby

Week's Intensive Training Showed Men How to Overcome Varied Water Obstacles

Back at their old stamping grounds and on dry land once more are men of the 263d Engineer Combat Battalion who passed the last week at Camp Shelby, Miss., where they underwent their toughest training to date.

At Camp Shelby the Engineers received approximately 90 hours of training, 30 hours of which were at night under strict blackout conditions, in one of the most important and picturesque activities of combat engineers—stream crossing. Under battle-like conditions the builders practiced all known means of transporting troops and equipment across water.

Working day and night from the moment they rolled into Shelby until they climbed into their vehicles for the return convoy, the Engineers demonstrated that there is plenty to their claim to being the toughest, hardest-working unit in the division.

All Night Problem

An all night problem Friday night in which, as in other night maneuvers, the "enemy" was continually active, wound up the week's training. The problem consisted of transporting a combat team across the Leaf river and included all phases of river-crossing work learned during the week. The

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Some Lips Have IT And Some Lips Don't

Every hirsute upper lip in Div. Hq. and Hq. Co. now is bare, as the result of 1st Sgt. Jay E. Rich's order that his men be clean-shaven.

Now comes Sgt. James B. Keel, of Hq. Co., 2d Bn., 254th Inf., with the suggestion that all men of the headquarters intelligence section grow mustaches.

Sgt. Keel read somewhere that men in combat look more ferocious with mustaches.



RUB-A-DUB-DUB, nine men in a tub . . . and men of 263d Engineers are ferried across a rapid stream, in ferry made from truck tarpaulin and boughs. The men built the ferry, then rode in it. Displacement and buoyancy of air are the secrets of this means of transportation. See page 7 for photos of how jeeps get ferried in the same way.

Shift From Range to Army No Hardship to Ex-Cowboy

For at least one soldier in Co. C, 253d Inf., the transition from civilian life to army life was like lacing the right shoe after the left. It followed just that naturally.

To T/5 Norman B. McWilliams the Army's "Learn to Live" was a neatly turned phrase. Months of batching it—as feeding, clothing and sheltering one's self is known on the range—made each bivouac another night out to him. The rifle and the pistol were old friends long before he had to make the acquaintance of the supply sergeant.

Ambidexterous

So, although he fired the M-1 from his left shoulder to win his Expert bar, and he pulled the trigger of the B. A. R. with his right index finger to qualify as Sharpshooter, those honors decorated his left breast long before Cpl. McWilliams sewed on his chevrons recently.

Yes, life in the Army to him is the same as in Montana except for the fact that in the Army a fellow has more company, and you just eat your food; you don't have to prepare it, too.

The Cpl. is not a product of the West. He was born in Williams-town, Mass., and spent most of his life there, but horses and the stories of the West by Will James served to influence the formative days of the 23-year-old New Englander. They played about the same roles in McWilliams' childhood that the bicycle and Frank Merriwell played in yours and mine.

Dreams Come True

As he grew older this boy from an average American home determined to do more than just dream of the West. He resolved to do the things about which he dreamed. After a visit to Montana with his dad, there was no holding Mac back East. Each summer thereafter, until he was called by Uncle Sam in 1942, he headed for Montana and the range.

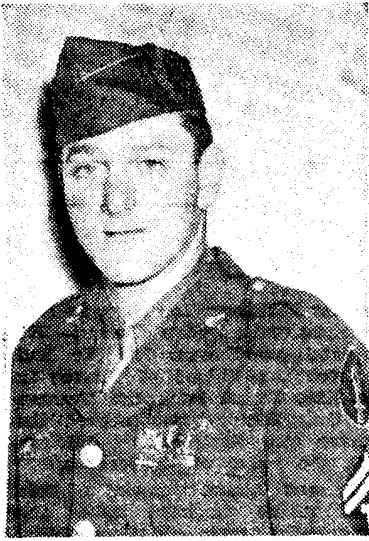
He rode, roped, shot and hunted—yes, among these were some of the things you learn in the Army. Lonely as it must have been at times it was the same vitalizing, dangerous existence that is inaugurated in camp and often continued on the Arctic tundra, in tropical jungle, or on the desert wastes.

That greeting from his draft board in the summer of '42 found McWilliams, his sophomore year at Dartmouth College finished, riding herd on the 10,000-acre ranch of Alban Bodine, erstwhile associate of railroad tycoon William Hill.

No Job for Gold Brick

It was no job for a Gold Brick. Milking and pasturing were the K. P. chores connected with it. The fun was in the corral or up in the hills. Hoping a horse that kicks can be painful, as those scars on his thigh will attest. And, lugging a coyote's carcass 10 miles to collect a \$2 bounty that wasn't being paid anymore, wasn't an item to be found in Joe Miller's collection of funny stories, either.

But he loved it and one day he'll go back to that life. To those people who consider it an insult if you won't partake of their sustenance, meager or bountiful as



T/5 NORMAN B. McWILLIAMS

the case may be, and, to those fellows who, when they come down off the range to town, stay on until everything they brought with them has vanished.

Yes sir, it can be a fine life, says the Corporal, and so can the Army.

Germany's Fate Hard To Decide, Group Finds

"What to do with defeated Germany," proved a futile subject at the meeting of the Discussion Group held Tuesday at Service Club No. 2. Questions from leading writers and magazines proved the springboard for lively cross-fire arguments. Next week's subject for consideration will be "Race, Nationality and Religion"; are they barriers to democracy? The meeting will start at 2000.

Many ideas concerning Germany were advanced; the mind of the German people seems schizophrenic, beauty against violence, that revenge is the first objective, though vengeance will be meted on a just basis; that the Weimar Republic was a great indication of what great contribution to art and government Germany is capable of making; that Germany has elements of democratic feeling which must be nurtured, the progressive spirit must be encouraged.

63d Is Temporarily Assigned to XIX Corps

A recent administrative shift has taken the 63d Division out of the jurisdiction of the IX Corps temporarily and put us under the command of the XIX Corps, Maj. Gen. Willis B. Crittenberger, commanding.

PLEASANT DUTY

U. S. Marines advancing on the Japs at Bougainville are instructed: "Every Jap has been told that it is his duty to die for the emperor, and it is your duty to see that he does."

Major Victim As Pill Roller Stalks 'Enemy'

Today's little hero is New York's Arthur D. Pinkham, of Capt. Stanley Bach's Co. A, 363d Med. Bn. Pvt. Pinkham is a sage old owl when it comes to matters concerning night bivouacs.

Lt. Thomas W. Sheehy brought his pill rollers back from a seven-mile hike to the comfort of their training grounds one recent frosty night for scouting operations. In the near vicinity could be heard the moans and groans of Co. B, who were out practicing night litter-carrying. Lt. Sheehy's men, all in the line of duty, reconnoitered to see what the "enemy" was doing.

Stealthily—like an avalanche rolling down a mountainside—Pvt. Pinkham advanced against the foe. Then a shadow loomed before him. Remembering that a good foot soldier resorts to hand-to-hand fighting rather than firearms under such circumstances, Pvt. Pinkham threw the full impact of his not too thin body against his opponent. They went down in a heap of grunts and gurgles.

"Major Kiehl, is something wrong, Sir?" rang out a clarion voice from the enemy's lines.

"I'm afraid there's been a mistake, Sir," replied Pinkham. He'll rest on his laurels now.

Capt. Farmer Returns To Command 254th Inf.

Men of Co. F, 254th Infantry, met their commanding officer for the first time recently when Capt. Eugene J. Farmer returned to the Division from the Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga., where he has been studying. He left the division while we were still at Camp Blanning, and before his company had received trainees. In the interim the company was administered by Lt. Libburn S. Fullen, acting commandant. Capt. Farmer is a former Chicago high school teacher. Lt. Fullen, a former aide to Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, has been appointed a liaison officer with the Ninth Corps.

Three Division Soldiers Win Centreville Quiz

Three members of the Blood and Fire (63d) Division cashed in on their intellectual capabilities last Sunday when three of them won prizes at the weekly quiz contest at the Centreville, U.S.O.

Pvt. Richard Burton, Co. H, 255th Inf., won the event with 110 points and also a free telephone call. He was fortunate in being able to talk to his mother at his home in Detroit.

Tied for second and third places were Pvt. Wesley Combs, Co. G, 253d Inf., of Everett, Washington, and Pvt. Charles J. Schober, Battery A, 718th Field Artillery of Chicago. The prize was two steak dinners. A toss of a coin favored Pvt. Schober who won the two dinners while Pvt. Combs was consoled by winning one dinner. In fourth place was Pvt. Conrad Welch, of Btry. A., 718th F. A. of Melville, N. J.

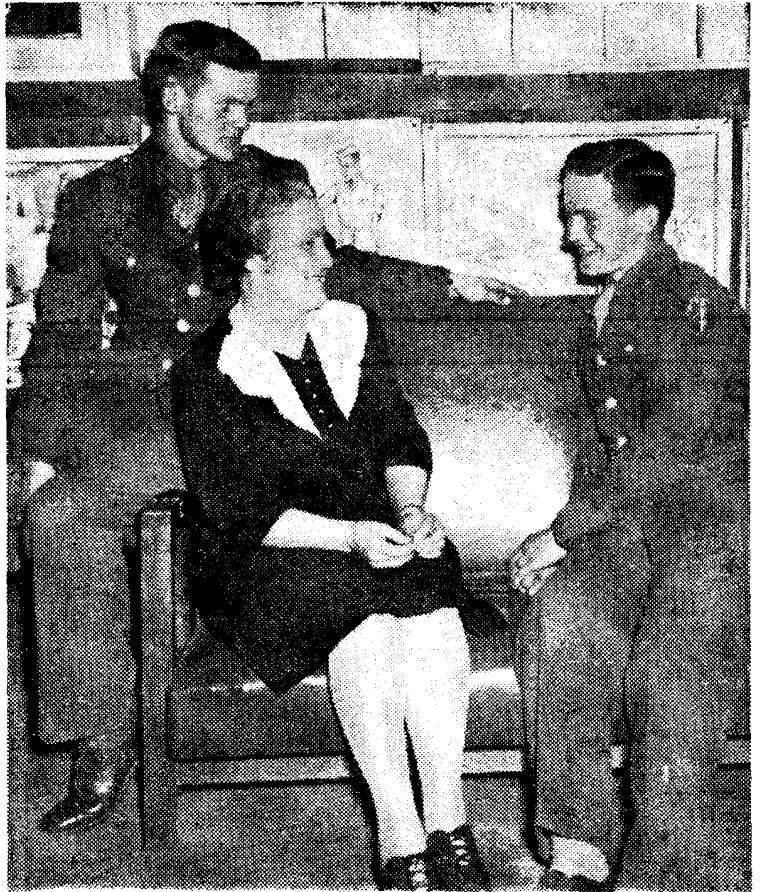
New Insignia Born

More than 100,000 soldiers participating in the Army Specialized Training program at 209 colleges and universities in the U. S. are now wearing identifying shoulder-patch insignia.

The insignia will depict the sword of valor against a lamp of knowledge. The sword and lamp are in dark blue on a yellow, octagon-shaped patch.

YELLOW PERIL

Men of the 253d Infantry Intelligence group were having a placid bivouac recently when suddenly a party of "Japs" appeared in their midst and started to blow up the bivouac area with dynamite. The problem was an object lesson in which Capt. Richard G. Cox, regimental S2, dressed some of his men in Jap uniforms and secretly trained them in Jap tactics. The attack came as a complete surprise to the sleeping troops, and although most of the "enemy scouts" were captured by vigilant outguards, they did succeed in fooling the guards on one flank.



MOM AND THE BOYS visit together in Co. C., 253d Inf. Mom came all the way from Illinois to visit her twin sons, Melvin (left) and Marvin.

Versatile Painter Boxes When Not Making Murals

Sign painter, amateur boxer, collegiate journalist and amateur actor, Cpl. George W. Barnes, of Hq. Co., 254th Inf., has found time in the course of his soldiering to depict the origin of the Blood and Fire insignia on a mural in his company's day room.

The oil painting of the Casablanca conference of President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill has as its background the activities of a regimental headquarters company as they would be under actual battle conditions.

Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, assistant division commander, recently called the mural "one of the best I have seen."

Developed Latent Talent

Cpl. Barnes hails from Williamsport, Pa., in the coal region, and attended grammar school and high school there. While in high school he attended a sketching class which prompted him to take up art as a hobby. When he graduated in 1937 he had won high academic honors and the school's art award. He became a commercial sign painter after leaving school, and at the same time entered the ring. In 1939 he entered the Golden Gloves tournament and fought his way to the featherweight championship of General Pennsylvania.

All-Around Athlete

In the same year Barnes was offered a physical education scholarship at Pennsylvania State Teachers College, at Lockhaven, and he participated in every sport at the college. He boxed in amateur shows and was the undetected

lightweight in intercollegiate competition in the East. He was captain of the college boxing team.

He was invited to attend the NCAA competition at Louisiana State University in 1942 and at the University of Wisconsin in 1943. At the same time he was editor-in-chief of the College Times, student newspaper at Lockhaven, and he still contributes to the paper. In addition he found time to be a member of the college dramatic club.

Coaches 254th Boxers

Cpl. Barnes was inducted into the Army Feb. 6, 1943. He has been appointed coach for 254th boxing instruction and is seeking a position on the company basketball team. Despite the five-foot-four corporal's many athletic activities, he paints signs for company instructors and spends his leisure time sketching, drawing and painting.

He hopes, after the war, to complete his college course for the Bachelor of Arts degree and continue his studies at Columbia University.

Capt. Ralph R. Perlman, commanding Headquarters Battery, 861st F. A. Bn., is reported to have been the originator of a cigarette slogan popular some few years ago. The slogan was: "Be Happy, Go Lucky." One of our enterprising young buck privates, hearing of this achievement (other day, asked timidly: "What cigarette company?"



VERSATILE Joe and Jane McKenna, hilarious comedy pair who headline USO show, "Town Topics," coming to Division theaters Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Wolf by Sansone



"It's so crowded here in Washington, you've got to stand in line for everything you want!"

254th Entertains Girls at "Day in Camp"

AROUND AMERICA

GARY, IND.—Three trucks loaded with captured Japanese and German war materials were recently on exhibit at the Gary works of the Carnegie Illinois Steel Corporation. The exhibit, which is making a tour of the nation's war plants, is sponsored by the U. S. Navy.

HAMMOND CITY, ILL.—John Burrell, 35, was fined \$15 in the Hammond City court recently for slugging his boss in an apparent effort to get himself fired after the War Manpower Commission had denied him a release to accept a new position.

PULLMAN, WASH.—Harry M. Chambers has submitted his resignation as justice of the peace and police judge after two years. Pressure of the work of handling pre-flight schedules at Washington State College was given as the reason.

DETROIT—Joanna de Tuscan, beautiful international ace woman fencer, has filed suit for divorce from Bela de Tuscan, one-time saber champion of the Hungarian army. He trained his wife for national and international fencing titles and they have long operated a fencing school here. Charges in the suit were not made public.

FLINT, MICH.—Lt. Harold M. Kinder, former Flint traffic investigator, has been decorated by the Sultan of Morocco for outstanding work in routing front line traffic during the fighting in North Africa.

MARIETTA, GA.—"For luck," two workers at the Bell-operated Marietta aircraft assembly plant pasted a \$5 bill on a plane as it reached their post on the line. Others followed suit; then someone suggested the money be given to Army and Navy relief. When the plane reached the end of the line, the collection totaled \$1,462.

WAUPEN, WIS.—William L. Goulette, Milwaukee burglar, escaped from the state prison but was unable to get away because he could not extricate himself from a garbage can. He hid in the can on a garbage truck. When the truck driver opened the can, Goulette tried to jump out, but he was wedged in so tightly that two attendants were needed to extricate—and recapture—him.

NEW BALTIMORE, MICH.—Yeggs spent several hours with a blowtorch cutting a hole in a safe of the Hubbard Lumber Co., and got \$20. Next day the company's president disclosed the safecracker had wasted their time. He had forgotten to lock the safe the night before.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Three taxi drivers were fined \$25 each and costs of court this week by Judge Joseph H. McGarry in Jury Court on charges of overcharging service men for cab rides.

DETROIT—Martha (Mickey) Devine, formerly of the Vauties, charges that her husband, Horace E. Dodge, heir to the great Detroit auto fortune, insulted her by call-



Girls Visit From Ferriday, Natchez and Vicksburg

The 254th Infantry, which was recently "adopted" by the town-folks of Ferriday, La., reciprocated Sunday with a gala party at which they entertained some 80 girls from Ferriday, Natchez and Vicksburg at "A Day in Camp." The day's fun included a bang-up dance, dinner for mesdames at GI mess halls, and personally conducted tours of Camp Van Dorn.

The day's activity began at noon, when the Vicksburg girls arrived in tow of Mrs. Florentine Wittstadt, head of the Military Maids of Vicksburg. They were feted at six company mess halls, then went on tour of the Division area. Later in the day, Mrs. Mary Harrison and Capt. Bess Pierce brought their

Ferriday girls, and Miss Jennie McLin came with the Natchez girls.

Dance at Rec Hall
The dance started at 1500 at the 254th Rec Hall, which was lavishly decorated in red, white and blue streamers. Music was provided by an orchestra comprising Pvts. James Decembriu C. Dotter, D. DeVincentis, Jack Campbell, Frank Marach, Edward Bland, Walter Sharpensky, Don De Buino and Walter Persons. Pvt. Eugene Galante, former magician, acted as master of ceremonies.

The grand march which opened the dance was led by Lt. Lawson Kateley regimental special service officer, and Miss Pierce. The Rec. Hall, which has been the scene of numerous social and athletic events on the regiment's special service calendar, had its floor newly scraped for the occasion. Upon the stage was a new mural depicting soldiers in action painted by Pvt. Charles Lape, Co. L, and a three-dimensional Blood and Fire insignia, also the work of Pvt. Lape.

Lt. Kateley Welcomes Guests
During the afternoon's dancing, a break was taken when Lt. Kateley officially welcomed the guests and thanked them for coming all the way to camp to visit the boys—the shortest trip any of the girls made was over 100 miles round trip. In response, Mrs. Harrison said: "If all the soldiers are as nice as the men of the 254th, we'd like to see more of them." Ferriday, a small town situated across the Mississippi some 20 miles west of Natchez, is not situated near any large Army camps; their "adoption" of the 254th was the town's first concerted effort at troop entertainment.

The committee working under direction of Lt. Kateley included Sgt. Abe Kantg, Cpl. H. Hauss, Cpl. Joe Cordts, and Pvt. Nathan Guttman.



Broadcast Marks Japanese Attack

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to a junk dealer before entering the Army, they note the serial number of the engine. On December 7, 1941, the pair are in Hawaii thinking of swimming and other pleasures, when the Japanese planes attack and one of the men is injured. On a piece of metal from one of the bombs Hugh and Joe find their old engine's serial number.
The history of "Taps" will be told in a dramatic incident built around Gen. Butterworth, the union officer who composed the Army's most famous bugle call.
The Division Artillery Glee club will be heard in a Negro spiritual. It will be the club's first appearance on the program.

ing her "shanty-Irish." Mrs. Dodge, seeking separation and alimony of \$100,000 a year, says Dodge once threw a typewriter at her and charges that he had been drunk since the day he put on a major's uniform. Soon after she made her first charges Dodge was placed on the Army inactive list.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—An anonymous Fortress gunner came home on furlough to discover that his girl and \$700 he'd sent her as his stake in their marital hope chest weren't here any more. The girl had married another guy and gone to another state. A newspaper printed the story and readers made up more than \$650 of the gunner's money.

GREENWOOD, S. C.—Dr. B. R. Hodge, superintendent of the Nashville, Tenn., Methodist church district, has urged his ministers to "inject enthusiasm" into their religious activities.

Medics Make Merry At Holiday Dance

Special Troops Recreation Hall was the scene of a festive "Barn Dance" last Thursday night staged by members of the 363d Medical Battalion. Seventy-five girls from Baton Rouge attended the affair and from among them officers and men of the Battalion chose Miss Jean Little as "Queen of the Medics." Miss Little not only won this distinction by acclaim, but when she teamed with S/Sgt. Cosmo Alberico, Co. A, the pair won the evening's feature dance contest.

Soft lights, colored streamers, corn husks, and tree branches transformed the Rec. Hall and provided an attractive setting for the dancing, music for which was provided by the Division orchestra with Don Pablo at the piano.

Entertainment was provided by Pvts. Ray Richardson, former radio and stage singer, attached to Co. A, and Harry Henniger, of the 263d Engineers, who played the guitar. Feats of legerdemain were performed by Cpl. Elias Nasse and Pvt. Jack Walters burlesqued a dance with Madam LaZonga.

Arrangements for the affair were supervised by Lt. Carl Stout, assisted by Cpl. Murray Kolodisner and Pvts. Walters, Sidney Seachtmeister, Alfonso Umana and Frank Magyer.

In the African desert fighting, General Rommel would always attack from the East in the morning and from the West in the afternoon in order to keep the sun in the enemy's eyes.



DAY IN CAMP was enjoyed by the girls from Ferriday, Natchez and Vicksburg who were guests of 254th Inf. Sunday. At top, Mrs. Wittstadt, who brought the Vicksburg girls, Bess Pierce captain of the Ferriday girls, and Blanche Chauvin, of Ferriday, are shown at chow in Co. G mess hall with some of the boys. In center, Col. Stanley R. Putnam, Regimental Commander, dances with Bess. At bottom, the boys and girls "give out" to tunes of 254th's swing orchestra.

Sgt. McKee Is Married To Miss Agnes Humphries

Orange blossoms bloomed in November for Sgt. James L. McKee, Co. H, 253d Inf., who, last week, married Miss Agnes Humphries, of San Antonio, Tex.
The ceremony was performed at Centenary Methodist church, McComb, Miss.

Natchez Maids Stage Dance at Auditorium

Those Southern charmers, the Military Maids of Natchez, will entertain members of the 63d Division tonight at a dance at the Natchez Community Hall. The 10-piece Latin-American orchestra of the Division with Don Pablo at the piano, will play for the evening.



BONES FOR A CHOWHOUND is what S/Sgt. John Moss of Melrose, N. Y., is saying to Pvt. Irwin B. Spandau, of New York city, who is invariably first in chow line at Co. H, 253d Inf. His buddies mailed him a 6 lb. bone to nibble on.

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JUSTIFIABLE PRIDE

When the residents of Baton Rouge, Natchez, McComb and other communities more or less in the environs of Camp Van Dorn see a Blood and Fire soldier walking down the street with chest out and head up they think, "There is a proud individual."

They're right, and the soldier is right. He has something to be proud of. He's a member of the 63d INFANTRY Division.

INFANTRY—that's a definition that shouldn't but does need a bit of explanation. When Jones and Smith and Greenburg and O'Malley and Pignataro and Schultz and Chin boarded a train in the reception center they were shocked. They found out from their train escort that they were en route to join the Infantry.

"What's the matter? What happened to classification? I had a high I. Q.—why are they sending me to the Infantry?"

Brother—if your I. Q. wasn't high the Infantry wouldn't take you. You'd go to what we Infantrymen are wont to call "illegitimate" units. Such outfits are the odds and ends and trivia that you in your civilian ignorance thought were the ones to get into—to belong to.

To avoid digression—we'll get right back to the Infantry. What is it? It's the Queen of the Army. It's the pride of all fighting men. It's the fighting force that takes and holds ground. It's the conquering force that wins battles and smashes the enemy into submission.

And what does it take to become one of those vaunted Infantrymen? Plenty, brother, plenty. You have to know your job and everybody else's. You have to fire rifles, machine guns, mortars, cannon. You have to drive trucks, do ordnance work, use radios, telephones, wireless, build roadways, bridges—in fact, in the final analysis, when everyone else bogs down, you have to take over whatever task comes up, and do it.

Let's look back. When the German mechanized might was first put on display the radio commentators and news analysts forgot that there was an Infantry. The Germans didn't. Their infantry was doing the work, was paving the way for the tanks, taking and holding the ground.

That early impression made inroads on the memories of many of you Doughboys—civilians then. You thought the Infantry was obsolete. Soldier, it's not obsolete—it's absolute. It's the all important factor of a victorious combination that includes a number of lesser lights.

We might not be the glamor boys, but we deliver the goods. We've taken Africa and Sicily and Guadalcanal, the Aleutians. We're driving the Germans out of Italy, the Japs out of the Pacific. Roosevelt and Churchill and Chiang Kai-shek have promised that Japan will be deprived of all her Pacific possessions, of Korea, Formosa—in fact all but the Island of Japan.

Puff out your chest and hold up your head—you Johnny Doughboys—are the boys who'll carry out their prophesy.



News from Here and There

Deserter Is Charged With Having Nine Wives

AKRON, OHIO (CNS)—Kenneth Jordan, 22, an Army deserter, was arrested here on a charge of marrying nine women in the last two years. He will be turned over to Army authorities.

Jordan said that three of his wives were from Cleveland, two from Rochester, N. Y., two from Akron, Ohio, and one each from Detroit and Midland, Pa. "They were all going to play me for a sucker," he announced. "But I beat 'em to the punch."

Tell It to the Chaplain, He'll Always Be a Friend

FT. BLISS, TEX. (CNS)—Pvt. Lewis Vik of Henning, Mich., left here on a week's furlough. On his way home his train was snow-bound five days at Sanborn, Minn. When the drifts were cleared his train collided with another. Then he lost his ticket. Finally he reached home, wired for an extension of his furlough. When none came he started back. Five hours after he began his return journey a telegram arrived granting him the extension. Vik's comment is unprintable.

To Open, or Not to Open, That's the Poser for GI

CAMP ROBERTS, CALIF.—A soldier stationed here was in a quandary after receiving a tinselled Christmas package in November bearing this marking: "Do not open till Christmas. Perishable."

Pink Pill Is Remedy For Sea, Airsickness

OTTAWA (CNS)—A pink pill that will prevent or cure seasickness and airsickness has been developed by the Royal Canadian Navy.

In order to test the capsules the Canadians built a roller seasaw with a large rocker which threw a seated sailor up and down while another apparatus tossed him from side to side. He was then given a pink pill to make him feel better.

The pill worked. Now it will be made available to seaborne and airborne troops.

Russia Will Repay U. S. Loans, Declares Nelson

NEW YORK (CNS)—Soviet Russia intends to repay every cent of the \$2,500,000,000 she has received in lend-lease shipments from the United States, Donald M. Nelson, chairman of the War Production Board, announced on his return from a series of conferences in Russia.

Nelson said that Premier Joseph Stalin told him "any obligation

undertaken by this government will be repaid in full and not by token payments."

Cpl. With 12 Dependents To Receive \$310 Monthly

DES MOINES (CNS)—A total of \$310 a month will go to the family of Cpl. Cyril G. Wolfe under the new dependency bill. Cpl. Wolfe, 42, has 12 dependents, a wife, 10 children and his mother.

Refuses to Serve U. S., Dodger Gets Two Years

NEW HAVEN, CONN. (CNS)—Stanley Mocarisky, 23, was sentenced to two years in federal prison for refusing to be inducted into the armed forces. Previously he had been advised by a federal judge to leave the U. S. when he told the court that he was unwilling to serve his country because "the country never did anything for me."

Feminine Bombsight Ace Is Killed on Flight

LONDON (CNS)—Dorothy (Bombsight Bertha) Robson, 23-year-old flier and bombsight expert, was killed on a test flight here. Miss Robson was said to have been as accurate in placing bombs on a target as any flier in England.

WAC at Ft. Oglethorpe Saw Service in Two Wars

FT. OGLETHORPE, GA. (CNS)—Lt. Grace Auer of Detroit, stationed at the Third WAC Training Center here, is a veteran of two wars. A native of England, she served with the British Women's Army Auxiliary in World War I.

Major Beats Own Time In Hike to Win Wager

CAMP GORDON JOHNSON, FLA. (CNS)—Maj. Walter L. Oswald bet \$5 he could hike 25 miles in six hours, which is two hours faster than the time prescribed for infantrymen. The major made good with 13 minutes to spare.

British Praise Army's Psychiatric Methods

NEW YORK (CNS)—Brig. John R. Rees, consulting psychiatrist of the British Army, thinks that the American Army method of psychiatric examination is far superior to any other system "used anywhere in the world."

During a recent inspection of military hospitals and induction centers here Brig. Rees observed that this nation can afford to reject more men than the British "because we haven't the luxurious supply of manpower you have."

The Sky Pilot Says It

A TWENTIETH CENTURY CRUSADE

By Chaplain Lester J. Houghtaling
(254th Infantry)

You men of the 63d Division have left home and loved ones to start a life that is new to most of you. You have left the cool, shady lawn of your home or summer camp for the heat of Mississippi or possibly the South Pacific; you have left the warm fireside of your winter-home for the cold of Alaska or Iceland.

Even though you know there is reason for your being here, yet in the background of your mind there is a great big "WHY?" Why must these things be? There are times when all of us ask that. And if we consider only the comforts, and conveniences and the home ties which have been stretched but not broken, there still doesn't seem sufficient reason for it all. All these we can give up without complaining; but we want to be convinced that there is a purpose in it all.

Your chaplain believes that that purpose exists. It consists of our determination to preserve the American way of life; that way of life which has given us these very things which we must leave in order to preserve them for us and our loved ones. It is because we believe in something bigger than all these comforts, yes, Something Greater than all of us, that we enter on this crusade with faith in our hearts. It is because we want Tomorrow to be better than Today that we can do this.

"Though the cause of evil prosper, yet 'tis truth alone is strong;
Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne;
Yet that scaffold sways the future, and behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above His own."

G. I. Jingles

A LETTER

From here to there, from me to you
This letter goes today
To tell you that you're missed my dear
Since you have gone away.

To tell you things are not the same
When you are away from me
To let you know I think of you
Wherever you may be.

From here to there, from me to you
I'll send you all the news
And if you'll read between the lines
You'll see how I need you.

I'm sending all my love along
And heaps of kisses too
And wish that I could go myself
From here to there to YOU.

By S/Sgt. Hubert V. Woods,
Co. D, 254th Inf.

INTELLIGENCE HYMN

(To the tune of "Battle Hymn of the Republic.")

Oh, we are of Intelligence, as you can plainly see;
And the diamonds on our helmets are to scare the enemy;

We're the roughest and the toughest bunch in all the Infantry—
The cream of 63.

We are fond of digging foxholes, and we love to creep and crawl;

Everything's done on the double, we just don't know how to stall;

Oh, we never waste a minute, 'cause we're always always on the ball—

The cream of 63.

CHORUS

We're the eyes of the Division;

And the ears of the Division;

We can make a quick decision—

The cream of 63.

—By Pvt. Aaron Proschan, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., 254th Inf.

THE M. P. PSALM

"The M. P. is my protector, I shall not stray,
He maketh me abide by Military laws,
He returneth me to camp, he restoreth my property,
He leadeth me in the path of righteousness,

For my own sake, yes.

Though I walk through a red light district, I

Fear no evil; for they are there with me,

Their Brassard, and their guns they comfort me.

They prepare a Guard before me, in the presence

of mine enemies,

They hold me with a steady hand, when my cup

runneth over.

Surely Army Regulations shall direct me all the

days in Camp

Or I shall dwell in the Guardhouse forever."

—Author Unknown

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

253d Inf.—Lt. Harry G. Gault, Co. D, was presented with a new daughter, Judith Ann, as a Thanksgiving present. Pvt. William F. Short and other members of Co. D and the WAC Det. produced a Thanksgiving entertainment in record time. The cast came in from a bygone of several days' duration and, in a few hours Thursday afternoon, rendered songs, instrumental music.

254th Inf.—Men of the 4th Plat., Co. C, celebrated the end of a range season with a beer party at which S Sgt. Eugene W. Wierzgacz, platoon sergeant, was host. With the help of Sgts. Victor Fill and Archie Emory, the platoon qualified on every weapon, ranking highest in the 1st Bn., with the carbine, M1 rifle and machine gun. Pvt. Joseph J. Lilia made expert in every weapon fired, and Pvt. Frank J. Rozlo was high scorer on the M1 with a score of 192. 1st Sgt. Raymond Richard, Co. C, is receiving congratulations on the birth of his third child. Lt. Milton Untracht, Co. C, has been promoted to first lieutenant. Lt. Frank H. Porter has just joined Co. C, coming from Ft. McClellan, Ala. Recent promotions in Co. B include those of Ptes. Eugene D. Kellner, Burt S. Lippman and Franklin Millman to Pfc., and the following Ptes. to corporal: William H. Truesdale, Jr., Julian B. Gornley, Frederick D. Pietropaolo, Phillip Dearman and Donald J. Morris. Sgt. Lyle A. Atwood of Communications Plat., 2d Bn., is an expert on oil wells; hailing from Olean, in New York's oil region, he regales the boys with hair-raising yarns of gushers and dynamite. Pvt. Irving Mann, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., a watchmaker in civilian life, is busy repairing and adjusting his buddies' timepieces, which he does without charge. Co. C has welcomed the return of its commanding officer, Capt. Charles B. MacDonald, youngest C. O. in the Division. When the company left Camp Blauding last summer, Capt. MacDonald went to Ft. Benning, Ga., for advanced study and training. Promotions of the following Co. G Ptes. to Pfc. have been announced: Dominick G. Marro, John G. O'Connor, Joseph T. Dorst, Arthur Recchio, Mandel Gomberg, Kirby A. Clark, James M. Parker, James L. Bandler, Aaron A. Emerson, Andrew Sniechak, Roderick G. Muse, Salvatore Robustella, Irwin R. Trout, John Landman, Alvin Jones, Jesse J. Lynn, Paul R. Philippe, Frank C. Pirok, Lawrence J. Bouley, John D. Gribbic, John D. Mooney, Robert O. French, Eugene J. Case, Paul Gobberdiel, Bernie Kashalsky, Albert C. Ledford, Robert S. Tysler, Earl R. Harrison, Alfred Paera, John C. Davis, Julius W. Thompson, George A. Cofone, Charles L. Moore, Jr., John P. Behan, Theodore S. Walewski and Lloyd B. Robertson. Pfc. Milton Messinger, Co. L, walked off with first prize in a jitterbug contest held at Service Club No. 2, but few realized the energetic soldier had completed a 25-mile hike the same day. Newly promoted in Co. L are Sgt. Eddie Kelly, Cpl. Donald Brydges, T/5 Anthony Accard and T/5 Eddie Stewart.

718th F. A.—Promotions of two officers in the Bn. were announced on Thanksgiving day. They were Pvt. Fredric Wilson, Hq. Btry., to T/5, and the following Ptes. to Corp: Horace A. Somes, Btry. A; Thomas J. Cess, Btry. B; Robert V. Fischer, Btry. C, and Adolph Stumbris, Service Btry. New silver bars are being worn by Lt. Michael J. McKillop, executive officer of Btry. B, and Lt. John The sergeant is a ball gunner on the Flying Fortress "Canvas Back." Friedman's knowledge of aircraft and his off-the-record tips are making classes in airplane identification a simple undertaking for men of Btry. A. Friedman, an 18-year-old New Yorker, spent his spare time while a freshman at Columbia university studying aircraft, makes, models, engines and horsepower. He was chief airplane spotter in his neighborhood in the New York Civilian Defense program. Pvt. Walter W. McCorkle of Btry. A, has received word that his brother, S/Sgt. George McCorkle, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster by Lt. Gen. Ira C. Eaker, commander of the U. S. air units in the European theater. The sergeant is a ball gunner on the Flying Fortress "Canvas Back."

862d F. A.—Promotions of two officers in the Bn. have been announced, and it's now Capt. John Mercer, Jr., commander of Hq. Btry., and First Lt. Ralph K. Ferguson, executive officer of Btry. C.

863d F. A.—New husbands of recent date are Sgt. James Wise and Pvt. Joseph Frakes, both of Service Btry. Sgt. Wise was married in Chapel No. 1 and Frakes in McComb. Pvt. Goodfellow of Service Btry., is the father of a new daughter. T/4 Andrew S. Hajducek of Hq. Btry., celebrated doubly on November 25, for Thanksgiving day was also his birthday. Good Conduct Medals have been won by the following men of Hq. Btry.: First Sgt. Cecil Patterson, S/Sgt. Lloyd O. Corby, S Sgt. William K. Lones, S/Sgt. John E. Smith, Sgt. Marion C. Smith, T/4 Andrew S. Hajducek, T/4 Joseph G. Manno, T/4 Carl E. Rouland, T/4 Robert G. Wheeler, T/4 William Ziegler and Cpl. Frank J. Tomasselli. Promotions to Pfc. have been announced for the following men of Btry. A: John R. Erdody, Wesley P. Frost, Fred G. Kick, Joseph J. Minecci, John V. Rogers, Wilbur J. Sotola, Charles J. Vicie and James M. White. As a birthday surprise Erdody's wife came to camp from Detroit one day last week. The orientation center in Btry. C's day room has been improved by drawings of Pvt. Wilfrid L. Reutenwald who studied art in Pittsburgh and painted show cards in civilian life. He has used show card colors and pastels to decorate the orientation board with a 105-mm. howitzer firing in a jungle position and a jeep-bearing a Btry. C guidon—advancing on the flaming ruins of an Axis village. Good Conduct Medals have been awarded to the following men of Btry. C: S/Sgt. Edward W. Brennan S/Sgt. Albert W. Wuttke, Sgt. William A. Brown, Sgt. Lawrence A. Nordlie, T/4 John J. Higging, T/4 William P. McGauley, Cl. William C. Fedinets, Cl. William S. Keene and T/5 Charles A. Teal. First Lt. Alfred J. Cellucci, C. O. of Service Btry., has been promoted to captain. A native of Boston, Capt. Brown joined the Army January 16, 1941, and also is S-4 of the battalion. At the same time 2nd Lts. James Stowe, Jesse Ott and James Townsend were promoted to first lieutenant.

Div. Hq. and Hq. Co.—When Pvt. Paul C. Smith of the G-3 Sec. brought his wife down from Youngstown, Ohio, for a few days, the couple sought to register at the Centreville House. Obviously unwilling to believe that anyone would use the name Smith on a hotel register,

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Spector a Genius: He Acts, Directs, Sings, Produces

Orson Welles has Rita Hayworth but she's the only thing he's got that versatile Pvt. Arnold Spector, Co. F, 253d Inf., hasn't.

The actor-singer-director-producer, late of "The Merry Widow," and the current Broadway smash hit, "Rosalinda," is Camp Van Dorn's original G.I. "Genius."

Career Started Early
At the tender age of 17, "before my first shave," Pvt. Spector sang opposite such eye-filling beauties as Martha Eggerth and Rise Stephens, both of whom are now appearing in pictures. Later he became a stiff competitor of stellar vocalists: Alan Jones, Wilbur Evans, Jan Kiepora and others.

"In "Rosalinda" he solved the manpower shortage which faced crack Director Felix Brentano by playing two major roles and understudying seven others.

Became Producer
Pvt. Spector's creative urge, unsatisfied by his appearance on the "boards," soon branched out to include directing and producing. Under the able guidance of Brentano, who once called him a "one man army," Spector plunged headlong into the production of plays. That he was an immediate success is proved by the fact that he has directed and produced more than 100 musical and legitimate performances.

"Some day I hope to produce a real hit," he said, "but right now I'm concentrating on my role in the greatest drama the world has ever seen."

To date, his favorite role is that of Pvt. I. M. Fubar in the 63d Div. Radio Show. He has also appeared in Regimental, Battalion, and Service Club shows, which, in addition to his regular Sunday morning stint with the choir at Chapel No. 6, should serve to slake his creative thirst.

Best Shots Feted By Co. E, 254th

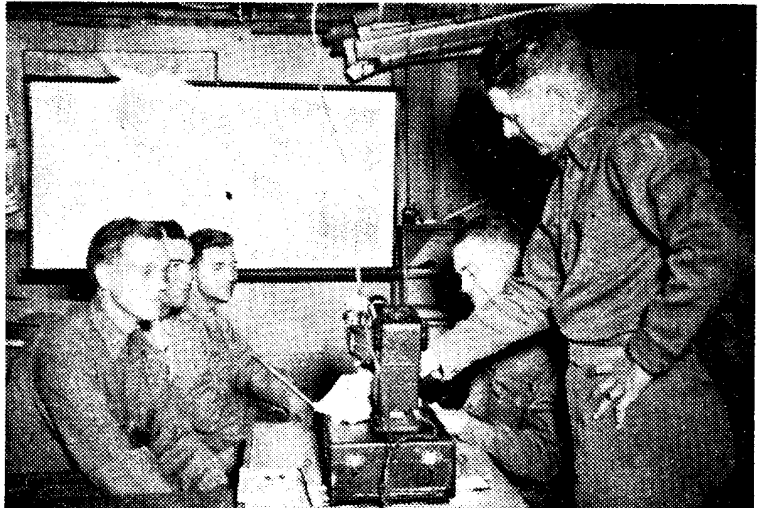
Celebrating the successful completion of record firing on the range, men of Co. E, 254th Inf., held a beer party Friday night, Nov. 26, in the company mess hall. Capt. James K. Meyers, company commander, awarded prizes to men making the highest scores.

First prize, an attractive bathrobe, went to Pvt. Joseph Lysecek who was high with 188. Ptes. Howard Bates, Clarence Brown, and James Butler received prizes consisting of cash and merchandise for placing second, third and fourth respectively.

Entertainment was provided by Cpl. Sabino Speranza, who played the accordion, by Pvt. Arthur Roth who offered a trumpet solo, and by Ptes. John Spalino and Kenneth Constantine and Sgt. Ott, who staged short skits. Pvt. William Kross was master of ceremonies and Sgt. Lawrence Leyburn was in charge of arrangements.

Guests of the evening were Col. Stanley B. Putnam, Col. John E. Evans, Col. Randolph Gordon, Maj. William J. Bryan and Capt. Robert E. Farrell. Col. Putnam commended Capt. Meyers for the fine showing made by his men on both the firing range and the drill field.

There has been created a new 15th Air Force teamed with the veteran 12th in an All-American Mediterranean aerial fleet under Lt. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz.



LIGHTS OFF as Maj. D. C. Beere, 861st F. A. (standing), readies projector for film slides which illustrate field artillery lessons given by Maj. A. C. Maier (seated). At left are Lt. Richard Hanson, Sgt. Tavalero and Pvt. Raymond R. Dailey, who assisted in development of the new lesson aid.

How to Bore-Sight 105s Shown in New Film Strip

After months of experimentation officers and men of the 861st Field Artillery Battalion are now able to listen to lectures by battalion officers illustrated by positive film strips made in the battalion by the officers and men themselves.

First of a series of film strips which will eventually encompass many training lessons is a strip on bore-sighting the 105-mm. howitzers. The demonstration here of bore-sighting was set up by Maj. A. C. Maier and D. C. Beere, and were performed for the camera by non-coms of the battalion. The photographs were taken by Pvt. Raymond R. Dailey, who was a commercial photographer in upstate New York for 18 years prior to his induction.

The photographs for the film strips are taken on direct positive film instead of negative film which is used for snapshots. This enabled the photographer to take photos and duck into a darkroom, emerging a short time later with a positive film, which may immediately be projected upon a screen to give a positive image of the subject matter.

Unlimited Training Possibilities
This offers unlimited possibilities as a training aid, for photos may be taken by the batteries as they get ready to fire their pieces, and while still on the range, the men may be shown any errors they may have committed. Likewise, the photos may be taken around the battery areas to demonstrate other shortcomings, or points which might be improved.

The first films with which the battalion experimented were taken by M/Sgt. Peter Kunnen at Camp Blauding and include a number of examples of this type of photography, including a choice bit of evidence produced for a driver who was parking his vehicle in an unauthorized manner. When shown the photo, he immediately resolved to mend his ways.

First Use in Division
The use of film strips of this sort by the 861st is the first use of this type of training media reported in the division, and has proven to be so effective that it is possible its use might be expanded.

The film on bore-sighting was operated for BLOOD AND FIRE recently at the battalion headquarters by Maj. Beere, while Maj. Maier delivered a lecture on the subject. It proved far superior to charts or drawings. The sight of men from 861st in itself stimulated

the interest of the battalion's audiences. The film has been shown in addition to other light artillery battalions and the Division Artillery Staff.

Maj. Maier said he considers this method one of the most practical and most effective means of illustrating training courses yet devised.

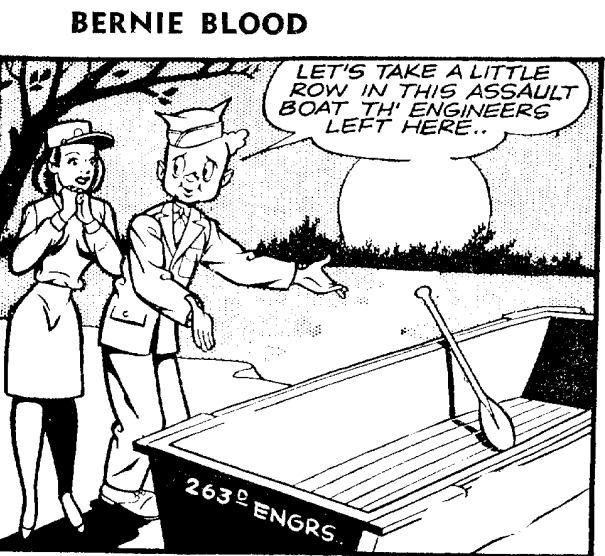
QMs Feted by Girls At Baton Rouge Party

Ninety members of the 63d Quartermaster company were guests of the First Battalion club of Baton Rouge at a formal dance at the American Legion Community club Thursday night, November 25.

Songs by Jackie Paris, skat singer, highlighted a program of entertainment. During the evening Capt. S. E. Franz, commanding officer of the QMs, thanked the girls for their hospitality and extended an invitation to them to visit Camp Van Dorn as guests of the QM in the near future. Miss Gladys Pellidini, president of the Girls Battalion, accepted the invitation on behalf of the members of her organization.

Religious Services

- Protestant Services**
Chapel No. 8, Episcopal communion service, 6:15.
Chapels No. 6, 7, 5, 10, 6:00.
Chapels No. 5, 6, 8, 10, 10:00.
Chapel No. 7, 11:00.
Chapel No. 5, 1:15.
Chapel No. 10, 1:30.
- Lutheran**
Chapel No. 8, communion service, 11:00.
- Weekday Services**
Chapel No. 5, Thursday, 1:50.
Chapel No. 7, Thursday, 1:15.
Chapel No. 10, Thursday, 2:00.
- Mormon Services**
Sunday
Chapel No. 8, 1:00.
Roman Catholic Mass
Chapels Nos. 5, 7 and 10, 6:00.
Theater No. 5, 6:00.
Chapel No. 7, 10:00.
Theater No. 3, 10:30.
Chapel No. 10, 11:00.
- Evening Mass**
Chapel No. 5, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1:30.
Chapel No. 5, Novena Miraculous Medal, Monday, 1:30.
Chapel No. 7, Monday, Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, 1:30.
Chapel No. 10, Monday to Saturday (except Thursday), 1:30.
Confessions at chapels, 1:00-2:00 Saturday (except Chapels Nos. 6, 8).
- Jewish Services**
Chapel No. 1, Friday, 1:30.
Chapel No. 7, Friday night, 2:00.
- Christian Science Reading**
Chapel No. 1, Sunday, 11:00.
Seventh Day Adventist
Chapel No. 9, Friday, 1:30.



BERNIE BLOOD

Night Problem

By GILL FOX

Division Touch Football Title at Stake Today

63d's Basketball Teams Start Race For Title Monday

The Division basketball tournament, planned to give the greatest number possible opportunities for playing, will be inaugurated in Blood and Fire Rec Halls Monday night.

Leagues will function in each combat team, each team being represented by 21 combinations. There also will be competition in a Green League comprised of five from Ordnance, Recon Troop, Signal Co., Div. Hq., Rangers and M.P.'s. In this same circuit also will function four teams each from the Medics, Engineers and 718th F. A.

Green to Have Six Teams

As in the case of the C-T tournament, the field in the Green League will be split into six-team loops, with the winner in each circuit playing an elimination or round-robin for the league championship.

Three games will be played each of four nights in the various rec. halls, thus permitting each team to play at least once a week. The opening games are scheduled to start at 1900 and the two succeeding contests one hour and two hours later, respectively.

Training to Influence Schedule

It is hoped to adhere to this program as closely as the 63d's training schedule permits.

Plans also call for the formation of an all-star team to represent the division in competition with such prospective opponents as LSU, Tulane and other outstanding teams throughout this section.

Frisch to Lead Diamond Stars on Overseas Tour

NEW YORK — Frankie Frisch, manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates and a resident of New Rochelle, N. Y., will head a group of five big league baseball players who will visit overseas units of the armed forces as a USO unit to entertain the men.

Accompanying Frisch will be Stan Musial and Danny Litwiler, both of the Cardinals; Hank Borowy, Yankee pitcher, and Dixie Walker, Brooklyn outfielder. Frisch was to have managed the National League squad which was named along with an outfit from the American League to tour overseas encampments, but the War Department withdrew sanction for the trip.

Upset of Notre Dame Featured Final Big Day of Grid Season

In keeping with as wild and woolly a season as has ever been written into the annals of football, last Saturday's final contests provided thrills for the spectators and spills for at least two of the highly favored teams.

Mightiest of the upheavals was the upsetting of high-riding Notre Dame by the Great Lake Naval Trainees, 19-14. It looked for a while as if Creighton Miller and company was going to skim by with a close victory. In the last 30 seconds of play, however, Steve Lach hauled back and tossed one of those prayer passes into the waiting arms of Paul Anderson, who had cut behind the Notre Dame line. The pass winged for 46 yards and a touchdown and with it went the hopes of the Irish for the first unbeaten and untied season since the 1930 Rockne-coached team.

Even at that the Irish are still ranked No. 1 in the country because a team which defeated such foes as Pitt, Georgia Tech, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Navy, Army, Northwestern and the Seahawks cannot be erased by a single defeat.

Other upsets, though not so earth-shattering, were the 6-0 defeat of unbeaten and untied Randolph Field of Texas by Southwestern Louisiana institute, and the 21-13 setback suffered by Franklin and Marshall which fell for the first time this season, before Bucknell.

Overshadowed by the upset of Notre Dame was the result of the annual Army and Navy game

Tommy Harmon Safe

Lt. Tommy Harmon, that ex-Michigan all-America grid star, bears a charmed life. The former grid ace, who was reported missing for the second time recently, is safe.

Harmon was lost on a dive bombing attack on Kiating, a Yangtze river port on October 30, when four United States Lightning fighter planes were shot down in combat with Jap Zeros. Last April a bomber which Harmon was piloting was disabled in a rain storm over French Guiana, and the six-man crew bailed out. Harmon was saved after fighting his way through the jungles until he met natives who guided him to safety.

Badome Wins 718th Heavyweight Title

The heavyweight boxing crown of the 718th Field Artillery Battalion rests lightly upon the head of Pvt. Paul Badome of B Battery these days as he looks forward to participation in the Division-wide tournament which will be conducted by Special Service in the near future.

Badome, who tips the beam at 205, won the crown last Thursday night when he took a three-round decision from Pvt. Jack Batove, 198, of C Battery, at the Jamboree sponsored by Division Artillery Special Service at the Rec. Hall.

The champion worked easily in the first round, testing his opponent, then bore in to win the opening heat easily. In the remaining two stanzas Badome demonstrated his superior skill over the game, but outclassed Batove.

In the other bouts, Pvt. John Melchiodi of B Battery and Pvt. Alex Black of A Battery, fought to a draw. Pvt. Allan Stein of C Battery defeated Pvt. Severino Leyvas, of B Battery in the third contest. Stein had the edge on his foe and landed several staggering lefts to the head and face which were instrumental in giving him the nod.

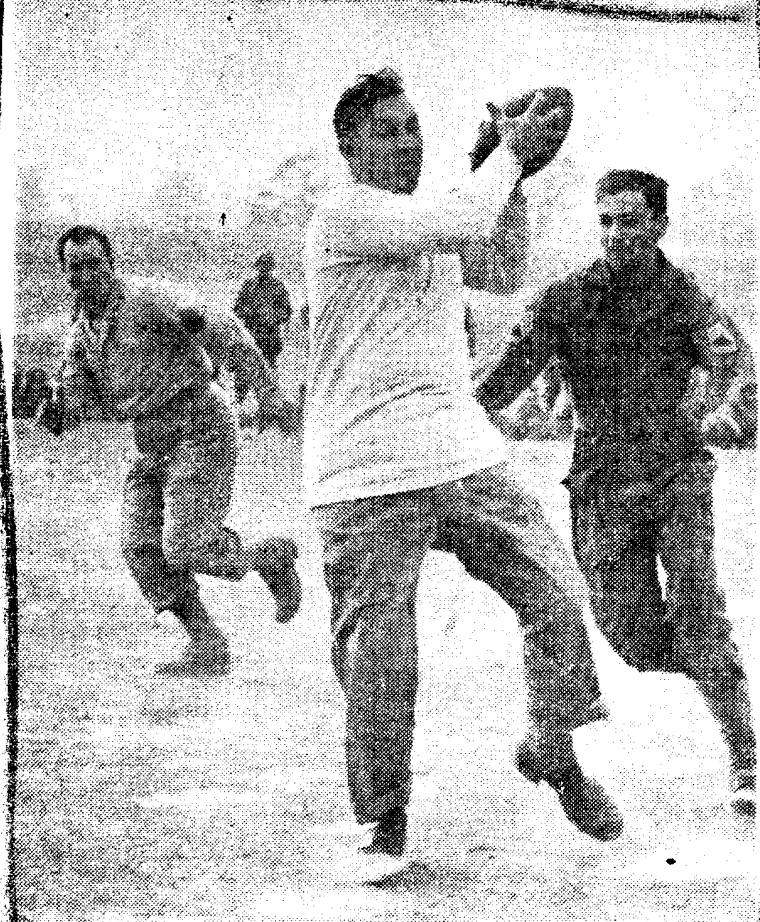
Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw, Division Artillery Commander, and Lt. Col. Ferdinand Unger, commanding the 718th, were the judges and Lt. Adolf Shanna acted as referee. Prizes were presented to the victors by Col. Unger following the contests.

The 718th boxers have been working out under the tutelage of Pvt. Gus Schaffer.

Bertelli to Receive Heisman Grid Trophy

Notre Dame's man of magic, Angelo Bertelli, who is now a Marine, will receive the Heisman Trophy given yearly by the Downtown Athletic Club of New York City to the country's outstanding college football player on Dec. 8. Sports writers and broadcasters made the selection.

Bertelli, fourth in the poll last year and second in 1941, topped his foes in all five sections of the country. Bob Odell of Penn was second in the poll, Graham of Northwestern third, Creighton Miller of Notre Dame fourth and Eddie Prokop of Georgia Tech fifth.



INTERCEPTED pass led to another score in game between 254th Medics and 862d F. A. Bn. in CT White championship last week. Player in white is Sgt. Dick Farrell of the Medics, grabbing pass intended for T/Sgt. Fred Drew, of the artillerymen. On left is S Sgt. Otto Ockert, of wagon soldiers. Medics won, 18 to 6.

Barnes Wins Close Verdict From Molina in 254th Ring

Cpl. George Barnes, 143, of Headquarters Co., 254th Inf., won a close decision from Pvt. Phil Molina, Cannon Co., in the feature contest of a seven-bout card staged by the 254th Thursday night at CT White Rec. Hall. A large crowd packed the arena to witness the battles.

Barnes, unbeaten ex-Penn State boxing captain and former Golden Gloves champ of the Keystone State, had the edge on his durable foe from Los Angeles, who starred on the boxing team of the Haskell Institute before joining the Army.

Left Aided Victor

The artistic Corporal flashed a clever left which found its mark on the head and face of Molina on several occasions during the three-round conflict. The loser pressed his foe closely however, and his smart defensive tactics nullified many of the non-com's blows. Both boys mixed it all the way through and the crowd went away happy at seeing a real fight.

The supporting card spouted plenty of blood and produced considerable fire. One knockout was registered when Bob "Swede" Olsen, 142 of Wilkesburg, Pa., cuffed out game Gil Flynn of Gibbonsville, N. C., at 1:11 of the second heat.

Tresnick-Matarese Draw

Stan Tresnick, 160, of Allison, Pa., and Frankie Matarese, 159, of Mount Holly, N. J., battled to a draw in one of the liveliest clashes of the night. Matarese seemed to have the edge on his opponent but the judges said it was even.

Ken Chapman, 141 of La Grange, Ind., came back after suffering a badly battered nose, to take the duke from Andy Pacansky of Perth Amboy, N. J. Pacansky put up a whale of a battle and it looked for a while as if he might win.

Among Division officials present were Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Div. Commander; Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw, Div. Artillery Commander; Col. Stanley W. Putnam, 254th Inf. Commander and Col. Randolph Gordon.

Grid Attendance Drops

Despite the fact that colossal throngs attended some games throughout the East and Midwest, statistics show that football attendance suffered a drop of 18.4 per cent compared to 1942, an Associated Press survey of 57 major schools disclosed. The decline was the greatest in the South, where a drop of 28.4 per cent was reported, and least in the East, 6.4 per cent.

MEDICS-MP'S VICTOR PLAYS CANNON CO. '11'

Pill Rollers Trim 862d, 18-6, to Gain Semi-Finals

The touch football championship of the Division is scheduled to be decided this afternoon at the field in the rear of the Division Artillery Rec. Hall at 1439.

The Medics of the 254th Inf. champs of CT White, and the eleven representing the Military Police Battalion, Green League victors, were to meet yesterday afternoon at 1600 in a semifinal game. The victor plays the Cannon Co. of the 255th today for the title.

Medics Shatter Tie

The Medics advanced to the semi-finals when they defeated the 862d Field Artillery team in an exciting contest Saturday, November 27, 18-6. The Pill Rollers shattered a 6-6 tie in the third period to win. In the first period Pvt. Ted Szubski galloped 30 yards on an interception to put the Medics in the lead 6-0.

The Wagon Soldiers stormed back in the second heat to knol the count when Pvt. John Reilly, quarterback, heaved to Sgt. Fred Drew, left end, who threaded his way through the rival defense to make the score 6-all. Shortly after the start of play in the third stanza the Medics put the game away. Pvt. John Hazlett's long pass to Sgt. Bill Corey, scored a touchdown to put the victors in front 12-6. Alert Sgt. Dick Farrell, fullback for the winning combine, set the stage for the final tally, when he intercepted an Arty pass. Quick to seize the opportunity, Szubski flipped a pass to Corey who crossed the goal line for the final tally.

Sleepers Aid M.P.'s

The M.P.'s gained the spot next the Medics by routing the QM's, 18-0, Friday, November 26, to win the Green League title. Just before the close of the first period, after both teams had been struggling near midfield, Corp. Horace Parks, tail left end for the Policemen, pulled the old sleeper play and got away with it. He nabbed a pass from Pvt. Murray and was away to the promised land before the Quartermasters' realized what was happening.

In the second period Pvt. Harry Evans of the winners took a long pass from Murray to make the count 12-0. The sleeper play worked a second time for the M.P.'s in the third heat and Murray tossed to Parks for the score. The QM's filled the air with passes in the last period, but the strong MP defense nullified all efforts to cross the goal line.

The lineup: 254th Medics (18) vs 862d F. A. (6)

Corey	LT	Drew
Geyer	LT	Fox
Carchio	LG	Buckley
Gray	Center	Ochert
Shaw	RG	Williams
Tetzl	RT	Dulliba
Clne	RE	Pulliam
Pratt	QB	Kelly
Szubski	LT	Powers
Hazlett	RG	Hannigan
Farrell	RB	Banowitz

Score by periods:
 Medics 6 6 12 0-18
 862d F. A. 0 0 0 0-6
 Touchdowns—Medics—Corey (2), Szubski, 862d F. A.—Drew.

The lineup: Military Police (18) vs Division QM (6)

Parks	LT	Cleary
Murphy	LT	Venella
Dillingham	LG	Delizio
Guy	Center	Optimo
Obare	RG	Heltsche
Zolko	RT	Geiger
Zubosky	RE	Wanch
Murray	QB	Hayes
Evans	LT	DelGrosso
Torio	RG	Gonsalves
Wherry	RB	Paulish

Score by periods:
 M.P.'s 6 6 6 0-18
 Division QM 0 0 0 0-0
 Touchdowns—Park (2), Evans.
 Subs—M.P.'s: End, Shanefeld; tackles, wanson, Matthews, Johnson; guards, Kenney, Collins; center, Weisenfluh; back, Kalin, QM: End, Vagenas; tackle, Oltar; back, Granata.

Lt. Com. Gene Tunney, stationed in New Zealand, recently described to a native audience his knockout of Tom Heeney, battler from "down under" in 1928. That was Tunney's last fight. After he met Heeney he retired as undefeated heavyweight champion of the world.

Three Kayos Mark 253d Boxing Show

The 253d Infantry Recreation Hall rang to the cheers of almost a thousand soldiers and their guests Saturday night as the first of a series of boxing shows were presented.

Three of the five bouts staged by Lt. Patrick H. McVerry, regimental special service officer, and assisted by Pvt. Oscar Davis, ended in technical knockouts. But, all matches were proof that there is sufficient talent in the CT Red to make it mighty tough for the rival teams from CT White and CT Blue when the intra-Division tournament gets under way.

Particularly impressive were Pvt. Maurice Dowd, a Rochester, N. Y., featherweight attached to Co. C, and Pvt. Richard Tamplain, a 140-pounder from Detroit serving with Co. K. Both were amateur scrappers of note before entering service. Tamplain having held the Detroit Golden Gloves and Catholic Youth Organization crowns at his weight.

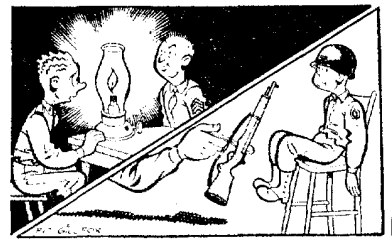
Dowd and Pvt. Joseph Lane, a light-heavyweight from Chattanooga, made it a rousing evening for their mates from Co. C by scoring respective third-round T. K. O.'s. Dowd won over Pvt. Joseph DeFelice, of Service Co., while Lane's victim was Pvt. Edward Urdzionk, attached to Battery C, 861st F. A.

Other winners were Pvt. Raymond Mroblewski, Co. I, who stopped Pvt. Leo Gross, Co. K, in two rounds, and Edward Pristol, K Co., who earned the judges' decision over Pvt. Robert Schultz, Co. F.

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED --THE 'OLD SARGE'

Well, folks, I've got just two tips this week. One is a mighty important one for you newer members of the Division and has a big bearing on your attitude toward your training. The other is just a common sense suggestion to you mess sergeants. I'll get the big one off my chest first. Here goes:

Every day down here in my outfit you see the officers and NCO's trying to teach you folks the tricks of this fighting game. I don't think some of you realize how much midnight oil is burnt in planning



their work. I never saw such a hard working bunch in my life and their sole aim to put a nice sugar coating around the instruction and make it interesting to you. The way some of you sit back and wait for it to be fed to you reminds me of a baby in a high chair with a bib, with the instructor playing the part of the mother trying to kid the youngster into eating some perfectly good food.

Now let's look at this attitude from just one angle. Sure, you like the 63d Division. You'd be crazy if you didn't. Sure, you're patriotic and willing to fight for your country, overseas and any place else. But here's the point: you're willing to die if necessary, but you would like to do your part and live too, wouldn't you? You want to come back to that wife and kiddies or to that gal!

Well, every time some of this instruction sticks with you and you learn to put it into practice

you have increased your chances of coming back by just that much, see? Every time you miss some you've decreased your chances. Instead of you thinking that you're doing the instructor a favor by paying attention, you ought to be thanking the good Lord for your good luck in having someone to give you the right dope. Remember that he's doing you a good turn, too.

Now my tip to you is to take off that bib, if you've been wearing one, and go rustling for information. If you've missed any instruction, get busy and make it up. Take it from me, you'll be adding years to your life by doing so.

I gave our good old Mess Sergeant a good razzing the other day. Most everybody in the outfit had been working hard all morning on the range, while he and his crew had been cooking up some good chow for us. And then what did he do but haul it out and open it up on the range side of the road with a big wind blowing from the opposite direction! In two minutes he had a layer of dust an



inch thick on top and his good chow was ruined, but we had to eat it or do without. By using his head just a little bit, everybody would have been a lot happier. I'm certain you Mess Sergeants get my tip.

Engineers Ferry Jeep In Homemade Canvas Boat



Engineers Back From River Work

(Continued From Page 1.) engineers moved infantry troops and equipment across river by every imaginable method, beginning with assault boat crossings for the first wave of infantry, including transportation by means of footbridges, rafts and ferries, and finally via a 10-ton pontoon bridge.

The final night problem besides incorporating all the subjects learned throughout the week in daylight practice and other night problems, showed the 263d trainees what will be expected of them in combat when they will be called upon to work at night and fight in the daytime.

Build 10-Ton Bridge
Beginning with the issuance of Lt. Col. Jack L. Coan's field order to his company commanders and staff officers, the night problem required performance of duties of the companies as follows: Hq. and Serv. Company, commanded by Capt. James A. Heustreet, provided working party security for the lettered companies and furnished "Infantry" ammunition trucks; Company "A" (Lt. Bennie R. Knisch, Jr.), landed the first and second waves of infantry by assault boats and then constructed ferries and rafts to haul ammunition prior to the construction of the 10-ton pontoon bridge; Company "B" (Capt. Isaac T. Avery, Jr.), built two footbridges and constructed and maintained a stretch of road on the "enemy" shore which necessitated the construction of two fixed bridges, and Company "C" (Capt. George S. Shephard), acted as infantry in the assault boat crossing, returned to the near shore via the footbridges, reorganized, and erected the 10-ton pontoon bridge.

The problem began at 2015 Friday. In six minutes the first wave of infantry, borne by assault boats, had landed on the "enemy" shore; three hours later footbridges were completed, by 0125 Saturday ferries and rafts were in operation and at 0530 the pontoon bridge was carrying traffic.

Ammunition for the first waves of infantry was carried over the footbridges until the ferry began operating. Everything which added realism to the problem was employed by the engineers in their dramatic maneuvers. Smoke screens covered the assault boat crossings, double yellow flares signaled various phases of the problem and engineers' SCR 511 radios were put to their first tactical use.



OOPSIE DAISY it's a new version of the seagoin' jeep, 2633d Engineers have rigged a river-crossing ferry from some handy boughs and a truck tarpaulin, and in top photo they're setting out to construct the "ferry" around a jeep needed across river. Bottom photo shows the driver, seemingly crossing the river with the current.

Lt. Kenney Weds Miss Lura Koons

A college romance culminated Tuesday night in the marriage of Lt. Robert S. Kenney, of Co. C, 253d Inf., and Miss Lura Jean Koons, of Clyde, Ohio. The ceremony was performed at Glen Cove plantation, Wilson, La., where the newlyweds will make their home.

The couple first met at a fraternity dance at Ohio university. Lt. Kenney, a native of Boston, Mass., subsequently entered OCS at Ft. Benning and plans for the nuptials here were made following his being commissioned.

Lt. and Mrs. Edgar Torrence attended the bridal pair. Lt. Torrence attached to Co. G, 254th Inf., was commissioned at the same time as Lt. Kenney. There was reason for a double celebration because it was Lt. Torrence's birthday.

Shoes, Big and Small, Claimed by 863d F. A.

Men of Hq. Btry., 863d F. A., have staked out a claim to the largest and smallest shoes in the 63d Division.

Pvt. Thomas J. Cahill claims the Division's largest size, a 14. Sgt. Lonnie T. Terrell wears a size 5 in GI and a 4 1/2 in civilian shoes.

State Grand Master To Address Masons

The Masonic Club of Camp Van Dorn will hold its next meeting on Thursday night, Dec. 16 at 1900 at the Court Martial Building located between Five Points and the Billeting Office.

The meeting was originally scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 9, but because the Masons have been able to secure Walter Hootsell, Grand Master of the Masons of Mississippi as speaker, the date of the gathering has been changed. Mr. Hootsell will deliver a message of vital importance to members of the organization.

Men of Battery C, 861st. See 'Baptism of Fire'

Officers and men of Battery C, 861st F. A. Bn. received a theatrical Baptism of Fire this week when they witnessed a special showing of the film of that name under the auspices of Lt. Herbert W. Listen. The film deals with the experiences of the raw recruit and follows him through basic training and maneuvers as he develops from rookie to soldier. The film stressed the need for good morale among the men to overcome the mental strain suffered by men before they get out on the battlefield.

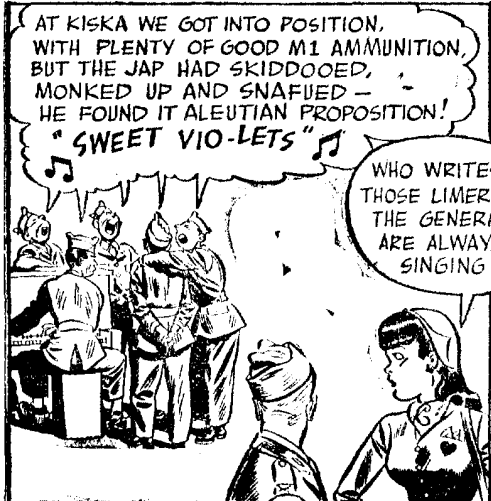
Theaters Schedule

- Theaters No. 1 and 2**
Starting Times:
No. 1 at 1845; No. 2 at 1810
- 6-6 The North Star, with Walter Huston, Walter Brennan, Anne Baxter, Anne Harding.
 - 7 The Return of the Vampire, with Bela Lugosi, Freida Inescort, Elyse Knox, Donald Woods, Nick Your Face, with Billie Burke, Jan Garber and orchestra.
 - 8-9 The Heat's On, with Mae West, William Caxton, Victor Moore, Xavier Cugat and orchestra.
 - 10 The More the Merrier, with Jean Arthur, Charles Coburn, Joel McCrea.
- Theaters No. 4 and 5**
Starting Times:
No. 4 at 1810; No. 5 at 1845
- 5-6 There's Something About a Soldier, with Douglas Drake, Evelyn Keyes, Larry Parks.
 - 7-8 The North Star, with Walter Huston, Walter Brennan, Anne Baxter, Anne Harding.
 - 9 The Return of the Vampire, with Bela Lugosi, Freida Inescort, Elyse Knox, Donald Woods, Nick Your Face, with Billie Burke, Jan Garber and orchestra.
 - 10-11 The Heat's On, with Mae West, William Caxton, Victor Moore, Xavier Cugat and orchestra.

Male Call

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

It's All In The Way You Look At It



SPIRIT OF 63d



TOUGH BABIES are these combat MP's of 63d Division's MP Platoon. In demonstration at Liberty last week they showed what they'd do if they were ever faced with mob demonstrations in occupied territory. A detachment of the platoon, representing the enemy, was quickly put under control. Regulars formed flying wedges and hinged lines, which swung the "rioters" down the street before the MP's.

Snakes Routine to Former Ranger

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Many men have lost their lives trying to escape by reaching higher ground.

"Most people have heard of fighting fire with fire and quite often we do just that. But when it's available we use water. We use the most modern equipment, including a two-way short wave radio beamed from a lookout tower, which has a radius of 50 miles. The lookout tower keeps the fire-fighters informed of the wind velocity, direction of the fire and informs us of any danger of being trapped," said Myers.

On one occasion Myers fought a three day blaze which threatened to destroy the park.

Almost Trapped

"The burning timber was inaccessible to our trucks so we had to carry back-packs fitted with 50 pound five gallon water cans, in addition to other equipment, for miles through dense woods. On several occasions we were surrounded by leaping flames but beat an escape with pulaski mattocks and rakes.

"After three days in a hell of acrid smoke and searing flame we finally controlled the inferno which left the forest truly seared and scarred and blackened," he said.

"During that time we lived solely on C and K rations," Myers added, "and we were darned glad to get it."

Rescued Tourists

Pvt. Myers' other adventures include pulling unwary tourists out of Crater Lake, an indigo pool six miles in diameter which has no inlet or outlet. It lies 1,009 feet straight down, in a volcanic crater, and is 2,000 feet deep. The lake, which is fed by an 80 foot snowfall each year, is reached by a precarious, almost vertical trail. Motor launches and canoes are hired by tourists who, on several occasions have been swamped by the four foot waves which sometimes disturb the lake's usually placid surface. A seaplane once landed on

its surface but tricky air currents forbade a second visit into the bowels of the earth.

In all Myers served five summers in the Forest Rangers. In the winter he doubled (or quadrupled) as coach of the football, basketball and baseball teams in addition to teaching mathematics and physical training, at Talent High School, Talent, Ore.

Pvt. Myers, who lives in Medford, Ore., graduated from the College of Education, Ashland, Ore., in 1934.

862d Wins Award For Orientation

Having best caught the spirit and letter of orientation, Headquarters Battery, 862d F. A. Bn., today displays a certificate of merit in its day room following a presentation by Artillery Commander Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGraw at retreat formation Friday night.

The award was made to Battery Commander Capt. John H. Mercer, Jr., as the result of an inspection by Brig. Gen. Frederick M. Harris, Assistant Division Commander in charge of orientation.

The credit was conferred on Lt. Clarence G. Smith, Orientation officer, and Pvt. Theodore Geiger, who was in charge of the display, for their work in bringing this phase of training to such an excellent degree of perfection.

Headquarters Battery, Div. Art., was judged second best while Service Battery, 718th F. A. Bn., and C Battery, 862d F. A. Bn., shared third commendation.

Gen. Harris was accompanied on his inspection of the Division orientation displays by Major Leading, Ass't. Div. Director, Lt. Pay-Beeck, Div. Art. Orientation officer, and the Div. Art. inspection team.

WRONG SINATRA DIVORCED

LOS ANGELES (CNS)—Frank Sinatra was divorced here recently. Hold on girls! It ain't the right Frankie. This Sinatra is Frank Sinatra, CPO of the U. S. Navy, whose wife charged cruelty.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

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the room clerk eyed the soldier askance, but gave him the room. Mrs. Smith's sense of humor outlasted her visit. This week, returned home, she addressed a letter to "Pvt. Paul C. Smith, or Whatever His Name Is" . . . Two promotions of enlisted men, one in Div. Hq. and the other in Hq. Co., were announced this week. Pvt. William G. Craven, of the G-4 Sec., was raised to Pfc., and Pfc. Theodore S. Tomalski of the Special Plat., moved up to T/5 . . . When BLOOD AND FIRE's EDITOR Tom Hektor rolled into a dark barracks one night after Lights Out, he took off his shoes and was just reaching for his night-shirt when he was transfixed by a flashlight beam. Outraged, the editor whispered: "What are you doing in my bunk?" An injured voice replied: "I might ask you the same question. What are you doing in this barracks?" The chastened editor learned he had stumbled into the wrong building when he was surrounded by the agile young members of the Defense Platoon.

New Phone Room Opens at Club 2

The new telephone room at Service Club No. 2, containing five booths from which long distance calls may be made and one booth for local calls, was scheduled to have its formal opening this afternoon at 1500.

News of the new room, which is furnished with easy chairs, tables and reading material, is of particular interest to men of the 63d Division inasmuch as Service Club No. 2 is located on 13th Ave., in the heart of the Blood and Fire area.

Two attendants will be on hand weekdays from 1500 to 2300 and on Sundays from 0800 to 2300. When attendants are present, soldiers are requested to place their calls through the central switchboard. The room will be open 24 hours daily and after 2300 access to it may be gained by the outside back stairway at the Club. All calls placed after hours should be dialed in the regular manner.

Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, and officials of the camp are among the guests invited to today's opening by Charles Hayes, Camp Manager for the Southern Bell Telephone Co.

USO Show at Division Theaters Next Week

Headlined by those roughhouse fun makers, Joe and Jane McKenna of radio fame, "Town Topics," USO Camp Show, will start a three-day run at Theaters No. 1, 3 and 5 respectively starting Monday night at 1930. The show will open at Theater No. 1 Monday and will play at No. 3 on Tuesday and No. 5 on Wednesday. The starting times in each instance will be the same.

In addition to the top billing, the Duvals, modern skillful jugglers; Peggy Mulowe, a fetching redhead who performs ballet tap dancing with charm and poise; Stephanie Dale, songstress; Victor and Ruth, a roller skating pair of distinction, and Godfrey Muñ, pianist, will round out the bill.



GORGEOUS is the word for Deanna Durbin, currently appearing at Camp Van Dorn in "His Butler's Sister." Unfortunately, it's a motion picture and not a personal appearance.