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Army, Streamlined and Modernized, Is One of Mightiest Fighting Machines

Divisions Are Smaller, Tougher Than Those of World War I

The United States Army, completing its second year of global war, stands today as one of the mightiest fighting organizations in history.

On paper and in the field this new Army has been streamlined, modernized, revolutionized. Personnel has moved ahead to keep pace with the up-to-date equipment used in such new divisions as the Blood and Fire 63d—small, compact, faster and tougher divisions than helped win World War I. At the same time, U. S. industry has been producing the tools for those fighting men at an unprecedented rate.

These improvements in the art of preparing for and waging war are emphasized in figures recently made available by the War Department.

Dwarfs Army of '18

A recapitulation of manpower and equipment shows that the Army of 1943-44 dwarfs that of '18 in every way.

When the first World War ended, the U. S. had an Army of about 4,000,000 men, with half that number in service overseas. Today, Army personnel is almost double that figure and 2,500,000 of these highly trained fighters are serving in every part of the globe.

Despite the huge scale of the war and despite the fact we have been fighting almost a half year longer than in the previous war, our casualties are fewer today than they were in 1918.

Had 200,000 in Air Force

When the U. S. entered World War I, it had 55 planes and an air service numbering 1,200 men. At that war's close, there were 11,000 planes and 200,000 men in the service.

Our present Army air forces comprises close to 3,000,000 men and is getting as many planes a month as were produced during a full year of the other war.

Industry's role in the prosecution of this war is just as strikingly embossed in the figures. In 1918, it turned out 278,000,000 rounds of ammunition per month; this amount is produced each week now. And, whereas there was manufactured a total of 132,000 machine guns for the previous conflict, we and our Allies have received as many as 150,000 machine guns and 132,000 sub-machine guns in two months of this year.

This, then, is a portrait of the biggest, strongest and best U. S. Army as it "bleeds and burns our enemies in expiation of their crimes against humanity."



NO SAILOR is Pvt. John Paul Jones, namesake of the famous Revolutionary War naval hero. Pvt. Jones has never been aboard a boat, he lives in the hills of Tennessee and he says he's never investigated to see whether or not he is a descendant of the famous sea fighter. His Uncle Sam McClain suggested he be named John Paul.

Division Broadcast Shifted to Studios

The Division radio program which has been presented from Theater No. 1 for several weeks, will go on the air from the studios of WWL, New Orleans, tomorrow and every Sunday thereafter. The length of the program has been cut from 25 minutes to 15 minutes, running from 1815 to 1830. A newscast by William L. Shirer will occupy the first 15 minutes.

This Sunday's broadcast will introduce the first of a series of dramatic sketches which will portray action seen by the infantry combat team on the field of battle. These sketches will tell the stories of soldiers who faced death that their country might live.

Tomorrow's presentation is entitled "Death in the Wind," and is an original story of the Aluetian action by Pvt. Albert Lewin. The musical score has been composed and will be played by Pvt. Paul Taubman. Pvt. John Lyman will produce and direct the show, and Pvt. John Larkin, Cpl. Cy Bernhardt and others will be heard in feature roles.

Hula Dancers Made Rhythm For GI's Christmas Party

Although he has fond memories of last Christmas, which he spent lolling beneath swaying palms and eyeing undulations of native Polynesian hula-hula dancers, Pvt. Frank Angelillo, Medical Detachment, 253d Inf., is "thrilled" to be spending the coming holidays in the United States.

Pvt. Angelillo, who was assigned to the 63d Division recently, spent 10 months in islands formerly governed by France in the Southwest Pacific.

"Last Christmas the coffee-colored native girls put on a demonstration of hula dancing that rivaled the Roxy chorus," he reminisced, "grass skirts and all."

Dressed Like Americans

"But the grass skirts were strictly for ceremonial occasions, the native girls having learned to dress like American women in

clothes bought from a Chinese, who operated the only store on the islands.

"We rigged up a Christmas tree out of palms and sang carols to the natives."

Although the natives, who spoke French, had only a vague notion about "Noel," they were always game for a shindig and took great pains learning the words to "White Christmas," which they sang under the broiling sun at the slightest encouragement.

Childlike in many ways, their naivete did not include financial matters. When the Yanks arrived the "franc" became worthless and they would only accept "greenbacks" in exchange for laundering and other odd jobs.

Left on Big Convoy

Pvt. Angelillo, who was inducted (Continued on Page 2.)

Wounded Yank Sends Tips On Combat Soldier Tactics

EDITOR'S NOTE: Here are pertinent pointers for the combat soldier, recently received by a lieutenant of the 63d Division from a brother who is a private, fighting with the 5th Army in Italy.

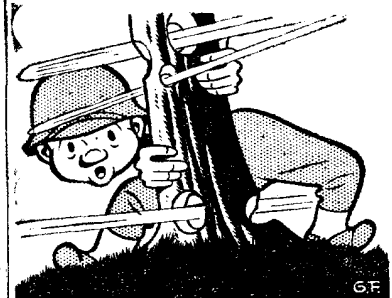
"Dear Judge:
"Well, hermano mio, I still have not heard from you and possibly will not be able to mail this letter until I do. Nor will I be able to do anything with the Red Cross without your address, so let's get on the ball.

"Despite the fact that you are eight grades above me in rank, I reckon I can give you a few pointers, mainly about cover and concealment and 'about being tree-conscious and digging in.

"First of all, never dig in under a conspicuous tree. The reason should be obvious: shells burst in the branches and fragments shower down on you; riflemen use the tree as an aiming point and let you have it. NEVER dig in or take cover behind a landmark such as a rock pile or fence, and by no means take cover in a culvert or under a bridge.

"The enemy will throw a searching fire to drive you into a place like that and then murder you with mortar fire.

"As I said before, get tree-con-



scious. My squad leader and platoon sergeant both would be alive today if they had absorbed that training. The same guy shot them both.

"I honestly believe he shot at me. Dirt kicked into my eyes from somewhere.

"Another trick they love is to drive you into a defiladed position with machine-gun fire and then pound hell out of you with mortars. So, always keep spread out. That is your only protection. In that way your whole unit can't be pinned down at the same time.

"When you are caught in artillery fire, for heaven's sake keep moving! When you get up close they will have to cease fire, but if you stop and dig in you are done. There is no alternative.

Gosmans There, Gosmans Here, Hold Reunion

If Pvt. Lawrence Gosman, Hq. Btry., 862d F. A., ever has the misfortune to wind up in a hospital, he stands an excellent chance of bunking beside a relative. Coincidences run that way in his family.

Gosman has two brothers serving overseas. One, Pvt. Calvin Gosman, 19, recently was wounded in Italy and removed to a hospital in North Africa. He had just been placed in his bed when another wounded Yank was brought in. Cal turned to the newcomer and found it was his 21-year-old brother, Arnold. They had not even known they were fighting in the same theater of operations.

At almost the same time their mother, Mrs. Bertha Gosman, was removed to a Port Huron, Mich., hospital. When another patient was moved into her room it was—you may have guessed it—her sister, Mrs. Otto LePiors. Both had been hospitalized for the same ailment, and neither knew the other was being admitted.

"And, if you hear a bullet crack by your fanny, don't be there for the second one. It will be between your shoulders or your eyes! Damned uncomfortable in either place, I would think.

"One thing that can't be stressed too much, though—when you are on the march or attack, always keep an eye ahead of you. Look for a hole or have a place picked out to fall in. Sometimes you may be caught short, as witness me.

"And when you take a hill or position of any kind, always dig



in as soon as possible—or sooner. Because as soon as you get there you will be shelled. You see, they will know the range and they will start even before their rear guard withdraws.

"In 10 or 20 minutes you will get a counterattack. It might not be strong but they will let you know they are around. And if you are not dug in, you will get knocked off.

"That is where you have your casualties—withdrawing in a mortar barrage and hail of machine-gun fire.

"Don't ever, under any circumstances, take cover in an enemy prepared position. You will more than likely get blown out again. Booby traps, you know.

"And whatever you see or find on the field of battle, leave it, un-

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63d Soldiers, Co-eds of LSU To Give Revue

'Emergency Furlough,' Musical Comedy, to Be Presented at Baton Rouge, Dec. 17 and 18

"Emergency Furlough," a musical comedy revue, will be presented by men of Division Special Service, co-eds of Louisiana State University and girls of Baton Rouge, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 17 and 18, at Baton Rouge High School auditorium.

Proceeds from the presentation will be used to defray the cost of sending various units and groups to 63d Division Rec. Halls for the purpose of providing entertainment for the soldiers. Clubs of Baton Rouge and prominent citizens of the city are promoting the two-day affair.

Maj. Lieding Supervisor

The show will be under the personal supervision of Major Robert K. Lieding, Division Special Service Officer. Pvt. Arnold Spector, former actor and producer, will direct the production, Sgt. Jack Bracken has charge of the dancing, and Pvt. Paul Taubman, erstwhile pianist and organist for NBC, has charge of the musical score.

The forthcoming production will be the most ambitious yet attempted by men of Division Special Service. A presentation, "Hy Ya Chum," was staged at Natchez several weeks ago but the Baton Rouge affair will eclipse that in size and setting.

Was Broadway Producer

In addition to directing the show, Pvt. Spector will also have a prominent part in the cast. Well-known in Broadway theatrical circles, Spector wrote and produced his own plays and played in "The Merry Widow" and "Rosalinda."

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Bombed, Trapped by Japs, T-5 Feldman Now in 253d

Having been under submarine attack, aerial bombardment and trapped on patrol in the jungles of Guadalcanal, T-5 Isaac Feldman gets a lot of attention around Co. G, 253d Inf., when he is inclined to talk.

For, when he does tell the gang in the day room "Hot Stove League" that the Jap, for all his craftiness, has been taught quite a few tricks by the Yanks in the Solomons, he speaks from experience.

Relieved Marines

This native of Boston fought the enemy on Guadalcanal for three months, being with the Army group that relieved the Marines there in December, 1942. He spent 37 consecutive days in the front lines, partaking of a Christmas dinner of Ration C "washed down with plenty of rain-water" before being removed from the battle zone with a shattered bone in his knee.

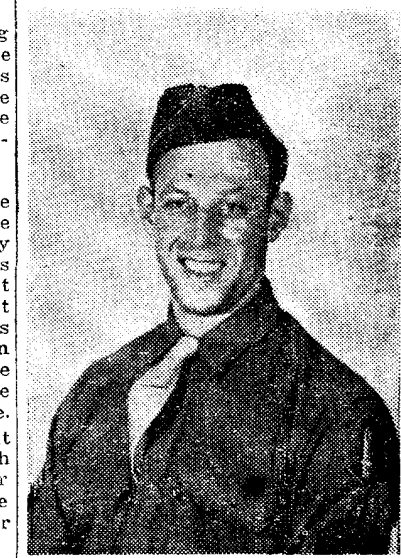
"The Japs have used to great advantage much knowledge which they picked up in the U. S. prior to December 7, 1941, but quite often we turned that fact to their disadvantage," Feldman related.

"Because of his understanding of English, we were able to lure the enemy into many foolish moves. A favorite gag was to cease firing, call for ammunition and get back a shouted reply of 'We're out of it.'

"The Japs would then stage a rush and be mowed down by our fire. We killed 1200 of the enemy

the first time we used that one," Feldman recalled with great relish.

"Often, they made the mistake of miscalculating our fire power. Having faced the Marines '03 the Nips developed the practice of



T-5 Isaac Feldman counting five shots and then making a rush.

"Well, those extra three shots in our M-1s sent many a 'son of heaven' to visit with his ancestors."

Of the Jap soldier, this holder (Continued on Page 2.)

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ed in February, 1941, left a POE in North Carolina, in January, 1942, with the first giant convoy to leave these shores.

"Except for attacks by enemy subs--and seasickness--we enjoyed the trip. Our cruisers knocked off three Jap subs attempting to sneak through our convoy lines. Below decks we listened to the booming Naval guns, and did a good deal of worrying each time our ship trembled from the concussion of depth charges."

"When we arrived at the islands, life was not all 'moonlight and palm trees.' We cleared part of the jungle away and built our own camp."

"The natives were very friendly," he continued, "and presented us with coconuts, papaya and other island delicacies, in exchange for cigarettes and cookies."

Descended From Tahitians

"A handsome race, they are descendants from the Tahitians who sheltered Fletcher Christian's mutineers from H. M. S. Bounty in 1787. Naturally light skinned, except for their deep tropic tan, some of the natives could pass for white men, due to the intermarriage between their women and the adventurous seamen."

"Under the broiling sun, in a temperature that hovered between 110 and 140 degrees, we soon tanned as darkly as most of them. The brilliant sunlight was blackened out almost daily by sudden, tropical rainstorms. Howling wind bent palm trees almost double and

63d Soldiers, Co-Eds Of LSU to Stage Revue

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Others who will participate will be Sgts. John Campbell and Robert Peters, both former concert and radio singers. Sgt. Campbell was well known in New York City as a concert entertainer, having appeared in Carnegie Hall. Sgt. Peters was active as a radio singer in the Midwest and was soloist in several Columbus, Ohio, churches.

Cpl. Fred Weiner and Joe Pollock will provide comedy interludes and Pvt. Gilbert Vitale, a magician of extraordinary ability, will present feats ledgerdmain.

Division Band No. 2 will furnish the background music and music for the dancing. Division Artillery Glee Club, consisting of 35 voices, will offer several selections.

Co-eds of LSU and Mrs. Hokanson's Dancing Girls will participate in several of the scenes.

Ferriday Military Maid Sends Greetings to Div.

Members of the entire Blood and Fire (63d) Infantry Division are included in the Christmas greetings extended by Miss Edith Marguerite August of Ferriday, La., a member of the Military Maids.

Miss August sent a beautiful Christmas card addressed to the 63d Division. The inscription inside the card reads:

"To Wish You Joy at Christmas and Always!"



Pvt. Frank Angelillo

rain fell in torrents for 20 minutes. It subsided almost as quickly"

Angelillo also spent a short time on another island in the battle zone, but was withdrawn before his outfit got into action. Because his outfit was in the area at the time, they received credit for participation in the Coral sea and Midway battles.

Pvt. Angelillo was stricken by elephantiasis, a disease common among the natives, and was returned to Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island, N. Y., in January, 1943. Two months later he went to Camp Croft, S. C. After a short stay, he reported to Camp Van Dorn Thanksgiving day in time for a turkey dinner.

Hook, 253d Artist Drew War Posters Prior to Induction

While many of us have been awaiting a chance to make a really concrete contribution to the war effort, Headquarters Co., 253d Inf., boasts in Pvt Richard Hook a soldier who did a bit of "pitching" for Uncle Sam even before he donned the khaki.

A commercial artist of national reputation, Hook was one of those chosen to submit illustrations to be utilized in the recruiting of WAC blood donors and Army personnel. Today, his work can be seen in many of the post offices, town halls and railroad stations of our country.

Hook's talents do not run altogether in one line. While commercially his work has appeared in displays exalting the virtues of Ford motor cars, Boeing aircraft, and Arrow shirts, he has exhibited numerous water colors and paintings in galleries and salons. Many of his pictures have won acclaim in the Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia, his home city, and also the Chicago Institute.

It was only recently that the talents of this illustrator for the Saturday Evening Post and the Farm Journal became known to his buddies in Hq. Co. Not only did his lack of temperament belie the usually accepted idea of an artist, but his work on the range with the M-1 when he achieved an expert rating, was considered even less characteristic of a fellow handy with the easel and brush.

17 Officers in 253d Receive Promotions

Seventeen officers in the 253d Inf. received promotions during the month of November. First Lts. Marvin E. Kausler and Joseph J. Morrell, chaplains of the regiment, were promoted to captain.

The following second lieutenants were promoted to first lieutenants, John Blazek, Andrew M. Bielek, James A. Elliott, John E. Gill, Kenneth L. Hoffman, Robert M. Kemp, Jerry C. Legow, Jack Madden, John L. Mathis, Herbert W. North, Lawrence E. Peters, Louis S. Paoli, Leland F. Rhode, Chester S. Rockefeller and Gregory J. Sandker.

Ex-Bartender's Mix Proves Strictly GI

Pvt. Francis X. Sheehan was a very able and well-liked fellow in civilian life, but he almost qualified for Meanest Man of the 863d F. A. the other night.

Sheehan used to be bartender in a large Rochester, N. Y., night club. Thirsty GIs gather around him when they want to discuss the stronger concoctions no longer available to them.

One dark night last week Sheehan gathered a crowd in the Hq. Btry, latrine when he gave a lecture on the correct formula for making champagne. The boys were greatly enthused, but their pleasure was dampened markedly when it came time to sample the results. Sheehan's champagne was strictly GI, and all its ingredients were water.

World Is Still Small, Neighbors Meet in 63d

It's still a small world. Last week Pfc. Joseph J. Minecci and Pvt. Dominic A. Galuppi, both of Btry. A, 863d F. A., met in Baton Rouge.

With Galuppi was his wife, visiting him at Camp Van Dorn. "It would be nice if you'd call up my wife when you get back to Philly," Minecci told Mrs. Galuppi. "She lives at 1709 S. 13th St."

"Why, we live at 1705, and have for three years," the Galuppis chorused.

Mrs. Minecci's family has lived on the Philadelphia street for years. Neither of the women ever had met, nor did their husbands know each other until war brought them to the same camp, same battalion and same battery.

A bill has been introduced in congress to authorize southern units to carry Confederate Army battle streamers with their regimental colors.

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of B. S. and B. A. degrees from Boston, says, "He is tough, tricky and dirty but he has no initiative. Without a leader he is lost."

"Moreover he is arrogant to an extreme. This was shockingly demonstrated by a Jap officer in charge of some Korean Marines who landed on a beach we were defending. Imagine! He put them through intricate close order drill before we annihilated them with machine-gun fire.

"As has been emphasized, he is an expert at camouflage, yet his putrid body odor often gives him away. Live Japs smell worse than dead ones because of their diet of raw fish. And, though normally brave enough, you'll find he has no stomach for bayonet fighting," this veteran observed.

Feldman, who trained with the 182d Inf., 26th Div., was transferred to a Mobile Combat Reconnaissance Squadron--the first of its type--before embarkation in January, 1942. That trip across was the start of action for the ex-accountant from Massachusetts.

"Our convoy went into extensive sea maneuvers," the newcomer to Van Dorn said, "and it was a good thing for we were attacked by submarines after only a few days out."

"When 'General Quarters' was sounded we left the decks to the gunners. We couldn't see much, but we could feel the ship lurch sickening as depth charges went off. We sweated it out below decks, thinking how good it would be to be back in camp."

"When the attack was over, we learned our gunners had accounted for several subs."

The convoy of which Feldman's ship was part reached Australia and a week later he was in New Caledonia. Here he was greeted by the rainy season and a 34-mile trek through jungle and mud to bivouac. After eight months' training in jungle fighting he shipped with his outfit for the Solomons.

Feldman and his company landed on Gaudalcanal at dawn from Higgins boats and were enthusiastically welcomed by the battle-weary Marines they had come to relieve. The once beautiful green isle was a mass of shattered palms and crater marked beaches.

He was assigned to a radio outpost guarding against infiltration and here almost lost his life. While on patrol one day, his

group was mouse-trapped by the Japs who had permitted a smaller patrol to penetrate deeper into the jungle.

"We dove for cover as the Nip snipers opened up on us and only the excellent support of our B. A. R. team enabled us to withdraw without serious injury," this recent addition to the Blood and Fire 63d claimed.

Before he received the wound which invalidated him back to the States--how, he doesn't know--Feldman saw one of the numerous instances of Japanese barbarity. This came when the Yanks drove the Nips back and found the cruelly bayoneted remains of two geisha girls.

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, 8, 1100.
- Chapel No. 6, 1815.
- Chapel No. 7, 1630.
- Lutheran**
- Chapel No. 8, 1100.
- Weekday Services**
- Chapel No. 5, Thursday, 1830.
- Chapel No. 7, Thursday, 1915.
- Mormon Services**
- Sunday**
- Chapel No. 8, 1400.
- Roman Catholic Mass**
- Chapel No. 6, 0800.
- Theater No. 5, 0900.
- Chapel No. 7, 1000.
- Theater No. 1, 1030.
- Chapel No. 10, 1100.
- Evening Mass**
- Chapel No. 5, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1830.
- Chapel No. 5, Novena Miraculous Medal, Monday, 1830.
- Chapel No. 10, Monday to Saturday (except Thursday), 1830.
- Confessions at chapels, 1900-2000 Saturday.
- Jewish Services**
- Chapel No. 1, Friday, 1930.
- Chapel No. 7, Friday night, 2000.
- Christian Science Reading**
- Chapel No. 1, Sunday, 1100.
- Seventh Day Adventist**
- Chapel No. 9, Friday, 1930.

We are winning the scrap drive. In one four-month period alone, 13 million pounds of scrap were salvaged from blasted vessels. Even dust from the smokestacks was saved to make vanadium oxide which hardens steel for armor plates. American ships which bear men and equipment to the front bring back planes, tanks, guns from the Pacific in scrap form. Trained salvage men at the fighting front expertly strip this equipment.



Q. Is it possible for soldiers stationed overseas to send war bonds home as Christmas presents?

A. Yes. Any member of the armed forces now serving abroad may buy war bonds and have them delivered to relatives or friends in the U. S. by Christmas. The bond sales are handled by the mail order gift section which the Army Exchange Service operates for overseas personnel. All the soldier has to do is buy a bond at the nearest Army Exchange which forwards the name of the recipient and the donor to a New York bank. The bank delivers the bond together with a gift card bearing the name of

A. Yes. The Institute will send you any of its courses anywhere in the world. If you want to enroll see your education and information officer or your Red Cross field director. He will furnish you with a catalogue of all Institute courses. Then you can pick what you want and have it sent to you. At present the charge for each course is \$2.

Q. Is there any agreement governing the exchange of sick prisoners by belligerent states in wartime?

A. Yes. Recently the U. S. and Germany established an agreement for the mutual exchange of sick and wounded prisoners, under which all ill men, regardless of their rank, will be sent back to their home countries.

Q. Is there any limit to the number of letters a soldier may receive from his family while he is stationed overseas?

A. No, there is no limit to the number of letters which may be sent to a serviceman. However, the government has asked the correspondents of soldiers to use V-mail whenever possible because it takes up so much less cargo space than ordinary letters.

Q. I am a warrant officer in the Coast Guard. Is my wife eligible to join the SPARS?

A. Yes. The qualifications for service with the SPARS have recently been relaxed so that women whose husbands are serving with the Coast Guard as enlisted men or warrant officers now are eligible to join.

Q. Are all men classified below the general service level automatically discharged from the Army?

A. Not at all. Personnel physically classified below the general service level may be assigned where their limited abilities can be used to advantage without retarding the training of combat troops.

Q. Can a Pfc in the Army Air Forces wear wings?

A. Sometimes. Graduates of an AAF aerial gunnery school may wear the regular air crew member wings and so may any member of an air crew who has shown proficiency in his regular crew duties provided that he has the authorization of his commanding officer.

Q. Are correspondence course prepared by the Armed Forces Institute made available for soldiers overseas?

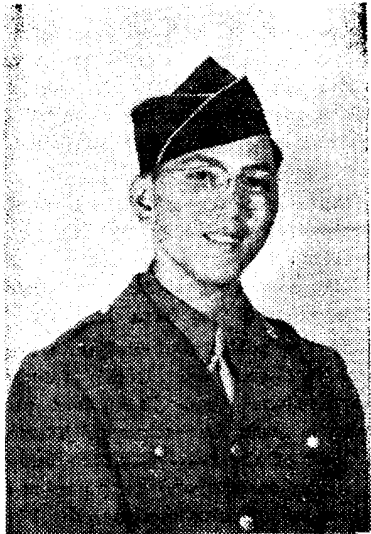
The Wolf by Sansone



CHINA IS MOON JEONG'S GOAL, HE HAS A DATE WITH THE JAPS

A great many of us who no longer live in the places of our birth would, for sentiment's sake, like to go back some day. Such a person is Pvt. Moon W. Jeong, of Service Co. 255th Infantry but his reasons for wanting to return to Hong Kong are much more firmly rooted in realities than in sentiment.

Though he was a resident of that great Chinese seaport for the greater part of the first 20 years of his life, Jeong fortunately missed the carnage that the Japs visited on the city two years ago. First-



Pvt. Moon Jeong

hand tales of the inhumanities practiced on the population were, however, brought to the ears of this lad from San Francisco and his consuming desire since has been to repay in kind those who laid waste so much that he knew and loved.

Served Year in Navy

Jeong left Hong Kong in 1939 to join his father who had settled in San Francisco. After attending Roosevelt school there he entered the Navy as a steward. He left that service arm after a year, and, after induction at the Presidio, Monterey, Calif., was shipped to Camp Van Dorn.

When Jeong came to this country among those left behind was his mother. About a year ago he wrote to her in a locality known as Chick Ham Hog Ping, in Canton province. Recently, the reply to that letter was received here—seven months after it had been sent air mail at the cost of the Chinese equivalent of \$13.30 in American exchange.

An idea of the difficulties

wrought by the Japs' war-making is contained in Mrs. Jeong's reply to her son. Though no information of a military nature nor any mention of the politics is contained therein, the letter indicates that food is at a premium and prices sky-high. The Chinese spirit of resistance is not impaired, however, and the people are confident of the ability of the Allied Nations to prosecute the war to a successful conclusion.

Everybody His Friend

Pvt. Jeong is very much satisfied with his lot here. He is probably the only member of his race in the 255th and looks upon every member of Service company as a friend. This attitude he applies particularly to Capt. George C. Whitney, company commander, and First Sgt. Harry Wilson, both of whom have helped him hurdle numerous difficulties.

If they can arrange for his transfer to the Pacific theater of war so he can have a chance at those who have ruined the lives of so many of his people, Pvt. Jeong probably will consider them in the same class with President Roosevelt and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Soldiers Entertain Summit Rotarians

Five members of Division Special Service have been enjoying delicious Christmas pound cake during the past week following their visit to Summit, Miss., last Tuesday night. The Blood and Fire soldiers were entertained by members of the Summit Rotary club at their annual "Ladies Night" and each one of the visitors received a cake.

Sgt. Robert Peters, former radio and concert singer, acted as guest master of ceremonies and sang "Spirit Flower," "Danny Boy," and his own adaptation of "Pennies From Heaven." Pvt. Mordcai Baumman, New York concert singer, offered selections from "Show Boat." The singers were accompanied by Pvt. Daniel Mendelson, who arranged for Harry James and his orchestra.

The audience was mystified by feats of legerdemain performed by Pvt. Gilbert Vitale, and Cpl. Joe Pollock, dramatic narrator for station WCAU, Philadelphia, presented impersonations of President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, Boake Carter, Jimmy Durante and Ted Husing.



QUARTERMASTER problems are these three extremes in height and shoe size, all from Cannon Co., 255th Inf. Pvt. William A. Bernloehr (left) is 6 feet 6 1/2 inches and wears a size 14 1/2 shoe. A/Cpl. Raymond E. McCord (right) is the same height and wears a 12 1/2 shoe. Pfc. Oscar Hernandez (center) is 5 feet 2 1/2 inches tall and has feet not quite big enough for his size 3 shoes, smallest in Army stock.

CANNON CO.'S ODD SIZE TRIO PROBLEM IN SUPPLY FOR 255th

Even to an Army quartermaster, three men of Cannon Co., 255th Inf., present a problem in height and shoe size.

Cannon Co.'s supply sergeant has to furnish size 14 1/2 shoes for Pvt. William A. Bernloehr, 12 1/2 shoes for A/Cpl. Raymond E. McCord, and size 3 shoes—the smallest in Army stock—for little Pfc. Oscar Hernandez, whose feet are not quite big enough even for his size 3s.

Bernloehr and McCord are each 6 feet, 6 1/2 inches tall. In his stocking feet, Hernandez registers only 5 feet, 2 1/2 inches.

As might be expected of such tall men, Bernloehr and McCord both hail from the great basketball state, Indiana. Bernloehr played center on the 1930 all-state basketball team from Manual Training High school, Indianapolis. He is 20 years old and weighs 180 pounds. Because of a glandular disturbance, he grew 13 inches in 1941 and another half inch in the next two years. Physicians say his height will continue to increase—an added advantage to Cannon Co.'s cagers.

McCord is a native of Markerville, Ind., but grew up in Dallas, Tex., and attended Texas A. and M. High of Dallas. He was a basketball center, too, an end in football, ran the mile, was a high jumper and rode in rodeos as a hobby. He comes from a family of Indiana-Texas giants; his father is 6 feet, 5 inches tall; his mother is 5 feet 11 and his brother is 6 feet 1.

Hernandez, a native of Cuba, was a waiter in New York hotels and night clubs before he entered the Army. He wore boys' sizes in footgear when he worked as cook, bartender and waiter at the Commodore, Schaefer's Bar, the World's Fair, and the New Yorker Hotel taproom.

Engineers List 45 Promotions

Lt. Col. Jack Coan, commanding officer, announced the promotion of 45 enlisted men of the 263d Combat Engrs. Bn. last week.

Four were advanced to the grade of sergeant, one to a T/4, nine privates were given the rank of T/5 and the remaining 31 jumped from private to corporal.

The new sergeants are Paul L. Harper, Ethan Smith, William A. Dolosic and Gilbert K. Dille. T/5 Edmund J. Zulka is the new T/4.

The following privates became corporals: James W. Moser, William J. Smith, Everett P. Citron, Robert M. Dudley, Alger A. Gustafson, George Harris, Richard W. Harvey, Stephen A. McDaniel, Joseph M. Perisich, George E. Sadler, Peter J. Smedes, William E. Snyder, William G. Sweeney, Alfred E. Casagrande, John L. Downer, Hugh B. Dugan, Warren Husack, Charles W. Lawson, John P. Lenz, Paul A. Marchant, Ralph C. Neves, Otto V. Papik, Cleland A. Pogue, James P. Williams, Thomas B. Cole, James F. Cook, George W. Darby, Richard W. Scherr, Robert D. Stedman, Rune E. Thorn and Leonard B. Zimmerman.

The other promotions, from private to T/5, went to Peter A. Lynch, Joseph W. Shaffer, James H. Simmons, Jr., Reynaldo C. Andrade, Raymond E. Bowen, Stanley W. Hignet, Victor S. Levitski, Harvey McNeil and James H. Volmer.

Soldiers Not Fit For Combat May Get Other Duties

Every man in the job that suits him best: that's the gist of the new War Department manpower order which will reassign to other duties many soldiers not physically suited for combat action.

By rescinding previous orders and by establishing a new one in Circular 293, the War Department has provided the assignment of all men to positions where they can render the maximum amount of service to their country.

Some Require Unusual Stamina

Some assignments, the War Department found, require enlisted men of unusual strength, stamina and all around physical ability but even in combat units there are many positions which may be filled by men of lesser physical attainments.

Many men who are below current physical standards for induction are nevertheless extremely valuable to the Army because of their training, experience, ability and demonstrated capacity to give service and are reassigned to jobs within their capacities.

Although the term "limited service" is discontinued, this doesn't mean that men formerly classified as limited service will be discharged from the Army. Nobody will be discharged for physical disability if he can be placed in a position where his talents and experience make his work valuable to the Army.

Defects Bar Shipment

However, soldiers will not be shipped overseas if they have any of the following defects:

Pronounced psychiatric disorders, hernia, class one dental deficiencies (with certain exceptions), enunciation of an eye, tropical diseases that may be aggravated if reinfected and other physical defects which place the men below the minimum physical standard for induction.

These men will stay behind when their outfits ship overseas but no one will be discharged for physical disability if he meets the standards for inductees for limited service currently described in MR 1-9.

To run a bomber it takes 55 men and one girl: air crew of eight, meteorological officer, parachute packer (girl), flying control officer, flight maintenance—12 men; ground crew—18 men; 11 men to load bombs; bombing tractor and driver; starting battery man, oil truck driver, gas truck driver.

253d Buck Private Made Iturbi Go Boogie-Woogie

When Jose Iturbi, internationally acclaimed pianist and conductor, amazed the musical world by indulging in a bit of boogie-woogie playing over the CBS network, enthusiasts for that type of entertainment became indebted to Pvt. Irving Hopkins, Service Co. 253d Infantry.

It was Hopkins who had conceived and engineered that unique performance. However, this was not unusual considering his talents and background as director of programs for CBS.

Chaplains Assistant

Hopkins, who doubles as organist, choir leader and assistant to Capt. Marvin E. Kausler, Chaplain, at Chapel No. 7, was for three years employed by the radio network as director of such programs as Bob Hawk's "Thank the Yank," "The Camel Caravan," featuring Xavier Cugat, Lanny Ross, Georgia Gibbs and Lew Lehr, and most recently, "Crest Blanca."

This last program featured Morton Gould, conductor and composer, whose composition, "Boogie Woogie Etude," was the number with which Iturbi created such a sensation.

Born in New York, Hopkins has had a varied career in music and allied fields. He was a featured organist in Paramount theaters until the advent of talkies. Then he found his voice was "microgenetic" and became a radio announcer over station WNYC.

For the next seven years he introduced many varied programs, including his own newscast and musical bits, and subsequently di-



Pvt. Irving Hopkins

rected the shows of such outstanding radio personalities as Bob Hope, Fred Allen, and Kate Smith.

His special service work with the men of the 63d is chiefly represented in a choir of 15 vocalists, which is preparing for the Christmas season. "We are fortunate in having many fine singers in the Division," Hopkins says, "but there is always room for more. Any one interested in the choir is urged to report at Chapel No. 7."

Among members of Hopkins' group is Meade Steadman, Co. E, 253d Inf., who sang with the famed Tabernacle Choir, of Salt Lake City.



HONORED for having best caught the spirit and letter of the orientation program, officers and men of Hq. Btry., 862d F. A., received a certificate of merit from Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw (left), Division Artillery commander. Receiving the award is Pvt. Theodore Geiger. Capt. J. A. Mercer, battery commander, is in the rear, and Lt. Clarence G. Smith, orientation officer, stands next to Geiger.

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EDITORIAL

YES—AND THEN AGAIN—NO

This is right from the horse's mouth. Did you hear that we're going to move to Camp (take your choice) George G. Meade, Camp McCoy, to Indio, Calif.; India, Alaska, the Aleutians—and so on according to the horse's mouth or other place you get it from.

It's an elementary mixture of wishful thinking and gossip. Take the Meade rumor. Many men are from that part of the country. Meade was a favorite choice of Ninth Division men in 1941. The Ninth had a preponderance of personnel from that general area. P. S.: The Ninth never got near Meade. Meade was a 63d favorite at Blanding. Oh! Well.

A school "poop" sheet was mimeographed a month or more ago on rail movements—Indio, Calif. was the destination. Soon rumor had the 63d headed that way. Indio is a desert training center. "Oh! we're going to a desert training center." Someone got that part. It must be Arizona. There are deserts there.

"So Private Gossip speaks up and says, "Indio, that's a maneuver area we're going to." A late comer to the latrine hears only the last part and passes on the information—again straight from the horse's mouth—"We're going to the maneuver area—that must be Louisiana." So Louisiana gets a play.

"That's the McCoy," is put in to bolster an argument. But the fellow reading on the far bowl and only gathering that the conversation relates to a move, is now set to go to Camp McCoy. He gives that out as gospel.

Then again cold weather and an abundance of blankets resulted in three blankets being issued to each man. Some tipster who actually talked to the horse speaks up now—"They never give out three blankets in the States unless you're going to an Arctic climate." Alaska and the Aleutians are soon mentioned authoritatively.

Other fantasy includes:

"We're leaving here because this is going to be a prisoner of war camp. We're moving after the MTP. We're moving in a couple of weeks. We're moving in a couple of months."

"We're going to fight the Germans."
"No," says an 'informed' man who's been in the brush on the reservation, "we're getting jungle training—we'll fight the Japs."

"We'll never go overseas. We're going to be occupation forces. We'll be fighting in a few months."

"They're going to discharge all men over 30; all men unfit for combat; all men over 35."

"Furloughs will start beginning November 22." Ummmm! that's gone by too—must have talked to the wrong horse.

"There's saltpeter in the food; I can taste it."

"No, there isn't any such thing, but the beer isn't really 3.2. It's much stronger. They just want to fool the folks at home." Naw! It ain't even 3.2."

Take your choice—but no matter how you look at it—it's still from the horse.



News from Here and There

Colonel Who Forgets Insignia Is Told Off

NORFOLK VA. (CNS)—Lt. Col. Leon J. Meyung, a new commander, was running along the line in a practice march dressed in fatigue clothes when a sergeant stopped him.

"What the hell are you waiting for," the sergeant snarled. "Get in line."

Just then the colonel realized that he had dressed in such a hurry he had forgotten to pin his silver oak leaves to the lapel of his fatigues. He looked just like any other soldier. He started to explain to the sergeant but the latter just wouldn't listen.

"Get in line," he repeated. "And don't look so offended."

The colonel fell meekly in line.

'Charmed Room' Brings Hubbies to Hopefuls

NORTHAMPTON, MASS. (CNS)—A "charmed room" at Smith college here has a waiting list a mile long. The last 12 occupants of the room have married. The latest occupants of the room to win husbands were two Waves.

MP Carries Out Orders, Defies Air Marshal

ITALY (CNS)—Pvt. Bill Wallace of Piedmont, Ala., an MP, was ordered to bar everyone without a pass from a certain building. One of the first men to present a pass to Wallace was British Air Marshal Sir Arthur Coningham. With him were two orderlies, both passless. Wallace wouldn't let them through.

"These men are with me," said Sir Arthur.

"But they have no passes, sir," said Wallace, kindly but firmly. "I'm sorry, sir, but those are my orders."

"I'm going to overrule your orders," said the Air Marshal, ordering his men to follow him into the building. The two tomies took one look at Wallace and his side arm. They stayed where they were. Finally Sir Arthur smiled and gave in. The two orderlies went after passes.

Five Marines Meet 75 Japs, One Nip Escapes

BOUGAINVILLE (CNS)—Five American Marines and 75 Jap soldiers met at a river here and for 2½ hours fired lead at each other. When quiet was restored there were 74 dead Japs on one bank of the river and five very live Marines were still shooting from the other. The 75th Jap escaped somehow.

The five Marines were Sgt. Bernard Brown, 30, a former police-

man of Saranac Lake, N. Y.; Cpl. Ozer Logan, 22, of Remlapa, La.; Cpl. Lewis Trott, 22, of Hyattsville, Md.; Pfc. J. E. Barlo, 19, of Trenton, N. J.; and Pfc. Joseph Les, of Rochelle, N. J.

GI in Tropics Receives Sweater for Christmas

PANAMA (CNS)—Pfc. Nick Elsensohn has been stationed in this tropical city for six months, but he never told his parents about it. Recently he received a Christmas present from home—a nice wooly sweater.

"I wish they'd send the sweater to Lana Turner," commented Nick. "Me—I'd prefer an electric fan."

Most Patriotic Father Is Polish-Russian

CHICAGO, ILL.—Anthony Kalinowsky has been designated by the War Stavings Staff here as the most patriotic father in the Chicago area. A veteran of the first World war, and of the Russian-Japanese war, he has four sons now in the armed services of the United States.

He belongs to the service groups of the OCD, the USO and the salvage group, is a blood donor, owns a victory garden, serves in American Legion work, and is a 10 per cent war bond buyer. Born in Polish Russia, he is a naturalized American citizen.

Soldiers, Movie Singers To Give "Merry Widow"

CAMP ROBERTS, CALIF.—Being near Hollywood has many advantages for GIs and they are taking full advantage of talent offered by the movies. On Christmas eve a combined cast of soldiers and Hollywood songstresses will present the famous light opera, "The Merry Widow."

The show will be the first of a series of light operas to be put on by Camp Roberts soldiers. Tentatively selected for the second is "The Vagabond King."

Mounted MP's Patrol Big Watermelon Field

CAMP MACKALL, N. C.—At the home of the Airborne Command here, a unique detachment, the Mounted Military Police Patrol, has a unique job, that of guarding a 150-acre watermelon field from which fruit was mysteriously disappearing.

Other duties of the group have been an all night search for a farmer's boy who had been lost, a patrol through the pine woods searching for lost parachutists, and rides through the same forests searching for escaped prisoners. Three of the men guard a 6,000-acre state game preserve from outbreak of forest fires.

The Sky Pilot Says It

'RESPECTING ONE ANOTHER'

By Chaplain Ferdinand J. Denbeaux, 255th Inf.

Religion and democracy have gone hand in hand in saying that a man is to be measured by his ability, not by his economic, national or racial background. Our military tradition has earnestly reflected this tradition. Advancement is on the basis of merit.

Because the customs of the service have been democratic, it is disappointing to see men bringing civilian prejudices into the army. The feeling of superiority that rests upon something less than military ability is not wholesome. It is not an honest pride. It is a threat to our military efficiency.

Our lives and the cause for which we fight depend upon our collective efficiency as soldiers. Therefore the customs of the service do not permit us to insult our fellow soldiers just because their national background or color differs from our own.

In our army there are soldiers of Italian, German, Chinese, Negro backgrounds. Cheap minds can find cheaper expressions than these, but all of these different people merit our respect. Those who respect the customs of the service, which have their foundation in a democratic and religious respect for the individual, will evaluate a man by his ability and will refrain from the insulting language which one hears so often in the barracks.

The ability to train well, to face combat courageously, to defeat the enemy is our only standard for measuring manhood today. Let us set our minds to that task and respect the men who fight with us for a common cause.

G. I. Jingles

A PHOTOGRAPH OF YOU

(Author Unknown)

When the evening shadows gather
After all my work is through
I can't keep my eyes from straying
To that photograph of you.

There it rests upon the table
Just the way you looked that day,
Oh, it seems it was but yesterday
When first I heard you say

Words of love that made me happy
And made all my dreams come true,
But tonight I'm all alone
With just the photograph of you.

For one day our Country called you
And you bravely answered "Here,"
Oh, I'm proud of you, my soldier
•Yet I brush away a tear

'Cause I miss your cheery whistle
Miss your footsteps on the stair,
Miss your strong arms and your kisses
That can banish all my cares.

Then I wonder if you're lonely—
Yes—I know you miss me too
While I sit there dreaming-gazing
At that photograph of you.

So I tiptoe to my window,
Kneel and wish upon the stars
And I pray to God to keep you safe
No matter where you are.

Thus my heart is ever with you
While I wait the long day through
And the dearest of my treasures
Is that photograph of you.

When the years have told their story
And the world once more is free,
I'll be waiting for you, darling—
There will still be you and me.

Then we'll build our dreams together,
Hand in hand the long years through,
But forever in my heart I'll hold
That photograph of you.

Submitted by Pfc. Edward Nilisaukas
Co. A, 263d Eng. Bn.

DIVISION SIDELIGHTS

63d Recon Trp.—Soldiering comes easily to Pfc. Robert M. Armstrong, of Pontiac, Mich. He spent a year at VMI . . . Few outfits can boast better work with the mortar. Out of 35 men firing on the range, 31 qualified with expert rating; the others are second class gunners . . . Pvt. Raymond T. Reeves scored an impressive 244 with the light machine gun to pace the 64 men firing on this range. Of the group, 24 made expert . . . Capt. Caldwell and Lts. Barresi and Snyder also won top rating with the gun . . . 1st/Sgt. Carl J. Young has spent nearly one-fourth of his life soldiering. The 20-year-old veteran from Springfield, Ill., enlisted five years ago next March. He has served in horse and mechanized cavalry ever since, including 13 months in the Canal Zone. He has been a first sergeant since Christmas Eve of last year . . . Pfc. Charles E. Earheart, Edmund D. Brickley, Harold R. Lynd, John J. McMannimen and Frank B. Sale have been appointed acting corporals . . . Lt. Virgil D. Walter leaves for a three-month automotive course at Ft. Riley, Kan., just as Lt. Barresi and T/4s Bordanoff, Smith and Schradel return from schooling there.

254th Inf.—The stray dog adopted as Co. L mascot has been tagged officially as "M-1" . . . Good conduct ribbons have been awarded to S/Sgt. Cecil Bennett, Sgt. Wilmer H. Baen, Sgt. William H. Dempster, Sgt. Daniel H. Marcone, T/4 George D. Metchos, T/4 Calvin Starling, T/5 William M. DeFranco and Pfc. Joseph Katz. . . Co. F celebrated the promotion of one officer and 60 enlisted men this week . . . Seven members of Hq. Co., moved up a grade. They were T/5 Albert Fournier, promoted to T/4, and Pvt. Don Galbraith, Irvin Keefer, John Park, Glenn Shriver, John Bobowicz and Thurston Chandler, each to T/5.

254th Inf.—Pvt. Joseph M. Wood has added another stripe to his sleeves this week, while Cpl. Carleton Schaller made the jump to sergeant. The full-scale map Pvt. Frank Frollo has drawn in the day-room attracts much favorable comment.

718th F. A.—Matrimony and its "allied interests" are making themselves prominent in the daily life of Btry. A. Pvt. George Schaeffer married Miss Mary K. Shryock, of Ocala, Fla., at Centerville, November 27. At about the same time, Pvt. Charles Shields received word from home that he had become the father of a boy. Now Pvt. John Modder breaks the news that it will be wedding bells in the near future.

862d F. A.—Twenty-five privates of Hq. Btry. have been promoted to Pfc. They are Robert S. Agatson, George A. Behlen, Jr., Luciano Boer, Thomas R. Dobbins, Luther H. Finerfrock, Bruce W. Fittery, Donald E. Ecelbarger, Theodore Geiger, Robert L. Garner, Horace B. Harris, Marriott G. Haines, Jack A. Henshaw, William C. Hurn, Jr., Arthur A. Kline, Clifford J. Lanterman, William G. Mangan, Forrest A. Marble, Omer B. Maston, Philip Meadows, Sam Morivitsky, Andrew G. Nastos, John R. Newberg, John J. Newbury, Earl K. Smith and Walter C. Smith, Jr. . . . Cpl. Stanley Davids, of Hq. Btry., has been promoted to sergeant, and T/4 Elmer E. McKinion to T/3. . . Promotions in Service Btry. include the following: Pfc. Craig W. Cusick and Paul E. Breidegan to corporal and Pfc. James J. Taylor to T/5. . . In Btry. B, corporal's stripes have been awarded Pfc. William Gray and Alvin M. Loorman.

863d F. A.—Pvt. Harrison Bliss is receiving praise for the mural he painted as background for Btry. A's orientation display. The work depicts a 105-mm howitzer and its crew in action and at full gallop. The painting is situated below a huge Blood and Fire insignia, further embellished with spread eagle and streaks of lightning. . . Btry. A had itself a mascot and a meal—in the same chicken. The bird flew into the command car the last time the boys were coming in from bivouac and subsequently wound up in the mess pot. . . The recent heavy rains were the wrong time to get lost in the woods, as did Pvts. Dominic Mortosella, Anthony Presear, James Andary and Carl A. Weiler on one of the bivouacs. They never did locate their blanket rolls, yet wound up in the kitchen in time for breakfast. . . Promotions to Pfc. have been announced for Pts. Herbert Solomon, Parker Lee and Glenn O. Sine, all of Service Btry.

265d Engr. Bn.—Under "battle" conditions, two members received promotions at Camp Shelby, Miss., where the battalion was undergoing stream-crossing training recently. Lt. Richard B. Schellhaas, whose home is in Pittsburgh, was notified of his promotion from second to first lieutenant. S/Sgt. Jack N. Shuman was promoted to warrant officer "on the field of battle." Mr. Shuman was sworn in by Capt. E. B. Dahl, battalion adjutant, as they stood on a 10-ton pontoon bridge constructed by the engineers during a night problem. The new warrant officer, whose home is in Charlotte, N. C., then returned to Camp Shelby for duty with the 258th Eng. Bn.

Div. Hq. and Hq. Co.—Capt. Henry A. Stern, C. O. of Hq. Co., this week announced the promotion of Pvt. William Fisher, assistant clerk in the company orderly room, to Pfc. Fisher is the first filler in Hq. Co. proper to be promoted. Pfc. James McCabe, formerly assistant clerk, has been assigned to G-4 See

Soldiers of 255th To See War Films Starting Sunday

Officers and men of the 255th Infantry will hold the first of a new series of weekly Sunday afternoon United Nations Film Festivals this Sunday when they gather at 1930 at the Combat Team Blue Rec Hall to see four documentary British films.

The films have been obtained for this one showing from the New Orleans branch of British Information Services, an agency of the British government which functions in the United States. They are: I Was A Fireman, Lift Your Head, Via Persia, and World Of Plenty.

Lt. Mike Naddeo, Regimental Special Service Officer, has planned the series with the assistance of Pvts. Mordecai Bauman and Alex Seigal, both of Sv. Co. 255th Inf. Bauman and Seigal will operate the projectors.

Hear From Ambassador

In connection with the opening program's dedication to the heroic all-out British war effort, Bauman has received a letter from Lord Halifax, British Ambassador to the United States. In his letter, Lord Halifax says:

"I hope that the Film Festival at Camp Van Dorn on December 12th will be a great success, and that the films you are showing of British effort and enterprise in the war will be appreciated by those who see them. Please give my greetings to all present. (Signed) Halifax."

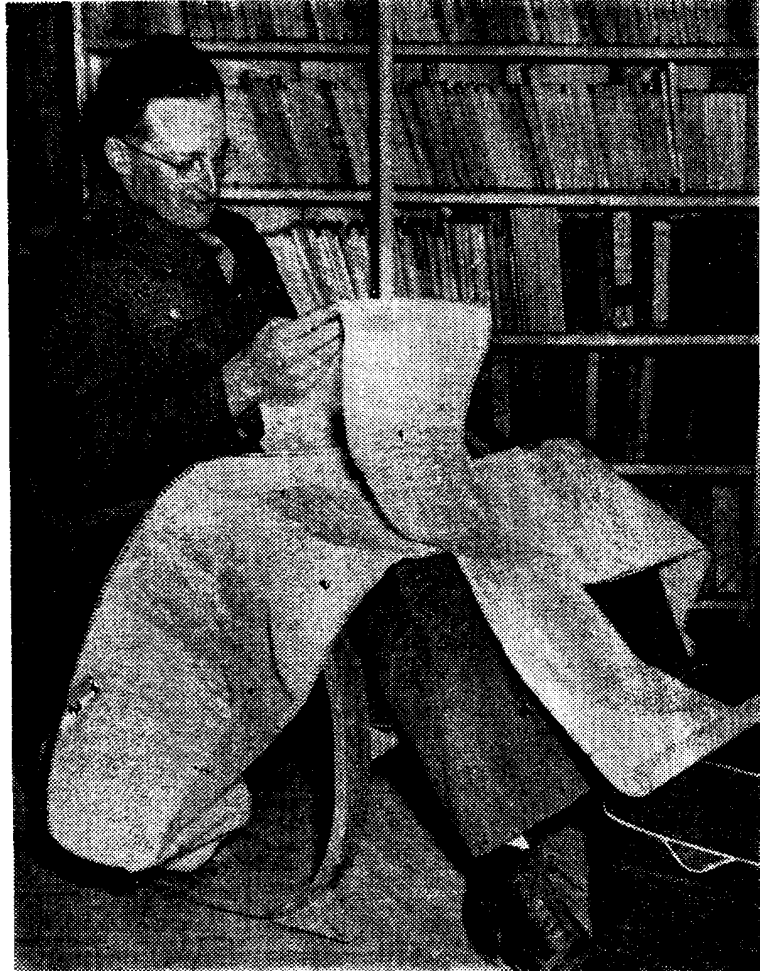
Present Anthems

Also on the afternoon's bill will be the playing of the national anthems of the countries whose films will be the day's feature, and the presentation, whenever possible, of additional orientation material from officers or men who have visited or the natives of the country.

The schedule of additional programs in the series, and the titles of the films to be shown, follow:

- December
 - 19—U. S. S. R. NIGHT
 - "Soviet School Child"
 - "One Hundred Million Women"
 - "Wings of Victory"
 - 20—NORWEGIAN NIGHT
 - "Wings For Now"
 - "Vago Rali"
 - "Ski Thrills"
 - "Before the Raid"
- January
 - 2—FIGHTING FRANCE NIGHT
 - "Men of Fighting France"
 - "Resurrection"
 - "Generals Without Buttons"
 - 9—NETHERLANDS NIGHT
 - "Breakers"
 - "The Landbuilders"
 - "Ball, An East Indian Island"
 - "The Dutch Tradition"
 - 16—CZECHOSLOVAKIA NIGHT
 - "Modern Czechoslovakia"
 - "Crisis"
 - "Silent Village"
 - 23—CHINA NIGHT
 - "China Our Neighbor"
 - "China's Gift to the West"
 - "The Burma Road"
 - "Western Front"
 - 30—MEXICAN NIGHT
 - "Rollia' Down To Mexico"
 - "Native Arts Of Old Mexico"
 - "Mexican Moods"
 - "Fire and Water"
 - "Sky Dancers Of Papantla"
- February
 - 6—POLAND NIGHT
 - "Diary Of A Polish Airman"
 - "This Is Poland"
 - "White Eagle"
 - "The Price Of Freedom"
 - 13—U. S. A. NIGHT
 - "Ring Of Steel"
 - "The Price Of Freedom"
 - "Manpower"
 - "Young Mr. Lincoln"

The Ordnance Department develops and procures tanks, vehicles and self-propelled mounts of all kinds, as well as weapons and ammunition.



READING this letter was an evening's work for Pvt. Ralph Metzger, Co. I, 254th Inf. He got all dressed up in Class A and repaired to the Service club library when he received 18 feet of correspondence from friends back home in Marshall, Ill.

Philadelphia Lawyer Solved Mystery of 'Slipback' Mike

You cannot insult Pvt. Morris H. Fussell, of Battery B, 863d Field Artillery Battalion, by calling him a Philadelphia Lawyer. He glories in the name. The nemesis of countless insurance fakers, ambulance chasers, and medical crooks, Fussell earned a handsome living and made quite a name for himself as a combination lawyer-sleuth in the City of Brotherly Love before the Army called him to more arduous duties last August.

Fussell, 31, quiet, mild-mannered and looking totally unlike the typical gumshoe, specialized in tracking down fake insurance claims—claims that frequently ran into hundreds of thousands of dollars. For a time he was on the legal staff of an insurance company, but mostly he operated as a free-lance out of his own office.

Had Rogues Gallery

Over the years he built up an elaborate file of perennial insurance defrauders—their names, aliases, trade practices, personal habits, and the crooked doctors and lawyers whom they employed. The file was a gold mine when Fussell would be called in to crack cases that other lawyers had been unable to handle.

One of the cases he recalls with particular relish involves "Slipback Mike," a notorious character who had filched thousands of dollars from insurance companies in a number of states. Mike's notoriety was only suspected when Fussell was first consulted.

On the surface, it was a simple compensation claim. Mike had been walking past the loading platform of a railroad station when a trunk fell off, sprawled him on the ground and dislocated a couple of vertebrae. He sued for \$50,000 damages.

"Our doctors examined him," Fussell explained, "and there was no doubt that he was injured. Usually, we would settle out of court for as little as possible. But there was something peculiar about this accident. It recalled others—in Ohio, New York, Massachusetts, elsewhere. Always the pattern was the same—a railroad or a bus line sued, the casualty caused by a falling piece of luggage, and the man's back dislocated."

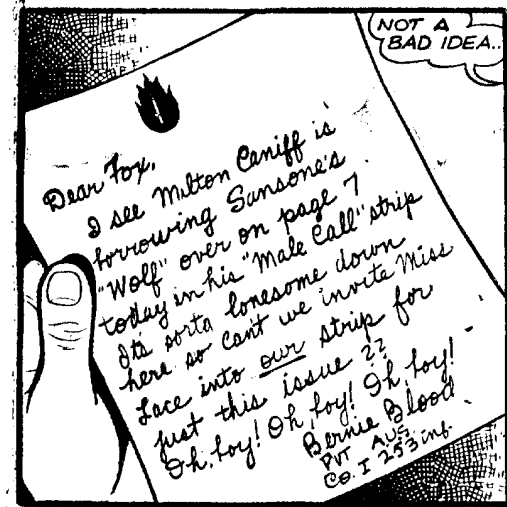
So Fussell dug in, probed strenuously for six months, and finally came up with the facts. Sure enough, it was one man, involved in 15 cases over a period of five years. He operated under different names, and always used the same witnesses, who were equally facile with their aliases. But there was no medical fraud involved; the insurance doctor's swore that the man's back was injured.

Fussell had Mike re-examined, had him put through a series of tests, and finally solved that puzzle too. Mike had a "trick" back—he could displace a couple of vertebrae at will. With these facts at hand, Fussell had no difficulty beating the suit and eventually, after criminal proceedings were instituted, saw "Slipback" Mike reside behind bars.

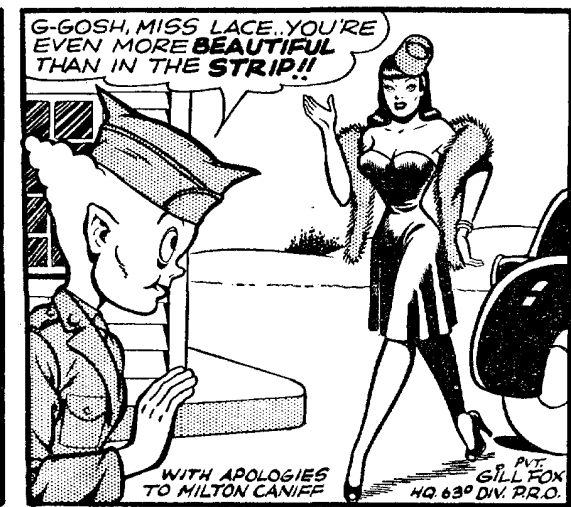
Became Sleuth by Chance

Fussell says he fell into his sleuthing more or less by chance. He was educated at Swarthmore College, receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree and winning a Phi Beta Kappa Key. He was versatile—he also made a name for himself in varsity football and track. Then he went on to the University of Pennsylvania Law school from which he graduated in 1936. (Continued on Page 7.)

BERNIE BLOOD



There Are Strips and STRIPS



By GILL FOX



3,500 See 255th Cannoneers Win Football Crown

TOUCHDOWNS IN FIRST PERIOD DOWN MPS, 12-0, IN DECIDING CONTEST FOR DIVISION TITLE

Pvts, Antosiewicz, Young Score; Gen. Hibbs Presents Trophy

Stabbing through the air twice in the opening period to score, the Cannoneers of the 255th Inf., captured the Division Touch Football title yesterday afternoon when they defeated the Military Police Platoon eleven, 12-0, at the 255th's field before an estimated crowd of 3,500. Among the spectators were Maj. Gen. Louis E. Hibbs, Division Commander, and Col. Paul E. Tombaugh, commanding the 255th.

The game was originally scheduled for Saturday, November 6, but the MP's were unable to put a team on the field. The Policemen gained the finals by routing the Medics of the 254th Inf., 11-6, Friday, December 3.

Rinaldi Spears Pass

The fans were hardly settled in their seats yesterday when the Cannoneers went to town. Pvt. Dominic Rinaldi, captain and right guard for the victors, crashed through the rival defense to intercept an MP pass on the rival eight-yard line. A line play with Pvt. Pete Peyser carrying, netted two yards, and then Pvt. Charles Hudson, Cannoneer fullback, passed to Left Halfback Chet Antosiewicz for the touchdown.

MP Defense Stands

The victors threatened in the closing minutes of the final period when Lynn Atwood, left tackle, blocked an MP pass on the five-yard line and caught the ball before it hit the ground. The Police put up their most courageous stand of the day however, to stave off a score.

Following the game Gen. Hibbs presented an inscribed football to Pvt. Rinaldi who in turn handed it to Capt. Robert M. Young, Cannon Co. commander. Commenting upon the game, Gen. Hibbs said:

"It takes a lot to be a winner and it takes a lot to be a runner-up. Congratulations to you all. It was a good game."

The Lineups:

Cannon Co. (12)	Military Police (0)
L. E. Bigos	Parks
L. T. Atwood	Dillingham
L. G. Kuonis	Murphy
C. Young	Guy
R. G. Rinaldi	Hentschell
R. T. Blackburn	Matthews
R. E. McCon	Zukosky
Q. B. Peyser	Murray
L. H. Antosiewicz	Otten
R. H. McMurray	Kalin
F. B. Hudson	Wherry

Score by periods:
Cannon Co. 12 0 0 0—12
MP's 0 0 0 0—0

Touchdowns—Antosiewicz, Young.
Substitutions—Cannon Co.: Correria, Cuaron, Wisari, Gwinn, Semple, Jefferson, Bazzika, MP's: Combs, Swanson, Loomis, Kenny, Evans, Williams, Bayer.
Referee—Lt. L. W. Kateley, 254th Inf. Empire—Pvt. Alex Seigal, Service Co. 255th.

Murray, Zukosky Score

The MP's scored in the first and second periods to defeat the 254th's Medics last week and gain the finals. Shortly after the opening whistle Pvt. Johnny Murray, MP quarterback, passed to Evans for the initial six points. In the second quarter, another pass, Murray to Tom Zukosky, end, made it 12-0. A few minutes later, Murray booted out of bounds on the Medics' oncary line. On the next play Zukosky rushed in to nail fullback Farrell behind the Medics' goal line for a safety and two additional points.

In the waning minutes of the game, Farrell pitched to Szubski for the Medics' only score.

The lineups:

Military Police (11)	254th Medics (6)
L. E. Parks	Corey
L. T. Murphy	Gwert
L. G. Dillingham	Carelio
C. Guy	Gray
R. G. O'Dera	Teetzel
R. T. Zolko	Cline
R. E. Zukosky	Shaw
Q. B. Murray	Draft
L. H. Evans	Szubski
R. H. Jorio	Hazlett
F. B. Wherry	Farrell

Score by periods:
MP's 6 6 0 0—12
254th Medics 0 0 0 0—0

Touchdowns—MP's: Evans, Zukosky, Medics: Szubski, Safety—MP's.

Lt. Dave Camerer, former Dartmouth tackle and New York sports writer, is stationed at the Army Air Base in Pocatello, Ida.

254th Varsity Five Win Opener, 33-14

The 254th Inf.'s basketball team, comprised in the main of former collegiate court stars, made its first game a 33-14 victory over the 241st Station Hospital five in C/T White Rec. Hall, Sunday night.

Pvt. Harold James paced the 254th's 14-goal attack, dropping in four shots from the field and adding three more at the foul line for an 11-point total. The victors were away to a 9-6 lead by half-time and set their own pace as they went on to make the victory a decisive one in the closing minutes.

The 254th makes its next start against the 129th Ordnance team at the C/T White Rec. Hall tomorrow night. Lt. Lawson Kateley's team is desirous of scheduling Sunday night games, starting at 1930, and teams interested can reach the Lt. or Cpl. Cordis, by telephoning 2370.

The lineups:

254th Inf. (33)	G.	F.	Pts.
Phelley, f	2	2	11
James, f	4	3	14
Galbraith, c	4	1	9
Barkowitz, g	1	0	2
Williams, g	0	0	0
Dines, g	1	0	2
Fahy, g	1	0	2
Smith, c	2	0	3
Sbontak, g	1	0	2
Totals	14	5	33

241st St. Hosp. (14)	G.	F.	Pts.
Buehholz, f	1	3	6
Mitchell, f	3	0	6
Smith, c	3	0	6
Caron, g	1	0	2
Wheeler, g	0	1	1
Totals	6	2	14

Referee—Lt. Culp, Empire—Pvt. Sullivan.

Little Suggests Two Grid Changes

Two changes in the existing collegiate football rules suggested by Lou Little, ailing coach of Columbia's Lions, are not likely to be acted upon this year, it was announced by Coach William A. Alexander of Georgia Tech, member of the national football rules committee.

Little has suggested that forward passing be permitted anywhere behind the line of scrimmage, and that the tee be returned as a rest for the ball at the kickoff. Little believes that unrestricted passing would benefit the T-formation, but less of the double and single wing attacks.

The return of the tee for the kick-off would eliminate the out-of-bounds boot at the start of games, which was very prevalent throughout the East this fall. Little contends that the tee would enable the kicking team to form its defense and get down under the ball.

Basketball Schedule

COMBAT TEAM RED
Monday, Dec. 13
861st F. A. Btry A vs Hq. Btry, 200-2030.
861st F. A. Btry C vs Service Btry, 2020-2200.

Tuesday, Dec. 14
253d Inf. Co. B vs 1st Bn. Hq. Co., 200-2030.
253d Inf. Co. C vs Co. A, 2030-2200.

Wednesday, Dec. 15
253d Inf. Co. F vs 2d Bn. Hq. Co., 200-2030.
253d Inf. Co. G vs Co. E, 2030-2230.

Friday, Dec. 17
253d Inf. Co. K vs 3d Bn. Hq. Co., 200-2030.
253d Inf. Co. L vs Co. I, 2030-2200.

COMBAT TEAM BLUE
Tuesday, Dec. 14
255th Inf. Hq. Co. 1st Bn. vs Hq. & Co. Co., 1900.

Wednesday, Dec. 15
863d F. A. Btry, B vs Hq. Btry, 2000.
863d F. A. Btry, A vs Btry C, 2100.

Wednesday, Dec. 15
255th Inf. Co. D vs Co. A, 1900.
255th Inf. Co. F vs Co. C, 2000.
255th Inf. Co. B vs Co. E, 2100.

Thursday, Dec. 16
255th Inf. Hq. Co. 2d Bn. vs Co. G, 2000.

Friday, Dec. 17
255th Inf. Co. M vs Co. H, 2000.
255th Inf. Hq. Co. 3d Bn. vs Co. I, 2000.

Friday, Dec. 17
255th Inf. Cannon Co. vs Co. K, 1900.
255th Inf. Onti-Tank Co. vs. Co. L, 2000.
255th Inf. Service Co. vs. Medical Bn., 2000.

Short, 255th Inf. Trainee, Was Top Notch Track Star

When Pfc. Hugh Short of Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 255th Infantry, sets the pace for his buddies during five minute runs, they know they are in for a workout. Ever since he learned to use his legs at a gait faster than a trot, this Hillside, N. J., soldier has been a headliner on the running track.

Ordered to active service from the Enlisted Reserve Corps last year, Short was at the peak of his career as a runner for Georgetown university. Ever since 1939 he dominated any event in which he competed regardless of the distance and he still shares in two world's records.

Equaled Borican's Mark

At last year's Millrose games at Madison Square Garden he equaled the late John Borican's record for 600-yards with a sparkling 1:10.2. Previously, as a member of the crack sophomore quartet representing the Hoyas, he shared in the team's glory when it set a world's record of 3:17.2 for the mile.

The night he paralleled Borican's mark, Short also anchored Georgetown's winning mile relay team with a sizzling 0:48.9 sec. leg. His performance in the 600 and the relay so impressed the judges that they promptly declared him the outstanding performer of the meet. This despite the fact that Cornelius Warmerdam was a meet sensation by pole vaulting higher than 15 feet.

The following week the Georgetown ace was recipient of a similar award at the meet staged by the Boston, A. C.

Scholastic Champion

Short started his assault on the cinder records when he became a member of the Hillside High school's track team. The standard of 1:59.2 which he established in winning the New Jersey State interscholastic half-mile title in 1929 still stands. That same year he was crowned Union county cross-country champion and later on was invited to participate in a special 1000-yard race at the National interscholastic indoor meet. He accepted and won in the swift time of 2:19.2.

The Garden State speedster

"MOIDER," HE SAYS

Two-Ton Tony Galente, the cheerful little bearded from East Orange, N. J., has passed his pre-induction screen test physical and now is awaiting the main event—induction into the Army. "I'll moider dem bums," he told friends recently, referring to Germans and Japs.

reached his peak as an interscholastic runner at distance of a half mile or more. Upon embarking on a college career, however, he concentrated on the 440-yard dash and the half mile. His performance as a member of the world's record relay team in 1941, influenced his decision to stick to the middle distance.

In 1942 Short's decision paid dividends. He won the 440-yard title at the IC4A championships held at Randall's Island, N. Y.

363d Medics Defeat Ranger Five, 54-17

This was the second triumph for the McNeil-coached five. A week previous the Medics beat the 253d Inf., 51-13. Lt. McNeil is looking for games with other Blood and Fire teams having open dates.

The lineups:

363rd Medics (54)	G.	F.	Pts.
Mitchell, f	6	0	12
Canally, f	4	0	8
Cox, f	2	2	6
Williams, f	1	0	2
Tolson, c	7	0	14
Bogan, g	6	0	12
Steinhardt, g	0	0	0
Totals	26	2	54

Ranger Pltn. (17)	G.	F.	Pts.
Hahn, f	2	2	6
Lilienkamp, f	1	0	2
Pace, f	0	0	0
Wall, c	1	0	2
Early, c	0	1	1
Cichocki, g	0	0	0
Tony, g	2	0	4
Gresek, g	0	0	0
Huber, g	0	2	2
Totals	6	5	17

Close Tilts Feature Start of Division Court Tourney

Indicating there will be much fine playing and many a thrill, the Division basketball tournament got underway this week in Blood and Fire Rec. Halls with a number of close contests.

The real fireworks came in the form of victories by 2d Bn. Hq. Co. and the Medics in C/T White competition. The former topped the 254th's D Co., 18-17. The Medics eked out a 22-21 triumph over Cannon Co., both games being played Wednesday night.

The 2d Bn. combination really waged a thrilling battle to overcome a halftime handicap of two points. Ultimately, it was Harold James' fourth field goal just a few seconds before the final whistle that wiped out D Co.'s one-point advantage and sent the Bn. players on to their first victory.

Although they led all the way in the second half of this twin bill in the C/T White rec. hall, the Medics didn't clinch victory until Pvt. Ted Szubski dropped in a two-pointer in the final 30 seconds. The eventual victors were ahead 10-8 at the intermission but the Cannon team kept pace, always threatening until time ran out on it.

Though the class of the eventual victors in other games made itself apparent more quickly, those games were not without their enjoyment. In the C/T Red League Monday night, Co. A downed Hq. Co., 1st Bn., 23-16, and C Co. followed with a 36-16 conquest of Co. D. Pvts. Slaughter and Hillman featured this game by scoring 24 points between them.

Tuesday night the 2d Bn. entrant in the Red League got the jump on other teams by staging its second round. On this occasion Co. H topped Co. G, 17-14, and E Co. walloped Hq. Co. 19-12.

Another "hot" game was Co. C's 25-23 victory over A Co. in C/T Blue contests. The C's trailed through the first half but outscored their opponents 14-11 in the closing minutes as Pvt. Francis Kumstat set the pace with 11 points.

In the Red section of the same loop, Hq. 1st Bn. larruped Hq. Btry. 863d F. A., 30-14, and Btry. B of the latter battalion was credited with a forfeit triumph over C Btry.

244,000 Saw Irish Play Three Outstanding Foes

SOUTH BEND, IND.—If the attendance at football games throughout the nation was down generally, then Notre Dame's football players failed to note it. In three games against unbeaten foes, the Irish played before 244,000 fans.

They set new records at Ann Arbor and Cleveland, where 86,000 and 82,000 saw the Michigan and Army game at New York, 76,000 fans turned out.

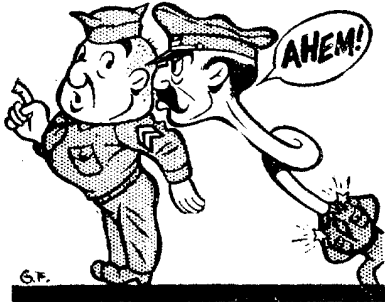
Pfc. Bryan (Bitsy) Grant, former Davis Cup tennis star, has been seeing a lot of the USA since his induction in 1942. He's now stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., his seventh Army camp.

TIPS FROM TERRY FIED -THE 'OLD SARGE'

After working like Hell for a week on squad combat problems I'm convinced that teaching squads how to perform in combat is harder than teaching a baby how to walk. But, it's got to be done, for as goes the squad so goes the Division.

All the commanding officers and their staffs from the C. G. on down can turn out the finest plans and orders in the world but if the squad leader and his squad don't know their stuff and do it you'll get exactly no place and a lot of us will get it in the neck. Nobody knows this better than the C. G. himself, otherwise he wouldn't have put every mother's son of you through those squad runs early in the game.

I have learned, too, that generals are generally around when



there is something important going on and the C. G. didn't miss a day last week getting around to where I was struggling with those squads of mine. Give them live ammunition and they have to learn all over again.

One youngster said to me, "But it's a lot different, Sarge, when the bullets begin to fly." I said to him, "Son, you ain't seen nothing yet; wait till they begin to fly back at you."

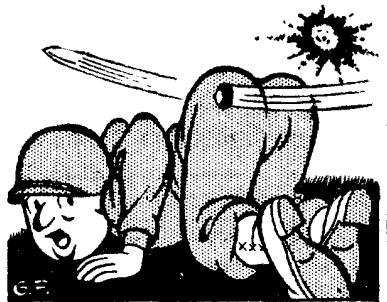
You can't just squeeze a trigger with a glove on your trigger hand, so why try it? Don't you remem-

ber what a helluva time you had hitting that bulls-eye on the rifle range even when you used a sling? But out on the field when you're trying to hit something ten times as hard, you forget to use it.

When a squad leader sounds off "Range 400," that means you are to set your sight at 400 or whatever you've found your 400 zero to be and aim at the target. You don't set it at 300 and take Kentucky elevation. They stopped doing this battle sight stuff 20 years ago.

I reckon the reason you bunch up is because misery loves company. Take it from me you're just inviting misery by doing it.

Some of you get up on your hands and knees before you rush. What do you suppose the enemy is going to do when he sees that hind of yours sticking up in the air. I'll give you one guess. I used to have an old company commander who'd say that in rushing in the face of the enemy there are two kinds of people—the quick and the dead. When you wave that thing in the air just before you



get up and rush, you're just begging to belong to the latter class. I could fill BLOOD AND FIRE with tips along these lines, but I can see the editor giving me the evil eye. So, I'll sign off for this week—more later.



WARRANTS giving new non-commissioned grades to 23 men of the 255th Inf., were awarded at a retreat ceremony by Col. Paul E. Tombaugh (right), regimental commander. Shown here as they received their warrants are, left to right, Cpl. Herbert Weinberger, Hq. Co., 3d Bn.; T/4 Clayton L. Kennamer, Co. L; Sgt. Carleton Schaller, Jr., Co. M., and Sgt. Theophil J. Bryl, Hq. Co., 3d Bn.

23 Receive Ratings At 255th Ceremony

At a formal retreat review held Tuesday, Dec. 7, by the Third Battalion of the 255th Infantry, 23 men were awarded non-commissioned officer warrants by the Regimental Commander, Colonel Paul E. Tombaugh.

In an impressive ceremony, Colonel Tombaugh congratulated the men for their outstanding record and exhibition of leadership ability in training, telling them that it was this ability to lead men which would prove of paramount importance in combat.

Assisting in the ceremony were Lt. Col. Joseph H. Warren, Regimental Executive Officer; Maj. Vernon H. Somers, Commander of the Troops, representing Lt. Col. Donald E. Paul, Battalion Commander, and 1st Lt. Stuart Murphy, Battalion Adjutant.

The following men received warrants of promotion to Sergeant: T/5 Theophil J. Bryl, Hq. Co., and Cpl. Carleton Schaller, Jr., Co. M. Promoted to Technician Fourth Grade were: T/5 Raymond Cooley, Co. K and T/5 Clayton L. Kennamer, Co. L. Those promoted to Corporal were: T/5 Herbert Weinberger, Hq. Co.; Pfc. Harold J. Belcher, Co. L; Pfc. Charles Bernstein, Co. L; Pfc. Claude R. Bryant, Co. K; Pfc. Michael G. Connolly, Hq. Co.; Pfc. Kenneth J. Coulter, Co. K; Pfc. Howard C. Dehner, Hq. Co.; Pfc. Wilbur Dick, Co. L; Pfc. John Gomolo, Co. K; Pfc. Edward P. Jones, Jr., Co. K; Pfc. William A. Rollins, Jr., Co. K; Pfc. Lenoir G. Shook, Co. K; Pfc. Joseph Webb, Jr., Co. M. and Pfc. Eric O. Wagner, Co. L.

Promoted to Technician Fifth Grade were: Pfc. Americo A. Abbantangelo, Co. L; Pfc. Henry J. Giorgio, Co. L; Pfc. William L. Howard, Hq. Co.; Pfc. Arnold C. Walker, Hq. Co., and Pfc. Harold D. Walker, Co. L.

PHONE CENTER FOR GIs NEW YORK (CNS)—The New York Telephone Co., has opened a "message center" in Times Square for the convenience of servicemen. Twenty-four phone booths have been installed to speed local and long distance calls.

EASY FOR GENERAL

Brig. Gen. Edward J. McGaw's mental index of enlisted men was brought to the attention of two more astonished soldiers last week when Pvts. Thomas (Herb) Mullin and Clair Taylor accepted a lift into Centreville from the 63d Infantry Division Artillery commander.

Asked to which outfit they belonged, both promptly replied, "The 83d, Sir."

"I know that," shot back the General, "but, what battery?"

Looking at each other with unbelieving eyes, Mullin and Taylor replied they were members of Battery A. They were still discussing the incident at "lights out." Cadre-men who came from Camp Blanding with the 63d can tell many other instances of Gen. McGaw's remarkable faculty for retaining such facts.



MANCHESTER, N. H.—John S. Hurley, 54, former national director for the enforcement of the prohibition act, and a prominent Boston and Manchester lawyer, died recently.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Theo Thompson found a small pocketbook containing \$34, identification and social security cards while he was cutting rubber at the Hewitt Rubber corporation plant here recently. He has forwarded it to Isaac Savinsky, of Louisville, Ky., who works in the plant where the rubber originated.

WILDWOOD, N. J.—Mrs. Doris W. Bradway, mayor of Wildwood from 1933 to 1938, has been married to Fred Wood, a Wildwood businessman.

NEW YORK—A paper bag containing more than \$2,000 in cash and \$1,500 in negotiable government bonds was kicked around for more than an hour on the sidewalk of the Bronx branch of the Public National Bank and Trust company before it was discovered by Benjamin Wolf, a milliner. The bag had been dropped by Mrs. Sarah German, who had been carrying the money to the bank of her husband's employer, Benjamin Ebelman. Wolf received \$100 for his honesty.

SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF.—Twenty-seven persons were injured, three of them seriously, when three cars of the Union Pacific railroad's crack Challenger were recently derailed in a side-swiping collision near here. Sheriff's Deputy H. C. English said the accident was caused by an "apparently tampered with switch."

PULLMAN, Wash.—A young Hereford bull raised by Earl Hibbs, of Pullman, recently won the La Grand (Oregon) Hereford show which was held this year in place of the Pacific International show usually held in Portland. The bull sold for \$900 at the show and two of Hibbs' heifers also sold for \$410 each, compared with a show average of \$399 on 199 animals.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.—Edwin Codarre, 13, who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the slaying of a 10-year-old girl has been sentenced to 30 years to life in Sing Sing prison.

ATLANTA, GA.—The Southeastern states topped all regions in the nation in percentage collections of household fats and greases recently. L. E. Walters, regional director of the war production board's salvage division, reports.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Ten persons were shaken up, but none injured when an elevator plunged 5 floors in the YMCA hotel here Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The War basket makers to use 14 ounces casket makers to use 14 ounces more steel per coffin and to resume the use of wool coverings. Heavier handles will also be permitted to assure safe handling.

CHICAGO, ILL.—The First Methodist church of Chicago Lawn, 3500 West 63d Place, a South Side landmark for 55 years was damaged recently in a \$50,000 fire.

Theater Schedule

- Theaters No. 1 and 2 Starting Times No. 1, 1845; No. 2, 1810
- December
- 11 "Woman in Bondage," with Gail Patrick, Nancy Kelly and Bill Henry.
 - 12-13 "Happy Land," with Don Ameche, Frances Dee, Harry Carey and Ann Rutherford.
 - 14 "She's for Me," with Grace McDonald, David Bruce, Eddie LeBaron and orchestra.
 - 14-16 "Government Girl," with Olivia deHavilland, Sunny Tufts and Anne Shirley.
 - 17 "Minesweeper," with Richard Arlen and Jean Parker.
- Theater No. 5 Starting Time 18:45
- December
- 11 "The Heat's On," with Mae West, William Gaxton, Victor Moore, Xavier Cugat and orchestra.
 - 12 "The More the Merrier," with Jean Arthur, Charles Coburn and Joel McCrea.
 - 14 "Women in Bondage," with Gail Patrick, Nancy Kelly and Bill Henry.
 - 14-15 "Happy Land," with Don Ameche, Frances Dee, Harry Carey and Ann Rutherford.
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The island of Bougainville is the last of the Solomon islands to be held by the Japanese.

More than 200 dog tags are recovered each week by laundry checkers at Camp Blanding, Fla.

Penn Lawyer Solved Mystery Of Mike's Back

(Continued From Page 5.) He soon opened his own law office in Philadelphia and has maintained it ever since.

Although most of his efforts these days revolve around a cannoner's duties, Pvt. Fussell still finds time to direct the legal sleuthing of his staff by remote control from Camp Van Dorn.

—Pvt. Irwin Ross, Btry. b, 863 F.A.Bn.

Sgt. Handjis Is Married To Miss Netteville

Sgt. James Handjis of Division Headquarters, and Miss Evelyn Lucille Netteville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Netteville, Natchez, Miss., were married at a double ring ceremony, Saturday, December 4, at Concordia parish, Vidalia, La. Sgt. Handjis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Handjis of 218 Lakeview Ave., White Plains, N. Y.

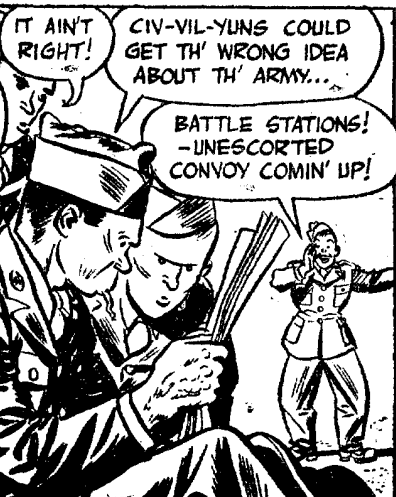
The bride was attended by Miss Margarette Ramb of Natchez, while Sgt. Robert W. Watson of Div. Hq., was best man.

Loaf of bread No. 2,000,000 has been baked at the gigantic ovens of the post bakery at Camp Beale, Calif. Operations began late in

Male Call



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



You're Ridin', Now, Red!



With deep bows to Cpl. Sansone - the ORIGINAL WOLF
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Pvt. Loren Mork, Boxes, Left Ring To Pursue Muse

A fighter turned poet is Pvt. Loren Mork, Hq. Co., 3d Battalion, 253d Infantry. Like his famous predecessor, Gene Tunney, who retired after winning the heavy-weight championship of the world to peruse the muses and seek culture not to be found in the prize ring, Mork, quit fistie circles to devote himself to married life and the writing of poetry.

For ten years the name Mork stood for a tough little fighter in the lightweight and welterweight classes in the states of Wisconsin and Washington. During that time he fought such men as Tommy Moyer, U. S. amateur champion, and Woodrow Swancutt, national intercollegiate champ, who is now an Army captain.

In 1935 Mork was champion of the 8th Corps, Citizens Conservation Corps, and held the welterweight title in the state of Washington. In all he fought some 30 fights in ten years and was never knocked out.

Mork was born 28 years ago in Eau Claire, Wis. For the five years prior to his induction into the Army he lived in Everett, Wash.

In 1941, two years after his marriage, he decided to abandon the ring and to devote himself to his family and to the writing of verse. He has written prolifically and most of his spare time at home was given to the writing.

There is a light humorous and, at times, satirical touch to his poetry. He has devoted himself to rhyming as enthusiastically as he did to boxing. Since coming to Camp Van Dorn he has written songs for the Communication Platoon—wire and message center.

255th Non-Coms Guests at Party

Dancing and entertainment marked a farewell party given by members of the Non-Commissioned Officers club of Combat Team Blue last week for S/Sgt. James R. Milwood of Cannon Co., and S/Sgt. Mike Bucal, Co. L, 255th Inf., both of whom have left for paratroop training at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Succeeding Sgt. Milwood as secretary-treasurer of the club is S/Sgt. Joseph Benjamin Bernard Switzer III of Cannon Co.

Christmas decorations of white and green banners, huge bells and wreaths, artificial snow and colored lights gave the clubroom a holiday atmosphere. Pvt. Denny Mendelsohn and his seven-piece orchestra furnished music for dancing and Pvt. Kelly and Cronin entertained. A complement of Waacs provided partners for the dancers.

254th Inf. to Present Musical Extravaganza

"Hurleau Burleau" is the name of the musical extravaganza which will be presented at Combat Team White Recreation hall Thursday night, December 16, at 1730 by the 254th Infantry.

Two production numbers will present the "Zigfield Girls" and "On the Beach at Wakaki" in which feminine pulchritude will be displayed on the musical setting. The 17 piece 254th Inf. orchestra will furnish the music and in addition to the feature numbers there will be blackout and several specialty acts.

Arrangement are in the hands of Pvt. Max Schelling and Joe Dollin. Lt. Lawson K. Kately and Cpl. Lester Heath are directing the show.

Seven Men Promoted In Division Headquarters

Promotions of seven enlisted men in Division Headquarters, five of them fillers, were published Thursday.

T/5 Carl M. Lahn, of the Publications Sec. of the Adjutant General's office, and T/5 Robert W. Vanderreck, also of the AGO, were promoted to T/4.

The five new men, all promoted to Pfc., were Pvt. William E. Polard, of the Chief of Staff section, and Pvt. Clarence C. Douglas, Gilbert C. Knoblock, Oliver R. Watson and James H. Seacat, all of the AG office.



AIRFORCE ANTIPASTO would be a good name for this American thermite bomb currently being dished out in large quantities over Berlin and other enemy centers. It don't mix well with water, as this photo taken at 63d Division Chemical Warfare Demonstration last week shows.

Wounded Yank Sends Tips On Combat Soldier Tactics

less you've killed the man yourself. Then be damn careful of fountain pen sets.

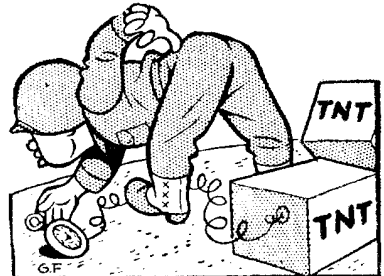
"You remember the battle of Sebesty (that isn't the way it is spelled, but it is pronounced that way)? There was a bunch of old Roman ruins there, and some of the boys went out looking for keep-sakes

"Be careful of the wire. Sometimes it is mined. If that wire had been mined down next to Lacadie, I would have been butt up. But if I had stayed where I was with two machine guns zeroing in on me and mortars zeroing in on the beach, I would have been butt up, anyway.

"Just use common sense. That's all there is to it. Use all the precaution you can and then, if you are caught short—well, you did your best.

"Above all I can say, never be caught short on a hole. If you are dug in, an .88 can light 2 1/2 or 3 feet from your hole and it will not hurt you. It will cover you up and scare hell out of you.

"And, if you are in a hole, small arms can't even scare you. The enemy will finally have to come in range. There is nothing satisfies a man's soul so much as having the enemy make a frontal assault. With you dug in, he just can't win. The Germans tried that on us at Sidi Bu Sid, Tunisia. They are still burying Jerries.



"We don't know what blew up, but all of their folks got telegrams with K. I. A. It was so uncalled for, too.

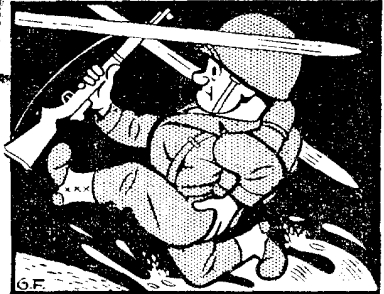
"And then in Sicily, up next to San Stefano, some halfy in F Co. set off one, blew out a bridge with a column of men on it, killed himself and 12 men. The bridge should have been examined before men went over it.

"It all goes to show, though, Judge, no matter how careful you are, you may be caught short sometime. But if you want to come back to Effie, just keep these things in mind. I wouldn't tell you wrong.

"To illustrate what I said about taking cover in a culvert (water passage under a road), there were 14 men of Co. M killed when an .88 made a direct hit on one two days before I was hit the last time.

"This private was sweating them out in an irrigation ditch. I got a wet fanny, but I still have a fanny.

"In regard to a landing, all the advice I can give you there is for you to make your peace with God before you start, hold a tight butt and a tight upper lip lip and get the hell off the bench quick. Else you won't get off at all.



Mississippi Official To Address Masons

Walter Hootsel, Grand Master of the Masons of Mississippi, will address members of the Camp Van



"Also, tanks are a joke if you are dug in. If you aren't, the Chaplain will be awfully busy handing out T. S. slips. Besides, as every halfwit knows (I'll bet even you know), tanks are always followed by infantry. Stop them and the tanks must withdraw. Besides, if you have good mortar and artillery support, they can break any tank attack that ever starts.

"Well, I guess that is all for now. All that I have said is nothing but common sense. But, if you can learn from me it sure will beat learning the hard way like I did.

"My battalion is well represented here. There were 41 of my company the morning I was hit, and some of M and I companies.

"I was not hit so badly. Our company had more close fighting, though. Rugged—that's the word, I guess."

Dorn Masonic Club, Thursday night, Dec. 16 at a smoke-social, at Building T-8413. All Masons in the 63d Division are invited to be present.

Pvt. John Witmer of Headquarters, 63d Division, president of the organization, is in charge of arrangements for the coming affair.

Soldier Orders Gift, Then Switches Sweetie

NEW YORK (CNS)—Regina Sherwood of the soldiers' shopping bureau, National Catholic Community Service, received this letter from a soldier stationed overseas: "Dear Miss Sherwood, I am enclosing \$10 for a gold compact. Could you please have it inscribed 'To Mary Jane with Love?'"

A few days later Miss Sherwood received another note. "Dear Miss Sherwood," this one said. "Will you change that inscription from Mary Jane to Fifi?"

Louisiana Soldier-Voters Need Absentee Ballots

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Primary elections for the state of Louisiana will be held January 18 and February 29. All servicemen whose voting residence is in Louisiana and who wish to vote in these elections should request absentee ballot application post cards from orderly rooms. If unavailable these ballots may be secured by request from the Secretary of State, Baton Rouge, La. Free mail privilege may be used. See War department circular No. 394 dated November 22 for further details.

Division Sidelights

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Co. C is imbued with the idea of forming a band and Pvt. Gilchrist has been entrusted with marshalling all available talent to the project. Drummers and players of brass instruments are particularly sought, those with instruments being requested to bring them along to Gilchrist's meeting on Monday evening. Twenty Pfc.'s were created in the company while one EM, Burris, was elevated to the rank of Cpl. 2d Lts. Thomas B. Tobin of San Francisco, and William H. Weidmer, St. Louis, joined the staff at F Co. Woodville was the site chosen for the nuptials which united Cpl. Edward A. Spagnolo, Co. H, and Miss Helen Obester, November 24, in matrimony. The newlyweds formerly made their homes at Pittsburgh, Pa.

Three of the regiment's officers are back after attending classes at Ft. Benning, Ga. Capt. Charles K. Jackson, Co. E, Capt. William O. Cofer, Hq. 1st Bn., and 1st Lt. Madison C. Leslie of the Cannon Co., are the returned students. The regimental recreation hall on 17th Ave., has had its face lifted and the basketball court is all ready for use. Besides a regulation court six practice baskets are also available. In preparation for the Christmas season Chapel No. 10 has also undergone a paint and polish job.

Former Fire Watch Overcome Fighting Normandie Blaze

The recent refloating of the U. S. S. Lafayette, at a cost of \$4,500,000, was of particular interest to Pvt. Edward Tracy, Co. H, 253d Inf., who was aboard the former French liner Normandie when she burst into flames February 6, 1942.

Pvt. Tracy barely escaped death when he was overcome by smoke. He was carried from the blazing vessel just 10 minutes before she lurched onto her side.

Battle One-Sided

Employed as "fire-watch," Tracy was guarding his post, forward on B deck, when the fire started amidships on the promenade deck. At the sound of the alarm he raced to the scene where he fought a losing battle against flames and smoke.

Although the water pressure failed, Tracy and his mates fought the fire until New York city firemen arrived. After helping firemen get hose aboard, he was overcome by smoke and carried ashore.

Helped Direct Traffic

After being revived, the 37-year-old private continued to be of assistance by helping police direct traffic.

Tracy, who is married, made his home in Brooklyn. He was employed by the Todd Erie Basin Shipyard company for six years prior to his induction in August.

War Background Symposium Topic

Background material on the economic, political and military aspects of our war with Germany were furnished men of the 254th Inf. this week as a symposium series entitled "Know Your Enemy, Germany" got under way.

Four enlisted men whose experiences qualify them to present orientation information on the subject banded together under the direction of Lt. George S. Hoar, regimental orientation officer, to present the series in Theater No. 5.

Three Phases Covered

They were Pvt. Samuel Clark, Co. D, who discussed the economic picture; Pfc. Gino Bardi, Regtl. Hq. Co., speaking on its political aspects; Pvt. Douwe Stuurman, Hq. Co., 2d Bn., discussing the military side of the war with Germany, and Pvt. Nathan Gutman, Service Co., moderator.

Two of the speakers are men who studied at universities which later were brought under Axis control. Bardi, holder of a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Florence, Italy, still edits an Italian-American newspaper in New York City. Stuurman, holder of a doctorate from the University of Kiel, Germany, was professor of philosophy and literature at California State College, Santa Barbara, until he entered the Army. Clark, professor of history at Franklin and Marshall college before he was inducted, also conducted a radio broadcast, "Highlights of the News," in civil life. Gutman was public relations director for the National Labor Committee for Palestine.

Helped for Each Battalion

The symposium was conducted for each battalion of the regiment on separate days. After nine minute talks by each speaker, the audience was allowed a half hour for questions. Next week the same subject will be carried into the regular orientation program of the regiment, the purpose of the symposium being to assist soldiers in more intelligent discussion and interpretation of world affairs in their own orientation classes.

A 12-foot-square map of Europe, with pre-war boundaries and the Axis conquests indicated, was used to assist the audience in visualizing the topic.

Under the same name as his radio broadcast, "Highlights of the News," Clark is giving a 10-minute news digest and commentary at Service Club No. 2. The digest, carried by the club's public address system, is given at 1915 Sundays and at 1930 Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Capt. George Gross, of Hq. Co., 2d Bn., will assume the duties of regimental orientation officer next week when Lt. Hoar leaves for a two-week orientation course at Washington and Lee University.